

The Soil Underfoot

Infinite Possibilities for a Finite Resource

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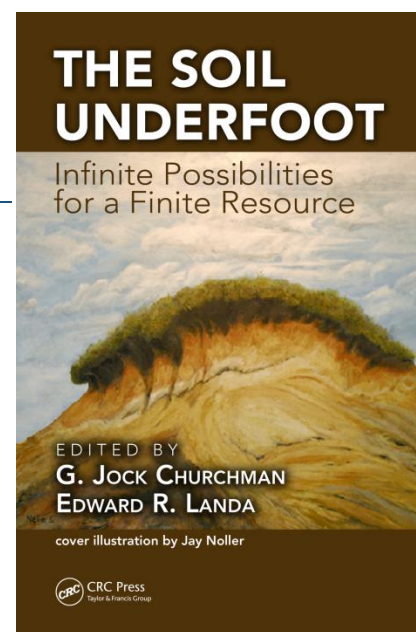
This book provides an expert analysis of challenges faced by humankind and their implications for the availability and sustainability of soils worldwide. It emphasizes cultural, historical, philosophical, and ethical approaches to understanding soil resources. Chapters cover climate change, diminishing plant nutrients and soil loss; religious views of soil; cultural/historical views and uses of soil; uses of soils for optimal production and conservation; non-agricultural uses of soils; and challenges for soil science. The book contains 30 contributions with chapter authors from 13 different countries.

Key Features

- Presents information from diverse cultural and geographical sources describing attitudes to soils including philosophical and ethical framework
- Identifies practical guidelines towards sustainable uses for soils
- Describes a range of philosophical and ethical frameworks that have either sustained soils or led to soil degradation in the past
- Explains the need to maintain and improve the quantity, quality and productivity of soils to support a changing environment

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