



## **SSSNE 2026 Summer Workshop - Vermont Hydric Soils Field Course**

Sponsored by Soil Science Society of Northern New England (SSSNE)

Location: Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area Conference Center, 966 VT-17, Addison, VT 05491

Date: Friday June 26, 2026 Time: 9:00am-4:30pm

### Agenda:

- 8:30-9:00**      **Participant Check-In** – Coffee, tea, and muffins available
- 9:00-9:10**      **Welcome** – Field Course Set Up Description and Introductions – **Tom Carr**, SSSNE Board Member
- 9:10-9:25**      **Geomorphology of the Champlain Valley Vermont** – **Sheri B. Young**, Annelid Environmental Services PLLC
- 9:25-9:45**      **Upland to Wetland Vegetation Transition in the Champlain Valley** – **Jack Ferrara** – NRCS Soil and Plant Science Division (NRCS-SPSD) St. Johnsbury, VT
- 9:45-10:45**    **Fine Textured Soils Work in the Champlain Valley of Vermont** – **Paul Gadecki** – NRCS-SPSD St. Johnsbury, VT; **Chadd Cupit** – NRCS Colchester, VT; and **Jack Ferrara**
- 10:45-11:00**   **Break and Visitor Center Tour**
- 11:00 -12:00**   **Fine Textured Soils Texturing Exercise** – Test your texturing skills and hone in on your soil texture accuracy. Soil Samples provided by NRCS and SSSNE.
- 12:00-12:30**   **Lunch and Visitor Center Tour**
- 12:30-4:30**    **Hydric Soils Field Session**
- 12:30-1:30**    **Site # 1** Dead Creek Management Area Natural Community example on Vergennes clay soils – **Jack Ferrara** and **Paul Gadecki**
- 1:30-2:00**      Drive to Pratt’s Store commuter lot to arrange carpool to the Payne Site
- 2:00-4:00**      **Site #2** Payne Road (2022VT001004): 43.9863320, -73.2671090 Evaluate Pit #1, Pit #2 and Pit #3 -**Jack Ferrara** and **Paul Gadecki**
- 4:00-4:30**      Travel back to Pratt’s Store commuter lot, debrief and distribute CEU forms

**Attendees please bring:** water proof boots, water bottle, clip board, Munsell color guide and your favorite NRCS/SSSNE/NEHSTC field books. Be prepared for field work. Access to all pits will require participants to walk on uneven ground.

Please register at the following link: <https://forms.gle/A5HSSkJra68CpV1v6> and direct any questions regarding registration for the event to [sssne.web@gmail.com](mailto:sssne.web@gmail.com). **This event is capped at 35 participants.**