

About Us

The Rockland County Soil & Water Conservation District was established in 1965 and is responsible for developing Soil and Water Conservation District programs to protect and conserve soil, water, prime and unique farmland, wildlife, energy and other renewable resources to meet the needs of the local land user on non-federal lands. The Board of Directors represent the County's five towns. They are appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Legislature.



Want to know more?

For a complete list of programs or to set up a program, contact Nicole Laible:

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Rockland County Soil & Water Conservation District Education Programs



**Protecting and Conserving
Rockland County's
Environment since 1965**

What do we offer?

FREE environmental education programs are provided to school groups, youths and adults. NYS DEC Project WET and self made lessons available. The District tailors the lesson/ program for each school or class. Field Trips to County Parks and classroom visits available. Topics include:

- Water quality testing
- Macro invertebrate identification
- Interpretative hikes
- Drawing landscapes
- Fish biology
- And more...

Water Quality Testing

Students will learn about the physical and chemical properties of the waterways in Rockland County. Soil District staff lead students in hands on activities to measure pH and dissolved oxygen in streams.



Photo by LDEO, A Day in the Life of the Hudson River

A student determines the dissolved oxygen of river water during the Annual Day in the Life of the Hudson River event.

Macroinvertebrate Identification

What lives in our streams? Students will get an up close look at the bugs that call our streams home. They will learn about macroinvertebrates as indicators of stream health and learn how to identify them.



Photo by Nicole Laible



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(Left) Students watch as an educator demonstrates how to collect the macroinvertebrate kick sample. (Right) Students then sort the sample and try to identify as many bugs as possible!

Interpretive Hikes

Take a walk through the woods and learn about our parks. Students will learn about the natural history of the county parks and tree identification. These hikes give them the opportunity to explore the trails in their local community!

Drawing Landscapes

Take a look at the difference between the built and the natural environment. Students have the opportunity to discover how drastic a landscape can change in just one block!

...And More!

Have something in mind that you do not see in this brochure? The district can tailor lessons and programs based on your needs!



Photo by Tim Sanders

(Above) District Manager, Nicole Laible, leads a lesson for students at a local community center. (Below) District staff member, Brianna Rosamilia, leads children in a fish identification game.



Photo by Diana Curt