

# Vermont State Technical Committee

*USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)*



## When and Where are the Meetings?

The Vermont State Technical Committee meets on a bi-monthly basis in the NRCS State Office in Colchester, Vermont.

## What Happens at the Meeting?

The meetings include reports on current Farm Bill Program statistics in Vermont, outreach priorities, and detailed information about Vermont NRCS' strategic watershed approach which is helping to protect and improve soil and water quality in the state's most impaired watersheds. The Committee provides information, analysis, and recommendations to USDA on conservation priorities and criteria for natural resources conservation activities and programs, including application and funding criteria, recommended practices, and program payment percentages.

Detailed minutes from each meeting are recorded and shared with all participants and also posted here: <http://bit.ly/2yo2TVM>.

Committee members are invited to provide information, analysis, and recommendations which is then strongly considered.

## How Do I Get Involved?

Individuals or groups wanting to participate as members on the Vermont State Technical Committee may submit requests to the State Conservationist explaining their interest and relevant credentials. Emails should be sent to [vicky.drew@vt.usda.gov](mailto:vicky.drew@vt.usda.gov).

To be included on meeting announcement notices, send an email to [amy.overstreet@vt.usda.gov](mailto:amy.overstreet@vt.usda.gov).

## What is the State Technical Committee?

This committee is an advisory group to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and other agencies of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). They serve to provide feedback on the implementation of the natural resources conservation provisions of Farm Bill legislation.

Chaired by the NRCS State Conservationist in each State, the Vermont State Technical Committee is led by NRCS State Conservationist Vicky Drew.

The Committee recommends criteria and guidelines for agricultural and nonindustrial private forestland producers regarding new and existing conservation programs and initiatives.

## Who Can Serve on the State Technical Committee?

Committees are intended to include members from a diversity of natural resource and agricultural interests.

In Vermont, the committee is composed of representatives from Federal and State natural resource agencies, and local agricultural and environmental organizations, as well as farmers.





