

## School to Farm Day

Around 200 4<sup>th</sup> graders and their teachers learned about local agriculture at the County Complex in Unity last spring. School to Farm Day is a program of NH Ag in the Classroom that the District brings to the County each year, in partnership with the Sullivan County Farm Bureau. A big thank you to all who volunteer their time each year for this fun event.

## Parks for Every Classroom (PEC)

The District serves as the PEC community partner for Saint Gaudens National Historical Park in Cornish. We help with teacher workshops, STEAM Camp, and participate in monthly trainings and a summer workshop.

## NH Envirothon (NHE)

NHE turned 30 this year! Envirothon is a hands-on environmental problem-solving competition for middle and high school-aged students. In 2022, over 77 NH students participated. Goffstown High School took 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Dawn Dextraze is on the Steering Committee and acts as the Forestry Resource Team leader. Training is available.



## 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 enrolling local producers and provisioners, promoting members through an online directory, and hosting quarterly community gatherings.

## Abenaki Partnership

This summer, the District partnered with the Ko'asek Band of the Abenaki and the Upper Valley Land Trust to host a basketweaving demonstration at the Sullivan County Eco Ag Center. Over 50 people came to learn the steps involved in making ash baskets: they took a turn pounding a soaked ash log, tried their hand at weaving paper, and watched as the Boles Family skillfully demonstrated this traditional craft.

## 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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## 2022 Highlights

**SUPPORT** Local Agriculture



**CONSERVE** Natural Resources



**PROMOTE** Place-based Education



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## **Climate Resilience Grant Pilot Program**

The NH County Conservation Districts have launched a farm viability program to improve the resilience of NH farms in the face of the changing climate. In our pilot funding round over the summer, both Bascom Road Blueberry Farm in Newport and Winter Street Farm in Claremont received grants. A new grant round will be announced soon.

## **Street Tree Pilot Program**

The District successfully piloted a Street Tree Program aimed at increasing shade trees in urban areas. This year, co-led by Claremont resident Jonathan Nelson, the Street Tree Program planted 9 native shade trees on Myrtle Street between Pleasant and Pearl Streets. Site suitability was determined in consultation with the Claremont Planning & Development and Public Works Departments.