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**LITTLE BLACKWATER CARBON SEQUESTRATION  
STUDY, SOIL CARBON ASSESSMENT  
YEAR 1 BASELINE**

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## ***Introduction***

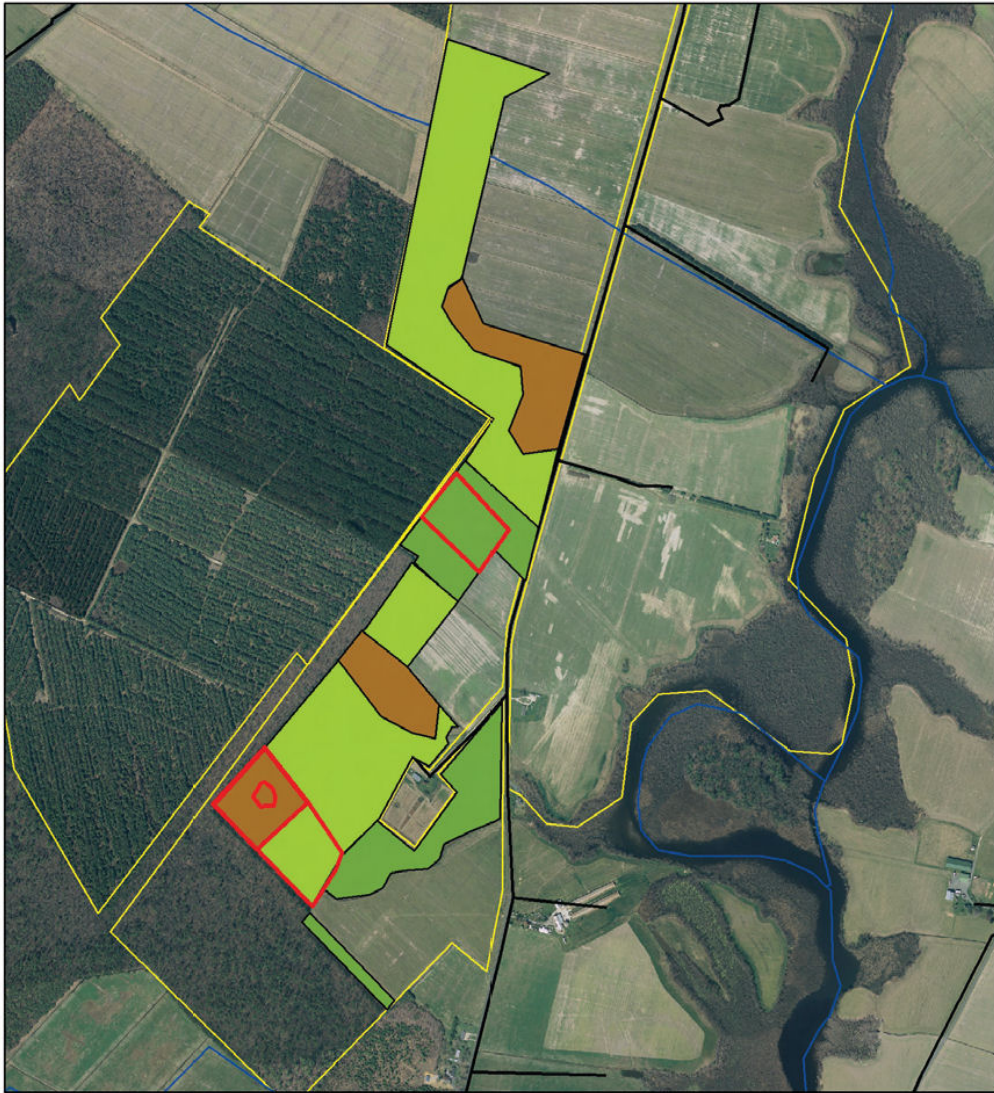
The forest carbon sequestration pilot project is a result of the Climate Action Plan issued in August 2008 by the Maryland's Commission on Climate Change. The Action Plan sets forth several policy recommendations related to carbon sequestration, including a specific recommendation for enhanced carbon sequestration through forest management. The afforestation site selected for the pilot project is located within the Little Blackwater purchase in Dorchester County, Maryland along Egypt Road. Within the 186 acre planting area, three 10-acre plots were selected as the pilot project demonstration site. Each of the test plots encompasses one of the three forest management scenarios, Low Management (LM) which is 100% hardwoods, Moderate Management (MM) which is 50-70% pines and 30-50% oaks, and High Management (HM) which is 100% pines. The three different management scenarios will allow for comparison of carbon captured among different distinct species composition as well as different management practices.

The goal of the carbon sequestration monitoring plan is to first establish a baseline condition of the planted parcel and then track the accumulation of carbon over time. The difference between carbon accumulated some time after planting minus the baseline carbon values is the amount sequestered over that time period. Maryland Geological Survey (MGS) was tasked with developing the monitoring plan for measuring carbon sequestration below-ground as forest growth occurs on the management plots. A random sampling was performed to select the below ground soil sampling sites for each study area. Ten sample sites were selected for each of the test plots and each were sampled using the same methodologies. At each sampling location, subsamples were collected from identified soil horizons A, B, and C, with appropriate subsampling within each horizon as necessary to fully characterize the below ground carbon. Total carbon values from each of the 10 sample sites were averaged for each soil horizon/subsample. The first sampling for below-ground soil carbon was performed in March 2011 and is thus the Year 1 sampling. The Year 1 carbon values will be used as the baseline below-ground soil carbon values of which all subsequent years will be compared to when calculating the amount of carbon sequestered over time for each test plot. The same sample sites used for the baseline data set will be revisited in following years.

## ***Methods***

### ***Sample Site Selection***

Three 10-acre plots within the Little Blackwater purchase were identified and selected as the pilot project demonstration site (Figure 1). ArcView 9.3 software was used to randomly select 10 sample sites within each test plot. A minimum distance between sites of 25 m was applied to provide ample coverage across each plot. The sample sites within each of the study plots are shown in Figure 2.



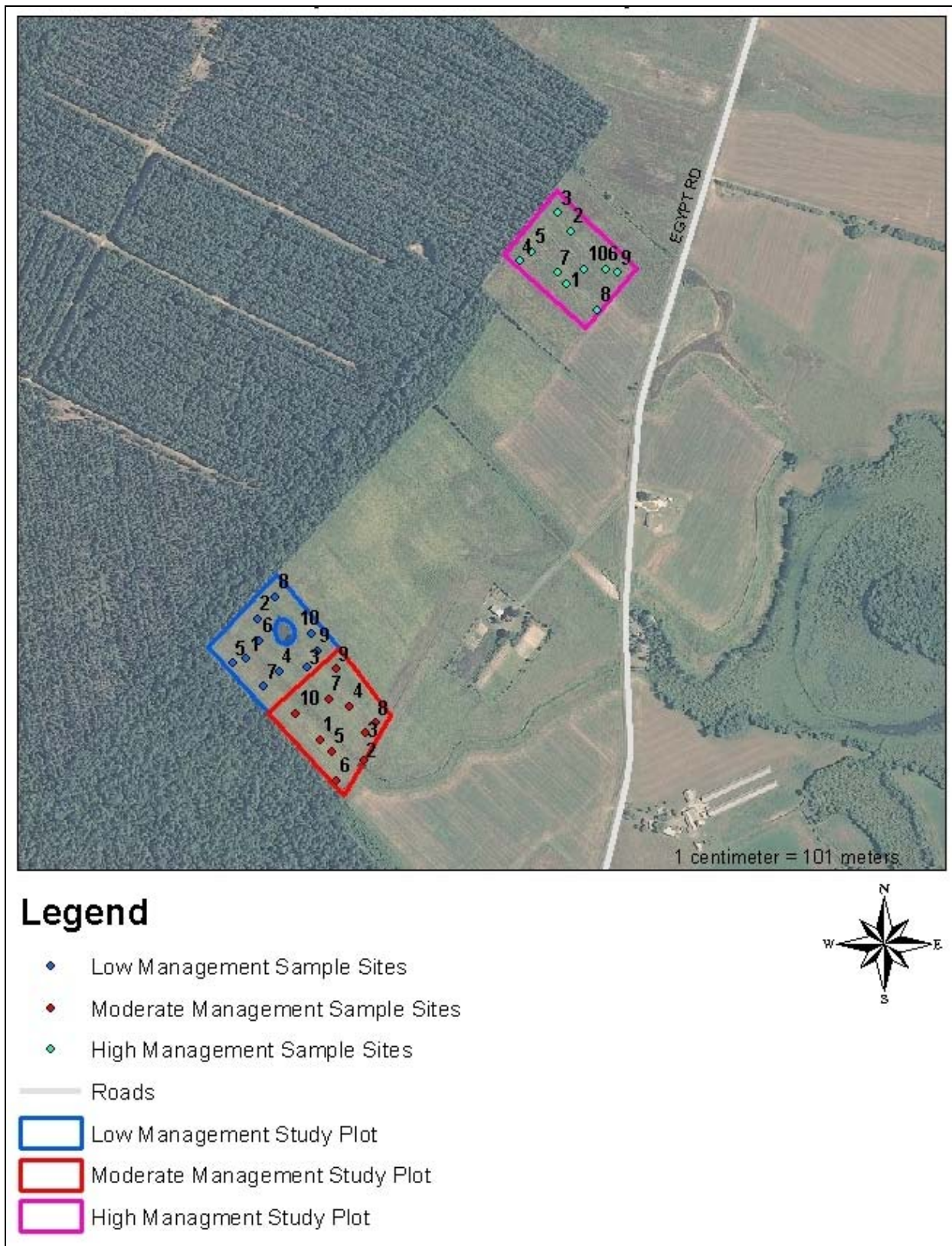
**Legend**

-  Streams
-  Roads
-  CFL Boundary
-  10 acre Carbon Sequestration Plots
-  Low Management (100% Hardwoods) 37.1 acres
-  Moderate Management (50-70% Pine & 30-50% Oaks) 97.5 acres
-  High Management (100% Pine) 36.8 acres



**Figure 1: Study plots within Little Blackwater afforestation project**





**Figure 2: Carbon sequestration study sample locations**

## *Field Sampling*



**Picture 1: Sampling set-up at HM8. Sample site at orange flag in center of picture.**

Sample locations were located using a Magellan Meridian Marine hand-held global positioning system (GPS) with wide area augmentation system (WAAS) corrections and the actual core location was recorded (Table 1). A core sample was collected at each site using a 3-1/4" soil auger to a depth of at least 100 cm. Most sites were collected to a depth >125 cm to include the C soil horizon. The core sample was placed onto a tarp, split open, photographed and described. A ruler was placed along the core sample to provide scale for the sample depths and the photographs. The soil descriptions included soil texture, Munsell color, and the presence of any organic materials such as roots or sticks. Using plastic scoops, sub-samples were collected using plastic scoops from identified soil horizons A, B, and C, with appropriate subsampling within each horizon as necessary to fully characterize the belowground carbon. Subsamples depths were determined based on a combination of the changes in color, texture, mottling, and the soil bulk properties. Samples were collected from the center of the core to avoid contamination from the corer or handling. Latex gloves were also worn to avoid contamination during sampling. The samples were placed in 18 ounce Whirl-Pak sampling bags. A short description of each site was documented to include each sample locations proximity to trees, ground cover, presence/absence of surface water, and any notable nearby features such as drainage ditches or proximity to agricultural fields. The GPS unit was placed next to the sampling location during sample description and sub-sampling to allow maximum time for

position averaging. When sampling was complete at each site, the remaining soil was returned to the core hole.

**Table 1. Sample locations with target and actual sample location coordinates.**

Management Area	Sample ID	UTM NAD84 Meters		Actual Sample Location	
		Easting	Northing	Easting	Northing
LM	1	403131	4262896	403135	4262891
LM	2	403151	4262970	403151	4262972
LM	3	403242	4262880	403243	4262883
LM	4	403191	4262872	403191	4262873
LM	5	403105	4262887	403105	4262885
LM	6	403155	4262929	403156	4262928
LM	7	403163	4262845	403162	4262847
LM	8	403185	4263009	403184	4263008
LM	9	403260	4262910	403263	4262910
LM	10	403250	4262942	403251	4262942
MM	1	403266	4262746	403264	4262745
MM	2	403346	4262708	403345	4262710
MM	3	403350	4262760	403349	4262758
MM	4	403322	4262809	403322	4262808
MM	5	403288	4262726	403289	4262726
MM	6	403298	4262672	403297	4262676
MM	7	403282	4262823	403282	4262821
MM	8	403369	4262778	403369	4262776
MM	9	403296	4262877	403296	4262875
MM	10	403222	4262795	403224	4262795
HM	1	403720	4263587	403720	4263586
HM	2	403728	4263682	403727	4263681
HM	3	403704	4263716	403703	4263716
HM	4	403634	4263627	403633	4263627
HM	5	403656	4263644	403656	4263643
HM	6	403792	4263613	403792	4263613
HM	7	403703	4263606	403703	4263605
HM	8	403776	4263537	403778	4263537
HM	9	403814	4263606	403815	4263606
HM	10	403753	4263613	403754	4263613



## ***Laboratory Analysis***

In the laboratory, each sample was mixed thoroughly within the sample bag and a subsample was dried in porcelain dishes. The samples were then prepared for analysis grinding in a ball mill. Sediments were analyzed for total carbon, total nitrogen, and total sulfur (CNS) using a Carlo Erba NA1500 analyzer. This analyzer uses complete sample combustion followed by separation and analysis of the resulting gasses by gas chromatographic techniques employing a thermal conductivity detector. The NA1500 Analyzer was configured for CNS analysis using the manufacturer's recommended settings. As a primary standard, 5-chloro- 4-hydroxy- 3-methoxy-benzylisothiourea phosphate is used. Blanks (tin capsules containing only vanadium pentoxide) were run at the beginning of the analyses and after 12 to 15 unknowns (samples) and standards. Replicates of every ninth sample were also run. As a secondary standard, a NIST reference material (NIST SRM #1646a - Estuarine Sediment), (NIST-SRM #2702 - Inorganics in Marine Sediment; NIST-SRM #8704 - Buffalo River Sediment, or National Research Council of Canada #PACS-2 - Marine Sediment) was run after every 6 to 7 sediment samples. The recovery of the standard reference material (SRM) was excellent and the agreement between the NIST certified values and MGS's results was well within one standard deviation of replicate analyses. The sample preparations and analyses were completed in accordance with the standard procedures of the Maryland Geological Survey (Park, et al, 1999). The percent recovery of carbon was greater than 94% for all three standards used (Appendix A).

## ***Results and Discussion***

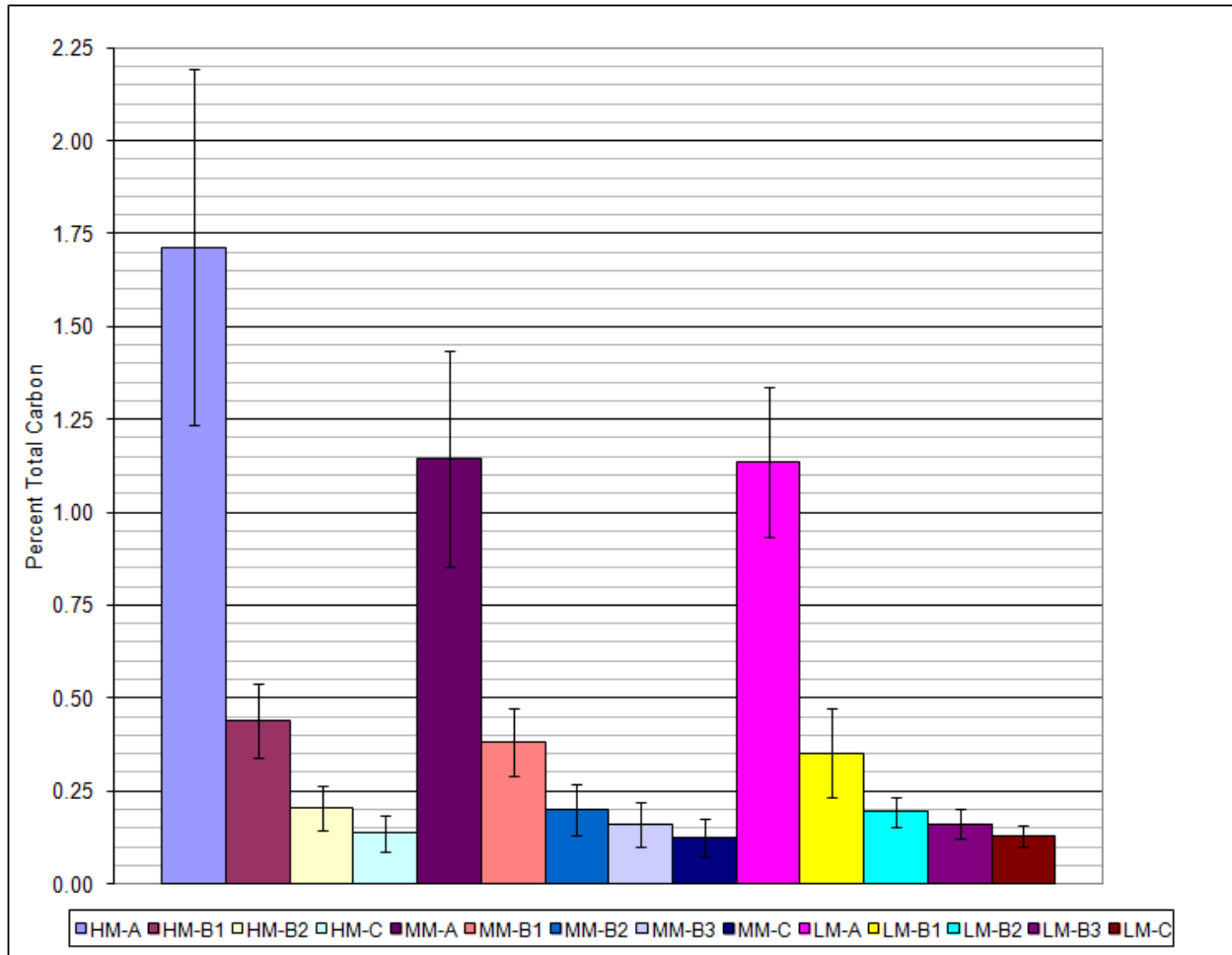
Prior to study site selection, it was confirmed that the study areas contained similar soil profiles. This was done using the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service Web Soil Survey (Soil Survey Staff, 2010). Both the MM and LM study sites are entirely within the Othello silt loam series while the HM study site also contains Elkton silt loam and Othello and Kentuck soils. All these soil series contain similar physical properties with similar typical pedon's. The core descriptions found at all sample sites coincide with the soil series descriptions with similar soil horizon thicknesses and soil colors. Based on the similarities in soil types between the three study sites, it was confirmed that the results are comparable between sites.

Core samples were collected at 10 sample sites within each of the 3 management areas. Subsamples were collected from identified soil horizons A, B, and C, with appropriate subsampling within each horizon as necessary to fully characterize the below-ground carbon. Total carbon was measured using a dry combustion method. Currently, dry combustion is recommended as the best method for the analysis of total C in soil and litter (Sollins et al., 1999). Since the Little Blackwater project is designed as afforestation, the land was previously used as agricultural soil and therefore there is not currently an organic litter layer present on the surface. As an organic layer forms, additional samples will need to be collected to quantify the increased Carbon content on the surface above the A horizon. It will take years for the organic layer to form and its presence will need to be determined during future sampling.

Total carbon values from each of the 10 sample sites were averaged for each soil horizon/subsample within each management area. The total carbon values were found to be



highest near the surface in the A horizon and decreased with depth. Lowest total carbon values were associated with the C horizon (Figure 3). Carbon values were slightly higher in the A horizon in the HM study area than in the MM and LM sites. This was due to the higher carbon value of 2.53% at HM5-A. Although the average is slightly higher, all A horizon



**Figure 3: Percent total Carbon as average for each soil horizon/subsample**

averages are within the standard deviation. The carbon values from each of the three management areas are within the standard deviation for all of the soil horizons. The B2 horizon is nearly identical at all three sites with values of 0.205% at the HM site, 0.201% at the MM site and 0.195% at the LM site. An average was not calculated for soil horizon HM-B3. This horizon was only distinct and subsampled at HM1 and HM9 which provided only 2 samples for averaging. Two HM sample locations contained a combination of HM-B3 and HM-C (HM2 and HM5). The values from both these subsamples were included in the HM-C average. This is likely the reason for the HM-C average carbon value of 0.136% being slightly higher than the average carbon values at MM-C and LM-C of 0.123% and 0.128% respectively. The difference is not significant with the resulting values remaining well within the standard deviation.

Year 1 carbon values will be used as the baseline below-ground carbon values to which all subsequent years will be compared when calculating the amount of carbon sequestered over time for each test plot. Methodologies used for Year 1 sampling should be replicated for all

future annual samplings and the same sample sites will be revisited in following years. Long-term studies indicate that afforestation effects on below-ground carbon may occur at depth over a longer time frame than is traditionally studied (Kimble et. al, 2003). Therefore, sampling should continue to include the entire soil profile with appropriate sub-sampling within each soil horizon. Many components of the forest ecosystem store carbon including above ground tree biomass, tree roots, soils, litter, and understory. Previous cumulative carbon sequestration studies have shown that with varying tree species, the cumulative carbon uptake increases rapidly over the first 5 years but varies over subsequent years among different tree species. Loblolly pine peaks around 10 years while ponderosa pine has a much slower, steady increase over 75 years (Richards et. al, 1993). The below-ground soil carbon is only a single component of the cumulative sequestration and will need to be combined with the other components in order to get a full analyses of the total carbon sequestered within the Little Blackwater study plots.

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## Appendix A: QA/QC recovery of standard reference materials

SRM	Nitrogen		Carbon		Sulfur	
<b>NIST SRM 1646a- Estuarine Sediment</b>						
	(MGS value)		(MGS value)		Certified value	
Referenced Values	0.059		0.600		0.352	
<b>MGS Results</b>		<b>% Recovery</b>		<b>% Recovery</b>		<b>% Recovery</b>
Average	0.053	89.9	0.566	94.4	0.376	106.7
Std Dev	0.005		0.013		0.105	
<b>NIST SRM 8704- Estuarine Sediment</b>						
	(MGS value)		Certified value		(MGS value)	
Referenced Values			3.351			
<b>MGS Results</b>		<b>% Recovery</b>		<b>% Recovery</b>		<b>% Recovery</b>
Average	0.180		3.265	97.4	0.213	
Std Dev	0.010		0.063		0.014	
<b>Canadian SRM PACS-2</b>						
Marine Sediment	(MGS value)		Certified value		Certified value	
Referenced Values	0.27		3.3		1.29	
<b>MGS Results</b>		<b>% Recovery</b>		<b>% Recovery</b>		<b>% Recovery</b>
Average	0.258	95.4	3.172	96.1	1.270	98.4
Std Dev	0.000		0.000		0.000	



## Appendix B: Laboratory Results for All Samples

Note: Values with standard deviation are mean values for replicate runs

Sample ID	Total Nitrogen	Std Dev	Total Carbon	Std Dev	Total Sulfur	Std Dev
HM1-A	0.0959		1.4361		0.0191	
HM1-B1	0.0483		0.5695		0.0272	
HM1-B2	0.0235		0.1609		0.0343	
HM1-B3	0.0252		0.1283		0.0000	
HM1-C	0.0115		0.0741		0.0161	
HM2-A	0.0787		1.0373		0.0164	
HM2-B1	0.0314		0.2955		0.0261	
HM2-B2	0.0236		0.1973		0.0310	
HM2-B3/C	0.0216	0.0001	0.1546	0.0051	0.0000	0.0000
HM3-A	0.1227		2.0818		0.0214	
HM3-B1	0.0364		0.4318		0.0201	
HM3-B2	0.0207		0.1602		0.0000	
HM3-C	0.0103		0.0813		0.0000	
HM4-A1	0.1202		1.9561		0.0164	
HM4-A2	0.1566		3.2787		0.0269	
HM4-B	0.0310		0.3800		0.0251	
HM4-C	0.0225		0.1969		0.0196	
HM5-A	0.1440		2.5314		0.0221	
HM5-B1	0.0539	0.0008	0.7687	0.0096	0.0086	0.0121
HM5-B2	0.0346		0.2856		0.0237	
HM5-B3/C	0.0278		0.2043		0.0000	
HM6-A	0.1084		1.3097		0.0000	
HM6-B1	0.0451		0.5472		0.0270	
HM6-B2	0.0247		0.1751		0.0324	
HM6-C	0.0121		0.1021		0.0167	
HM7-A	0.1270		1.9864		0.0000	
HM7-B1	0.0406		0.5626		0.0269	
HM7-B2	0.0243		0.2213		0.0249	
HM7-C	0.0220	0.0002	0.1781	0.0045	0.0086	0.0121
HM8-A	0.1204		1.9520		0.0194	
HM8-B1	0.0233		0.2186		0.0243	
HM8-B2	0.0206		0.1610		0.0233	
HM8-C	0.0171		0.1206		0.0000	
HM9-A	0.0903		1.1106		0.0172	
HM9-B1	0.0277		0.2373		0.0216	
HM9-B2	0.0256		0.1808		0.0141	
HM9-B3	0.0277		0.1745		0.0000	
HM9-C	0.0077		0.1129		0.0107	
HM10-A1	0.1412	0.0017	1.7393	0.0264	0.0228	0.0011
HM10-A2	0.0794		1.0599		0.0164	
HM10-B1	0.0314		0.3745		0.0000	
HM10-B2	0.0245		0.3044		0.0209	


Sample ID	Total Nitrogen	Std Dev	Total Carbon	Std Dev	Total Sulfur	Std Dev
MM1-A	0.0857		1.1721		0.0000	
MM1-B1	0.0472		0.5115		0.0185	
MM1-B2	0.0234		0.1704		0.0264	
MM1-B3	0.0350	0.0005	0.2026	0.0037	0.0102	0.0144
MM1-C	0.0296		0.1584		0.0159	
MM2-A	0.1420		1.8938		0.0200	
MM2-B1	0.0399		0.3598		0.0173	
MM2-B2	0.0259		0.2232		0.0000	
MM2-C	0.0195		0.1364		0.0000	
MM3-A	0.0763		0.8789		0.0000	
MM3-B1	0.0423		0.4609		0.0217	
MM3-B2	0.0280		0.2309		0.0270	
MM3-C	0.0195		0.1250		0.0000	
MM4-A	0.0846	0.0012	1.0825	0.0004	0.0000	0.0000
MM4-B1	0.0290		0.2892		0.0197	
MM4-B2	0.0220		0.1753		0.0272	
MM4-C	0.0117		0.1094		0.0000	
MM5-A	0.0827		1.0430		0.0185	
MM5-B1	0.0389		0.3945		0.0287	
MM5-B2	0.0259		0.2495		0.0303	
MM5-B3	0.0249		0.2254		0.0254	
MM5-C	0.0248		0.2339		0.0224	
MM6-A	0.0733	0.0020	0.9167	0.0031	0.0161	0.0021
MM6-B1	0.0399		0.4347		0.0000	
MM6-B2	0.0167		0.1437		0.0311	
MM6-B3	0.0179		0.1264		0.0211	
MM6-C	0.0127		0.1113		0.0000	
MM7-A	0.0807		1.0880		0.0143	
MM7-B1	0.0397		0.4332		0.0237	
MM7-B2	0.0232		0.2194		0.0174	
MM7-B3/C	0.0101		0.0977		0.0120	
MM8-A	0.0718		0.9281		0.0000	
MM8-B1	0.0256	0.0004	0.3130	0.0053	0.0084	0.0118
MM8-B2	0.0093		0.1176		0.0000	
MM8-C	-0.0010		0.0507		0.0000	
MM9-A	0.0876		1.2023		0.0000	
MM9-B1	0.0237		0.2457		0.0273	
MM9-B2	0.0090		0.1261		0.0252	
MM9-B3	0.0083		0.0889		0.0223	
MM9-C	0.0098		0.0864		0.0000	
MM10-A	0.0908		1.2465		0.0000	
MM10-B1/E	0.0595		0.9391		0.0203	
MM10-B2	0.0290	0.0007	0.3494	0.0179	0.0265	0.0023
MM10-B3	0.0232		0.2262		0.0269	
LM1-A	0.0699		0.9683		0.0000	
LM1-AR	0.0673		0.9103		0.0000	
LM1-A2/E	0.0506		0.7988		0.0000	

Sample ID	Total Nitrogen	Std Dev	Total Carbon	Std Dev	Total Sulfur	Std Dev
LM1-B1	0.0290		0.3864		0.0000	
LM1-B2	0.0145		0.1764		0.0294	
LM1-C	0.0094		0.1216		0.0000	
LM2-A	0.0701		1.0058		0.0000	
LM2-B1	0.0291		0.3799		0.0204	
LM2-B2	0.0183		0.2096		0.0000	
LM2-B3/C	0.0125		0.1232		0.0000	
LM3-A	0.0715		1.0711		0.0000	
LM3-B1	0.0292	0.0005	0.3562	0.0154	0.0217	0.0005
LM3-B2	0.0186		0.2343		0.0220	
LM3-B3	0.0142		0.1426		0.0000	
LM3-C	0.0076		0.1464		0.0139	
LM4-A	0.0838		1.2703		0.0181	
LM4-B1	0.0513		0.6044		0.0000	
LM4-B2	0.0177		0.1875		0.0219	
LM4-C	0.0250		0.1741		0.0000	
LM5-A	0.0740		0.8808		0.0000	
LM5-B1	0.0333		0.3360		0.0158	
LM5-B2	0.0247	0.0002	0.2157	0.0032	0.0233	0.0009
LM5-C	0.0145		0.1288		0.0000	
LM6-A	0.1207		1.4517		0.0237	
LM6-A2/E	0.0938		1.1916		0.0224	
LM6-B1	0.0342		0.3043		0.0000	
LM6-B2	0.0271		0.1694		0.0000	
LM6-C	0.0217		0.1672		0.0000	
LM7-A	0.1100		1.4002		0.0199	
LM7-B1	0.0394		0.4304		0.0222	
LM7-B2	0.0277		0.2523		0.0216	
LM7-B3	0.0286	0.0008	0.2191	0.0050	0.0065	0.0092
LM7-C	0.0104		0.1193		0.0000	
LM8-A1	0.1037		1.3054		0.0230	
LM8-A2	0.0690		0.9441		0.0248	
LM8-B1	0.0351		0.3187		0.0318	
LM8-B2	0.0248		0.1937		0.0262	
LM8-B3	0.0219		0.1740		0.0000	
LM8-C	0.0177		0.1115		0.0124	
LM9-A	0.0782		1.0277		0.0000	
LM9-B1	0.0327		0.3664		0.0174	
LM9-B2	0.0223	0.0001	0.2027	0.0064	0.0319	0.0021
LM9-B3	0.0222		0.1509		0.0302	
LM9-C	0.0111		0.1062		0.0130	
LM10-A	0.0818		0.9762		0.0000	
LM10-B1	0.0225		0.2080		0.0184	
LM10-B2	0.0173		0.1203		0.0000	
LM10-C	0.0080		0.0852		0.0000	


## **Appendix C: Core Photographs and Descriptions**




Site: High Management #1      Total length – 130 cm      Date collected – 3/30/11  
 Notes: 0.5m from pine tree, small drainage trench 1m away, surface water present

Photograph	Interval (cm)	Soil Horizon/ Subsample ID	Color (Munsell Color Standard, GSA, 1991)	Description
	0-24	A	5Y 4/1	Olive gray silt loam with many fine roots throughout
	24-50	B1	N5.5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium gray to medium light gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; firm, blocky structure; some fine roots throughout
	50-99	B2	N5.5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium gray to medium light gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; firm, blocky structure; a few very fine roots throughout
	99-115	B3	10YR 3/2	Dark yellowish brown sandy loam
	115-130	C	N6 With 10YR 6/6	Medium light gray gravelly, fine sand with some dark yellowish brown iron accumulations; saturated

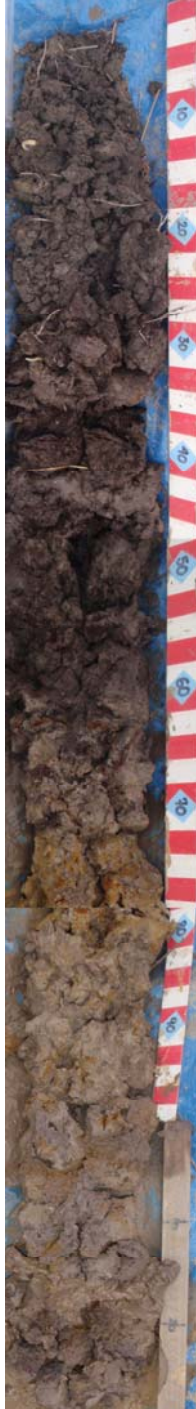
Site: High Management #2      Total length – 118 cm    Date collected – 3/30/11  
 Notes: 0.5m from pine tree, 2 rows of trees from ditch, no surface water present

Photograph	Interval (cm)	Soil Horizon/ Subsample ID	Color (Munsell Color Standard, GSA, 1991)	Description
	0-26	A	5Y 4/1	Olive gray silt loam with many fine roots throughout
	26-48	B1	N4.5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium dark gray to medium gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; firm, blocky structure; some fine roots throughout
	48-84	B2	N5.5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium gray to medium light gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; firm, blocky structure; a few very fine roots throughout
	84-118	B3/C	N4	Medium gray sandy clay grading to silty sand with depth; a few small pieces of gravel; darker with depth

Site: High Management #3      Total length – 130 cm      Date collected – 3/30/11  
 Notes: 25cm from pine tree, surface water present


Photograph	Interval (cm)	Soil Horizon/ Subsample ID	Color (Munsell Color Standard, GSA, 1991)	Description
	0-24	A	5Y 4/1	Olive gray clay loam with very many medium and fine roots throughout
	24-65	B1	N5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; a few fine roots throughout
	65-124	B2	N5.5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium gray to medium light gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; slightly sandier with depth
	124-130	C	N6.5	Medium light gray to light gray fine to medium sand with gravel

Site: High Management #4      Total length – 125 cm    Date collected – 3/30/11  
 Notes: 75cm from pine tree, near tree line; thick brush; no surface water


Photograph	Interval (cm)	Soil Horizon/ Subsample ID	Color (Munsell Color Standard, GSA, 1991)	Description
	0-30	A1	5Y 4/1	Olive gray silt loam with very many medium and fine roots throughout
	30-60	A2	5Y 4/1 With 5Y 3/2 And N1	Olive gray silty loam with peaty organics throughout
	60-105	B1	N5.5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium gray to medium light gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations
	105-125	C	N4 With 10YR 6/6	Medium dark gray clayey sand with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; small gravel throughout




Site: High Management #5      Total length – 135 cm      Date collected – 3/30/11  
 Notes: 2.5m from pine tree; no surface water

Photograph	Interval (cm)	Soil Horizon/ Subsample ID	Color (Munsell Color Standard, GSA, 1991)	Description
	0-24	A	5Y 4/1	Olive gray silt loam with very many medium and fine roots throughout
	24-45	B1	N5.5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium gray to medium light gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; dry and lumpy
	45-106	B2	N6 With 10YR 6/6	Medium light gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; dry and firm
	106-135	B3/C	N5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium gray sandy loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; small gravel throughout; very sandy 133-135 cm


Site: High Management #6      Total length – 108 cm      Date collected – 3/30/11  
 Notes: 2m from pine tree; no surface water

Photograph	Interval (cm)	Soil Horizon/ Subsample ID	Color (Munsell Color Standard, GSA, 1991)	Description
	0-20	A	10YR 4/2 Grading to 5Y 4/1	Dark yellowish brown grading to olive gray silt loam with very many medium and fine roots throughout
	20-40	B1	N5.5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium gray to medium light gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; blocky structure; some roots
	40-75	B2	N5.5 Grading to N6 With 10YR 6/6	Medium gray to medium light gray clay loam grading to medium light gray with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; increased sand with depth
	75-108	C	N6	Medium light gray silty sand with gravel throughout

Site: High Management #7      Total length – 138 cm      Date collected – 3/30/11  
 Notes: 2m from pine tree, no surface water


Photograph	Interval (cm)	Soil Horizon/ Subsample ID	Color (Munsell Color Standard, GSA, 1991)	Description
	0-22	A	5Y 4/1	Olive gray silt loam with very many medium and fine roots throughout
	22-45	B1	N5.5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium gray to medium light gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; a few roots throughout; several thin sandy laminates
	45-120	B2	N5.5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium gray to medium light gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations
	120-138	C	N6 With 10YR 6/6	Medium light gray sandy loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; saturated

Site: High Management #8      Total length – 125 cm    Date collected – 3/30/11  
 Notes: 25cm from pine tree; no surface water; just in from agricultural field near second row of trees


Photograph	Interval (cm)	Soil Horizon/ Subsample ID	Color (Munsell Color Standard, GSA, 1991)	Description
	0-28	A	5Y 4/1	Olive gray silt loam with very many medium and fine roots throughout; slightly more clayey with depth
	28-75	B1	N5.5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium gray to medium light gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; some roots
	75-100	B2	N5.5 Grading to N6 With 10YR 6/6	Medium gray to medium light gray clay loam grading to medium light gray with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; slightly sandier; wet
	100-125	C	N6 With Mottling	Medium light gray silty sand with gravel throughout; mottled with olive gray, dark yellowish brown, and moderate yellowish brown




Site: High Management #9      Total length – 115 cm      Date collected – 3/30/11  
 Notes: 2m from dead pine tree; no surface water

Photograph	Interval (cm)	Soil Horizon/ Subsample ID	Color (Munsell Color Standard, GSA, 1991)	Description
	0-20	A	10YR 4/2	Dark yellowish brown silt loam with very many medium and fine roots throughout
	20-50	B1	N5.5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium gray to medium light gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; blocky structure; some roots; firm
	50-90	B2	N5.5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium gray to medium light gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; very dry and crumbly
	90-100	B3	10YR 3/2	Dark brown sandy loam
	100-115	C	N6	Medium light gray gravelly fine sand with a few dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; saturated

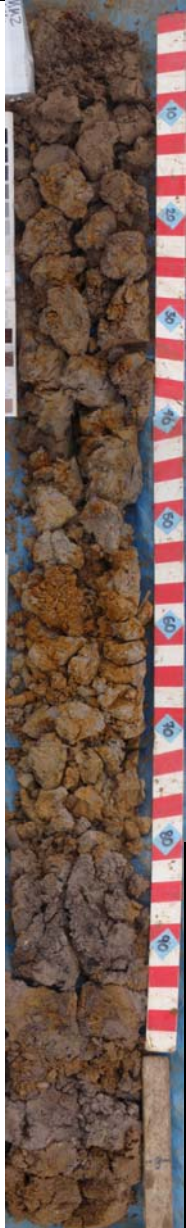
Site: High Management #10      Total length – 125 cm    Date collected – 3/30/11  
 Notes: 1m from pine tree; no surface water

Photograph	Interval (cm)	Soil Horizon/ Subsample ID	Color (Munsell Color Standard, GSA, 1991)	Description
	0-15	A1	5Y 4/1	Olive gray silty loam; very many medium and fine roots throughout; some gravel
	15-30	A2	5Y 4/1	Olive gray silty loam; many medium and fine roots throughout; no gravel
	30-48	B1	N5.5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium gray to medium light gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; very firm; a few small roots
	48-125	B2	N5.5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium gray to medium light gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; Much more iron accumulations than above; very firm; blocky structure


Site: Moderate Management #1      Total length – 150 cm      Date collected – 3/31/11  
 Notes: Several trees within 3-4 m radius, nearest tree 75 cm; no surface water

Photograph	Interval (cm)	Soil Horizon/ Subsample ID	Color (Munsell Color Standard, GSA, 1991)	Description
	0-25	A	5Y 4/1	Olive gray silty loam; very many medium and fine roots throughout
	25-65	B1	5Y4/1 With 10YR 6/6	Olive gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; some roots
	65-110	B2	N4.5 Grading to N6 With 10YR 6/6	Medium dark gray to medium gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; a few roots
	110-135	B3	N5 grading to N4 with 10YR 6/6	Medium gray grading to medium dark gray slightly sandy clay with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; very few roots
	135-150	C	N4	Medium dark gray clayey sand with gravel

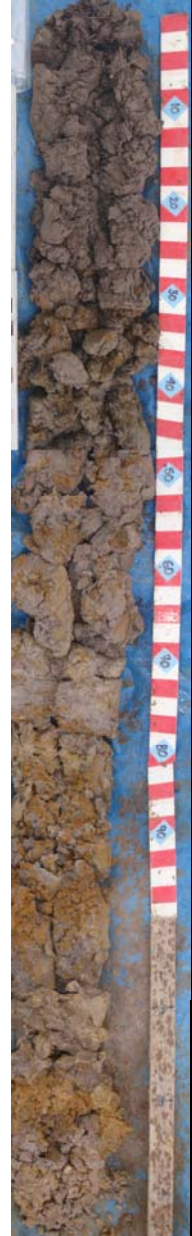
Site: Moderate Management #2      Total length – 115 cm    Date collected – 3/31/11  
 Notes: Near T intersection of ditches, 2 m to ditch; 3 m from planted tree and 7 m from large pine tree; no surface water

Photograph	Interval (cm)	Soil Horizon/ Subsample ID	Color (Munsell Color Standard, GSA, 1991)	Description
	0-15	A	5Y 4/1	Olive gray silt loam with very many medium and fine roots throughout; firm
	15-41	B1	5Y 4/1 grading to N4 With 10YR 6/6	Olive gray grading to medium dark gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; very firm and clayey; roots throughout
	41-81	B2	N5.5 Grading to N6 With 10YR 6/6	Medium dark gray to medium gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; dry and crumbly; some roots
	81-115	C	N4 With 5Y 4/1	Medium dark gray with olive gray sandy clay grading to gravelly sand below 95 cm

Site: Moderate Management #3      Total length – 137 cm      Date collected – 3/30/11  
 Notes: 4.5 m from nearest tree; no surface water


Photograph	Interval (cm)	Soil Horizon/ Subsample ID	Color (Munsell Color Standard, GSA, 1991)	Description
	0-31	A	5Y 4/1	Olive gray silt loam with very many medium and fine roots; fewer roots below 10 cm
	31-75	B1	N4 With 10YR 6/6	Medium dark gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; very firm; some roots throughout
	75-118	B2	N5.5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium dark gray to medium gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations
	118-137	C	N4 With 5Y 4/1	Medium dark gray with olive gray sandy silt with some gravel

Site: Moderate Management #4      Total length – 135 cm      Date collected – 3/30/11  
 Notes: 1 m from nearest tree; no surface water


Photograph	Interval (cm)	Soil Horizon/ Subsample ID	Color (Munsell Color Standard, GSA, 1991)	Description
	0-26	A	5Y 4/1	Olive gray silt loam with very many medium and fine roots
	26-78	B1	N4.5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium dark gray to medium gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; some roots throughout
	78-110	B2	N5.5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium gray to medium light gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations
	110-135	C	N5.5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium gray to medium light gray silty gravelly sand with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations




Site: Moderate Management #5      Total length – 150 cm      Date collected – 3/31/11  
 Notes: 1 m from nearest tree; no surface water

Photograph	Interval (cm)	Soil Horizon/ Subsample ID	Color (Munsell Color Standard, GSA, 1991)	Description
	0-23	A	5Y 4/1	Olive gray silty loam; very many medium and fine roots throughout
	23-60	B1	5Y4/1 Grading to N5.5 With 10YR 6/6	Olive gray clay loam grading to medium gray to medium light gray with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; some roots; firm; blocky structure
	60-100	B2	N5.5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium gray to medium light gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; a few roots; very clayey
	100-132	B3	N4 With 10YR 6/6	Medium dark gray slightly sandy clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations
	132-150	C	N4 With 10YR 5/4	Medium dark gray sandy gravel with moderate yellowish brown


Site: Moderate Management #6      Total length – 130 cm    Date collected – 3/31/11  
 Notes: 1 m from nearest tree; 10 m from ditch and established tree line; no surface water

Photograph	Interval (cm)	Soil Horizon/ Subsample ID	Color (Munsell Color Standard, GSA, 1991)	Description
	0-23	A	5Y 4/1	Olive gray silty loam; very many medium and fine roots throughout
	23-50	B1	5Y4/1 Grading to N4 With 10YR 6/6	Olive gray clay loam grading to medium dark gray with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; some roots
	50-90	B2	N5.5 Grading to N6 With 10YR 6/6	Medium gray to medium light gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations grading to medium light gray; a few roots
	90-110	B3	N4.5 with 10YR 6/6	Medium dark gray to medium gray slightly sandy clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations
	110-130	C	N4	Medium dark gray gravelly sandy silt grading to sand


Site: Moderate Management #7      Total length – 125 cm      Date collected – 3/30/11  
 Notes: 2 m from nearest tree; no surface water

Photograph	Interval (cm)	Soil Horizon/ Subsample ID	Color (Munsell Color Standard, GSA, 1991)	Description
	0-22	A	5Y 4/1	Olive gray silt loam with very many medium and fine roots
	22-52	B1	N4 With 10YR 6/6	Medium dark clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; some roots throughout
	52-90	B2	N5.5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium gray to medium light gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; blocky structure
	90-125	B3/C	N5.5 With 10YR 7/6	Medium gray to medium light gray silty gravelly sand with light yellowish orange iron accumulations; sandier with depth


Site: Moderate Management #8      Total length – 125 cm      Date collected – 3/30/11  
 Notes: 4 m from nearest pine (no nearby hardwoods visible); no surface water

Photograph	Interval (cm)	Soil Horizon/ Subsample ID	Color (Munsell Color Standard, GSA, 1991)	Description
	0-22	A	5Y 4/1	Olive gray silt loam with very many medium and fine roots
	22-70	B1	N5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; some roots throughout
	70-111	B2	N5.5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium gray to medium light gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations
	111-125	C	N6 With 10YR 5/6	Medium light gray gravelly sand with light yellowish orange iron accumulations

Site: Moderate Management #9      Total length – 144 cm      Date collected – 3/30/11  
 Notes: 1.5 m from nearest tree; no surface water


Photograph	Interval (cm)	Soil Horizon/ Subsample ID	Color (Munsell Color Standard, GSA, 1991)	Description
	0-26	A	10YR 4/2	Dark yellowish brown silt loam; very many medium and fine roots throughout
	26-50	B1	N4.5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium dark gray to medium gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; some roots
	50-76	B2	N5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium gray clay with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; a few roots; blocky structure
	76-113	B3	N5 Grading to N4.5 with 10YR 6/6	Medium gray grading to medium dark gray to medium gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; blocky structure; dry and crumbly
	113-144	C	5Y 4/1 With N3 And 10YR 6/6	Olive gray fine silty sand with dark gray and dark yellowish orange; gravel near bottom; note clean gravelly sand below 144 cm

Site: Moderate Management #10      Total length – 135 cm      Date collected – 3/31/11  
 Notes: 1 m from nearest tree; no surface water


Photograph	Interval (cm)	Soil Horizon/ Subsample ID	Color (Munsell Color Standard, GSA, 1991)	Description
	0-25	A	5Y 4/1	Olive gray silt loam with very many medium and fine roots
	25-43	B1/E	5YR 3/2	Grayish brown silt loam; slightly more clay than above; roots throughout
	43-98	B2	5Y4/1 And N4 With little 10YR 6/6	Olive gray and medium dark gray clay loam with very little dark yellowish orange iron accumulations
	98-135	B3	N5.5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium gray to medium light gray clay with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; wet and sticky; more accumulations than above



Site: Low Management #1      Total length – 142 cm      Date collected – 3/31/11  
 Notes: 1 m from nearest tree (oak); no surface water


Photograph	Interval (cm)	Soil Horizon/ Subsample ID	Color (Munsell Color Standard, GSA, 1991)	Description
	0-24	A1	5Y 4/1	Olive gray silt loam; very many medium and fine roots throughout
	24-38	A2/E	5Y 3/1	Olive gray to olive black silt loam; some roots
	38-78	B1	5Y 3/1 Grading to N4 With 10YR 6/6	Olive gray to olive black clay loam grading to medium dark gray with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; a few roots
	78-121	B2	N5 Grading to N5.5 with 10YR 6/6	Medium gray grading to medium gray to medium light gray clay loam with many dark yellowish orange iron accumulations
	121-142	C	N5.5 With 10YR 5/4	Medium gray to medium light gray silty sand with gravel mixed with moderate yellowish brown; very wet

Site: Low Management #2      Total length – 158 cm      Date collected – 3/31/11  
 Notes: 4 m from tree; no surface water


Photograph	Interval (cm)	Soil Horizon/ Subsample ID	Color (Munsell Color Standard, GSA, 1991)	Description
	0-28	A	5Y 4/1	Olive gray silt loam with very many medium and fine roots; a few iron accumulations at depth
	28-70	B1	N4 With 10YR 6/6	Medium dark gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; some roots throughout
	70-127	B2	N5.5 Grading to N6 With 10YR 6/6	Medium gray to medium light gray grading to medium light gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; blocky structure; a few roots
	127-158	B3/C	N3.5 With 10YR 5/4	Dark gray to medium dark gray firm clayey sand with moderate yellowish brown iron accumulations; a few small gravel throughout




Site: Low Management #3      Total length – 140 cm      Date collected – 3/31/11  
 Notes: 3 m from nearest tree (oak); no surface water

Photograph	Interval (cm)	Soil Horizon/ Subsample ID	Color (Munsell Color Standard, GSA, 1991)	Description
	0-28	A	5Y 4/1	Olive gray silt loam; very many medium and fine roots throughout
	28-63	B1	N4 Grading to N5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium dark gray grading to medium gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; some roots
	63-92	B2	N5 Grading to N5.5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium gray grading to medium gray to medium light gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; a few roots; lumpy
	92-115	B3	N4 with 10YR 5/4	Medium dark gray slightly sandy clay with many moderate yellowish brown iron accumulations
	115-140	C	N4 with 10YR 5/4	Medium dark gray silty sand with gravel mixed with moderate yellowish brown


Site: Low Management #4      Total length – 145 cm      Date collected – 3/31/11  
 Notes: 2.5 m from tree; no surface water

Photograph	Interval (cm)	Soil Horizon/ Subsample ID	Color (Munsell Color Standard, GSA, 1991)	Description
	0-25	A	5Y 4/1	Olive gray silt loam with very many medium and fine roots
	25-55	B1	5Y 4/1 Grading to N4 With 10YR 6/6	Olive gray grading to medium dark gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; some roots throughout
	55-112	B2	N5.5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium gray to medium light gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; blocky structure; a few roots
	112-145	C	N4 With 10YR 5/4	Medium dark gray silty sand with gravel with moderate yellowish brown iron accumulations

Site: Low Management #5      Total length – 132 cm      Date collected – 3/31/11  
 Notes: 0.5m from hardwood tree; no surface water

Photograph	Interval (cm)	Soil Horizon/ Subsample ID	Color (Munsell Color Standard, GSA, 1991)	Description
	0-26	A	5Y 4/1	Olive gray silt loam with very many medium and fine roots
	26-60	B1	N4.5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium dark gray to medium gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; some roots throughout; blocky structure
	60-113	B2	N5.5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium gray to medium light gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; blocky structure; a few roots
	113-132	C	N5 With 10YR 5/4	Medium gray silty sand with very little gravel; moderate yellowish brown iron accumulations


Site: Low Management #6      Total length – 140 cm      Date collected – 3/31/11  
 Notes: 20 cm from nearest tree (pine); 1.5 m from hardwood; no surface water

Photograph	Interval (cm)	Soil Horizon/ Subsample ID	Color (Munsell Color Standard, GSA, 1991)	Description
	0-24	A	5Y 4/1	Olive gray silt loam; very many medium and fine roots throughout
	24-41	A2/E	5Y 2/1	Olive black silt; very many roots
	41-82	B1	5Y 4/1 Grading to N5 With 10YR 6/6	Olive gray grading to medium gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; a few roots
	82-108	B2	N4 with 10YR 6/6	Medium dark gray clay loam with fewer dark yellowish orange iron accumulations than above
	108-140	C	N3.5 with 10YR 6/6	Dark gray to medium dark gray clayey, gravelly sand with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; very wet

Site: Low Management #7      Total length – 130 cm      Date collected – 3/31/11  
 Notes: 2 m from nearest tree; no surface water


Photograph	Interval (cm)	Soil Horizon/ Subsample ID	Color (Munsell Color Standard, GSA, 1991)	Description
	0-26	A	5Y 4/1	Olive gray silt loam; very many medium and fine roots throughout
	26-54	B1	N4 With 10YR 6/6	Medium dark gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; blocky structure; some roots
	54-92	B2	N5.5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium gray to medium light gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; a few roots
	92-108	B3	N3.5 with 10YR 6/6	Dark gray to medium dark gray slightly sandy clay loam with fewer dark yellowish orange iron accumulations than above
	108-130	C	N6 With 10YR 5/4	Medium light gray with moderate yellowish brown gravelly silty sand

Site: Low Management #8      Total length – 146 cm      Date collected – 3/31/11  
 Notes: 0.25 m from nearest tree; no surface water

Photograph	Interval (cm)	Soil Horizon/ Subsample ID	Color (Munsell Color Standard, GSA, 1991)	Description
	0-26	A1	5Y 4/1	Olive gray silt loam; very many medium and fine roots throughout
	26-46	A2	5Y 3/1	Olive black to olive gray silty clay loam; some roots throughout
	46-70	B1	5Y 3/1 Grading to N4 With 10YR 6/6	Olive black to olive gray clay loam grading to medium dark gray with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; blocky structure; a few roots
	70-101	B2	N5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium clay loam with very many dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; a few roots
	101-132	B3	N5.5 with 10YR 6/6	Medium dark gray to medium gray slightly sandy clay loam with fewer dark yellowish orange iron accumulations than above
	132-146	C	N4 With 10YR 5/4	Medium dark gray with moderate yellowish brown gravelly silty sand with gravel




Site: Low Management #9      Total length – 148 cm      Date collected – 3/31/11  
 Notes: 2 m from nearest tree (hardwood); no surface water

Photograph	Interval (cm)	Soil Horizon/ Subsample ID	Color (Munsell Color Standard, GSA, 1991)	Description
	0-22	A	5Y 4/1	Olive gray silt loam; very many medium and fine roots throughout
	22-62	B1	N4 Grading to N4.5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium dark gray clay loam grading to medium dark gray to medium gray with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; some roots
	62-96	B2	N5 Grading to N5.5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium gray grading to medium gray to medium light gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; a few roots; dense laminate of organics at 72 cm
	96-116	B3	N4 with 10YR 5/4	Medium dark gray slightly sandy clay with moderate yellowish brown iron accumulations
	116-148	C	N4.5 With 10YR 5/4	Moderate dark gray to medium gray with moderate yellowish brown silty sand with gravel; a lot of pea gravel below 132 cm



Site: Low Management #10      Total length – 128 cm      Date collected – 3/31/11  
 Notes: 1 m from very small hardwood tree; no surface water

Photograph	Interval (cm)	Soil Horizon/ Subsample ID	Color (Munsell Color Standard, GSA, 1991)	Description
	0-28	A	5Y 4/1	Olive gray silt loam with very many medium and fine roots
	28-76	B1	N4.5 With 10YR 6/6	Medium dark gray to medium gray clay loam with dark yellowish orange iron accumulations; some roots throughout; large iron accumulation from 60-65 cm
	76-103	B2	10YR 6/6 With N4	Dark yellowish orange slightly sandy clay with medium dark gray iron depletions
	103-128	C	10YR 5/4 N4 N6.5	Mixed moderate yellowish brown, medium dark gray, and medium light gray to light gray sandy gravel; very wet