Urban foresters have long known that good soil quality makes for healthy, long-lived trees that can weather the ups and downs of droughts and the stresses of urban living. Although urban soils are often poor, there are ways to counteract “compacted urban soil syndrome.” This roundtable will look at the research surrounding current soil amendments and examine costs and benefits of two: biosolids and biochar.

9:30 - 10:00 Sign-in and Networking

10:00 - 10:15 Welcome Mike Rolband, Wetland Studies and Solutions


10:45 - 11:30 Myths and Science of Biosolids Use Greg Evanylo, VT Professor and Extension Specialist, Crop and Soil Environmental

11:30 - 12:00 Improving Urban Soils with Biosolids in NoVa Bill Brower, Program Manager, Biosolids Operations, DC Water

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch and Networking

1:00 - 1:45 Bio Char: What We Know Now Chris Fields-Johnson, Arborist, Bartlett Tree Experts

1:45 – 2:00 Wrap Up and Announcements

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