



**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

3:15-3:30: “Feeding our ‘Cultural Soils’: A Conversation with Ari Weinzwieg “

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

3:30 PM: Closing comments/opportunities and adjourn