



Michigan Chapter Soil & Water Conservation Society

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Michigan Chapter Soil and Water Conservation Society Seminar

Wednesday, March 11, 2009, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Michigamme Room, Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center

Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

AGENDA

- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. **Registration**
- 9:00 – 9:15 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**
Aaron Lauster, President
Michigan Chapter Soil and Water Conservation Society
- 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. **Soil Conservation and Soil Quality: History and Current Status**
Dr. Diane Stott, Research Soil Scientist (Biogeochemistry)
USDA-ARS National Soil Erosion Research Laboratory
Agronomy Department, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
- 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30-11:30 a.m. **Why Soil Matters – Soil as a Living System**
Dr. Stuart Grandy, Assistant Professor
Department of Plant and Soil Sciences
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. **Lunch on your own (SWCS members are invited to lunch, at their own expense, with the speakers in the State Room Restaurant Conference Rm.)**
- 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. **Why Farmers Farm the Way They Farm (Economic Drivers)**
June Grabemeyer, State Economist
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, East Lansing, MI
- 2:00 – 2:15 p.m. **Break**
- 2:15 – 3:15 p.m. **The Emerging Carbon Markets: Opportunities for Soil and Biomass Offset Projects in Agriculture and Forestry**
Dr. David Skole, Professor of Global Change Science
Department of Forestry, Michigan State University, E. Lansing, MI
- 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. **The Gretzky Model of Conservation**
Peter Nowak, Professor, Environmental Studies, The Nelson Institute,
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI
- 4:15 – 4:30 p.m. **Questions and Answers**

(For more information and a registration form, go to www.miswcs.org)

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natural resource management to achieve sustainability*