The Pennsylvania Association of Professional Soil Scientists (PAPSS) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering the profession of soil classification, mapping, and interpretations, and the dissemination of information concerning soil science as it contributes to the protection of the environment and general human welfare. PAPSS membership consists of professional soil scientists from university and college departments of agronomy, geosciences, and environmental resource management and staff of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), other governmental agencies, private consulting firms, and county health and planning departments. PAPSS is affiliated with the Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) and the Soils Certifying Board, and is a member of the United States Consortium of Soil Science Associations (USCSSA).

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Many regulations in Pennsylvania require the services of a qualified professional soil scientist to provide accurate soil interpretations to support other professional services provided by engineers, geologists, land surveyors, and landscape architects. As a result, PAPSS has compiled this Registry of Professional Soil Science Consultants who are available to provide soil science consulting services.

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