

**Soil Survey Evaluation for Washington County, VT  
Vermont NRCS  
2010**

This report contains general information about the history of the soil survey and an evaluation of the available soil survey information, for use in planning for maintenance and updates to the soil survey.

**1. General Information**

A. State Soil Survey Area ID (STSSAID)	VT023
B. Acres (from NRI)	
Total land acres in the survey area	441,600
Total census water in the survey area	3,200
Total Surface area	444,800
Approximate acres within <b>MLRA 143</b> (as of 1996)	253,600
Approximate acres within <b>MLRA 144B</b> (as of 1996)	191,200
Approximate acres within the Green Mountain National forest	6,400

**Correlation**

A. Correlation date	1996
B. Correlation Amendment Dates	
First	1997
Second	2002

**Initial Soil Survey**

A. Publication date	2004 (on CD)
B. Publication scale	1:24,000
C. Photobase	Orthophotos, NRCS
D. Mapping order	2
E. Field Mapping scale	1:18,000
F. Field Mapping	
Started	1975
Completed	1990
G. Soil Survey Status	Published

**Digital Soil Survey**

A. Date survey digitized	1995-1996
B. Digitizing base map	Orthophotos, VT
C. Digitizing Scale	1:20,000
D. Date of SSURGO Certification	1996

**2. Quality of the Existing Soil Survey**

**Published Soil Survey**

This is a current soil survey. The mapping quality meets current standards.

**Soil Maps**

Officially certified soil maps derived from SSURGO data are available on Web Soil Survey and from the Soil Data Mart.

**Taxonomic and Map Unit Names and Descriptions**

Taxonomic and map unit descriptions are available on a “Soil Survey of Washington County, Vermont” CD produced by the national NRCS office in 2004. Soil maps are not on this CD.

**List of Map Unit Concerns by MLRA – see legend below for concerns for individual map units**

**MLRA 143**

- 143-ML. Markey and Lupton soils are not currently mapped in this part of Region R.  
Pondicherry and Bucksport series are better choices for these soil conditions.
- 143-SL. Out of date slope classes were used for this map unit. They have poor interpretative value.
- 143-SPR. This Spodosol series classification needs to be updated.
- 143-Y. This is the only county in the state where this series (or one of the series in a complex) is mapped.
- 143-Z. This is the only map unit of this series in Vermont.

**MLRA 144B**

- 144B-ML. Markey and Lupton soils are not currently mapped in this part of Region R.  
Pondicherry and Bucksport series are better choices for these soil conditions.
- 144B-SL. Out of date slope classes were used for this map unit. They have poor interpretative value.
- 144B-Y. This is the only county in the state where this series (or one of the series in a complex) is mapped.
- 144B-Z. This is the only map unit of this series in Vermont.

Map Unit Symbol and Name	Map Unit Issues by MLRA-Concern Number (see above)						
2A Ondawa fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes							
3A Rumney fine sandy loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes							
4A Sunny silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes		143-Z	144B-Z				
9A Rifle muck, 0 to 2 percent slopes, ponded		143-Z	144B-Z				

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14B Colonel fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes						
14C Colonel fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes						
14D Colonel fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes						
17A Cabot silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes						
17B Cabot silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes						
17C Cabot silt loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes						
18B Cabot silt loam, 0 to 8 percent slopes, very stony						
18C Cabot silt loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony						
19B Colonel fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony						
19C Colonel fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony						
19D Colonel fine sandy loam, 15 to 35 percent slopes, very stony						
20A Peacham muck, 0 to 5 percent slopes	143-SL	144B-SL				
21A Sunday fine sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes	143-Z	144B-Z				
26A Adams loamy fine sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes						
26B Adams loamy fine sand, 3 to 8 percent slopes						
26C Adams loamy fine sand, 8 to 15 percent slopes						
26D Adams loamy fine sand, 15 to 25 percent slopes						
26E Adams loamy fine sand, 25 to 60 percent slopes						
33A Machias fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	143-Y	144B-Y				
33B Machias fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	143-Y	144B-Y				

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33C Machias fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes		143-Y	144B-Y				
37B Stetson loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes							
37C Stetson loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes							
37D Stetson loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes							
37E Stetson loam, 25 to 60 percent slopes							
39A Colton gravelly loamy sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes							
39B Colton gravelly loamy sand, 3 to 8 percent slopes							
39C Colton gravelly loamy sand, 8 to 15 percent slopes							
39D Colton gravelly loamy sand, 15 to 25 percent slopes							
39E Colton gravelly loamy sand, 25 to 60 percent slopes							
41D Buxton silt loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes							
41E Buxton silt loam, 25 to 45 percent slopes							
43B Salmon very fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes							
43C Salmon very fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes							
43D Salmon very fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes							
43E Salmon very fine sandy loam, 25 to 50 percent slopes							
44B Lamoine silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes							
44C Lamoine silt loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes							
45A Scantic silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes							

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55B Nicholville silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes						
58A Grange silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes						
59A Waitsfield silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	143-Z	144B-Z				
60A Weider very fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	143-Z	144B-Z				
62B Berkshire fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes						
62C Berkshire fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes						
62D Berkshire fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes						
63B Berkshire fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony						
63C Berkshire fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony						
63D Berkshire fine sandy loam, 15 to 35 percent slopes, very stony						
63E Berkshire fine sandy loam, 35 to 60 percent slopes, very stony						
64C Salmon-Adamant complex, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very rocky	143-Y	144B-Y				
64D Salmon-Adamant complex, 15 to 25 percent slopes, very rocky	143-Y	144B-Y				
64E Salmon-Adamant complex, 25 to 50 percent slopes, very rocky	143-Y	144B-Y				
66B Vershire-Dummerston complex, 3 to 8 percent slopes, rocky						
66C Vershire-Dummerston complex, 8 to 15 percent slopes, rocky						

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66D	Vershire-Dummerston complex, 15 to 25 percent slopes, rocky						
66E	Vershire-Dummerston complex, 25 to 60 percent slopes, rocky						
67C	Glover-Vershire complex, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very rocky						
67D	Glover-Vershire complex, 15 to 35 percent slopes, very rocky						
67E	Glover-Vershire complex, 35 to 60 percent slopes, very rocky						
68D	Stratton-Glebe complex, 15 to 35 percent slopes, very rocky						
68E	Stratton-Glebe complex, 35 to 60 percent slopes, very rocky						
69D	Sisk-Glebe complex, 15 to 35 percent slopes, very bouldery	143-Y					
69E	Sisk-Glebe complex, 35 to 60 percent slopes, very bouldery	143-Y					
71C	Tunbridge-Lyman complex, 3 to 15 percent slopes, rocky						
72B	Tunbridge-Lyman complex, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very rocky						
72C	Tunbridge-Lyman complex, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very rocky						
72D	Tunbridge-Lyman complex, 15 to 35 percent slopes, very rocky						
72E	Tunbridge-Lyman complex, 35 to 60 percent slopes, very rocky						

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76C	Berkshire fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very bouldery						
76D	Berkshire fine sandy loam, 15 to 35 percent slopes, very bouldery						
76E	Berkshire fine sandy loam, 35 to 60 percent slopes, very bouldery						
77B	Peru gravelly fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes						
77C	Peru gravelly fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes						
77D	Peru gravelly fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes						
78C	Peru gravelly fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony						
78D	Peru gravelly fine sandy loam, 15 to 35 percent slopes, very stony						
78E	Peru gravelly fine sandy loam, 35 to 60 percent slopes, very stony						
79A	Markey and Wonsqueak mucks, 0 to 2 percent slopes, ponded	143-ML	144B-ML				
82A	Peacham muck, 0 to 5 percent slopes, extremely bouldery	144B-SL	143-SL				
85E	Ricker-Londonderry-Stratton complex, 35 to 60 percent slopes, very rocky						
86F	Ricker-Londonderry-Rock outcrop complex, 35 to 70 percent slopes						
88D	Houghtonville fine sandy loam, 15 to 35 percent slopes, very bouldery						

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89E	Houghtonville fine sandy loam, 15 to 60 percent slopes, rubbly						
90B	Dummerston fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes						
90C	Dummerston fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes						
90D	Dummerston fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes						
91C	Dummerston fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony						
91D	Dummerston fine sandy loam, 15 to 35 percent slopes, very stony						
92B	Buckland silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes						
92C	Buckland silt loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes						
92D	Buckland silt loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes						
93B	Buckland silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony						
93C	Buckland silt loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony						
93D	Buckland silt loam, 15 to 35 percent slopes, very stony						
96D	Peru gravelly fine sandy loam, 15 to 35 percent slopes, extremely bouldery						
98B	Cabot silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, extremely bouldery						
98C	Cabot silt loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, extremely bouldery						

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99C	Colonel fine sandy loam, 3 to 15 percent slopes, extremely bouldery						
99D	Colonel fine sandy loam, 15 to 35 percent slopes, extremely bouldery						
100	Pits, Sand, and Pits, gravel						
102	Pits, quarry-Dumps, mine complex						
103	Udorthents, loamy						
104	Urban land-Udipsammments complex, occasionally flooded						
116B	Mundal fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony						
116C	Mundal fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony						
116D	Mundal fine sandy loam, 15 to 35 percent slopes, very stony						
151F	Hogback-Rock outcrop-Rawsonville complex, 35 to 70 percent slopes	143-SPR					
162D	Houghtonville-Rawsonville complex, 15 to 35 percent slopes, very bouldery	143-SPR					
162E	Houghtonville-Rawsonville complex, 35 to 60 percent slopes, very bouldery	143-SPR					
163C	Houghtonville fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony						
163D	Houghtonville fine sandy loam, 15 to 35 percent slopes, very stony						
163E	Houghtonville fine sandy loam, 35 to 60 percent slopes, very stony						

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168C Hogback-Rawsonville complex, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very rocky		143-SPR					
168D Hogback-Rawsonville complex, 15 to 35 percent slopes, very rocky		143-SPR					
168E Hogback-Rawsonville complex, 35 to 60 percent slopes, very rocky		143-SPR					
172F Taconic-Hubbardton-Rock outcrop complex, 60 to 80 percent slopes							
W Water							

**Interpretations**

The soil survey interpretations were approved when the soil survey was correlated. Interpretations developed or revised since correlation are available in the Field Office Technical Guide, Section II Part I, Soils Information, and on the Soil Data Mart. Some interpretations are available through Soil Fact Sheets.

**3. Digital Soil Survey/Tabular Soil Survey Data**

SSURGO-certified data is posted to the Soil Data Mart and Web Soil Survey.

**4. Plans to update the Soil Survey**

This section will be completed by the MLRA Soil Survey Office after a review of county SS evaluations.

**5. Staff and Budget needed to update the Soil Survey**

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