

summer newsletter

AUGUST 2018

Invasive Insects

Maine is now the host of a number of problematic invasive insect species. From the emerald ash borer which can decimate an ash tree in a matter of a couple years, to the browntail moth which has hairs poisonous to people, to the winter moth and hemlock woolly adelgid which are spreading rapidly up the coast of Maine defoliating trees along their way. Androscoggin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District, in association with the Maine Association of Conservation Districts, with a grant from the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry is hosting two free programs to discuss these insects and others.

These programs will help participants identify current and potential invasive forest pests- including browntail moth, emerald ash borer, Asian longhorned beetle, hemlock woolly adelgid, and winter moth- and their host tree species. There will be a focus on understanding the threat that these pests pose and to learn how to respond to and report suspected sightings and damage. Participants will receive an information packet with fact sheets, species lists and life cycles, and other relevant information regarding the goals of this program.

These interactive programs are perfect for the professional who is in the field working with these species, for the landowner who is worried about keeping their trees healthy, and for the concerned citizen who would like to become one of the army of people we need to keep track of these insects as they make their way through Maine.



**FREE EVENTS:
CALL TO REGISTER 207-241-5374**

September 12, 2018
Topsham Public Library
25 Foreside Rd. Topsham, ME 04286
5:00 – 7:00 PM

September 13, 2018
NRCS Lewiston Field Office
254 Goddard Rd. Lewiston, ME 04240
1:00 - 3:00 PM

New

Project Assistant Hired



Mackenzie grew up in Baltimore, Maryland and moved to Concord, New Hampshire in 2008 to work on an apple orchard. After moving to the sea-coast region and working on more vegetable, fruit and dairy farms, she attended the the University of New Hampshire and earned an associate's degree in Integrated Agricultural Management.

Her interest and passion for sustainable farming and natural resources brought her to western Maine in 2013, where she continued working on orchards and expanded into perennial and landscape management.

She enjoys baking, gardening, reading, hiking, listening to music and spending time with her son and husband.

We are very excited to have Mackenzie on the team and for you all to meet her!



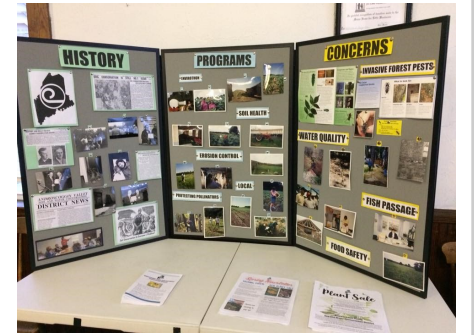
Technical Assistance

Androscoggin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District Offers technical assistance, at a fee, for different project areas.

This includes assistance to help manage erosion and sediment issues and fish passage problems on properties.

In addition, we are happy to help with planning your environmental or natural resource based workshop/events, helping with outreach and education plans, and most recently helping to walk you through FSMA guidance materials and documentation.

- Event/Workshop planning assistance
- Outreach/Education plans
- FSMA Preparation Guidance
- Erosion and sediment control plan
- Bank stabilization guidelines
- Gravel road maintenance guidance
- Fish passage barrier improvement



Supervisor Elections 2018

We are seeking new Supervisors to join us!

Who We Are

Androscoggin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District (AVSWCD), founded in 1947, is a non-profit organization cooperating with landowners and operators to help them manage and protect land and water resources on private and public lands. Conservation Districts are local units of government established under state law to carry out natural resource management programs at the local level.

AVSWCD is looking for Supervisors with a commitment to the conservation of natural resources in Androscoggin and Sagadahoc Counties. These volunteers possess the understanding of natural resource concerns in the local communities of the District and a vocational background preparing them to assist with District operations.

District Supervisor Role

District Supervisors must be registered voters residing in Androscoggin or Sagadahoc County. The term of office for each Supervisor, whether elected or appointed, is three years or the remainder of an unexpired term if replacing another Supervisor.

District Supervisors are responsible for attending monthly meetings and participating in District events. Board of Supervisors are public officials, and their actions and records are always open to public inquiry.

Why You Should Participate

The Conservation District's main aim is to teach proper land use methods and how to obtain the utmost from natural resources while maintaining fertility, preventing flooding and erosion, maintaining and restoring wildlife habitats, and protecting our water supply. The ongoing effectiveness of Conservation Districts has been due to our ability to provide the bridge between citizens and local, state, and federal agencies, the business sector, non-profits, conservation organizations, and so many more. If our goals align with your interests then this is a great opportunity to become involved in our community and support a historic organization.

Please contact us for more information on what becoming a supervisor entails or for petition papers if you are interested in running in the election.

Contact us!

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