

# HYDRIC SOILS

## CLINTON, CONNECTICUT

### LEGEND

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**Not Rated** soils have characteristics that show extreme variability from one location to another. Often these areas are urban land complexes or miscellaneous areas. An on-site investigation is required to determine soil conditions present at the site.

- Open Water
- River, Brook, Stream
- Town Boundary
- State Boundary
- County Boundary
- Interstate Highway
- US Route Highway
- State Route Highway
- Highway Ramp
- Local Road
- Railroad

### EXPLANATION

#### List of Map Units dominated by soils meeting Hydric criteria

This map is prepared as a guide to identify the general location of soil map units **dominated** by soils that meet the definition of hydric criteria and, in addition, have at least one of the hydric soil indicator properties. This information can help in land planning, conservation planning and assessment of potential wildlife habitat; however, on-site investigation is recommended to determine the hydric soils on a specific site.

Hydric soils are defined by the National Technical Committee for Hydric Soils (NTHCS) as soils that formed under conditions of saturation, flooding, or ponding long enough during the growing season to develop anaerobic conditions in the upper part (Federal Register, 1994). Under natural conditions, these soils are either saturated or inundated long enough during the growing season to support the growth and reproduction of hydrophytic vegetation (wetland indicator plant species). Soils that are sufficiently wet because of artificial measures are included in the concept of hydric soils. Also, soils in which the hydrology has been artificially modified are hydric if the soil, in an unaltered state, was hydric. In other words, when a specific soil is identified as a hydric soil or nonhydric soil, however, more specific information, such as information about the depth and duration of the water table, is needed. Thus, criteria that identify these estimated soil properties unique to hydric soils have been established (Federal Register, 2002). For more information on the criteria on the Internet go to <http://soils.usda.gov/use/hydric>.

A combination of the hydric soil, hydrophytic vegetation, and hydrology properties define soils as described in the National Food Security Act Manual (Soil Conservation Service, 1994) and the Corps of Engineers (COE) Wetland Definition Manual (Environmental Laboratory, 1987) and COE Regional Supplements. Therefore, an area that meets the hydric soil definition must also meet the hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology definitions in order for it to be correctly classified as a jurisdictional wetland.

The complete list of map units with each map unit component, hydric status, and specific hydric soils criteria status may be accessed through the Electronic Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG) at the Connecticut NRCS website ([www.ct.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.ct.nrcs.usda.gov)).

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name
2	Ridgebury fine sandy loam
3	Ridgebury, Lederer, and Whitman soils, extremely stony
4	Lederer fine sandy loam
5	Wethersfield silty loam
6	Wethersfield silty loam
7	Wethersfield silty loam
8	Mulga Pond and Alden soils, extremely stony
9	Sectic, Shaker, and Maybod soils
10	Raynham silty loam
11	Raynol silty loam
12	Walpole sandy loam
13	Fredon silty loam
14	Scarboro mack
15	Hakesy silty loam
16	Tinakwa and Natchaug soils
17	Calden and Freetown soils
96	Ipswich mucky peat
97	Pawcatuck mucky peat
98	Westbrook mucky peat
99	Wethersfield mucky peat, low salt
103	Ridgebury fine sandy loam
104	Bush silty loam
107	Linerick and Lin soils
108	Saco silty loam
109	Flavaquents-(Udihvents complex, frequently flooded)
409	(Flavaquents are hydric; Udihvents are not hydric)
414	Brayton mucky silty loam, 0 to 8 percent slopes, very stony
433	Moosilauke sandy loam
435	Scarboro mack, cold
436	Hakesy silty loam, cold
437	Wonsqueak peat
438	Backsport mack
442	Brown silty loam
443	Brown-Luonmeadow complex, extremely stony
457	Mulga Pond silty loam, cold
458	Mulga Pond and Alden soils, extremely stony, cold
503	Rumney fine sandy loam
508	Medomak silty loam

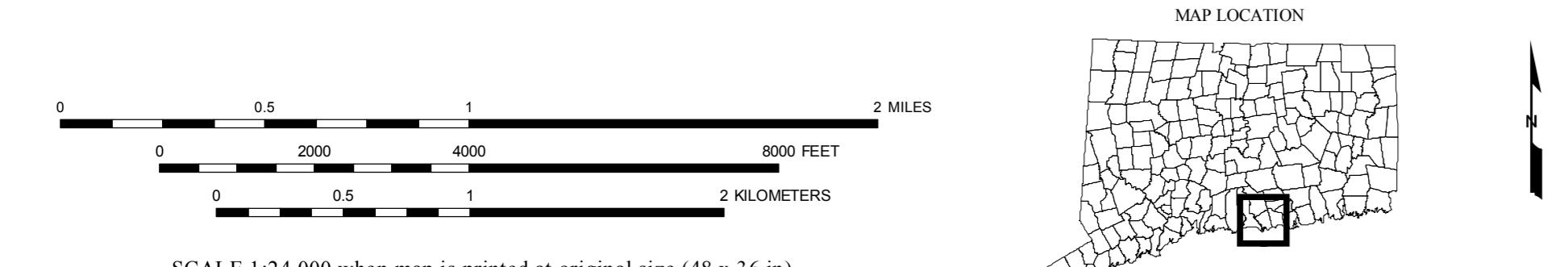
### DATA SOURCES

**SOIL DATA** - Soil map units shown on this map are from the 2007 Soil Survey Geographic Database (SSURGO) database produced by the USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The soils were mapped at a scale of 1:12,000 with a minimum size definition of three acres. Enlargement of this map beyond the original source scale will not show additional detail and can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping. For the most recent soils data contact the NRCS.

hydrography, geographic names and geographic places. Streets and street names are from Tele Atlas copyrighted data. Base map information is neither current nor complete.

**RELATED INFORMATION** - This map is intended to be printed at its original dimensions in order to maintain the 1:24,000 scale (1 inch = 2000 feet).

**MAPS AND DIGITAL DATA** - Visit the CT ECO website for this map and a variety of others. Visit the NRCS soils website for the soils data shown on this map. Visit the CT DEP website to download the base map digital spatial data shown on this map.



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