The Virginia Soil Health Coalition
Quarterly Meeting
October 28th, 2021
1:00-3:30 PM

Agenda

1:00-1:15: Welcome!
   - Welcome from Dr. Edwin Martinez, Virginia State Conservationist, USDA NRCS

1:15-2:00: “Carbon sequestration and soil health: What is happening across the Commonwealth?”
   - James Martin, Chesapeake Bay Program Manager, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

2:00-2:30: Coalition and Steering Committee updates
   - DCR integration of soil health (Robert Shoemaker)
   - Soil health assessment (Rory Maguire, Wade Thomason, Lydia Fitzgerald)
   - 4 The Soil Awareness Initiative (Eric Bendfeldt, Kurt Stephenson)
   - Farmer mentoring (Becky Szarynski)

2:30-3:15: “Moving Toward Collective Impact: A Panel Discussion with Regional Soil Health Funders”
   - Jake Reilly, Director, Chesapeake Bay Programs, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
   - Jamie Baxter, Program Director, Chesapeake Bay Funders Network
   - Chris Lawrence, State Cropland Agronomist, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
   - Kristen Saacke Blunk, Principle and Field Liason, Headwaters LLC

   - Ari Weinzweig, Founder of Zingerman Delicatessen and Zingerman’s Community of Businesses

3:30 PM: Closing comments/opportunities and adjourn