



Annual Report

(July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)



Northeast District Department of Health

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As we approach Fall and Winter ahead, we reflect back on the year and find it a success. We have met our challenges with purpose, dedication and results. The District has kept pace with our core service demands to our partner towns while we continue to grow and develop relationships with our regional and Statewide partners. Your District continues to develop the local health workforce while seeking opportunities and maximizing efficiencies.

Our Environmental Health services are continuing to develop and expand their knowledge, skills and abilities. Our staff plan is on target to achieve fully trained and certified proficiency to best serve our towns. In the interim we continue to leverage existing assets to their maximum while contracting to fill in any service gaps. Our scheduled duties keep pace with demand and occasionally exceed expectations. The quality of work continues to excel and remains our most important marker.

We are expanding our Community Health services with a harm reduction program and a new part-time staff. We continue to provide education, outreach and vaccinations. Our Community Health staff also collaborate with regional partners and media to maximize impact of preventative Public Health strategies. Our Emergency Preparedness continues to keep us adept for potential concerns.

Administratively we are developing strategies for the continued success of the District with active planning and forecasting. With outstanding support staff we are poised to have a future that can be stable, proficient and proactive. We are beginning to get ahead of the overwhelming burden of day-to-day operations and coalesce some concepts into concrete plans for the District in terms of staffing projections, programmatic expansion, and facility demands.

Overall the future of the District is bright. We are positioned to fulfill our mandates while remaining flexible. We are planning our future and taking the necessary steps to manifest it. We strive to protect our residents by offering vaccinations, conducting disease investigations, and reducing the number of food-borne illnesses through our licensing and inspection program of food service establishments. We respond to various public health concerns and issues to help keep our residents healthy and safe. These efforts would not have been possible without the dedication and passion of our professional staff.

NORTHEAST DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

In Connecticut, a District Health Department is a regional, multi-town entity formed to deliver local public health services like disease prevention, environmental health (septic, food safety), health education, and emergency preparedness, governed by state statutes (CGS 19a-240-246) to collectively manage public health, offering cost efficiencies and consistent enforcement of the [CT Public Health Code](#). Public health itself is the science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life, and promoting health for entire populations, focusing on wellness and community-wide improvements rather than just individual care.

Mission:

The Northeast District Department of Health will, through community partnerships, promote, protect, and improve the health of the residents of northeastern Connecticut by monitoring health concerns, preventing illness, and encouraging healthy lifestyles.

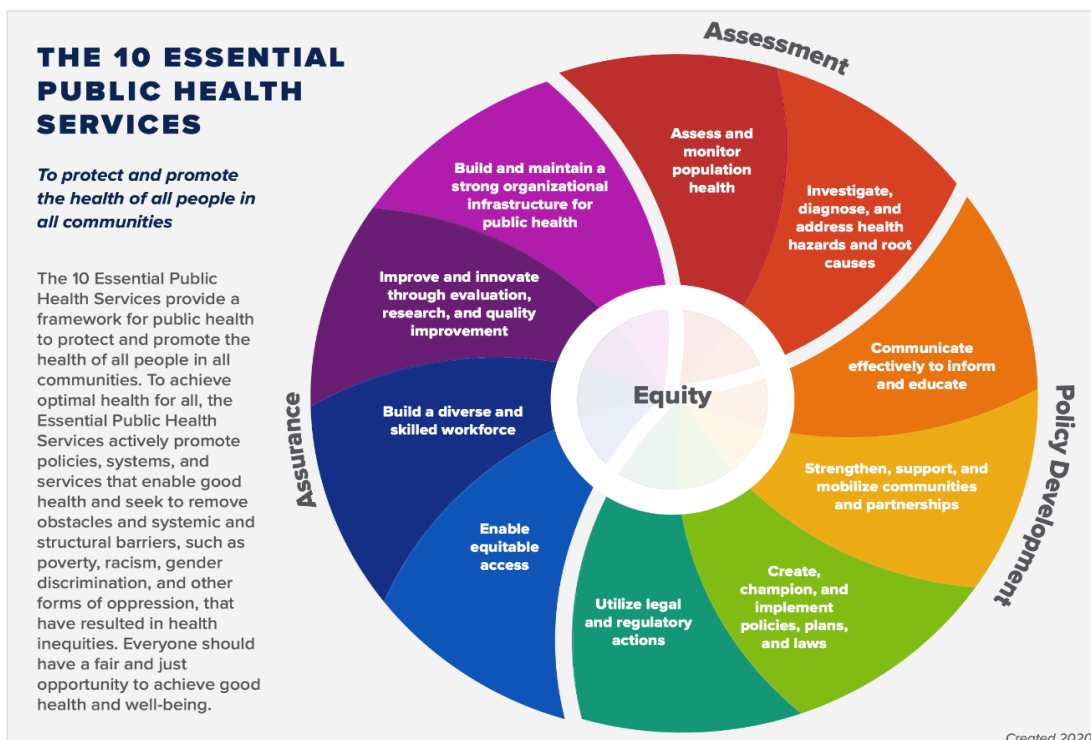
Vision:

Healthy people engaged in creating a thriving community.

Values:

Community, Trust, Accountability, Ethics, Expertise, and Peace of Mind

THE 10 ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES



BOARD OF DIRECTORS-Executive Committee

Lana Salisbury – Board Chair

Ann Hinchman – Board Vice Chair

Elaine Lippke – Finance Chair

Gail Dickinson – Personnel Chair

Luigi Sartori – Director of Health – Secretary/Treasurer

NDDH Board Members



Town of Brooklyn

Robert Kelleher
Austin Tanner-Alternate
Sophie Charron-June 2025

Population: 8,488



Town of Canterbury

Christopher Lippke
Alternate-Vacant

Population: 5,060



Borough of Danielson

Elaine Lippke
Vincent Iannuzzi-Alternate

Population: 4,160
(population total included in town of Killingly)



Town of Eastford

Paul Torcellini
Deborah Richards-Alternate

Population: 1,660



Town of Hampton

William Archer Jr.
Allan Cahill-Alternate

Population: 1,728



Town of Killingly
David A. Griffiths.
Sean Regan
Patti George-Alternate
Population: 17,742



Town of Plainfield
Donald Gladding
Robert Kerr
Alternate-Vacant
Population: 14,959



Town of Pomfret
Ann Hinchman
Jorge Martinez-Alternate
Population: 4,271



Town of Putnam

Anne Lamondy
Alternate-Vacant

Population: 9,227



Town of Sterling

Lana Salisbury
Carla Jordan-Alternate

Population: 3,577



Town of Thompson

Danielle Robbins
Mary Eames-Alternate

Population: 9,226



Town of Union

E. John Murdock
David Eaton-Alternate

Population: 781



Town of Woodstock

Gail Dickinson, MD
Robert Andrews-Alternate

Population: 8,221

On December 29, 2023, NDDH received a memorandum (OLHA 2023-05) from the Office of Local Health Administration stating the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM) had decided to use the 2021 population estimates for fiscal year 2024-2025 allocation.

In Accordance with the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health, Connecticut Estimated Town Populations for July 1, 2021, determined by the U. S. Census Bureau the Districts total population for Fiscal Year 2025 was **84,940**.

NDDH Staff

Luigi Sartori-Director of Health
Maureen Marcoux-Senior Registered Sanitarian
Jennifer Warner-Environmental Health Specialist
Stephanie Hynes-Environmental Health Specialist
Tracy Farrow-Senior Secretary/Receptionist
Linda Violette Buisson-Executive Assistant
Stephen Faucher-Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
Anne Daly-Derosier-Dental Hygienist

Amanda Gonzalez-Deputy Director
Brittany Otto-Environmental Health Specialist
Devorah Lipschitz-Environmental Health Specialist
Debra Colletti-Senior Secretary/Receptionist
Katie Broccoli-Secretary/Receptionist
Janine Vose-Public Health Nurse
Melissa Nichols-Finance Manager
Lisa Harding-Dental Hygienist

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH STAFF



(left to right) Jennifer Warner, Brittany Otto, Maureen Marcoux, Devorah Lipschitz, Stephanie Hynes

Medical Advisor

Kristen Xeller, MD



Board Certified in Family Medicine
Trained at Loyola Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago
3 Year Residency at Tufts University Family Medicine
Residency at the Cambridge Health Alliance-Malden MA
Graduate of Boston College BS

Dr. Xeller grew up in Northeast Connecticut and returned to the Quiet Corner after finishing her residency with her family.

Community Health Section

Grants

CT Department of Public Health (CT DPH) Per Capita Allocation for support of municipal and district departments of health

CT DPH and US Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) Immunizations and Vaccines for Children COVID-19 Supplements, which provides additional funding to enhance local public health efforts to support immunization activities and media campaigns to help educate Connecticut residents on the importance of vaccinations in the mitigation of serious illnesses

CT DPH/CDC (PHEP) for Public Health Emergency Preparedness efforts

CT DPH and US Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) under Component A1-Workforce of its Public Health Infrastructure Grant Program

CT DOT Safe Transportation Grant provided bike helmets and visibility vests for safer walking and riding.

National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) and the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) Retail Flexible Funding Model Grant Program (Advancing Conformance with the FDA Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards)

NDDH District-Wide Services

Emergency Planning, Preparedness and Response

Radon Awareness and Test Kits – for free home testing for radon, a leading cause of lung cancer

Flu Immunizations

Lead Poisoning Prevention and Investigations

Community Health Education – covering a broad range of topics including cancer screenings, fall prevention, gun safety, immunizations, rabies, tick borne illnesses, and other topics as requested.

Car Seat Checks – community may have car seat installed or checked for proper installation.

Tick Testing



Clinical Health Data

2025	Brooklyn	Canterbury	Eastford	Hampton	Killingly	Plainfield
REPORTABLE COMMUNICABLE DISEASE						
Babesiosis	1	0	0	2	0	3
Giardiasis	0	0	0	0	1	0
Chlamydia	6	2	1	3	18	28
Gonorrhea	1	0	0	0	2	5
Group B Streptococcus	1	0	0	0	3	1
Hepatitis B	0	1	0	0	1	1
Hepatitis C	1	1	0	0	3	4
Influenza	140	68	19	20	376	320
Legionellosis	0	0	0	0	1	0
Listeriosis	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lyme Disease	5	14	1	6	4	10
Rotavirus	0	0	0	0	0	0
Salmonellosis	2	0	0	0	1	3
Streptococcus pneumoniae	1	0	2	0	3	2
COMMUNICABLES TOTAL	158	86	23	31	413	377

DENTAL - ORAL HEALTH SCREENING & EDUCATION PROGRAMS						
Total Participating	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	498	n/a
Number of Caries	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	74	n/a
Number of Other Dental Care Needs	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	50	n/a
TOTAL DENTAL	0	0	0	0	622	0

2025	Pomfret	Putnam	Sterling	Thompson	Union	Woodstock	TOTAL
REPORTABLE COMMUNICABLE DISEASE							
Babesiosis	0	0	1	1	0	1	9
Giardiasis	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Chlamydia	3	9	2	6	1	7	86
Gonorrhea	0	1	1	0	0	2	12
Group B Streptococcus	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Hepatitis B	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Hepatitis C	0	1	1	1	0	0	12
Influenza	36	173	52	112	4	78	1398
Legionellosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Listeriosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lyme Disease	3	3	2	2	0	1	51
Rotavirus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Salmonellosis	2	0	0	1	1	1	11
Streptococcus pneumoniae	0	0	0	1	0	1	10
COMMUNICABLES TOTAL	44	188	59	124	6	92	1601

DENTAL - ORAL HEALTH SCREENING & EDUCATION PROGRAMS							
Total Participating	n/a	128	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	626
Number of Caries	n/a	8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	82
Number of Other Dental Care Needs	n/a	4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	54
TOTAL DENTAL	0	140	0	0	0	0	762

2025	Brooklyn	Canterbury	Eastford	Hampton	Killingly	Plainfield
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES						
SUBSURFACE SEWAGE DISPOSAL						
<i>As-Built</i>	39	14	12	7	27	19
<i>B100</i>	46	38	9	15	53	24
<i>Plan Review, Commercial</i>	2	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Plan Review, New</i>	35	14	11	13	16	11
<i>Plan Review, Repair</i>	15	2	3	6	19	15
<i>Plan Review, Revised</i>	20	3	9	3	16	13
<i>Plan Review, Subdivision</i>	4	1	0	1	0	3
<i>Permit to Construct, Commercial</i>	2	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Permit to Construct, New</i>	34	13	12	16	19	15
<i>Permit to Construct, Repair</i>	15	3	2	3	20	13
<i>Soil Test, Additional</i>	10	5	3	11	16	9
<i>Soil Test, New</i>	22	7	5	4	15	6
<i>Soil Test, Repair</i>	16	7	4	6	17	13
<i>Tank or Sewer Line</i>	5	6	5	3	6	6
<i>Water Treatment Permit</i>	1	1	1	2	2	1
<i>Property Document Search</i>	74	42	28	22	113	64
TOTAL	340	156	105	112	339	214
POTABLE WATER						
<i>Well Permit</i>	28	19	6	8	33	25
FOOD SERVICE SANITATION						
<i>Restaurant Inspection</i>	23	12	8	1	46	36
<i>Restaurant Re-Inspection</i>	0	0	0	0	4	1
<i>Restaurant Plan Review</i>	1	0	1	0	6	1
<i>Temporary Food Event (inc. Fairs)</i>	89	10	1	7	23	16
TOTAL	113	22	10	8	79	54
HEALTH INSPECTIONS						
<i>Campground</i>	1	0	3	1	2	0
<i>Daycare</i>	2	1	0	0	2	1
<i>Group Home</i>	5	0	0	0	1	0
<i>Hair Salon</i>	15	2	0	0	44	50
<i>Hotel / Motel</i>	2	0	0	0	2	3
<i>Medical</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Nail Salon</i>	1	0	0	0	4	8
<i>Pool Inspection</i>	1	0	0	0	3	1
TOTAL	27	3	3	1	58	63
COMPLAINTS						
<i>Food Borne Illness (P1)</i>	1	1	0	0	5	2
<i>No Hot Water (P1)</i>	1	0	0	0	7	1
<i>No Heat (P1)</i>	1	0	0	0	9	7
<i>No Water (P1)</i>	0	0	0	0	1	1
<i>Rabies (P1)</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Septic/Sewage Overflow (P1)</i>	2	0	1	0	5	6
<i>Bed Bugs/Fleas/Flies/Roaches</i>	0	1	0	0	3	6
<i>Garbage/Refuse</i>	2	0	0	0	8	5
<i>Rodent/Vermin</i>	1	0	0	0	9	4
<i>Vacant/Abandoned Property</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Water Quality</i>	2	0	0	0	1	3
<i>Water in Basement</i>	0	0	0	0	1	1
<i>Air Quality</i>	0	0	0	0	3	1
<i>Animal Feces</i>	1	1	0	0	2	1
<i>Lead/Chipping Paint</i>	1	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Leaking Pipes (Source)</i>	0	0	0	0	1	3
<i>Manure (Stockpile)</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Mold</i>	5	1	0	0	19	5
<i>Odor</i>	0	0	0	0	5	1
<i>Stagnant Water/Mosquitos</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Other</i>	0	6	0	2	7	4
TOTAL	19	10	1	2	86	53
HEALTH SERVICES						
<i>Lead Poisoning Prevention/Education</i>	5	2	1	2	26	20
<i>Ongoing Lead Case Management</i>	2	1	1	1	5	3
<i>Rabies Prevention</i>	0	0	0	0	1	2
<i># Animals Tested + for Rabies</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0
TOTAL	7	3	2	3	33	25
ENVIRONMENTAL SVCS TOTAL	534	213	127	134	628	434

Subsurface totals represent the number of permits purchased for the fiscal year and not the total number of inspections completed.

2025	Pomfret	Putnam	Sterling	Thompson	Union	Woodstock	TOTAL
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES							
SUBSURFACE SEWAGE DISPOSAL							
As-Built	10	8	5	31	3	35	210
B100	24	11	18	50	3	78	369
Plan Review, Commercial	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Plan Review, New	8	2	6	20	0	12	148
Plan Review, Repair	5	1	4	15	1	18	104
Plan Review, Revised	3	0	2	15	0	15	99
Plan Review, Subdivision	0	0	0	3	0	2	14
Permit to Construct, Commercial	1	0	1	0	0	0	6
Permit to Construct, New	7	2	4	18	1	13	154
Permit to Construct, Repair	5	1	4	15	2	17	100
Soil Test, Additional	9	1	4	15	0	10	93
Soil Test, New	14	5	6	12	4	16	116
Soil Test, Repair	7	6	4	9	1	14	104
Tank or Sewer Line	4	4	1	8	0	14	62
Water Treatment Permit	0	0	0	0	0	5	13
Property Document Search	41	39	38	75	14	99	649
TOTAL	139	80	97	286	29	348	2245
POTABLE WATER							
Well Permit	8	8	9	26	1	16	187
FOOD SERVICE SANITATION							
Restaurant Inspection	11	31	11	35	1	19	234
Restaurant Re-Inspection	2	0	0	0	0	1	8
Restaurant Plan Review	1	1	0	4	1	1	17
Temporary Food Event (inc. Fairs)	3	17	11	17	0	150	344
TOTAL	17	49	22	56	2	171	403
HEALTH INSPECTIONS							
Campground	0	0	4	0	0	5	16
Daycare	2	3	0	5	0	4	20
Group Home	0	0	0	3	0	0	9
Hair Salon	4	38	0	26	0	14	193
Hotel / Motel	0	1	0	1	0	2	11
Medical	2	0	0	1	0	0	3
Nail Salon	1	8	0	0	0	0	22
Pool Inspection	0	3	3	3	0	3	17
TOTAL	9	53	7	39	0	28	291
COMPLAINTS							
Food Borne Illness (P1)	1	6	0	1	0	1	18
No Hot Water (P1)	0	3	0	0	0	0	12
No Heat (P1)	0	1	1	1	0	0	20
No Water (P1)	0	2	0	1	0	1	6
Rabies (P1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Septic/Sewage Overflow (P1)	0	3	0	4	0	1	22
Bed Bugs/Fleas/Flies/Roaches	1	5	0	3	0	1	20
Garbage/Refuse	0	2	2	13	0	1	33
Rodent/Vermin	0	3	2	1	0	2	22
Vacant/Abandoned Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Water Quality	0	0	1	1	0	1	9
Water in Basement	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Air Quality	0	2	0	0	0	1	7
Animal Feces	0	1	2	1	0	0	9
Lead/Chipping Paint	0	2	0	0	0	0	5
Leaking Pipes (Source)	0	1	0	1	0	0	6
Manure (Stockpile)	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Mold	0	8	0	1	0	1	40
Odor	0	2	0	2	0	1	11
Stagnant Water/Mosquitos	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Other	0	16	0	0	0	0	35
TOTAL	2	57	8	30	0	14	282
HEALTH SERVICES							
Lead Poisoning Prevention/Education	4	9	1	6	0	6	82
Ongoing Lead Case Management	0	5	1	6	0	0	25
Rabies Prevention	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
# Animals Tested + for Rabies	1	0	1	0	0	1	4
TOTAL	5	14	4	12	0	7	115
ENVIRONMENTAL SVCS TOTAL	180	261	147	449	32	584	3723

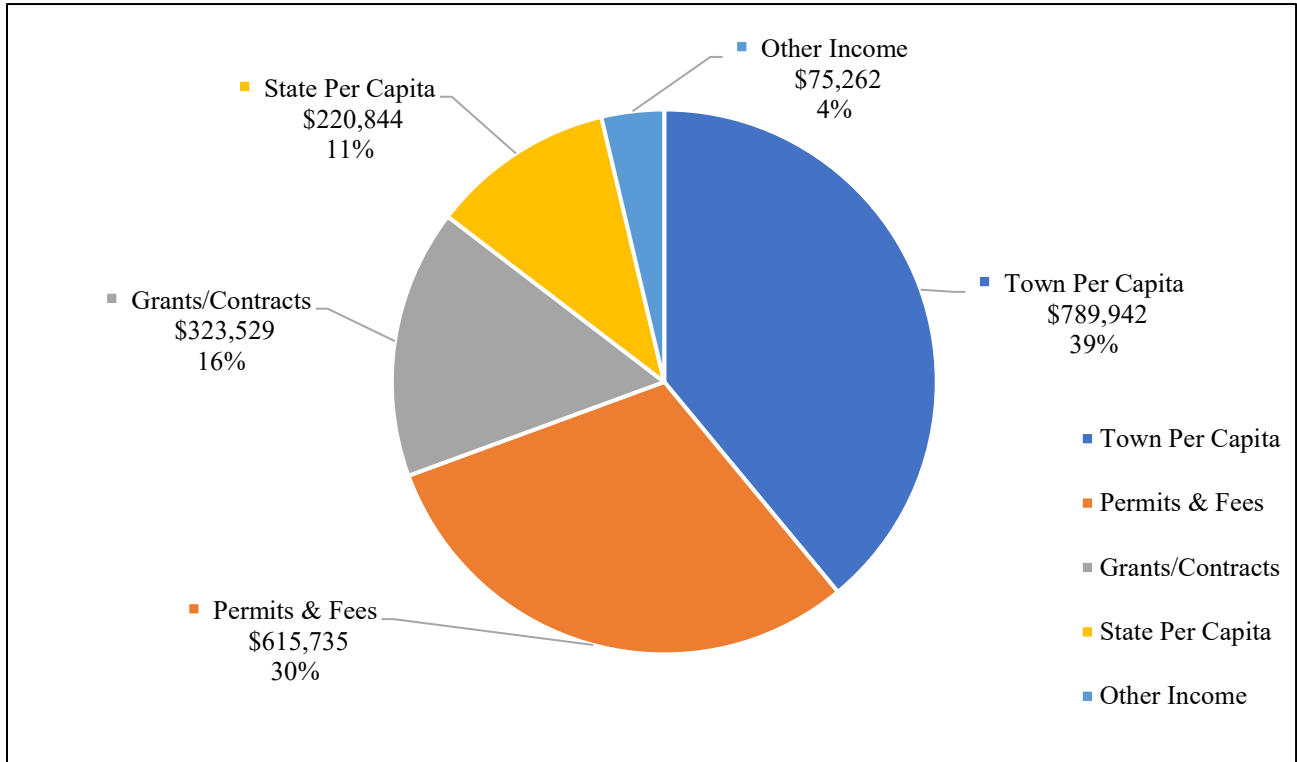
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Revenue/Expense Graph - Fiscal Year 2025

TOTAL REVENUE \$2,025,312



TOTAL EXPENSES \$2,025,312

