

## Connecticut River Valley Partnership Program 2001 Awards

| Project Summary | Awards           | Applicants       |            |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------|
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>38</b>        | <b>69</b>        | <b>55%</b> |
| <b>NH</b>       | <b>14</b>        | <b>25</b>        | <b>56%</b> |
| <b>VT</b>       | <b>15</b>        | <b>23</b>        | <b>65%</b> |
| <b>Regional</b> | <b>9</b>         | <b>20</b>        | <b>45%</b> |
| <b>Funding</b>  | <b>\$131,000</b> | <b>\$317,575</b> | <b>41%</b> |

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### RECREATION

**Lyman Falls Conservation Project**

**\$8,000 awarded**

*Project location: Bloomfield VT*

*Submitted by: Vermont River Conservancy*

Funding will allow the group 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.

**Upper Connecticut River Trail Landowner Contact Program**

**\$4,500 awarded**

*Project location: Canaan- Barnet VT*

*Submitted by: Vermont River Conservancy*

The grant will help finance efforts to negotiate easements or purchases of canoe campsites from interested private landowners along the Upper Connecticut River.

**Wells River Conservation Area Trails**

**\$4,000 awarded**

*Project location: Newbury VT*

*Submitted by: Cross Vermont Trail Association*

This grant will pay for construction of a mile-long trail for use by visitors and students involved in environmental studies of the 69-acre town conservation area.

**Sacketts Brook Conservation Site Development**

**\$3,000 awarded**

*Project location: Putney VT*

*Submitted by: Putney Conservation Commission*

The project will develop an accessible trail and viewing station for the in-town park site, as well as educational information about the historic and natural resources of the parcel.

**Cross-Rivendell Trail, Phase I**

**\$2,500 awarded**

*Project location: Orford NH, Fairlee, West Fairlee, & Vershire VT*

*Submitted by: Rivendell Interstate School District*

Funding will help finance the first phase of a multi-year project to involve students in building a 35-mile interstate trail linking Mount Cube in New Hampshire with Flagpole Hill in VT.

**Public Access Project**

**\$2,500 awarded**

*Project location: 40 towns in Vermont and New Hampshire*

*Submitted by: Upper Valley Land Trust*

Funding will help the Land Trust assess trail plans, recruit trail builders and trail stewards, and open access to six conserved properties.

**Old Mill Clean-up, Saxtons River**

**\$1,000 awarded**

*Project location: Saxtons River VT*

*Submitted by: Village of Saxtons River*

The grant will help initiate a larger-scale effort to improve public access to the Saxtons River. Initial work will include cleanup of the village-owned land abutting the river, creation of footpaths, and erection of historical displays at the old foundations on the site.

**Connecticut River Birding Trail**

**\$500 awarded**

*Project location: Newbury VT/Haverhill NH to Charlestown NH/Rockingham VT*

*Submitted by: George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Council*

This grant will support a plan to link 70 birding and natural history sites along the river into one, road-based trail.

**FUTURE LAND USE**

**Bear Pond Protection Project**

**\$5,000 awarded**

*Project location: Canaan NH*

*Submitted by: Mascoma Watershed Conservation Council*

Funds will be used to develop a natural resources inventory, environmental assessment and stewardship program for Bear Pond, supporting the Conservation Council in its goal to purchase and protect the parcel.

**Taftsville Substation Relocation and Site Rehabilitation**

**\$5,000 awarded**

*Project location: Woodstock VT*

*Submitted by: Two Rivers/Ottawaquechee Regional Commission*

Funding will go toward redeveloping the site of several electric power substations into a community resource in this scenic and historic village, in partnership with a consortium of local groups.

**Chateaugay-No Town Natural Resources Inventory**

**\$4,000 awarded**

*Project location: Barnard, Bridgewater, Stockbridge and Killington VT*

*Submitted by: The Conservation Fund*

Funding will go toward a natural resources inventory of a 60,000-acre area at the headwaters of the White and Ottawaquechee rivers, which will be used to develop conservation plans and recreational opportunities.

**Creation and Integration of Digital Data for Dalton Conservation Commission**

**\$4,000 awarded**

*Project location: Dalton NH*

*Submitted by: Dalton Conservation Commission*

The data generated by this program will focus on riparian buffers, local wetlands and wildlife habitat, and will allow the Commission to integrate digital data from other projects ongoing within the Johns River and Israel River watersheds.

**Vital Land in Marlboro, VT**

**\$1,500 awarded**

*Project location: Marlboro VT*

*Submitted by: Marlboro Conservation Commission*

Funding will allow the Conservation Commission to develop an education and publicity campaign in support of the town's acquisition of a 10-acre parcel that protects water quality at the headwaters of the Whetstone Brook.

**WATER QUALITY**

**Fort at No. 4 Riparian Buffer & Bank Stabilization**

**\$5,000 awarded**

*Project location: Charlestown NH*

*Submitted by: Old Fort No. 4 Associates*

The project will allow the Fort to begin riverbank stabilization on one of the top three priority sites selected by CRJC's technical team, while educating visitors on the importance of riparian buffers as an effective stabilization technique.

**Hook Farm Riverbank Restoration**

**\$5,000 awarded**

*Project location: Brunswick VT*

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

Funds will be 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.

**Sugar River Watershed Resource Mapping**

**\$5,000 awarded**

*Project location: Claremont, Cornish, Croydon, Enfield, Goshen, Lempster, Newport, Springfield, Sunapee and Unity NH*

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

The Planning Commission will develop maps illustrating the location of special resources and development limitations in the watershed, to assist municipalities and other public and private nonprofit organizations in establishing water resource protection.

**Mascoma River Watershed Study - Phase II**

**\$4,000 awarded**

*Project location: Canaan, Dorchester, Enfield, Grafton, Hanover, Lebanon, Lyme, Orange and Plainfield NH*

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

The second phase of this project will allow officials throughout the watershed to develop a better understanding of how local land-use decisions affect downstream water quality and how to improve water quality in the future.

**Elizabeth Mine Restoration Project**

**\$3,200 awarded**

*Project location: South Strafford and Thetford VT*

*Submitted by: Elizabeth Mine Study Group*

The grant will allow the Study Group to continue its efforts to design and implement a remediation plan for the Elizabeth Mine, which is currently sending highly acidic leachate into the West Branch of the Ompompanoosuc River.

**FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE HABITAT**

**Inventory of Riparian Buffers**

**\$3,000 awarded**

*Project location: Keene NH*

*Submitted by: Keene Conservation Commission*

Funding will support an inventory of riparian buffers within the city limits, and help the Conservation Commission identify, evaluate and recommend the best means for protecting and enhancing these areas in the future.

**Restoring the Wetland at the Hewes Brook Car-Top Boat Launch**

**\$1,800 awarded**

*Project location: Lyme NH*

*Submitted by: Lyme Conservation Commission*

Funds will allow the Commission to install a path and plant native trees and shrubs to restore the wetland adjacent to the town’s newly established cartop boat launch.

**AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY**

**Bringing Unconventional Cropping Techniques to Conventional Farms**

**\$2,500 awarded**

*Project location: Caledonia County VT*

*Submitted by: Caledonia County Natural Resources Conservation District*

This program will allow the Conservation District, in conjunction with the University of Vermont and the University of New Hampshire, to establish field trials to determine the effectiveness of alternative farming methods.

**The Many Faces of Forest Management**

**\$1,000 awarded**

*Project location: Essex County VT*

*Submitted by: Essex County Natural Resources Conservation District*

Funding will help defray expenses of a two-day forestry fair that will showcase forest management practices to landowners and recreational forest users.

## EDUCATION

### **Foot Loose on the Byway**

**\$4,000 awarded**

*Project location: Connecticut River towns in Vermont and New Hampshire*

*Submitted by: Vital Communities*

The organization will design a “quest” for a river community that will educate participants about the intrinsic qualities of the Connecticut River Byway and illustrate the role of the river in the history of the town.

### **“River Currents” and Connecticut River Forums**

**\$2,500 awarded**

*Project location: Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Connecticut*

*Submitted by: Connecticut River Watershed Council*

This grant will help support a public education and outreach program centered on river-related issues.

### **Soil Tunnel Interactive Education**

**\$2,500 awarded**

*Project location: Northern Connecticut River Valley in New Hampshire and Vermont*

*Submitted by: Coos County Conservation District*

The grant will finance a mobile interactive display, representing a crawl-through underground world, that will help educate students in Vermont and New Hampshire schools about a variety of conservation concepts.

### **Connecticut RiverFest’s Community Riverdays Educational Project**

**\$2,500 awarded**

*Project location: Upper Valley of Vermont and New Hampshire*

*Submitted by: Connecticut RiverFest Inc.*

Funds will support the annual Riverdays, which will bring river-oriented educational programs and activities to area schools and adults.

### **Landowners’ Streambank Workshop**

**\$1,500 awarded**

*Project location: Royalton VT*

*Submitted by: White River Partnership*

The grant will help support a workshop for landowners along the White River to help them learn about erosion control methods and existing programs to address streambank issues.

## CONNECTICUT RIVER SCENIC BYWAY

### **Restoration of Alumni Hall as a Byway Interpretive Center**

**\$7,500 awarded**

*Project location: Haverhill NH*

*Submitted by: Haverhill Heritage Inc.*

The grant will be used to restore the cupola, one piece of the group’s long-term goal to restore the entire historic building for reuse as a cultural and interpretive visitor center.

### **Repair of Columbia Covered Bridge**

**\$5,000 awarded**

*Project location: Columbia NH & Lemington VT*

*Submitted by: Columbia Conservation Commission*

Funds will be used to help in the long-term rehabilitation of this historic covered bridge, which connects Vermont and New Hampshire.

### **Bellows Falls Connecticut River Byway Waypoint Interpretive Center**

**\$5,000 awarded**

*Project location: Rockingham VT*

*Submitted by: Town of Rockingham*

This project will establish an educational program at the interpretive center describing the impact of the Connecticut River on the region’s historic, cultural and natural resources and economy.

- Ben's Mill Trust Preservation Start-up** **\$5,000 awarded**  
*Project location: Barnet VT*  
*Submitted by: Fairbanks Museum*  
 This grant will help establish a new preservation organization whose ultimate goal is the acquisition, preservation and restoration of an historically significant water-powered mill that is still in working condition.
- Lancaster Welcome Center Sign Project** **\$4,000 awarded**  
*Project location: Lancaster NH*  
*Submitted by: Lancaster Main Street Program*  
 Funds will be used to erect signage directing visitors to the new visitor center, and will incorporate the Connecticut River Byway logo into its design.
- Claremont Waypoint Center - Master Interior Plan** **\$4,000 awarded**  
*Project location: Claremont NH*  
*Submitted by: Main Street Claremont*  
 The grant will fund an interior master plan and exhibit design for the City's new Connecticut River Byway Interpretive Center.
- Colebrook Interpretive Center** **\$3,500 awarded**  
*Project location: Colebrook NH*  
*Submitted by: Upper Connecticut Valley Community Coalition*  
 This award will support the design of displays that feature the Colebrook region, its history and natural history for a building that is both a Connecticut River Byway Waypoint center and an education center for the Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge.
- Shaker Village - West Meadow Barn Restoration** **\$3,500 awarded**  
*Project location: Enfield NH*  
*Submitted by: Enfield Shaker Museum*  
 Funds will allow the Museum to begin restoration of an 1856 barn that will ultimately be used to house exhibits interpreting historical agricultural practices of the Enfield Shakers and the larger community of the Upper Valley.
- Adding to Charlestown's Nationally Registered History** **\$2,000 awarded**  
*Project location: Charlestown NH*  
*Submitted by: Charlestown Historical Society*  
 The grant will be used to inventory the town's historic barns and District #8 Schoolhouse, and to begin work to place North Charlestown Village on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Blow-Me-Down Grange Restoration** **\$1,500 awarded**  
*Project location: Plainfield NH*  
*Submitted by: Friends of the Blow-Me-Down Grange*  
 Funding will help make the recently restored 19th-century structure handicapped accessible, to allow for broader use by the community of Plainfield.
- Barnet Archaeology Survey** **\$1,000 awarded**  
*Project location: Barnet VT*  
*Submitted by: Town of Barnet*  
 The town will use these funds to conduct an archeological pre-survey, including mapping prehistoric and historic sites, buildings and activities in Barnet, and ongoing activity at the 19th-century site of Ben Thresher's Mill.