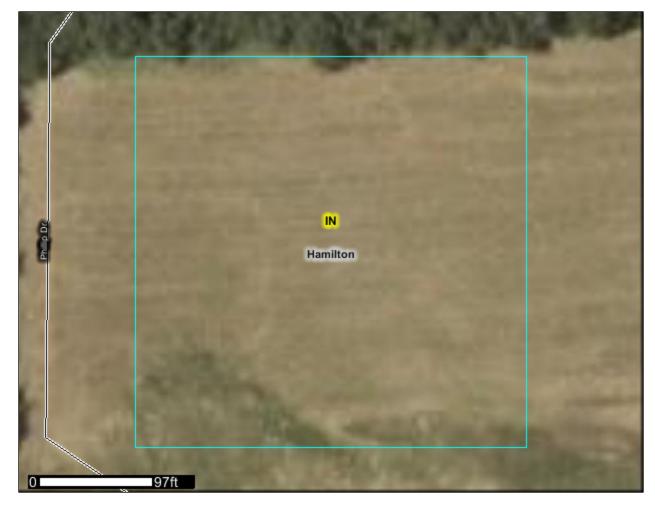


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Preface

Soil surveys contain information that affects land use planning in survey areas. They highlight soil limitations that affect various land uses and provide information about the properties of the soils in the survey areas. Soil surveys are designed for many different users, including farmers, ranchers, foresters, agronomists, urban planners, community officials, engineers, developers, builders, and home buyers. Also, conservationists, teachers, students, and specialists in recreation, waste disposal, and pollution control can use the surveys to help them understand, protect, or enhance the environment.

Various land use regulations of Federal, State, and local governments may impose special restrictions on land use or land treatment. Soil surveys identify soil properties that are used in making various land use or land treatment decisions. The information is intended to help the land users identify and reduce the effects of soil limitations on various land uses. The landowner or user is responsible for identifying and complying with existing laws and regulations.

Although soil survey information can be used for general farm, local, and wider area planning, onsite investigation is needed to supplement this information in some cases. Examples include soil quality assessments (http://soils.usda.gov/sqi/) and certain conservation and engineering applications. For more detailed information, contact your local USDA Service Center (http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app? agency=nrcs) or your NRCS State Soil Scientist (http://soils.usda.gov/contact/state_offices/).

Great differences in soil properties can occur within short distances. Some soils are seasonally wet or subject to flooding. Some are too unstable to be used as a foundation for buildings or roads. Clayey or wet soils are poorly suited to use as septic tank absorption fields. A high water table makes a soil poorly suited to basements or underground installations.

The National Cooperative Soil Survey is a joint effort of the United States Department of Agriculture and other Federal agencies, State agencies including the Agricultural Experiment Stations, and local agencies. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has leadership for the Federal part of the National Cooperative Soil Survey.

Information about soils is updated periodically. Updated information is available through the NRCS Soil Data Mart Web site or the NRCS Web Soil Survey. The Soil Data Mart is the data storage site for the official soil survey information.

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How Soil Surveys Are Made

Soil surveys are made to provide information about the soils and miscellaneous areas in a specific area. They include a description of the soils and miscellaneous areas and their location on the landscape and tables that show soil properties and limitations affecting various uses. Soil scientists observed the steepness, length, and shape of the slopes; the general pattern of drainage; the kinds of crops and native plants; and the kinds of bedrock. They observed and described many soil profiles. A soil profile is the sequence of natural layers, or horizons, in a soil. The profile extends from the surface down into the unconsolidated material in which the soil formed or from the surface down to bedrock. The unconsolidated material is devoid of roots and other living organisms and has not been changed by other biological activity.

Currently, soils are mapped according to the boundaries of major land resource areas (MLRAs). MLRAs are geographically associated land resource units that share common characteristics related to physiography, geology, climate, water resources, soils, biological resources, and land uses (USDA, 2006). Soil survey areas typically consist of parts of one or more MLRA.

The soils and miscellaneous areas in a survey area occur in an orderly pattern that is related to the geology, landforms, relief, climate, and natural vegetation of the area. Each kind of soil and miscellaneous area is associated with a particular kind of landform or with a segment of the landform. By observing the soils and miscellaneous areas in the survey area and relating their position to specific segments of the landform, a soil scientist develops a concept, or model, of how they were formed. Thus, during mapping, this model enables the soil scientist to predict with a considerable degree of accuracy the kind of soil or miscellaneous area at a specific location on the landscape.

Commonly, individual soils on the landscape merge into one another as their characteristics gradually change. To construct an accurate soil map, however, soil scientists must determine the boundaries between the soils. They can observe only a limited number of soil profiles. Nevertheless, these observations, supplemented by an understanding of the soil-vegetation-landscape relationship, are sufficient to verify predictions of the kinds of soil in an area and to determine the boundaries.

Soil scientists recorded the characteristics of the soil profiles that they studied. They noted soil color, texture, size and shape of soil aggregates, kind and amount of rock fragments, distribution of plant roots, reaction, and other features that enable them to identify soils. After describing the soils in the survey area and determining their properties, the soil scientists assigned the soils to taxonomic classes (units). Taxonomic classes are concepts. Each taxonomic class has a set of soil characteristics with precisely defined limits. The classes are used as a basis for comparison to classify soils systematically. Soil taxonomy, the system of taxonomic classification used in the United States, is based mainly on the kind and character of soil properties and the arrangement of horizons within the profile. After the soil scientists classified and named the soils in the survey area, they compared the

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individual soils with similar soils in the same taxonomic class in other areas so that they could confirm data and assemble additional data based on experience and research.

The objective of soil mapping is not to delineate pure map unit components; the objective is to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. Each map unit is defined by a unique combination of soil components and/or miscellaneous areas in predictable proportions. Some components may be highly contrasting to the other components of the map unit. The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The delineation of such landforms and landform segments on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

Soil scientists make many field observations in the process of producing a soil map. The frequency of observation is dependent upon several factors, including scale of mapping, intensity of mapping, design of map units, complexity of the landscape, and experience of the soil scientist. Observations are made to test and refine the soil-landscape model and predictions and to verify the classification of the soils at specific locations. Once the soil-landscape model is refined, a significantly smaller number of measurements of individual soil properties are made and recorded. These measurements may include field measurements, such as those for color, depth to bedrock, and texture, and laboratory measurements, such as those for content of sand, silt, clay, salt, and other components. Properties of each soil typically vary from one point to another across the landscape.

Observations for map unit components are aggregated to develop ranges of characteristics for the components. The aggregated values are presented. Direct measurements do not exist for every property presented for every map unit component. Values for some properties are estimated from combinations of other properties.

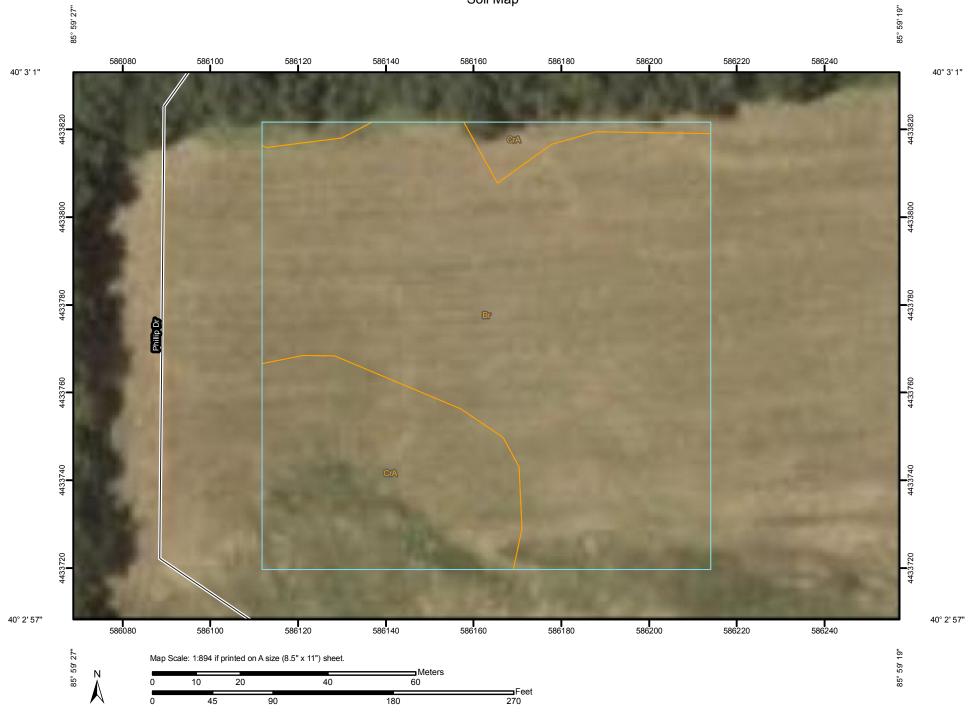
While a soil survey is in progress, samples of some of the soils in the area generally are collected for laboratory analyses and for engineering tests. Soil scientists interpret the data from these analyses and tests as well as the field-observed characteristics and the soil properties to determine the expected behavior of the soils under different uses. Interpretations for all of the soils are field tested through observation of the soils in different uses and under different levels of management. Some interpretations are modified to fit local conditions, and some new interpretations are developed to meet local needs. Data are assembled from other sources, such as research information, production records, and field experience of specialists. For example, data on crop yields under defined levels of management are assembled from farm records and from field or plot experiments on the same kinds of soil.

Predictions about soil behavior are based not only on soil properties but also on such variables as climate and biological activity. Soil conditions are predictable over long periods of time, but they are not predictable from year to year. For example, soil scientists can predict with a fairly high degree of accuracy that a given soil will have a high water table within certain depths in most years, but they cannot predict that a high water table will always be at a specific level in the soil on a specific date.

After soil scientists located and identified the significant natural bodies of soil in the survey area, they drew the boundaries of these bodies on aerial photographs and identified each as a specific map unit. Aerial photographs show trees, buildings, fields, roads, and rivers, all of which help in locating boundaries accurately.

Soil Map

The soil map section includes the soil map for the defined area of interest, a list of soil map units on the map and extent of each map unit, and cartographic symbols displayed on the map. Also presented are various metadata about data used to produce the map, and a description of each soil map unit.



Area of Interest (AOI)

Area of Interest (AOI)

Soils

Soil Map Units

Special Point Features

Blowout

Borrow Pit

Clay Spot

Closed Depression

X Gravel Pit

.. Gravelly Spot

A Landfill

∧ Lava Flow

الله Marsh or swamp

Mine or Quarry

Miscellaneous Water

Perennial Water

Rock Outcrop

+ Saline Spot

"." Sandy Spot

Severely Eroded Spot

Sinkhole

Slide or Slip

Spoil Area

Stony Spot

Very Stony Spot



Wet Spot

Other

Special Line Features

20

Gully

100

Short Steep Slope

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Other

Political Features

0

Cities

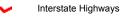
Water Features

Streams and Canals

Transportation



Rails





US Routes



Major Roads



Local Roads

MAP INFORMATION

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Map Unit Legend

Hamilton County, Indiana (IN057)					
Map Unit Symbol Map Unit Name Acres in AOI Percent of AOI					
Br	Brookston silty clay loam	1.9	73.0%		
CrA	Crosby silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	0.7	27.0%		
Totals for Area of Interest		2.6	100.0%		

Map Unit Descriptions

The map units delineated on the detailed soil maps in a soil survey represent the soils or miscellaneous areas in the survey area. The map unit descriptions, along with the maps, can be used to determine the composition and properties of a unit.

A map unit delineation on a soil map represents an area dominated by one or more major kinds of soil or miscellaneous areas. A map unit is identified and named according to the taxonomic classification of the dominant soils. Within a taxonomic class there are precisely defined limits for the properties of the soils. On the landscape, however, the soils are natural phenomena, and they have the characteristic variability of all natural phenomena. Thus, the range of some observed properties may extend beyond the limits defined for a taxonomic class. Areas of soils of a single taxonomic class rarely, if ever, can be mapped without including areas of other taxonomic classes. Consequently, every map unit is made up of the soils or miscellaneous areas for which it is named and some minor components that belong to taxonomic classes other than those of the major soils.

Most minor soils have properties similar to those of the dominant soil or soils in the map unit, and thus they do not affect use and management. These are called noncontrasting, or similar, components. They may or may not be mentioned in a particular map unit description. Other minor components, however, have properties and behavioral characteristics divergent enough to affect use or to require different management. These are called contrasting, or dissimilar, components. They generally are in small areas and could not be mapped separately because of the scale used. Some small areas of strongly contrasting soils or miscellaneous areas are identified by a special symbol on the maps. If included in the database for a given area, the contrasting minor components are identified in the map unit descriptions along with some characteristics of each. A few areas of minor components may not have been observed, and consequently they are not mentioned in the descriptions, especially where the pattern was so complex that it was impractical to make enough observations to identify all the soils and miscellaneous areas on the landscape.

The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The objective of mapping is not to delineate pure taxonomic classes but rather to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. The delineation of such segments on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, however, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

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An identifying symbol precedes the map unit name in the map unit descriptions. Each description includes general facts about the unit and gives important soil properties and qualities.

Soils that have profiles that are almost alike make up a *soil series*. Except for differences in texture of the surface layer, all the soils of a series have major horizons that are similar in composition, thickness, and arrangement.

Soils of one series can differ in texture of the surface layer, slope, stoniness, salinity, degree of erosion, and other characteristics that affect their use. On the basis of such differences, a soil series is divided into *soil phases*. Most of the areas shown on the detailed soil maps are phases of soil series. The name of a soil phase commonly indicates a feature that affects use or management. For example, Alpha silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is a phase of the Alpha series.

Some map units are made up of two or more major soils or miscellaneous areas. These map units are complexes, associations, or undifferentiated groups.

A *complex* consists of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas in such an intricate pattern or in such small areas that they cannot be shown separately on the maps. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar in all areas. Alpha-Beta complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes, is an example.

An association is made up of two or more geographically associated soils or miscellaneous areas that are shown as one unit on the maps. Because of present or anticipated uses of the map units in the survey area, it was not considered practical or necessary to map the soils or miscellaneous areas separately. The pattern and relative proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar. Alpha-Beta association, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

An *undifferentiated group* is made up of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas that could be mapped individually but are mapped as one unit because similar interpretations can be made for use and management. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas in a mapped area are not uniform. An area can be made up of only one of the major soils or miscellaneous areas, or it can be made up of all of them. Alpha and Beta soils, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

Some surveys include *miscellaneous areas*. Such areas have little or no soil material and support little or no vegetation. Rock outcrop is an example.

Hamilton County, Indiana

Br—Brookston silty clay loam

Map Unit Setting

Elevation: 720 to 980 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 36 to 42 inches Mean annual air temperature: 49 to 52 degrees F

Frost-free period: 175 to 185 days

Map Unit Composition

Brookston and similar soils: 100 percent

Description of Brookston

Setting

Landform: Depressions on till plains

Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope

Down-slope shape: Concave Across-slope shape: Linear Parent material: Loamy till

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 2 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches

Drainage class: Poorly drained

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high (0.20 to

0.60 in/hr)

Depth to water table: About 0 to 12 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: Frequent

Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 40 percent Available water capacity: High (about 10.0 inches)

Interpretive groups

Farmland classification: Prime farmland if drained

Land capability (nonirrigated): 2w Hydrologic Soil Group: B/D

Other vegetative classification: Mixed/Transitional (Mixed Native Vegetation)

Typical profile

0 to 11 inches: Silty clay loam 11 to 58 inches: Clay loam 58 to 70 inches: Loam

CrA—Crosby silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

Elevation: 720 to 980 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 36 to 42 inches Mean annual air temperature: 49 to 52 degrees F

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Frost-free period: 175 to 185 days

Map Unit Composition

Crosby and similar soils: 90 percent

Description of Crosby

Setting

Landform: Till plains

Landform position (two-dimensional): Summit, shoulder, backslope

Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope

Down-slope shape: Convex Across-slope shape: Linear

Parent material: Loess over loamy till

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 3 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: 20 to 40 inches to densic material

Drainage class: Somewhat poorly drained

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Low to moderately high

(0.01 to 0.20 in/hr)

Depth to water table: About 6 to 24 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 40 percent Available water capacity: Low (about 5.4 inches)

Interpretive groups

Farmland classification: Prime farmland if drained

Land capability (nonirrigated): 2w Hydrologic Soil Group: C/D

Other vegetative classification: Trees/Timber (Woody Vegetation)

Typical profile

0 to 11 inches: Silt loam 11 to 27 inches: Clay loam 27 to 32 inches: Loam 32 to 60 inches: Loam

Soil Information for All Uses

Soil Properties and Qualities

The Soil Properties and Qualities section includes various soil properties and qualities displayed as thematic maps with a summary table for the soil map units in the selected area of interest. A single value or rating for each map unit is generated by aggregating the interpretive ratings of individual map unit components. This aggregation process is defined for each property or quality.

Soil Physical Properties

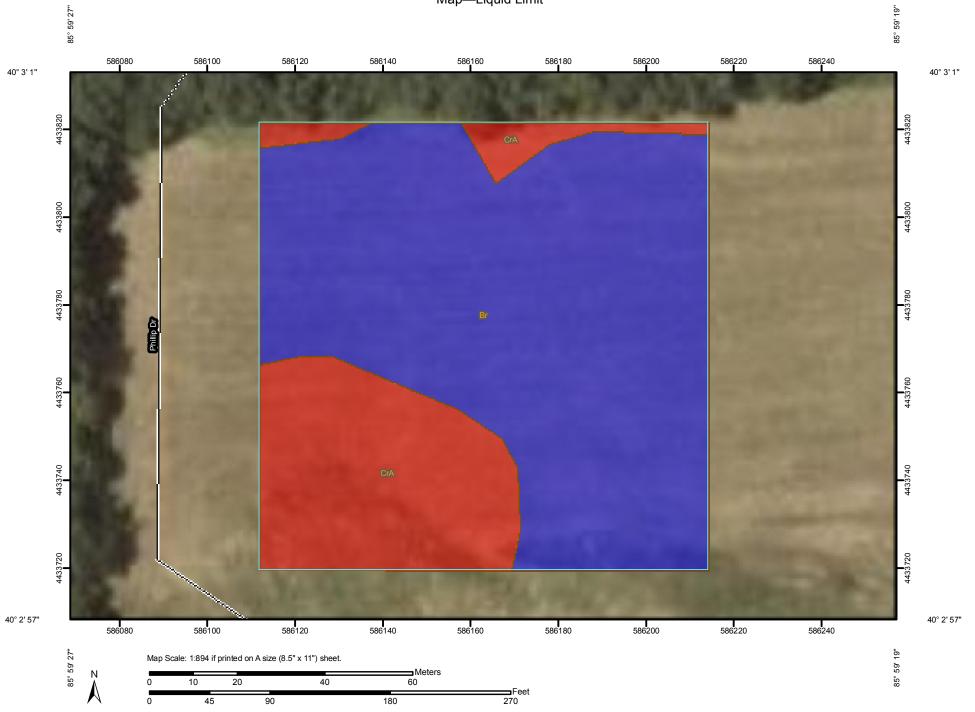
Soil Physical Properties are measured or inferred from direct observations in the field or laboratory. Examples of soil physical properties include percent clay, organic matter, saturated hydraulic conductivity, available water capacity, and bulk density.

Liquid Limit

Liquid limit (LL) is one of the standard Atterberg limits used to indicate the plasticity characteristics of a soil. It is the water content, on a percent by weight basis, of the soil (passing #40 sieve) at which the soil changes from a plastic to a liquid state. Generally, the amount of clay- and silt-size particles, the organic matter content, and the type of minerals determine the liquid limit. Soils that have a high liquid limit have the capacity to hold a lot of water while maintaining a plastic or semisolid state.

Liquid limit is used in classifying soils in the Unified and AASHTO classification systems.

For each soil layer, this attribute is actually recorded as three separate values in the database. A low value and a high value indicate the range of this attribute for the soil component. A "representative" value indicates the expected value of this attribute for the component. For this soil property, only the representative value is used.



Area of Interest (AOI)

Area of Interest (AOI)

Soils

Soil Map Units

Soil Ratings

<= 29.3

> 29.3 AND <= 38.2

Not rated or not available

Political Features

Cities

Water Features

Streams and Canals

Transportation

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Rails



Interstate Highways



US Routes



Major Roads



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Table—Liquid Limit

Liquid Limit— Summary by Map Unit — Hamilton County, Indiana (IN057)				
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CrA	Crosby silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	29.3	0.7	27.0%
Totals for Area of Interest			2.6	100.0%

Rating Options—Liquid Limit

Units of Measure: percent

Aggregation Method: Dominant Component Component Percent Cutoff: None Specified

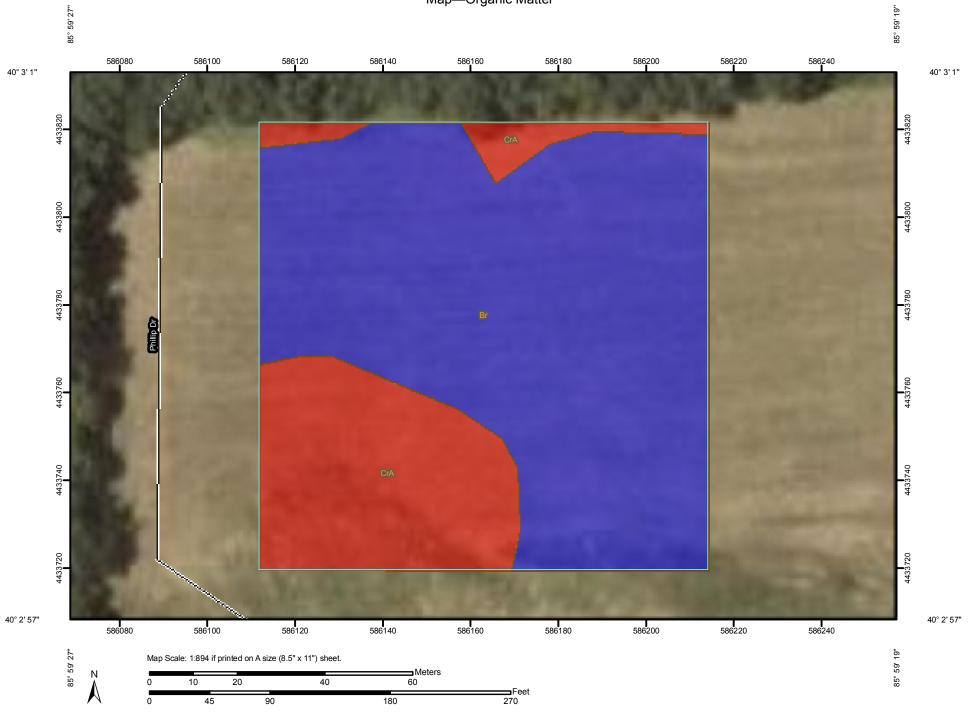
Tie-break Rule: Higher Interpret Nulls as Zero: No Layer Options: All Layers

Organic Matter

Organic matter is the plant and animal residue in the soil at various stages of decomposition. The estimated content of organic matter is expressed as a percentage, by weight, of the soil material that is less than 2 millimeters in diameter.

The content of organic matter in a soil can be maintained by returning crop residue to the soil. Organic matter has a positive effect on available water capacity, water infiltration, soil organism activity, and tilth. It is a source of nitrogen and other nutrients for crops and soil organisms. An irregular distribution of organic carbon with depth may indicate different episodes of soil deposition or soil formation. Soils that are very high in organic matter have poor engineering properties and subside upon drying.

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Area of Interest (AOI)

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Soils

Soil Map Units

Soil Ratings

<= 0.84

> 0.84 AND <= 1.51

Not rated or not available

Political Features

Cities

Water Features

Streams and Canals

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CrA	Crosby silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	0.84	0.7	27.0%
Totals for Area of Interest			2.6	100.0%

Rating Options—Organic Matter

Units of Measure: percent

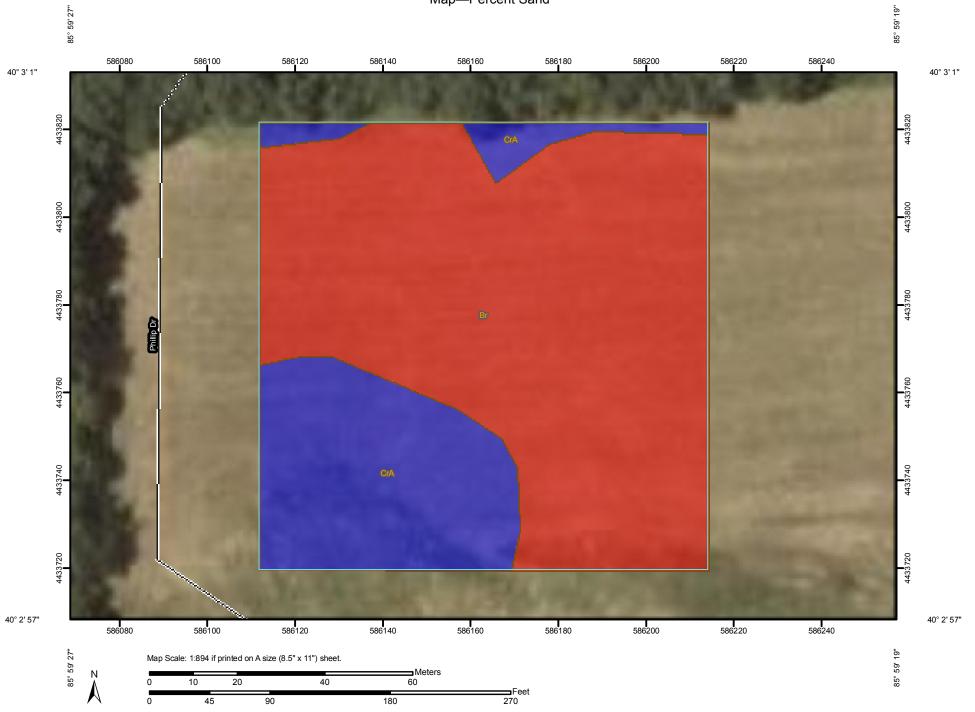
Aggregation Method: Dominant Component Component Percent Cutoff: None Specified

Tie-break Rule: Higher Interpret Nulls as Zero: No Layer Options: All Layers

Percent Sand

Sand as a soil separate consists of mineral soil particles that are 0.05 millimeter to 2 millimeters in diameter. In the database, the estimated sand content of each soil layer is given as a percentage, by weight, of the soil material that is less than 2 millimeters in diameter. The content of sand, silt, and clay affects the physical behavior of a soil. Particle size is important for engineering and agronomic interpretations, for determination of soil hydrologic qualities, and for soil classification.

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Soils

Soil Map Units

Soil Ratings

<= 25.7

> 25.7 AND <= 30.3

Not rated or not available

Political Features

Cities

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Table—Percent Sand

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Br	Brookston silty clay loam	25.7	1.9	73.0%
CrA	Crosby silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	30.3	0.7	27.0%
Totals for Area of Interest			2.6	100.0%

Rating Options—Percent Sand

Units of Measure: percent

Aggregation Method: Dominant Component Component Percent Cutoff: None Specified

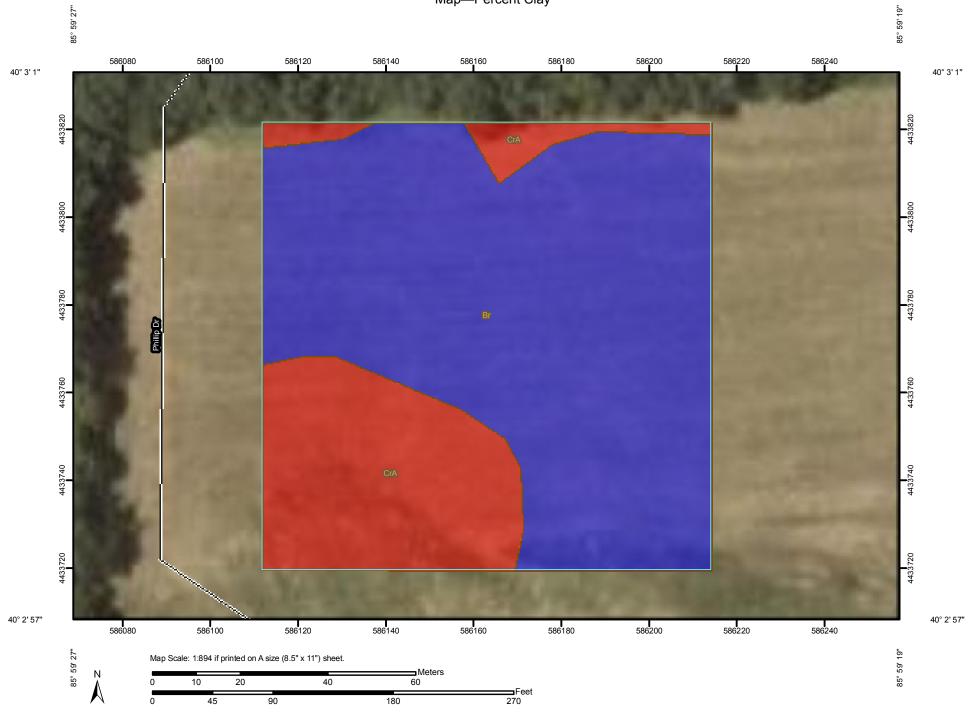
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Percent Clay

Clay as a soil separate consists of mineral soil particles that are less than 0.002 millimeter in diameter. The estimated clay content of each soil layer is given as a percentage, by weight, of the soil material that is less than 2 millimeters in diameter. The amount and kind of clay affect the fertility and physical condition of the soil and the ability of the soil to adsorb cations and to retain moisture. They influence shrink-swell potential, saturated hydraulic conductivity (Ksat), plasticity, the ease of soil dispersion, and other soil properties. The amount and kind of clay in a soil also affect tillage and earth-moving operations.

Most of the material is in one of three groups of clay minerals or a mixture of these clay minerals. The groups are kaolinite, smectite, and hydrous mica, the best known member of which is illite.

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Area of Interest (AOI)

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Soils

Soil Map Units

Soil Ratings

<= 21



> 21 AND <= 27.5



Not rated or not available

Political Features



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Date(s) aerial images were photographed: 7/19/2003

Table—Percent Clay

Percent Clay— Summary by Map Unit — Hamilton County, Indiana (IN057)				
Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating (percent)	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
Br	Brookston silty clay loam	27.5	1.9	73.0%
CrA	Crosby silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	21.0	0.7	27.0%
Totals for Area of Interest			2.6	100.0%

Rating Options—Percent Clay

Units of Measure: percent

Aggregation Method: Dominant Component Component Percent Cutoff: None Specified

Tie-break Rule: Higher Interpret Nulls as Zero: No Layer Options: All Layers

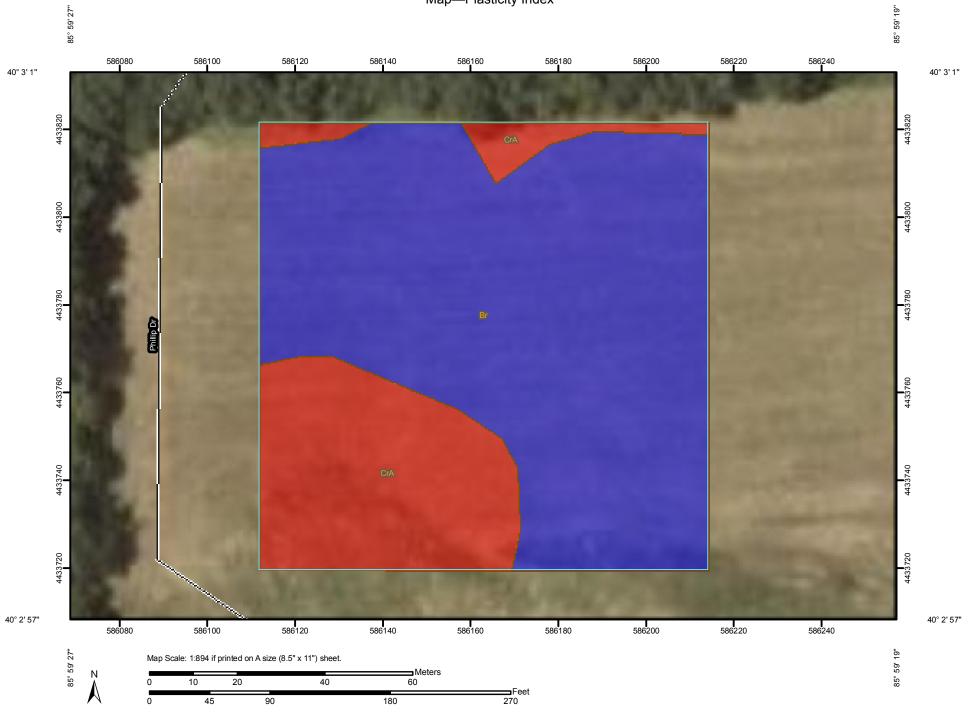
Plasticity Index

Plasticity index (PI) is one of the standard Atterberg limits used to indicate the plasticity characteristics of a soil. It is defined as the numerical difference between the liquid limit and plastic limit of the soil. It is the range of water content in which a soil exhibits the characteristics of a plastic solid.

The plastic limit is the water content that corresponds to an arbitrary limit between the plastic and semisolid states of a soil. The liquid limit is the water content, on a percent by weight basis, of the soil (passing #40 sieve) at which the soil changes from a plastic to a liquid state.

Soils that have a high plasticity index have a wide range of moisture content in which the soil performs as a plastic material. Highly and moderately plastic clays have large PI values. Plasticity index is used in classifying soils in the Unified and AASHTO classification systems.

For each soil layer, this attribute is actually recorded as three separate values in the database. A low value and a high value indicate the range of this attribute for the soil component. A "representative" value indicates the expected value of this attribute for the component. For this soil property, only the representative value is used.



Area of Interest (AOI)

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Soils

Soil Map Units

Soil Ratings

<= 11.5

> 11.5 AND <= 17

Not rated or not available

Political Features

0

Cities

Water Features

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Streams and Canals

Transportation

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Rails



Interstate Highways

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US Routes



Major Roads



Local Roads

MAP INFORMATION

Map Scale: 1:894 if printed on A size (8.5" × 11") sheet.

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:15,840.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for accurate map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service Web Soil Survey URL: http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov Coordinate System: UTM Zone 16N NAD83

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Table—Plasticity Index

Plasticity Index— Summary by Map Unit — Hamilton County, Indiana (IN057)				
Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating (percent)	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
Br	Brookston silty clay loam	17.0	1.9	73.0%
CrA	Crosby silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	11.5	0.7	27.0%
Totals for Area of Interest			2.6	100.0%

Rating Options—Plasticity Index

Units of Measure: percent

Aggregation Method: Dominant Component Component Percent Cutoff: None Specified

Tie-break Rule: Higher
Interpret Nulls as Zero: No
Layer Options: All Layers

Soil Qualities and Features

Soil qualities are behavior and performance attributes that are not directly measured, but are inferred from observations of dynamic conditions and from soil properties. Example soil qualities include natural drainage, and frost action. Soil features are attributes that are not directly part of the soil. Example soil features include slope and depth to restrictive layer. These features can greatly impact the use and management of the soil.

Unified Soil Classification (Surface)

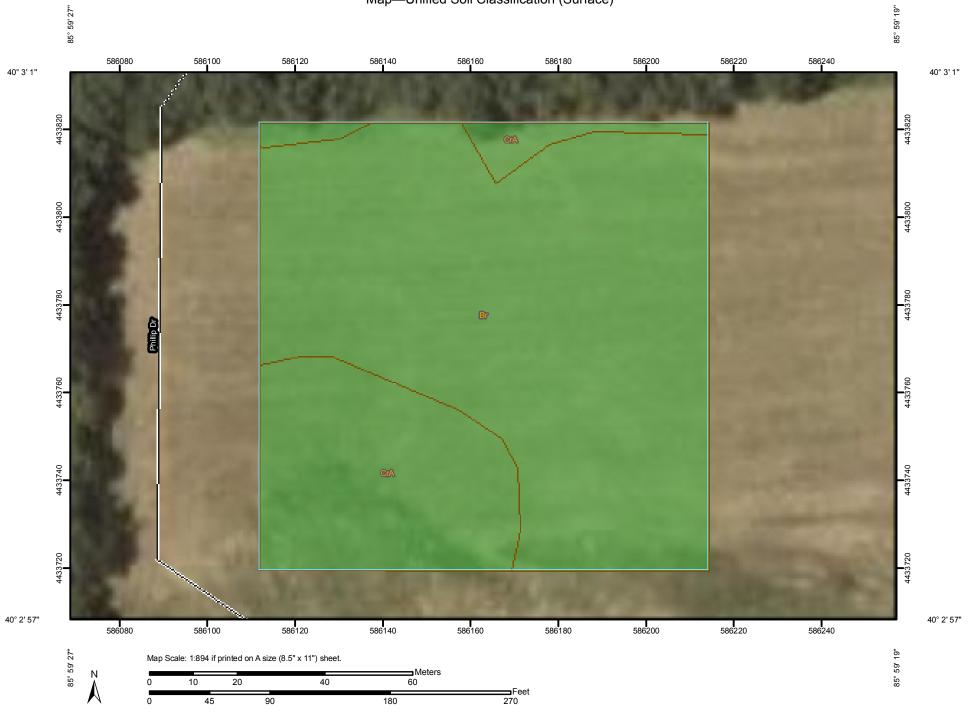
The Unified soil classification system classifies mineral and organic mineral soils for engineering purposes on the basis of particle-size characteristics, liquid limit, and plasticity index. It identifies three major soil divisions: (i) coarse-grained soils having less than 50 percent, by weight, particles smaller than 0.074 mm in diameter; (ii) fine-grained soils having 50 percent or more, by weight, particles smaller than 0.074 mm in diameter; and (iii) highly organic soils that demonstrate certain organic characteristics. These divisions are further subdivided into a total of 15 basic soil groups. The major soil divisions and basic soil groups are determined on the basis of estimated or measured values for grain-size distribution and Atterberg limits. ASTM D 2487 shows the criteria chart used for classifying soil in the Unified system and the 15 basic soil groups of the system and the plasticity chart for the Unified system.

The various groupings of this classification correlate in a general way with the engineering behavior of soils. This correlation provides a useful first step in any field

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or laboratory investigation for engineering purposes. It can serve to make some general interpretations relating to probable performance of the soil for engineering uses.

For each soil horizon in the database one or more Unified soil classifications may be listed. One is marked as the representative or most commonly occurring. The representative classification is shown here for the surface layer of the soil.



MAP LEGEND MAP INFORMATION Map Scale: 1:894 if printed on A size (8.5" × 11") sheet. Area of Interest (AOI) ML **US Routes** Area of Interest (AOI) ML-A (proposed) Major Roads The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at Soils ML-K (proposed) Local Roads 1:15,840. Soil Map Units ML-O (proposed) Soil Ratings Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale. ML-T (proposed) CH OH Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause CL misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil OH-T (proposed) CL-A (proposed) line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of OL contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed CL-K (proposed) PT CL-ML SC CL-O (proposed) Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for accurate map SC-SM measurements. CL-T (proposed) SM GC Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service SP Web Soil Survey URL: http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov GC-GM Coordinate System: UTM Zone 16N NAD83 SP-SC GM SP-SM GP This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below. SW GP-GC SW-SC GP-GM Soil Survey Area: Hamilton County, Indiana Survey Area Data: Version 13. Sep 25. 2012 SW-SM GW Not rated or not available GW-GC Date(s) aerial images were photographed: 7/19/2003 **Political Features** GW-GM Cities The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background **Water Features** imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting MH-A (proposed) Streams and Canals of map unit boundaries may be evident. MH-K (proposed) Transportation MH-O (proposed) +++ Rails MH-T (proposed) Interstate Highways

Table—Unified Soil Classification (Surface)

Unified Soil Classification (Surface)— Summary by Map Unit — Hamilton County, Indiana (IN057)				
Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
Br	Brookston silty clay loam	CL	1.9	73.0%
CrA	Crosby silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	CL	0.7	27.0%
Totals for Area of Inte	erest		2.6	100.0%

Rating Options—Unified Soil Classification (Surface)

Aggregation Method: Dominant Condition
Component Percent Cutoff: None Specified

Tie-break Rule: Lower

Layer Options: Surface Layer

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