

## CLEVELAND METROPARKS Plant Community Assessment Program: Quality Control Form



Project Label:

PCAP

Plot No:

3389

Date Sampled:

8/28/15

Lead:

CKM

Comment required if item answer is NO

Parking/Access outside of Park Boundaries:	Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/>	If yes, write details in Comments section below
Field journals completed	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	
Site sketch made on 1:3000 map?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	
Check cover page	X-axis Bearing of plot recorded <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	
	GPS coords. Recorded <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	
	North direction recorded <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	
	Photographs taken? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	
	Relocated Pins Mapped <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	
Plot No., Date agreement on all pages?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	
Header data completed all pages?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	
Cover classes recorded in all Intensive modules	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	
Browse Level By Species	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	
Woody stem quality control check	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	Check every line and cross check with the Tree Cover Sheet
Invasive plant quality control check	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	NA
Ash trees mapped	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	
Completed Forest Pest/Pathogen Datasheet	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	
Cover by Strata? (confirm cover type)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	
Soil samples collected with matching plot #.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	NA
Cross check 2010 information	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	Highlight any changes from 2010 information
Vouchers labeled on datasheet with initials and number	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	
Vouchers labeled on collection bag	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	
Pink flags removed	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	LEFT FLAGS UP
Data sheet QA before leaving site?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	
Common equipment returned to tub.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	
Data sheets scanned?		Enter date to left
Final data sheets scanned?		Enter date to left
Buffer Widths measured?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	
Web Soil Survey	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	
Voucher Location	Refrigerator <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	
(# vouchers collected)	Press (#) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	Enter number to left
VOUCHERS CKM 440- 442	Drier <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	
	Identified <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	
	Mounted <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	
	Thrown away <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> 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 cause)
	<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:

All pins found

Intensives  
1,2,5,6

Strata hts.

Shrub 25-5

Herb 0-25

- Fully set up  
 - Decent walk  
 - 4 pages

(1st)



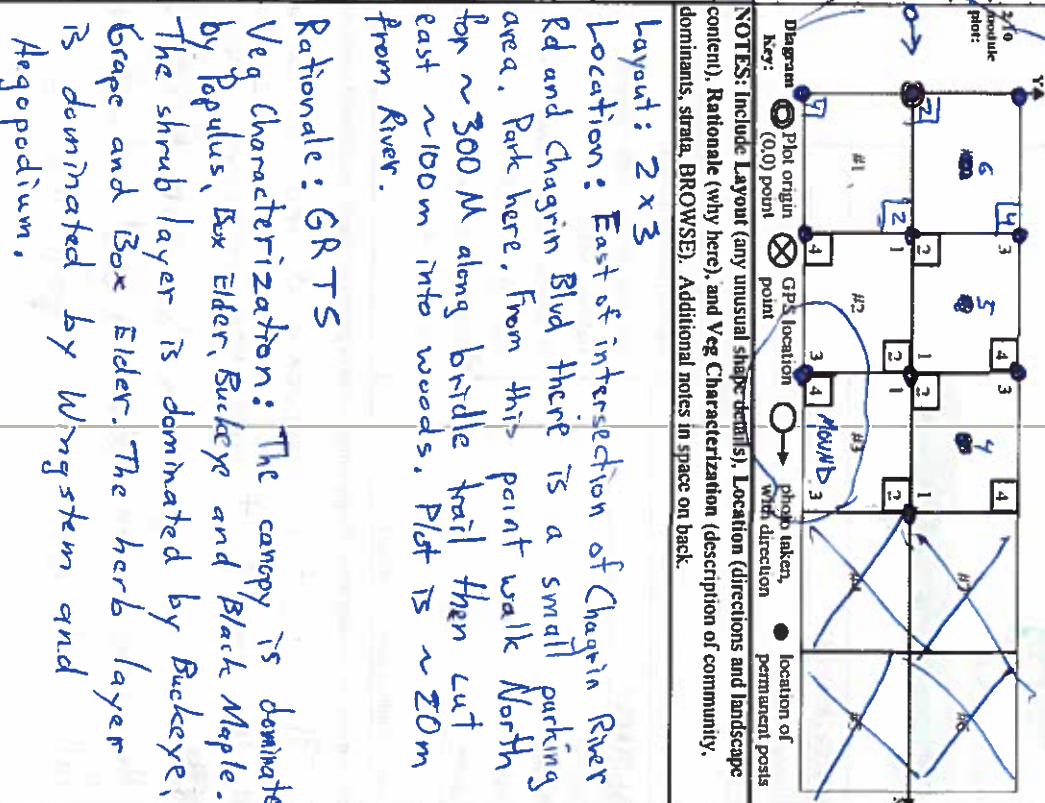
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# CLEVELAND METROPARKS Plant Community Assessment Program - Background Data Sheet

<b>GENERAL INFORMATION</b>	
Project Label:	PCAP
Project Name:	025CZ015
Plot Name:	Day Campers
Plot No.:	3389
<input type="checkbox"/> Level 4 (no nested corners sampled) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level 5 (nested corners sampled)	
Date (mm/dd/yyyy):	8/28/2015
End date (if > 1 day):	/ /
Party:	C. Minney      Plot leader T. Lechner      Bot Asst. D. Sweet      Woody Tech M. Geitguy      Woody Tech
** Roles: Co-leader, Asst. Guide, Owner, Taxonomic, etc.	
<b>PLOT NOT SAMPLED:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
<input type="checkbox"/> Perm. water <input type="checkbox"/> Paved <input type="checkbox"/> Slope <input type="checkbox"/> Safety	
<b>SAMPLING QUALITY*</b>	
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	
<b>TAXONOMIC ACCURACY</b>	
	high    modera.    low    not simpl
vascul.	X
bryo	X
lichen	X
<b>TAXONOMIC STANDARD</b>	
Authority:	G&C    Pub Date: 1998

<b>LOCATION</b>	
State:	OH    County: Cuyahoga
Quadrangle:	Chagrin Falls
Local Place Names:	Chagrin Blvd Chagrin Field
Landowner:	CMP
Data Confidentiality:	<input checked="" 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
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:	41.44235
Longitude:	81.40547
Coord. Accuracy:	X m <input type="checkbox"/> ft    +- 2
GPS File Name:	3389
Plot size for cover data:	.06 (hectares)
X-axis Bearing of plot:	[301]°
Depth: (1-5):	4
Intensive modules:	2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (EDIT IF MODIFIED)
Camera No.:	4
Photo Nos.:	4900 - photo taken 5m back
Plot placement:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RTRTS <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 FORM v. 1.0 and CVS Field Guide



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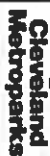
Project Label: PCAP Project name: O2 SC 2015

Project name: D2 SC 2015

Plot no.: 2289

Intensive modules: 4 Plot configuration: 2 x 3

Plot area (ha): 0.06



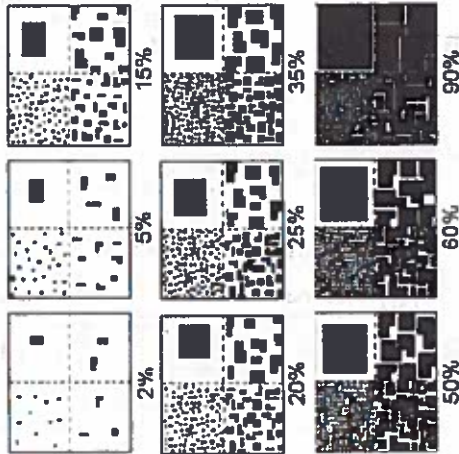
**Br = Browse Level. Use cover classes to describe amount of browse per species over entire plot**

Strala - Cov. entire plot

SRE\_CM PCAP Species Cover Data.xls last revised 6/10/2015 jlm

# EXAMPLES OF PERCENT OF AREA COVERED

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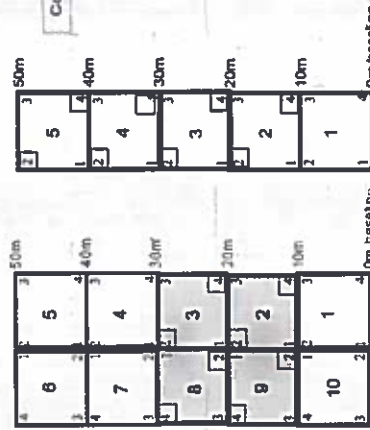
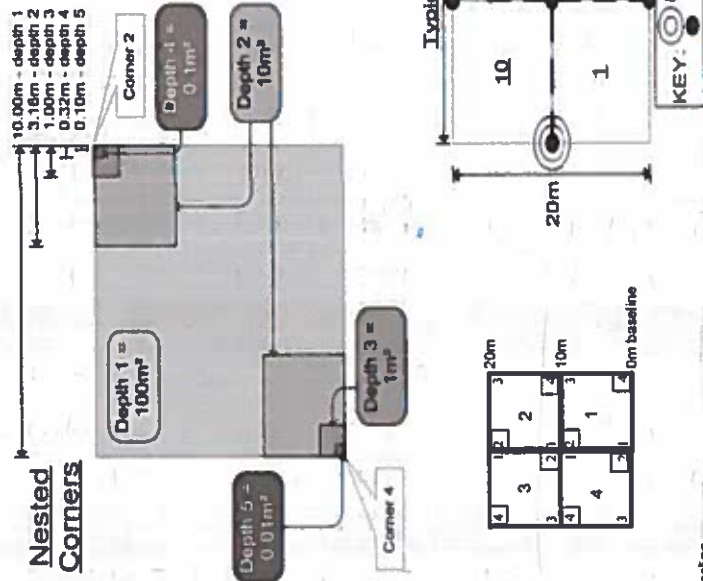
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**MEDIUM HIGH** values include evidence of a browse line and 25 percent of stems browsed with very little vegetation regeneration evident. In this rating, for some species of plants, reproduction does not appear to occur or it is very severely limited.

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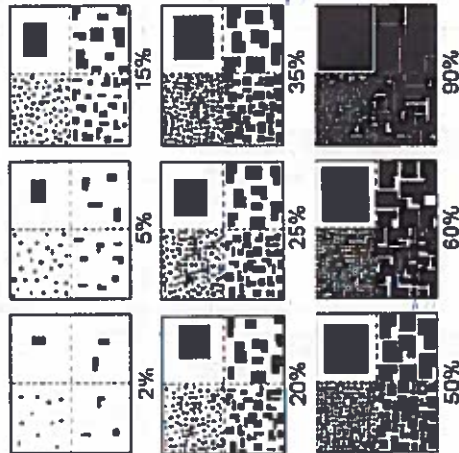






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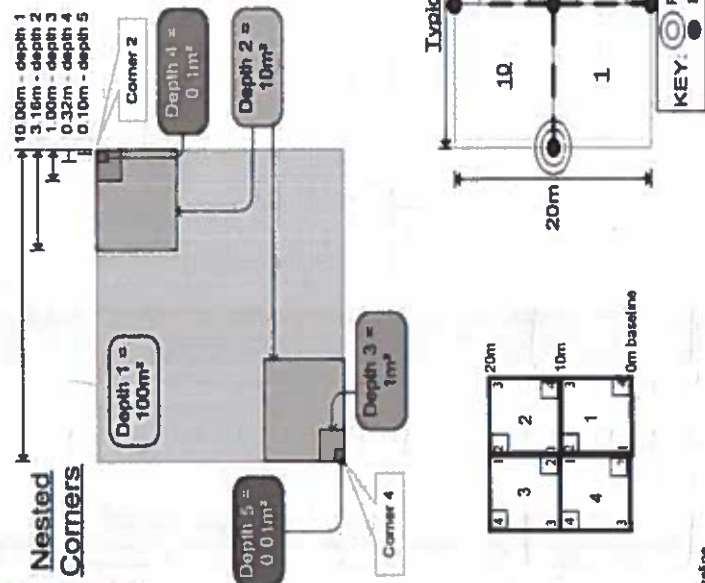
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Plot area (ha): 0.06

## Cleveland Metroparks

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

**Estimate for each intensive module:**

%open water

%unvegetated open water

%unveg. litter (bare litter)

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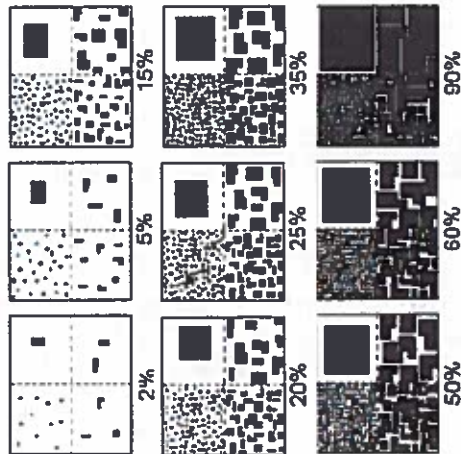
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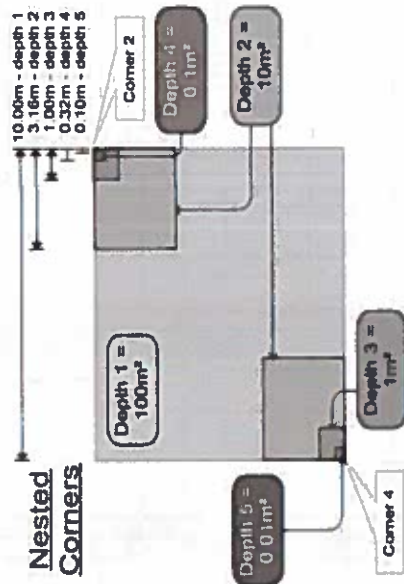
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cover class	% cover	midpoint
1	solitary or few	0.0001
2	0-1%	0.005
3	1-2%	0.015
4	2-5%	0.035
5	5-10%	0.075
6	10-25%	0.175
7	25-50%	0.375
8	50-75%	0.625
9	75-95%	0.850
10	95-100%	0.975

## Nested Corners



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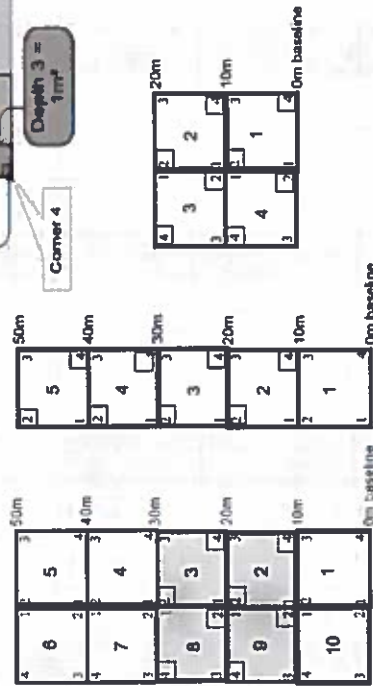
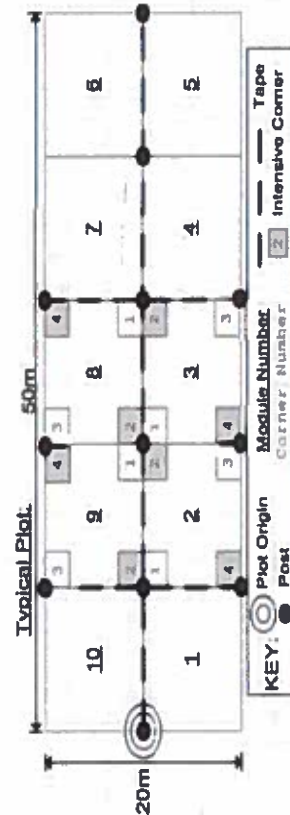
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*Desmodium illinoense* var. *puberulum*  
 leaf at leaf

CLEVELAND METROPARKS Plant Community Assessment Program Natural Woody Stem Data Sheet

Project Label: PCAP

Project Name: 02SC2015

Plot No.: 3389

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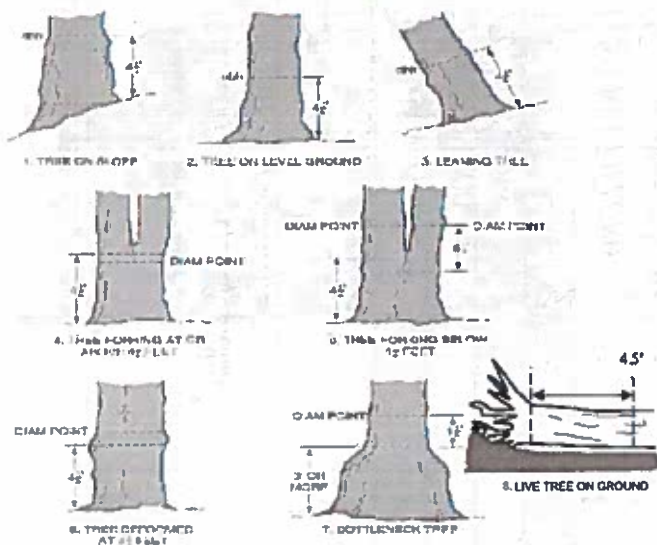
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Explain subsample (additional room on back):

mod #	species	c	voucher#	# stems 0-1.4m or super sample	% sub shrub clumps	size class (cm) woody stems >1.4m										
						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	<i>Bartholomaeus quinquefolia</i>			•												
1	<i>Desmodium illinoense</i>															
1	Standing Dead															
1	<i>LIGUSTRUM VULGARE</i>			•												
1	<i>Toxicodendron radicans</i>			••												
2	Standing Dead															
2	<i>Acer negundo</i>															
2	<i>LIGUSTRUM VULGARE</i>			•												
2	<i>ROSA MULTIFLORA</i>			•												
2	<i>Toxicodendron radicans</i>			••												
2	<i>Vitis riparia</i>			•												
3	<i>Desmodium illinoense</i>															
3	<i>Acer negundo</i>			•												
3	<i>Bartholomaeus quinquefolia</i>			•												
3	<i>LIGUSTRUM VULGARE</i>			••												
3	Standing Dead															
3	<i>ROSA MULTIFLORA</i>			••												
4	<i>Vitis riparia</i>															
4	<i>Desmodium illinoense</i>			••												
4	<i>LIGUSTRUM VULGARE</i>			••												
4	<i>Crataegus</i> sp.															
4	Standing Dead															
4	<i>Acer negundo</i>			•												
4	<i>Bartholomaeus quinquefolia</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



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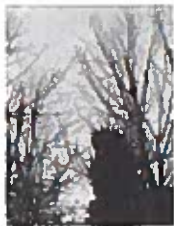
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### ASH CANOPY CONDITION

- 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.
- 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.



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Project Label: PCAP

Project Name: 02822015

Plot No.: 3389

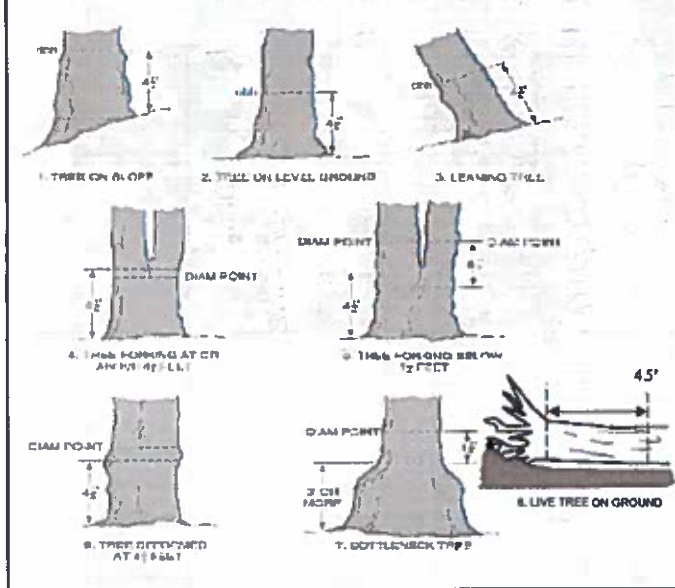
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Explain subsample (additional room on back):

mod #	species	c	voucher#	# stems 0-1.4m or super sample	% sub	# shrub clumps	size class (cm) woody stems > 1.4m										>40 (record each tree)
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
5	<i>Aesculus glabra</i>			..						..							
5	<i>LIVISTRUM VULGARIS</i>																
5	<i>Toxicodendron radicans</i>			..													
5	<i>Populus deltoides</i>									x							705
5	<i>Acer negundo</i>																
5	<i>Rathnoccissus quinquefolia</i>			.													
5	<i>ROSA MULTIFLORA</i>			.													
6	<i>Perthnaccissus quinquefolia</i>			..													
6	<i>Aesculus glabra</i>									.							
6	<i>Standing Dead</i>																470
6	<i>ROSA MULTIFLORA</i>			.													
6	<i>LIVISTRUM VULGARIS</i>			..													
6	<i>Populus deltoides</i>																638, 883
6	<i>Populus deltoides</i>																
6	<i>Acer saccharinum</i>			.													
6	<i>Acer negundo</i>			..													462
6	<i>Toxicodendron radicans</i>																

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no Populus  
in 2010

### DBH Measurement Rules



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2



3



4



5

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Module ID	Species	DBH (cm)	HT (m)	Ash condition	Dead condition	# EAB holes	Epicormic present	Woodpecker holes
1	Now Present							
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• If Ash Condition scores 5 (dead) provide breakup score (A-E)  
Count EAB exit holes 1.25m<sup>2</sup> x 21.5m  
Woodpecker and epicormic marked present (1) or absent (0)



\*\*\* Change intensive module numbers when necessary

Baseline	
6	5
4	3

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
		NE	SE	SW	NW		
Acer platanoides	Norway Maple						1: 1-10
Ailanthus altissima	Tree of Heaven						2: 11-50.
Lonicera japonica (vine)	Japanese Honeysuckle						3: 51-100
Lythrum salicaria (wetland)	Purple Loosestrife						4: 101-1,000
Aegopodium podagraria (G-cover)	Bishop's Goutweed						5: >1,000
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
		NE	SE	SW	NW		
Convallaria majalis (G-cover)	Lily of the Valley						1: 1-10
Coronilla varia (G-cover)	Crown Vetch						2: 11-50.
Eleutherococcus pentaphyllus	Five-leaf Aralia (shrub)						3: 51-100
Pachysandra terminalis (G-cover)	Japanese Pachysandra						4: 101-1,000
Philadelphus coronarius	Mock Orange (shrub)						5: >1,000
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
		NE	SE	SW	NW		
Alliaria petiolata	Garlic Mustard						1: 1-10
Ligustrum vulgare	Common Privet (shrub)						2: 11-50.
L. morrowii, L. tatarica	Bush Honeysuckles (shrub)						3: 51-100
Phalaris arundinacea	Reed Canarygrass						4: 101-1,000
Phragmites australis (wetland)	Phragmites						5: >1,000
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)

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



Project Label: PCAP

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Plot No. 3389

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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	<u>None Present</u>													
2														
3														
4														
5														
6														
7														
8														
9														
10														

\* 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)		

\* Write None Present if no evidence:

<del>Aspen</del>	Beech (Fungus)	<u>None</u>	Asian Longhorned Beetle
<del>Aspen</del>	Hemlock (HWA)		Other Pest or Pathogen
<del>Aspen</del>	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





STANDING BIOMASS (required for emergent wetlands) collected in 6 1m clip plots (32x32 cm) from corners 1 and 3 in each intensive module. Required for VIBI-E score calculation. Check when collected

Module #	C2	Corner	Corner

### CLASSIFICATION

Fit = excellent, F = Fit and Confidence

#### Hydrogeomorphic class (WETLANDS ONLY)

DEPRESSION	Fit =	Conf =
IMPOUNDMENT	Fit =	Conf =
RIVERINE	Fit =	Conf =
SLOPE (ground water by drainage or on a physical slope)	Fit =	Conf =
FRINGING	Fit =	Conf =
COASTAL (specific subclass)	Fit =	Conf =
BOG (strongly, moderately, weakly ombrotrophic)	Fit =	Conf =

#### Ohio EPA VIBI Plant Community Class (WETLANDS ONLY)

FOREST	Fit =	Conf =
EMERGENT	Fit =	Conf =
SHRUB	Fit =	Conf =

### MICROTOPOGRAPHIC FEATURE COUNTS - Intensive modules only

Reads for microhabitat features. Select one or select two and average the score. NOTE: If read falls on a slope automatically gets ranked based on steepness (1-3) to begin - any features present Slope 1 = slight elevated grade across module (flat) 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

C.W.d. - count for pieces with minimum 1m length

module	corner	no. of tussocks		no. of hummocks (Tip-Up)		no. macro depressions		c.w.d (2-12 cm)		c.w.d (12-10cm)		c.w.d >>40 cm		microhab. interspts.		microhab. SLOPE	
		depth 3 1x1m	(count)	depth 2 3 16x3 16m	(count)	depth 1 10x10m	(count)	depth 1 10x10m	(count)	depth 1 10x10m	(count)	depth 1 10x10m	(count)	depth 1 10x10m	(rank)	depth 1 10x10m	(rank)
1		0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	2	1				1
2		0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1				1
3		0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1				1
4																	
5																	
6																	

NOTE: tussock and hummocks are counted in BOTH nested quadrat corners but counts are aggregated.

### MCNAB INDICES (degrees) + for up - for down

FILLED OUT USING GIS PROGRAM - DO NOT FILL OUT IN FIELD

AI aspect	N	NE	E	SE	S	SW	W	NW
AI aspect								
+45 degrees								
+90 degrees								
+135 degrees								
+180 degrees								
+225 degrees								
+270 degrees								
+315 degrees								

LFI is angle of plot to the horizon. TSI is angles formed by local slope. For TSI measure angle from recorder eye to edge of person standing - 10 m away

\* Landform Index (position within landscape)  
\* Terrain Slope Index (this microtopographic slope)

CROWN COVER (DENSITOMETER) Male + readings per module facing N, S, E, W. Place dot count in corresponding space. (1 dot per grid square)

Module	N	S	E	W
1	24	0	3	88
2	80	15	45	83
3	69	0	28	34
4	30	2	0	12

# 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.

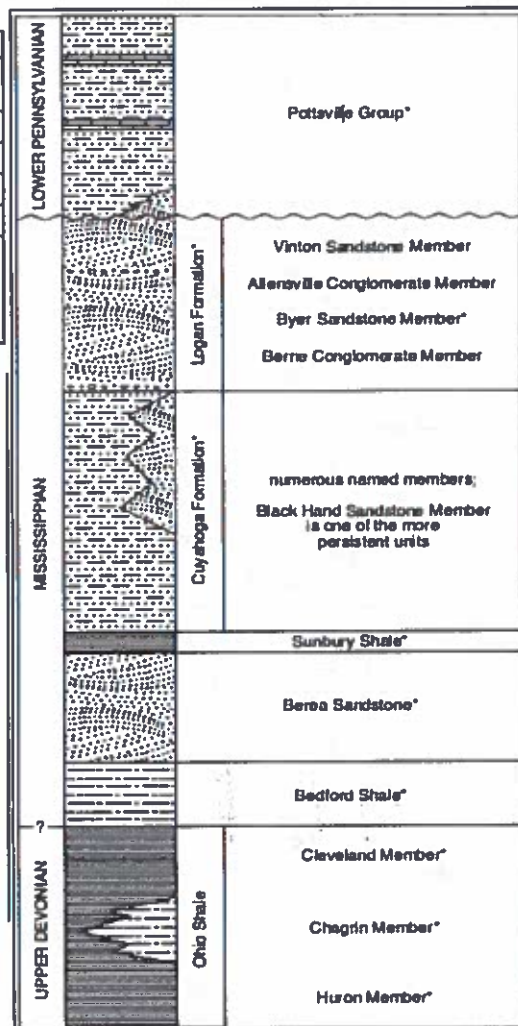
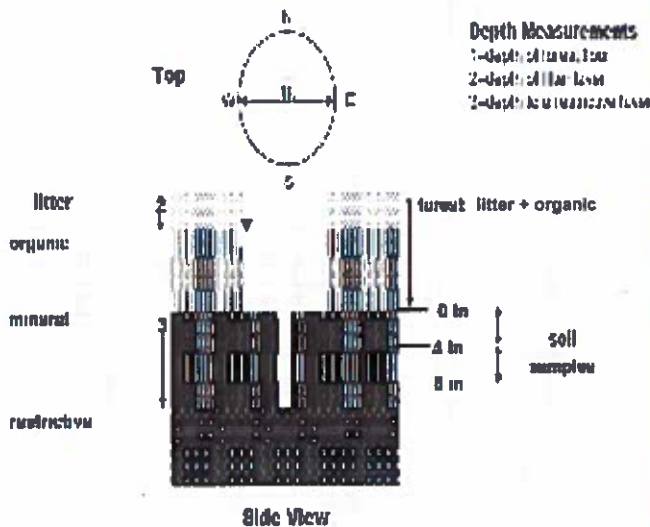


FIGURE 3-20.—Generalized section of Upper Devonian, Mississippian, and Lower Pennsylvanian formations in northeastern Ohio. Asterisks indicate units that are fossiliferous. This composite section represents about 400 meters of rock exposed across the area. The section is not to scale, but the thicknesses 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	
	%moist	
	oxid roots	Y N
	texture*	
	redox features**	Y N
	hydr. cond.***	I S M D
20 cm	matrix color	
	moist color	
	%moist	
	oxid roots	Y N
	texture*	
	redox features**	Y N
	hydr. cond.***	I S M D

Soil Collection Method	Herian (A, B, C)
2,3,8,9 comp. profile	A
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 depth (cm)	water depth (cm)	depth sat soil (cm)
1 08	08	—	—
2 12	12	—	—
5 02	02	—	—
6 03	03	—	—

Buckeyes  
 nod  
 no  
 leaves \*

**EARTH SURFACE & GROUND COVER**

Underlying Earth Surface*	Ground Cover	percent
Open = 100%	Forest < 100%	percent
Histadot	Coarse Woody Debris***	9
Mineral Soil	Fine Woody Debris****	7
Gravel-Cobble*	Litter	50
Boulder**	Duff (Ferm + Humus)	1
Bedrock	Bryophyte-Lichen	0
Gravel-Cobble = 1/16-10"	Water	5
**Boulder = > 10 in	Bare Soil	6
*** > 5 cm in diameter	Deadfall	
**** < 5 cm in diameter	Other	

**COVER BY STRATA**

estimate using midpoints of 5, ex: 3, 8, 13

Strata	Height Range (m)	Total Cover (%)
Tree	50.4	63
Shrub	2.5-5.0	48
Herb	0-2.5	98
(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.

**STAND SIZE**

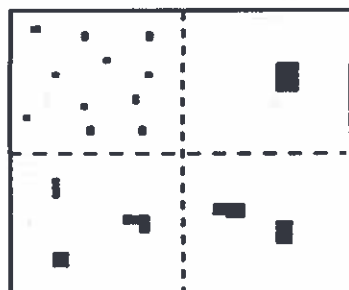
- ☐ >600 x plot size
- ☐ > 100 x plot size
- ☒ 10-100 x plot size
- ☐ 3-10 x plot size
- ☐ 1-3 x plot size
- ☐ < plot size

TRAIL INFORMATION:	
record type and cover for each	
Type	%Cover
<input type="checkbox"/> All Purpose	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bridge	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking sanctioned	
<input type="checkbox"/> Boodleg unsanctioned	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gravel	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	6

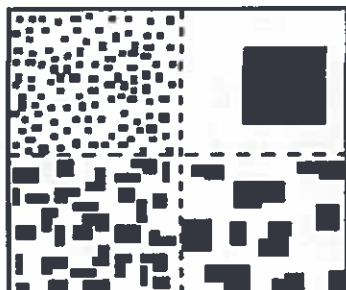


# PERCENT MOTTLES (USE CLASS CODES):

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



2%



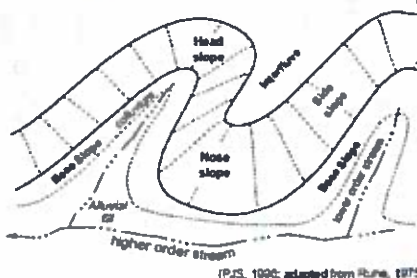
20%

**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

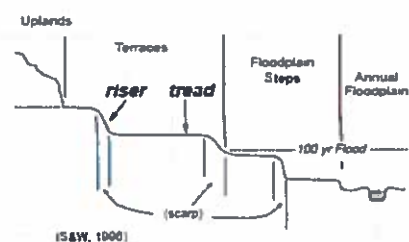
**Geomorphic Component - Three-dimensional descriptors of parts of landforms or microfeatures that are best applied to areas. Unique descriptors are available for Hills, Terraces, Mountains, and Flat Plains, e.g., (for Hills) nose slope or NS.**

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



(PJS, 1990; adapted from Ruess, 1975)

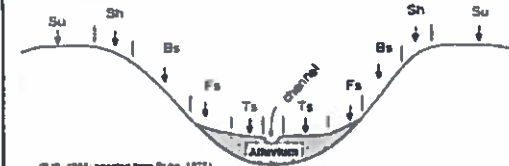
Terraces	Code
riser	RI
tread	TR



(S&W, 1990)

**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



(PJS, 1990; modified from Ruess, 1975)

## **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/SEMPERMANENTLY 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.

**SEMPERMANENTLY 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.