

Regional Agricultural Work Group Meeting

Hosted by Loudoun County Economic Development, Loudoun Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG)

Wednesday, August 14, 2019

10:30 A.M. to 1:45 P.M. Followed by tours from 2 to 4 pm (details below)

Old Stone School

37098 Charles Town Pike, Hillsboro, VA 20132 Website: https://www.oldstoneschool.org/

DRAFT Agenda

10:30 A.M.: (Optional) Arrival and Networking

11:00 A.M: Welcome and Introductions

Brian LeCouteur, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Chris VanVlack, Loudoun Soil and Water Conservation District John Magistro, Loudoun County Economic Development

- Brian will provide a Regional Ag Work Group Welcome
- Work Group members and guests will introduce themselves
- Chris and John will provide a welcome to Loudoun County and an update on key issues impacting the County's food and farm economy

11:25 A.M: Updates from COG's Regional Food and Agriculture Work Lindsay Smith and Brian LeCouteur, COG

- Update on work with COG members to develop a strategy for implementing recommendations from What Our Region Grows
- Discussion of June 24th Food and Agriculture Supply Chain Studies "Movement Summit" and potential next step for Work Group consideration
- What Our Region Grows updates (if time)

12:00 P.M.: Lunch and Networking

The Dinner Belles Kitchen Cupboard, Lovettsville, VA

12:25 P.M: Finish discussion of COG's Regional Food and Agriculture Work

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12:40 P.M.: Member Updates

 Work Group members will share local updates on issues impacting farmers and food businesses in their communities 1:40 P.M.: Next Steps and Adjourn for Afternoon Tours

1:45 P.M.: Depart for Potomac Vegetable Farms

PVF West Farmstand, 38369 John Wolford Rd, Purcellville, VA 20132

Website: http://www.potomacvegetablefarms.com/

2:00 P.M.: Potomac Vegetable Farms Tour

Hiu Newcomb, farmer and co-founder/owner

3:00 P.M.: Depart for Walsh Family Wine

16031 Hillsboro Rd, Purcellville, VA 20132 Website: https://www.walshfamilywine.com/

3:15 P.M.: Walsh Family Wine Overview

Nate Walsh, winemaker and co-founder/owner

4:00 P.M.: Wrap-Up

