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State Technical Committee Agenda

September 21, 2021
On-Line Virtual Meeting
9:00 – 12:00

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks– Dan Wright, State Conservationist
2. Review of Minutes from December 10, 2020 meeting
 - a. https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detailfull/ma/technical/stc/?cid=nrcs144p2_013981
3. Report on FY2021 NRCS Programs, Rita Thibodeau, ASTC/Programs
 - a. Financial Assistance Programs (EQIP, CSP, AMA)
 - i. Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP-EQIP)
 - ii. Conservation Innovation Grants (EQIP-CIG)
 - b. Easement Programs Division (ACEP-ALE/WRE)
4. Plans for FY 2022 NRCS Programs, Rita Thibodeau, ASTC/Programs
5. Updates from NRCS Technical Staff, Tom Akin, SRC
 - a. Source Water Protection Area (SWPA) results from FY 2021
 - b. SWPA edits/updates for FY 2022
 - i. Incorporating wildlife and forestry conservation areas
 - c. National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) updates
6. Partner Project Spotlight
 - a. “Small Farms Engagement Guide” – A project coordinated by MA Association of Conservation Districts, Michael Leff, Executive Director
 - b. Palmer River 319 Project video – New England Consulting Services, Iain Ward
7. New Business
 - a. Massachusetts Statewide Farmland Action Plan, David Viale, Agricultural Lands Programs Supervisor, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources
 - b. Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production—new State Technical Committee subcommittee, Dan Wright, STC, MA NRCS
8. State Technical Committee Member Updates, Discussion
9. Adjourn