

During the week of 17 June, the Soil Survey Research and Laboratory Staff of the NSSC provided ground-penetrating radar (GPR) training and technical assistance to the Connecticut Soil Staff. Ground-penetrating radar was used to assist eight cultural resources projects that are being carried out in cooperation with the Connecticut State Archaeologist, Connecticut Archaeology Center, University of Connecticut, and the Friends of the Office of State Archaeology. NRCS soil scientists in Connecticut have provided technical assistance to a variety of archaeology-related projects. Their assistance has included soil profile descriptions, soil testing, and determining likely places to search for unmarked historical graves and structures. These assists have greatly increased public awareness to the commitment of NRCS in identifying and protecting our nation's cultural resources. The stewardship of cultural resources is an integral component of the conservation ethic that underlies NRCS's mission.



Debbie Surabian, Connecticut State Soil Scientist, discusses the results of a GPR survey and NRCS's cultural resources commitment to a group of visiting students at archaeological site.