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Message From Roylene Rides at the Door, State Conservationist



Another year comes to an end in Rhode Island and much has taken place over this time. The office has undergone a dramatic remodel and the relocation of staff throughout the office has resulted in a more efficient way of getting the work accomplished, while also resulting in an increase in the team approach of dealing with the daily tasks and/or functions of the staff.

During the summer months, a number of temporary positions assisted the staff in working towards our goals for the fiscal year. The efforts of our team resulted in over \$1.6 million of conservation put on the ground, which was over twice the amount that was implemented in fiscal year 2005.

The staff had trouble throughout the year with staff leaving to pursue other experiences and the hiring of a Soil Conservationist, Hydraulic Engineer, and Civil Engineer to fill the vacancies. The staff was hit hard with the passing of the public affairs specialist's husband, who was a conservation leader in Rhode Island where he served as the chairperson of the Eastern Rhode Island Conservation District (ERICD), member of the state conservation committee, and a member of various other conservation committees and groups. He will be missed greatly.

On a positive note, the staff efforts on addressing the monthly open obligation reports resulted in slightly over 90% of the contracted conservation practices being on schedule. In addition, our conservation goals were met and exceeded in all instances.

I hope you enjoy Rhode Island NRCS's activity report for this quarter.



ROYLENE RIDES AT THE DOOR
State Conservationist

Upper Narragansett Bay - Salisbury Farms

Article by DEM and submitted by Michael Merrill, District Conservationist

The Department of Environmental Management (DEM) and the US Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announced the acquisition of farmland development rights to the 30-acre Salisbury Farm in Johnston, bringing the total number of farmland acres protected in the "farm loop" of western Cranston, Johnston, and Scituate to over 540 acres. (see map)

The announcement was made at the farm, attended by state and local officials and agricultural preservationists. Speakers included Wayne Salisbury, owner of the farm, Roylene Rides at the Door, State Conservationist with the NRCS, Everett Stuart, chair of the state's Agricultural Land Preservation Commission, and W. Michael Sullivan, Ph.D., Director of DEM.

"As the pressures of development continue to erode active farmland throughout the state, it is increasingly important for the state and its many partners to continue to preserve Rhode Island's farm heritage for future generations," Sullivan said. "The acquisition of farmland development rights to the Salisbury Farm in this open and scenic farm corridor so close to the metropolitan Providence area, the most densely populated area of the state, is particularly gratifying."

"Growing up on a ranch-farm myself, I understand the importance of this celebration - we are celebrating the preservation of a family farm," said State Conservationist Roylene Rides at the Door. "This collaboration has ensured the continuation of the Salisbury Farm for many future generations."

The Salisbury property is just over the Cranston line from the DEM-owned and protected Ringrose (Urban Edge) Farm operated by the Southside Community Land Trust, and is in close proximity to a number of other protected farms in the area, including DiMuccio Farm, Confreda Farm, Holscher Farm (Good Earth), Domenicone Farm, and the Knight Farms in Cranston and Scituate. A number of partners, including, in the case of Ringrose, the Champlin Foundations, made protection of Ringrose and the others possible.

The farm is located in an area where land preservation began over 50 years ago in order to save important natural resources. The nearby 267-acre Curran State Park was acquired by the Kent County Water Authority in the 1950s to provide a public drinking water supply. The undeveloped park was transferred to DEM in 1967 and became the cornerstone of open space preservation in the area. Salisbury farm operates as a small fruit and vegetable farm, growing strawberries, raspberries, corn, and pumpkins. A corn maze, currently open to the public, is also located at the farm. The property was originally operated as a dairy farm and has been farmed by the Salisbury family since the 1860s.

The agriculture industry has always been important to Rhode Island, both in economic value and in contributing to the livability of Rhode Island communities. Farming is an integral part of the state's economy and provides a valuable contribution to Rhode Island's open space and quality of life. Currently, Rhode Island has 858 farms, mostly family run, which occupy 61,000 acres. To date, 72 farms, totaling 5,095 acres, have been protected through Rhode Island's farmland bond funds in partnership with other organizations.



Lower Narragansett Bay

by Kathleen Giorgi, Biologist

Watching the Grass Grow

This past spring the old fields at the Kingston Wildlife Research Station, an Audubon Property, were cleared of the heavy brush that had engulfed them and the ground was sown with native warm season grasses and wildflowers. Warm season grasses, as the name implies, like it warm. These grasses tend to germinate later in the season and do not flower until late summer, as opposed to the cool season grasses typical of most pastures and haylands, which rapidly grow in the cooler weather of spring and fall, but shut down during the height of summer. Meadows with warm season grasses provide valuable wildlife habitat. By flowering later in the year, the seeds of these grasses provide a food source for many birds at a time when they need to fatten up for fall migration. In addition, warm season grasses tend to grow in bunches, leaving space for an array of wildflowers, which offer seeds, nectar and pollen to birds, bees and a variety of other species.

Upon a recent site visit, I was very pleased to see flowers of big bluestem, Indian grass, and switch grass amid both seeded wildflowers as well as numerous weeds. While the grasses certainly did not dominate the site, they were present and for the first year that has to be expected. Warm season grasslands typically take several years to truly be established, as they are initially putting much of their energy into establishing good root systems that enable them to thrive in those hot and dry conditions of summer. With a proper mowing schedule, in a few years, those sparse clumps of warm season grasses will become well established and a meadow rich in diversity will take hold.

Lower Narragansett Bay

by Jessie Dyer

Mammal Survey with the Narragansett Indian Tribe

In a partnership with the Narragansett Indian Tribe and the University of Rhode Island, a small mammal survey was conducted on the Onion Barn Tribal property in Charlestown, RI. The survey was done in an effort to document small mammal biodiversity at Indian Cedar Brook before and after riparian/wetland restoration. The Narragansett Indian Tribe is being funded through EQIP to restore forested riparian buffer zones and manage invasive *Phragmites* along Indian Cedar Brook.

Within the next year, the area will be treated for the removal of *Phragmites* and to restore culturally significant Black Ash trees to tribal lands. The survey was conducted from August 13th to August 29th. 45 Sherman traps, 4 large Tomahawk, and 4 small Tomahawk traps were set up on three acres of the property. Four ten by ten meters grids were created in four different areas of the site including a riparian buffer zone, wet meadow, forested wetland, and emergent wetlands dominated by *Phragmites*. The traps were checked twice daily with the help of NRCS personnel and tribal members.

Once a capture occurred, the lengths of the mammal's right hind foot, right ear, tail, and body were documented. Age and sex were determined and the animal was marked with a unique symbol in order to identify the animal in the event of a recapture.

The riparian buffer zone proved to have the greatest species richness and evenness with 31 total captures and 5 different mammal species. The rest of the results are summarized on the chart below.



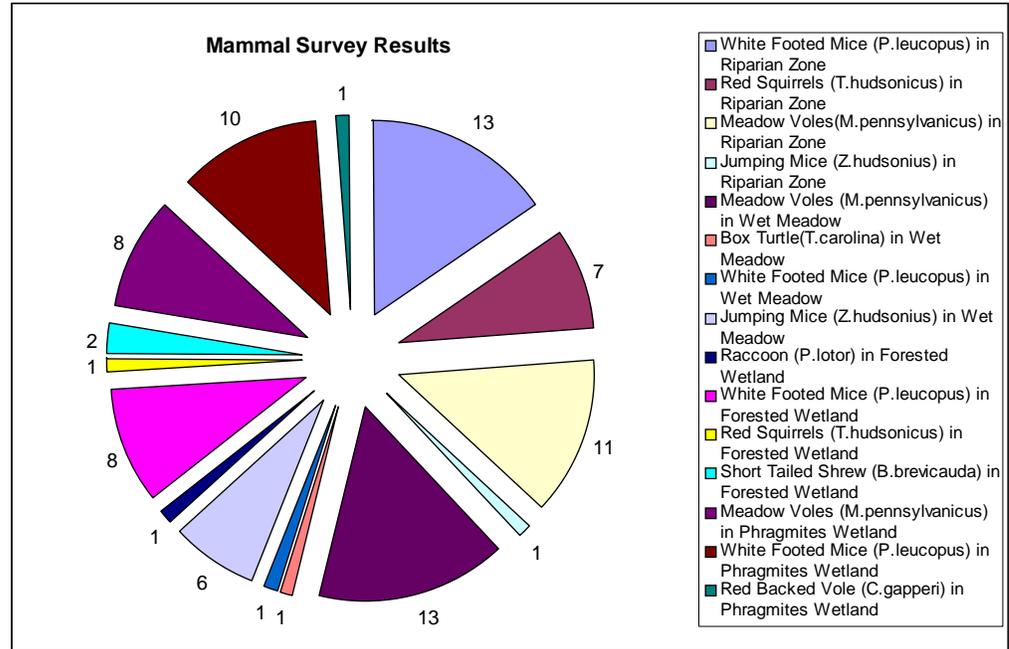
Jumping Mouse
Mark/Release
Marking



Red Squirrel in Tomahawk Trap



Raccoon in tomahawk trap



Economics - Happenings

by Reena Shaw, Economist

The Rhode Island State Office is happy to report that our cost data sheets for five specified practices passed the preliminary review process conducted by the National Office, with no further modifications requested. All states were required to submit cost data sheets for five specified practices which included Waste Storage Facility – (313), Fence – (382), Pasture and Hayland Planting – (512), Cover Crop – (340), and Nutrient Management – (590). Rhode Island NRCS currently does not provide incentive payments for Cover Crops, so a cost data sheet for this practice was not required or submitted.

The Practice Payment Schedule is part of a new process that will provide clients an incentive payment to install a conservation practice or begin using conservation management strategies. This new process will begin in FY 2008 and will be in lieu of the traditional cost share method that the agency has used in previous years.

The first formal draft of the cost data sheets was provided to members of the Rhode Island State Technical Team (STT) for review and comment at the State Technical Team meeting in August. The State Economist and RC&D Coordinator have since worked with members of the STT to further define some of the forestry practices. The final version of the Practice Payment Schedule will be presented to the STT at the next meeting schedule for October.

NEPA - Environmental Assessment Flow Diagrams

by Reena Shaw, Economist

The Notice of Availability (NOA) for the New England Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was published in the Federal Register on May 8, 2007.

Staff training on how to best use the flow diagram tools that are provided within this EA to meet NEPA standards for environmental review during the planning process are currently underway. Our office plans to begin using this new tool in FY 2008. This new tool will not be outwardly noticeable to clients or partners with which we work, but will further streamline the planning process for our field staff while still meeting NEPA standards



Ecological Sciences

by Andrew Lipsky, State Biologist

USDA NRCS was proud to host the only offering of the NEDC Fish and Wildlife Habitat Management Course in Rhode Island for USDA NRCS employees from throughout the Northeast on August 20-24, 2007. Over 35 students from CT, RI, MA, VT, ME, NH, and NY participated with instructors from throughout the Northeast, Northwest and Southeastern US. Students participated in field and classroom exercises from topics ranging from shellfish habitat restoration to managing for American woodcock. The course was an overwhelming success based upon the formal and informal feedback we have received.

NRCS extends special thanks to our partners, who assisted in teaching various section topics of the course: US Fish and Wildlife Service, RIDEM Fish and Wildlife, Save The Bay, USEPA, Providence Water Supply Board, Roger Williams University, The Wildlife Management Institute, and Ducks Unlimited.

The course exposed NRCS employees to creative approaches to implementing fish and wildlife restoration as well as experiential teaching of fish and wildlife ecological theory. The main purpose of the course was to provide NRCS students with a detailed working knowledge of fish and wildlife habitat management techniques to improve their ability to work with landowners who are interested in implementing fish and wildlife projects. Day long field/indoor workshops were held on these major topics: Upland Habitats-focusing on forest conservation practices and early successional habitat restoration; Migratory Fish Passage Restoration; and Coastal Wetland Restoration Techniques (coastal marsh and eelgrass restoration)

As part of the weeklong course, NRCS worked with Save The Bay on August 22 to participate/learn successful techniques for restoring under water eelgrass habitats, a habitat crucial for commercial and recreational fisheries and in global decline, at Fort Getty, Jamestown RI. NBC Channel 10 covered this portion of the training in an excellent segment of its Watershed Report (<http://nesoil.com/Video.htm>)



Earth Team Volunteer Program (ETVP) - Update

by Michelle Moore, Acting State Volunteer Program Coordinator

Samantha Moore and Danielle Rotella are our newest volunteer. They have come in to help with various clerical duties. Danielle is volunteering to earn her community service hours for her conformation. With the upcoming Apple Festival in Johnston, I will have Samantha assisting with outreach efforts. Welcome to NRCS!

Engineering - Update

by Frank Vogel, Assistant State Engineer

Pocasset Floodplain Management Study (FPMS): A production order for 100 copies of the Floodplain Management Study was sent out to a local printer this month. Distribution to interested partners and the local communities is planned to be done at a public meeting (date still to be determined) to be held in coordination with the Town of Johnston and City of Cranston. Work continues on the Draft Watershed Plan to complete the economic analysis.

Fish Passage Projects: NRCS engineering staff has been working with engineering consultants on several fish passage projects planned for the Blackstone River. Rising Sun Mills fish passage is currently under construction with anticipated completion no later than November 2007.

Engineering Services: One of the more innovative projects that were recently completed this summer was an aquaculture wastewater system at American Mussel on Quonset Point. This project involved storing aquaculture waste and reusing it to clean shellfish cages. Construction was complete in June 2007.

Grazing Land Conservation Initiative (GLCI)

by Michael Merrill, GLCI Coordinator

The final review of the new "RI Grazing Plan Workbook" is complete and will be posted to the eFOTG soon. This "Workbook" is an Excel spreadsheet, originally developed in Vermont, will help planners and grazing-land operators create a written plan and help document decisions about their pasture management. Also, the Northeast version of the Pasture Condition Score (PCS) is being adopted and posted to eFOTG as developed by the East National Technical Service Center (ENTSC). RC&D and the Eastern RI Conservation District through the GLCI agreement with RC&D. are currently developing six grazing plans. A RI fact sheet is being developed on "What is a Grazing Plan?" through this agreement as well.

Farm Bill Programs - Update

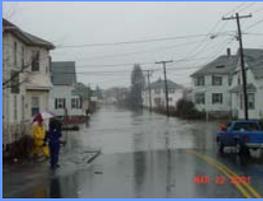
by Joseph Bachand, Resource Conservationist

Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program:

Rising Sun Mills Fish Ladder: The Woonasquatucket River Watershed Association in conjunction with 166 Valley Street LLC has begun construction of the Rising Sun Mills fish ladder. The Rising Sun Mills dam is the first dam on the Woonasquatucket River. Providing fish passage through this dam is the first phase in the restoration of anadromous fisheries in the Woonasquatucket River. In summer of 2008 the WRWC, City of Providence and other partners are hoping to provide fish passage through the Paragon Dam, Atlantic Mills Dam, and Dyerville Dam. Completing these projects will open up a significant portion of the Woonasquatucket River to herring and alewife.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program:

NRCS Rhode Island is continuing to accept EQIP applications for fiscal year 2008. Applications will be accepted until November 1, 2007. All applicants will have to provide all needed eligibility information by November 15, 2007. NRCS will be approving application by January 2008.



Operations

by Jackie Pashnik, Management Analyst

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

- Temporary appointments expired for summer help -- Christopher Musco, Cameron Musco, Michael Petrarca, and David Gold, effective September 30, 2007.
- Temporary appointment of Susan Smith, Biological Sciences Technician, was extended through June 2008.
- Jesse Bateman returned under the Student Career Program, effective September 4, 2007.
- Office Automation Assistant, GS-5, will be advertised and filled with proposed effective date of October 28, 2007. Michael Moorman will supervise this position.

Training, Conferences, and Meetings - update

by Jackie Pashnik, Management Analyst

- Pindell attended the URI Pest Management "Vegetable Twilight Meeting" to review techniques in perimeter trap crops and pest scouting.
- Scherer, Pindell, Boettger, Shaw, Vogel, Walter attended the Northeast Region Technology Workshop in Concord, NH
- All staff attended Diversity Day, a joint MA-RI program, in Leominster, MA.

Outreach and Communications-Happenings

by Michelle Moore, Acting State Public Affairs Specialist



Outreach Event	Date	People Reached
Washington County Fair	August 16-19	5,000
Farm Bill Outreach Workshop on NRCS Cost Share Programs	August 26	6
Salisbury media event	September 11	100
Farm Bill Outreach Workshop	September 12	20
Apple Fest, Johnston	September 22-23	1,000

Soils Program - Happenings

by Jim Turenne, Assistant State Soil Scientist

The MapCoast partnership has been working on employing its mapping protocol on Point Judith Pond. Over 50 soil cores have been described to date on the pond; other data collection includes water quality readings, underwater video on the pond bottom and acoustic and bathymetric mapping.

Four Soil Scientists from the National Soil Survey Center located in Lincoln Nebraska visited Rhode Island and Connecticut and participated in a tour of our subaqueous soil mapping operations. The crew visited Little





Narragansett Bay, Ninigret Pond and the URI Soils Department where research is being conducted. The tour ended at the Coastal Institute and Graduate School of Oceanography to look at soil cores from submerged environments. The purpose of the tour was to inform the participants on our data collection, help build interpretations for subaqueous soils and determine how to address the classification system in Soil Taxonomy.

A Ground-Penetrating Radar survey was conducted on Lime Rock Pond in Smithfield, RI. The GPR survey was conducted to help with plans to restore the wetlands in the pond and determine the type of soil occurring in the pond.

Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D)

by Chris Modisette, RC&D Coordinator

Event	Date
RC&D Council Meeting	July 11, 2007
RI Monthly Best of RI Award Ceremony	July 19, 2007.
Forestry & Wood Expo. Mtg.	July 19, 2007
RI Christmas Tree Growers Assoc. meeting	July 24, 2007
RIFCO meeting	August 7, 2007
Rhody Warm Committee meeting	August 8, 2007
NE RC&D Conference meeting w/Eastern CT RC&D	August 9, 2007
Washington County Fair Display	August 16-19, 2007
Foster Old Home Days	August 18-19, 2007
Envirothon celebration for Norm Hammond	August 24, 2007
RI Tree Farm Committee meeting	Sept. 6, 2007
Rhody Warm Committee meeting	Sept. 6, 2007
FRPP Celebration at Salisbury Farm, Johnston	Sept. 11, 2007
Burrillville Conservation Commission	Sept. 11, 2007
Burrillville Farmers Market – Rhody Warm	July 14, 21, 28 August 4, 11, 18, 25 Sept. 1, 2007
13 events with approx. 3,400 people	

Governor Carcieri declares September 23-28, 2007 as RC&D Week Forest

The Rhode Island RC&D Council joins the 375 RC&D Councils across the country in celebrating "RC&D Week". RC&D week was declared in recognition of the anniversary of the designation of the first 10 RC&D areas. In the past 43 years, the program has grown from 10 designated areas to 375 designated areas that cover over 85% of the United States and its territories.

Grazing Land Conservation Initiative Agreement

The Council, through this agreement, provides technical assistance and educational opportunities to clients and grazing lands managers on behalf of and in coordination with NRCS and GLCI. The Council is working closely with NRCS and the eastern RI Conservation District to help grass-based farms address natural resource concerns while enhancing the economic



viability and social stability of grazing land enterprises. Six (6) Prescribed Grazing Plans are being prepared under this agreement.

Rhode Island Rural Fire Protection

State Forester Catherine Sparks had an opportunity to use an intern provided by the USDA Forest Service (USFS) to assist the Council with the development and distribution of the survey. Ana Colon was detailed to the RC&D Council from July 3-13, 2007. Ms. Colon completed the design of a survey on rural community fire protection needs. The survey is scheduled to be mailed to fire departments across the state in September 2007.

Working with Paul Dolan from RIDFE, we have scheduled two (2) chainsaw training session for rural fire department on September 22 and October 13, 2007. Each participating department will be supplied with a hardhat and a pair of chainsaw safety chaps. Approximately 20 firefighters attended the first training session held on September 22 at the Potterville Volunteer Fire department in Scituate, RI.

Twelve (12) dry-hydrant projects are currently in various stages of completion. Most are pending permitting approval from DEM Wetlands or the Coastal Resources Management Council.



RI River and Stream Continuity Project Meeting

Presentation to the Burrillville Conservation Commission on September 11, 2007 about the expansion of program into the Clear River Watershed in northern RI;

NRCS summer intern Michael Petrarca was hired to work with RC&D to continue the stream continuity project in the Queens River watershed. To date, Mike and Lawson Cary from Trout Unlimited have completed mapping in the Queens & Beaver River watersheds;

Mike conducted training in stream inventory methods with members of the Northern RI Chapter of Trout Unlimited on July 5, 2007 and has worked with them to map 167 potential stream barriers for the Clear River. Approximately 100 of these sites have been inventoried to date.

RC&D and NRCS have entered into an agreement to provide funds for continuation of Stream Continuity assessment into 2008. The Council is currently seeking a qualified individual to continue this work.

“Rhody Warm”

Rhody Warm selected as 2007 Best of Rhode Island Winner by Rhode Island Monthly Magazine. Harriet Powell and Irene Nebiker will attend a reception on July 19, 2007 sponsored by RI Monthly to recognize 2007 Best of RI winners.



- Designed new logo for 2007 blanket;
- Began development of business plan.
- Participated in the Burrillville farmers market during July and August
- Participated in the Foster Old Home Days in August;
- Participated in the Washington County Fair in August;
- Participated in the Big E – Eastern States Exposition;
- Wool arrived back at S&D Spinnery in MA in mid-August;
- Yarn was spun and 2007 blankets have been woven;
- A major article on the project appeared in all local editions of the providence Journal in September;



Blueways Alliance of Rhode Island

The RC&D Council has entered into discussions with the Rhode Island Blueways Alliance for RI RC&D about adopting the Blueways Project as a RC&D project and to serve as the fiscal agent to the Blueways Alliance of RI.

Forest Land Enhancement Program (FLEP)

RC&D provides administrative support for the FLEP program partnership between RI RC&D and RIDEM. One (1) landowner owning 200 acres received \$1,451 of cost-share assistance for the preparation of a forest stewardship plan.

Since 2003, the program has enrolled 5,543 acres of forestland involving 70 forest landowners who received \$51,775 of cost-share assistance.

Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control Training Session

The Southern New England Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society, the RI RC&D Council and the Patriot (MA) RC&D Council are co-sponsoring a series of review course and exams for certification as a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control. The second session was held on September 14, 2007 in Littleton. MA.

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

by Michelle Moore, Acting State Public Affairs Specialist

ITEM	DATE
Outreach workshop on NRCS Cost Share Programs, Laurel Grange	October 9
Outreach workshop on NRCS Cost Share Programs, ERICD Office	October 10
Outreach workshop on NRCS Cost Share Programs, Richmond Grange	October 11
Wood Expo	October 14

Performance Update

by Jackie Pashnik, Management Analyst

Statewide Performance Goals as of September 26, 2007:

Rhode Island NRCS Performance Measures	Program	Goal	Progress	Percent
Conservation plans written, acres	CTA	5,272	8,359	159%
	CTA-GLCI	100	190	190%
Watershed or area-wide conservation plans developed, number	CTA	1	1	100%
	RC&D	4	5	125%
	PL-06	1	1	100%
Soil surveys mapped or updated, acres	SOILS	5,000	5,000	100%
Cropland with conservation applied to improve soil quality, acres	AMA	25	26	104%
	CTA	137	306	223%
	EQIP	500	504	101%
Land with conservation applied to improve water quality, acres	CTA	1,800	2,729	152%
	CTA-GLCI	222	228	103%
	EQIP	500	710	142%
	WRP	74	74	100%
CNMP written, number	EQIP	9	9	100%
CNMP applied, number	EQIP	7	7	100%
Land with conservation applied to improve irrigation efficiency, acres	AMA	20	29	143%
	CTA	20	88	441%
	EQIP	150	230	154%
Grazing and forest land with conservation applied to protect and improve the resource base, acres	CTA	150	339	226%
	CTA-GLCI	200	240	120%
	EQIP	300	809	270%
Non-federal land with conservation applied to improve fish and wildlife habitat quality, acres	CTA	358	679	190%
	EQIP	350	1,033	295%
	GRP	20	62	311%
	WHIP	2,800	4,221	151%
Wetlands created, restored or enhanced, acres	CTA	200	2,461	1,231%
	WRP	30	37	123%
Farmland, forestland, and grazing lands protected by conservation easements, acres	FRPP	219	114	52%
	GRP	12	0	0%
Prime, unique, or important farmland protected by conservation easements, acres	FRPP	109	114	105%
Land and water resources benefited by RC&D projects, acres	RC&D	2,000	2,193	110%
Local businesses created in rural communities, number	RC&D	16	18	113%

Performance Goals for Bristol and Newport Counties, as of September 26, 2007

Rhode Island NRCS Performance Measures - ERICD	Net Progress	Program	Progress
Conservation plans written, acres	946	CTA	824
		CTA-GLCI	48
		WRP	74
Watershed or area-wide conservation plans developed, number	3	RC&D	3
Cropland with conservation applied to improve soil quality, acres	216	AMA	26
		CTA	108
		EQIP	83
Land with conservation applied to improve water quality, acres	532	AMA	26
		CTA	203
		CTA-GLCI	69
		EQIP	153
		WRP	74
		WHIP	7
CNMP written, number	4	EQIP	4
Land with conservation applied to improve irrigation efficiency, acres	83	EQIP	83
Grazing and forest land with conservation applied to protect and improve the resource base, acres	194	CTA	86
		CTA-GLCI	69
		EQIP	40
Non-federal land with conservation applied to improve fish and wildlife habitat quality, acres	59	EQIP	19
		WHIP	40
Wetlands created, restored or enhanced, acres	37	WRP	37
Farmland, forestland, and grazing lands protected by conservation easements, acres	80	FRPP	80
Prime, unique, or important farmland protected by conservation easements, acres	80	FRPP	80
Land and water resources benefited by RC&D projects, acres	1,500	RC&D	1,500
Local businesses created in rural communities, number	1	RC&D	1

Performance Goals for Providence County, as of September 26, 2007:

Rhode Island NRCS Performance Measures - NRICD	Net Progress	Program	Progress
Conservation plans written, acres	5,628	CTA	5,503
		CTA-GLCI	125
Cropland with conservation applied to improve soil quality, acres	4041	CTA	104
		EQIP	322
Land with conservation applied to improve water quality, acres	5671	AMA	7
		CTA	33
		CTA-GLCI	144
		EQIP	405
		WHIP	30
CNMP written, number	5	EQIP	5
CNMP applied, number	5	EQIP	5
Land with conservation applied to improve irrigation efficiency, acres	1391	AMA	24
		CTA	7
		CTA-GLCI	5
		EQIP	111
Grazing and forest land with conservation applied to protect and improve the resource base, acres	1,1041	CTA	184
		CTA-GLCI	144
		EQIP	701
		WHIP	117
Non-federal land with conservation applied to improve fish and wildlife habitat quality, acres	1,770	CTA	94
		CTA-GLCI	26
		EQIP	986
		WHIP	663
Farmland, forestland, and grazing lands protected by conservation easements, acres	34	FRPP	34
Prime, unique, or important farmland protected by conservation easements, acres	34	FRPP	34
Land and water resources benefited by RC&D projects, acres	0	RC&D	0
Local businesses created in rural communities, number	12	RC&D	12

¹ Includes progress reported under multiple programs

Performance Goals for Kent and Washington Counties, as of September 26, 2007:

Rhode Island NRCS Performance Measures - SRICD	Net Progress	Program	Progress
Conservation plans written, acres	4,248	CTA	2,032
		CTA-GLCI	16
		WRP	2,200
Watershed or area-wide conservation plans developed, number	4	CTA	1
		RC&D	3
		PL-06	1
Cropland with conservation applied to improve soil quality, acres	194	CTA	95
		EQIP	99
Land with conservation applied to improve water quality, acres	3,285 ²	AMA	5
		CTA	2,493
		CTA-GLCI	15
		EQIP	152
		WHIP	625
CNMP applied, number	2	EQIP	2
Land with conservation applied to improve irrigation efficiency, acres	122	AMA	5
		CTA	81
		EQIP	36
Grazing and forest land with conservation applied to protect and improve the resource base, acres	1,037	CTA	70
		CTA-GLCI	27
		EQIP	68
		GRP	52
		WHIP	832
Non-federal land with conservation applied to improve fish and wildlife habitat quality, acres	4,193	CTA	584
		EQIP	28
		GRP	62
		WHIP	3,518
Land and water resources benefited by RC&D projects, acres	693	RC&D	693
Local businesses created in rural communities, number	5	RC&D	5

² Includes progress reported under multiple programs