

# CONNECTICUT RIVER WATERSHED

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**Project Name:** Connecticut River Watershed

**Project Type:**

- Acquisition/Easement/Protection
- Large Landscapes
- Recreation, Education, and Youth
- Urban

**Project Description:** The Connecticut River Project spans the states of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, and New Hampshire as the River travels over 410 miles from the Canadian border

to Long Island Sound. The Connecticut River Watershed Project and the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge support landscape level conservation, environmental education, and recreation partnerships. These partnerships have helped make significant strides towards promoting habitat connectivity and resulted in the creation of quality opportunities to reconnect people to the Connecticut River through an expanding network of public and private access points within a mosaic of approximately two million acres of conserved land.



*U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*

**Lead Federal Agencies:**

- Department of the Interior
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Transportation
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Environmental Protection Agency

**Non-Federal Partners**

- Friends of the Silvio O. Conte Refuge
- Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- States of Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Vermont
- Other local and non-profit partners

**Outcomes for 2012:**

- Partner with the Natural Resources Conservation Service on landowner assistance
- Work with partners to plan, fund, and execute aquatic species passage restoration
- Complete the Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the Silvio O. Conte Refuge in consultation with the public, partners, and in support of wildlife action plan
- Develop outreach and educational opportunities through the Watershed on Wheels Express, the “Conte Corner,” and the “Adopt a Habitat” initiative
- Establish an agreement among the Silvio O. Conte Refuge, Connecticut River Watershed Council, and the Friends of Silvio O. Conte Refuge to develop partnerships with new members of the federal family within the watershed
- Acquire habitat in the Salmon and Eight-mile River watersheds as part of the Refuge
- Establish a 400-mile Connecticut River water trail with river access and camp sites