



STATE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
Thursday, August 10, 2023
10:00 am - General Session
1:00-3:00 – Sub-committee meetings
602 Duncan Drive, Auburn, AL
1101 Conference Hall

Welcome

Ben Malone
NRCS, State Conservationist

3-year-old Longleaf Establishment Survey -
2022 Results

Jacob Barrett, Technical Assistance &
Training Specialist, The Longleaf Alliance

New and proposed NRCS Conservation
Practice Standards
- Raised Beds
- Low Tunnels
- Annual Forages for Grazing Systems

Shannon Weaver, NRCS
Worku Burayu, Agronomist, NRCS

Fiscal Year 2023 Program Overview &
Proposed priorities for 2024
(See list on back)

Jason Gardner, Assistant State
Conservationist – Programs

Frank Cochran, EQIP Program Manager

Mark Howell, Easements Coordinator

Group Discussion – General Questions and Comments

Announcements

Lunch – on your own

1:00 – 3:00 – Concurrent sessions

Classroom 1207 – Forestry & Wildlife Sub-committee & Alabama Longleaf Ecosystem
Restoration Team

Classroom 1224 – Urban Agriculture/Small Scale Agriculture

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Programs and Initiatives:

CSP Conservation Stewardship Program

WRE Wetland Reserve Easements

ALE Agricultural Land Easements

EQIP Environmental Quality Incentives Program

State Initiatives:

Locally Led Conservation

Birmingham/Bessemer High Tunnel

Climate Smart Ag

Animal Mortality

Well Decommissioning

Bobwhite Quail

Feral Swine

Hellbender

Shortleaf Pine

Historically Underserved

New and Beginning

Socially Disadvantaged

Irrigation Efficiency

Longleaf Pine

Strike Force

- Grazing
- Poarch Creek
- TUCCA
- US Forestry Endowment

Urban Ag

White Oak

National Initiatives:

Joint Chiefs -- Cogongrass

Organic

On-Farm Energy

Water Quality

WLFW Gopher Tortoise

STC's Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee

August 10, 2023
1:00 PM

Agenda

Items

- I. Review recent accomplishments. Frank Cochran
- II. Discuss the possibility of adding a third Tim Albritton
prescribe burn practice within EQIP at a lower rate.
- III. Discuss the longleaf planting project Colette DeGarady
That TNC has received funding for and
Partnering with NRCS (and Jerry Hanks)
To work with landowners.
- IV. Alabama's Longleaf Ecosystem Restoration Team Ad Platt
 - Purpose - and how the ALERT functions
 - Currently active members/new additions
 - Upcoming Outreach opportunities - all share
 - NRCS Tech. Training
 - Needs/grant opportunities

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STC's Urban Ag State Tech Subcommittee Meeting

August 10, 2023

1:00 PM

Classroom 1224

Agenda

Items

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| I. | Urban EQIP Initiative Trends (FY22-FY23) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reviewing FY22 and FY23 applications and contracts in Protracts. | Brandon McCray |
| II. | Applications <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Eligibility | Tamarra Roseburgh |
| III. | Urban Ag Areas <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Expanding Urban Ag and Small-Scale Areas using ERS data. | Brandon McCray & Tamarra Roseburgh |
| IV. | Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Use of Raised Beds- Contaminated Soil Testing (CEMA 207) | Shannon Weaver |
| V. | Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Outreach efforts to increase Urban Ag awareness and opportunities. | Brandon McCray |
| VI. | Continuing Community Food in Ag, Next Steps, and High Tunnel Construction Training | Michael Jackson, Aunt Katie's Community Garden |
| VII. | Alabama Cooperative Extension Report | Dr. Ayanava Majumdar (Dr. A) |
| VIII. | Subcommittee Group Discussion - General Questions and Comments | All |
| IX. | Close | |