



St. Lawrence County Soil and Water Conservation District

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St. Lawrence County created the St. Lawrence County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) in 1957. Once the County formed the District, the USDA opened a St. Lawrence County office. The SWCD still shares office space with three USDA agencies to this day.

The St. Lawrence County Soil and Water Conservation District's mission is to represent the county in obtaining technical, financial, and educational resources from federal, state, and other sources and to coordinate them to meet local needs in natural resource conservation, management, and development. We work with individuals, organizations, and units of government. District projects are agricultural, rural, and urban. SWCD Highlights:



- **173** miles of County Roads made safer through the removal of **757** Ash and hazard trees in 2023. and the marking of **4,000** trees for removal in 2024.
- **3,067** trees sold to over **100** residents in 2023.
- **150+** Ag Value Assessment Soil Survey Maps completed on over **5,000 ac.** of agricultural land.
- Partnered with the Village of Potsdam and Town of Canton for urban and community forestry grants.
- Maintained **30 miles** of county forest boundaries
- **40+** site visits for forestry related technical assistance so far in 2023.
- Funded cost-share assistances to implement **220 acres** of cover crops to improve soil health and reduce soil erosion in crop fields.
- Soil sampled at **8** farms to aid in targeted nutrient application to ultimately improve water quality.
- Monitored **149** Wetland Easement Sites.



- Installed **6** Bat boxes and created snake hibernaculum habitat.
- Conducted outreach at Day At the Farm and Conservation Field Days.
- **200+** Technical Assistance Requests in so far in 2023: maps, soil, grazing, nutrient management, invasive species, tree/forest health etc.