



ANDROSCOGGIN VALLEY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICE PROGRAM

"MAKING CONSERVATION WORK FOR YOU"

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"Technical Assistance" is a term which describes a service available to property owners, municipal officials, and developers throughout Androscoggin and Sagadahoc Counties for a fee.

The Androscoggin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District has served the two Counties over 60 years for the express purpose of conserving local soil and water resources. A volunteer board of concerned citizens who are locally elected and appointed governs the District and its programs.

The vigorous building industry and farmland going out of production have resulted in the state passing new erosion control and stormwater management laws. Unprecedented growth in many, if not all, of the towns in this Conservation District's boundaries is creating a need for changes in our towns whether they are ready or not. Towns can retain reasonable control of the quality of changes with assistance from the District.

The Conservation District has a long history of working with willing landowners in making wise land use decisions which protect and enhance our soil, water and other related natural resources and ensure that compliance with environmental law is being met. We also provide third party inspections as a service to the State on larger subdivision and commercial development projects requiring permits.

Improperly planned and constructed development is a significant source of erosion and unwanted sediment deposition in our water bodies. Improperly addressed stormwater management can overwhelm road ditches and damage or destroy town roads. Also, mismanagement of post development/construction project maintenance greatly accelerates erosion and is the primary source of non-point source pollution.

With so many requirements being placed upon towns as a result of new laws, it has to be difficult to have the available man hours needed and to provide the appropriate level of expertise in all areas when reviewing development proposals.

We want you to know that Androscoggin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District has the technical expertise to provide erosion and sediment control, stormwater management reviews and third party inspections on development projects within your town. We are willing to work with you in providing this service with a fee that can be absorbed by the landowner or developer.

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The mission of the Androscoggin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District is to promote the conservation and stewardship of soil, water, and related natural resources, by providing leadership, technical assistance and educational programming to and with the citizens of Androscoggin and Sagadahoc Counties.

The Androscoggin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District is willing to work with you on town or state level permitting projects. We can help with land use decisions or link you up with resource specialists, review the measures used in construction or maintenance of post construction sites or provide an engineering review for larger subdivision or commercial projects requiring a permit by the State.

Please consider distributing this Technical Assistance Service Program Flyer to citizens in your town and/or calling on us to assist in the required state mandates placed upon your town code enforcement officer and planning board.

Service Program Fee Schedule

District Staff \$50 per hour

Consultant or Technician \$50 per hour

Engineer \$85 per hour

(Usually at least three hours are required for service.)

- The District staff can act as the sponsor of new watershed improvement projects on behalf of lake or river associations, municipalities or watershed groups.
- The District can provide recommendations to landowners and/or municipal officials regarding erosion problems, or planned construction of a single-family home.
- The District can serve as a third party inspector to monitor compliance with MDEP (Site Law) and/or municipal ordinance permit conditions during construction for development projects.
- The District can provide technical assistance for watershed projects that have other sponsors.
- The District can give recommendations to property owners on types of plants, sources, planting techniques and design for erosion control measures and conservation projects.
- The District can approve Erosion and Sediment Control Plans required by the Department of Environmental Protection for activities covered in the Maine Construction General Permit.
- The District can provide the rental of a Front Runner rake for **\$70 per day** and will list certified Front Runner operators on its website for **\$10 annually**.
- The District will list MDEP certified contractors and MFS certified loggers and forest consultants on its website for **\$10 annually**.
- The District will list licensed Engineers for Erosion and Sediment Control and Stormwater Management on its website for **\$10 annually**.

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