



**The Virginia Soil Health Coalition  
Quarterly Meeting  
January 30th, 2026  
1:00-3:00 PM**

## **Agenda**

**1:00-1:15: Welcome from David Bulova, Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources**

**1:15-1:45: Update: Revised Chesapeake Bay Agreement**

- ❖ Adrienne Kotula, Deputy Director of Natural and Hsitoric Resources, Commonwealth of Virginia

In December 2025, the Chesapeake Bay Program approved a revised Chesapeake Bay Agreement with streamlined goals for the next 15 years. In this session, Adrienne Kotula, Virginia Director with the Chesapeake Bay Commission, will review the new framework and targets, what this means for the timeline and long-term vision, and what lies ahead in the next year and beyond. She will answer questions on the revised agreement and what it means for our collective work.

**1:45-2:15: Update: Virginia Voluntary Agriculture BMP Survey**

- ❖ Dan Goerlich, Associate Director, Initiatives, Virginia Cooperative Extension

We know that the good work happening on farms across the commonwealth extends beyond that which is currently accounted for in tracking progress toward water quality goals. Over the past 6 months, partners across the state, led by Virginia Cooperative Extension, have embarked on a survey to help us learn more about voluntary conservation practices on Virginia Farms in the Chesapeake watershed. In this session, Dr. Dan Goerlich will share a status update on the survey and how all of us can best support survey success in the final 6 months before it closes in June.

**2:15-2:45: Lessons from Beyond Virginia: Regional Conservation Networks with the Red River Basin Commission**

- ❖ Kim Melton, Soil Health Coordinator, Red River Basin Commission

We know an important part of expanding innovation is learning from partners, inside Virginia and beyond. We are excited to welcome Kim Melton with the Red River Basin Commission in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Manitoba about a neat initiative they have launched to advance practitioner collaboration across the region. She will share about the Regional Conservation Networks they have implemented across the region and how it is working to increase communication and coordination.

**2:45-3:00: Presenting the 2026-2028 VSHC Strategic Plan**

- ❖ Mary Sketch Bryant, Director, Virginia Soil Health Coalition
- ❖ Summer Thomas, Education and Outreach Specialist, Virginia Soil Health Coalition

At our last quarterly meeting, you all helped inform the design of our refreshed 2026-2028 Collaborative Strategic Plan. Come see the final product and learn about what this means for our work in 2026!