



## ASSOCIATION OF OHIO PEDOLOGISTS

(OHIO SOIL PROFESSIONALS)

As follow up to my previous e-mail here is more information about the Central States Forest Soils Conference:

Description of the FY 2015 Central States Forest Soils Conference in Athens, Ohio

### Background

The Central States Forest Soils Workshops came into existence during a Lake States Forest Soils Council Meeting at Bloomington, Indiana in the fall of 1979. Individuals from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Missouri, and Kentucky met and decided to form their own group in order to focus more on the soils and forests of the Central States Region. The name "Central States Forest Soils Workshop" was chosen for the group as a means of identifying the geographic region and to signify the intent that the organization was to be a working group dedicated to field trips, on-site discussions, and learning experiences. Six states are involved: Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, and Tennessee. As the conference moves from state to state, adjoining states are extended an invitation for Major Land Resource Areas in common.

### FY 2015 Trip Overview

This conference will be concentrating on the following subjects;

- Ecological Site Descriptions in conjunction with the Forest Service (Wayne National Forest unit)
- Inherent soil properties of the region
- Forest management techniques and their relation to soil mapping/interpretations

These subjects will be covered over 2 days, with 2 field trips. Final external customer numbers are still coming in, but NRCS potential attendees have responded and their financial information has been recorded in Excel format for approval.

	Date	Time	Action
Tuesday	Oct. 14	3:00:00 PM	Business meeting - Round Table for Research needs, Current issues ODNR Building 360 East State Street, Athens, OH 45701
		4:30:00 PM	Adjourn for day
		5:30:00 PM	Social Gathering ODNR Building
		6:00:00 PM	Dinner/Speakers on Area Soils, Geology and Forest Resources
Wednesday	Oct. 15	8:00:00 AM	Gather for field trip
			Vinton Furnace Tour, covers Ecological Site Descriptions, soils and forestry
			Soil Resources, Use and management

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		5:00:00 PM	Return to Athens, OH
Thursday	Oct. 16	8:00:00 AM	Field Trip to wetland mitigation site, focus on forestry, ESD's and soils
		12:00:00 PM	Adjourn

## THE GOALS OF THE CONFERENCE ARE:

- Accelerate production of ecological site descriptions (ESDs) in collaboration with state technical staff and partners and,
- Strengthen the National Cooperative Soil Survey by bringing together private, state, and federal foresters, soil scientists, and land managers to work for a common goal

## Logistics and Cost Overview

This conference has been planned with a minimum of overhead. The meeting spaces have been secured using state agency partnerships and have no cost associated with them. Participants are asked to bring a high capacity vehicle, such as a mini or passenger van, as we opted not to use a charter bus. We will caravan from Athens to the Vinton Furnace and spend the first day there. The second day we will caravan to a Wetland Mitigation site to discuss ESD's, soils, and forestry implications in wetlands.

Dinner will be served on Tuesday night for \$15, and lunch is available on Wednesday for \$10. They are unable to collect registration, so please be prepared to pay at the door so to speak.

A block of rooms at the government rate (\$83/night) have been reserved at the Baymont Inn, Athens.  
Baymont Inn & Suites Athens  
20 Home Street, US 33 at US 50, Athens, OH 45701 US  
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**I think anyone who has been to OSU knows Orton Hall. When Dale Gnidovec, curator of Orton Geological Museum, arrived to give a talk for the North Coast Fossil Club in Cleveland a few weeks ago, he never dreamt he would leave with the promise of the gift of a gorgeous specimen of *Isotelus maximus*, Ohio's official state fossil, worth \$15,500. But, sure enough, that promise now resides in a place of prominence in the Orton Museum.**

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\*\*\*\*\*NOTE TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: DEC 9 BOARD MEETING MOVED to DEC 11 AT 9:30 A.M. (Room problems again)

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