

Digital Soils Information

A photograph of a forest floor with large rocks and fallen leaves, overlaid with a blue banner containing the title 'Digital Soils Information'. The background shows a dense forest with many thin, bare trees and a ground covered in brown leaves and large, flat, grey rocks. A blue banner at the top contains the title in white text. A smaller blue banner at the bottom right contains contact information in white text.

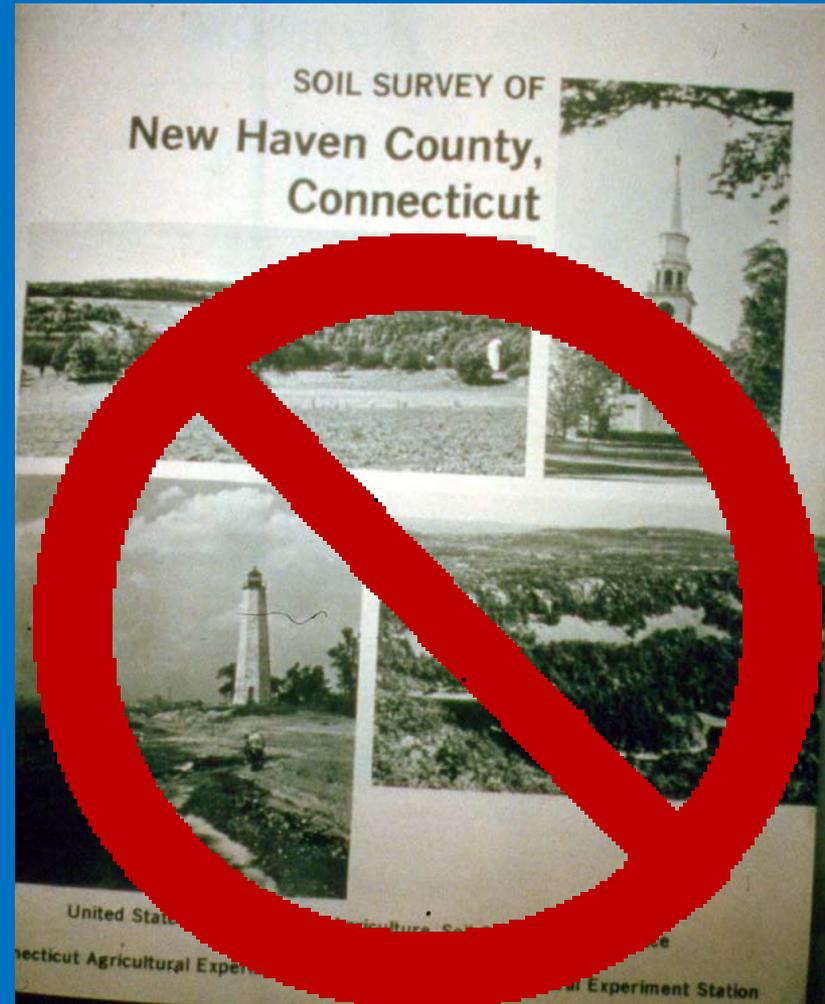
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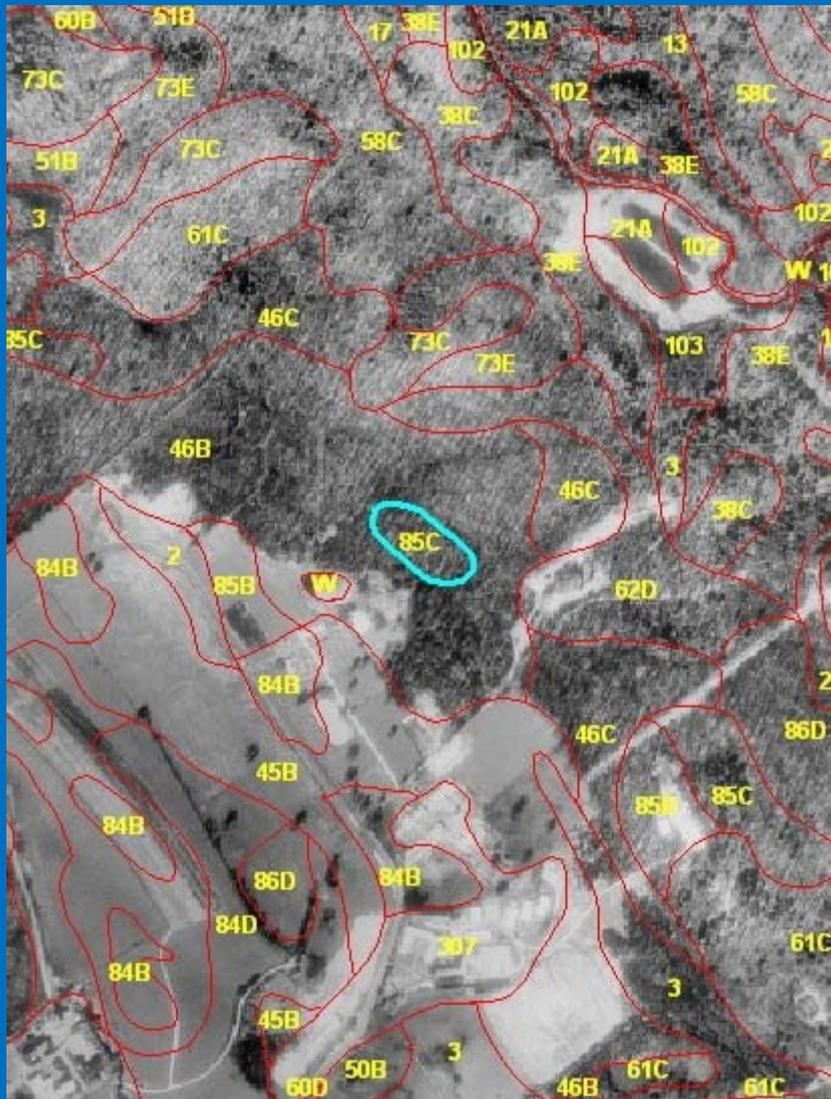


Soil Mapping

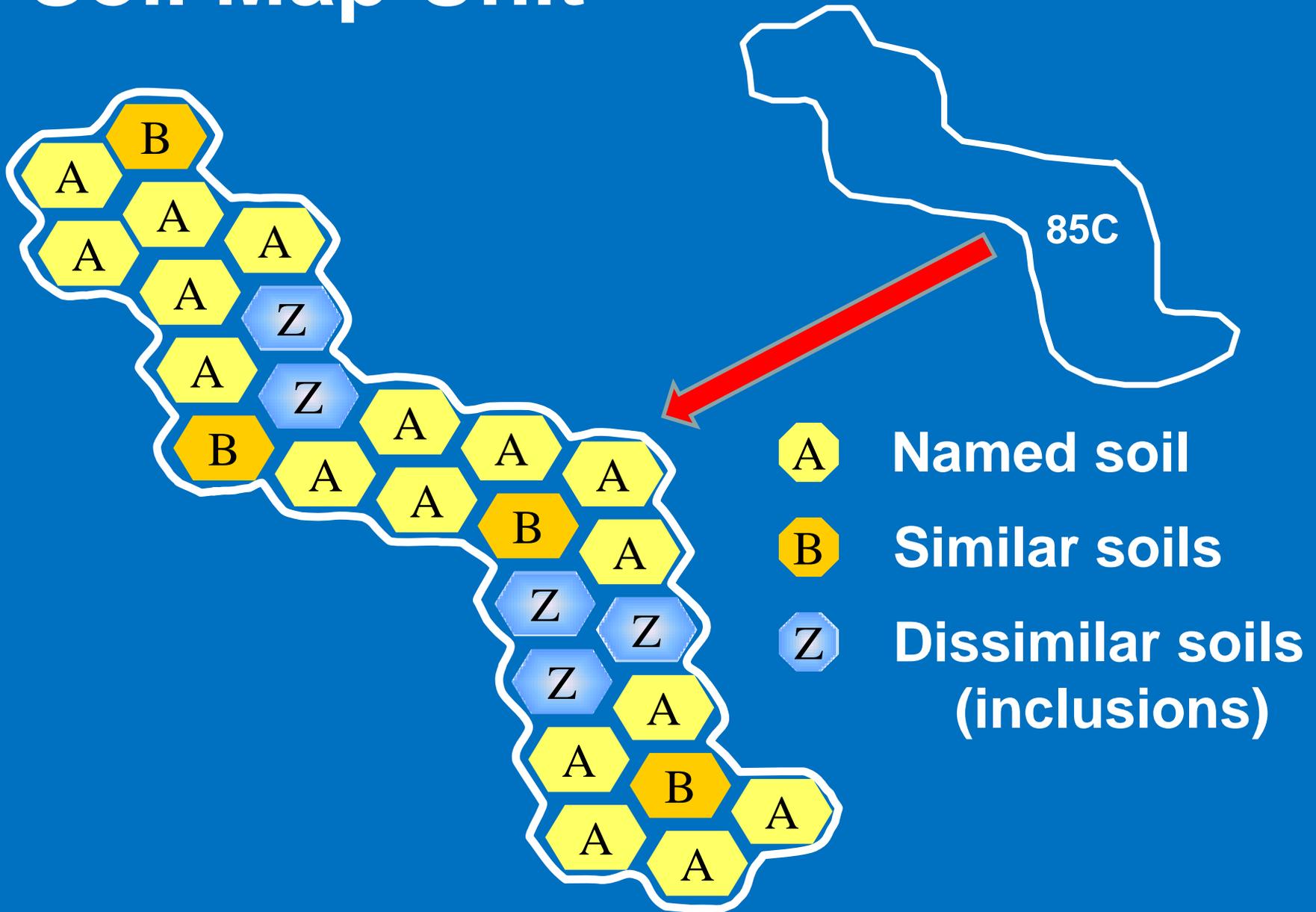


The digital *Soil Survey of the State of Connecticut*, dated July 15, 2005 or later, is the official soil survey for the state.



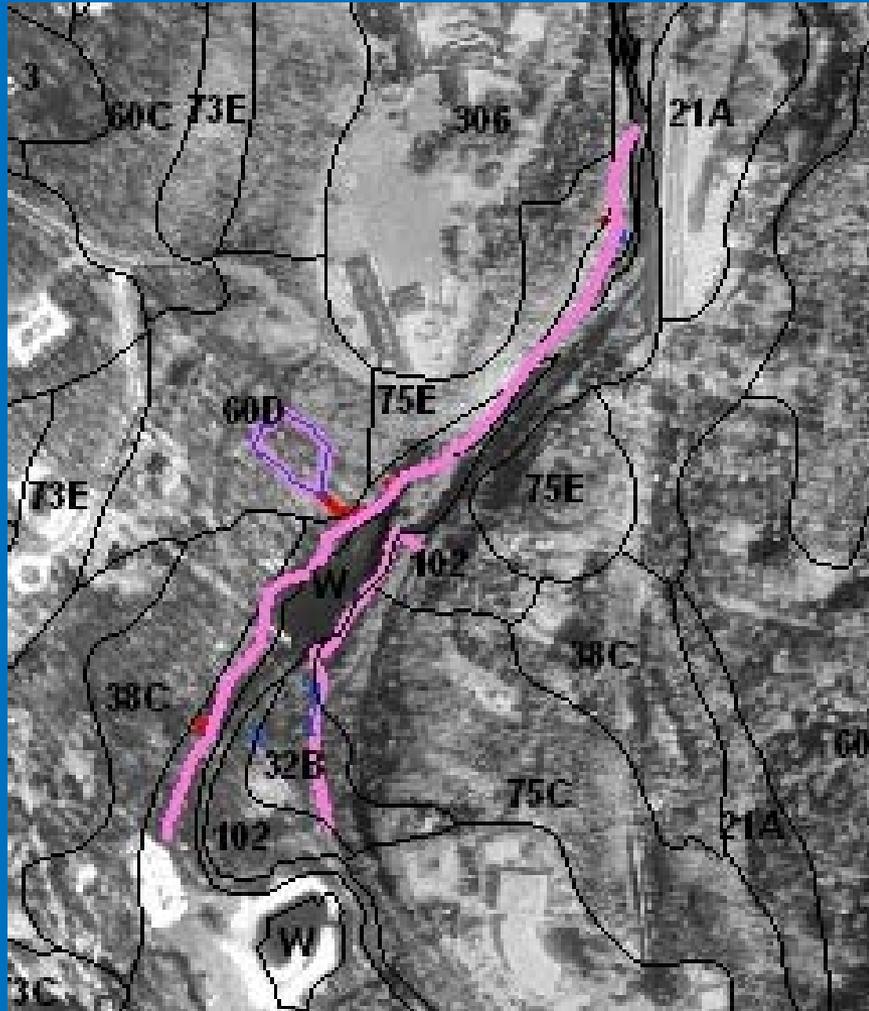


Soil Map Unit

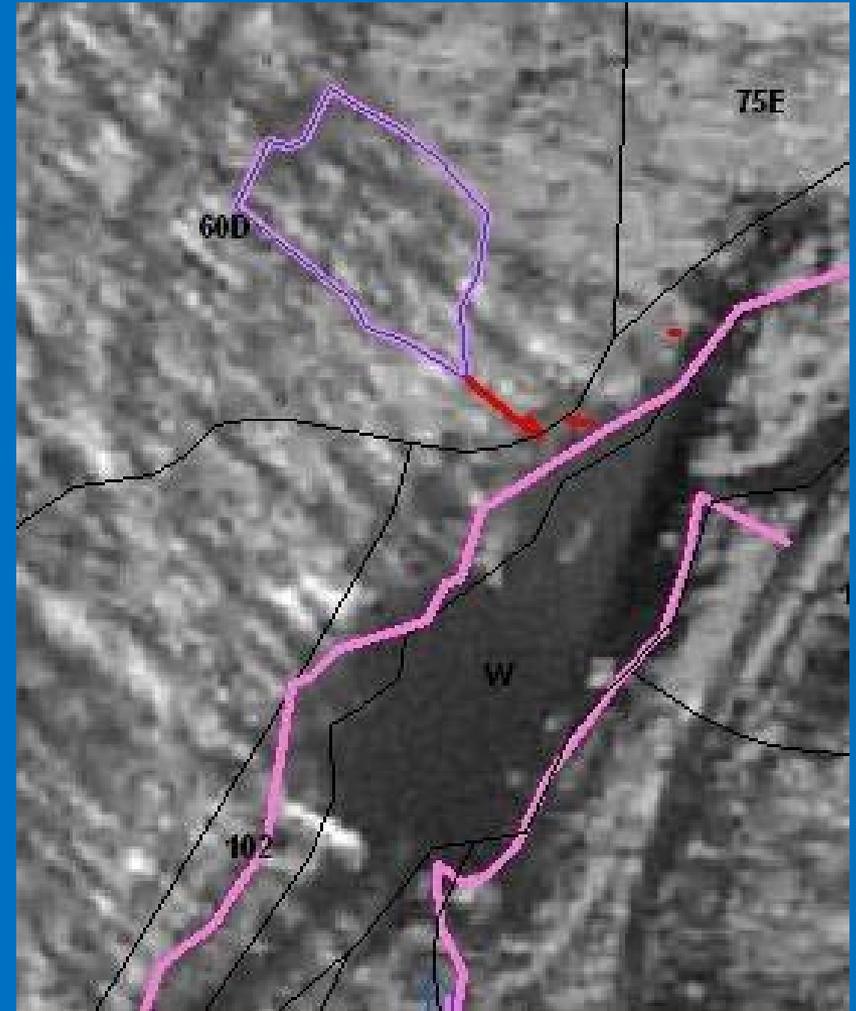




Map Scale



1:12,000 scale



1:3,000 scale

Official digital soils information may be obtained from NRCS:

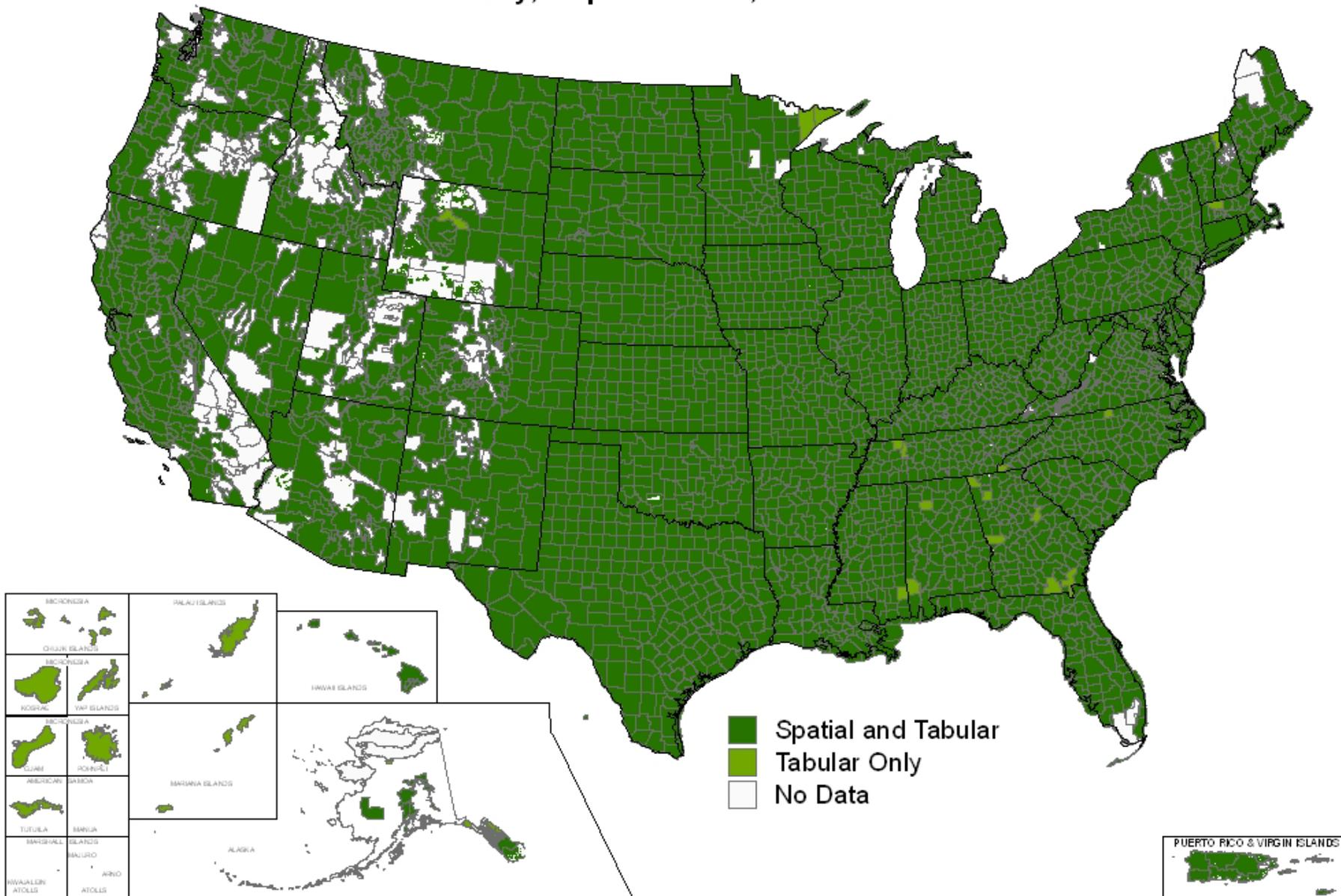
- Web Soil Survey – *users can create maps online, print the maps, and get soils information for their site*

<http://soils.usda.gov/survey>

- NRCS Soil Data Mart – *users can download spatial data for GIS use, tabular soils data, or generate soil reports online*

<http://soildatamart.nrcs.usda.gov>

Available Soil Survey Data Friday, September 30, 2011



WSS homepage - click on Start button

The image shows the homepage of the Web Soil Survey (WSS). At the top, there is a banner with the USDA logo, the text "United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service", and the title "Web Soil Survey" in large yellow letters. Below the banner is a navigation menu with links for "Home", "About Soils", "Help", and "Contact Us". A red arrow points from the top center towards a large green circular button labeled "START WSS".

You are here: [Web Soil Survey Home](#)

The simple yet powerful way to access and use soil data.

START WSS

Welcome to Web Soil Survey (WSS)

Web Soil Survey (WSS) provides soil data and information produced by the National Cooperative Soil Survey. It is operated by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and provides access to the largest natural resource information system in the world. NRCS has soil maps and data available online for more than 95 percent of the nation's counties and anticipates having 100 percent in the near future. The site is updated and maintained online as the single authoritative source of soil survey information.

Three Basic Steps

1. Define **Area of Interest (AOI)** Use the **Area of Interest** tab to define your area of interest.

Search

Enter Keywords

All NRCS Sites

Browse by Subject

- ▶ [Soils Home](#)
- ▶ [National Cooperative Soil Survey \(NCSS\)](#)
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- ▶ [Official Soil Series Descriptions \(OSD\)](#)
- ▶ [Soil Series Extent Mapping Tool](#)
- ▶ [Soil Data Mart](#)
- ▶ [Geospatial Data Gateway](#)
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- ▶ [National Soil Characterization Data](#)

I Want To...

- [Start Web Soil Survey \(WSS\)](#)
- [Know the requirements for running Web Soil Survey](#)
- [Know whether Web Soil Survey works in my web browser](#)
- [Know the Web Soil Survey hours of operation](#)
- [Find what areas of the U.S. have soil data](#)

Announcements/Events

- [Web Soil Survey Release History](#)

I Want Help With...

- [How to use Web Soil Survey](#)

Step 1: Define

or

The screenshot displays the USDA Web Soil Survey website. At the top, the USDA logo and navigation menu are visible. Below the menu, there are tabs for 'Area of Interest (AOI)', 'Soil Map', 'Soil Data Explorer', and 'Shopping Cart'. The 'Area of Interest (AOI)' tab is active, showing a 'Quick Navigation' panel on the left and an 'Area of Interest Interactive Map' on the right. The 'Quick Navigation' panel lists various search methods, with 'Navigate By...' circled in red. The 'Area of Interest Interactive Map' panel shows a map of the United States with state boundaries and a red AOI boundary. The map is titled 'Area of Interest Interactive Map' and includes a toolbar with navigation icons, a 'View Extent' dropdown set to 'Continental U.S.', and a 'Scale' dropdown set to '(not to scale)'. The map shows state abbreviations and a red boundary defining the area of interest.

USDA United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

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Area of Interest (AOI) | Soil Map | Soil Data Explorer | Shopping Cart

Quick Navigation
Navigate By...
Address
State and County
Soil Survey Area
Latitude and Longitude
PLSS (Section, Township, Range)
Bureau of Land Management
Department of Defense
Forest Service
National Park Service
Hydrologic Unit

Area of Interest Interactive Map
View Extent: Continental U.S.
Scale: (not to scale)

Delineate specific area with one of the two AOI tools

Contact Us | Download Soils Data | Archived Soil Surveys | Soil Survey Status | Glossary | Preferences | Logout | Help

Area of Interest (AOI) | Soil Map | Soil Data Explorer | Shopping Cart (Free)

Search

Area of Interest Properties

Clear AOI

AOI Information

Name

Map Unit Symbols

- Use Soil Survey Area Map Unit Symbols
- Use National Map Unit Symbols

Area (acres) 365.4

Soil Data Available from Web Soil Survey

State of Connecticut (CT600)

Soil Maps	Version 5, Dec 13, 2010
Soil Data	Version 8, Mar 31, 2011

Clear AOI

Quick Navigation

Navigate By...

Address

View

Area of Interest Interactive Map

Legend

View Extent Contiguous U.S. Scale 1:8,510 ± 1 %

0 1170ft

Step 2: View

Click on Soil Map tab



Area of Interest (AOI) **Soil Map** Soil Data Explorer Shopping Cart (Free)

Printable Version Add to Shopping Cart

Search

Map Unit Legend

State of Connecticut (CT600)

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
3	Ridgebury, Leicester, and Whitman soils, extremely stony	12.4	3.4%
5	Wilbraham silt loam	5.1	1.4%
6	Wilbraham and Menlo soils, extremely stony	16.3	4.5%
13	Walpole sandy loam	10.0	2.7%
18	Catden and Freetown soils	3.6	1.0%
37C	Manchester gravelly sandy loam, 3 to 15 percent slopes	0.4	0.1%
37E	Manchester	1.3	0.4%

Soil Map

Scale 1:7,920 ± 1 %

0 1088ft

Step 3: Explore



Area of Interest (AOI) | Soil Map | **Soil Data Explorer** | Shopping Cart (Free)

View Soil Information By Use: All Uses Printable Version Add to Shopping Cart

Intro to Soils | **Suitabilities and Limitations for Use** | Soil Properties and Qualities | Ecological Site Assessment | Soil Reports

Search ▼

Suitabilities and Limitations Ratings ▲

Open All Close All ?

Building Site Development ? ▲

- Corrosion of Concrete
- Corrosion of Steel
- Dwellings With Basements
- Dwellings Without Basements
- Local Roads and Streets
- Shallow Excavations
- Small Commercial Buildings

Construction Materials ? ▲

- Roadfill Source
- Topsoil Source

Disaster Recovery Planning ? ▼

Land Classifications ? ▲

- Conservation Tree and Shrub Group
- Ecological Site ID
- Ecological Site Name
- Farmland Classification
- Forage Suitability Group ID (Component Table)
- Hydric Rating by Map Unit

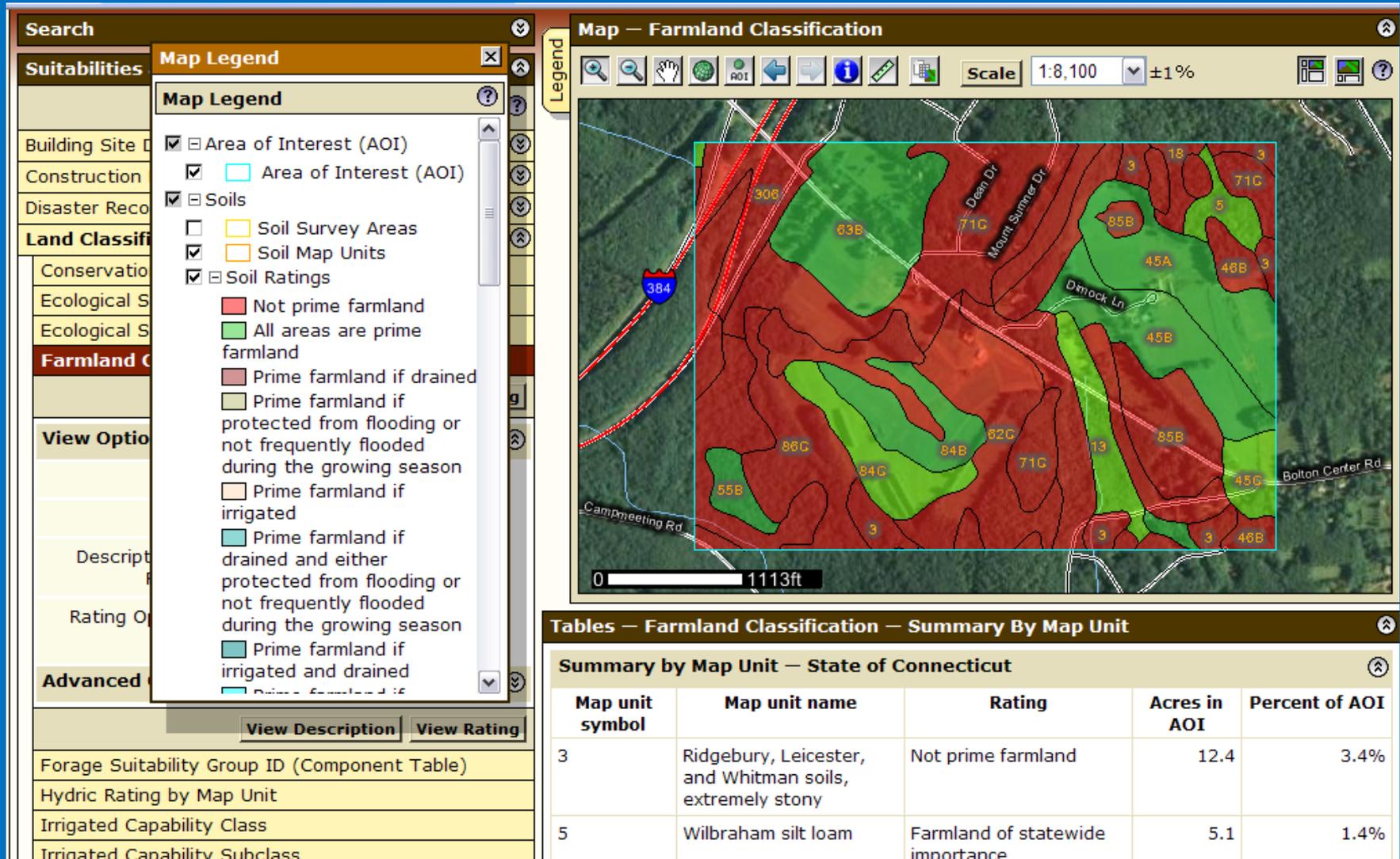
Soil Map ▲

Legend ?

Scale (not to scale) ▼

0 1222ft

Farmland Classification map



Drainage Class map

Intro to Soils Suitabilities and Limitations for Use **Soil Properties and Qualities** Ecological Site Assessment Soil Reports

Search **Map Legend**

Properties and Legend

Soil Chemical

Calcium Carbonate Cation-Exchange Capacity Effective Cation Exchange Capacity Electrical Conductivity Gypsum pH (1 to 14) Sodium Adsorption Ratio

Soil Erosion Factors

K Factor, Rock K Factor, Weathering T Factor Wind Erodibility Wind Erodibility Factor

Soil Physical Properties

Available Water Capacity Available Water Capacity Available Water Capacity Available Water Capacity Available Water Capacity

Map Legend

- Area of Interest (AOI)
- Soils
 - Soil Survey Areas
 - 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
 - Special Point Features
 - Special Line Features
- Political Features
- Federal Land
- Water Features
 - Oceans
 - Water
 - Streams and Canals
 - 8-Digit Hydrologic Units
- Transportation

Map – Drainage Class

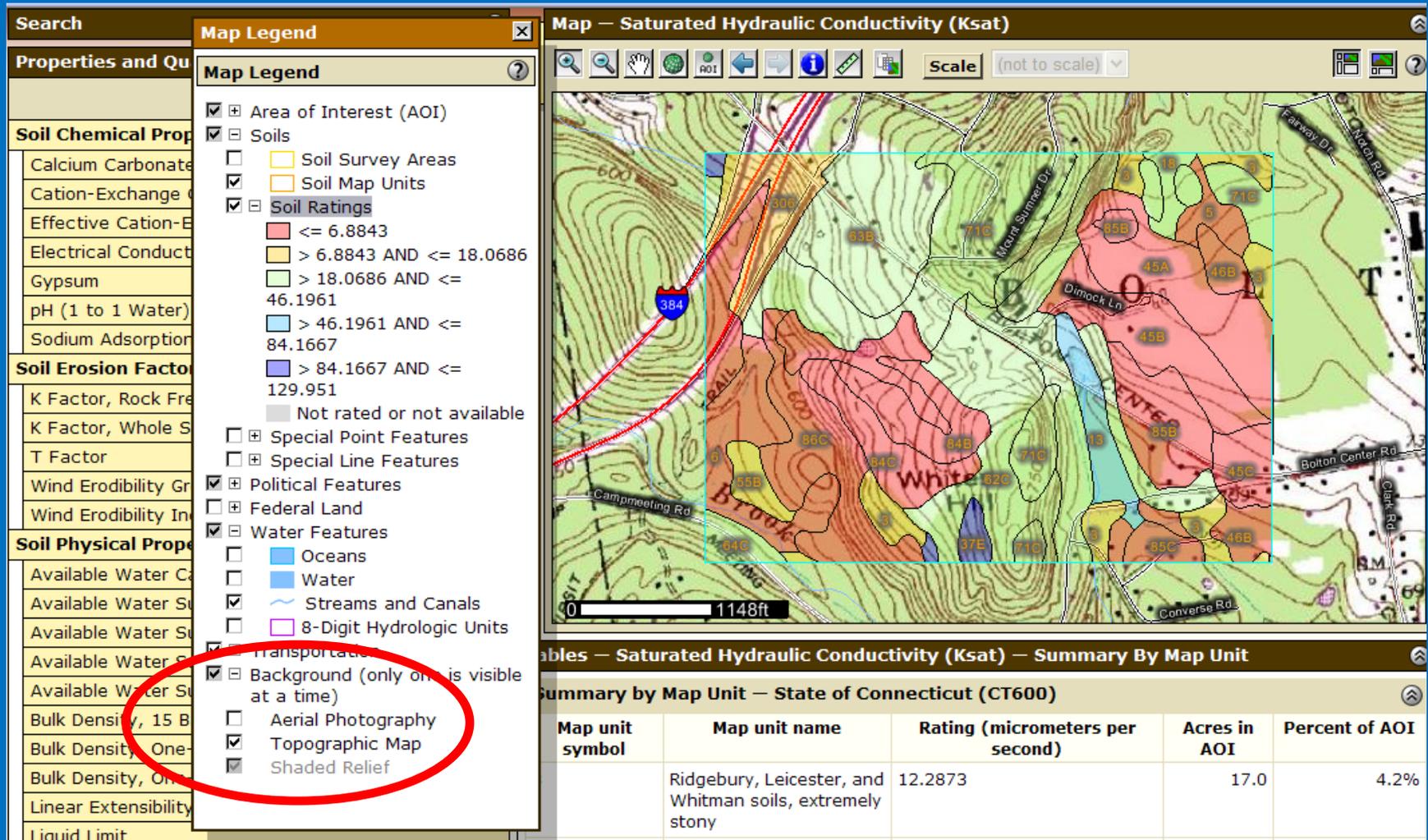
Scale: (not to scale)

Tables – Drainage Class – Summary By Map Unit

Summary by Map Unit – State of Connecticut (CT600)

Saturated Hydraulic Conductivity (ease of water movement)

upper 40 inches, topographic map background



Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating (micrometers per second)	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
	Ridgebury, Leicester, and Whitman soils, extremely stony	12.2873	17.0	4.2%

View Soil Information for: All Uses

- Intro to Soils
- Suitabilities and Limitations for Use
- Soil Properties and Qualities
- Soil Reports**
- Soil Survey Publications

Soil Reports

Open All Close All

AOI Inventory

- Component Legend
- Map Unit Description
- Map Unit Description (Brief)
- Map Unit Description (Brief, Generated)
- Selected Soil Interpretations**

View Description View Soil Report

Options

Select 1-3 soil interpretations

- FOR - Soil Rutting Hazard (CT)
- FOR - Soil Rutting Hazard with Slope (CT)
- GRL-Fencing, Post Depth =<24 inches
- GRL-Fencing, Post Depth =<36 inches
- HYDS-HYDRIC SOILS LIST
- Inland Wetlands (CT)

Report Title Selected Soil Interpretations

CT NRCS soil scientists have developed interpretive reports which reflect local criteria and conditions

Selected Soil Interpretations

State of Connecticut

[The information in this table indicates the dominant soil condition but does not eliminate the need for onsite investigation. The table lists five limitations for any given soil. The soil may have additional limitations]

Map symbol and soil name	Pct. of map unit	Inland Wetlands (CT)	
		Rating class and limiting features	Value
2:			
Ridgebury	80	CT wetland	
3:			
Ridgebury	40	CT wetland	
Leicester	35	CT wetland	
Whitman	15	CT wetland	

Custom Soil Reports

Area of Interest (AOI)

Soil Map

Soil Data Explorer

Shopping Cart

Check Out



Bookmarks

- Cover
- Preface
- Contents
- How Soil Surveys Are Made
- Soil Map
 - Soil Map
 - Legend
 - Map Unit Legend
- Map Unit Descriptions
 - State of Connecticut
- Soil Information for All Uses
 - Soil Properties and Qualities
 - Water Features
 - Depth to Water Table



A product of the National Cooperative Soil Survey, a joint effort of the United States Department of Agriculture and other Federal agencies, State agencies including the Agricultural Experiment Stations, and local participants

Custom Soil Resource Report for State of Connecticut

Camp Woodstock



August 30, 2010

Recent Updates to the WSS

- Bookmark AOI's as a web soil survey URL
- Export AOI as shapefile
- Import AOI from saved shapefile
- Latitude / Longitude quick navigation (can now cut and paste from Google Maps or Bing Maps or from a GPS system)

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NRCS Natural Resources Conservation Service
Connecticut

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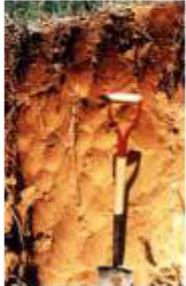
- National Soil Survey Program
- National Soil Survey Division
- Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation Project (RUSLE2)
- National Resources Inventory (NRI)
- World Soil Resources

Information About Soils

Online Connecticut Soil Survey Information

Some of the following documents require [Adobe Acrobat](#) .

- [Guide to Soil Interpretations Available for Connecticut on the Web Soil Survey](#) (121 KB) **(NEW)**
There are 250 major interpretive options available for users of Connecticut soil information on the Web Soil Survey (WSS). This guide lists the interpretations, where the interpretation is found on WSS, and whether the user can create a map and table for the interpretation.
- [Soil Survey of the State of Connecticut](#) (3.87 MB)
Complete manuscript including tables - no maps
- [NCSS Web Soil Survey](#) - Online Soil Survey Viewer (*official July 15, 2005*)
- [Connecticut Soil Data Mart](#) (Comprehensive Tabular and Spatial Data)
- [National Soil Data Mart](#)
- Connecticut Soil Survey - Manuscript and Maps



[Windsor Soil](#)
(Proposed State Soil)

CT Inland Wetland list

Locally Important Farmland lists

and more

Where to find interpretations in WSS

Soil Data Explorer Tab -- Web Soil Survey -- for Connecticut								
Soil Interpretation	Map or Table Name	Tab of Soil Data Explorer	Menu	Sub Menu	Map or Table	User Options		Notes
						Minor Soils	Depth Range	
AASHTO	AASHTO Group Classification, Surface	Soil Properties and Qualities	Soil Qualities and Features		M,T	•		
	Engineering Properties	Soil Reports	Soil Physical Properties		T	•		Interp uses typical depths
Animal Disposal	Catastrophic Mortality, Large Animal Disposal, Pit	Suitabilities and Limitations for Use	Disaster Recovery Planning		M,T	•		
	Catastrophic Mortality, Large Animal Disposal, Trench	Suitabilities and Limitations for Use	Disaster Recovery Planning		M,T	•		
	DHS - Catastrophic Mortality, Large Animal Disposal, Pit	Soil Reports	AOI Inventory	Selected Soil Interpretations	T	•		
	DHS - Catastrophic Mortality, Large Animal Disposal, Trench	Soil Reports	AOI Inventory	Selected Soil Interpretations	T	•		
	Large Animal Carcass Disposal	Soil Reports	Waste Management		T	•		
Available Water Capacity	Available Water Capacity	Soil Properties and Qualities	Soil Physical Properties		M,T	•	•	
	Available Water Capacity, 0 to 100 cm	Soil Properties and Qualities	Soil Physical Properties		M,T	•		
	Available Water Capacity, 0 to 150 cm	Soil Properties and Qualities	Soil Physical Properties		M,T	•		
	Available Water Capacity, 0 to 25 cm	Soil Properties and Qualities	Soil Physical Properties		M,T	•		
	Available Water Capacity, 0 to 50 cm	Soil Properties and Qualities	Soil Physical Properties		M,T	•		
	Physical Soil Properties	Soil Reports	Soil Physical Properties		T			Interp uses typical depths
Bivouac Areas	Bivouac Areas	Suitabilities and Limitations for Use	Military Operations		M,T	•		
	MIL-Bivouac Areas (DOD)	Soil Reports	AOI Inventory	Selected Soil Interpretations	T	•		
Buildings, Small Commercial	Small Commercial Buildings	Suitabilities and Limitations for Use	Building Site Development		M,T	•		
	ENG-Small Commercial Buildings	Soil Reports	AOI Inventory	Selected Soil Interpretations	T	•		
	Dwellings and Small Commercial Buildings	Soil Reports	Building Site Development		T	•		

Connecticut Environmental Conditions Online

Users can make maps online or download them!

CTECO Connecticut Environmental Conditions Online
Maps and Geospatial Data for Planning, Management, Education and Research

Find an Address | Find a Town | Find a Place | Print a Map | Data Layer Info

Results

Map Contents

- Parcels for Protected Open
- Elevation Contours
- CT 2000 Contours
- Coastal Resource Management
- Hurricane Surge Inundation
- Soils**
 - Soils
 - Farmland Soils
 - Hydric Soils
 - Inland Wetland Soils
 - Poorly Drained and Very Alluvial and Floodplain Sc
 - Soil Parent Material
 - Soil Potential for Subsurface
 - Soil Flooding Class
 - Soil Drainage Class
- Geology
 - Erosion Susceptibility
 - Surficial Materials
 - Quaternary Geology
- Imagery and Topo

The map view displays the Mansfield area, showing roads (e.g., Storrs Rd, Tower Loop Rd, Old Turnpike Rd), water bodies (Swan Lake, Roberts Brook), and various environmental layers. A scale bar at the bottom indicates distances up to 2520 feet. The 'Soils' layer is highlighted in purple on the map.

Soil Survey Apps

- Developed by Univ. of Calif. – Davis
- Access official USDA NRCS soils information (limited info available)
- Utilize iPhone and Android phones GPS systems to provide on-demand soils info
- Google Maps and Google Earth interfaces
- <http://casoilresource.lawr.ucdavis.edu>

When not to use a soil survey

- ✘ To regulate from – only a guide
- ✘ For site specific locations and applications
- ✘ In a disturbed area

