

Through your support of the NWCSC Banquet-Fundraiser, we are able to fund great projects like these.

Wildlife Viewing Building at Goshen WMA

Volunteers from the Northwestern CT Sportsmen's Council built a wildlife viewing building near one of the ponds in the large field at the Goshen Wildlife Management area. The structure affords bird watchers and wildlife enthusiast and hunters a great place to relax and enjoy the multitude of animals that make the area their home.

When the initial purchase of the Goshen WMA by the state was made, volunteers from "The Council" marked & posted the property boundaries of the new WMA. This needed to be done before the area could be used by the public. This was the first volunteer project done by the NWCSC.

Netting Project at Burlington Fish Hatchery

Volunteers from the Northwestern CT Sportsmen's Council purchased and installed protective netting at the Burlington Fish Hatchery. This netting was put in place to protect the fish in the rearing ponds from predators like raccoons, foxes and birds of prey. Until the nets were installed the hatchery lost about a 30-40% of fish every year which obviously affected the amount of fish stocked in local lakes and streams. Since the installation of the nets, fish production has increased greatly, which means more fish stocked in CT waters every year.

Habitat Project -Housatonic WMA

Funding provided by the Northwestern CT Sportsmen's Council supported old field restoration and new field development at the Housatonic WMA. This is an ongoing project.

Supplemental Pheasant Stocking- John Minetto State Park

Funding provided by the Northwestern CT Sportsmen's Council funded supplemental stocking of birds due to BNR budget short falls. As a result, birds were stocked every week of the season at this area located near the outskirts of Torrington.

Maintenance Equipment Funding Support

Funding provided by the Northwestern CT Sportsmen's Council supported maintenance of the states newly purchased Bobcat-Fecon tracked brush mower. Due to BNR budget short falls, funding for maintaining this machine was cut. This will keep the mower in good order so it will continue to be utilized for habitat projects throughout the year. This is an ongoing project.

Junior Pheasant Hunting Day

The Northwestern CT Sportsman's Council has purchased birds for the event for the past 8 years. Volunteers from "The Council" have been organizing and putting on this great program on the western side of the state for new graduates of the CT Hunter Safety Program. Approximately 45 junior hunters enjoy the day hunting birds over trained dogs with experienced instructors. Food and beverage are provided to all volunteers and participants. This is an ongoing project.

Future projects planned: **Habitat Project –Greenwoods Dam WMA**
Senior's Fishing Derby- Southbury
Farmington River Kids Fishing Derby