

CLEVELAND METROPARKS Plant Community Assessment Program: Quality Control Form



Project Label:

PCAP

Plot No:

1204

Date Sampled:

6/27/15

Lead:

Eysenbach

Comment required if item answer is NO

Parking/Access outside of Park Boundaries:	Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	If yes, write details in Comments section below
Field journals completed	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	
Site sketch made on 1:3000 map?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	
Check cover page	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	
X-axis Bearing of plot recorded	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	
GPS coords. Recorded	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	
North direction recorded	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	
Photographs taken?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	
Relocated Pins Mapped	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	
Plot No., Date agreement on all pages?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	
Header data completed all pages?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	
Cover classes recorded in all Intensive modules	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	
Browse Level By Species	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	
Woody stem quality control check	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	Check every line and cross check with the Tree Cover Sheet
Invasive plant quality control check	Y	N	N/A
Ash trees mapped	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	
Completed Forest Pest/Pathogen Datasheet	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	
Cover by Strata? (confirm cover type)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	
Soil samples collected with matching plot #.	Y	N	N/A
Cross check 2010 information	Y	N	Highlight any changes from 2010 information
Vouchers labeled on datasheet with initials and number	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	
Vouchers labeled on collection bag	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	
Pink flags removed	Y	N	
Data sheet QA before leaving site?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	
Common equipment returned to tub.	Y	N	
Data sheets scanned?	DS 6/26		Enter date to left
Final data sheets scanned?			Enter date to left
Buffer Widths measured?	Y	N	
Web Soil Survey	Y	N	
Voucher Location	Refrigerator	Y	N
(# vouchers collected)	Press (#)		Enter number to left
	Drier	Y	N
	Identified	Y	N
	Mounted	Y	N
	Thrown away	Y	N

GRTS point verification: Is plot sampleable?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Original GRTS point is sampleable
<input type="checkbox"/> No	Original GRTS point lands in a non-sampleable area (fill in category below)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Point falls in a water (i.e. river, lake)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Managed mowed area (i.e. golf course, picnic area, right-of-way)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Paved area (i.e. parking lot, road)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Unsafe to sample (i.e. steep slope)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Additional Comments:

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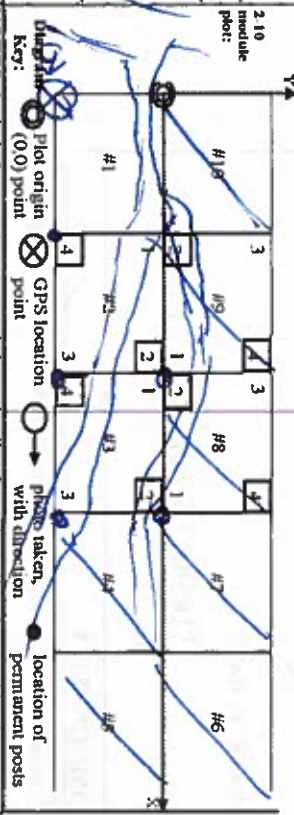
CLEVELAND METROPARKS Plant Community Assessment Program - Background Data Sheet

GENERAL INFORMATION	
Project Label:	PCAP
Project Name:	028E2015
Plot Name:	Slippy Creek
Plot No.:	1004
<input type="checkbox"/> Level 4 (no nested corners sampled) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level 5 (nested corners sampled)	
Date (mm/dd/yyyy):	6/22/2015
End date (if > 1 day):	1/1
Party:	Role**
S. Eysenbach	Plot leader
M. Boitguy	Bot Asst.
T. Cochran	
E. Krauss	
A. Lance	Bot.
** Roles: Co-leader, Asst. Guide, Owner, Taxonomist, etc.	
PLOT NOT SAMPLED: <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
<input type="checkbox"/> Perm. water <input type="checkbox"/> Paved <input type="checkbox"/> Slope <input type="checkbox"/> Safety	
SAMPLING QUALITY*	
Effort Level:	subjective evaluation of how much effort put into sampling. Hurried plots may still provide good data
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Very thorough	
<input type="checkbox"/> Accurate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hurried	
TAXONOMIC ACCURACY	
	high/modera./low/not simpl.
vascular	✓
bryo	✓
lichen	✓
TAXONOMIC STANDARD	
Authority:	G&C Pub Date: 1998

LOCATION	
State:	OH County: Cuyahoga
Quadrangle:	Shaker Hts
Local Place Names:	
North Rim Trail	
Landowner:	CM
Data Confidentiality:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Public data <input type="checkbox"/> Private Data <input type="checkbox"/> Fuzz 100m <input type="checkbox"/> Fuzz 250m <input type="checkbox"/> Fuzz 500m	
Reason:	
If data not public why?	
Source of coordinates: <input type="checkbox"/> MAP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPS	
Coordinate system:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lat/Long <input type="checkbox"/> UTM <input type="checkbox"/> StatePlane <input type="checkbox"/> deg <input type="checkbox"/> deg min <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): <input type="checkbox"/> m <input type="checkbox"/> ft <input type="checkbox"/>	
Datum: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAD83/WGS84 <input type="checkbox"/> NAD27	
GPS location in plot x=0 to 5, y=-1, 0, +1:	
x = 0	y = 0 (base of plot x=0, y=0)
Latitude: 41.38163	
Longitude: 81.55633	
Coord. Accuracy: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> m <input type="checkbox"/> ft +-	
GPS File Name: 1004A	
Plot size for cover data: 0.03 (hectares)	
X-axis Bearing of plot: 314°	
Depth: (1-5): 4	
Intensive modules: 2, 3, 8, 9 (EDIT IF MODIFIED)	
Camera No.: C2 C2-4325-27	
Photo Nos.:	
Plot placement: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GRTS <input type="checkbox"/> Representative	
<input type="checkbox"/> Random <input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Random <input type="checkbox"/> Transect component <input type="checkbox"/> Systematic (grid) <input type="checkbox"/> Capture specific feature <input type="checkbox"/> Other	

Minimum required fields in Bold and Underlined

*Definitions and values in CM PCAP FORM v. 1.0 and CVS Field Guide



NOTES: Include Layout (any unusual shape details), Location (directions and landscape context), Rationale (why here), and Veg Characterization (description of community, dominants, strata, BROWSE). Additional notes in space on back.

Layout: 1x3

Location: Park along Bottom Rd near Emerald Circle
Walk 400m to open right of way or old road. Walk down to ravine.

Rationale: 6ETS

Key Char:

Canopy: Slippy Elm, Sugar + Red Maples,
Shrub: spire Bush, Barberry
Herb: Dense understory w/ ferns
Eupatorium rugosum, grasses, sedges
Hocleria virginiana

OVER

Plot No.: 1007

Project Name: 02302015

Project Label: PCAP

MODIFIED NATURESERVE CLASS*

CODE (on separate form):

Fit= Conf=

5

COMMUNITY NAME:

Mesic Floodplain

HOMOGENEITY

□ Homogeneous

☐ Conspicuous inclusions ☐ Irregular/pattern mosaic

□ Compositional trend across the plot

Irregular/pattern mosaic

**L=low, ML=med low, M=med, MH=med high, H=high, VH=very high

Current Land Use: cm

Former Land Use: Unk

HYDROLOGIC REGIME*

☐ Upland (seldom flooded)☐ Intermittently/seasonally saturated

(seldom flooded)

✓ **Permanently/Semipermanent, saturated**

(dry < 1/yr, seldom flooded)

☐ Occasionally flooded (<1/yr)

☐ Temporarily flooded

- ◻ Intermittently flooded

☐ **Semipermanently flooded**

☐ Permanently flooded

- ▣ Tidal/Seiche flooded daily

☐ Tidal/Seiche flooded monthly

☐ Tidal/Seiche flooded irregular

(e.g. wind, storms)

Unknown

SALINITY*

□ Saltwater

□ Brackish

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Upland (n/a)

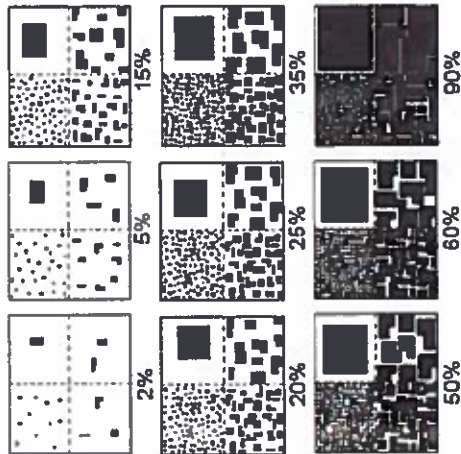
(by default unless plot is a wetland)

Additional notes & diagrams: (Representativeness of plot to the stand, successional status, maturity, etc.)

Plot Falls along small drainage area. Mod 1 is steep and very slippery. The pins were hard to find and many were missing. There is a lot of large coarse woody debris w/ moss! Two defined channels (water) run through the plot - one channel has a lot of cutting/erosion.

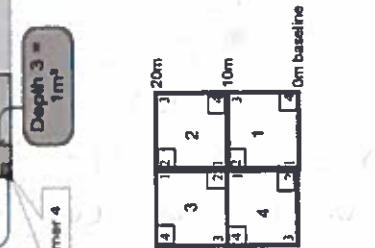
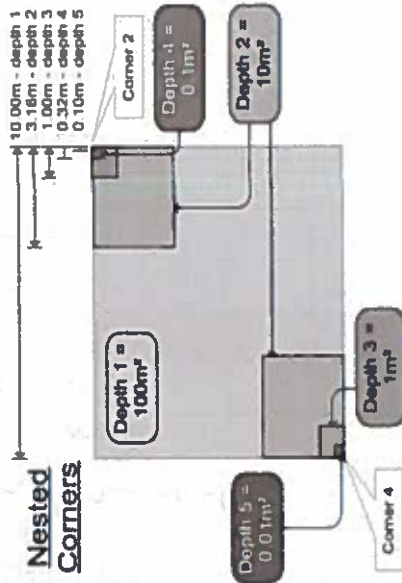
EXAMPLES OF PERCENT OF AREA COVERED

The following graphic can be used to various data elements to convey "Amount" or "Quality". NOTE: Within any given box, each quadrant contains the same total area covered, but different sized objects.



cover class	% cover	midpoint
1	solitary or few	0.0001
2	0-1%	0.005
3	1-2%	0.015
4	2-5%	0.035
5	5-10%	0.075
6	10-25%	0.175
7	25-50%	0.375
8	50-75%	0.625
9	75-85%	0.850
10	85-100%	0.975

Nested Corners



BROWSE RATING NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

LOW OR NONE: there is no measurable browse line AND there are very few or no plants 1-m nested quadrat and intensive module. In general, low values relate to less than 10 percent, by numbers of stems browsed.

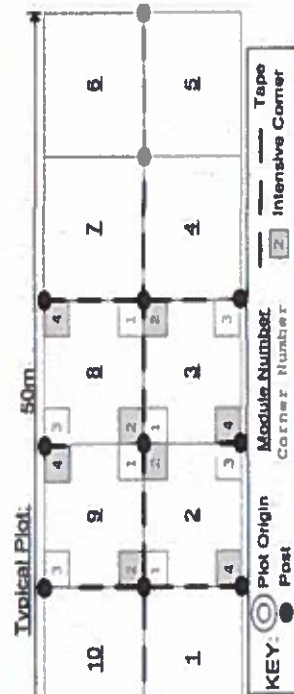
MEDIUM LOW values include evidence of browse at about 10 percent of the stems with no significant impact to plant reproduction evident. In this rating, plants are browsed but preferential species are observed to be reproducing in numbers that appear normal or near-normal in comparison to low browse areas. For example, trilliums may flower and fruit, but jewelweed and arrowwood viburnum exhibit browse.

MEDIUM: browse affects greater than 10 percent and less than 25 percent of stems in the 1 m2 nested quadrat and 25 percent module. A browse line is usually not evident or obvious for all classes and species of vegetation, but careful examination may show preferential browse and/or browse lines for some species of plants.

MEDIUM HIGH values include evidence of a browse line and 25 percent of stems browsed with very little vegetation regeneration evident. In this rating, for some species of plants, reproduction does not appear to occur or it is very severely limited.

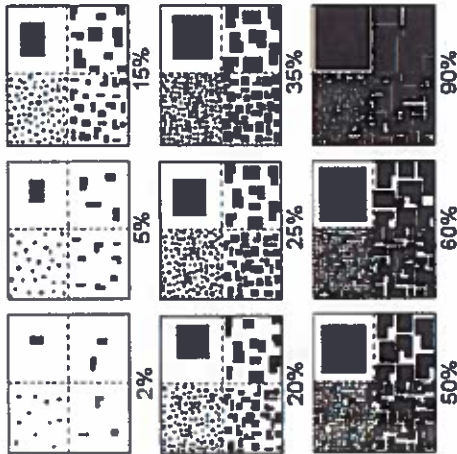
HIGH: greater than 25 percent of the stems of plants in the 1 m2 nested quadrat and intensive module AND a browse line is evident.

VERY HIGH values include extensive browse conditions, where the browse line is very evident AND almost all seedlings and herbs are severely browsed or missing. Browse line may be 5 to 6 feet in height with no or little green growth beneath.



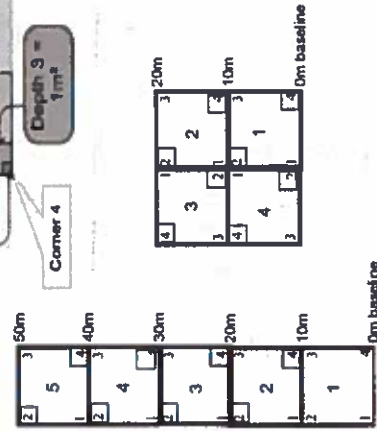
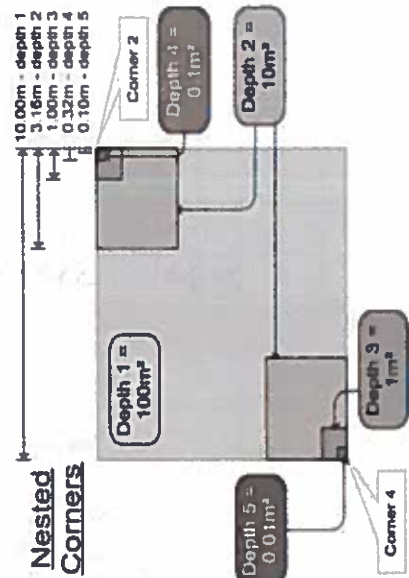
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7	25-50%	0.375
8	50-75%	0.625
9	75-95%	0.850
10	95-100%	0.975

Nested Corners



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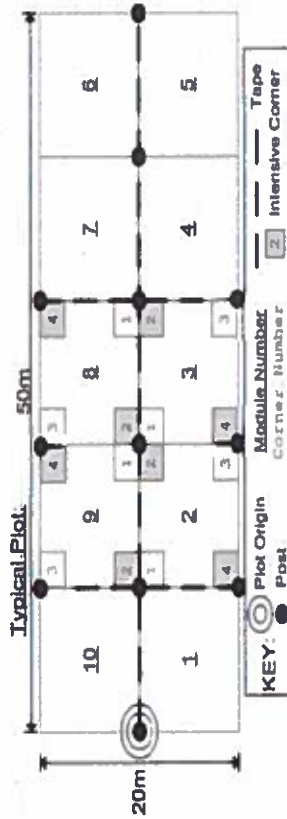
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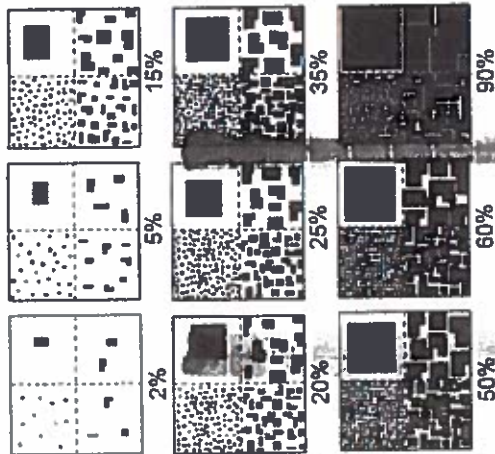
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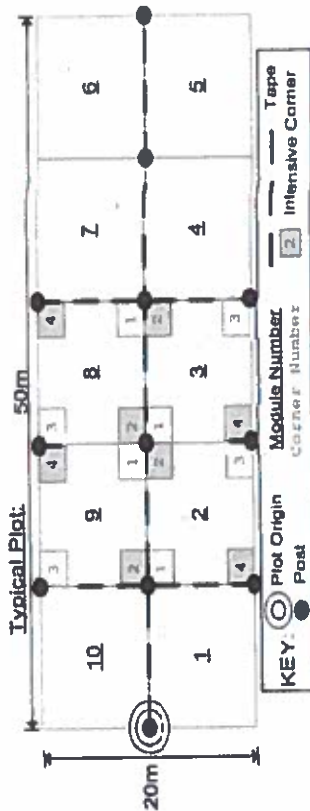
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% COVER		Strata - Cov. entire plot	Species	c	Presence of live species (X) Voucher #	m					R
T	Br					1	2	3	4	5	
6			<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>			X					
7			<i>Acer rubrum</i>			X					
6			<i>Acer saccharum</i>			X	X				
4			<i>Magnolia acuminata</i>			X					
6			<i>Acer nigrum</i>			X					
6			<i>Ulmus rubra</i>				X	X			
5			<i>Prunus serotina</i>				X				
5			<i>Fraxinus sp.</i>					X			
5			<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>					X			
5			<i>Quercus rubra</i>				X				
			<i>Ulmus americana</i>					X			

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CLEVELAND METROPARKS Plant Community Assessment Program Natural Woody Stem Data Sheet

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06/22/2015

Project Label: PCAP

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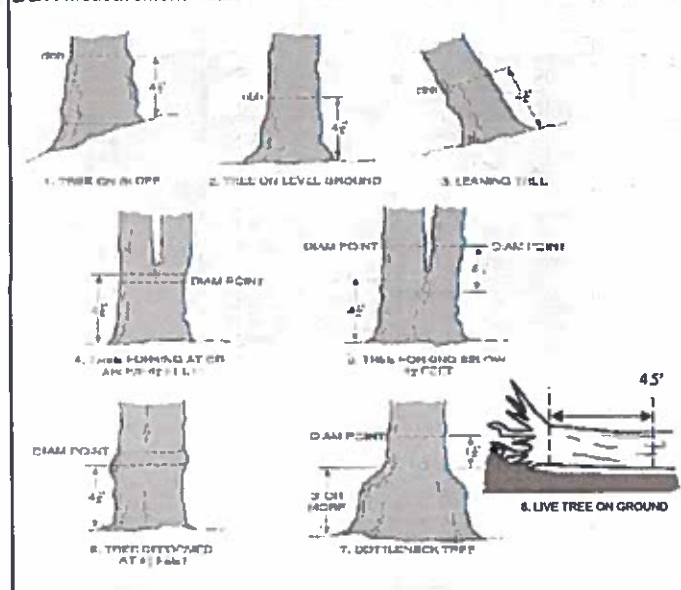
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Explain subsample (additional room on back):

mod #	species	C	voucher#	# stems 0-1.4m browsed	% sub or super sample	# shrub clumps	size class (cm) woody stems > 1.4m										11. >40 (record each tree)
1	<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	78.2
1	STANDING DEAD																45.7
1	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>			5		7x											
1	<i>Betula thurbergii</i>			4													
1	<i>Acer rubrum</i>																
1	<i>Quercus alata</i>			2													
1	<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>			1													
1	<i>Rosa multiflora</i>			3													
2	<i>Quercus rubra</i>																
2	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>			5													
2	<i>Betula thurbergii</i>			3													
2	<i>Viburnum rubra</i>																
3	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>			4													
3	<i>Betula thurbergii</i>			3													
3	STANDING DEAD																
3	<i>Viburnum acerifolium</i>																
3	<i>Acer rubrum</i>																
3	<i>Viburnum rubra</i>																68.7
3	<i>Crataegus</i> sp.			1													
3	<i>Lonicera mackii</i>																
3	<i>Rosa multiflora</i>			1													
3	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>																

DBH Measurement Rules



Woody Stem Deer Browse

Record the number of stems/plants between 0.5-1.0 meters tall that exhibit evidence of this years deer browse.

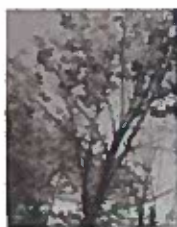
Record using the tally system from 1 to 10



1



2



3



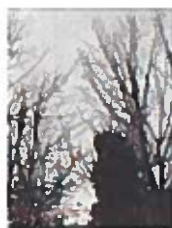
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ASH CANOPY CONDITION

- 1. Healthy, full canopy:** A healthy ash canopy is normally thinner than many other trees such as maple.
- 2. Thinning canopy:** There aren't as many leaves as there ought to be, but all top branches exposed to sunlight have leaves.
- 3. Dieback:** Canopy is thinning and some top branches exposed to sunlight are dead (have no leaves). Lower branches, not exposed to sunlight, die naturally and are not considered.
- 4. >50% Dieback:** The canopy has less than half of the leaves that should be there and/or half of the top branches are dead.
- 5. Dead canopy:** No leaves remain in the canopy portion of the tree. It still counts as a 5 even if there are epicormic sprouts below the canopy (lowest branch) on the trunk.



A

B

C

D

E

ASH CANOPY BREAKUP CONDITION (for dead trees):

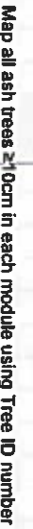
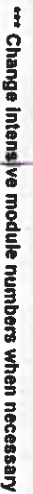
(If an ash receives a score of 5 (dead) under canopy condition it must also receive a breakup condition rank as described below)

- A:** All main branches contain fine twigs (newly dead).
- B:** Over 50% of main branches have fine twigs.
- C:** Less than 50% of main branches have fine twigs.
- D:** Stem still standing and tertiary main branches present.
- E:** Central stem still standing.

EMILY + TAYLOR

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- If Ash Condition scores 5 (dead) provide breakup score (A-E)
Count EAB exit holes 1.25m² x 21.5m



CLEVELAND METROPARKS Plant Community Assessment Program: Invasive Species Survey


Tier 1: Early detection/ Rapid response		Presence				GPS
		NE	SE	SW	NW	
Microstegium vimineum	Japanese stiltgrass					
Ranunculus ficaria	Lesser Celandine					
Cynanchum louiseae (vine)	Black Swallow-wort					
Butomus umbellatus (wetland)	Flowering Rush					
Heracleum mantegazzianum	Giant Hogweed					
Tier 2: Assess as Needed		# of Plants				comments
		NE	SE	SW	NW	
Acer platanoides	Norway Maple					
Ailanthus altissima	Tree of Heaven					
Lonicera japonica (vine)	Japanese Honeysuckle					
Lythrum salicaria (wetland)	Purple Loosestrife					
Aegopodium podagraria (G-cover)	Bishop's Goutweed					
Celastrus orbiculatus (vine)	Asian Bittersweet					
Torilis sp.	Hedgeparsley					
Conium maculatum	Poison Hemlock					
Rhamnus cathartica	Common Buckthorn (shrub)					
Berberis thunbergii	Japanese Barberry (shrub)					
Alnus glutinosa	European Alder					
Dipsacus laciniatus	Cut-leaf Teasel					
Elaeagnus umbellata	Autumn Olive (shrub)					
Lonicera maackii	Amur Honeysuckle (shrub)					
Euonymus fortunei	Wintercreeper					
Tier 3: Presence is of Interest		# of Plants				comments
		NE	SE	SW	NW	
Convallaria majalis (G-cover)	Lily of the Valley					
Coronilla varia (G-cover)	Crown Vetch					
Eleutherococcus pentaphyllus	Five-leaf Aralia (shrub)					
Pachysandra terminalis (G-cover)	Japanese Pachysandra					
Philadelphus coronarius	Mock Orange (shrub)					
Pulmonaria officinalis (G-cover)	Lungwort					
Rubus phoenicolasius	Wineberry					
Iris pseudacorus (wetland)	Yellow Flag Iris					
Ornithogalum umbellatum	Star of Bethlehem					
Viburnum opulus var. opulus	European Cranberry (shrub)					
Viburnum plicatum	Doublefile Viburnum (shrub)					
Tier 4: Widespread and abundant		Presence				comments
		NE	SE	SW	NW	
Alliaria petiolata	Garlic Mustard					
Ligustrum vulgare	Common Privet (shrub)					
L. morrowii, L. tatarica	Bush Honeysuckles (shrub)					
Phalaris arundinacea	Reed Canarygrass					
Phragmites australis (wetland)	Phragmites					
Polygonum cuspidatum	Japanese Knotweed					
Frangula alnus	Glossy Buckthorn (shrub)					
Rosa multiflora	Multiflora Rose (shrub)					
Typha angustifolia, T. x.glauca	Cattails (wetland)					
Cirsium arvense	Canada thistle					
Dipsacus fullonum	Common Teasel					
Hesperis matronalis	Dame's Rocket					
Vinca minor (G-cover)	Periwinkle					

Presence
X: yes

of Plants
1: 1-10
2: 11-50.
3: 51-100
4: 101-1,000
5: >1,000

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Note: For Ground-cover plants record "stem #" but in comment field describe # of colonies and patch size (S,M, L)

CLEVELAND METROPARKS Plant Community Assessment Program Forest Pest and Pathogens Data Sheet

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Explain subsample (additional room on back):

mod #	species	voucher#	% sub or super sample	# shrub clumps	size class (cm) woody stems >1m										
					1 0-1	2 1-2.5	3 2.5-4.5	4 5-10	5 10-15	6 15-20	7 20-25	8 25-30	9 30-35	10 35-40	11 >40 (record each tree)
1															
2															
3															
4															
5															
6															
7															
8															
9															
10															

NONE PRESENT

Strata	Total % Cover
Tree	
Shrub	
Herbaceous	

* Write None Present if no evidence:
-Beech (Fungus) <i>None</i> -Asian Longhorned Beetle -Hemlock (HWA) -Other Forest Pest or Pathogen -Walnut (Thousand Canker)

START. 7/10/2015

06/02/2015

Emily + Taylor

CLEVELAND METROPARKS Plant Community Assessment Program - Plant Cover and Earth Surface

Project Label: PCAP

Project Name: OABE2015

Pilot No.:

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STANDING BIOMASS (required for emergent wetlands) collected in 0.1m clip plots (3x32 cm) from corner 1 and 3 in each intensive module. Required for VIBI-E score calculation. C7=check when collected

Module #	C7	Corner	Corner

CLASSIFICATION

FTI = excellent, F Fit and Confidence

Hydroscaphic class (WETLANDS ONLY)

<input type="checkbox"/> DEPRESSION	Fit=	Conf=
<input type="checkbox"/> INFUNDAMENT <input type="checkbox"/> Beaver <input type="checkbox"/> Human	Fit=	Conf=
<input type="checkbox"/> RIVERINE <input type="checkbox"/> Headwater <input type="checkbox"/> Mainstem <input type="checkbox"/> Channel	Fit=	Conf=
<input type="checkbox"/> SLOPE (ground water hydrology or on a physical slope)	Fit=	Conf=
<input type="checkbox"/> FRINGING <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Lake	Fit=	Conf=
<input type="checkbox"/> COASTAL (specific subclases)	Fit=	Conf=
<input type="checkbox"/> BCG (strongly, moderately, weakly anthropogenic)	Fit=	Conf=

Other EPA VIBI Plant Community Class (WETLANDS ONLY)

<input type="checkbox"/> FOREST <input type="checkbox"/> swamp forest <input type="checkbox"/> bog forest <input type="checkbox"/> forest seep	Fit=	Conf=
<input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENT <input type="checkbox"/> marsh <input type="checkbox"/> wet meadow <input type="checkbox"/> open bog	Fit=	Conf=
<input type="checkbox"/> SIBUB <input type="checkbox"/> shrub swamp <input type="checkbox"/> tall sh. bog <input type="checkbox"/> tall sh. fen	Fit=	Conf=

MICROTOPOGRAPHIC FEATURE COUNTS - Intensive modules only

Notes for microhabitat features. Select one or select two and average the score. NOTE: If mod falls on a slope automatically gets ranked based on steepness (1-3) to begin + any features present
Slope 1 = slight elevation grade across module (N/S) Slope 2 = falls on slope -20° Slope 3 = maximum steepness that can be safely sampled -45°

- 0 feature is absent or functionally absent from the wetland
- 1 feature is present in the wetland in very small amounts or if more common, of low quality
- 2 feature is present in moderate amounts, but not of highest quality, or in small amounts of highest quality
- 3 feature is present in moderate or greater amounts and of highest quality

mod#	corner	C.W.d. - Count for pieces with minimum 1m length					
		no. of tussocks	no. of hummocks	no. macro. depressions	microhab. interpers.	microhab.	SLDPPC
		depth 3 1x1m	depth 2 3.16x3.16m	depth 1 10x10m	depth 1 10x10m	depth 1 10x10m	depth 1 10x10m
1		0	0	0	0	0	0
2		0	0	0	0	0	0
3		0	0	0	0	0	0

CROWN COVER (DENSITOMETER) Make a reading per module facing N, S, E, W. Place dot count in corresponding space. (4 dots per grid square)

Module	N	S	E	W
1	2	4	3	2
2	3	4	3	2
3	4	4	3	2

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SRE
7-9-15

McNAB INDICES (degrees) + for up - for down
FILLED OUT USING GIS PROGRAM - DO NOT FILL OUT IN FIELD

Alt aspect	N	NE	E	SE	S	SW	W	NW
Alt aspect								
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Landform Index (position within landscape)
Terrain Shape Index (the microtopographic shape)

COVER BY STRATA

STRATUM	GENERAL FORM
Tree (generally >5 m)	Tree (overstory), very tall shrubs*, liana, epiphyte)
Shrub (generally 0.5 to 5 m)	Tree (sapling), shrub, liana, epiphyte)
Herb (Field)	Herb, dwarf-shrub**, tree (seedling***)
Floating	Floating
Aquatic (submerged)	Submerged

*Very tall shrubs are sometimes included in the tree stratum
 **Can also include seedlings of shrubs, i.e. all shrubs <0.5m
 ***Tree seedlings are often defined as up to 1.4 m height or as <2.5 cm DBH in which case they would span the herb and shrub layers.

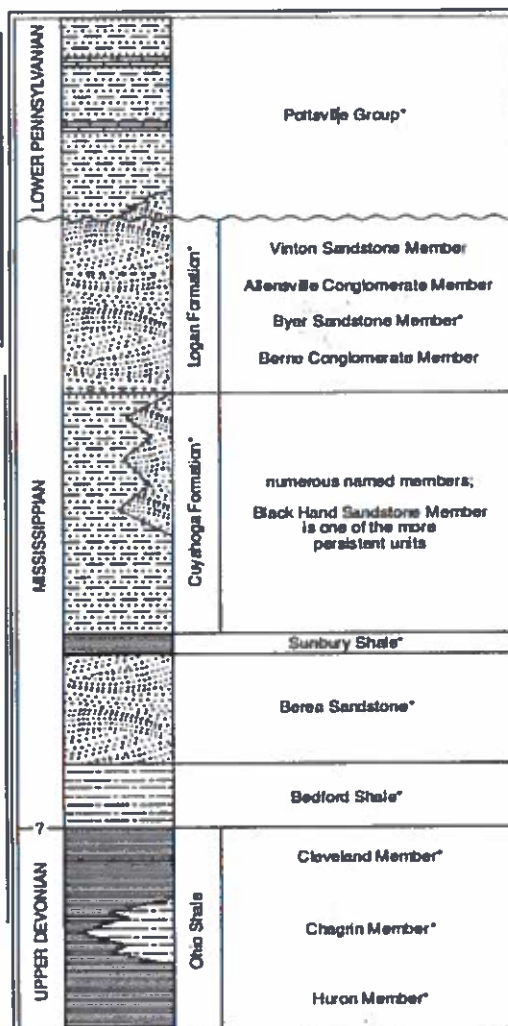
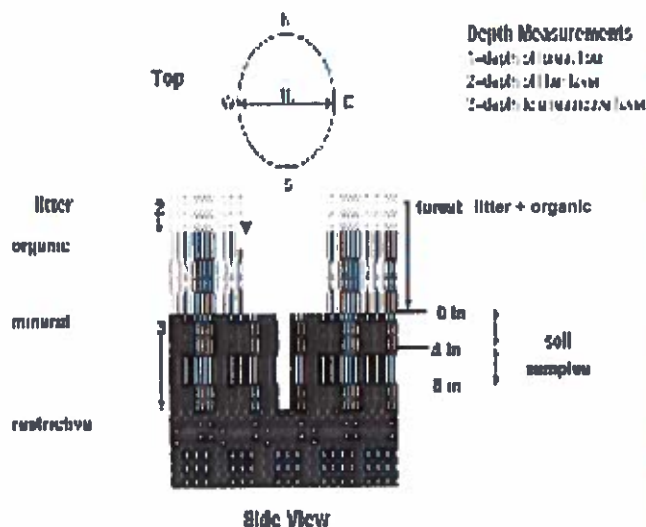


FIGURE 3-20.—Generalized section of Upper Devonian, Mississippian, and Lower Pennsylvanian formations in northeastern Ohio. Asterisks indicate units that are fossiliferous. This composite section represents about 400 meters of rock exposed across the area. The section is not to scale, but the thicknesses indicated are proportional. The term "Waverly" is used in the older literature to refer to Mississippian rocks in Ohio. Some geologists use the European term "Carboniferous," which encompasses the Mississippian and Pennsylvanian Periods of the U.S. Many units have been named within the Cuyahoga Formation, but most units are local and cannot be traced over great distances. The Black Hand Member is a spectacular massive sandstone that is fairly widespread but discontinuous. See Hyde (1953), Hoover (1960), and Collins (1979) for more information on Mississippian rocks in Ohio. See figure 3-18 for explanation of rock types.

SOIL PIT DESCRIPTION: Excavate 20 cm plug with shovel. Describe using Munsell chart, visual exam, texture, and odor.

SOIL SAMPLES Standard procedure: collect a soil sample of the top 10 cm of soil from center of each intensive module and composite the sample

Soil pit module # (one per entire plot)

5 cm	matrix color	
	moist color	
	%mottle	
	oxid roots	Y N
	texture*	
	redox features**	Y N
	hyd. cond.***	I S M D
20 cm	matrix color	
	mottle color	
	%mottle	
	oxid roots	Y N
	texture*	
	redox features**	Y N
	hyd. cond.***	I S M D

Soil Collection Method	Harris (A, B, C)
2,3,8,9 campolled	A
Soil Series/Type:	
Soil Series Source:	Ohio Soil Survey
Landform type:	
Depth to rest layer:	
Parent Material:	
Drainage*	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excessively dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Well drained <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat poorly dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Impermeable surface	<input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat excessively <input type="checkbox"/> Moderately well dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Very poorly dr.

SOIL DEPTH MEASUREMENT: Measure to the nearest 0.1 cm in center of intensive modules. If >30.5 cm, record as >30

module	1 liter+ organic depth (cm)	2 liter depth (cm)	water depth (cm)	depth sat soil (cm)
1	3.5	3.5	0	0
2	3	3	0	0
3	1.0	1.0	0	0

EARTH SURFACE & GROUND COVER		
Underlying Earth Surface*	Ground Cover	percent

Sum - 100%	percent	percent
Humus - 100%	Coarse Woody Debris***	38
Mineral Soil	Fine Woody Debris****	15
Gravel-Cobble*	Litter	10
Boulder**	Duff (Ferm + Humus)	0
Bedrock	Bryophyte Lichen	5
Gravel-Cobble - 1/16-10"	Water	3
Boulder = > 10 in	Bare Soil	3
> 5 cm in diameter	Road/Trail	0
> 5 cm in diameter	Other	0

TRAIL INFORMATION:	
Trail type and cover for each	%Cover
Type	
All Purpose	
Bridle	
Hiking sanctioned	
Brooding unsanctioned	
Gravel	
Deer	

COVER BY STRATA
 estimate using midpoints of 5, ex: 3, 8, 13 %

Strata	Height Range (m)	Total Cover (%)
Tree	7.5m	48
Shrub	1.5-5	53
Herb	.5 <	73
(Floating)*	-	
(Aquatic)*	-	

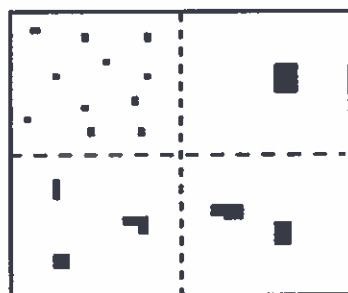
STAND SIZE	
<input type="checkbox"/> > 600 x plot size	
<input type="checkbox"/> > 100 x plot size	
<input type="checkbox"/> 10-100 x plot size	
<input type="checkbox"/> 3-10 x plot size	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-3 x plot size	
<input type="checkbox"/> < plot size	

* refer to texture classes on reverse side
 ** e.g. hydrogen sulfide odor, gleying, etc.
 *** Circle one:
 I=indurated S=saturated M=moist D=dry
 Notes: include evidence of earthworms (worms, castings, middens)
 MOD 1: NO WORMS, BUT CASTINGS OBSERVED.
 MOD 2: WORMS + CASTINGS
 OBSERVED.
 MOD 3: CASTINGS
 OBSERVED

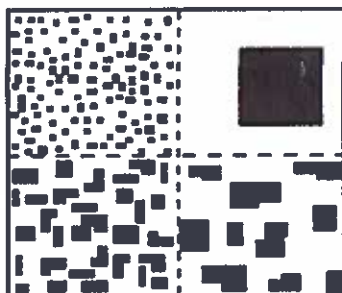
1	3.5	3.5	0	0
2	3	3	0	0
3	1.0	1.0	0	0

PERCENT MOTTLES (USE CLASS CODES):

Class	Conv.	Code NASIS	Criteria: % of Surface Area Covered
Few	f	#	< 2
Common	c	#	2 to < 20
Many	m	#	≥ 20



2%



20%

SOIL TEXTURE: Record the code for the soil texture of the 5 cm and 20 cm layers. To estimate texture, collect a soil sample from the appropriate layer and moisten it with water to the consistency of modeling clay/wet newspaper; the sample should be wet enough that all of the particles are saturated but excess water does not freely flow from the sample when squeezed. Attempt to roll the sample into a ball. If the soil will not stay in a ball and has a grainy texture, the texture is either sandy or coarse sandy. If the soil does form a ball, squeeze the sample between your fingers and attempt to form a self-supporting ribbon. Samples which form both a ball and a ribbon should be coded as clayey; samples which form a ball but not a ribbon should be coded as loamy.

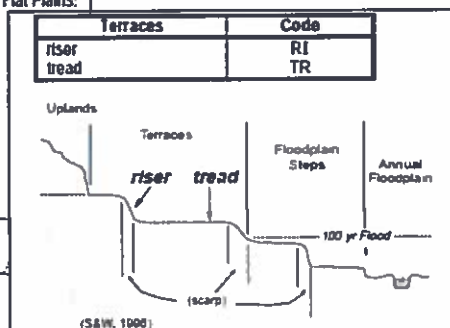
- 0= Organic
- 1= Loamy
- 2= Clayey
- 3= Sandy
- 4= Coarse Sand
- 9= Not measured - make plot note

Geomorphic Component - Three-dimensional descriptors of parts of landforms or microfeatures that are best applied to areas. Unique descriptors are available for Hills, Terraces, Mountains, and Flat Plains; e.g., (for Hills) nose slope or NS.

Hills	Code PDP	Code NASIS
interfluvio	IF	IF
head slope	HS	HS
nose slope	NS	NS
side slope	SS	SS
base slope	—	BS

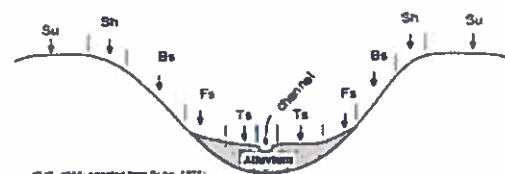


(PUS, 1900; adapted from Ruhe, 1975)



Hillslope - Profile Position (Hillslope Position in PDP) - Two-dimensional descriptors of parts of line segments (i.e., slope position) along a transect that runs up and down the slope; e.g., backslope or BS. This is best applied to transects or points, not areas.

Position	Code
summit	SU
shoulder	SH
backslope	BS
footslope	FS
toeslope	TS



HYDROLOGIC REGIME Modified from Grossman et al 1998. (Frequency and duration of flooding.)

UPLAND: Not a wetland. Very rarely flooded.

INTERMITTENTLY/SEASONALLY SATURATED: Dry at least once per year. Surface water is seldom present, but substrate is saturated to surface for extended periods during the growing season.

PERMANENTLY/SEMI-PERMANENTLY SATURATED: Dry less than once per year. Surface water is seldom present, but substrate is saturated to surface for extended periods during the growing season. Equivalent to Cowardin's Saturated modifier.

OCCASIONALLY FLOODED: Surface water can be present for brief periods during growing season, but not in most years. Often characterizes flood-plain upper terraces.

TEMPORARILY FLOODED: Surface water present for brief periods during growing season, but water table usually lies well below soil surface. Often characterizes flood-plain levees and lower terraces. Equivalent to Cowardin's Temporary modifier.

INTERMITTENTLY FLOODED: Substrate is usually exposed, but surface water can be present for variable periods without detectable seasonal periodicity. Inundation is not predictable to a given season and is dependent upon highly localized rain storms. This modifier was developed for use in the arid West for water regimes of Playa lakes, intermittent streams, and dry washes but can be used in other parts of the U.S. where appropriate. This modifier can be applied to both wetland and non-wetland situations. Equivalent to Cowardin's Intermittently Flooded modifier.

SEMI-PERMANENTLY FLOODED (exposed <1/year): Surface water persists throughout the growing season in most years. Land surface is normally saturated when water level drops below soil surface. Includes Cowardin's Intermittently Exposed and Semipermanently Flooded modifiers.

PERMANENTLY FLOODED: Water covers the land surface at all times of the year in all years. Equivalent to Cowardin's "permanently flooded".

UNKNOWN: The hydrologic regime cannot be determined from the available information.