



## Connecticut River Joint Commissions Partnership Program 2006 Awards

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<i>Project Summary</i>	<i>Applicants</i>	<i>Awards</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>26 (58%)</b>
<b>Funding</b>	<b>\$185,622</b>	<b>\$81,900 (44%)</b>

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### *Agriculture*

**Got Horses?**

*Grant awarded: \$4,500*

*Submitted by:* UNH Cooperative Extension-Grafton County

*Project location:* NH Counties - Grafton, Cheshire and Sullivan

The focus of this project is to help horse owners manage their land for clean water and healthy horses with the least impact on natural resources.

**Locally Grown Guide**

*Grant awarded: \$2,000*

*Submitted by:* Vital Communities/Valley Food and Farms

*Project location:* Peacham, VT to Keene, NH and Warner, NH to Braintree, VT

This third edition of the guide helps residents and visitors find and learn about locally produced food.

### *Fisheries and Wildlife Habitat*

**Ashuelot River Continuity**

*Grant awarded: \$4,500*

*Submitted by:* Ashuelot Valley Environmental Observatory

*Project location:* Cheshire and Sullivan Counties

AVEO will work with The Nature Conservancy of New Hampshire to complete a survey of the habitat fragmentation caused by each stream crossing in the Ashuelot River Watershed by recruiting, training and managing volunteers to complete surveys.

**Freshwater Mussels of the Connecticut River Watershed**

*Grant awarded: \$4,000*

*Submitted by:* Connecticut River Watershed Council

*Project location:* CT River Watershed in NH, VT, MA and CT

This booklet and poster will hasten the identification and protection of imperiled mussel populations by providing scientifically sound information to citizens, conservation groups, municipalities, planning boards, businesses, regulatory agencies and educators.

**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 will fund 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 is to survey three stretches of the Connecticut River for dragonflies and damsel flies that are largely restricted to habitats along large rivers.

## ***Land Use Management***

**Dummerston Operators' Manual**

*Grant awarded: \$3,500*

*Submitted by:* Dummerston Planning Commission

*Project location:* Dummerston, VT

A partnership of active Dummerston organizations will create a high quality, easy to read publication describing their town's cultural, environmental, historical and human resources.

**Planning Board Training and Assistance**

*Grant awarded: \$2,000*

*Submitted by:* Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission

*Project location:* Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Region

This award will fund training sessions and follow-up technical assistance to four planning boards, with emphasis on tools and resources available for corridor management plan implementation.

**Lyme Natural Resources Inventory**

*Grant awarded: \$1,500*

*Submitted by:* Lyme Conservation Commission

*Project location:* Lyme, NH

This award supports a natural resources inventory of the Town of Lyme.

## ***Preservation of Scenic & Historic Features***

**Orford Church Tower Restoration**

*Grant awarded: \$4,000*

*Submitted by:* United Congregational Church of Orford

*Project location:* Orford, NH

This award will fund the replacement of badly deteriorated Gothic Revival finials and balustrade which crown the clock tower of the United Congregational Church of Orford.

**McDermott Bridge Restoration**

*Grant awarded: \$2,000*

*Submitted by:* Langdon Covered Bridge Association

*Project location:* Langdon, NH

This project focuses on stabilization of the stone abutments, the restoration of the lower chords and other structural components of the McDermott Covered Bridge using historically appropriate materials.

## ***Recreation***

**Monadnock Mtn. Trail Restoration – Phase II**

*Grant awarded: \$4,500*

*Submitted by:* NorthWoods Stewardship Center

*Project location:* Lemington, VT

This award will enable NorthWoods to field a Kingdom Corps back country crew for one week to maintain vulnerable sections of the upper trail and relocate several sections of the Monadnock Mountain Trail.

**Nulhegan River Access**

*Grant awarded: \$4,500*

*Submitted by: Vermont River Conservancy*

*Project location: Bloomfield, VT*

This project will provide a permanent public access easement and parking area at the confluence of the Nulhegan River with the Connecticut River, near a previously funded public cartop boat access and adjacent to Vermont Route 102 in Bloomfield, VT.

**Bailey’s Eddy & Sleepers Meadow Trail Improvements**

*Grant awarded: \$3,500*

*Submitted by: Upper Valley Land Trust*

*Project location: Newbury, VT*

These funds will be used to improve public trails on two conserved properties, Bailey's Eddy and Sleepers Meadow, along the Connecticut River Byway in Newbury, VT.

**Blueprint for Lebanon Community Trails**

*Grant awarded: \$3,500*

*Submitted by: Lebanon Recreation & Parks Department*

*Project location: Lebanon, NH*

This document will include ideas and action steps developed during a community trails forum, detailed maps, phasing recommendations for safe routes to school, commuter pathways, accessible trails, and trail connections.

**Springfield Trails**

*Grant awarded: \$2,000*

*Submitted by: Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission*

*Project location: Springfield, VT*

This project will sponsor creation of a Trails Committee and the inventorying and mapping of Springfield’s trails, bike routes, and accessible roads on public and private property (with property owner permission).

## ***River Related Education***

**Art, History and Ecology Along the Sugar River**

*Grant awarded: \$3,000*

*Submitted by: The Fells*

*Project location: Newbury, Sunapee, Newport and Claremont, NH*

This award supports the marketing, advertising and printing of a program book for an art exhibit at the Fells that presents the Sugar River through landscape paintings, photography and explanatory panels.

**Watershed Stewardship Education Program**

*Grant awarded: \$3,000*

*Submitted by: Southern Vermont Natural History Museum*

*Project location: Grafton, Townshed, Bellows Falls, Westminster, Springfield, Malboro, Putney, Dummerston, Saxtons River, Brattleboro, Vernon, Whitingham and Wilmington, VT*

This award supports the Museum's expansion of its watershed education program, a hands-on program which teaches students about water quality, and instills a sense of stewardship.

**Lull’s Brook Trout Aquarium**

*Grant awarded: \$1,500*

*Submitted by: Hartland Elementary School*

*Project location: Hartland, VT*

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

## ***Visitor Education for Connecticut River Byway***

### **Industrial Heritage Trail Brochure**

*Grant awarded: \$5,000*

*Submitted by:* American Precision Museum

*Project location:* CT River Byway from Brattleboro to St. Johnsbury, VT

This project is to design, print and distribute a new promotional brochure that will highlight the Byway's Industrial Heritage.

### **Geotourism in the Northern River Valley**

*Grant awarded: \$4,000*

*Submitted by:* Nulhegan Gateway Association

*Project location:* Dalton to Pittsburg, NH

This funding will enable the NGA to include Coos County in their Geotourism project. They will produce in conjunction with the National Geographic Society a Geotourism Map Guide to enhance tourism and community awareness of local assets.

## ***Water Quality***

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

*Grant awarded: \$5,000*

*Submitted by:* Sullivan County Conservation District

*Project location:* CT River from Walpole to Pittsburg, NH

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 will focus on invasive plant identification and control.

### **Israel River Water Quality Monitoring**

*Grant awarded: \$2,800*

*Submitted by:* Jefferson Conservation Commission

*Project location:* Randolph, Jefferson and Lancaster

This award will fund the purchase of equipment and supplies to support an on-going data collection effort by the Israel River Volunteer Advisory Group.

### **Waits River Watershed Interconnectedness**

*Grant awarded: \$2,000*

*Submitted by:* Bradford Conservation Commission

*Project location:* Bradford, VT

This project will engage high school students and their families in activities that demonstrate relationships between uplands, forests, wetlands and water quality in order to guide informed land use decisions in the Waits River Watershed.

### **Wells River Phase I Geomorphic Assessment**

*Grant awarded: \$2,000*

*Submitted by:* Caledonia County Natural Resources Conservation District

*Project location:* Ryegate, Groton and Newbury, VT

This award will partially fund a Phase I stream geomorphic assessment of the Wells River Watershed and provide needed information to guide current efforts to protect and restore the Wells River and its tributaries.

### **Ompompanoosuc River Water Quality**

*Grant awarded: \$1,100*

*Submitted by:* West Fairlee Conservation Commission

*Project location:* Norwich, Thetford, West Fairlee and Vershire, VT

The purpose of this project is to sample and analyze water of the Ompompanoosuc River at nineteen locations over the summer of 2006 to monitor water quality and attempt to identify sources of pollution.