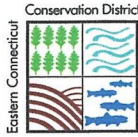


**EASTERN CT
CONSERVATION DISTRICT INC.**

**BUDGET REQUEST
FY2023**

EASTERN CONNECTICUT CONSERVATION DISTRICT, INC.

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Dear Mr. Brule:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District (ECCD), I am writing to request Waterford's support in the upcoming fiscal year in the amount of \$1,500. The municipal contributory support that we receive from our towns provides much-needed funding that assists our efforts, as a non-profit organization, throughout our 36-town service area.

Of major focus in eastern Connecticut is keeping our waters clean and safe. The municipal donations that we receive help build the foundation we need to implement low-impact development and green infrastructure projects. Additionally, municipal contributions allow ECCD to respond to requests from town residents for environmental reviews, such as for erosion & sediment control. Funding from the towns also supports our educational efforts, keeping residents, farmers, business owners and town staff, as well as ECCD staff, current on best management practices that impact our natural resources including our local waterbodies - which flow into Long Island Sound.

As the coordinating entity of the Niantic River Watershed Committee, ECCD provides support services to the Niantic River watershed committee including the submission and acquisition of grants. In Waterford during the coming year, ECCD will continue to provide coordinator services to the Niantic River Watershed Committee (NRWC). ECCD is hiring DR. Jamie Vaudrey, an expert in marine ecosystems, to replace Judy Rondeau as the Niantic River Watershed Committee Coordinator. The NRWC Coordinator position is a largely-unfunded position that ECCD has been supporting without adequate reimbursement. Waterford's municipal contribution will offset a portion of the District's professional services to the NRWC.

Over the past year, ECCD administered two grants benefitting the Niantic River and Waterford residents. For the first project, ECCD secured a grant from Long Island Sound Futures Fund to develop and implement a campaign to reduce fertilizer use in Waterford neighborhoods. For the second project, ECCD secured a grant from CT DEEP to install rain gardens, tree filters, catch basin filters and distribute rain barrels. For this project, ECCD is collaborating with Waterford's Town Planner, Environmental Planner and its Department of Public Works. Thus far, ECCD conducted rain garden assessments at 13 Waterford residences and, at no charge to Waterford residents, installed rain gardens at 3 homes and distributed 12 rain barrels to Waterford residents. ECCD will be installing at least 4 more rain gardens in Waterford during next year's growing season, as well as

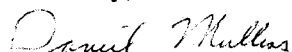
upwards of 20 catch basin filters and 2-4 tree filters. All of these efforts improve the water quality of the Niantic River for shellfishing and recreation, and reflect the District's commitment to the watershed and the Town of Waterford.

ECCD employs four full-time staff and three part-time staff. Our projected personnel costs for 2021-22 is \$323,000. ECCD does not receive any funding from the United Way. The District serves all residents in Waterford.

To offer a glimpse of the range of services that ECCD provides, and projects the District undertakes, I have included a copy of our 2020 - 21 Annual Report. I have also included the District's most recent Annual Audit, our current operating budget and a list of municipalities that contributed to ECCD in the past year. ECCD's FY 23 budget has not yet been developed.

Your support is greatly appreciated! In advance, we thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Mullins".

Daniel Mullins
Executive Director

Enc.: 1 original packet



TOWN OF WATERFORD
15 Rope Ferry Road
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860-442-0553

SOCIAL SERVICES GRANT FUNDING REQUEST

ORGANIZATION NAME: Eastern Connecticut Conservation District

REQUEST DATE (FISCAL YEAR): 2023

REQUESTED AMOUNT: \$1,500

BENEFIT STATEMENT (Describe how these funds will be used)

ECCD is hiring Dr. Jamie Vaudrey to be the new Coordinator of Niantic River Watershed Committee.

The funds will be used to assist ECCD in hiring Dr. Vaudrey, who will be responsible for

implementing the Niantic River Watershed Protection Plan and raising additional funds to

conduct research and develop projects to improve shellfishing habitat and increase shellfish

populations in the Niantic River.

Per Town of Waterford Budget Guidelines: please attach a certified audit report of all funds appropriated during the last completed fiscal year to your funding request.

DECLARATION

I, the requester, understand that I am requesting public funds from the Town of Waterford.
I declare that this request does not pose any potential conflict with the Town of Waterford
and I will provide any documentation requested by the Town of Waterford to authorize
funding this request or review the appropriateness of the request.

Daniel Mullins

Signature

December 10, 2021

Date

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Accrual Basis

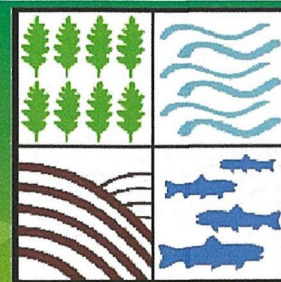
Eastern Connecticut Conservation District, Inc.
Account QuickReport
July 2020 through June 2021

Type	Date	Num	Name	Amount
1100 · Contributory Income				
1110 · Municipal Funding				
Deposit	07/16/2020	58801	Town of Columbia	500.00
Deposit	07/30/2020	566563	Town of East Lyme	960.00
Deposit	11/19/2020	12919	Town of Hampton	300.00
Deposit	12/08/2020	143081	Town of Mansfield	1,500.00
Deposit	01/11/2021	021545	Town of Woodstock	1,000.00
Deposit	01/11/2021	28828	Town of Voluntown	300.00
Deposit	01/11/2021	039932	Town of Pomfret	350.00
Deposit	02/04/2021	250493	Town of Preston	500.00
Deposit	02/04/2021	52034	Town of Sterling	500.00
Deposit	02/04/2021	38042	Town of Sprague	300.00
Deposit	02/04/2021	40577	Town of Ashford	500.00
Deposit	02/04/2021	58384	Town of Canterbury	500.00
Deposit	02/04/2021	18733	Town of Lisbon	500.00
Deposit	02/04/2021	016875	Town of Eastford	300.00
Deposit	02/23/2021	61610	Town of Brooklyn	1,000.00
Deposit	02/23/2021	31883	Town of Scotland	300.00
Deposit	03/01/2021	302861	Town of Waterford	1,500.00
Deposit	03/08/2021	145951	Town of Groton	200.00
Deposit	03/29/2021	071794	Town of Thompson	1,000.00
Deposit	04/20/2021	0188...	Town of Putnam	1,000.00
Deposit	04/20/2021	14020	Town of Franklin	300.00
Total 1110 · Municipal Funding				13,310.00
Total 1100 · Contributory Income				13,310.00
TOTAL				13,310.00

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2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

For the past 15 years, I have served as the board chair of the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District (ECCD). Throughout that time, I have witnessed many changes, both in land use in eastern Connecticut, as well as ECCD's approach to addressing environmental issues of that changing landscape.

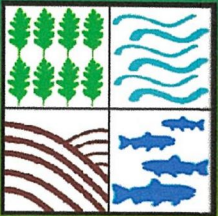
As society has progressed head-on into the 22nd century, development has taken its toll on the natural environment and its natural resources. Residential and urban environments are increasing, resulting in less open space and more impervious surface. Large agricultural operations and dairy farms have decreased in number and size while small hobby farms have increased. Urban agriculture is on the rise as communities see the importance and value of raising produce locally while engaging urban communities in food production. Along with these changes, ECCD has adapted, increasingly shifting its work from the agricultural sector into the urban and residential sectors. With increased development and less open space and forests, nonpoint source pollution continues to be the major source of contamination of local waterways and Long Island Sound.

As development has increased, so too has the impacts from the changing climate. Storms have become more violent and rainfalls more significant. Climate change is impacting local waterways and Long Island Sound. Increased runoff exacerbates flooding and erosion and increases the amount of nonpoint source pollution discharging into our waters. Consequently, human and wildlife habitats are experiencing the brunt of these changes. 100-year rain events seem common these days, flooding the landscape and creating havoc on human-made infrastructure, washing out culverts and bridges. Higher temperatures during the summer elevate water temperature and increase the frequency and severity of harmful algal blooms that impact drinking water and harm aquatic and marine environments. Violent storms are taking down more trees while taking out the power; over the past year, many residents throughout eastern Connecticut have been without electricity for days on end.

We all see and feel these changes - foliage peaking in early November, warm temperatures extending into late autumn. While some of these changes may seem welcome, warmer temperatures also bring with them different species, frequently invasive species, of flora and fauna, altering native landscapes and wildlife communities. The natural world is indifferent to these changes; nature adapts. But indifference cannot be the path forward for the residents of eastern Connecticut. We have a shared responsibility to mitigate our collective impacts on the world in which we live.

For 15 years, as board chairman of Eastern Connecticut Conservation District, I have witnessed these changes and have shared in the responsibility, along with District directors, staff and ECCD's many partners, of overseeing Eastern Connecticut Conservation District as it navigates through these changing times. Although I will remain as vice chair of ECCD's board of directors, on October 13th I stepped down as board chairman. I look forward to the future and my new role as vice chair of the board, as I look forward to ECCD's changing role in a changing world with its complex challenges ahead. We will adapt!

William A. Jorsz,
Chair

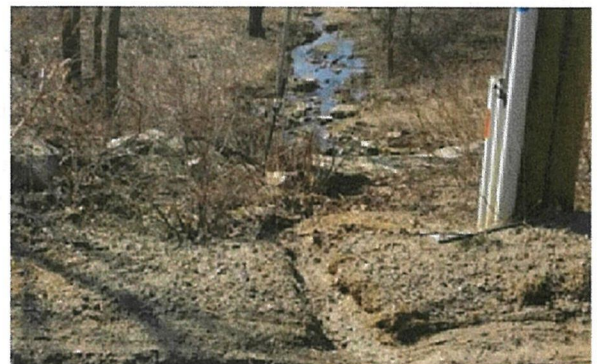


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ECCD Provides Technical Assistance to District Towns & Residents



ECCD staff conducted an erosion evaluation at the Garden on the Bridge in Willimantic, making recommendations for corrective actions.



After being contacted by a resident of East Woodstock, ECCD staff conducted a review of erosion issues leading to sedimentation of a pond.

ECCD responded to a wide variety of inquiries from District municipalities and residents, providing technical assistance on topics such as:

Nonpoint source pollution, farmland restoration, soil health, MS4 permit support, coastal resiliency, stormwater management and retrofits, stormwater sampling, riparian buffers and buffer plants, GIS assistance, agricultural best management practices, low-impact development, green infrastructure, conservation planning, open space planning and management, native plants, pollinator plants, stormwater BMP monitoring & maintenance, erosion and sediment control, pond management, water quality monitoring, funding opportunities, grant writing support, legislative and policy updates, invasive species information, and local, state and federal permitting questions.

We would like to thank the following towns for their 2020-21 contributions to ECCD which help to support regional conservation throughout eastern Connecticut.

Ashford, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Columbia, Eastford, East Lyme, Franklin, Groton, Hampton, Lisbon, Mansfield, Pomfret, Preston, Putnam, Scotland, Sprague, Sterling, Thompson, Voluntown, Waterford and Woodstock.

ECCD Provides Natural Resource Conservation Information & Education

Community-based Social Marketing



ECCD staff and volunteers conducted a campaign to encourage fertilizer reduction in the Niantic River Watershed.

ECCD Professional Development



ECCD staff attended pasture management workshops led by State Agronomist Jim Hyde, from USDA NRCS.

Eastern CT Stormwater Collaborative



With funding from Community Foundation of Eastern CT, ECCD continued to spearhead Eastern CT Stormwater Collaborative.

Thames River Basin Partnership (TRBP) Floating Workshop



ECCD staff coordinates the annual floating workshop for TRBP. This year's workshop focused on coastal embayments of eastern CT and was held at Bluff Point State Park.

CT Envirothon 2021



Held as a virtual event this year, CT Envirothon continued its important mission to educate high school students by hosting a competition on their knowledge of natural resources. ECCD is on the CT Envirothon Steering Committee.

Manure Injector demo



Lucas Young of Valleyside Farm in Woodstock gave a field demonstration of a manure injector system purchased through a 319 Grant awarded to ECCD.

♥ ♥ ♥ ECCD wishes to express its respectful appreciation for donations ♥ ♥ ♥ fondly made on behalf of others in the name of conservation.

William Bakanowsky in Honor of Edwin A. Brown, Sr.

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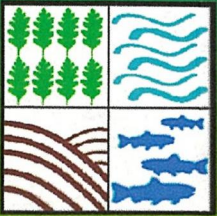
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Michael Rizzo in Honor of Christina Rizzo

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Eastern Connecticut Conservation District

Agricultural Projects

Little River Agricultural Waste Storage & Management Project¹ - To improve water quality in the Little River, which provides drinking water to Putnam, ECCD and NRCS are constructing a new silage bunker at Elm Farm and constructing a new free-stall barn with agricultural waste storage and management facilities at the Elm Farm Annex (old Eddy Farm) in Woodstock.

NACD Technical Assistance Grant - With funding from National Association of Conservation Districts, ECCD assisted Natural Resources Conservation Service by providing technical assistance to producers. District staff guided farmers through NRCS programs, conducted resource assessments and drafted conservation plans. Among other outcomes, the technical assistance resulted in a seasonal high tunnel for a vegetable producer and invaluable support for urban community gardeners.

PATH to Reduce Pathogens in Agriculture Runoff² - Under the Regional Conservation Partnership Program spearheaded by UConn, ECCD is providing technical assistance to producers in Eastern CT to reduce harmful pathogens that can be contained in agricultural runoff. ECCD staff, in consultation with NRCS, has developed conservation plans for several farms in the watershed, with recommendations for practices to improve manure storage and management including a manure storage facility requiring a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP). All the financial assistance has been expended and technical assistance is still ongoing. Some of the technical assistance funding has been appropriated for updating the Muddy Brook & Little River Water Quality Improvement Plan.

Thames River Basin Regional Conservation Partnership Program² - Under the RCPP, ECCD assisted The Last Green Valley by providing technical assistance to engage agricultural producers in the Thames River Basin. The project wrapped up on June 25th. Project accomplishments include assistance for a Baltic dairy farmer to plant a 5-species cover crop on 260 acres, 25 acres of a 5-species mix cover crop on a Preston dairy farm, mulch on 10 acres at a Franklin vegetable farm and installation of a bedded pack facility in Lebanon. In addition, ECCD completed edge-of-field monitoring on 2 sites (Baltic, Bozrah).

Little River Waste Storage Design and Innovative Field Equipment Project¹ - ECCD purchased manure injectors and precision planting equipment for two dairy farms in the Little River watershed in Woodstock. Additionally, preliminary to its construction, which is underway currently, ECCD designed a free-stall barn with manure storage and management facilities.



Construction commenced a multi-phase nutrient management initiative, including construction of a free-stall barn with manure storage..



ECCD staff assisted NRCS in writing a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan for a horse farm in Pomfret.



Woodstock precision planting equipment and manure injection grant.



Edge-of-field GKY passive stormwater collector as part of the TLGV RCPP project.

1. Funded in part by CT DEEP through a CWA \$319 NPS Program grant
2. Funded in part by CT NRCS through USDA NRCS RCPP grant
3. Funded in part by a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Long Island Sound Futures Fund grant with additional funding provided by EPA.
4. Funded by the CSWC & USDA NRCS RCPP sources

Water Quality & Habitat Improvement Projects

Anguilla Brook Bacteria Trackdown & Watershed Plan¹ – The Anguilla Brook Watershed Based Plan, a plan to address non-point source pollution impacting water quality in the Anguilla Brook watershed, in the towns of Stonington and North Stonington, has been completed and has been approved by CT DEEP and US EPA..

Muddy Brook & Little River Water Quality Improvement Plan⁴ – ECCD staff began work on the Muddy Brook & Little River Water Quality Improvement Plan update. Staff engaged with stakeholders through a project kickoff meeting, researched and defined agricultural parcels in the watershed, created ArcGIS maps and continues planning for outreach and education. The updated plan will have an agricultural focus with the goal to restore National Water Quality Initiative status to the watershed, which will prioritize funding for agriculture BMPs that will improve water quality in a drinking water watershed.

Solar Power Erosion & Sediment Control Inspections – Under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CT DEEP, ECCD is conducting E&S inspections at two solar power installations to assure the Storm Water Pollution Control Plans are being implemented correctly. ECCD is the first Conservation District in the state to conduct inspections under the MOU.

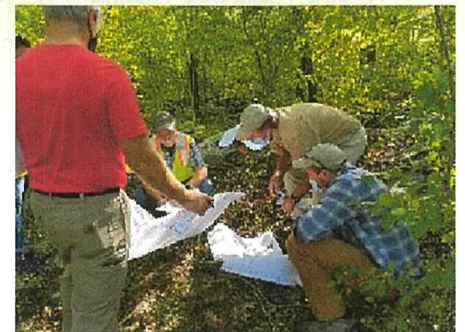
Niantic River Watershed 4-town Bio-infiltration, Filtration & Water Collection Project¹ - ECCD is implementing a suite of best management practices to protect water quality in the Niantic River watershed, which drains into Niantic River. The District is installing rain gardens, catch basin filters, tree filters and distributing 30 rain barrels. The primary goal of the project is to improve the water quality of the Niantic River to restore eel grass and improve shellfish habitat.

Natchaug River Healthy Watershed Implementation Plan¹ – ECCD, DEEP and local stakeholders collaborated on the development of a Healthy Watershed Protection Plan for the Natchaug watershed, which includes the Fenton, Mount Hope and Natchaug Rivers. This is the first project of its kind in Connecticut. ECCD completed the implementation section of the overall Plan. DEEP is finalizing the watershed analysis section which, when complete, will be combined into the final plan.

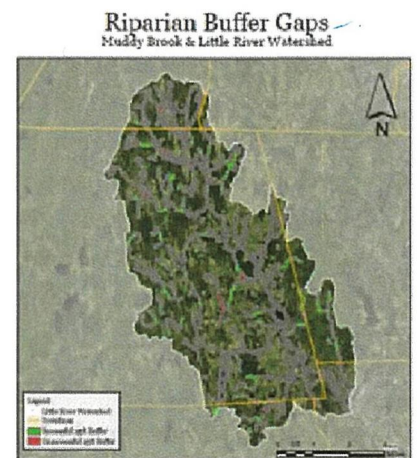
Shewville Dam Fishway Design Project³ – ECCD has retained consultant SLR International, Inc. to design a Denali steep-pass fishway to pass fish over the Shewville Dam in Ledyard, CT. Upon completion of the design, ECCD will seek funding to construct the fishway. Once the fishway is constructed, river herring will have access to spawning habitat all the way to Amos Lake. Previously, the District installed a steep-pass fishway over the Hallville Pond dam and breached the Straight Pond dam, allowing fish to migrate from Poquetanuck Cove, along the Thames River, to the Shewville dam.



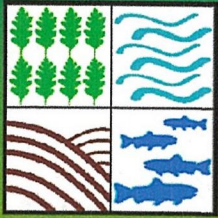
ECCD staff inspect erosion & sediment controls at a solar site.



ECCD, DEEP and SLR International Staff Review Fishway Designs.



GIS map created by a volunteer to show areas lacking riparian buffers in the Little River Watershed.



Eastern Connecticut Conservation District

Collaborations/Partnerships

Partnerships with government agencies and other non-profit organizations are important to ECCD to achieve our mission. ECCD is represented on the Board of the Connecticut Resource Conservation and Development Area, the Thames River Basin Partnership, the Celebrating Agriculture Steering Committee, The Last Green Valley, Connecticut Envirothon, the Niantic River Nitrogen Work Group, the Long Island Sound Study Citizens Advisory Committee, and Willimantic Whitewater Partnership. We also partner with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, US Environmental Protection Agency, Council on Soil & Water Conservation, Cyanobacteria Monitoring Collaborative, Department of Public Health and local health districts, UConn Extension System, CLEAR, College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources (CANR), CT Sea Grant, and others. Partnering with other conservation organizations provides a positive synergy to meet our conservation goals.

In addition to our many partnerships, ECCD provides support services to other conservation organizations, including administrative and financial management services, and grant application submittal and management.

Watershed Committees

In order to move forward and implement recommendations in watershed plans, ECCD created and facilitates several watershed committees. These include the Niantic River Watershed Committee, Little River Healthy Watershed Collaborative and the Baker Cove Watershed Committee. These watershed committees are comprised of representatives from the local communities and other stakeholders who are working together to improve and protect water quality, soil health and natural resources.



Baker Cove Watershed Committee member Michelle Maitland conducts outreach at an Esker Point Beach Concert put on by Groton Parks and Recreation.

We extend our thanks to the following supporters of conservation for their generous assistance & outreach!

- ✧ 2020-21 Water Quality Monitoring Volunteers
- ✧ Andrew Tate Memorial Fund
- ✧ CT Dept. of Energy & Environmental Protection
- ✧ Valleyside Farm

- ✧ The Last Green Valley, Inc.
- ✧ UConn Extension System
- ✧ USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

The Eastern Connecticut Conservation District wishes to extend its sincere appreciation to all of our donors listed below during 2020-21. Your generosity and cooperative spirit greatly support our efforts in soil & water conservation throughout eastern Connecticut. Thank you.

Dr. Sultan & Ann Ahamed	Jean De Smet	Emily Logee-Savoie	Earl Semmelrock
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District Goals

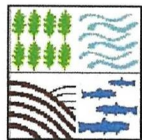
- Provide municipalities, farmers, residents and businesses of the District with technical assistance to promote responsible use of natural resources.
- Conduct projects and provide services to protect and improve natural resource and watershed health.
- Provide natural resource conservation information and education.
- Provide support services to CT DEEP for the Stormwater Construction General Permit.
- Collaborate with and provide support services to other conservation organizations.
- Provide efficient and effective District administration.

Statewide Vision:

Connecticut's five Conservation Districts shall serve as leading environmental organizations in Connecticut.

District Vision:

Provide technical assistance and environmental education to promote sound natural resource management utilizing a watershed approach.



Eastern Connecticut Conservation District

238 West Town Street
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BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR 2021

July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

EASTERN CONNECTICUT CONSERVATION DISTRICT, INC.

Income

Contributory Income

State Funding	\$	100,000	
Municipal Funding	\$	10,000	
Private Contributions	\$	4,000	
Contributory Income Total:			\$ 114,000

Programs and Services Income

Plant Sale	\$	26,000	
Miscellaneous Programs and Services	\$	0	
SW PCP Review for DEEP	\$	25,000	
Programs and Services Income Total:			\$ 51,000

Grants and Projects Income

	TLGV Coordinator - Yr 16 - Fed. FY '21	\$	10,000	
	TLGV Coordinator - yr 17 - Fed. FY '22	\$	10,000	
20-01	FY 20 - Block Grant - Site Plan Reviews	\$	30,000	
FY 20	CTA funding via CSWC	\$	7,991	
FY 21	CTA funding via CSWC	\$	1,000	
	RCPP - State Program w UConn - Path to Reduce Pathogens	\$	15,620	
	Dominion 2020	\$	1,500	
	Dominion 2021	\$	12,500	
	CFEC Green Schoolyards (2020)	\$	30,000	
	LISFF Shewville Fishway Design	\$	17,908	
	DEEP Mitigation Funding (LISFF Shewville Fishway Match)	\$	36,384	
16-12/17-05	FY 17 - Niantic River 4-town	\$	64,219	
	FY 17 - Lower Natchaug SW BMPs	\$	24,000	
	FY 18 - 319 -French R Stormwater Mngmt Imp	\$	75,000	
16-13/18-04/19	Little River Barn/Waste Structure	\$	491,949	
	FY 20 - 319 Birch Plain Creek	\$	0	
	CSWC Source Water Protection Little River WBP	\$	16,990	
	Other Grants/Projects	\$	4,000	
	Grants and Projects Income Total:			\$ 849,061

Other Income

Bank Interest Earned	\$	80	
Meeting Income	\$	0	
Miscellaneous	\$	400	
Other Income Total:	\$		480
Total Income:	\$		1,014,541

Expenses**Administrative Expenses**

Advertising	\$	2,000	
Dues, Memberships, Contributions	\$	1,000	
Insurance Prelums	\$	12,500	
Administrative Expenses Total:	\$		15,500

Personnel Expenses

Wages	\$	294,000	
Employer's Payroll Taxes	\$	23,000	
Employer's SIMPLE Contribution	\$	6,600	
Unemployment Tax and Bond	\$	2,000	
Payroll Processing Support Services	\$	250	
Mileage, Tolls, Parking, Vehicles	\$	13,400	
Education, Conferences	\$	2,000	
Additional Staffing Cost Contingency	\$	2,000	
Liability, and Errors & Omissions Insurance	\$	0	
Personnel Expenses Total:	\$		343,250

Programs and Services Expenses

Plant Sale	\$	18,500	
Miscellaneous Programs and Services	\$	100	
SW PCP Review for DEEP	\$	0	
Programs and Services Expenses Total:	\$		18,600

<u>Grant and Project Expenses</u>			
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	TLGV Coordinator - Yr 17 - Fed. FY '22	\$	0
20-01	FY 20 - Block Grant - Site Plan Reviews	\$	0
FY 20	CTA funding via CSWC	\$	0
FY 21	CTA funding via CSWC	\$	0
	RCPP - State Program w UConn - Path to Reduce Pathogens	\$	0
	Dominion 2020	\$	750
	Dominion 2021	\$	2,500
	CFEC Green Schoolyards (2021)		18,500
	LISFF Shewville Fishway Design	\$	10,638
	DEEP Mitigation Funding (LISFF Shewville Fishway Match)		32,942 missin
16-12/17-05	FY 17 - Niantic River 4-town	\$	112,894
	FY 17 - Lower Natchaug SW BMPs	\$	20,000
	FY 18 - 319 -French R Stormwater Mngmt Imp		40,000
16-13/18-04/19-	Little River Barn/Waste Structure	\$	353,467
	FY 20 - 319 Birch Plain Creek		0
	CSWC Source Water Protection Little River WBP		0
	Other Grants/Projects	\$	0
Grant and Project Expenses Total:			\$ 591,691
<u>Expenses, continued</u>			
<u>Office Expenses</u>			
	Auditing	\$	5,500
	Communication Services	\$	1,500
	Office Machines	\$	2,500
	Office Supplies, Printer Ink & Software	\$	4,000
	Postage	\$	3,000
	Printing	\$	5,200
	Office rental (Brooklyn)	\$	3,200
	Other Services	\$	500
Office Expenses Total:			\$ 25,400
<u>Miscellaneous Expenses</u>			
	Contingency	\$	1,000
	Meeting Expenses	\$	1,800
	Legal expenses (ECCD land in Brooklyn)	\$	12,000
	Executive Director Discretionary Spending	\$	400
	Miscellaneous	\$	4,900
Miscellaneous Expenses Total:			\$ 20,100
Total Expenses:			\$ 1,014,541

**EASTERN CONNECTICUT
CONSERVATION DISTRICT, INC.**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2020**

**TOGETHER WITH
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Lionel LaSalle II, CPA

Certified Public Accountant & Business Advisor

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of
Eastern Connecticut Conservation District, Inc.
Norwich, Connecticut

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Eastern Connecticut Conservation District, Inc. (a nonprofit organization) which comprise the statement of assets, liabilities and net assets - income tax basis, as of June 30, 2020, and the related statement of revenues, expenses and other changes in net assets - income tax basis for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting Eastern Connecticut Conservation District, Inc. uses for income tax purposes; this includes determining that the income tax basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, I express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and net assets of Eastern Connecticut Conservation District, Inc. as of June 30, 2020, and its revenues, expenses, and other changes in net assets for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting Eastern Connecticut Conservation District, Inc. uses for income tax purposes described in Note 1.

Basis of Accounting

I draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the basis of accounting Eastern Connecticut Conservation District, Inc. uses for income tax purposes, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. My opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Lionel LaSalle II, CPA

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December 30, 2020

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

EASTERN CONNECTICUT CONSERVATION DISTRICT, INC.
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS (INCOME TAX BASIS)
JUNE 30, 2020

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash	\$ 143,086
Total current assets	<u>143,086</u>

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net

106

Total assets

\$ 143,192

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Payroll liabilities	178
Credit cards	<u>2,947</u>
Total current liabilities	3,125

NET ASSETS

Without donor restrictions	127,294
With donor restrictions	<u>12,773</u>
Total net assets	<u>140,067</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u><u>\$ 143,192</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

EASTERN CONNECTICUT CONSERVATION DISTRICT, INC.
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND
OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS (INCOME TAX BASIS)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Without donor restrictions	With donor restrictions	Total
REVENUES			
Grants	\$ 393,951	\$ -	\$ 393,951
State funding	100,000	-	100,000
Programs	1,008	-	1,008
Towns funding	14,150	-	14,150
Other income	7,993	7,615	15,608
Interest income	98	-	98
Net assets released from restrictions			
Satisfaction of purpose restrictions	8,359	(8,359)	-
Total support and revenue	<u>525,559</u>	<u>(744)</u>	<u>524,815</u>
EXPENSES			
Compensation	279,009	-	279,009
Grants and Projects	132,514	-	132,514
Programs	8,502	-	8,502
Payroll taxes	23,241	-	23,241
Office expense and supplies	15,612	-	15,612
Vehicle expense	4,628	-	4,628
Employee benefits	6,164	-	6,164
Professional fees	5,500	-	5,500
Insurance	2,002	-	2,002
Advertising	1,239	-	1,239
Depreciation	475	-	475
Conferences	(10)	-	(10)
Communications	1,052	-	1,052
Dues and subscriptions	905	-	905
Total expenses	<u>480,833</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>480,833</u>
Change in net assets	44,726	(744)	43,982
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	<u>82,568</u>	<u>13,517</u>	<u>96,085</u>
NET ASSETS, end of year	<u><u>\$ 127,294</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 12,773</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 140,067</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

EASTERN CONNECTICUT CONSERVATION DISTRICT, INC.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(INCOME TAX BASIS)
JUNE 30, 2020

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

The Eastern Connecticut Conservation District, Inc. (the Organization) operates as a natural resources conservation district for eastern Connecticut. The Organization's mission is as follows:

- a. Developing soil and water conservation, erosion, and sedimentary control programs, priorities and workplans;
- b. Promoting soil and water conservation on land and in waterbodies in eastern Connecticut, by evaluating land, establishing proper land use, promoting educational programs, cooperating in, and assisting with, the resolution of local land use problems, obtaining services of heavy equipment and obtaining planting materials;
- c. Presenting to landowners complete soil conservation programs based on proper land use, including offering to landowners technical services, material, and equipment to develop conservation practices upon their lands;
- d. Participating in surveys, investigations and research concerning the problems of soil erosion and its control;
- e. Assisting community conservation commissions;
- f. Providing maps and other resources to local planning and zoning boards; and
- g. Otherwise engaging in any lawful act and activity consistent with the foregoing for which corporations may be formed under the Connecticut Revised Nonstock Corporation Act (the "Act").

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Organization prepares its financial statements on the modified cash basis of accounting used for Federal income tax reporting purposes, but includes liabilities for payroll taxes. Consequently, as indicated below, certain revenues and expenses are recognized in the determination of income in different reporting periods than they would be if the financial statements were prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

EASTERN CONNECTICUT CONSERVATION DISTRICT, INC.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(INCOME TAX BASIS)
JUNE 30, 2020

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
(continued)

RECOGNITION OF REVENUE

Contributions

Contributions are defined as voluntary, non reciprocal transfers.

Unrestricted and unconditional contributions are recognized as revenue when received. Contributions are reported as restricted if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of such assets. When a restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or a purpose restricted is accomplished, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the Statement of Revenue, Expenses, and Other Changes in Net Assets as net assets released from restrictions

Contributed Services

Many individuals volunteer their time and perform a variety of tasks that assist the Organization with its educational programs. The Organization receives approximately 1,000 volunteer hours per year that have not been recorded in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and other Changes in Net Assets.

Contributed Facilities

The Organization uses facilities located in the USDA Service Center in Norwich, Connecticut and at CT Audubon in Pomfret Center. The donated value of the use of these facilities have not been recorded in the Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Other Changes in Net Assets.

ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements on the income tax basis of accounting requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as the date of the financial statements and the reports amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

EASTERN CONNECTICUT CONSERVATION DISTRICT, INC.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(INCOME TAX BASIS)
JUNE 30, 2020

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
(continued)

INCOME TAXES

The Internal Revenue Service has determined that the Organization is exempt from federal income taxes on exempt function income as a public charity under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Consequently, no provision for income taxes has been made in the accompanying financial statements.

The Organization did not recognize any liability for uncertain tax positions as defined by the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The federal income tax returns of the Organization for the year ended June 30, 2020 are subject to examination by the IRS, generally for three years after they have been filed.

NET ASSETS

To ensure observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use or resources available to the Organization, the accounts of the Organization are maintained in the following net asset categories:

Net Assets without donor restrictions represent resources other than donor restricted contributions. Included in net assets without donor restrictions are grants and contracts which may be earmarked for specific purposes.

Net assets with donor restrictions represent contributions that are restricted by the donor either as to purpose or as to time of expenditure. This classification includes income and appreciation subject to purpose restrictions. The Organization maintains the following net assets with donor restrictions:

Celebrating Agriculture is an annual, fun, free, educational day showcasing the benefits agriculture provides to the region, as well as the challenges farms face today. It is held at the Woodstock Fairgrounds on Route 169, Woodstock, CT. The Organization provides financial management of the funds for this event, serves on the Steering Committee, processes requests for payment, deposits earmarked funds into a pass-through line item account, and provides monthly financial statements.

EASTERN CONNECTICUT CONSERVATION DISTRICT, INC.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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JUNE 30, 2020

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
(continued)

NET ASSET CATEGORIES (continued)

The Thames River Basin Partnership is a voluntary, cooperative effort to share resources and to develop a regional approach to resource protection. Priority areas of concern for the basin are to: protect the region's agricultural and natural areas being threatened by land use changes; protect ground surface water quantity and quality being threatened and degraded by contamination; provide informational and educational opportunities; and improve the coastal zone resource conditions. The Organization provides coordinator services for this organization, serves as a member of the Steering Committee, manages the funding by depositing the organizations income into a designated line item pass-through account, issues checks for payment as requested by the coordinator, tracks grant income, and provides financial reports as requested.

The Hallville Pond Dam grant requires that funds be held in a separate account. The amount of temporarily restricted cash is \$6,691. The Organization serves as general contractor and will provide future management of a fishway at the Hallville Dam site in Preston, CT. This project supports the restoration of anadromous fish from the Thames River upstream to Amos Lake in Preston through funding specifically earmarked for this project.

Niantic River Watershed Committee is an entity comprised of members within the Niantic River watershed, which spans the towns of East Lyme, Montville, Salem and Waterford. The Committee's purpose is to improve water quality and monitoring for the Niantic River and its tributaries. In addition to compiling water data, NRWC supports fish and wildlife habitat and provides natural resource management through technical, educational and outreach support. The organization provides financial management of the funds; organization leadership; processes requests for payment; deposits earmarked funds; and provides monthly financial statements.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents include all monies in banks and highly liquid investments with maturity dates of less than three months. At June 30, 2020, the Organization had no cash equivalents.

EASTERN CONNECTICUT CONSERVATION DISTRICT, INC.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(INCOME TAX BASIS)
JUNE 30, 2020

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
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ADVERTISING

The Organization expenses advertising production costs as they are incurred and advertising communication costs the first time the advertising takes place.

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment acquisitions and improvements thereon are capitalized at cost, if purchased or at market or assessed value on the date of gift or bequest. Depreciation and amortization is calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the related asset. Depreciation expense was \$475 for the year ended June 30, 2020

Maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred.

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Organization has evaluated subsequent events through December, 30, 2020, which is the date of the financial statements were available to be issued. There were no subsequent events during this period.

CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE

In August 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2016-14, Not-For-Profit-Entities (Topic 958): Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-For-Profit Entities. The Amendment changes the previous reporting model for nonprofit organizations and enhances the disclosure requirements. The major changes include (a) requiring the presentation of only two classes of net assets rather than three, (b) modifying the presentation of underwater endowment funds and related disclosures, (c) requiring the use of the placed in service approach to recognize the expirations of restrictions on gifts used to acquire or construct long-lived assets absent explicit donor stipulations otherwise, (d) requiring that all nonprofits present an analysis of expenses by function and nature in either the statement of activities, a separate statement, or in the notes and disclose a summary of the allocation methods used to allocate costs, (e) requiring the disclosure of quantitative and qualitative information regarding liquidity and availability of resources, (f) presenting investment return net of external and direct internal investments expenses and (g) modifying other financial statement reporting requirements and disclosures intended to increase the usefulness of nonprofit financial statements

EASTERN CONNECTICUT CONSERVATION DISTRICT, INC.
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(INCOME TAX BASIS)
JUNE 30, 2020

NOTE 2 - CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The Organization maintains its cash balances (including certificates of deposit) in financial institutions located in Connecticut. Accounts at each institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000. There were no uninsured amounts as of June 30, 2020.

NOTE 3 - REVENUE CONCENTRATION

A material amount of the Organizations revenues are received from a few agencies, the loss of which may have an adverse effect on the Organization.

The Organization received 100% of its state funding revenues and 86% of its grant revenues from the State of Connecticut's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Agency.

NOTE 4 - DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION

Employees of the Organization may participate in a SIMPLE IRA plan, whereby the employees may elect to make contributions pursuant to a salary reduction agreement upon meeting age and length of service requirements. There are four employees covered by the plan. The Organization made a 3% matching contribution in the amount of \$6,164 for the year ended June 30, 2020.

NOTE 5 - LIQUIDITY

The following reflects Eastern Connecticut Conservation District, Inc.'s financial assets as of the statement of assets, liabilities, and net assets date reduced by amounts that are not available for general use due to contractual or donor imposed restrictions within one year of the statement of financial position date. Amounts that are not available may also include Board designated amounts that could be utilized if approved.

Financial Assets, at year end	
Cash	\$ 143,086
Less: those unavailable for general expenditures	
one year due to:	
Contractual or donor imposed restrictions	<u>12,773</u>
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for	
general expenditures within one year:	<u><u>\$ 130,313</u></u>

EASTERN CONNECTICUT CONSERVATION DISTRICT, INC.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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JUNE 30, 2020

NOTE 6 - NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Net assets with donor restrictions represent contributions, gifts, and income from investments that are restricted based on time or purpose specified by the donor. At June 30, 2020 net assets without donor restrictions are comprised as follows:

Purpose-restricted:

Thames River Basin Partnership	\$ 1,263
Celebrating Agriculture	4,263
Niantic River Watershed	556
Hallville Pond Dam	6,691
	<u>\$ 12,773</u>

Net assets with donor restrictions were released from donor restrictions during the year ended June 30, 2020 by satisfying the following restrictions:

Purpose-restricted:

Thames River Basin Partnership	\$ 2,499
Celebrating Agriculture	5,427
Niantic River Watershed	-
Hallville Pond Dam	433
	<u>\$ 8,359</u>

NOTE 7 - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and Equipment at June 30, 2020 consisted of the following:

Land, at cost, 85.15 acres located in Brooklyn, CT	\$ 1
Equipment & Vehicles	76,713
Accumulated Depreciation	(76,608)
Property and Equipment, Net	<u>\$ 106</u>