



Natural Resources
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State Technical Committee AGENDA Thursday, January 21, 2021

*This meeting will be conducted via WebEx internet conferencing.
The meeting link and a call-in telephone number is provided below
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- 1:00 pm Welcome – Denise Coleman, State Conservationist
- 1:05 pm Presentation: Healthy Forests: A Bird-based Silvicultural Guide for Forestry Professionals, Ron Rohrbaugh, Director of Conservation Science and Forest Programs, Audubon Mid-Atlantic
- 1:35 pm Report from Urban Conservation Subcommittee – Abigail Appleman, Outreach Technician
- 1:45 pm Technical Reports:
- Engineering – Peter Vanderstappen, State Engineer
 - Ecological Sciences – Dan Ludwig, State Resource Conservationist
 - Soils/Compliance – Melissa Hanner for Yuri Plowden, State Soil Scientist
 - Forestry Nonindustrial Private Landowner Definition – Peter Hoagland, State Forester
- 2:15 pm Financial Programs
- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) – Hathaway Jones, Acting ASTC 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, and Audrey Mays, FSA, and Kent Adams, Pheasants Forever

- 2:45 pm Agricultural Conservation Easements Programs (ACEP) – Hathaway Jones, Management Analyst
- ACEP Program deadlines
 - Draft Ranking Worksheets
- 3:10 pm Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) – Susan Marquart, Assistant State Conservationist for Partnerships and RCPP Coordinator
- FY 2020-21 RCPP Classic:
Six applications received (three in the State/Multi-State Funding Pool and three in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Conservation Area Funding Pool); total requested \$29,279,455
 - Next Funding Opportunity
- 3:20 pm Committee Input: Do the State Technical Committee members have any suggestions for topics or agenda items for future meetings?

*The next State Technical Committee Meeting will be held on **Tuesday April 20, 2021.***

Dates for remaining 2021 State Technical Committee Meetings:

Tuesday, April 20, 2021
Wednesday, July 21, 2021
Thursday, October 21, 2021

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