

## MAINE ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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Dear Mr. Dorion,

The Maine Association of Conservation Districts [MACD], its Board, and membership request that Maine Assoc. of Professional Soil Scientists again provide sponsorship for the Maine Envirothon. Our 2020 year was difficult. We needed to work around the impacts of the Corona Virus. While our competitions needed to be canceled last year, we are currently working to provide Envirothon/Conservation curriculum and activities to interested schools. That is likely to include virtual materials later in the school year.

In Maine we are just beginning our 2020-21 school year Envirothon season along with the efforts to modify what the program and its materials look like. The Maine Envirothon requests a donation from MAPSS to help with the costs of operating our program and the revisions being made. While we did no offer our usual Fall Field Days this year, we did forward and continue to forward Natural Resource materials to students and advisors.

This year's Maine Envirothon efforts will be focused on getting materials to schools and team advisors as well as developing methods to provide the resource materials and create a virtual competition which schools can use in the spring of 2021. We will have an ongoing effort to provide study materials which are available to schools and students throughout the winter and then create some type of competition in the spring of 2021.

Your financial support will help our efforts to maintain and possibly grow the Maine Envirothon and provide support to both competing schools and the staff and advisors who may be considering the Maine Envirothon experience. In our recent years we had 50-60 teams compete in addition to the students who use the workshops. We intend to maintain that level of involvement.

From our teams' experience at the National/International competions in the past, we understand that Maine—per capita—has more teams than most other U.S. states participating in the Envirothon program! That is a position we wish to maintain. Your financial support is part of that effort.

Should you choose to become a sponsor/donor we will acknoledge that support on our website and other public information. Depending upon the donation, that may include a listing on our student tshirts. Please take the opportunity to check our current website at <a href="www.maineenvirothon.org">www.maineenvirothon.org</a> to learn more of Maine's Envirothon program.

This work cannot be done without the continued support of our sponsors. We hope you can donate at the \$1,000 supportive level or greater for the coming year. This money goes toward improving our program operations and keeping costs to the teams at a minimum to encourage continued and new participation.

We are continuing our path of program growth and development. We hope MPPSS will be able to assist us in our efforts!

Yours in Conservation,

Chair of Maine Envirothon Fundraising Committee

Attachments - Donor brochure

