

Regional Conservation Partnership Program

Investing in New Hampshire



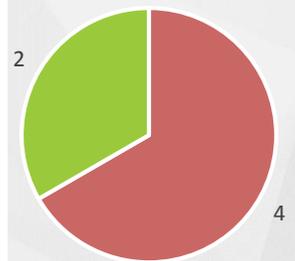
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Created by the 2014 Farm Bill, the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) is a partner-driven, locally-led approach to conservation. It offers new opportunities for USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to harness innovation, welcome new partners to the conservation mission, and demonstrates the value and efficacy of voluntary, private lands conservation.

In 2017, NRCS is investing up to \$225 million in 88 projects that impact every state in the nation, including one in New Hampshire. Since 2014, NRCS has invested more than \$825 million in 286 high-impact projects, bringing together more than 2,000 conservation partners who have invested an additional \$1.4 billion. By 2018, NRCS and partners will have invested at least \$2.4 billion. These projects are leading to cleaner and more abundant water, better soil and air quality, enhance wildlife habitat, more resilient and productive agricultural lands and stronger rural economies.

New Hampshire Projects to Date

Projects by Resource Concern



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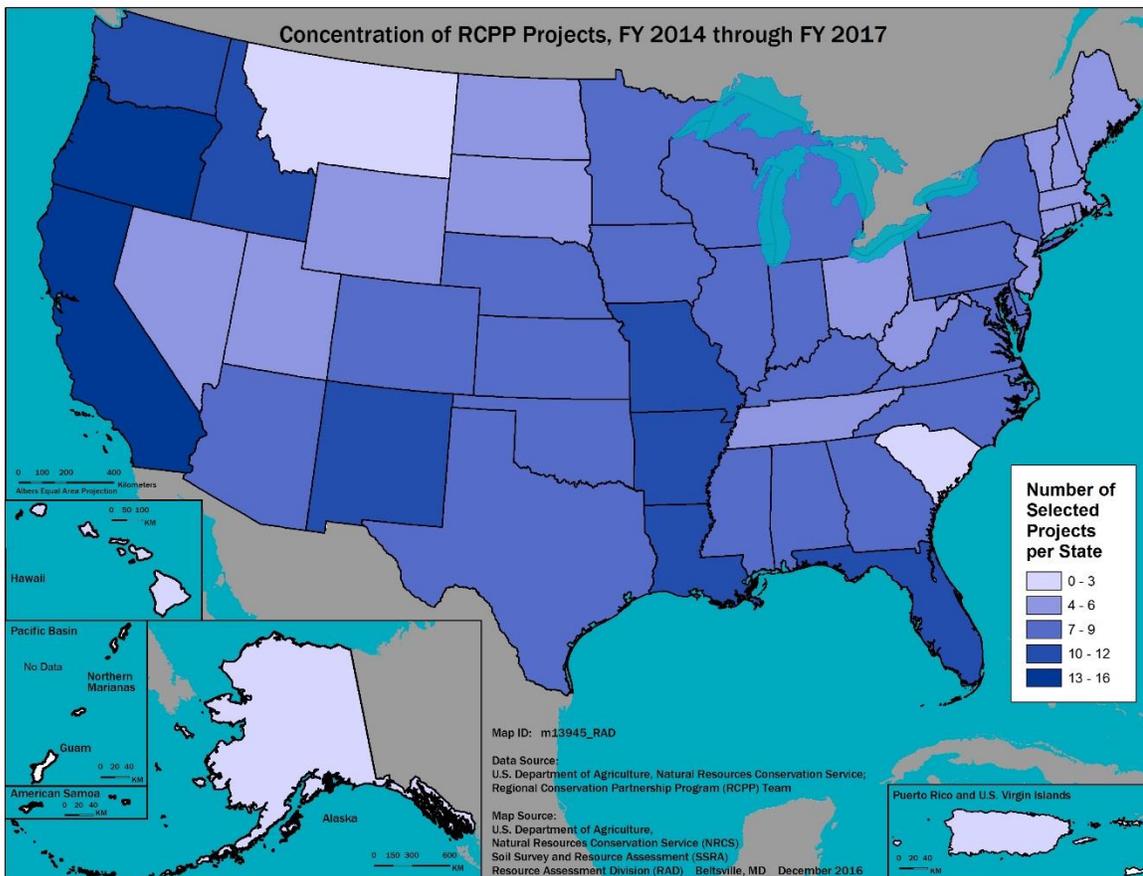
Projects

\$17.74 million

NRCS Investment

47

Partners



Existing RCPP Projects

Year	Title	Funding Pool	Lead Partner	Number of Partners	NRCS Investment
2016	Beebe River Aquatic Connectivity & Habitat Project	State	Trout Unlimited	5	\$524,000
2016	The Young Forest Initiative for At-Risk Species	National	Wildlife Management Institute	12	\$5.2 million
2014/2015	Ecological Priorities Project Carroll County & S.E. Coos County, NH	State	Tin Mountain Conservation Center	9	\$300,000
2014/2015	A Regional Conservation Partnership for New Hampshire's Coastal Watershed	State	The Nature Conservancy	8	\$500,000
2014/2015	Long Island Sound Watershed RCPP	National	Connecticut Council on Soil and Water Conservation	7	\$10 million

2017 RCPP Projects

Protecting Farmland in New Hampshire's Monadnock Region

Proposed NRCS Investment: \$ \$1,218,000 (State)

Lead Partner: Monadnock Conservancy

Number of Initial Partners: 6

Participating States: New Hampshire (Lead State)

The Monadnock Conservancy and its partners will protect nearly 3,000 acres of important farmland in New Hampshire's Monadnock region by 2021. One thousand acres will be conserved through Natural Resources Conservation Service funds; the remaining 1,700 acres will be conserved using a combination of private funds, state grant funding and through donated easements. The project will target riverfront farmland, especially land along the Connecticut, Ashuelot and Contoocook as well as waterways that have been identified as impaired. While the main focus of this project is easement acquisition, the Monadnock Conservancy and its partners will also undertake education and outreach to promote conservation easements and good land stewardship practices to landowners.

