



Vermont Hydric Soils Field Course

Sponsored by Soil Science Society of Northern New England (SSSNNE),
FPAC-NRCS-VT, and NRCS NH

Meeting Place: Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area Conference Center

966 VT-17, Addison, VT 05491

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

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, SSSNNE 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, FPAC-NRCS, VT

9:45-10:45 Fine Textured Soils Work in the Champlain Valley of Vermont-
Paul Gadecki- FPAC-NRCS, VT, **Josh Gaimaro** NRCS-NH, and **Jack Ferrara** FPAC-NRCS, VT

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 SSSNNE.

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 FPAC-NRCS, VT, and **Paul Gadecki** FPAC-NRCS, VT

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** FPAC-NRCS, VT, **Paul Gadecki** FPAC-NRCS, VT and **Josh Gaimaro** NRCS-NH

4:00-4:30 Travel back to Pratt's Store commuter lot, debrief and distribute CEU forms

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