

North Central Conservation District

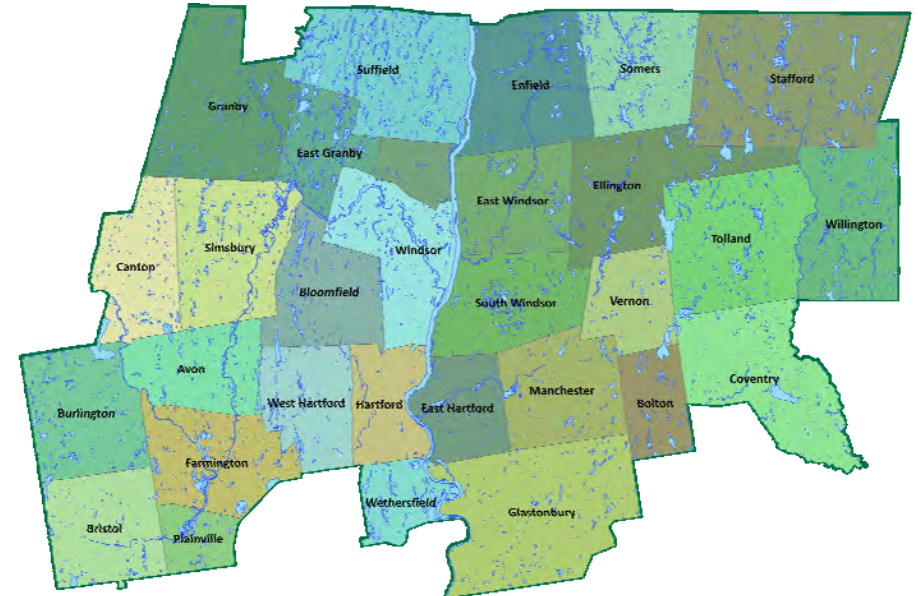


Annual Report Fiscal Year 2012-2013

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North Central Conservation District Introduction

This Annual Report summarizes work performed by the North Central Conservation District (NCCD, or the District) during the 2012-2013 fiscal year. The District is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, financed through municipal contributions, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) funding, US EPA Clean Water Act Section 319 non-point source grants, an annual Plant and Seedling Sale fundraiser, and private grants and contributions.



NCCD's service area includes 30 municipalities within north central Connecticut, essentially comprising the area within the northern Connecticut River watershed. The North Central Conservation District office is located in Vernon.

The District is governed by a volunteer board of directors made up of local landowners with expertise and interest in the management and protection of our natural resources. The District is also an active member of the CT Envirothon Steering Committee, the Council on Soil and Water Conservation, and the CT Association of Conservation Districts. Meetings are open to the public and are held at the Tolland County Agricultural Center, 24 Hyde Avenue (Rt. 30) in Vernon, at 7:00pm on the fourth Thursday of most months. Please visit www.conservect.org/northcentral or call (860) 875-3881 for details.

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Staff

David Askev	Executive Director
Barbara Kelly	Program Coordinator
Ruth Miller	Landscape Specialist
Joanna Shapiro	Natural Resource Specialist
Salvatore DeCarli	Environmental Planner
Heidi Cerrigone	Bookkeeper
Barbara Gridley	Secretary—Retired after 30 years, and will be missed.

Chairman's Year in Review

The District provided services to municipalities by *reviewing development plans and wetland boundaries*, as well as serving as *wetland agent* in Somers, Bolton, and Granby, and acting wetland agent in Windsor. The District also assisted landowners with natural resource concerns.



A team of students completing the soils exam on field day

The District coordinated the *Connecticut Envirothon* program. Educational workshops were held throughout the year for high school students to learn about aquatics, forestry, soil, wildlife, and the current issue, habitat management. The annual field day competition was held at Sessions Woods WMA in Burlington.

The District supported *natural resources education* by awarding two \$1,000 college scholarships. This year's recipients were Carrie LaSala of Tolland High School and Jennifer Heslin of Plainville High School.

The District provided *nutrient management* services to *local farmers*, collecting soil samples from cornfields in early summer. The UCONN soils lab provided the results and fertilizer recommendations. The program has helped local producers to reduce fertilizer usage.

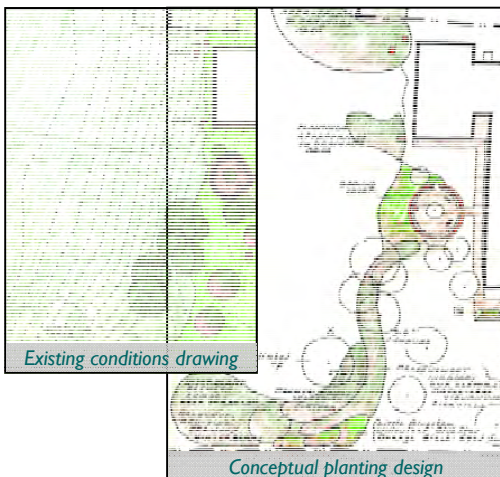
The *Plant and Seedling Sale* and *Fish Fingering Sale* were successful fundraisers, promoting ecological landscaping and open space enjoyment. Master Gardeners contributed vast knowledge at the plant sale. Related *workshops* were held, including planting for wildlife, CT forest history, and planting & pruning.



A master gardener providing assistance at the plant sale

Landscape Design Projects

Throughout the year, the District provided *planting instruction*, as well as formalized *concept designs*, to individuals and organizations. The images below depict the First Church in Windsor. The District consulted for the Farmington River Watershed Association to redesign the landscape to improve conditions along the Farmington River. The plan included invasive plant removal and rain garden installation.



See inside for grant project information



FINANCIAL STATEMENT*

July 2012—June 2013

Income

State of CT	50,000
319 Grant Projects	229,348
NRCS Grant	33,616
CT DoAG Grant	7,675
LIS Restoration Grant	36,250
Seedling/Fish Program	45,163
Municipal Fee for Service	39,321
Town Donations	32,229
Interest/Investments	14,980
Soil Testing Services	1,026
Misc.	512
Total	490,120

Expenses

Salaries & Benefits	233,846
Taxes and Insurance	19,587
319 Grant Projects	178,972
NRCS Grant	10,828
CT DoAG Grant	622
LIS Restoration Grant	35,600
Seedling and Fish Sale	33,582
Rent	8,264
Office Expenses/Postage/Equipment	6,430
Auto Expenses and Mileage	5,058
Scholarships	2,000
Audit	2,500
Dues	1,395
Misc.	1,970
Total	540,654

*Detailed financial statement available upon request