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Ramping Up with RCPP – Agenda

11 AM RCPP Today and on the Horizon

We'll begin with key points from the newly released RCPP Notice of Funding Opportunity, and opportunities for innovation through both RCPP "Classic" and "Alternative Funding Arrangement" categories.

Introduction – *Craig Ficenec, Sand County Foundation*

Program Overview and Updates – *Seth Fiedler, RCPP Program Specialist, Natural Resources Conservation Service*

11:15 AM Advice from RCPP Lead Partners

Hear project leaders' successes and challenges in creating RCPP projects, managing NRCS agreements, and delivering projects on the ground. The goal of this session is to help you decide whether to propose serving as a lead and/or contributing partner in an RCPP project. Brief Q&A will follow each presentation.

RCPP Classic at a Watershed Scale: Cedar River Source Water Partnership – *MaryBeth Stevenson, Watersheds & Source Water Coordinator, City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Evan Brehm, Conservation Agronomist, Iowa Soybean Association*

RCPP Classic at a Statewide Scale: North Dakota Meadowlark Initiative – *Kevin Kading, Private Lands Section Leader, North Dakota Game and Fish Department*

RCPP Alternative Funding Arrangements: Lead Partner Expectations – *Adam Kiel, Managing Director, Soil and Water Outcomes Fund*

Feedback for Prospective RCPP Applicants – *Seth Fiedler, RCPP Program Specialist, Natural Resources Conservation Service*

12:30 PM Breakout Sessions RCPP Participant Discussion

Open to all attendees to share experiences, suggestions, and questions. Choose the breakout room that best fits the type of project you participate in or anticipate applying for: RCPP Classic at a watershed scale; Classic at a state/multi-state scale; or RCPP Alternative Funding Arrangements.

1 PM Break

During this time you may join the NRCS webinar about the new RCPP NFO (this is a SEPARATE webinar with a separate link. Visit the NRCS RCPP web page for details)

3 PM Estimating Outcomes for RCPP Projects

Learn about tools and resources to calculate project-based outcomes using data available for many Midwestern states. The session will include a demonstration of a new calculator used in a recently completed RCPP Classic project, and results in achieving proposed environmental, economic, and social outcomes.

Lessons Learned from the Upper Macoupin Watershed of Illinois – *Jean Brokish, Midwest Deputy Director, American Farmland Trust*

Project-Based County-Level Outcomes Calculator – *Michelle Perez, Water Initiative Director, American Farmland Trust*

Attendee Q&A

3:45 PM Adjourn

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