

SOIL RESOURCES

of the

BEATTON RIVER INDIAN RESERVE NO. 204

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PREFACE

This report contains information about the soils of the Beaton River Indian Reserve, and their potential for agriculture and the construction of small buildings. First there is a brief description of the landscape. Then there are descriptions of the soils, followed by sections on Agricultural Capability and Residential Suitability. More detailed descriptions of the individual soil areas are contained in an appendix. Two maps accompany the report; one shows the different soil areas, identifies them by a number, and also shows their rating for agriculture, the other shows the same soil areas and their ratings for residential suitability.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE RESERVE AND ITS SURROUNDINGS

Location and Size

The Beatton River Indian Reserve is approximately 80 km north of Fort St. John, on the Beatton River. The Reserve spans the river, which runs north-south at this point. There is no bridge or ford, so access is from the east or the west on separate roads. The Reserve consists of about 300ha (740 acres), of which about one tenth is grass. Most of the rest is trees. There are a few small areas of wetland. It is shared by the Doig and Blueberry Bands, but nobody lives there permanently. A small herd of cattle graze parts of it.

Landscape and Geology

In this part of the Peace River District the landscape is a rolling plain with creeks and rivers draining southwards into the Peace River. The bigger rivers, such as the Beatton, run through relatively narrow, steep-sided valleys that lie below the general level of the plain. The Beatton River Reserve spans a part of the Beatton River valley. It therefore comprises, on either side of the river, flat terraces, steep valley sides (some of which are eroding), and a thin strip of the rolling plain. The elevation of the river terraces is about 575m above sea level, and the elevation of the edge of the plain is about 625m.

The climate is continental; there are long cold winters and short warm summers, with a moderate amount of precipitation. The Atmospheric Environment Service climate station at Rose Prairie, just to the south, is typical of land on the plain. Average daily temperatures are above 0° celsius only from April through October. Average total precipitation is 470mm, most of which falls in the summer. Terraces in valley bottoms will be a little colder than land on the plain because cold air will flow down onto them. More details of the climate are given in the section on Agricultural Capability below.

The Reserve lies in the Boreal Forest Region (Rowe 1959), or the Boreal White and Black Spruce Biogeoclimatic Zone (Krajina 1969). Common tree species, in addition to white and black spruce, are trembling aspen, tamarack (in wetlands), and black cottonwood (in valleys). Shrubs include willows, common red-osier dogwood, soopolallie, wild rose and blueberries. Some common ground level plants, in addition to grasses, are twinflower, twinberry honeysuckle, common red indian paintbrush and blue-leaved wild strawberry. Part of the Reserve have been repeatedly burnt in springtime to create open grassy areas on which to graze animals.

The rocks lying under the Reserve are principally shales and sandstones of Cretaceous age. They are soft, flat lying, and extremely susceptible to slumping and erosion on steeper slopes. During the last Ice Age, until about 10 000 years ago, the whole area was covered by ice, which left behind a mantle of clayey glacial till on the higher parts of the plain. As the ice melted, what was to become the Peace River Valley and many of its major tributary valleys were transformed into a huge lake. In this lake were laid down clayey sediments, which, unlike the glacial till, contain no stones. Later still, this lake drained, and rivers such as the Peace, Beatton and Blueberry began to cut their valleys down through the lake sediments, glacial till, and bedrock. This

valley formation continues today, producing the steep valley walls and terraces adjacent to the rivers. Any slopes, especially those undercut by the Beaton River, are susceptible to slumping.

These deposits, laid down during or after the last ice age, are the materials in which the soils of the Reserve have formed. On the edges of the plain, on either side of the valley, there are glacial till and lacustrine clay soils. On the valley sides are unstable clay soils that are quite thin over bedrock. The terraces, close to the river, have sandy alluvial soils. At a very general scale, the soils have been mapped for the whole of the Peace River District (Farstad et al. 1965, Lord and Green 1985). In these generalized surveys the edges of the plain, above the valleys, have been mapped as Buick (poorly drained glacial till), or Goose (poorly drained lacustrine) Soils. The sides of the valleys are mapped as Rough Broken Land, and the terraces are shown as Alluvial Soils.

SURVEY METHODS

Soils

The Reserve was mapped from field observations of soil and land features, and from what could be seen on air photographs (scale 1:20 000). Stretches of land were mapped that had uniform soil or land characteristics. They are called Soil Areas in this report, and each is identified by a unique number. They were distinguished on the basis of the following characteristics:

- slope or topography
- texture and depth of soil materials
- moisture regime or water content
- erosion
- gravel content
- susceptibility to river flooding
- how complex the pattern of soils was

Two days were spent in the field. Soils were inspected with a one metre auger or a shovel. Land features, such as slope or any evidence of flooding, were noted as well. Most of the survey was done on foot. The total area mapped was 300 ha, with 59 inspections of soil and land features. This means there was one inspection for every 5 ha of land, and 75% of the Soil Areas had at least one inspection, which makes this a Detailed Survey at a Survey Intensity Level of 2 (Mapping System Working Group 1981).

Descriptions of Soil Areas were recorded on standard forms, and are reproduced in Appendix 1. Definitions of terms used to describe soils may be found in Walmsley et al (1980) or Day (1983). Each Soil Area, identified by a number, is shown on the map that accompanies this report. General descriptions of the major features of the soils are given in the next section. Composite samples were taken from a number of Soil Areas and analyzed for their physical and chemical characteristics. Some samples were also sent to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food laboratory in Kelowna. The results of these analyses, with recommendations for improving the soil, are given in the section on Agricultural Capability.

Agricultural Capability

After each Soil Area had been described and mapped it was rated for agriculture. The ratings are shown on the map after the Area number. The Land Capability Classification for Agriculture used in British Columbia rates land according to its potential for field crops or grazing. Classes indicated relative potential, and subclasses indicate problems such as stoniness, lack of soil moisture or steep slopes. Classes 1 to 4 are capable of supporting field crops. Classes 5 and 6 are only suited to grazing, the Class 7 is non-agricultural. The classification is explained in the legend accompanying the map, and in two further publications listed in the References (Canada Land Inventory 1965, and Kenk 1983).

Before the soil can be rated for agriculture it is necessary to determine how suitable the climate is for agriculture. The climate is also rated in seven classes, and no soil can be rated higher than the climate class. The

Atmpsheric environment Service climate station at Rose Prairie is typical of land on the plain near the Reserve. Its records give the following information:

elevation (m)	670
growing degree days	988
freeze free period (days)	77
annual precipitation (mm)	470
growing season precipitation (mm)	318
potential evapotranspiration (mm)	377
climate moisture balance (mm)	-60

Any depressions, such as valleys of rivers like the Doig, will have even shorter freeze free periods and fewer growing degree days, because cold air drains into them.

On the basis of these figures the climate class of the Reserve has been set at 3 for the lands on the plain, and 4 for the slopes and terraces of the river valley. No Soil Area can be rated better than this.

The ratings eventually assigned to each Soil Area are shown on the Agricultural Capability map after the Area number.

Residential Suitability

After the soils had been mapped and assessed for agriculture, the map and soil descriptions were given to Martin Kobayakawa and Jeremy Joyce, who were District Planner and Student Assistant respectively of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada in Fort St. John. They rated the Soil Areas according to their suitability as sites for small residential buildings. The ratings are shown on the Development Suitability map included with this report. A description of how the ratings were done is given below in the section on Residential Suitability.

DESCRIPTIONS OF SOIL AREAS

The map shows 20 different soil areas. Each one is described in detail in Appendix 1. However, many of them were quite similar, and can be grouped together. The major similarities are among those areas on the edge of the plains, those on the sides of the river valleys, and those on the terraces. Within these three main parts of the landscape there are also some contrasting areas because of soil texture, water content or topography. This gives five general types of soil areas, and these will be described in the following sections. They are shown diagrammatically, as a cross section across the valley, in Figure 1.

Plains, moderately dry, clay areas

Soils Areas 05, and 13.

The outer edges of the Reserve to the east and west, cover small parts of the rolling plains. Slopes are usually less than 5%, but can be as steep as 10% in some places. The texture of the soil is clay loam or clay, both in the topsoil and subsoil. There are very few stones, and the soils have a strong blocky structure that allows roots to penetrate to well below 50 cm. The moisture regime is commonly humid to perhumid, and most soils are moderately well drained. Being so clayey, the soils are only slowly permeable to water. They are not susceptible to erosion, except when bare and exposed on steeper slopes. When wet they become very sticky, making driving difficult. Topsoils analyses from one of these areas (Table 1) show it to be acid, fairly rich in organic matter, but to contain little nitrogen. These areas have been mapped as the Beatton Soils on generalized maps of the area (Lord and Green 1985).

River Valley Sides

Soil Areas 04, 06, 07, 10, 19, 20.

From the edge of the plains the ground slopes down to the Beatton River and its terraces at angles of between 20 and 30%. The soils are still clays or clay loams, but on these slopes they are either well or moderately well drained. Their moisture regimes are either humid or perhumid. However, their most important characteristic is their susceptibility to slumping and erosion. On treed or grass slopes this will show as irregular hummocks. Where the river is undercutting the foot of the slope there will be active erosion scars and exposed bedrock. The river valley sides have been mapped on generalized soil maps as Rough Broken Land (Lord and Green 1985).

There are two very high benches (Areas 07 and 20) that have been included in the River Valley Sides, although they are really quite similar to the terrace flats. Their surfaces are undulating, with slopes up to 7 or 8%. Topsoils are sandy loam, and subsoils are sandy. They stand as isolated blocks of land below the general level of the plains, but well above the terraces.

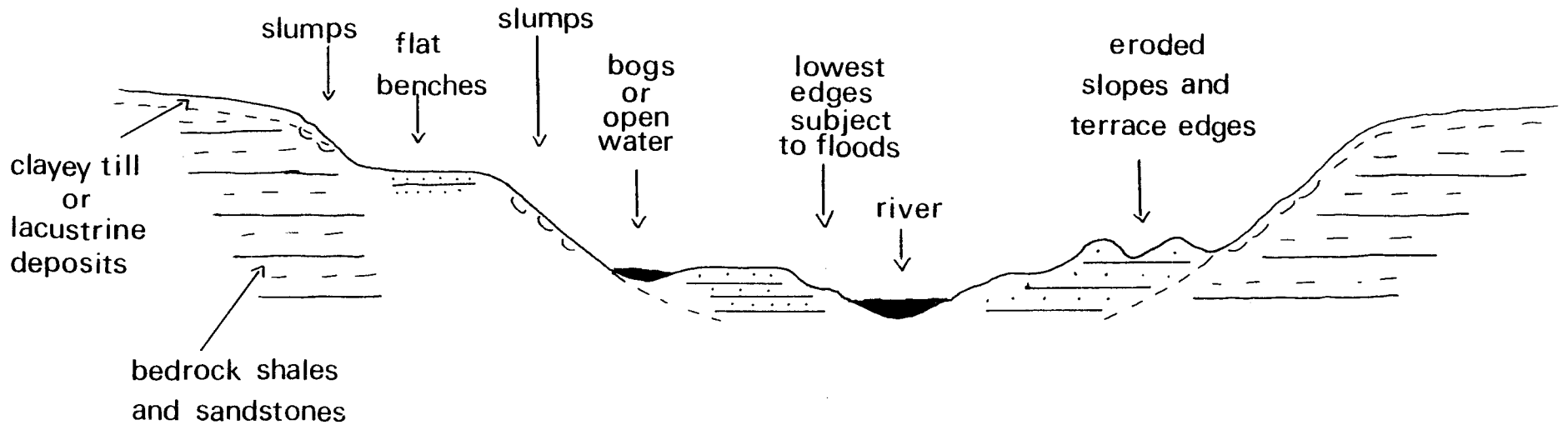
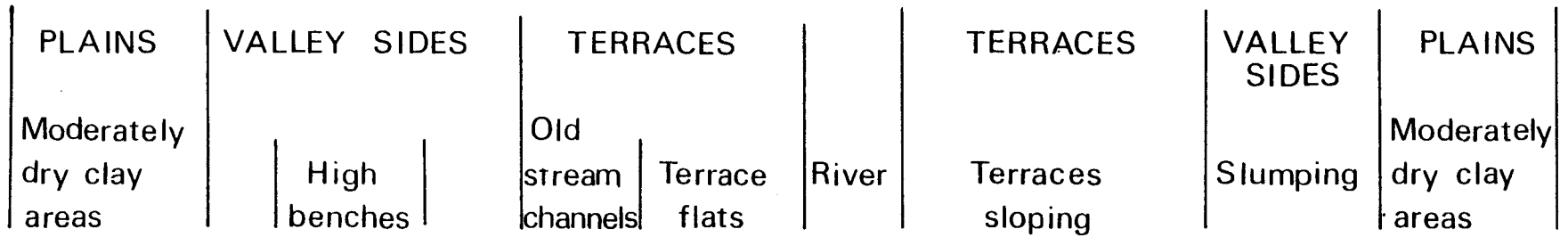


Figure 1 Generalized Cross Section of the valley

Table 1: Soil Analyses

<u>Soil Area</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Sample</u> <u>Depth(cm)</u>	<u>pH</u> <u>(CaCl₂)</u>	<u>Organic</u> <u>Matter(%)</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>N (%)</u>	<u>C:N</u>	<u>C.E.C.*</u> <u>(me/100g)</u>
<u>Plains, Moderately, Dry Clay Areas</u>						
05	0-20	4.8	4.1	0.16	135	19
<u>Terraces, flats</u>						
02	0-20	5.6	8.8	0.46	11	25
08	0-20	6.2	3.8	0.19	12	14
12	0-20	5.5	4.9	0.24	12	16

*C.E.C. is Cation Exchange Capacity

Terraces, flats

Soil Areas 02, 03, 08, 11, 12, and 16.

There are large terraces on either side of the river. The general slope of these terraces is less than 2%, but often there are parallel ridges running across them. The ridges can be one or two metres high, and their sides can slope as steeply as 25%. Topsoil textures are sandy loam or loamy sand, and subsoil textures, below 50cm, are sand. Of the terraces that were inspected, none had deep gravel deposits. Soil moisture regimes are humid or subhumid, and all soils are well drained. Permeability is rapid, and no soils suffer from excess water. On the other hand, the lowest edges of the terraces, bordering the river, are subject to flooding. Topsoil samples (Table 1) were acid, contained considerable organic matter, but had lower cation exchange capacities than the clay soils of the plains. These terraces have been mapped as Alluvial Soils on generalized soil maps (Lord and Green 1985).

Terraces, sloping

Soil Areas 01, 09, 14, 15, and 18.

Portions of the terraces are high above the general level of the river. They have been eroded by running water in the past, and now have irregular topography with slopes as steep as 30%. Others are close to the present river and have been cut into ridges and gullies, with equally steep, though shorter, slopes. One especially, is so close to the river that it is subject to flooding quite often (area 01). These areas are too small to have been shown on generalized soil maps but would have been included in areas of Alluvial Soils (Lord and Green 1985).

Terraces, Old Stream Channels

Soil Area 17.

This is a remnant of a former course of the Beaton River. It is now a marshy lake, with open water in the centre and reeds and other wetland vegetation round the edges. These edges would be similar to the Kenzie Soils, and would be included in areas mapped as Alluvial Soils on generalized soil maps (Lord and Green 1985).

AGRICULTURAL CAPABILITY AND FERTILIZER RECOMMENDATIONS

Plains, Moderately Dry, Clay Areas

The Agricultural Capability Climate Class for these areas is 3. This means that soils that would otherwise be excellent for agriculture can be rated no better than moderately productive, because primarily of a short growing season. Agricultural Capability ratings refer to the potential of the soils to produce field crops like wheat or barley (Kenk 1983). In fact most of soils in these areas suffer from the additional limitation of wetness. Their clay or clay loam texture means that water can move through them only slowly. They remain wet and cold for a considerable time after snow melt in the spring. However, they do eventually dry out so that they can be seeded and cultivated. In some places slopes of up to 15% also make farming difficult. These two areas have, therefore, been rated 4w, 4tc, or in some especially favourable spots, 3c.

The results of soil test analyses done on composite samples taken from each area are given in Table 2. Both are acid and, although they have considerable organic matter, they have very little nitrate nitrogen, and are also deficient in phosphorus. The fertilizer recommendations in Table 3 show application rates for nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium and lime. For oats and barley nitrogen should be broadcast and incorporated into the soil before seeding. For rapeseed (canola) it should be applied in early spring. There are two rates shown for grass-legumes. The first (80kg ha⁻¹) should be applied in early spring. The second (55kg ha⁻¹) should be applied after the first cut to encourage regrowth for a second cut or fall grazing. Liming is required on these areas, and the rates suggested are to attain the most suitable pH level for each crop. The potash rates are not deficient in potash and a higher crop yield is not expected from the application of potash fertilizer.

These higher plain areas on the border of the Reserve are only very small. Although they do have some potential for agriculture, there is better land (at least for forages and grazing) on the terraces.

River Valley Sides

The slopes along the Beatton River valley are so steep and unstable that they are completely unsuitable to any form of cultivation. However, under the trees there is often a dense cover of native grasses and herbs. Such areas have some potential for grazing and have been rated 6te. Steeper and actively eroding land has been rated 7te. This is all but impossible to graze.

The two high, isolated benches have been rated 4c and 4tc. However, they are too difficult to get to think of using them for anything else other than grazing.

Table 2 Soil Test Analyses

Soil Area	Lab #	Organic Matter %	pH (CaCl ₂)	NO ₃ -N (ug mL ⁻¹)	P (ug mL ⁻¹)	K (ug mL ⁻¹)	Salts (d m ⁻¹)
<u>Plains, dry clay areas</u>							
05	84/641-3	4.6	4.8	11	18	148	0.24
13	84/641-5	3.4	4.6	9	14	149	0.28
<u>Terraces, flats</u>							
08	84/641-1	5.1	5.7	15	13	107	0.28
02	84/641-2	4.9	5.1	11	13	101	0.24
12	84/641-4	6.4	5.7	10	11	146	0.36

Analyses were done by Soil Testing Laboratory, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Kelowna.

Table 3. Fertilizer Recommendations for Crops (Kg/ha)

	<u>Oats</u>	<u>Barley</u>	<u>Rapeseed (Canola)</u>	<u>Grass- Legumes</u>
<u>Plains, clay, dry</u>				
<u>Soil Area #05</u>				
Nitrogen (N)	40	50	66	80/55
Phosphate (P ₂₀₅)	60	70	50	70
Potash (K ₂₀)	15	30	40	40
Lime (t ha ⁻¹)	4.8	6.8	6.8	6.8
<u>Soil Area #13</u>				
Nitrogen (N)	40	50	66	80/55
Phosphate (P ₂₀₅)	70	80	90	80
Potash (K ₂₀)	15	30	40	40
Lime (t ha ⁻¹)	4.7	6.8	6.8	6.8
<u>Terraces, flats</u>				
<u>Soil Area #08</u>				
Nitrogen (N)	20	30	66	80/55
Phosphate (P ₂₀₅)	70	80	90	80
Potash (K ₂₀)	20	30	40	40
Lime (t ha ⁻¹)	0	0	0	0
<u>Soil Area #02</u>				
Nitrogen (N)	40	50	66	80/55
Phosphate (P ₂₀₅)	70	80	90	80
Potash (K ₂₀)	20	30	40	40
Lime (t ha ⁻¹)	0	6.7	6.7	6.7
<u>Soil Area #12</u>				
Nitrogen (N)	40	50	66	80/55
Phosphate (P ₂₀₅)	70	80	90	80
Potash (K ₂₀)	15	30	40	40
Lime (t ha ⁻¹)	0	0	0	0

Recommendations from Soil Testing Laboratory, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Kelowna.

Lime application rates are for the pH level recommended for the crop.

Terraces, flats

The Agricultural Capability Climate Class of the terraces is 4. They suffer not only the short growing season of this part of the Peace River District, but also are susceptible to additional frost hazard due to cold air drainage. Even soils that are otherwise excellent for agriculture can be rated no higher than class 4. In fact these soils have few other limitations for agriculture. Their topsoils are sandy loam or loamy sand, and their subsoils are invariably sand. Their ability to hold water and nutrients is, therefore, rather limited, and the low ridges that run across them would require some levelling before cultivation. But generally they offer limitations that are no more severe than the overall limitation of climate. Most have therefore been rated as 4ct. Those where the ridges are particularly large have been rated as 5t or 5tc. However, even though 4ct implies that field crops such as barley or oats could be cultivated, it would probably be better to retain them in their present use, that of native hay production, or possibly try forage crops such as alfalfa, in the future.

Terraces, sloping

The steep topography of these eroded terraces precludes any cultivated agriculture. However, like the River Valley Sides, there is a dense growth of grasses and shrubs on these wooded slopes. They are used at present for grazing some animals and can continue to be so.

Terraces, Old Stream Channels

The inundated depression that was an old stream channel is too wet for any form of agriculture. It has been rated 7w.

RESIDENTIAL SUITABILITY

By Martin Kobayakawa and Jeremy Joyce.

There were three steps to assessing residential suitability; collecting information about the soil in the field, interpreting this information for specific types of development, and determining an overall rating for residential suitability. Specific and overall ratings are shown on the map of "Development Suitability" that accompanies this report. The following paragraphs explain how these ratings were made.

Collecting Field Information

This was done by the Agriculture Canada soil survey crew. Residential Suitability was determined for the same Soil Areas, using the same information about each area (Appendix 1), as were used to assess Agricultural Capability.

Interpretations for Specific types of Development

Suitability for the following types of development was assessed for each Soil Area:

- buildings with basements
- local roads
- septic tank fields
- sand and/or gravel extraction.

Development suitability was determined by evaluating a number of critical factors for each type of development as shown in Tables 4, 5 and 6. Table 7 gives the critical factors for frost action and shrink swell, which are additional limitations to the construction of buildings with basements and local roads.

Three classes of ratings were derived systematically as shown in Figure 2. They are defined as follows:

- Good Site characteristics which are generally favorable for the rated use, with limitations that are minor and easily overcome;
- Moderate Site characteristics that are unfavorable, but that can be overcome or modified by special planning and design;
- Poor Site characteristics that are so unfavourable, and so difficult to overcome, that they require major soil reclamation and/or special designs.

Determinating the Overall Suitability Rating

This rating combines the three assessments for buildings with basements, local roads, and septic tanks. A Soil Area is rated GOOD if all the specific ratings are GOOD. It is rated as MODERATE if one or more of the specific ratings is MODERATE, and POOR if any one of the specific ratings is POOR.

Table 4: Limiting Factors for Constructing Buildings with Basements and Local Roads

Limiting Factors	Rating Classes and Criteria		
	Good	Moderate	Poor
Slope	0-10%	11-20%	>20%
Soil Texture	Sand to Sandy Loam	Fine Sandy Loam to Sandy Clay Loam	Clay Loam, Clay and Organic
Soil Coarse Fragments	0-29%	30-59%	60-99%
Soil Coarse Fragments, larger than 2.5 cm dia.	0-19%	20-39%	40-99%
Drainage Class	Rapid	Well to Moderately Well	Imperfect to Very Poor
Permeability Class	Rapid	Moderate	Slow to Very Slow
Excess Water	None to Occasional	Ocassional minor damage to frequent	Frequent (perennial) to Submerged
Flooding	None	-	Occasional to Flooded
Erosion Class	None	Slight to Moderate	Severe to Eroded

References: Maynard (1979), and TERA Environmental Consultants Ltd., and T.M. Thomson and Associates Ltd. (1984).

Table 5: Limiting Factors for Septic Tank Effluent Absorption

Limiting Factors	Rating Classes and Criteria		
	Good	Moderate	Poor
Slope	0-10%	11-15%	>15%
Soil Texture	Sandy Loam to Silt Loam	Loamy Sand to Silty Clay Loam	Sand; Clay and Organic
Soil Coarse Fragments	0-19%	20-49%	50-99%
Soil Coarse Fragments, larger than 2.5 cm dia.	0-9%	10-19%	20-99%
Drainage Class	Well	Moderately well or rapid	Imperfect, Poor to Very Poor
Excess Water	None to Occasional	Ocassional minor to Frequent	Frequent (perennial) to Submerged
Flooding	None	None	Occasional to Flooded
Erosion Class	None	Slight	Moderate to Eroded
Moisture Regime	-	Subaquic to Peraquic	Subaquic to Peraquic
Shallowest Dept of Ground Water during year	>99 cm	>99 cm	<100 cm
Structure	Granular, sub angular blocky	Block, platy or Prismatic	Massive or Structureless

References: EPP (1984)

Table 6: Suitability for Sand and/or Gravel Extraction

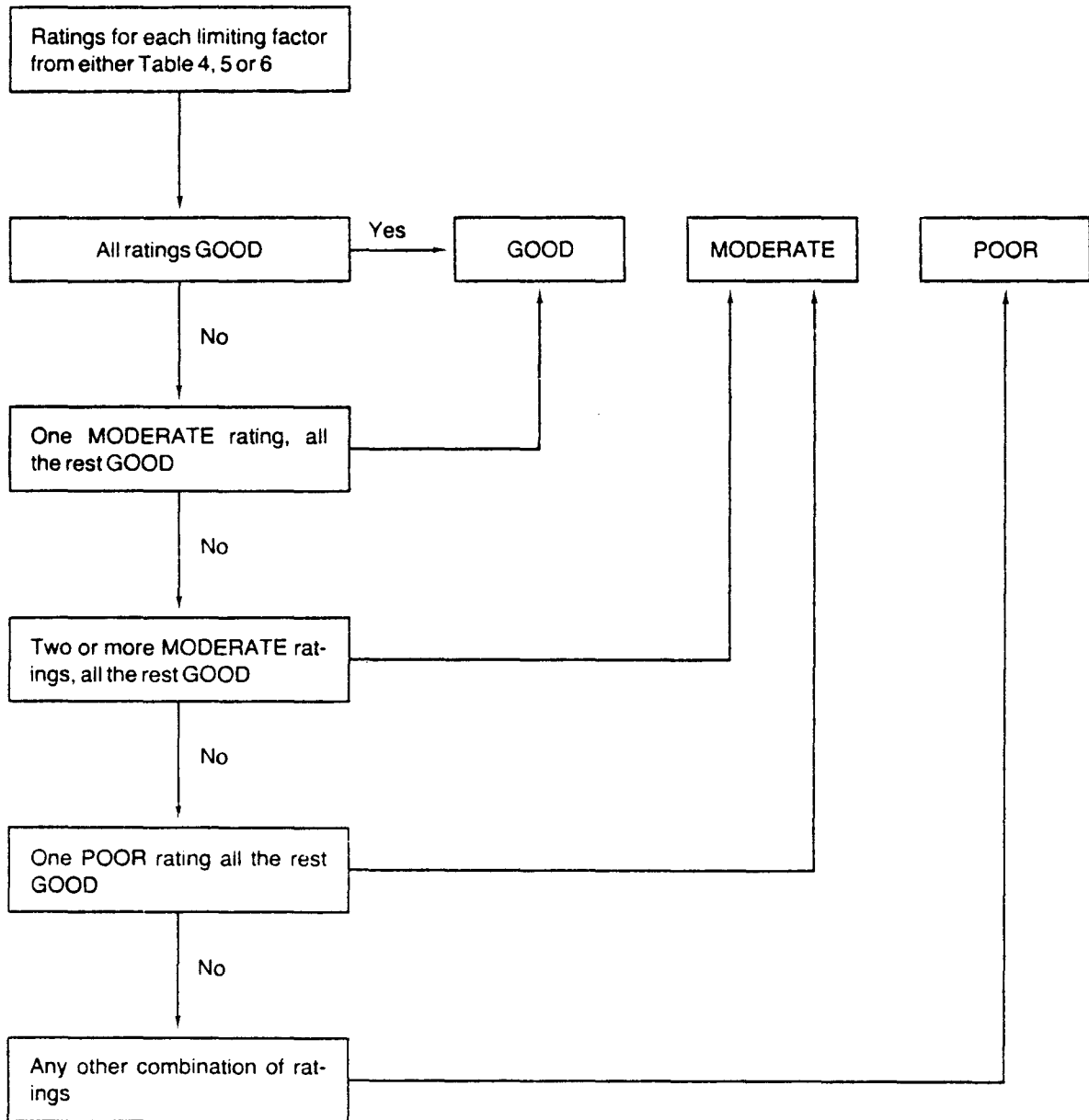
Soil Characteristics	Rating Classes and Criteria		
	Good	Moderate	Poor
Texture	Sand to Loamy Sand	Sand Loam to Fine Sandy Loam	Loam, Clay Loam, Clay and Organic
Coarse Fragments	60-99%	30-59%	0-29%
Coarse Fragments larger than 2.5 cm dia.	20-99%	10-19%	0-9%
Coarse Fragments larger than 7.5 cm dia.	20-99%	10-19%	0-9%

Reference: Maynard (1979)

Table 7: Limiting Criteria for Classes of Frost Action and Shrink-Swell

<u>FROST ACTION</u>		<u>Texture</u>		
		Silt Loam, Silty Clay, Clay Loam	Clay, Fine Sandy Loam, Loam	Sand, Loamy Sand, Sandy Loam, Organic
<u>Moisture Regime</u>	Semiarid to Perhumid	Moderate	Low	Low
	Subaquic to Peraquic	High	Moderate	Moderate
<u>SHRINK SWELL</u>				
		Silt Loam, Silty Clay, Clay Loam	Clay, Fine Sandy Loam, Loam	Sandy, Loamy Sand, Sandy Loam, Organic
<u>Moisture Regime</u>	Semiarid to Perhumid	Low	Low	High
	Subaquic to Peraquic	High	Moderate	High

Figure 2. Derivation of ratings for buildings with basements, local roads, or septic tank fields.



Note: Some Soil Areas contain two contrasting soils. In this case each soil was rated separately. If the two ratings differed, the whole Soil Area was rated as follows:

A GOOD rating with a MODERATE or POOR rating = MODERATE

A MODERATE rating with a POOR rating = POOR

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APPENDIX 1 DESCRIPTION OF SOIL AREAS

The characteristics of each soil area are described here. Part 1 is a Key. It defines all the characteristics briefly, then lists classes of them with numbers that signify each class. Part 2 lists all Soil Areas and describes them by numbers to signify the class of each characteristic. Thus in Part 2, for Soil Area 03, the key number for the flattest slope is 1 and the key number for the texture of the upper 50 cm of soil is 8. The Key in Part 1 shows that 1 means that the flattest slope is less than 2%, and 8 means that the texture of the upper 50 cm is clay loam.

The first three lines of each Soil Area description show how many times the area was inspected, and, if there were two types of soil, what their proportions were (in tenths). The Areas with two types of soil have two columns of numbers. The first, headed "1", describes the more common soil. The second, headed "2", describes the less common soil.

Further definitions of terms such as moisture regime and drainage class, or what is meant by frequent flooding or severe erosion may be found in the publications of Kenk (1983), Walmsley et al (1980) or Day (1983).

PART 1: KEY TO CLASSES OF SOIL AND LAND CHARACTERISTICS

<u>Characteristic and Definition</u>	<u>Key #</u>	<u>Class Description</u>	<u>Characteristic and Definition</u>	<u>Key #</u>	<u>Class Description</u>
1 <u>Slope</u> The steepest or flattest slope in %	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	<3 3-5 6-10 11-15 16-20 21-30 >30	2 <u>Soil Texture</u>	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0	Sand Loamy sand Sandy loam Fine sandy loam Loam Silt loam Silty clay loam Clay Loam Clay Organic
3 <u>Total Coarse Fragments</u> Mineral particles larger than 2 mm in diameter (%)	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	0-9 10-19 20-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 70-79 80-89 90-100	4 <u>Stones</u> Mineral soil particles larger than 2.5 cm in diameter (%)		Same numbers and class descriptions as <u>Total Coarse Fragments</u>
5 <u>Cobbles</u> Mineral soil particles larger than 7.5 cm in diameter (%)			5 <u>Cobbles</u> Mineral soil particles larger than 7.5 cm in diameter (%)		Same numbers and class descriptions as <u>Total Coarse Fragments</u>
6 <u>Structure</u> Shape and size of stable soil aggregates	1 2 3 4	Structure-less Blocky Platy Prismatic	7 <u>Fertility</u> General fertility estimated from nutrient content, pH, carbonates, or toxic compounds (other than salts)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Fertile Minor problems Moderate Major problems Severe problems (improveable) Severe problems (unimproveable) Infertile
8 <u>Moisture Regime</u> Soil moisture content and seasonal variation	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Semiarid Subhumid Humid Perhumid Subaquic aquic Peraquic	9 <u>Drainage Class</u> Rate at which water is removed from the soil, and the seasonal variation in water content	1 2 3 4 5 6	Rapidly Well Moderately well Imperfectly Poorly Very poorly
10 <u>Permeability Class</u> Rate at which water can move through the soil	1 2 3 4	Rapid Moderate Slow Very slow	11 <u>Depth of Groundwater</u> Depth when closest to the surface	1 2	Deeper than 99 cm Shallower than 100 cm

<u>Characteristic and Definition</u>	<u>Key #</u>	<u>Class Description</u>	<u>Characteristic and Definition</u>	<u>Key #</u>	<u>Class Description</u>
12 <u>Excess Soil Water</u> High watertables, seepage or runoff that cause crop damage	1	None	13 <u>Root Restriction</u> Depth in cm of any layer that restricts roots; hardpan, rock, watertable etc.	1	deeper than 75
	2	Occasional		2	75-50
	3	Occasional, minor damage		3	49-25
	4	Frequent		4	shallower than 25
	5	Frequent, forage only			
	6	Continuous			
	7	Submerged			
14 <u>Soil Erosion</u> Damage from past erosion that limits agriculture	1	None	15 <u>Stream Flooding</u> Inundation caused by overbank flow from streams or lakes	1	None
	2	Slight		2	Occasional
	3	Moderate		3	Frequent
	4	Severe		4	Frequent, flooded
	5	Very Severe		5	Frequent, extended
	6	Extremely severe		6	Extended
	7	Eroded		7	Flooded
16 <u>Organic Soil Depth</u> Depth in cm to underlying rock or mineral soil	1	Deeper than 180	17 <u>Organic Soil Decomposition</u> Degree to which plant tissue has broken down	1	Mesic
	2	150-180		2	Mesic and mineral
	3	120-149		3	Humic or Fibric
	4	Shallower than 120		4	Aquatic muck

PART 2. CHARACTERISTICS OF EACH SOIL AREA

<u>SOIL AREA NUMBER</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>06</u>	<u>07</u>
Times Area inspected	3	6	4	5	4	2	2
Major soil (1), Minor soil (2)	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2
Proportions (tenths)		7 3	6 4	7 3	6 4	6 4	
<u>CHARACTERISTICS</u>							
Slope, flattest	2	2 1	2 2	4 6	1 1	6 6	2
Slope, steepest	6	5 3	6 3	7 7	2 2	6 7	3
Texture, 0-50 cm	2	3 3	1 1	9 9	7 7	3 3	3
Texture, 50-100 cm	1	1 2	1 1	9 9	9 9	2 2	2
Total Coarse Fragments, 0-50 cm	0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0
Total Coarse Fragments, 50-100 cm	0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0
Stones, 0-50 cm	0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0
Cobbles, 0-50 cm	0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0
Structure	1	1 1	1 1	2 2	2 2	1 1	1
Fertility	3	2 2	3 3	2 2	2 2	2 2	2
Moisture Regime	2	3 3	2 2	3 3	3 2	2 2	2
Drainage Class	1	2 2	1 1	3 4	3 2	2 2	2
Permeability	1	2 2	1 1	3 4	3 3	1 1	1
Depth to Groundwater	1	1 1	1 1	1 2	1 1	1 1	1
Excess Soil Water	1	1 1	1 1	4 3	3 2	1 1	1
Root Restriction	1	1 1	1 1	1 1	2 2	1 1	1
Soil Erosion	1	1 1	1 1	6 4	1 1	1 1	1
Stream Flooding	7	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1
Organic Soil Depth	-	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	-
Organic Soil Decomposition	-	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	-

<u>SOIL AREA NUMBER</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>09</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>
Times Area inspected	5	0	4	4	5	5	4
Major soil (1), Minor soil (2)	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2
Proportions (tenths)	6 4		6 4	8 2		8 2	

CHARACTERISTICS

Slope, flattest	3 2	6	5 4	4 1	1	2 1	2
Slope, steepest	5 3	7	6 7	7 2	2	4 2	6
Texture, 0-50 cm	3 3	1	8 8	2 2	3	8 8	2
Texture, 50-100 cm	1 2	1	9 9	1 1	1	9 9	1
Total Coarse Fragments, 0-50 cm	0 0	0	0 0	0 2	0	0 0	0
Total Coarse Fragments, 50-100 cm	0 0	0	0 0	0 0	0	0 0	1
Stones, 0-50 cm	0 0	0	0 0	0 1	0	0 0	0
Cobbles, 0-50 cm	0 0	0	0 0	0 0	0	0 0	0
Structure	1 1	1	2 2	1 1	1	2 2	1
Fertility	2 2	3	2 2	3 3	2	3 3	3
Moisture Regime	2 2	2	3 3	3 6	2	3 6	3
Drainage Class	2 2	2	2 2	2 6	2	2 6	2
Permeability	1 1	1	2 2	1 4	1	1 4	1
Depth to Groundwater	1 1	1	1 1	1 2	1	1 2	1
Excess Soil Water	1 1	1	1 1	1 7	1	3 6	1
Root Restriction	1 1	1	2 2	1 5	1	3 4	1
Soil Erosion	1 1	7	4 7	1 1	1	1 1	1
Stream Flooding	1 1	3	1 1	1 1	1	1 1	1
Organic Soil Depth	- -	-	- -	- -	-	- -	-
Organic Soil Decomposition	- -	-	- -	- -	-	- -	-

<u>SOIL AREA NUMBER</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>
Times Area inspected	3	3	0	0	0	0
Major soil (1), Minor soil (2)	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2
Proportions (tenths)	6 4				7 3	

CHARACTERISTICS

Slope, flattest	3 4	1	1	2	3 4	4
Slope, steepest	6 7	4	2	6	6 7	2
Texture, 0-50 cm	2 2	2	0	2	2 2	3
Texture, 50-100 cm	1 1	1	1	1	1 1	2
Total Coarse Fragments, 0-50 cm	0 0	0	0	0	0 0	0
Total Coarse Fragments, 50-100 cm	0 0	0	0	1	0 0	0
Stones, 0-50 cm	0 0	0	0	0	0 0	0
Cobbles, 0-50 cm	0 0	0	0	0	0 0	0
Structure	1 1	1	1	1	1 1	1
Fertility	3 3	3	4	3	3 3	2
Moisture Regime	2 2	3	7	3	2 2	2
Drainage Class	1 1	1	6	2	1 1	2
Permeability	1 1	1	4	1	1 1	1
Depth to Groundwater	1 1	1	2	1	1 1	1
Excess Soil Water	1 1	1	7	1	1 1	1
Root Restriction	1 1	1	5	1	1 1	1
Soil Erosion	3 7	1	1	1	3 7	1
Stream Flooding	1 1	1	1	1	1 1	1
Organic Soil Depth	- -	-	4	-	- -	-
Organic Soil Decomposition	- -	-	3	-	- -	-