

Do Not Sample on Windy Day!

CLEVELAND METROPARKS Plant Community Assessment Program: Quality Control Form



Project Label:

PCAP

Plot No: 3381

Date Sampled: 8/31/15

Lead: CKM

Comment required if item answer is NO

Parking/Access outside of Park Boundaries:	Y	N	If yes, write details in Comments section below
Field journals completed	Y	N	
Site sketch made on 1:3000 map?	Y	N	
Check cover page	X-axis Bearing of plot recorded	Y	N
	GPS coords. Recorded	Y	N
	North direction recorded	Y	N
	Photographs taken?	Y	N
	Relocated Pins Mapped	Y	N
Plot No., Date agreement on all pages?	Y	N	
Header data completed all pages?	Y	N	
Cover classes recorded in all Intensive modules	Y	N	
Browse Level By Species	Y	N	
Woody stem quality control check	Y	N	Check every line and cross check with the Tree Cover Sheet
Invasive plant quality control check	Y	N	
Ash trees mapped	Y	N	
Completed Forest Pest/Pathogen Datasheet	Y	N	
Cover by Strata? (confirm cover type)	Y	N	
Soil samples collected with matching plot #.	Y	N	
Cross check 2010 information	Y	N	Highlight any changes from 2010 information
Vouchers labeled on datasheet with initials and number	Y	N	
Vouchers labeled on collection bag	Y	N	
Pink flags removed	Y	N	Do not remove from pinned side - in fact
Data sheet QA before leaving site?	Y	N	
Common equipment returned to tub.	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	Y	N
(# vouchers collected)	Press (#)		Enter number to left
CKM 40218	Drier	Y	N
40418	Identified	Y	N
443-449	Mounted	Y	N
	Thrown away	Y	

long sleeve  
shirts  
+  
heavy pants!

Plot Photos

44913 - 0m  
(east direction)  
44914 - 10m (east)  
44915 - 20m (east)  
44916 - 30m (east)  
44917 - 40m (east)  
44918 - 50m (east)

44919 - 50m  
(facing south)  
44920 - 40m  
(south)  
44921 - 30m  
(south)  
44922 - 20m  
(south)  
44923 - 10m  
(south)  
44925 - 0m

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
	<input type="checkbox"/> Point falls in a water (i.e. river, lake)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Managed mowed area (i.e. golf course, picnic area)
	<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:

Set up in winter/spring 19/20

Coleman  
Meneley  
Aug 31st

Long sleeves + heavy pants!  
- Plot erosion photos  
- Leave flag on upper slope



GENERAL INFORMATION			
Project Label:	PCAP		
Project Name:	02 MS 2015		
Plot Name:	Hackelia Blues		
Plot No.:	3381		
<input type="checkbox"/> Level 4 (no nested corners sampled) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level 5 (nested corners sampled)			
Date (mm/dd/yyyy):	8/31/2015		
End date (if > 1 day):	/ /		
Party:	C. Minney      Plot leader T. Cochran      Woody Tech M. Gettys		
Role**			
** Roles: Co-leader, Asst. 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:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Very thorough      subjective evaluation of how much effort put into sampling. Hurried plots may still provide good data <input type="checkbox"/> Accurate <input type="checkbox"/> Hurried		
TAXONOMIC ACCURACY			
	high	moderate	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:	Berea
Local Place Names:	Bennett Rd.
Landowner:	CMP
Data Confidentiality:	
Check one:	<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:      Coord. Units
Lat/Long	<input type="checkbox"/> UTM <input type="checkbox"/> StatePlane <input type="checkbox"/> deg <input type="checkbox"/> deg min <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> m <input type="checkbox"/> ft
Datum:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAD83/WGS84 <input type="checkbox"/> NAD27 GPS location in plot x=0 to 5, y=-1.0 to +1.0: x = 0   y = 0 (base of plot x=0, y=0)
Latitude:	41.29390
Longitude:	81.76316
Coord. Accuracy:	± m <input type="checkbox"/> ft      +.5
GPS File Name:	3381A
Plot size for cover data:	.05 (hectares)
X-axis Bearing of plot:	[352] °
Depth: (1-5):	4
Intensive modules:	2, 3, 8, 9 (EDIT IF MODIFIED)
Camera No.:	4
Photo Nos.:	4912
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

Take lots of photos of plot

Layout: 1x5      All pins found on flood plain  
 No pins found along bank or in stream side.

Location: ~1000 feet SW of the intersection of W Edgerton Rd and Bennett Rd on the north side of the road. This area near the guard rail where the creek passes under the road is very close to the plot. Plot is ~20m off road along the creek.

Rationale: GRTS

Veg Characterization: The canopy is dominated by Box Elder and Cherry with others intermixed. The shrub layer is dominated by wingstem and Box Elder. The herb layer is dominated by Eupatorium rugosum, Kingstom, Multiflora Rose and Monarda.

Watch mod 5 - soil water under veg.

Diagram: Plot origin (0,0) point, GPS location point, photo taken with direction, location of perm survey posts

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.

OVER

CLEVELAND METROPARKS

Plant Community Assessment Program - Background Data Sheet

Cleveland Metroparks

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Project Label:

PCAP

Project Name: 02M52015

Plot No.: 3381

MODIFIED NATURE RESERVE CLASS\*

CODE (on separate form):

L01

Fit= Conf=

COMMUNITY NAME:

Mesic Floodplain Forest

HOMOGENEITY

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

DISTURBANCES

type*	severity**	yrs ago	% of plot	description
Human				
Natural	M	0	15	Erosion from creek
Fire				
Cut				
Animal	M	0	100	Deer browse
Other	H	35	50	EAB

\*\*L=low, ML=med low, M=med, MH=med high, H=high, VH=very high  
Current Land Use: CMP  
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

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.)  

The stand is un-evenged. The plot is very low quality with 16+ non-natives present. The center line runs right through the creek bottom. This area is composed of different species than the upper terrace. Some large trees are badly eroded. Further erosion is almost assured. The upper terrace is full of thorny plants and hard to move through. EAB has had a big impact on the canopy cover, killing many large Ash trees. Mod 1 receives more sun than the others and baseline has a slight difference in composition even more pronounced just another meter back.

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# CLEVELAND METROPARKS Plant Community Assessment Program Species Cover Data Sheet

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Project Label: PCAP

Total modules: 5

Project name: 62M52015


Intensive modules: 4

Plot configuration: 1x5

Plot area (ha): .05

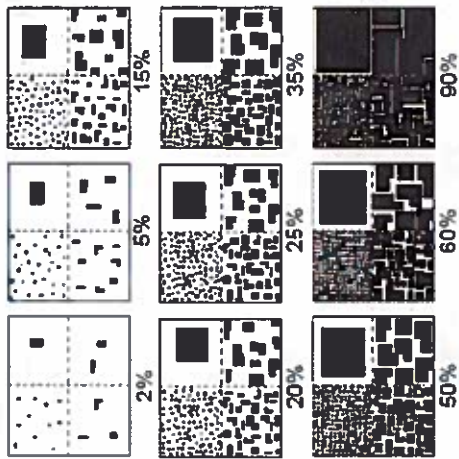


Br = Browse Level. Use cover classes to describe amount of browse per species over entire plot

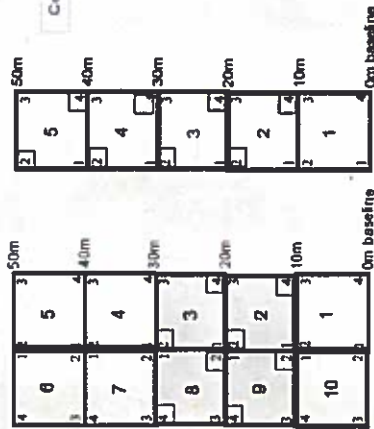
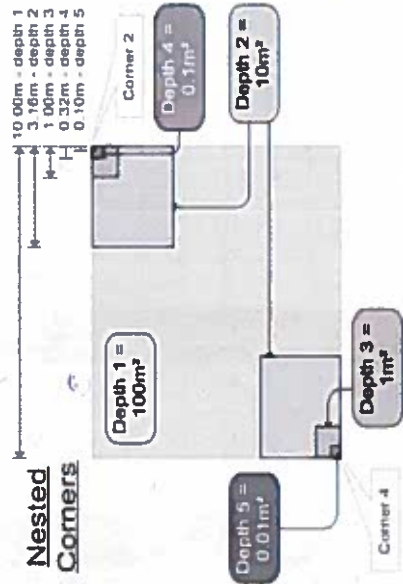
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# EXAMPLES OF PERCENT OF AREA COVERED

The following graphic can be used for visual data elements to convey "Amount" or "Quality". NOTE: Within any given box, each quadrat 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.

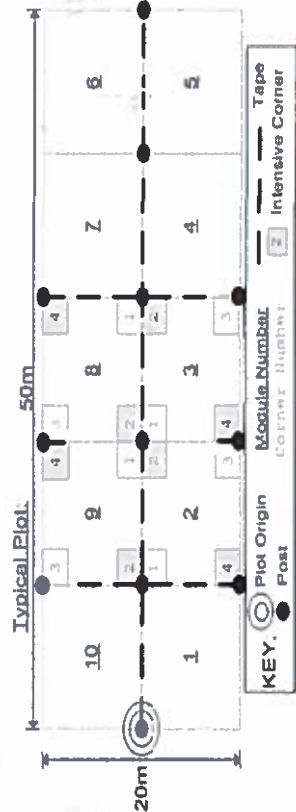
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**HIGH:** greater than 25 percent of the stems of plants in the 1 m2 nested quadrat and intensive module AND a browse line is evident.

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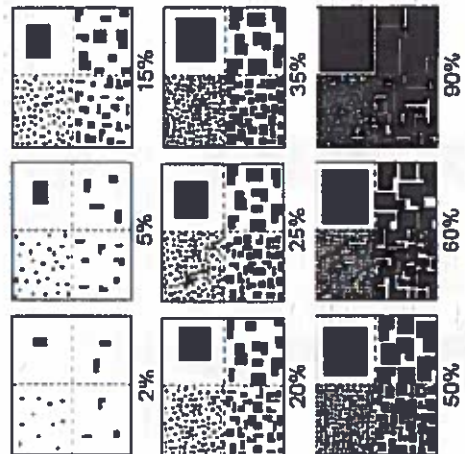






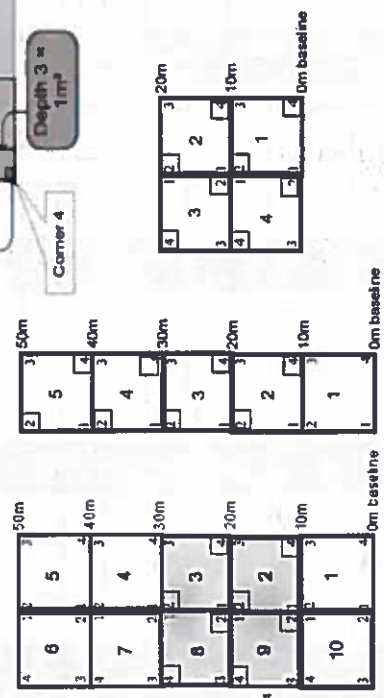
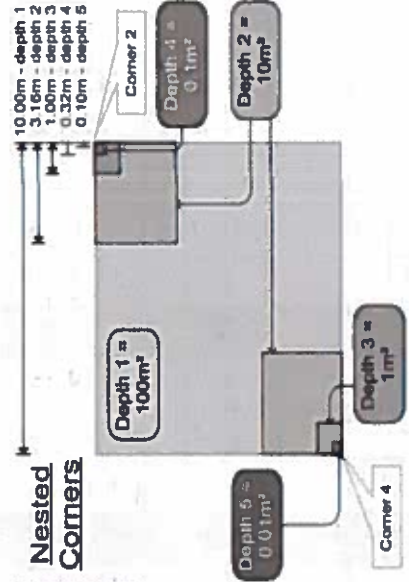
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**Nested Corners**



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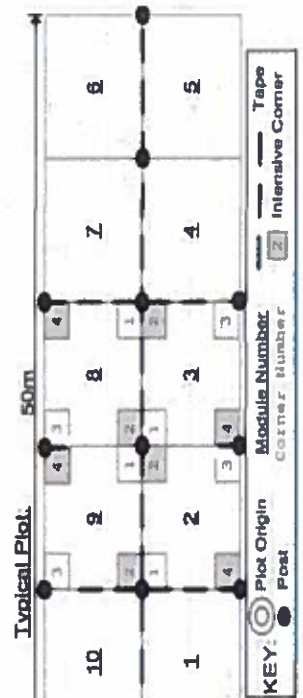
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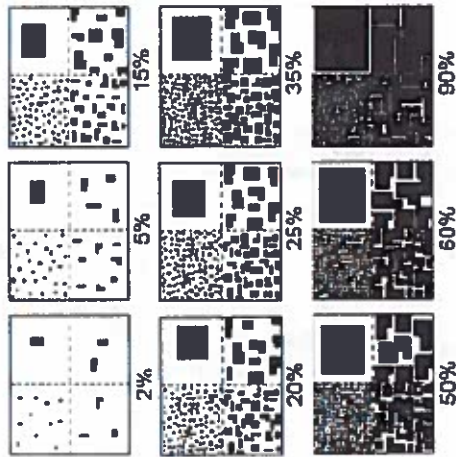






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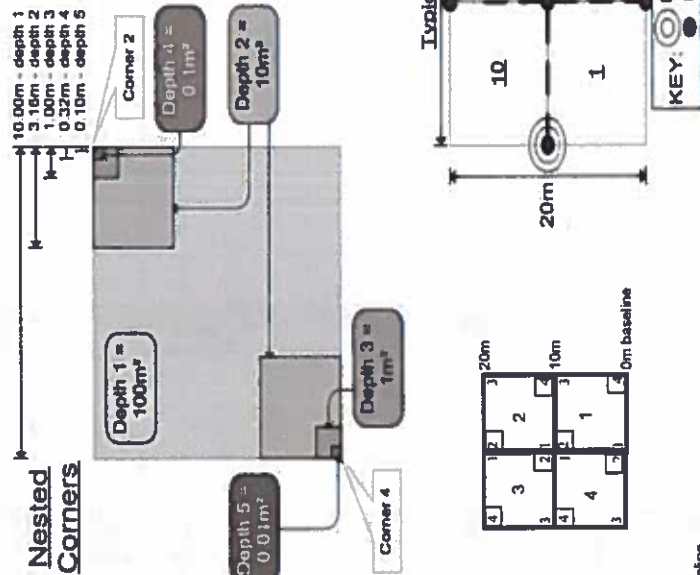
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% COVER		Species	c	Presence of tree species (X)		mod					R
Strata - Cov. entire plot	Br			Voucher #							
6		<i>Filia americana</i>			X						
6		<i>Carya cordiformis</i>			X						
4		<i>Crataegus</i> sp.			X						
7		<i>Prunus serotina</i>			X	X					
6		<i>Vitis riparia</i>				X	X				
		<del><i>Fraxinus</i> sp.</del>				X					
4		<i>Prunus</i> sp.				X					
		<i>Toxicodendron radicans</i>				X					
7	8	<i>Acer regundo</i>				X	X				
5		<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>					X				
5		<i>Ulmus americana</i>						X			





# CLEVELAND METROPARKS Plant Community Assessment Program Natural Woody Stem Data Sheet

Project Label: PCAP

Project Name: QAMS2015

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Explain subsample (additional room on back):

mod #	species	c	voucher#	# stems 0-1.4m broward	% sub or super sample	# shrub clumps	size class (cm)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	1.65TRUM VULGARIS																	
1	ROSA MULTIFLORA																	
1	RAETHNOCIS BINGHAMII																	
1	ERAXIS PANDYMONA																	
1	Prunus serotina																	
1	Standing Dead																	
1	Toxicodendron radicans																	
1	Pyrus <del>sp</del> matrus sp																	
1	Acer negundo																	
1	LONICERA <del>sp</del> NACKII																	
1	Vitis riparia																	
1	Rubus occidentalis																	
2	1.65TRUM VULGARIS																	
2	ROSA MULTIFLORA																	
2	2. Carya cordiformis																	
2	Vitis riparia																	
2	Cercocarpus sp.																	
2	Prunus serotina																	
2	Standing Dead																	
2	Prunus sp.																	
3	Standing Dead																	
3	Prunus serotina																	
3	Vitis riparia																	
3	ROSA MULTIFLORA																	

2010 30-35 had a

not present

not present

not present

not present

not present

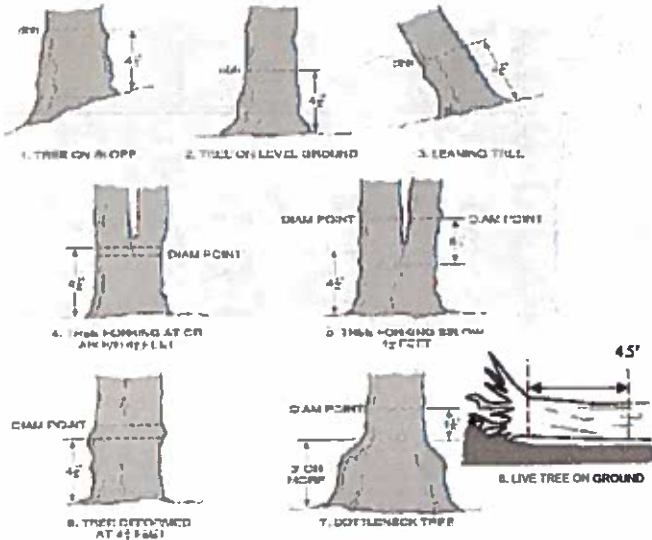
not present

not present

not present

not present

### 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.

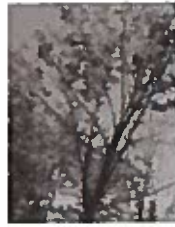
Record using the tally system from 1 to 10



1



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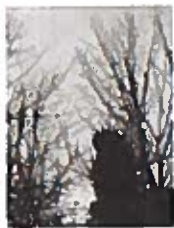
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### ASH CANOPY CONDITION

- 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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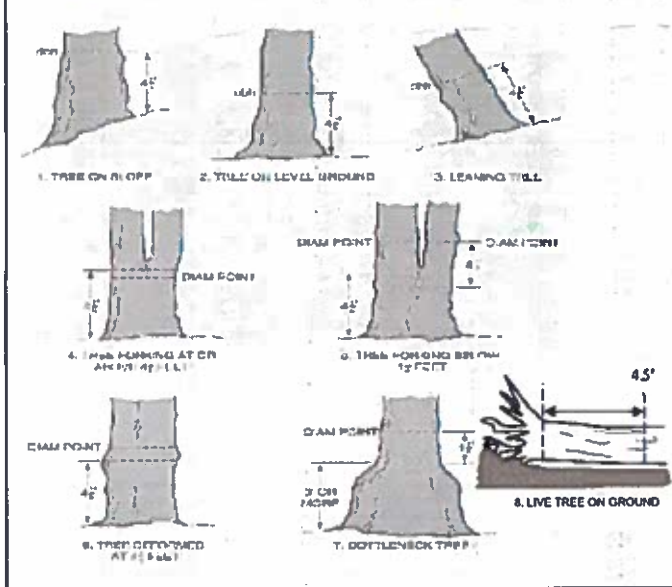
mod #	species	c	voucher#	# stems 0-1.4m browsed	% sub or super sample	# shrub clumps	size class (cm)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
3	<i>Toxicodendron radicans</i>			1			0-1		..									
3	<i>Crataegus</i> sp.																	
3	<del><i>Lonicera mackii</i></del>			x														
3	<i>Quercus</i>			1														
3	<i>Rubus occidentalis</i>			2														
3	<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>			2														
4	<i>Standing Dead</i>																	
4	<i>Crataegus</i> sp.			14														
4	<i>ROSA MULTIFLORA</i>																	
4	<i>Vitis riparia</i>			2														
4	<i>Quercus</i>																	
4	<i>LIGUSTRUM VULGARE</i>																	
5	<i>Vitis riparia</i>																	
5	<i>Standing Dead</i>																	
5	<i>Rubus serotina</i>			2														
5	<i>Rubus pennsylvanicus</i>																	
5	<i>ROSA MULTIFLORA</i>			16														
5	<i>Quercus</i>			1														
5	<i>LIGUSTRUM VULGARE</i>			2														

\* not a standing dead either

2010 #  
max 30  
max 100  
present  
2015

MRG  
8/26/16

### 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



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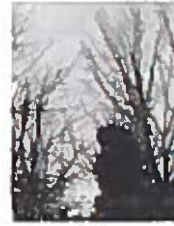
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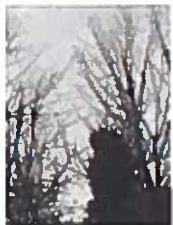
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### ASH CANOPY CONDITION

- Healthy, full canopy:** A healthy ash canopy is normally thinner than many other trees such as maple.
- Thinning canopy:** There aren't as many leaves as there ought to be, but all top branches exposed to sunlight have leaves.
- 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.
- >50% Dieback:** The canopy has less than half of the leaves that should be there and/or half of the top branches are dead.
- 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):

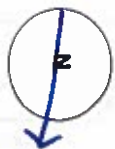
(If an ash receives a score of 5 (dead) under canopy condition it must also receive a breakup condition rank as described below)

- All main branches contain fine twigs (newly dead).
- Over 50% of main branches have fine twigs.
- Less than 50% of main branches have fine twigs.
- Stem still standing and tertiary main branches present.
- Central stem still standing.

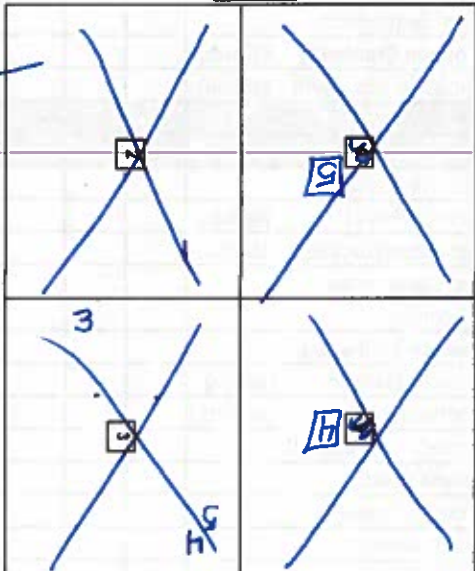
Tree ID	Species	DBH (cm)	HT (m)	Ash condition	Dead	# Exit holes	Epilimnic present	Woodpecker holes
1	Fraxinus sp.	33.1	-	C	5	4	0	1
2	Fraxinus sp.	32.9	-	C	5	5	0	1
3	Fraxinus sp.	38.5	-	B	5	6	0	1
4	Fraxinus sp.	30.9	-	D	5	3	0	1
5	Fraxinus sp.	21.7	-	C	5	2	0	1
6	Fraxinus sp.	26.5	-	B	5	3	0	1
7	Fraxinus sp.	32.9	-	D	5	5	0	1
8								
9								
10								
11								
12								
13								
14								
15								
16								
17								
18								
19								
20								
21								
22								
23								
24								
25								

\* 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)

Columns flipped  
SEE 10-2-15



\*\*\* 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
		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



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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	<i>Abies Present</i>													
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:

	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





STANDING BIOMASS (required for emergent wetlands) collected in 0.1m clip plot (32x32 cm) from corners 1 and 3 in each intensive module. Required for VIBI-E score calculation. C7=check when collected

Module #	C7	Corner	Corner

### CLASSIFICATION

(FT = excellent, F = Fair and Confidence)

Hydroscummarable class (WETLANDS ONLY)

DEPRESSION FT= Conf=

IMPOUNDMENT FT= Conf=

RIVERINE FT= Conf=

SLOPE (ground water hydrology or on a physical slope) FT= Conf=

FRINGING FT= Conf=

COASTAL (specify substate) FT= Conf=

BOG (strongly, moderately, weakly, ombrotrophic) FT= Conf=

Other EPA VIBI Plant Community Class (WETLANDS ONLY)

FOREST FT= Conf=

EMERGENT FT= Conf=

SHRUB FT= Conf=

### MICROTOPOGRAPHIC FEATURE COUNTS - Intensive modules only

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

mod#	corner	no. of tussocks	no. of hummocks (Tip-Up)	no. macro depressions	C.W.D (7-12 cm)	C.W.D (12-40cm)	C.W.D >40 cm	microhab. intercept.	microhab. SLOPE
2	0	0	0	3	6	0	0	2	2
3	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	2	2
4	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	2
5	0	0	0	2	5	1	0	2	2

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

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

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

AI aspect	N	S	E	W
+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 slopes. For TSI measure angle from recorder eye to eye of person standing ~10 m away.

Landform Index (position within landscape)  
 Terrain Shape Index (site microtopographic shape)

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

Module	N	S	E	W
2	3	17	15	3
3	8	4	2	5
4	12	5	2	14
5	3	15	4	1

# 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.

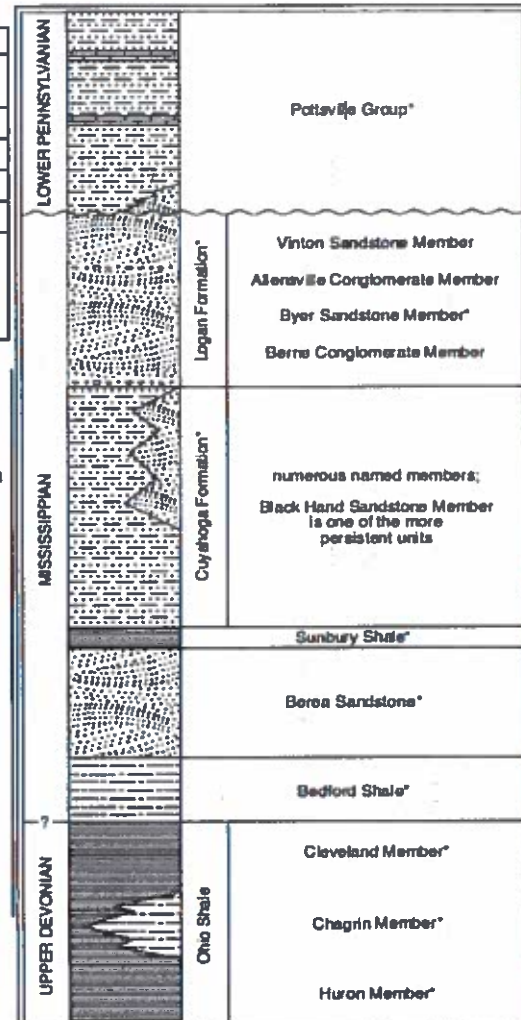
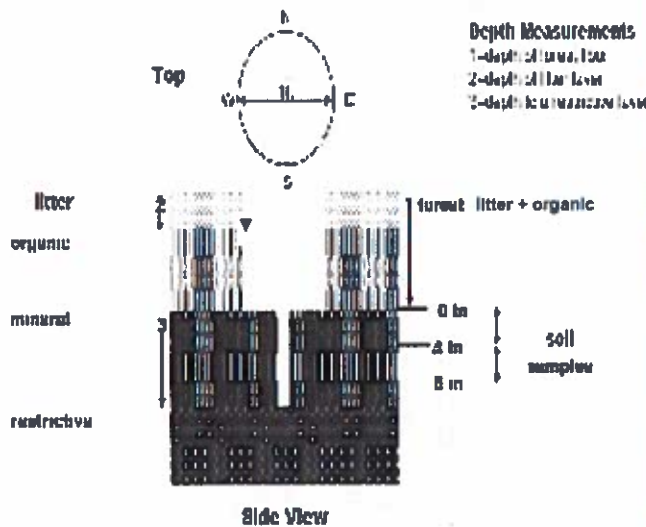


FIGURE 3-20.—Generalized section of Upper Devonian, Mississippian, and Lower Pennsylvanian formations in northeastern Ohio. Asterisks indicate units that are fossiliferous. This composite section represents about 400 meters of rock exposed across the area. The section is not to scale, but the thicknesses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

Soil Collection Module	Munsell (A, B, C)
2.3, 8.9 cm pit depth	A
Wet Soil Survey Information	
Soil Series/Type	
Soil Series Source: Ohio Soil Survey	
Landform type	
Depth to root layer	
Parent Material	
Drainage*	
<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: Worms, castings and middens present	0.2	0.2	3.0	—
MOD 3: Castings present	0.2	0.2	3.5	—
MOD 4: None present	0.3	0.3	4.0	—
MOD 5: Castings present	0.3	0.3	4.5	—

**EARTH SURFACE & GROUND COVER**

Underlying Earth Surface*	Ground Cover	percent
Open - 100%	percent	percent
Hardwood	Coarse Woody Debris***	3
Mineral Soil	Fine Woody Debris***	2
Gravel-Cobble*	Litter	2
Boulder**	Duff (Ferm. + Humus)	0
Bedrock	Bryophyte-Lichen	3
Gravel-Cobble - 1/16-10"	Water	3
Boulder = > 10 in	Bare Soil	5
> 5 cm in diameter	Road/Trail	5
< 5 cm in diameter	Other	1

**TRAIL INFORMATION:**

record type and cover for each	%Cover
Type	
All Purpose	
Bridle	
Hiking sanctioned	
Boat launching	
Gravel	5
Dirt	

**COVER BY STRATA**  
 estimate using midpoints of 5, 9, 3, 8, 13

Strata	Height Range (m)	Total Cover (%)
Tree	5.0-7	73
Shrub	1.5-5.0	78
Herb	0-1.5	93
(Floating)*	—	—
(Aquatic)*	—	—

**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

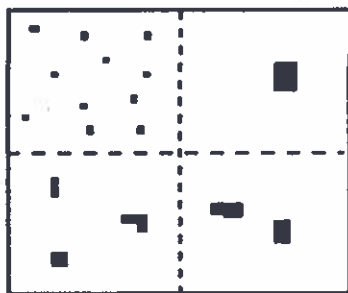
\* rooted and floating or slightly emersed  
 \*\* submerged, most plant mass below surface

SEE BACK OF PAGE FOR TYPICAL STRATA DESCRIPTIONS. STRATA CAN VARY BY COVER TYPE.



**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.

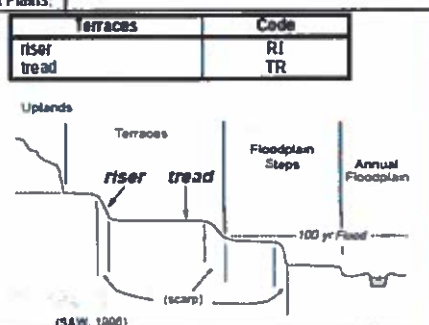
- 0= Organic
- 1= Loamy
- 2= Clayey
- 3= Sandy
- 4= Coarse Sand
- 9= Not measured - make plot note

**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
interfluvio	IF	IF
head slope	HS	HS
nose slope	NS	NS
side slope	SS	SS
base slope	—	BS



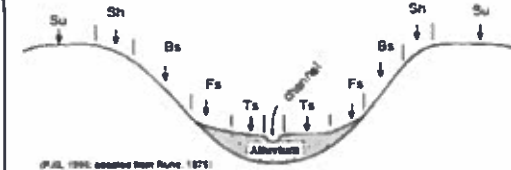
(PJS, 1990; adapted from Ruess, 1975)



(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 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.