



Before Photos Above: saturated field conditions , erosion impacts 30 acres of prime farmland and Rowland Road, Conesus, N.Y.

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District Update: On December 28, 2024, the Livingston County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) relocated to the County's Murray Hill Campus in Mt. Morris, Room 248 in Building #1 located in the auditorium wing. Please call (585) 489-6274 prior to visiting or to schedule an appointment. Email: Robert.Stryker@livingstoncountynyswcd.gov

Livingston County SWCD was established in 1942 by the County Board of Supervisors and is governed by a board of directors who represent farm and non-farm interests in addition to county government. **Purpose:** to carry out programs of conservation, wise use and development of soil, water and other natural resources. Livingston County SWCD is non-regulatory and provides technical and educational assistance to all residents and local governments. **Partnership Driven:** Livingston County SWCD coordinates and implements natural resource and environmental programs at the local level in cooperation with federal and state agencies.

Did you know? Livingston County's landscape consists of more than 28,000 separate properties, which in turn are owned by thousands of different owners? Compound this with hundreds of miles of streams and roadways and it can pose a real challenge to address environmental concerns. The photos in this brief highlight a recent project in the town of Conesus that addressed these challenges. For more information please reach out to your local SWCD.

Longterm Solution: A series of four catch basins, underground mains, outlets and road culvert upgrades installed making possible the installation of several thousand feet of sub-surface drainage.

Results: Erosion, water quality and transportation concerns are addressed. Thirty acres prime farmland improved.

Construction Photos Below: Culvert upgrade / replacement.

Catch basin underground mains installation.



New York State Soil & Water Conservation Districts

What is a Soil & Water Conservation District?

Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCD's) are located in each county in New York State, along with New York City, and are governed by a board of directors who represent farm and non-farm interests in addition to county government.

SWCD's are natural resource entities that implement conservation programs at the local level.

- 58 Districts in New York State
- Authorized under State Law
- Non-regulatory
- Implementation-based
- Partnership-driven
- Provide technical assistance and educational programs to residents and local governments.

SWCD's serve all landowners and all communities.

- Farms of any size and commodity
- Rural landowners
- Municipalities
- Urban suburban communities



What SWCD's Do?

Districts implement programs to improve and protect New York's natural resources.

- Implement Best Management Practices! (BMPs) on farm and rural lands to protect and improve soil health, water quality, and wildlife habitat.
- Enhance fish and wildlife habitat through! invasive species management.
- Protect private and public property with! stream and stormwater management.
- Assist local municipalities with flood prevention projects.
- Educate developers in soil erosion and! sediment control practices.
- Conduct outreach to communities and! schools to teach the value of natural resource conservation.
- **For more information contact:**

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