

Sudbury Assabet and Concord Wild and Scenic River Stewardship Council
Small Grants Awarded 2006-2011

2006

Wayland – hand pulling of Eurasian Milfoil in Dudley Pond.	\$2000
Billerica - Route 4-Dudley Park Trail Enhancement Project	\$1250
Billerica – Refuge Ranger Program in cooperation with FWS.	\$1000
Bedford - Davis School SUASCOWatershed Education Project	\$2500
Sudbury - Water resource inventory	\$1500

2007

Sudbury Conservation Commission - Sudbury River Overlook – Water Row	\$650
Billerica/OAR/LPCT -Invasive Aquatic Weed Control on the Concord River in Billerica.	\$1000
Bedford Schools - Davis School SUASCO Watershed Education Project	\$1000
Framingham DPW - Stormwater Marking Program	\$350
Framingham Conservation Commission - Development and Installation of an Interpretive Trail along the Carol Getchell Trail	\$1000

2008

Carlisle Trails Committee. Greenough bridge replacement.	\$2000
Sudbury Ponds & Waterways Committee – Eco-friendly lawn care lawn signs.	\$650

2009

First Parish of Sudbury will create a water conservation education and outreach project for the church with a goal of decreasing usage by 10 percent. \$1,200.

Boston Symphony Orchestra through Richard Sebring will create a program featuring photos of natural ice sculptures taken along the Wild and Scenic Rivers set to new music to be presented at Boston Pops. \$2,500

Concord National Resources Division and Musketaquid Arts and Environment support a Quest for Teachers (professional development) and a Quest for 4th Graders focused on Blanding’s turtles. \$2,500

2010

SWEET (Sudbury Weed Education and Eradication Project). Funds to purchase equipment to support eradication of invasive species in Sudbury. SWEET uses volunteer crews in their efforts. Funded for \$450.

SUASCO Watershed Stewards. Drumlin Farm proposes to work with middle school and high school students to pilot a new innovative program engaging students in hands-on environmental science. Will be working with Brian Windmiller on Blanding Turtle and Eastern Spadefoot Toads research. Funded for \$2000.

Framingham Library Mural. A mural of the Sudbury River will be painted in the children's room of the Library. Recommendation to engage students in creation and content of mural We must ensure that we have rights to use the images in our educational documents etc. Funded for \$3000.

Carlisle Library. Funds will be used to purchase books, digital resources and media for adults about the rivers. A relevant talk will be sponsored as well. Funded for \$800.

Concord DPW Pharmaceutical Collection. Pharmaceuticals are thought to be a large, unregulated threat to water quality and ecology. This is a topic that RSC has been involved with on the Assabet – EPA and USGS are both conducting studies currently. This project will help support a collection day. We will ask Concord for a protocol for how they implement the collection that can be shared with other towns. Encourage Concord to be a leader in local communities on this issue. Ask Concord to meet with RSC and others about if/how there should be legislation to require this in MA. We may want to get MA Rivers Alliance and state senators involved if RSC wants to push for legislation. Funded for \$2000.

Concord Land Conservation Trust. These funds are requested to bridge a funding gap in support of water chestnut control in the Sudbury River. Harvesting will take place near Conantum, in an area of the river in which FWS does not work. Hopefully, Nyanza NRD funds will also address this issue. Funded for \$750.

Assabet Photos. Large 30" by 40" photos will be taken, reflecting the whole river, not just the wild and scenic segment. At least one photo will be taken on the Refuge. Photos should be used as an educational tool and RSC will work with artist to create venues for exhibiting. We will need to ensure that we can use photos for legitimate purposes related to our mission. Funded for 2000 from RSC, \$800 from USFWS.

Wayland Turtle Project. Wayland High School Environmental Science teacher will partner with MADOT, USFWS, SVT and a turtle expert to locate and design fencing along Water Row and River Road to keep turtles from crossing the road and eliminate unnecessary wildlife deaths. Students from the high school will work on placing the fencing and undertaking inspections and evaluations. USFWS will fund at \$3000 (no RSC funds).

2011

Three Rivers Chorus – The newly organized Three Rivers Chorus will learn and perform River Songs, by composer Gwyneth Walker. The addition of River Songs to the Three Rivers Chorus' repertoire will allow the chorus to perform at multiple locations and instances over its lifetime, each opportunity bringing inspiration and a call to action for the preservation and enjoyment of the rivers that surround us. The river-related focus of the performance will be enhanced with photos, speakers, information tables etc. (\$1250)

Lowell School Project – The Stewardship through Leadership program will work to connect students at the Daley Middle School in Lowell with middle school students in Concord to discuss and compare perspectives on watershed issues that both groups have been working on in their own communities. This will be done by visiting each other's projects and through skyping, or other internet-based communications. At the end of the year a mini-institute will be held for all students to get together. Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust will partner with Mass Audubon on this project. (\$2000)

Sudbury SWEET (Sudbury Weed eradication and Education Team) – This volunteer group, working closely with the Sudbury Conservation Commission, will focus on invasive species outreach and education, as well as control. Work will be focused in identified priority areas in town, including High School property and the King Philip Conservation area. Work will engage high school students and other town volunteers. (\$730)

Sudbury Middle School Turtle Project – Sudbury 7th grade science teacher will collaborate with Bryan Windmiller, wildlife biologist, and Mass Audubon on a Blanding's Turtle headstarting program. The program will include class presentations, outdoor field work and close – up close care of the turtles. Turtles will be released with radio transmitters in a year.(\$2210)

Framingham Mural – Yetti Frankl, a local artist (and last year small grant recipient to paint mural in library) will work with elementary school children to create a mosaic, inspired by river writings and poetry, on the outside of the Stapleton School. Small grant funds will leverage other grant funds for this project. (\$2500)

2012

Three Rivers Chorus will create Where the River Flows, a multimedia presentation including performance of River Songs by Gwyneth Walker, poetry, art and facts about the rivers presented in a slide show. The presentation will be performed at least once and will be videotaped and uploaded to Youtube, as well as made available on websites.(\$2500).

Wayland Historical Old Stone Bridge. Wayland Historical Commission will lead a cooperative effort between Wayland and Framingham to remove debris behind Old Stone Bridge, remove vegetation from the bridge structure and repair the bridge fence. (\$2500).

Wayland Walks. As part of the Town's celebration of 375 years, Wayland Walks will identify and map trails within town, making a connection to the cultural, historical and natural resources of the Town. While this project is very large in scope, RSC funds will be used to connect trails to river resources. (\$2000).

Friends of Saxonville, Framingham, in partnership with OARS will create a new sign for the kiosk at Danforth Street Bridge. The sign will focus on the return of raptors to our watershed and will complement the sign already there about the wild and scenic river. (\$1000).

Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust will continue to grow the Stewardship through Leadership Program, focusing on the Daley School in Lowell and connecting these students to those in other watershed towns, specifically Concord. This grant builds on work initiated in 2011. (\$2000).