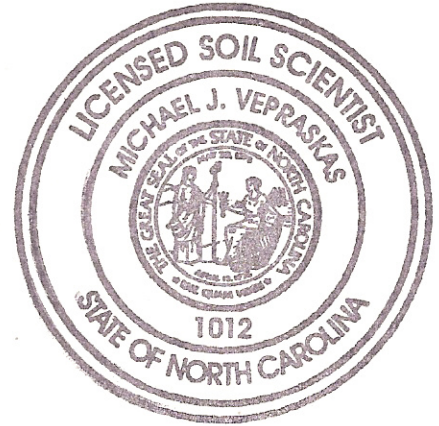


The NTCHS recognizes the need for licensed individuals to conduct wetlands assessments. We frequently review reports from consultants, engineers, or geologists that mistakenly identify hydric soils, because they do not have the proper training and experience needed to identify them. The only way to avoid costly mistakes that affect private property is through state licensing. We support and encourage the State of Washington to pass licensing legislation for Soil Scientists.

Sincerely,



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