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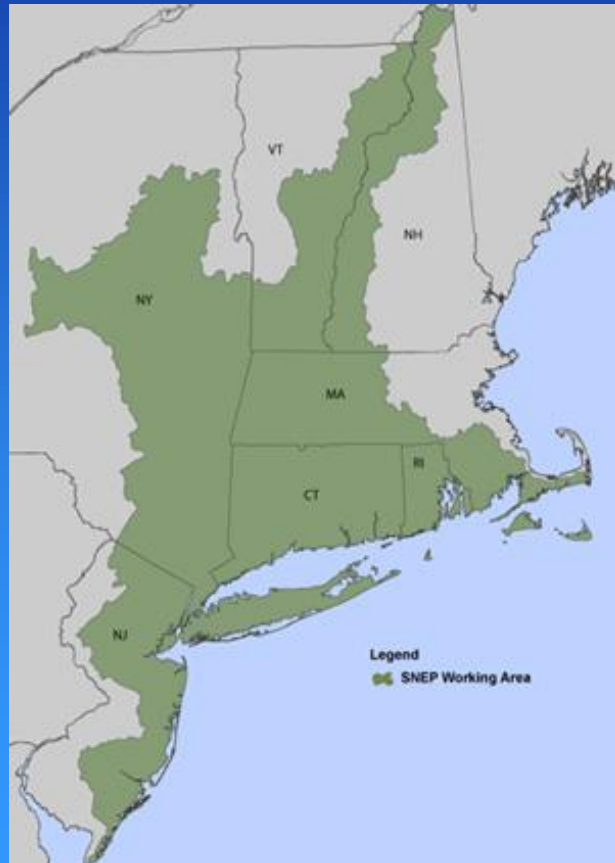
American Oystercatcher Management Efforts in Rhode Island and Connecticut

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We work collaboratively with our partners to identify, restore and protect regionally important habitat.



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The Partnership Effort

- Funding from the NFWF recovered oil grant allowed Audubon Connecticut to partner with Stewart B. McKinney NWR, Manomet Center for Conservation Science and the USFWS Coastal Program.
- Audubon hired two interns in 2011



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The Partnership Continued

Other Partners: Rhode Island DEM, Rhode Island NWR Complex, RI TNC, Connecticut DEEP, volunteers, the Connecticut Audubon Society, New Haven Bird Club, Connecticut Ornithological Association, Connecticut Community Boating, and the Beardsley Zoo.





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Sandy Point Island



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2011 Rhode Island Nesting Summary

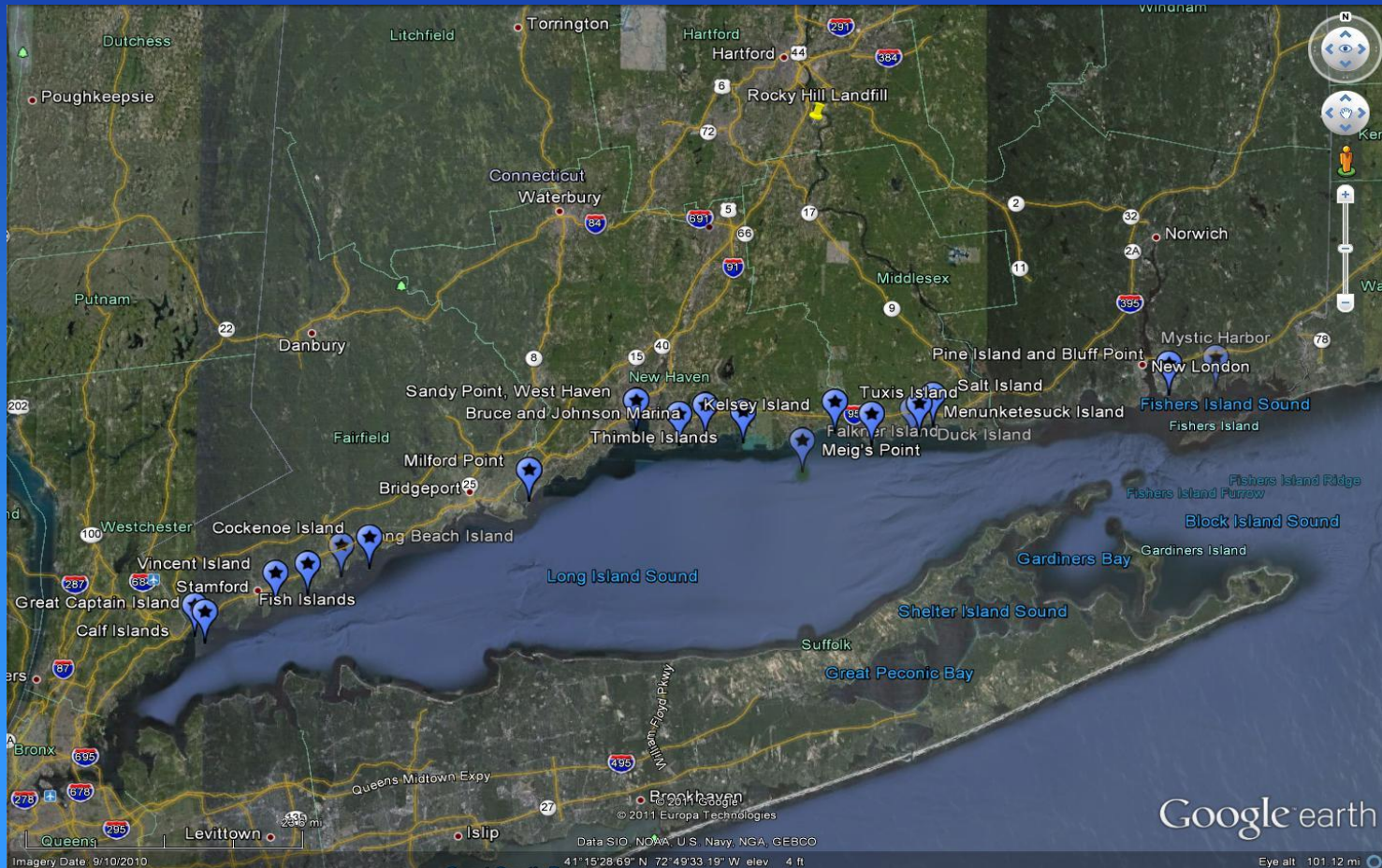
- 27 nesting pairs
- 29 nests
- 22 chicks fledged
- 0.81 productivity





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Connecticut Nesting Sites





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2011 Connecticut Nesting Summary

- 30 nesting pairs
- 32 nests
- 21 chicks fledged
- 0.72 productivity





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Next Steps

- Continue efforts in 2012
- Received additional grant funding
- Start surveys earlier and protect nests sooner
- Increase monitoring
- Increase public awareness of nesting birds and of site-specific regulations on dogs
- Get more volunteers engaged
- Possibly control predators
- Start banding in Rhode Island
- Work with New York



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