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Custom Soil Resource Report for Union County, Pennsylvania

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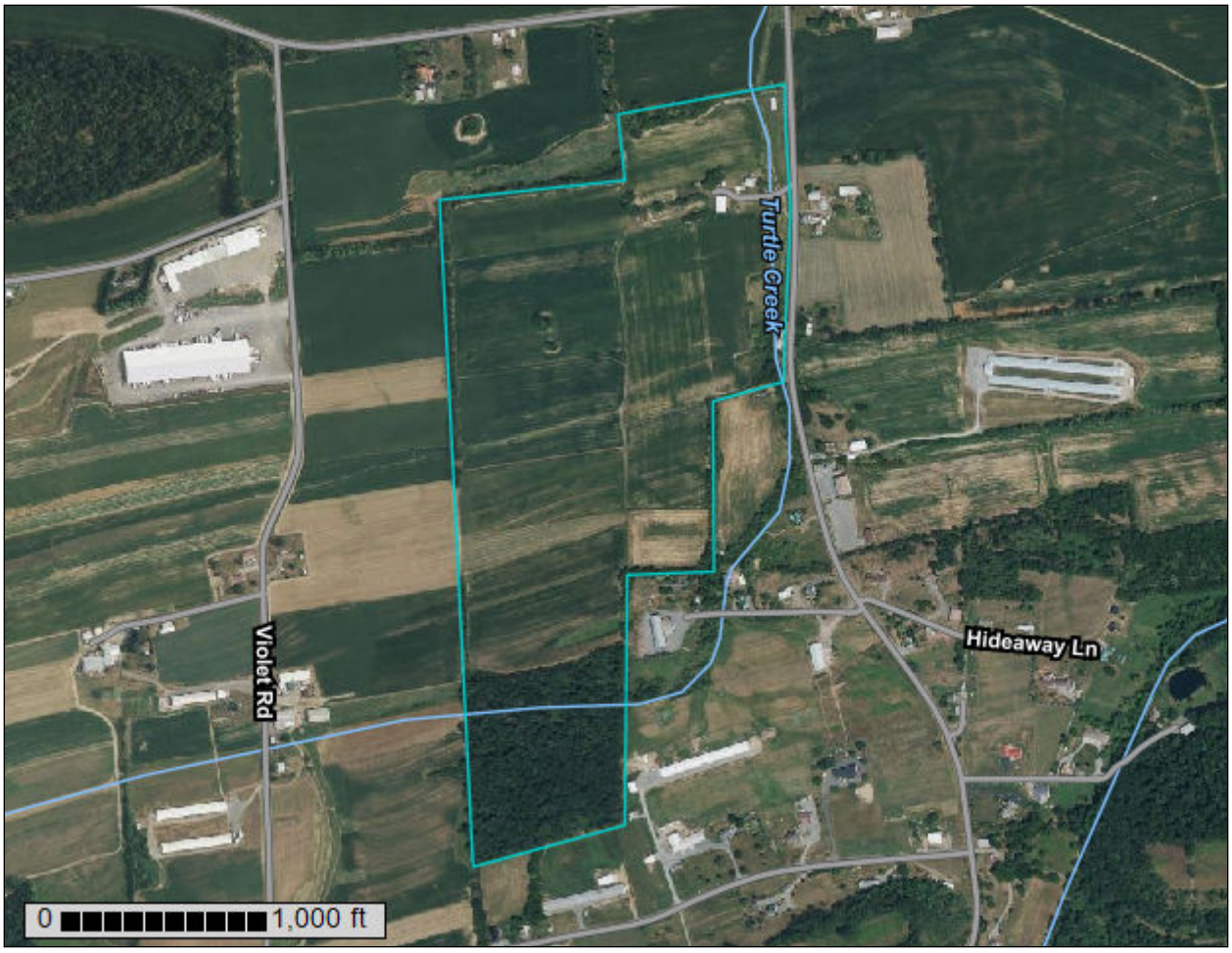

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Preface

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://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/soils/health/) and certain conservation and engineering applications. For more detailed information, contact your local USDA Service Center (https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs) or your NRCS State Soil Scientist (http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/soils/contactus/?cid=nrcs142p2_053951).

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 Web Soil Survey, the site for 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.

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MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:20,000.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

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

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service
Web Soil Survey URL:
Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

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

Soil Survey Area: Union County, Pennsylvania
Survey Area Data: Version 16, Sep 6, 2022

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Jul 6, 2020—Nov 7, 2020

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

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
AbB	Albrights silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	11.5	12.1%
ArB	Alvira silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	2.0	2.1%
BkC	Berks channery silt loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	0.0	0.0%
CaB	Calvin-Klinesville shaly silt loams, 3 to 8 percent slopes	3.8	4.0%
CaC	Calvin-Klinesville shaly silt loams, 8 to 15 percent slopes	0.4	0.4%
EdB	Edom complex, 3 to 8 percent slopes	32.9	34.5%
EdC	Edom complex, 8 to 15 percent slopes	11.0	11.5%
Hv	Holly silt loam	7.5	7.8%
WaB	Washington silt loam, wet substratum, 3 to 8 percent slopes	23.8	25.0%
WbB	Watson silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	2.3	2.5%
Totals for Area of Interest		**95.1**	**100.0%**

Map Unit Descriptions

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.

Union County, Pennsylvania

AbB—Albrights silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: l4tj
Elevation: 500 to 2,800 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 34 to 48 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 40 to 60 degrees F
Frost-free period: 130 to 220 days
Farmland classification: All areas are prime farmland

Map Unit Composition

Albrights and similar soils: 80 percent
Minor components: 20 percent
Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Albrights

Setting

Landform: Ridges
Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope, footslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Head slope
Down-slope shape: Convex
Across-slope shape: Concave
Parent material: Fine-loamy colluvium derived from sedimentary rock

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 10 inches: silt loam
H2 - 10 to 30 inches: clay loam
H3 - 30 to 60 inches: silt loam

Properties and qualities

Slope: 3 to 8 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 18 to 32 inches to fragipan
Drainage class: Moderately well drained
Runoff class: Medium
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high (0.20 to 0.60 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 12 to 28 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Very low (about 2.9 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified
Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 2e
Hydrologic Soil Group: C/D
Ecological site: F147XY002PA - Mixed Sedimentary Upland
Hydric soil rating: No

Minor Components

Meckesville

Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Mountain valleys

Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Lower third of mountainflank
Down-slope shape: Concave
Across-slope shape: Linear
Hydric soil rating: No

Leck kill

Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Hydric soil rating: No

Shelmadine

Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Drainageways
Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Base slope
Down-slope shape: Concave
Across-slope shape: Concave
Hydric soil rating: Yes

Alvira

Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Hillslopes
Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Interfluve
Down-slope shape: Concave
Across-slope shape: Concave
Hydric soil rating: No

ArB—Alvira silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: l4tq
Elevation: 390 to 1,870 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 36 to 56 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 46 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 130 to 160 days
Farmland classification: Farmland of statewide importance

Map Unit Composition

Alvira and similar soils: 82 percent
Minor components: 18 percent
Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Alvira

Setting

Landform: Hillslopes
Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Interfluve
Down-slope shape: Concave
Across-slope shape: Concave

Parent material: Till

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 9 inches: silt loam
H2 - 9 to 21 inches: gravelly silt loam
H3 - 21 to 60 inches: very gravelly silt loam

Properties and qualities

Slope: 3 to 8 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 15 to 28 inches to fragipan
Drainage class: Somewhat poorly drained
Runoff class: Very high
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately low to moderately high (0.06 to 0.20 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 6 to 18 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Low (about 3.5 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified
Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 3w
Hydrologic Soil Group: D
Ecological site: F147XY006PA - Mixed Limestone Lower Slope
Hydric soil rating: No

Minor Components

Watson

Percent of map unit: 10 percent
Hydric soil rating: No

Shelmadine

Percent of map unit: 8 percent
Landform: Drainageways
Hydric soil rating: Yes

BkC—Berks channery silt loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 2sgcg
Elevation: 320 to 3,570 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 37 to 50 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 47 to 56 degrees F
Frost-free period: 148 to 192 days
Farmland classification: Farmland of statewide importance

Map Unit Composition

Berks and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent
Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Berks

Setting

Landform: Mountain slopes, ridges
Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope, shoulder, summit
Landform position (three-dimensional): Upper third of mountainflank, side slope
Down-slope shape: Convex
Across-slope shape: Convex, linear
Parent material: Residuum weathered from shale and siltstone and/or fine grained sandstone

Typical profile

Ap - 0 to 8 inches: channery silt loam
Bw1 - 8 to 14 inches: very channery silt loam
Bw2 - 14 to 26 inches: very channery silt loam
C - 26 to 36 inches: extremely channery silt loam
R - 36 to 46 inches: bedrock

Properties and qualities

Slope: 8 to 15 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 20 to 40 inches to lithic bedrock
Drainage class: Well drained
Runoff class: Medium
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately low to high (0.06 to 5.95 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 1 percent
Gypsum, maximum content: 1 percent
Maximum salinity: Nonsaline (0.0 to 1.0 mmhos/cm)
Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum: 1.0
Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Very low (about 3.0 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified
Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 3e
Hydrologic Soil Group: B
Ecological site: F147XY008PA - Shallow Mixed Sedimentary Upland
Other vegetative classification: Dry Uplands (DU2), Dry Uplands (DU3)
Hydric soil rating: No

Minor Components

Weikert

Percent of map unit: 10 percent
Landform: Ridges
Landform position (two-dimensional): Shoulder, backslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Convex
Other vegetative classification: Droughty Shales (SD2)
Hydric soil rating: No

Brinkerton

Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Landform: Ridges
Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Base slope
Down-slope shape: Linear, concave
Across-slope shape: Concave, linear
Hydric soil rating: Yes

CaB—Calvin-Klinesville shaly silt loams, 3 to 8 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: l4v5
Elevation: 300 to 1,600 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 36 to 50 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 45 to 57 degrees F
Frost-free period: 120 to 217 days
Farmland classification: Farmland of statewide importance

Map Unit Composition

Calvin and similar soils: 50 percent
Klinesville and similar soils: 30 percent
Minor components: 20 percent
Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Calvin

Setting

Landform: Hillslopes
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope, crest
Down-slope shape: Convex
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Residuum weathered from siltstone

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 8 inches: channery silt loam
H2 - 8 to 25 inches: very channery silt loam
H3 - 25 to 30 inches: very channery silt loam
R - 30 to 34 inches: unweathered bedrock

Properties and qualities

Slope: 3 to 8 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 20 to 40 inches to lithic bedrock
Drainage class: Well drained
Runoff class: Medium
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 supply, 0 to 60 inches: Low (about 3.6 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified
Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 2e
Hydrologic Soil Group: B
Ecological site: F147XY008PA - Shallow Mixed Sedimentary Upland
Hydric soil rating: No

Description of Klinesville

Setting

Landform: Valleys, ridges
Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope, shoulder
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope
Down-slope shape: Convex
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Residuum weathered from siltstone

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 7 inches: channery silt loam
H2 - 7 to 11 inches: very channery silt loam
H3 - 11 to 15 inches: very channery silt loam
R - 15 to 19 inches: unweathered bedrock

Properties and qualities

Slope: 3 to 8 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 10 to 20 inches to lithic bedrock
Drainage class: Somewhat excessively drained
Runoff class: Medium
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 supply, 0 to 60 inches: Very low (about 1.3 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified
Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 3e
Hydrologic Soil Group: D
Ecological site: F147XY008PA - Shallow Mixed Sedimentary Upland
Hydric soil rating: No

Minor Components

Leck kill

Percent of map unit: 10 percent
Hydric soil rating: No

Berks

Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Hydric soil rating: No

Weikert

Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Hydric soil rating: No

CaC—Calvin-Klinesville shaly silt loams, 8 to 15 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: l4v6
Elevation: 300 to 1,600 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 36 to 50 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 45 to 57 degrees F
Frost-free period: 120 to 217 days
Farmland classification: Farmland of statewide importance

Map Unit Composition

Calvin and similar soils: 50 percent
Klinesville and similar soils: 30 percent
Minor components: 20 percent
Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Calvin

Setting

Landform: Hillslopes
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope, crest
Down-slope shape: Convex
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Residuum weathered from siltstone

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 8 inches: channery silt loam
H2 - 8 to 25 inches: very channery silt loam
H3 - 25 to 30 inches: very channery silt loam
R - 30 to 34 inches: unweathered bedrock

Properties and qualities

Slope: 8 to 15 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 20 to 40 inches to lithic bedrock
Drainage class: Well drained
Runoff class: Medium
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 supply, 0 to 60 inches: Low (about 3.6 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified
Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 3e
Hydrologic Soil Group: B
Ecological site: F147XY008PA - Shallow Mixed Sedimentary Upland
Hydric soil rating: No

Description of Klinesville

Setting

Landform: Valleys, ridges
Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope, shoulder
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope
Down-slope shape: Convex
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Residuum weathered from siltstone

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 7 inches: channery silt loam
H2 - 7 to 11 inches: very channery silt loam
H3 - 11 to 15 inches: very channery silt loam
R - 15 to 19 inches: unweathered bedrock

Properties and qualities

Slope: 8 to 15 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 10 to 20 inches to lithic bedrock
Drainage class: Somewhat excessively drained
Runoff class: Medium
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 supply, 0 to 60 inches: Very low (about 1.3 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified
Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 4e
Hydrologic Soil Group: D
Ecological site: F147XY008PA - Shallow Mixed Sedimentary Upland
Hydric soil rating: No

Minor Components

Leck kill

Percent of map unit: 10 percent
Hydric soil rating: No

Berks

Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Hydric soil rating: No

Weikert

Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Hydric soil rating: No

EdB—Edom complex, 3 to 8 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: l4vd
Elevation: 460 to 1,500 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 30 to 46 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 45 to 57 degrees F
Frost-free period: 140 to 210 days
Farmland classification: All areas are prime farmland

Map Unit Composition

Edom, deep and very deep, and similar soils: 45 percent
Edom, moderately deep, and similar soils: 35 percent
Minor components: 20 percent
Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Edom, Deep And Very Deep

Setting

Landform: Hillslopes
Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope
Down-slope shape: Convex
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Residuum weathered from limestone and shale

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 9 inches: channery silt loam
H2 - 9 to 39 inches: channery silty clay loam
H3 - 39 to 60 inches: very channery silty clay loam
R - 60 to 64 inches: unweathered bedrock

Properties and qualities

Slope: 3 to 8 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 40 to 100 inches to lithic bedrock
Drainage class: Well drained
Runoff class: Medium
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to high (0.20 to 2.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Low (about 5.4 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified
Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 2e
Hydrologic Soil Group: B
Ecological site: F147XY003PA - Mixed Limestone Upland

Hydric soil rating: No

Description of Edom, Moderately Deep

Setting

Landform: Hillslopes
Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope
Down-slope shape: Convex
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Residuum weathered from limestone and shale

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 9 inches: channery silt loam
H2 - 9 to 33 inches: channery silty clay loam
H3 - 33 to 35 inches: very channery silty clay loam
R - 35 to 39 inches: unweathered bedrock

Properties and qualities

Slope: 3 to 8 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 30 to 40 inches to lithic bedrock
Drainage class: Well drained
Runoff class: Medium
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to high (0.20 to 2.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Low (about 4.4 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified
Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 2e
Hydrologic Soil Group: C
Ecological site: F147XY003PA - Mixed Limestone Upland
Hydric soil rating: No

Minor Components

Hagerstown

Percent of map unit: 10 percent
Hydric soil rating: No

Washington

Percent of map unit: 10 percent
Landform: Valleys
Landform position (two-dimensional): Shoulder, backslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope
Hydric soil rating: No

EdC—Edom complex, 8 to 15 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: l4vf
Elevation: 460 to 1,500 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 30 to 46 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 45 to 57 degrees F
Frost-free period: 140 to 210 days
Farmland classification: Farmland of statewide importance

Map Unit Composition

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Description of Edom, Moderately Deep

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Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope
Down-slope shape: Convex
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Residuum weathered from limestone and shale

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Depth to restrictive feature: 40 to 100 inches to lithic bedrock
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Runoff class: Medium
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to high (0.20 to 2.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Low (about 5.4 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified
Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 3e
Hydrologic Soil Group: B
Ecological site: F147XY003PA - Mixed Limestone Upland

Hydric soil rating: No

Description of Edom, Deep And Very Deep

Setting

Landform: Hillslopes
Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope
Down-slope shape: Convex
Across-slope shape: Convex
Parent material: Residuum weathered from limestone and shale

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 9 inches: channery silt loam
H2 - 9 to 33 inches: channery silty clay loam
H3 - 33 to 35 inches: very channery silty clay loam
R - 35 to 39 inches: unweathered bedrock

Properties and qualities

Slope: 8 to 15 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 30 to 40 inches to lithic bedrock
Drainage class: Well drained
Runoff class: Medium
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to high (0.20 to 2.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Low (about 4.4 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified
Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 3e
Hydrologic Soil Group: C
Ecological site: F147XY003PA - Mixed Limestone Upland
Hydric soil rating: No

Minor Components

Hagerstown

Percent of map unit: 10 percent
Hydric soil rating: No

Washington

Percent of map unit: 10 percent
Landform: Valleys
Landform position (two-dimensional): Shoulder, backslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope
Hydric soil rating: No

Hv—Holly silt loam

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: l4w1
Elevation: 400 to 1,170 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 30 to 45 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 45 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 120 to 187 days
Farmland classification: Farmland of statewide importance

Map Unit Composition

Holly and similar soils: 90 percent
Minor components: 10 percent
Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Holly

Setting

Landform: Depressions on flood plains, backswamps
Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Base slope
Down-slope shape: Concave
Across-slope shape: Linear
Parent material: Loamy alluvium derived from sandstone and shale

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 11 inches: silt loam
H2 - 11 to 42 inches: silty clay loam
H3 - 42 to 60 inches: stratified very gravelly loamy sand

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 3 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Poorly drained
Runoff class: Very high
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to high (0.20 to 2.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 0 to 12 inches
Frequency of flooding: RareFrequent
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: High (about 11.0 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified
Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 4w
Hydrologic Soil Group: B/D
Ecological site: F147XY011PA - Poorly Drained Fine Mixed Floodplain
Hydric soil rating: Yes

Minor Components

Holly, ponded
Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Flood plains
Hydric soil rating: Yes

Basher
Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Hydric soil rating: No

WaB—Washington silt loam, wet substratum, 3 to 8 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting
National map unit symbol: l4x1
Elevation: 460 to 1,500 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 30 to 46 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 44 to 57 degrees F
Frost-free period: 130 to 210 days
Farmland classification: All areas are prime farmland

Map Unit Composition
Washington, wet substratum, and similar soils: 83 percent
Minor components: 17 percent
Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Washington, Wet Substratum

Setting
Landform: Valley sides
Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Base slope
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Parent material: Colluvium derived from limestone and/or old glacial drift

Typical profile
H1 - 0 to 8 inches: silt loam
H2 - 8 to 48 inches: gravelly clay loam
H3 - 48 to 62 inches: clay loam

Properties and qualities
Slope: 3 to 8 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Moderately well drained
Runoff class: Medium
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high (0.20 to 0.60 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 18 to 36 inches
Frequency of flooding: None

Frequency of ponding: None
Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: High (about 9.1 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified
Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 2e
Hydrologic Soil Group: C
Ecological site: F147XY003PA - Mixed Limestone Upland
Hydric soil rating: No

Minor Components

Kreamer

Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Valleys
Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Base slope, side slope
Down-slope shape: Concave
Across-slope shape: Concave
Hydric soil rating: No

Edom

Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Hillslopes
Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope
Down-slope shape: Convex
Across-slope shape: Convex
Hydric soil rating: No

Hagerstown

Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Hydric soil rating: No

Shelmadine

Percent of map unit: 2 percent
Landform: Drainageways
Hydric soil rating: Yes

WbB—Watson silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: l4x3
Elevation: 430 to 1,850 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 36 to 46 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 40 to 60 degrees F
Frost-free period: 130 to 180 days
Farmland classification: All areas are prime farmland

Map Unit Composition

Watson and similar soils: 80 percent

Minor components: 20 percent
Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Watson

Setting

Landform: Valley sides
Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Base slope
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Parent material: Old till derived from sedimentary rock

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 9 inches: silt loam
H2 - 9 to 27 inches: gravelly silty clay loam
H3 - 27 to 45 inches: gravelly clay loam
H4 - 45 to 61 inches: channery loam

Properties and qualities

Slope: 3 to 8 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Moderately well drained
Runoff class: High
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately low to moderately high (0.06 to 0.20 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 18 to 33 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Low (about 3.9 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified
Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 2e
Hydrologic Soil Group: C
Ecological site: F147XY006PA - Mixed Limestone Lower Slope
Hydric soil rating: No

Minor Components

Allenwood

Percent of map unit: 10 percent
Hydric soil rating: No

Shelmadine

Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Drainageways
Down-slope shape: Concave
Across-slope shape: Concave
Hydric soil rating: Yes

Alvira

Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Hillslopes
Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Interfluve
Down-slope shape: Concave
Across-slope shape: Concave

Hydric soil rating: No

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.

Farmland Classification

Farmland classification identifies map units as prime farmland, farmland of statewide importance, farmland of local importance, or unique farmland. It identifies the location and extent of the soils that are best suited to food, feed, fiber, forage, and oilseed crops. NRCS policy and procedures on prime and unique farmlands are published in the "Federal Register," Vol. 43, No. 21, January 31, 1978.


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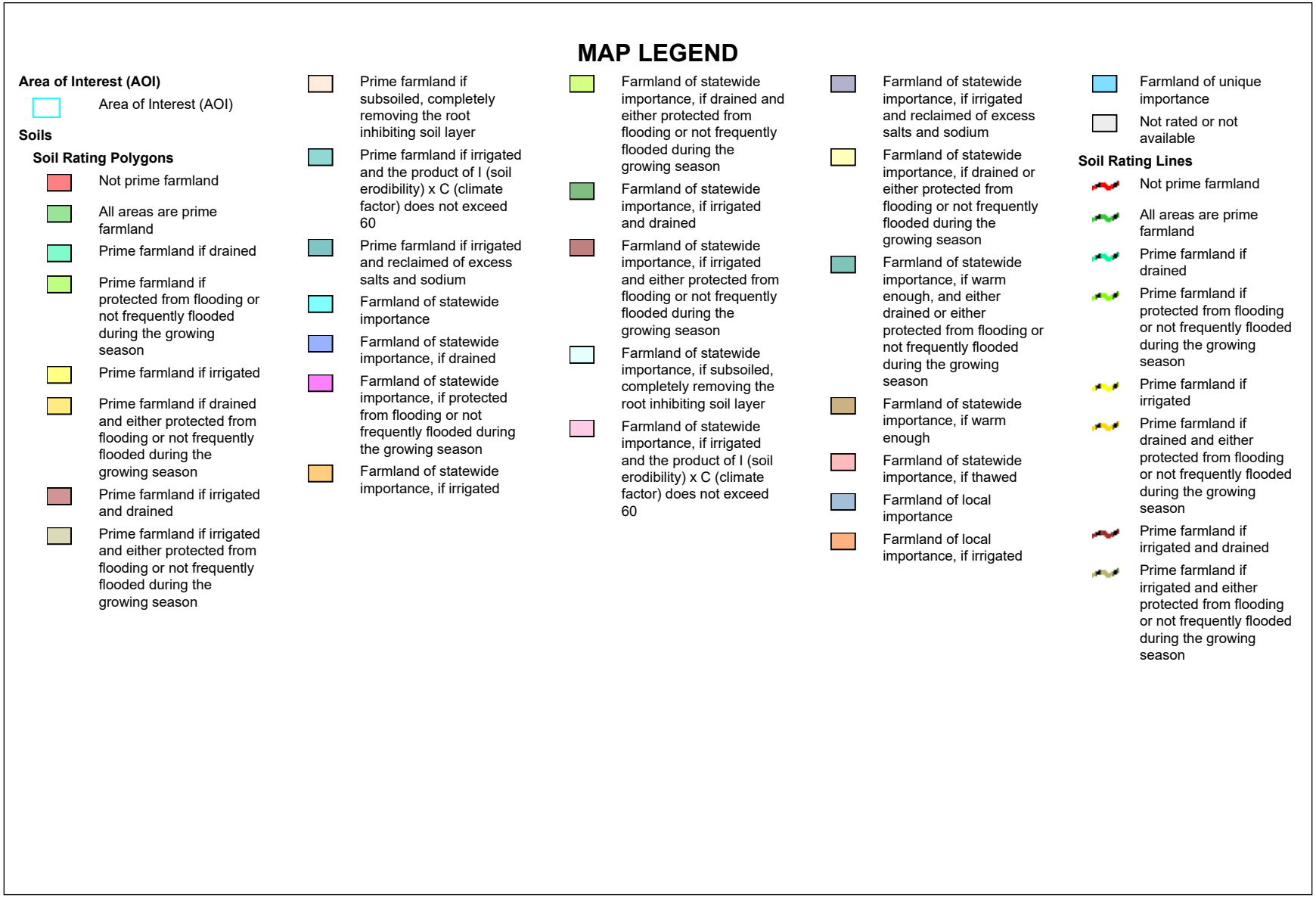
MAP LEGEND
Area of Interest (AOI)
Area of Interest (AOI)
Soils
Soil Rating Polygons
Not prime farmland
All areas are prime farmland
Prime farmland if drained
Prime farmland if protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season
Prime farmland if irrigated
Prime farmland if drained and either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season
Prime farmland if irrigated and drained
Prime farmland if irrigated and either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season
Prime farmland if subsoiled, completely removing the root inhibiting soil layer
Prime farmland if irrigated and the product of I (soil erodibility) x C (climate factor) does not exceed 60
Prime farmland if irrigated and reclaimed of excess salts and sodium
Farmland of statewide importance
Farmland of statewide importance, if drained
Farmland of statewide importance, if protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season
Farmland of statewide importance, if irrigated
Farmland of statewide importance, if drained and either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season
Farmland of statewide importance, if irrigated and drained
Farmland of statewide importance, if irrigated and either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season
Farmland of statewide importance, if subsoiled, completely removing the root inhibiting soil layer
Farmland of statewide importance, if irrigated and the product of I (soil erodibility) x C (climate factor) does not exceed 60
Farmland of statewide importance, if irrigated and reclaimed of excess salts and sodium
Farmland of statewide importance, if drained or either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season
Farmland of statewide importance, if warm enough, and either drained or either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season
Farmland of statewide importance, if warm enough
Farmland of statewide importance, if thawed
Farmland of local importance
Farmland of local importance, if irrigated
Farmland of unique importance
Not rated or not available
Soil Rating Lines
Not prime farmland
All areas are prime farmland
Prime farmland if drained
Prime farmland if protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season
Prime farmland if irrigated
Prime farmland if drained and either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season
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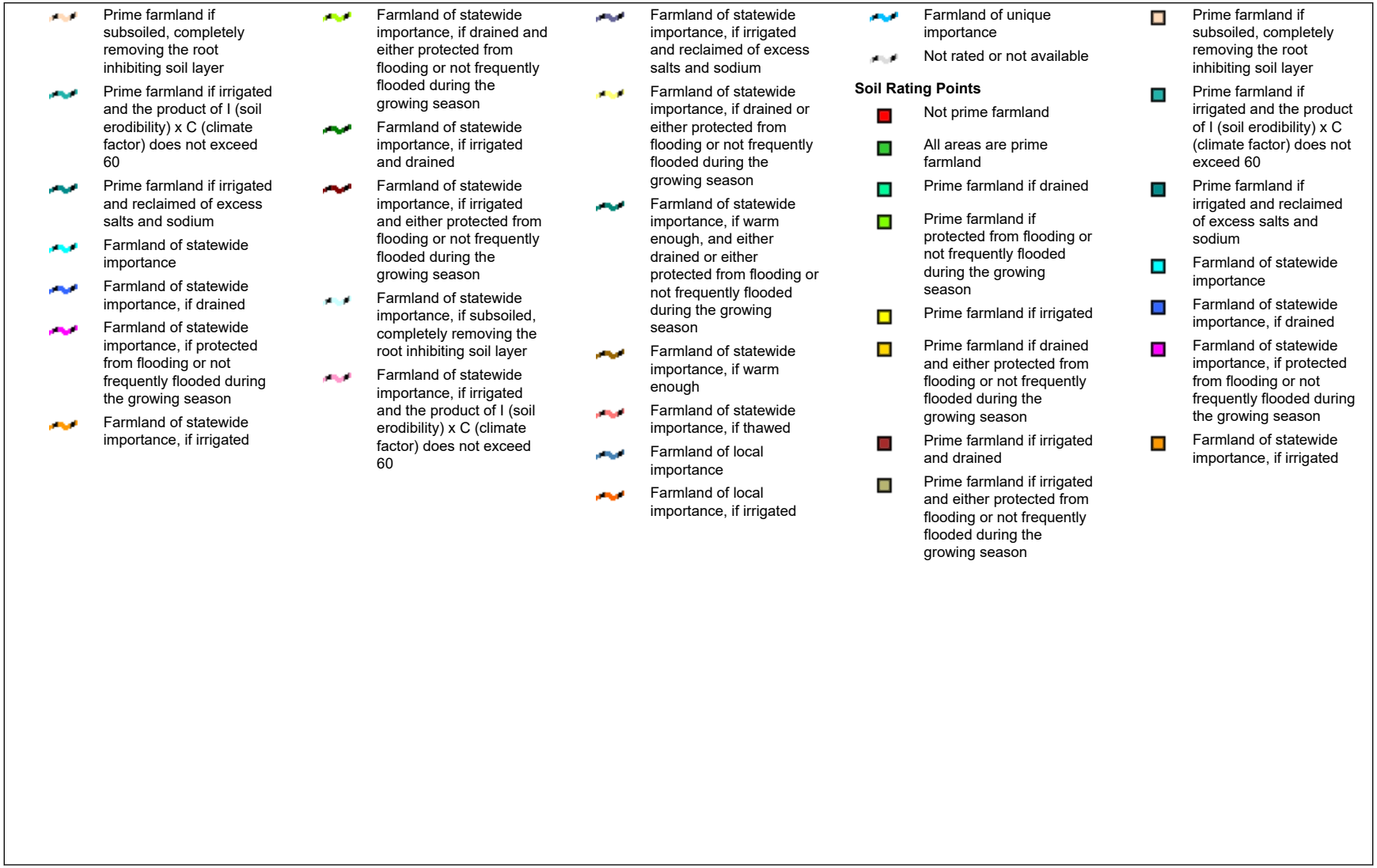
Prime farmland if subsoiled, completely removing the root inhibiting soil layer
Prime farmland if irrigated and the product of I (soil erodibility) x C (climate factor) does not exceed 60
Prime farmland if irrigated and reclaimed of excess salts and sodium
Farmland of statewide importance
Farmland of statewide importance, if drained
Farmland of statewide importance, if protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season
Farmland of statewide importance, if irrigated
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Farmland of statewide importance, if irrigated and reclaimed of excess salts and sodium
Farmland of statewide importance, if drained or either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season
Farmland of statewide importance, if warm enough, and either drained or either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season
Farmland of statewide importance, if warm enough
Farmland of statewide importance, if thawed
Farmland of local importance
Farmland of local importance, if irrigated
Farmland of unique importance
Not rated or not available
Soil Rating Points
Not prime farmland
All areas are prime farmland
Prime farmland if drained
Prime farmland if protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season
Prime farmland if irrigated
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- Farmland of statewide importance, if warm enough
- Farmland of statewide importance, if thawed
- Farmland of local importance
- Farmland of local importance, if irrigated
- Farmland of unique importance
- Not rated or not available

Water Features

- Streams and Canals

Transportation

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

Background

- Aerial Photography

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:20,000.

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Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service
Web Soil Survey URL:
Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

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Soil Survey Area: Union County, Pennsylvania
Survey Area Data: Version 16, Sep 6, 2022

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Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Jul 6, 2020—Nov 7, 2020

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Table—Farmland Classification

Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
AbB	Albrights silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	All areas are prime farmland	11.5	12.1%
ArB	Alvira silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Farmland of statewide importance	2.0	2.1%
BkC	Berks channery silt loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	Farmland of statewide importance	0.0	0.0%
CaB	Calvin-Klinesville shaly silt loams, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Farmland of statewide importance	3.8	4.0%
CaC	Calvin-Klinesville shaly silt loams, 8 to 15 percent slopes	Farmland of statewide importance	0.4	0.4%
EdB	Edom complex, 3 to 8 percent slopes	All areas are prime farmland	32.9	34.5%
EdC	Edom complex, 8 to 15 percent slopes	Farmland of statewide importance	11.0	11.5%
Hv	Holly silt loam	Farmland of statewide importance	7.5	7.8%
WaB	Washington silt loam, wet substratum, 3 to 8 percent slopes	All areas are prime farmland	23.8	25.0%
WbB	Watson silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	All areas are prime farmland	2.3	2.5%
Totals for Area of Interest			**95.1**	**100.0%**

Rating Options—Farmland Classification

Aggregation Method: No Aggregation Necessary

Tie-break Rule: Lower

Hydric Rating by Map Unit

This rating indicates the percentage 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 rated based on its respective components and the percentage of each component within the map unit.

The thematic map is color coded based on the composition of hydric components. The five color classes are separated as 100 percent hydric components, 66 to 99

percent hydric components, 33 to 65 percent hydric components, 1 to 32 percent hydric components, and less than one percent hydric components.

In Web Soil Survey, the Summary by Map Unit table that is displayed below the map pane contains a column named 'Rating'. In this column the percentage of each map unit that is classified as hydric is displayed.

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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Map—Hydric Rating by Map Unit

MAP LEGEND

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

Soils

Soil Rating Polygons
- Hydric (100%)
- Hydric (66 to 99%)
- Hydric (33 to 65%)
- Hydric (1 to 32%)
- Not Hydric (0%)
- Not rated or not available

Soil Rating Lines
- Hydric (100%)
- Hydric (66 to 99%)
- Hydric (33 to 65%)
- Hydric (1 to 32%)
- Not Hydric (0%)
- Not rated or not available

Soil Rating Points
- Hydric (100%)
- Hydric (66 to 99%)
- Hydric (33 to 65%)
- Hydric (1 to 32%)
- Not Hydric (0%)
- Not rated or not available

Water Features
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Transportation
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Background
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Table—Hydric Rating by Map Unit

Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
AbB	Albrights silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	5	11.5	12.1%
ArB	Alvira silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	8	2.0	2.1%
BkC	Berks channery silt loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	5	0.0	0.0%
CaB	Calvin-Klinesville shaly silt loams, 3 to 8 percent slopes	0	3.8	4.0%
CaC	Calvin-Klinesville shaly silt loams, 8 to 15 percent slopes	0	0.4	0.4%
EdB	Edom complex, 3 to 8 percent slopes	0	32.9	34.5%
EdC	Edom complex, 8 to 15 percent slopes	0	11.0	11.5%
Hv	Holly silt loam	95	7.5	7.8%
WaB	Washington silt loam, wet substratum, 3 to 8 percent slopes	2	23.8	25.0%
WbB	Watson silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	5	2.3	2.5%
Totals for Area of Interest			**95.1**	**100.0%**

Rating Options—Hydric Rating by Map Unit

Aggregation Method: Percent Present

Component Percent Cutoff: None Specified

Tie-break Rule: Lower

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.

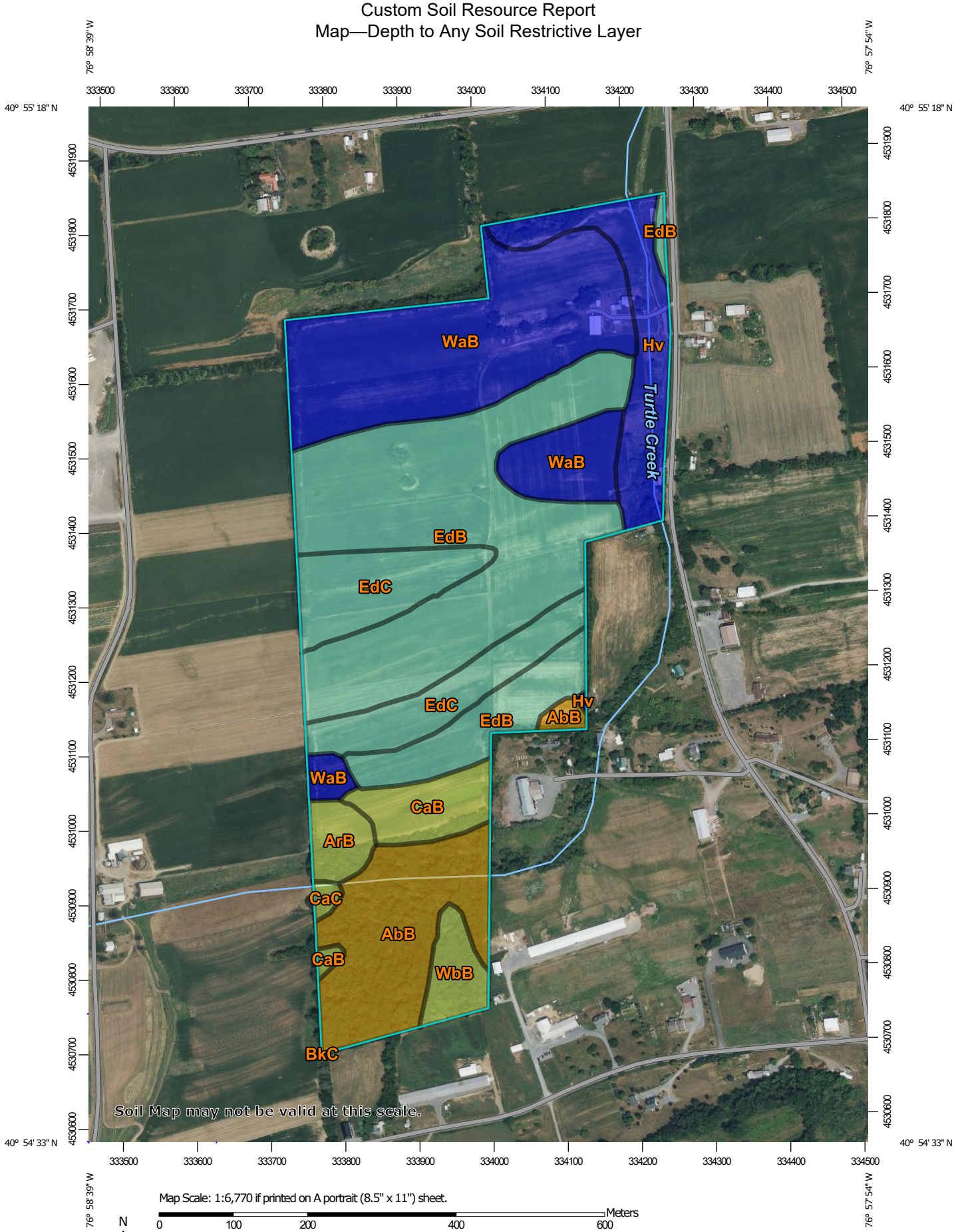
Depth to Any Soil Restrictive Layer

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 any type of restrictive layer that is described for each map unit. If more than one type of restrictive layer is described for an individual soil type, the depth to the shallowest one is presented. If no restrictive layer is described in a map unit, it is represented by the "greater than 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 Any Soil Restrictive Layer



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MAP LEGEND

Area of Interest (AOI)

Area of Interest (AOI)

Soils

Soil Rating Polygons

0 - 25

25 - 50

50 - 100

100 - 150

150 - 200

> 200

Not rated or not available

Soil Rating Lines

0 - 25

25 - 50

50 - 100

100 - 150

150 - 200

> 200

Not rated or not available

Soil Rating Points

0 - 25

25 - 50

50 - 100

100 - 150

150 - 200

> 200

Not rated or not available

Water Features

Streams and Canals

Transportation

Rails

Interstate Highways

US Routes

Major Roads

Local Roads

Background

Aerial Photography

MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:20,000.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

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

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service
Web Soil Survey URL:
Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

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

Soil Survey Area: Union County, Pennsylvania
Survey Area Data: Version 16, Sep 6, 2022

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Jul 6, 2020—Nov 7, 2020

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—Depth to Any Soil Restrictive Layer

Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating (centimeters)	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
AbB	Albrights silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	48	11.5	12.1%
ArB	Alvira silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	53	2.0	2.1%
BkC	Berks channery silt loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	91	0.0	0.0%
CaB	Calvin-Klinesville shaly silt loams, 3 to 8 percent slopes	76	3.8	4.0%
CaC	Calvin-Klinesville shaly silt loams, 8 to 15 percent slopes	76	0.4	0.4%
EdB	Edom complex, 3 to 8 percent slopes	119	32.9	34.5%
EdC	Edom complex, 8 to 15 percent slopes	119	11.0	11.5%
Hv	Holly silt loam	>200	7.5	7.8%
WaB	Washington silt loam, wet substratum, 3 to 8 percent slopes	>200	23.8	25.0%
WbB	Watson silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	68	2.3	2.5%
Totals for Area of Interest			**95.1**	**100.0%**

Rating Options—Depth to Any Soil Restrictive Layer

Units of Measure: centimeters

Aggregation Method: Dominant Component

Component Percent Cutoff: None Specified

Tie-break Rule: Lower

Interpret Nulls as Zero: No

Soil Reports

The Soil Reports section includes various formatted tabular and narrative reports (tables) containing data for each selected soil map unit and each component of each unit. No aggregation of data has occurred as is done in reports in the Soil Properties and Qualities and Suitabilities and Limitations sections.

The reports contain soil interpretive information as well as basic soil properties and qualities. A description of each report (table) is included.

Building Site Development

This folder contains a collection of tabular reports that present soil interpretations related to building site development. The reports (tables) include all selected map units and components for each map unit, limiting features and interpretive ratings. Building site development interpretations are designed to be used as tools for evaluating soil suitability and identifying soil limitations for various construction purposes. As part of the interpretation process, the rating applies to each soil in its described condition and does not consider present land use. Example interpretations can include corrosion of concrete and steel, shallow excavations, dwellings with and without basements, small commercial buildings, local roads and streets, and lawns and landscaping.

Dwellings and Small Commercial Buildings

Soil properties influence the development of building sites, including the selection of the site, the design of the structure, construction, performance after construction, and maintenance. This table shows the degree and kind of soil limitations that affect dwellings and small commercial buildings.

The ratings in the table 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 building site development. *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 in the table 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).

Dwellings are single-family houses of three stories or less. For dwellings without basements, the foundation is assumed to consist of spread footings of reinforced

concrete built on undisturbed soil at a depth of 2 feet or at the depth of maximum frost penetration, whichever is deeper. For dwellings with basements, the foundation is assumed to consist of spread footings of reinforced concrete built on undisturbed soil at a depth of about 7 feet. The ratings for dwellings are based on the soil properties that affect the capacity of the soil to support a load without movement and on the properties that affect excavation and construction costs. The properties that affect the load-supporting capacity include depth to a water table, ponding, flooding, subsidence, linear extensibility (shrink-swell potential), and compressibility. Compressibility is inferred from the Unified classification. The properties that affect the ease and amount of excavation include depth to a water table, ponding, flooding, slope, depth to bedrock or a cemented pan, hardness of bedrock or a cemented pan, and the amount and size of rock fragments.

Small commercial buildings are structures that are less than three stories high and do not have basements. The foundation is assumed to consist of spread footings of reinforced concrete built on undisturbed soil at a depth of 2 feet or at the depth of maximum frost penetration, whichever is deeper. The ratings are based on the soil properties that affect the capacity of the soil to support a load without movement and on the properties that affect excavation and construction costs. The properties that affect the load-supporting capacity include depth to a water table, ponding, flooding, subsidence, linear extensibility (shrink-swell potential), and compressibility (which is inferred from the Unified classification). The properties that affect the ease and amount of excavation include flooding, depth to a water table, ponding, slope, depth to bedrock or a cemented pan, hardness of bedrock or a cemented pan, and the amount and size of rock fragments.

Information in this table is intended for land use planning, for evaluating land use alternatives, and for planning site investigations prior to design and construction. The information, however, has limitations. For example, estimates and other data generally apply only to that part of the soil between the surface and a depth of 5 to 7 feet. Because of the map scale, small areas of different soils may be included within the mapped areas of a specific soil.

The information is not site specific and does not eliminate the need for onsite investigation of the soils or for testing and analysis by personnel experienced in the design and construction of engineering works.

Government ordinances and regulations that restrict certain land uses or impose specific design criteria were not considered in preparing the information in this table. Local ordinances and regulations should be considered in planning, in site selection, and in design.

Report—Dwellings and Small Commercial Buildings

[Onsite investigation may be needed to validate the interpretations in this table and to confirm the identity of the soil on a given site. The numbers in the value columns range from 0.01 to 1.00. The larger the value, the greater the potential limitation. The table shows only the top five limitations for any given soil. The soil may have additional limitations]

Dwellings and Small Commercial Buildings–Union County, Pennsylvania							
Map symbol and soil name	Pct. of map unit	Dwellings without basements		Dwellings with basements		Small commercial buildings	
		Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value
AbB—Albrights silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes							
Albrights	80	Very limited		Very limited		Very limited	
		Depth to thick cemented pan	1.00	Depth to saturated zone	1.00	Depth to thick cemented pan	1.00
		Depth to saturated zone	0.91			Depth to thin cemented pan	1.00
		Depth to thin cemented pan	0.50			Depth to saturated zone	0.91
						Slope	0.52
ArB—Alvira silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes							
Alvira	82	Very limited		Very limited		Very limited	
		Depth to saturated zone	1.00	Depth to saturated zone	1.00	Depth to saturated zone	1.00
		Depth to thin cemented pan	0.50			Depth to thin cemented pan	1.00
		Depth to thick cemented pan	0.01			Slope	0.52
						Depth to thick cemented pan	0.01
BkC—Berks channery silt loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes							
Berks	85	Somewhat limited		Very limited		Very limited	
		Slope	0.63	Depth to hard bedrock	1.00	Slope	1.00
		Large stones	0.10	Slope	0.63	Large stones	0.10
		Depth to hard bedrock	0.06	Large stones	0.10	Depth to hard bedrock	0.06
CaB—Calvin-Klinesville shaly silt loams, 3 to 8 percent slopes							
Calvin	50	Somewhat limited		Very limited		Somewhat limited	
		Depth to hard bedrock	0.46	Depth to hard bedrock	1.00	Slope	0.52
						Depth to hard bedrock	0.46
Klinesville	30	Very limited		Very limited		Very limited	
		Depth to hard bedrock	1.00	Depth to hard bedrock	1.00	Depth to hard bedrock	1.00
						Slope	0.52

Dwellings and Small Commercial Buildings–Union County, Pennsylvania							
Map symbol and soil name	Pct. of map unit	Dwellings without basements		Dwellings with basements		Small commercial buildings	
		Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value
CaC—Calvin-Klinesville shaly silt loams, 8 to 15 percent slopes							
Calvin	50	Somewhat limited		Very limited		Very limited	
		Slope	0.63	Depth to hard bedrock	1.00	Slope	1.00
		Depth to hard bedrock	0.46	Slope	0.63	Depth to hard bedrock	0.46
Klinesville	30	Very limited		Very limited		Very limited	
		Depth to hard bedrock	1.00	Depth to hard bedrock	1.00	Slope	1.00
		Slope	0.63	Slope	0.63	Depth to hard bedrock	1.00
EdB—Edom complex, 3 to 8 percent slopes							
Edom, deep and very deep	45	Somewhat limited		Somewhat limited		Somewhat limited	
		Shrink-swell	0.47	Depth to hard bedrock	0.71	Slope	0.52
				Shrink-swell	0.17	Shrink-swell	0.47
Edom, moderately deep	35	Somewhat limited		Very limited		Somewhat limited	
		Shrink-swell	0.50	Depth to hard bedrock	1.00	Slope	0.52
		Depth to hard bedrock	0.10	Shrink-swell	0.50	Shrink-swell	0.50
						Depth to hard bedrock	0.10
EdC—Edom complex, 8 to 15 percent slopes							
Edom, moderately deep	45	Somewhat limited		Somewhat limited		Very limited	
		Slope	0.63	Depth to hard bedrock	0.71	Slope	1.00
		Shrink-swell	0.47	Slope	0.63	Shrink-swell	0.47
				Shrink-swell	0.17		
Edom, deep and very deep	35	Somewhat limited		Very limited		Very limited	
		Slope	0.63	Depth to hard bedrock	1.00	Slope	1.00
		Shrink-swell	0.50	Slope	0.63	Shrink-swell	0.50
		Depth to hard bedrock	0.10	Shrink-swell	0.50	Depth to hard bedrock	0.10
Hv—Holly silt loam							
Holly	90	Very limited		Very limited		Very limited	
		Flooding	1.00	Flooding	1.00	Flooding	1.00
		Depth to saturated zone	1.00	Depth to saturated zone	1.00	Depth to saturated zone	1.00

Dwellings and Small Commercial Buildings–Union County, Pennsylvania							
Map symbol and soil name	Pct. of map unit	Dwellings without basements		Dwellings with basements		Small commercial buildings	
		Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value
WaB—Washington silt loam, wet substratum, 3 to 8 percent slopes							
Washington, wet substratum	83	Somewhat limited		Very limited		Somewhat limited	
		Shrink-swell	0.50	Depth to saturated zone	1.00	Slope	0.52
		Depth to saturated zone	0.07	Shrink-swell	0.50	Shrink-swell	0.50
						Depth to saturated zone	0.07
WbB—Watson silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes							
Watson	80	Somewhat limited		Very limited		Somewhat limited	
		Shrink-swell	0.50	Depth to saturated zone	1.00	Slope	0.52
		Depth to saturated zone	0.20	Depth to thin cemented pan	0.74	Shrink-swell	0.50
				Shrink-swell	0.09	Depth to saturated zone	0.20

Vegetative Productivity

This folder contains a collection of tabular reports that present vegetative productivity data. The reports (tables) include all selected map units and components for each map unit. Vegetative productivity includes estimates of potential vegetative production for a variety of land uses, including cropland, forestland, hayland, pastureland, horticulture and rangeland. In the underlying database, some states maintain crop yield data by individual map unit component. Other states maintain the data at the map unit level. Attributes are included for both, although only one or the other is likely to contain data for any given geographic area. For other land uses, productivity data is shown only at the map unit component level. Examples include potential crop yields under irrigated and nonirrigated conditions, forest productivity, forest site index, and total rangeland production under of normal, favorable and unfavorable conditions.

Nonirrigated Yields by Map Unit Component

The average yields per acre that can be expected of the principal crops under a high level of management are shown in this table. In any given year, yields may be higher or lower than those indicated in the table because of variations in rainfall and other climatic factors.

The yields are based mainly on the experience and records of farmers, conservationists, and extension agents. Available yield data from nearby counties and results of field trials and demonstrations also are considered.

The management needed to obtain the indicated yields of the various crops depends on the kind of soil and the crop. Management can include drainage, erosion control, and protection from flooding; the proper planting and seeding rates; suitable high-yielding crop varieties; appropriate and timely tillage; control of weeds, plant diseases, and harmful insects; favorable soil reaction and optimum levels of nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, and trace elements for each crop; effective use of crop residue, barnyard manure, and green manure crops; and harvesting that ensures the smallest possible loss.

If yields of irrigated crops are given, it is assumed that the irrigation system is adapted to the soils and to the crops grown, that good-quality irrigation water is uniformly applied as needed, and that tillage is kept to a minimum.

Pasture yields are expressed in terms of animal unit months. An animal unit month (AUM) is the amount of forage required by one mature cow of approximately 1,000 pounds weight, with or without a calf, for 1 month.

The estimated yields reflect the productive capacity of each soil for each of the principal crops. Yields are likely to increase as new production technology is developed. The productivity of a given soil compared with that of other soils, however, is not likely to change.

Crops other than those shown in the table are grown in the survey area, but estimated yields are not listed because the acreage of such crops is small. The local office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service or of the Cooperative Extension Service can provide information about the management and productivity of the soils for those crops.

The land capability classification of map units in the survey area is shown in this table. This classification shows, in a general way, the suitability of soils for most kinds of field crops (United States Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, 1961). Crops that require special management are excluded. The soils are grouped according to their limitations for field crops, the risk of damage if they are used for crops, and the way they respond to management. The criteria used in grouping the soils do not include major and generally expensive landforming that would change slope, depth, or other characteristics of the soils, nor do they include possible but unlikely major reclamation projects. Capability classification is not a substitute for interpretations designed to show suitability and limitations of groups of soils for rangeland, for forestland, or for engineering purposes.

In the capability system, soils are generally grouped at three levels: capability class, subclass, and unit.

Capability classes, the broadest groups, are designated by the numbers 1 through 8. The numbers indicate progressively greater limitations and narrower choices for practical use. The classes are defined as follows:

- Class 1 soils have slight limitations that restrict their use.
- Class 2 soils have moderate limitations that restrict the choice of plants or that require moderate conservation practices.
- Class 3 soils have severe limitations that restrict the choice of plants or that require special conservation practices, or both.
- Class 4 soils have very severe limitations that restrict the choice of plants or that require very careful management, or both.

- Class 5 soils are subject to little or no erosion but have other limitations, impractical to remove, that restrict their use mainly to pasture, rangeland, forestland, or wildlife habitat.
- Class 6 soils have severe limitations that make them generally unsuitable for cultivation and that restrict their use mainly to pasture, rangeland, forestland, or wildlife habitat.
- Class 7 soils have very severe limitations that make them unsuitable for cultivation and that restrict their use mainly to grazing, forestland, or wildlife habitat.
- Class 8 soils and miscellaneous areas have limitations that preclude commercial plant production and that restrict their use to recreational purposes, wildlife habitat, watershed, or esthetic purposes.

Capability subclasses are soil groups within one class. They are designated by adding a small letter, *e*, *w*, *s*, or *c*, to the class numeral, for example, 2e. The letter *e* shows that the main hazard is the risk of erosion unless close-growing plant cover is maintained; *w* shows that water in or on the soil interferes with plant growth or cultivation (in some soils the wetness can be partly corrected by artificial drainage); *s* shows that the soil is limited mainly because it is shallow, droughty, or stony; and *c*, used in only some parts of the United States, shows that the chief limitation is climate that is very cold or very dry.

In class 1 there are no subclasses because the soils of this class have few limitations. Class 5 contains only the subclasses indicated by *w*, *s*, or *c* because the soils in class 5 are subject to little or no erosion.

Capability units are soil groups within a subclass. The soils in a capability unit are enough alike to be suited to the same crops and pasture plants, to require similar management, and to have similar productivity. Capability units are generally designated by adding an Arabic numeral to the subclass symbol, for example, 2e-4 and 3e-6. These units are not given in all soil surveys.

Reference:
United States Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service. 1961. Land capability classification. U.S. Department of Agriculture Handbook 210.

Report—Nonirrigated Yields by Map Unit Component

Nonirrigated Yields by Map Unit Component–Union County, Pennsylvania						
Map symbol and soil name	**Land capability**	**Alfalfa hay**	**Corn**	**Corn silage**	**Soybeans**	**Wheat**
		Tons	*Bu*	*Tons*		*Bu*
AbB—Albrights silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes						
Albrights	2e	3.50	100	20.00	—	40
ArB—Alvira silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes						
Alvira	3w	—	95	—	—	—
BkC—Berks channery silt loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes						
Berks	3e	3.00	75	15.00	—	—

Nonirrigated Yields by Map Unit Component–Union County, Pennsylvania						
Map symbol and soil name	**Land capability**	**Alfalfa hay**	**Corn**	**Corn silage**	**Soybeans**	**Wheat**
		Tons	*Bu*	*Tons*		*Bu*
CaB—Calvin-Klinesville shaly silt loams, 3 to 8 percent slopes						
Calvin	2e	3.50	80	16.00	—	35
Klinesville	3e	2.50	60	12.00	—	25
CaC—Calvin-Klinesville shaly silt loams, 8 to 15 percent slopes						
Calvin	3e	3.00	75	15.00	—	35
Klinesville	4e	2.50	—	—	—	20
EdB—Edom complex, 3 to 8 percent slopes						
Edom, deep and very deep	2e	4.00	100	20.00	—	40
Edom, moderately deep	2e	4.00	100	20.00	—	40
EdC—Edom complex, 8 to 15 percent slopes						
Edom, moderately deep	3e	3.50	90	18.00	—	35
Edom, deep and very deep	3e	3.50	90	18.00	—	35
Hv—Holly silt loam						
Holly	4w	—	100	20.00	—	—
WaB—Washington silt loam, wet substratum, 3 to 8 percent slopes						
Washington, wet substratum	2e	4.00	125	20.00	—	40
WbB—Watson silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes						
Watson	2e	3.50	100	20.00	—	40