

AGENDA

Time	Discussion Topics	Decision Points / Discussion	Topic Leader
9:00 <i>10 minutes</i>	Welcome		Julie Hawkins, NRCS
9:10 <i>10 minutes</i>	Meeting Logistics Review and April Meeting Minutes review and acceptance	Correct minutes as needed & review action items	Christine Hall, NRCS
9:20 <i>20 minutes</i>	2020 Program year in review	Discussion on what projects were funded last year	Gail Bartok, NRCS
9:40 <i>30 minutes</i>	2021 NRCS Program Changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>FY21 Allocations</i> • <i>FY21 application status</i> • <i>Ranking pools for FY21</i> • <i>10 High Priority Practices for FY21</i> • <i>Source Water Protection Areas</i> • <i>HEL fund pool proposed</i> • <i>AMA</i> 	Discuss changes for 2021. Recruit feedback from committee	Gail Bartok and Christine Hall NRCS
10:10 <i>10 minutes</i>	NRCS Easement Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>GARC – Geographic Area Rate Cap</i> 	Share info on proposed WRE rates and methodology for FY21	Lauren Lapczynski & Gail Bartok, NRCS
10:20 <i>5 minutes</i>	Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Update on applications received</i> • <i>Next signup window</i> 	Share info about FY21 applications	Nick Saumweber, NRCS
10:25 <i>10 minutes</i>	Partner Agreements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Review current partner agreements</i> 	Review of active partner agreements	Nick Saumweber, NRCS
10:35 <i>10 minutes</i>	Break		

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10:45 15 minutes	Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Discuss FY21 priority areas for potential project</i> • <i>Project updates</i> 	Solicit feedback from committee on NJ priorities for this year's grant program	Christine Hall, NRCS
11:00 15 minutes	National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>FY21 NWQI Watersheds for planning and implementation</i> • <i>NWQI Critical Source Area (CSA) Mapping</i> 	Share watersheds selected for FY21 planning and CSAs for priority ranking	Rosalynd Orr and Christine Hall, NRCS
11:15 20 minutes	Soil Health Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>NJ Soil Health Strategic Plan</i> • <i>New practices and plans</i> • <i>Carbon Farming follow-up</i> 	Update on soil health activities and recruitment of committee members in plan development	Kaitlin Farbotnik NRCS
11:35 15 minutes	Farm Service Agency Program Update <i>CRP, CREP, SAFE Activity and Sign Up</i>	Update on new Farm Bill changes to these programs	Nancy Coles, FSA
11:50 10 minutes	Local work group info for FY22	Discuss options for gathering Local Work Group feedback in FY21	Nick Saumweber, NRCS
12:00 5 minutes	New and Revised Conservation Practice Standards (CPS) for 2021	Review changes to standards and solicit members interested in CPS review	Christine Hall & Dave Lamm, NRCS
12:05 20 minutes	Open Discussion	Items of interest from attendees and topics for future discussion	Julie Hawkins, NRCS
12:25 5 minutes	Next Meeting Date	Set next meeting date	Julie Hawkins, NRCS
12:30	Adjourn		

Acronyms:

ACEP – Agricultural Conservation Easement Program
ALE - Agricultural Land Easements
AMA – Agricultural Management Assistance Program
CAP – Conservation Activity Plan
CART - Conservation Assessment Ranking Tool
CIG – Conservation Innovation Grant
CRP – Conservation Reserve Program
CREP - Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program
CSP – Conservation Stewardship Program
EQIP – Environmental Quality Incentive Program
FSA – Farm Service Agency
GARC – Geographic Area Rate Cap
HFRP – Healthy Forest Reserve Program
RCPP – Regional Conservation Partnership Program
SAFE – State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement
SWPA – Source Water Protection Area
WLFW – Working Lands for Wildlife
WRE – Wetlands Reserve Easements