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Soil and Water Conservation Society

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SWCS Southern New England Chapter
2026 Conference and Annual Meeting
Thursday July 30th
UConn Storrs | 8 - 4:30



Speaker Spotlight



Exciting update! Join us in welcoming Postdoctoral Researcher Dr. Jin Ho Lee, Massachusetts Geological Survey at UMass Amherst, as he takes the stage to share his expertise at our Conference on July 30th at the Information Technology and Engineering (ITE) building on the UConn Storrs campus. Dr. Lee earned his PhD from Michigan State University, and his MS and BS from Gyeongsang National University, South Korea. His work has focused on understanding the mechanisms of soil carbon processing and sequestration

using spatial approaches (X-ray μ CT 3D imaging, zymography, root scanning) and isotopic tracing techniques in crop and grassland ecosystems. He currently leads a research project exploring statewide soil carbon pools in Massachusetts forests.

Presentation:

Factors affecting soil carbon accumulation in Massachusetts forests

Soil represents the largest terrestrial reservoir of carbon, playing a critical role in climate regulation. Extensive and diverse forest systems in Massachusetts serve as an important landscape for long-term carbon storage yet remain under-characterized in terms of soil carbon pool composition and variability. Tree species influences both the quantity and quality of carbon inputs through differences in litter chemistry and root traits, while topographic position of soil modulates microclimate and hydrology that directly affect carbon stabilization processes. Jin Ho Lee's presentation will provide insight into a project that aims to investigate the distribution of soil carbon pools across long-term forest plots in Massachusetts, focusing on conifer and hardwood forests across topographic gradients (upper, middle, and lower slopes). Ultimately, this project will contribute to a high-resolution understanding of forest soil carbon storage and support Massachusetts' 2050 Decarbonization Roadmap by estimating the state's capacity to absorb residual carbon emissions through soil carbon sequestration.

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Event Schedule

Thursday, July 30th, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. EST.

Lunch, coffee breaks and workshops are included in the cost of registration.

Certificates of attendance will be provided to document six (6) hours

of educational content for professional certification renewals.

Location: **UConn Storrs Campus Storrs CT 06268**

Information Technology Engineering (ITE) Building

No Vehicular Access to ITE - All vehicles must park at the [South Parking Garage](#) (\$16).

Parking subsidies available to students at all levels!

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2026 Registration Rates

Register online via credit/debit card, PayPal or Google Pay.

- General Admission: \$125
- SWCS Member: \$75
- Student General Admission: \$50
- SWCS Student Chapter Member: \$25



Hands-on Soil Classification and Soil Microscopy Workshops are INCLUDED in the cost of registration. Workshop spaces are limited - reserve yours today!

25% off for Groups of 3 or More who Register Together!!

- Group General Admission: \$93.75
- Group Student: \$37.50

Blue Light Special: \$190

Join the Soil & Water Conservation Society now at the \$115 Conservationist level and benefit immediately by registering for Soil Matters at the \$75 SNEC Member rate!

We'll handle the SWCS membership paperwork. *This offer is for first-time SWCS members only.*

REGISTER NOW!

Exhibitors are Signing Up!

A variety of compelling exhibits will be on display, featuring innovative products that are driving progress in the field of soil and water conservation.

SWCS Southern New England Chapter's mission is to promote, educate and advance the science of soil, water and related resources conservation. We seek vendors of products and services that can help deliver solutions.

- Exhibitor Registration: \$500
 - Includes one 6ft table with drape and registration for one (1) person
- Non-Profit Exhibitor: \$250
- Additional Exhibit Staff: \$75 (2 max)

To sign up or ask about **opportunities for more active participation**, please contact Christine Odiaga at (508)945-3283 or treasurer@secssnec.org.

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To **REGISTER**, please go to <https://snec2026.eventbrite.com/>. For **SOIL MATTERS** updates, go to <https://swcssnec.org/snec2026/> or contact keara@swcssnec.org.