

State Commission for Conservation of Soil, Water & Related Resources

Regular Meeting

Via Microsoft Teams

April 16, 2025 – 10:00 am

Re-Schedule from the April 10 date.

AGENDA

- Introductions
- Approval of Minutes – January 24, 2025
- NRCS update (if available)
- Mass Envirothon Council & Committee – The Envirothon competition is scheduled for May 22, 2025 at Borderland State Park
 - General Envirothon Steering Committee update on the 2024 – 2025 program
 - Update on EEA actions regarding Envirothon program and structure
 - Appointment of 2024 – 2025 members (request from the ESC members)
- Healthy Soils Action Plan for Massachusetts – updates
 - HSAP Challenge Grant (round 1)
 - HSAP Challenge Grant (round 2)
 - Soil Health Coordinator, subcommittee recommendation for Scope of Work
- State Commission
 - District Grants
 - Conservation District Grant Program update on FY25 round
 - New Conflict of Interest law training process – please have your training completed
 - Open meeting law remote meeting ability has been extended to June 30, 2027
- General Business Items
 - Supervisor Appointments if needed (voting item)
 - Supervisor Handbook
 - District Annual meetings
- Partner Updates
 - Future Commission meeting dates – July 10, 2025, October 9, 2025
 - (Please note that the State Commission generally meets on the second Thursday in January, April, July and October)

Adjourn

*If you wish to attend this virtual meeting, please email Tom Anderson, Executive Secretary at Thomas.anderson@mass.gov and he will email you the link.

Important Note: On March 28, 2025, Governor Healey signed into law a bill which extends the temporary provisions pertaining to the Open Meeting Law to June 30, 2027. Specifically, this further extension allows public bodies to continue holding meetings remotely without a quorum of the public body physically present at a meeting location, and to provide "adequate, alternative" access to remote meetings. The language does not make any substantive changes to the Open Meeting Law other than extending the expiration date of the temporary provisions regarding remote meetings from March 31, 2025 to June 30, 2027.