



Connecticut River Joint Commissions Partnership Projects *Basin 16: Upper Connecticut-Nulhegan- Willard Stream-Paul Stream*

2006

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 is 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 focus on invasive plant identification and control.

2005

Northeast Kingdom Invasive Species Initiative

Grant awarded: \$3,000

Submitted by: Caledonia County Natural Resources Conservation District

Project location: Caledonia, Essex and Orleans Counties, VT

This grant supported public education for the Northeast Kingdom Invasive Species Initiative, a collaborative partnership committed to coordinated action in combating terrestrial and aquatic invasive species.

2004

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.

Mammal Tracking & Mapping in the Upper Watershed

Grant awarded: \$2,000

Project location: Brunswick, Lewis, Ferdinand, Bloomfield, & Maidstone, VT

Submitted by: Keeping Track, Inc.

High school students in Vermont Audubon's TakePART program collected data on the presence of wide-ranging mammal species in the Nulhegan Basin and West Mountain Wildlife Management Area. Data will be used by the US Fish & Wildlife Service, VT Agency of Natural Resources, and local communities toward stewardship of wildlife habitat.

2003

Leach Creek Restoration

Grant awarded: \$5,000

Project location: Canaan, VT

Submitted by: Vermont Leadership Center

As part of an effort to protect water quality and restore wildlife habitat along Leach Creek, a tributary of the Connecticut River in Canaan, VT, this project stabilized a 400' section of eroded streambank, restored an 800' riparian buffer zone by planting native trees, and monitored water quality on a private parcel of farmland. Partnership funds helped pay for a youth crew from the Northeast Kingdom Conservation Service Corps as well as saplings, duckbill anchors, and cables.

2001

Lyman Falls Conservation Project

Grant awarded: \$8,000

Project location: Bloomfield VT

Submitted by: Vermont River Conservancy

Funding allowed the Vermont River Conservancy to complete its planned purchase and conservation of this 41 acre site on the northern Connecticut River, which includes primitive canoe campsites and access to exceptional trout habitat.

Hook Farm Riverbank Restoration

Grant awarded: \$5,000

Project location: Brunswick VT

Submitted by: Vermont Leadership Center/Northeast Kingdom Conservation Service Corps

Funds were used to help plant a riparian buffer and restore a severely eroded 500-foot stretch of riverbank at one of the top three priority sites selected by CRJC's technical team to prioritize erosion sites for restoration.

1998

Riverbank Inventory Project - Waterford to Hartford, VT

Grant awarded: \$5,000

Project Location: multi-community, VT

Submitted by: Caledonia County NRC

An inventory was made of the Vermont bank of the Connecticut River from Moore Dam in Waterford through the town of Hartford. The inventory indicated stretches with bank erosion and the type and extent of riparian buffers.

Connecticut River Floodplain Mapping

Grant awarded: \$3,000

Project Location: multi-community, VT

Submitted by: Northeastern Vermont Development Association

Funding was used for GIS development and production of flood information maps for 13 Vermont towns. The maps are based on the current NFIP maps and will improve local planning capacity.

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.

Total grants provided in this basin: \$40,500