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CHAPTER YEAR IN REVIEW

The Northeast Chapter had a very busy year in 2012, with a focus on education. Here is a brief rundown of what was accomplished.

May 2, 2012.....The chapter joined forces with the New Hampshire Association of Natural Resource Scientists, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and the EPA to produce a one-day Construction General Permit workshop in Concord, New Hampshire. The event sold out at 150 participants.

June 14, 2012.....We worked with the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council and the Southern New England Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society to produce a one-day Environmental Charette in Providence, Rhode Island. This highly interactive event involved viewing a badly eroded site along the river and developing plans to develop alternative solutions.

August 21, 2012.....Partnering with the Belknap County Conservation District, the chapter produced an erosion control field day in Gilford, New Hampshire. More than 100 individuals attended.

August 22, 2012.....The August 21 program was repeated in Hollis, New Hampshire, this time in conjunction with the Hillsborough County Conservation District, attracting approximately 60 participants.

August 28, 2012.....Concord, Massachusetts was the site of an erosion control field day. This was the chapter's first stand-alone event of the year, and drew about 50 attendees.

September 18, 2012.....The US Department of Agriculture's Plant Materials Center in Big Flats, New York was the site of a one-day turf and erosion control workshop, co-sponsored by the USDA and the Northeast Chapter.

October 2, 2012.....The Champlain Watershed Improvement Coalition of New York joined forces with our chapter to produce a one-day Stormwater Management workshop at Saratoga Springs, New York.

October 3, 2012....Our chapter repeated much of the October 2 program with a companion event at Burlington, Vermont, focusing on storm water runoff impacts on the Lake Champlain Basin.

November 7-9, 2012.....Combining forces with the Lower Hudson Coalition of Conservation Districts, the Northeast Chapter's Annual Conference attracted a record 250+ total delegates and 40 exhibitors. Attendance would have been even higher if not for the intervention of Hurricane Sandy the week before and a significant snow storm late on the first day of the conference.

My thanks to all the great volunteers in our chapter who made all of the above happen.

And to our members, if you would like to get involved in our educational efforts in 2013, please contact me or anyone on our Board of Directors.

I hope you all have a happy holiday season.

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