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Soil Report

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Project: 12 Walter Lane, Stamford, CT.

INTRODUCTION

A wetlands investigation was performed at the above-referenced property to locate and identify any inland wetland soils or watercourses.

The purpose of this report is to document that the field work for the site investigation was conducted using professionally accepted methods and procedures. This report is intended for submission by the owner(s) of the property or their designated agent to the local municipal regulatory agency.

DEFINITIONS

The Connecticut General Statutes Ch. 440 Sections 22a-36 and 22a-45 (as amended) define **inland wetlands** as land, including submerged land (except for tidal wetlands) which consist of any of the soil types designated by the National Cooperative Soil Survey as *poorly drained, very poorly drained, floodplain, or alluvial*.

Poorly drained and **very poorly drained** are soil drainage classes that are defined by specific technical criteria in the Soil Survey Manual, Ch. 3 of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. Generally speaking, *poorly drained soils* are wet at shallow depths periodically during the growing season, or remain wet for long periods, while in *very poorly drained soils* water is removed from the soil so slowly that free water remains at or very near the ground surface during much of the growing season.

Floodplain refers to the land bordering a stream or river that is subject to flood stage inundation, and **alluvial** refers to soil deposited by concentrated running water (Soil Survey Manual, Part 629).

Watercourses are defined by the Connecticut General Statutes Ch. 440 Sections 22a-36 and 22a-45 (as amended) to include rivers, streams, brooks, waterways, lakes, ponds, marshes, swamps, bogs and all other bodies of water, natural or artificial, vernal or intermittent, public or private. **Intermittent watercourses** are a type of watercourse that typically do not flow year-round, and are specifically defined within the CT statutes by the presence of a defined permanent channel and bank, and the occurrence of two or more of the following characteristics:

a) Evidence of scour, or deposits of recent alluvium or detritus;
b) The presence of standing or flowing water for a duration longer than a particular storm incident;
c) The presence of hydrophytic vegetation.

Uplands are land areas that are not inland wetlands, watercourses, or subject to tides.

The **soil series** is a soil label that refers to the lowest category of the National Soil Classification System. It is used as a specification for identifying and classifying soils within a soil map unit. The descriptions are standardized by the USDA-NRCS, and contain soil properties that define and distinguish them from the other soil series.

METHODS

All soils were sampled to a depth of at least 22 inches with spade and augur unless noted otherwise during a field investigation conducted on May 13, 2021. Soils were classified according to the nomenclature presented within the NRCS Web Soil Survey, with additional reference to the National Cooperative Soil Survey, and the local Soil Survey.

The wetland boundaries were marked on site with flagging tape and/or stakes (Wetland Flags 1-11, 13-24) and a sketch map prepared (attached).

SITE DESCRIPTION AND DISCUSSION

The roughly 1.03 acre site is located on the southwest corner of Walter Lane and Den Road, Stamford, CT. Land-use is residential. The site is located within the DEEP Basin 7407-14 within the Mianus River Subregional Basin and as per Stamford EPB watershed map.

Wetland resources on site include an intermittent watercourse flowing southerly along the western property boundary region, along with lawned wetland soils located adjacent to it. The watercourse flows towards a small pond located within the adjoining properties to the south and southeast. A second lawned wetland is located east of the driveway, occupying a topographic depression extending southerly.

WETLAND AND WATERCOURSE SOIL MAPPING UNITS

(2) Ridgebury fine sandy loam

The Ridgebury series consists of very deep, somewhat poorly and poorly drained soils formed in till derived mainly from granite, gneiss and schist. They are commonly shallow to a densic contact. They are nearly level to gently sloping soils in low areas in uplands. Slope ranges from 0 to 15 percent. Saturated hydraulic conductivity ranges from moderately low to high in the solum and very low to moderately low in the substratum. Mean annual temperature is about 49 degrees F. and the mean annual precipitation is about 45 inches.
TAXONOMIC CLASS: Loamy, mixed, active, acid, mesic, shallow Aeric Endoaquepts

UPLAND (NON WETLAND) SOIL MAPPING UNITS

(45A) Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes

The Woodbridge series consists of moderately well drained loamy soils formed in lodgment till. They are very deep to bedrock and moderately deep to a densic contact. They are nearly level to moderately steep soils on hills, drumlins, till plains, and ground moraines. Slope ranges from 0 to 25 percent. Saturated hydraulic conductivity ranges from moderately high to high in the surface layer and subsoil and low or moderately low in the dense substratum. Mean annual temperature is about 9 degrees C., and mean annual precipitation is about 1168 mm.
TAXONOMIC CLASS: Coarse-loamy, mixed, active, mesic Aquic Dystrudepts

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LIMITATIONS
All observations and conclusions within this report are opinion and were based upon the field conditions at time of investigation and best professional judgment. Field conditions may change over time. All wetland boundary lines established by the undersigned Soil Scientist are subject to change until officially adopted by the appropriate local, state and federal regulatory agencies.

CERTIFICATION

Signed,

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Sketch Map - not to scale
See report for methods
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