

AGENDA

State Technical Committee (STC) Meeting

12 August 2025 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CST

315 John R. Rice Blvd., STE 101, Murfreesboro, TN 37129

In-Person Only

If you cannot make it in person, you are encouraged to submit questions, comments, recommendations or updates to Trevor.Hunt@usda.gov The next STC meeting is tentatively scheduled in East TN.

9:00-9:15 a.m. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Trevor Hunt, Assistant State Conservationist for Partnerships, USDA-NRCS

Welcome, Opening Remarks, Sheldon Hightower, State Conservationist, USDA-NRCS

Introductions

9:15- 9:35 a.m. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Garrett Morris, Assistant State Conservationist for Programs, USDA-NRCS

Programs Update

9:35-9:55 a.m. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Linda Ortiz, State Resource Conservationist, USDA-NRCS

Conservation Practices, Revisions, and State Adoption

9:55-10:00 a.m. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Joint Discussion on NRCS Feedback Mechanisms

10:00-10:15 a.m. Farm Service Agency (FSA) Sarah Smith, Conservation Program Specialist, USDA-FSA

Program Updates

10:15-10:35 a.m. Tennessee Department of Agriculture Land and Water Stewardship (TDA) Sam Marshall, Program Administrator, TDA

Update on Projects and Technical or Financial Assistance

10:35-11:30 a.m. Producer Panel

Discussion about customer experience, streamlining access to financial &

technical assistance from USDA and partner organizations

11:30 a.m. - Cumberland River Compact (CRC) Caroline Hutchins, Working Lands Division Manager, CRC

12:20 p.m.

12:20-12:25p.m. Partners

12:-12:15 p.m. Closing Remarks Trevor Hunt, Assistant State Conservationist for Partnerships, USDA-NRCS Sheldon Hightower, State Conservationist, USDA-NRCS

Mark your calendars for future STC meetings:

November 11th, 2025 | February 10th 2026

May 12th 2026 | August 11 2026

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