

Practical Soil Health Specialist Training New York State



WORKSHOP ONE – PROJECT ORIENTATION AND SOIL HEALTH PRINCIPLES SEPTEMBER 24 AND 25, 2018 ● CORTLAND, NY

Participant Commitment

In addition to attendance requirements, your participation will require several activities on your part to complete the training. It is essential that you are committed to completing the course and associated tasks. Please consider them carefully. They include:

- Pay a \$100 participation fee
- Attend the first project orientation and introductory workshop on September 24 and 25 in Cortland
- Attend at least three of the four remaining workshops which will be held between October 2018 and December 2019 (tentative schedule attached).
- Administer at least one farmer soil health related event or provide one on one soil health technical assistance to at least five farmers by December 31, 2020.
- Complete initial and close-out surveys along with workshop evaluations
- Track and file quarterly reports on educational and technical assistance activities
- Develop an outreach plan (AFT format and assistance provided)
- Develop a teacher tool kit (AFT assistance provided)

We realize this is a significant commitment of your time, but this training is designed to give you an in-depth look at practical ways to help farmers manage for healthy soil in New York. You were selected as someone who is already helping farmers and clients with these issues, and we believe this training will take you beyond soil health and cover crops 101, both for your benefit and for your client's, or your operation's benefit.

Congratulation on your acceptance into the program!