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Area of In	Area of Interest (AOI)		Spoil Area	The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:12,000.	
	Area of Interest (AOI)	٥	Stony Spot		
Soils	Soil Map Unit Polygons	0	Very Stony Spot	Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.	
~	Soil Map Unit Lines	Ŷ	Wet Spot	Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause	
	Soil Map Unit Points	\triangle	Other	misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil	
_	Special Point Features		Special Line Features	line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed	
అ	Blowout		atures	scale.	
	Borrow Pit	~	Streams and Canals		
×	Clay Spot	Transport	Rails	Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.	
0	Closed Depression		Interstate Highways		
X	Gravel Pit		US Routes	Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service Web Soil Survey URL:	
0 00	Gravelly Spot	~	Major Roads	Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)	
0	Landfill	~	Local Roads	Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator	
۸.	Lava Flow	Backgrou		projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts	
-14 -14	Marsh or swamp	Backgrot	Aerial Photography	distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.	
~	Mine or Quarry				
0	Miscellaneous Water			This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as	
0	Perennial Water			of the version date(s) listed below.	
\sim	Rock Outcrop			Soil Survey Area: State of Connecticut Survey Area Data: Version 20, Jun 9, 2020 Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.	
+	Saline Spot				
0 0 0 0	Sandy Spot				
-	Severely Eroded Spot				
0	Sinkhole			Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Aug 30, 2019—Oct	
≽	Slide or Slip			15, 2019	
ø	Sodic Spot			The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.	

Map Unit Legend

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI	
63B	Cheshire fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	6.1	100.0%	
Totals for Area of Interest		6.1	100.0%	

Map Unit Descriptions

The 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 unit.

A map unit delineation on a soil map represents an area dominated by one or more major kinds of soil or miscellaneous areas. A map unit is identified and named according to the taxonomic classification of the dominant soils. Within a taxonomic class there are precisely defined limits for the properties of the soils. On the landscape, however, the soils are natural phenomena, and they have the characteristic variability of all natural phenomena. Thus, the range of some observed properties may extend beyond the limits defined for a taxonomic class. Areas of soils of a single taxonomic class rarely, if ever, can be mapped without including areas of other taxonomic classes. Consequently, every map unit is made up of the soils or miscellaneous areas for which it is named and some minor components that belong to taxonomic classes other than those of the major soils.

Most minor soils have properties similar to those of the dominant soil or soils in the map unit, and thus they do not affect use and management. These are called noncontrasting, or similar, components. They may or may not be mentioned in a particular map unit description. Other minor components, however, have properties and behavioral characteristics divergent enough to affect use or to require different management. These are called contrasting, or dissimilar, components. They generally are in small areas and could not be mapped separately because of the scale used. Some small areas of strongly contrasting soils or miscellaneous areas are identified by a special symbol on the maps. If included in the database for a given area, the contrasting minor components are identified in the map unit descriptions along with some characteristics of each. A few areas of minor components may not have been observed, and consequently they are not mentioned in the descriptions, especially where the pattern was so complex that it was impractical to make enough observations to identify all the soils and miscellaneous areas on the landscape.

The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The objective of mapping is not to delineate pure taxonomic classes but rather to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. The delineation of such segments on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, however, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

An identifying symbol precedes the map unit name in the map unit descriptions. Each description includes general facts about the unit and gives important soil properties and qualities.

Soils that have profiles that are almost alike make up a *soil series*. Except for differences in texture of the surface layer, all the soils of a series have major horizons that are similar in composition, thickness, and arrangement.

Soils of one series can differ in texture of the surface layer, slope, stoniness, salinity, degree of erosion, and other characteristics that affect their use. On the basis of such differences, a soil series is divided into *soil phases*. Most of the areas shown on the detailed soil maps are phases of soil series. The name of a soil phase commonly indicates a feature that affects use or management. For example, Alpha silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is a phase of the Alpha series.

Some map units are made up of two or more major soils or miscellaneous areas. These map units are complexes, associations, or undifferentiated groups.

A *complex* consists of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas in such an intricate pattern or in such small areas that they cannot be shown separately on the maps. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar in all areas. Alpha-Beta complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes, is an example.

An *association* is made up of two or more geographically associated soils or miscellaneous areas that are shown as one unit on the maps. Because of present or anticipated uses of the map units in the survey area, it was not considered practical or necessary to map the soils or miscellaneous areas separately. The pattern and relative proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar. Alpha-Beta association, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

An *undifferentiated group* is made up of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas that could be mapped individually but are mapped as one unit because similar interpretations can be made for use and management. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas in a mapped area are not uniform. An area can be made up of only one of the major soils or miscellaneous areas, or it can be made up of all of them. Alpha and Beta soils, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

Some surveys include *miscellaneous areas*. Such areas have little or no soil material and support little or no vegetation. Rock outcrop is an example.

State of Connecticut

63B—Cheshire fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 9lpw Elevation: 0 to 1,200 feet Mean annual precipitation: 43 to 54 inches Mean annual air temperature: 45 to 55 degrees F Frost-free period: 140 to 185 days Farmland classification: All areas are prime farmland

Map Unit Composition

Cheshire and similar soils: 80 percent Minor components: 20 percent Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Cheshire

Setting

Landform: Till plains, hills Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Parent material: Coarse-loamy melt-out till derived from basalt and/or sandstone and shale

Typical profile

Ap - 0 to 8 inches: fine sandy loam Bw1 - 8 to 16 inches: fine sandy loam Bw2 - 16 to 26 inches: fine sandy loam C - 26 to 65 inches: gravelly sandy loam

Properties and qualities

Slope: 3 to 8 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Well drained
Runoff class: Low
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to high (0.57 to 5.95 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water capacity: Moderate (about 7.8 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 2e Hydrologic Soil Group: B Ecological site: F145XY013CT - Well Drained Till Uplands Hydric soil rating: No

Minor Components

Wilbraham

Percent of map unit: 5 percent Landform: Depressions, drainageways *Down-slope shape:* Concave *Across-slope shape:* Concave *Hydric soil rating:* Yes

Yalesville

Percent of map unit: 3 percent Landform: Hills, ridges Down-slope shape: Convex Across-slope shape: Linear Hydric soil rating: No

Watchaug

Percent of map unit: 3 percent Landform: Hills, till plains Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Concave Hydric soil rating: No

Wethersfield

Percent of map unit: 3 percent Landform: Drumlins, hills Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Convex Hydric soil rating: No

Menlo

Percent of map unit: 2 percent Landform: Depressions, drainageways Down-slope shape: Concave Across-slope shape: Concave Hydric soil rating: Yes

Unnamed, brown subsoil Percent of map unit: 2 percent Hydric soil rating: No

Unnamed, less sloping

Percent of map unit: 2 percent Hydric soil rating: No