# CLEAN WATER PROJECTS IN THE FOREST SECTOR

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### Watershed Forestry Program





- AMP Technical Assistance
- Education and Outreach
- Logger/Forester Training
- Bridge Cost Share Program
- Bridge Rental Program
- Agency Land Clean Water Projects













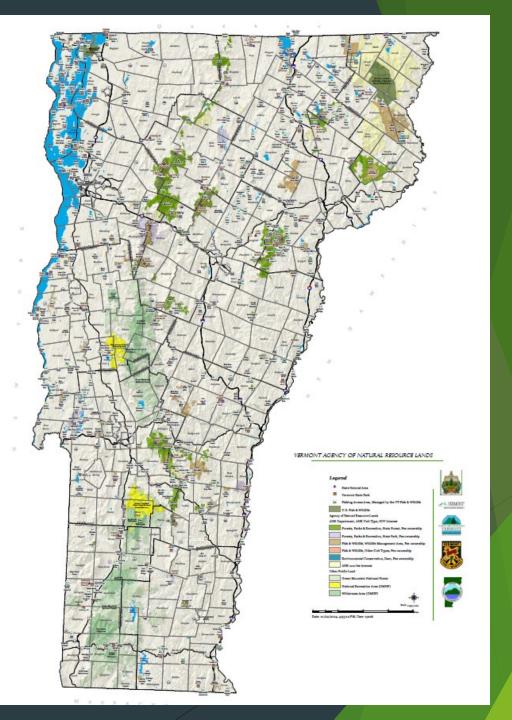
## ANR Lands

- 360,000 acres
- 8% of VT land base

#### Including 39 State Forests 55 State Parks 80 WMAs

Also, DEC Dam sites, FW Pond sites and Fishing Accesses

### Approximately 980 miles of roads and 1,500 miles of trails



## Different Road Types on ANR Lands

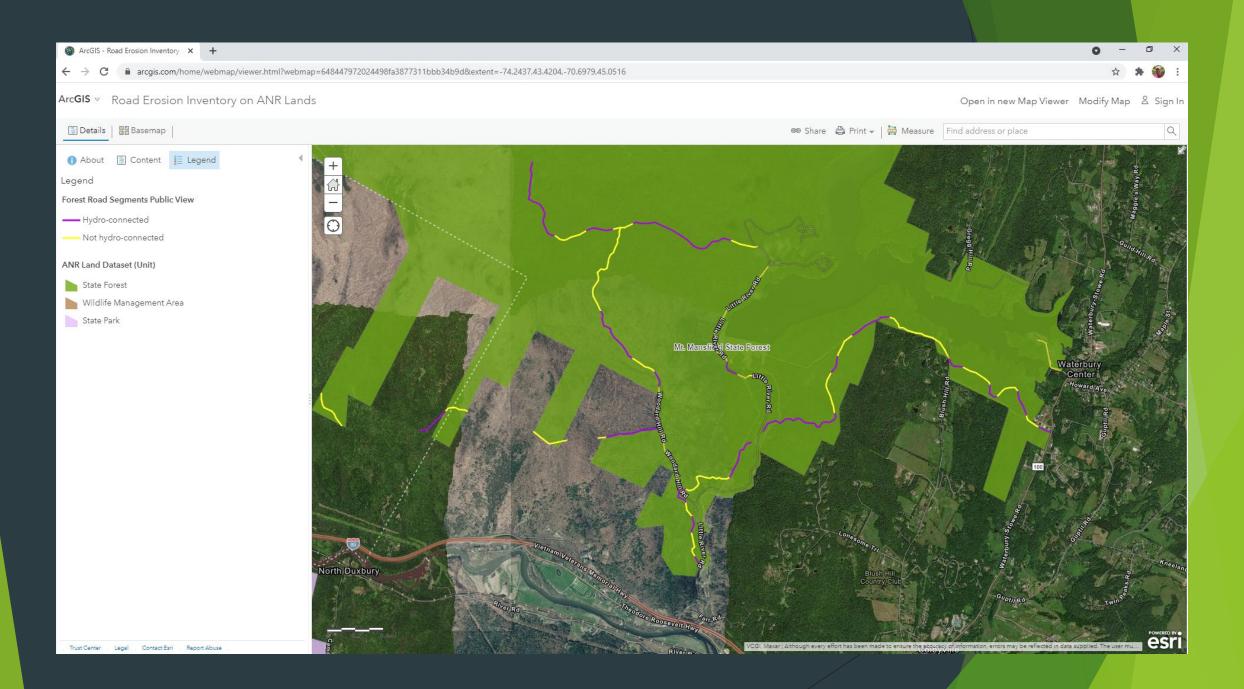
- Type 1 Roads- a road that provides recreational and management access to Vermont State Parks, developed Alpine Ski Areas and F+W fishing access areas.
  - Uses MRGP standards

Type 2 Roads- gravel surface roads, wide enough and have a suitable gravel surface for a motor grader to grade. The travel lane is greater than 12 feet wide, may be crowned and sloped so water sheds off the surface into ditches or in a distributed manner, or may have a combination of practices to shed water including crowning, broad based dips, or waterbars. Type 2 roads have ditching with ditch relief culverts and permanent stream crossings to manage water outside of the roadway.

Type 3 Roads- gravel surface but is not easily graded or accessed by a motor grader. The travel lane is typically 12 feet or less in width and has a combination of practices to shed water including crowning, out-slope, in-slope, broad based dips and waterbars. Type 3 roads typically have ditches with cross-drain culverts and permanent stream crossings and can range from being heavily covered in grass to grass-free.

Type 4 Roads- surface consists of native material and generally utilized during frozen conditions as a winter harvest road and/or designated VAST (Vermont Association of Snow Travelers) trail. The travel lane is not graded by a motor grader and has broad based dips and waterbars to shed water from the roadway. Type 4 roads sometimes have permanent stream crossings removed, but when designated as a VAST trail, permanent crossings occur with more frequency and also has occasional ford crossings.

**Type 2,3 and 4 roads use AMP standards** 



### Hydrologically-Connected Road Segments

Segment length = 100 Meters

#### **Connected Criteria:**

- Within 100' of a water resource
- Bisects (crosses) and drains to a water resource
- The forest road segment is uphill from, and drains to, a segment that bisects a water of the state
- Connectivity status can be changed during the inventories

#### Water Resources:

- Perennial streams
- Intermittent streams (well defined channel with obvious bed and banks, sediment transport, no permanent flow).

Wetlands

Lakes and Ponds

### ANR Road Erosion Inventory

#### Vermont Better Roads Manual

MRGP

Clean Water You Can Afford



### VERMONT WATER QUALITY

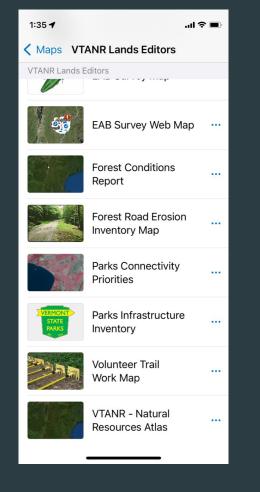
Acceptable Management Practices Manual for Logging Professionals



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# ANR Road Erosion Inventory (REI)

Utilizes <u>Field Maps</u> and <u>Survey 123</u> to manage the segments and collect segment data.

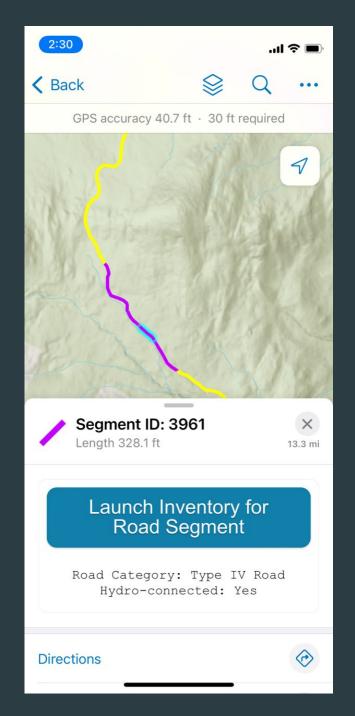


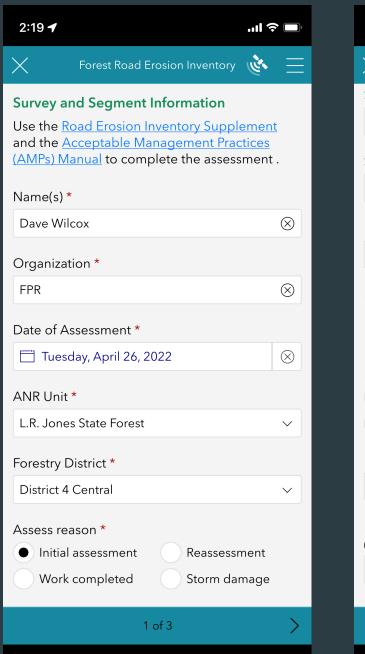


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Forest Road Road Erosion Erosion Inventory Inventory (2020):.





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Road name	
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Hydro-connected *	
Yes No	
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# Clean Water Principles

Disconnect road
Stormwater whenever
possible, perpendicular flow

- Infiltrate stormwater
  - Slow it down
  - Spread it out

 Stabilize conveyances and turn out ditches or add ditch relief culverts

Spread water back out

 Properly size stream crossings



## Ditch Relief & Disconnection

Ditch relief culverts were installed according to AMP spacing based on road slope.





## Structure Sizing

- Undersized structures were removed and replaced with structures sized according to drainage area.
- Outlets were armored and stabilized on many steep gradient intermittent streams.

Before



#### After



# Road Surface & Shoulder Improvements

- Improvements were made to travel surface to control surface drainage & improve resiliency.
- Shoulders were re-graded to establish positive drainage.



