



**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