

AVSWCD receives 17% of its support from county and state government. The remaining 83% comes from grants, fees for service, fundraising sales and charitable contributions from individuals, local businesses or organizations.

Donations are welcome.

AVSWCD is a 501(C)1 not-for-profit organization and as such donations are tax deductible and can be made using PayPal on our website, cash or check.

Businesses and farms can support conservation and place their ad on our website.

Supporting you local Conservation District is a wise investment. You will help protect our natural resources and environment for future generations

The mission of Androscoggin Valley SWCD is to protect and conserve our natural resources by promoting stewardship in Androscoggin and Sagadahoc Counties.

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Androscoggin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District



“Making conservation work for you.”



Who We Are

Founded in 1947, the mission of the Androscoggin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District (AVSWCD) is to protect and conserve our natural resources by promoting stewardship in Sagadahoc and Androscoggin Counties.

The District's program is administered by a board of three elected and two appointed supervisors. Associate Supervisors are volunteers appointed to bring a local representation of conservation needs.



Chairman Paul Roseberry listening to input from board member.

AVSWCD is focusing on developing local solutions for natural resource conservation issues:

- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions via increasing soils carbon sequestration.
- Protecting groundwater quality by revising and updating the Maine Farm-A-Syst program.
- Protecting surface waters through DEP grant programs, technical assistance and contracting with local municipalities.
- Offering timely workshops such as invasive species control and energy conservation.
- Providing educational materials upon request.
- Continuing to form working relationships with other organizations, enhancing our ability to provide service.

Technical Seminars/Workshops

- Gravel Road maintenance: Frontrunner Training



- Septic Installation and Maintenance Training
- Erosion Conservation Practices Demonstrated



- Small landowner Forestry Classes
- Municipal Stormwater management Workshop
- Introductory to using GPS units





Projects

Private Boat Launch, Old Stage Road, Woolwich

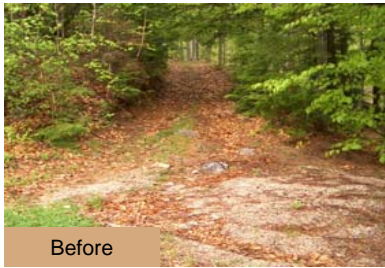


Before



After

Private Driveway, Middle Range Pond, Poland



Before



After

Private Property, Sabattus Pond, Sabattus

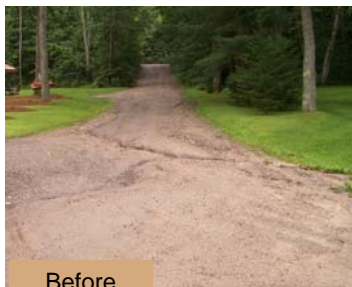


Before



After

1st Ave, Middle Range Pond, Poland



Before



After

Services Offered

Environmental Education For Youth

- Host/assist a mock or regional envirothon
- Assist with State Envirothon
- Lake Awareness Day



Environmental Education for Adults

- Maine Garden Day
- Forestry: Terrestrial Invasives
- YardScaping: Chemical Free Lawn Care
- Farm & Homeowner Energy Conservation

Technical Assistance/Fee for Service

- Shoreline stabilization issues
- Private road issues
- Landowners permitting for conservation measures
- Grant writing for lake and road associations
- Contractor site evaluations
- Erosion and sediment control plan & plan review
- Stormwater control plan review
- Phase 1 environmental assessments
- Planting recommendations & buffer designs for projects
- Town/municipal assistance: 3rd party inspection
- Environmental permitting assistance
- LakeSmart evaluations



Natural Resources Planning/Protection

- Plan, apply for and implement conservation grant projects
- Watershed Surveys





Technical Assistance Program

Our **fee-for-service technical assistance** provides reasonable cost solutions to help municipalities, developers, private entities and landowners address conservation issues. We offer the following:

- Experienced staff and consulting technicians.
- Town/municipal assistance: 3rd party inspection
- Development of erosion and sediment control plans for construction projects.
- Review of existing erosion and sedimentation control plans for construction projects. The District can approve plans required by the MDEP for activities covered in the Maine Construction General Permit.
- Third party inspections to monitor compliance with MDEP and municipal permit conditions during construction.
- Third party assessment of erosion problems due to construction activities and recommendations for correction. Stormwater management reviews.
- Planting recommendations and buffer design for erosion control and conservation projects.

Here we recommend infiltration steps to help with erosion and water flow from the road and driveway.



- Assistance with MDEP permit applications for conservation issues.
- Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment-to determine the environmental impact of activities at a site. This is a requirement of many public and private funding sources.
- Gravel road improvement recommendations.
- Shorefront erosion control recommendations and design.



- Grant writing assistance.
- Workshops and training on low impact development, gravel road maintenance, YardScaping, and other requested subjects.

FEE

District staff \$50 per hour with one free hour on site.
District Engineer -\$95 per hour
\$.51 per mile charged for travel

