



PRIVATE LANDS PARTNERS DAY 2025

COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

OCTOBER 7 – 9, 2025

TUESDAY OCTOBER 7 – TRAVEL DAY AND RECEPTION – WILLIAMSBURG LODGE

4:00pm – Registration Open

6:00pm – Reception – Colony Room and Foyer

– Sponsor Exhibits in Allegheny Room

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 8 – FIELD TRIP DAY – ON THE ROAD

6:30am – Breakfast & coffee available at The Cupboard: Grab & Go at Williamsburg Lodge

7:45am – Buses Depart for Field Tours – Buses begin loading at 7:30am

8:35am – Ferry Buses from Historic Jamestown Across the James River

9:30am – Private Farm Tour – Discuss peanut production in Virginia, cover crops, and soil health, including a demonstration soil layer profile (soil pit)

11:45am – Driving Tour of Piney Grove Preserve – Learn about longleaf pine habitat and its role in red-cockaded woodpecker recovery and historic development of Virginia

12:15pm – Raccoon Creek Pinelands Tour of Longleaf Pine Restoration with a Rotating Lunch on Site – Discuss longleaf pine habitat enhancements and eastern bobwhite quail habitat management

3:30pm – Historic Shirley House and Farm Tour Along the James River – See living history on a privately-owned working farm established in 1613 and managed by the 11th and 12th generations of the founding family

5:15pm – Social and Dinner on the Banks of the James at Historic Shirley – Hear from the Carter family about the estate history, farm conservation, and modern-day production

8:30pm – Arrive Back at Williamsburg Lodge

THURSDAY – CONFERENCE DAY – COLONY ROOM – WILLIAMSBURG LODGE

8:00am – Welcome and Introductions from Natural Resource Agency Leaders
(State/Regional/National)

8:30am – Roanoke Logperch Delisting Announcement

9:15am – Upper Roanoke Watershed Restoration Partnerships Panel

10:15am – Break

10:45am – Highlight of NRCS and USFWS Partnerships in Virginia

11:05am – Virginia Conservation Partnerships - Panel Discussion and Updates from
Across the Commonwealth

12:05pm – Lunch

1:05pm – USFWS Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program- Remarks from National Lead

1:20pm – Southeast Virginia Private Lands Biologist/Landowner Presentation

1:50pm – James River Watershed- Dam Removal Project to Benefit James Spiny mussel

2:20pm – Chesapeake Bay Restoration Panel

3:20pm – Break

3:45pm – Private Lands Partners Day 2026 – Preview from Minnesota

4:15pm – Wrap Up

4:45pm – Meeting Adjourns

6:00pm – Reception

7:00pm – Banquet and Closing Remarks