

When: Thursday, February 26, 2009 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.

Where: The US Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Office
300 Westgate Center Dr, Hadley, MA

Topic: Wetlands — the Status of Wetlands Delineation and Functional Assessments in New England

Agenda

- 8:30 AM Registration, coffee and Danish
- 9:00 AM Welcome, Eric Scherer, President, SNEC-SWCS and Mark Stolt, President of SSSSNE
- 9:15 AM Wetland Delineations –
- Regional Supplement 87 changes and how it will be implemented – Paul Minkin, Senior Wetland Scientist, NE Division, COE—for a copy of the supplement go to http://www.usace.army.mil/CECW/Documents/cecwo/reg/int_nc_ne_supp.pdf
 - New England Hydric Soil Tech Committee work on regional indicators – merging NE Version 3 with National Indicators including monitoring sites, collecting hydro, temperature, soil data to test indicators. – Mark Stolt, Professor of Pedology at URI
 - Status of NRCS Soil Survey Data and Introduction to Subaqueous Soils for Wetland Restoration Efforts—Jim Turenne, Assistant State Soil Scientist, RI NRCS
- 11:15 AM Box Lunch
- 12 Noon Wetland Assessments –
- “*Use of Remote Sensing and GIS for Wetland, Riparian and Watershed Assessment, Restoration and Monitoring*” – Ralph Tiner, Wetland Ecologist, US FWS, Hadley, MA
 - National Wetland Inventory (NWI) Update—Ralph Tiner
 - Wetlands from A Watershed Perspective—Adam Whelchel, Director of Conservation Programs, CT Chapter, The Nature Conservancy
- 2:30 PM Closing Comments.
- 3:00 PM Adjourn
- 3:15 PM SNEC SWCS Meeting
Bill Boyer, SWCS Regional Representative, Washington, DC

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