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Preface

Soil surveys contain information that affects land use planning in survey areas. They highlight soil limitations that affect various land uses and provide information about the properties of the soils in the survey areas. Soil surveys are designed for many different users, including farmers, ranchers, foresters, agronomists, urban planners, community officials, engineers, developers, builders, and home buyers. Also, conservationists, teachers, students, and specialists in recreation, waste disposal, and pollution control can use the surveys to help them understand, protect, or enhance the environment.

Various land use regulations of Federal, State, and local governments may impose special restrictions on land use or land treatment. Soil surveys identify soil properties that are used in making various land use or land treatment decisions. The information is intended to help the land users identify and reduce the effects of soil limitations on various land uses. The landowner or user is responsible for identifying and complying with existing laws and regulations.

Although soil survey information can be used for general farm, local, and wider area planning, onsite investigation is needed to supplement this information in some cases. Examples include soil quality assessments (http://soils.usda.gov/sqi/) and certain conservation and engineering applications. For more detailed information, contact your local USDA Service Center (http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs) or your NRCS State Soil Scientist (http://soils.usda.gov/contact/state_offices/).

Great differences in soil properties can occur within short distances. Some soils are seasonally wet or subject to flooding. Some are too unstable to be used as a foundation for buildings or roads. Clayey or wet soils are poorly suited to use as septic tank absorption fields. A high water table makes a soil poorly suited to basements or underground installations.

The National Cooperative Soil Survey is a joint effort of the United States Department of Agriculture and other Federal agencies, State agencies including the Agricultural Experiment Stations, and local agencies. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has leadership for the Federal part of the National Cooperative Soil Survey.

Information about soils is updated periodically. Updated information is available through the NRCS Soil Data Mart Web site or the NRCS Web Soil Survey. The Soil Data Mart is the data storage site for the official soil survey information.

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Soil Map

The soil map section includes the soil map for the defined area of interest, a list of soil map units on the map and extent of each map unit, and cartographic symbols displayed on the map. Also presented are various metadata about data used to produce the map, and a description of each soil map unit.

Custom Soil Resource Report
Soil Map (Bradley Palmer)

MAP LEGEND

Area of Interest (AOI)
- Area of Interest (AOI)

Soils
- Soil Map Units

Special Point Features
- Blowout
- Borrow Pit
- Clay Spot
- Closed Depression
- Gravel Pit
- Gravelly Spot
- Landfill
- Lava Flow
- Marsh or swamp
- Mine or Quarry
- Miscellaneous Water
- Perennial Water
- Rock Outcrop
- Saline Spot
- Sandy Spot
- Severely Eroded Spot
- Sinkhole
- Slide or Slip
- Sodic Spot
- Spoil Area
- Stony Spot
- Very Stony Spot
- Wet Spot
- Other

Special Line Features
- Gully
- Short Steep Slope
- Other

Political Features
- Cities

Water Features
- Oceans
- Streams and Canals

Transportation
- Rails
- Interstate Highways
- US Routes
- Major Roads

MAP INFORMATION

Map Scale: 1:20,300 if printed on A size (8.5" × 11") sheet.

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:15,840.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for accurate map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service
Web Soil Survey URL: http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov
Coordinate System: UTM Zone 19N NAD83

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: Essex County, Massachusetts, Northern Part
Survey Area Data: Version 8, Aug 11, 2008

Soil Survey Area: Essex County, Massachusetts, Southern Part
Survey Area Data: Version 9, Feb 26, 2010

Your area of interest (AOI) includes more than one soil survey area. These survey areas may have been mapped at different scales, with a different land use in mind, at different times, or at different levels of detail. This may result in map unit symbols, soil properties, and interpretations that do not completely agree across soil survey area boundaries.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: 7/31/2003

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

Map Unit Legend (Bradley Palmer)

Essex County, Massachusetts, Northern Part (MA605)			
Map Unit Symbol	**Map Unit Name**	**Acres in AOI**	**Percent of AOI**
6A	Scarboro mucky fine sandy loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes	1.4	0.1%
52A	Freetown muck, 0 to 1 percent slopes	20.5	1.2%
230B	Unadilla very fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	3.6	0.2%
253C	Hinckley loamy sand, 8 to 15 percent slopes	0.1	0.0%
254C	Merrimac fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	2.0	0.1%
306B	Paxton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony	2.3	0.1%
306D	Paxton fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, very stony	1.9	0.1%
421B	Canton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony	1.4	0.1%
711B	Charlton-Rock outcrop-Hollis complex, 3 to 8 percent slopes	3.3	0.2%
Subtotals for Soil Survey Area		**36.7**	**2.2%**
Totals for Area of Interest		**1,703.8**	**100.0%**

Essex County, Massachusetts, Southern Part (MA606)			
Map Unit Symbol	**Map Unit Name**	**Acres in AOI**	**Percent of AOI**
1	Water	23.2	1.4%
31A	Walpole fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	33.4	2.0%
31B	Walpole fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	2.4	0.1%
32A	Wareham loamy sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes	35.9	2.1%
43A	Scarboro mucky loamy fine sand, 0 to 1 percent slopes	87.5	5.1%
51A	Swansea muck, 0 to 1 percent slopes	55.2	3.2%
52A	Freetown muck, 0 to 1 percent slopes	69.0	4.0%
53A	Freetown muck, ponded, 0 to 1 percent slopes	0.8	0.0%
70B	Ridgebury fine sandy loam, 0 to 6 percent slopes	4.2	0.2%
71B	Ridgebury fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, extremely stony	2.1	0.1%
102C	Chatfield-Hollis-Rock outcrop complex, 3 to 15 percent slopes	30.6	1.8%
102E	Chatfield-Hollis-Rock outcrop complex, 15 to 35 percent slopes	8.6	0.5%
225B	Belgrade very fine sandy loam, 0 to 8 percent slopes	18.9	1.1%
242A	Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	9.4	0.6%

Essex County, Massachusetts, Southern Part (MA606)			
Map Unit Symbol	**Map Unit Name**	**Acres in AOI**	**Percent of AOI**
242B	Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	77.9	4.6%
242C	Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	78.0	4.6%
242D	Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes	50.2	2.9%
242E	Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 25 to 45 percent slopes	47.1	2.8%
250B	Pollux fine sandy loam, 0 to 8 percent slopes	5.8	0.3%
254A	Merrimac fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	76.2	4.5%
254B	Merrimac fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	216.0	12.7%
254C	Merrimac fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	88.6	5.2%
254D	Merrimac fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes	56.8	3.3%
256A	Deerfield loamy fine sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes	20.7	1.2%
260A	Sudbury fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	62.3	3.7%
260B	Sudbury fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	16.3	1.0%
276A	Ninigret fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	4.7	0.3%
276B	Ninigret fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	2.8	0.2%
305B	Paxton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	14.8	0.9%
305C	Paxton fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	16.3	1.0%
305D	Paxton fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes	8.3	0.5%
306B	Paxton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony	39.9	2.3%
306C	Paxton fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony	35.0	2.1%
306D	Paxton fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, very stony	129.3	7.6%
310B	Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	10.5	0.6%
311B	Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony	18.0	1.1%
311C	Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony	6.0	0.3%
311D	Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, very stony	5.8	0.3%
392E	Paxton and Montauk fine sandy loams, 25 to 45 percent slopes, extremely stony	24.8	1.5%
420B	Canton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	32.4	1.9%
420C	Canton fine sandy loam, 8 to 20 percent slopes	15.1	0.9%
421C	Canton fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony	6.8	0.4%
421D	Canton fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, very stony	1.5	0.1%
600	Pits, gravel	36.5	2.1%
602	Urban land	4.0	0.2%

Essex County, Massachusetts, Southern Part (MA606)			
Map Unit Symbol	**Map Unit Name**	**Acres in AOI**	**Percent of AOI**
616A	Fluvaquents, frequently flooded, 0 to 3 percent slopes	52.3	3.1%
651	Udorthents, smoothed	8.9	0.5%
720A	Whately Variant mucky fine sandy loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes	1.0	0.1%
725A	Shaker fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	5.9	0.3%
725B	Shaker fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	9.3	0.5%
Subtotals for Soil Survey Area		**1,667.1**	**97.8%**
Totals for Area of Interest		**1,703.8**	**100.0%**

Map Unit Descriptions (Bradley Palmer)

The map units delineated on the detailed soil maps in a soil survey represent the soils or miscellaneous areas in the survey area. The map unit descriptions, along with the maps, can be used to determine the composition and properties of a unit.

A map unit delineation on a soil map represents an area dominated by one or more major kinds of soil or miscellaneous areas. A map unit is identified and named according to the taxonomic classification of the dominant soils. Within a taxonomic class there are precisely defined limits for the properties of the soils. On the landscape, however, the soils are natural phenomena, and they have the characteristic variability of all natural phenomena. Thus, the range of some observed properties may extend beyond the limits defined for a taxonomic class. Areas of soils of a single taxonomic class rarely, if ever, can be mapped without including areas of other taxonomic classes. Consequently, every map unit is made up of the soils or miscellaneous areas for which it is named and some minor components that belong to taxonomic classes other than those of the major soils.

Most minor soils have properties similar to those of the dominant soil or soils in the map unit, and thus they do not affect use and management. These are called noncontrasting, or similar, components. They may or may not be mentioned in a particular map unit description. Other minor components, however, have properties and behavioral characteristics divergent enough to affect use or to require different management. These are called contrasting, or dissimilar, components. They generally are in small areas and could not be mapped separately because of the scale used. Some small areas of strongly contrasting soils or miscellaneous areas are identified by a special symbol on the maps. If included in the database for a given area, the contrasting minor components are identified in the map unit descriptions along with some characteristics of each. A few areas of minor components may not have been observed, and consequently they are not mentioned in the descriptions, especially where the pattern was so complex that it was impractical to make enough observations to identify all the soils and miscellaneous areas on the landscape.

The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The objective of mapping is not to delineate pure taxonomic classes but rather to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. The delineation of such segments on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans. If

intensive use of small areas is planned, however, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

An identifying symbol precedes the map unit name in the map unit descriptions. Each description includes general facts about the unit and gives important soil properties and qualities.

Soils that have profiles that are almost alike make up a *soil series*. Except for differences in texture of the surface layer, all the soils of a series have major horizons that are similar in composition, thickness, and arrangement.

Soils of one series can differ in texture of the surface layer, slope, stoniness, salinity, degree of erosion, and other characteristics that affect their use. On the basis of such differences, a soil series is divided into *soil phases*. Most of the areas shown on the detailed soil maps are phases of soil series. The name of a soil phase commonly indicates a feature that affects use or management. For example, Alpha silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is a phase of the Alpha series.

Some map units are made up of two or more major soils or miscellaneous areas. These map units are complexes, associations, or undifferentiated groups.

A *complex* consists of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas in such an intricate pattern or in such small areas that they cannot be shown separately on the maps. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar in all areas. Alpha-Beta complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes, is an example.

An *association* is made up of two or more geographically associated soils or miscellaneous areas that are shown as one unit on the maps. Because of present or anticipated uses of the map units in the survey area, it was not considered practical or necessary to map the soils or miscellaneous areas separately. The pattern and relative proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar. Alpha-Beta association, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

An *undifferentiated group* is made up of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas that could be mapped individually but are mapped as one unit because similar interpretations can be made for use and management. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas in a mapped area are not uniform. An area can be made up of only one of the major soils or miscellaneous areas, or it can be made up of all of them. Alpha and Beta soils, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

Some surveys include *miscellaneous areas*. Such areas have little or no soil material and support little or no vegetation. Rock outcrop is an example.

Essex County, Massachusetts, Northern Part

6A—Scarboro mucky fine sandy loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

Elevation: 0 to 2,100 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition

Scarboro and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Scarboro

Setting

Landform: Terraces, depressions
Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Dip
Down-slope shape: Concave
Across-slope shape: Concave
Parent material: Loose sandy glaciofluvial deposits derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 3 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Very poorly drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High to very high (6.00 to 20.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 0 to 12 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: Frequent
Available water capacity: Low (about 5.2 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 5w

Typical profile

0 to 6 inches: Muck
6 to 11 inches: Mucky fine sandy loam
11 to 22 inches: Loamy sand
22 to 60 inches: Stratified sand to fine sand to loamy sand

Minor Components

Deerfield

Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Freetown

Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Bogs

Wareham

Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Terraces

52A—Freetown muck, 0 to 1 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition

Medisaprists, deep and similar soils: 80 percent
Minor components: 20 percent

Description of Medisaprists, Deep

Setting

Landform: Bogs, drainageways
Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Dip
Down-slope shape: Concave
Across-slope shape: Concave
Parent material: Highly-decomposed herbaceous organic material

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 1 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Very poorly drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to high (0.60 to 6.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 0 to 12 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Very high (about 22.2 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 5w

Typical profile

0 to 5 inches: Muck
5 to 60 inches: Muck

Minor Components

Swansea

Percent of map unit: 10 percent
Landform: Bogs

Whitman

Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Depressions

Scarboro

Percent of map unit: 3 percent

Landform: Terraces

Birdsall
Percent of map unit: 2 percent
Landform: Depressions

230B—Unadilla very fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting
Elevation: 600 to 1,800 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition
Unadilla and similar soils: 80 percent
Minor components: 20 percent

Description of Unadilla

Setting
Landform: Lakebeds (relict)
Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Rise
Down-slope shape: Convex
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Soft coarse-silty glaciolacustrine deposits

Properties and qualities
Slope: 3 to 8 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to high (0.60 to 2.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: High (about 10.6 inches)

Interpretive groups
Land capability (nonirrigated): 2e

Typical profile
0 to 9 inches: Very fine sandy loam
9 to 53 inches: Very fine sandy loam
53 to 60 inches: Very fine sandy loam

Minor Components

Belgrade
Percent of map unit: 10 percent

Raynham
Percent of map unit: 10 percent
Landform: Depressions

253C—Hinckley loamy sand, 8 to 15 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting
Elevation: 0 to 1,000 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition
Hinckley and similar soils: 80 percent
Minor components: 20 percent

Description of Hinckley

Setting
Landform: Drainageways, kames, terraces
Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope, riser
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Loose sandy and gravelly glaciofluvial deposits

Properties and qualities
Slope: 8 to 15 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Excessively drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High to very high (6.00 to 20.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 3.1 inches)

Interpretive groups
Land capability (nonirrigated): 4s

Typical profile
0 to 1 inches: Muck
1 to 8 inches: Loamy sand
8 to 20 inches: Very gravelly loamy sand
20 to 60 inches: Stratified cobbly coarse sand to very gravelly loamy fine sand

Minor Components

Windsor
Percent of map unit: 15 percent

Carver
Percent of map unit: 2 percent

Sudbury
Percent of map unit: 1 percent

Swansea
Percent of map unit: 1 percent
Landform: Bogs

Wareham
Percent of map unit: 1 percent
Landform: Terraces

254C—Merrimac fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition
Merrimac and similar soils: 80 percent
Minor components: 20 percent

Description of Merrimac

Setting
Landform: Escarpments, terraces, eskers, kames
Landform position (two-dimensional): Shoulder, backslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope, tread
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Friable loamy eolian deposits over loose sandy and gravelly glaciofluvial deposits derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities
Slope: 8 to 15 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Somewhat excessively drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (2.00 to 6.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 5.7 inches)

Interpretive groups
Land capability (nonirrigated): 3e

Typical profile
0 to 18 inches: Fine sandy loam
18 to 26 inches: Sandy loam

26 to 60 inches: Stratified gravelly sand

Minor Components

Hinckley
Percent of map unit: 18 percent

Walpole
Percent of map unit: 2 percent
Landform: Terraces

306B—Paxton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony

Map Unit Setting
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition
Paxton and similar soils: 80 percent
Minor components: 20 percent

Description of Paxton

Setting
Landform: Drumlins
Landform position (two-dimensional): Shoulder
Landform position (three-dimensional): Head slope, nose slope
Down-slope shape: Convex
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Friable coarse-loamy eolian deposits over dense coarse-loamy lodgment till derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities
Slope: 3 to 8 percent
Surface area covered with cobbles, stones or boulders: 1.6 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 18 to 32 inches to dense material
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low to moderately high (0.00 to 0.20 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Very low (about 2.7 inches)

Interpretive groups
Land capability (nonirrigated): 6s

Typical profile
0 to 6 inches: Fine sandy loam
6 to 21 inches: Fine sandy loam
21 to 60 inches: Gravelly fine sandy loam

Minor Components

Woodbridge
Percent of map unit: 15 percent

Ridgebury
Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Depressions

306D—Paxton fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, very stony

Map Unit Setting
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition
Paxton and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Paxton

Setting
Landform: Drumlins
Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Friable coarse-loamy eolian deposits over dense coarse-loamy lodgment till derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities
Slope: 15 to 25 percent
Surface area covered with cobbles, stones or boulders: 1.6 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 18 to 32 inches to dense material
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low to moderately high (0.00 to 0.20 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Very low (about 2.7 inches)

Interpretive groups
Land capability (nonirrigated): 6s

Typical profile
0 to 6 inches: Fine sandy loam
6 to 21 inches: Fine sandy loam
21 to 60 inches: Gravelly fine sandy loam

Minor Components

Woodbridge
Percent of map unit: 15 percent

421B—Canton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony

Map Unit Setting
Elevation: 0 to 1,000 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition
Canton and similar soils: 80 percent
Minor components: 20 percent

Description of Canton

Setting
Landform: Hills
Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Base slope
Down-slope shape: Convex
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Friable coarse-loamy eolian deposits over friable sandy and gravelly basal till derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities
Slope: 3 to 8 percent
Surface area covered with cobbles, stones or boulders: 1.6 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 18 to 36 inches to strongly contrasting textural stratification
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (2.00 to 6.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 4.5 inches)

Interpretive groups
Land capability (nonirrigated): 6s

Typical profile
0 to 6 inches: Fine sandy loam
6 to 33 inches: Fine sandy loam
33 to 60 inches: Gravelly loamy sand

Minor Components

Scituate
Percent of map unit: 15 percent

Swansea
Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Bogs

711B—Charlton-Rock outcrop-Hollis complex, 3 to 8 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 125 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition
Charlton and similar soils: 60 percent
Rock outcrop: 16 percent
Hollis and similar soils: 15 percent
Minor components: 9 percent

Description of Charlton

Setting
Landform: Ridges, hills
Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope, backslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Base slope, side slope
Down-slope shape: Convex
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Friable coarse-loamy eolian deposits over friable coarse-loamy basal till derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities
Slope: 3 to 8 percent
Surface area covered with cobbles, stones or boulders: 1.6 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to high (0.60 to 6.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Moderate (about 7.5 inches)

Interpretive groups
Land capability (nonirrigated): 6s

Typical profile
0 to 4 inches: Fine sandy loam
4 to 28 inches: Gravelly fine sandy loam

28 to 60 inches: Gravelly fine sandy loam

Description of Rock Outcrop

Setting

Parent material: Granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities

Slope: 3 to 8 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 0 inches to lithic bedrock

Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 8s

Description of Hollis

Setting

Landform: Hills, ridges
Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope, backslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Base slope, side slope
Down-slope shape: Convex
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Shallow, friable loamy basal till derived from granite and gneiss over granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities

Slope: 3 to 8 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 10 to 60 inches to lithic bedrock
Drainage class: Somewhat excessively drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low (0.00 to 0.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Very low (about 2.1 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 3e

Typical profile

0 to 1 inches: Muck
1 to 6 inches: Fine sandy loam
6 to 17 inches: Gravelly fine sandy loam
17 to 20 inches: Unweathered bedrock

Minor Components

Woodbridge

Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Ridgebury

Percent of map unit: 4 percent
Landform: Depressions

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1—Water

Map Unit Setting
Frost-free period: 145 to 175 days

Map Unit Composition
Water: 100 percent

31A—Walpole fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition
Walpole and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Walpole

Setting
Landform: Terraces, drainageways
Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread, dip
Down-slope shape: Concave
Across-slope shape: Concave
Parent material: Friable loamy eolian deposits over loose sandy and gravelly glaciofluvial deposits derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities
Slope: 0 to 3 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Poorly drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (2.00 to 6.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 0 to 12 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 5.0 inches)

Interpretive groups
Land capability (nonirrigated): 3w

Typical profile
0 to 9 inches: Fine sandy loam
9 to 22 inches: Sandy loam
22 to 60 inches: Stratified gravelly coarse sand to loamy sand

Minor Components

Ninigret
Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Scarboro
Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Terraces

Sudbury
Percent of map unit: 5 percent

31B—Walpole fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition
Walpole and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Walpole

Setting
Landform: Terraces, drainageways
Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread, dip
Down-slope shape: Concave
Across-slope shape: Concave
Parent material: Friable loamy eolian deposits over loose sandy and gravelly glaciofluvial deposits derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities
Slope: 3 to 8 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Poorly drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (2.00 to 6.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 0 to 12 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 5.0 inches)

Interpretive groups
Land capability (nonirrigated): 3w

Typical profile
0 to 9 inches: Fine sandy loam
9 to 22 inches: Sandy loam
22 to 60 inches: Stratified gravelly coarse sand to loamy sand

Minor Components

Ninigret
Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Scarboro
Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Terraces

Sudbury
Percent of map unit: 5 percent

32A—Wareham loamy sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting
Elevation: 100 to 1,000 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition
Wareham and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Wareham

Setting
Landform: Terraces, drainageways
Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread, dip
Down-slope shape: Concave
Across-slope shape: Concave
Parent material: Loose sandy glaciofluvial deposits

Properties and qualities
Slope: 0 to 3 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Poorly drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High to very high (6.00 to 20.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 0 to 18 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 4.3 inches)

Interpretive groups
Land capability (nonirrigated): 4w

Typical profile
0 to 10 inches: Loamy sand
10 to 16 inches: Loamy fine sand

16 to 24 inches: Loamy sand
24 to 60 inches: Sand

Minor Components

Scarboro
Percent of map unit: 15 percent
Landform: Terraces

43A—Scarboro mucky loamy fine sand, 0 to 1 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting
Elevation: 0 to 2,100 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition
Scarboro and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Scarboro

Setting
Landform: — error in exists on —
Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Dip
Down-slope shape: Concave
Across-slope shape: Concave
Parent material: Loose sandy glaciofluvial deposits derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities
Slope: 0 to 3 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Very poorly drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High to very high (6.00 to 20.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 0 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: Frequent
Available water capacity: Low (about 5.1 inches)

Interpretive groups
Land capability (nonirrigated): 5w

Typical profile
0 to 3 inches: Muck
3 to 11 inches: Mucky loamy fine sand
11 to 16 inches: Loamy sand
16 to 22 inches: Loamy sand
22 to 60 inches: Stratified gravelly coarse sand to loamy fine sand

Minor Components

Swansea
Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Bogs

Walpole
Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Terraces

Wareham
Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Terraces

51A—Swansea muck, 0 to 1 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition
Swansea and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Swansea

Setting
Landform: Bogs, drainageways
Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Dip
Down-slope shape: Concave
Across-slope shape: Concave
Parent material: Highly-decomposed herbaceous organic material over loose sandy and gravelly glaciofluvial deposits

Properties and qualities
Slope: 0 to 1 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Very poorly drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to high (0.60 to 6.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 0 to 12 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: High (about 10.7 inches)

Interpretive groups
Land capability (nonirrigated): 5w

Typical profile

0 to 3 inches: Mucky peat
3 to 22 inches: Muck
22 to 60 inches: Gravelly coarse sand, sand

Minor Components

Freetown

Percent of map unit: 10 percent
Landform: Bogs

Whitman

Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Depressions

52A—Freetown muck, 0 to 1 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition

Freetown and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Freetown

Setting

Landform: Bogs, depressions
Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Dip
Down-slope shape: Concave
Across-slope shape: Concave
Parent material: Highly-decomposed herbaceous organic material

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 1 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Very poorly drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High to very high (6.00 to 20.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 0 to 12 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Very high (about 22.2 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 5w

Typical profile

0 to 5 inches: Muck
5 to 60 inches: Muck

Minor Components

Freetown, ponded

Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Bogs

Swansea

Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Bogs

Whitman

Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Depressions

53A—Freetown muck, ponded, 0 to 1 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition

Freetown, ponded, and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Freetown, Ponded

Setting

Landform: Bogs, depressions
Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Dip
Down-slope shape: Concave
Across-slope shape: Concave
Parent material: Ponded, highly-decomposed herbaceous organic material

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 1 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Very poorly drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to high (0.60 to 6.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 0 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: Frequent
Available water capacity: Very high (about 23.9 inches)

Interpretive groups
Land capability (nonirrigated): 7w

Typical profile
0 to 60 inches: Muck

Minor Components

Swansea
Percent of map unit: 10 percent
Landform: Bogs

Whitman
Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Depressions

70B—Ridgebury fine sandy loam, 0 to 6 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting
Elevation: 50 to 1,000 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition
Ridgebury and similar soils: 90 percent
Minor components: 10 percent

Description of Ridgebury

Setting
Landform: Depressions, drainageways
Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Dip
Down-slope shape: Concave
Across-slope shape: Concave
Parent material: Friable coarse-loamy eolian deposits over dense coarse-loamy lodgment till derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities
Slope: 0 to 3 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 10 to 30 inches to dense material
Drainage class: Poorly drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low to moderately high (0.00 to 0.20 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 0 to 18 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Very low (about 2.7 inches)

Typical profile

0 to 9 inches: Fine sandy loam
9 to 20 inches: Gravelly sandy loam
20 to 60 inches: Gravelly sandy loam

Minor Components

Whitman

Percent of map unit: 6 percent
Landform: Depressions

Woodbridge

Percent of map unit: 4 percent

71B—Ridgebury fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, extremely stony

Map Unit Setting

Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition

Ridgebury and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Ridgebury

Setting

Landform: Depressions, drainageways
Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Dip
Down-slope shape: Concave
Across-slope shape: Concave
Parent material: Friable coarse-loamy eolian deposits over dense coarse-loamy lodgment till derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities

Slope: 3 to 8 percent
Surface area covered with cobbles, stones or boulders: 9.0 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 10 to 30 inches to dense material
Drainage class: Poorly drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low to moderately high (0.00 to 0.20 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 0 to 18 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Very low (about 2.7 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 7s

Typical profile

0 to 9 inches: Fine sandy loam
9 to 20 inches: Gravelly sandy loam
20 to 60 inches: Gravelly sandy loam

Minor Components

Whitman

Percent of map unit: 8 percent
Landform: Depressions

Woodbridge

Percent of map unit: 4 percent

Scituate

Percent of map unit: 3 percent

102C—Chatfield-Hollis-Rock outcrop complex, 3 to 15 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

Elevation: 100 to 1,000 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition

Chatfield and similar soils: 40 percent
Hollis and similar soils: 25 percent
Rock outcrop: 20 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Chatfield

Setting

Landform: Hills
Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Friable, moderately deep coarse-loamy basal till derived from granite and gneiss over granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities

Slope: 8 to 15 percent
Surface area covered with cobbles, stones or boulders: 9.0 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 20 to 40 inches to lithic bedrock
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low to moderately low (0.00 to 0.06 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None

Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 4.3 inches)

Interpretive groups
Land capability (nonirrigated): 7s

Typical profile
0 to 5 inches: Fine sandy loam
5 to 34 inches: Gravelly very fine sandy loam
34 to 60 inches: Unweathered bedrock

Description of Hollis

Setting
Landform: Ridges on hills
Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Friable, shallow loamy basal till derived from granite and gneiss over granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities
Slope: 8 to 15 percent
Surface area covered with cobbles, stones or boulders: 9.0 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 10 to 20 inches to lithic bedrock
Drainage class: Somewhat excessively drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low to moderately low (0.00 to 0.06 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Very low (about 2.1 inches)

Interpretive groups
Land capability (nonirrigated): 7s

Typical profile
0 to 2 inches: Muck
2 to 5 inches: Fine sandy loam
5 to 20 inches: Gravelly fine sandy loam
20 to 60 inches: Unweathered bedrock

Description of Rock Outcrop

Properties and qualities
Slope: 8 to 15 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 0 inches to lithic bedrock

Interpretive groups
Land capability (nonirrigated): 8s

Minor Components

Canton
Percent of map unit: 4 percent

Montauk
Percent of map unit: 2 percent

Paxton
Percent of map unit: 2 percent

Whitman
Percent of map unit: 2 percent
Landform: Depressions

Woodbridge
Percent of map unit: 2 percent

Freetown
Percent of map unit: 1 percent
Landform: Bogs

Ridgebury
Percent of map unit: 1 percent
Landform: Depressions

Swansea
Percent of map unit: 1 percent
Landform: Bogs

102E—Chatfield-Hollis-Rock outcrop complex, 15 to 35 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting
Elevation: 100 to 1,000 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition
Chatfield and similar soils: 40 percent
Hollis and similar soils: 25 percent
Rock outcrop: 20 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Chatfield

Setting
Landform: Ridges, hills
Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Friable, moderately deep coarse-loamy basal till derived from granite and gneiss over granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities
Slope: 25 to 35 percent

Surface area covered with cobbles, stones or boulders: 9.0 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 20 to 40 inches to lithic bedrock
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low to moderately low (0.00 to 0.06 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 4.3 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 7s

Typical profile

0 to 5 inches: Fine sandy loam
5 to 34 inches: Gravelly very fine sandy loam
34 to 60 inches: Unweathered bedrock

Description of Hollis

Setting

Landform: Ridges, hills
Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Friable, shallow loamy basal till derived from granite and gneiss over granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities

Slope: 25 to 35 percent
Surface area covered with cobbles, stones or boulders: 9.0 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 10 to 20 inches to lithic bedrock
Drainage class: Somewhat excessively drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low to moderately low (0.00 to 0.06 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Very low (about 2.1 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 7s

Typical profile

0 to 2 inches: Muck
2 to 5 inches: Fine sandy loam
5 to 20 inches: Gravelly fine sandy loam
20 to 60 inches: Unweathered bedrock

Description of Rock Outcrop

Properties and qualities

Slope: 25 to 35 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 0 inches to lithic bedrock

Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 8s

Minor Components

Canton
Percent of map unit: 4 percent

Montauk
Percent of map unit: 2 percent

Paxton
Percent of map unit: 2 percent

Whitman
Percent of map unit: 2 percent
Landform: Depressions

Woodbridge
Percent of map unit: 2 percent

Freetown
Percent of map unit: 1 percent
Landform: Bogs

Ridgebury
Percent of map unit: 1 percent
Landform: Depressions

Swansea
Percent of map unit: 1 percent
Landform: Bogs

225B—Belgrade very fine sandy loam, 0 to 8 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition
Belgrade and similar soils: 95 percent
Minor components: 5 percent

Description of Belgrade

Setting
Landform: Valleys
Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Base slope
Down-slope shape: Concave
Across-slope shape: Concave

Parent material: Friable coarse-silty eolian deposits over soft coarse-silty glaciolacustrine deposits derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 8 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Moderately well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately low to high (0.06 to 2.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 18 to 42 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: High (about 10.2 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 2w

Typical profile

0 to 9 inches: Very fine sandy loam
9 to 42 inches: Very fine sandy loam
42 to 60 inches: Silt loam

Minor Components

Other soils

Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Depressions

242A—Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

Elevation: 0 to 1,000 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition

Hinckley and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Hinckley

Setting

Landform: Flood plains
Landform position (two-dimensional): Summit
Landform position (three-dimensional): Rise
Down-slope shape: Convex
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Friable sandy and gravelly glaciofluvial deposits derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 3 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Excessively drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High to very high (6.00 to 20.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 3.1 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 3s

Typical profile

0 to 8 inches: Gravelly fine sandy loam
8 to 17 inches: Gravelly loamy sand
17 to 60 inches: Stratified cobbly coarse sand to very gravelly loamy fine sand

Minor Components

Windsor

Percent of map unit: 10 percent

Sudbury

Percent of map unit: 3 percent

Swansea

Percent of map unit: 1 percent
Landform: Bogs

Wareham

Percent of map unit: 1 percent
Landform: Terraces

242B—Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

Elevation: 0 to 1,000 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition

Hinckley and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Hinckley

Setting

Landform: Flood plains
Landform position (two-dimensional): Shoulder

Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread
Down-slope shape: Convex
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Friable sandy and gravelly glaciofluvial deposits derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities

Slope: 3 to 8 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Excessively drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High to very high (6.00 to 20.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 3.1 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 3s

Typical profile

0 to 8 inches: Gravelly fine sandy loam
8 to 17 inches: Gravelly loamy sand
17 to 60 inches: Stratified cobbly coarse sand to very gravelly loamy fine sand

Minor Components

Windsor

Percent of map unit: 10 percent

Sudbury

Percent of map unit: 3 percent

Swansea

Percent of map unit: 1 percent
Landform: Bogs

Wareham

Percent of map unit: 1 percent
Landform: Terraces

242C—Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

Elevation: 0 to 1,000 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition

Hinckley and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Hinckley

Setting

Landform: Hills, drainageways, ridges
Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope, riser
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Friable sandy and gravelly glaciofluvial deposits derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities

Slope: 8 to 15 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Excessively drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High to very high (6.00 to 20.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 3.1 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 4s

Typical profile

0 to 8 inches: Gravelly fine sandy loam
8 to 17 inches: Gravelly loamy sand
17 to 60 inches: Stratified cobbly coarse sand to very gravelly loamy fine sand

Minor Components

Windsor

Percent of map unit: 12 percent

Sudbury

Percent of map unit: 1 percent

Swansea

Percent of map unit: 1 percent
Landform: Bogs

Wareham

Percent of map unit: 1 percent
Landform: Terraces

242D—Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

Elevation: 0 to 1,000 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F

Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition
Hinckley and similar soils: 100 percent

Description of Hinckley

Setting
Landform: Ridges, hills
Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Friable sandy and gravelly glaciofluvial deposits derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities
Slope: 15 to 25 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Excessively drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High to very high (6.00 to 20.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 3.1 inches)

Interpretive groups
Land capability (nonirrigated): 6s

Typical profile
0 to 8 inches: Gravelly fine sandy loam
8 to 17 inches: Gravelly loamy sand
17 to 60 inches: Stratified cobbly coarse sand to very gravelly loamy fine sand

242E—Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 25 to 45 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting
Elevation: 0 to 1,000 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition
Hinckley and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Hinckley

Setting
Landform: Ridges, hills
Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope

Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Friable sandy and gravelly glaciofluvial deposits derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities

Slope: 25 to 35 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Excessively drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High to very high (6.00 to 20.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 3.1 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 7s

Typical profile

0 to 8 inches: Gravelly fine sandy loam
8 to 17 inches: Gravelly loamy sand
17 to 60 inches: Stratified cobbly coarse sand to very gravelly loamy fine sand

Minor Components

Swansea

Percent of map unit: 15 percent
Landform: Bogs

250B—Pollux fine sandy loam, 0 to 8 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition

Pollux and similar soils: 100 percent

Description of Pollux

Setting

Landform: Knolls, knolls, knolls
Landform position (two-dimensional): Shoulder
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope, crest
Down-slope shape: Convex
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Friable coarse-loamy glaciofluvial deposits over hard coarse-loamy glaciolacustrine deposits

Properties and qualities

Slope: 3 to 8 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately low to moderately high (0.06 to 0.60 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: High (about 9.6 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 2e

Typical profile

0 to 10 inches: Fine sandy loam
10 to 35 inches: Fine sandy loam
35 to 60 inches: Stratified very fine sand to silt loam

254A—Merrimac fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition

Merrimac and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Merrimac

Setting

Landform: Flats, terraces
Landform position (two-dimensional): Summit
Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread, rise
Down-slope shape: Convex
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Friable loamy eolian deposits over loose sandy and gravelly glaciofluvial deposits derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 3 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Somewhat excessively drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (2.00 to 6.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 4.6 inches)

Interpretive groups
Land capability (nonirrigated): 2s

Typical profile
0 to 10 inches: Fine sandy loam
10 to 15 inches: Gravelly fine sandy loam
15 to 22 inches: Gravelly sandy loam
22 to 60 inches: Stratified very gravelly coarse sand to sand

Minor Components

Sudbury
Percent of map unit: 9 percent

Hinckley
Percent of map unit: 4 percent

Walpole
Percent of map unit: 2 percent
Landform: Terraces

254B—Merrimac fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition
Merrimac and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Merrimac

Setting
Landform: Terraces, flats
Landform position (two-dimensional): Shoulder
Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread, rise
Down-slope shape: Convex
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Friable loamy eolian deposits over loose sandy and gravelly glaciofluvial deposits derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities
Slope: 3 to 8 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Somewhat excessively drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (2.00 to 6.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None

Available water capacity: Low (about 4.6 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 2s

Typical profile

0 to 10 inches: Fine sandy loam
10 to 15 inches: Gravelly fine sandy loam
15 to 22 inches: Gravelly sandy loam
22 to 60 inches: Stratified very gravelly coarse sand to sand

Minor Components

Sudbury

Percent of map unit: 10 percent

Hinckley

Percent of map unit: 3 percent

Walpole

Percent of map unit: 2 percent
Landform: Terraces

254C—Merrimac fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition

Merrimac and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Merrimac

Setting

Landform: Terraces, kames, eskers, escarpments
Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope, riser
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Friable loamy eolian deposits over loose sandy and gravelly glaciofluvial deposits derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities

Slope: 8 to 15 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Somewhat excessively drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (2.00 to 6.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None

Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 4.6 inches)

Interpretive groups
Land capability (nonirrigated): 3e

Typical profile
0 to 10 inches: Fine sandy loam
10 to 15 inches: Gravelly fine sandy loam
15 to 22 inches: Gravelly sandy loam
22 to 60 inches: Stratified very gravelly coarse sand to sand

Minor Components

Hinckley
Percent of map unit: 13 percent

Walpole
Percent of map unit: 2 percent
Landform: Terraces

254D—Merrimac fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition
Merrimac and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Merrimac

Setting
Landform: Hills, ridges
Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Friable loamy eolian deposits over loose sandy and gravelly glaciofluvial deposits derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities
Slope: 15 to 25 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Somewhat excessively drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (2.00 to 6.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 4.6 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 4e

Typical profile

0 to 10 inches: Fine sandy loam
10 to 15 inches: Gravelly fine sandy loam
15 to 22 inches: Gravelly sandy loam
22 to 60 inches: Stratified very gravelly coarse sand to sand

Minor Components

Hinckley

Percent of map unit: 15 percent

256A—Deerfield loamy fine sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

Elevation: 0 to 1,000 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition

Deerfield and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Deerfield

Setting

Landform: Terraces
Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread
Down-slope shape: Concave
Across-slope shape: Concave
Parent material: Loose sandy glaciofluvial deposits derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 3 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Moderately well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High to very high (6.00 to 20.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 18 to 36 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 3.7 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 3w

Typical profile

0 to 2 inches: Muck
2 to 7 inches: Loamy fine sand
7 to 26 inches: Loamy fine sand
26 to 60 inches: Fine sand

Minor Components

Windsor

Percent of map unit: 10 percent

Wareham

Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Terraces

260A—Sudbury fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

Elevation: 0 to 2,100 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition

Sudbury and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Sudbury

Setting

Landform: Flats
Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Dip
Down-slope shape: Concave
Across-slope shape: Concave
Parent material: Friable loamy eolian deposits over loose sandy glaciofluvial deposits derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 3 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Moderately well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (2.00 to 6.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 18 to 36 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 5.0 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 2w

Typical profile

0 to 13 inches: Fine sandy loam
13 to 19 inches: Sandy loam
19 to 26 inches: Gravelly coarse sand
26 to 60 inches: Stratified very gravelly coarse sand

Minor Components

Merrimac

Percent of map unit: 10 percent

Walpole

Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Terraces

260B—Sudbury fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

Elevation: 0 to 2,100 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition

Sudbury and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Sudbury

Setting

Landform: Drainageways, flats
Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Dip
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Concave
Parent material: Friable loamy eolian deposits over loose sandy glaciofluvial deposits derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities

Slope: 3 to 8 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Moderately well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (2.00 to 6.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 18 to 36 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 5.0 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 2e

Typical profile

0 to 13 inches: Fine sandy loam
13 to 19 inches: Sandy loam
19 to 26 inches: Gravelly coarse sand
26 to 60 inches: Stratified very gravelly coarse sand

Minor Components

Merrimac

Percent of map unit: 10 percent

Walpole

Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Terraces

276A—Ninigret fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition

Ninigret and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Ninigret

Setting

Landform: Terraces, flats
Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread, rise
Down-slope shape: Concave
Across-slope shape: Concave
Parent material: Friable loamy glaciofluvial deposits derived from granite and gneiss over loose sandy and gravelly glaciofluvial deposits derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 3 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 18 to 34 inches to strongly contrasting textural stratification
Drainage class: Moderately well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to high (0.60 to 6.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 18 to 30 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Moderate (about 6.1 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 2w

Typical profile

0 to 9 inches: Fine sandy loam
9 to 33 inches: Fine sandy loam
33 to 60 inches: Stratified very gravelly coarse sand to loamy fine sand

Minor Components

Windsor

Percent of map unit: 10 percent

Walpole

Percent of map unit: 3 percent
Landform: Terraces

Scarboro

Percent of map unit: 2 percent
Landform: Terraces

276B—Ninigret fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition

Ninigret and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Ninigret

Setting

Landform: Terraces
Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Riser
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Concave
Parent material: Friable loamy glaciofluvial deposits derived from granite and gneiss over loose sandy and gravelly glaciofluvial deposits derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities

Slope: 3 to 8 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 18 to 34 inches to strongly contrasting textural stratification
Drainage class: Moderately well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to high (0.60 to 6.00 in/hr)

Depth to water table: About 18 to 30 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Moderate (about 6.1 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 2e

Typical profile

0 to 9 inches: Fine sandy loam
9 to 33 inches: Fine sandy loam
33 to 60 inches: Stratified very gravelly coarse sand to loamy fine sand

Minor Components

Windsor

Percent of map unit: 12 percent

Walpole

Percent of map unit: 3 percent
Landform: Terraces

305B—Paxton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition

Paxton and similar soils: 90 percent
Minor components: 10 percent

Description of Paxton

Setting

Landform: Hills
Landform position (two-dimensional): Shoulder
Landform position (three-dimensional): Head slope, nose slope
Down-slope shape: Convex
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Friable coarse-loamy eolian deposits over dense coarse-loamy lodgment till derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities

Slope: 3 to 8 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 15 to 38 inches to dense material
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low to moderately high (0.00 to 0.20 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 18 to 36 inches
Frequency of flooding: None

Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 3.1 inches)

Interpretive groups
Land capability (nonirrigated): 2e

Typical profile
0 to 9 inches: Fine sandy loam
9 to 23 inches: Fine sandy loam
23 to 60 inches: Gravelly fine sandy loam

Minor Components

Woodbridge
Percent of map unit: 7 percent

Ridgebury
Percent of map unit: 3 percent
Landform: Depressions

305C—Paxton fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition
Paxton and similar soils: 90 percent
Minor components: 10 percent

Description of Paxton

Setting
Landform: Hills
Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Friable coarse-loamy eolian deposits over dense coarse-loamy lodgment till derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities
Slope: 8 to 15 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 15 to 38 inches to dense material
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low to moderately high (0.00 to 0.20 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 18 to 36 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 3.1 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 3e

Typical profile

0 to 9 inches: Fine sandy loam
9 to 23 inches: Fine sandy loam
23 to 60 inches: Gravelly fine sandy loam

Minor Components

Woodbridge

Percent of map unit: 8 percent

Ridgebury

Percent of map unit: 2 percent
Landform: Depressions

305D—Paxton fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition

Paxton and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Paxton

Setting

Landform: Hills
Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Friable coarse-loamy eolian deposits over dense coarse-loamy lodgment till derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities

Slope: 15 to 25 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 15 to 38 inches to dense material
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low to moderately high (0.00 to 0.20 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 18 to 36 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 3.1 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 4e

Typical profile

0 to 9 inches: Fine sandy loam
9 to 23 inches: Fine sandy loam
23 to 60 inches: Gravelly fine sandy loam

Minor Components

Woodbridge

Percent of map unit: 15 percent

306B—Paxton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony

Map Unit Setting

Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition

Paxton and similar soils: 90 percent
Minor components: 10 percent

Description of Paxton

Setting

Landform: Hills
Landform position (two-dimensional): Shoulder
Landform position (three-dimensional): Head slope, nose slope
Down-slope shape: Convex
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Friable coarse-loamy eolian deposits over dense coarse-loamy lodgment till derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities

Slope: 3 to 8 percent
Surface area covered with cobbles, stones or boulders: 1.6 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 15 to 38 inches to dense material
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low to moderately high (0.00 to 0.20 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 18 to 36 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Very low (about 3.0 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 6s

Typical profile

0 to 4 inches: Fine sandy loam
4 to 23 inches: Fine sandy loam
23 to 60 inches: Gravelly fine sandy loam

Minor Components

Woodbridge

Percent of map unit: 7 percent

Ridgebury

Percent of map unit: 3 percent
Landform: Depressions

306C—Paxton fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony

Map Unit Setting

Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition

Paxton and similar soils: 90 percent
Minor components: 10 percent

Description of Paxton

Setting

Landform: Hills
Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Friable coarse-loamy eolian deposits over dense coarse-loamy lodgment till derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities

Slope: 8 to 15 percent
Surface area covered with cobbles, stones or boulders: 1.6 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 15 to 38 inches to dense material
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low to moderately high (0.00 to 0.20 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 18 to 36 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Very low (about 3.0 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 6s

Typical profile

0 to 4 inches: Fine sandy loam
4 to 23 inches: Fine sandy loam
23 to 60 inches: Gravelly fine sandy loam

Minor Components

Woodbridge

Percent of map unit: 8 percent

Ridgebury

Percent of map unit: 2 percent
Landform: Depressions

306D—Paxton fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, very stony

Map Unit Setting

Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition

Paxton and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Paxton

Setting

Landform: Hills
Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Friable coarse-loamy eolian deposits over dense coarse-loamy lodgment till derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities

Slope: 15 to 25 percent
Surface area covered with cobbles, stones or boulders: 1.6 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 15 to 38 inches to dense material
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low to moderately high (0.00 to 0.20 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 18 to 36 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Very low (about 3.0 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 6s

Typical profile

0 to 4 inches: Fine sandy loam
4 to 23 inches: Fine sandy loam
23 to 60 inches: Gravelly fine sandy loam

Minor Components

Woodbridge

Percent of map unit: 15 percent

310B—Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition

Woodbridge and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Woodbridge

Setting

Landform: Flats
Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Base slope, rise
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Concave
Parent material: Friable coarse-loamy eolian deposits over dense coarse-loamy lodgment till derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities

Slope: 3 to 8 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 20 to 38 inches to dense material
Drainage class: Moderately well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low to moderately high (0.00 to 0.20 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 18 to 36 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 3.4 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 2e

Typical profile

0 to 6 inches: Fine sandy loam
6 to 25 inches: Fine sandy loam
25 to 60 inches: Gravelly fine sandy loam

Minor Components

Ridgebury
Percent of map unit: 10 percent
Landform: Depressions

Whitman
Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Depressions

311B—Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony

Map Unit Setting
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition
Woodbridge and similar soils: 90 percent
Minor components: 10 percent

Description of Woodbridge

Setting
Landform: Flats, hills
Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Base slope, dip
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Concave
Parent material: Friable coarse-loamy eolian deposits over dense coarse-loamy lodgment till derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities
Slope: 3 to 8 percent
Surface area covered with cobbles, stones or boulders: 1.6 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 20 to 38 inches to dense material
Drainage class: Moderately well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low to moderately high (0.00 to 0.20 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 18 to 36 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 3.3 inches)

Interpretive groups
Land capability (nonirrigated): 6s

Typical profile
0 to 6 inches: Fine sandy loam
6 to 25 inches: Fine sandy loam
25 to 60 inches: Gravelly fine sandy loam

Minor Components

Ridgebury
Percent of map unit: 7 percent
Landform: Depressions

Whitman
Percent of map unit: 3 percent
Landform: Depressions

311C—Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony

Map Unit Setting
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition
Woodbridge and similar soils: 90 percent
Minor components: 10 percent

Description of Woodbridge

Setting
Landform: Ridges, hills
Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Concave
Parent material: Friable coarse-loamy eolian deposits over dense coarse-loamy lodgment till derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities
Slope: 8 to 15 percent
Surface area covered with cobbles, stones or boulders: 1.6 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 20 to 38 inches to dense material
Drainage class: Moderately well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low to moderately high (0.00 to 0.20 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 18 to 36 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 3.3 inches)

Interpretive groups
Land capability (nonirrigated): 6s

Typical profile
0 to 6 inches: Fine sandy loam
6 to 25 inches: Fine sandy loam
25 to 60 inches: Gravelly fine sandy loam

Minor Components

Paxton
Percent of map unit: 7 percent

Ridgebury
Percent of map unit: 3 percent
Landform: Depressions

311D—Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, very stony

Map Unit Setting
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition
Woodbridge and similar soils: 90 percent
Minor components: 10 percent

Description of Woodbridge

Setting
Landform: Hills
Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Concave
Parent material: Friable coarse-loamy eolian deposits over dense coarse-loamy lodgment till derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities
Slope: 15 to 25 percent
Surface area covered with cobbles, stones or boulders: 1.6 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 20 to 38 inches to dense material
Drainage class: Moderately well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low to moderately high (0.00 to 0.20 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 18 to 36 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 3.3 inches)

Interpretive groups
Land capability (nonirrigated): 6s

Typical profile
0 to 6 inches: Fine sandy loam
6 to 25 inches: Fine sandy loam
25 to 60 inches: Gravelly fine sandy loam

Minor Components

Paxton
Percent of map unit: 7 percent

Ridgebury
Percent of map unit: 3 percent
Landform: Depressions

392E—Paxton and Montauk fine sandy loams, 25 to 45 percent slopes, extremely stony

Map Unit Setting
Elevation: 0 to 400 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition
Paxton and similar soils: 65 percent
Montauk and similar soils: 20 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Paxton

Setting
Landform: Ridges, hills
Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Friable coarse-loamy eolian deposits over dense coarse-loamy lodgment till derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities
Slope: 25 to 35 percent
Surface area covered with cobbles, stones or boulders: 9.0 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 15 to 38 inches to dense material
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low to moderately high (0.00 to 0.20 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 18 to 36 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Very low (about 3.0 inches)

Interpretive groups
Land capability (nonirrigated): 7s

Typical profile
0 to 4 inches: Fine sandy loam

4 to 23 inches: Fine sandy loam
23 to 60 inches: Gravelly fine sandy loam

Description of Montauk

Setting
Landform: Ridges, hills
Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Friable coarse-loamy eolian deposits over dense sandy lodgment till derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities
Slope: 25 to 35 percent
Surface area covered with cobbles, stones or boulders: 9.0 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 20 to 36 inches to dense material
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately low to moderately high (0.06 to 0.60 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 24 to 30 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 3.4 inches)

Interpretive groups
Land capability (nonirrigated): 7s

Typical profile
0 to 2 inches: Fine sandy loam
2 to 22 inches: Fine sandy loam
22 to 60 inches: Gravelly sandy loam

Minor Components

Hollis
Percent of map unit: 15 percent

420B—Canton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting
Elevation: 0 to 1,000 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition
Canton and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Canton

Setting

Landform: Hills
Landform position (two-dimensional): Shoulder
Landform position (three-dimensional): Nose slope
Down-slope shape: Convex
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Friable coarse-loamy eolian deposits over friable coarse-loamy basal till derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities

Slope: 3 to 8 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 18 to 36 inches to strongly contrasting textural stratification
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (2.00 to 6.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 3.8 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 2e

Typical profile

0 to 7 inches: Fine sandy loam
7 to 28 inches: Fine sandy loam
28 to 60 inches: Gravelly loamy sand

Minor Components

Scituate

Percent of map unit: 7 percent

Montauk

Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Swansea

Percent of map unit: 3 percent
Landform: Bogs

420C—Canton fine sandy loam, 8 to 20 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

Elevation: 0 to 1,000 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition
Canton and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Canton

Setting
Landform: Hills
Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Friable coarse-loamy eolian deposits over friable coarse-loamy basal till derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities
Slope: 8 to 15 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 18 to 36 inches to strongly contrasting textural stratification
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (2.00 to 6.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 3.8 inches)

Interpretive groups
Land capability (nonirrigated): 3e

Typical profile
0 to 7 inches: Fine sandy loam
7 to 28 inches: Fine sandy loam
28 to 60 inches: Gravelly loamy sand

Minor Components

Montauk
Percent of map unit: 7 percent

Scituate
Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Swansea
Percent of map unit: 3 percent
Landform: Bogs

421C—Canton fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony

Map Unit Setting
Elevation: 0 to 1,000 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches

Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition
Canton and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Canton

Setting
Landform: Hills
Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Friable coarse-loamy eolian deposits over friable coarse-loamy basal till derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities
Slope: 8 to 15 percent
Surface area covered with cobbles, stones or boulders: 1.6 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 18 to 36 inches to strongly contrasting textural stratification
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (2.00 to 6.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 3.8 inches)

Interpretive groups
Land capability (nonirrigated): 6s

Typical profile
0 to 4 inches: Fine sandy loam
4 to 28 inches: Fine sandy loam
28 to 60 inches: Gravelly loamy sand

Minor Components

Montauk
Percent of map unit: 7 percent

Scituate
Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Swansea
Percent of map unit: 3 percent
Landform: Bogs

421D—Canton fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, very stony

Map Unit Setting

Elevation: 0 to 1,000 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition

Canton and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Canton

Setting

Landform: Hills
Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Friable coarse-loamy eolian deposits over friable coarse-loamy basal till derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities

Slope: 15 to 25 percent
Surface area covered with cobbles, stones or boulders: 1.6 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 18 to 36 inches to strongly contrasting textural stratification
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (2.00 to 6.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 3.8 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 6s

Typical profile

0 to 4 inches: Fine sandy loam
4 to 28 inches: Fine sandy loam
28 to 60 inches: Gravelly loamy sand

Minor Components

Montauk

Percent of map unit: 10 percent

Scituate

Percent of map unit: 5 percent

600—Pits, gravel

Map Unit Setting
Frost-free period: 145 to 175 days

Map Unit Composition
Pits: 100 percent

Description of Pits

Setting
Parent material: Loose sandy and gravelly glaciofluvial deposits derived from granite and gneiss

602—Urban land

Map Unit Setting
Frost-free period: 145 to 175 days

Map Unit Composition
Urban land: 80 percent
Minor components: 20 percent

Description of Urban Land

Setting
Parent material: Excavated, filled, and made land

Minor Components

Udorthents
Percent of map unit: 7 percent

Hollis
Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Whitman
Percent of map unit: 3 percent
Landform: Depressions

Freetown
Percent of map unit: 1 percent
Landform: Bogs

Maybid
Percent of map unit: 1 percent
Landform: Depressions

Scarboro
Percent of map unit: 1 percent
Landform: Terraces

Swansea
Percent of map unit: 1 percent
Landform: Bogs

Whately variant
Percent of map unit: 1 percent
Landform: Glacial lakes (relict)

616A—Fluvaquents, frequently flooded, 0 to 3 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting
Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition
Fluvaquents and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Fluvaquents

Setting
Landform: Alluvial flats
Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Talf
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Concave
Parent material: Friable loamy alluvium over friable sandy eolian deposits

Properties and qualities
Slope: 0 to 3 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Very poorly drained
Depth to water table: About 0 to 12 inches
Frequency of flooding: Frequent
Frequency of ponding: None

Minor Components

Swansea
Percent of map unit: 10 percent
Landform: Bogs

Unnamed soils
Percent of map unit: 5 percent

651—Udorthents, smoothed

Map Unit Setting

Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition

Udorthents and similar soils: 80 percent
Urban land: 20 percent

Description of Udorthents

Setting

Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Parent material: Made land over loose sandy and gravelly glaciofluvial deposits derived from granite and gneiss and/or friable coarse-loamy basal till derived from granite and gneiss

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 3 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None

Description of Urban Land

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 8 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None

720A—Whately Variant mucky fine sandy loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition

Whately variant and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Whately Variant

Setting

Landform: Depressions, drainageways
Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Dip
Down-slope shape: Concave
Across-slope shape: Concave
Parent material: Loose sandy glaciofluvial deposits over hard clayey glaciolacustrine deposits

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 3 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 18 to 40 inches to strongly contrasting textural stratification
Drainage class: Very poorly drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low to moderately high (0.00 to 0.20 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 0 to 12 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 3.0 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 6w

Typical profile

0 to 10 inches: Mucky fine sandy loam
10 to 24 inches: Loamy sand
24 to 60 inches: Clay

Minor Components

Shaker

Percent of map unit: 10 percent
Landform: Depressions

Swansea

Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Bogs

725A—Shaker fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition

Shaker and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Shaker

Setting

Landform: Depressions, depressions
Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread, dip
Down-slope shape: Concave
Across-slope shape: Concave
Parent material: Friable coarse-loamy eolian deposits over hard clayey lacustrine deposits and/or firm clayey marine deposits

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 3 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 18 to 40 inches to strongly contrasting textural stratification
Drainage class: Poorly drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low to moderately high (0.00 to 0.20 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 0 to 18 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Low (about 4.9 inches)

Typical profile

0 to 9 inches: Fine sandy loam
9 to 31 inches: Sandy loam
31 to 60 inches: Silty clay

Minor Components

Whately variant

Percent of map unit: 10 percent
Landform: Depressions

Elmridge

Percent of map unit: 5 percent

725B—Shaker fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days

Map Unit Composition

Shaker and similar soils: 85 percent

Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Shaker

Setting

Landform: Depressions, depressions
Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread, dip
Down-slope shape: Concave
Across-slope shape: Concave
Parent material: Friable coarse-loamy eolian deposits over hard clayey lacustrine deposits and/or firm clayey marine deposits

Properties and qualities

Slope: 3 to 8 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 18 to 40 inches to strongly contrasting textural stratification
Drainage class: Poorly drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low to moderately high (0.00 to 0.20 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 0 to 18 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
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Available water capacity: Low (about 4.9 inches)

Typical profile

0 to 9 inches: Fine sandy loam
9 to 31 inches: Sandy loam
31 to 60 inches: Silty clay

Minor Components

Whately variant

Percent of map unit: 10 percent
Landform: Depressions

Elmridge

Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Soil Information for All Uses

Suitabilities and Limitations for Use

The Suitabilities and Limitations for Use section includes various soil interpretations displayed as thematic maps with a summary table for the soil map units in the selected area of interest. A single value or rating for each map unit is generated by aggregating the interpretive ratings of individual map unit components. This aggregation process is defined for each interpretation.

Land Classifications

Land Classifications are specified land use and management groupings that are assigned to soil areas because combinations of soil have similar behavior for specified practices. Most are based on soil properties and other factors that directly influence the specific use of the soil. Example classifications include ecological site classification, farmland classification, irrigated and nonirrigated land capability classification, and hydric rating.

Hydric Rating by Map Unit (Bradley Palmer)

This rating indicates the proportion of map units that meets the criteria for hydric soils. Map units are composed of one or more map unit components or soil types, each of which is rated as hydric soil or not hydric. Map units that are made up dominantly of hydric soils may have small areas of minor nonhydric components in the higher positions on the landform, and map units that are made up dominantly of nonhydric soils may have small areas of minor hydric components in the lower positions on the landform. Each map unit is designated as "all hydric," "partially hydric," "not hydric," or "unknown hydric," depending on the rating of its respective components.

"All hydric" means that all components listed for a given map unit are rated as being hydric, while "not hydric" means that all components are rated as not hydric. "Partially hydric" means that at least one component of the map unit is rated as hydric, and at least one component is rated as not hydric. "Unknown hydric" indicates that at least one component is not rated so a definitive rating for the map unit cannot be made.

Hydric soils are defined by the National Technical Committee for Hydric Soils (NTCHS) as soils that formed under conditions of saturation, flooding, or ponding long enough during the growing season to develop anaerobic conditions in the upper part

(Federal Register, 1994). Under natural conditions, these soils are either saturated or inundated long enough during the growing season to support the growth and reproduction of hydrophytic vegetation.

The NTCHS definition identifies general soil properties that are associated with wetness. In order to determine whether a specific soil is a hydric soil or nonhydric soil, however, more specific information, such as information about the depth and duration of the water table, is needed. Thus, criteria that identify those estimated soil properties unique to hydric soils have been established (Federal Register, 2002). These criteria are used to identify map unit components that normally are associated with wetlands. The criteria used are selected estimated soil properties that are described in "Soil Taxonomy" (Soil Survey Staff, 1999) and "Keys to Soil Taxonomy" (Soil Survey Staff, 2006) and in the "Soil Survey Manual" (Soil Survey Division Staff, 1993).

If soils are wet enough for a long enough period of time to be considered hydric, they should exhibit certain properties that can be easily observed in the field. These visible properties are indicators of hydric soils. The indicators used to make onsite determinations of hydric soils are specified in "Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States" (Hurt and Vasilas, 2006).

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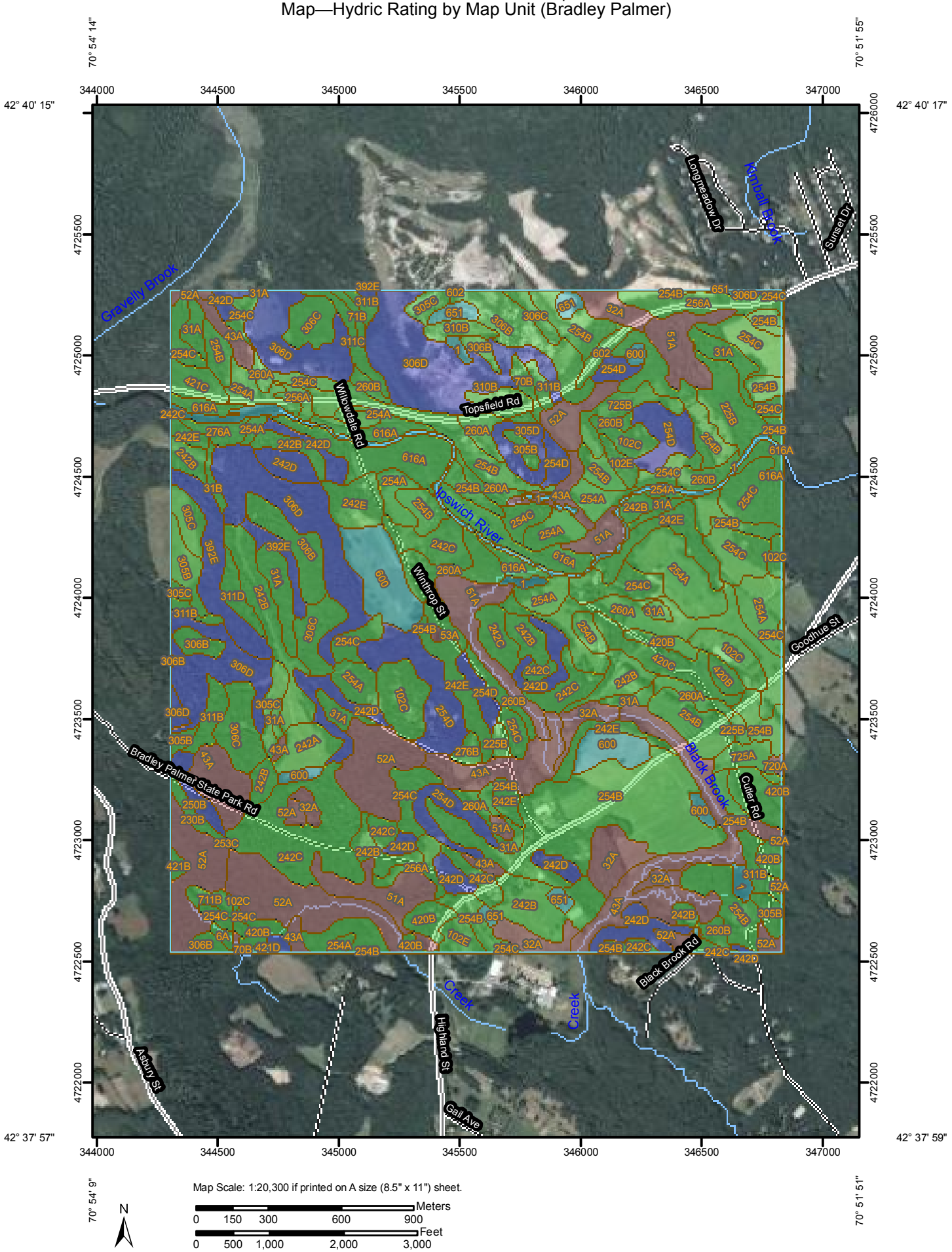
Custom Soil Resource Report
Map—Hydric Rating by Map Unit (Bradley Palmer)



MAP LEGEND

Area of Interest (AOI)

- Area of Interest (AOI)

Soils

- Soil Map Units

Soil Ratings

- All Hydric
- Partially Hydric
- Not Hydric
- Unknown Hydric
- Not rated or not available

Political Features

- Cities

Water Features

- Oceans
- Streams and Canals

Transportation

- Rails
- Interstate Highways
- US Routes
- Major Roads

MAP INFORMATION

Map Scale: 1:20,300 if printed on A size (8.5" × 11") sheet.

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:15,840.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for accurate map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service
Web Soil Survey URL: http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov
Coordinate System: UTM Zone 19N NAD83

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: Essex County, Massachusetts, Northern Part
Survey Area Data: Version 8, Aug 11, 2008

Soil Survey Area: Essex County, Massachusetts, Southern Part
Survey Area Data: Version 9, Feb 26, 2010

Your area of interest (AOI) includes more than one soil survey area. These survey areas may have been mapped at different scales, with a different land use in mind, at different times, or at different levels of detail. This may result in map unit symbols, soil properties, and interpretations that do not completely agree across soil survey area boundaries.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: 7/31/2003

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

Table—Hydric Rating by Map Unit (Bradley Palmer)

Hydric Rating by Map Unit— Summary by Map Unit — Essex County, Massachusetts, Northern Part				
Map unit symbol	**Map unit name**	**Rating**	**Acres in AOI**	**Percent of AOI**
6A	Scarboro mucky fine sandy loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes	Partially Hydric	1.4	0.1%
52A	Freetown muck, 0 to 1 percent slopes	All Hydric	20.5	1.2%
230B	Unadilla very fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Partially Hydric	3.6	0.2%
253C	Hinckley loamy sand, 8 to 15 percent slopes	Partially Hydric	0.1	0.0%
254C	Merrimac fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	Partially Hydric	2.0	0.1%
306B	Paxton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony	Partially Hydric	2.3	0.1%
306D	Paxton fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, very stony	Not Hydric	1.9	0.1%
421B	Canton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony	Partially Hydric	1.4	0.1%
711B	Charlton-Rock outcrop-Hollis complex, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Partially Hydric	3.3	0.2%
Subtotals for Soil Survey Area			**36.7**	**2.2%**
Totals for Area of Interest			**1,703.8**	**100.0%**

Hydric Rating by Map Unit— Summary by Map Unit — Essex County, Massachusetts, Southern Part				
Map unit symbol	**Map unit name**	**Rating**	**Acres in AOI**	**Percent of AOI**
1	Water	Unknown Hydric	23.2	1.4%
31A	Walpole fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Partially Hydric	33.4	2.0%
31B	Walpole fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Partially Hydric	2.4	0.1%
32A	Wareham loamy sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes	All Hydric	35.9	2.1%
43A	Scarboro mucky loamy fine sand, 0 to 1 percent slopes	All Hydric	87.5	5.1%
51A	Swansea muck, 0 to 1 percent slopes	All Hydric	55.2	3.2%
52A	Freetown muck, 0 to 1 percent slopes	All Hydric	69.0	4.0%
53A	Freetown muck, ponded, 0 to 1 percent slopes	All Hydric	0.8	0.0%
70B	Ridgebury fine sandy loam, 0 to 6 percent slopes	Partially Hydric	4.2	0.2%
71B	Ridgebury fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, extremely stony	Partially Hydric	2.1	0.1%
102C	Chatfield-Hollis-Rock outcrop complex, 3 to 15 percent slopes	Partially Hydric	30.6	1.8%
102E	Chatfield-Hollis-Rock outcrop complex, 15 to 35 percent slopes	Partially Hydric	8.6	0.5%

Hydric Rating by Map Unit— Summary by Map Unit — Essex County, Massachusetts, Southern Part				
Map unit symbol	**Map unit name**	**Rating**	**Acres in AOI**	**Percent of AOI**
225B	Belgrade very fine sandy loam, 0 to 8 percent slopes	Partially Hydric	18.9	1.1%
242A	Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Partially Hydric	9.4	0.6%
242B	Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Partially Hydric	77.9	4.6%
242C	Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	Partially Hydric	78.0	4.6%
242D	Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes	Not Hydric	50.2	2.9%
242E	Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 25 to 45 percent slopes	Partially Hydric	47.1	2.8%
250B	Pollux fine sandy loam, 0 to 8 percent slopes	Not Hydric	5.8	0.3%
254A	Merrimac fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Partially Hydric	76.2	4.5%
254B	Merrimac fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Partially Hydric	216.0	12.7%
254C	Merrimac fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	Partially Hydric	88.6	5.2%
254D	Merrimac fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes	Not Hydric	56.8	3.3%
256A	Deerfield loamy fine sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Partially Hydric	20.7	1.2%
260A	Sudbury fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Partially Hydric	62.3	3.7%
260B	Sudbury fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Partially Hydric	16.3	1.0%
276A	Ninigret fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Partially Hydric	4.7	0.3%
276B	Ninigret fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Partially Hydric	2.8	0.2%
305B	Paxton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Partially Hydric	14.8	0.9%
305C	Paxton fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	Partially Hydric	16.3	1.0%
305D	Paxton fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes	Not Hydric	8.3	0.5%
306B	Paxton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony	Partially Hydric	39.9	2.3%
306C	Paxton fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony	Partially Hydric	35.0	2.1%
306D	Paxton fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, very stony	Not Hydric	129.3	7.6%
310B	Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Partially Hydric	10.5	0.6%
311B	Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony	Partially Hydric	18.0	1.1%

Hydric Rating by Map Unit— Summary by Map Unit — Essex County, Massachusetts, Southern Part				
Map unit symbol	**Map unit name**	**Rating**	**Acres in AOI**	**Percent of AOI**
311C	Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony	Partially Hydric	6.0	0.3%
311D	Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, very stony	Partially Hydric	5.8	0.3%
392E	Paxton and Montauk fine sandy loams, 25 to 45 percent slopes, extremely stony	Not Hydric	24.8	1.5%
420B	Canton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Partially Hydric	32.4	1.9%
420C	Canton fine sandy loam, 8 to 20 percent slopes	Partially Hydric	15.1	0.9%
421C	Canton fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony	Partially Hydric	6.8	0.4%
421D	Canton fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, very stony	Not Hydric	1.5	0.1%
600	Pits, gravel	Unknown Hydric	36.5	2.1%
602	Urban land	Partially Hydric	4.0	0.2%
616A	Fluvaquents, frequently flooded, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Partially Hydric	52.3	3.1%
651	Udorthents, smoothed	Unknown Hydric	8.9	0.5%
720A	Whately Variant mucky fine sandy loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes	All Hydric	1.0	0.1%
725A	Shaker fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Partially Hydric	5.9	0.3%
725B	Shaker fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Partially Hydric	9.3	0.5%
Subtotals for Soil Survey Area			**1,667.1**	**97.8%**
Totals for Area of Interest			**1,703.8**	**100.0%**

Rating Options—Hydric Rating by Map Unit (Bradley Palmer)

Aggregation Method: Absence/Presence

Tie-break Rule: Lower

Sanitary Facilities

Sanitary Facilities interpretations are tools designed to guide the user in site selection for the safe disposal of sewage and solid waste. Example interpretations include septic tank absorption fields, sewage lagoons, and sanitary landfills.

Septic Tank Absorption Fields (Bradley Palmer)

Septic tank absorption fields are areas in which effluent from a septic tank is distributed into the soil through subsurface tiles or perforated pipe. Only that part of the soil

between depths of 24 and 60 inches is evaluated. The ratings are based on the soil properties that affect absorption of the effluent, construction and maintenance of the system, and public health. Saturated hydraulic conductivity (Ksat), depth to a water table, ponding, depth to bedrock or a cemented pan, and flooding affect absorption of the effluent. Stones and boulders, ice, and bedrock or a cemented pan interfere with installation. Subsidence interferes with installation and maintenance. Excessive slope may cause lateral seepage and surfacing of the effluent in downslope areas.

Some soils are underlain by loose sand and gravel or fractured bedrock at a depth of less than 4 feet below the distribution lines. In these soils the absorption field may not adequately filter the effluent, particularly when the system is new. As a result, the ground water may become contaminated.

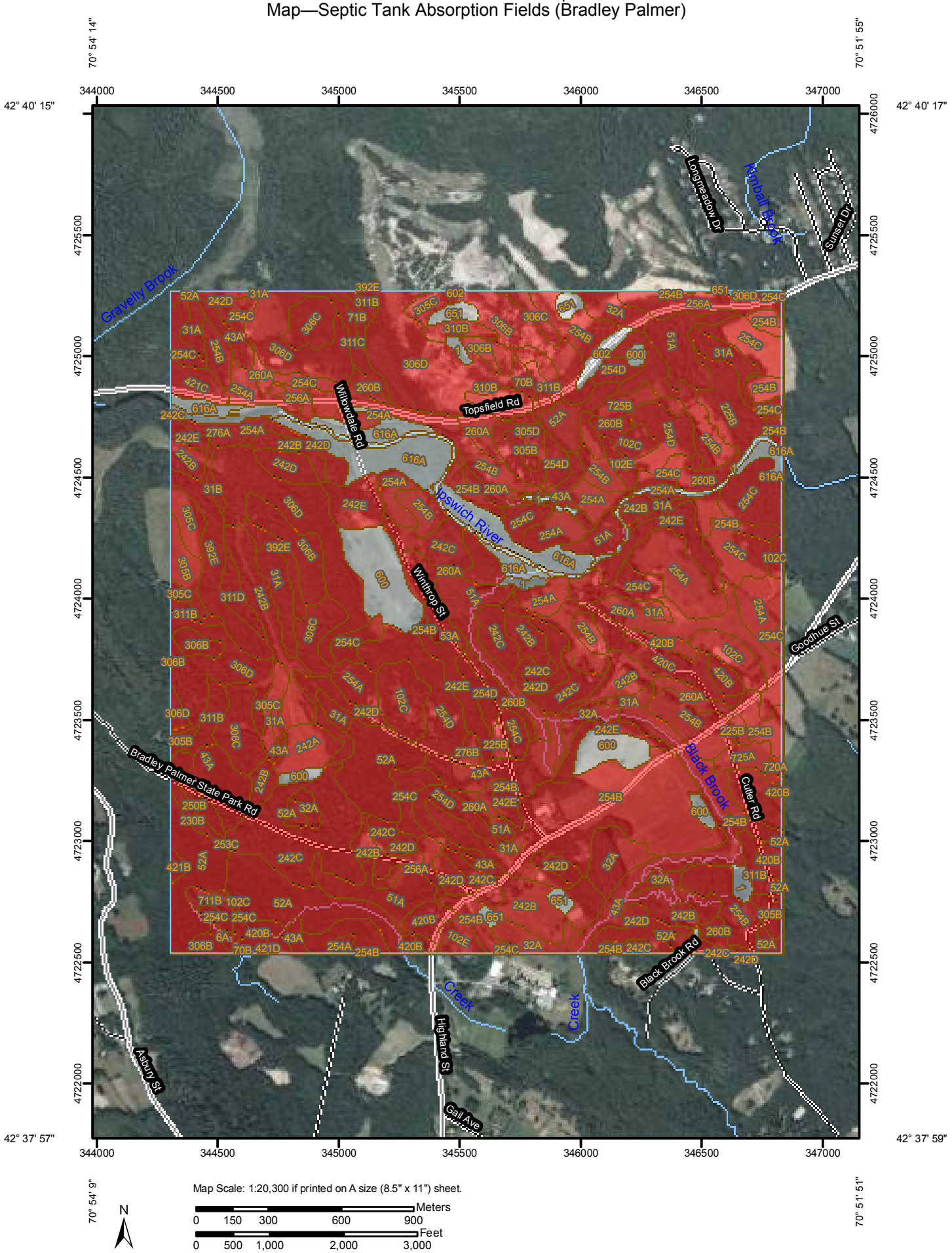
The ratings are both verbal and numerical. Rating class terms indicate the extent to which the soils are limited by all of the soil features that affect the specified use. "Not limited" indicates that the soil has features that are very favorable for the specified use. Good performance and very low maintenance can be expected. "Somewhat limited" indicates that the soil has features that are moderately favorable for the specified use. The limitations can be overcome or minimized by special planning, design, or installation. Fair performance and moderate maintenance can be expected. "Very limited" indicates that the soil has one or more features that are unfavorable for the specified use. The limitations generally cannot be overcome without major soil reclamation, special design, or expensive installation procedures. Poor performance and high maintenance can be expected.

Numerical ratings indicate the severity of individual limitations. The ratings are shown as decimal fractions ranging from 0.01 to 1.00. They indicate gradations between the point at which a soil feature has the greatest negative impact on the use (1.00) and the point at which the soil feature is not a limitation (0.00).

The map unit components listed for each map unit in the accompanying Summary by Map Unit table in Web Soil Survey or the Aggregation Report in Soil Data Viewer are determined by the aggregation method chosen. An aggregated rating class is shown for each map unit. The components listed for each map unit are only those that have the same rating class as listed for the map unit. The percent composition of each component in a particular map unit is presented to help the user better understand the percentage of each map unit that has the rating presented.

Other components with different ratings may be present in each map unit. The ratings for all components, regardless of the map unit aggregated rating, can be viewed by generating the equivalent report from the Soil Reports tab in Web Soil Survey or from the Soil Data Mart site. Onsite investigation may be needed to validate these interpretations and to confirm the identity of the soil on a given site.

Custom Soil Resource Report
Map—Septic Tank Absorption Fields (Bradley Palmer)



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MAP LEGEND

Area of Interest (AOI)

- Area of Interest (AOI)

Soils

- Soil Map Units

Soil Ratings

- Very limited
- Somewhat limited
- Not limited
- Not rated or not available

Political Features

- Cities

Water Features

- Oceans
- Streams and Canals

Transportation

- Rails
- Interstate Highways
- US Routes
- Major Roads

MAP INFORMATION

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The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:15,840.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for accurate map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service
Web Soil Survey URL: http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov
Coordinate System: UTM Zone 19N NAD83

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: Essex County, Massachusetts, Northern Part
Survey Area Data: Version 8, Aug 11, 2008

Soil Survey Area: Essex County, Massachusetts, Southern Part
Survey Area Data: Version 9, Feb 26, 2010

Your area of interest (AOI) includes more than one soil survey area. These survey areas may have been mapped at different scales, with a different land use in mind, at different times, or at different levels of detail. This may result in map unit symbols, soil properties, and interpretations that do not completely agree across soil survey area boundaries.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: 7/31/2003

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

Tables—Septic Tank Absorption Fields (Bradley Palmer)

Septic Tank Absorption Fields— Summary by Map Unit — Essex County, Massachusetts, Northern Part						
Map unit symbol	**Map unit name**	**Rating**	**Component name (percent)**	**Rating reasons (numeric values)**	**Acres in AOI**	**Percent of AOI**
6A	Scarboro mucky fine sandy loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes	Very limited	Scarboro (85%)	Ponding (1.00)	1.4	0.1%
				Depth to saturated zone (1.00)		
				Filtering capacity (1.00)		
				Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)		
52A	Freetown muck, 0 to 1 percent slopes	Very limited	Medisaprists, deep (80%)	Depth to saturated zone (1.00)	20.5	1.2%
				Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)		
230B	Unadilla very fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Very limited	Unadilla (80%)	Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)	3.6	0.2%
				Slow water movement (0.46)		
253C	Hinckley loamy sand, 8 to 15 percent slopes	Very limited	Hinckley (80%)	Filtering capacity (1.00)	0.1	0.0%
				Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)		
				Slope (0.63)		
254C	Merrimac fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	Very limited	Merrimac (80%)	Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)	2.0	0.1%
				Slope (0.63)		
306B	Paxton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony	Very limited	Paxton (80%)	Slow water movement (1.00)	2.3	0.1%
306D	Paxton fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, very stony	Very limited	Paxton (85%)	Slow water movement (1.00)	1.9	0.1%
				Slope (1.00)		
421B	Canton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony	Very limited	Canton (80%)	Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)	1.4	0.1%
711B	Charlton-Rock outcrop-Hollis complex, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Very limited	Charlton (60%)	Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)	3.3	0.2%
			Hollis (15%)	Depth to bedrock (1.00)		
				Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)		
Subtotals for Soil Survey Area					**36.7**	**2.2%**
Totals for Area of Interest					**1,703.8**	**100.0%**

Septic Tank Absorption Fields— Summary by Map Unit — Essex County, Massachusetts, Southern Part						
Map unit symbol	**Map unit name**	**Rating**	**Component name (percent)**	**Rating reasons (numeric values)**	**Acres in AOI**	**Percent of AOI**
1	Water	Not rated	Water (100%)		23.2	1.4%
31A	Walpole fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Very limited	Walpole (85%)	Depth to saturated zone (1.00)	33.4	2.0%
				Filtering capacity (1.00)		
				Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)		
31B	Walpole fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Very limited	Walpole (85%)	Depth to saturated zone (1.00)	2.4	0.1%
				Filtering capacity (1.00)		
				Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)		
32A	Wareham loamy sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Very limited	Wareham (85%)	Depth to saturated zone (1.00)	35.9	2.1%
				Filtering capacity (1.00)		
				Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)		
43A	Scarboro mucky loamy fine sand, 0 to 1 percent slopes	Very limited	Scarboro (85%)	Ponding (1.00)	87.5	5.1%
				Depth to saturated zone (1.00)		
				Filtering capacity (1.00)		
				Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)		
51A	Swansea muck, 0 to 1 percent slopes	Very limited	Swansea (85%)	Depth to saturated zone (1.00)	55.2	3.2%
				Filtering capacity (1.00)		
				Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)		
52A	Freetown muck, 0 to 1 percent slopes	Very limited	Freetown (85%)	Depth to saturated zone (1.00)	69.0	4.0%
				Filtering capacity (1.00)		
				Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)		
53A	Freetown muck, ponded, 0 to 1 percent slopes	Very limited	Freetown, ponded (85%)	Ponding (1.00)	0.8	0.0%
				Depth to saturated zone (1.00)		
				Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)		

Septic Tank Absorption Fields— Summary by Map Unit — Essex County, Massachusetts, Southern Part						
Map unit symbol	**Map unit name**	**Rating**	**Component name (percent)**	**Rating reasons (numeric values)**	**Acres in AOI**	**Percent of AOI**
70B	Ridgebury fine sandy loam, 0 to 6 percent slopes	Very limited	Ridgebury (90%)	Slow water movement (1.00)	4.2	0.2%
				Depth to saturated zone (1.00)		
71B	Ridgebury fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, extremely stony	Very limited	Ridgebury (85%)	Slow water movement (1.00)	2.1	0.1%
				Depth to saturated zone (1.00)		
102C	Chatfield-Hollis-Rock outcrop complex, 3 to 15 percent slopes	Very limited	Chatfield (40%)	Depth to bedrock (1.00)	30.6	1.8%
				Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)		
				Slope (0.63)		
			Hollis (25%)	Depth to bedrock (1.00)		
				Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)		
				Slope (0.63)		
102E	Chatfield-Hollis-Rock outcrop complex, 15 to 35 percent slopes	Very limited	Chatfield (40%)	Too steep (1.00)	8.6	0.5%
				Depth to bedrock (1.00)		
				Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)		
			Hollis (25%)	Depth to bedrock (1.00)		
				Too steep (1.00)		
				Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)		
225B	Belgrade very fine sandy loam, 0 to 8 percent slopes	Very limited	Belgrade (95%)	Depth to saturated zone (1.00)	18.9	1.1%
				Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)		
				Slow water movement (0.46)		
242A	Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Very limited	Hinckley (85%)	Filtering capacity (1.00)	9.4	0.6%
				Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)		
242B	Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Very limited	Hinckley (85%)	Filtering capacity (1.00)	77.9	4.6%
				Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)		

Septic Tank Absorption Fields— Summary by Map Unit — Essex County, Massachusetts, Southern Part						
Map unit symbol	**Map unit name**	**Rating**	**Component name (percent)**	**Rating reasons (numeric values)**	**Acres in AOI**	**Percent of AOI**
242C	Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	Very limited	Hinckley (85%)	Filtering capacity (1.00)	78.0	4.6%
				Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)		
				Slope (0.63)		
242D	Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes	Very limited	Hinckley (100%)	Filtering capacity (1.00)	50.2	2.9%
				Too steep (1.00)		
				Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)		
242E	Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 25 to 45 percent slopes	Very limited	Hinckley (85%)	Filtering capacity (1.00)	47.1	2.8%
				Too steep (1.00)		
				Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)		
250B	Pollux fine sandy loam, 0 to 8 percent slopes	Very limited	Pollux (100%)	Slow water movement (1.00)	5.8	0.3%
254A	Merrimac fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Very limited	Merrimac (85%)	Filtering capacity (1.00)	76.2	4.5%
				Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)		
254B	Merrimac fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Very limited	Merrimac (85%)	Filtering capacity (1.00)	216.0	12.7%
				Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)		
254C	Merrimac fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	Very limited	Merrimac (85%)	Filtering capacity (1.00)	88.6	5.2%
				Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)		
				Slope (0.63)		
254D	Merrimac fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes	Very limited	Merrimac (85%)	Filtering capacity (1.00)	56.8	3.3%
				Too steep (1.00)		
				Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)		
256A	Deerfield loamy fine sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Very limited	Deerfield (85%)	Depth to saturated zone (1.00)	20.7	1.2%
				Filtering capacity (1.00)		
				Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)		

Septic Tank Absorption Fields— Summary by Map Unit — Essex County, Massachusetts, Southern Part						
Map unit symbol	**Map unit name**	**Rating**	**Component name (percent)**	**Rating reasons (numeric values)**	**Acres in AOI**	**Percent of AOI**
260A	Sudbury fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Very limited	Sudbury (85%)	Depth to saturated zone (1.00)	62.3	3.7%
				Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)		
				Filtering capacity (1.00)		
260B	Sudbury fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Very limited	Sudbury (85%)	Depth to saturated zone (1.00)	16.3	1.0%
				Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)		
				Filtering capacity (1.00)		
276A	Ninigret fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Very limited	Ninigret (85%)	Depth to saturated zone (1.00)	4.7	0.3%
				Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)		
276B	Ninigret fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Very limited	Ninigret (85%)	Depth to saturated zone (1.00)	2.8	0.2%
				Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)		
305B	Paxton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Very limited	Paxton (90%)	Slow water movement (1.00)	14.8	0.9%
				Depth to saturated zone (1.00)		
305C	Paxton fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	Very limited	Paxton (90%)	Slow water movement (1.00)	16.3	1.0%
				Depth to saturated zone (1.00)		
				Slope (0.63)		
305D	Paxton fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes	Very limited	Paxton (85%)	Slow water movement (1.00)	8.3	0.5%
				Depth to saturated zone (1.00)		
				Too steep (1.00)		
306B	Paxton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony	Very limited	Paxton (90%)	Slow water movement (1.00)	39.9	2.3%
				Depth to saturated zone (1.00)		
306C	Paxton fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony	Very limited	Paxton (90%)	Slow water movement (1.00)	35.0	2.1%
				Depth to saturated zone (1.00)		
				Slope (0.63)		

Septic Tank Absorption Fields— Summary by Map Unit — Essex County, Massachusetts, Southern Part						
Map unit symbol	**Map unit name**	**Rating**	**Component name (percent)**	**Rating reasons (numeric values)**	**Acres in AOI**	**Percent of AOI**
306D	Paxton fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, very stony	Very limited	Paxton (85%)	Slow water movement (1.00)	129.3	7.6%
				Depth to saturated zone (1.00)		
				Too steep (1.00)		
310B	Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Very limited	Woodbridge (85%)	Slow water movement (1.00)	10.5	0.6%
				Depth to saturated zone (1.00)		
311B	Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony	Very limited	Woodbridge (90%)	Slow water movement (1.00)	18.0	1.1%
				Depth to saturated zone (1.00)		
311C	Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony	Very limited	Woodbridge (90%)	Slow water movement (1.00)	6.0	0.3%
				Depth to saturated zone (1.00)		
				Slope (0.63)		
311D	Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, very stony	Very limited	Woodbridge (90%)	Slow water movement (1.00)	5.8	0.3%
				Depth to saturated zone (1.00)		
				Too steep (1.00)		
392E	Paxton and Montauk fine sandy loams, 25 to 45 percent slopes, extremely stony	Very limited	Paxton (65%)	Slow water movement (1.00)	24.8	1.5%
				Depth to saturated zone (1.00)		
				Too steep (1.00)		
			Montauk (20%)	Depth to saturated zone (1.00)		
				Too steep (1.00)		
				Slow water movement (1.00)		
420B	Canton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Very limited	Canton (85%)	Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)	32.4	1.9%
420C	Canton fine sandy loam, 8 to 20 percent slopes	Very limited	Canton (85%)	Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)	15.1	0.9%
				Slope (0.63)		
421C	Canton fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony	Very limited	Canton (85%)	Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)	6.8	0.4%
				Slope (0.63)		

Septic Tank Absorption Fields— Summary by Map Unit — Essex County, Massachusetts, Southern Part						
Map unit symbol	**Map unit name**	**Rating**	**Component name (percent)**	**Rating reasons (numeric values)**	**Acres in AOI**	**Percent of AOI**
421D	Canton fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, very stony	Very limited	Canton (85%)	Too steep (1.00)	1.5	0.1%
				Seepage, bottom layer (1.00)		
600	Pits, gravel	Not rated	Pits (100%)		36.5	2.1%
602	Urban land	Not rated	Urban land (80%)		4.0	0.2%
			UDORTHENTS (7%)			
			HOLLIS (5%)			
			WHITMAN (3%)			
			WHATELY VARIANT (1%)			
			FREETOWN (1%)			
			MAYBID (1%)			
			SCARBORO (1%)			
			SWANSEA (1%)			
616A	Fluvaquents, frequently flooded, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Not rated	Fluvaquents (85%)		52.3	3.1%
			SWANSEA (10%)			
			UNNAMED SOILS (5%)			
651	Udorthents, smoothed	Not rated	Udorthents (80%)		8.9	0.5%
			Urban land (20%)			
720A	Whately Variant mucky fine sandy loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes	Very limited	Whately variant (85%)	Slow water movement (1.00)	1.0	0.1%
				Depth to saturated zone (1.00)		
725A	Shaker fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Very limited	Shaker (85%)	Slow water movement (1.00)	5.9	0.3%
				Depth to saturated zone (1.00)		
725B	Shaker fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Very limited	Shaker (85%)	Slow water movement (1.00)	9.3	0.5%
				Depth to saturated zone (1.00)		
Subtotals for Soil Survey Area					**1,667.1**	**97.8%**
Totals for Area of Interest					**1,703.8**	**100.0%**

Septic Tank Absorption Fields— Summary by Rating Value		
Rating	**Acres in AOI**	**Percent of AOI**
Very limited	1,578.9	92.7%
Null or Not Rated	124.9	7.3%
Totals for Area of Interest	**1,703.8**	**100.0%**

Rating Options—Septic Tank Absorption Fields (Bradley Palmer)

Aggregation Method: Dominant Condition

Aggregation is the process by which a set of component attribute values is reduced to a single value that represents the map unit as a whole.

A map unit is typically composed of one or more "components". A component is either some type of soil or some nonsoil entity, e.g., rock outcrop. For the attribute being aggregated, the first step of the aggregation process is to derive one attribute value for each of a map unit's components. From this set of component attributes, the next step of the aggregation process derives a single value that represents the map unit as a whole. Once a single value for each map unit is derived, a thematic map for soil map units can be rendered. Aggregation must be done because, on any soil map, map units are delineated but components are not.

For each of a map unit's components, a corresponding percent composition is recorded. A percent composition of 60 indicates that the corresponding component typically makes up approximately 60% of the map unit. Percent composition is a critical factor in some, but not all, aggregation methods.

The aggregation method "Dominant Condition" first groups like attribute values for the components in a map unit. For each group, percent composition is set to the sum of the percent composition of all components participating in that group. These groups now represent "conditions" rather than components. The attribute value associated with the group with the highest cumulative percent composition is returned. If more than one group shares the highest cumulative percent composition, the corresponding "tie-break" rule determines which value should be returned. The "tie-break" rule indicates whether the lower or higher group value should be returned in the case of a percent composition tie.

The result returned by this aggregation method represents the dominant condition throughout the map unit only when no tie has occurred.

Component Percent Cutoff: None Specified

Components whose percent composition is below the cutoff value will not be considered. If no cutoff value is specified, all components in the database will be considered. The data for some contrasting soils of minor extent may not be in the database, and therefore are not considered.

Tie-break Rule: Higher

The tie-break rule indicates which value should be selected from a set of multiple candidate values, or which value should be selected in the event of a percent composition tie.

Soil Properties and Qualities

The Soil Properties and Qualities section includes various soil properties and qualities displayed as thematic maps with a summary table for the soil map units in the selected area of interest. A single value or rating for each map unit is generated by aggregating the interpretive ratings of individual map unit components. This aggregation process is defined for each property or quality.

Soil Qualities and Features

Soil qualities are behavior and performance attributes that are not directly measured, but are inferred from observations of dynamic conditions and from soil properties. Example soil qualities include natural drainage, and frost action. Soil features are attributes that are not directly part of the soil. Example soil features include slope and depth to restrictive layer. These features can greatly impact the use and management of the soil.

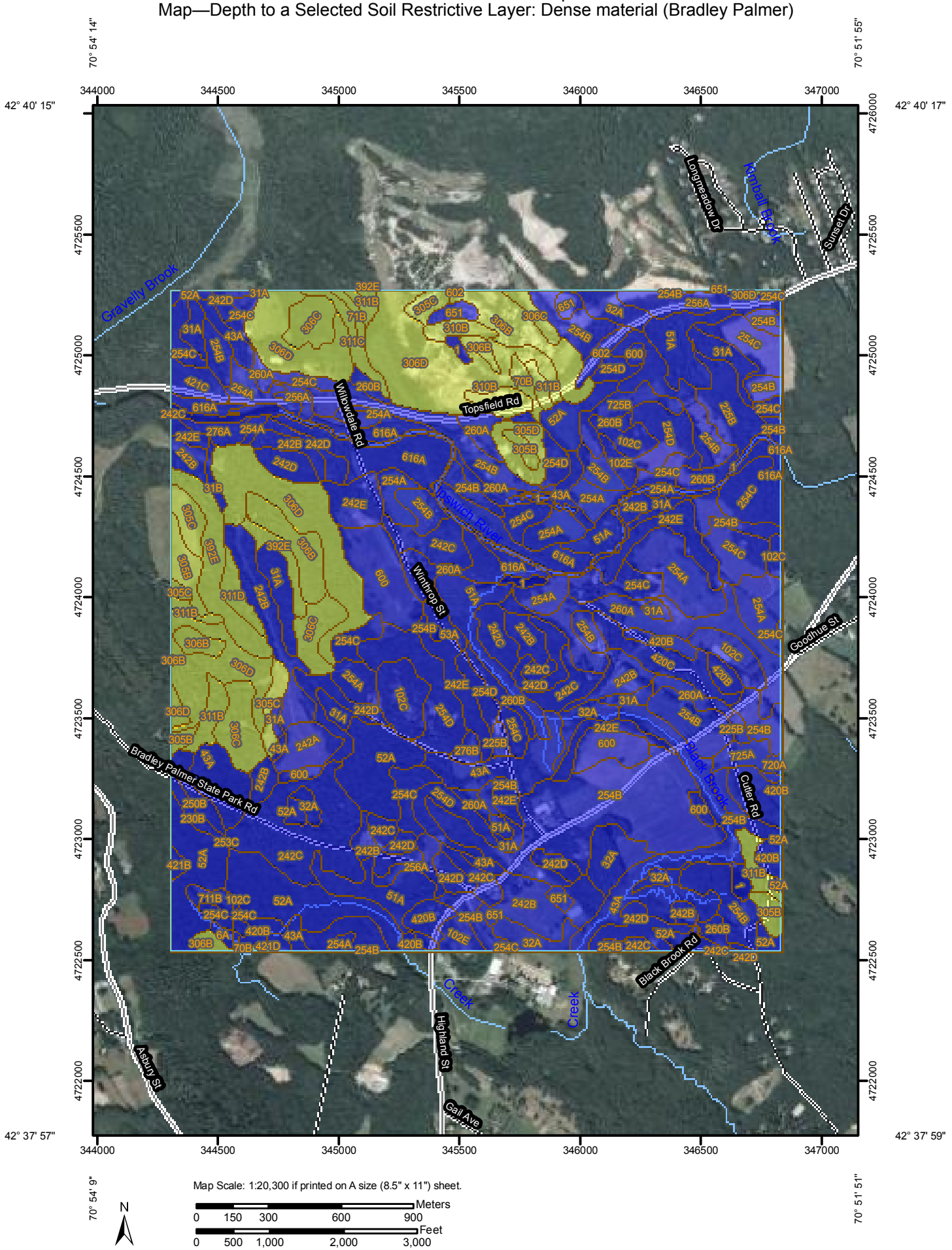
Depth to a Selected Soil Restrictive Layer: Dense material (Bradley Palmer)

A "restrictive layer" is a nearly continuous layer that has one or more physical, chemical, or thermal properties that significantly impede the movement of water and air through the soil or that restrict roots or otherwise provide an unfavorable root environment. Examples are bedrock, cemented layers, dense layers, and frozen layers.

This theme presents the depth to the user selected type of restrictive layer as described in for each map unit. If no restrictive layer is described in a map unit, it is represented by the "> 200" depth class.

This attribute is actually recorded as three separate values in the database. A low value and a high value indicate the range of this attribute for the soil component. A "representative" value indicates the expected value of this attribute for the component. For this soil property, only the representative value is used.

Custom Soil Resource Report
Map—Depth to a Selected Soil Restrictive Layer: Dense material (Bradley Palmer)



MAP LEGEND

Area of Interest (AOI)

- Area of Interest (AOI)

Soils

- Soil Map Units

Soil Ratings

- 0 - 25
- 25 - 50
- 50 - 100
- 100 - 150
- 150 - 200
- > 200

Political Features

- Cities

Water Features

- Oceans
- Streams and Canals

Transportation

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Table—Depth to a Selected Soil Restrictive Layer: Dense material (Bradley Palmer)

Depth to a Selected Soil Restrictive Layer: Dense material— Summary by Map Unit — Essex County, Massachusetts, Northern Part				
Map unit symbol	**Map unit name**	**Rating (centimeters)**	**Acres in AOI**	**Percent of AOI**
6A	Scarboro mucky fine sandy loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes	>200	1.4	0.1%
52A	Freetown muck, 0 to 1 percent slopes	>200	20.5	1.2%
230B	Unadilla very fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	>200	3.6	0.2%
253C	Hinckley loamy sand, 8 to 15 percent slopes	>200	0.1	0.0%
254C	Merrimac fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	>200	2.0	0.1%
306B	Paxton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony	53	2.3	0.1%
306D	Paxton fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, very stony	53	1.9	0.1%
421B	Canton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony	>200	1.4	0.1%
711B	Charlton-Rock outcrop-Hollis complex, 3 to 8 percent slopes	>200	3.3	0.2%
Subtotals for Soil Survey Area			**36.7**	**2.2%**
Totals for Area of Interest			**1,703.8**	**100.0%**

Depth to a Selected Soil Restrictive Layer: Dense material— Summary by Map Unit — Essex County, Massachusetts, Southern Part				
Map unit symbol	**Map unit name**	**Rating (centimeters)**	**Acres in AOI**	**Percent of AOI**
1	Water	>200	23.2	1.4%
31A	Walpole fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	>200	33.4	2.0%
31B	Walpole fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	>200	2.4	0.1%
32A	Wareham loamy sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes	>200	35.9	2.1%
43A	Scarboro mucky loamy fine sand, 0 to 1 percent slopes	>200	87.5	5.1%
51A	Swansea muck, 0 to 1 percent slopes	>200	55.2	3.2%
52A	Freetown muck, 0 to 1 percent slopes	>200	69.0	4.0%
53A	Freetown muck, ponded, 0 to 1 percent slopes	>200	0.8	0.0%
70B	Ridgebury fine sandy loam, 0 to 6 percent slopes	51	4.2	0.2%

Depth to a Selected Soil Restrictive Layer: Dense material— Summary by Map Unit — Essex County, Massachusetts, Southern Part				
Map unit symbol	**Map unit name**	**Rating (centimeters)**	**Acres in AOI**	**Percent of AOI**
71B	Ridgebury fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, extremely stony	51	2.1	0.1%
102C	Chatfield-Hollis-Rock outcrop complex, 3 to 15 percent slopes	>200	30.6	1.8%
102E	Chatfield-Hollis-Rock outcrop complex, 15 to 35 percent slopes	>200	8.6	0.5%
225B	Belgrade very fine sandy loam, 0 to 8 percent slopes	>200	18.9	1.1%
242A	Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	>200	9.4	0.6%
242B	Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	>200	77.9	4.6%
242C	Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	>200	78.0	4.6%
242D	Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes	>200	50.2	2.9%
242E	Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 25 to 45 percent slopes	>200	47.1	2.8%
250B	Pollux fine sandy loam, 0 to 8 percent slopes	>200	5.8	0.3%
254A	Merrimac fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	>200	76.2	4.5%
254B	Merrimac fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	>200	216.0	12.7%
254C	Merrimac fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	>200	88.6	5.2%
254D	Merrimac fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes	>200	56.8	3.3%
256A	Deerfield loamy fine sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes	>200	20.7	1.2%
260A	Sudbury fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	>200	62.3	3.7%
260B	Sudbury fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	>200	16.3	1.0%
276A	Ninigret fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	>200	4.7	0.3%
276B	Ninigret fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	>200	2.8	0.2%
305B	Paxton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	58	14.8	0.9%
305C	Paxton fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	58	16.3	1.0%
305D	Paxton fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes	58	8.3	0.5%
306B	Paxton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony	58	39.9	2.3%

Depth to a Selected Soil Restrictive Layer: Dense material— Summary by Map Unit — Essex County, Massachusetts, Southern Part				
Map unit symbol	**Map unit name**	**Rating (centimeters)**	**Acres in AOI**	**Percent of AOI**
306C	Paxton fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony	58	35.0	2.1%
306D	Paxton fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, very stony	58	129.3	7.6%
310B	Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	64	10.5	0.6%
311B	Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony	64	18.0	1.1%
311C	Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony	64	6.0	0.3%
311D	Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, very stony	64	5.8	0.3%
392E	Paxton and Montauk fine sandy loams, 25 to 45 percent slopes, extremely stony	58	24.8	1.5%
420B	Canton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	>200	32.4	1.9%
420C	Canton fine sandy loam, 8 to 20 percent slopes	>200	15.1	0.9%
421C	Canton fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony	>200	6.8	0.4%
421D	Canton fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, very stony	>200	1.5	0.1%
600	Pits, gravel	>200	36.5	2.1%
602	Urban land	>200	4.0	0.2%
616A	Fluvaquents, frequently flooded, 0 to 3 percent slopes	>200	52.3	3.1%
651	Udorthents, smoothed	>200	8.9	0.5%
720A	Whately Variant mucky fine sandy loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes	>200	1.0	0.1%
725A	Shaker fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	>200	5.9	0.3%
725B	Shaker fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	>200	9.3	0.5%
Subtotals for Soil Survey Area			**1,667.1**	**97.8%**
Totals for Area of Interest			**1,703.8**	**100.0%**

Rating Options—Depth to a Selected Soil Restrictive Layer: Dense material (Bradley Palmer)

Units of Measure: centimeters

Restriction Kind: Dense material

Aggregation Method: Dominant Component

Component Percent Cutoff: None Specified

Tie-break Rule: Lower

Interpret Nulls as Zero: No

Drainage Class (Bradley Palmer)

"Drainage class (natural)" refers to the frequency and duration of wet periods under conditions similar to those under which the soil formed. Alterations of the water regime by human activities, either through drainage or irrigation, are not a consideration unless they have significantly changed the morphology of the soil. Seven classes of natural soil drainage are recognized-excessively drained, somewhat excessively drained, well drained, moderately well drained, somewhat poorly drained, poorly drained, and very poorly drained. These classes are defined in the "Soil Survey Manual."

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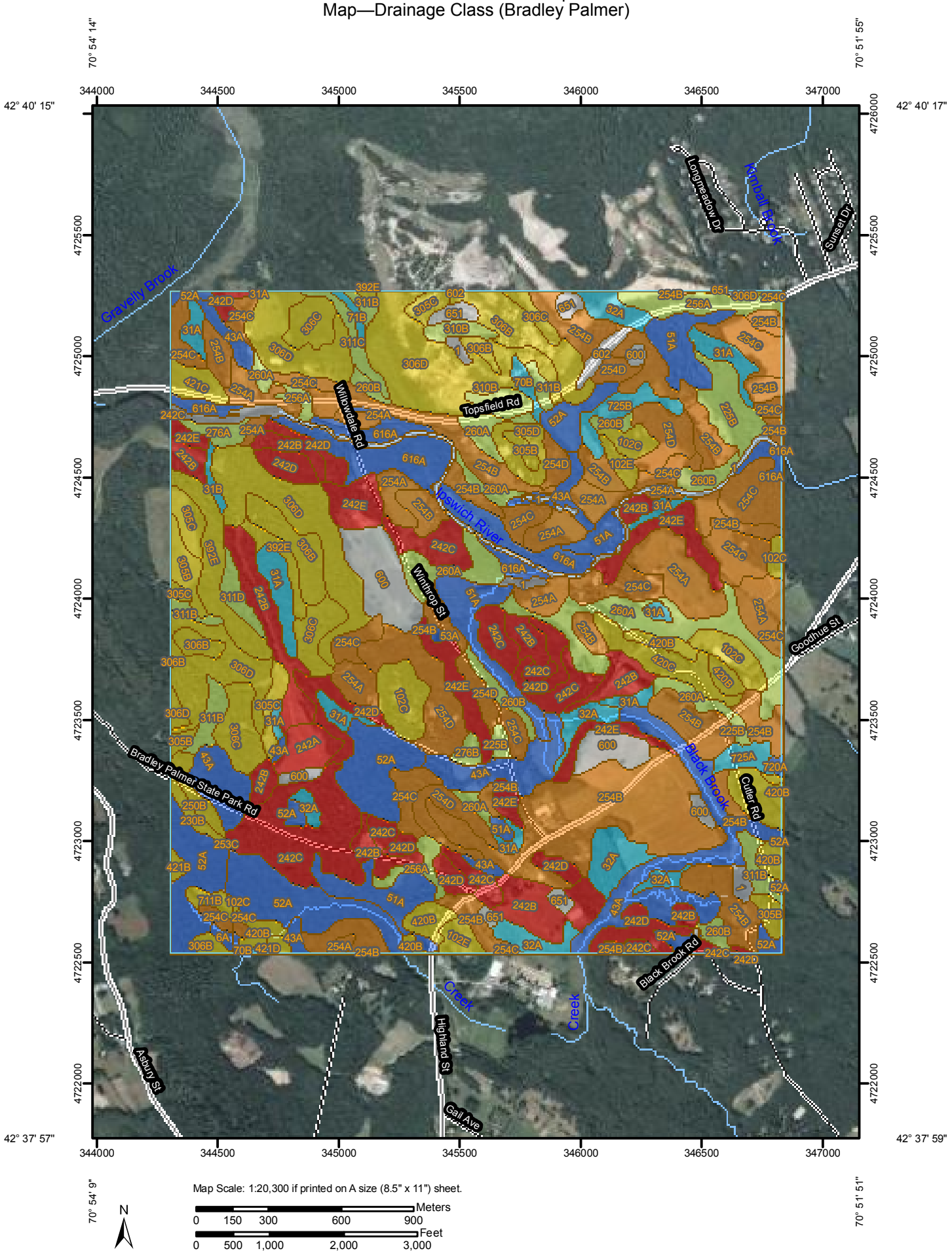
Map—Drainage Class (Bradley Palmer)



MAP LEGEND

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- Area of Interest (AOI)

Soils

- Soil Map Units

Soil Ratings

- Excessively drained
- Somewhat excessively drained
- Well drained
- Moderately well drained
- Somewhat poorly drained
- Poorly drained
- Very poorly drained
- Subaqueous
- Not rated or not available

Political Features

- Cities

Water Features

- Oceans
- Streams and Canals

Transportation

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Table—Drainage Class (Bradley Palmer)

Drainage Class— Summary by Map Unit — Essex County, Massachusetts, Northern Part				
Map unit symbol	**Map unit name**	**Rating**	**Acres in AOI**	**Percent of AOI**
6A	Scarboro mucky fine sandy loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes	Very poorly drained	1.4	0.1%
52A	Freetown muck, 0 to 1 percent slopes	Very poorly drained	20.5	1.2%
230B	Unadilla very fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Well drained	3.6	0.2%
253C	Hinckley loamy sand, 8 to 15 percent slopes	Excessively drained	0.1	0.0%
254C	Merrimac fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	Somewhat excessively drained	2.0	0.1%
306B	Paxton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony	Well drained	2.3	0.1%
306D	Paxton fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, very stony	Well drained	1.9	0.1%
421B	Canton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony	Well drained	1.4	0.1%
711B	Charlton-Rock outcrop-Hollis complex, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Well drained	3.3	0.2%
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Drainage Class— Summary by Map Unit — Essex County, Massachusetts, Southern Part				
Map unit symbol	**Map unit name**	**Rating**	**Acres in AOI**	**Percent of AOI**
1	Water		23.2	1.4%
31A	Walpole fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Poorly drained	33.4	2.0%
31B	Walpole fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Poorly drained	2.4	0.1%
32A	Wareham loamy sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Poorly drained	35.9	2.1%
43A	Scarboro mucky loamy fine sand, 0 to 1 percent slopes	Very poorly drained	87.5	5.1%
51A	Swansea muck, 0 to 1 percent slopes	Very poorly drained	55.2	3.2%
52A	Freetown muck, 0 to 1 percent slopes	Very poorly drained	69.0	4.0%
53A	Freetown muck, ponded, 0 to 1 percent slopes	Very poorly drained	0.8	0.0%
70B	Ridgebury fine sandy loam, 0 to 6 percent slopes	Poorly drained	4.2	0.2%
71B	Ridgebury fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, extremely stony	Poorly drained	2.1	0.1%
102C	Chatfield-Hollis-Rock outcrop complex, 3 to 15 percent slopes	Well drained	30.6	1.8%

Drainage Class— Summary by Map Unit — Essex County, Massachusetts, Southern Part				
Map unit symbol	**Map unit name**	**Rating**	**Acres in AOI**	**Percent of AOI**
102E	Chatfield-Hollis-Rock outcrop complex, 15 to 35 percent slopes	Well drained	8.6	0.5%
225B	Belgrade very fine sandy loam, 0 to 8 percent slopes	Moderately well drained	18.9	1.1%
242A	Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Excessively drained	9.4	0.6%
242B	Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Excessively drained	77.9	4.6%
242C	Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	Excessively drained	78.0	4.6%
242D	Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes	Excessively drained	50.2	2.9%
242E	Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 25 to 45 percent slopes	Excessively drained	47.1	2.8%
250B	Pollux fine sandy loam, 0 to 8 percent slopes	Well drained	5.8	0.3%
254A	Merrimac fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Somewhat excessively drained	76.2	4.5%
254B	Merrimac fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Somewhat excessively drained	216.0	12.7%
254C	Merrimac fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	Somewhat excessively drained	88.6	5.2%
254D	Merrimac fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes	Somewhat excessively drained	56.8	3.3%
256A	Deerfield loamy fine sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Moderately well drained	20.7	1.2%
260A	Sudbury fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Moderately well drained	62.3	3.7%
260B	Sudbury fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Moderately well drained	16.3	1.0%
276A	Ninigret fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Moderately well drained	4.7	0.3%
276B	Ninigret fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Moderately well drained	2.8	0.2%
305B	Paxton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Well drained	14.8	0.9%
305C	Paxton fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	Well drained	16.3	1.0%
305D	Paxton fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes	Well drained	8.3	0.5%
306B	Paxton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony	Well drained	39.9	2.3%
306C	Paxton fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony	Well drained	35.0	2.1%
306D	Paxton fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, very stony	Well drained	129.3	7.6%
310B	Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Moderately well drained	10.5	0.6%

Drainage Class— Summary by Map Unit — Essex County, Massachusetts, Southern Part				
Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
311B	Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony	Moderately well drained	18.0	1.1%
311C	Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony	Moderately well drained	6.0	0.3%
311D	Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, very stony	Moderately well drained	5.8	0.3%
392E	Paxton and Montauk fine sandy loams, 25 to 45 percent slopes, extremely stony	Well drained	24.8	1.5%
420B	Canton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Well drained	32.4	1.9%
420C	Canton fine sandy loam, 8 to 20 percent slopes	Well drained	15.1	0.9%
421C	Canton fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony	Well drained	6.8	0.4%
421D	Canton fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, very stony	Well drained	1.5	0.1%
600	Pits, gravel		36.5	2.1%
602	Urban land		4.0	0.2%
616A	Fluvaquents, frequently flooded, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Very poorly drained	52.3	3.1%
651	Udorthents, smoothed		8.9	0.5%
720A	Whately Variant mucky fine sandy loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes	Very poorly drained	1.0	0.1%
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Rating Options—Drainage Class (Bradley Palmer)

Aggregation Method: Dominant Condition

Component Percent Cutoff: None Specified

Tie-break Rule: Higher

Water Features

Water Features include ponding frequency, flooding frequency, and depth to water table.

Depth to Water Table (Bradley Palmer)

"Water table" refers to a saturated zone in the soil. It occurs during specified months. Estimates of the upper limit are based mainly on observations of the water table at selected sites and on evidence of a saturated zone, namely grayish colors (redoximorphic features) in the soil. A saturated zone that lasts for less than a month is not considered a water table.

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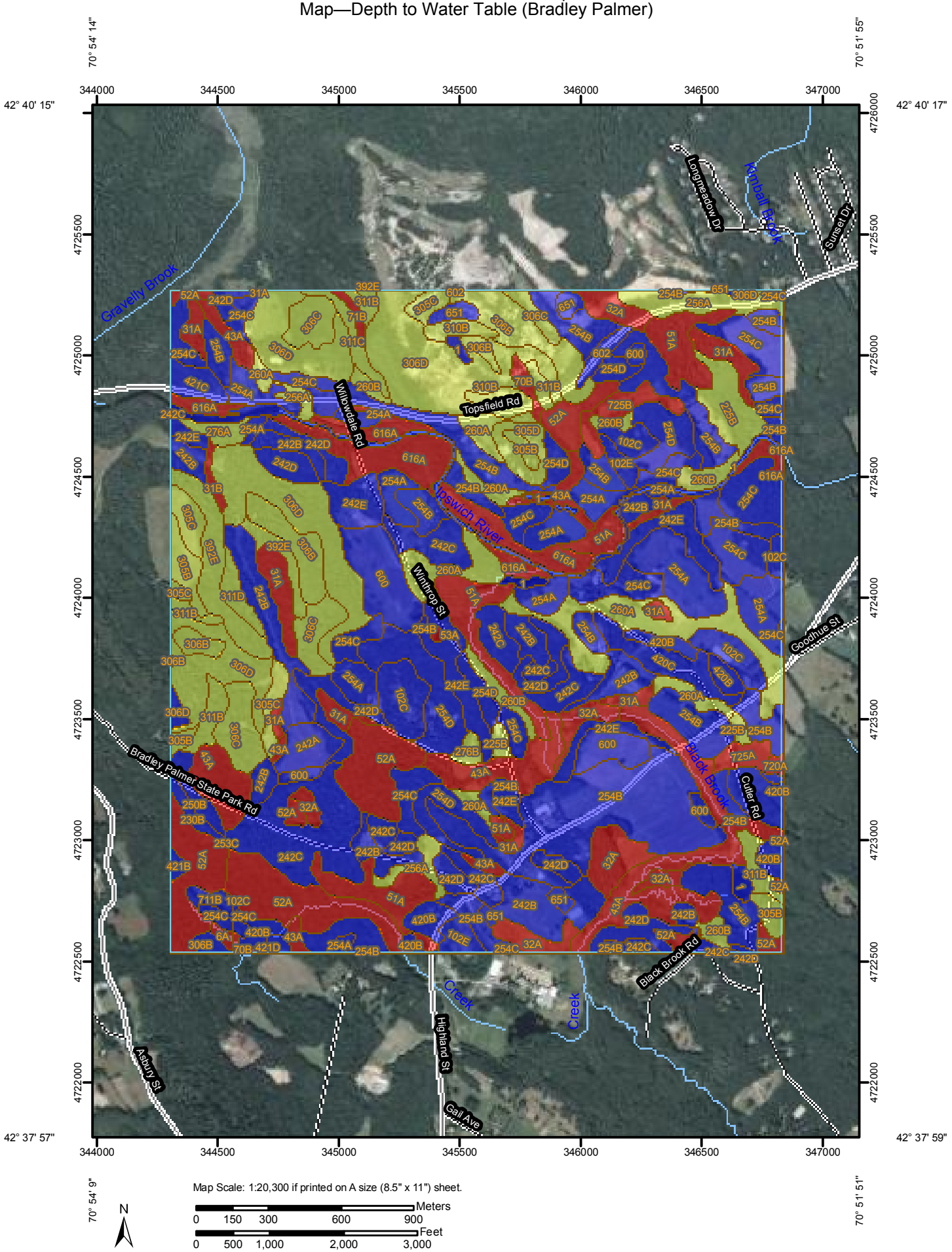
Map—Depth to Water Table (Bradley Palmer)



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52A	Freetown muck, 0 to 1 percent slopes	15	20.5	1.2%
230B	Unadilla very fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	>200	3.6	0.2%
253C	Hinckley loamy sand, 8 to 15 percent slopes	>200	0.1	0.0%
254C	Merrimac fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	>200	2.0	0.1%
306B	Paxton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony	>200	2.3	0.1%
306D	Paxton fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, very stony	>200	1.9	0.1%
421B	Canton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony	>200	1.4	0.1%
711B	Charlton-Rock outcrop-Hollis complex, 3 to 8 percent slopes	>200	3.3	0.2%
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Depth to Water Table— Summary by Map Unit — Essex County, Massachusetts, Southern Part				
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1	Water	>200	23.2	1.4%
31A	Walpole fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	15	33.4	2.0%
31B	Walpole fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	15	2.4	0.1%
32A	Wareham loamy sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes	24	35.9	2.1%
43A	Scarboro mucky loamy fine sand, 0 to 1 percent slopes	0	87.5	5.1%
51A	Swansea muck, 0 to 1 percent slopes	15	55.2	3.2%
52A	Freetown muck, 0 to 1 percent slopes	15	69.0	4.0%
53A	Freetown muck, ponded, 0 to 1 percent slopes	0	0.8	0.0%
70B	Ridgebury fine sandy loam, 0 to 6 percent slopes	23	4.2	0.2%
71B	Ridgebury fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, extremely stony	23	2.1	0.1%

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Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating (centimeters)	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
102C	Chatfield-Hollis-Rock outcrop complex, 3 to 15 percent slopes	>200	30.6	1.8%
102E	Chatfield-Hollis-Rock outcrop complex, 15 to 35 percent slopes	>200	8.6	0.5%
225B	Belgrade very fine sandy loam, 0 to 8 percent slopes	77	18.9	1.1%
242A	Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	>200	9.4	0.6%
242B	Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	>200	77.9	4.6%
242C	Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	>200	78.0	4.6%
242D	Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes	>200	50.2	2.9%
242E	Hinckley gravelly fine sandy loam, 25 to 45 percent slopes	>200	47.1	2.8%
250B	Pollux fine sandy loam, 0 to 8 percent slopes	>200	5.8	0.3%
254A	Merrimac fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	>200	76.2	4.5%
254B	Merrimac fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	>200	216.0	12.7%
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260A	Sudbury fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	69	62.3	3.7%
260B	Sudbury fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	69	16.3	1.0%
276A	Ninigret fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	61	4.7	0.3%
276B	Ninigret fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	69	2.8	0.2%
305B	Paxton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	69	14.8	0.9%
305C	Paxton fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	69	16.3	1.0%
305D	Paxton fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes	69	8.3	0.5%
306B	Paxton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony	69	39.9	2.3%
306C	Paxton fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony	69	35.0	2.1%
306D	Paxton fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, very stony	69	129.3	7.6%

Depth to Water Table— Summary by Map Unit — Essex County, Massachusetts, Southern Part				
Map unit symbol	**Map unit name**	**Rating (centimeters)**	**Acres in AOI**	**Percent of AOI**
310B	Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	69	10.5	0.6%
311B	Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony	69	18.0	1.1%
311C	Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony	69	6.0	0.3%
311D	Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, very stony	69	5.8	0.3%
392E	Paxton and Montauk fine sandy loams, 25 to 45 percent slopes, extremely stony	69	24.8	1.5%
420B	Canton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	>200	32.4	1.9%
420C	Canton fine sandy loam, 8 to 20 percent slopes	>200	15.1	0.9%
421C	Canton fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony	>200	6.8	0.4%
421D	Canton fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, very stony	>200	1.5	0.1%
600	Pits, gravel	>200	36.5	2.1%
602	Urban land	>200	4.0	0.2%
616A	Fluvaquents, frequently flooded, 0 to 3 percent slopes	15	52.3	3.1%
651	Udorthents, smoothed	>200	8.9	0.5%
720A	Whately Variant mucky fine sandy loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes	15	1.0	0.1%
725A	Shaker fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	23	5.9	0.3%
725B	Shaker fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	23	9.3	0.5%
Subtotals for Soil Survey Area			**1,667.1**	**97.8%**
Totals for Area of Interest			**1,703.8**	**100.0%**

Rating Options—Depth to Water Table (Bradley Palmer)

Units of Measure: centimeters

Aggregation Method: Dominant Component

Component Percent Cutoff: None Specified

Tie-break Rule: Lower

Interpret Nulls as Zero: No

Beginning Month: January

Ending Month: December

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Glossary

Many of the terms relating to landforms, geology, and geomorphology are defined in more detail in the "National Soil Survey Handbook."

ABC soil

A soil having an A, a B, and a C horizon.

Ablation till

Loose, relatively permeable earthy material deposited during the downwasting of nearly static glacial ice, either contained within or accumulated on the surface of the glacier.

AC soil

A soil having only an A and a C horizon. Commonly, such soil formed in recent alluvium or on steep, rocky slopes.

Aeration, soil

The exchange of air in soil with air from the atmosphere. The air in a well aerated soil is similar to that in the atmosphere; the air in a poorly aerated soil is considerably higher in carbon dioxide and lower in oxygen.

Aggregate, soil

Many fine particles held in a single mass or cluster. Natural soil aggregates, such as granules, blocks, or prisms, are called peds. Clods are aggregates produced by tillage or logging.

Alkali (sodic) soil

A soil having so high a degree of alkalinity (pH 8.5 or higher) or so high a percentage of exchangeable sodium (15 percent or more of the total exchangeable bases), or both, that plant growth is restricted.

Alluvial cone

A semiconical type of alluvial fan having very steep slopes. It is higher, narrower, and steeper than a fan and is composed of coarser and thicker layers of material deposited by a combination of alluvial episodes and (to a much lesser degree) landslides (debris flow). The coarsest materials tend to be concentrated at the apex of the cone.

Alluvial fan

A low, outspread mass of loose materials and/or rock material, commonly with gentle slopes. It is shaped like an open fan or a segment of a cone. The material was deposited by a stream at the place where it issues from a narrow mountain valley or upland valley or where a tributary stream is near or at its junction with the main stream. The fan is steepest near its apex, which points upstream, and slopes gently and convexly outward (downstream) with a gradual decrease in gradient.

Alluvium

Unconsolidated material, such as gravel, sand, silt, clay, and various mixtures of these, deposited on land by running water.

Alpha,alpha-dipyridyl

A compound that when dissolved in ammonium acetate is used to detect the presence of reduced iron (Fe II) in the soil. A positive reaction implies reducing conditions and the likely presence of redoximorphic features.

Animal unit month (AUM)

The amount of forage required by one mature cow of approximately 1,000 pounds weight, with or without a calf, for 1 month.

Aquic conditions

Current soil wetness characterized by saturation, reduction, and redoximorphic features.

Argillic horizon

A subsoil horizon characterized by an accumulation of illuvial clay.

Arroyo

The flat-floored channel of an ephemeral stream, commonly with very steep to vertical banks cut in unconsolidated material. It is usually dry but can be transformed into a temporary watercourse or short-lived torrent after heavy rain within the watershed.

Aspect

The direction toward which a slope faces. Also called slope aspect.

Association, soil

A group of soils or miscellaneous areas geographically associated in a characteristic repeating pattern and defined and delineated as a single map unit.

Available water capacity (available moisture capacity)

The capacity of soils to hold water available for use by most plants. It is commonly defined as the difference between the amount of soil water at field moisture capacity and the amount at wilting point. It is commonly expressed as inches of water per inch of soil. The capacity, in inches, in a 60-inch profile or to a limiting layer is expressed as:

Very low: 0 to 3
Low: 3 to 6
Moderate: 6 to 9
High: 9 to 12
Very high: More than 12

Backslope

The position that forms the steepest and generally linear, middle portion of a hillslope. In profile, backslopes are commonly bounded by a convex shoulder above and a concave footslope below.

Backswamp

A flood-plain landform. Extensive, marshy or swampy, depressed areas of flood plains between natural levees and valley sides or terraces.

Badland

A landscape that is intricately dissected and characterized by a very fine drainage network with high drainage densities and short, steep slopes and narrow interfluves. Badlands develop on surfaces that have little or no vegetative cover overlying unconsolidated or poorly cemented materials (clays, silts, or sandstones) with, in some cases, soluble minerals, such as gypsum or halite.

Bajada

A broad, gently inclined alluvial piedmont slope extending from the base of a mountain range out into a basin and formed by the lateral coalescence of a series of alluvial fans. Typically, it has a broadly undulating transverse profile, parallel to the mountain front, resulting from the convexities of component fans. The term is generally restricted to constructional slopes of intermontane basins.

Basal area

The area of a cross section of a tree, generally referring to the section at breast height and measured outside the bark. It is a measure of stand density, commonly expressed in square feet.

Base saturation

The degree to which material having cation-exchange properties is saturated with exchangeable bases (sum of Ca, Mg, Na, and K), expressed as a percentage of the total cation-exchange capacity.

Base slope (geomorphology)

A geomorphic component of hills consisting of the concave to linear (perpendicular to the contour) slope that, regardless of the lateral shape, forms an apron or wedge at the bottom of a hillside dominated by colluvium and slope-wash sediments (for example, slope alluvium).

Bedding plane

A planar or nearly planar bedding surface that visibly separates each successive layer of stratified sediment or rock (of the same or different lithology) from the preceding or following layer; a plane of deposition. It commonly marks a change

in the circumstances of deposition and may show a parting, a color difference, a change in particle size, or various combinations of these. The term is commonly applied to any bedding surface, even one that is conspicuously bent or deformed by folding.

Bedding system

A drainage system made by plowing, grading, or otherwise shaping the surface of a flat field. It consists of a series of low ridges separated by shallow, parallel dead furrows.

Bedrock

The solid rock that underlies the soil and other unconsolidated material or that is exposed at the surface.

Bedrock-controlled topography

A landscape where the configuration and relief of the landforms are determined or strongly influenced by the underlying bedrock.

Bench terrace

A raised, level or nearly level strip of earth constructed on or nearly on a contour, supported by a barrier of rocks or similar material, and designed to make the soil suitable for tillage and to prevent accelerated erosion.

Bisequum

Two sequences of soil horizons, each of which consists of an illuvial horizon and the overlying eluvial horizons.

Blowout (map symbol)

A saucer-, cup-, or trough-shaped depression formed by wind erosion on a preexisting dune or other sand deposit, especially in an area of shifting sand or loose soil or where protective vegetation is disturbed or destroyed. The adjoining accumulation of sand derived from the depression, where recognizable, is commonly included. Blowouts are commonly small.

Borrow pit (map symbol)

An open excavation from which soil and underlying material have been removed, usually for construction purposes.

Bottom land

An informal term loosely applied to various portions of a flood plain.

Boulders

Rock fragments larger than 2 feet (60 centimeters) in diameter.

Breaks

A landscape or tract of steep, rough or broken land dissected by ravines and gullies and marking a sudden change in topography.

Breast height

An average height of 4.5 feet above the ground surface; the point on a tree where diameter measurements are ordinarily taken.

Brush management

Use of mechanical, chemical, or biological methods to make conditions favorable for reseeding or to reduce or eliminate competition from woody vegetation and thus allow understory grasses and forbs to recover. Brush management increases forage production and thus reduces the hazard of erosion. It can improve the habitat for some species of wildlife.

Butte

An isolated, generally flat-topped hill or mountain with relatively steep slopes and talus or precipitous cliffs and characterized by summit width that is less than the height of bounding escarpments; commonly topped by a caprock of resistant material and representing an erosion remnant carved from flat-lying rocks.

Cable yarding

A method of moving felled trees to a nearby central area for transport to a processing facility. Most cable yarding systems involve use of a drum, a pole, and wire cables in an arrangement similar to that of a rod and reel used for fishing. To reduce friction and soil disturbance, felled trees generally are reeled in while one end is lifted or the entire log is suspended.

Calcareous soil

A soil containing enough calcium carbonate (commonly combined with magnesium carbonate) to effervesce visibly when treated with cold, dilute hydrochloric acid.

Caliche

A general term for a prominent zone of secondary carbonate accumulation in surficial materials in warm, subhumid to arid areas. Caliche is formed by both geologic and pedologic processes. Finely crystalline calcium carbonate forms a nearly continuous surface-coating and void-filling medium in geologic (parent) materials. Cementation ranges from weak in nonindurated forms to very strong in indurated forms. Other minerals (e.g., carbonates, silicate, and sulfate) may occur as accessory cements. Most petrocalcic horizons and some calcic horizons are caliche.

California bearing ratio (CBR)

The load-supporting capacity of a soil as compared to that of standard crushed limestone, expressed as a ratio. First standardized in California. A soil having a CBR of 16 supports 16 percent of the load that would be supported by standard crushed limestone, per unit area, with the same degree of distortion.

Canopy

The leafy crown of trees or shrubs. (See Crown.)

Canyon

A long, deep, narrow valley with high, precipitous walls in an area of high local relief.

Capillary water

Water held as a film around soil particles and in tiny spaces between particles. Surface tension is the adhesive force that holds capillary water in the soil.

Catena

A sequence, or “chain,” of soils on a landscape that formed in similar kinds of parent material and under similar climatic conditions but that have different characteristics as a result of differences in relief and drainage.

Cation

An ion carrying a positive charge of electricity. The common soil cations are calcium, potassium, magnesium, sodium, and hydrogen.

Cation-exchange capacity

The total amount of exchangeable cations that can be held by the soil, expressed in terms of milliequivalents per 100 grams of soil at neutrality (pH 7.0) or at some other stated pH value. The term, as applied to soils, is synonymous with base-exchange capacity but is more precise in meaning.

Catsteps

See Terracettes.

Cement rock

Shaly limestone used in the manufacture of cement.

Channery soil material

Soil material that has, by volume, 15 to 35 percent thin, flat fragments of sandstone, shale, slate, limestone, or schist as much as 6 inches (15 centimeters) along the longest axis. A single piece is called a channer.

Chemical treatment

Control of unwanted vegetation through the use of chemicals.

Chiseling

Tillage with an implement having one or more soil-penetrating points that shatter or loosen hard, compacted layers to a depth below normal plow depth.

Cirque

A steep-walled, semicircular or crescent-shaped, half-bowl-like recess or hollow, commonly situated at the head of a glaciated mountain valley or high on the side of a mountain. It was produced by the erosive activity of a mountain glacier. It commonly contains a small round lake (tarn).

Clay

As a soil separate, the mineral soil particles less than 0.002 millimeter in diameter. As a soil textural class, soil material that is 40 percent or more clay, less than 45 percent sand, and less than 40 percent silt.

Clay depletions

See Redoximorphic features.

Clay film

A thin coating of oriented clay on the surface of a soil aggregate or lining pores or root channels. Synonyms: clay coating, clay skin.

Clay spot (map symbol)

A spot where the surface texture is silty clay or clay in areas where the surface layer of the soils in the surrounding map unit is sandy loam, loam, silt loam, or coarser.

Claypan

A dense, compact subsoil layer that contains much more clay than the overlying materials, from which it is separated by a sharply defined boundary. The layer restricts the downward movement of water through the soil. A claypan is commonly hard when dry and plastic and sticky when wet.

Climax plant community

The stabilized plant community on a particular site. The plant cover reproduces itself and does not change so long as the environment remains the same.

Coarse textured soil

Sand or loamy sand.

Cobble (or cobblestone)

A rounded or partly rounded fragment of rock 3 to 10 inches (7.6 to 25 centimeters) in diameter.

Cobbly soil material

Material that has 15 to 35 percent, by volume, rounded or partially rounded rock fragments 3 to 10 inches (7.6 to 25 centimeters) in diameter. Very cobbly soil material has 35 to 60 percent of these rock fragments, and extremely cobbly soil material has more than 60 percent.

COLE (coefficient of linear extensibility)

See Linear extensibility.

Colluvium

Unconsolidated, unsorted earth material being transported or deposited on side slopes and/or at the base of slopes by mass movement (e.g., direct gravitational action) and by local, unconcentrated runoff.

Complex slope

Irregular or variable slope. Planning or establishing terraces, diversions, and other water-control structures on a complex slope is difficult.

Complex, soil

A map unit of two or more kinds of soil or miscellaneous areas in such an intricate pattern or so small in area that it is not practical to map them separately at the selected scale of mapping. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar in all areas.

Concretions

See Redoximorphic features.

Conglomerate

A coarse grained, clastic sedimentary rock composed of rounded or subangular rock fragments more than 2 millimeters in diameter. It commonly has a matrix of sand and finer textured material. Conglomerate is the consolidated equivalent of gravel.

Conservation cropping system

Growing crops in combination with needed cultural and management practices. In a good conservation cropping system, the soil-improving crops and practices more than offset the effects of the soil-depleting crops and practices. Cropping systems are needed on all tilled soils. Soil-improving practices in a conservation cropping system include the use of rotations that contain grasses and legumes and the return of crop residue to the soil. Other practices include the use of green manure crops of grasses and legumes, proper tillage, adequate fertilization, and weed and pest control.

Conservation tillage

A tillage system that does not invert the soil and that leaves a protective amount of crop residue on the surface throughout the year.

Consistence, soil

Refers to the degree of cohesion and adhesion of soil material and its resistance to deformation when ruptured. Consistence includes resistance of soil material to rupture and to penetration; plasticity, toughness, and stickiness of puddled soil material; and the manner in which the soil material behaves when subject to compression. Terms describing consistence are defined in the “Soil Survey Manual.”

Contour stripcropping

Growing crops in strips that follow the contour. Strips of grass or close-growing crops are alternated with strips of clean-tilled crops or summer fallow.

Control section

The part of the soil on which classification is based. The thickness varies among different kinds of soil, but for many it is that part of the soil profile between depths of 10 inches and 40 or 80 inches.

Coprogenous earth (sedimentary peat)

A type of limnic layer composed predominantly of fecal material derived from aquatic animals.

Corrosion (geomorphology)

A process of erosion whereby rocks and soil are removed or worn away by natural chemical processes, especially by the solvent action of running water, but also by other reactions, such as hydrolysis, hydration, carbonation, and oxidation.

Corrosion (soil survey interpretations)

Soil-induced electrochemical or chemical action that dissolves or weakens concrete or uncoated steel.

Cover crop

A close-growing crop grown primarily to improve and protect the soil between periods of regular crop production, or a crop grown between trees and vines in orchards and vineyards.

Crop residue management

Returning crop residue to the soil, which helps to maintain soil structure, organic matter content, and fertility and helps to control erosion.

Cropping system

Growing crops according to a planned system of rotation and management practices.

Cross-slope farming

Deliberately conducting farming operations on sloping farmland in such a way that tillage is across the general slope.

Crown

The upper part of a tree or shrub, including the living branches and their foliage.

Cryoturbate

A mass of soil or other unconsolidated earthy material moved or disturbed by frost action. It is typically coarser than the underlying material.

Cuesta

An asymmetric ridge capped by resistant rock layers of slight or moderate dip (commonly less than 15 percent slopes); a type of homocline produced by differential erosion of interbedded resistant and weak rocks. A cuesta has a long, gentle slope on one side (dip slope) that roughly parallels the inclined beds; on the other side, it has a relatively short and steep or clifflike slope (scarp) that cuts through the tilted rocks.

Culmination of the mean annual increment (CMAI)

The average annual increase per acre in the volume of a stand. Computed by dividing the total volume of the stand by its age. As the stand increases in age,

the mean annual increment continues to increase until mortality begins to reduce the rate of increase. The point where the stand reaches its maximum annual rate of growth is called the culmination of the mean annual increment.

Cutbanks cave

The walls of excavations tend to cave in or slough.

Decreasers

The most heavily grazed climax range plants. Because they are the most palatable, they are the first to be destroyed by overgrazing.

Deferred grazing

Postponing grazing or resting grazing land for a prescribed period.

Delta

A body of alluvium having a surface that is fan shaped and nearly flat; deposited at or near the mouth of a river or stream where it enters a body of relatively quiet water, generally a sea or lake.

Dense layer

A very firm, massive layer that has a bulk density of more than 1.8 grams per cubic centimeter. Such a layer affects the ease of digging and can affect filling and compacting.

Depression, closed (map symbol)

A shallow, saucer-shaped area that is slightly lower on the landscape than the surrounding area and that does not have a natural outlet for surface drainage.

Depth, soil

Generally, the thickness of the soil over bedrock. Very deep soils are more than 60 inches deep over bedrock; deep soils, 40 to 60 inches; moderately deep, 20 to 40 inches; shallow, 10 to 20 inches; and very shallow, less than 10 inches.

Desert pavement

A natural, residual concentration or layer of wind-polished, closely packed gravel, boulders, and other rock fragments mantling a desert surface. It forms where wind action and sheetwash have removed all smaller particles or where rock fragments have migrated upward through sediments to the surface. It typically protects the finer grained underlying material from further erosion.

Diatomaceous earth

A geologic deposit of fine, grayish siliceous material composed chiefly or entirely of the remains of diatoms.

Dip slope

A slope of the land surface, roughly determined by and approximately conforming to the dip of the underlying bedrock.

Diversion (or diversion terrace)

A ridge of earth, generally a terrace, built to protect downslope areas by diverting runoff from its natural course.

Divided-slope farming

A form of field stripcropping in which crops are grown in a systematic arrangement of two strips, or bands, across the slope to reduce the hazard of water erosion. One strip is in a close-growing crop that provides protection from erosion, and the other strip is in a crop that provides less protection from erosion. This practice is used where slopes are not long enough to permit a full stripcropping pattern to be used.

Drainage class (natural)

Refers to the frequency and duration of wet periods under conditions similar to those under which the soil formed. Alterations of the water regime by human activities, either through drainage or irrigation, are not a consideration unless they have significantly changed the morphology of the soil. Seven classes of natural soil drainage are recognized—*excessively drained, somewhat excessively drained, well drained, moderately well drained, somewhat poorly drained, poorly drained,* and *very poorly drained*. These classes are defined in the “Soil Survey Manual.”

Drainage, surface

Runoff, or surface flow of water, from an area.

Drainageway

A general term for a course or channel along which water moves in draining an area. A term restricted to relatively small, linear depressions that at some time move concentrated water and either do not have a defined channel or have only a small defined channel.

Draw

A small stream valley that generally is shallower and more open than a ravine or gulch and that has a broader bottom. The present stream channel may appear inadequate to have cut the drainageway that it occupies.

Drift

A general term applied to all mineral material (clay, silt, sand, gravel, and boulders) transported by a glacier and deposited directly by or from the ice or transported by running water emanating from a glacier. Drift includes unstratified material (till) that forms moraines and stratified deposits that form outwash plains, eskers, kames, varves, and glaciofluvial sediments. The term is generally applied to Pleistocene glacial deposits in areas that no longer contain glaciers.

Drumlin

A low, smooth, elongated oval hill, mound, or ridge of compact till that has a core of bedrock or drift. It commonly has a blunt nose facing the direction from which the ice approached and a gentler slope tapering in the other direction. The longer axis is parallel to the general direction of glacier flow. Drumlins are products of

streamline (laminar) flow of glaciers, which molded the subglacial floor through a combination of erosion and deposition.

Duff

A generally firm organic layer on the surface of mineral soils. It consists of fallen plant material that is in the process of decomposition and includes everything from the litter on the surface to underlying pure humus.

Dune

A low mound, ridge, bank, or hill of loose, windblown granular material (generally sand), either barren and capable of movement from place to place or covered and stabilized with vegetation but retaining its characteristic shape.

Earthy fill

See Mine spoil.

Ecological site

An area where climate, soil, and relief are sufficiently uniform to produce a distinct natural plant community. An ecological site is the product of all the environmental factors responsible for its development. It is typified by an association of species that differ from those on other ecological sites in kind and/or proportion of species or in total production.

Eluviation

The movement of material in true solution or colloidal suspension from one place to another within the soil. Soil horizons that have lost material through eluviation are eluvial; those that have received material are illuvial.

Endosaturation

A type of saturation of the soil in which all horizons between the upper boundary of saturation and a depth of 2 meters are saturated.

Eolian deposit

Sand-, silt-, or clay-sized clastic material transported and deposited primarily by wind, commonly in the form of a dune or a sheet of sand or loess.

Ephemeral stream

A stream, or reach of a stream, that flows only in direct response to precipitation. It receives no long-continued supply from melting snow or other source, and its channel is above the water table at all times.

Episaturation

A type of saturation indicating a perched water table in a soil in which saturated layers are underlain by one or more unsaturated layers within 2 meters of the surface.

Erosion

The wearing away of the land surface by water, wind, ice, or other geologic agents and by such processes as gravitational creep.

Erosion (accelerated)

Erosion much more rapid than geologic erosion, mainly as a result of human or animal activities or of a catastrophe in nature, such as a fire, that exposes the surface.

Erosion (geologic)

Erosion caused by geologic processes acting over long geologic periods and resulting in the wearing away of mountains and the building up of such landscape features as flood plains and coastal plains. Synonym: natural erosion.

Erosion pavement

A surficial lag concentration or layer of gravel and other rock fragments that remains on the soil surface after sheet or rill erosion or wind has removed the finer soil particles and that tends to protect the underlying soil from further erosion.

Erosion surface

A land surface shaped by the action of erosion, especially by running water.

Escarpment

A relatively continuous and steep slope or cliff breaking the general continuity of more gently sloping land surfaces and resulting from erosion or faulting. Most commonly applied to cliffs produced by differential erosion. Synonym: scarp.

Escarpment, bedrock (map symbol)

A relatively continuous and steep slope or cliff, produced by erosion or faulting, that breaks the general continuity of more gently sloping land surfaces. Exposed material is hard or soft bedrock.

Escarpment, nonbedrock (map symbol)

A relatively continuous and steep slope or cliff, generally produced by erosion but in some places produced by faulting, that breaks the continuity of more gently sloping land surfaces. Exposed earthy material is nonsoil or very shallow soil.

Esker

A long, narrow, sinuous, steep-sided ridge of stratified sand and gravel deposited as the bed of a stream flowing in an ice tunnel within or below the ice (subglacial) or between ice walls on top of the ice of a wasting glacier and left behind as high ground when the ice melted. Eskers range in length from less than a kilometer to more than 160 kilometers and in height from 3 to 30 meters.

Extrusive rock

Igneous rock derived from deep-seated molten matter (magma) deposited and cooled on the earth’s surface.

Fallow

Cropland left idle in order to restore productivity through accumulation of moisture. Summer fallow is common in regions of limited rainfall where cereal grain is grown.

The soil is tilled for at least one growing season for weed control and decomposition of plant residue.

Fan remnant

A general term for landforms that are the remaining parts of older fan landforms, such as alluvial fans, that have been either dissected or partially buried.

Fertility, soil

The quality that enables a soil to provide plant nutrients, in adequate amounts and in proper balance, for the growth of specified plants when light, moisture, temperature, tilth, and other growth factors are favorable.

Fibric soil material (peat)

The least decomposed of all organic soil material. Peat contains a large amount of well preserved fiber that is readily identifiable according to botanical origin. Peat has the lowest bulk density and the highest water content at saturation of all organic soil material.

Field moisture capacity

The moisture content of a soil, expressed as a percentage of the ovendry weight, after the gravitational, or free, water has drained away; the field moisture content 2 or 3 days after a soaking rain; also called *normal field capacity, normal moisture capacity,* or *capillary capacity*.

Fill slope

A sloping surface consisting of excavated soil material from a road cut. It commonly is on the downhill side of the road.

Fine textured soil

Sandy clay, silty clay, or clay.

Firebreak

An area cleared of flammable material to stop or help control creeping or running fires. It also serves as a line from which to work and to facilitate the movement of firefighters and equipment. Designated roads also serve as firebreaks.

First bottom

An obsolete, informal term loosely applied to the lowest flood-plain steps that are subject to regular flooding.

Flaggy soil material

Material that has, by volume, 15 to 35 percent flagstones. Very flaggy soil material has 35 to 60 percent flagstones, and extremely flaggy soil material has more than 60 percent flagstones.

Flagstone

A thin fragment of sandstone, limestone, slate, shale, or (rarely) schist 6 to 15 inches (15 to 38 centimeters) long.

Flood plain

The nearly level plain that borders a stream and is subject to flooding unless protected artificially.

Flood-plain landforms

A variety of constructional and erosional features produced by stream channel migration and flooding. Examples include backswamps, flood-plain splays, meanders, meander belts, meander scrolls, oxbow lakes, and natural levees.

Flood-plain splay

A fan-shaped deposit or other outspread deposit formed where an overloaded stream breaks through a levee (natural or artificial) and deposits its material (commonly coarse grained) on the flood plain.

Flood-plain step

An essentially flat, terrace-like alluvial surface within a valley that is frequently covered by floodwater from the present stream; any approximately horizontal surface still actively modified by fluvial scour and/or deposition. May occur individually or as a series of steps.

Fluvial

Of or pertaining to rivers or streams; produced by stream or river action.

Foothills

A region of steeply sloping hills that fringes a mountain range or high-plateau escarpment. The hills have relief of as much as 1,000 feet (300 meters).

Footslope

The concave surface at the base of a hillslope. A footslope is a transition zone between upslope sites of erosion and transport (shoulders and backslopes) and downslope sites of deposition (toeslopes).

Forb

Any herbaceous plant not a grass or a sedge.

Forest cover

All trees and other woody plants (underbrush) covering the ground in a forest.

Forest type

A stand of trees similar in composition and development because of given physical and biological factors by which it may be differentiated from other stands.

Fragipan

A loamy, brittle subsurface horizon low in porosity and content of organic matter and low or moderate in clay but high in silt or very fine sand. A fragipan appears cemented and restricts roots. When dry, it is hard or very hard and has a higher bulk density than the horizon or horizons above. When moist, it tends to rupture suddenly under pressure rather than to deform slowly.

Genesis, soil

The mode of origin of the soil. Refers especially to the processes or soil-forming factors responsible for the formation of the solum, or true soil, from the unconsolidated parent material.

Gilgai

Commonly, a succession of microbasins and microknolls in nearly level areas or of microvalleys and microridges parallel with the slope. Typically, the microrelief of clayey soils that shrink and swell considerably with changes in moisture content.

Glaciofluvial deposits

Material moved by glaciers and subsequently sorted and deposited by streams flowing from the melting ice. The deposits are stratified and occur in the form of outwash plains, valley trains, deltas, kames, eskers, and kame terraces.

Glaciolacustrine deposits

Material ranging from fine clay to sand derived from glaciers and deposited in glacial lakes mainly by glacial meltwater. Many deposits are bedded or laminated.

Gleyed soil

Soil that formed under poor drainage, resulting in the reduction of iron and other elements in the profile and in gray colors.

Graded stripcropping

Growing crops in strips that grade toward a protected waterway.

Grassed waterway

A natural or constructed waterway, typically broad and shallow, seeded to grass as protection against erosion. Conducts surface water away from cropland.

Gravel

Rounded or angular fragments of rock as much as 3 inches (2 millimeters to 7.6 centimeters) in diameter. An individual piece is a pebble.

Gravel pit (map symbol)

An open excavation from which soil and underlying material have been removed and used, without crushing, as a source of sand or gravel.

Gravelly soil material

Material that has 15 to 35 percent, by volume, rounded or angular rock fragments, not prominently flattened, as much as 3 inches (7.6 centimeters) in diameter.

Gravelly spot (map symbol)

A spot where the surface layer has more than 35 percent, by volume, rock fragments that are mostly less than 3 inches in diameter in an area that has less than 15 percent rock fragments.

Green manure crop (agronomy)

A soil-improving crop grown to be plowed under in an early stage of maturity or soon after maturity.

Ground water

Water filling all the unblocked pores of the material below the water table.

Gully (map symbol)

A small, steep-sided channel caused by erosion and cut in unconsolidated materials by concentrated but intermittent flow of water. The distinction between a gully and a rill is one of depth. A gully generally is an obstacle to farm machinery and is too deep to be obliterated by ordinary tillage whereas a rill is of lesser depth and can be smoothed over by ordinary tillage.

Hard bedrock

Bedrock that cannot be excavated except by blasting or by the use of special equipment that is not commonly used in construction.

Hard to reclaim

Reclamation is difficult after the removal of soil for construction and other uses. Revegetation and erosion control are extremely difficult.

Hardpan

A hardened or cemented soil horizon, or layer. The soil material is sandy, loamy, or clayey and is cemented by iron oxide, silica, calcium carbonate, or other substance.

Head slope (geomorphology)

A geomorphic component of hills consisting of a laterally concave area of a hillside, especially at the head of a drainageway. The overland waterflow is converging.

Hemic soil material (mucky peat)

Organic soil material intermediate in degree of decomposition between the less decomposed fibric material and the more decomposed sapric material.

High-residue crops

Such crops as small grain and corn used for grain. If properly managed, residue from these crops can be used to control erosion until the next crop in the rotation is established. These crops return large amounts of organic matter to the soil.

Hill

A generic term for an elevated area of the land surface, rising as much as 1,000 feet above surrounding lowlands, commonly of limited summit area and having a well defined outline. Slopes are generally more than 15 percent. The distinction between a hill and a mountain is arbitrary and may depend on local usage.

Hillslope

A generic term for the steeper part of a hill between its summit and the drainage line, valley flat, or depression floor at the base of a hill.

Horizon, soil

A layer of soil, approximately parallel to the surface, having distinct characteristics produced by soil-forming processes. In the identification of soil horizons, an uppercase letter represents the major horizons. Numbers or lowercase letters that follow represent subdivisions of the major horizons. An explanation of the subdivisions is given in the “Soil Survey Manual.” The major horizons of mineral soil are as follows:

O horizon: An organic layer of fresh and decaying plant residue.

L horizon: A layer of organic and mineral limnic materials, including coprogenous earth (sedimentary peat), diatomaceous earth, and marl.

A horizon: The mineral horizon at or near the surface in which an accumulation of humified organic matter is mixed with the mineral material. Also, a plowed surface horizon, most of which was originally part of a B horizon.

E horizon: The mineral horizon in which the main feature is loss of silicate clay, iron, aluminum, or some combination of these.

B horizon: The mineral horizon below an A horizon. The B horizon is in part a layer of transition from the overlying A to the underlying C horizon. The B horizon also has distinctive characteristics, such as (1) accumulation of clay, sesquioxides, humus, or a combination of these; (2) prismatic or blocky structure; (3) redder or browner colors than those in the A horizon; or (4) a combination of these.

C horizon: The mineral horizon or layer, excluding indurated bedrock, that is little affected by soil-forming processes and does not have the properties typical of the overlying soil material. The material of a C horizon may be either like or unlike that in which the solum formed. If the material is known to differ from that in the solum, an Arabic numeral, commonly a 2, precedes the letter C.

Cr horizon: Soft, consolidated bedrock beneath the soil.

R layer: Consolidated bedrock beneath the soil. The bedrock commonly underlies a C horizon, but it can be directly below an A or a B horizon.

M layer: A root-limiting subsoil layer consisting of nearly continuous, horizontally oriented, human-manufactured materials.

W layer: A layer of water within or beneath the soil.

Humus

The well decomposed, more or less stable part of the organic matter in mineral soils.

Hydrologic soil groups

Refers to soils grouped according to their runoff potential. The soil properties that influence this potential are those that affect the minimum rate of water infiltration on a bare soil during periods after prolonged wetting when the soil is not frozen. These properties include depth to a seasonal high water table, the infiltration rate, and depth to a layer that significantly restricts the downward movement of water. The slope and the kind of plant cover are not considered but are separate factors in predicting runoff.

Igneous rock

Rock that was formed by cooling and solidification of magma and that has not been changed appreciably by weathering since its formation. Major varieties include plutonic and volcanic rock (e.g., andesite, basalt, and granite).

Illuviation

The movement of soil material from one horizon to another in the soil profile. Generally, material is removed from an upper horizon and deposited in a lower horizon.

Impervious soil

A soil through which water, air, or roots penetrate slowly or not at all. No soil is absolutely impervious to air and water all the time.

Increasers

Species in the climax vegetation that increase in amount as the more desirable plants are reduced by close grazing. Increasers commonly are the shorter plants and the less palatable to livestock.

Infiltration

The downward entry of water into the immediate surface of soil or other material, as contrasted with percolation, which is movement of water through soil layers or material.

Infiltration capacity

The maximum rate at which water can infiltrate into a soil under a given set of conditions.

Infiltration rate

The rate at which water penetrates the surface of the soil at any given instant, usually expressed in inches per hour. The rate can be limited by the infiltration capacity of the soil or the rate at which water is applied at the surface.

Intake rate

The average rate of water entering the soil under irrigation. Most soils have a fast initial rate; the rate decreases with application time. Therefore, intake rate for design purposes is not a constant but is a variable depending on the net irrigation application. The rate of water intake, in inches per hour, is expressed as follows:

Very low: Less than 0.2
Low: 0.2 to 0.4
Moderately low: 0.4 to 0.75
Moderate: 0.75 to 1.25
Moderately high: 1.25 to 1.75
High: 1.75 to 2.5
Very high: More than 2.5

Interfluve

A landform composed of the relatively undissected upland or ridge between two adjacent valleys containing streams flowing in the same general direction. An elevated area between two drainageways that sheds water to those drainageways.

Interfluve (geomorphology)

A geomorphic component of hills consisting of the uppermost, comparatively level or gently sloping area of a hill; shoulders of backwearing hillslopes can narrow the upland or can merge, resulting in a strongly convex shape.

Intermittent stream

A stream, or reach of a stream, that does not flow year-round but that is commonly dry for 3 or more months out of 12 and whose channel is generally below the local water table. It flows only during wet periods or when it receives ground-water discharge or long, continued contributions from melting snow or other surface and shallow subsurface sources.

Invaders

On range, plants that encroach into an area and grow after the climax vegetation has been reduced by grazing. Generally, plants invade following disturbance of the surface.

Iron depletions

See Redoximorphic features.

Irrigation

Application of water to soils to assist in production of crops. Methods of irrigation are:

Basin: Water is applied rapidly to nearly level plains surrounded by levees or dikes.

Border: Water is applied at the upper end of a strip in which the lateral flow of water is controlled by small earth ridges called border dikes, or borders.

Controlled flooding: Water is released at intervals from closely spaced field ditches and distributed uniformly over the field.

Corrugation: Water is applied to small, closely spaced furrows or ditches in fields of close-growing crops or in orchards so that it flows in only one direction.

Drip (or trickle): Water is applied slowly and under low pressure to the surface of the soil or into the soil through such applicators as emitters, porous tubing, or perforated pipe.

Furrow: Water is applied in small ditches made by cultivation implements. Furrows are used for tree and row crops.

Sprinkler: Water is sprayed over the soil surface through pipes or nozzles from a pressure system.

Subirrigation: Water is applied in open ditches or tile lines until the water table is raised enough to wet the soil.

Wild flooding: Water, released at high points, is allowed to flow onto an area without controlled distribution.

Kame

A low mound, knob, hummock, or short irregular ridge composed of stratified sand and gravel deposited by a subglacial stream as a fan or delta at the margin of a melting glacier; by a supraglacial stream in a low place or hole on the surface of the glacier; or as a ponded deposit on the surface or at the margin of stagnant ice.

Karst (topography)

A kind of topography that formed in limestone, gypsum, or other soluble rocks by dissolution and that is characterized by closed depressions, sinkholes, caves, and underground drainage.

Knoll

A small, low, rounded hill rising above adjacent landforms.

Ksat

See Saturated hydraulic conductivity.

Lacustrine deposit

Material deposited in lake water and exposed when the water level is lowered or the elevation of the land is raised.

Lake plain

A nearly level surface marking the floor of an extinct lake filled by well sorted, generally fine textured, stratified deposits, commonly containing varves.

Lake terrace

A narrow shelf, partly cut and partly built, produced along a lakeshore in front of a scarp line of low cliffs and later exposed when the water level falls.

Landfill (map symbol)

An area of accumulated waste products of human habitation, either above or below natural ground level.

Landslide

A general, encompassing term for most types of mass movement landforms and processes involving the downslope transport and outward deposition of soil and rock materials caused by gravitational forces; the movement may or may not involve saturated materials. The speed and distance of movement, as well as the amount of soil and rock material, vary greatly.

Large stones

Rock fragments 3 inches (7.6 centimeters) or more across. Large stones adversely affect the specified use of the soil.

Lava flow (map symbol)

A solidified, commonly lobate body of rock formed through lateral, surface outpouring of molten lava from a vent or fissure.

Leaching

The removal of soluble material from soil or other material by percolating water.

Levee (map symbol)

An embankment that confines or controls water, especially one built along the banks of a river to prevent overflow onto lowlands.

Linear extensibility

Refers to the change in length of an unconfined clod as moisture content is decreased from a moist to a dry state. Linear extensibility is used to determine the shrink-swell potential of soils. It is an expression of the volume change between the water content of the clod at $^{1}/_{3}$- or $^{1}/_{10}$-bar tension (33kPa or 10kPa tension) and oven dryness. Volume change is influenced by the amount and type of clay minerals in the soil. The volume change is the percent change for the whole soil. If it is expressed as a fraction, the resulting value is COLE, coefficient of linear extensibility.

Liquid limit

The moisture content at which the soil passes from a plastic to a liquid state.

Loam

Soil material that is 7 to 27 percent clay particles, 28 to 50 percent silt particles, and less than 52 percent sand particles.

Loess

Material transported and deposited by wind and consisting dominantly of silt-sized particles.

Low strength

The soil is not strong enough to support loads.

Low-residue crops

Such crops as corn used for silage, peas, beans, and potatoes. Residue from these crops is not adequate to control erosion until the next crop in the rotation is established. These crops return little organic matter to the soil.

Map unit

A map unit is a collection of areas defined and named the same in terms of their soil components or miscellaneous (nonsoil) areas or both. Each map unit differs in some respect from all others in a survey area, and each has a symbol that uniquely identifies the map unit on a soil map. Each individual polygon, point, or line so identified on the map is referred to as a delineation.

Map unit component

A distinct kind of soil, generally a phase of a taxonomic unit, or miscellaneous (nonsoil) area within a soil map unit. Components can be categorized as either major or minor. The names of major components are used to name the map unit. Each component of a map unit has a unique set of soil properties that differentiates

it from other components within the same map unit. Each is assigned a designated range in proportionate extent (percent) within the map unit.

Marl

An earthy, unconsolidated deposit consisting chiefly of calcium carbonate mixed with clay in approximately equal proportions; formed primarily under freshwater lacustrine conditions but also formed in more saline environments.

Marsh or swamp (map symbol)

A water-saturated, very poorly drained area that is intermittently or permanently covered by water. Sedges, cattails, and rushes are the dominant vegetation in marshes, and trees or shrubs are the dominant vegetation in swamps. Not used in map units where the named soils are poorly drained or very poorly drained.

Mass movement

A generic term for the dislodgment and downslope transport of soil and rock material as a unit under direct gravitational stress.

Masses

See Redoximorphic features.

Meander belt

The zone within which migration of a meandering channel occurs; the flood-plain area included between two imaginary lines drawn tangential to the outer bends of active channel loops.

Meander scar

A crescent-shaped, concave or linear mark on the face of a bluff or valley wall, produced by the lateral erosion of a meandering stream that impinged upon and undercut the bluff.

Meander scroll

One of a series of long, parallel, close-fitting, crescent-shaped ridges and troughs formed along the inner bank of a stream meander as the channel migrated laterally down-valley and toward the outer bank.

Mechanical treatment

Use of mechanical equipment for seeding, brush management, and other management practices.

Medium textured soil

Very fine sandy loam, loam, silt loam, or silt.

Mesa

A broad, nearly flat topped and commonly isolated landmass bounded by steep slopes or precipitous cliffs and capped by layers of resistant, nearly horizontal rocky material. The summit width is characteristically greater than the height of the bounding escarpments.

Metamorphic rock

Rock of any origin altered in mineralogical composition, chemical composition, or structure by heat, pressure, and movement at depth in the earth's crust. Nearly all such rocks are crystalline.

Mine or quarry (map symbol)

An open excavation from which soil and underlying material have been removed and in which bedrock is exposed. Also denotes surface openings to underground mines.

Mine spoil

An accumulation of displaced earthy material, rock, or other waste material removed during mining or excavation. Also called earthy fill.

Mineral soil

Soil that is mainly mineral material and low in organic material. Its bulk density is more than that of organic soil.

Minimum tillage

Only the tillage essential to crop production and prevention of soil damage.

Miscellaneous area

A kind of map unit that has little or no natural soil and supports little or no vegetation.

Miscellaneous water (map symbol)

Small, constructed bodies of water that are used for industrial, sanitary, or mining applications and that contain water most of the year.

Moderately coarse textured soil

Coarse sandy loam, sandy loam, or fine sandy loam.

Moderately fine textured soil

Clay loam, sandy clay loam, or silty clay loam.

Mollic epipedon

A thick, dark, humus-rich surface horizon (or horizons) that has high base saturation and pedogenic soil structure. It may include the upper part of the subsoil.

Moraine

In terms of glacial geology, a mound, ridge, or other topographically distinct accumulation of unsorted, unstratified drift, predominantly till, deposited primarily by the direct action of glacial ice in a variety of landforms. Also, a general term for a landform composed mainly of till (except for kame moraines, which are composed mainly of stratified outwash) that has been deposited by a glacier. Some types of moraines are disintegration, end, ground, kame, lateral, recessional, and terminal.

Morphology, soil

The physical makeup of the soil, including the texture, structure, porosity, consistence, color, and other physical, mineral, and biological properties of the various horizons, and the thickness and arrangement of those horizons in the soil profile.

Mottling, soil

Irregular spots of different colors that vary in number and size. Descriptive terms are as follows: abundance—*few, common,* and *many;* size—*fine, medium,* and *coarse;* and contrast—*faint, distinct,* and *prominent*. The size measurements are of the diameter along the greatest dimension. *Fine* indicates less than 5 millimeters (about 0.2 inch); *medium,* from 5 to 15 millimeters (about 0.2 to 0.6 inch); and *coarse,* more than 15 millimeters (about 0.6 inch).

Mountain

A generic term for an elevated area of the land surface, rising more than 1,000 feet (300 meters) above surrounding lowlands, commonly of restricted summit area (relative to a plateau) and generally having steep sides. A mountain can occur as a single, isolated mass or in a group forming a chain or range. Mountains are formed primarily by tectonic activity and/or volcanic action but can also be formed by differential erosion.

Muck

Dark, finely divided, well decomposed organic soil material. (See Sapric soil material.)

Mucky peat

See Hemic soil material.

Mudstone

A blocky or massive, fine grained sedimentary rock in which the proportions of clay and silt are approximately equal. Also, a general term for such material as clay, silt, claystone, siltstone, shale, and argillite and that should be used only when the amounts of clay and silt are not known or cannot be precisely identified.

Munsell notation

A designation of color by degrees of three simple variables—hue, value, and chroma. For example, a notation of 10YR 6/4 is a color with hue of 10YR, value of 6, and chroma of 4.

Natric horizon

A special kind of argillic horizon that contains enough exchangeable sodium to have an adverse effect on the physical condition of the subsoil.

Neutral soil

A soil having a pH value of 6.6 to 7.3. (See Reaction, soil.)

Nodules

See Redoximorphic features.

Nose slope (geomorphology)

A geomorphic component of hills consisting of the projecting end (laterally convex area) of a hillside. The overland waterflow is predominantly divergent. Nose slopes consist dominantly of colluvium and slope-wash sediments (for example, slope alluvium).

Nutrient, plant

Any element taken in by a plant essential to its growth. Plant nutrients are mainly nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, calcium, magnesium, sulfur, iron, manganese, copper, boron, and zinc obtained from the soil and carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen obtained from the air and water.

Organic matter

Plant and animal residue in the soil in various stages of decomposition. The content of organic matter in the surface layer is described as follows:

Very low: Less than 0.5 percent
Low: 0.5 to 1.0 percent
Moderately low: 1.0 to 2.0 percent
Moderate: 2.0 to 4.0 percent
High: 4.0 to 8.0 percent
Very high: More than 8.0 percent

Outwash

Stratified and sorted sediments (chiefly sand and gravel) removed or “washed out” from a glacier by meltwater streams and deposited in front of or beyond the end moraine or the margin of a glacier. The coarser material is deposited nearer to the ice.

Outwash plain

An extensive lowland area of coarse textured glaciofluvial material. An outwash plain is commonly smooth; where pitted, it generally is low in relief.

Paleoterrace

An erosional remnant of a terrace that retains the surface form and alluvial deposits of its origin but was not emplaced by, and commonly does not grade to, a present-day stream or drainage network.

Pan

A compact, dense layer in a soil that impedes the movement of water and the growth of roots. For example, *hardpan, fragipan, claypan, plowpan,* and *traffic pan*.

Parent material

The unconsolidated organic and mineral material in which soil forms.

Peat

Unconsolidated material, largely undecomposed organic matter, that has accumulated under excess moisture. (See Fibric soil material.)

Ped

An individual natural soil aggregate, such as a granule, a prism, or a block.

Pedisediment

A layer of sediment, eroded from the shoulder and backslope of an erosional slope, that lies on and is being (or was) transported across a gently sloping erosional surface at the foot of a receding hill or mountain slope.

Pedon

The smallest volume that can be called “a soil.” A pedon is three dimensional and large enough to permit study of all horizons. Its area ranges from about 10 to 100 square feet (1 square meter to 10 square meters), depending on the variability of the soil.

Percolation

The movement of water through the soil.

Perennial water (map symbol)

Small, natural or constructed lakes, ponds, or pits that contain water most of the year.

Permafrost

Ground, soil, or rock that remains at or below 0 degrees C for at least 2 years. It is defined on the basis of temperature and is not necessarily frozen.

pH value

A numerical designation of acidity and alkalinity in soil. (See Reaction, soil.)

Phase, soil

A subdivision of a soil series based on features that affect its use and management, such as slope, stoniness, and flooding.

Piping

Formation of subsurface tunnels or pipelike cavities by water moving through the soil.

Pitting

Pits caused by melting around ice. They form on the soil after plant cover is removed.

Plastic limit

The moisture content at which a soil changes from semisolid to plastic.

Plasticity index

The numerical difference between the liquid limit and the plastic limit; the range of moisture content within which the soil remains plastic.

Plateau (geomorphology)

A comparatively flat area of great extent and elevation; specifically, an extensive land region that is considerably elevated (more than 100 meters) above the adjacent lower lying terrain, is commonly limited on at least one side by an abrupt descent, and has a flat or nearly level surface. A comparatively large part of a plateau surface is near summit level.

Playa

The generally dry and nearly level lake plain that occupies the lowest parts of closed depressions, such as those on intermontane basin floors. Temporary flooding occurs primarily in response to precipitation and runoff. Playa deposits are fine grained and may or may not have a high water table and saline conditions.

Plinthite

The sesquioxide-rich, humus-poor, highly weathered mixture of clay with quartz and other diluents. It commonly appears as red mottles, usually in platy, polygonal, or reticulate patterns. Plinthite changes irreversibly to an ironstone hardpan or to irregular aggregates on repeated wetting and drying, especially if it is exposed also to heat from the sun. In a moist soil, plinthite can be cut with a spade. It is a form of laterite.

Plowpan

A compacted layer formed in the soil directly below the plowed layer.

Ponding

Standing water on soils in closed depressions. Unless the soils are artificially drained, the water can be removed only by percolation or evapotranspiration.

Poorly graded

Refers to a coarse grained soil or soil material consisting mainly of particles of nearly the same size. Because there is little difference in size of the particles, density can be increased only slightly by compaction.

Pore linings

See Redoximorphic features.

Potential native plant community

See Climax plant community.

Potential rooting depth (effective rooting depth)

Depth to which roots could penetrate if the content of moisture in the soil were adequate. The soil has no properties restricting the penetration of roots to this depth.

Prescribed burning

Deliberately burning an area for specific management purposes, under the appropriate conditions of weather and soil moisture and at the proper time of day.

Productivity, soil

The capability of a soil for producing a specified plant or sequence of plants under specific management.

Profile, soil

A vertical section of the soil extending through all its horizons and into the parent material.

Proper grazing use

Grazing at an intensity that maintains enough cover to protect the soil and maintain or improve the quantity and quality of the desirable vegetation. This practice increases the vigor and reproduction capacity of the key plants and promotes the accumulation of litter and mulch necessary to conserve soil and water.

Rangeland

Land on which the potential natural vegetation is predominantly grasses, grasslike plants, forbs, or shrubs suitable for grazing or browsing. It includes natural grasslands, savannas, many wetlands, some deserts, tundras, and areas that support certain forb and shrub communities.

Reaction, soil

A measure of acidity or alkalinity of a soil, expressed as pH values. A soil that tests to pH 7.0 is described as precisely neutral in reaction because it is neither acid nor alkaline. The degrees of acidity or alkalinity, expressed as pH values, are:

Ultra acid: Less than 3.5
Extremely acid: 3.5 to 4.4
Very strongly acid: 4.5 to 5.0
Strongly acid: 5.1 to 5.5
Moderately acid: 5.6 to 6.0
Slightly acid: 6.1 to 6.5
Neutral: 6.6 to 7.3
Slightly alkaline: 7.4 to 7.8
Moderately alkaline: 7.9 to 8.4
Strongly alkaline: 8.5 to 9.0
Very strongly alkaline: 9.1 and higher

Red beds

Sedimentary strata that are mainly red and are made up largely of sandstone and shale.

Redoximorphic concentrations

See Redoximorphic features.

Redoximorphic depletions

See Redoximorphic features.

Redoximorphic features

Redoximorphic features are associated with wetness and result from alternating periods of reduction and oxidation of iron and manganese compounds in the soil. Reduction occurs during saturation with water, and oxidation occurs when the soil is not saturated. Characteristic color patterns are created by these processes. The reduced iron and manganese ions may be removed from a soil if vertical or lateral fluxes of water occur, in which case there is no iron or manganese precipitation in that soil. Wherever the iron and manganese are oxidized and precipitated, they form either soft masses or hard concretions or nodules. Movement of iron and manganese as a result of redoximorphic processes in a soil may result in redoximorphic features that are defined as follows:

1. Redoximorphic concentrations.—These are zones of apparent accumulation of iron-manganese oxides, including:
2. Redoximorphic depletions.—These are zones of low chroma (chromas less than those in the matrix) where either iron-manganese oxides alone or both iron-manganese oxides and clay have been stripped out, including:
3. Reduced matrix.—This is a soil matrix that has low chroma *in situ* but undergoes a change in hue or chroma within 30 minutes after the soil material has been exposed to air.

Reduced matrix

See Redoximorphic features.

Regolith

All unconsolidated earth materials above the solid bedrock. It includes material weathered in place from all kinds of bedrock and alluvial, glacial, eolian, lacustrine, and pyroclastic deposits.

Relief

The relative difference in elevation between the upland summits and the lowlands or valleys of a given region.

Residuum (residual soil material)

Unconsolidated, weathered or partly weathered mineral material that accumulated as bedrock disintegrated in place.

Rill

A very small, steep-sided channel resulting from erosion and cut in unconsolidated materials by concentrated but intermittent flow of water. A rill generally is not an obstacle to wheeled vehicles and is shallow enough to be smoothed over by ordinary tillage.

Riser

The vertical or steep side slope (e.g., escarpment) of terraces, flood-plain steps, or other stepped landforms; commonly a recurring part of a series of natural, steplike landforms, such as successive stream terraces.

Road cut

A sloping surface produced by mechanical means during road construction. It is commonly on the uphill side of the road.

Rock fragments

Rock or mineral fragments having a diameter of 2 millimeters or more; for example, pebbles, cobbles, stones, and boulders.

Rock outcrop (map symbol)

An exposure of bedrock at the surface of the earth. Not used where the named soils of the surrounding map unit are shallow over bedrock or where “Rock outcrop” is a named component of the map unit.

Root zone

The part of the soil that can be penetrated by plant roots.

Runoff

The precipitation discharged into stream channels from an area. The water that flows off the surface of the land without sinking into the soil is called surface runoff. Water that enters the soil before reaching surface streams is called ground-water runoff or seepage flow from ground water.

Saline soil

A soil containing soluble salts in an amount that impairs growth of plants. A saline soil does not contain excess exchangeable sodium.

Saline spot (map symbol)

An area where the surface layer has an electrical conductivity of 8 mmhos/cm more than the surface layer of the named soils in the surrounding map unit. The surface layer of the surrounding soils has an electrical conductivity of 2 mmhos/cm or less.

Sand

As a soil separate, individual rock or mineral fragments from 0.05 millimeter to 2.0 millimeters in diameter. Most sand grains consist of quartz. As a soil textural class, a soil that is 85 percent or more sand and not more than 10 percent clay.

Sandstone

Sedimentary rock containing dominantly sand-sized particles.

Sandy spot (map symbol)

A spot where the surface layer is loamy fine sand or coarser in areas where the surface layer of the named soils in the surrounding map unit is very fine sandy loam or finer.

Sapric soil material (muck)

The most highly decomposed of all organic soil material. Muck has the least amount of plant fiber, the highest bulk density, and the lowest water content at saturation of all organic soil material.

Saturated hydraulic conductivity (Ksat)

The ease with which pores of a saturated soil transmit water. Formally, the proportionality coefficient that expresses the relationship of the rate of water movement to hydraulic gradient in Darcy's Law, a law that describes the rate of water movement through porous media. Commonly abbreviated as "Ksat." Terms describing saturated hydraulic conductivity are:

Very high: 100 or more micrometers per second (14.17 or more inches per hour)

High: 10 to 100 micrometers per second (1.417 to 14.17 inches per hour)

Moderately high: 1 to 10 micrometers per second (0.1417 inch to 1.417 inches per hour)

Moderately low: 0.1 to 1 micrometer per second (0.01417 to 0.1417 inch per hour)

Low: 0.01 to 0.1 micrometer per second (0.001417 to 0.01417 inch per hour)

Very low: Less than 0.01 micrometer per second (less than 0.001417 inch per hour).

To convert inches per hour to micrometers per second, multiply inches per hour by 7.0572. To convert micrometers per second to inches per hour, multiply micrometers per second by 0.1417.

Saturation

Wetness characterized by zero or positive pressure of the soil water. Under conditions of saturation, the water will flow from the soil matrix into an unlined auger hole.

Scarification

The act of abrading, scratching, loosening, crushing, or modifying the surface to increase water absorption or to provide a more tillable soil.

Sedimentary rock

A consolidated deposit of clastic particles, chemical precipitates, or organic remains accumulated at or near the surface of the earth under normal low temperature and pressure conditions. Sedimentary rocks include consolidated equivalents of alluvium, colluvium, drift, and eolian, lacustrine, and marine deposits. Examples are sandstone, siltstone, mudstone, claystone, shale, conglomerate, limestone, dolomite, and coal.

Sequum

A sequence consisting of an illuvial horizon and the overlying eluvial horizon. (See Eluviation.)

Series, soil

A group of soils that have profiles that are almost alike, except for differences in texture of the surface layer. All the soils of a series have horizons that are similar in composition, thickness, and arrangement.

Severely eroded spot (map symbol)

An area where, on the average, 75 percent or more of the original surface layer has been lost because of accelerated erosion. Not used in map units in which “severely eroded,”“very severely eroded,” or “gullied” is part of the map unit name.

Shale

Sedimentary rock that formed by the hardening of a deposit of clay, silty clay, or silty clay loam and that has a tendency to split into thin layers.

Sheet erosion

The removal of a fairly uniform layer of soil material from the land surface by the action of rainfall and surface runoff.

Short, steep slope (map symbol)

A narrow area of soil having slopes that are at least two slope classes steeper than the slope class of the surrounding map unit.

Shoulder

The convex, erosional surface near the top of a hillslope. A shoulder is a transition from summit to backslope.

Shrink-swell

The shrinking of soil when dry and the swelling when wet. Shrinking and swelling can damage roads, dams, building foundations, and other structures. It can also damage plant roots.

Shrub-coppice dune

A small, streamlined dune that forms around brush and clump vegetation.

Side slope (geomorphology)

A geomorphic component of hills consisting of a laterally planar area of a hillside. The overland waterflow is predominantly parallel. Side slopes are dominantly colluvium and slope-wash sediments.

Silica

A combination of silicon and oxygen. The mineral form is called quartz.

Silica-sesquioxide ratio

The ratio of the number of molecules of silica to the number of molecules of alumina and iron oxide. The more highly weathered soils or their clay fractions in warm-temperate, humid regions, and especially those in the tropics, generally have a low ratio.

Silt

As a soil separate, individual mineral particles that range in diameter from the upper limit of clay (0.002 millimeter) to the lower limit of very fine sand (0.05 millimeter). As a soil textural class, soil that is 80 percent or more silt and less than 12 percent clay.

Siltstone

An indurated silt having the texture and composition of shale but lacking its fine lamination or fissility; a massive mudstone in which silt predominates over clay.

Similar soils

Soils that share limits of diagnostic criteria, behave and perform in a similar manner, and have similar conservation needs or management requirements for the major land uses in the survey area.

Sinkhole (map symbol)

A closed, circular or elliptical depression, commonly funnel shaped, characterized by subsurface drainage and formed either by dissolution of the surface of underlying bedrock (e.g., limestone, gypsum, or salt) or by collapse of underlying caves within bedrock. Complexes of sinkholes in carbonate-rock terrain are the main components of karst topography.

Site index

A designation of the quality of a forest site based on the height of the dominant stand at an arbitrarily chosen age. For example, if the average height attained by dominant and codominant trees in a fully stocked stand at the age of 50 years is 75 feet, the site index is 75.

Slickensides (pedogenic)

Grooved, striated, and/or glossy (shiny) slip faces on structural peds, such as wedges; produced by shrink-swell processes, most commonly in soils that have a high content of expansive clays.

Slide or slip (map symbol)

A prominent landform scar or ridge caused by fairly recent mass movement or descent of earthy material resulting from failure of earth or rock under shear stress along one or several surfaces.

Slope

The inclination of the land surface from the horizontal. Percentage of slope is the vertical distance divided by horizontal distance, then multiplied by 100. Thus, a slope of 20 percent is a drop of 20 feet in 100 feet of horizontal distance.

Slope alluvium

Sediment gradually transported down the slopes of mountains or hills primarily by nonchannel alluvial processes (i.e., slope-wash processes) and characterized by particle sorting. Lateral particle sorting is evident on long slopes. In a profile sequence, sediments may be distinguished by differences in size and/or specific gravity of rock fragments and may be separated by stone lines. Burnished peds

and sorting of rounded or subrounded pebbles or cobbles distinguish these materials from unsorted colluvial deposits.

Slow refill

The slow filling of ponds, resulting from restricted water transmission in the soil.

Slow water movement

Restricted downward movement of water through the soil. See Saturated hydraulic conductivity.

Sodic (alkali) soil

A soil having so high a degree of alkalinity (pH 8.5 or higher) or so high a percentage of exchangeable sodium (15 percent or more of the total exchangeable bases), or both, that plant growth is restricted.

Sodic spot (map symbol)

An area where the surface layer has a sodium adsorption ratio that is at least 10 more than that of the surface layer of the named soils in the surrounding map unit. The surface layer of the surrounding soils has a sodium adsorption ratio of 5 or less.

Sodicity

The degree to which a soil is affected by exchangeable sodium. Sodicity is expressed as a sodium adsorption ratio (SAR) of a saturation extract, or the ratio of Na^{+} to Ca^{++} + Mg^{++}. The degrees of sodicity and their respective ratios are:

Slight: Less than 13:1

Moderate: 13-30:1

Strong: More than 30:1

Sodium adsorption ratio (SAR)

A measure of the amount of sodium (Na) relative to calcium (Ca) and magnesium (Mg) in the water extract from saturated soil paste. It is the ratio of the Na concentration divided by the square root of one-half of the Ca + Mg concentration.

Soft bedrock

Bedrock that can be excavated with trenching machines, backhoes, small rippers, and other equipment commonly used in construction.

Soil

A natural, three-dimensional body at the earth's surface. It is capable of supporting plants and has properties resulting from the integrated effect of climate and living matter acting on earthy parent material, as conditioned by relief and by the passage of time.

Soil separates

Mineral particles less than 2 millimeters in equivalent diameter and ranging between specified size limits. The names and sizes, in millimeters, of separates recognized in the United States are as follows:

Very coarse sand: 2.0 to 1.0
Coarse sand: 1.0 to 0.5
Medium sand: 0.5 to 0.25
Fine sand: 0.25 to 0.10
Very fine sand: 0.10 to 0.05
Silt: 0.05 to 0.002
Clay: Less than 0.002

Solum

The upper part of a soil profile, above the C horizon, in which the processes of soil formation are active. The solum in soil consists of the A, E, and B horizons. Generally, the characteristics of the material in these horizons are unlike those of the material below the solum. The living roots and plant and animal activities are largely confined to the solum.

Spoil area (map symbol)

A pile of earthy materials, either smoothed or uneven, resulting from human activity.

Stone line

In a vertical cross section, a line formed by scattered fragments or a discrete layer of angular and subangular rock fragments (commonly a gravel- or cobble-sized lag concentration) that formerly was draped across a topographic surface and was later buried by additional sediments. A stone line generally caps material that was subject to weathering, soil formation, and erosion before burial. Many stone lines seem to be buried erosion pavements, originally formed by sheet and rill erosion across the land surface.

Stones

Rock fragments 10 to 24 inches (25 to 60 centimeters) in diameter if rounded or 15 to 24 inches (38 to 60 centimeters) in length if flat.

Stony

Refers to a soil containing stones in numbers that interfere with or prevent tillage.

Stony spot (map symbol)

A spot where 0.01 to 0.1 percent of the soil surface is covered by rock fragments that are more than 10 inches in diameter in areas where the surrounding soil has no surface stones.

Strath terrace

A type of stream terrace; formed as an erosional surface cut on bedrock and thinly mantled with stream deposits (alluvium).

Stream terrace

One of a series of platforms in a stream valley, flanking and more or less parallel to the stream channel, originally formed near the level of the stream; represents

the remnants of an abandoned flood plain, stream bed, or valley floor produced during a former state of fluvial erosion or deposition.

Stripcropping

Growing crops in a systematic arrangement of strips or bands that provide vegetative barriers to wind erosion and water erosion.

Structure, soil

The arrangement of primary soil particles into compound particles or aggregates. The principal forms of soil structure are:

Platy: Flat and laminated

Prismatic: Vertically elongated and having flat tops

Columnar: Vertically elongated and having rounded tops

Angular blocky: Having faces that intersect at sharp angles (planes)

Subangular blocky: Having subrounded and planar faces (no sharp angles)

Granular: Small structural units with curved or very irregular faces

Structureless soil horizons are defined as follows:

Single grained: Entirely noncoherent (each grain by itself), as in loose sand

Massive: Occurring as a coherent mass

Stubble mulch

Stubble or other crop residue left on the soil or partly worked into the soil. It protects the soil from wind erosion and water erosion after harvest, during preparation of a seedbed for the next crop, and during the early growing period of the new crop.

Subsoil

Technically, the B horizon; roughly, the part of the solum below plow depth.

Subsoiling

Tilling a soil below normal plow depth, ordinarily to shatter a hardpan or claypan.

Substratum

The part of the soil below the solum.

Subsurface layer

Any surface soil horizon (A, E, AB, or EB) below the surface layer.

Summer fallow

The tillage of uncropped land during the summer to control weeds and allow storage of moisture in the soil for the growth of a later crop. A practice common in semiarid regions, where annual precipitation is not enough to produce a crop every year. Summer fallow is frequently practiced before planting winter grain.

Summit

The topographically highest position of a hillslope. It has a nearly level (planar or only slightly convex) surface.

Surface layer

The soil ordinarily moved in tillage, or its equivalent in uncultivated soil, ranging in depth from 4 to 10 inches (10 to 25 centimeters). Frequently designated as the “plow layer,” or the “Ap horizon.”

Surface soil

The A, E, AB, and EB horizons, considered collectively. It includes all subdivisions of these horizons.

Talus

Rock fragments of any size or shape (commonly coarse and angular) derived from and lying at the base of a cliff or very steep rock slope. The accumulated mass of such loose broken rock formed chiefly by falling, rolling, or sliding.

Taxadjuncts

Soils that cannot be classified in a series recognized in the classification system. Such soils are named for a series they strongly resemble and are designated as taxadjuncts to that series because they differ in ways too small to be of consequence in interpreting their use and behavior. Soils are recognized as taxadjuncts only when one or more of their characteristics are slightly outside the range defined for the family of the series for which the soils are named.

Terminal moraine

An end moraine that marks the farthest advance of a glacier. It typically has the form of a massive arcuate or concentric ridge, or complex of ridges, and is underlain by till and other types of drift.

Terrace (conservation)

An embankment, or ridge, constructed across sloping soils on the contour or at a slight angle to the contour. The terrace intercepts surface runoff so that water soaks into the soil or flows slowly to a prepared outlet. A terrace in a field generally is built so that the field can be farmed. A terrace intended mainly for drainage has a deep channel that is maintained in permanent sod.

Terrace (geomorphology)

A steplike surface, bordering a valley floor or shoreline, that represents the former position of a flood plain, lake, or seashore. The term is usually applied both to the relatively flat summit surface (tread) that was cut or built by stream or wave action and to the steeper descending slope (scarp or riser) that has graded to a lower base level of erosion.

Terracettes

Small, irregular steplike forms on steep hillslopes, especially in pasture, formed by creep or erosion of surficial materials that may be induced or enhanced by trampling of livestock, such as sheep or cattle.

Texture, soil

The relative proportions of sand, silt, and clay particles in a mass of soil. The basic textural classes, in order of increasing proportion of fine particles, are *sand, loamy sand, sandy loam, loam, silt loam, silt, sandy clay loam, clay loam, silty clay loam, sandy clay, silty clay,* and *clay*. The sand, loamy sand, and sandy loam classes may be further divided by specifying “coarse,”“fine,” or “very fine.”

Thin layer

Otherwise suitable soil material that is too thin for the specified use.

Till

Dominantly unsorted and nonstratified drift, generally unconsolidated and deposited directly by a glacier without subsequent reworking by meltwater, and consisting of a heterogeneous mixture of clay, silt, sand, gravel, stones, and boulders; rock fragments of various lithologies are embedded within a finer matrix that can range from clay to sandy loam.

Till plain

An extensive area of level to gently undulating soils underlain predominantly by till and bounded at the distal end by subordinate recessional or end moraines.

Tilth, soil

The physical condition of the soil as related to tillage, seedbed preparation, seedling emergence, and root penetration.

Toeslope

The gently inclined surface at the base of a hillslope. Toeslopes in profile are commonly gentle and linear and are constructional surfaces forming the lower part of a hillslope continuum that grades to valley or closed-depression floors.

Topsoil

The upper part of the soil, which is the most favorable material for plant growth. It is ordinarily rich in organic matter and is used to topdress roadbanks, lawns, and land affected by mining.

Trace elements

Chemical elements, for example, zinc, cobalt, manganese, copper, and iron, in soils in extremely small amounts. They are essential to plant growth.

Tread

The flat to gently sloping, topmost, laterally extensive slope of terraces, flood-plain steps, or other stepped landforms; commonly a recurring part of a series of natural steplike landforms, such as successive stream terraces.

Tuff

A generic term for any consolidated or cemented deposit that is 50 percent or more volcanic ash.

Upland

An informal, general term for the higher ground of a region, in contrast with a low-lying adjacent area, such as a valley or plain, or for land at a higher elevation than the flood plain or low stream terrace; land above the footslope zone of the hillslope continuum.

Valley fill

The unconsolidated sediment deposited by any agent (water, wind, ice, or mass wasting) so as to fill or partly fill a valley.

Variegation

Refers to patterns of contrasting colors assumed to be inherited from the parent material rather than to be the result of poor drainage.

Varve

A sedimentary layer or a lamina or sequence of laminae deposited in a body of still water within a year. Specifically, a thin pair of graded glaciolacustrine layers seasonally deposited, usually by meltwater streams, in a glacial lake or other body of still water in front of a glacier.

Very stony spot (map symbol)

A spot where 0.1 to 3.0 percent of the soil surface is covered by rock fragments that are more than 10 inches in diameter in areas where the surface of the surrounding soil is covered by less than 0.01 percent stones.

Water bars

Smooth, shallow ditches or depressional areas that are excavated at an angle across a sloping road. They are used to reduce the downward velocity of water and divert it off and away from the road surface. Water bars can easily be driven over if constructed properly.

Weathering

All physical disintegration, chemical decomposition, and biologically induced changes in rocks or other deposits at or near the earth’s surface by atmospheric or biologic agents or by circulating surface waters but involving essentially no transport of the altered material.

Well graded

Refers to soil material consisting of coarse grained particles that are well distributed over a wide range in size or diameter. Such soil normally can be easily increased in density and bearing properties by compaction. Contrasts with poorly graded soil.

Wet spot (map symbol)

A somewhat poorly drained to very poorly drained area that is at least two drainage classes wetter than the named soils in the surrounding map unit.

Wilting point (or permanent wilting point)

The moisture content of soil, on an ovendry basis, at which a plant (specifically a sunflower) wilts so much that it does not recover when placed in a humid, dark chamber.

Windthrow

The uprooting and tipping over of trees by the wind.