

Information Technology Engineering (ITE) Building			
Lecture Hall (Lower Level)	Lower-Level Lobby	Upstairs Classroom A	Upstairs Classroom B
Opening Remarks	Rainfall Simulator demonstrations and Poster Presentations will be repeated (timed to give all workshop participants an opportunity to see them)		
Nature-based Solutions and Soil Health (Savageau, CT Assoc Conservation Districts)			
The Importance of Aggregate Stability to Soil Health (Magistrali, UConn)			
Break	Tabletop Demonstration: Rainfall Simulator		
A Guide to Collaborative Tidal Wetland Migration Pathway Protection (West, Narragansett Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve)	Poster Presentation (15 min) Summer Cover Crop Soil Health Benefits (Dinaridi, UConn Intern)		
Salt Marsh Restoration through Sediment Nourishment in MA (Patterson, EA)	Tabletop Demonstration: Rainfall Simulator	Open Door' workshop (15-min modules): Innovative Landscape Construction Materials (Will, Read Custom Soils) • sand-based soil blends • Bioretention soil designs • Biochar as a soil amendment • permeable paving options	
Lunch	Poster Presentation (15 min) Herring River Tidal Restoration Project (Odiaga, Friends of Herring River)	Lunch	Hands-On Workshop: Soil Health 3-Ways – An Overview (Bosch, CT NOFA) Bring your own samples - morcoscope provided!
Factors Affecting Soil Carbon Accumulation in MA Forests (Lee, UMass)	Tabletop Demonstration: Rainfall Simulator		Annual SNEC Meeting (open to all)
Biosolids Land Application and Phosphorus Cycling (Joshi, Southwestern University)	Poster Presentation (15 min) Summer Cover Crop Soil Health Benefits (Dinaridi, UConn Intern)	Protecting Watersheds through Erosion Control Methods (Everhart, EJ Prescott)	
Break	Tabletop Demonstration: Rainfall Simulator	Being Creative with Multi-Use Riparian Buffers (Patsun, North Central Conservation District)	
Ashes to Ashes: Soil Communities and Ecosystem Functioning (Maltz, UConn)	Poster Presentation (15 min) Herring River Tidal Restoration Project (Odiaga, Friends of Herring River)	Break	
Describing Hydric Soils and Applying Hydric Soil Indicators (McKee, NRCS)	Tabletop Demonstration: Rainfall Simulator		
Closing Remarks			

Plant & Soil Health Center (PSHC)
A.M. workshop participants will depart ITE after the morning Break and walk a short distance (led by an intern) to the shuttle stop for transport to PSHC.
Hands-On Workshop: Soil Texture and Color in the Field (Neupane, UConn Extension) + Plant & Soil Health Center Tour (Neupane & Goltz, UConn Extension (limit: 15/session))
Lunch
P.M. workshop participants will depart ITE after Lunch and walk a short distance (led by an intern) to the shuttle stop for transport to PSHC. Shuttle will return to ITE in time for Closing Remarks.
Hands-On Workshop: Soil Texture and Color in the Field (Neupane, UConn Extension) + Plant & Soil Health Center Tour (Neupane & Goltz, UConn Extension (limit: 15/session))



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



Sign-in and coffee will be on the upper level ITE.

All **Presentations** will be made in the ITE Building and, after the morning break, will run concurrently on both levels of the ITE Building.

The **Opening Session in the Lecture Hall** on the lower level of the ITE Building.

The **Rainfall Simulator** will on display in the lower-level lobby leading to the lecture hall. The first demonstration will occur at the start of the morning break; it will be repeated during breaks and lunch.

The A.M. & P.M. sessions of the **Soil Texture and Color in the Field workshop** will be held across campus. A shuttle (included) will transport participants, and an intern will lead the way to the shuttle stop.

- **A.M.** workshop participants will leave ITE during the break after the Opening Session.
- **P.M.** workshop participants will leave ITE after lunch and return for Closing Remarks.

The **90-minute Soil Health 3-Ways workshop** and the **four (4) 15-minute Innovative Landscape Construction Materials modules** will begin after the morning break in upstairs ITE classrooms, concurrent to presentations in the lecture hall.

15-minute Poster Presentations will be made during breaks and lunch, and will be timed to ensure that PSHC-workshop participants have an opportunity to see them. These and other posters will be on display throughout the day.

The **SNEC Annual Meeting**, which will include a brainstorming session for future event topics, will be held during the lunch break and is open to all.