CLEVELAND METROPARKS Plant Community Assessment Program - Background Data Sheet

GENERAL INFORMATION

Project Label: PCAP

Project Name: OINC2011

Plot Name: North Chagrin Nature Center

Plot No.: 1120

☐ Level 4 (no nested corners sampled)

■ Level 5 (nested corners sampled)

Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 9/3/2011

End date (if > 1 day): / /

Party	Role**
	Plot leader
C. Hausman	

** Roles: Co-leader, Asst., Guide, Owner, Taxonomist, etc.

PLOT NOT SAMPLED: ☑ Other

☐ Perm. water ☐ Paved ☐ Slope ☐ Safety

SAMPLING QUALITY*

Effort Level:

☐ Very thorough

☐ Accurate

☑ Hurried

subjective evaluation of how much effort put into sampling. Hurried plots may still provide good data

TAXONOMIC ACCURACY

	high	modera.	low	not smpl
vascul.			✓	
bryo				n/a ✓
lichen				✓

TAXONOMIC STANDARD

Authority: G&C Pub Date: 1998

LOCATION

State: OH **County:** Cuyahoga

Quadrangle: Mayfield Heights

Local Place Names:

Landowner:

X-axis Bearing of plot: [ ] °

Data Confidentiality:

Check one: ☐ Public data ☐ Private Data

☐ Fuzz 100m ☐ Fuzz 250m ☐ Fuzz 500m

Reason:

If data not public why?

Source of coordinates ☐ MAP ■ GPS

GPS location in plot x=0 to 5, y=-1,0,+1):

x = y = (base of plot x=0, y=0)

Coordinate system: **Coord. Units**

■ Lat/Long ☐ UTM ☐ StatePlane ■ deg ☐ deg min

☐ Other (*specify:*) ■ m ☐ ft ☐

Datum: ■ NAD83/WGS84 ☐ NAD27

Latitude:

Longitude:

Coord. Accuracy: ☐ m ☐ ft +/-

GPS File Name:

Plot size for cover data: 0.1 (hectares)

☐ Stems not sampled on this plot ☐ Stems absent

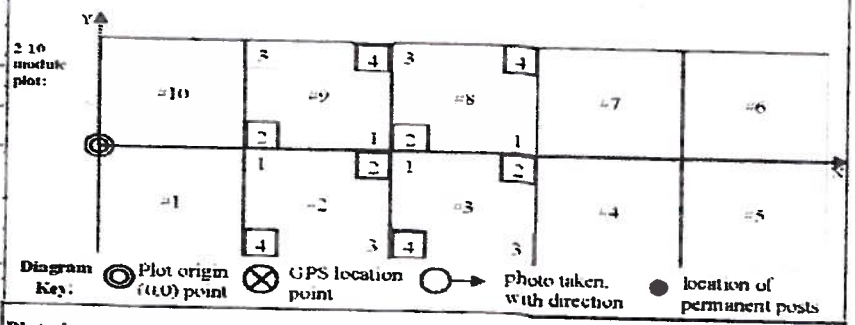
☐ Stems present **Plot size stems:** (ha)

Depth: (1-5):

Intensive modules: 2, 3, 8, 9 (EDIT IF MODIFIED)

Camera No.:

Photo Nos.:



Plot placement: ☐ Representative ☐ GRTS ☐ Random ☐ Stratified Random

☐ Transect component ☐ Systematic (grid) ☐ Capture specific feature ☐ Other

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.

Plot not sampled
GRTS pt landed in a mowed area surrounded by the parking lot for the North Chagrin Nature Center

Minimum required fields in Bold and Underlined

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

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Cleveland Metroparks

Project Label: PCAP **Project Name:** _____ **Plot No.:** _____

CLASSIFICATION

(FIT = excellent, good, fair, poor; CONF = high, med, low) Fit and Confidence

Hydrogeomorphic class (WETLANDS ONLY):

- ☐ DEPRESSION Fit=___ Conf=___
- ☐ IMPOUNDMENT ☐ Beaver ☐ Human Fit=___ Conf=___
- ☐ RIVERINE ☐ Headwater ☐ Mainstem ☐ Channel Fit=___ Conf=___
- ☐ SLOPE (ground water hydrology or on a physical slope) Fit=___ Conf=___
- ☐ FRINGING ☐ Reservoir ☐ Natural Lake Fit=___ Conf=___
- ☐ COASTAL (specify subclass) Fit=___ Conf=___
- ☐ BOG (strongly, moderately, weakly ombrotrophic) Fit=___ Conf=___

Ohio EPA VIBI Plant Community Class (WETLANDS ONLY):

- ☐ FOREST ☐ swamp forest ☐ bog forest ☐ forest seep Fit=___ Conf=___
- ☐ EMERGENT ☐ marsh ☐ wet meadow ☐ open bog Fit=___ Conf=___
- ☐ SHRUB ☐ shrub swamp ☐ tall sh. bog ☐ tall sh. fen Fit=___ Conf=___

MODIFIED NATURESERVE CLASS*

CODE (on separate form): X07 Fit=___ Conf=___

COMMUNITY NAME: Disturbed soil comm. Mowed area

LANDFORM TYPE*: Flat

HOMOGENEITY

- ☑ Homogeneous
- ☐ Compositional trend across the plot
- ☐ Conspicuous inclusions
- ☐ Irregular/pattern mosaic

STAND SIZE

- ☐ >1,000 x plot size
- ☐ > 100 x plot size
- ☐ 10-100 x plot size
- ☐ 3-10 x plot size
- ☑ 1-3 x plot size
- ☐ < plot size

DRAINAGE*

- ☐ Excessively drained
- ☐ Somewhat excessively
- ☐ Well drained
- ☐ Moderately well dr.
- ☐ Somewhat poorly dr.
- ☐ Very poorly dr.
- ☐ Impermeable surface

SALINITY*

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

DISTURBANCES

type*	severity**	yrs ago	% of plot	description
Human	VH	0	100	Mowed
Natural				
Fire				
Cut				
Animal				
Other				

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

Current Land Use:

Former Land Use:

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

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

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Project Label: PCAP Project name: _____ Plot no.: _____

Total modules: _____ Intensive modules: _____ Plot configuration: _____ Plot area (ha): _____

Visual est. % open water entire site: 0 Visual est. %unveg.o.w. entire site: 0 Visual est. %invasives entire site: N/A

Cleveland Metroparks

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

Strata - Cov. entire plot

Estimate for the each intensive module:

%open water

%unvegetated open water

%unveg. ground (bare soil)

%unveg. litter (bare litter)

T	S	H	(F)	(A)	Br	Species	C	Voucher #	mod	corner	mod	corner	mod	corner	mod	corner	mod	corner	mod	corner	mod	corner	mod	corner	mod	corner	mod	corner	mod	corner
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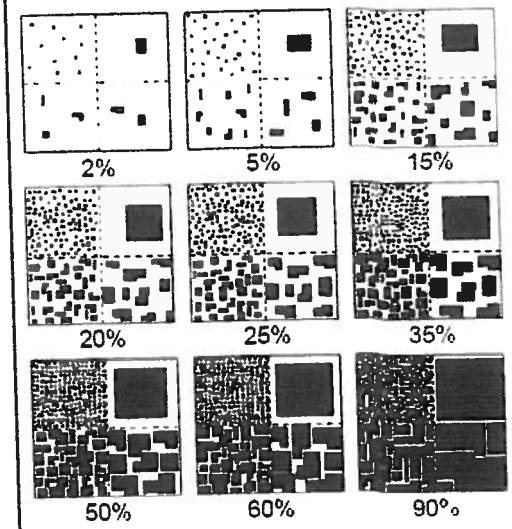
						Poaceae sp.																								

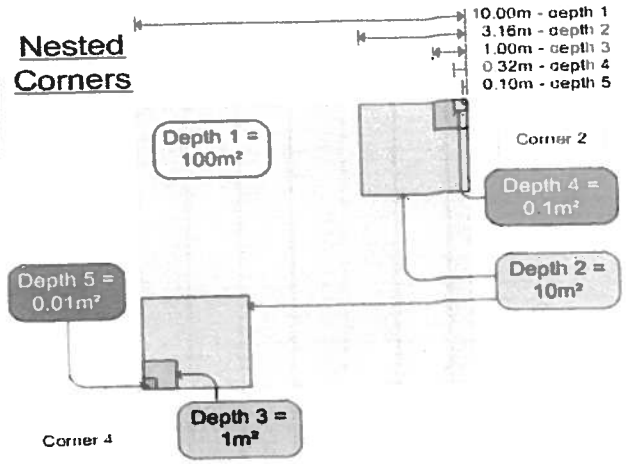
EXAMPLES OF PERCENT OF AREA COVERED

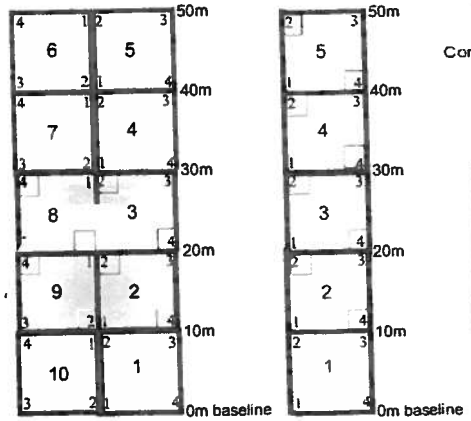
The following graphic can be used for various data elements to convey "Amount" or "Quantity" *NOTE* Within any given box, each quadrant contains the same total area covered just different sized objects

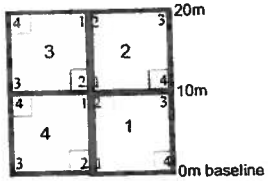


cover class	% cover	midpoint
1	solitary or few	0.0001
2	0-1%	0.005
3	1-2%	0.015
4	2-5%	0.035
5	5-10%	0.075
6	10-25%	0.175
7	25-50%	0.375
8	50-75%	0.625
9	75-95%	0.850
10	95-100%	0.975

Nested Corners







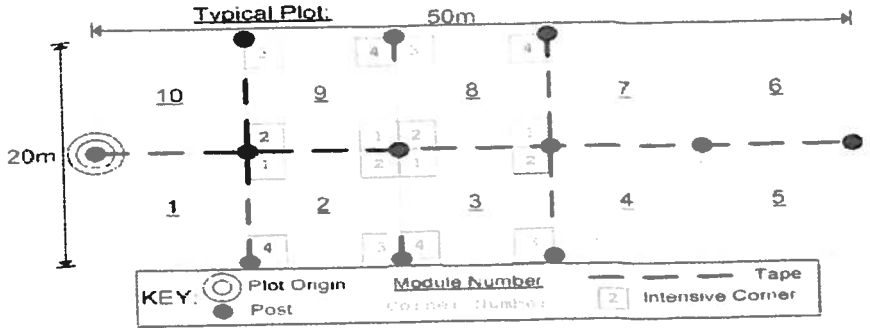
BROWSE RATING NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

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.

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 intensive 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.