

North Central Conservation District

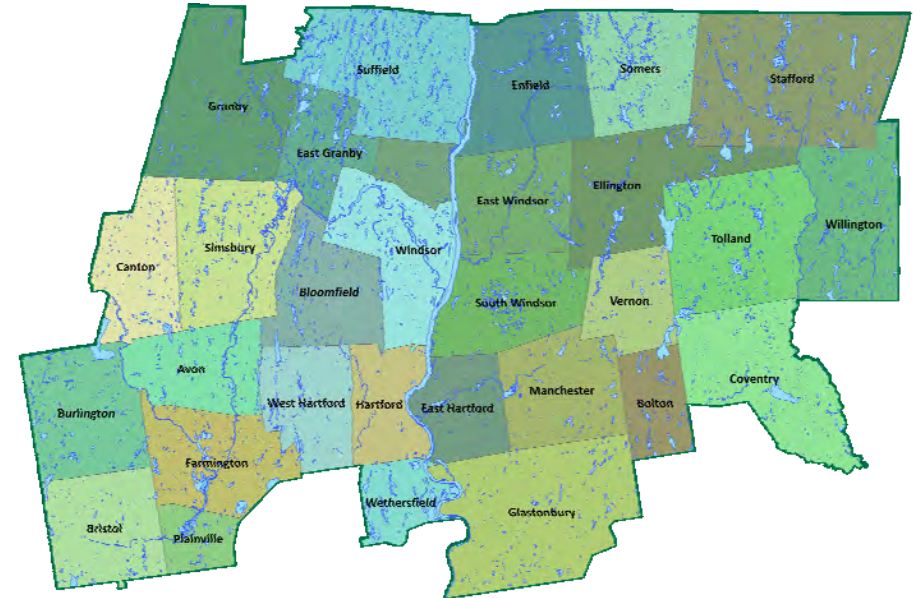


Annual Report Fiscal Year 2013-2014

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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 2013-2014 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 Askew	Executive Director
Barbara Kelly	Program Coordinator
Ruth Miller	Landscape Specialist
Joanna Shapiro	Natural Resource Specialist
Heidi Cerrigone	Bookkeeper
Salvatore DeCarli	Environmental Planner

Left NCCD at the end of the 2013-2014 fiscal year

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 as acting wetland agent in Tolland during the first three months of the fiscal year. The District also assisted landowners with natural resource issues, providing technical support regarding soil erosion solutions, invasive plant control, planting guidance, pond maintenance, and more.

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 Fingerling Sale* were successful fundraisers, promoting ecological landscaping and open space enjoyment. Volunteer Master Gardeners assisted plant sale customers, answering many planting questions. A related *workshop* was held, entitled "Landscaping for Wildlife: Using Native Plants to Sustain Wildlife in your Backyard."



Top (L and R)—Plants lined up in preparation for sale.
Bottom—Pre-ordered plants grouped and ready for pick-up.



The District coordinated the *Connecticut Envirothon* program. Educational workshops were held throughout the year for high school students to learn about aquatic, forestry, soil, wildlife, and the 2014 current issue, sustainable agriculture. The annual field day competition was held at the Tolland County Agricultural Center (TAC) in Vernon.



Students working on the forestry exam



A room full of students awaiting the awards ceremony

A tremendous amount of staff time was dedicated to specific *projects and grant work*, which is described and depicted on the inside section of this document.

[See inside for grants/project information](#)



FINANCIAL STATEMENT*

July 2013—June 2014

Income

DEEP 319 Grant Projects	64,550
State of CT	50,000
Municipal Fee for Service	48,234
Seedling/Fish Sales	45,030
CT DoAG Agviability Grant	37,027
Town Donations	33,479
CT DoAG Farmland Restoration	32,080
Interest/Investments	20,041
DEEP 604B Water Quality Grant	19,867
NRCS CTA Grant	11,250
Soil Testing Services	3,747
Misc.	95
Total	365,401

Expenses

Salaries & Benefits	234,676
CT DoAG Agviability Grant	31,120
Seedling/Fish Sales	30,387
Taxes and Insurance	19,471
LIS Restoration Grant	18,125
DEEP 319 Grant Projects	15,750
DEEP 604B Water Quality Grant	13,800
Rent	8,396
Office Expenses/Postage/Equipment	3,890
Auto Expenses and Mileage	3,643
Scholarships	2,000
Audit	2,500
Misc.	1,259
Dues	945
CT DoAG Farmland Restoration	271
Total	386,233

*Detailed financial statement available upon request