

**Environmental Management Council Vision**  
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The St. Lawrence County Environmental Management Council (EMC) will:

1. Work in partnership with the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, local governments, and organizations across the County and the region, regarding environmental matters;
2. Review, evaluate, and disseminate information about environmental issues affecting our County that is relevant, focused, and timely;
3. Develop relationships, with individuals, groups, and organizations, that have interests in environmental matters, manage natural resources, or are stakeholders, to facilitate networks of information exchange and assist in the coordination of activities;
4. Provide opportunities for public participation in natural resource management decisions and in State or County owned property and easement decision making;
5. In collaboration with the Planning Office, identify, map, and maintain an inventory of natural resources, natural areas, open spaces, and unique environmental features in order to assist in the planning and development of the County while maintaining environmental quality;
6. Engage the public with information and projects of an environmental nature that conserve resources, reduce environmental hazards, and improve ecosystem health;
7. Ensure that the EMC's activities and objectives utilize the SMART goal framework, which are goals that are specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time-oriented.