

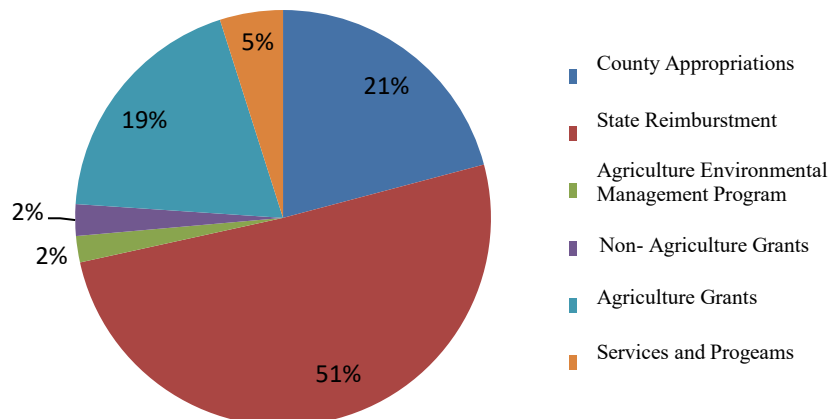
ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Some of the Major Accomplishments in 2023:

- In 2023 we moved to a **new location**, 174 Finney Blvd, and it has been the best opportunity for us!
- Awarded our first **Climate Resilient Farming Grant** for 10 Soil Health participants implementing over 1,300 acres in cover crops throughout the county.
- Hired Mitchell Miletich as a **summer intern** and he did an amazing job.
- Awarded **our 1st Lake Champlain Basin Program Grant** for an agricultural project in the Town of Franklin.
- Devin Normandeau our District Technician received the **Heroic Action Award** from the New York State Conservation District Employee Association (NYSCDEA).
- Chastity Miller received the **Willard F. Croney Distinguished Service Award** from the NYSCDEA and the **2023 District Employee Award – Local** from the Northeast Association of Conservation District Employees.
- We welcomed Simba and Sylvester to the District Family!
- Assisted over **7,500 landowners** with questions about various conservation needs and information. Including aerial photography, soils, wetlands, maps, drinking water, and more.
- Implemented **400 AC** of Cover Crops
- Assessed over 30 sites for rural roadside erosion.
- Hydroseeded over 5 miles of ditches
- Completed Ag-Worksheets for the **Ag-Assessment Program** on over 6,000 Acres, 115 parcels and over 75 landowners!
- Sold over 15,000 conservation plantings at our **Annual Tree Sale**.
- Sold over 250 wildlife houses, pond dye and at home water test kits.
- Held our annual **Arbor Day Event** in the Town of Franklin.
- Continued a cost share program for disadvantaged families to test their **drinking water**. Handed out over 125 at-home drinking water sample kits.
- It was year 8 of our **Forestry Program**. We completed the development of 4 new forestry plans for residents with our State Part B funding.
- Provided workshops for over 100 attendees.

2023 Funding for Franklin County Soil and Water and the County

For every dollar the District Received from the County, the District brought in almost another \$60 directly, and with their partners another \$20.



Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District Moves!

In August of 2023 the Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District moved to 174 Finney Blvd, just a hop, skip and a jump from their old location! In between the bowling alley and Franklin County Social Services. With the assistance of the Franklin County Legislators and County Manager the District now has enough space to house their



staff and all their programming equipment. Thank you so much for your assistance! We also would like to thank John St. Mary, Josh Barney, Tim St.



Mary, Will St. Mary, Landon Barney, Easton Barney, Landon Ballou, Anna Jock-Miller and Mitchell Miletich for all the help moving. Mitchell even took the time to personally wheel some filing cabinets down the road. What a trooper!

This year we also welcomed Simba and Sylvester to the Soil and Water family! Our two mascots help to keep all files in check, organized and safe. Just kidding...they run the place!

The Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District Staff participate in the following organizations:

New York State Conservation District Employee Association (NYSCDEA)

- Kristin Ballou: Division 5 Rep through March of 2023 – term ended.
- Chastity Miller: Treasurer and Past President New York State Water Quality Symposium through March of 2023 – term ended
- Kristin Ballou: Track Chair Forestry for training and education information

New York State Conservation Skills Workshop – Kristin Ballou: Track Chair Forestry

New York State Conservation Skills Workshop – Chastity Miller- Event planner and Instructor

New York State CDEA Water Quality Symposium – Kristin Ballou: Track Chair Forestry

North Adirondack Regional Envirothon – Kristin Ballou, Chairperson. All staff planning and event volunteers.

New York State Envirothon – Chastity Miller Publicity, Media and T-shirts

2024 National Envirothon being held in New York State – Chastity Miller Publicity, Media and T-shirts

St Lawrence River Watershed Project (SLRWP): Chastity Miller, President

Champlain Watershed Improvement Coalition of New York, Inc.

(CWICNY)

- Kristin Ballou: President
- Chastity Miller- Water Quality Representative for Franklin County

Franklin County Water Quality Coordinating Committee (FCWQCC):

Chastity Miller President

Cornell Cooperative Extension Ag Pac Committee – Devin

Normandeau Member



Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM)

AEM is a voluntary, incentive-based program that addresses water quality concerns originating from agricultural issues within the county. The AEM process consists of 5 Tiers, or steps. These steps are used to take an inventory of the agricultural operation, document existing environmental stewardship, identify environmental concerns, develop a plan to address these concerns, and implement Best Management Practices (BMP's) on the farm. Tier 1 is a short, one-paged assessment form which is designed to provide us with updated and accurate data, improved watershed inventory information, and determine possible needs for state and federal cost-share assistance. This step is looking for the most basic

information about the farm. Once this form has been mailed back, we can continue with Tier 2. This is a more in-depth assessment which consists of a farm visit by the technician. The Tier 2 gives the farmer a chance to voice their concerns and ideas about what changes they would like to see on the farm, if any. From there we can move on to Tier 3 and 4 if the farmer chooses to do so. These steps involve writing and implementing a plan to address major water quality issues on the farm.

The Tier 5 is the final step in the process, which consists of a follow-up to make sure that the Best

Management Practice is functioning correctly. This program offers financial and technical assistance for addressing environmental issues on the farm.

2023 closed our second round of AEM Implementation projects. The District implemented 6 projects including the implementation of three fuel storage facilities with secondary containments, one soil conservation system, two grazing systems and one forest erosion control project. The focus of this funding is to complete smaller projects on farms with a budget of less than

\$50,000. The state funding for these projects totaled over \$95,000 with the local producer match of about \$25,000.

We just received our contract for Year 18, this contract includes an increase in implementation money to \$200,000 and technical funding

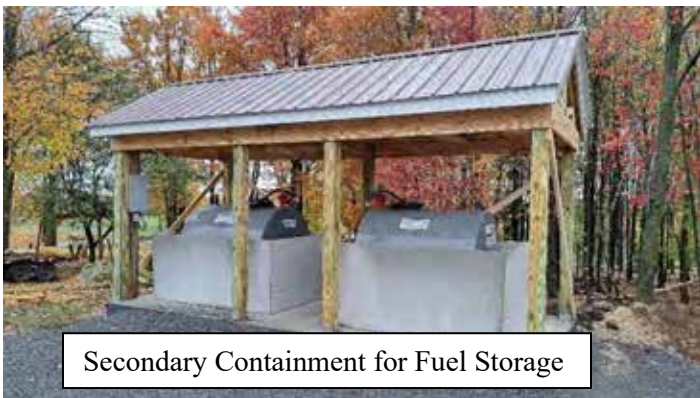
for the District to do this work! Projects have been identified and planned for 2024-2025! If you are interested in participating in the next round of this funding please contact Devin Normandeau 518-651-2097.



Secondary Containment for Fuel Storage



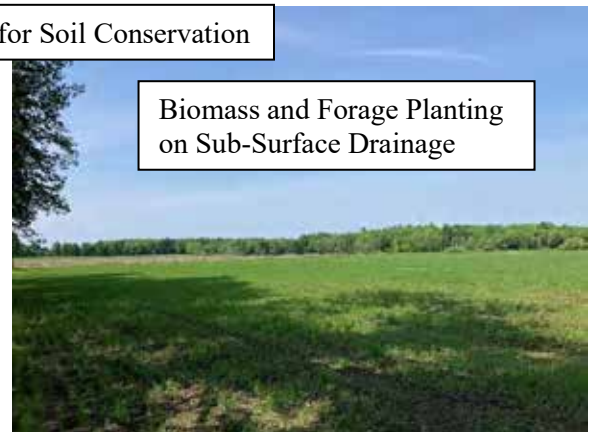
Water Deflectors on a Haul Road for a Forestry Operation



Secondary Containment for Fuel Storage



Sub-Surface Drainage Installation

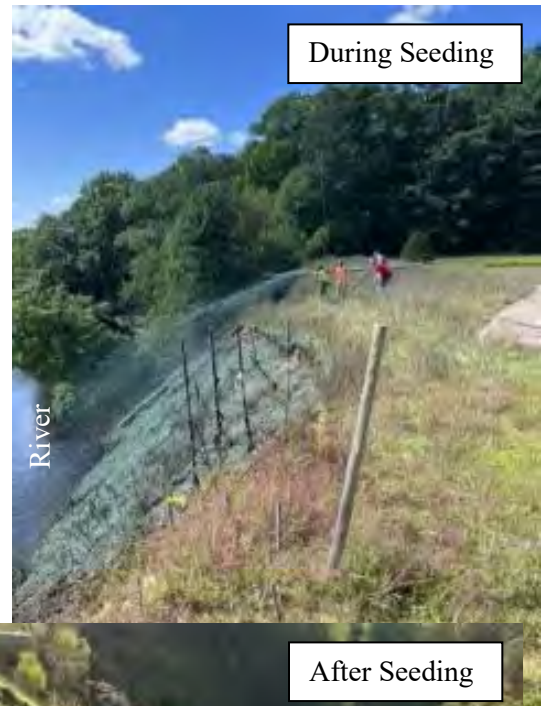


Biomass and Forage Planting on Sub-Surface Drainage

Sub-Surface Drainage for Soil Conservation

Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Round 17 WQIP Sediment and Erosion Control Project

In 2018/19 the Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District was awarded a Water Quality Improvement Project Round 17 from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. This grant is for the implementation of Erosion and Sediment Control Practices throughout Franklin County. This project is utilized to support the District in addressing projects that are allowing nutrients and sediments to enter our waterways. In 2023, the District implemented 3 projects in the county. One of those projects was along the Salmon River in Constable, NY. This property has been eroding for over 60 years and has become a major issue in the watershed. This summer with assistance from Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation the District we hydroseeded this 80' cliff with special organic products including Proganics and Flexterra (mulch with larger quantities of tackifier). This project was hit by a large rain event about 2 days following the seeding. The hydroseeding did take and the hillside was growing well in early September. This project is something the District had been trying to address for over 13 years. It is over 350 feet long and over 80 feet high. The landowners had to move their garage about 10 years ago, it was about to fall over the cliff. With the grant funding, Hamilton County Soil and Water help and lots of manpower the District was finally able to move this project forward.



This property has lost over 100 feet of shoreline since the 50's, along with a garage. In the last few years, the landowner has stopped mowing to the edge of the bank and the District has been working with them to plant streamco bush willows and in 2023 hydroseeded. We plan to hydroseed again in 2024.

Agricultural Non-Point Source Grants

The District has also been successful, in recent years, in applying for and receiving cost share funding from the New York State Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement & Control Grant Program. This grant program was established by NYS to assist farmers in preventing water pollution from agricultural activities by providing technical assistance and financial incentives. Districts apply for the competitive grants on behalf of farmers and coordinate funded conservation projects. Grants can cost-share up to 75% of project costs or more if farmers contribute in the following two areas: planning-funds awarded to conduct environmental planning, and implementation- funds awarded to construct or apply management practices. This year the District has several active Ag Non-Point Source grants and the funding attached to them:

- Round 24: Waste Storage and Transfer Systems in Bombay – Salmon River Watershed \$558,740
- Round 25: Cover Crops – 130 AC, Implementation of Year 3 Salmon and Chateaugay River Watersheds – grant complete in 2022 (paperwork finished in 2023) \$41,643
- Round 25: Silage Leachate Collection Systems in the Bangor – Salmon River Watershed, Grant Completed in 2023 \$264,780
- Round 26: Cover Crops – 250 AC, implementation of Year 3 Salmon and Chateaugay River Watersheds – grant completed in 2023 \$67,763
- Round 27: Waste Storage and Transfer System, Heavy Use Area Protection Area in Moira – Salmon River Watershed, \$447,110
- Round 28: Two Waste Storage and Transfer System and a Barnyard in North Bangor Salmon River Watershed \$751,700

Funding paid out for just these grants in 2023: \$195,000 and Local Match: \$48,000

Climate Resilient Farming

Franklin County Soil and Water was awarded their 1st Climate Resilient Farming Award. The Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District will implement cover crops on 1,320 acres across 10 farms within the Chateaugay River, Salmon River and St. Regis River Watersheds. This project will also host 3 annual workshops highlighting soil health and its benefits and will purchase another smaller 7 foot no till drill to add to the existing 10 foot no till drill to support the implementation of no till cover crops and the improvement of soil health in Franklin County.

Soil health is a number one priority in the county for our agricultural producers. Improving crop yields, reducing workload, saving money and protecting the environment are all important reasons to improve soil health. The District has been working with producers to utilize our 10 foot No Till Seeder for a few years now and has been providing education and demonstration opportunities to prove its importance. In 2023, the District also partnered with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Franklin County to host a soil health workshop at a local farm that is participating in this grant. This workshop provided presentations by regional and state experts in agronomy and weed control.

There are many soil health benefits to planting cover crops within a cropping system, including, improving soil structure, increased water filtration, supplying carryover nutrients, suppressing weed growth and protecting the soil from field erosion. Cover Crops also accumulate organic matter which increases potential for carbon sequestration. Maintaining good soil structure by minimizing compaction also enables better crop growth. Making this a perfect project for the CRF grant.



Current conditions on all farms are bare open soil that is subject to wind and water erosion and nutrient leaching. Many of these farms are heavier clay soils and implementing soil health projects will improve water absorption, break up the clay areas and assist with the future productivity of the soils. All of the participating farms have worked progressively through the AEM planning process and have a plan to implement cover crops.

9th Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program

Ninth Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program – Franklin County Soil & Water partnered with the Village of Malone to conduct the Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program. Trees were dropped off at the soil and water office during business hours. There was a limit of one tree per household and every homeowner who dropped off their tree received a coupon for a free seedling during our tree sale in April. We collected over 30 trees, which means we gave out at least 30 trees to be planted in trade for the Christmas Trees! We continue this program every year! The trees collected this year were chipped and used as compost by the village. Our main goal is to replace trees and to encourage planting trees for conservation. At the time this report was compiled we have over 30 trees for our 2024 program.



Water Quality Program

In 2009 the District determined that a cost share program for water testing was needed for Franklin County residents due to the economic status of some residents in the County and the magnitude of agriculture operations. A large quantity of residents are also elderly and/or have children that can be adversely affected by contaminated drinking water. The District has continued the program since 2009. The District Manager determines on a case by case situation when funds will be used to pay for water sampling in the case of hardship, especially in the situation where there are young children or ill seniors that may be at risk. Also, the District has determined that some samples are important due to the well type and proximity to industry, septic systems and agriculture. This year the District provided over 90 free at home testing kits for drinking water, sampled over 5 wells for contaminants and expanded it's drop off options for certified testing to a second lab! We now are a drop off location for Life Science Labs and for Endyne.

Tree Sale 2023

The 2023 tree sale has come and gone, and the 2024 Tree Sale is almost sold out. We are very pleased with the outcome of 2023! Over **10,000** trees, shrubs, ground covers and berry plants were planted in the region. We also sell blue bird boxes, bat houses, and wood duck boxes. This year we sold over 30 packets of blue pond dye. I am sure you may not know what that is but is it an animal safe dye that goes into ponds to block the sunlight to the bottom, so the aquatic plants do not grow. It is best to treat in April and July but does depend on the water flow situation.

Northern Adirondack Regional Envirothon (NARE)

Congratulations to Franklin Academy, Malone, NY, as the winner for Franklin County in the 2023 event! Franklin Academy went on to the state competition at Hobart William and Smith College in May 2023 and placed 14th out of over 42 teams! Awesome job and good work! Thank you to all the other schools that participated, we are looking forward to a good competition in 2024!



Annual Arbor Day Event

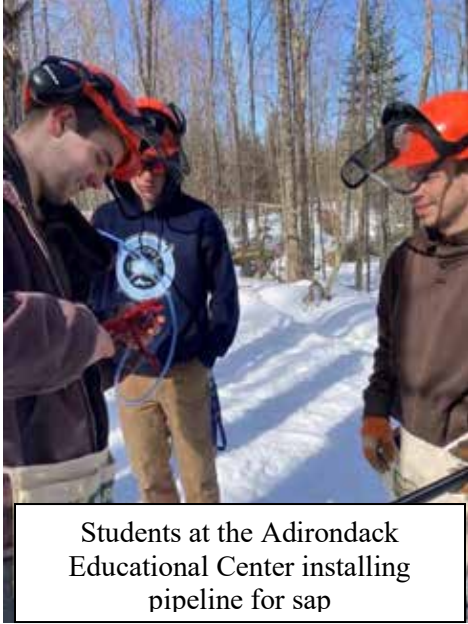
Arbor Day was first recognized in 1872 in Nebraska to encourage farmers and homesteaders to plant trees on what were then primarily treeless plains. Arbor Day celebrates the essential role trees play in our environment, along with encouraging tree planting and care. It also highlights the importance of trees to our economy, and our quality of life. Trees help improve air quality, reduce energy consumption, and beautify the landscapes.

The Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District hosted the 2023 Arbor Day Event at the Kate Mountain Park in the Town of Franklin on Saturday April 22nd. This event was made possible by Franklin County Soil & Water and the Town of Franklin. The Volunteers and the District planted 5 apple trees at this event. All in attendance made sure that the tree was carefully planted, fertilized, and watered. This is an Annual Program for the District and we move it around the county to continue the goals of Arbor Day, which are to promote and protect our trees and natural resources. The 2024 event is April 27th in Westville, NY.

School Assistance Program

In 2023, the Franklin County School Assistance Program entered its 7th year. Since the initial year of releasing this program participation had been slowly dwindling, but in 2023 we were able to support 5 school districts around the county with projects and programs that added new and expanded upon current curriculums and programs.

The Adirondack Educational Center, Natural Resource Science Program, is the area Career Tech Center for Essex and Franklin County students. In 2023, this program applied for funding to obtain the resources necessary to start a unit of study in Maple Syrup Production. This is a new unit that the program now offers students, and it integrates multiple aspects of the current curriculum including dendrology, silviculture, land use management and many more. New lessons were associated with the design and layout of a gravity tubing system, including slope, topography and aspect considerations, land cover type factors, and the maintenance and production processes needed to successfully produce maple syrup. This new unit assisted students with getting hands on experience utilizing the forest landscape not only for carbon storage and direct forest products, but also to provide other sustainable ecological goods and services.



Students at the Adirondack Educational Center installing pipeline for sap

The Brushton-Moira Central School District has been working diligently over the last several years to build the agricultural program in the school district to educate the students on where their food comes from and how to provide food for the community. In 2021, the Brushton-Moira FFA began growing lettuce for the cafeteria by using hydroponics. Brushton-Moira FFA received another grant from Adirondack for Kids which allowed them to put a small compact hydroponic unit in most elementary classrooms. The FFA students have shown grades Pre-k through 12 how growing food in a hydroponic unit is easy and economical. They currently have five grow towers producing lettuce for the cafeteria's lunch program. FFA students harvest 2-3 times a week. The FFA students have also developed a business plan and sell the lettuce to the cafeteria. The capacity of their system was not enough to be able to meet the needs of the cafeteria. Their school assistance project provided the FFA students with the funding to add another tower system along with additional fertilizer, rockwool and supplies needed for the unit. This project has allowed the cafeteria to add a salad bar line as a lunch option, which has been very popular with the students. The FFA hopes that with this new unit they will be able to supply all of the lettuce for the cafeteria. Producing food for the school is a huge endeavor but offers many rewards to all of the students.

The Chateaugay Central School District has been working over the last several years to increase the production of food crops on the school campus and integrate more classes into the program. In 2023, they were striving to increase the productivity of their greenhouse, that was constructed through this program in 2022, increase the production of the raised bed gardens and expand their growable space. As part of the middle school and high school programs additional raised beds were constructed, and early summer harvest crops were started, to allow for summer school students to manage them when their program began. The increased efficiency in the greenhouse and the ability to grow more produce has been a great addition to the curriculum and it has provided great benefit to the students and the community.



Chateaugay Central School working on their raised bed project

Malone Central School working on their raised bed



The Malone Central School District submitted 2 applications to the program. The first application was to support the continuation of their Arbor Day program. Each year the school district acquires tree seedlings to hand out to elementary students to take home, plant and care for as a way to promote learning the importance of sustaining and protecting our planet's natural resources. Through this program students learned what natural resources are and why we need to protect our natural resources to sustain life on our planet. In addition, this activity elaborated on targeted learning science standards such as interdependent relationships in ecosystems. Students were then able to construct an argument with evidence that in a particular habitat some organisms can survive well, some

survive less well, and some cannot survive at all. Through this the students learned about the elements that plants need to survive. The second application was for an outdoor gardening project. The school wanted to start a gardening club with the elementary school students. This provided the students with a better understanding of raising plants and transplanting them into raised beds. This program was available for the school year students and extended summer school students. Students began with an aquaponics project in March which allowed the students to see what plants they could grow and how their fish would also grow. This project allowed them to incorporate the excitement even further. With the school assistance funding the teachers were able to teach the students how to build, plant, and care for raised bed gardens. They were able to use local business to create a "St. Joe's Community Garden". The gardens are being utilized to assist in teaching math, reading, science, history, and mental well-being throughout the spring and summer months.



Malone Central School working on their raised bed project



Saranac Lake Central School Naturalist's Notebook program

The Saranac Lake High School offers a Living Environment class, which is the last required science class for the majority of the student body, which means it is the last opportunity for the science department to try to impart a love for science in their student population. With that in mind the goal of this project was to create several fully immersive "science days" for the Living Environment students (about 100 students each school year) through a partnership with Paul Smith's Visitor Interpretative Center (VIC). This program will bring 3 "science days" where students are engaging in outdoor learning, learning how scientists "do science" as well as engaging with scientific equipment. In September, students were transported to the VIC Center for a full day to focus on the Naturalist's Notebook program. This program allowed students to explore nature, science, arts and evolution by observing the natural world and recording observations in a meaningful way. In February 2024, VIC staff will go to the high school and lead the students through a full day tracking program. In the spring 2024, the students will return to the VIC for a Macroinvertebrate program. This funding was able to support the September Naturalist's Notebook

Program Day and the school has expressed interest in applying for additional funding in 2024 to continue this program.

We are excited that the school districts that continue to apply for this program are continuing to expand and build upon programs throughout the years. We are happy that the programs funded in year one are still being utilized after seven years, that they continue to benefit the students and that they are involved with the new proposals being submitted. This year application numbers have increased again due to additional interaction and networking with the schools. Due to feedback from the schools, in 2024, are increasing the funding limit to \$2,000 per school district to allow for projects that are a little larger.

Workshops

It was a great year for workshops. We are lucky to be able to pull together many amazing organizations to provide excellent education in the County. These



Fruit Tree and Pruning Workshop,
Prairie's Orchard, Malone, NY

organizations include but are not limited to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Franklin County, Harvest, NY, the CCE Eastern, NY Commercial Horticultural Program, NCRAT Team, Northern Forest Center, Master Logger Certification Program, The Trust to Conserve Northeast Forest Lands, Workforce Development Institute, the U.S Endowment for Forestry and Communities, NYS Department of

Environmental Conservation, Adirondack Park Agency and SUNY ESF Ranger School. This year we held a Fruit Tree Pruning and Maintenance & Raspberry Pruning and Maintenance Workshop in March. This event educated over 30 attendees on pruning apple trees and raspberry plants, disease, virus, pest damage scouting and treatment, seasonal maintenance needs, food safety recommendations, Fertilizer Application and Soil Sampling and wildlife control. Thank you to Prairie's Orchard, Malone and Burke Family Farm, Malone for hosting this workshop!

A Forest BMP & Skidder Bridge workshop was held in June. This event educated over 40 landowners, loggers, industry professionals and government officials on proper Forest BMP layout and construction, stream crossing layout & design and permit requirements, Avenza mapping and reading, interpreting, and implementing forest management and silvicultural prescriptions. Thank you to SUNY ESF Ranger School for hosting this event!



Soil Health Workshop equipment
show and tell

A Soil Health Workshop was held in July and educated attendees on the basics of soil health, no till, cover cropping and weed management. There were 14 attendees. Thank you to Poppydale Dairy, Chateaugay for hosting this event! And thank you to Franklin County Cornell Cooperative Extension and the NCRAT Team!

Three separate Logger Rescue, CPR, First Aid & Blood Borne Pathogens classes were held throughout August. These workshops were instructed by Paul Stewart. Paul is a licensed Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) from Houlton, Maine. These classes were geared towards logging contractors, but anyone was welcome to attend. These classes are to ensure that all employees can respond in an emergency situation to make sure employees get the aid that they need. All attendees received American Safety and Health Institute 1st Aid/CPR completion cards upon completion of the course. These courses educated over 40 attendees including logging contractors, heavy equipment operators and fire department members. Thank you to Richards Logging, Tupper Lake, NY and the Town of Tupper Lake; Seaway Timber Harvesting, Massena, NY and the Louisville Volunteer Fire Department; and the Town of Ticonderoga Highway Department and the Town of Ticonderoga for hosting all of these events! These events would not have been possible without our partnership with the Master Logger Certification Program and The Trust to Conserve Northeast Forest Lands. Funding for these workshops was provided by the Workforce Development Institute.



Mary O'Dell APA, explaining
wetland soil characteristics at
the Forest BMP & Skidder
Bridge Workshop

Extracting an unresponsive victim
demo at the Logger Rescue, CPR,
First Aid Workshop



Fruit Tree Pruning and Maintenance & Raspberry Pruning and Maintenance Workshop

Friday February 17, 2023
10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Locations: **Prairie's Orchard 111 County Route 24 Malone, NY 12953**
&
Burke Family Farm 475 Webster Street Road Malone, NY 12953

Guest Speakers:

- Mike Basedow - Area Tree Fruit Specialist, Eastern NY Commercial Horticulture Team
- Anne Gustafson - Western New York Berry Experts on Specialist
- Elizabeth Holzman - Regional Vegetable Specialist, Eastern NY Commercial Horticulture Program
- Lindsey Pashow - Agriculture Business Development and Marketing Specialist

Topics Include:

- Pruning apple trees and raspberry plants
- Disease, virus, pest damage scouting and treatment
- Seasonal Maintenance
- Food Safety Recommendations
- Fertilizer Application and Soil Sampling
- Weed Control



Sponsored by: Cornell Cooperative Extension Franklin County, Cornell Cooperative Extension Eastern NY Horticulture Program and Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District.

This is a hands-on workshop that will be held outdoors regardless of the weather conditions. Bring your own pruners (for the raspberry pruning portion only). This workshop is free and open to the public. This workshop is limited to 30 attendees. Refreshments will be provided.

Pre-registration is required by February 15, 2023. Register by following the link <https://franklin.cornell.edu/home> or by contacting Franklin County Soil & Water (518) 651-2097 or email kballou@fcswc.org to register.



Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District



Forestry BMP & Skidder Bridge Workshop

Friday June 9, 2023, Wanakena, NY

7:30 am - 2:30 pm

Topics include:

- BMP layout and construction
- Stream crossing layout & design and permit requirements
- Avenca mapping
- Forest Management and Silvicultural Prescriptions

Each logger in attendance will receive a Forestry BMP Field Guide, angle gauge and will be entered into a drawing to take a portable skidder bridge home for FREE!!!!

Sponsored by:

- Franklin County SWCD
- Workforce Development Institute
- Master Logger Certification Program



Learn how to improve water quality, forest and soil health and sensitive habitats.



This workshop is free and open to the public. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Loggers, forest landowners, town and zoning officials are all encouraged to attend. Pre-registration is required by May 31, 2023. For more information or to register, contact Kristin Ballou, Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District kballou@fcswc.org or <https://forms.ccefranklin.org/forestry>

This workshop is approved for:
3 CEU / 1 SAF Continuing Education Credits
1 NYLTC Continuing Education Credit
7 Master Logger Continuing Education Credits

This is an Endowment for Forests and Communities. The Endowment is a non-profit organization that works to help protect the state's natural resources for future generations. For more information, please contact the Endowment at www.endowmentforforestsandcommunities.org.



Logger Rescue, CPR, First Aid & Blood Borne Pathogens

August 21st (Tupper Lake, NY), August 22nd (Massena, NY)
or August 23rd (Ticonderoga, NY)
7:30am-2:30pm

What to bring: Current First Aid Kit to review, clothes for indoor and outdoor settings

This class is geared towards logging contractors. This class is to ensure that all employees can respond in an emergency situation to make sure employees get the aid that they need. All attendees will receive American Safety and Health Institute 1st Aid/CPR completion card which is good for 2 years.



Space is limited to 30 attendees/session. pre-registration is required by August 16, 2023. There will be a \$10 registration fee per person and lunch will be provided. Loggers are all encouraged to attend. To register: <https://forms.ccefranklin.org/firstaid>
Or for more information, contact Kristin Ballou, Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District



Sponsored by:

- Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District
- Master Logger Certification Program
- Workforce Development Institute

Topics Include:
First Aid, CPR & Blood Borne Pathogens
Logger Rescue
Emergency Plans
Extraction
What to have in a first aid kit

This workshop is generally sponsored by the Workforce Development Institute, Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District and the Endowment for Forests and Communities.



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Soil Health Workshop

Friday July 28th, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

163 McCormick Rd. Chateaugay, NY 12920

Come learn:
The latest research on soil health practices
All about pesticide use on crop fields
Equipment demos including a no-till drill and no-till corn planter

Presenters:
Kitty O'Neil – Regional Field Crops & Soil Specialist
Mike Hunter – Regional Field Crop Specialist



Lunch provided!
Sandwiches, Subs, Snacks, and Drinks

This workshop is Free!
Call to sign up:
Franklin County Cornell Cooperative Extension
(518) 483-7409
Or
Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District
(518) 651-2097



Conservation in the Community

The Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District created a program called Conservation in the Community in 2010. This program's focus is outreach, information, assistance and availability for the public, municipalities, and communities in Franklin County. One of the goals of the District is to assist the residents in Franklin County with conservation, technical expertise, education, information and much more. This program was created for the District to be recognized as a go-to agency in the county. It is important for people to know what we can do to help.

The population in Franklin County is a little over 50,000 residents, and many of them don't know what the District does or can do for them. The Conservation in the Community program was established to address this and to help everyone. Since the implementation of this program the District has seen a huge increase in the number of water samples being dropped off, at home water kits being purchased, calls for assistance for a huge array of reasons, press releases, map requests, grant inquires and so much more. This year the District expanded it's drinking water program by adding an additional certified lab drop off location. So currently we have services for Life Science Labs out of Syracuse and Endyne out of Plattsburgh.



Mitchell, Donna, and Devin at the Dairy Booth at the Franklin County Fair



Mitchell, presenting to a summer class at St. Josephs in Malone

A few of the Conservation in Community highlights:

- Presented the Steam Table at many local schools, summer programs, and Conservation Field Days in partnership with CCE of Franklin County
- Served at the Franklin County Fair and at the Dairy Booth
- Set up for Kids Day at the Franklin County Fair
- Annual Christmas Tree Recycling- Over 25 trees recycled and a coupon for a free seedling
- Arbor Day Event at the Town of Franklin
- Acquired 2 pallets of mosquitoes dunks for free distribution to the public in Franklin County
- Assembled over 200 tick removal kits for free distribution at the office and the fair
- Organized and ran the Northern Adirondack

Regional Envirothon (NARE).

- Assisted with planning and running the New York State Envirothon
- Began planning the International NCF Envirothon that is going to be held in Geneva, NY in 2024
- Drinking Water Sampling at home and lab- Over 125 at home sampling kits given away to ensure safe drinking water
- Cost shared 6 water samples for drinking water concerns
- Soil Sampling- to assist in appropriate fertilizing near our waterbodies and waterways
- Streambank restoration and plantings- over 50 plantings installed along our waterways, mostly at the Malone Recreational Park
- Provided bare root plantings for local schools and the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Native Tree Nursery and SeedDay



Planting Trees in the Town of Franklin for the Arbor Day Event



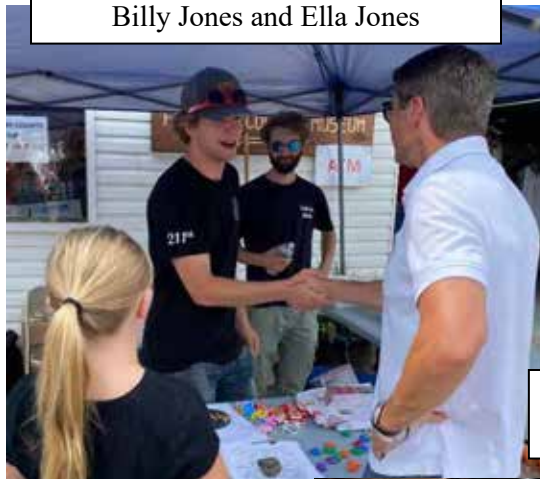
NARE at the VIC in Paul Smiths





Billy Jones and the Franklin County Legislators stop by!

Franklin County Fair – Kids Day Event – Devin and Mitchell with Billy Jones and Ella Jones



Anna and Landon helping us move our office



Soil Health Workshop



Mitchell, presenting macro invertebrates during Kids Day at the Fair



Hydroseeding a diversion ditch



Franklin County Soil and Water helping the Dairy Ambassadors at the Fall Fest at Salmon River



New York State Envirothon Group Photo- 2023

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**Here are some of the services
that Franklin County Soil and
Water Conservation District
Provides:**

- 💧 Agricultural Environmental Management Services (AEM)
- 💧 Ag-Value Assessments
- 💧 Conservation Practices and Planning
- 💧 Forest Management Planning and Services
- 💧 Environmental Permits
- 💧 Beaver Nuisance Permits
- 💧 Environmental Consulting Services
- 💧 Erosion Control
- 💧 Resource Mapping
- 💧 Hydroseeder Rental
- 💧 Mine Land Reclamation Updates
- 💧 Stream Bank Stabilization
- 💧 Watershed Planning
- 💧 Water Test Pick Up/Drop-off

**The Goals of a Soil &
Water Conservation
District are:**

- ✦ Preservation and Protection of soil and water resources
- ✦ Improve water quality
- ✦ Control and prevent soil erosion Prevent floodwater and sediment damages
- ✦ Control and abate nonpoint sources of pollution
- ✦ Assist in the control of floods
- ✦ Prevent impairment of dams and reservoirs
- ✦ Protect drinking water
- ✦ Maintain navigability of rivers and harbors
- ✦ Preserve wildlife
- ✦ Protect tax base
- ✦ Protect public lands
- ✦ Protect and promote the health, safety and general welfare of people of this state

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Workforce Development Institute
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Franklin County Grange
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Franklin County Office of Real Property
Franklin County Public Health
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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
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Champlain Watershed Improvement Coalition of NY (CWICNY)
St. Lawrence River Watershed Project (SLRWP)
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