

## MAP LEGEND

#### Area of Interest (AOI)

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#### Soils

Soil Map Units

## Soil Ratings

Very limited

Somewhat limited

Not limited

Not rated or not available

#### **Political Features**



Cities

### **Water Features**

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Streams and Canals

#### Transportation



Rails

Interstate Highways

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**US Routes** 

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Major Roads

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Local Roads

# MAP INFORMATION

Map Scale: 1:14,200 if printed on A size (8.5" × 11") sheet.

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:24,000.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for accurate map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service Web Soil Survey URL: http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov Coordinate System: UTM Zone 15N NAD83

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: Ouachita Parish, Louisiana Survey Area Data: Version 5, Apr 13, 2007

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Data not available.

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.

# **Dwellings Without Basements**

Dwellings Without Basements— Summary by Map Unit — Ouachita Parish, Louisiana (LA073)							
Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating	Component name (percent)	Rating reasons (numeric values)	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI	
Hb	Hebert silt loam	Somewhat limited	Hebert (90%)	Shrink-swell (0.50)	419.9	59.5%	
				Depth to saturated zone (0.07)			
Не	Hebert complex	Somewhat limited	Hebert (90%)	Shrink-swell (0.50)	31.7	4.5%	
				Depth to saturated zone (0.07)			
Pe	Perry clay, occasionally flooded	Very limited	Perry (90%)	Depth to saturated zone (1.00)	17.6	2.5%	
				Shrink-swell (1.00)			
Po	Portland silt loam	Very limited	Portland (90%)	Flooding (1.00)	69.6	9.9%	
				Shrink-swell (1.00)			
				Depth to saturated zone (0.98)			
RIA	Rilla silt loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes	Somewhat limited	Rilla (90%)	Shrink-swell (0.50)	54.9	7.8%	
StA	Sterlington silt loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes	Not limited	Sterlington (85%)		89.9	12.7%	
StB	Sterlington silt loam, 1 to 3 percent slopes	Not limited	Sterlington (90%)		21.8	3.1%	
Totals for Area of Interest						100.0%	

Dwellings Without Basements— Summary by Rating Value						
Rating	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI				
Somewhat limited	506.5	71.8%				
Not limited	111.7	15.8%				
Very limited	87.1	12.4%				
Totals for Area of Interest	705.3	100.0%				

# **Description**

Dwellings are single-family houses of three stories or less. For dwellings without basements, the foundation is assumed to consist of spread footings of reinforced concrete built on undisturbed soil at a depth of 2 feet or at the depth of maximum frost penetration, whichever is deeper.

The ratings for dwellings are based on the soil properties that affect the capacity of the soil to support a load without movement and on the properties that affect excavation and construction costs. The properties that affect the load-supporting capacity include depth to a water table, ponding, flooding, subsidence, linear extensibility (shrink-swell potential), and compressibility. Compressibility is inferred from the Unified classification of the soil. The properties that affect the ease and amount of excavation include depth to a water table, ponding, flooding, slope, depth to bedrock or a cemented pan, hardness of bedrock or a cemented pan, and the amount and size of rock fragments.

The ratings are both verbal and numerical. Rating class terms indicate the extent to which the soils are limited by all of the soil features that affect the specified use. "Not limited" indicates that the soil has features that are very favorable for the specified use. Good performance and very low maintenance can be expected. "Somewhat limited" indicates that the soil has features that are moderately favorable for the specified use. The limitations can be overcome or minimized by special planning, design, or installation. Fair performance and moderate maintenance can be expected. "Very limited" indicates that the soil has one or more features that are unfavorable for the specified use. The limitations generally cannot be overcome without major soil reclamation, special design, or expensive installation procedures. Poor performance and high maintenance can be expected.

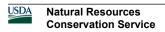
Numerical ratings indicate the severity of individual limitations. The ratings are shown as decimal fractions ranging from 0.01 to 1.00. They indicate gradations between the point at which a soil feature has the greatest negative impact on the use (1.00) and the point at which the soil feature is not a limitation (0.00).

The map unit components listed for each map unit in the accompanying Summary by Map Unit table in Web Soil Survey or the Aggregation Report in Soil Data Viewer are determined by the aggregation method chosen. An aggregated rating class is shown for each map unit. The components listed for each map unit are only those that have the same rating class as listed for the map unit. The percent composition of each component in a particular map unit is presented to help the user better understand the percentage of each map unit that has the rating presented.

Other components with different ratings may be present in each map unit. The ratings for all components, regardless of the map unit aggregated rating, can be viewed by generating the equivalent report from the Soil Reports tab in Web Soil Survey or from the Soil Data Mart site. Onsite investigation may be needed to validate these interpretations and to confirm the identity of the soil on a given site.

# **Rating Options**

Aggregation Method: Dominant Condition



Aggregation is the process by which a set of component attribute values is reduced to a single value that represents the map unit as a whole.

A map unit is typically composed of one or more "components". A component is either some type of soil or some nonsoil entity, e.g., rock outcrop. For the attribute being aggregated, the first step of the aggregation process is to derive one attribute value for each of a map unit's components. From this set of component attributes, the next step of the aggregation process derives a single value that represents the map unit as a whole. Once a single value for each map unit is derived, a thematic map for soil map units can be rendered. Aggregation must be done because, on any soil map, map units are delineated but components are not.

For each of a map unit's components, a corresponding percent composition is recorded. A percent composition of 60 indicates that the corresponding component typically makes up approximately 60% of the map unit. Percent composition is a critical factor in some, but not all, aggregation methods.

The aggregation method "Dominant Condition" first groups like attribute values for the components in a map unit. For each group, percent composition is set to the sum of the percent composition of all components participating in that group. These groups now represent "conditions" rather than components. The attribute value associated with the group with the highest cumulative percent composition is returned. If more than one group shares the highest cumulative percent composition, the corresponding "tie-break" rule determines which value should be returned. The "tie-break" rule indicates whether the lower or higher group value should be returned in the case of a percent composition tie.

The result returned by this aggregation method represents the dominant condition throughout the map unit only when no tie has occurred.

Component Percent Cutoff: None Specified

Components whose percent composition is below the cutoff value will not be considered. If no cutoff value is specified, all components in the database will be considered. The data for some contrasting soils of minor extent may not be in the database, and therefore are not considered.

Tie-break Rule: Higher

The tie-break rule indicates which value should be selected from a set of multiple candidate values, or which value should be selected in the event of a percent composition tie.