Big News for Northeast Pollinator Protection!

A picture containing tree, outdoor, plant, forest

Description automatically generatedIn April, 2021, the federal government’s NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program awarded $6,239,091 to 10 Northeast land trusts working in partnership. *The Uplands to Lowlands Climate-Resilient Cores and Connectors* grant will support land conservation and restoration projects on a regional scale through a partnership of three Regional Conservation Partnerships: The Berkshire Taconic Regional Conservation Partnership, Hudson to Housatonic (H2H) Regional Conservation Partnership, and Litchfield Hills Greenprint Collaborative. The Rensselaer Plateau Alliance, a member of Berkshire Taconic RCP, is serving as a lead in this project.

Over 5 years, the partner organizations will conserve land through easements, protect pollinator pathways, restore buffers along streams and other waterways, and more. Partners will contribute an additional $7,064,460 of staff time, cash, and matching land conservation projects.

*Right, a knotweed covered spot along the Norwalk Pollinator Pathway that will be a site of restoration including invasives removal and planting.*

Thank you to the Hudson to Housatonic Regional Conservation Partnership (H2H) for including the Pollinator Pathway in this project. Beginning this year, six New York and six Connecticut Pollinator Pathway projects will receive $5000 each for planting native plants along waterways. Thanks also to the Norwalk River Watershed Association for its role as a facilitator of this part of the grant.

Read more about the larger goals of this project from the Rensselaer Plateau Alliance [here.](https://www.rensselaerplateau.org/post/uplands-to-lowlands-ten-land-trusts-three-regional-conservation-partnerships-one-bold-project)