

State Commission for Conservation of Soil, Water & Related Resources

Regular Meeting

Via Zoom

October 9, 2025 – 10:00 am

AGENDA – 10/6/25 update

- Introductions
- Mass Envirothon -
 - Update on EEA actions regarding Envirothon program and structure
 - Commission Action Item – Repeal or amend the Supervisor Handbook policy 3.11 – 2, Envirothon Committee (see text of that section in Attachment A) Additionally – Repeal Appendix A – Envirothon Committee Policy (This policy is attached to the meeting announcement email) **Voting Item**
- Healthy Soils Action Plan for Massachusetts – updates
 - HSAP Challenge Grants
 - Soil Health Coordinator
- State Commission
 - MACD update on inactive districts - Five Conservation Districts are currently inactive: Bristol, Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and Nantucket. MACD is seeking partner stakeholders to work with us to reestablish and activate these eastern Conservation Districts that will promote community-driven, equitable conservation initiatives aligned with agricultural producers' needs while fostering sustainable natural resource management.
 - District Grants
 - Conservation District Grant Program update
 - Impacts of the shutdown on Massachusetts Conservation Districts, update
- General Business Items
 - Supervisor Appointments if needed **Voting Item**
- Partner Updates
 - Future Commission meeting dates – January 8, 2026
 - Please note that MACD has set its annual meeting to be held virtually on November 18, 2025 from 2 – 4. Contact Michael Leff at mleffmacd@gmail.com to register.
 - (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.

Attachment A

Supervisor Handbook policy regarding Envirothon

3.11 2 ENVIROTHON COMMITTEE A standing subcommittee of the State Commission is the Envirothon. The Envirothon Policy document provided in Appendix A outlines the additional policies and operational procedures to be followed by this committee