



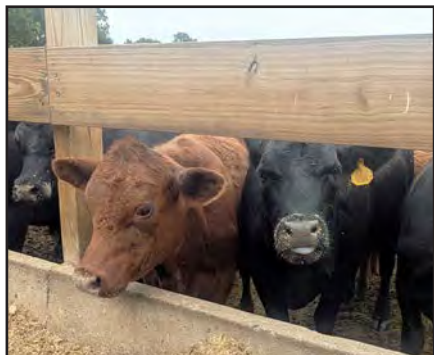
At-a-Glance

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FISCAL YEAR 2025 TOTAL PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Program Obligations

ACEP	\$1.27M	161 AC	2 easements
AMA	\$118K	106 AC	7 contracts
CSP	\$1.19M	1,130 AC	41 contracts
EQIP	\$8.96 M	6,262 AC	200 contracts
RCPP	\$294K	111 AC	2 contracts
EWP	\$838K	3 AC	4 projects
TOTAL	\$12.7 M	7,773 AC	256 contracts

Top Practices Planned

- Restoration of Rare or Declining Natural Communities (Oyster Restoration): 104
- Mulching: 82
- Structures for Wildlife: 69
- Brush Management: 68
- Combustion System Improvement: 49
- Herbaceous Weed Treatment: 42
- Tree/Shrub Establishment: 41
- Soil Health Testing: 33
- Low Tunnel Systems: 33
- Forest Management Plan: 32
- High Tunnel System: 31
- Cover Crop: 25
- Energy Efficient Building Envelope: 25



Practice Application by Program

EQIP Environmental Quality Incentives Program	595 Practices certified	1,369 Acres	\$4.3M
CSP Conservation Stewardship Program	702 Practices Certified	14,174 Acres	\$756K
AMA Agricultural Management Assistance	8 Practices Certified	1 Acre	\$25K



Bat box (Structures for Wildlife) installed in Northern RI woodland.

Top Practices Applied

- Brush Management: 103
- Structures for Wildlife: 77
- Mulching: 46
- Tree/Shrub Establishment: 40
- Forest Stand Improvement: 40
- Restoration of Rare or Declining Natural Communities: 33
- Cover Crop: 33
- Combustion System Improvement: 32
- High Tunnel System: 28
- Forest Trails & Landings: 25

Partnerships



In FY25, Rhode Island NRCS worked with more than 21 partners to help put conservation on the ground. NRCS and our conservation partners held or participated in at least 75 outreach activities and events reaching over 8,900 individuals.



New electric tractor (Combustion System Improvement) in Eastern RI.

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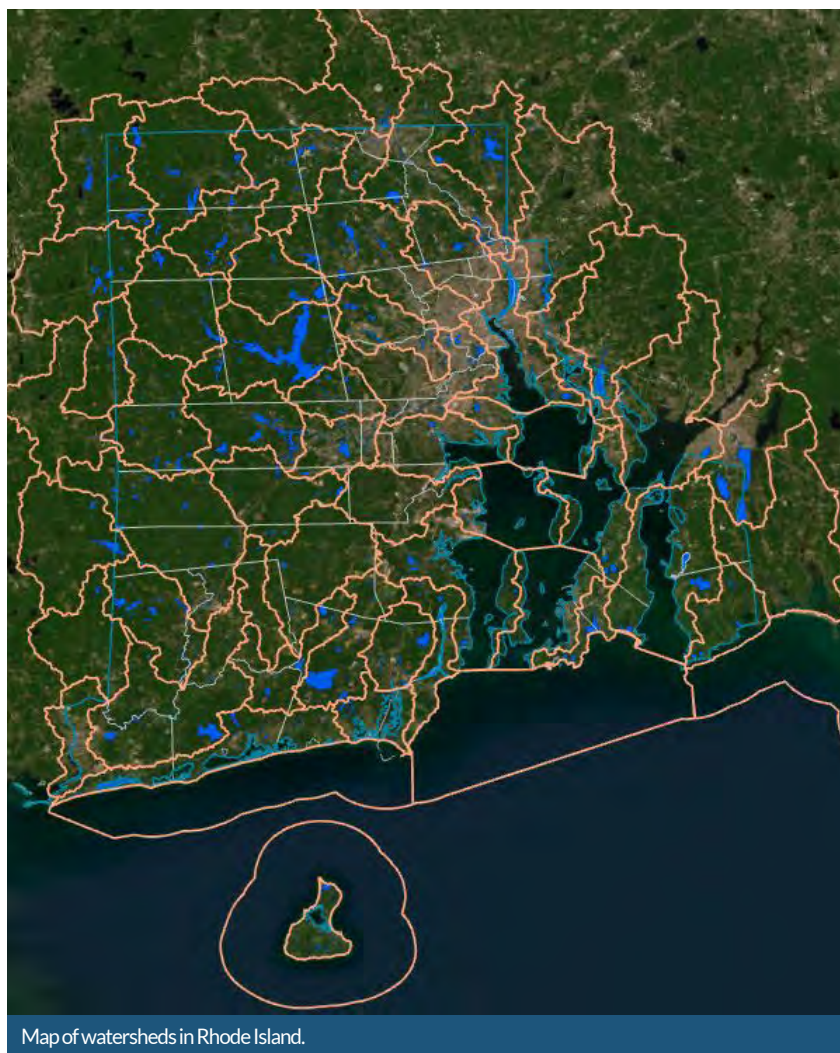
Watershed Planning & Protection

A watershed is the land that water flows across or under on its way to a stream, river, lake, or the sea. We all live in a watershed. Watersheds provide a vital resource for all living things to survive and thrive. All watersheds are interconnected, creating a land-water system that conveys water to its final destination: a river, lake, wetland, coastal pond, or bay.

NRCS in Rhode Island provides communities with watershed planning and flood reduction assistance through our Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program, Watershed & Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO) program, and National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) program.

In fiscal year 2025, NRCS provided assistance for:

- 8 active EWP projects:
 - Runnins River, East Providence
 - Woolsey Road, Middletown
 - Woonasquatucket River, Johnston
 - Salina Avenue, Johnston
 - Belfield Drive, Johnston
 - Ballou Avenue, Lincoln
 - United Way, Providence
 - Pocasset River, Cranston (debris removal)
- 3 active WFPO projects:
 - Planning phase: Wood-Pawcatuck Rivers and Pocasset River watersheds
 - Implementation phase: Woonasquatucket River watershed
- 7 active NWQI projects:
 - Implementation phase: Sakonnet River and Tomaquag-Pawcatuck River watersheds
 - Assessments completed: three sub-watersheds surrounding the Scituate Reservoir
 - Planning phase: Chipuxet River and Usquepagh River watersheds



Map of watersheds in Rhode Island.

Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program - Streambank Stabilization

United Way—Providence

In July 2024, NRCS approved \$1,180,200 in federal funds to restore a storm-damaged section of riverbank along the Woonasquatucket River in Providence, RI. Federal assistance helped to safeguard lives and property from imminent hazard of flooding, severe erosion, and infrastructure loss in future storms.

The project restored approximately 200 feet of riverbank along the river. Restoration included removal of a deteriorated concrete retaining wall to remediate erosion and provide temporary stability. This phase was followed by installation of compacted gravel, geotextile fabric, and riprap to promote long term stabilization.

NRCS identified the site as a limited resource area (LRA) and so contributed 90% of the project construction costs. Project Sponsors: City of Providence in cooperation with United Way of Rhode Island.



Completed streambank stabilization at United Way in Providence.

Woonasquatucket River—Johnston

In June 2023, NRCS approved over \$823,000 in federal funds to restore a storm-damaged section of riverbank along the Woonasquatucket River in Johnston, RI. Federal assistance helped to safeguard lives and property from imminent hazard of flooding, severe erosion and infrastructure loss in future storms.

The project restored approximately 680 feet of riverbank along the southern bank of the river from the Manton Dam to a point ~200 feet upstream of the Manton Ave bridge crossing. Restoration included installation of fill, riprap, geotextile fabric, grass seed and erosion control blankets to remediate erosion and provide temporary stability. This phase was followed by revegetation of the riverbank with trees and shrubs to promote long term stabilization. Project Sponsor: Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council.



Woonasquatucket River streambank stabilized with riprap, erosion control blankets, and vegetation.

