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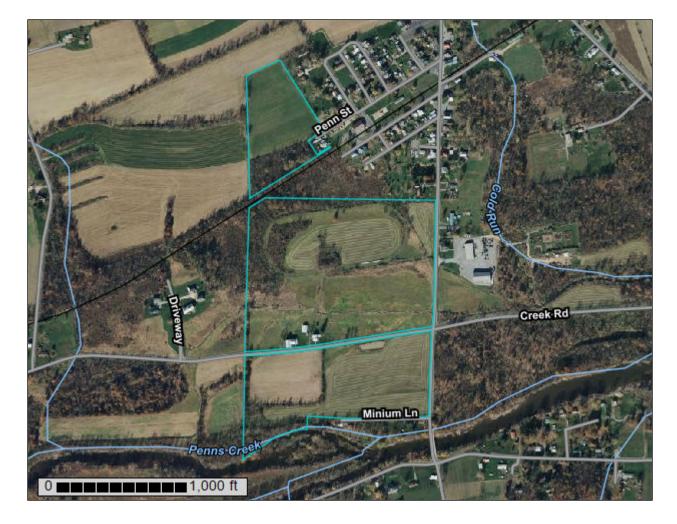
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Custom Soil Resource Report for Union County, Pennsylvania

Wilson Farm



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.

Custom Soil Resource Report Soil Map (Wilson Farm)



	MAP LEGEND			MAP INFORMATION	
	terest (AOI) Area of Interest (AOI)	8	Spoil Area Stony Spot	The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:20,000.	
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×	Clay Spot Closed Depression	Transport +++	ation Rails	Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.	
◇ ¥	Gravel Pit Gravelly Spot	~	Interstate Highways US Routes	Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service Web Soil Survey URL: Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)	
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0	Miscellaneous Water Perennial Water			This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.	
~ +	Rock Outcrop Saline Spot			Soil Survey Area: Union County, Pennsylvania Survey Area Data: Version 17, Sep 7, 2023	
.: 	Sandy Spot Severely Eroded Spot			Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.	
♦ ≥	Sinkhole Slide or Slip			Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Jul 6, 2020—Nov 7, 2020	
ø	Sodic Spot			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 Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
ArA	Alvira silt loam, 0 to 3 percent 2. slopes	2.4	3.7%
Bd	Basher soils, frequently flooded	2.5	3.8%
EdB	Edom complex, 3 to 8 percent slopes	1.5	2.3%
HaC	Hagerstown silt loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	1.3	2.0%
Hv	Holly silt loam	33.6	51.1%
ShA	Shelmadine silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	24.1	36.7%
W	Water	0.2	0.4%
Totals for Area of Interest		65.7	100.0%

Map Unit Legend (Wilson Farm)

Map Unit Descriptions (Wilson Farm)

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

ArA—Alvira silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: I4tp Elevation: 410 to 1,380 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: 80 percent Minor components: 20 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: 0 to 3 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: 10 percent Landform: Drainageways Hydric soil rating: Yes

Bd—Basher soils, frequently flooded

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: I4tw Elevation: 400 to 840 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

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

Description of Basher

Setting

Landform: Flood plains Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Parent material: Reddish alluvium derived from sedimentary rock

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 5 inches: silt loam H2 - 5 to 24 inches: silt loam H3 - 24 to 56 inches: loam H4 - 56 to 65 inches: very gravelly sand

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 3 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 72 to 99 inches to lithic bedrock
Drainage class: Moderately well drained
Runoff class: Low
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 12 to 36 inches
Frequency of flooding: Frequent
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Moderate (about 8.7 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified

Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 3w Hydrologic Soil Group: C Ecological site: F147XY009PA - Loamy Mixed Floodplain Hydric soil rating: No

Minor Components

Barbour

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

Holly

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

EdB—Edom complex, 3 to 8 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: I4vd 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

HaC—Hagerstown silt loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 2tb03 Elevation: 600 to 1,750 feet Mean annual precipitation: 32 to 45 inches Mean annual air temperature: 41 to 65 degrees F Frost-free period: 155 to 181 days Farmland classification: Farmland of statewide importance

Map Unit Composition

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

Description of Hagerstown

Setting

Landform: Hillslopes Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope, shoulder Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope Down-slope shape: Concave, convex, linear Across-slope shape: Linear, convex Parent material: Clayey residuum weathered from limestone and dolomite

Typical profile

Ap - 0 to 8 inches: silt loam Bt1 - 8 to 19 inches: silty clay loam Bt2 - 19 to 54 inches: silty clay C - 54 to 71 inches: silty clay loam R - 71 to 81 inches: bedrock

Properties and qualities

Slope: 8 to 15 percent *Depth to restrictive feature:* 43 to 98 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 (0.60 to 2.00 in/hr) Depth to water table: More than 80 inches Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None Maximum salinity: Nonsaline (0.0 to 1.9 mmhos/cm) Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Moderate (about 7.0 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

Minor Components

Carbo

Percent of map unit: 8 percent Landform: Hills Landform position (two-dimensional): Summit, backslope, shoulder Landform position (three-dimensional): Crest, side slope Down-slope shape: Convex, linear Across-slope shape: Linear, convex Hydric soil rating: No

Opequon

Percent of map unit: 5 percent Landform: Ridges Landform position (two-dimensional): Shoulder, summit Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope, crest Down-slope shape: Convex, linear Across-slope shape: Convex, linear Hydric soil rating: No

Clarksburg

Percent of map unit: 2 percent Landform: Hillslopes Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Base slope, head slope Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Concave Hydric soil rating: No

Hv—Holly silt loam

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: I4w1 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: Frequent
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

Basher

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

Holly, ponded

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

ShA—Shelmadine silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: I4wt Elevation: 410 to 1,900 feet Mean annual precipitation: 36 to 46 inches Mean annual air temperature: 40 to 60 degrees F Frost-free period: 130 to 220 days Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

Map Unit Composition

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

Description of Shelmadine

Setting

Landform: Drainageways Down-slope shape: Concave Across-slope shape: Concave Parent material: Loamy till

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 7 inches: silt loam H2 - 7 to 24 inches: silty clay loam H3 - 24 to 50 inches: channery loam H4 - 50 to 70 inches: channery loam

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 3 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 18 to 30 inches to fragipan
Drainage class: 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 0 to 6 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Low (about 3.2 inches)

Interpretive groups

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

Minor Components

Alvira

Percent of map unit: 10 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

Albrights

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

Watson

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

W-Water

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: ktpj Mean annual precipitation: 36 to 46 inches Mean annual air temperature: 44 to 57 degrees F Frost-free period: 130 to 180 days Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

Map Unit Composition

Water: 100 percent *Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*