

BcB: Benson rocky loam, over massive limestone, 3 to 8 percent slopes

The Benson component makes up 85 percent of the map unit. The natural drainage class is somewhat excessively drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is moderately low. This component is on glaciated uplands. The parent material consists of coarse-loamy till. Depth to a root restrictive layer, bedrock, lithic, is 10 to 20 inches.

<u>Important farmland classification:</u> Statewide	<u>Land capability:</u> 3 s	<u>Vermont Agricultural Value Group:</u> 6e
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Vermont Residential Onsite Waste Disposal Group and Subgroup: IVc

This unit is generally not suited as a site for soil-based residential wastewater disposal systems, based on a review by the Natural Resources Conservation Service of criteria set forth in the Vermont 2007 Environmental Protection Rules. The very shallow to shallow depth to bedrock is the limiting condition.

<u>PHYSICAL and CHEMICAL PROPERTIES</u>							<u>EROSION FACTORS</u>		
Soil name	Depth (In)	Typical texture	Clay (Pct)	Soil reaction (pH)	Permeability (In/Hr)	Organic matter (Pct)	Kw	Kf	T
Benson	0-5	L	10-30	5.6 - 7.8	0.6-2	2.0-6.0	.24	.24	1
	5-18	CNV-L	10-30	6.1 - 7.8	0.6-2	0.5-2.0	.10	.37	
	18-28	UWB	---	---	0.06-0.6	---	---	---	

WATER FEATURES						SOIL FEATURES		
Soil name	Hydrologic group	Depth to seasonal high water table (Feet)	Flooding		Ponding		Hydric soil?	Depth to bedrock (range in inches)
			Frequency	Duration	Frequency	Duration		
Benson	D	---	None		None		No	10-20

<u>LAND USE LIMITATIONS</u>				<u>AGRICULTURAL YIELD DATA</u>	
Soil name	Land use	Rating	Reason **	Crop name	Yield / acre
Benson	Dwellings with basements:	Very limited	Depth to hard bedrock	Grass-clover	4.8 AUM
Benson	Pond reservoir areas:	Very limited	Depth to bedrock	Grass hay	2.5 Tons
				Grass-legume hay	3 Tons
				Corn silage	12 Tons

<u>WOODLAND MANAGEMENT</u>				
Soil name	Management concern	Rating	Reason	Vermont natural communities
Benson	Harvest equip operability:	Well suited		Mesic Maple-Ash-Hickory-Oak Forest, Transition Hardwoods Limestone Forest Variant, Limestone Bluff Cedar-Pine Forest, Temperate Calcareous Outcrop, Northern Hardwoods Limestone Forest Variant, Temperate Calcareous Cliff
Benson	Road suitability:	Well suited		
Benson	Erosion hazard (off-road):	Slight		