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2026 RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER ROUNDTABLE SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

8:30	CHECK IN
9:30	INTRODUC TION <i>Sycamore</i> Welcome and Opening Remarks Justin Proctor, Smithsonian's Virginia Working Landscapes
9:45	KEYNOTE <i>Sycamore</i> Cultivating Change: How conservation partners and farming communities are working side-by-side to develop research-informed conservation management across the Rappahannock Watershed Amy Johnson, Smithsonian's Virginia Working Landscapes
10:15	BREAK
10:30	SESSION 1 (CONCURRENT) <i>Sycamore</i> Improving Forests through Intentional Management - Joe Rossetti, DOF <i>Maple</i> Communications & Conservation Storytelling - Brooke McDonough, Smithsonian's Virginia Working Landscapes <i>Dogwood</i> Biochar Partnership for the Chesapeake: Stormwater Applications for Biochar - Alexandria Wilkins, Center for Watershed Protection (Dogwood Sponsor)
11:00	BREAK
11:15	SESSION 2 (CONCURRENT) <i>Sycamore</i> VCAP & Partners: Funding, Updates, and Collaborative Conservation - Hailey Cooke, Virginia Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts (Dogwood Sponsor) <i>Maple</i> Partnering to Restore Wetlands on Virginia's Agricultural Lands - Barbara Gavin, Ducks Unlimited <i>Dogwood</i> Potential uses of low-tech, process-based restoration practices in Virginia - Tess Thompson, Biological Systems Engineering, Virginia Tech - Ally Delaney, Biological Systems Engineering, Virginia Tech
11:45	LUNCH
12:10	SESSION 3 (LARGE GROUP) <i>Sycamore</i> Agency Updates Department of Environmental Quality - Kevin McLean, Chesapeake Bay Program Manager, DEQ Department of Wildlife Resources - Jenn Allen, Assistant Director, Wildlife Division, DWR Virginia Outdoors Foundation - Jason McGarvey, Communications & Outreach Manager, VOF
1:00	BREAK

1:15	SESSION 4 (CONCURRENT) <i>Sycamore</i> Building a Conservation Workforce - Zach Foster, Appalachian Conservation Corps - Christian Gehman, Appalachian Conservation Corps <i>Maple</i> Lancaster County - Restoration, Recreation and Community Partnerships - John Bateman, Lancaster County <i>Dogwood</i> New technologies to advance regenerative agriculture and wildlife conservation - Lauria McShane, The Piedmont Environmental Council - Justin Proctor, Smithsonian's Virginia Working Landscapes - Jacob Gilley, JG Land & Livestock - Max Earle, Eldon Farms <i>Magnolia</i> ● Rappahannock Forestry Workgroup
1:45	BREAK
2:00	SESSION 5 (CONCURRENT) <i>Sycamore</i> Shoreline stabilization in severely eroded high energy environments - Jeff Corbin, Native Shorelines - Chris Davis, Native Shorelines - Lucy Deignan, Native Shorelines (Maple Sponsor) <i>Maple</i> Building Capacity for Turtle Conservation Across the Chesapeake Bay Watershed - Chris Polinski, Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute - Thomas Akre, Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute <i>Dogwood</i> Partnership for a National Wild & Scenic Rappahannock River - Pat Calvert, American Rivers <i>Magnolia</i> ● Rappahannock Green Infrastructure Workgroup
2:30	BREAK
2:45	SESSION 6 (LARGE GROUP) <i>Sycamore</i> DEQ Support for Roundtable Collaboration Grant/check awards - Lauren Taneyhill, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality - Megan Sommers-Bascone, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
3:15	CLOSING REMARKS
3:30	SOCIAL HOUR <i>Roof or SYCAMORE</i>

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