



## Connecticut River Joint Commissions Partnership Projects *Basin 10: Ottauquechee-Black Rivers*

### 2006

#### **Important Bird Areas of the Upper Connecticut River**

**Grant awarded: \$4,000**

*Submitted by: Audubon Society of New Hampshire*

*Project location: River towns from MA border to Springfield, VT*

This award funded conservation planning for two Important Bird Areas in the CT River Valley, identified through a project by the Audubon Society of NH and the Green Mountain Audubon of VT previously funded by the Partnership Program.

#### **Dragonflies of the Connecticut River Mainstem**

**Grant awarded: \$2,500**

*Submitted by: New England Institute for Landscape Ecology*

*Project location: Three sites along CT River: Haverhill/Wells River, Lebanon/Plainfield, Charlestown/Walpole*

The intent of this project was to survey three stretches of the Connecticut River for dragonflies and damsel flies that are largely restricted to habitats along large rivers.

#### **Lull's Brook Trout Aquarium**

**Grant awarded: \$1,500**

*Submitted by: Hartland Elementary School*

*Project location: Hartland, VT*

This award was used to partially fund a large aquarium in the central hub of Hartland Elementary School to allow students to observe Brook Trout, the focus of a school wide study project.

#### **Aquatic Invasive Plants Outreach & Survey**

**Grant awarded: \$5,000**

*Submitted by: Sullivan County Conservation District*

*Project location: CT River from Brattleboro to Canaan*

The goal of this project was to raise awareness about preventing the spread of invasive aquatic plants in the CT River, by holding a series of workshops and field trips that focused on invasive plant identification and control.

### 2005

#### **Black River Visual Assessment**

**Grant awarded: \$1,000**

*Submitted by: Black River Watershed Action Team*

*Project location: Springfield, Weathersfield, Cavendish, & Ludlow, VT*

The Visual Assessment was the first step toward improving water quality. Findings was used to identify sites needing further study and to set priorities for future projects such as trash clean-up and buffer planting.

### 2004

#### **Black River Watershed Brochure**

**Grant awarded: \$2,250**

*Project location: Black River Watershed, Southern Windsor County, VT*

*Submitted by: Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission*

The commission worked with the Black River Watershed Action Team and Concerned Citizens of Cavendish to produce a brochure on this tributary watershed, including a GIS map identifying public access and amenities, an introduction to invasive plants, and information on riparian buffers and how the public can best respect landowners, wildlife, and the river.

#### **Upper CT River Important Bird Areas Project**

**Grant awarded: \$4,500**

*Project location: VT and NH Towns along the Connecticut River*

*Submitted by: Audubon Vermont*

Audubon Vermont worked with the Audubon Society of New Hampshire to map and identify Important Bird Areas in the Upper Connecticut River corridor. These efforts were the first steps in protecting habitat critical to birds along this significant migratory flyway, and engaging local volunteers in monitoring and conserving these sites.

## **2003**

### **Black River Buffers and Impervious Surfaces**

**Grant awarded: \$4,000**

*Project location: Springfield, Weathersfield, Ludlow, Cavendish, VT*

*Submitted by: Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission*

Funds allowed the SWCRPC and Black River watershed Action Team to develop a map and inventory of impervious surfaces within 100 feet of the Black River in four key watershed towns. Data collected from the groundtruthing work enabled the SWCRPC to make recommendations for areas along the river that would benefit from mitigation.

### **Woodstock Wetland Identification, Mapping & Natural Communities Analysis**

**Grant awarded: \$3,000**

*Project location: Woodstock, VT*

*Submitted by: Woodstock Conservation Commission*

The Woodstock Conservation Commission inventoried and mapped small, isolated wetlands in the town. The work contributed to the Commission's larger effort to analyze the area's natural communities and wetlands in order to make recommendations for protection and to inform local landowners about ecologically sensitive areas.

## **2002**

### **Ottauquechee Watershed Council**

**Grant awarded: \$3,000**

*Project location: Pomfret, Barnard, Bridgewater, Woodstock, Plymouth, Hartland, Hartford, Killington, Mendon, Shrewsbury, Plymouth and Reading, VT*

*Submitted by: Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission*

Funds helped to establish a broad-based citizen group to develop recommendations for future land uses within the Ottauquechee River watershed, and provided an information conduit for residents of the region.

## **1998**

### **Southern Windsor County Regional Water Quality Plan**

**Grant awarded: \$4,700**

*Project Location: multi-community, VT*

*Submitted by: Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission*

The Planning Commission, working with the Ottauquechee Natural Resources Conservation District, area schools, conservation commissions, and volunteers, completed a regional water quality plan. Watershed surveys were conducted for prioritized sections of the Mill Brook, Black River, Black River North Branch, and Williams River.

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The Connecticut River Joint Commissions' Partnership Program offers grants of \$500-5000 to communities and organizations within the Connecticut River Watershed for projects that implement the Connecticut River Management Plan and the Connecticut River Scenic Byway Plan. For more information, see [www.crjc.org/partnership.htm](http://www.crjc.org/partnership.htm).

**Total grants provided in this basin: \$34,450**