

Tour Descriptions

Northern Tour

Tour Northern Rhode Island and visit three hidden *Green Giants* - treasures that are part of the backbone landscape which filters water for Narragansett Bay and over 60% of Rhode Island's drinking water.

- * Snake Den Farm - A 150 acre historic working farm currently state owned and managed by Northern RI Conservation District. It is in its infancy stages for bringing it back into crop production and developing as training grounds for farmers learning conservation techniques.

- * North Scituate Village - Drive through as we learn about stormwater and education projects aimed at protecting the Scituate Reservoir.

- * Joslin Farm - This property was acquired by Providence Water for drinking water protection and is the site of a major NRCS WHIP project. It has one of the most beautiful views in RI and is where the battle of invasives is being won and land is being reclaimed for wildlife. This part of the tour includes some walking on uneven terrain.

Southern Tour

Tour Southern Rhode Island with a stop at Perry Rasoc, Matunuck Oyster Farm. He will be discussing aquaculture and fisheries on a global and local scale. The participants will then wade into the seven acre shellfish farm in Potter Pond. **The Farm to Table** mission statement comes full circle with a visit to Perry's land farm where he grows vegetables and herbs for use in his restaurant.

Eastern Tour

Tour the Roger Williams University's oyster hatchery and learn about oyster restoration in Narragansett Bay. Then tour Newport Vineyards and see many conservation practices both cost-shared and privately instituted.

Sunday's Tour - NACDE

Sponsored by the Northeast Association of Conservation District Employees

Visit the island of Jamestown, RI, learning about Rhody Fresh, Rhody Warm, the Jamestown Community Farm, and RI Raised Livestock Association from local participating farmers in Jamestown. Learn about the protection of three farms through NRCS' Farm and Ranchland Protection Program and see some outstanding pollinator habitat established at the Godena Farm, with NRCS' assistance. You will then stop at beautiful Beavertail Point, at the mouth of Narragansett Bay, for a breathtaking view. Finish off the afternoon touring a Newport Historic Mansion, with an added guided tour of its notable historic trees.