Have you ever wondered what is happening below ground and how that affects the plants that grow above ground in your garden?

Healthy soil is an essential component of a fertile landscape. Composed of mineral solids, organic matter, water, and air, soil anchors and supports plants. Alive with bacteria, fungi, nematodes, and larger organisms, soil plays an important role in supporting a vital living ecosystem. Take the necessary steps to improve and maintain this living natural resource while providing a good foundation for vigorous plant growth.

Soil testing is an easy way to assess the fertility of your soil. Fall is the best time to collect samples. Get your soil tested now (www.soiltest.uconn.edu) and bring your results to the conference to better understand the recommendations (optional).

Presentations

- **Soil Sustainability** (45 minutes)
  - Dawn Pettinelli, Extension Instructor in the Department of Plant Science at UConn

- **Making Sense of Soil Tests** (45 minutes)
  - Dawn Pettinelli

- **Soil Ecology and Health – Making Links** (1 hour)
  - Ray Covino, District Conservationist, USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service

- **Building Soil Carbon for Healthier Gardens** (2 hours)
  - Jack Kittredge, Soil Carbon Program Coordinator & Editor of *The Natural Farmer* MA chapter of NOFA
  - Julie Rawson, Executive Director of the MA chapter of NOFA

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