CLEVELAND METROPARKS Plant Community Assessment Program - Background Data Sheet

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Project Label: PCAP

Project Name: 01 BR 2011

Plot Name: Scenic Cuyahoga Valley Railroad

Plot No.: 1109

- ☐ Level 4 (no nested corners sampled)
- ■ Level 5 (nested corners sampled)

Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 10/6/2011

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.			✓	n/a
bryo				✓
lichen				✓

TAXONOMIC STANDARD

Authority: G&C Pub Date: 1998

LOCATION

State: OH **County:** Cuyahoga

Quadrangle: Northfield

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

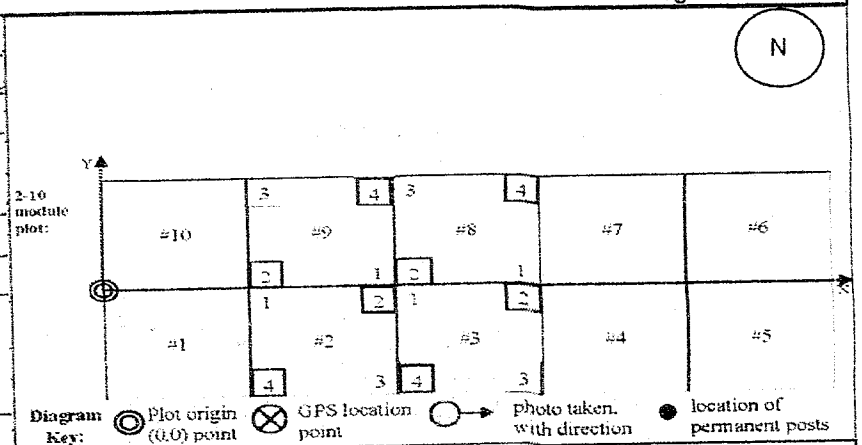
☐ Stems present **Plot size stems:** ____ (ha)

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 fell in River.

Floodplain community type

OVER

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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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, weekly 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): T Fit=___ Conf=___

COMMUNITY NAME: Streams and Rivers

LANDFORM TYPE*: Other

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				
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: 100 Visual est. %unveg.o.w. entire site: 0 Visual est. %invasives entire site: 0

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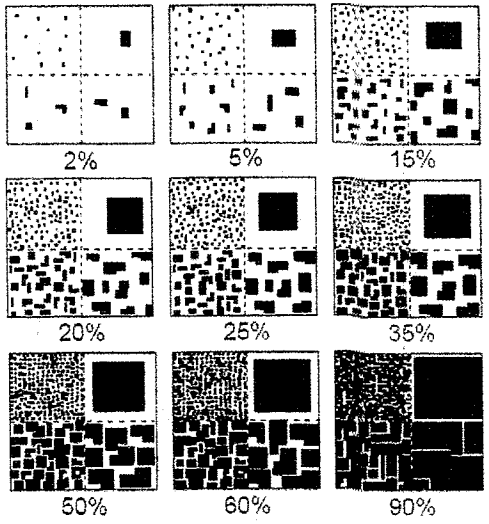
Br = Browse Level. Use cover classes to describe amount of browse per species over entire plot

Strata - Cov. entire plot

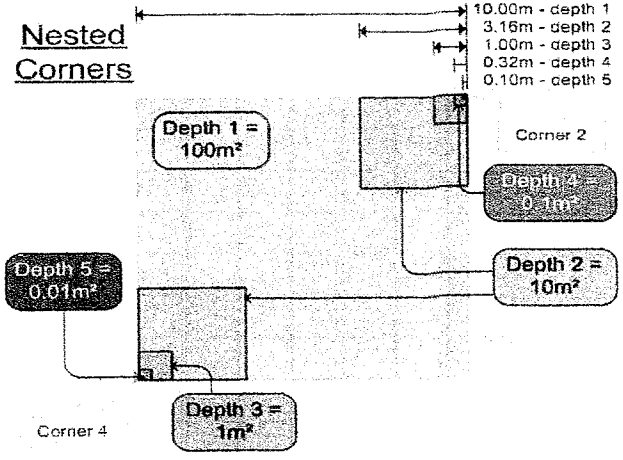
									mod	corner	mod	corner	mod	corner	mod	corner	mod	corner	mod	corner	mod	corner	mod	corner	mod	corner
								Estimate for the each intensive module:																	R	R
									depth	cov	depth	cov	depth	cov	depth	cov	depth	cov	depth	cov	depth	cov	depth	cov	depth	cov
								%open water	1				1				1				1					
								%unvegetated open water	1				1				1				1					
								%unveg. ground (bare soil)	1				1				1				1					
								%unveg. litter (bare litter)	1				1				1				1					
T	S	H	(F)	(A)	**Br**	Species	c	Voucher #	depth	cov	depth	cov	depth	cov	depth	cov	depth	cov	depth	cov	depth	cov	depth	cov	depth	cov

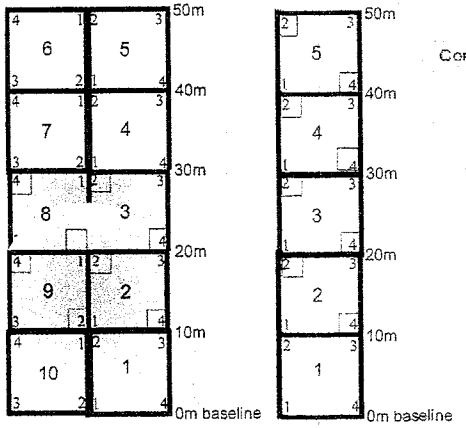
EXAMPLES OF PERCENT OF AREA COVERED

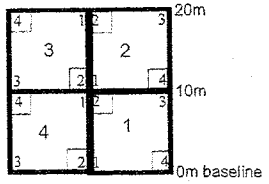
The following graphic can be used for various data elements to convey "Amount" or "Quantity". **NOTE**: Within any given box, each quadrant contains the same total area covered, just different sized objects.



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







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.