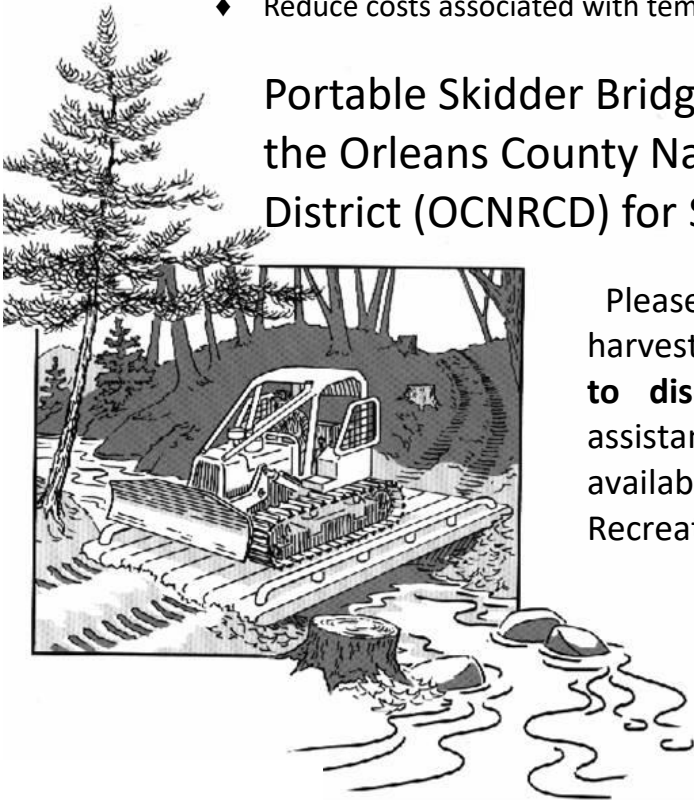


Support the Working Landscape
Portable Skidder Bridges
Available for Rent

We often hear of how farming and forestry practices can *degrade* water quality but rarely hear how good management practices can **protect** water quality. One way you can minimize the potentially negative environmental impacts of harvesting is by incorporating the use of Portable Skidder Bridges into your harvest planning. These skidder bridges provide a temporary structure for crossing streams with logging equipment. They are easy to transport, install and remove, while also minimizing disturbance to the stream channel and stream bed during the logging operation. Portable skidder bridges are designed to aid loggers in following "Acceptable Management Practices for Maintaining Water Quality on Logging Jobs in VT (AMP's)."

With the right planning, water quality protection can be cost effective. And PSB's can:

- ◆ Prevent debris from entering streams and lead to less soil erosion and sedimentation occurrences
- ◆ Prevent the alteration of the stream channel and restriction of water flow
- ◆ Reduce costs associated with temporary stream crossings



Portable Skidder Bridges are available for rent from the Orleans County Natural Resources Conservation District (OCNRCD) for \$100/month.

Please consider skidder bridges in your harvest plans. **Call OCNRCD (802.487.9226) to discuss reserving the bridge.** Technical assistance on placement and use is available from the VT Forest Parks & Recreation staff.

Since 1946, the Orleans County Natural Resources Conservation District (OCNRCD) has been working to protect and enhance the soil and waters of Orleans County by seeking solutions to local environmental concerns.



For more information on bridge rentals or OCNRCD projects, please contact the District at:
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