

Become a Member!

This is an opportunity to support voluntary natural resources conservation. If you or your group are interested in participating as members on the Pennsylvania State Technical Committee, submit a request to the State Conservationist explaining your interest and relevant credentials to the following address:

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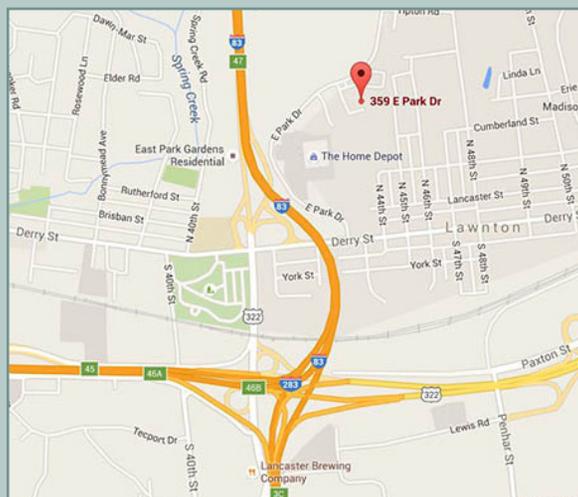
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Natural Resources Conservation Service

Help Improve Pennsylvania's Natural Resources...



Join the PA NRCS State Technical Committee!

What is the State Technical Committee?

The State Technical Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) on the implementation of the natural resources conservation provisions of Farm Bill legislation. Chaired by the NRCS State Conservationist, the Committee is comprised of representatives from federal and state natural resource agencies, agricultural and environmental organizations, agricultural producers, and other individuals who represent a variety of disciplines related to soil, water, air, and wildlife.

The Pennsylvania Committee meets once every quarter. The meetings are held at the NRCS State Office in Harrisburg. A member provides advice and is selected by the State Conservationist to participate. Members join the meeting in person or by remote teleconference connection.



How Can Committee Members Help?

Committee members:

- Provide 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.
- Identify emerging natural resource concerns and program needs.
- Recommend Pennsylvania NRCS and national program policy based on resource data.
- Recommend conservation practice standards and specifications.
- Make recommendations to the State Conservationist on requests and recommendations from local working groups.
- Assist NRCS with public outreach and communication efforts to all producers, including minorities, and identify educational and training needs.

How are State Technical Committee Meetings Conducted?

State Technical Committee meetings are conducted as an open discussion among members. The public is invited to attend. Individuals participating in the meetings have the opportunity to address the committee and present their opinions and recommendations. The State Conservationist may assemble certain members into subcommittees to discuss, examine, and focus on a particular technical or programmatic topic. The subcommittees will report back during a State Technical Committee meeting. All recommendations will be considered in a public meeting.

Those who cannot attend in person are encouraged to join us by calling:

Toll Free: 1-888-844-9904

Access Code: 6941559

Summaries for all State Technical Committee meetings will be available and distributed to committee members and posted to the Pennsylvania NRCS Website at:

www.nrcs.pa.usda.gov

Dates and agendas of future meetings are also posted on the website.