State Technical Committee – March 22, 2021

**Virtual Meeting via Teams**

**Attendees:**

Lister, Genevieve - NRCS,

Byam, Jackie - NRCS,

Baker, Michael - FPAC-NRCS,

Rivera, Carol - NRCS,

Weaver, Robert - NRCS

Lamb, Susan - NRCS

Michelle Chesnick

Amy Jacobs

Strano, Steve - NRCS

Christina Davis Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin

Williams, Mikel - NRCS

King, Shantel - NRCS,

Alisha Mulkey, MDA

Ricks, Steven - NRCS,

Davis, Tiffany - NRCS

Metcalf, Nancy - NRCS

Mark Hoffman

McAfee, Robert - NRCS,

Jones, J'Que - NRCS

Audie, Michelle"

Rob Schnabel

King, Phillip - NRCS,

Charles Sasscer

Paul Emmart

Hillsman, Terron - NRCS,

Christina Davis

**Jackie Byam – ASTC Programs**

Jackie welcomed the group and thanked them for joining. Introductions were shared.

Jackie provided presentation on EQIP-CIC (attached)

Jackie noted that the challenge we face in Maryland is the 2025 WIP goals and the committee agreed that finding cost effective practices to meet the WIP would be a good fit for this new program.

The committee discussed the regions of Maryland and their varying resource concerns and decided a High Priority Area (HPA) of the entire state would not address all of these concerns. Committee discussed Soil Quality Limitations, Inefficient Energy Use, Livestock Projection Limitation, Field Sediment, Nutrient and Pathogen Loss and Degraded Plant Condition resource concern categories were applicable statewide and could benefit of having targeted conservation through CIC with the targeted land use of Crop for all of the RCCs except Livestock Production which would be focused on Farmstead. Specific practices in relation to these RCCs are enhanced nutrient management and cover crops, both of which are still needed in the WIP.

The group would like to see what practices and enhancements are available through EQIP and CSP to help form additional feedback on priority resource concerns, priority land use, and priority practices/enhancements. These lists will be sent after meeting (attached) and are also through the Maryland NRCS webpage.

Jackie asked the committee to provide additional feedback on what you think CIC should look like in FY2021 by Friday 3/26.

**Next Steps**: Once we have the feedback from the committee, the Program Advisory Committee will meet and review all comments and recommendations and develop a proposal for this year. This will be shared back to you all and presented to Terron for review and finalization.