

**GREATER ADIRONDACK RC&D COUNCIL** is a unique non-profit organization that helps people care for and protect their natural resources in a way that improves the Adirondack region's economy, environment, and living standards.

The Greater Adirondack RC&D Council provides a forum for people to work together to plan and carry out activities that make the Adirondacks a better place to live.

Working with citizens, local organizations, and county agencies, the Greater Adirondack RC&D Council sets its goals and priorities to meet local needs.

The all-volunteer Council is responsible for directing the program at the local level. Council members are county legislators or supervisors, conservation district, planning board and at-large members who serve for a two-year term. The dedication of these volunteers is the key to RC&D success.

The Council's responsibilities are:

- to provide opportunities for public input on RC&D goals and objectives
- to develop an Area Plan and work toward identified priorities
- to form resource teams and committees to accomplish needed work
- to direct the activities of local, state, and federal personnel on RC&D projects
- to oversee administration of RC&D operations
- to provide citizens with information about RC&D projects

Contact the Greater Adirondack RC&D Council for more information about membership or assistance with your community projects.

### **The RC&D Program**

In 1962, Congress passed the Food and

Agricultural Act authorizing the Resource Conservation and Development Program. Administrative responsibility was given to U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The purpose of the program is to expand opportunities for conservation districts, local governments and individuals to improve their communities in multi-county areas through the formation of regional non-profit organizations.

For every dollar appropriated by U.S. Congress, RC&D councils across the nation leverage \$14 from other sources for locally guided projects.

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service facilitates activities and provides technical assistance to RC&D councils across the nation in cooperation with these partnering federal agencies:

- Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service
- Food and Nutrition Service
- USDA Rural Development
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Forest Service

Greater Adirondack RC&D is one of 375 RC&D areas authorized nationwide to receive technical assistance from NRCS. Greater Adirondack RC&D Council is a member of the National Association of RC&D Councils. Please visit their website: [www.rcdnet.org](http://www.rcdnet.org)

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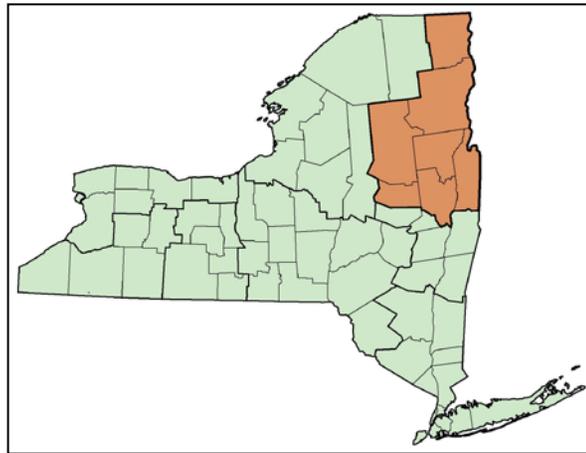


## **Greater Adirondack Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.**

*... to promote the wise use of natural resources and to enhance the economic vitality in the Greater Adirondack region.*

**GREATER ADIRONDACK RC&D** area includes Clinton, Essex, Fulton, Hamilton, Saratoga, Washington and Warren Counties and is home to over 300,000 people. Northeastern New York is challenged to balance tourism and development

with agricultural and forest vitality and environmental quality.



Greater Adirondack RC&D Area  
within New York State

**Our mission** is to promote the wise use of natural resources and to enhance the economic vitality in the Greater Adirondack region.

**Our vision** is a sustainable, regional community with healthy forests, clean water and air, and natural habitats in balance with a viable mixed economy that includes agriculture, commerce, forestry, and tourism.

**Our strength** comes from the dedication and participation of local citizens.

**Working in partnership with federal, state, and local agencies and other nonprofit organizations, the Greater Adirondack RC&D Council brings together the people and resources needed to protect and enhance the**

## **area's environment, economy, and quality of life.**

### **Greater Adirondack RC&D Council Goals**

Council members, representing civic and environmental organizations, conservation districts and local governments, have identified goals to address the Adirondack area's natural resource and community development concerns. These concerns and goals are:

#### **Natural Resources**

##### **Conservation and Protection**

- Enhance Water Quality and Riparian Corridor Protection
- Enhance Biodiversity and Species Habitat
- Promote Agricultural, Commercial, Forestry and Private Conservation Initiatives
- Facilitate Farmland Protection Efforts
- Promote Education and Understanding of Area Resources

##### **Economic Vitality and Community Development**

- Promote Economic Opportunities
- Promote Sound Land Use Planning for Economic Sustainability
- Promote and Enhance Recreational and Tourism Opportunities
- Promote Education of the Area's Cultural and Natural History
- Provide Opportunities for All Greater Adirondack Residents to Benefit From the RC&D and Other USDA Programs

**GREATER ADIRONDACK RC&D COUNCIL** is committed to empowering people and creating solutions for conservation, community development, and environmental enhancement. Some of our past projects include:

- Venison Donation Program
- Adirondack Waterfest
- Crowningshield Dam Removal

- Lumber Grading Workshop
- Trail Development for the Disabled
- Discounted Dry Hydrants
- Stream Revetments and Erosion Control
- Nature Trail for the Disabled



Interpretative Nature Trail at  
the Center for Disabled in Saratoga County

**For more information about Greater Adirondack RC&D Council, their projects or the RC&D program contact:**

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