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CHAPTER

Soil and Water Conservation Society

SWCS Southern New England Chapter <keara@swcssnec.org>

Wed, Jul 1, 2026 at 6:00 AM



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



Speaker Spotlight



Morgan McKee, USDA-NRCS

Morgan McKee is a certified professional Soil Scientist who has been working as a Soil Scientist with NRCS since early 2023. Prior to being a Soil Scientist, she spent 7 years in NRCS field offices in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, and Maryland as a Soil Conservationist, working with farmers and forest landowners to improve their land. She currently works to provide soil science training and technical guidance to NRCS staff, customers, and partners as well as completing wetland determinations and on-site soil assessments. Prior to working for the agency, Morgan worked as a consultant, collecting wetland inventory data throughout coastal Louisiana.

Presentation:

Describing Hydric Soils and Applying Hydric Soil Indicators

Describing soils and determining whether they are hydric is often a difficult part of wetland determinations. There is a minimum amount of information that needs to be collected to determine whether a hydric soil is present. This presentation will outline what that information is and some of the important decisions a delineator has to make. It will also breakdown some of the most common indicators and discuss how to interpret them when doing own wetland determinations.

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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!

Contact keara@swcssnec.org or call (508) 945-3283



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