



Natural Resources
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State Technical Committee AGENDA Tuesday, April 20, 2021

This meeting will be conducted via Microsoft Teams internet conferencing. The meeting link and a call-in telephone number is provided at the end of this document.

- 1:00 pm Welcome – Peter Vanderstappen, Acting State Conservationist
- 1:05 pm Retrofitting the Rural Roadside Ditch Network to Treat Nitrogen Using Woodchip Bioreactors
Eric Chase, P.G. Center for Dirt and Gravel Road Studies,
Penn State University
- 1:35 pm Report from the Urban Conservation Sub-Committee – Co-Chairs Dimka Braswell and Scott Barkley
- 1:45 pm Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Video
Introduction by Jared Shippey, NRCS District Conservationist
- 2:00 pm Technical Reports:
- Engineering – Tim Peters, Assistant State Engineer
 - Ecological Sciences – Dan Ludwig, State Resource Conservationist
 - Soils/Compliance – Yuri Plowden, State Soil Scientist
- 2:30 pm Financial Programs
- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) – Scott Heckman, Assistant State Conservationist for Programs
 - National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), and Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) – Ashley Lenig, Conservation Program Manager
 - CREP Update – Jim Gillis, NRCS State Biologist

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- 2:45 pm Agricultural Conservation Easements Programs (ACEP) – Hathaway Jones, Management Analyst
- New GARC Rates
 - Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)
 - Wetland Reserve Easement Program (WRE)
 - Healthy Forest Reserve Program (HFRP) and HFRP Rankings
- 3: 00 pm Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) – Susan Marquart, Assistant State Conservationist for Partnerships
- New AFA Funding Opportunity:
Applications must be received by NRCS by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on May 28, 2021
 - FY 2020-21 RCPP Classic Selections
 - Next RCPP Classic Funding Opportunity expected this summer
- 3:20 pm Committee Input: Do the State Technical Committee members have any suggestions for topics or agenda items for future meetings?

Dates for remaining 2021 State Technical Committee Meetings:

Wednesday, July 21, 2021
Thursday, October 21, 2021

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