

Practical Soil Health Specialist Training

Workshop #1 – Introduction to Soil Health

September 24 and 25

Conservation Skills Workshop

Cortland, NY

Overview and Goals

- Milestones (in binder)
- Train 20 Ag. Professionals
- Reach 400 Farmers Managing 80,000 Acres
 - 50 Farmers Implement
- Develop a cadre of soil health professionals
- Help farmers improve their soil health through practical methods
- Build the training program
- Help you develop a plan/strategy to help your clients
- Help you develop a teacher “tool kit”
- Professional development

Expectations

- Attend 4 of the 5 sessions
 - Most sessions will have a public component
- Complete our surveys and evaluations – provide feedback
- Conduct educational events and provide TA related to soil health
 - \$300 stipend available
- Document results – we will provide a spreadsheet

Financials

- We set up and pay for overnight accommodations
- Provide lunch during sessions
- We will reimburse mileage to and from sessions – e-mail form within 5 days after each session



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Soil Health Specialist Travel Expense Form

NAME

Current Mileage
Reimbursement
Rate:
(As of 1/1/2018)

DATE	PURPOSE/DESCRIPTION	MILEAGE RATE	MILES TRAVELED		AMOUNT
		\$0.545			

TOTAL AMOUNT

REQUESTED BY: _____

DATE: _____

Introductions

- In one minute or less provide:
 - Name
 - Employer and Job Title
 - How you assist farmers
 - What you hope to get out of the course

Workshop #1 Intro to Soil Health

- CCA credits
- Binder
- Agenda – get everyone on the same page
 - Intro to Soil Health
 - Soil Health Demos
 - Soil Biology and Ecology
 - Soil Health Indicators and Constraints
 - Soil Health Planning Framework
 - Soil Health Management Exercises
 - On the Farm:
 - Soil Health at Whey Street Dairy
 - Soil Properties and Assessment
 - Sampling Strategy
 - Evaluation – Next Session

Questions?