

CLEVELAND METROPARKS Plant Community Assessment Program: Quality Control Form



Project Label:

PCAP

Plot No: 1003

Date Sampled: 06/16/15

Lead: LANCE

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		Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/>	
Site sketch made on 1:3000 map?		Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/>	
Check cover page	X-axis Bearing of plot recorded	Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/>	
	GPS coords. Recorded	Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/>	
	North direction recorded	Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/>	
	Photographs taken?	Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/>	
	Relocated Pins Mapped	Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/>	
Plot No., Date agreement on all pages?		Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/>	
Header data completed all pages?		Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/>	
Cover classes recorded in all Intensive modules		Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/>	
Browse Level By Species		Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/>	
Woody stem quality control check		Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/>	Check every line and cross check with the Tree Cover Sheet
Invasive plant quality control check		Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/>	N/A
Ash trees mapped		Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/>	
Completed Forest Pest/Pathogen Datasheet		Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/>	
Cover by Strata? (confirm cover type)		Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/>	
Soil samples collected with matching plot #.		Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/>	N/A
Cross check 2010 information		Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/>	Highlight any changes from 2010 information
Vouchers labeled on datasheet with initials and number		Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/>	
Vouchers labeled on collection bag		Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/>	
Pink flags removed		Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/>	
Data sheet QA before leaving site?		Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/>	
Common equipment returned to tub.		Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/>	
Data sheets scanned?		6/19/15	Enter date to left
Final data sheets scanned?			Enter date to left
Buffer Widths measured?		Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/>	
Web Soil Survey		Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/>	
Voucher Location	Refrigerator	Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/>	
(# vouchers collected)	Press (#)		Enter number
ACL	Drier	Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/>	
289-	Identified	Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/>	
292	Mounted	Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/>	
	Thrown away	Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/>	

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)
	<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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diff in 2015
Mod 1 Acer Rubrum - removed
extra 43.4 not in plot

2020 sample
Please check trees to 2010 data!

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GENERAL INFORMATION			
Project Label:	PCAP		
Project Name:	OAM52015		
Plot Name:	Ridgetop		
Plot No.:	1003		
<input type="checkbox"/> Level 4 (no nested corners sampled) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level 5 (nested corners sampled)			
Date (mm/dd/yyyy):	06/16/2015		
End date (if > 1 day):	/ /		
Party	A. Lance D. Sweet M. Busam T. Bostic Crewman		
Role**	Plot leader Bot. Asst. Crew Crew		
** Roles: Co-leader, Ass., 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. Hunted plots may still provide good data		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Very thorough			
<input type="checkbox"/> Accurate			
<input type="checkbox"/> Hunted			
TAXONOMIC ACCURACY			
	high	modera.	low
vascul.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		n/a
bryo			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
lichen			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TAXONOMIC STANDARD			
Authority:	G&C	Pub Date:	1998

LOCATION	
State:	OH
County:	Cuyahoga
Quadrangle:	
Local Place Names:	Valley Parkway / Railroad Depots
Landowner:	CMG
Data Confidentiality:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public data <input type="checkbox"/> Private Data
Check one:	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Coord. Units
<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)
Datum:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAD83/WGS84 <input type="checkbox"/> NAD27
GPS location in plot x=0 to 5 y=-1.0 to +1):	
x = 0 y = 0 (base of plot x=0, y=0)	
Latitude:	41.34757
Longitude:	81.83645
Coord. Accuracy:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> m <input type="checkbox"/> ft
GPS File Name:	1003A
Plot size for cover data:	(hectares)
X-axis Bearing of plot:	[94]°
Depth: (1-5):	4
Intensive modules:	2, 3, 8, 9 (EXT IF MODIFIED)
Camera No.:	3
Photo Nos.:	073
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 FORM v. 1.0 and CVS Field Guide

OVER

Layout → 2x5

Location → Plot is approx. 100 m north of Valley Parkway; located atop the ridge.

Rationale → GRTS point; PCAP re-sample.

Veg. Characteristics → Very nice beech-maple stand with little invasive presence. Canopy is dominated by beech, one large American elm and several dead/dying

Diagram

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.

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MODIFIED NATURE RESERVE CLASS*

CODE (on separate form): 02 Fit= Conf

COMMUNITY NAME:

Beech-Maple Forest

HOMOGENEITY

☒ Homogeneous ☐ Compositional trend across the plot

☐ Conspicuous inclusions ☐ Irregular/pattern mosaic

DISTURBANCES

Type*	severity**	hrs ago	% of plot	description
Human	L	0	100%	trash
Natural	M	0	100%	EAB impact
Fire				
Cut				
Animal	M	0	100%	browse
Other				

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

Current Land Use: PARK-CONSERVATION

Former Land Use: UNKNOWN

HYDROLOGIC REGIME*

<input type="checkbox"/> Upland (seldom flooded)	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermittently flooded
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intermittently/seasonally saturated (seldom flooded)	<input type="checkbox"/> Semipermanently flooded
<input type="checkbox"/> Permanently/Semipermanent, saturated (dry < 1/yr, seldom flooded)	<input type="checkbox"/> Permanently flooded
<input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally flooded (< 1/yr)	<input type="checkbox"/> Tidal/Seiche flooded daily
<input type="checkbox"/> Temporarily flooded	<input type="checkbox"/> Tidal/Seiche flooded monthly
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tidal/Seiche flooded irregular (e.g. wind, storms)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown

(by default unless plot is a wetland)

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.)

also noted in the canopy. Sparse shrub layer with beech and maple regeneration.

Herbaceous layer is dominated by mayapple with a few sedges mixed in.

* Heavy rain both the day before and morning of sampling has left the plot inundated with standing water. The pools throughout the plot would ordinarily be dry. Pictures C3-068, 069, 070, 071 document the flooding.

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Project name: O2m5

Plot no.: 1003

Total modules: 10

Intensive modules: 4 Plot configuration: 2x5

Plot area (ha): 1.1



Cleveland Metroparks

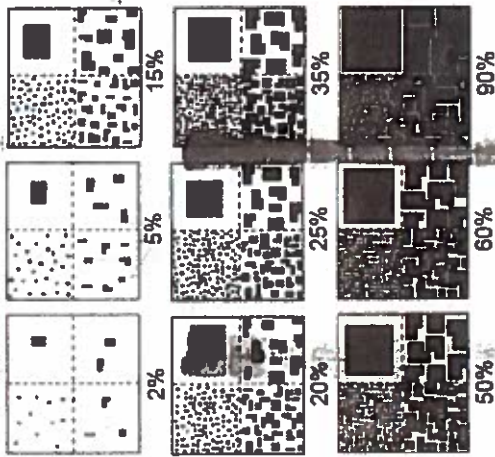
Br = Browse Level. Use cover classes to describe amount of browse per species over entire plot

Strata - Cov. entire plot

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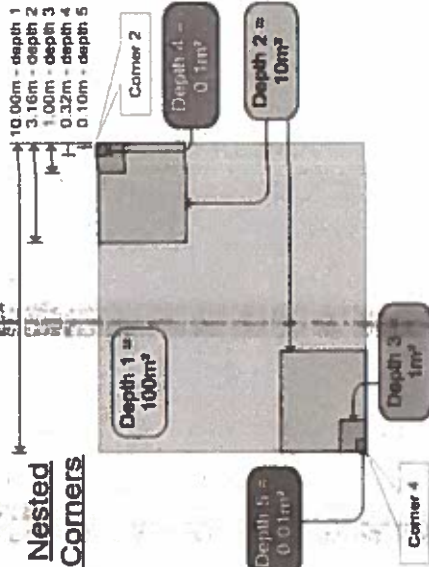
EXAMPLES OF PERCENT OF AREA COVERED

The following graphics 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.

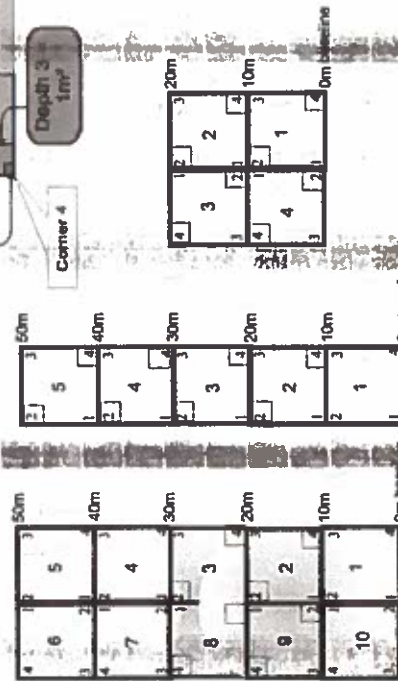
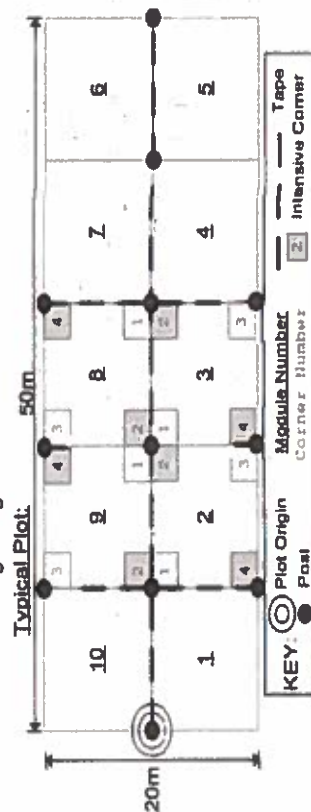
MEDIUM LOW values include evidence of browse at about 10 percent of the stems with no significant impact to plant reproduction evident. In this rating, plants are browsed but preferential species are observed to be reproducing in numbers that appear normal or near-normal in comparison to low browse areas.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

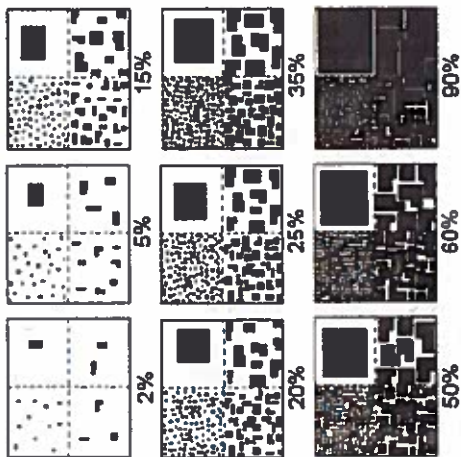
HIGH: greater than 25 percent of the stems of plants in the 1 m2 nested quadrat and intensive module AND a browse line is evident.

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.

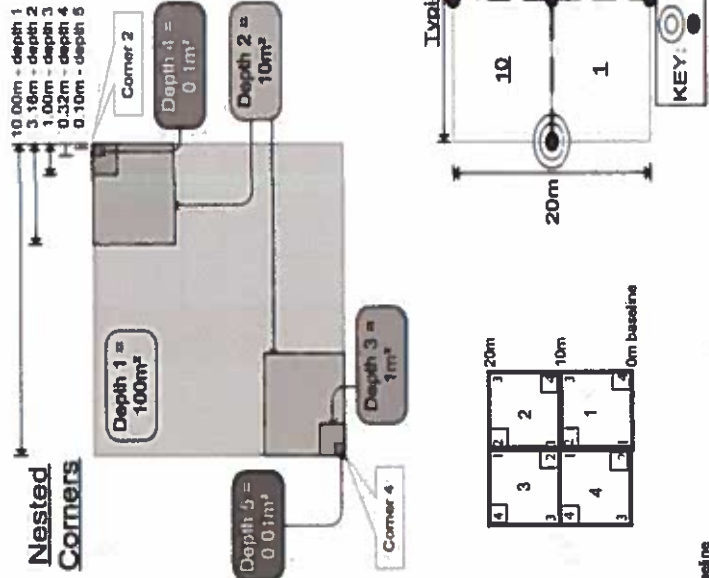


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8	50-75%	0.625
9	75-95%	0.850
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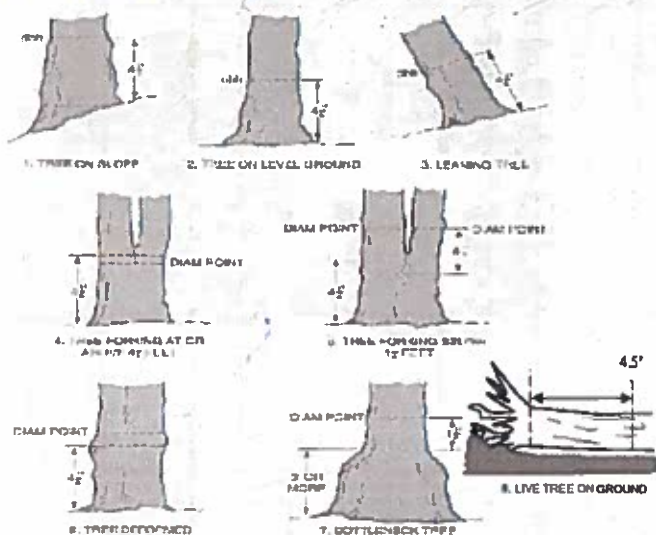
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Net 100%

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



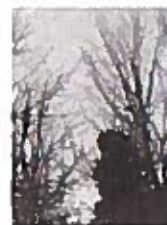
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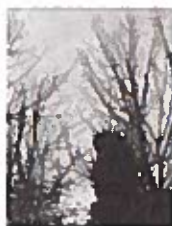
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ASH CANOPY CONDITION

- 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).
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- E:** Central stem still standing.

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Explain subsample (additional room on back):

mod #	species	c	voucher #	# stems 0-1.4m browed	% sub or super sample	# shrub clumps	size class (cm) woody stems > 1.4m	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10	Fagus grandifolia			8														
10	Acer rubrum																	
10	Acer saccharum																	
10	Acer rubrum			1														
10	Fagus grandifolia			23														
10	Standing dead																	
10	Acer saccharum																	
10	Acer rubrum																	
10	Fagus grandifolia			12														
10	Standing dead																	
10	Acer saccharum																	
10	Ostrya virginiana																	

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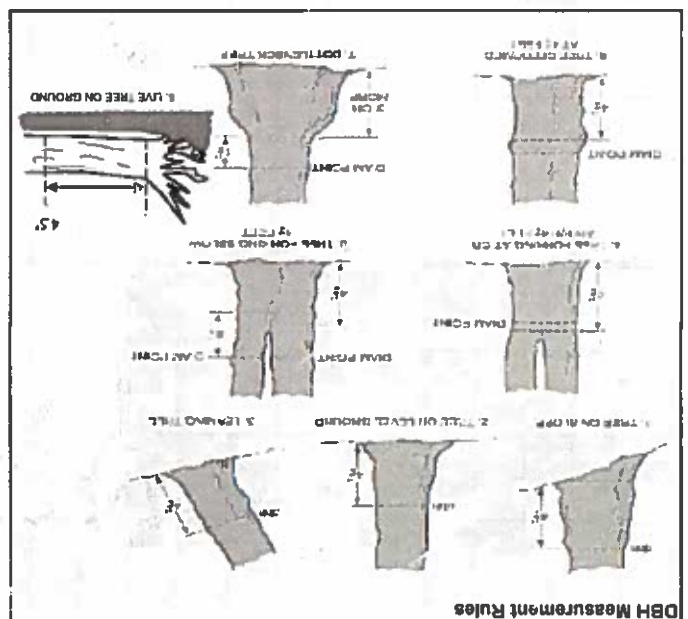
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ASH CANOPY BREAKUP CONDITION (for dead trees):
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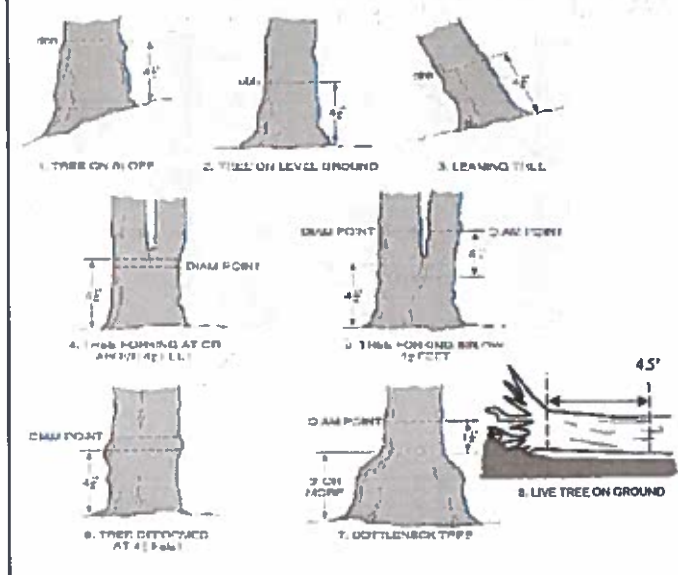


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							1 0-1	2 1-2.5	3 2.5-5	4 5-10	5 10-15	6 15-20	7 20-25	8 25-30	9 30-35	10 35-40	11 >40 (record each tree)		
✓	Fagus grandifolia			18				X		X									
✓	Acer rubrum																		
✓	standing dead																		
✓	Fraxinus pennsylvanica			1															
✓	Acer saccharum																		
✓	Fagus grandifolia			12															42.2
✓	Carpinus caroliniana			1				X											
✓	Acer saccharum																		
✓	Carya cordiformis																		
✓	standing dead																		
✓	Lindera benzoin			1															
10	Tilia americana									0									

Tilia americana should have been included in sample SEE 7-1-15

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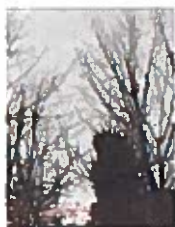
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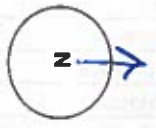
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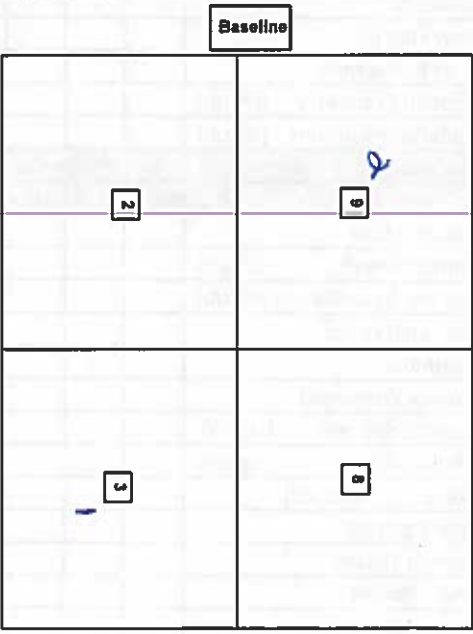
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Tree ID	Species	Dead	Voucher #	DBH (cm)	PI (DBH)	Ash condition	*Dead condition	# Exit holes	Epibiotic present	Woodpecker holes
3	Fraxinus Sp.			39.1	5		D	8	yes	1
1	Fraxinus sp. nov.			10.6	3			0	yes	1
2										
4										
5										
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25										

* If Ash Condition scores 5 (dead) provide breakup score (A-E)
 Count EAB exit holes 1.25m x 21.5m
 Woodpecker and epibiotic marked present (1) or absent (0)



*** 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
		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

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

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

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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-<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)	-Asian Longhorned Beetle
-Hemlock (HWA)	-Other Forest Pest or Pathogen
-Walnut (Thousand Canker)	

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

Project Label: PCAP Project Name: 02M52015

Plot No.: 1003

STANDING BIOMASS (required for emergent wetland) collected in 0.1m clip plots (12x12 cm) from corner 1 and 3 in each intensive module. Required for VIB-E score calculation. C7-check when collected

Module #	C7	Corner	Corner

CLASSIFICATION

FTI = excellent, F = Fair and Confidence

Hydrogeomorphic class (WETLANDS ONLY)

<input type="checkbox"/> DEPRESSION	Fit =	Conf =
<input type="checkbox"/> IMPOUNDMENT <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 in drench 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 (specify subclass)	Fit =	Conf =
<input type="checkbox"/> BOG (strongly, moderately, weakly ombrotrophic)	Fit =	Conf =
Other EPA VIB-E Plant Community Class (WETLANDS ONLY)		
<input type="checkbox"/> FOREST <input type="checkbox"/> swamp forest <input type="checkbox"/> bog forest <input type="checkbox"/> forest bog	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"/> SHRUB <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 most falls on a slope automatically gets ranked based on steepness (1-2) to begin - any features present
Slope 1 = slight elevational grade across module (shl) Slope 2 = falls on slope -20° Slope 3 = maximum steepness that can be safely sampled -45°

4	feature is absent or functionally absent from the wetland																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																													
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NOTE: Baseline for microhabitat features is 10x11m. Features are scored based on the number of pieces that meet the criteria. If a feature is present in more than one module, it is counted in each module. If a feature is present in a module but not in a plot, it is not counted. If a feature is present in a plot but not in a module, it is not counted. If a feature is present in a module but not in a plot, it is not counted. If a feature is present in a plot but not in a module, it is not counted.

MCNAB INDICES (degrees) + for up - for down

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

Landform Index (position within landscape)
Ternary Shape Index (this microtopographic slope)

CROWN COVER (DENSIMETER) Make 3 readings per module facing N, S, E, W. Place dot count in corresponding space. (4 dots per grid square)

Module	N	S	E	W
1	0	0	1	0
2	0	0	1	0
3	0	0	1	0
4	0	0	1	0
5	0	0	1	0
6	0	0	1	0
7	0	0	1	0
8	0	0	1	0
9	0	0	1	0

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.

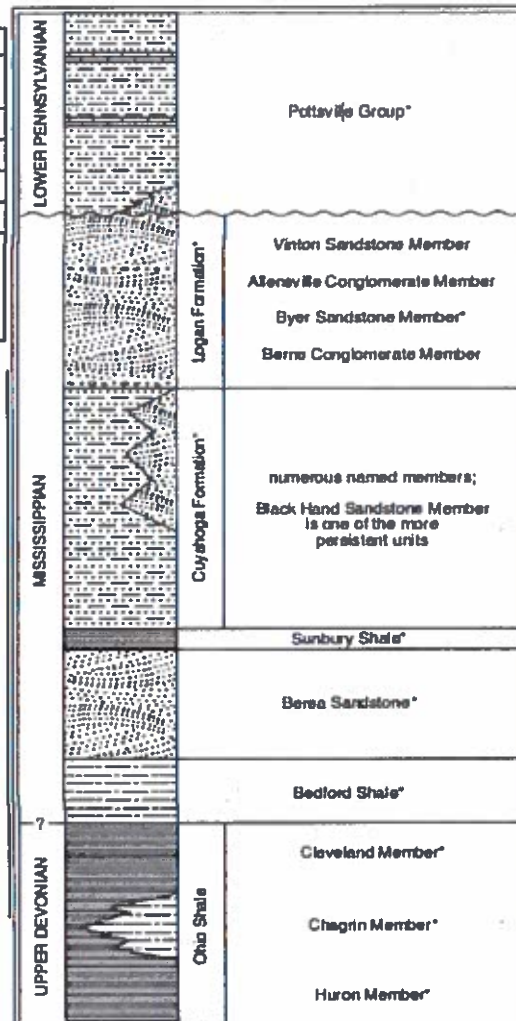
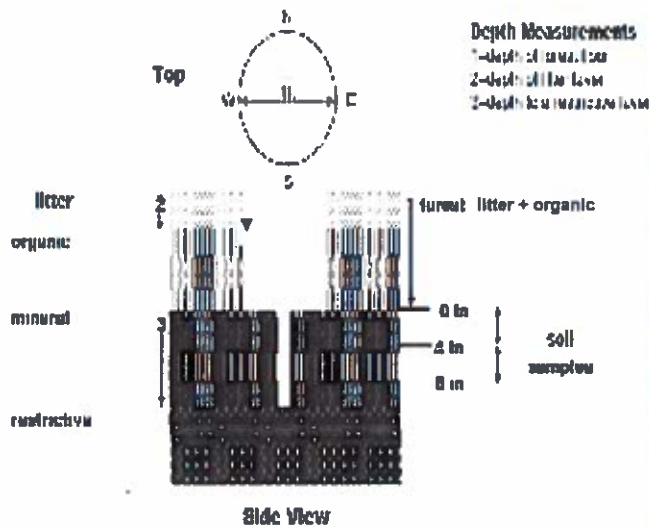


FIGURE 3-30.—Generalized section of Upper Devonian, Mississippian, and Lower Pennsylvanian formations in northeastern Ohio. Asterisks indicate units that are fossiliferous. This composite section represents about 400 meters of rock exposed across the area. The section is not to scale, but the thicknesses 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 3-16 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
	mottle color
	%mottle
	oxid roots
	texture*
	redox features**
	hydr. cond.***
20 cm	matrix color
	mottle color
	%mottle
	oxid roots
	texture*
	redox features**
	hydr. cond.***

Soil Collection Module	Horizon (A, B, C)
2.3A.9	compacted
Mud 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)
mod#				
2	2	2	1.7	
3	2.2	2.2	2.5	
8	2.2	2.2	2.3	
9	2.2	2.2	2.1	

EARTH SURFACE & GROUND COVER			
Underlying Earth Surface*	Ground Cover		
Hum = 100%	percent	Each < 100%	percent
Histocel	—	Coarse Woody Debris***	59%
Mineral Soil	100%	Fine Woody Debris****	5%
Gravel-Cobble*	—	Litter	90%
Boulder**	—	Duff (Ferm + Humus)	—
Bedrock	—	Bryophyte-Lichen	1%
Gravel-Cobble = 1/16-10"	Water		10%
Boulder = > 10 in	Bare Soil		1%
** > 5 cm in diameter	Dead/Tail		—
**** < 5 cm in diameter	Other		—

TRAIL INFORMATION:	
record type and cover for each	
Type	%Cover
<input type="checkbox"/> All Purpose	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bridle	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking sanctioned	
<input type="checkbox"/> Baiting unsanctioned	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gravel	
<input type="checkbox"/> Deer	

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

Strata	Height Range (in)	Total Cover (%)
Tree	5	93%
Shrub	0.5	43%
Herb	0.5	38%
(Floating)*	—	
(Aquatic)*	—	

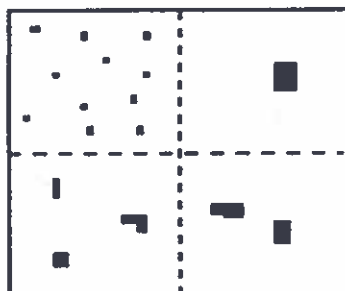
* rooted and floating or slightly emerged
** submerged, most plant mass below surface
SEE BACK OF PAGE FOR TYPICAL STRATA DESCRIPTIONS. STRATA CAN VARY BY COVER TYPE

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

MOD 2: ~~MOD 2 OBSERVED~~
MOD 3: ~~MOD 3 OBSERVED~~
MOD 8: ~~MOD 8 OBSERVED~~
MOD 9: ~~MOD 9 OBSERVED~~
OR CRISTINES
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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

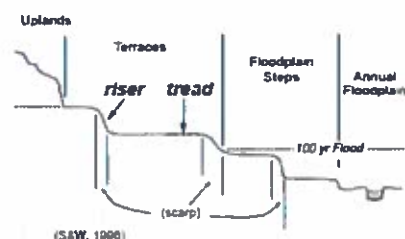
Geomorphic Component - Three-dimensional descriptors of parts of landforms or microfeatures that are best applied to areas. Unique descriptors are available for Hills, Terraces, Mountains, and Flat Plains; e.g., (for Hills) nose slope or NS.

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



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

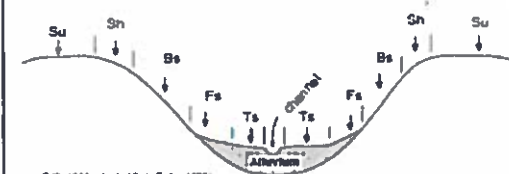
Terraces	Code
riser	RI
tread	TR



(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



(P.J.S., 1990; adapted from Ruffe, 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/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.