

# Michigan Chapter Soil & Water Conservation Society SEMINAR

## **A MATTER OF BALANCE:**

### *Feeding our Crops, Protecting the Waters of the Great Lakes*

Friday, March 3, 2017, 9:00 am to 4:40 pm  
Room 105AB, Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center  
219 S. Harrison Rd., Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

#### **AGENDA**

Moderators: a.m. - Dr. Tim Harrigan, Associate Professor, MSU, and Region 4 Dir., Michigan Chapter SWCS  
p.m. - Maureen Stine, Past President, and Tim Catron, Vice President, Michigan Chapter SWCS

- 8:00 – 9:00 am           **Registration and Coffee/Tea**
- 9:00 – 9:05 am           **Welcome and Introductions**  
Maureen Stine, Past President, Michigan Chapter SWCS
- 9:05 – 10:00 am       **Instilling Health into Un-Healthy Soils**  
Dr. Newell Kitchen, Soil Scientist  
USDA Agricultural Research Service, Columbia, Missouri
- 10:00 – 10:15 am       **Break**
- 10:15 – 11:05 am       **Combating Nutrient Transport in Drainage Water  
using Various Conservation Practices**  
Dr. Ehsane Ghane  
Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering  
Michigan State University
- 11:05 – 11:55 pm       **Thinking Outside the Lake:  
How Can Management Benefit Western Lake Erie and its Tributaries**  
Dr. Scott Sowa, Director of Science  
The Nature Conservancy, Lansing, Michigan
- 12:05 – 12:55 pm       **Luncheon in Red Cedar AB**
- 1:05 – 1:20 pm           **Award and Scholarship Presentations**  
Scholarship - Hugh Brown, Chair, Scholarship Committee, Michigan Chapter SWCS  
Award presentation – Maureen Stine, Past President, Michigan Chapter SWCS
- 1:20 – 2:15 pm           **Finding Value in Conservation Targeting  
Using Precision Agriculture Technologies**  
Dr. Newell Kitchen
- 2:15 – 2:30 pm           **Break**
- 2:30 – 3:20 pm           **Using Tile Drainage Water and Detention Ponds to  
Supplement Overhead Irrigation**  
Mr. Bob Mantey  
Tuscola County Farmer
- 3:20 – 4:10 pm           **Right to Farm—An Opportunity, not a ‘Right’**  
Mr. Wayne Whitman, Right to Farm Program Manager  
Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
- 4:10 – 4:40 pm           **Speaker panel and discussion**
- 4:40 pm                   **Adjourn**