

# Michigan Chapter Soil & Water Conservation Society SEMINAR

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

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

### AGENDA

Moderator: Kristin Esch, President, Michigan Chapter SWCS

- 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. **Registration**
- 9:00 – 9:05 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**  
Kristin Esch, President, Michigan Chapter SWCS
- 9:05 – 10:05 a.m. **Sustaining the Pedosphere: Establishing A Framework for Management, Utilization and Restoration of Soils in Cultured Systems.**  
Dr. Eugene Kelly, Professor, Soil Science  
Department of Soil and Crop Sciences, The College of Agriculture Sciences  
Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colorado
- 10:05 – 10:20 a.m. **Break**
- 10:20 – 11:20 a.m. **Soil health and water quality: Is perennial cover the critical ingredient?**  
Dr. Sieg Snapp, Professor, Soils and Cropping Systems Ecology  
Kellogg Biological Station  
Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan
- 11:20 – 12:00 p.m. **The Dirt on Clean Water:  
How Farmers are helping protect the Paw Paw River Watershed**  
Colleen Forestieri, Conservation Technician  
Van Buren Conservation District, Paw Paw, Michigan
- 12:10 – 1:00 p.m. **Luncheon (In Corniche Room)**
- 1:10 – 1:20 p.m. **Award Presentations (Back in Room 103AB)**
- 1:20 – 2:20 p.m. **Keeping Nitrogen and Phosphorus out of Surface Water with Cover Crops**  
James Hoorman, Assistant Professor  
Ohio State University Extension, Ottawa, Ohio
- 2:20 – 3:00 p.m. **A Matter of Balance: From a Farmer's Perspective**  
Ken Blight, Blight Farms, Inc.  
Calhoun County, Albion, Michigan
- 3:00 – 3:15 p.m. **Break**
- 3:15 – 4:00 p.m. **How Much Conservation is Really Enough?  
Lessons from The Nature Conservancy's Saginaw Bay Watershed Project**  
Mary Fales, Director  
Saginaw Bay Watershed Project, The Nature Conservancy
- 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Innovation is our tradition: Perspectives on the future of Soil and Water Quality Research and Management.**  
Dr. Eugene Kelly
- 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**
- 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. **Conservation, Conversation and [Cocktails](#) at Harrison Road House**