Competing demands in agriculture, industry and domestic sectors has resulted in intensive and unscientific exploitation of soil, water and vegetation thereby causing widespread eco-system degradation.

In this context, the Soil and Water Conservation Department of Meghalaya has been entrusted with the task of formulation and implementation of schemes and projects not only to conserve soil, water and vegetation but also to promote environmental awareness so as to ensure sustainable development.

**Vision**

Natural resources management, for sustainable livelihood, ecological balance and overall socio-economic development of the user communities.

**WE ARE COMMITTED TO**

The Conservation, Protection and Management of the major natural resources in the State viz., soil, water and vegetation.

**WE STRIVE FOR**

- Promoting sustainable utilization of soil water and vegetation resources.
- Enhancing and sustaining productivity of land available for primary production systems (crop cultivation, livestock raising and forest management).
- Maintaining beneficial relationship between land and water to reduce hazards of drought and flood.
- Generating additional employment opportunities and income for secured livelihood in rural areas.
- Supporting the community’s demand for food, water and energy by improving the productivity of natural resources.
WHAT WE DO

• Integrated Watershed management.
• Land Development – terracing, bunding, and reclamation of cultivable land.
• Water Harvesting to harness rainwater and surface runoff for multipurpose uses.
• Stream bank Erosion Control of cultivated and cultivable lands.
• Water Conservation and Distribution by impounding water of streams and rivulets and subsequently distributing it to developed land.
• Afforestation of barren hillocks or degraded land by planting suitable tree species.
• Horticulture/Plantation Crops Development by growing of crops such as coffee, rubber, cashewnut, citrus, etc.
• Reclamation/Revitalization of Traditional Water harvesting structures.
• Management of Jhum (Shifting Cultivation) through
  Alternative farming systems.
  Improving the productivity of Jhum areas.
• Reclamation of wastelands.
• Agro-forestry by growing tree species compatible with agricultural crops in agricultural land.
• Training of different levels of stakeholders.
• Creating Environmental Awareness.
• Educate rural communities on sustainable use of natural resources like land, soil and water.

HOW WE DO

• Identify areas which require soil and water conservation interventions.
• Determine remedial measures in consultation with the affected community/individuals.
• Facilitate the implementation of the programmes by the community/individuals by providing technical and financial support.
• Capacity Building for organizational and participatory skills at the grassroots level to enable stakeholders to take up proper planning, implementation, management, credit operation and evaluation of the projects.

**WHAT WE EXPECT FROM PEOPLE**

• Sincere co-operation and participation from village communities and individuals.
• Willingness of the community /individuals to maintain and protect the assets created.

**HOW CAN PEOPLE APPROACH US**

• Direct contact at various Offices of the Department.
• Submission of applications to District and Subordinate Offices.
• Through the Department’s email: megsoil49@gmail.com

**TIME FRAME FOR PROCESSING VARIOUS PROPOSALS**

• Last date for receiving applications from community/individuals for schemes under Watershed management, wasteland development, land development, erosion control, water harvesting, water conservation & distribution, afforestation, agro-forestry, cash/horticultural crops development is the 31st of July every year.
• Information to the applicants for inspection/verifications during August-October.
• Investigation, survey - October – November.
• Preparation of Estimates/Plan/Design during November-December.
• Intimation to Applicants regarding selection/rejection of applications in will be done in the month of November.
• Submission the proposal to the Administrative Department - January

**TIME FRAME FOR DISPOSAL OF COMPLAINTS**

• Complaints will be acknowledge within 7 working days of receipt of the complaint.
• Investigation of the complaints will be done within one month from the date of acknowledgement of the complaints.
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