

THIS IS YOUR NHA FEASIBILITY STUDY

For the Department of the Interior to make findings and recommendations regarding the designation of St. Croix as an NHA, local communities must: 1) **participate** in the study process, 2) demonstrate widespread **support** for the designation, and 3) commit to the **management** of the NHA.

STUDY PROCESS

OUTCOMES

GATHER PUBLIC INPUT

- Identify local stories, traditions, and places that contribute to the potential designation of a St. Croix NHA
- Determine the NHA study area boundary

PREPARE DRAFT STUDY

- The study will include:
- History of study area and contributions to our national heritage
 - Heritage themes
 - A description of the environment affected by NHA designation
 - NHA management alternatives
 - An application of the national NHA criteria, including the development of a management entity/financial feasibility plan
 - Vision statement
 - Assess the positive and negative environmental, social, and economic impacts

GATHER PUBLIC INPUT ON DRAFT

- Invite local discussion and comment

FINALIZE STUDY & MAKE RECOMMENDATION

- Determine if the study area meets the national criteria
- Assess the public support for the designation and the capacity of the management entity

CONGRESSIONAL ACTION

- Congressional action on recommendation



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