

# Conservation Management Plan

This management plan form is intended for Board of Trustees leases and subleases of conservation properties that are 160 acres or less. It is intended to address the requirements of Chapter 253.034, 259.032, 259.105, and rule 18-2.021. Attachments to, or expansion of this form are welcome, if the space provided below is not sufficient. Please answer all of the items below and number all attachments and reference them in the appropriate location below. You are under no obligation to use this form. Any plan format is acceptable, provided it includes all of the appropriate items from the above mentioned statutes and rule. This form is available in electronic format upon request. For additional information pertaining to management plans, please visit the Division of State Lands Stewardship page on the web at <a href="https://floridadep.gov/lands/environmental-services/content/land-stewardship">https://floridadep.gov/lands/environmental-services/content/land-stewardship</a>.

#### A. General Information

1. Common Name of the Property:
2. Lease Number:
3. Acres:
4. Managing Agency:
5. Provide an executive summary/description of this property that includes a brief description of the resources, uses and proposed uses, outstanding features etc.

6.	6. Attach a map showing the location and boundaries of the property including:				
	a) The location and type of structures or improvements currently on the property.				
	b) The location and type of proposed improvements. Appendix				
7.	Attach a map showing the proximity of this managed area to other conservation areas within 10 miles. Appendix				
8.	Please attach a legal description of the property. Appendix				
9.	Provide a physical description of the land including a quantitative data description of the land which includes an inventory of forest and other natural resource, exotic and invasive plants, hydrologic features, infrastructure including recreational facilities, and other significant land, cultural or historical features.				
10	. A brief description of soil types, attaching USDA maps when available.				
	. Is the property adjacent to an aquatic preserve or designated area of critical state ncern? YESNO				
<u>If</u>	YES, please identify:				

12. Was the property acquired by a conservation land acquisition program? If YES, please identify.
13. Do any agency-specific statute requirements or legislative/executive directives constrain the use of the property? (These restrictions can frequently be found in the lease) YES NO
If YES, please identify
14. Are there any reservations or encumbrances on the property?
YESNO
If YES, please identify:
B. Natural and Cultural Resources
15. Are there any archeological or historical sites on this property? YESNO
If YES,
A) How do you plan to locate, protect and preserve these resources?
B) Please describe the actions the agency plans to take to locate and identify unknown
Resources such as surveys of unknown archeological or historical sites.

16. Are there any buildings on the property that are fifty or more years old? YESNO If YES,				
A) Please Identify:				
B) Have these buildings been evaluated by a historian or historic architect to determine their historical and/or architectural significance. If YES, please identify both the building(s) and the evaluators(s):				
C) Please state whether any such buildings are listed in the Florida Master Site File, National Register of Historic Places or a local register of historic places and identify such buildings.				
By law, the managing agency must consult with the Division of Historical Resources with regard to any proposed land clearing or ground disturbing activities or with regard to any proposed rehabilitation, restoration or demolition of structures 50 or more years old. Please contact the Division of Historic Resources if you would like to obtain information on archeological/historical sites.				
Division of Historical Resources Florida Department of State R.A. Gray Building, MS-8 Tallahassee, Florida 32399 (850) 245-6312				
17. Please identify natural resources on the property that are listed in the Florida Natural Areas Inventory.				

18. Are any imperiled natural communities, unique natural features, or any State and federally listed endangered or threatened plant or animal species, on site?  YESNO				
If YES, please provide a specific description of how you plan to identify, locate, protect and preserve these species.				
If you would like further information regarding natural resources or endangered species please contact the Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI).				
Florida Natural Areas Inventory 1018 Thomasville Road, Suite 200-C Tallahassee, Florida 32303 (850) 224-8207				
19. Please identify the water resources including swamps, marshes or other wetlands, on the property including the water quality classification for each water body and if the water body has been designated "Outstanding Florida Waters".				
20. Are any known mineral resources, such as oil, gas and phosphates, or any unique natural features, such as coral reefs, beaches, dunes, natural springs, caverns, large sinkholes, virgin timber stands, scenic vistas, and natural rivers and streams, and outstanding native landscapes containing relatively unaltered flora, fauna, and geological features on site? YESNO				
If YES, Please identify and provide locations of these resources on a map. Appendix				

21. Are there fish or wildlife resources (both game and non-game) on the property?				
YESNO If YES, please describe:				
C. Use of the Property				
22. Please provide a statement of the purpose for which the lands were acquired, the				
projected use or uses as defined in Chapter 253.034, Florida Statutes, and the statutory				
authority you have for such uses.				
23. Please state the desired outcome for this property, and key management activities				
necessary to achieve the desired outcome, including public access.				
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24. Please state the single or multiple uses currently made of the property and if the				
property is single use, please provide an analysis of its potential for multiple-use.				
Single Multiple use/s is/are:				
25. Were multiple uses considered but not adopted? YESNO				
23. Were multiple uses considered buthot adopted.				
If YES, please describe why:				

27. Please provide an analysis of the potential of the property to generate revenues to enhance the management of the property.  28. Describe the projected, current and recent past uses of the property, and any unauthorized uses, if known.  29. Do the planned uses impact renewable and non-renewable resources on the property?  YESNO  If YES, please describe what specific activities will be taken to protect or enhance and conserve those resources and to compensate/mitigate the damage that is caused by the impacting use.				
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30. Should any parcels of land within or adjacent to the property be purchased because they are essential to management of the property? YES NO If YES, please attach a map of this area. Appendix				
31. Are there any portions of this property no longer needed for your use?				
YESNO If YES, please attach a map of this area.				

32. Please describe what public uses and public access that would be consistent with the purpose for which this property was acquired.
22. Assess the feesibility of managing the lands > 10 contiguous cores as a reginient site
33. Assess the feasibility of managing the lands >40 contiguous acres as a recipient site for gopher tortoises consistent with rules of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
Commission, as prepared by the agency or cooperatively with a Fish and Wildlife
Conservation Commission wildlife biologist.
34. Economic feasibility of establishing a gopher tortoise recipient site, including the
initial cost, recurring management costs and the revenue projections.
D. Management Activities
35. If more than one agency manages this property, describe the management
responsibilities of each agency and how such responsibilities will be coordinated.
36. Please discuss management needs and problems on the property including
conservation of soil and water resources and control and prevention of soil erosion and
water and soil contamination.

37. Identify adjacent land uses that will conflict with the planned use of this property, if				
any.				
38. Please describe measures used to prevent/control invasive, non-native plants.				
or Trease deserted incusares used to prevent control in vasive, non narve plants.				
39. Was there any public or local government involvement / participation in the				
development of this plan? YESNO If YES, please describe:				

an arra See	40. If an arthropod control plan has been established for this property, please include it as an attachment. (Attachment) If one does not exist, provide a statement as to what arrangement exists between the local mosquito control district and the managing agency. See Chapter 388.4111 regarding mosquito control on public lands.  41. Management Goals – The following 8 goals may not all be applicable to your site. Write N/A where appropriate. Also, please add as many goals, objectives, and measures as you wish.					
	Core Objectives	Measure	Timeframe 2 yrs = Short Term 10 yrs = Long Term	Expenses and Manpower Budget		
	Prescribe burnacres per year	acres burned per year	Within 2 yrs Within 10 yrs	Expense \$_ Personnel		
	Maintainacres per year within target fire return interval.  Conduct habitat/natural community improvement on	acres within fire return interval target  acres with restoration underway	Within 2 yrs Within 10 yrs Within 2 yrs	\$ Expense \$ Person \$ Expense \$ Person \$		
	Conduct habitat/natural community restoration activities on acres.	acres restored	Within 10 yrs Within 2 yrs Within 10 yrs	Expense \$ Personnel \$		
	Conduct timber harvest for the purposes of habitat restoration on acres	acres harvested	Within 2 yrs	Expense \$ Personnel \$		

2	Public access and recreational opportunities (Description):				
	Maintain public access and recreational opportunities to	visitor	Within 2 yrs	Expense	
	allow for a recreational carrying capacity of visitors per day	opportunities/day	Within 10 yrs	\$ Personnel \$	
	Develop additional public access and recreational	visitor	Within 2 yrs	Expense \$	
	opportunities to allow for a carrying capacity of visitors/day	opportunities/day	Within 10 yrs	\$ Personnel \$	
	Continue to provide		Within 2 yrs	Expense \$	
		interpretive/education programs	Within 10 yrs	Personnel \$	
	Developnew interpretive/education	interpretive/education	Within 2 yrs	Expense \$	
	-	interpretive/education programs	Within 10 yrs	Personnel \$	
3	Hydrological preservation a	and restoration (Description	on):		
	Conduct or obtain a site assessment/study to identify	Assessment conducted?	Within 2 yrs	Expense \$	
	potential hydrology restoration needs		Within 10 yrs	Personnel \$	
	Restore natural hydrologic condition and functions to	acres for which hydrologic restoration is underway (planning,	Within 2 yrs	Expense \$	
	acres on site	grant writing, earth moving, etc.)	Within 10 yrs	Personnel \$	

4	Sustainable forest managen	acres for which natural hydrologic conditions and function are restored	Within 2 yrs Within 10 yrs	Expense \$ Personnel \$
	Prepare& implement a silviculture management plan including reforestation, harvesting, prescribed burning, restoration, and timber stand improvement activities and goals.	Silviculture management plan complete? YNacres treated	Within 2 yrs Within 10 yrs	Expense \$ Personnel \$
	Develop and implement a process for conducting stand descriptions and forest inventory including a GIS database containing forest stands, roads & other attributes (including but not limited to: threatened & endangered species, archeological resources, exotic species locations, historical areas)	Complete GIS database and re-inventory all attributes every 3-5 years or as needed.	Within 2 yrs Within 10 yrs	Expense \$ Personnel \$
		acres of forest inventoried annually	Within 2 yrs	Expense \$ Personnel \$
5	Exotic and invasive species	s maintenance and contro	   (Description):	

	Annually treatacres of EPPC Category I and Category II invasive exotic plant species.  Implement control measures on exotic and nuisance animal species	acres treatednuisance and exotic species for which control measures are implemented	Within 10 yrs	Expense \$ Personnel \$ Expense \$ Personnel \$	
6	Capital facilities and infrastru	cture (Description:			
		•			
	To maintainfacilities, miles of roads, and miles of trails existing on site (as applicable)	facilities, miles roads, miles maintained	Within 2 yrs	Expense \$ Personnel \$	
	To constructfacilitiesmiles of roads, andmiles of trails (as applicable)	—— facilities, miles roads,miles trails constructed	Within 2 yrs Within 10 yrs	Expense \$ Personnel \$	
	To improve or repair facilitiesmiles of roads, andmiles of trails existing on site (as applicable)	facilities, miles roads, miles trails improved or repaired			
7	Cultural and Historical resources (Description:				
	Ensure all known sites are recorded in the FL Division of Historical Resources Master Site file	—— of recorded sites	Within 2 yrs	Expense \$ Personnel \$	
	Monitorrecorded sites and send updates to DHR Master Site file as needed	—— of sites monitored	Within 2 yrs	Expense \$ Personnel \$	

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	Bringof recorded sites/cultural resources into good condition	of sites in good condition	Within 2 yrs	Expense \$ Personnel \$
8	Imperiled species habitat n (Description:	naintenance, enhancemen	t, restoration, or p	opulation restoration
	Develop baseline imperiled species occurrence	Baseline imperiled species occurrence inventory list	Within 2 yrs	Expense \$ Personnel
	inventory list		Within 10 yrs	Personnel \$
	Develop monitoring protocols for	imperiled species for which monitoring	Within 2 yrs	Expense \$ Personnel
	selected imperiled species	protocols are developed	Within 10 yrs	\$
	Implement monitoring protocols for	species for which	Within 2 yrs	Expense \$ Personnel
	imperiled species	monitoring is ongoing	Within 10 yrs	Personnel \$
	[If applicable, provide additional measurable objective(s) for new or ongoing species-specific management activities for each of the priority species such as population augmentation, translocations, nest box projects, etc.]	of nest boxes, # of	Within 2 yrs Within 10 yrs	Expense \$ Personnel \$

### 42. Costs

Activity	Yearly Estimated Cost		
	Priority Cost	Other Management Cost	Cost Effective Methods
Resource			
Management			
Administration			
Support			

Capital Improvements			
Recreation Visitor			
Services	,		
Law Enforcement Activities			
and guidelines of the https://floridadep.gov to the State of Florida Office of Environme	State Lands Mandalands/environmed a Department of Intal Services, 39 32399-3000, or b	n planned use conforms to agement Plan is required. The ental-services/content/land- Environmental Protection, 200 Commonwealth Boule by calling (850) 245-2784.	The Plan can be found at stewardship, by writing Division of State Lands, ward, Mail Station 140,
YES NO	_		
44. Please provide th	e following conta	act information below:	
Name:			
Managing Agency:			
Address:			
Phone:			
Email Address:			
Date Management Please send this compand attachments to:	-		
james.parker@dep.sta to: Division of State I D.E.P. M.S. 140 3900 Commonwealth Tallahassee Fl. 32399 850-245-3045	Lands Blvd.		

# APPENDIX A PROPERTY LOCATION MAP





# Bay County Web Map



Addresses

Parcels

Roads

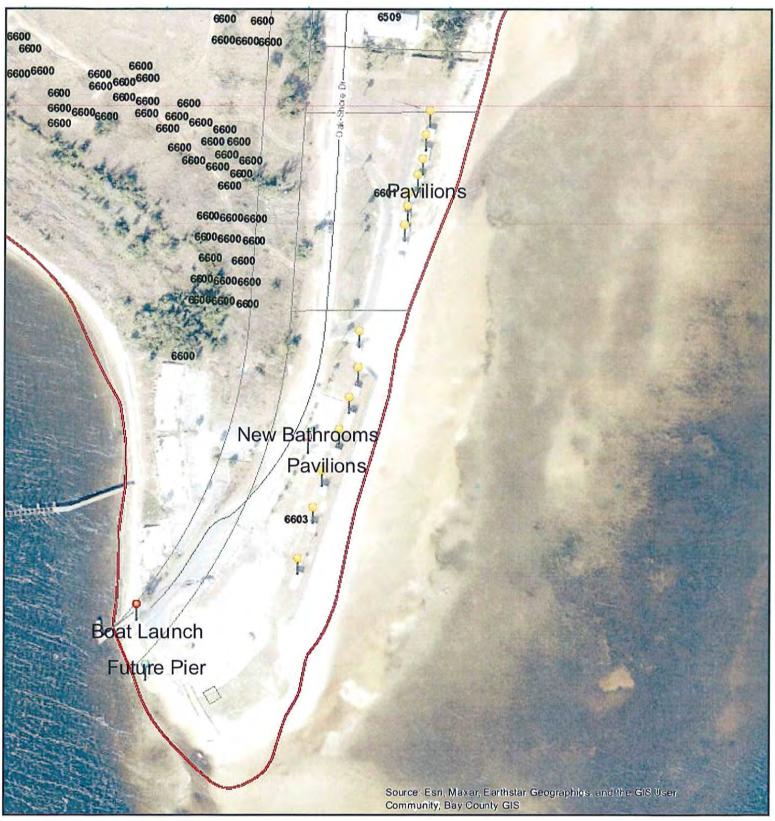
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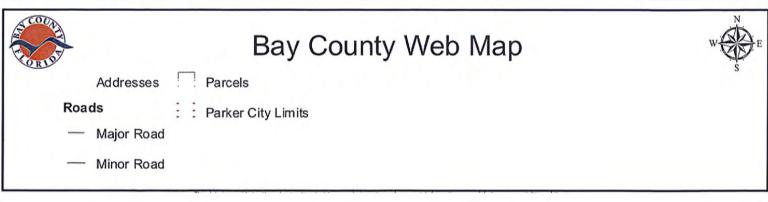
Major Road

- Minor Road

#### **APPENDIX B**

# LOCATION AND TYP OF STRUCURES AND IMPROVEMENTS CURRENLTY ON THE PROPERTY & PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS











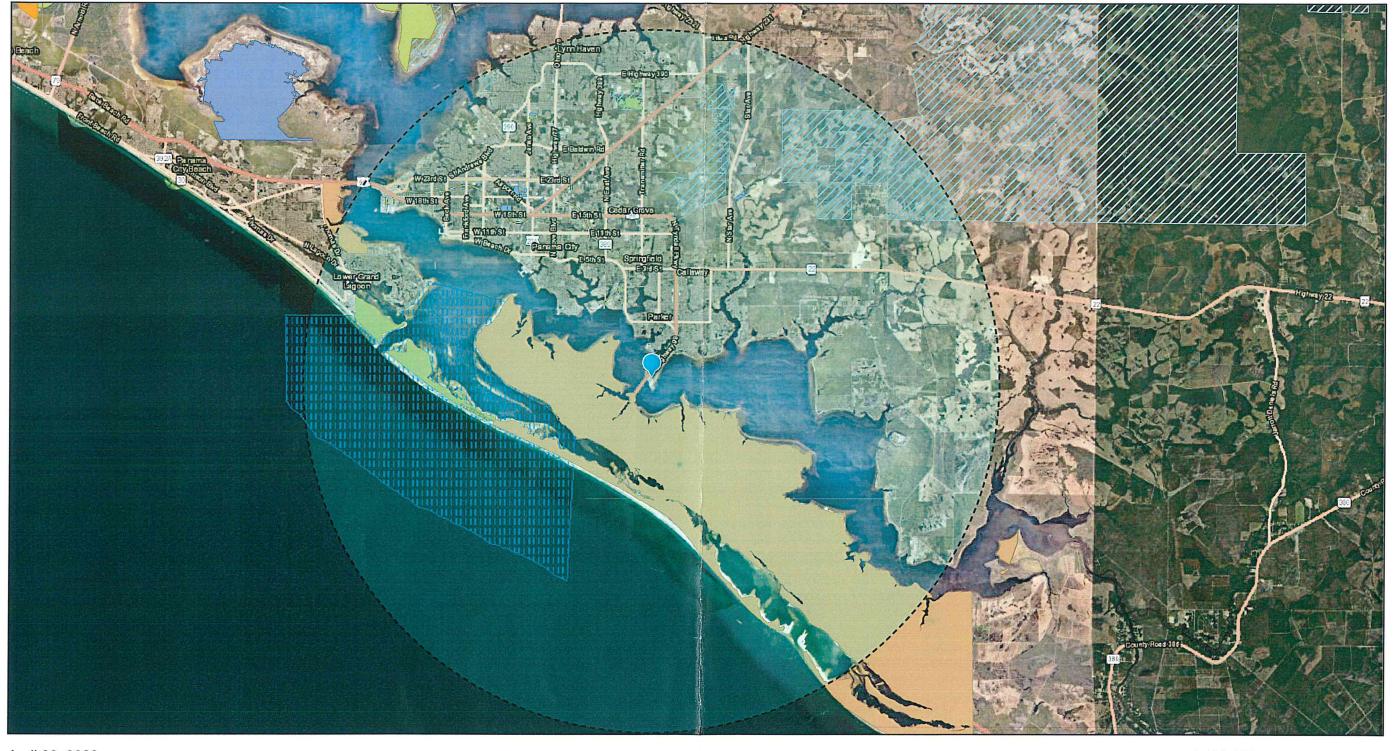


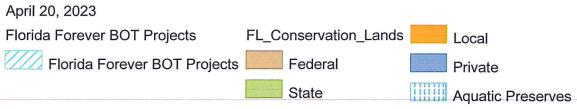


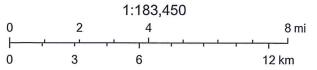
## APPENDIX C

# PROXIMITY OF THE MANAGED AREA TO OTHER CONSERVATION AREAS WITHING 10 MILES.

## EARL GILBERT PARK - 10-MILE RADIUS BUFFER FOR CONSERVATION AREAS



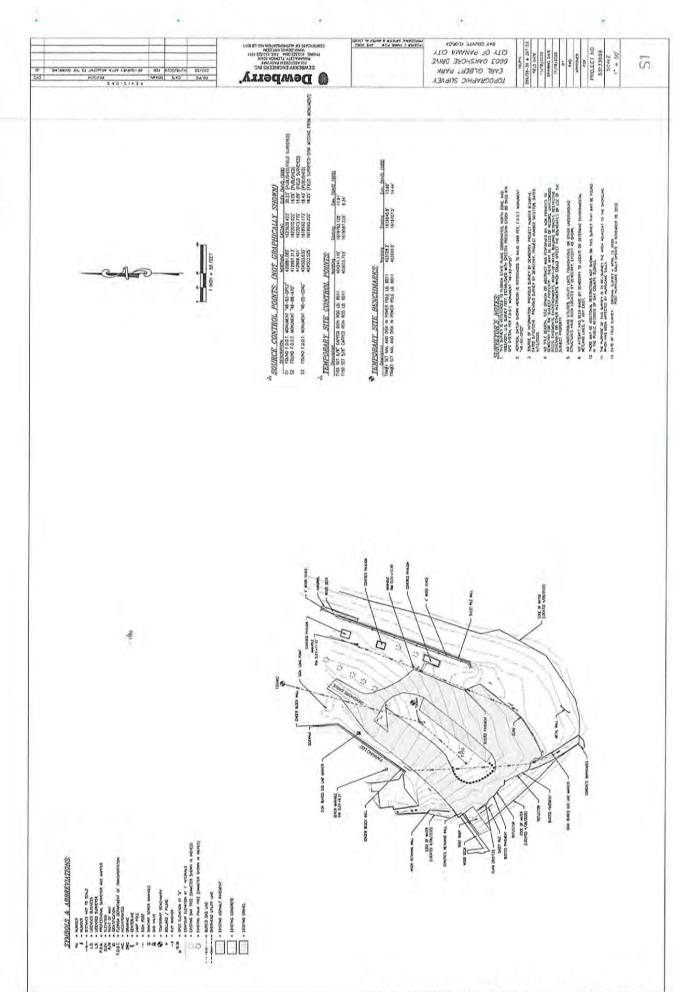




County of Bay, Esri, HERE, Bay County, FL, State of Florida, Earthstar Geographics, Esri, HERE, Garmin, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS user community, FDEP, RCP

# APPENDIX D LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

Appendix C



# APPENDIX E SOIL RESOURCE REPORT



United States Department of Agriculture

# **NRCS**

Natural Resources Conservation Service A product of the National Cooperative Soil Survey, a joint effort of the United States Department of Agriculture and other Federal agencies, State agencies including the Agricultural Experiment Stations, and local participants

# Custom Soil Resource Report for

# Bay County, Florida

**EARL GILBERT PARK AREA** 



## **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

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

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.



#### MAP INFORMATION MAP LEGEND The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at Spoil Area Area of Interest (AOI) 1:20,000. Area of Interest (AOI) Stony Spot ٥ Soils Very Stony Spot (0) Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale. Soil Map Unit Polygons Ÿ Wet Spot 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 Soil Map Unit Lines Other 0 Soil Map Unit Points п Special Line Features contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed Special Point Features Water Features (9) Blowout Streams and Canals Borrow Pit Transportation Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map Clay Spot × measurements, ---Closed Depression 0 Interstate Highways Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service Web Soil Survey URL: **Gravel Pit** 3 **US Routes** Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857) **Gravelly Spot** 3. Major Roads Landfill 0 Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator Local Roads 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 Lava Flow ٨ Background Marsh or swamp Aerial Photography de accurate calculations of distance or area are required. Mine or Quarry 究 This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as 0 Miscellaneous Water of the version date(s) listed below. Perennial Water 0 Soil Survey Area: Bay County, Florida Survey Area Data: Version 22, Sep 1, 2022 Rock Outcrop Saline Spot Sandy Spot Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger. Severely Eroded Spot Sinkhole Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Dec 2, 2020-Dec 8, Slide or Slip Sodic Spot 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
21	Foxworth sand, 5 to 8 percent slopes	1.5	25.1%
40	Arents, 0 to 5 percent slopes	4.4	74.4%
99	Water	0.0	0.5%
Totals for Area of Interest		6.0	100.0%

### **Map Unit Descriptions**

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

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

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

The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The objective of mapping is not to delineate pure taxonomic classes but rather to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. The delineation of such segments on the map provides sufficient information for the

development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, however, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

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.

#### Bay County, Florida

#### 21—Foxworth sand, 5 to 8 percent slopes

#### **Map Unit Setting**

National map unit symbol: 2w4g7

Elevation: 20 to 300 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 61 to 69 inches Mean annual air temperature: 63 to 70 degrees F

Frost-free period: 252 to 282 days

Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

#### Map Unit Composition

Foxworth and similar soils: 88 percent

Minor components: 12 percent

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

#### **Description of Foxworth**

#### Setting

Landform: Ridges on marine terraces

Landform position (two-dimensional): Summit

Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope, interfluve, tread

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

Parent material: Eolian or sandy marine deposits

#### Typical profile

A - 0 to 8 inches: sand C - 8 to 80 inches: sand

#### Properties and qualities

Slope: 5 to 8 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): Very high (20.00 to

50.00 in/hr)

Depth to water table: About 42 to 72 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

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

Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum: 4.0

Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Low (about 3.1 inches)

#### Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified

Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 4s

Hydrologic Soil Group: A

Forage suitability group: Sandy soils on rises, knolls, and ridges of mesic uplands (G133AA121FL)

Other vegetative classification: Sandy soils on rises, knolls, and ridges of mesic

uplands (G133AA121FL)

Hydric soil rating: No

#### **Minor Components**

#### Blanton

Percent of map unit: 3 percent

Landform: Knolls on marine terraces, ridges on marine terraces

Landform position (two-dimensional): Summit, shoulder

Landform position (three-dimensional): Interfluve, side slope, tread

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

Other vegetative classification: Sandy soils on rises, knolls, and ridges of mesic

uplands (G133AA121FL)

Hydric soil rating: No

#### Lakeland

Percent of map unit: 3 percent

Landform: Ridges on marine terraces, hills on marine terraces

Landform position (two-dimensional): Shoulder, summit

Landform position (three-dimensional): Interfluve, side slope, tread

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

Other vegetative classification: Sandy soils on ridges and dunes of xeric uplands

(G133AA111FL) Hydric soil rating: No

#### Troup

Percent of map unit: 3 percent

Landform: Ridges on marine terraces, knolls on marine terraces

Landform position (two-dimensional): Summit

Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope, interfluve, tread

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

Other vegetative classification: Sandy soils on ridges and dunes of xeric uplands

(G133AA111FL) Hydric soil rating: No

#### Bonifay

Percent of map unit: 3 percent

Landform: Knolls on marine terraces, ridges on marine terraces

Landform position (two-dimensional): Summit, shoulder

Landform position (three-dimensional): Interfluve, side slope, tread

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

Other vegetative classification: Sandy soils on rises, knolls, and ridges of mesic

uplands (G133AA121FL)

Hydric soil rating: No

#### 40-Arents, 0 to 5 percent slopes

#### Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: brv9

Elevation: 0 to 350 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 61 to 69 inches Mean annual air temperature: 63 to 70 degrees F

Frost-free period: 252 to 282 days

Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

#### Map Unit Composition

Arents and similar soils: 80 percent Minor components: 20 percent

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

#### **Description of Arents**

#### Setting

Landform: Rises on marine terraces

Landform position (three-dimensional): Rise

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

Parent material: Altered marine deposits

#### Typical profile

A - 0 to 10 inches: sand C1 - 10 to 32 inches: sand C2 - 32 to 60 inches: sand

#### Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 5 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches Drainage class: Somewhat poorly drained

Runoff class: Negligible

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very high (20.00 to

50.06 in/hr)

Depth to water table: About 18 to 36 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

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

Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum: 4.0

Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Very low (about 2.4 inches)

#### Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified

Hydrologic Soil Group: A

Forage suitability group: Forage suitability group not assigned (G152AA999FL)

Other vegetative classification: Forage suitability group not assigned

(G152AA999FL) Hydric soil rating: No

#### **Minor Components**

#### Albany

Percent of map unit: 3 percent

Landform: Knolls on marine terraces, ridges on marine terraces

Landform position (three-dimensional): Interfluve, talf

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

Other vegetative classification: Sandy soils on rises and knolls of mesic uplands

(G152AA131FL)

Hydric soil rating: No

#### Pottsburg, non-hydric

Percent of map unit: 3 percent Landform: Flats on marine terraces

Landform position (three-dimensional): Talf

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

Other vegetative classification: Sandy soils on flats of mesic or hydric lowlands

(G152AA141FL) Hydric soil rating: No

#### Centenary

Percent of map unit: 3 percent

Landform: Knolls on marine terraces, rises on marine terraces

Landform position (three-dimensional): Interfluve

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

Other vegetative classification: Sandy soils on rises, knolls, and ridges of mesic

uplands (G152AA121FL)

Hydric soil rating: No

#### Leon, non-hydric

Percent of map unit: 3 percent

Landform: Flatwoods on marine terraces Landform position (three-dimensional): Talf

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

Other vegetative classification: Sandy soils on flats of mesic or hydric lowlands

(G152AA141FL) Hydric soil rating: No

#### Kureb

Percent of map unit: 2 percent

Landform: Dunes on marine terraces, ridges on marine terraces

Landform position (three-dimensional): Interfluve

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

Other vegetative classification: Sandy soils on ridges and dunes of xeric uplands

(G152AA111FL) Hydric soil rating: No

#### Lakeland

Percent of map unit: 2 percent

Landform: Ridges on marine terraces, hills on marine terraces

Landform position (three-dimensional): Interfluve

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

Other vegetative classification: Sandy soils on ridges and dunes of xeric uplands

(G152AA111FL) Hydric soil rating: No

#### Blanton

Percent of map unit: 2 percent

Landform: Knolls on marine terraces, ridges on marine terraces Landform position (three-dimensional): Interfluve, side slope

Down-slope shape: Convex

Across-slope shape: Linear

Other vegetative classification: Sandy soils on rises, knolls, and ridges of mesic

uplands (G152AA121FL) Hydric soil rating: No

#### Foxworth

Percent of map unit: 2 percent

Landform: Ridges on marine terraces

Landform position (three-dimensional): Interfluve

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

Other vegetative classification: Sandy soils on rises, knolls, and ridges of mesic

uplands (G152AA121FL)

Hydric soil rating: No

#### 99-Water

#### Map Unit Composition

Water: 100 percent

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

#### **Description of Water**

#### Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified

Forage suitability group: Forage suitability group not assigned (G152AA999FL)

Other vegetative classification: Forage suitability group not assigned

(G152AA999FL)

Hydric soil rating: Unranked

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