**1st Annual Northeast Cover Crops Council Meeting, Mar. 31- Apr. 1, 2016**

Thurs., March 31, 2016

Billie Holiday Room

Hilton Doubletree BWI (890 Elkridge Landing Rd, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090)

12:00-1:00 Lunch (Hilton hotel, Annapolis/Harbor Room buffet)

1:00-1:05 Introductory remarks (Steven Mirsky)

1:05-2:45 State introductions: DE, MA, MD, NH, NJ, NY, PA, VT

* overview of cover crop research/interests
* questions you’ve been asked about cover crops
* products you see a need for

2:45-3:00 Break

3:00-4:00 Midwest Cover Crops Council Formation and Insights (Dean Baas, Michigan State University)

4:00-4:15 Formation of the Southeast Cover Crops Council (Chris Reberg-Horton)

4:15-5:00 Group discussion and concluding remarks (Steven Mirsky)

5:00-7:00 Adjourn, relocate from Baltimore to Beltsville

7:00-? Dinner (reservation at Old Line in Beltsville for 7pm; 11011 Baltimore Ave, Beltsville, MD 20705)

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14th floor; meet out front (a badge is needed to use the elevators to the 14th floor)

National Ag Library (10301 Baltimore Ave, Beltsville, MD 20705)

8:00-8:15 Introductory remarks (Steven Mirsky)

8:15-9:30 Informal discussion about Northeast Cover Crops Council

* expectations for the Council
* what role(s) do you see the council playing in the Northeast?
* how might the NECCC differ from/be similar to the MCCC?
* possible opportunities for synergism with other groups or efforts?
* funding possibilities? Should each state have some “skin in the game” i.e. dues or a one-time contribution?

9:30-9:45 Northeast Climate Hub (Michel Cavigelli)

9:45-10:00 Break

10:00-10:45 Adapting the MCCC decision tool for use in the Northeast (Victoria Ackroyd)

10:45-11:15 NRCS Soil Health Initiative (Brandon Smith)

11:15-12:00 Discussion, summary and concluding remarks

* interest in holding a retreat (possibly paid for with grant funding) to set up the structure of the NECCC, formalize/codify items like mission statement?

12:00-? Optional lunch at BARC, catered by Balducci’s\*

\*We can assist with transportation to BWI. One group will leave around 11:30 for early afternoon flights, the other group will leave after lunch around 1:00 for later flights.