# Petition to save public forests in the Nictaux River watershed

**WHEREAS** residents of the Annapolis Valley region want to preserve the remaining publicly-owned (Crown land) wilderness in the Nictaux River watershed; and

**WHEREAS** Annapolis County Council supports designation of the roughly 4,900 hectare Crown land tract land between Nictaux Falls and Albany Cross ("Nictaux River tract")– as a Wilderness Area; and

**WHEREAS** the Department of Natural Resources nonetheless plans to extend logging roads and commence harvesting in that forest;

**WE THE UNDERSIGNED** call on the Premier of Nova Scotia to:

- immediately suspend plans for road building and logging on Crown lands in the "Nictaux River tract"; and
- designate the "Nictaux River tract" under the *Wilderness Areas Protection Act*; and
- direct the Departments of Natural Resources and Environment to negotiate future land uses on Crown lands elsewhere in the watershed with the community and other stakeholders in an open and transparent planning process

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