

ABOUT US

Orleans County is the third highest dairy producing county in Vermont. It also has the greatest number of pristine lakes. With our community's long-standing tradition of working the land and the growing desire to preserve its natural beauty, the Orleans County NRCD is committed to sustaining the region's environmental and cultural vitality by protecting its natural resources.



OUR WORK

Our mission is to protect and enhance the soils and waters of Orleans County by providing leadership, education, and services for the adoption of sound stewardship practices.



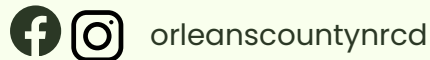
OUR COLLABORATORS

We've been rooted in the community since 1946, working with land stewards who want to learn about best management practices for soil health and water quality.

OUR PARTNERS

- VT Assoc of Conservation Districts
- USDA Farm Services (FSA) & Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
- Vermont Dept of Environmental Conservation; VT Fish & Wildlife; VT Agency of Agriculture
- Memphremagog Watershed Assoc.
- Missisquoi River Basin Assoc.
- NorthWoods Stewardship Center
- Vermont Land Trust
- UVM Extension
- USFS Partners Program
- Vermont Housing & Conservation Board
- Orleans County Farm Bureau
- North County Future Farmers of America
- Vermont River Conservancy
- The community members of the 18 towns in Orleans County

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LAND STEWARDS
& TOWNS IN
ORLEANS COUNTY
SINCE 1946

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

We work on the local level to protect soil and water quality by providing technical assistance and other resources via the following programs.

RIPARIAN LANDS PROGRAM

PROJECT MANAGEMENT & TREES FOR STREAMS PROGRAM- We manage restoration projects with interested landowners and stakeholders in riparian areas. Projects include: Trees for Streams plantings, streambank stabilizations, culvert replacements, floodplain connectivity, and livestock exclusion.

LAKE WATERSHED PROGRAM

LAKE WISE

Our staff can perform an assessment of your shoreland to help identify ways to manage your property for stormwater.

LAKE WATERSHED ACTION PLANS & PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Our team engages with lake associations, municipalities, and property owners to identify restoration projects for design and implementation. Projects are often identified through LWAPs and Lake Wise.

AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM

We work with farmers by facilitating access to grant funding, providing project management, and offering technical assistance in employing the Required Agricultural Practices (RAPs).

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS

We assist with NMP plan development and updates, including offering soil and manure sampling services.

CONSERVATION PRACTICE PLANNING & FARM TEAMS

We conduct natural resource assessments, and assist farmers with goal setting and project development and implementation. If a producer needs additional support, we offer our Farm Teams program for a coordinated team approach.

EQUIPMENT RENTALS

Soil probes, no-till drills, aerator tillers, portable skidder bridges and portable truck scales are available for rent.

OTHER SERVICES

WATER QUALITY MONITORING

We offer water sampling services.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

In addition to our grant-funded work, we offer many of our programs on a fee-for-service basis.



OUTREACH & EDUCATION

The District regularly offers educational opportunities and hosts events like river clean ups, tree plantings, and Open Farm Days.

Every year, we host the **Locally-led Conservation Planning** process. The meetings allow for direct community input on natural resource priorities and funding.

Our **Annual Plant Sale** offers the community a variety of bareroot plants and shrubs, including fruit trees, berries, and flowering plants for sale each year. On Plant Sale Pick Up Day, we host a **Conservation Fair** featuring local vendors, guest speakers, and other conservation resources and experiences.

Vermont's NRCs are rooted in their communities and those roots help to strengthen and support the environment in each county.

