

SECTION II A. SOILS INFORMATION

2. SOIL DESCRIPTIONS – Map Unit Descriptions

The soil map units delineated on the detailed soil maps in a soil survey represent the soils or miscellaneous areas in the survey area. The map unit descriptions, along with the maps, can be used to determine the composition and properties of a soil map unit.

There are two types of Map Unit Descriptions available through the Soil Data Mart or Web Soil Survey: “Map Unit Descriptions” (in semi-tabular format) and “Map Unit Description (Brief, Generated)”.

An identifying symbol precedes the map unit name in the map unit descriptions. Each description includes general facts about the unit and gives the principle hazards and limitations to be considered in planning for specific uses.

Both types of reports along with the soils maps can be used to determine the suitability and potential of a soil map unit for specific uses. They also can be used to plan the management needed for those areas.

Included in this section are examples of both types of Map Unit Descriptions generated from the Soil Data Mart.

<http://soildatamart.nrcs.usda.gov/Default.aspx>

<http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/>