# **Education Internship**

From May to August, we had the pleasure to work with Elyse Scott, a graduate student at Antioch, Stevens High School Alum, and Claremont resident. Elyse worked with partner organizations leading Place-based Ecology Education and led a 4 week nature study rotation at Claremont & Newport Summer Learning programs. We are thankful for the 245 hours of service to Sullivan County students.

## Upper Valley Teaching Place Collaborative (UVTPC)

SCCD serves on the Steering Committee for the UVTPC, a network of a network of education professional development providers and practitioners who work together to advance high-quality place-based and ecological education (PBEE) in all Upper Valley Schools.

#### **Cresent Lake Association Partnership**

The District worked with many partners to plan and promote a Lake Smart event in Unity for Crescent Lake residents and neighbors. Over 100 people attended the event.



#### Claremont Growers Collective

The District serves as the fiscal sponsor of the Claremont Growers Collective, a group of growers and local food advocates whose mission is to revitalize the local food system of Sullivan County and beyond. Current CGC projects include the launch of the CGC website, which features an interactive map of the network's members and products (https://www.claremontgrowers.org/).

# Street Tree Program

This program is aimed at increasing shade trees in urban areas. This year, in collaboration with Claremont residents Jonathan Nelson and Dakin Burdick, SCCD coordinated a street tree planting on East Pleasant Street between Bible Hill and South streets. A community-building event, volunteers, homeowners and local Girl Scouts worked together to plant 22 native shade trees. Site suitability was determined in consultation with the Claremont Planning & Development and Public Works Departments.

# **OUR MISSION**

We promote the conservation and responsible use of our natural and agricultural resources for the people of Sullivan County by connecting residents to resources, experts, and funding opportunities and through place-based ecology education.





Sullivan County Conservation District

# 2023 Highlights

**SUPPORT Local Agriculture** 



**CONSERVE** Natural Resources



**PROMOTE** Place-based Education



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### Abenaki Partnership

SCCD was able to help the Koasek tribe to complete the driveway and parking area, ensure property boundaries, promote the Snow Snake Games and lead a trash clean-up that 25 community members participated in.

### Climate Resilience Grant Program

The NH County Conservation Districts launched this farm viability program to improve the resilience of NH farms in the face of extreme weather events and a changing climate. This year, a total of \$30,000 was granted to Winter Street Farm to support their community composting system, Hilltop Farm to install solar, Dancing Bear Farm to support silviculture practices, and Beaver Pond Farm to increase water accessibility. Learn more about their projects on the SCCD website.