Does your town have a dirty little secret?

Soil erosion could be "e-roading" your tax dollars away.

Erosion is the biggest threat to Maine's water quality. And in many towns, gravel roads are the number one cause. Erosion not only costs you, the taxpayer, money, but also causes unseen – and untold – harm to our waterways: soil hurts fishes' gills, affects water flow, and carries a lot of oil and other chemicals that contaminate the water, and lead to scummy green lakes.

So next time it rains, check out the roads in your area:

- Are they properly crowned to shed water, or does each storm leave potholes and ruts?
- Are ditches stable, or are they eroding and adding to the problem?
- Is run-off going into natural vegetated areas, or straight into lakes or wetlands?

The good news is that all these problems *can* be fixed – often at a cost that saves taxpayers money in the long run.

If you see erosion problems on your roads and ditches, or just have questions, talk to your town officer or call us at 1-800-452-1942.

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