Source Data for the Official Soil Survey

Henderson County - General

The traditional final product of the first generation soil survey mapping has been the soil survey publication. Each publication included soil map unit descriptions, series descriptions, tables of information (attributes), and maps. The new soil survey is a digital product named SSURGO. A web-based application, the Web Soil Survey, has been made available for public use. Electronic files may be downloaded from the Web Soil Survey. It consists of the newest NRCS SSURGO soils data, along with information from other official federal data sources such as US Geological Survey and the US Census Bureau. These generally include an orthophotographic background, roads, streams, coordinates, and other data for orientation and location purposes.

The 1980 Henderson County soil survey is out-of-date but remains the official source of soil descriptions. The soil survey publication is out-of-print. An historical replica was made by scanning the soil survey publication. The archived soil survey manuscript and maps are available in Adobe PDF format. The soil maps have been digitized.

The official source of soil data is the Web Soil Survey. The SSURGO tabular and/or spatial data and interpretations may be downloaded from:

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

The data on this site is the most current.

The archived soil survey manuscript and maps are available from:

http://soils.usda.gov/survey/online_surveys/north_carolina/

Copies of the published soil survey are available from:

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