



## State Conservation Committee

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The Honorable Andrew Renzullo  
Chairman, Conservation Number Plate Advisory Committee  
c/o House Resources, Recreation and Development Committee  
Legislative Office Building, Room 305  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Representative Renzullo;

Pursuant to RSA 261:97, the State Conservation Committee has attached its FY11 Conservation License Plate annual report for your information and use. The report provides a status of the projects funded by the Conservation Number Plate funds from the State Conservation Committee.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

James Raynes, Chair  
State Conservation Committee

**State Conservation Committee Report  
Conservation Number License Plate Grant Program  
Fiscal Year 2011**

The State Conservation Committee (SCC) is pleased to submit its annual report to the Conservation Number Plate Advisory Committee (CNPAC). This report includes the following information: 1) amount of proceeds received under RSA 261:97; 2) total funds expended; and 3) accomplishments achieved during the preceding fiscal year with proceeds from the fund.

1) Amount of proceeds received under RSA 261:97: \$239,823.50

2) Total funds expended FY11: \$238,486.50

3) Accomplishments achieved during the preceding fiscal year with proceeds from the fund. A total of twelve (12) Conservation License Plate Grants were awarded in FY 2011, awarding a total of \$236,062. The successful Conservation License Plate 2011 grant applicants leveraged \$3,630,645 in other funds, and were geographically located throughout the state. Projects fulfilled at least one of the six program areas of the Conservation License Plate Grant Program:

- Preserve, protect and conserve water quality and water quantity.
- Restore, enhance or conserve wildlife habitat.
- Reduce, prevent and/or manage soil erosion and/or flooding.
- Planning, implementing and using Best Management Practices for agriculture, forestry or storm water management.
- Conservation planning that accomplishes a conservation project or outcome.
- Permanent land protection through conservation easement or fee purchase.

The 2011 State Conservation Commission Conservation License Plate Grant recipients are as follows:

1. Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust

Grant Award: \$30,000

Project: Battles Farm

Municipality: Bradford; County: Merrimack

Description: Contribute funds to permanently protect through conservation easement purchase the 143 acre Battles Farm property.

2. Town of Brentwood Conservation Commission

Grant Award: \$12,885

Project: Exeter River Water Quality Improvements at Rowell Road West

Municipality: Brentwood; County: Rockingham

Description: Water quality and river bank impairments addressed through multiple approaches.

3. Cheshire County Conservation District

Grant Award: \$32,252

Project: Cheshire County No-Till Farming Initiative

Municipality: Harrisville, Keene, Marlborough, Nelson, Walpole, Westmoreland, Winchester;

County: Merrimack

Description: Purchase and loan out a no-till grass drill that will enable farmers to use no-till farming practices to establish pasture and hay seedlings, reducing erosion impacts.

4. Green Mountain Conservation Group

Grant Award: \$15,000

Project: Youth Coalition for Clean Water

Municipality: Effingham; County: Carroll

Description: Engage youth in stewardship of region's shared water resources through water quality research, storm water mitigation, BMP projects, public outreach.

5. Monadnock Conservancy

Grant Award: \$21,075

Project: Shattuck Farm

Municipality: Jaffey; County: Cheshire

Description: Contribute funds to permanently protect through the purchase of a conservation easement the 126-acre Shattuck Farm.

6. New Hampshire Lakes

Grant Award: \$12,800

Project: Lake-Friendly Landscaping to Protect Clough Pond

Municipality: Loudon; County: Merrimack

Description: Train volunteers from Merrimack Valley High School to implement lake-friendly BMPs for landscaping to reduce storm water runoff into the pond.

7. Rockingham County Conservation District

Grant Award: \$25,000

Project: Goss Farm Restoration

Municipality: Rye; County: Rockingham

Description: Implement conservation practices at Goss Farm including site preparations to result in establishing a Community Supported Agriculture and community gardens program.

8. Society for the Protection of NH Forests

Grant Award: \$20,000

Project: Black Mountain Forest Acquisition

Municipality: Warner, Sutton; County: Merrimack

Description: Contribute funds to purchase and permanently conserve a 1,025-acre parcel that abuts Mr. Kearsarge State Forest.

9. Southern NH Resource Conservation and Development Council

Grant Award: \$7,200

Project: NH Healthy Soils Project

Municipality: Manchester, Goffstown, Concord, Dunbarton; County: Hillsboro and Merrimack

Description: Address critical soil health issues in ten urban farming operations including conducting soil sampling & lab analysis, develop & implement conservation plans, educate farmers on best management practices.

10. Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire

Grant Award: \$30,000

Project: Hampton Meadow Farm

Municipality: Hampton; County: Rockingham

Description: Contribute funds to permanently protect through conservation easement purchase on the 125-acre Shattuck Farm.

11. Town of Strafford

Grant Award: \$4,850

Project: Discovery Community

Installing Water Quality Practices on Trails in the Isinglass Conservation Reserve

Municipality: Strafford; County: Strafford

Description: Correct erosion problems on the access trails and other areas impacted by public use.

12. Trust for Public Land,

Grant Award: \$25,000

Project: Albany Town Forest

Municipality: Albany, Conway; County: Carroll

Description: Contribute funds to purchase and permanently conserve a 302-acre parcel that will become the Town of Albany town forest.