

Maine State Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) meeting Dec. 10, 2025

The first Maine State Technical Advisory Committee meeting for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 was held in-person at the USDA State Office in Bangor and via Microsoft Teams.

Attending in person

Brittany Hummel, Acting NRCS State Conservationist

Ada Vilches, Acting NRCS State Resource Conservationist

Leslie Nelson, NRCS Assistant State Conservationist for Programs

Thomas Kielbasa, NRCS Public Affairs Specialist

Carol Weymouth, Executive Director of the Maine Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

Dr. Matthew Chatfield, University of Maine

Heidi Bunn, NRCS Aquatic Restoration Engineer

The meeting commenced at 8:30 a.m.

Introductions (Tom Kielbasa, Public Affairs Specialist)

NRCS Briefing (Brittany Hummel, Acting State Conservationist)

Discussion of changes to Local Working Group meeting requirements.

MACD (Carol Weymouth, MACD Executive Director)

Report from Maine Association of Conservation Districts

Programs (Leslie Nelson, Assistant State Conservationist for Programs)

Presentation of FY26 funding allocations.

Guest Presentation (Dr. Matthew Chatfield, University of Maine)

Presentation on Conservation Innovation Grant: Combining innovative research tools to facilitate data driven implementation of NRCS practices and promote turtle conservation on working landscapes.

Subcommittee Reports

Source Water Protection (Kira Jacobs, EPA)

Meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.

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