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## Northern Rhode Island Conservation District names Daniel Flynn of Lincoln's Butterfly Farm as Conservation Farmer Of The Year



Northern Rhode Island Conservation District (NRICD), a quasi-public not for profit agency dedicated to conserving the soil, water, and other natural resources of Providence County, is pleased to award Daniel Flynn of Johnston's Butterfly Farm its 2023 Conservation Farmer Of The Year award. This annual award recognizes a Providence County farmer or forest landowner who exhibits an exceptional devotion to conservation in their farming practices.

Flynn was nominated by his USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA NRCS) planner,

Annie Ragan. Writes Ragan, "Dan came to my mind because he has such a unique property and he does A LOT." Flynn is currently working with NRCS to install seasonal high tunnels that allow for a longer growing season, remove invasive plants from his property, plant trees and shrubs, and improve the farm's soil health. Additionally, Flynn utilizes a unique strategy to rotationally graze livestock through his Christmas Tree farm. The age of the trees in each plot is taken into account when deciding how long the livestock graze in each area.

Butterfly Farm, located at 679 Great Road in Lincoln, features a farm stand with farm-grown vegetables, flowers, eggs and meat as well as locally grown Christmas trees. Butterfly Farm also welcomes the public to visit during seasonal festivals throughout the year. It is a historic property that began as a working dairy farm in 1915 and has been owned and stewarded by Flynn since 2016. More information about the farm can be found at [butterflyfarmri.com](http://butterflyfarmri.com), or by following Butterfly Farm on social media.