



## Michigan Chapter of the Soil & Water Conservation Society

### ANR Month Seminar

# SUSTAINABLE INTENSIFICATION OF THE RURAL LANDSCAPE: *Protecting Soil Health, Water Quality and Farm Profitability*

March 7th, 2025, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
AgroLiquid Conference Center, 3055 W. M-21, St. Johns, MI

#### AGENDA

- 8:30 a.m. **Registration, Coffee/Tea and Sponsor Introduction**
- 9:00 a.m. **Welcome**  
**Sarah Zeiler**, President, Michigan Chapter SWCS
- 9:10 a.m. **Precision Agriculture**  
**Dr. Bruno Basso**, John A. Hannah Distinguished Professor  
Michigan State University
- 10:00 a.m. **Break**
- 10:20 a.m. **Urban Agriculture**  
**Naim Edwards**, Director  
Detroit Partnership for Food, Learning and Innovation  
Michigan State University
- 11:00 a.m. **A Journey Toward Great Lakes Resilience**  
**Jane Elder**, Author, Wilderness, Water and Rust  
Retired Director of the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters  
Former National Director of Ecoregion Programs for the Sierra Club.
- 11:50 p.m. **Lunch and Sponsor Recognition**
- 12:40 p.m. **Michigan Scholarships in Conservation Program - Scholarship Presentation**  
**Zachary Curtis**, Chair, Scholarship Committee, Michigan Chapter SWCS
- 12:50 p.m. **A Journey in Regenerative Agriculture**  
**Aron Buechler**, Owner  
Buechler Farms and Total Solutions Consulting  
**Bryan Schwab**, Schwab Farms, Bay County  
**Jason Deshano**, Deshano Farms, Bay County
- 1:55 p.m. **Break**
- 2:10 p.m. **Climate and Agriculture: Navigating Policy, Programs, and the Private Sector**  
**Tess Van Gorder**, Conservation & Regulatory Relations Specialist  
Michigan Farm Bureau
- 2:50 p.m. **Agroforestry in Michigan**  
**Nathan Ayers**, Project Lead  
West Michigan Agroforestry Partnership
- 3:30 p.m. **Wrap-up, Announcements, and Adjourn**  
**Sarah Zeiler**