This map is prepared as a guide to identify the location and extent of farmland soils that have a combination of physical and chemical characteristics suitable for farming practices. Those soils may qualify for Farm Bill programs that are designed to protect working agricultural lands. This map is intended to be printed at its original dimensions in order to show the detail necessary to properly interpret the information.

**Legend**
- Prime Farmland Soils: soils that have the characteristics suitable for farming and are not available for farm use for any reason.
- Important Farmland Soils: soils that are not available for farm use for any reason and which are not prime farmland, but are suitable for a wide variety of farm uses.
- Local Important Farmland Soils: soils that are not available for farm use for any reason, but do not qualify for prime farmland, but are suitable for a variety of farm uses.
- Impervious: areas with limited or no infiltration capacity.
- Water Bodies: bodies of water that are not impervious.
- County Boundary: boundary of the county.
- State Highway: state highway.
- Local Road: local road.
- Railroad: railroad.

**Explanation**
- Prime Farmland Soils are those soils that have the best combination of physical and chemical characteristics for farming practices and are not available for farm use for any reason. These soils are valuable for agriculture and may be eligible for various Farm Bill programs.
- Important Farmland Soils are soils that are not available for farm use due to various reasons, but still have characteristics that make them suitable for a wide range of farm uses.
- Local Important Farmland Soils are soils that are not available for farm use due to various reasons, but do not qualify for prime farmland, but are still suitable for a variety of farm uses.

**Data Sources**
- U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) National Map Service (NMS)
- U.S. Census Bureau (USCB)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- Connecticut Department of Agriculture, Farmland Preservation Program (FRPP) which is reauthorized in the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (Farm Bill) to protect working agricultural lands.
- Connecticut Farmland Protection Program (CT FPP) which is reauthorized in the Farm Bill to protect working agricultural lands.

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