



State Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) Meeting

AGENDA

Thursday, January 22, 2026

This meeting will be conducted both in-person at the PA NRCS state office and remotely via Microsoft Teams internet conferencing. The office address, meeting link, and a call-in telephone number are provided at the end of this document.

Moderator: Denise Coleman, Pennsylvania NRCS State Conservationist

1:00 pm **Welcome/Opening Remarks** – Denise Coleman, NRCS State Conservationist

1:10 pm **Brandywine Conservancy –**

- ***The Grassland Bird Collaboration of Chester County*** –
 - Zoe Warner, Willistown Conservation Trust

1:40 pm **Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG) Project Presentation**

- ***Monitoring for Carbon Sequestration and Soil Health using New Approaches*** –
 - Ann Basehore, Executive Director Capital RC&D.
 - Barry Frantz, Project Technician Capital RC&D.

2:10 pm **Technical Reports**

- Engineering Updates – Heather Smeltz, PE; Assistant State Conservationist for Water Resources
- Emergency Watershed Protection and Watershed Rehabilitation Updates – Heather Smeltz, PE; Assistant State Conservationist (ASTC) for Water Resources
- Soils Updates – Keith Shadle, Acting State Soil Scientist
- Ecological Sciences/Planning Updates – Beth Sassaman, State Biologist

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2:50 pm Financial Program Reports

- Program Overview – Ryan Cornelious, Acting Assistant State Conservationist for Programs

3:00 pm Partnership and Easement Programs Report

- Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) Update – Melissa Hanner, Easement Program Manager

3:10 pm Committee Input

Open Forum (may include ideas for topics or agenda items for future meetings) –
State Technical Committee Members

4:00 pm Meeting Adjourned

Thanks for joining us today. Future meetings are listed below.

***2026 Dates for State Technical Committee Meetings:**

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Thursday, October 22, 2026

January 22, 2026, Microsoft Teams meeting link below.

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STAC Handout Web Page Link:

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