

Upper Connecticut River Mitigation and Enhancement Fund  
*Grant Awards 2003 - 2007*

**2007 Grants**

**Caledonia County NRC** received **\$20,837** to expand a current program involving road improvements and culvert replacements to reduce sediment runoff, improve fish passage and enhance habitat.

**Connecticut River Watershed Council** received **\$19,800** to create a guide to freshwaters mussels of the Connecticut River watershed.

**Essex County Natural Resources Conservation District** received **\$5,000** to conduct a riparian buffer inventory along the upper Connecticut River.

**Israel River Volunteer Advisory Group** received **\$5,000** to complete a fluvial geomorphic assessment of the Stag Hollow Brook watershed in Jefferson.

**Lisbon Regional School** received **\$3,500** for a fluvial geomorphic assessment of a portion of the Ammonoosuc River near Lisbon, NH.

**Orange County Headwaters Project** received **\$5,000** to conduct a wetland and vernal pool inventory Corinth and Washington.

**Town of Lisbon, NH** received **\$18,330** to remove an unused dam on Pearl Lake Brook.

**Trust for Public Land** received **\$50,000** to support the Brushwood Community Forest Initiative, which would establish a new 1,200-acre town forest in W. Fairlee, VT adjacent to other protected lands.

**Upper Valley Land Trust** received **\$140,000** to conserve 123 acres in Haverhill, NH.

**Upper Valley Land Trust** received **\$162,500** to support the Connecticut River Farmland Protection Initiative.

**Vermont River Conservancy** received **\$166,000** to support pre-acquisition planning and land acquisition along the Nulhegan River corridor.

**West Fairlee (VT) Conservation Commission** received **\$4,935** to conduct a town-wide wetlands inventory.

**2006 Grants**

**Caledonia County Natural Resources Conservation District** received **\$21,763** to implement sediment-reduction and habitat-improvement projects along the Stevens River in Barnet and Peacham, VT

**Connecticut River Joint Commissions** received **\$13,000** for a habitat restoration/sediment reduction project on Mill Brook near its confluence with the Upper Ammonoosuc River in Stark, NH

**Connecticut River Joint Commissions** received **\$21,170** to complete a sediment-loading study along the Mohawk River

**North Country Council** was awarded **\$49,148** to complete a three-year inventory, assessment and delineation of wetlands along the Connecticut River floodplain and adjacent region

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**Orange County Headwaters Project** received **\$218,133** to purchase development rights on a 604-acre property, protecting significant wetlands and shoreland

**Passumpsic Valley Land Trust** was awarded **\$317,100** to complete the removal of East Burke Dam and associated site restoration

**Society for the Protection of NH Forests** received **\$180,000** to conserve four parcels of land (involving 400 acres and 6,000 feet of frontage) along the Connecticut River and its tributaries in Colebrook and Columbia, NH

**Strafford Conservation Commission** received **\$25,000** to complete Phase 3 data collection and design for restoration projects on three reaches of the Ompompanoosuc River in Strafford, VT

**The Nature Conservancy – NH & VT Chapters** received **\$118,600** to support land conservation, landowner outreach and habitat research along the "Maidstone Bends" section of the Connecticut River in VT and NH

**Trout Unlimited** received **\$220,000** to support the Nash Stream Restoration Project, which will restore more than nine miles of fish habitat along Nash Stream and access to more than four miles of tributary habitat

**Upper Valley Land Trust** was awarded **\$97,500** to protect three parcels of farmland as part of the Connecticut River Farmland Protection Program

**Upper Valley Land Trust** also received **\$30,500** to augment previous awards for the Connecticut River Farmland Protection Program

**White River Partnership** received **\$39,900** to develop a community-based river-corridor management plan for Ayers Brook, including one reach-level restoration/protection project involving 3-4 landowners

**2005 Grants**

**Caledonia County Natural Resources Conservation District** received **\$18,510** to conduct a Phase 2 geomorphic assessment in the Stevens River watershed, complete a restoration project, and establish a landowner outreach program

**Connecticut River Joint Commissions** received **\$33,602** to implement a riverbank stabilization project on the Connecticut River in Colebrook, NH, and a Phase 2 geomorphic assessment in the vicinity of Groveton, NH

**Connecticut River Joint Commissions** received **\$26,980** to conduct Phase 1 and Phase 2 geomorphic assessments of the Mohawk River and Upper Ammonoosuc River

**Connecticut River Watershed Council** received **\$10,000** to create an inventory process for barriers to fish migration in the upper Connecticut River basin

**Essex County Natural Resources Conservation District** was awarded **\$16,560** to conduct a Phase 1 and Phase 2 geomorphic assessment on four Connecticut River tributaries (Keyer Brook, Leach Stream, Willard Stream, and Bolger Brook)

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**Johns River Conservation Group** was awarded **\$98,000** to replace a town-owned dam in Whitefield with a rock ramp fishway

**Town of Littleton** received **\$38,750** to support continuation of the Ammonoosuc River Corridor Assessment and Enhancement project in seven towns

**Northwoods Stewardship Center** received **\$24,480** to conduct a survey of invasive plant species in the Passumpsic River and its northern tributaries and a 2-week pilot project to demonstrate control methods

**Passumpsic Valley Land Trust** received **\$470,500** to protect 21 high-priority parcels along the Passumpsic River through purchased or donated conservation easements or fee purchase of land

**Passumpsic Valley Land Trust** also received **\$40,125** to complete all necessary steps to remove the East Burke mill dam and restore the site

**Upper Valley Land Trust** was awarded **\$25,000** to protect two parcels of farmland in Bath involving approximately 200 acres, part of the larger Connecticut River Farmland Protection Program

**2004 Grants**

**Caledonia County Natural Resources Conservation District** was awarded **\$49,763** to work with landowners to protect and improve their riparian corridor along a 2-mile section of the Passumpsic River from Lyndonville to East Burke, Vermont

**Town of Colebrook** received **\$80,000** to support the purchase and protection of a 79-acre parcel along the Connecticut River and design recreational facilities

**Connecticut River Joint Commissions** received **\$32,600** to support a completion of a fluvial geomorphology assessment of the 85 miles of Connecticut River from Murphy Dam in Pittsburg, NH to Gilman Dam in Lunenburg/Dalton

**The Conservation Fund** was awarded **\$20,000** to support acquisition of conservation easements along the Connecticut River between Lake Francis and Moore Reservoir

**Coos County** received **\$8,900** to implement a shoreland protection project along the Connecticut River at the County Farm using bioengineering techniques

**Town of Hanover/Hanover Conservation Council/Dartmouth College/Pine Park Assn.** received **\$33,800** to implement a restoration plan for portions of Girl Brook in Hanover, pursuant to an MEF-funded study

**Town of Littleton** was awarded **\$25,000** to support the Ammonoosuc River Corridor Assessment and Enhancement project in seven towns

**North Country Council** received **\$33,001** to continue and expand a three-year Vernal Pools Inventory and Education Project in a 13-town area (from Pittsburg to Haverhill) and develop school curriculum about vernal pools

**Profile School** received **\$24,850** to identify culverts, bridges and dams within the Ammonoosuc River watershed that prevent the movement of adult and juvenile salmonids through such structures

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**Strafford Conservation Commission** was awarded **\$11,000** to develop a riparian restoration program along the Ompompanoosuc River between Strafford and South Strafford, Vermont

**Upper Valley Land Trust** received **\$250,000** to support permanent conservation of 3 parcels of farmland containing 285 acres along the Connecticut River in Bath, NH and Fairlee, VT and the Wells Rivers in Newbury, VT

**Upper Valley Land Trust** also received **\$24,000** to support operating and stewardship costs associated with conservation easement donations on at least 4 parcels with Connecticut River frontage in Orford, NH

**Upper Valley Land Trust** also was awarded **\$11,000** to support permanent conservation and public access on a 10-acre parcel on the White River in Royalton, Vermont

**2003 Grants**

**Caledonia County Natural Resources Conservation District** received **\$23,285** to support working with landowners to reestablish a natural stream corridor along a two-mile stretch of the East Branch of the Passumpsic River from northern Lyndonville to East Burke

**Connecticut River Watershed Council** received **\$14,500** to support a community education program on the benefits of removal of unused, unusable dams for river habitat restoration

**Connecticut River Watershed Council** also received **\$5,000** for planning, engineering and community outreach related to removal of Lower Eaton Dam from the First Branch of the White River

**Coos County** was awarded **\$10,000** for a fluvial geomorphic assessment and restoration design for an section of eroding riverbank along the County Farm

**Town of Hanover** received **\$5,000** for planning and public awareness to assess restoration and enhancement options for Girl Brook

**Johns River Conservation Group** was awarded **\$5,000** to assess salmonid habitat on the Johns River in Whitefield to promote removal of a dam

**Lancaster Conservation Commission** received **\$8,040** for evaluation of the effects of an Israel River dam on ice control, river flow, aquatic life and fish migration

**Lyndon State College** received **\$21,681** for a comprehensive inventory of plants and selected insect groups along the northern Connecticut River for use with other information to guide strategies to restore the streambed and stream banks

**Town of Newbury** was awarded **\$40,000** for pre-acquisition planning to acquire and restore an important parcel along the north bank of the Wells River

**North Country Council** was awarded **\$24,000** for a two-year project to inventory vernal pools along the Connecticut River floodplain in 13 NH towns (from Pittsburg to Haverhill) and develop school curriculum about vernal pools

**Norwich Conservation Commission** received **\$2,795** to draft a plan to restore and manage a riparian forest

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**Passumpsic Valley Land Trust** received **\$25,000** for a feasibility and engineering study of possible removal of the East Burke mill dam

**Passumpsic Valley Land Trust** also received **\$10,250** to complete an inventory of shoreland owners and initiate a landowner contact program along the main stem and East Branch of the Passumpsic River between Newark and East Barnet

**Upper Valley Land Trust** received **\$150,000** to support protection of 7 parcels involving 700 acres of ecologically sensitive farmland along the Connecticut and Ammonoosuc Rivers in Bath, Piermont, and Haverhill, N.H.

**Vermont Leadership Center** received **\$16,145** to support the NE Kingdom Conservation Service Corps' effort to complete a restoration project along the Sleepers River

**White River Partnership** received **\$23,074** to support riparian restoration projects along the Middle and First Branches of the White River