

**Vermont Conservation Strategy Initiative - Agriculture Working Group
Meeting #4, February 7, 2024, 11 am – 1 pm on Zoom**

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1. **Welcome and Overview** (10 minutes) (Stacy Cibula and Ryan Patch)
2. **Report from Science and Policy Meeting and Review of Act 59** (10 minutes) (Stacy Cibula and Isaac Bissell)
3. **Discussion** on Science and Policy Meeting (20 minutes) (Stacy, Isaac, and Ryan)
4. **Presentation: Vermont Land Use Data** (20 minutes) (Ryan)

Focus on conserved agricultural lands, agricultural soils, historical trends, loss of farmland, breakdown between ag and other land uses.

5. **Break** (10 minutes)
6. **Discussion:** Should *all* conserved ag land count towards Act 59 goals? (45 minutes) (Isaac)
7. **Recap and Next Steps** (5 minutes) (Stacy):

Next meeting – February 21 from 11 to 1 on Zoom

RESOURCES

Agriculture Working Group Google Drive Folder:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1jwZ-V-rzfndHIAsDzKfBat-lj-lpfC8Q>

Vermont Conservation Strategy Initiative Website:

<https://vhcb.org/our-programs/VCSI>

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