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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



Dr. Amelia Magistrali *UConn Extension*

Dr. Amelia Magistrali is the Soil Health Extension Educator with UConn Extension, focusing on regenerative and agroecological farming systems that enhance soil health and ecosystem services. She holds a PhD from Newcastle University, England, and brings over a decade of experience working with farmer networks to advance sustainable agriculture. Since joining UConn in 2024, she's developed state-wide programs supporting climate-resilient soil management for diverse growers.

Presentation:

The Importance of Aggregate Stability to Soil Health and Rainfall Simulator Demonstration

Dr. Magistrali will present different management strategies for soil health, particularly in the context of adapting to weather variability. This session will be coupled with a tabletop rainfall simulator demonstration that will take place throughout the day replicating infiltration rate and runoff from soils managed with different impacts on soil physical properties.

The presentation will cover principles and benefits of soil health as well as how management affects soil health, building on the attached information sheet. An emphasis will be placed on how these strategies impact soil physical properties, particularly aggregate stability. **Examples that will be demonstrated by the rainfall simulator include: forest soil, bare agricultural soil, lawn soil, no-till agriculture soil and mulched garden.**



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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 your spot 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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