

Practical Soil Health Specialist Training New York State



WORKSHOP ONE – PROJECT ORIENTATION AND SOIL HEALTH PRINCIPLES

SEPTEMBER 24 AND 25, 2018 ● CORTLAND, NY

Agenda

Day 1 – September 24

1:00 – 2:00 Welcome and Orientation – Jeff Ten Eyck and Aaron Ristow

2:00 – 2:30 Introduction to Soil Health – Paul Salon

2:30 - 3:15 Soil Health Principles and Functions – David Wolfe

3:15 – 3:30 Break

3:30 – 4:00 Soil Health Demonstrations – Amy Langner

4:00 – 5:00 Soil Biology and Ecology – Janice Thies

5:00 Adjourn session – Check-in to the Comfort Inn if applicable

5:30 – 7:00 Social hour at Hobo's in Homer. 10 S West Street (Route 281)

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Day 2 – September 25

8:30 – 9:45 Ecological Nutrient Management – Laurie Drinkwater

9:45 – 10:15 Soil Health Indicators and Constraints – Kirsten Kurtz

10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 11:00 Soil Health Planning Framework – Aaron Ristow

11:00 – 1220 Soil Health Management Scenarios Field Exercises – Bob Schindelbeck

12:20 – 1:20 Box Lunch and Travel to Farm

1:30 – 2:15 Soil Health Management on Whey Street Dairy (Marty Young)

2:15 – 4:20 Soil Pit and Soil Health Field Stations* (see page 3 for details)

Group 1: Inherent vs. Dynamic Soil Properties and Soil Field Assessment – Steve Page,
Olga Vargas, Amy Langner

Soil pits: Comparison of soil health under differing management schemes
utilizing assessment tools

Group 2: Soil Health Sampling Strategy and Considerations – Bob Schindelbeck

4:20 – 4:30 Evaluation and preview next Soil Health Specialist session