

Symphony of the Soil

PUBLIC SCREENING GUIDE: SYMPHONY OF THE SOIL PROJECT

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

If you plan on inviting speakers, we highly suggest that you share some discussion questions with them before the event. Below are a sample list of discussion questions that we hope will provide ample room for debate and discussion.

- ★ What is your personal relationship with soil?
- ★ What is your favorite personal Soil Story?
- ★ What would happen to civilization were we to degrade all of the topsoil?
- ★ What are steps that average citizens can take today to stop the loss of precious topsoil?
- ★ Do you believe soil is the answer to climate change? Why and How?
- ★ What are soil conditions like locally?
- ★ Are there any soil controversies in the immediate area that people should know about?
- ★ Do you think the local and/or organic food movement has the potential to change our relationship to soil?
- ★ (If a scientist) What do you study in particular and how is the information useful and relevant to how we understand soil today?
- ★ (If a farmer) What are the soil conservation practices that you employ on your operation and why?
- ★ What is the soil history of your local area?
- ★ How could a soil conscious sentiment be integrated into the upcoming Farm Bill?
- ★ How do you envision bringing society's understanding and appreciation back to the soil?
- ★ What are the local resources that are available to citizens to learn more about soil?
- ★ What are the local groups that would be able to engage in soil oriented efforts?
- ★ (If a Chef or a Farmer) Are there foods that are particularly beneficial to the soil?
- ★ Nationally, are there organizations that are particularly soil oriented?
If so, how can people get involved in those organizations?
- ★ What are the three best things people can do to help the plight of soil?
- ★ (If a Farmer) How do different types of farming affect soil?
- ★ (If a Scientists) What do you view as the next frontiers in the exploration of soil?