



Rhode Island State Technical Committee meeting

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

9:30 – 12:30 p.m., USDA Service Center Conference Room, with virtual option

Agenda

Moderator: James Holloman, Assistant State Conservationist for Management & Strategy

TIME	TOPIC
9:30 – 10:00 am	Welcome, introductions, and updates • Thomas L. Morgart, NRCS Rhode Island Acting State Conservationist • State Technical Committee members
10:00 – 10:30 am	Results of Local Working Group meetings • Eastern RI Conservation District, Sara Churgin, District Manager • Northern RI Conservation District, Molly Allard, District Manager • Southern RI Conservation District, Kyle Lemoine, Project Manager
10:30 – 11:00 am	FY2026 Conservation Program Implementation Overview (funding & obligations) • Brunilda Velez, Assistant State Conservationist for Programs
11:00 – 11:30 am	FY2026 Practice planning and implementation • Cassius Spears, Jr., State Resource Conservationist
11:30 – 12:00 pm	Watershed Programs: Sponsor Review and Project Highlights • Michael Viola, State Watershed Program Manager
12:00 – 12: 25 pm	Public Input • Partner Presentations • Open Discussion (updates, suggestions, advice, questions, etc.)
12:25 – 12:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks • Thomas L. Morgart, NRCS Rhode Island Acting State Conservationist