



Natural Resources Conservation Service

North Carolina

Section II-(C)

## Source Data for the Official Soil Survey

### **Chatham County - General**

The traditional final product of first generation soil survey mapping has been the soil survey publication. Each publication includes soil map unit descriptions, series descriptions, tables of information (attributes), and maps. One copy of this publication is retained at the NRCS Field Office and is designated as the "Official Copy." This official copy was established to maintain the most current soil information for a survey area.

The Chatham County soil survey is not yet published; it is in draft format. The field sheets are the official source of soil maps. They are being digitized and will be available at no charge from the following web site:

[http://www.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov/ssur\\_data.html](http://www.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov/ssur_data.html).

The official source of soil data is the NASIS database. Chatham County data are still being reviewed and edited and are therefore subject to change. The NASIS data are available from this site in a Microsoft Access data template. The file name is the county FIPS code with a "zip" extension, nc037.zip. It may be downloaded and unzipped. The template, nc037.mdb, requires Microsoft Access 97 or newer.

Copies of the interim maps are available from:

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Chatham County information will be available as an interim product once the manuscript has been typeset. Contact the NRCS field office or the soil survey office at:

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