

## Projects

Projects have traditionally been community and economic development in nature and are based on conserving the natural and human resources in the area.

Services can include planning, acting as a fiscal agent, looking for funding and assisting with implementation. Fiscal agent services include the rights and privileges of the council's IRS authorization as a non-profit. This is often used by small organizations just getting started who do not want to incorporate and become IRS authorized.

Projects are brought to the Council for approval by individuals and organizations who have ideas that will have a positive effect on the economy and environment.

The Council has completed over 450 projects, with major emphasis in one or both counties.

Basketball Court Frenchboro



Scythe demo—Grass & Grain Workshop



Fish Passage Project-Sullivan



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# Down East Resource Conservation & Development Area (RC&D)



# What is Down East RC&D?

The RC&D program was conceived in the nineteen sixties to help rural communities who depend on the natural resource base for their way of life and economic well being. Based in the US Department of Agriculture the program was designed to put resources in rural counties that would aid accessing available opportunities for economic benefit. The DERC&D Council was formed with representatives of local municipalities and non-profits and members at large.

Subsequent to recent Congressional action RC&D Councils now operate independently without direct federal support. The Council has been working hard to overcome the loss of federal staff by looking for ways to use our volunteers to continue with project work.

Our strength as an organization comes from the variety of knowledge and experiences of those volunteers. Whenever a new project is brought to the council the discussion immediately turns into a brainstorming session.

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## Our mission:

**Resource conservation through systematic wise usage of our natural and human resources to improve the economy while maintaining quality in the natural resource base**

## Our Vision:

**Resource conservation through systematic use of soil, water, plants, wildlife, human and recreational resources while maintaining quality in the natural resource base and improving the economy through properly managed development.**

## Sponsors and Partners

**Our Sponsors and Partners include county, municipal and town governments, soil and water conservation districts and local non-profit organizations.**

**Our strength is forged through partnering with other organizations working in the community.**

**Washington County Commissioners  
Washington County Council of Govts.  
Hancock County Planning Comm.  
Sunrise County Economic Council  
Maine Seafood Alliance**

**Washington County : One Community  
Washington County SWCD  
Hancock County SWCD  
Municipalities of:**

**Winter Harbor; Sullivan; Bucksport; Eastport; Addison; Whitneyville; Calais.  
Downeast & Acadia Tourism  
Cherryfield Free Public Library  
Cherryfield Academy**

**Tourism Business Conference**

