



Connecticut River Joint Commissions Partnership Program 2006 Awards

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

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.