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York River Wild and Scenic River Study Released for Public and Agency Comment

The National Park Service has released the Study Report for the National Wild and Scenic River Study of the York River and its major tributaries in Maine. The report is available on the National Park Service Planning, Environment and Public Comment website at: <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/YorkRiverStudy>. The public is encouraged to visit the site to review the document and provide comments. Comments may be submitted until April 10, 2020.

The multi-year Wild and Scenic River Study was conducted by the National Park Service in close coordination with the locally-based York River Study Committee, with members appointed by the four watershed communities. The Study concludes that 30.8 miles of the York River and its major tributaries are both eligible and suitable for Wild and Scenic River designation. The designation would be based on the Partnership Wild and Scenic River model which emphasizes local management and control, with the National Park Service in a predominantly support role.

The Study Report summarizes all aspects of the study's conduct and findings. Additional detail and background is available on the York River Study Committee's website: www.yorkrivermaine.org. Also on this site is the York River Watershed Stewardship Plan (August 2018) which was developed by the Study Committee and would serve as the Management Plan for the river segments if designated as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

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