



Wetland Identification, Delineation and Ecology

July 12–18, 2026

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This intensive training is based in large part on the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual (1987) and Regional Supplement: Northcentral and Northeast Region (2012). The training addresses the requirements for basic delineation training as specified by the Corps of Engineers for its regulatory training course in wetland identification and delineation course. Classroom instruction will cover background information and methodologies. Topics will specifically include the science of hydric soils, hydrophytic vegetation, wetland hydrology, and the application of that science in the field. In the field, participants will apply the methods to collect data on the field indicators of wetland vegetation, hydrology, and soils used to determine the occurrence and location of wetland boundaries. Successful completion of this seminar will provide participants with a sound knowledge base and basic field experience for identifying wetlands, delineating their boundaries, and understanding how wetlands relate ecologically to the surrounding landscape.

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Joe Homer (bathome52@outlook.com) served as the New Hampshire State Soil Scientist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. Retired after more than 33 years with the NRCS, Joe has performed and managed mapping and field work in New England, with additional work in New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, Oregon and Minnesota. He also served as Field Soil Scientist, Soil Survey Project Leader, and Assistant State Soil Scientist in NH. Joe is the author of the Grafton County and Coos County (NH) Soil Survey Reports. He conducted hydric soils and wetland identification and delineation for USDA in NH, and trained federal and state agency staff as well as New England consultants. Joe is a member of the New England Hydric Soils Committee, and the Regional Working Group for the Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual for the Northcentral and Northeast Region. He received his degree in Soils and Environmental Conservation from the University of New Hampshire.