

# Michigan Chapter Soil & Water Conservation Society

## **A MATTER OF BALANCE: APPROACHES TO SOIL HEALTH AND WATER QUALITY**

### **Michigan Chapter SWCS Seminar**

Friday, March 7, 2014, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Room 103AB, Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center  
Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

### **DRAFT AGENDA**

Moderator: Kristin Esch, President, Michigan Chapter SWCS

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| 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.   | <b>Registration</b>  |
| 9:00 – 9:05 a.m.   | <b>Welcome and Introductions</b><br>Kristin Esch, President, Michigan Chapter SWCS   |
| 9:05 – 10:05 a.m.  | <b>Sustaining the Pedosphere: Establishing A Framework for Management, Utilization and Restoration of Soils in Cultured Systems.</b><br>Dr. Eugene Kelly, Professor, Soil Science<br>Department of Soil and Crop Sciences, The College of Agriculture Sciences<br>Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colorado |
| 10:05 – 10:20 a.m. | <b>Break</b>   |
| 10:20 – 11:20 a.m. | <b>Soil health and water quality: Is perennial cover the critical ingredient?</b><br>Dr. Sieg Snapp, Professor, Soils and Cropping Systems Ecology<br>Kellogg Biological Station<br>Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan  |
| 11:20 – 12:00 p.m. | <b>The Dirt on Clean Water:</b><br><b>How Farmers are helping protect the Paw Paw River Watershed</b><br>Colleen Forestieri, Conservation Technician<br>Van Buren Conservation District, Paw Paw, Michigan   |
| 12:10 – 1:00 p.m.  | <b>Luncheon</b>  |
| 1:10 – 1:20 p.m.   | <b>Award Presentations</b>   |
| 1:20 – 2:20 p.m.   | <b>Keeping Nitrogen and Phosphorus out of Surface Water with Cover Crops</b><br>James Hoorman, Assistant Professor<br>Ohio State University Extension, Ottawa, Ohio  |
| 2:20 – 3:00 p.m.   | <b>A Matter of Balance: From a Farmer's Perspective</b><br>Ken Blight, Blight Farms, Inc.<br>Calhoun County, Albion, Michigan  |
| 3:00 – 3:15 p.m.   | <b>Break</b>   |
| 3:15 – 4:00 p.m.   | <b>How Much Conservation is Really Enough?</b><br><b>Lessons from The Nature Conservancy's Saginaw Bay Watershed Project</b><br>Mary Fales, Director<br>Saginaw Bay Watershed Project, The Nature Conservancy  |
| 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.   | <b>Innovation is our tradition: Perspectives on the future of Soil and Water Quality Research and Management.</b><br>Dr. Eugene Kelly  |
| 5:00 p.m.          | <b>Adjourn</b>   |