



Natural Resources
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State Technical Committee AGENDA Wednesday July 21, 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 – Denise Coleman, State Conservationist
- 1:05 pm Presentation: Dairy-Led Healthy Streams Initiative: A Lancaster County Demonstration, Jenna Mitchell Beckett, Pennsylvania State Director and Agriculture Program Director, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
- 1:35 pm Report from the Urban Conservation Sub-committee – Co-Chairs Dimka Braswell and Scott Barkley
- 2:00 pm Report from the Wildlife Sub-committee – John Taucher, Pennsylvania Game Commission
- 2:10 pm Technical Reports:
- Engineering – Peter Vanderstappen, State Engineer
 - Ecological Sciences – Dan Ludwig, State Resource Conservationist
 - Provisional Ecological Sites – Yuri Plowden, State Soil Scientist
- 2:35 pm Financial Programs
- NRCS Programs Update – 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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- 3:05 pm Agricultural Conservation Easements Programs (ACEP) – Hathaway Jones, Management Analyst
- GARC Rates for 2022
 - Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) - enrollment and closing numbers
 - Wetland Reserve Easement Program (WRE) - outreach plan for FY 2022
 - Healthy Forest Reserve Program (HFRP) - will keep funding for FY 2022 for permanent easement enrollments. NRCS will continue searching for properties to utilize the funds in 2022.
- 3:20 pm Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) Update – Susan Marquart, Assistant State Conservationist for Partnerships
- 3:30 pm Committee Input: Do the State Technical Committee members have any suggestions for topics or agenda items for future meetings?

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Thursday, October 21, 2021

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