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Soil Scientist to Speak at Library on Sunday, April 2, at 2 pm.

Jamestown soil scientist Jim Turenne will speak on soils and recharging the ground water next Sunday, April 2, from 2 pm to 4 pm at the Jamestown Philomenian Library.

A Certified Professional Soil Scientist, Jim will demonstrate how different soils affect the flow of rainfall and snow melt over the land and through the soil to recharge the ground water. Recharging the ground water is particularly important to ensure that residents have access to enough water, whether on private well or town water. Keeping the water on the land also works to stem soil erosion along the island's coastline and in residents' property.

Protecting the drinking water in Jamestown has been a special interest for Jim. He helped write town's onsite waste water ordinance, volunteered on the water resources protection committee and currently is secretary for the Conanicut Island Land Trust.

Jim earned his BS degree in Resource Development (Soil Science) from the University of Rhode Island. He has thirty years soil survey experience in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. His professional experience includes working as an US Army Corps of Engineer Regulatory IV Wetland Delineation Instructor. At present he is an Assistant State Soil Scientist, USDA-NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) for Rhode Island.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) employs soil conservationists, soil scientists, agronomists, biologists, engineers, geologists and resource planners that work hand-in-hand with residents to improve and protect their soil, water and other natural resources. For decades, private landowners have voluntarily worked with NRCS specialists to prevent erosion, improve water quality and promote sustainable landscaping.

The presentation is part of an on-going lecture series on drinking water, water conservation and best practices for recharging the groundwater. The series is co-sponsored by the

Friends of Jamestown Library and the Jamestown Water Initiative (JWI). JWI is a grassroots volunteer island organization whose mission is to protect the groundwater and the aquifer and to reduce erosion by keeping the water on the land and water conservation.

To reserve your seat(s) for the presentation, please email JametownWater@gmail.com. To volunteer in the Jamestown Water Initiative, please also email JametownWater@gmail.com.

The presentation is free and open to the public, all are welcome.

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