



**The Virginia Soil Health Coalition**  
**Quarterly Meeting**  
**February 14, 2024**  
**10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

## Agenda

**10:00-10:15: Welcome and Coalition Updates**

- ❖ Mary Sketch Bryant, Director, Virginia Soil Health Coalition

**10:15-11:15: Panel conversation: “Beyond 2025: Reviewing and reimagining the fate of the Chesapeake Bay”**

Over forty years ago, the Chesapeake Bay Agreement was created to guide the restoration of the nation’s largest estuary and its watershed. While Virginia and other Bay states have made progress in many areas of the cleanup, the region continues to face major challenges in reaching restoration goals. So, what should Chesapeake Bay watershed restoration look like leading up to and beyond 2025? What role does soil health play in building resilient landscapes, communities, and economies in the region? This panel discussion will explore the status of restoration within the agricultural sector and opportunities to accelerate progress. The panel will focus on innovative and collaborative approaches that can help illuminate a hopeful future of regeneration and conservation.

**Panelists:**

- ❖ Jeremy Daubert, Rockingham County Dairy Extension Agent, Virginia Cooperative Extension
- ❖ Kurt Stephenson, Professor of Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, Virginia Tech
- ❖ Stefanie Taillon, Virginia Deputy Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources, Office of the Governor

Facilitated by Karl Blankenship, Editor-at-Large, Chesapeake Bay Journal

**11:15-11:45: “Collaborative watershed partnerships: Utilizing innovative funding streams”**

- ❖ Smith Creek Watershed Partnership (Cory Guilliams)
- ❖ Lancaster Clean Water Partners (Allyson Gibson)

**11:45-12:00: Legislative update**

- ❖ Adrienne Kotula, Virginia Director, Chesapeake Bay Commission

**12:00: Adjourn**