



# SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message Tom Akin

Happy New Year to Everyone!

And we're off and running headlong into 2013! This winter, although a little late in getting cranked up, might just turn out to be a typical New England winter compared to the fairly snowless 2012. For you winter sports enthusiasts, we hope you have happy sledding! For you snow-haters, well, at least the days will keep getting a little longer from here on...

This year we are also going back to hosting our own winter meeting; the SNEC SWCS Winter Meeting will be held at the Northeast Utilities facility in Berlin, Connecticut on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. The title of this year's conference is: "Erosion & Sediment Controls-Getting it Right the First Time". Our Winter Meeting Committee has worked hard to put together a panel of expert speakers. It should be a good show; please see the separate article in this newsletter for more info on this great training opportunity. I hope you folks have had a chance to check out the chapter's SWCS re-designed web site. One of the really nice features is the news feed of current articles aggregated by SWCS Headquarters and made available to all chapters. It is a great way to keep up on the latest news in the environmental world. It also contains links to our partner organizations such as IECA and MACC, and opportunities for sponsors. Please check it out and let us know what you think.

Lastly, I'm sad to report that we have lost an-

other member of our old guard Board of Directors. Eric Scherer, longtime President and current Rhode Island State Director, stepped down at the end of 2012. On behalf of the Board, I'd like to thank Eric for his many years of service to SWCS. Thanks so much Eric! So once again, we need some members to step up and help out the Board of Directors. If you are interested, please drop us a note.

We hope you have a good winter, and will see you in Connecticut next month!

Best regards, Tom Akin.



**SAVE THE DATE— Winter Meeting—February 15, 2013**



The Southern New England Chapter of the SWCS is a non-profit scientific and educational organization dedicated to promoting and advancing the conservation of soil, water and all natural resources.

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## **Executive Director's Report**

Our Winter meeting “Erosion & Sediment Controls-Getting it Right the First Time” will be held on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at Northeast Utilities in Berlin, Connecticut. (See separate Article on Winter Meeting).

Our EnviroCert International programs (exam review sessions and exam) for 2013 are the Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC) Review Session on Friday May 17<sup>th</sup> and the Certified Erosion, Sediment and Storm Water Inspector (CESSWI) Review Session on Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. The CPESC, CESSWI and the Certified Professional in Storm Water Quality (CPSWQ) Exams are on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. The Review Session and Exams will be in Amherst, Massachusetts. For additional information on these sessions, go to our website at [www.swcssnec.org](http://www.swcssnec.org) or the EnviroCert International website at [www.envirocertintl.org](http://www.envirocertintl.org). In addition to our regular scheduled review sessions, we can provide training and/or exams to public or private sector organizations that would like to host either internally within their organization. If you are aware of a business, organization or agency that could benefit from our training programs, please let me know or give them my contact information.

If you have any suggestions, questions or comments, please contact me at 413-213-6885, [anliker@charter.net](mailto:anliker@charter.net) or through our website.

Jeff Anliker

## **2013 Annual Conference**

### **68th Annual SWCS International Conference**

July 21-24, 2012 | Reno, Nevada

### **Resilient Landscapes—Planning for Flood, Drought and Fire**

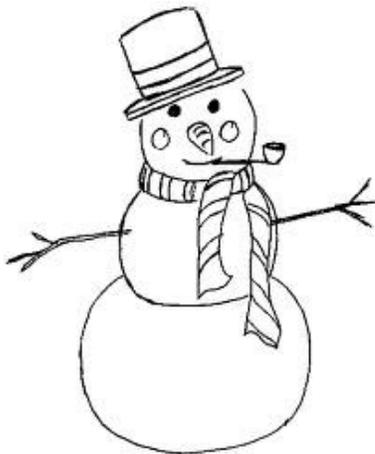
Consider joining your fellow conservationists from around the world at the 68th Annual SWCS Conference. The conference will be held in late July in Reno Nevada. The topic is a timely one with all of the disasters we have had in the past few years. Visit the web site at [www.swcs.org](http://www.swcs.org) for further information and watch our newsletter in Spring for more details.

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## UCONN Student Chapter News

The University of Connecticut chapter has been busy this fall recruiting new members and clearing trails in the UConn forest. In addition to our regular trail clearings, we had the opportunity to visit Spring Valley Farm to learn about their approaches to organic farming and sustainable living focusing mainly on their composting program. Our chapter is looking forward to participating in the Connecticut Conference on Natural Resources hosted by the university and also the annual UConn Earth Day Spring Fling. As of now we are relatively small in number and our main goal for next semester is to become better known both on and off campus and ultimately increase our membership.

The UConn chapter has decided to make the protection of water quality our overarching theme for the spring semester. We hope to raise awareness of UConn's current wastewater reuse project happening right on our campus, a project that will facilitate a reduction in UConn's wastewater discharge to the Willimantic River and preserving the quality of our valuable habitat and water resource. In efforts to reduce soil compaction from foot traffic across campus lawns, we have created a "Stay off the Grass!" campaign in which we plan to position members at a popular student-made pathway to give handouts to students walking along, giving them information about what effects soil erosion and compaction have on water quality. With a lot coming up in the spring semester, our chapter is ready to continue getting the Soil and Water Conservation Society name out there!



## SNEC—SWCS Winter Meeting February 15, 2013

The Southern New England Chapter of SWCS is hosting an "Erosion & Sediment Controls-Getting it Right the First Time" on Friday, February 15 2013 in the auditorium of Northeast Utilities in Berlin, Connecticut.

This conference will highlight the importance of choosing the right erosion and sediment controls for construction sites and some of the most commonly made mistakes involving their implementation and use. "Getting it Right the First Time" requires careful site assessment, planning, and construction monitoring and speakers will share examples of minor mistakes as well as major blunders that have resulted in damage to natural resources and costly remediation on construction sites.

Guest speakers include professionals in erosion and sediment control planning, construction, soil preservation and low-impact development. They bring the experience of the construction industry, private sector and state and federal agencies. Four (4) CEUs or PDUs are available for conference attendees.

This event will provide a great educational opportunity for anyone who works on a construction site, as well as a networking atmosphere for attendees to meet and talk with experts and specialists from the industry. The current co-sponsors are Northeast Utilities, and the Student Chapter at the Universities of Connecticut and Massachusetts plus many vendors.

The registration form is attached. It can also be found on the Chapter website at [www.swcssnec.org](http://www.swcssnec.org) or by contacting Jeff Anliker, SNEC Executive Director at 413-213-6885 or [anliker@charter.net](mailto:anliker@charter.net).

**Registration Form—Erosion & Sediment Controls—Getting it Right the First Time  
Friday, February 15, 2013 8:45 am to 3:00 pm (Registration opens at 8:15 am)  
Northeast Utilities Auditorium  
107 Selden Street, Berlin, CT 06269-4056**

Please register online with credit card at [www.swcssnec.org](http://www.swcssnec.org) or include check with this form:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$55 SWCS Members/ Co-Sponsors

\_\_\_\_\_ \$65 Non-Members or

\_\_\_\_\_ \$125 Blue Light Special (includes 1 year SWCS International and the Southern New England Chapter Membership at \$90) per person

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 Student Photocopy of valid student ID required. (Email to [anliker@charter.net](mailto:anliker@charter.net))

Lunch is included with your registration. Please check one:

Traditional \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Other dietary restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Certificate for four (4) Continuing Education Units (CEU) or Professional Development Units (PDU) will be available after the conference upon request.**

**Please submit this form with check payment to SNEC-SWCS, PO Box 487, Belchertown, MA 01007. Check payments must be received by February 11, 2013.**

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