Using Web Soil Survey To Obtain Useful RUSLE Related Information





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Welcome to Web Soil Survey (WSS)



Web Soil Survey (WSS) provides soil data and information produced by the National Cooperative Soil Survey. It is operated by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

(NRCS) and provides access to the largest natural resource information system in the world. NRCS has soil maps and data available online for more than 95 percent of the nation's counties and anticipates having 100 percent in the near future. The site is updated and maintained online as the single authoritative source of soil survey information.

Soil surveys can be used for general farm, local, and wider area planning. Onsite investigation is needed in some cases, such as soil quality assessments and certain conservation and engineering applications. For more detailed information, contact your local USDA Service Center at the following link: USDA Service Center or your NRCS State Soil Scientist at the following link: NRCS State Soil Scientist.

Four Basic Steps

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Define.



Use the Area of Interest tab to define your area of interest.

Click or Press the Enter or Spacebar key to view the larger image. Press

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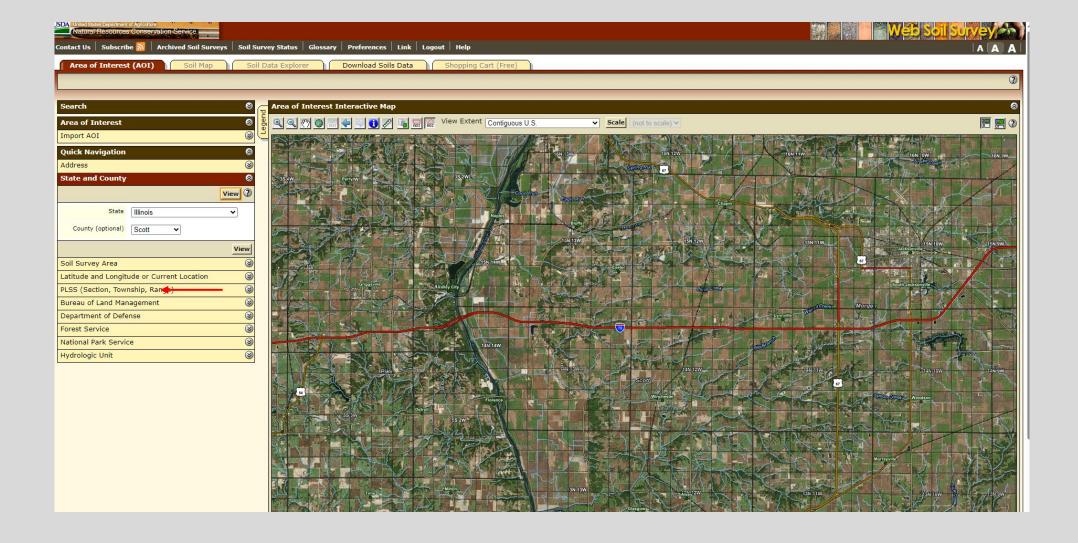
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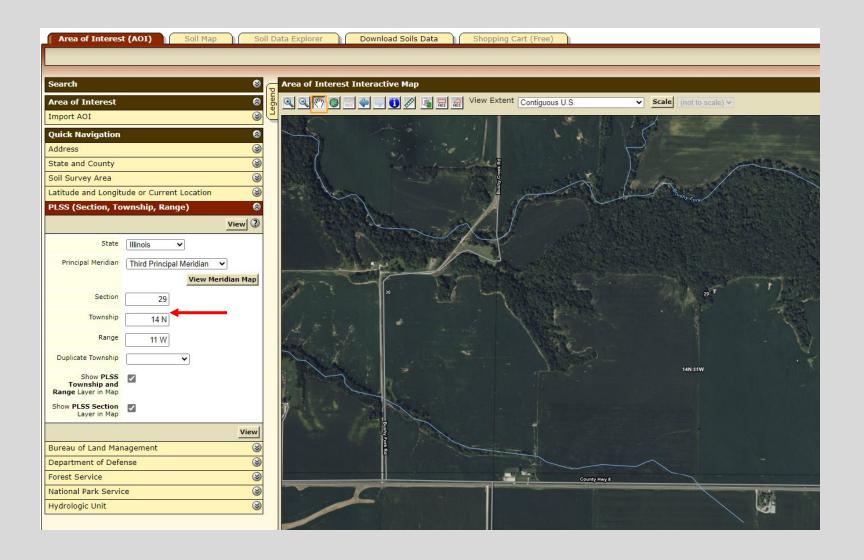
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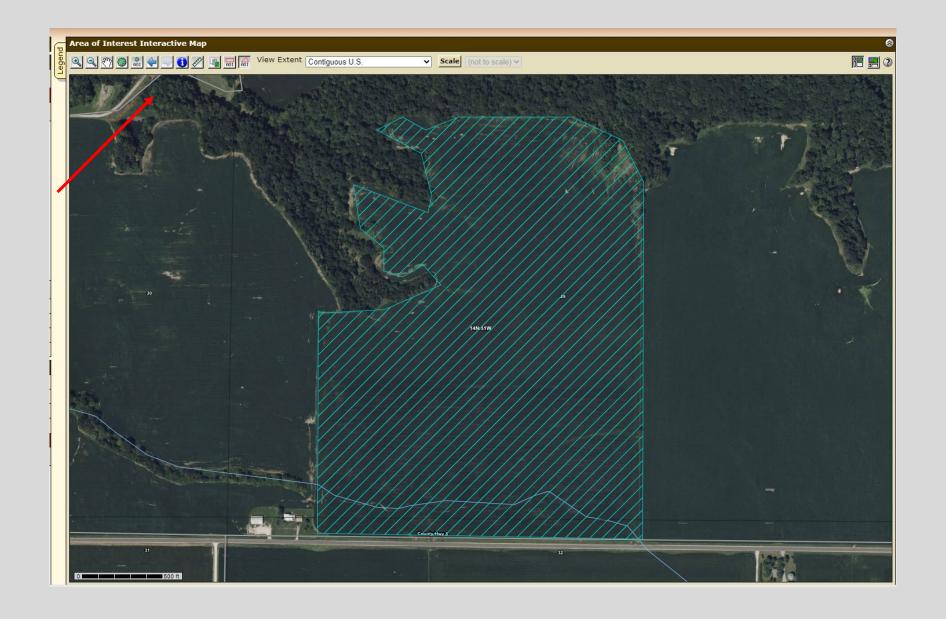
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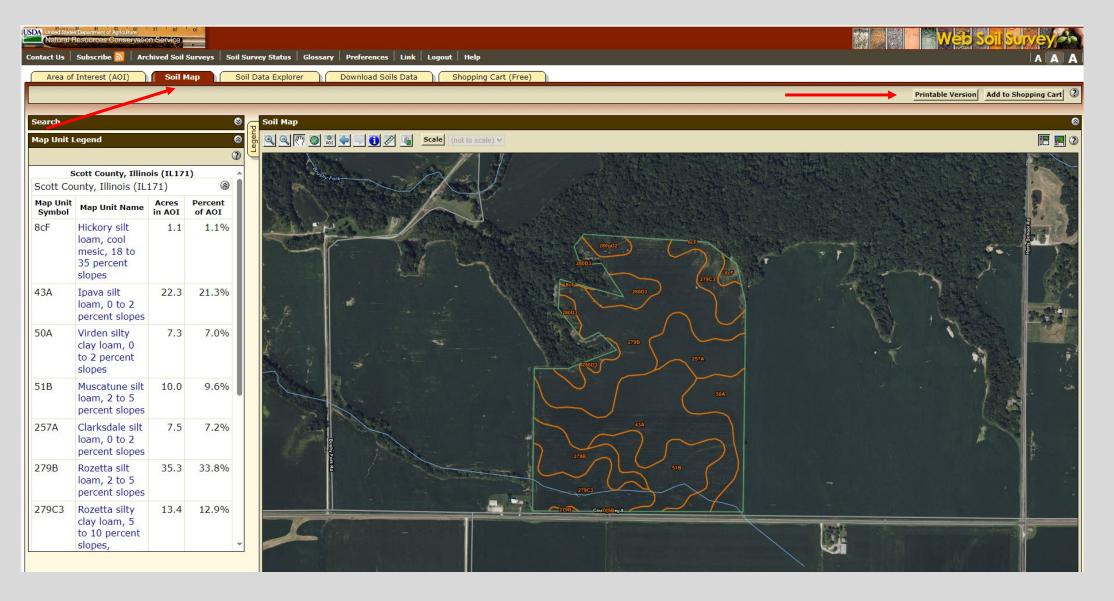
Define the Area of Interest by entering Section, Township, and Range Information or you can also view your entire county if you are just interested in general soils information and do not need to tie to a specific field. T values and K factor are determined by soil type not location.



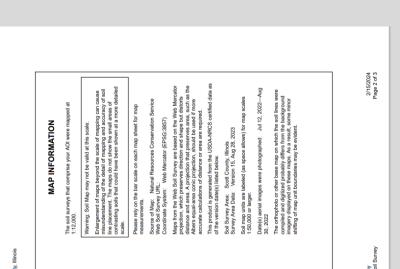
Entering the Legal Description and pressing VIEW will take you to that location on the landscape.



Selecting the polygon AOI will allow you to draw in field boundaries. You can also import field boundaries but for general RUSLE information for PFC purposes, that level of accuracy is not necessary.



Selecting Soil Map Tab generates a report on the left side of the screen showing each soil type present, the number of acres of each soil type, and the percentage of each soil type in the Area of Interest. Selecting the Printable Version Tab will generate a more user-friendly report to file in the case folder for documentation.

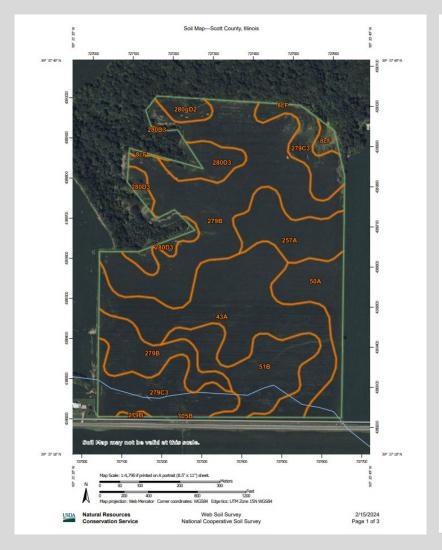


Soil Map-Scott County, Illinois

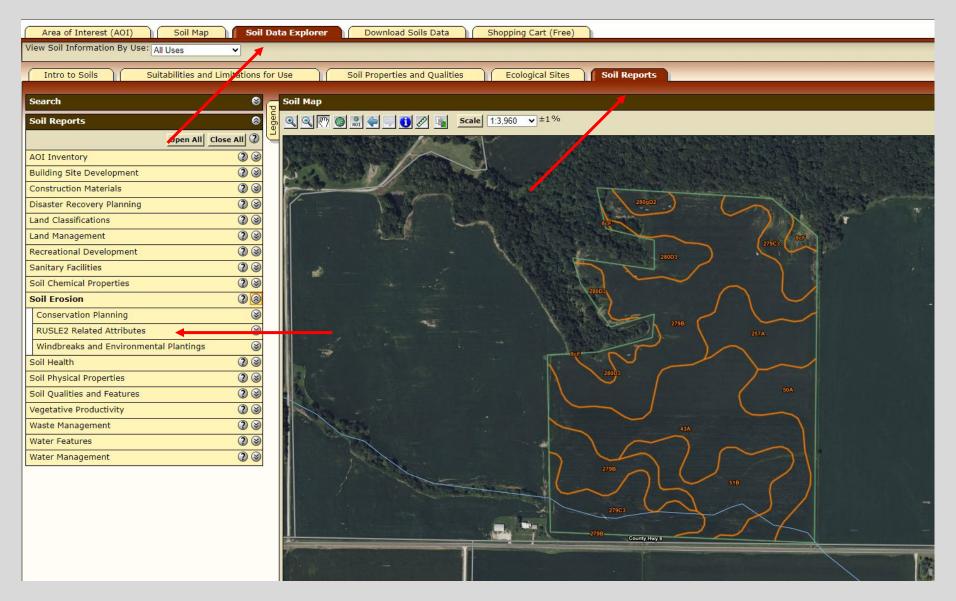
Map Unit Legend

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI 1.1%		
8cF	Hickory silt loam, cool mesic, 18 to 35 percent slopes	1.1			
43A	Ipava silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	22.3	21.3%		
50A	Virden silty clay loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	7.3	7.0%		
51B	Muscatune silt loam, 2 to 5 percent slopes	10.0	9.6%		
257A	Clarksdale silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	7.5	7.2%		
279B	Rozetta silt loam, 2 to 5 percent slopes	35.3	33.8%		
279C3	Rozetta silty clay loam, 5 to 10 percent slopes, severely eroded	13.4	12.9%		
280D3	Fayette silty clay loam, glaciated, 10 to 18 percent slopes, severely eroded	5.8	5.5%		
280gD2	Fayette silt loam, glaciated, 10 to 18 percent slopes, eroded	1.7	1.6%		
705B	Buckhart silt loam, 2 to 5 percent slopes	0.0	0.0%		
Totals for Area of Interest	-	104.3	100.0%		

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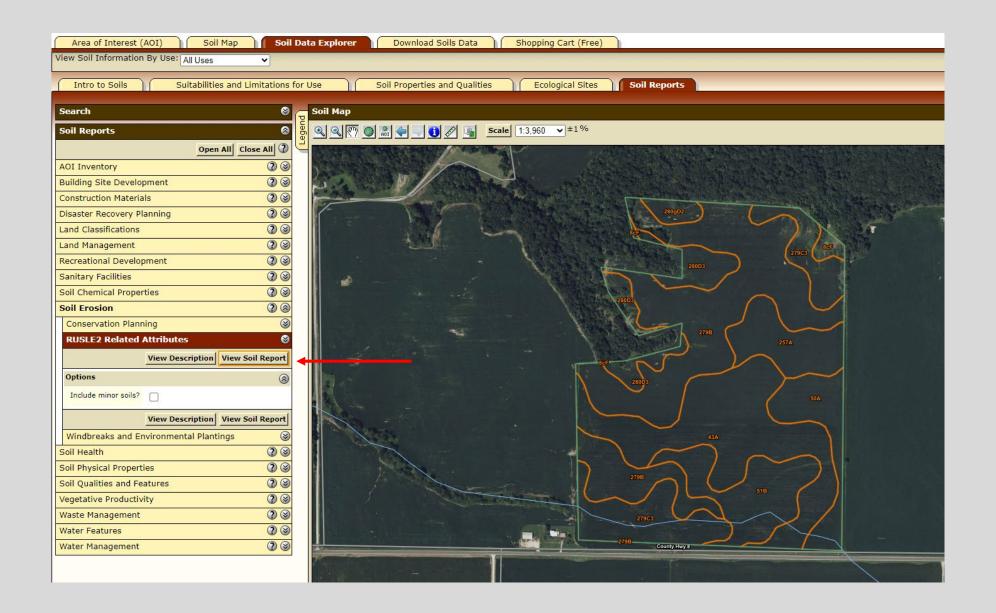


A 3-page pdf report will be generated to serve as a useful reference tool and documentation for the PFC project file. Use the acreage values or the % to determine the planning soil type in your PFC project area.



You can also generate reports to determine T values, K factor, and default Slope Length for your project area. The Hydrologic Units will also be displayed which is necessary to properly calculate Runoff Curve Number required for Engineering Practices.

Select Soil Data Explorer Tab - Soil Reports Tab - Soil Erosion in the Left Column - Rusle2 Related Attributes



Under RUSLE2 Related Attributes, select View Soil Report

Report — RUSLE2 Related Attributes										
Soil properties and interpretations for erosion runoff calculations. The surface mineral horizon properties are displayed or the first mineral horizon below an organic surface horizon. Organic horizons are not displayed.										
Scott County, Illinois										
Map symbol and soil name	Pct. of map unit	Slope length (ft)	Hydrologic group	Kf	T factor	Representative value				
						% Sand	% Silt	% Clay		
8cF—Hickory silt loam, cool mesic, 18 to 35 percent slopes										
Hickory, cool mesic	90	151	В	.32	5	25.0	60.0	15.0		
43A—Ipava silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes										
Ipava	85	216	C/D	.32	5	5.0	70.0	25.0		
50A—Virden silty clay loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes										
Virden	90	239	C/D	.28	5	4.0	65.0	31.0		
51B—Muscatune silt loam, 2 to 5 percent slopes										
Muscatune	95	249	B/D	.32	5	3.0	71.0	26.0		
257A—Clarksdale silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes										
Clarksdale	90	230	C/D	.43	5	4.0	78.0	18.0		
279B—Rozetta silt loam, 2 to 5 percent slopes										
Rozetta	90	151	В	.37	5	4.0	77.0	19.0		
279C3—Rozetta silty clay loam, 5 to 10 percent slopes, severely eroded										
Rozetta	94	151	В	.37	4	4.0	68.0	28.0		
280D3—Fayette silty clay loam, glaciated, 10 to 18 percent slopes, severely eroded										
Fayette, severely eroded	94	125	В	.43	4	4.0	68.0	28.0		
280gD2—Fayette silt loam, glaciated, 10 to 18 percent slopes, eroded										
Fayette	95	131	В	.43	5	4.0	77.0	19.0		

This report allows you to quickly and easily confirm the T value, K factor, and Slope Length of the predominant soil type in your PFC planning area to assist you in proper completion of the PFC-1B.