Source Water Protection Subcommittee Report Out
Maine NRCS STC Meeting – March 10, 2023

https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/conservation-basics/conservation-by-state/maine/source-water-protection-subcommittee

1. Develop a **Maine NRCS Source Water Protection (SWP) fact sheet** – refer to NH and VT as models

2. Provide a **map** of the priority SWP areas on the Maine NRCS website and provide a link to NRCS HQs' NEW SWP website! https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/source-water-protection

3. **Subcommittee agreed that producers and landowners are interested in learning in person.** After developing outreach materials, work with NRCS district offices/conservation district staff to promote NRCS funds for protecting Maine's priority drinking water supplies

4. **Recommend that NRCS consider funding outreach meetings (in person) for producers** to learn about NRCS programs, modeled after successful meetings hosted in the past

5. Provide information about how/where the 10% of conservation funds for Source Water Protection were used in FY22 to inform future projects

6. Have a presentation on Source Water Protection projects at a future **STC meeting**

Attendees at March 8, 2023 Maine NRCS Source Water Protection Subcommittee Meeting

- *Chair: Kira Jacobs, U.S. EPA Drinking Water Program*
- Marvin Cling, Passamaquoddy Tribe - Pleasant Point
- Emily Greene, Saco Watershed Collaborative
- Ashley Hodge, Maine CDC Drinking Water Program
- Tony Jenkins, NRCS
- Tara King, NRCS
- Sharri Venno, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians
- Kate Warner, Maine Rural Water Association
- Carol Weymouth, Maine Association of Conservation Districts