

Soil Health in Pastures and Pasture Management

September 23rd, 2019 (Monday) | 2-7 PM (dinner included)

Acabonac Farms - 274 Yaphank Middle Island Rd, Middle Island, NY 11953

Agenda:

- 2:00 Registration, Welcome, & Intro to Soil Health
Debbie Aller, CCE – Suffolk County
- 2:20 American Farmland Trust's soil health efforts on Long Island
Aaron Ristow, American Farmland Trust
- 2:40 Equipment Loan Program (SHELP) for Suffolk County Farmers
Ann Marie Calabro, Suffolk County – SWCD
- 3:00 Managing perennial and annual forage needs at Acabonac Farms
Sam Schmidt and Stephen Skrenta, Acabonac Farms
- 3:30 Break
- 3:45 Pasture management for better soil and healthier cows
Morgan Hartman, Black Queen Angus Farm, LLC (Albany, NY)
- 4:45 Pasture Walk & Talk – lead by Sam, Stephen, and Morgan
- 5:30 What you need to know about using a no-till drill to seed pasture
Dan Heston, Peconic Land Trust
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:00 Final Comments & Adjourn

FREE EVENT! Registration required. *Please register by September 18th!* To register contact Sarah Osborn at 631-727-3595 or so348@cornell.edu

No DEC credits will be offered. Rain or shine.

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