



Call for Presentations & Exhibitors:

SWCS Southern New England Chapter 2026 Winter Conference:

SOIL MATTERS

Thursday, February 5th - Windsor Locks, CT

Recent SNEC conferences have focused on wetland restoration, water quality and solar energy. This year, the spotlight will be on soil and sediment – intact or disturbed, contaminated or pristine, surficial or otherwise. Time slots are typically 15-30 minutes plus Q&A; additional time could be allocated for group presentations or a panel discussion.

Abstracts should be submitted to events@swcssnec.org. Please include author(s) and affiliation.

We welcome speakers on topics including but not limited to:

- Soil Health
- Sediment Sampling, Testing and Monitoring
- Coastal Shoreline Protection
- Soil Conservation Techniques
- Non-Structural BMPs to Minimize Exposure
- Soil Contamination and Remediation
- Slope Stabilization
- Soil Resiliency
- Modern Excavation & Dredging Techniques
- Hydric and Floodplain Soils

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Hands-On Site Planning Workshop (Approx. 3 Hours)

Seeking Presenter | Site Plan Basics / Soil & Erosion Sediment Control



Additionally, we are seeking a presenter to develop and deliver a hands-on site planning workshop on soil erosion prevention techniques to be presented at the conference. We are seeking a presenter to develop and conduct an approximately 3-hour long workshop to give attendees hands-on experience in the basics of site plan review along with soil erosion and sediment control Best Management Practices (BMPs), including non-structural BMPs.

The Southern New England Chapter dedicates itself to supporting students and emerging conservation professionals. Our intention is for this workshop to be suitable for students and volunteers with little to no prior knowledge about controlling runoff, soil erosion and sedimentation.

The vision for this workshop is to have attendees work together in small groups to identify the applicable sensitive on-site and off-site stormwater receptors and determine appropriate placement of BMPs to mitigate on-site and off-site stormwater discharges. We encourage proposals that include complementary presentations in the morning (beyond the initial 3-hour workshop) to provide foundational information.

This is the target for the workshop, however, we are open to other suggestions.

Those interested in preparing and presenting such a workshop should submit a short workshop summary and curriculum outline to events@swcssnec.org.

For the purposes of demonstration, [Technical Drawings](#) posted on the UConn CT NEMO website from the [Jordan Cove Urban Watershed Section 319 National Monitoring Program Project](#) in Waterford CT may be used. Jordan Cove resources include a [Rain Garden Plant Selector Database](#), information about [BMPs](#) and traditional & low impact development (LID) versions of landscaping and E&SC plans. The resulting construction site plans with a variety of combinations of BMP practices shown (potentially including ill-advised and non-conforming configurations) may be discussed and compared to the Jordan Cove E&SC and Plantings plans.

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Exhibitors Wanted

SWCS Southern New England Chapter (SNEC) seeks exhibitors of products and services relevant to our 2026 Conference as described above. Exhibitors will be invited to participate in the site planning workshop, which could include discussion of products and services not on display at their respective exhibits. We are also looking for exhibitors who could provide hands-on training in programs or skillsets relevant to the topics listed above.

In addition to E&SC products, SNEC seeks representatives of (a) soil & sediment sampling and monitoring equipment, personal protective equipment, and other field equipment and gear; and (b) providers of laboratory, earthmoving and planning services. Any relevant exhibit will be considered.

Contact events@swcssnec.org with interest for exhibition space.