



ANNUAL REPORT

2018 - 2019



Provided paid apprenticeships to four recent college grads to foster career development in agriculture and conservation through the Job Jump Start Program



Launched (4) new websites to promote program services offered to communities and farmers: ctert.org, ctfarmenergy.org, newenglandfarmenergy.org, agvocatect.org,



Celebrating

50 years of CT RC&D
50 years of Environmental Review Team Program
10 years of CT Farm Energy Program



To apply to be a team member, visit ctert.org/apply

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW TEAM PROGRAM

Providing no-fee natural resource inventories for Connecticut municipalities and land trusts

3

SPECIAL
PROJECTS

Air Line Trail Master Plan
CT River Hydrilla Survey
ERT Online Interactive Maps

26

TOWNS
SERVED

27

EXPERT
VOLUNTEERS

Equating to \$20,250
in volunteer time
value to the State of
Connecticut

milestones

\$2.7M

direct REAP grants
+ loans secured

\$17M

installed energy projects
in Connecticut since 2010

For every \$1 of USDA funding received, the CT Farm Energy Program generates \$31 of total project value!

IMPROVED FARMERS' ACCESS TO INNOVATIVE EQUIPMENT

2

NEW HUBS FOR
NO-TILL & COVER
CROP EQUIPMENT

8

FARMS GIVEN
ACCESS TO TIME
AND \$ SAVING
EQUIPMENT



A Message from the Board

The hallmark of the RC&D Program, both nationally and especially in Connecticut, has been the ability to adapt to the changing times. Over the decades, the needs of Connecticut's communities have changed, and RC&D has consistently been able to adjust its focus to serve those communities with innovative and creative local solutions.

The past year demonstrated yet again that Connecticut RC&D is up to the task. In an increasingly difficult time for grass-roots nonprofit agencies, we have made significant advancements in moving the organization forward. The Board approved a major update to its bylaws, which includes a restructuring of the Board organization. This change increases opportunities with additional positions for at-large members and will allow broader input into programs and outreach, with a growth focus on council financial and policy decisions. Along with this restructuring, the Board ramped up its membership recruitment efforts and is seeking to increase the diversity, equity, and expertise in Council leadership.

From a program standpoint, the RC&D Council continues to shine. The ERT Program continues its reinvention with targeted service to municipalities and land trusts and is set to begin an innovative, 12-town master plan for the Air Line State Park Trail as well as facilitating a 12-town and stakeholder initiative to survey CT River invasive aquatic vegetation. The CT Farm Energy and Soil Health Programs were repeatedly recognized for their excellence and service to the state's agricultural community. The Tour des Farms had a successful second year in its return to the state, visiting the farms throughout Woodstock, Pomfret, and Brooklyn.

Led by an outstanding staff and supported by a Board and network of partners that seek to be responsive to local needs, RC&D will continue to find ways to make Connecticut's rural places thrive.

FINANCIALS



income

Grants	\$477,000.00
Investments	\$35,500.00
Fundraising & Events	\$25,000.00
Total Income:	\$537,500.00

expenses

Programs	\$489,000.00
Administrative	\$84,000.00
Fundraising & Events	\$15,400.00
Total Expenses:	\$588,400.00



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