

33B: Machias fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes

The Machias component makes up 85 percent of the map unit. The natural drainage class is moderately well drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is high. This component is on terraces on river valleys. The parent material consists of coarse-loamy glaciofluvial deposits over sandy and gravelly glaciofluvial deposits. Depth to a root restrictive layer is greater than 60 inches.

Important farmland classification: Prime

Land capability: 2 w

Vermont Agricultural Value Group: 3

Vermont Residential Onsite Waste Disposal Group and Subgroup: IIh

This unit is moderately 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 depth to the seasonal high water table is the primary concern. Mound system construction and other site modifications are often necessary. On sloping sites, curtain drains can help lower the water table to an acceptable level. In some cases, a detailed, site-specific analysis with groundwater level monitoring and determination of induced groundwater mounding may be required to establish the suitability of this unit.

PHYSICAL and CHEMICAL PROPERTIES							EROSION FACTORS		
Soil name	Depth (In)	Typical texture	Clay (Pct)	Soil reaction (pH)	Permeability (In/Hr)	Organic matter (Pct)	Kw	Kf	T
Machias	0-8	FSL	5-12	4.5 - 5.5	2-6	2.0-6.0	.20	.20	3
	8-22	FSL	5-12	4.5 - 6.0	2-6	0.5-2.0	.32	.32	
	22-65	GRV-S	0-5	4.5 - 6.0	6-20	0.0-0.5	.02	.02	

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		
Machias	B	1.5-2.5	None		None		No	---

LAND USE LIMITATIONS				AGRICULTURAL YIELD DATA	
Soil name	Land use	Rating	Reason **	Crop name	Yield / acre
Machias	Dwellings with basements:	Very limited	Depth to saturated zone	Pasture	8 AUM
Machias	Pond reservoir areas:	Very limited	Seepage	Grass-legume hay	3.5 Tons
				Grass hay	4 Tons
				Corn silage	20 Tons
				Alfalfa hay	4.5 Tons

WOODLAND MANAGEMENT				
Soil name	Management concern	Rating	Reason	Vermont natural communities
Machias	Harvest equip operability:	Well suited		Hemlock-Northern Hardwood Forest, Hemlock-White Pine-Northern Hardwood Forest Variant, Lowland Spruce-Fir Forest, well drained phase, Hemlock Forest
Machias	Road suitability:	Well suited		
Machias	Erosion hazard (off-road):	Slight		