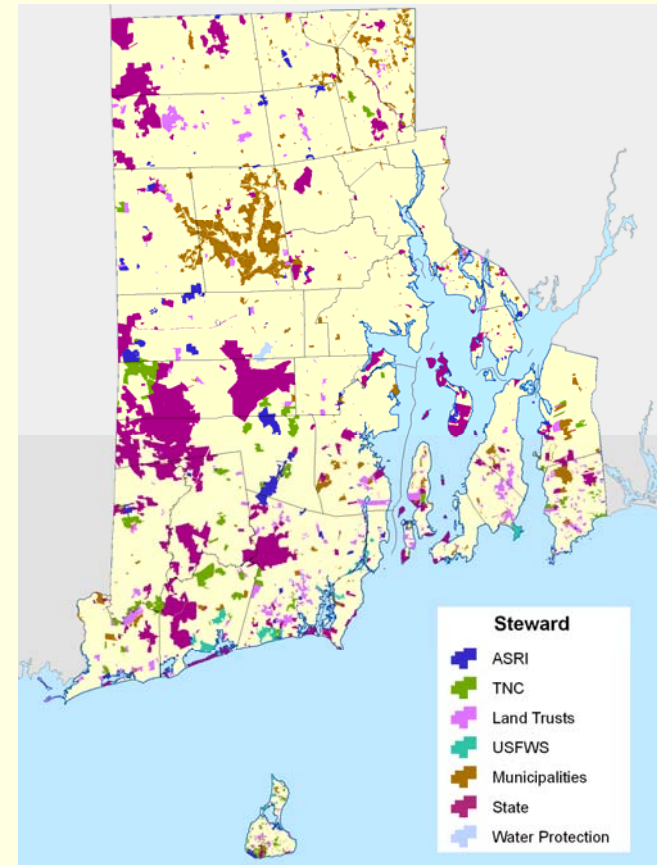


# Conservation Stewardship Collaborative - CSC

## Goal of this Session:

What are the most important conservation land stewardship needs in RI and how can the CSC resolve those needs?



# Definitions

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## stewardship

Pronunciation:



\stü-ərd-ship

1: the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care

*Examples: forest management, invasive control, easement monitoring, public access, legal protection....*

# CSC Mission

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The Conservation Stewardship Collaborative (CSC) works to advance long-term protection and stewardship of terrestrial, aquatic, coastal, estuarine, and marine areas in Rhode Island that have been conserved by fee, easement, or other means.

# Who is the CSC?

The Nature Conservancy

Audubon Society of RI

The Rhode Island Natural History Survey

The Land Trust Council

The US Fish and Wildlife Service

The RI DEM

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# What does the CSC ...

## ... do?

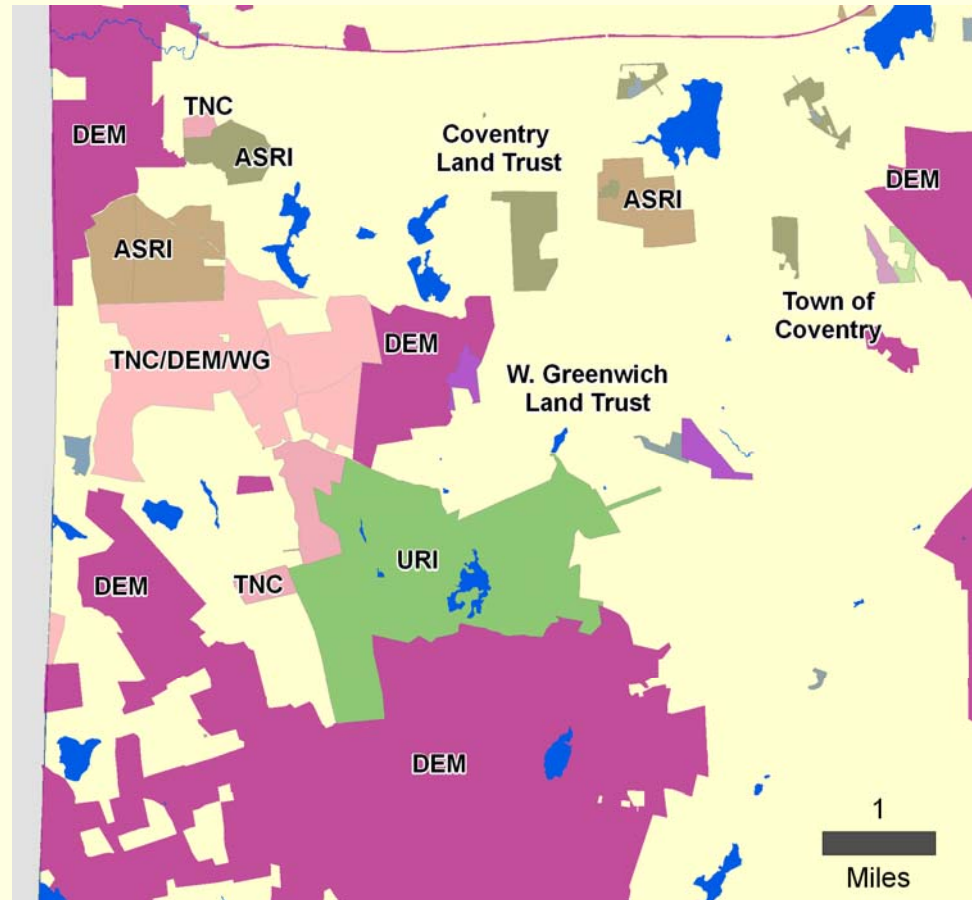
- Promotes efficiency through cooperation and collaboration
- Promotes better stewardship through data sharing
- Promotes better protection of land and easement records, stronger legal standing of properties, and appropriate use of protected lands
- Training and development of standards

## ... not do?

- Give grants
- Have a staff
- Create a new institutional entity
- Compete with other conservation organizations
- Address issues of developed recreational open space (ball fields, golf courses, etc.)

# Why Do We Need to Work Together

- Our network of protected lands is complex
- Threats can appear suddenly and spread



# Purpose of this Session

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Identify what the stewardship community feels are the most important needs

Determine how the CSC can be most effective

# Program

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## Most important stewardship needs: A view from the trenches

- Rupert Friday, *RI Land Trust Council*
- David Gregg, *RI Natural History Survey*
- Larry Taft, *Audubon Society of RI*
  
- You, Moderated by Charlie Vandemoer, *US FWS*
  
- Synthesis, Cathy Sparks, *DEM Forest Division*
  
- The CSC Challenge Match



# The CSC Challenge Match

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- Annual CSC Budget from Endowment
- The Challenge Match: Building Stewardship Capacity
  - Donations \$1,000 or more to build CSC endowment at RIF
  - Name recipient of 1:1 match. Must support conservation land stewardship in RI
  - Challenge Match will match your gift dollar for dollar to recipient
- Donors can create twice the impact for their gifts