

CLEVELAND METROPARKS Plant Community Assessment Program: Quality Control Form



Project Label:

PCAP

Plot No:

1092

Date Sampled:

08/03/15

Lead:

LANCE

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	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		Y	N	N/A
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 #.		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	
Cross check 2010 information		<input checked="" type="radio"/> 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		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	
Data sheet QA before leaving site?		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	
Common equipment returned to tub.		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	
Data sheets scanned?				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	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	
(# vouchers collected)	Press (#)			Enter number to left
ACL 411	Drier	Y	N	
	Identified	Y	N	
	Mounted	Y	N	
	Thrown away	Y	N	

GRTS point verification: Is plot sampleable?

<input checked="" 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. parkinglot, road)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Unsafe to sample (i.e. steep slope)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Additional Comments:

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St. Paul, Minnesota

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My dear Mr. Brewster

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CLEVELAND METROPARKS Plant Community Assessment Program - Background Data Sheet

GENERAL INFORMATION	
Project Label:	PCAP
Project Name:	20AC2015
Plot Name:	The Unknown
Plot No.:	1092
<input type="checkbox"/> Level 4 (no nested corners sampled) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level 5 (nested corners sampled)	
Date (mm/dd/yyyy):	08/03/2015
End date (if > 1 day):	/ /
Party:	Role**
A. Lance	Plot leader
T. Cochran	Bot. Asst.
M. Busaan	Crew
M. Gettely	Crew
** Roles: Co-leader, Asst. Guide, Observer, 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	moderate
low	not sampled
vascular	n/a
bryo	
lichen	
TAXONOMIC STANDARD	
Authority:	G&C Pub Date: 1998

Minimum required fields in Bold and Underlined

LOCATION	
State:	OH
County:	Cuyahoga
Quadrangle:	Mayfield Hts.
Local Place Names:	Upper 40/ Forest P.A.
Landowner:	CMP
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	
Reasons:	
If data not public why?	
Source of coordinates: <input type="checkbox"/> MAP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPS	
Coordinate system: <input type="checkbox"/> UTM <input type="checkbox"/> StatePlane <input type="checkbox"/> deg <input type="checkbox"/> deg min <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	
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: 41.55824	
Longitude: 81.42676	
Coord. Accuracy: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> m <input type="checkbox"/> ft +/- 1.3	
GPS File Name: 1092A	
Plot size for cover data: 0.1 (hectares)	
X-axis Bearing of plot: 1345°	
Depth: (1-5): 4	
Intensive modules: 2, 3, 8, 9 (EOT IF MODIFIED)	
Camera No.: 3	
Photo Nos: 0164	
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	

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

Layout → 2x5

Location → Plot can be accessed by parking off the road to Upper 40 area, or by a short walk from Forest Picnic Area.

Rationale → GRTS PCAP re-sample

Veg. Characteristics → Canopy of the plot is dominated by white oak and shagbark hickory. Shrub layer consists primarily of sugar maple and beech. Very sparse herbaceous

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

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Plant Community Assessment Program - Background Data Sheet

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MODIFIED NAT/RESERVE CLASS*

CODE (on separate form):

A-02

Fit= Conf=

COMMUNITY NAME:

Dry-Mesic Oak Forest

HOMOGENEITY

☒ Homogeneous
 ☐ Compositional trend across the plot

☐ Conspicuous inclusions
 ☐ Irregular/pattern mosaic

DISTURBANCES

type*	severity**	yrs ago	% of plot	description
Human	L	0	100%	trash
Natural				
Fire				
Cut				
Animal	H	0	100%	browse
Other				

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

Current Land Use: PARK

Former Land Use: UNKNOWN

HYDROLOGIC REGIME*

☒ Upland (seldom flooded)
 ☐ Intermittently flooded

☐ Intermittently/seasonally saturated (seldom flooded)
 ☐ Semipermanently flooded

☐ Permanently/Semipermanent saturated (dry <1/yr, seldom flooded)
 ☐ Permanently flooded

☐ Occasionally flooded (<1/yr)
 ☐ Tidal/Seiche flooded daily

☐ Temporarity flooded
 ☐ Tidal/Seiche flooded monthly

☐ (e.g. wind, storms)
 ☐ Tidal/Seiche flooded irregular

☐ Unknown

SALINITY*

☐ Saltwater
 ☐ Brackish
 ☒ Fresh
 ☐ Upland (n/a)

(by default unless plot is a wetland)

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

community - most of the mayapple and Jack-in-Pulpit is beginning to die back for the year. lots of bare soil throughout.

Area seems to be a successional beech-maple community.

Some areas seem to be seasonally inundated.

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Plot area (ha)



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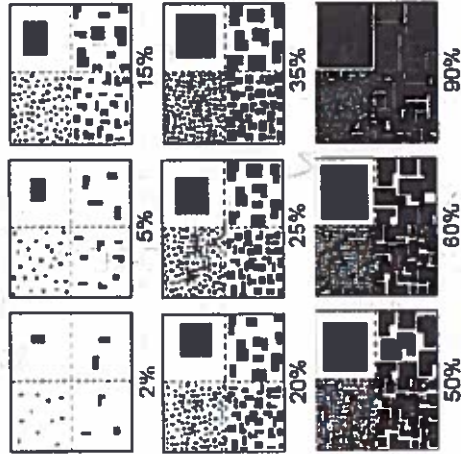
Br = Browse Level. Use cover classes to describe amount of browse per species over entire plot

Strata - Cov. entire plot

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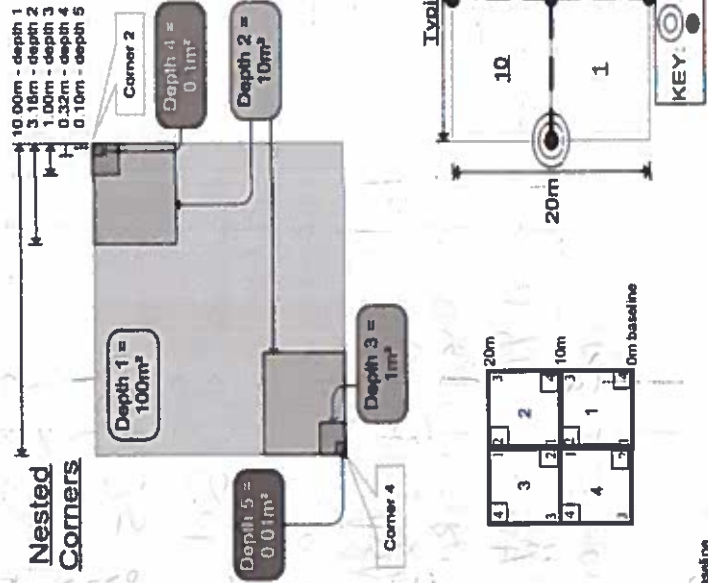
EXAMPLES OF PERCENT OF AREA COVERED

The following graphic can be used for various data elements to convey "Amount" or "Quantity". NOTE: Within any given box, each quadrant contains the same total area covered, just 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	75-95%	0.850
10	95-100%	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.

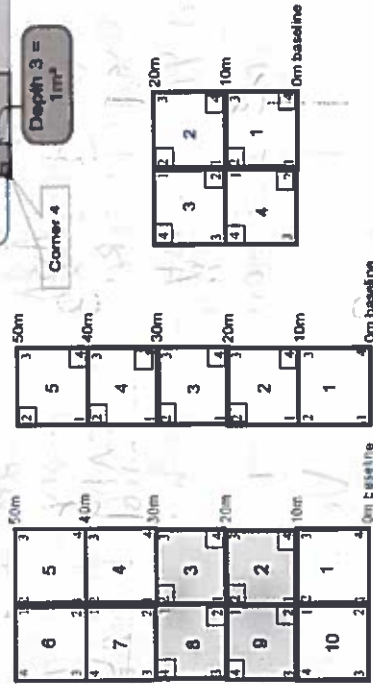
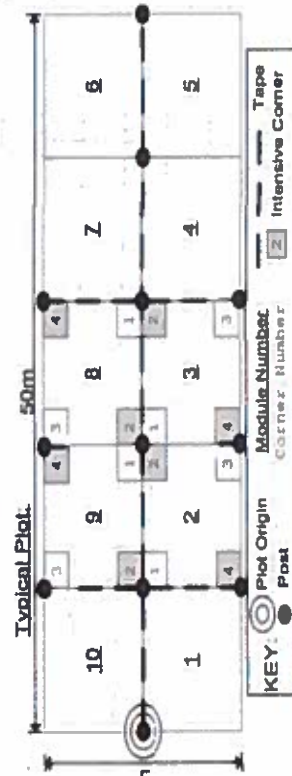
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HIGH: greater than 25 percent of the stems of plants in the 1 m2 nested quadrat and intensive module AND a browse line is evident.

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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Plot area (ha): _____



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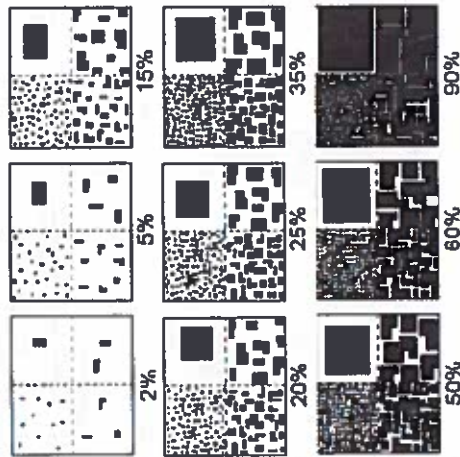
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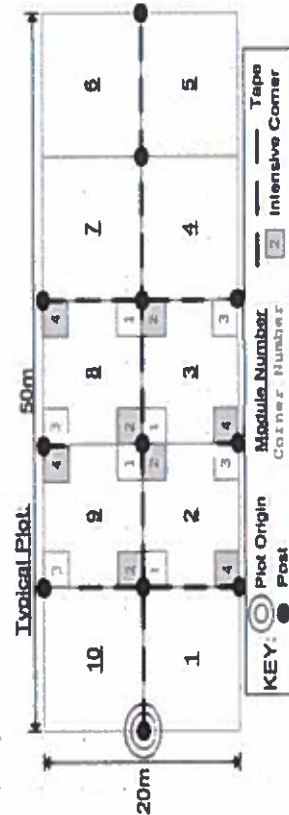
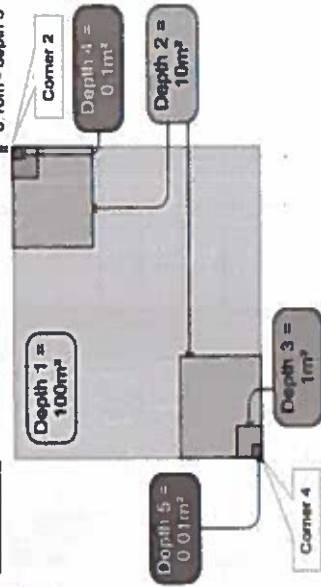
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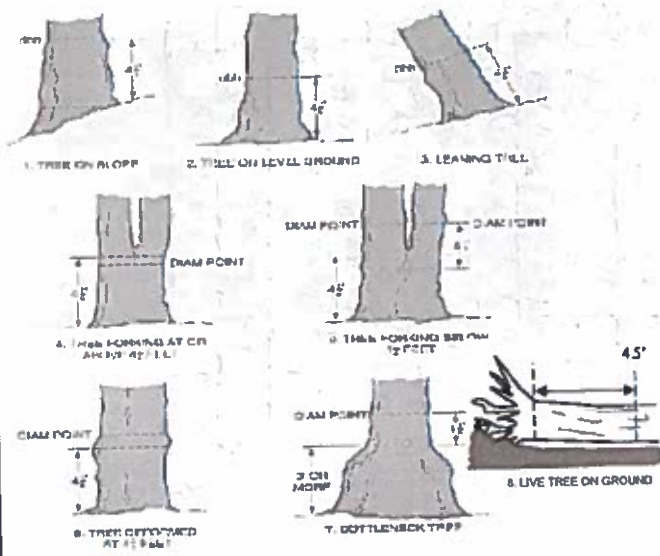
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DBH Measurement Rules



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



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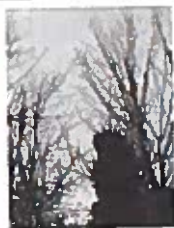
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ASH CANOPY CONDITION

- 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.
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- 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.



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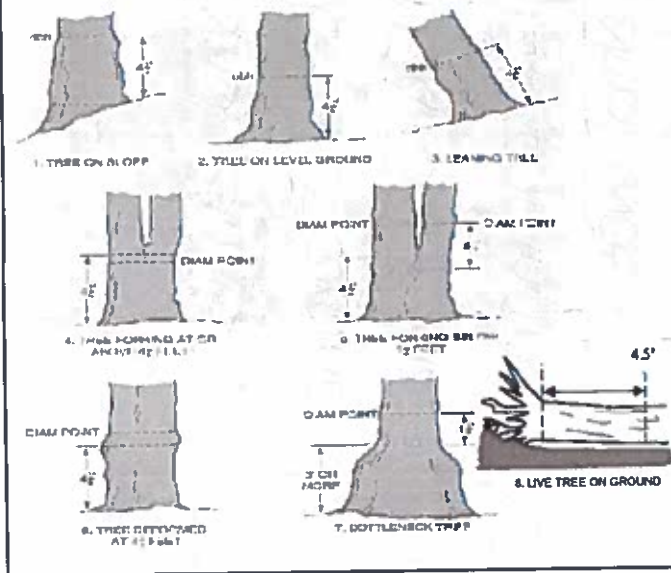
E

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).
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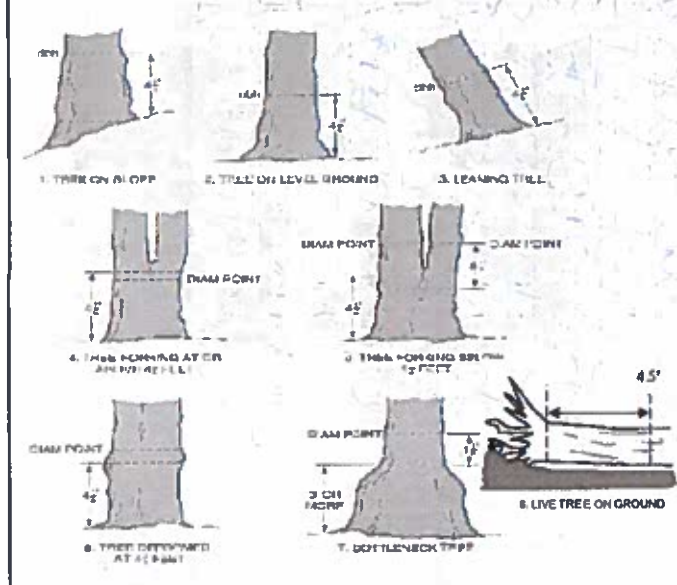
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Explain subsample (additional room on back)

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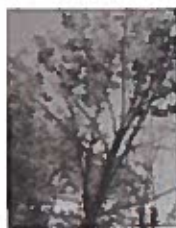
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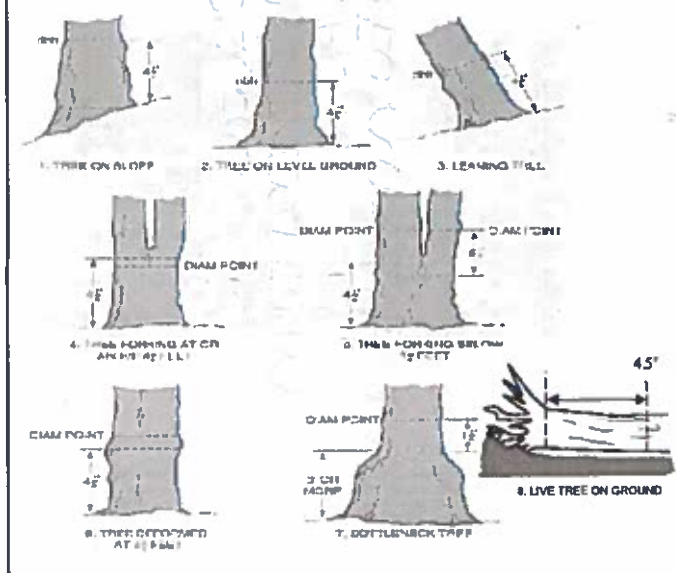
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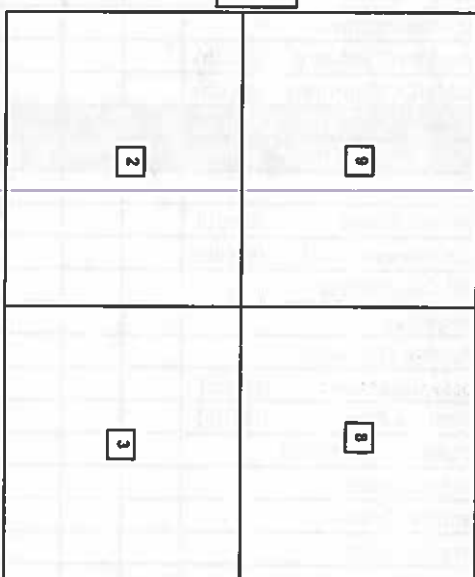
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Tree ID	Species	Dead	Voucher #	DBH (cm)	HT (m)	Ash condition	Dead condition	# Ext holes	Epiloric present	Woodpecker holes
1	No Ash									
2										
3										
4										
5										
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* If Ash Condition scores 5 (dead) provide breakup score (A-E)
Count EAB exit holes 1.25m x 2.5m
Woodpecker and epicormic marked present (1) or absent (0)

Baseline



*** Change Intensive module numbers when necessary



Map all ash trees ≥ 10cm in each module using Tree ID number

CLEVELAND METROPARKS Plant Community Assessment Program: Invasive Species Survey



Tier 1: Early detection/ Rapid response		Presence				GPS	Presence X: yes
		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	# of Plants 1: 1-10 2: 11-50. 3: 51-100 4: 101-1,000 5: >1,000
		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	# of Plants 1: 1-10 2: 11-50. 3: 51-100 4: 101-1,000 5: >1,000
		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	# of Plants 1: 1-10 2: 11-50. 3: 51-100 4: 101-1,000 5: >1,000
		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						

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

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mod #	species	voucher#	# shrub clumps	size class (cm) woody stems > 1m										
				1 0-<1	2 1-<2.5	3 2.5-<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	Frax. americana	1121									
2	Frax. americana	1121									
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4	Frax. americana	1121									
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8	Frax. americana	1121									
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10	Frax. americana	1121									

* IF EVIDENCE OF PEST OR PATHOGEN RECORD TOTAL SPECIES POPULATION IN THE PLOT EVEN THE NOT INFECTED

Strata	# of stem infected	Severity (H, M, or L)
Tree (size class 3 or above)		
Shrub (size class 2 or below including shrub clumps)	IV	L

* Write None Present if no evidence:

Beech (Fungus)	Asian Longhorned Beetle
Hemlock (HWA)	Other Pest or Pathogen
Walnut (Thousand Canker)	

Severity

High = more than 50% of leaf/needle cover exhibiting symptoms

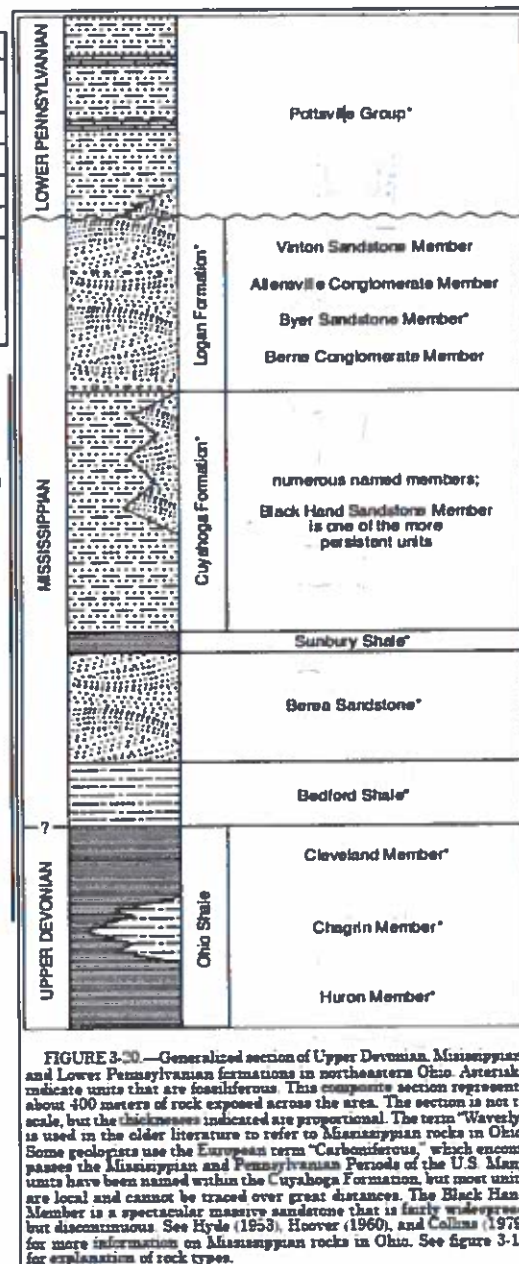
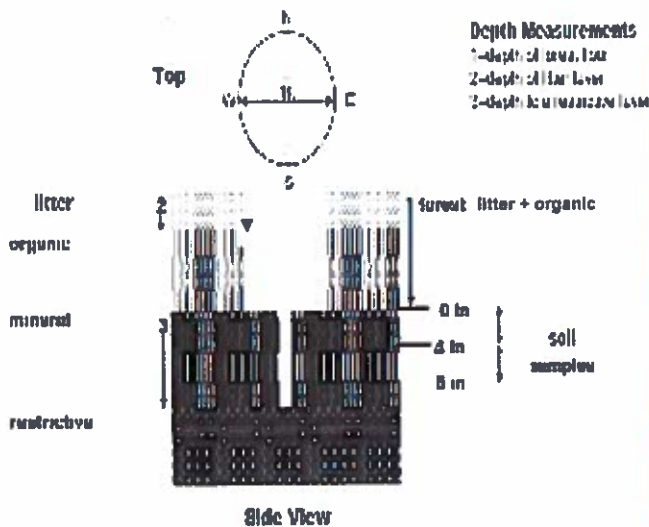
Medium = Less than 50% of leaf/needle cover exhibiting symptoms

Low = Only a few leaves or branches are exhibiting symptoms

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.



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	
	mottle color	
	%mottle	
	oxid roots	Y N
	texture*	
	redox features**	Y N
	hydr. cond.***	1 S M D
20 cm	matrix color	
	mottle color	
	%mottle	
	oxid roots	Y N
	texture*	
	redox features**	Y N
	hydr. cond.***	1 S M D

Soil Collection Module Version (A, B, C)	A
2.2.9.9 completed	
With Soil Survey Information	
Soil Series/Type:	
Soil Series Source: Ohio Soil Survey	
Landform type:	
Depth to root layer:	
Parent Material:	
PERMANENCE*	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excessively dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat excessively <input type="checkbox"/> Well drained <input type="checkbox"/> Moderately well dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat poorly dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Very poorly dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Impermeable surface	

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

1 liter+ organic depth (cm)	2 liter water depth (cm)	depth sat soil (cm)
2 1.4 1.4	-	-
3 0.7 0.7	-	-
8 0.1 0.1	-	-
9 1.5 1.5	-	-

EARTH SURFACE & GROUND COVER

Underlying Earth Surface*	Ground Cover	Percent
Gravel = 100%	Percent	Percent
Historical	Coarse Woody Debris***	15%
Mineral Soil	Fine Woody Debris****	20%
Gravel-Cobble*	Litter	75%
Boulder**	Duff (Fem + Humus)	-
Bedrock	Bryophyte-Lichen	2%
* Gravel-Cobble = 1/16-10"	Water	-
** Boulder = > 10 in	Bare Soil	15%
*** > 5 cm in diameter	Root/Trail	-
**** < 5 cm in diameter	Other	-

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

Strata	Height Range (m)	Total Cover (%)
Tree	5 -	98%
Shrub	1.5 - 5	83%
Herb	0 - 1.5	18%
(Floating)*	-	-
(Aquatic)*	-	-

* rooted and floating or slightly emerged
 ** submerged, most plant mass below surface
 SEE BACK OF PAGE FOR TYPICAL STRATA DESCRIPTIONS. STRATA CAN VARY BY COVER TYPE.

TRAFFIC INFORMATION

record type and cover for each	%Cover
Type	
> All Purpose	
> Bridle	
> Hiking sanctioned	
> Bicycling unsanctioned	
> Gravel	
> Deer	

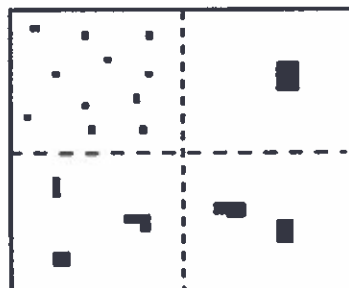
STAND SIZE

- ☐ > 600 x plot size
- ☐ > 100 x plot size
- ☒ 10-100 x plot size
- ☐ 3-10 x plot size
- ☐ 1-3 x plot size
- ☐ < plot size

2-CASTINGS
 NO WORMS
 3-CASTINGS
 NO WORMS
 8-CASTINGS
 9-CASTINGS
 3 WORMS PRESENT

PERCENT MOTTLES (USE CLASS CODES):

Class	Code	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.

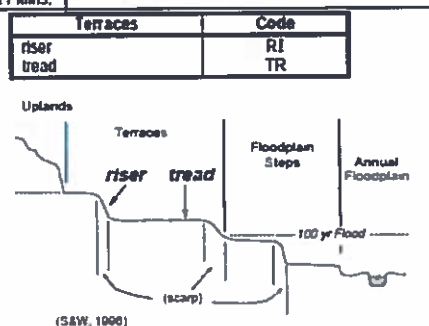
- 0= Organic
- 1= Loamy
- 2= Clayey
- 3= Sandy
- 4= Coarse Sand
- 9= Not measured - make plot note

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	NASIS
interfluvial	IF	IF
head slope	HS	HS
nose slope	NS	NS
side slope	SS	SS
base slope	—	BS

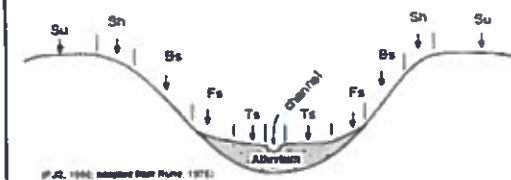


(P.J.S. 1990; adapted from Ruess, 1975)



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.