

40,950

ACRES OF CONSERVA-
TION PLANS WRITTEN

5,986

ACRES OF CROPLAND
WITH CONSERVATION
APPLIED TO IMPROVE
SOIL QUALITY

37,538

ACRES OF LAND WITH
CONSERVATION APPLIED
TO IMPROVE WATER
QUALITY

19,781

ACRES OF NON-FEDERAL
LAND WITH CONSER-
VATION APPLIED TO
IMPROVE FISH AND
WILDLIFE HABITAT
QUALITY

30,372

ACRES OF FOREST LAND
WITH CONSERVATION
APPLIED TO PROTECT
AND IMPROVE VEGETA-
TIVE CONDITION

2,296

ACRES OF FARMLAND,
FOREST LAND, AND
WETLANDS PROTECTED
BY CONSERVATION
EASEMENTS



Heavy use area before NRCS financial program assistance.



Heavy use area after NRCS financial program assistance.

\$18,088,859

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OBLIGATED IN
CONTRACTS AND EASEMENTS THROUGH
CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

44%

OF CONTRACTS AWARDED TO
BEGINNER, LIMITED RESOURCE, OR
SOCIALY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS

\$705,469

FUNDING 79 HIGH TUNNELS INCREAS-
ING NH LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION

Incentives for Private Land Conservation

*Fiscal Year 2010 Summary of
Assistance to Landowners*

*The mission of the Natural
Resources Conservation Service
(NRCS) is "Helping People Help
the Land".*

*This is accomplished by
providing services that enable
people to be good stewards of
their soil, water, air, and
related natural resources.*

*With our help, and the
help of our partners, people are
better able to conserve, main-
tain, or improve their natural
resources. The NRCS provides
technical and financial assis-
tance through numerous con-
servation contract and ease-
ment programs.*

*Fiscal year 2010 brought
significant funding into New
Hampshire for conservation
projects across the state. It
also presented additional
opportunities, as described in
the following pages.*

*This is due to the extra
effort and diligent work pro-
vided by New Hampshire NRCS
employees and conservation
partners.*

**FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM FUNDING
IN NEW HAMPSHIRE
IN 2010:
\$6,078,191**

**CTA:
\$1,443,932**

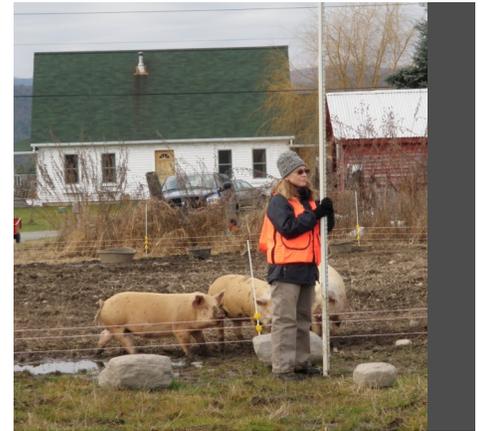
**AMA:
\$133,261
12 CONTRACTS**

**CSP
\$48,226
17 CONTRACTS**

CONSERVATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (CTA):

Provides technical assistance to help people conserve, maintain, and improve their natural resources including education, conservation planning design, and implementation assistance. CTA efforts in 2010 in NH included:

- Conservation plans written for 40,950 acres of land
- Conservation practices installed to improve water quality: over 37,538 acres
- Conservation Nutrient Management Plans: 11 written and 16 applied
- Conservation practices installed to benefit wildlife habitat: over 19,781 acres
- Over 1,688 acres of wetland enhanced due to installation of conservation practices



Technical Assistance for Conservation Programs

AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE (AMA):

Helps mitigate risk by providing financial assistance for implementing and maintaining approved conservation practices. Technical and financial assistance is provided through 1 to 10-year contracts.



Nutrient management practices

CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (CSP):

Supports ongoing stewardship of private, working agricultural lands. CSP encourages private land stewards to maintain and enhance conservation performance through additional conservation activities. Technical and financial assistance is provided through 5-year contracts.



Riparian Forest Buffer

NEW HAMPSHIRE 2010 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Access Road Before NRCS Assistance



Access Road After NRCS Assistance

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM (EQIP):

Helps landowners and operators protect water resources and address natural resource concerns on farms by conserving crop, grazing, and forest land. EQIP offers financial and technical assistance to help eligible participants install and maintain conservation practices on private land. All EQIP assistance is provided with conservation plans and contracts that are usually 13 months to 5 years in length. In addition to EQIP financial assistance, EQIP helped fund organic practices, high tunnels, air quality practices, pasture management, grazing practices, buffers, integrated pest management, and many other practices.

Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) were also funded under EQIP in 2010 helping to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies.

WILDLIFE HABITAT INCENTIVES PROGRAM (WHIP):

Is a voluntary program to improve wildlife habitat on working lands. WHIP helps private landowners establish and improve fish and wildlife habitat through technical and financial assistance under contracts that are usually 13 months to 5 years long. In 2010, a New England Forestry Initiative started to focus on the health of New Hampshire's forests.



WHIP helps improve fish and wildlife habitat and restores natural ecosystems



River flow before NRCS assistance with no fish passage

River flow after NRCS assistance with fish passage



**FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM FUNDING
IN NEW HAMPSHIRE
IN 2010:
454 CONTRACTS**

**EQIP:
\$4,866,216
304 CONTRACTS**

**WHIP:
\$1,030,488
84 CONTRACTS**

**CONSERVATION
 EASEMENT
 PROGRAM FUNDING
 IN NEW HAMPSHIRE
 IN 2010:
 \$12,010,668
 2,296 ACRES
 PROTECTED**

**WRP:
 \$9,454,463
 23 EASEMENTS
 AND WETLAND
 RESTORATIONS
 1,688 ACRES**

**FRPP:
 \$2,506,065
 8 EASEMENTS
 539 ACRES**

**GRP:
 \$50,140
 1 EASEMENT
 69 ACRES**

WETLANDS RESERVE PROGRAM (WRP):

Offers landowners the opportunity to protect, restore and enhance wetlands on their property and focuses on restoring hydrology and plants as well as protecting wildlife and migratory birds. NRCS provides technical and financial support to help landowners with their wetland restoration efforts. Floodplain forests and coastal marshes are among the types of wetlands restored through WRP. This program offers landowners an opportunity to conserve wetlands under permanent conservation easements as well as restoration agreements.



*Wetland Easement and Restoration
 Before NRCS Help*



*Wetland Easement and Restoration
 After NRCS Help*

FARM AND RANCH LANDS PROTECTION PROGRAM (FRPP):

Helps slow the conversion of farmland to non-agricultural uses. New Hampshire lost 26,700 acres of cropland and pastureland to urban development from 1982 to 1997 (National Resources Inventory) and the trend continues.

The NRCS is working with communities, organizations, and land trusts throughout the state to permanently protect as much farmland as possible. The NRCS has funded over 110 easements protecting over 539 acres of valuable farmland in New Hampshire.



FRPP Easement

GRASSLAND RESERVE PROGRAM (GRP):

Is a voluntary conservation program that supports working grazing operations, enhances plant and animal biodiversity, and protects grassland under threat of conversion to other uses. Participants voluntarily limit future development and cropping uses with retaining the right to conduct grazing practices and operations related to the production of forage and seeding.



GRP Easement