



National Association of Wetland Managers and
Saint Mary's University GeoSpatial Services
Tribal Clean Water Act Training Module #1

Introduction to the Federal Process for Identifying Wetlands

1987 MANUAL FOR IDENTIFYING AND DELINEATING WETLANDS

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Tribal Clean Water Act Training Module #1

Introduction to the Federal Process for Identifying Wetlands

Target Audience:

Tribal water quality and aquatic resources staff who want to learn more about the Federal process for wetland identification.

Learning Objectives:

By taking part in this online training, participants should be able to:

1. Understand the basics of the Corps 1987 Manual for identifying wetlands.
2. Become familiar with the three-parameter approach to wetlands identification.
3. Understand the routine method for sampling wetlands manual parameters.
4. Gain a knowledge of the regionalization of the manual, plant frequency of occurrence, hydric soil indicators and supporting documentation.
5. Be prepared for a weeklong manual field training course.



What is on the Quiz?

Ten questions related to key takeaways from the online training presentation.

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On average, the quiz takes less than 15 minutes to complete.



Trainer Introduction



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Introduction to the Federal Process for Identifying Wetlands

Section #1:

- Introduction to Wetlands and 1987 Manual.



A Wetland is defined in federal regulation as:

- “Areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions.”
- Commonalities among Corps, EPA, NRCS and FWS – Water/Soil/Plants!
- This is a regulatory process/method.

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Disclaimer:

- This webinar is based on years of experience and field application of the federal manual and is meant to provide an introduction into field sampling methods for identifying wetlands utilizing the 1987 Corps manual process.
- The 1987 manual **does not identify “waters of the United States” (WOTUS) but rather areas which qualify as a wetlands under the federal definition.**
- For any questions of manual applications or jurisdiction please contact your Corps District office or EPA Regional office.



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Relevant Federal Statutes



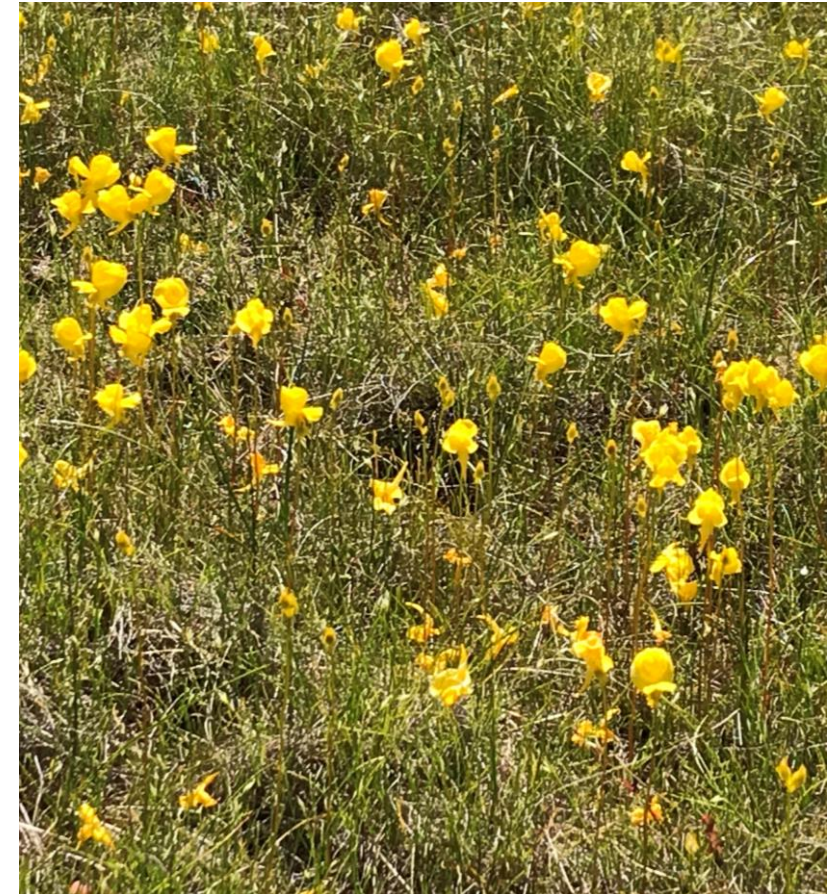
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- Clean Water Act of 1972 and Amendments
 - Authorized EPA and the Corps to regulate certain activities in wetlands and other waters (Section 404)
- Food Security Act of 1985 and Amendments
 - Authorized NRCS to make wetland determinations under the Act's "Swampbuster" provisions

Scope of the Clean Water Act

Applies to all “Waters of the United States” (WOTUS) including these Special Aquatic Sites designated by EPA:

- **Wetlands**
- Sanctuaries and refuges
- Mudflats
- Vegetated shallows
- Coral reefs
- Riffle and pool complexes



State and Tribal Methodologies for Wetlands Determinations:

- Many States and Tribes have a regulatory framework for wetlands protection as well and employ methods to determine if an area is regulated under state law.
- While many states and tribes either use, or have a methodology similar to, the 1987 manual process it is best to check.
- For example, NJ uses the 1989 unified wetlands manual, some have employed modifications to the 3-parameter approach or incorporated regulatory applications within their manuals, other states apply an assessment methodology as part of their regulatory scheme (i.e. NCWAM and KY-WRAM)



History of Wetlands Manual Development

- Pre 1989 there were multiple methods for identifying wetlands by federal agencies including 1987 manual, EPA manual, USFWS method and food securities act (SCS/NRCS)
- 1989 a unified manual was developed by EPA, Corps, NRCS and FWS.
- Push back on the manual in 1991 resulted in the EPA and Corps adoption of the 1987 Corps manual with attendant guidance documents including hydric soils list and species frequency of occurrence in wetlands.
- Added documents include the regionalization of the manual and indicators of hydric soils tool.



Common process for complex systems!

Obvious indicators of a wetland



Not as clearly a wetland system

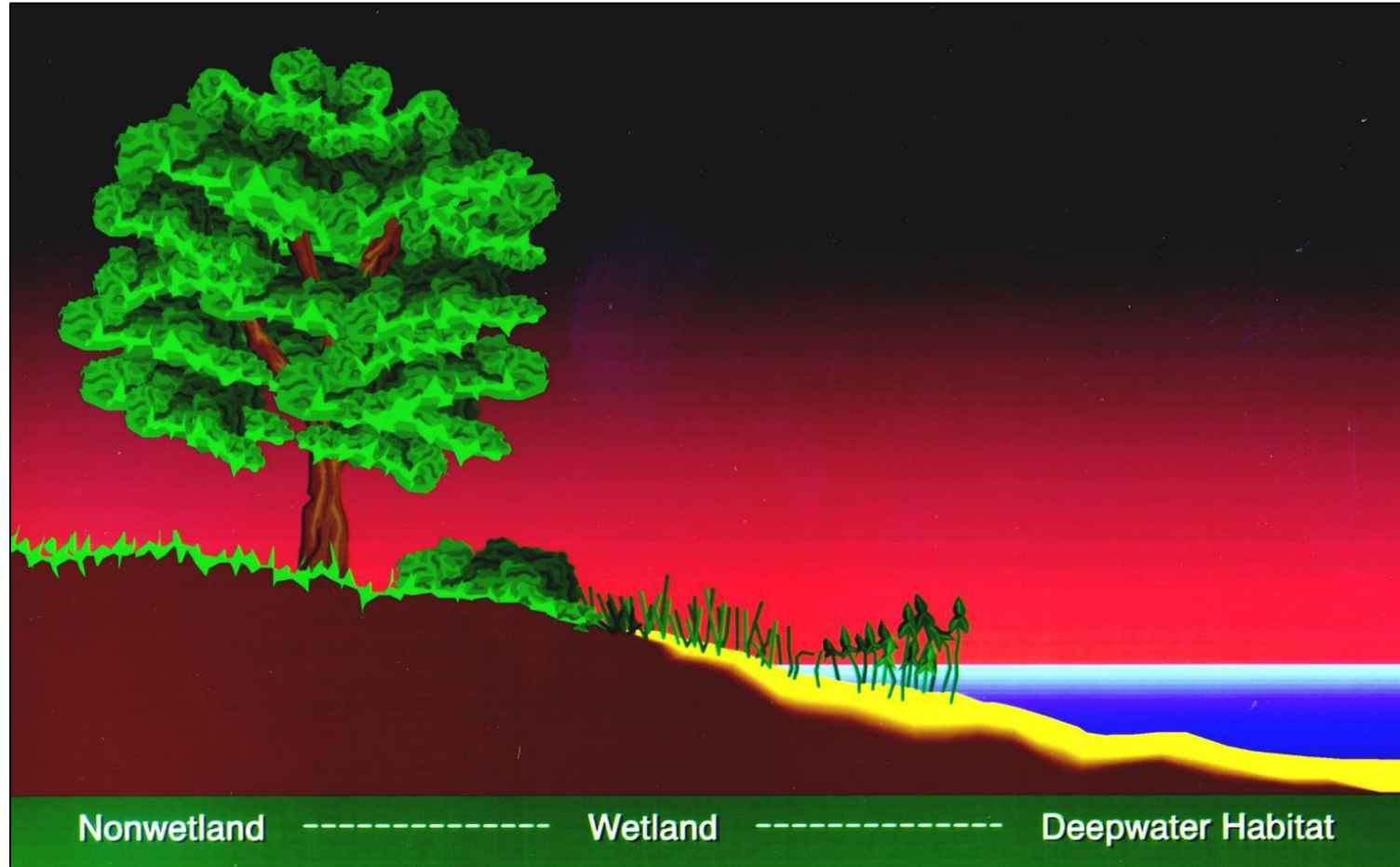


Diagnostic Characteristics

- **Hydrophytic Vegetation**
 - Dominated by species that are tolerant of prolonged inundation or soil saturation (Hydrophyte)
- **Hydric Soils**
 - Exhibit characteristics that develop under permanent or periodic soil saturation
- **Wetland Hydrology**
 - Evidence of ongoing wetland conditions



Purpose is to Identify the Boundary Between Wetlands and Non-Wetlands



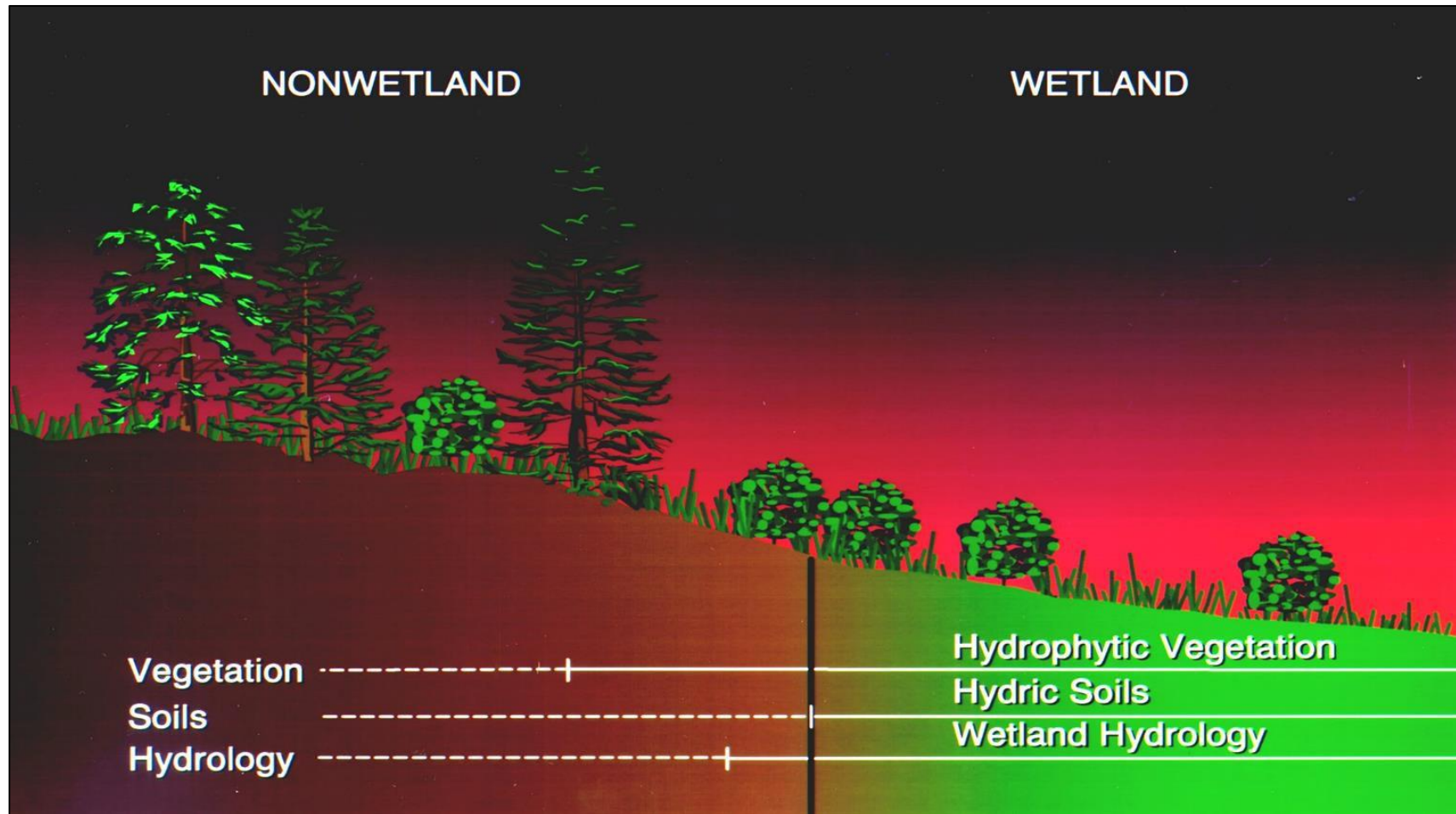
Manual Process Employs a 3 Parameter Approach to Wetlands Identification

As reflected in the definition:

- Hydrology – “Areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support”
- Vegetation – “a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life”
- Soils – “in saturated soil conditions”
- “Normal Conditions” analysis is part of the determination process.

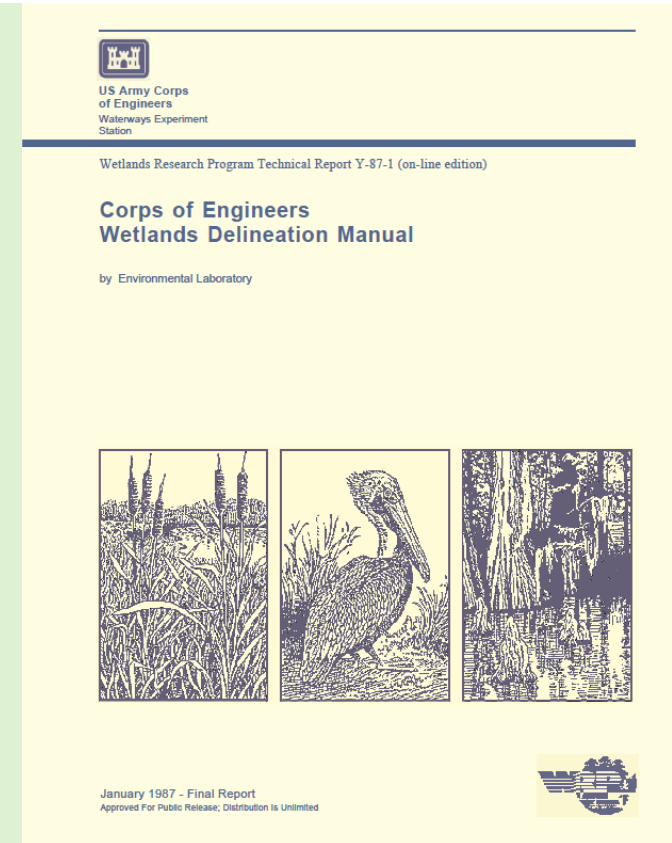


The 3-Parameter Approach



National Delineation Manual Contains:

- Corps/EPA wetland definition
- Basics of three parameter approach
- General definitions of hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils and wetland hydrology
- Preliminary data gathering (offsite sources)
- Routine and Comprehensive methods
- General guidance for Atypical Situations and Problem Areas
- Main Glossary

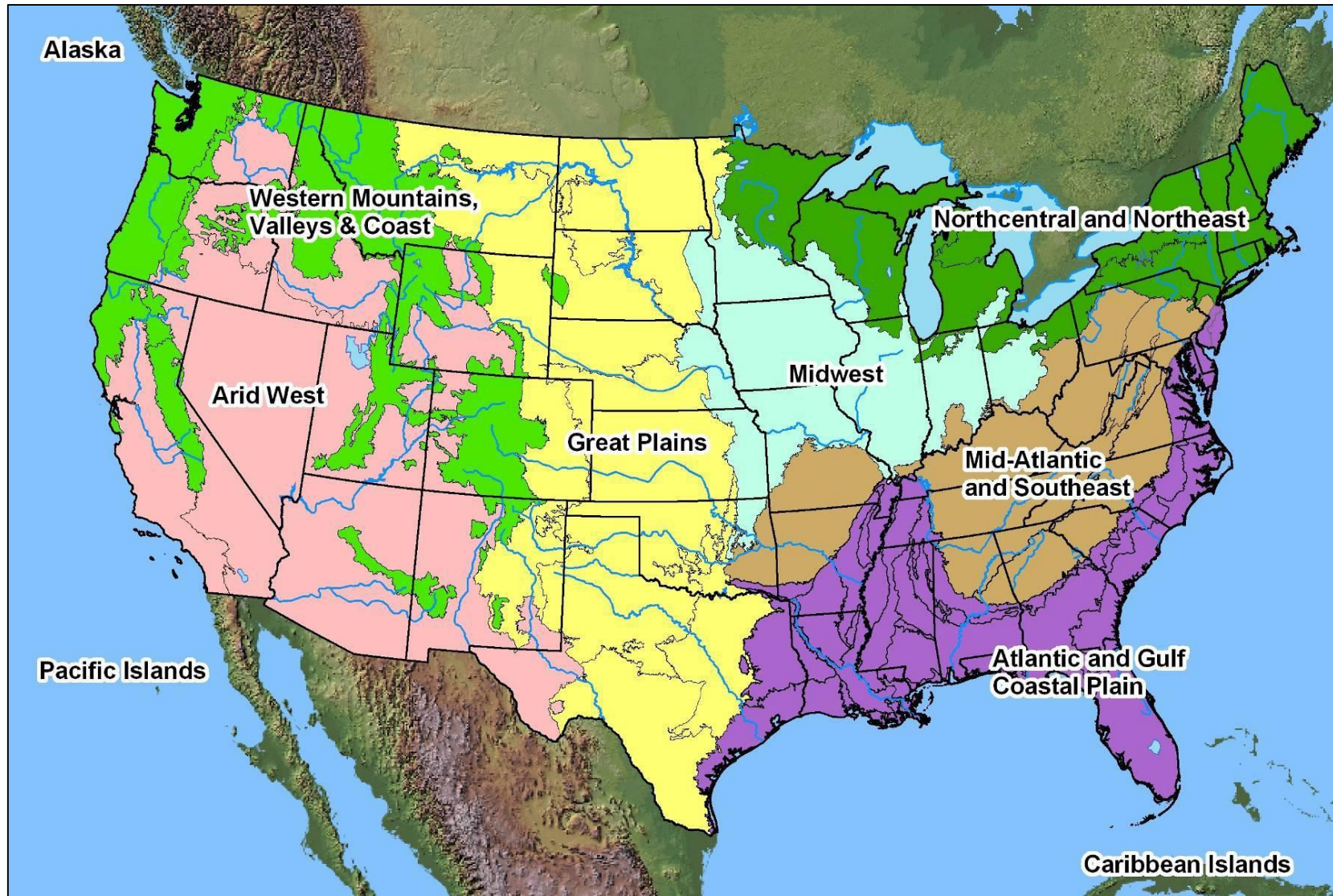


Regional Supplement Contains:

- Description of the Region
- Hydrophytic vegetation indicators
- Hydric soil indicators
- Wetland hydrology indicators
- Guidance for “Difficult Wetland Situations” within the region



1987 Manual Regional Supplements



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End of Section #1:

- Introduction to Wetlands and 1987 Manual.



Introduction to the Federal Process for Identifying Wetlands (continued)

Section #2:

- Site sampling methodologies and Vegetative Dominance Analysis.



1987 Manual Determination Methods

- Routine Method is recommended when:
 - Project area is small (<5 acres)
 - Plant communities are homogenous
 - Plant community boundaries are abrupt
 - Project is not controversial
- Rapid Test:
 - All dominant species across all strata are rated OBL and/or FACW (e.g., Cattail Marsh)



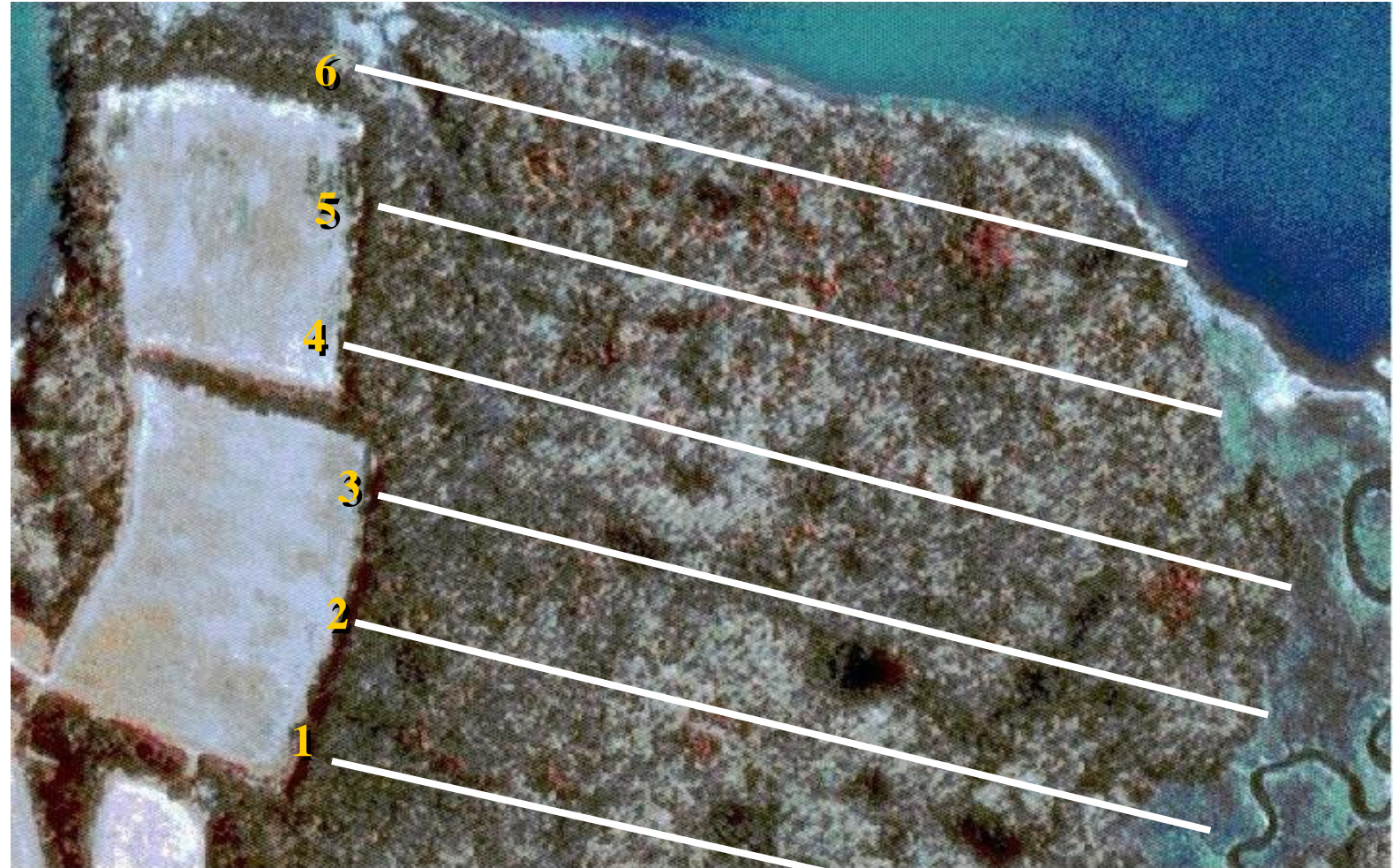
1987 Manual Determination Methods

Comprehensive Method:

- Variable methods for vegetative sampling:
 - Quadrat Sampling Procedure
 - Plant Community Approach
 - Fixed Interval Approach
 - Point Intercept Sampling Procedure



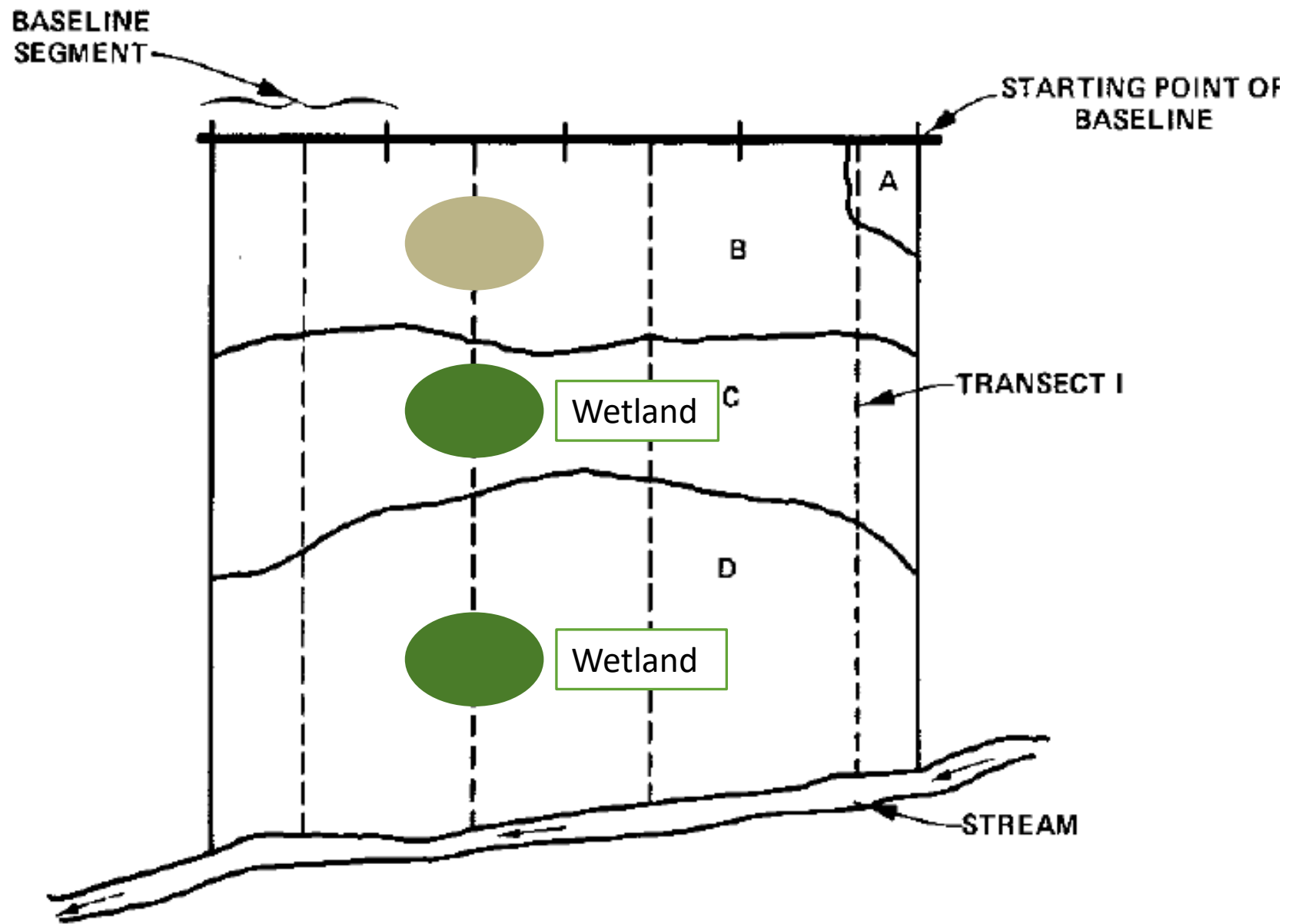
Transect Sampling



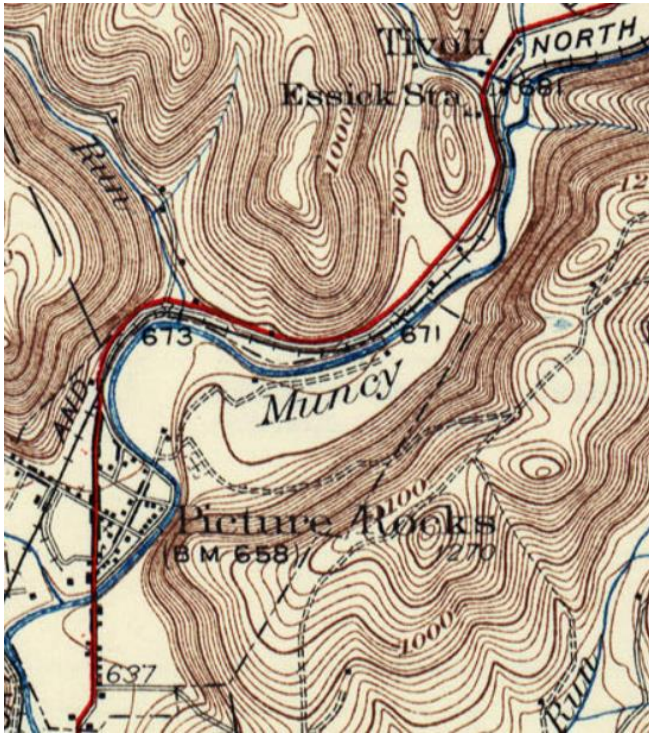
Routine Method for Areas > 5 Acres in Size:

- Determine whether normal conditions are present
- Establish an observation point in the first plant community
- Characterize soil, vegetation, and hydrology, and record on data form
- Make the wetland determination at that point
- Sample remaining points on that transect
- Determine the wetland boundary between points





Recommended Equipment and Materials:



- Base map
- Copies of data form
- Wetland plant list
- Hydric soils list
- County soil survey
- Compass
- Spade, soil auger or probe
- Measuring tape
- Munsell soil coloring book

Vegetation Strata to be Sampled:

(Check Regional Supplement for specific strata criteria)

1. **Tree stratum** – Consists of woody plants 3 in. (7.6 cm) or more in diameter at breast height (DBH)(4.5 ft), regardless of height.
2. **Sapling/shrub stratum** – Consists of woody plants less than 3 in. DBH, regardless of height.
3. **Herb stratum** – Consists of all herbaceous (non-woody) plants, including herbaceous vines, regardless of size.
4. **Woody vines** – Consists of all woody vines, regardless of height.



Plot Sampling Sizes (Example):

- Plot sizes (*may vary with regional manual methods*)
 - Trees – 30 ft radius
 - Saplings and Shrubs – 15 ft radius
 - Herbaceous – 5 ft radius
 - Woody vines – 30 ft radius
- Sub-plots discussed
- *Absolute Percent Cover* is the preferred measure for all species
- For wetland delineation purposes, an area is considered to be vegetated if it has 5% or more total plant cover during peak growing season.



Example of Plot Sampling Sizes:

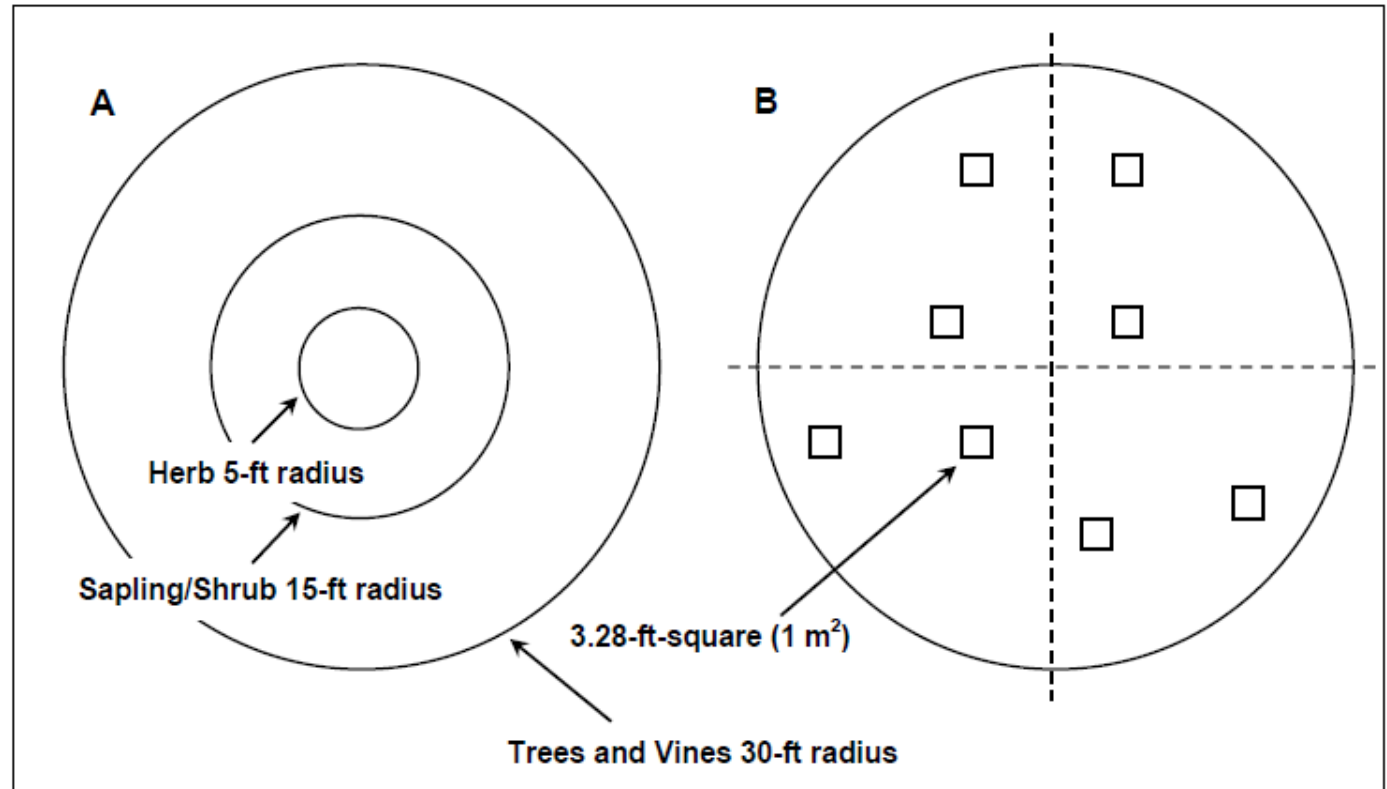


Figure 2. Examples of plot arrangements for vegetation sampling. (A) Single plots in graduated sizes. (B) Nested 3.28- by 3.28-ft (1-m²) plots within the 30-ft (9.1-m) radius plot.

Vegetative Dominance Test

Steps for Selecting Dominant Species by the 50/20 Rule:

1. Estimate absolute % cover for each species in 1st stratum.
2. Rank all species in stratum from least to most abundant.
3. Calculate total coverage of all species in the stratum (sum individual percent cover values).
4. Select plant species from ranked list, in decreasing order of coverage, until cumulative coverage of selected species exceeds 50% of total absolute coverage for the stratum.
5. Select any species that are at least 20% of the total absolute % cover in each stratum.
6. Repeat steps 1-5 for any other stratum present. Combine the lists of dominant species across all strata.



Percent Aerial Cover



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Selection of Dominant Species

For each stratum in the plant community, dominant species are the most abundant plant species (when ranked in descending order of abundance and cumulatively totaled) that immediately exceeded 50 percent of the total dominance measure for the stratum, plus any additional species comprising 20 percent or more of the total dominance measure for the stratum.



Plant Indicator Status

Indicator Category	Occurrence in Wetlands
Obligate Wetland Plants (OBL)	>99%
Facultative Wetland Plants (FACW)	67-99%
Facultative Plants (FAC)	34-66%
Facultative Upland Plants (FACU)	1-33%
Obligate Upland Plants (UPL)	<1%



50/20 Rule:

Example #1

Red Maple	20%	FAC
Willow Oak	17%	FACW
Overcup Oak	12%	OBL
<u>American Beech</u>	<u>5%</u>	<u>FACU</u>
Total:	54%	

50/20 Rule (cont.):

Example #2

Highbush blueberry	39%	FACW
Blackhaw	10%	FACU
Winterberry	10%	FACW
American Beech	3%	FACU
Speckled Alder	2%	<u>OBL</u>
Total:	64%	

Basic Rule: If more than 50% of the DOMINANT SPECIES are OBL, FACW, OR FAC then the Vegetation Criteria is met (i.e., hydrophytic).

Example #1

54% cover X .5 = 27

54% cover x .2 = 10.8

Therefore, Red Maple (20; FAC), Willow Oak (17; FACW), and Overcup Oak (12; OBL) are dominants. 100% are FAC or wetter. The Basic Rule is met.

Example #2

64% cover x .5 = 32

64% cover x .2 = 12.8

Therefore, Highbush Blueberry (39;FACW) is the only dominant.

The Basic Rule is met; 100% of dominants are Fac or wetter



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

Sampling Point: _____

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1. _____	_____		
2. _____	_____		
3. _____	_____		
4. _____	_____		
5. _____	_____		
6. _____	_____		
	0 = Total Cover		
50% of total cover: _____	20% of total cover: _____		
Sapling Stratum (Plot size: _____)			
1. _____	_____		
2. _____	_____		
3. _____	_____		
4. _____	_____		
5. _____	_____		
6. _____	_____		
	0 = Total Cover		
50% of total cover: _____	20% of total cover: _____		
Shrub Stratum (Plot size: _____)			
1. _____	_____		
2. _____	_____		

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: _____ (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: _____ (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: _____ (A/B)

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: 0 (A) 0 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = _____

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

☐ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

☐ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

☐ 3 - Prevalence Index is S3.0¹

☐ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation¹ (Explain)



Example #1

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

Sampling Point: _____

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30ft)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1. <i>Acer rubrum</i>	20	▼	▼
2. <i>Quercus phellos</i>	17	▼	▼
3. <i>Quercus lyrata</i>	12	▼	▼
4. <i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	5	▼	▼
5. _____	_____	▼	▼
6. _____	_____	▼	▼
54 = Total Cover			
50% of total cover: 27 20% of total cover: 10.8			
Sapling Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1. _____	_____	▼	▼
2. _____	_____	▼	▼
3. _____	_____	▼	▼
4. _____	_____	▼	▼
5. _____	_____	▼	▼
6. _____	_____	▼	▼
0 = Total Cover			
50% of total cover: _____ 20% of total cover: _____			
Shrub Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1. _____	_____	▼	▼
2. _____	_____	▼	▼
3. _____	_____	▼	▼
4. _____	_____	▼	▼
5. _____	_____	▼	▼

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: _____ (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: _____ (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: _____ (A/B)

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: 0 (A)	0 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = _____

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

☐ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

☐ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

☐ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0¹

☐ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation¹ (Explain)

¹Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Introduction to the Federal Process for Identifying Wetlands (continued)

End of Section #2:

- Site sampling methodologies and Vegetative Dominance Analysis.



Introduction to the Federal Process for Identifying Wetlands (continued)

Section #3:

- Soils, Hydrology, Morphological Adaptations, Remote Data.



Soils Analysis:

Sampling Point:

SOIL

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		

¹Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, MS=Masked Sand Grains. ²Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epipedon (A2)
- ☐ Black Histic (A3)
- ☐ Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- ☐ Stratified Layers (A5)
- ☐ Organic Bodies (A6) (LRR P, T, U)
- ☐ 5 cm Mucky Mineral (A7) (LRR P, T, U)
- ☐ Muck Presence (A8) (LRR U)
- ☐ 1 cm Muck (A9) (LRR P, T)
- ☐ Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- ☐ Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- ☐ Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (MLRA 150A)
- ☐ Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1) (LRR O, S)
- ☐ Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- ☐ Sandy Redox (S5)
- ☐ Stripped Matrix (S6)
- ☐ Dark Surface (S7) (LRR P, S, T, U)

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils³:

- ☐ Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) (LRR S, T, U)
- ☐ Thin Dark Surface (S9) (LRR S, T, U)
- ☐ Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) (LRR O)
- ☐ Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- ☐ Depleted Matrix (F3)
- ☐ Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- ☐ Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- ☐ Redox Depressions (F8)
- ☐ Marl (F10) (LRR U)
- ☐ Depleted Ochric (F11) (MLRA 151)
- ☐ Iron-Manganese Masses (F12) (LRR O, P, T)
- ☐ Umbric Surface (F13) (LRR P, T, U)
- ☐ Delta Ochric (F17) (MLRA 151)
- ☐ Reduced Vertic (F18) (MLRA 150A, 150B)
- ☐ Piedmont Floodplain Soils (F19) (MLRA 149A)
- ☐ Anomalous Bright Loamy Soils (F20) (MLRA 149A, 153C, 153D)

Restrictive Layer (if observed):

Type:

Depth (inches):

Remarks:

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☐

³Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.



Field Indicators of Hydric Soils:

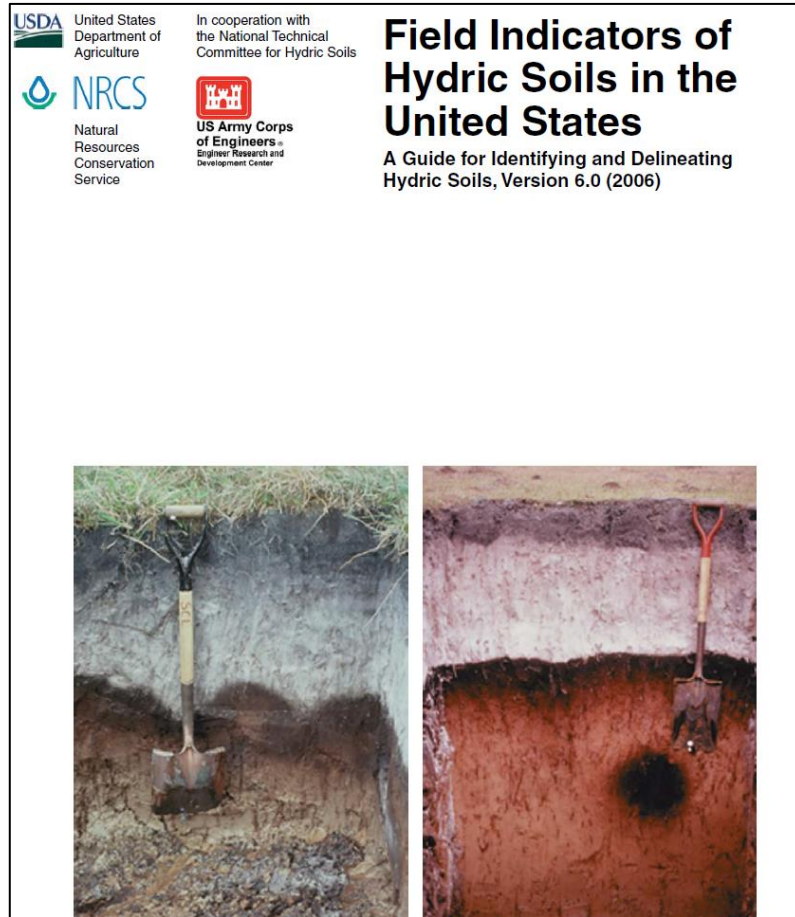
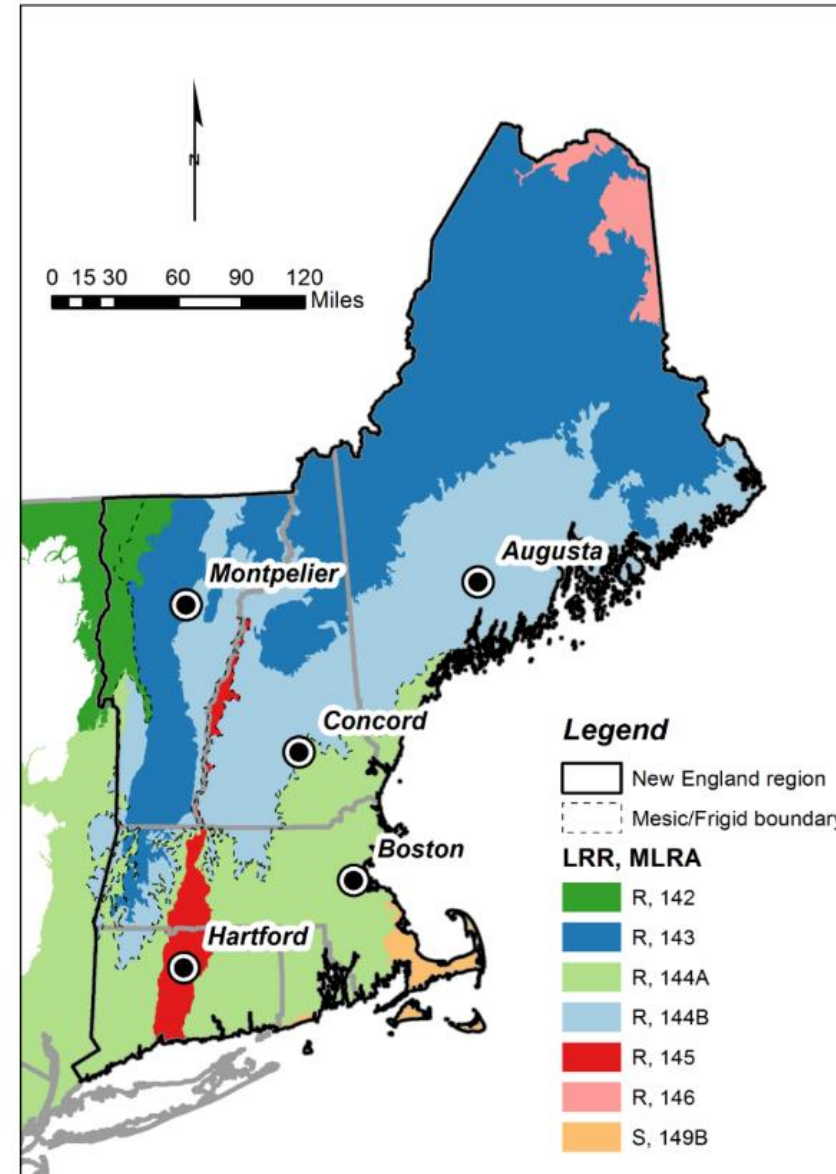


Figure 1: Map of Land Resource Area (LRR) and Major Land Resource Areas (MLRA).



Land Resource Regions:

Indicator Description:

- b. Matrix value of 3 or less and chroma of 2 or less and 5 percent or more distinct or prominent redox concentrations occurring as soft masses or pore linings.

User Notes: Redox concentrations in mineral soils that are high in content of organic matter and have a dark surface layer commonly are difficult to see. The organic matter "masks" some or all of the concentrations that may be present. Careful examination is required in order to see what are often brownish "mottles" in the darkened materials. In some instances, drying of the samples makes the concentrations (if they occur) easier to see. Dried colors, if used, need to have matrix chromas of 1 or 2, and the redox concentrations need to be distinct or prominent. In soils that are wet because of subsurface saturation, the layer directly below the dark epipedon should have a depleted or gleyed matrix. Soils that are wet because of ponding or a shallow perched layer of saturation may not always have a depleted/gleyed matrix below the dark surface layer. It is recommended that delineators evaluate the hydrologic source and examine and describe the layer below the dark colored epipedon when applying this indicator. Redox concentrations, including iron-manganese soft masses and/or pore linings, are required in soils with matrix colors of 4/1, 4/2, and 5/2.



Figure 31.—Indicator F6 (Redox Dark Surface). Prominent redox concentrations occur as soft masses and pore linings. Below the dark epipedon is indicator A11 (Depleted Below Dark Surface). Scale is in cm.



Figure 32.—Indicator F6 (Redox Dark Surface). Often, as in this soil, the redox concentrations are small (fine).

A, E, and calcic horizons may have low chromas and high values and may therefore be mistaken for a depleted matrix; however, they are excluded from the concept of depleted matrix unless the soil has common or many distinct or prominent redox concentrations occurring as soft masses or pore linings.

F7. Depleted Dark Surface. For use in all LRRs, except for W, X, and Y; for testing in LRRs W, X, and Y. Redox depletions with value of 5 or more and chroma of 2 or less in a layer that is at least 10 cm (4 inches) thick, is entirely within the upper 30 cm (12 inches) of the mineral soil, and has:

- a. Matrix value of 3 or less and chroma 1 or less and 10 percent or more redox depletions, or
- b. Matrix value of 3 or less and chroma of 2 or less and 20 percent or more redox depletions.

User Notes: Care should be taken not to mistake mixing of an E or calcic horizon into the surface layer for depletions. The "pieces" of E and calcic horizons are not redox depletions. Knowledge of local conditions is required in areas where E and/or calcic horizons may be present. In soils that are wet because of subsurface saturation, the layer directly below the dark surface layer should have a depleted or gleyed matrix. Redox depletions should have

Munsell Color Chart:



Redoximorphic features (RMFs)

“consist of color patterns in a soil that are caused by loss (depletion) or gain (concentration) of pigment compared to the matrix color, formed by oxidation/reduction of iron and/or manganese coupled with their removal, translocation, or accrual; or a soil matrix color controlled by the presence of iron” (NRCS)



Common Reduction Reactions in Soil:

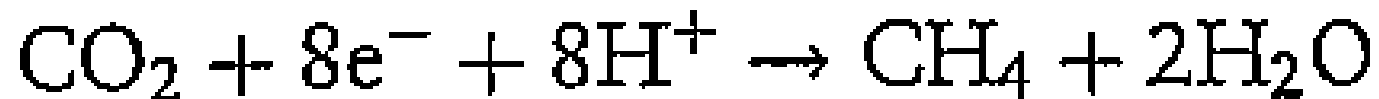
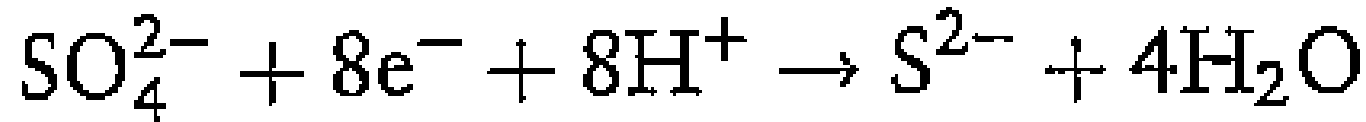
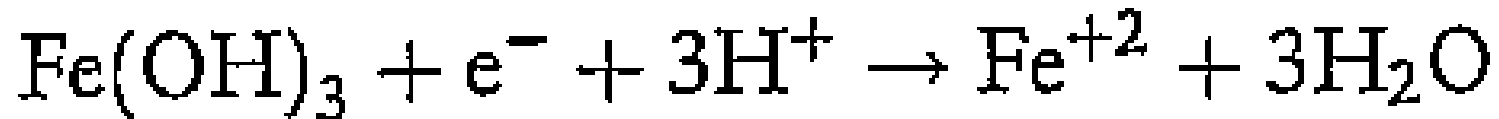
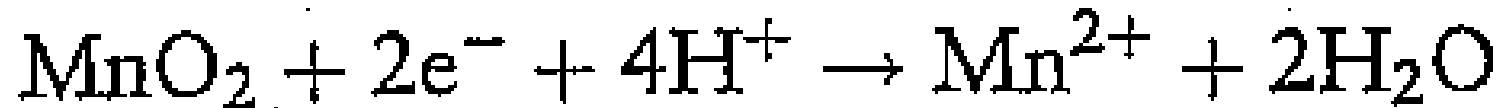
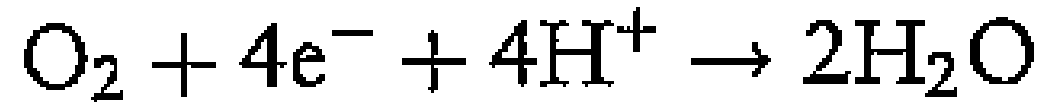
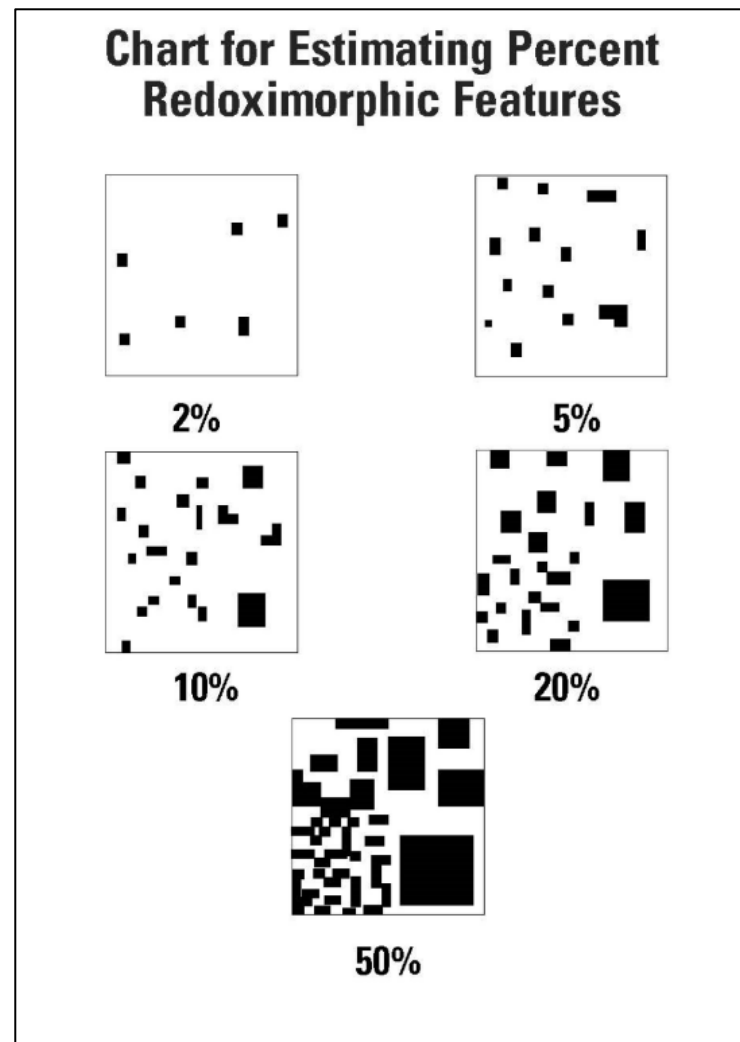


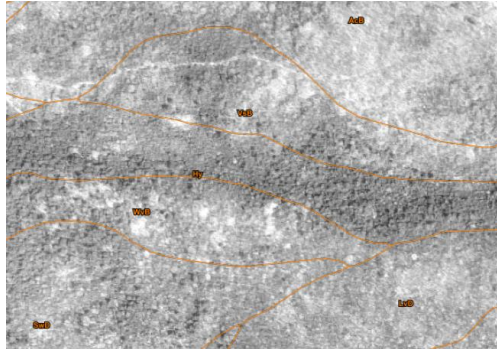
Chart to help
determine
abundance:



Hydrology Analysis:

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

Hydrology Criteria:



- The criteria for meeting the hydrology parameter is through either direct or secondary observation.
- These need to be noted on the data form.
- Describe any additional corroborating information in the comments section.

Normal Circumstances and Difficult to ID Wetlands

Determine if any of the 3 parameters have been altered. Is this the “new” standard or a temporal impact ? Has the alteration occurred legally?

If soils or vegetation do not meet criteria but there is evidence of hydraulic drive, then the area may be a difficult to identify wetlands. Refer to the manual and supplement sections on how to proceed.

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

Plant Morphological Adaptations:

- Buttressed Tree Trunks
- Multiple Trunks
- Pneumatophores
- Adventitious Roots
- Shallow Roots
- Hypertrophied Lenticels
- Aerenchyma
- Polymorphic Leaves
- Floating Leaves



Buttressed Tree Trunks



Buttressed Tree Trunks



Multiple Trunks



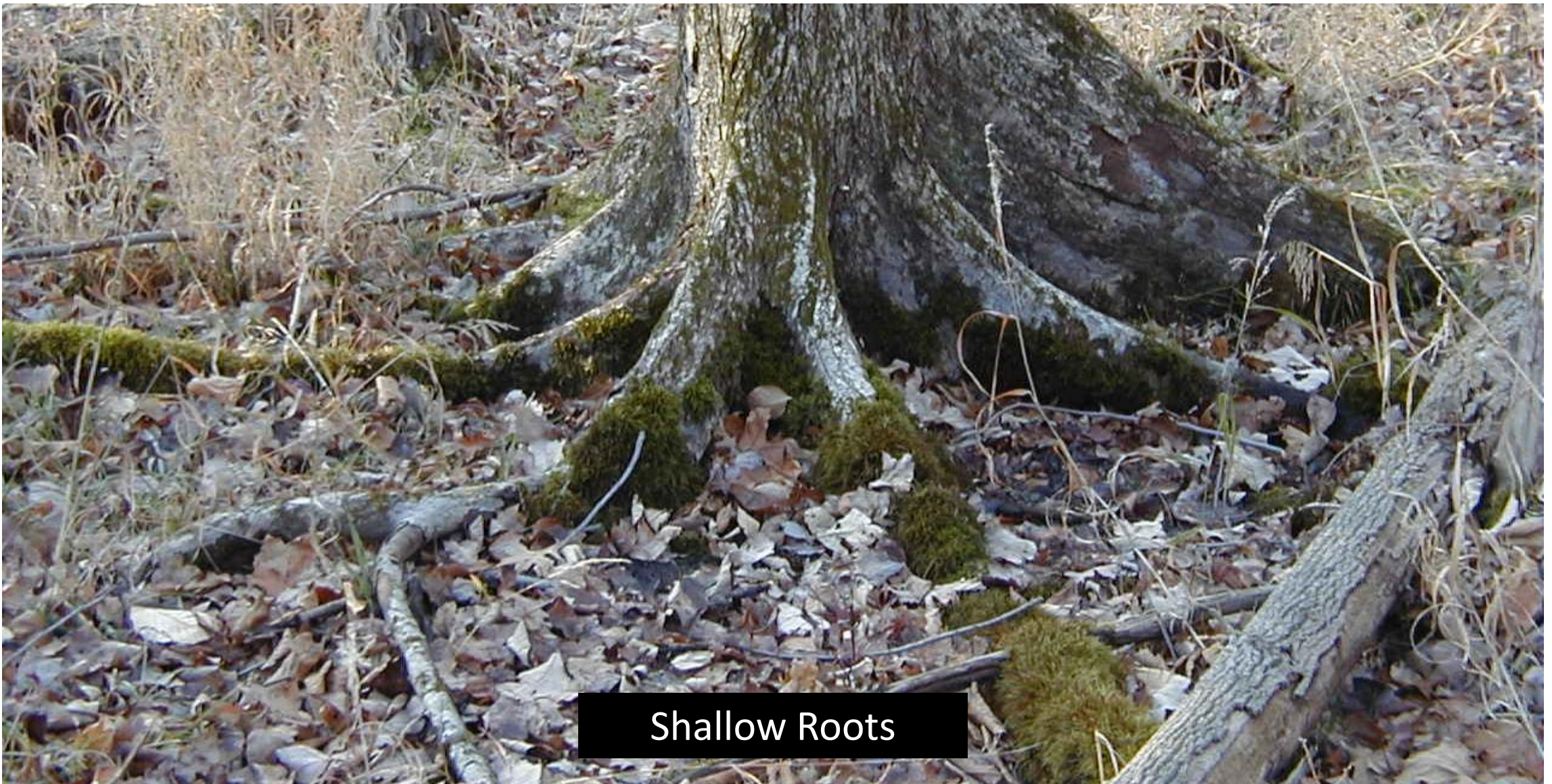
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Pneumatophores



Adventitious Roots

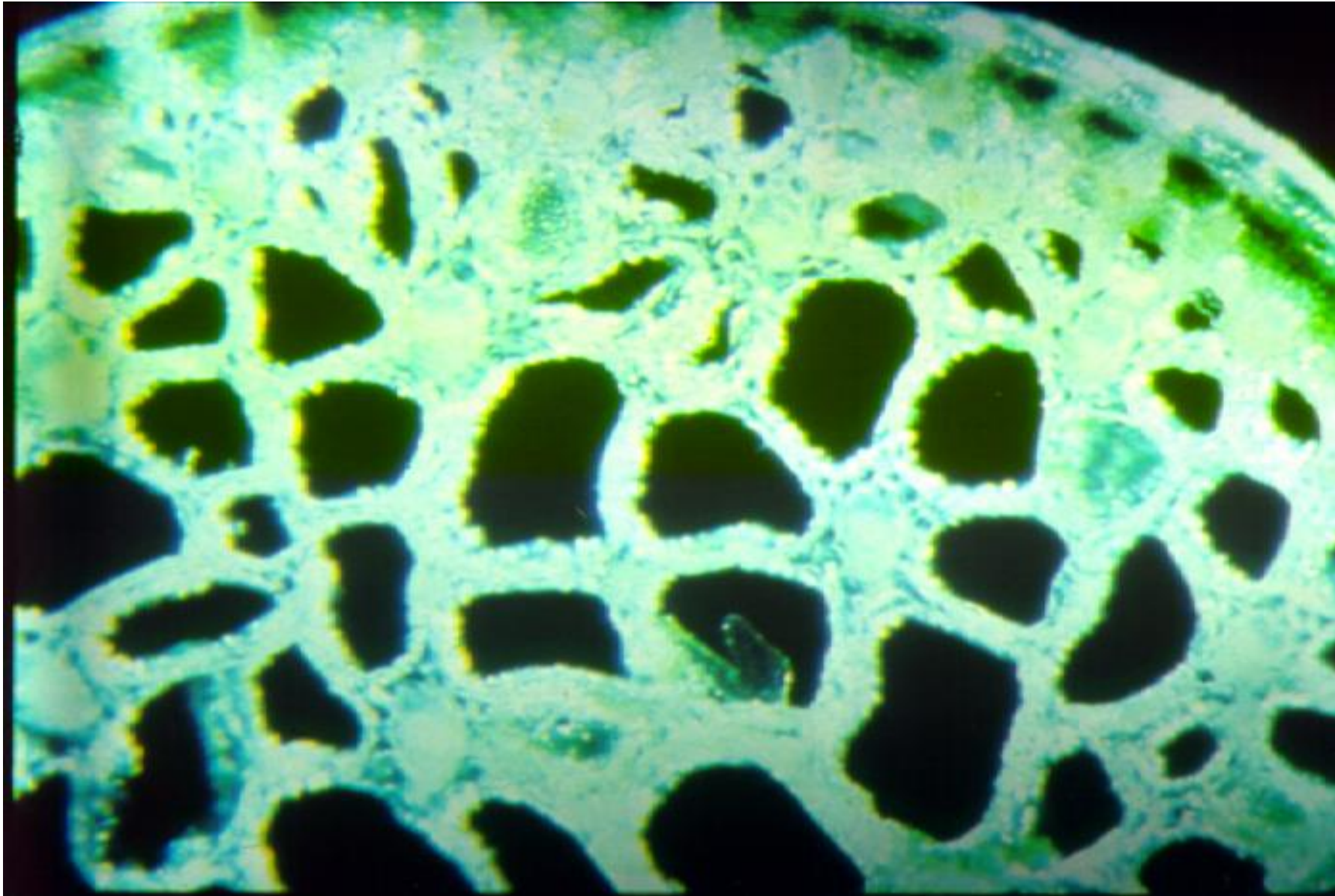


Hypertrophied Lenticels



Aerenchyma





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Floating Leaves



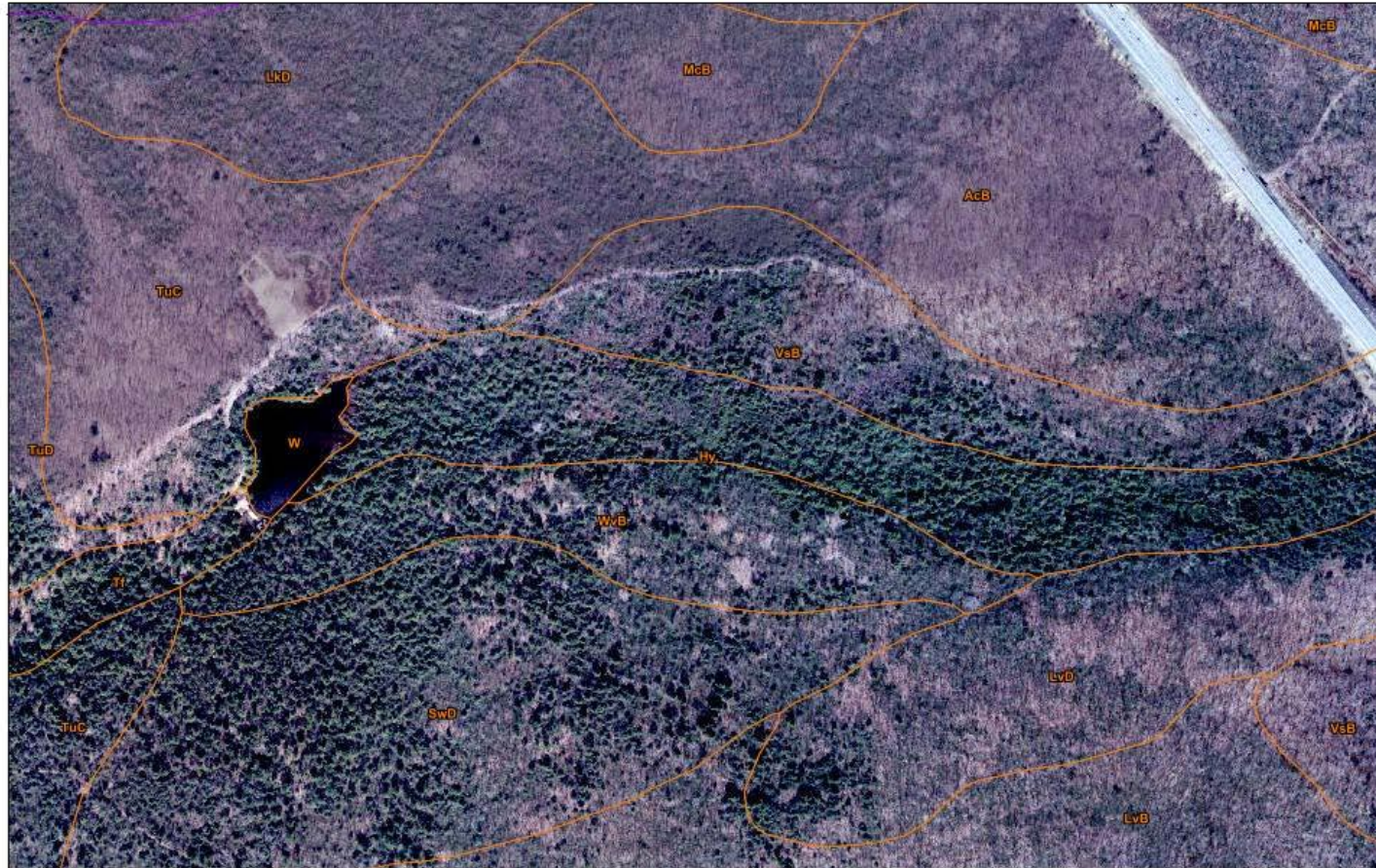
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
- Prior to visiting a site location in the field undertaking a desk top analysis of the location can aid in designing a sampling plan as well as understanding site conditions and hydrologic drive. This analysis also can be used to support field findings and verification of sample data.
- Materials: NWI, Soil Survey, NHD, Aerial Photos (multiple years), GIS data analysis, state/local data systems, etc.



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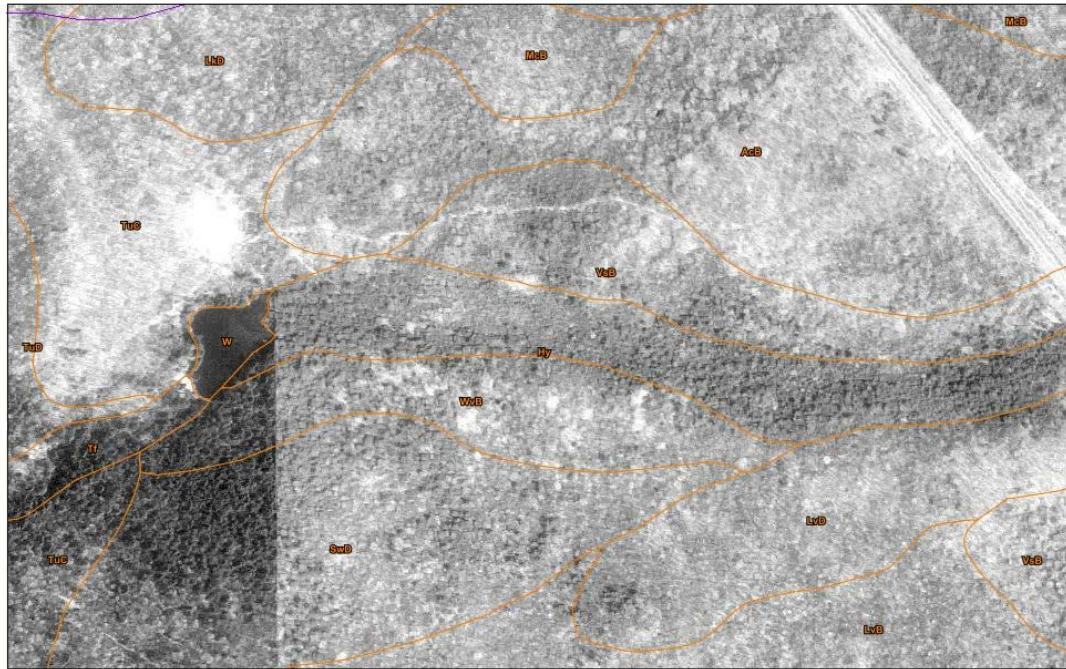
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DOQQZone18
DOQQZone17
High : 225
High : 241
Low : 14
Low : 14

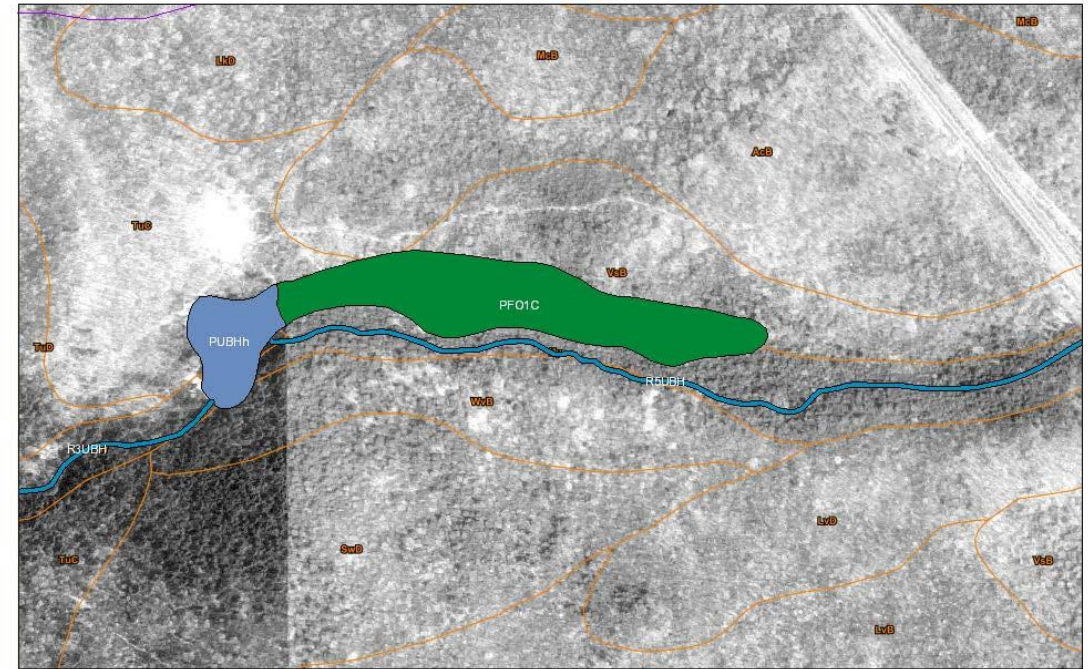
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Wetlands
Estuarine and Marine Wetland
Freshwater Emergent Wetland
Estuarine and Marine Deepwater
Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland
Freshwater Pond
Lake
Riverine
DOQQZone18
High : 225
Other

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Data/Science/Manual

- Wetland delineations must be based on the best available information, interpreted in light of the investigator's training, experience, and professional judgment.
- Don't be a manual zombie
- Don't make it up (It's okay not to know)
- Document, document, document!
- Resource links (see PDF):
 - [Wetland Delineation Manual and Regional Supplements](#)
 - [National Wetland Plant List](#)
 - [Field Indicators of Hydric Soils](#)
 - [Field Book for Describing and Sampling Soils](#)



Introduction to the Federal Process for Identifying Wetlands (continued)

End of Section #3:

- Soils, Hydrology, Morphological Adaptations, Remote Data.



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