



Sullivan County Conservation District

2021 Highlights

SUPPORT Local Agriculture



CONSERVE Natural Resources



PROMOTE Place-based Education



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National Pollinator Week

Cheshire County Conservation District partnered with us to celebrate this week with an iNaturalist pollinator bioblitz, garden pollinator scavenger hunt, and moth lighting evening. 26 observers made 155 observations and 86 species were identified. Leanne Mortell of Unity made the most observations in Sullivan County.

Stream Table back in Action

The Unity Conservation Commission borrowed the Stream Table for Unity Old Home Day to demonstrate the power of water on landscapes. It was brought to Blow Me Down Farm at Saint Gaudens NHP the same week where local middle school students used it to model communities along the CT River and try out designs to prevent erosion during heavy precipitation events.

Community Garden Irrigation System

The solar panel and pump are doing just what was hoped, and water pressure is very good. The system runs more than 6 gallons per minute and two spigots can run simultaneously without any significant loss of flow. Thanks goes to the New England Grassroots Environment Fund and to Norm Sanville for installing the system.

Nature Study with SAU6 (Claremont)

Over the summer, SCCD's Education and Outreach Specialist, Dawn Dextraze, led a nature study rotation for about 160 K-5 kids. They learned about flowers, fungi, insects, salamanders, and frogs while exploring wetlands, fields, and forests. This was through a partnership with SAU6 and Claremont Parks n Rec.

Spring Plant Sale

Thank you to those who volunteered or bought plants at our annual fundraiser. We were able to donate \$1200 towards the Cornish Fair's new Dairy Barn and complete pruning the mature apple trees in the North Charlestown Community School Orchard because of your generosity



Claremont Growers Collective

SCCD is assisting and supporting a new group named the Claremont Growers Collective, whose mission is to strengthen the local food network in and around Claremont. The group seeks to benefit food growers, sellers, and eaters, and all are welcome to join. Founding members include Winter Street Farm and the Claremont Spice Shop.

Abenaki Partnership

The Ko'asek Band of the Abenaki has recently acquired land in Claremont that they are planning to develop into a cultural and education center. The Conservation District is partnering with the tribe to support this work. In the future, as the cultural center takes shape, the District looks forward to collaborating with the tribe on workshops about traditional and sustainable uses of the area's native plants for food, medicine and fiber.

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.

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