



Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



Updates from Soils

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FARM PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION
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Soil Carbon Monitoring Network

- Presented this at the January 2025 STC
- Pennsylvania NRCS had submitted approximately 50 sites for consideration for sampling
- This project is on indefinite pause as the Soils and Plant Sciences Division undergoes restructuring and determines what its new strategic priorities are.





PA Soils Conference

PA Soils Conference and Pennsylvania Association of Professional Soil Scientists 50th Anniversary Celebration Building Resilient Pennsylvania Soil Systems

Lambert Hall, 303 Forge Rd, Bellefonte, PA 16823

- **June 17th, 2025 and June 18th, 2025**
- For more information contact Sue Miller with PAPSS
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Changes to PA NRCS Soils Staff

- Yuri Plowden, State Soil Scientist, is retiring as of April 30th, 2025
- Kefeni Kejela, Urban Soil Scientist, is retiring as of April 30th, 2025
- Current staff who are still available for questions and soils information:
 - John Chibirka, Resource Soil Scientist for SE PA
 - Keith Shadle, Resource Soil Scientist for NE PA
 - Tyson Myers, Resource Soil Scientist for Western PA

Other staff on Soils/GIS/Compliance Team who are continuing to serve you:

- Marcie Dunn, GIS Specialist, Harrisburg, PA
- Tony Anastasi, Business Tools Specialist, Harrisburg, PA
- Susan Hult, State Compliance Specialist, Harrisburg, PA



REMEMBER!!

Conservation starts from the ground!

Preserve soil, preserve life!

Healthy soils, healthy planet!

