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Connecticut Valley  
Chapter

**2026 Spring Geotechnical Seminar  
TPC River Highlands  
Cromwell, Connecticut  
April 24, 2026**



**The 2026 Spring Geotechnical Seminar explores Environmental Geotechnics and Earth Retaining Structures, featuring additional presentations on owners' perceptions of Geotechnical Engineers and Engineering Ethics.**

**Seven (7) New York State PDHs will be offered**  
*Questions and discussion will follow each presentation*

<b>7:00 AM - 7:30 AM</b>	<b>Exhibitor Setup</b>
<b>7:30 AM - 8:00 AM</b>	<b>Full Breakfast &amp; Registration</b>
<b>8:00 AM - 8:10 AM</b>	<b>Welcome, Announcements, and Opening Remarks</b>
<b>8:10 AM – 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Measuring Hydraulic Conductivity for Groundwater Investigations and Contaminant Transport</b> Don J. DeGroot, ScD, PE, University of Massachusetts – Amherst
<b>9:05 AM – 9:30 AM</b>	<b>Go/No-Go Drawings for Excavation of Ash Pond – Case Study</b> Katherine Coco, PE, Haley & Aldrich
<b>9:35 AM – 9:55 AM</b>	<b>Morning Break with Exhibitors and Refreshments</b>
<b>10:00 AM - 10:25 AM</b>	<b>Value Engineering using LDCC and Modular Block Walls</b> Rick Smith, PG, CJ Geo Contractors
<b>10:30 AM - 10:55 AM</b>	<b>Urban Fill Reuse: Economic Advantages and Ethical Responsibility</b> Ashley L. Sullivan, PE, and Lori McCarthy, LSP, O'Reilly, Talbot & Okun Engineering Associates
<b>11:00 AM – 11:45 AM</b>	<b>Walk Bridge: Geotechnical Contingency Planning</b> Michael Mendick, PE, CCM, Connecticut Department of Transportation (District 5)
<b>11:50 AM - 12:00 PM</b>	<b>Presentation of 2026 GEO-CT Student Scholarship Awards</b>
<b>12:00 PM - 12:55 PM</b>	<b>Lunch with Exhibitors &amp; Golf Putting Tournament</b>
<b>1:00 PM - 1:20 PM</b>	<b>Subsurface Vertical Barriers in Environmental Remediation: Containment, Control, and In-Situ Treatment</b> Nathan Coughenour, PE, Geo-Solutions, Inc.
<b>1:25 PM - 2:15 PM</b>	<b>Fifty Years of Slurry Walls for Construction of Vertical Barriers</b> Jeffrey C. Evans, PhD, PE, BC.GE, F.ASCE, Parsons Corporation and Bucknell University
<b>2:20 PM – 2:40 PM</b>	<b>Afternoon Break with Exhibitors</b>
<b>2:45 PM - 3:05 PM</b>	<b>ISS to SOE - The Many Applications of Soil Mixing</b> Nathan Coughenour, PE, Geo-Solutions, Inc.
<b>3:10 PM – 3:55 PM</b>	<b>Workplace Strategies for Ethical Challenges</b> David Williams, PhD, PE, BC.WRE, F.ASCE, F.EWRI, CFM, CPESC, PH, David T. Williams and Associates, LLC
<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Closing Remarks</b>