



Wetland Delineation — Townsend Acres, Townsend, Delaware

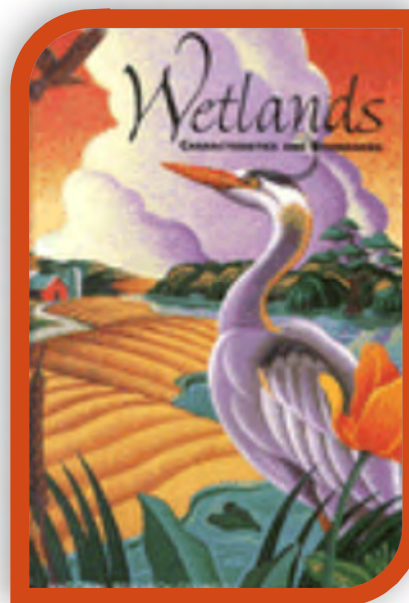


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Introduction

At the request of Becker Morgan Group, Inc, Watershed Eco, LLC. has reviewed background materials and conducted site visits to determine the previous and current site conditions related to waters, wetlands, and drainage.

James McCulley, the investigator, and report author has over 30 years of experience in wetland delineation and permitting. He previously worked as a biologist in the Regulatory Section of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District and was selected as one of 17 wetland scientists nationwide to serve on the National Academy of Sciences, Wetlands Characterization Committee which authored “Wetlands: Characteristics and Boundaries”. He was chosen as one of four committee members to present the committee findings at a press conference on Capitol Hill.



Mr. McCulley is a Senior Professional Wetland Scientist, #000471 as certified by the Society of Wetland Scientists, an international scientific association.

All opinions in this report are to a reasonable degree of scientific certainty.

Executive Summary

Watershed Eco, LLC. reviewed background information and conducted a wetland delineation at 1945 South Dupont Highway and determined that palustrine forested wetlands were present near the eastern boundary of the property. The perennial stream Isaac Branch was observed near the southern property boundary. These wetlands and waters were flagged in the field and depicted on the attached wetland delineation map to establish appropriate county buffers.

Based on the information reviewed and discussed in this report, it was concluded that a palustrine forested wetland was situated in the northern and central portions of the subject property. This wetland extends off-site to the north and drains to an unnamed tributary of Appoquinimink River, a Traditional Navigable Waterway. The flagging placed in the field represents the outer boundary of these resources.

The site conditions at the time of the investigation are detailed in this report.

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Definition of Jurisdictional Waters and Wetlands

The latest WOTUS Rule became effective on March 20, 2023. This rule codifies the definition of Waters of the United States (WOTUS), including jurisdictional wetlands. Discussion of Jurisdiction related to Waters and Wetlands in this report are based on the Rule and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and as described in the definitions in this section as well as guidance currently in effect and based on professional experience.

The scope of Federal jurisdiction established in the Clean Water Act (CWA) is limited to WOTUS, which is defined in the Act as Navigable Waters, including the Territorial Seas. The Act does not further define WOTUS and has left the interpretation to the agencies (U.S. EPA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers). The agencies have defined WOTUS by regulation since the 1970s with the latest definition becoming effective on March 20, 2023, and being nullified by the Supreme Court in May 2023.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. EPA are revising the Rule and will be based on the Supreme Court Decision that state that to be a Jurisdictional Water, there must be a permanent and continuous connection to a downstream Navigable Water. The new guidance has not yet been released to the public at the time this report was prepared.

It is assumed, under the Supreme Court language, that a tributary must be intermittent or perennial and connected to a downstream Navigable Water to be jurisdictional and any adjacent wetlands would also be deemed Jurisdictional. It is assumed that the wetland mapped in the central and northern portion of the property has a direct surface connection to an unnamed tributary of Appoquinimink River and would be regulated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. These wetlands would not be regulated by Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) as Subaqueous Lands. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Philadelphia District should be consulted prior to any impacts to any wetlands or waterways within the subject property. These wetlands would not be regulated by Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) as Subaqueous Lands.

Waters are mapped by determining the Ordinary High-Water Mark (OHWM) of features with a bed and bank as defined above and in accordance with various guidance as discussed below.

Wetlands are mapped using three criteria: 1. Vegetation, 2. Soils and 3. Hydrology which are further described in the Manual and appropriate Regional Supplement. Hydrophytic (wetland) vegetation is specifically adapted for life in saturated soils and listed by species and indicator status on the National Wetland Plant List maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Hydric (wetland) soils formed under conditions of saturation, flooding or ponding long enough to develop anaerobic conditions and are listed on the United States Department of Agriculture, Hydric Soils Database. Wetland hydrology is described as recurrent, sustained water at or near the surface for extended periods of time.

Subject Property

The Subject Property is located at 0 Summit Bridge Road in Townsend, New Castle County, Delaware. The Subject Property is located at Latitude and Longitude 39.398871 and -75.689437 and is identified as New Castle County Tax Parcel No. 25-002.00-097 consisting of approximately 15.25 Acres.

The subject property consists entirely of deciduous forest cover.

Based on the information reviewed and discussed in this report, it was concluded that a palustrine forested wetland was located in the northern and central portion of the subject property. This wetland drains off-site to the north into an unnamed tributary of Appoquinimink River, a Traditional Navigable Waterway.

Documents Considered

The following documents were considered as part of this study:

- Current National Wetland Inventory (NWI) Map
- Current USGS Mapping
- Historical Aerial Photos
- NRCS Soils Mapping
- National Hydrography Dataset Mapping

Findings

Background Research

The NWI Map (Figure 2) depicts a palustrine forested wetland in the northern portion of the property. This wetland is mapped as continuing off-site to the north.

The USGS Mapping (Figure 3) depicts an unnamed blue-line stream north of the subject property. The subject property is relatively flat and drains gently to the north with elevations above and below the 5-foot contour line.

The National Hydrography Dataset map (Figure 4) depicts no wetlands or waterway within the subject property.

The 1954 aerial photo (Figure 5) depicts most of the subject property in active agricultural use. Surrounding land use is primarily agricultural and wooded properties to the north and west with private residential properties to the south and east.

The 1968 aerial photo (Figure 6) depicts similar site conditions as the 1954 imagery. No significant changes in surrounding land use are apparent.

The 1982 aerial photo (Figure 7) depicts the subject property has been left fallow and consists of pioneering scrub-shrub vegetation. Additional residential structures have been constructed to the north and south, and fire department to the southeast.

The 1992 aerial photo (Figure 8) depicts the property as pioneering woodlands like the 1992 imagery. No significant changes in surrounding land use are apparent.

The 2017 aerial photo (Figure 9) depicts similar site conditions within the subject property as the 1992 imagery. Solar panels have been constructed on the adjacent property to the south and a residential subdivision is under construction to the west.

The 2021 aerial photo (Figure 10) depicts similar site conditions as the 2017 imagery. No significant changes in surrounding land use are apparent.

The 2023 aerial photo (Figure 11) depicts similar site conditions as the 2021 imagery. No significant changes in surrounding land use are apparent.

The NRCS Soil Mapping (Figure 12) indicates the southern portion of the property is underlain with well-drained Reybold silt loam (ReB) and Sassafras sandy loam (SacB). Poorly drained Fallsington loams (FgcA) are mapped in the north-central and southeastern portions of the property.

Field Investigation

Watershed Eco, LLC., conducted a field investigation on June 12, 2024. The purpose of the investigation was to conduct a wetland delineation within the subject property.

These investigations consisted of a visual review of the entire site with special attention paid to vegetative communities and topography. The wetland boundary was walked, and wetland boundaries were flagged in the field and locations noted using handheld global positioning systems (GPS). Wetland flags were located by GPS during the field investigation and plotted on the attached plans.

Vegetation was identified using delineator experience and confirmed using field guides for the following strata:

Trees – woody plants 6 meters or more in height and 7.6 centimeters or larger in diameter at breast height.

Saplings – woody plants 6 meters or more in height and less than 7.6 centimeters in diameter at breast height.

Shrubs – woody plants 1 to 6 meters in height.

Herbs – all herbaceous plants regardless of size and woody plants less than 1 meter in height.

Woody Vines – all woody vines regardless of height.

The indicator status for each dominant species was recorded based on the USACE 2018 Atlantic, Gulf and Coastal Plain Region Plant List.

Soil borings were advanced to an approximate depth of 20 inches using a 3-inch diameter Dutch auger. Soil colors were visually estimated using a Munsell Soil Color Chart and texture was estimated using standard soil texture criteria. Soil characteristics were compared to the Hydric Soil Indicator Guide in order to identify whether hydric soils were present at each data point location.

Wetland hydrology characteristics were visually observed where present based on the USACE Wetland Delineation Manual and Regional Supplement. No additional hydrology studies were performed at the site (ie. Piezometers, Observation Wells or Modeling) and potential wetland hydrology was based on observations on the day of the field investigation and professional experience. Based on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Antecedent Precipitation Tool, hydrologic conditions were wetter than normal at the time of the field investigation.

Results

A palustrine forested wetland was observed in the north and central portion of the subject property. This wetland drains off-site to the north into an unnamed tributary to Appoquinimink River, a Traditional Navigable Waterway. The wetlands and waters would be classified as Section 404 wetlands regulated by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The flagging placed in the field represents the outer boundary of these resources.

The subject property is entirely wooded.

Representative photographs of the site and flagged areas are included in this report.

Jurisdiction

Federal Jurisdiction – WOTUS

The wetlands flagged near the eastern boundary of the property and Isaac Branch to the south are assumed to be WOTUS up to the OHWM or to the edge of adjacent wetlands.

The limits of wetlands flagged represent the upper limit of wetlands and in most cases the “Section 404” wetlands line. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers should be consulted prior to any impacts of these aquatic resources.

State Jurisdiction – Subaqueous Lands

No intermittent or perennial streams regulated by DNREC were observed within the subject property.

Conclusions

All opinions are to a reasonable degree of scientific certainty.

It is the opinion of Watershed Eco, LLC., that a federally jurisdictional palustrine forested wetland was located in the northern and central portion of the subject property. This wetland extends off-site to the north and drains to an unnamed tributary of Appoquinimink River, a Traditional Navigable Waterway. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Philadelphia District should be consulted prior to any impacts to any wetlands or waters mapped within the subject property.

No intermittent or perennial streams regulated by DNREC were observed within the subject property.

The mapped wetlands can be found on the attached map prepared by Watershed Eco, LLC, (Figure 13). Jurisdictional limits can only be determined by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture and the State of Delaware, Wetlands and Subaqueous Lands Branch.



Figures

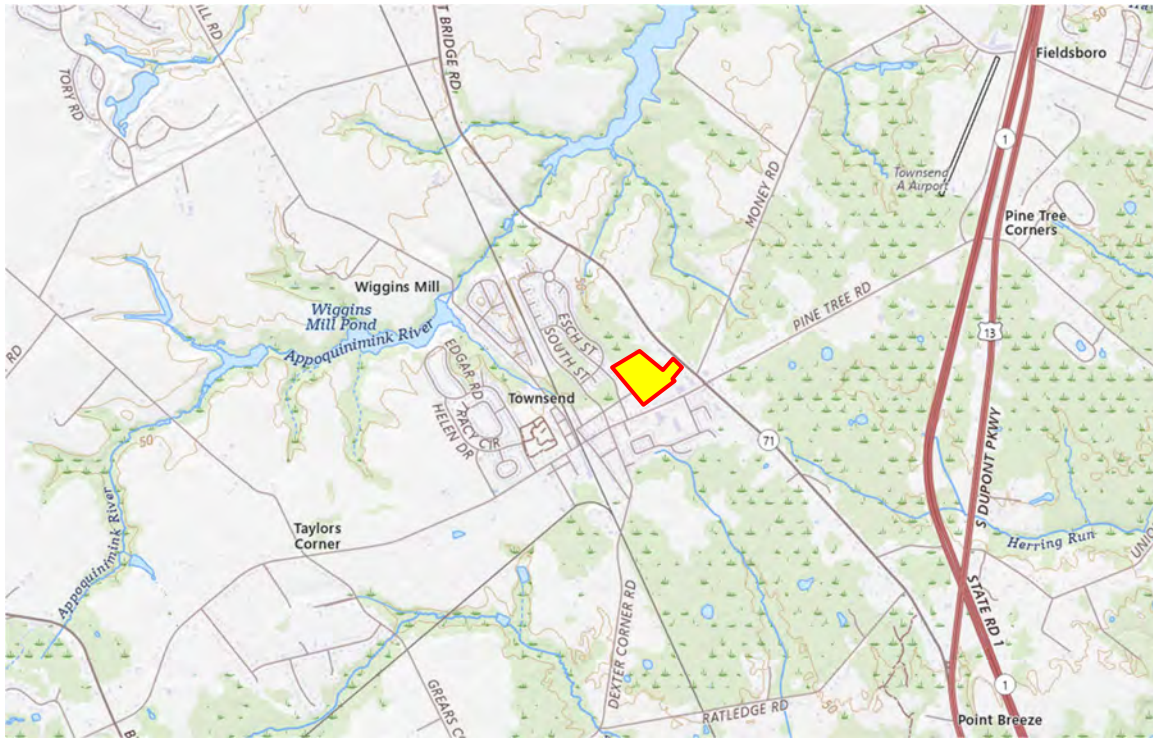


Figure 1: Location Map



Figure 2: National Wetland Inventory Map.

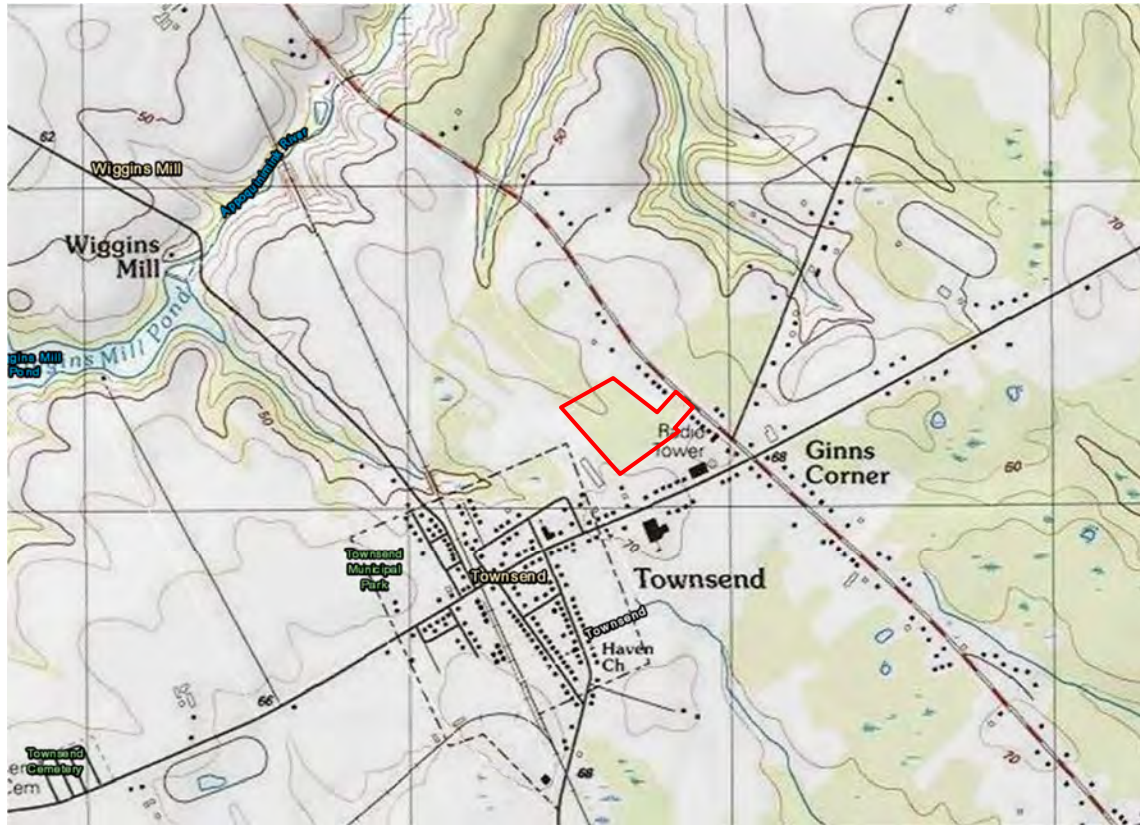


Figure 3: USGS Mapping.



Figure 4: NHD Map.

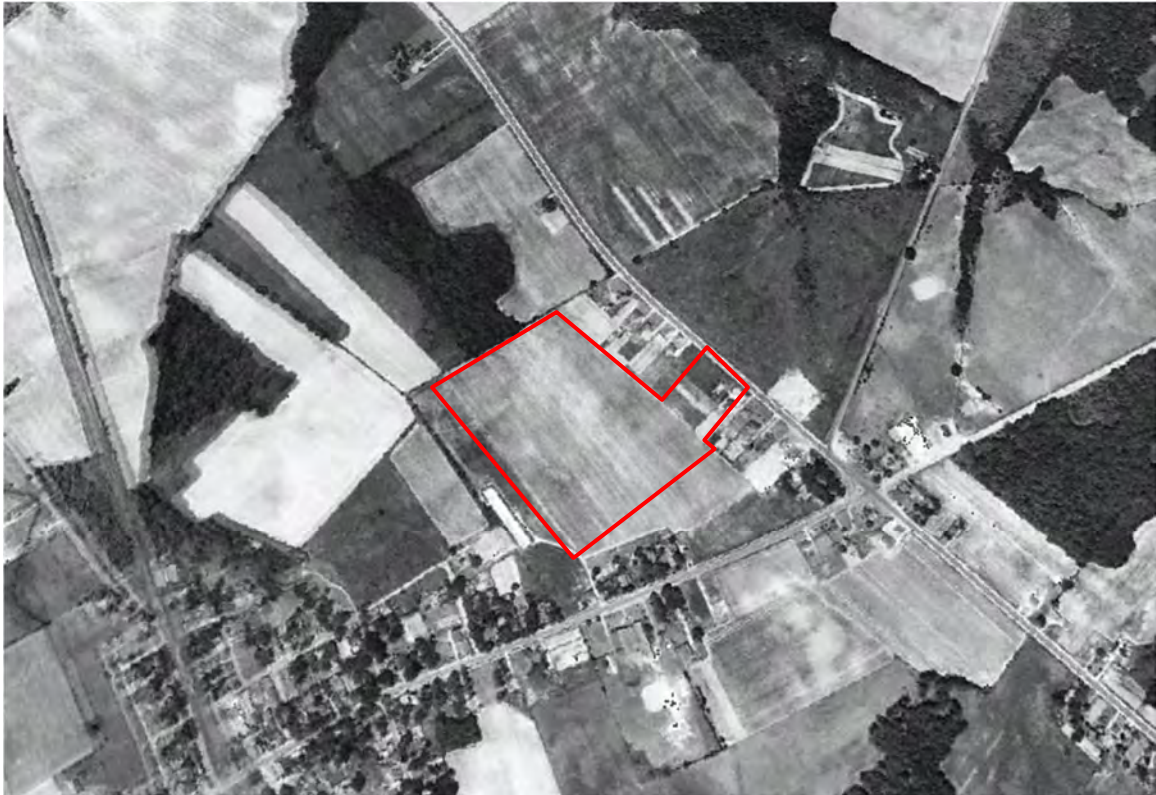


Figure 5: 1954 Aerial Photograph.



Figure 6: 1968 Aerial Photograph





Figure 7: 1982 Aerial Photograph.



Figure 8: 1992 Aerial Photograph.



Figure 9: 2017 Aerial Photograph.



Figure 10: 2021 Aerial Photograph.



Figure 11: 2023 Aerial Photograph



Figure 12: USDA Soil Survey Map.



Figure 13: Wetland Delineation Map



Credentials

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Senior Professional Wetland Scientist, P.W.S. (#000471)

Education:

- B.A. Biology, Rutgers University
- M.S. Biology, Rutgers University
- Wetland Sedges, Grasses and Rushes, The Swamp School
- Hydric Soils Indicators, The Swamp School
- Wetland Ferns, The Swamp School
- Wetland Delineation, Rutgers Continuing Education
- Wetland Hydrology, Rutgers Continuing Education
- Wetland Regulation, Corps of Engineers Training Program

Topics Presented:

- Presented Wetland Rules, Regulations and Policies, Delaware State Bar
- Presented Wetlands Rules, Regulations and Policies, Pennsylvania State Bar
- Presented Wetland Rules, Regulations and Policies, Maryland Architects
- Presented Environmental Rule Changes, Homebuilders Association of Delaware
- Chaired Panel Discussion at Annual Meeting of Society of Wetland Scientists (SWS)
- Presented on “No Net Loss” at Association of State Wetland Managers Meeting
- Presented on Wetlands Legislation to Environmental Law Institute
- Presented on Wetland Delineation at State Parks Managers Meeting
- Part of Panel to present NAS findings to Congress on Wetlands Legislation
- Treatment of Storm Water Run-Off by Wetlands to SWS Annual Meeting

Committees:

- State of Delaware, Wetlands Advisory Committee
- National Association of Homebuilders, Environmental Issues Committee
- National Association of Homebuilders, Land Use Policy Committee
- Homebuilders Association of Delaware, Life Director
- National Academy of Sciences Wetlands Characterization Committee
- State of Delaware, Freshwater Wetlands Legislation Committee
- New Castle County Comprehensive Plan Update
- New Castle County, Riparian Buffer Ordinance Committee
- Board of Directors, Homebuilders Association of Delaware

Publications:

- Wetlands: Characteristics and Boundaries, National Academy of Sciences Press
- Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan, PAX Naval Air Station

Community:

- Mentored Honors Biology Program at Glasgow High School
- Curriculum Development Committee for Hodgson Vo-Tech (HVT), Environmental Landscape Technology Program
- Graded Senior Projects for HVT, Environmental Program
- Assisted Talley Middle School with Artificial Wetland Creation Project
- Donated Plants for Brader Elementary School, Wetland Creation Project
- Donated Plants for Ohio State University Wetland Creation Project
- Presented Career Opportunities to Sussex Vo-Tech Environmental Program
- Donated Numerous Environmental Studies for Habitat for Humanity Projects

Selected Projects:

Firefly Music Festival – Dover, Delaware

Provided Wetland Delineation, Jurisdictional Determination, Wetland Permitting and Wetland Mitigation Design for the 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 festivals. The festival has grown every year and has required increased impacts in wetlands to accommodate the larger crowds and safe access. Permitting was always on a short time frame for this project.

Breakwater Beach – Bethany Beach, Delaware

Provided Wetland Delineation, Jurisdictional Determination and Wetland Permitting. For 30 years the property owner attempted to get approval to build the final eight homes on the beach but couldn't get the Corps of Engineer approvals. Watershed Eco, through creative design implementation, secured approval to construct these homes.

Peninsula – Millsboro, Delaware

Provided Wetland Delineation, Jurisdictional Determination, Wetland Permitting, Wetland Mitigation Design, Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Study, Fisheries Study, Forest Delineation and Assessment, Water Quality Monitoring and Environmental Features Construction Oversight.

The Reserves – Ocean View, Delaware

Provided Wetland Delineation, Jurisdictional Determination, Ditch Characterization, Wetland Permitting, Wetland Mitigation Design and Delmarva Fox Squirrel Habitat Study.

Warrington Property/Oak Creek – Rehoboth, Delaware

Provided Wetland Delineation, Jurisdictional Determination, Successful Appeal of JD for Isolated Wetlands, Revision to State Tidal Mapping and Consultation on Storm Water BMPs.

Shipyard Shops – Wilmington, Delaware

Provided Wetland Delineation, Jurisdictional Determination and Wetland Permitting.

Delaware Outdoor Advertising - Wilmington, Delaware

Provided Violation Resolution with the Corps of Engineers and the State for Billboards along I-95, Design of Wetland Mitigation, Construction Oversight and Wetland Mitigation Monitoring.

Townsend Station – Townsend, Delaware

Provided Violation Resolution with the Corps of Engineers for Illegal Wetland Fills, Design of Restoration and Mitigation Plans, Construction Oversight and Monitoring of Wetland Areas.

State Route 1, Phase II, Scott Run to Smyrna – Delaware

Provided Wetland Delineation, Jurisdictional Determination, Habitat Studies, Wetland Permitting, Wetland Mitigation Design, Construction Oversight, Wetland Mitigation Area Monitoring.



Photographs





Forested upland in the southern portion of the property.



Forested wetland in the central portion of the property.



Forested wetland in the north-central portion of the property.



Upland forest cover in the western portion of the property.



Upland forest in the eastern portion of the property.



Typical water-stained leaves within the on-site wetland.

Appendices



Townsend Acres

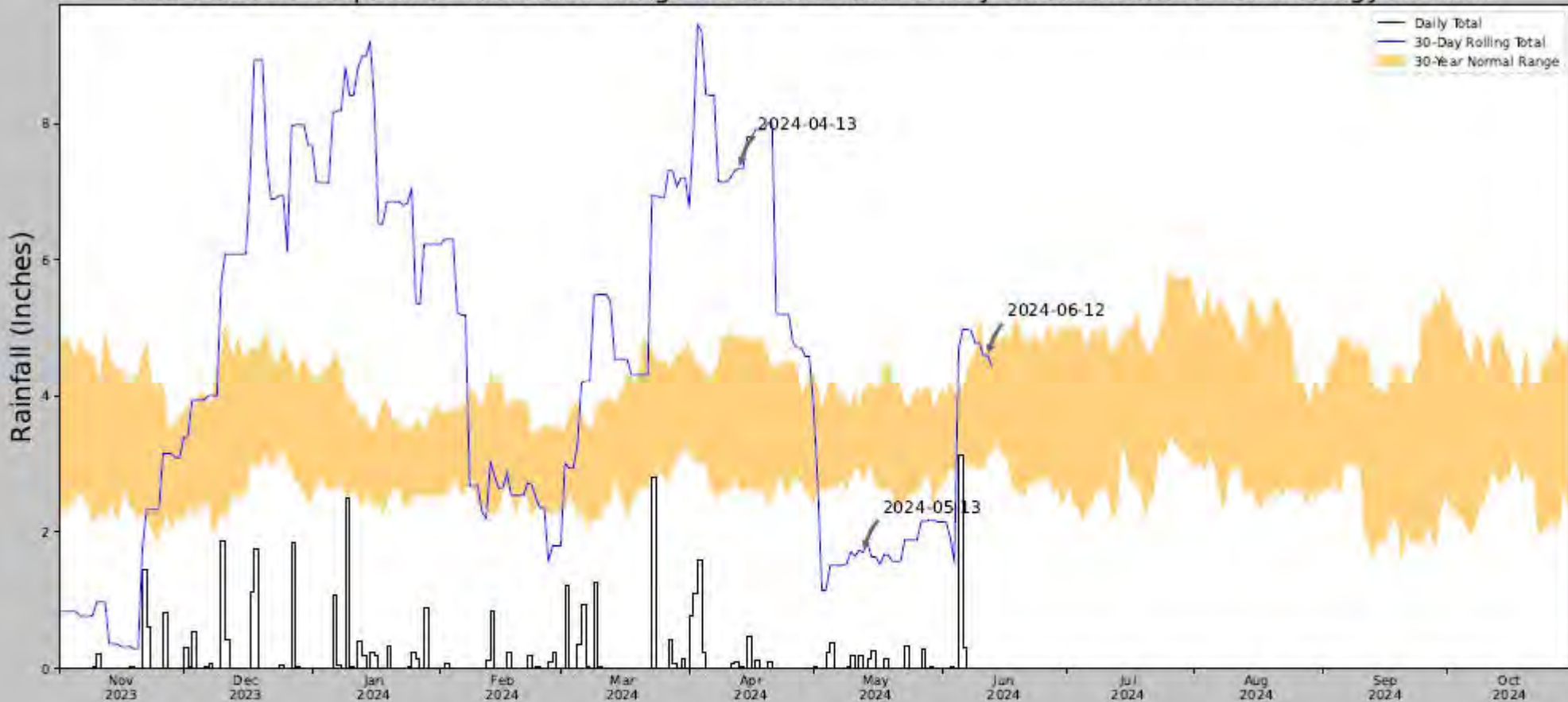
Wetland Delineation Map

Legend

- Flag ID#
- Parcel Boundary
- Wetland Boundary



Antecedent Precipitation vs Normal Range based on NOAA's Daily Global Historical Climatology Network



| | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Coordinates | 39.398871, -75.689437 |
| Observation Date | 2024-06-12 |
| Elevation (ft) | 62.863 |
| Drought Index (PDSI) | Mild wetness (2024-05) |
| WebWIMP H ₂ O Balance | Dry Season |

| 30 Days Ending | 30 th %ile (in) | 70 th %ile (in) | Observed (in) | Wetness Condition | Condition Value | Month Weight | Product |
|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------------|
| 2024-06-12 | 3.140158 | 4.682284 | 4.586614 | Normal | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| 2024-05-13 | 2.761417 | 4.101181 | 1.700787 | Dry | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| 2024-04-13 | 2.606693 | 4.850788 | 7.338583 | Wet | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| Result | | | | | | | Normal Conditions - 11 |



Figure and tables made by the
Antecedent Precipitation Tool
Version 1.0

Written by Jason Deters
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

| Weather Station Name | Coordinates | Elevation (ft) | Distance (mi) | Elevation Δ | Weighted Δ | Days Normal | Days Antecedent |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|
| WILMINGTON NEW CASTLE CO AP | 39.6744, -75.6056 | 74.147 | 19.554 | 11.284 | 9.02 | 11350 | 90 |
| NEWARK AG FARM | 39.6683, -75.7456 | 105.971 | 7.457 | 31.824 | 3.593 | 2 | 0 |

Townsend Acres

Wetland Delineation Map

Legend

- Flag ID#
- Parcel Boundary
- Wetland Boundary



WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Atlantic and Gulf Coastal Plain Region

Project/Site: Townsend Acres City/County: Townsend, New Castle Sampling Date: 6/12/2024
 Applicant/Owner: Becker Morgan Group, Inc. State: DE Sampling Point: UPL-1
 Investigator(s): W. Twupack Section, Township, Range: _____
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Flat Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave Slope (%): 2-5
 Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRR T Lat: 39.398768 Long: -75.688472 Datum: NAD 83
 Soil Map Unit Name: Reybold silt loam (ReB) NWI classification: _____

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes No _____ (If no, explain in Remarks.)
 Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes No _____
 Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

| | |
|--|--|
| Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydric Soil Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Remarks: Forested upland in the east-central portion of the property. Based on the Antecedent Precipitation Tool, hydrological conditions were normal at the time of the site investigation. | |

HYDROLOGY

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|--|--|
| Wetland Hydrology Indicators: <u>Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)</u> ___ Surface Water (A1) ___ Aquatic Fauna (B13) ___ High Water Table (A2) ___ Marl Deposits (B15) (LRR U) ___ Saturation (A3) ___ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1) ___ Water Marks (B1) ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres along Living Roots (C3) ___ Sediment Deposits (B2) ___ Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) ___ Drift Deposits (B3) ___ Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) ___ Algal Mat or Crust (B4) ___ Thin Muck Surface (C7) ___ Iron Deposits (B5) ___ Other (Explain in Remarks) ___ Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) ___ Water-Stained Leaves (B9) | Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required) ___ Surface Soil Cracks (B6) ___ Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8) ___ Drainage Patterns (B10) ___ Moss Trim Lines (B16) ___ Dry-Season Water Table (C2) ___ Crayfish Burrows (C8) ___ Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) ___ Geomorphic Position (D2) ___ Shallow Aquitard (D3) ___ FAC-Neutral Test (D5) ___ Sphagnum moss (D8) (LRR T, U) |
| Field Observations: Surface Water Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): _____ Water Table Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): _____ Saturation Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): _____ (includes capillary fringe) | Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available: | |
| Remarks: No wetland hydrology indicators observed at the time of the site investigation. Area gently sheet flows westerly to adjacent forested wetland. | |

VEGETATION (Five Strata) – Use scientific names of plants.

Sampling Point: UPL-1

| <u>Tree Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>30 ft</u>) | Absolute % Cover | Dominant Species? | Indicator Status | Dominance Test worksheet: |
|---|------------------|-------------------|------------------|--|
| 1. <u><i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i></u> | <u>30</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>FACU</u> | Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>4</u> (A) Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>13</u> (B) Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>30.7</u> (A/B) |
| 2. <u><i>Acer rubrum</i></u> | <u>15</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>FAC</u> | |
| 3. <u><i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i></u> | <u>15</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>FAC</u> | |
| 4. _____ | | | | |
| 5. _____ | | | | |
| 6. _____ | | | | |
| <u>60</u> = Total Cover | | | | Prevalence Index worksheet: |
| 50% of total cover: <u>30</u> 20% of total cover: <u>12</u> | | | | |
| <u>Sapling Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>30 ft</u>) | | | | Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____ OBL species _____ x 1 = _____ FACW species _____ x 2 = _____ FAC species _____ x 3 = _____ FACU species _____ x 4 = _____ UPL species _____ x 5 = _____ Column Totals: _____ (A) _____ (B) Prevalence Index = B/A = _____ |
| 1. <u><i>Sassafras albidum</i></u> | <u>5</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>FACU</u> | Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators: |
| 2. <u><i>Morus alba</i></u> | <u>5</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>FACU</u> | |
| 3. <u><i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i></u> | <u>5</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>FACU</u> | |
| 4. _____ | | | | |
| 5. _____ | | | | |
| 6. _____ | | | | |
| <u>15</u> = Total Cover | | | | ___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation ___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50% ___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 ¹ ___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain) |
| 50% of total cover: <u>7.5</u> 20% of total cover: <u>3</u> | | | | |
| <u>Shrub Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>30 ft</u>) | | | | ¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic. |
| 1. <u><i>Viburnum lentago</i></u> | <u>5</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>FAC</u> | |
| 2. <u><i>Morus alba</i></u> | <u>10</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>FACU</u> | |
| 3. <u><i>Rosa multiflora</i></u> | <u>5</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>FACU</u> | |
| 4. _____ | | | | |
| 5. _____ | | | | |
| <u>20</u> = Total Cover | | | | Definitions of Five Vegetation Strata: |
| 50% of total cover: <u>10</u> 20% of total cover: <u>4</u> | | | | |
| <u>Herb Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>30 ft</u>) | | | | Tree – Woody plants, excluding woody vines, approximately 20 ft (6 m) or more in height and 3 in. (7.6 cm) or larger in diameter at breast height (DBH). Sapling – Woody plants, excluding woody vines, approximately 20 ft (6 m) or more in height and less than 3 in. (7.6 cm) DBH. Shrub – Woody plants, excluding woody vines, approximately 3 to 20 ft (1 to 6 m) in height. Herb – All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, including herbaceous vines, regardless of size, and woody plants, except woody vines, less than approximately 3 ft (1 m) in height. Woody vine – All woody vines, regardless of height. |
| 1. <u><i>Lonicera japonica</i></u> | <u>15</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>FACU</u> | |
| 2. <u><i>Alliaria petiolata</i></u> | <u>15</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>FACU</u> | |
| 3. <u><i>Hedera helix</i></u> | <u>30</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>FACU</u> | |
| 4. <u><i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i></u> | <u>10</u> | <u>no</u> | <u>FACU</u> | |
| 5. _____ | | | | |
| <u>70</u> = Total Cover | | | | |
| 50% of total cover: <u>35</u> 20% of total cover: <u>14</u> | | | | |
| <u>Woody Vine Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>30 ft</u>) | | | | Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1. <u><i>Vitis labrusca</i></u> | <u>2</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>FAC</u> | |
| 2. _____ | | | | |
| 3. _____ | | | | |
| 4. _____ | | | | |
| 5. _____ | | | | |
| <u>2</u> = Total Cover | | | | |
| 50% of total cover: <u>1</u> 20% of total cover: <u>0.4</u> | | | | |
| Remarks: (If observed, list morphological adaptations below). | | | | |



Forested upland at data point UPL-1.



Soil boring at UPL-1.

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 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Flat Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave Slope (%): 2-5
 Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRR T Lat: 39.398744 Long: -75.688761 Datum: NAD 83
 Soil Map Unit Name: Reybold silt loam (ReB) NWI classification: PFO1E

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes No _____ (If no, explain in Remarks.)
 Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes No _____
 Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

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| Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____ Hydric Soil Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____ Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____ | Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____ |
| Remarks: Forested wetland in the central portion of the property. Based on the Antecedent Precipitation Tool, hydrological conditions were normal at the time of the site investigation. | |

HYDROLOGY

| | |
|---|--|
| Wetland Hydrology Indicators: <u>Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water (A1) <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Fauna (B13) <input type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2) <input type="checkbox"/> Marl Deposits (B15) (LRR U) <input type="checkbox"/> Saturation (A3) <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1) <input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks (B1) <input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Rhizospheres along Living Roots (C3) <input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits (B2) <input type="checkbox"/> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) <input type="checkbox"/> Drift Deposits (B3) <input type="checkbox"/> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) <input type="checkbox"/> Algal Mat or Crust (B4) <input type="checkbox"/> Thin Muck Surface (C7) <input type="checkbox"/> Iron Deposits (B5) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks) <input type="checkbox"/> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9) | Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required) <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Soil Cracks (B6) <input type="checkbox"/> Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8) <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns (B10) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moss Trim Lines (B16) <input type="checkbox"/> Dry-Season Water Table (C2) <input type="checkbox"/> Crayfish Burrows (C8) <input type="checkbox"/> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geomorphic Position (D2) <input type="checkbox"/> Shallow Aquitard (D3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test (D5) <input type="checkbox"/> Sphagnum moss (D8) (LRR T, U) |
| Field Observations: Surface Water Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): _____ Water Table Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): _____ Saturation Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): _____ (includes capillary fringe) | Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____ |
| Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available: | |
| Remarks: Area receives sheet flow runoff from adjacent wooded uplands. | |

VEGETATION (Five Strata) – Use scientific names of plants.

Sampling Point: WET-1

| | Absolute % Cover | Dominant Species? | Indicator Status | |
|---|------------------|-------------------|------------------|---|
| Tree Stratum (Plot size: <u>30 ft</u>) | | | | |
| 1. <u>Liquidambar styraciflua</u> | <u>15</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>FAC</u> | Dominance Test worksheet: Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>8</u> (A) Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>8</u> (B) Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>100</u> (A/B) |
| 2. <u>Acer rubrum</u> | <u>50</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>FAC</u> | |
| 3. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| 4. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| 5. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| 6. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| <u>65</u> = Total Cover | | | | Prevalence Index worksheet: Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____ OBL species _____ x 1 = _____ FACW species _____ x 2 = _____ FAC species _____ x 3 = _____ FACU species _____ x 4 = _____ UPL species _____ x 5 = _____ Column Totals: _____ (A) _____ (B) Prevalence Index = B/A = _____ |
| 50% of total cover: <u>32.5</u> 20% of total cover: <u>13</u> | | | | |
| Sapling Stratum (Plot size: <u>30 ft</u>) | | | | |
| 1. <u>Acer rubrum</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>FAC</u> | Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> 2 - Dominance Test is >50% <input type="checkbox"/> 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 ¹ <input type="checkbox"/> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain) |
| 2. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| 3. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| 4. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| 5. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| 6. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| <u>10</u> = Total Cover | | | | ¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic. |
| 50% of total cover: <u>5</u> 20% of total cover: <u>2</u> | | | | |
| Shrub Stratum (Plot size: <u>30 ft</u>) | | | | |
| 1. <u>Ilex opaca</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>FAC</u> | Definitions of Five Vegetation Strata: Tree – Woody plants, excluding woody vines, approximately 20 ft (6 m) or more in height and 3 in. (7.6 cm) or larger in diameter at breast height (DBH). Sapling – Woody plants, excluding woody vines, approximately 20 ft (6 m) or more in height and less than 3 in. (7.6 cm) DBH. Shrub – Woody plants, excluding woody vines, approximately 3 to 20 ft (1 to 6 m) in height. Herb – All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, including herbaceous vines, regardless of size, and woody plants, except woody vines, less than approximately 3 ft (1 m) in height. Woody vine – All woody vines, regardless of height. |
| 2. <u>Liquidambar styraciflua</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>FAC</u> | |
| 3. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| 4. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| 5. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| 6. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| <u>10</u> = Total Cover | | | | Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 50% of total cover: <u>5</u> 20% of total cover: <u>2</u> | | | | |
| Herb Stratum (Plot size: <u>30 ft</u>) | | | | |
| 1. <u>Toxicodendron radicans</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>FAC</u> | _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ |
| 2. <u>Carex lurida</u> | <u>15</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>OBL</u> | |
| 3. <u>Microstegium vimineum</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>FAC</u> | |
| 4. <u>Woodwardia areolata</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>no</u> | <u>OBL</u> | |
| 5. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| 6. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| 7. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| 8. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| 9. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| 10. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| 11. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| <u>40</u> = Total Cover | | | | |
| 50% of total cover: <u>20</u> 20% of total cover: <u>8</u> | | | | |
| Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: <u>30 ft</u>) | | | | |
| 1. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| 2. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| 3. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| 4. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| 5. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| <u>0</u> = Total Cover | | | | |
| 50% of total cover: _____ 20% of total cover: _____ | | | | |

Remarks: (If observed, list morphological adaptations below).



Forested wetland at data point WET-1.



Hydric soils at soil boring at WET-1.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Atlantic and Gulf Coastal Plain Region

Project/Site: Townsend Acres City/County: Townsend, New Castle Sampling Date: 6/12/2024
 Applicant/Owner: Becker Morgan Group, Inc. State: DE Sampling Point: UPL-2
 Investigator(s): W. Twupack Section, Township, Range: _____
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Hillslope Local relief (concave, convex, none): none Slope (%): 0-2
 Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRR T Lat: 39.399249 Long: -75.690399 Datum: NAD 83
 Soil Map Unit Name: Woodstown loam (WocB) NWI classification: _____

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes No _____ (If no, explain in Remarks.)
 Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes No _____
 Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

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|--|--|
| Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydric Soil Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Remarks: Forested upland in the northwestern portion of the property. Based on the Antecedent Precipitation Tool, hydrological conditions were normal at the time of the site investigation. | |

HYDROLOGY

| | |
|---|---|
| Wetland Hydrology Indicators: <u>Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)</u> ___ Surface Water (A1) ___ Aquatic Fauna (B13) ___ High Water Table (A2) ___ Marl Deposits (B15) (LRR U) ___ Saturation (A3) ___ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1) ___ Water Marks (B1) ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres along Living Roots (C3) ___ Sediment Deposits (B2) ___ Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) ___ Drift Deposits (B3) ___ Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) ___ Algal Mat or Crust (B4) ___ Thin Muck Surface (C7) ___ Iron Deposits (B5) ___ Other (Explain in Remarks) ___ Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) ___ Water-Stained Leaves (B9) | Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required) ___ Surface Soil Cracks (B6) ___ Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8) ___ Drainage Patterns (B10) ___ Moss Trim Lines (B16) ___ Dry-Season Water Table (C2) ___ Crayfish Burrows (C8) ___ Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) ___ Geomorphic Position (D2) ___ Shallow Aquitard (D3) ___ FAC-Neutral Test (D5) ___ Sphagnum moss (D8) (LRR T, U) |
| Field Observations: Surface Water Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): _____ Water Table Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): _____ Saturation Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): _____ (includes capillary fringe) | Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available: | |
| Remarks: No wetland hydrology indicators observed at the time of the site investigation. Area gently sheet flows to adjacent forested wetland to the east. | |

VEGETATION (Five Strata) – Use scientific names of plants.

Sampling Point: UPL-2

| | Absolute % Cover | Dominant Species? | Indicator Status | |
|--|------------------|-------------------|------------------|---|
| Tree Stratum (Plot size: <u>30 ft</u>) | | | | |
| 1. <u><i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i></u> | <u>50</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>FACU</u> | Dominance Test worksheet: Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>4</u> (A) Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>7</u> (B) Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>28.5</u> (A/B) |
| 2. <u><i>Acer rubrum</i></u> | <u>20</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>FAC</u> | |
| 3. _____ | | | | |
| 4. _____ | | | | |
| 5. _____ | | | | |
| 6. _____ | | | | |
| <u>70</u> = Total Cover | | | | Prevalence Index worksheet: Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____ OBL species _____ x 1 = _____ FACW species _____ x 2 = _____ FAC species _____ x 3 = _____ FACU species _____ x 4 = _____ UPL species _____ x 5 = _____ Column Totals: _____ (A) _____ (B) Prevalence Index = B/A = _____ |
| 50% of total cover: <u>35</u> 20% of total cover: <u>14</u> | | | | |
| Sapling Stratum (Plot size: <u>30 ft</u>) | | | | |
| 1. <u><i>Acer rubrum</i></u> | <u>5</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>FACU</u> | Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> 2 - Dominance Test is >50% <input type="checkbox"/> 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 ¹ <input type="checkbox"/> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain) |
| 2. <u><i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i></u> | <u>5</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>FACU</u> | |
| 3. _____ | | | | |
| 4. _____ | | | | |
| 5. _____ | | | | |
| 6. _____ | | | | |
| <u>10</u> = Total Cover | | | | ¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic. |
| 50% of total cover: <u>5</u> 20% of total cover: <u>2</u> | | | | |
| Shrub Stratum (Plot size: <u>30 ft</u>) | | | | |
| 1. <u><i>Ilex opaca</i></u> | <u>2</u> | <u>no</u> | <u>FAC</u> | Definitions of Five Vegetation Strata: Tree – Woody plants, excluding woody vines, approximately 20 ft (6 m) or more in height and 3 in. (7.6 cm) or larger in diameter at breast height (DBH). Sapling – Woody plants, excluding woody vines, approximately 20 ft (6 m) or more in height and less than 3 in. (7.6 cm) DBH. Shrub – Woody plants, excluding woody vines, approximately 3 to 20 ft (1 to 6 m) in height. Herb – All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, including herbaceous vines, regardless of size, and woody plants, except woody vines, less than approximately 3 ft (1 m) in height. Woody vine – All woody vines, regardless of height. |
| 2. <u><i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i></u> | <u>5</u> | <u>no</u> | <u>NI</u> | |
| 3. <u><i>Rosa multiflora</i></u> | <u>40</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>FACU</u> | |
| 4. _____ | | | | |
| 5. _____ | | | | |
| 6. _____ | | | | |
| <u>47</u> = Total Cover | | | | Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 50% of total cover: <u>23.5</u> 20% of total cover: <u>9.4</u> | | | | |
| Herb Stratum (Plot size: <u>30 ft</u>) | | | | |
| 1. <u><i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i></u> | <u>20</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>FACU</u> | _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ |
| 2. <u><i>Arisaema triphyllum</i></u> | <u>5</u> | <u>no</u> | <u>FACW</u> | |
| 3. <u><i>Hedera helix</i></u> | <u>10</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>FACU</u> | |
| 4. _____ | | | | |
| 5. _____ | | | | |
| 6. _____ | | | | |
| 7. _____ | | | | |
| 8. _____ | | | | |
| 9. _____ | | | | |
| 10. _____ | | | | |
| 11. _____ | | | | |
| <u>35</u> = Total Cover | | | | |
| 50% of total cover: <u>17.5</u> 20% of total cover: <u>7</u> | | | | |
| Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: <u>30 ft</u>) | | | | |
| 1. _____ | | | | _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ |
| 2. _____ | | | | |
| 3. _____ | | | | |
| 4. _____ | | | | |
| 5. _____ | | | | |
| <u>0</u> = Total Cover | | | | |
| 50% of total cover: _____ 20% of total cover: _____ | | | | |
| Remarks: (If observed, list morphological adaptations below). | | | | |

SOIL

Sampling Point: UPL-2

| Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.) | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|---|
| Depth (inches) | Matrix | | Redox Features | | | | Texture | Remarks |
| | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type ¹ | Loc ² | | |
| 0-2 | 10YR 2/2 | 100 | | | | | silt loam | |
| 2-7 | 10YR 4/3 | 100 | | | | | silt loam | |
| 7-20 | 10YR 5/6 | 100 | | | | | silt loam | |
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| ¹ Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, MS=Masked Sand Grains. | | | | | ² Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix. | | | |
| Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.) | | | | | Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils³: | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon (A2) | <input type="checkbox"/> Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) (LRR S, T, U) | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 cm Muck (A9) (LRR O) | <input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon (A2) | <input type="checkbox"/> Thin Dark Surface (S9) (LRR S, T, U) | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 cm Muck (A10) (LRR S) | <input type="checkbox"/> Black Histic (A3) | <input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) (LRR O) | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced Vertic (F18) (outside MLRA 150A,B) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide (A4) | <input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2) | <input type="checkbox"/> Piedmont Floodplain Soils (F19) (LRR P, S, T) | <input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Layers (A5) | <input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Matrix (F3) | <input type="checkbox"/> Anomalous Bright Loamy Soils (F20) | <input type="checkbox"/> Organic Bodies (A6) (LRR P, T, U) | <input type="checkbox"/> Redox Dark Surface (F6) | <input type="checkbox"/> (MLRA 153B) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 cm Mucky Mineral (A7) (LRR P, T, U) | <input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Dark Surface (F7) | <input type="checkbox"/> Red Parent Material (TF2) | <input type="checkbox"/> Muck Presence (A8) (LRR U) | <input type="checkbox"/> Redox Depressions (F8) | <input type="checkbox"/> Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12) | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 cm Muck (A9) (LRR P, T) | <input type="checkbox"/> Marl (F10) (LRR U) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11) | <input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Ochric (F11) (MLRA 151) | <input type="checkbox"/> Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic. | <input type="checkbox"/> Thick Dark Surface (A12) | <input type="checkbox"/> Iron-Manganese Masses (F12) (LRR O, P, T) | <input type="checkbox"/> Umbric Surface (F13) (LRR P, T, U) | <input type="checkbox"/> Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (MLRA 150A) | <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Ochric (F17) (MLRA 151) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1) (LRR O, S) | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced Vertic (F18) (MLRA 150A, 150B) | | <input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4) | <input type="checkbox"/> Piedmont Floodplain Soils (F19) (MLRA 149A) | <input type="checkbox"/> Anomalous Bright Loamy Soils (F20) (MLRA 149A, 153C, 153D) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Redox (S5) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stripped Matrix (S6) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Dark Surface (S7) (LRR P, S, T, U) | | | | | |
| Restrictive Layer (if observed): | | | | | | | | |
| Type: _____ | | | | | Hydric Soil Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| Depth (inches): _____ | | | | | | | | |
| Remarks: | | | | | | | | |



Upland forest near the northwestern property boundary at UPL-2.



Soil boring at UPL-2.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Atlantic and Gulf Coastal Plain Region

Project/Site: Townsend Acres City/County: Townsend, New Castle Sampling Date: 6/12/2024
 Applicant/Owner: Becker Morgan Group, Inc. State: DE Sampling Point: WET-2
 Investigator(s): W. Twupack Section, Township, Range: _____
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Depression Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave Slope (%): 0-2
 Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRR T Lat: 39.399583 Long: -75.690172 Datum: NAD 83
 Soil Map Unit Name: Fallsington loams (FgcA) NWI classification: PFO1E

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes No _____ (If no, explain in Remarks.)
 Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes No _____
 Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

| | |
|--|--|
| Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____ Hydric Soil Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____ Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____ | Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____ |
| Remarks: Forested wetland in the north-central portion of the property. Based on the Antecedent Precipitation Tool, hydrological conditions were normal at the time of the site investigation. | |

HYDROLOGY

| | |
|--|--|
| Wetland Hydrology Indicators: <u>Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)</u> ___ Surface Water (A1) ___ Aquatic Fauna (B13) ___ High Water Table (A2) ___ Marl Deposits (B15) (LRR U) ___ Saturation (A3) ___ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1) ___ Water Marks (B1) ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres along Living Roots (C3) ___ Sediment Deposits (B2) ___ Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) ___ Drift Deposits (B3) ___ Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) ___ Algal Mat or Crust (B4) ___ Thin Muck Surface (C7) ___ Iron Deposits (B5) ___ Other (Explain in Remarks) ___ Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9) | <u>Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)</u> ___ Surface Soil Cracks (B6) ___ Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8) ___ Drainage Patterns (B10) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moss Trim Lines (B16) ___ Dry-Season Water Table (C2) ___ Crayfish Burrows (C8) ___ Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geomorphic Position (D2) ___ Shallow Aquitard (D3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test (D5) ___ Sphagnum moss (D8) (LRR T, U) |
| Field Observations: Surface Water Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): _____ Water Table Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): _____ Saturation Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): _____ (includes capillary fringe) | Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____ |
| Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available: | |
| Remarks: Area receives sheet flow runoff from adjacent wooded uplands. | |

VEGETATION (Five Strata) – Use scientific names of plants.

Sampling Point: WET-2

| <u>Tree Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>30 ft</u>) | Absolute % Cover | Dominant Species? | Indicator Status | Dominance Test worksheet: |
|---|------------------|-------------------|------------------|--|
| 1. <u>Liquidambar styraciflua</u> | <u>15</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>FAC</u> | Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>6</u> (A) |
| 2. <u>Acer rubrum</u> | <u>50</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>FAC</u> | Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>6</u> (B) |
| 3. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>100</u> (A/B) |
| 4. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| 5. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| 6. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| <u>65</u> = Total Cover | | | | Prevalence Index worksheet: |
| 50% of total cover: <u>32.5</u> 20% of total cover: <u>13</u> | | | | _____ Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____ |
| <u>Sapling Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>30 ft</u>) | | | | OBL species _____ x 1 = _____ |
| 1. <u>Acer rubrum</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>FAC</u> | FACW species _____ x 2 = _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | FAC species _____ x 3 = _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | FACU species _____ x 4 = _____ |
| 4. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | UPL species _____ x 5 = _____ |
| 5. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | Column Totals: _____ (A) _____ (B) |
| 6. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | Prevalence Index = B/A = _____ |
| <u>5</u> = Total Cover | | | | Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators: |
| 50% of total cover: <u>2.5</u> 20% of total cover: <u>1</u> | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation |
| <u>Shrub Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>30 ft</u>) | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 - Dominance Test is >50% |
| 1. <u>Rosa multiflora</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>FACU</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 - Prevalence Index is $\leq 3.0^1$ |
| 2. <u>Acer rubrum</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>FAC</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain) |
| 3. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| 4. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| 5. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| 6. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| <u>7</u> = Total Cover | | | | ¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic. |
| 50% of total cover: <u>3.5</u> 20% of total cover: <u>1.4</u> | | | | Definitions of Five Vegetation Strata: |
| <u>Herb Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>30 ft</u>) | | | | Tree – Woody plants, excluding woody vines, approximately 20 ft (6 m) or more in height and 3 in. (7.6 cm) or larger in diameter at breast height (DBH). |
| 1. <u>Toxicodendron radicans</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>no</u> | <u>FAC</u> | Sapling – Woody plants, excluding woody vines, approximately 20 ft (6 m) or more in height and less than 3 in. (7.6 cm) DBH. |
| 2. <u>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>no</u> | <u>FACU</u> | Shrub – Woody plants, excluding woody vines, approximately 3 to 20 ft (1 to 6 m) in height. |
| 3. <u>Woodwardia areolata</u> | <u>30</u> | <u>yes</u> | <u>OBL</u> | Herb – All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, including herbaceous vines, regardless of size, and woody plants, except woody vines, less than approximately 3 ft (1 m) in height. |
| 4. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | Woody vine – All woody vines, regardless of height. |
| 5. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
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| 10. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| 11. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| <u>40</u> = Total Cover | | | | Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 50% of total cover: <u>20</u> 20% of total cover: <u>8</u> | | | | |
| <u>Woody Vine Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>30 ft</u>) | | | | |
| 1. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| 2. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| 3. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| 4. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| 5. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| <u>0</u> = Total Cover | | | | |
| 50% of total cover: _____ 20% of total cover: _____ | | | | |
| Remarks: (If observed, list morphological adaptations below). | | | | |

SOIL

Sampling Point: WET-2

| Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.) | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|----|----------------|----|-------------------|------------------|------------|---------|
| Depth (inches) | Matrix | | Redox Features | | | | Texture | Remarks |
| | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type ¹ | Loc ² | | |
| 0-8 | 10YR 4/1 | 80 | 7.5YR 5/6 | 20 | C | M | silt loam | |
| 8-20 | 10YR 5/1 | 75 | 10YR 5/6 | 25 | C | M | silty clay | |
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Forested wetland at data point WET-2 in the northcentral portion of the property.



Soils encountered at WET-2.



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Townsend Acres



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://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/soils/health/>) and certain conservation and engineering applications. For more detailed information, contact your local USDA Service Center (<https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs>) or your NRCS State Soil Scientist (http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/soils/contactus/?cid=nrcs142p2_053951).

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 Web Soil Survey, the site for 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

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scientists classified and named the soils in the survey area, they compared the 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

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identified each as a specific map unit. Aerial photographs show trees, buildings, fields, roads, and rivers, all of which help in locating boundaries accurately.

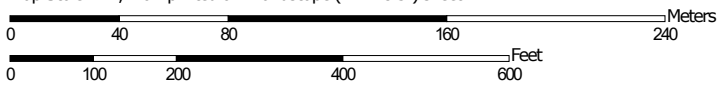
Soil Map

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.

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Map Scale: 1:2,770 if printed on A landscape (11" x 8.5") sheet.



Map projection: Web Mercator Corner coordinates: WGS84 Edge tics: UTM Zone 18N WGS84

MAP LEGEND

Area of Interest (AOI)

 Area of Interest (AOI)




















Soils

 Soil Map Unit Polygons

 Soil Map Unit Lines

 Soil Map Unit Points

Special Point Features

-  Blowout
-  Borrow Pit
-  Clay Spot
-  Closed Depression
-  Gravel Pit
-  Gravelly Spot
-  Landfill
-  Lava Flow
-  Marsh or swamp
-  Mine or Quarry
-  Miscellaneous Water
-  Perennial Water
-  Rock Outcrop
-  Saline Spot
-  Sandy Spot
-  Severely Eroded Spot
-  Sinkhole
-  Slide or Slip
-  Sodic Spot

-  Spoil Area
-  Stony Spot
-  Very Stony Spot
-  Wet Spot
-  Other
-  Special Line Features

Water Features

 Streams and Canals

Transportation

-  Rails
-  Interstate Highways
-  US Routes
-  Major Roads
-  Local Roads

Background

 Aerial Photography

MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:24,000.

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 map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service
 Web Soil Survey URL:
 Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: New Castle County, Delaware
 Survey Area Data: Version 18, Sep 12, 2023

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Jun 5, 2022—Jul 4, 2022

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

Map Unit Legend

| Map Unit Symbol | Map Unit Name | Acres in AOI | Percent of AOI |
|------------------------------------|---|--------------|----------------|
| FgcA | Fallsington loams, 0 to 2 percent slopes, Mid-Atlantic Coastal Plain | 1.0 | 6.5% |
| ImB | Ingleside-Hammonton-Fallsington complex, 0 to 5 percent slopes | 3.9 | 24.8% |
| ReB | Reybold silt loam, 2 to 5 percent slopes | 6.7 | 42.8% |
| SacB | Sassafras sandy loam, 2 to 5 percent slopes, Mid-Atlantic Coastal Plain | 1.2 | 7.7% |
| WocA | Woodstown loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, Mid-Atlantic Coastal Plain | 2.9 | 18.2% |
| Totals for Area of Interest | | 15.7 | 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

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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.

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.

New Castle County, Delaware

FgcA—Fallsington loams, 0 to 2 percent slopes, Mid-Atlantic Coastal Plain

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 2s96t

Elevation: 10 to 70 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 42 to 48 inches

Mean annual air temperature: 52 to 58 degrees F

Frost-free period: 180 to 220 days

Farmland classification: Farmland of statewide importance

Map Unit Composition

Fallsington, undrained, and similar soils: 38 percent

Fallsington, drained, and similar soils: 37 percent

Minor components: 25 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Fallsington, Undrained

Setting

Landform: Swales, depressions, flats, drainageways

Landform position (three-dimensional): Dip, tal

Down-slope shape: Concave, linear

Across-slope shape: Linear, concave

Parent material: Loamy fluviomarine deposits

Typical profile

Oe - 0 to 2 inches: mucky peat

A - 2 to 10 inches: loam

Btg - 10 to 32 inches: sandy clay loam

BCg - 32 to 39 inches: loamy sand

Cg1 - 39 to 46 inches: sandy clay loam

Cg2 - 46 to 80 inches: sand

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 low to high
(0.01 to 1.98 in/hr)

Depth to water table: About 0 to 10 inches

Frequency of flooding: None

Frequency of ponding: Occasional

Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.3 mmhos/cm)

Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Moderate (about 8.8 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified

Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 5w

Hydrologic Soil Group: C/D

Ecological site: F149AY090NJ - Coastal Plain Hardwood Swamp

Hydric soil rating: Yes

Description of Fallsington, Drained

Setting

Landform: Swales, depressions, flats
Landform position (three-dimensional): Dip, talf
Down-slope shape: Concave, linear
Across-slope shape: Linear, concave
Parent material: Loamy fluviomarine deposits

Typical profile

Ap - 0 to 10 inches: loam
Btg - 10 to 32 inches: sandy clay loam
BCg - 32 to 39 inches: loamy sand
Cg1 - 39 to 46 inches: sandy clay loam
Cg2 - 46 to 80 inches: sand

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 low to high
(0.01 to 1.98 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 10 to 20 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: Rare
Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.3 mmhos/cm)
Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Moderate (about 8.2 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified
Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 3w
Hydrologic Soil Group: C/D
Ecological site: F149AY090NJ - Coastal Plain Hardwood Swamp
Hydric soil rating: Yes

Minor Components

Hammonton

Percent of map unit: 7 percent
Landform: Drainageways, flats
Landform position (three-dimensional): Dip, talf
Down-slope shape: Concave, linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Ecological site: F149AY130NJ - Moist Loamy Upland
Hydric soil rating: No

Woodstown

Percent of map unit: 7 percent
Landform: Broad interstream divides, depressions, fluviomarine terraces, flats
Landform position (two-dimensional): Summit, footslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread, talf, dip
Down-slope shape: Linear, concave
Across-slope shape: Linear, concave
Ecological site: F149AY130NJ - Moist Loamy Upland
Hydric soil rating: No

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Othello

Percent of map unit: 6 percent
Landform: Flats, drainageways, swales, depressions
Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope, footslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Talf, dip
Down-slope shape: Linear, concave
Across-slope shape: Linear, concave
Ecological site: F149AY090NJ - Coastal Plain Hardwood Swamp
Hydric soil rating: Yes

Marshyhope

Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Drainageways, flats, depressions
Landform position (three-dimensional): Dip, talf
Down-slope shape: Linear, concave
Across-slope shape: Concave, linear
Ecological site: F149AY130NJ - Moist Loamy Upland
Hydric soil rating: No

ImB—Ingleside-Hammonton-Fallsington complex, 0 to 5 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 2p7dp
Elevation: 10 to 140 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 42 to 48 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 52 to 58 degrees F
Frost-free period: 180 to 220 days
Farmland classification: All areas are prime farmland

Map Unit Composition

Ingleside and similar soils: 35 percent
Hammonton and similar soils: 30 percent
Fallsington, drained, and similar soils: 15 percent
Fallsington, undrained, and similar soils: 10 percent
Minor components: 10 percent
Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Ingleside

Setting

Landform: Fluvio-marine terraces, depressions, flats
Down-slope shape: Linear, concave
Across-slope shape: Linear, concave

Typical profile

Ap - 0 to 10 inches: sandy loam
E - 10 to 15 inches: sandy loam
Bt - 15 to 33 inches: sandy loam
BC - 33 to 43 inches: sandy loam

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C1 - 43 to 56 inches: loamy sand

C2 - 56 to 80 inches: silt loam

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 5 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches

Drainage class: Well drained

Runoff class: Very low

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately low to high (0.06 to 5.95 in/hr)

Depth to water table: About 40 to 72 inches

Frequency of flooding: None

Frequency of ponding: None

Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Moderate (about 6.9 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 2e

Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 2e

Hydrologic Soil Group: A

Ecological site: F153DY160NJ - Well Drained Coarse-Loamy Upland

Hydric soil rating: No

Description of Hammonton

Setting

Landform: Drainageways, depressions, flats

Down-slope shape: Concave, linear

Across-slope shape: Concave, linear

Parent material: Loamy fluviomarine sediments

Typical profile

Ap - 0 to 11 inches: sandy loam

Bt - 11 to 30 inches: sandy loam

Cg - 30 to 80 inches: sand

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 5 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches

Drainage class: Moderately well drained

Runoff class: Very low

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (1.98 to 5.95 in/hr)

Depth to water table: About 20 to 40 inches

Frequency of flooding: None

Frequency of ponding: None

Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Low (about 5.4 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 2e

Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 2e

Hydrologic Soil Group: B

Ecological site: F149AY130NJ - Moist Loamy Upland

Hydric soil rating: No

Description of Fallsington, Drained

Setting

Landform: Drainageways, swales, depressions, flats

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Down-slope shape: Concave, linear
Across-slope shape: Linear, concave
Parent material: Loamy fluviomarine sediments

Typical profile

Ap - 0 to 10 inches: sandy loam
Btg - 10 to 32 inches: sandy clay loam
BCg - 32 to 39 inches: loamy sand
Cg1 - 39 to 46 inches: sandy clay loam
Cg2 - 46 to 80 inches: sand

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 2 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Poorly drained
Runoff class: Very low
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to high
(0.57 to 1.98 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 10 to 20 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: Rare
Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Moderate (about 8.2 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 3w
Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 3w
Hydrologic Soil Group: B/D
Ecological site: F149AY090NJ - Coastal Plain Hardwood Swamp
Hydric soil rating: Yes

Description of Fallsington, Undrained

Setting

Landform: Drainageways, swales, depressions, flats
Down-slope shape: Concave, linear
Across-slope shape: Linear, concave
Parent material: Loamy fluviomarine sediments

Typical profile

Oe - 0 to 2 inches: moderately decomposed plant material
A - 2 to 10 inches: sandy loam
Btg - 10 to 32 inches: sandy clay loam
BCg - 32 to 39 inches: loamy sand
Cg1 - 39 to 46 inches: sandy clay loam
Cg2 - 46 to 80 inches: sand

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 2 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Poorly drained
Runoff class: Negligible
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to high
(0.57 to 1.98 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 0 to 10 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: Occasional
Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Moderate (about 8.8 inches)

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Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified
Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 4w
Hydrologic Soil Group: B/D
Ecological site: F149AY090NJ - Coastal Plain Hardwood Swamp
Hydric soil rating: Yes

Minor Components

Fort mott

Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Flats
Ecological site: F153DY160NJ - Well Drained Coarse-Loamy Upland
Hydric soil rating: No

Cedartown

Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Flats
Ecological site: F153DY170NJ - Sandy, Excessively Drained Upland
Hydric soil rating: No

ReB—Reybold silt loam, 2 to 5 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 2p7g7
Elevation: 10 to 120 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 42 to 48 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 52 to 59 degrees F
Frost-free period: 180 to 220 days
Farmland classification: All areas are prime farmland

Map Unit Composition

Reybold and similar soils: 75 percent
Minor components: 25 percent
Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Reybold

Setting

Landform: Interfluves, flats
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Parent material: High silt loamy eolian deposits over fluviomarine deposits

Typical profile

Ap - 0 to 10 inches: silt loam
Bt - 10 to 30 inches: silt loam

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2BC - 30 to 39 inches: gravelly coarse sandy loam

2C - 39 to 80 inches: gravelly coarse sandy loam

Properties and qualities

Slope: 2 to 5 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches

Drainage class: Well drained

Runoff class: Low

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to high
(0.20 to 2.00 in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None

Frequency of ponding: None

Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Moderate (about 7.7 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified

Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 2e

Hydrologic Soil Group: B

Ecological site: F149AY170MD - Well Drained Fine-Loamy Upland

Hydric soil rating: No

Minor Components

Sassafras

Percent of map unit: 10 percent

Landform: Knolls, flats

Ecological site: F149AY170MD - Well Drained Fine-Loamy Upland

Hydric soil rating: No

Unicorn

Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Landform: Swales, flats

Ecological site: F153DY160NJ - Well Drained Coarse-Loamy Upland

Hydric soil rating: No

Queponco

Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Landform: Swales, flats

Ecological site: F149AY170MD - Well Drained Fine-Loamy Upland

Hydric soil rating: No

Matapeake

Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Landform: Flats

Ecological site: F153CY030MD - Well Drained Loess Upland

Hydric soil rating: No

SacB—Sassafras sandy loam, 2 to 5 percent slopes, Mid-Atlantic Coastal Plain

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 2thxf
Elevation: 0 to 100 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 42 to 46 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 55 to 59 degrees F
Frost-free period: 210 to 240 days
Farmland classification: All areas are prime farmland

Map Unit Composition

Sassafras and similar soils: 80 percent
Minor components: 20 percent
Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Sassafras

Setting

Landform: Fluvio-marine terraces, flats
Landform position (three-dimensional): Riser, rise
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Parent material: Loamy fluvio-marine deposits

Typical profile

Ap - 0 to 12 inches: sandy loam
Bt1 - 12 to 18 inches: sandy loam
Bt2 - 18 to 28 inches: sandy clay loam
BC - 28 to 40 inches: loamy sand
C1 - 40 to 58 inches: sand
C2 - 58 to 80 inches: sand

Properties and qualities

Slope: 2 to 5 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to high
(0.20 to 2.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Moderate (about 7.1 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 2e
Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 2e
Hydrologic Soil Group: B
Ecological site: F149AY170MD - Well Drained Fine-Loamy Upland
Hydric soil rating: No

Minor Components

Ingleside

Percent of map unit: 10 percent
Landform: Flats
Landform position (two-dimensional): Summit
Landform position (three-dimensional): Rise
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Ecological site: F153DY160NJ - Well Drained Coarse-Loamy Upland
Hydric soil rating: No

Downer

Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Flats, low hills, knolls
Landform position (two-dimensional): Shoulder, summit
Landform position (three-dimensional): Interfluvium, rise
Down-slope shape: Linear, convex
Across-slope shape: Linear
Ecological site: F153DY160NJ - Well Drained Coarse-Loamy Upland
Hydric soil rating: No

Woodstown

Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Landform: Flats, depressions, broad interstream divides, fluvio-marine terraces
Landform position (two-dimensional): Summit, footslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread, talus, dip
Down-slope shape: Linear, concave
Across-slope shape: Linear, concave
Ecological site: F149AY130NJ - Moist Loamy Upland
Hydric soil rating: No

WocA—Woodstown loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, Mid-Atlantic Coastal Plain

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 2thx4
Elevation: 0 to 90 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 40 to 50 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 55 to 59 degrees F
Frost-free period: 210 to 240 days
Farmland classification: All areas are prime farmland

Map Unit Composition

Woodstown and similar soils: 80 percent
Minor components: 20 percent
Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Woodstown

Setting

Landform: Flats, broad interstream divides, depressions, fluvio-marine terraces

Landform position (two-dimensional): Summit, footslope

Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread, tal, dip

Down-slope shape: Linear, concave

Across-slope shape: Linear, concave

Parent material: Loamy fluvio-marine deposits

Typical profile

Ap - 0 to 7 inches: loam

E - 7 to 11 inches: sandy loam

Bt - 11 to 29 inches: sandy loam

BCg - 29 to 45 inches: fine sandy loam

Cg - 45 to 80 inches: loamy sand

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 2 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches

Drainage class: Moderately well drained

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to high
(0.57 to 1.98 in/hr)

Depth to water table: About 20 to 40 inches

Frequency of flooding: None

Frequency of ponding: None

Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)

Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Moderate (about 8.3 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified

Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 2w

Hydrologic Soil Group: C

Ecological site: F149AY130NJ - Moist Loamy Upland

Hydric soil rating: No

Minor Components

Fallsington

Percent of map unit: 6 percent

Landform: Swales, depressions, flats, drainageways

Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope

Landform position (three-dimensional): Dip, tal

Down-slope shape: Concave, linear

Across-slope shape: Linear, concave

Ecological site: F149AY090NJ - Coastal Plain Hardwood Swamp

Hydric soil rating: Yes

Hammonton

Percent of map unit: 6 percent

Landform: Broad interstream divides, flats

Landform position (two-dimensional): Summit

Landform position (three-dimensional): Tal

Down-slope shape: Linear

Across-slope shape: Linear

Ecological site: F149AY130NJ - Moist Loamy Upland

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Hydric soil rating: No

Mattapex

Percent of map unit: 4 percent

Landform: Depressions, flats, broad interstream divides, swales

Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope, summit

Landform position (three-dimensional): Dip, talf

Down-slope shape: Concave, linear

Across-slope shape: Concave, linear

Ecological site: F153CY020MD - Moist Loess Upland

Hydric soil rating: No

Hambrook

Percent of map unit: 4 percent

Landform: Flats, fluvio-marine terraces

Landform position (two-dimensional): Summit

Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread, talf

Down-slope shape: Linear

Across-slope shape: Linear

Ecological site: F149AY170MD - Well Drained Fine-Loamy Upland

Hydric soil rating: No

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