

On May 12, 2026, the Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers (CSCE) recognized recent civil engineering achievements in Connecticut at its 19th Annual Achievement in Civil Engineering (ACE) Awards ceremony at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville, CT. The 2026 ACE Award for Rail Infrastructure was presented to HNTB, VN Engineers, GFT, Inc., and CTDOT for their Enfield Station Track Improvements Project.

The Enfield Station Track improvements project demonstrates how coordinated engineering and stakeholder collaboration can overcome significant technical challenges in a constrained rail environment. By addressing track geometry constraints, drainage deficiencies, geotechnical risks, structural limitations, utility conflicts, and signal system integration in a unified manner, the project team delivered a comprehensive design that supports both immediate construction goals and long-term operational performance. The lessons learned from this project provide valuable insight into similar rail infrastructure improvements throughout the Connecticut River Valley and beyond.

