



# Threshold To Maine Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area

## Recruitment Prospectus

### Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D)

Local residents promoting sound natural resource management, accelerated economic development, and improvements to their standard of living by balancing resource use with conservation for the betterment of our communities.

The purpose of the Threshold To Maine Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area is to assist communities in York, Cumberland, Oxford, and Franklin Counties improve skills and commitment to balancing social, economic, and ecological issues around natural resource use.

#### Current Mission Statement

Threshold to Maine RC&D Area, Inc. will help individuals and communities pursue natural resource based opportunities in southern and western Maine by providing technical assistance to promote social improvement, economic development, and environmental protection.

RC&D is a program of the US Department of Agriculture, administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The Threshold To Maine Council is a nonprofit corporation in Maine, with 501(c)(3) tax exempt status. The Board of Directors (Council Members) are volunteers and assume all legal and governance responsibilities for the Organization.

#### Organization

The Threshold to Maine Council meets every other month (February, April, June, August, October, December) on the third Monday of the month. Meetings generally last two hours. County meetings are held the other months rotated between counties also on the third Monday of the month. Project Committees meet based on need.



#### Types of Members Being Sought

The Council is looking for members with interest in natural resources and rural development. One or more of the following skills will be an asset to the Council: natural resource management, business/community development, finance, family issues, fund-raising, public participation and relations, or communications.

#### Expectations of Members

Members are responsible for faithful attendance at meetings, active participation, representing their sponsors' views at meetings, and for having knowledge of the RC&D program. Members should be prepared to attend meetings, and take on assignments between meetings, accounting for approximately 8 to 10 hours of time every other month.

The strength of the RC&D concept lies in public participation derived from involvement in Council activities. Members will be asked to develop ideas, report problems, devise solutions, relay information, and listen to area residents. Each member is also asked to serve on one or more committees. Duties include:

- Awareness of the needs in their community.
- Provide support for RC&D goals.
- Work closely with partners.
- Maintain effective communications with Council and public.
- Keep sponsors informed of progress, problems, and program management.

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