

**Department of Inland  
Fisheries and Wildlife  
Bureau of Warden Service  
Landowner Relations**



From: Landowner Relations Specialist Rick Laflamme

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Re: Letter of Support

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To whom it may concern,

Maine is 94% privately owned. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Landowner Relations Program is essential for the survivability of all recreating in Maine, on private property. The two top reasons private lands are getting shut down at a rapid level are, #1 litter & illegal dumping, #2 destruction of property, which brings me to the importance of partnerships with companies like Waste Management;

Over the last four years Waste Management has been on the front lines, battling illegal dumping with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Landowner Relations Program. Because of partnerships like this one, the landowner relations program can provide a great service to the landowners of Maine, in cleaning up the forest, fields, and waters of illegally dumped trash. Waste Management's commitment to the cause has been essential to our annual statewide landowner appreciation cleanup event as well.

Waste Management serves an important role on a statewide level to the landowner relations program. Just over the last year they have donated dozens of large roll of dumpsters, trucking, and thousands of lbs. of free disposal thru the LOR program. Waste Management understands the problems of illegal dumping, and continues to be a large part of the solution! Waste Management has been the liaison for the landowner relations program, in helping build partnerships with other disposal companies like BDS tire, and other smaller disposal companies.

We hope to continue the partnership with Waste Management for many years to come. Because of the hundreds of thousands of lbs. of illegally dumped trash, that we have all picked up, I assure you a lot of the land that would have been posted NO TRESSPASSING is now still open, and will be for a long time. We need to continue to catch the violators, educate the youth, and clean up the mess for the landowners. Together we are truly making a difference, and Waste Management is a huge part of this equation.

Thank You, for your unbelievable service to the citizens of Maine.

Sincerely,

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