The Virginia Soil Health Coalition
First Quarterly Meeting
April 26, 2021
1:00-4:00 PM

Goals
- Introduce the Virginia Soil Health Coalition: history, vision, mission, and common ground
- Provide a space for partners to learn about and share their soil health activities happening across the state
- Discuss the next steps for the Virginia Soil Health Coalition and opportunities for engagement

Agenda

1-1:15: Welcome!
  - Welcome from Bettina Ring, Virginia Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry

1:15-1:40: Introduction to the Coalition
  - Where we’ve been and how we got here
  - Vision, mission, and common ground

1:40-2:00: Partner presentation: 4TheSoil campaign

2:00-3:00: Partner updates from across the commonwealth
  - Virginia Forage and Grassland Council: Farmer-to-farmer mentoring
  - American Farmland Trust: Sustainable Grazing Project
  - Shenandoah Valley Conservation Collaborative
  - Sustainable Chesapeake: Manure injection
  - Chesapeake Bay Foundation: Farmer outreach and watershed restoration
  - Department of Conservation and Recreation: Soil health integration
  - Virginia NRCS: Conservation Innovation Grants

3:00-3:15: Legislative update
  - Virginia Farm Bureau
  - Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts

3:15-4:00: Next steps and opportunities

4:00: Adjourn