

2011 Maryland Soil Survey Work Planning Conference

Soil Tools (Soil Data Mart, SSURGO Data, Soil Data Viewer and Training Needs

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Objectives

- Use Soil Data Mart to download soils data
- Describe the SSURGO template
- Describe Soil Data Viewer and explain how it can be used to develop soil maps and reports



Soil Data Mart

- Official repository of soil information
- Contains the most up-to-date version of every SSURGO certified soil survey
- Download spatial and tabular data in common GIS-ready formats for approximately 3000 soil survey areas across the US
- <u>http://soildatamart.nrcs.usda.gov/</u>



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Generate Reports

View Metadata



Other Things to do in SDM

- Read the metadata associated with a soil survey
 - See how the data were created and when the data was last updated
- Generate tabular reports
- Subscribe to a soil survey area
 Get notified when the dataset changes



What is SSURGO data?

- The Soil Survey Geographic (SSURGO) database includes soil maps, attribute data, and metadata for a soil survey area in digital format
- Spatial data are provided as ESRI shapefiles, coverages, or e00 files in UTM, State Plane, or Geographic Coordinates
- Attribute (tabular) data are provided as a series of text files that can be imported into the "SSURGO Template"
 - A MS Access database that builds relationships between tables and contains a series of reports and queries



SSURGO Data Files

- Soil_MD033
 - Spatial
 - Tabular
 - readme.txt

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SSURGO Data Files

- Spatial
 - Soil map unit polygons
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SSURGO Data Files

Tabular

- Contains a series of text files that include all of the attribute data associated with a soil survey area
- Can be opened in Excel
- Recommend importing text files into the SSURGO template





SSURGO Template

- MS Access database that...
 - Builds relationships between tables
 - Contains a series of reports and queries
 - Write custom queries
 - Join results to spatial data (via MUKEY)
- Provided with Soil Data Mart download



Preparing SSURGO Data

- Order soil data from Soil Data Mart
- After the order is processed, follow the link in the notification email
- Save the zip file to your data directory

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Preparing SSURGO Data

- Unzip the *.zip file (soil_md033.zip) using WinZip or other archiving software
- Unzip the empty SSURGO template database (soildb_US_2002.zip) and rename it something unique (e.g., md033_soildb_4_2010.mdb)



Preparing SSURGO Data

- Double-click on the SSURGO template database md033_soildb_4_20 10.mdb to start the Import process
- Type (or copy) the path to the Tabular folder into the SSURGO Import window and click OK



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Prepared soil reports in the SSURGO template



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Things you can do in the SSURGO template...

- Run reports for some or all of the map units in a soil survey area
- Explore data tables
- Develop custom queries and reports
- Map results in ArcGIS

Beware the 1:many relationships...



Soil Data Viewer

- An ArcGIS 9.2 extension that allows users to create custom soil thematic maps
- Designed to shield users from the complexity of the soil attribute database
- Simplifies the process of linking spatial and attribute data
- Includes processing rules to enforce appropriate use of the data
- Uses SSURGO template and spatial data downloaded from Soil Data Mart <u>http://www.soils.usda.gov/sdv/index.html</u>



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Hardware and Software Requirements for Soil Data Viewer 5.2

- Windows XP Professional, Windows XP Home Edition, or Windows XP Tablet PC Edition
- Microsoft .NET Framework, version 2.0
- ArcGIS 9.2 or ArcGIS 9.3



Installing Soil Data Viewer

- Non-NRCS/FSA/RD computers
- <u>http://soils.usda.gov/sdv/download.html</u>
- Scroll down to "Installing Soil Data Viewer 5.2 on a non-USDA CCE Platform" and click the Download icon to download the installation package



- From Windows Explorer, unzip the installation package into any folder, then double-click on the SoilDataViewer5.2.msi.
- SDV is automatically installed for All Users
- Administrative Privileges are required



Adding the Soil Data Viewer Extension to ArcMap

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SDV Data Requirements

- Soil spatial data in SSURGO format
- Soil attribute data imported into a SSURGO template

 Note: SDV can be used with any dataset that follows the proper formatting (e.g., portion of a county, one county, or multiple counties)



Getting Started

- Add the soil data layer to ArcMap, along with other data layers
- Click the SDV Icon to launch SDV
- Link spatial data to the appropriate SSURGO template database



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Basic vs Advanced Mode

- Basic Mode
 - Uses preset options for all reports and maps
 - Recommended for individuals unfamiliar with soils data
- Advanced Mode
 - Users can choose aggregation method, % cutoff values, tie-break rules, which layers to use, and how to interpret null data
 - Requires some familiarity with soil databases



Aggregation

- The process of reducing a set of component (and/or horizon) values to a single value that represents the entire map unit
- Soil map units usually have > 1 component
- Soil components usually have > 1 horizon
- Only one value at a time can be displayed for a given soil polygon



Aggregation Methods

- Dominant Component (specific to a map unit)
- Dominant Condition (generally the default; specific to a property)
- Weighted Average
- Lowest Value (all components)
- Highest Value (all components)



Dominant Component

• Map unit AbC

Component	% of Map Unit
Alpha	45
Beta	25
Gamma	15
Delta	10
Epsilon	5
Total	100

Component Alpha is the Dominant Component in this map unit



Dominant Condition

Map unit AbC

Component	% of Map Unit	HSG	LCC
Alpha	45	A	II
Beta	25	В	III
Gamma	15	С	III
Delta	10	В	III
Epsilon	5	В	IV
Total	100		

HSG – Dominant Condition is A (45% = A, 40% = B, 15% = C) LCC – Dominant Condition is III (50% = III, 45% = II, 5% = IV)

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- "Aggregation report"
- Contains single value for each map unit

Nonirrigated Capability Class

Aggregation Method: Dominant Condition Te-break Rule: Higher

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symbol	Map unit name	Rating	
AaB	Adelphia silt loam, 2 to 5 percent slopes	2	
AcA	Adeiphia-Aquasco complex, 0 to 2 percent slopes	2	
AdA	Adelphia-Holmdel complex, 0 to 2 percent slopes	2	
AdB	Adeiphia-Holmdel complex, 2 to 5 percent slopes	2	
AdC	Adeiphia-Holmdel complex, 5 to 10 percent slopes	3	
AeB	Adeiphia-Holmdei-Urban land complex, 0 to 5 percent slopes	8	
ATA	Annapolis fine sandy loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	1	
ATB	Annapolis fine sandy loam, 2 to 5 percent slopes	2	
AIC	Annapolis fine sandy loam, 5 to 10 percent slopes	3	
ATD	Annapolis fine sandy loam, 10 to 15 percent slopes	4	
ATE	Annapolis fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes	5	
AF	Annapolis fine sandy loam, 25 to 40 percent slopes	7	
AnB	Annapolis-Urban land complex, 0 to 5 percent slopes	2	
AnD	Annapolis-Urban land complex, 5 to 15 percent slopes	4	
ADA	Aguasco silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, occasionally ponded	3	
ApB	Aquasco silt loam, 2 to 5 percent slopes	з	
AuR	Aquasco-Lithan land complex () to 5 percent slopes	3	
BaA	Betsville silt loam. 0 to 2 percent slopes	2	
BaB	Betsville sitt joam, 2 to 5 percent slopes	2	
BaC	Betsville silt loam. 5 to 10 percent slopes	3	
BaB	Betty/Ue-Grosstown-Mondstown complex 0 to 5 percent signes	-	
BuB	Betsylle-Mban land complex 0 to 5 percent signers	2	
BuD	Beits/lie-intractant complex, 5 to 15 percent slopes	2	
DeC.	Grinking channen land 2 to 15 percent signs	2	
DeD DeD	Brinkow channes loam 15 to 35 percent slopes	-	
B-O	Drinklow Charles y roam, 15 to 25 percent slopes	-	
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CaR	Chilum difficant. D to 5 percent slopes	-	
040	Chilum sit loam. 5 to 10 percent slopes	-	
CaD	Chilum dillionen 10 to 15 percent stopes	1	
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COB	Chilum-Urban land complex, u to 5 percent slopes		
COD	Chillion Julian land complex, 5 to 15 percent slopes	3	
COE	Children-Groban sand complex, 15 to 25 percent slopes		
CCC	Christiana-Downer complex, s to 10 percent slopes	1	
CED	Christiana-Downer complex, 10 to 15 percent slopes	1	
CCE	Christiana-Downer complex, 15 to 25 percent slopes	•	
CCP	Christiana-Downer complex, 25 to 40 percent slopes	7	
CdD	Christiana-Downer-Urban land complex, 5 to 15 percent slopes	÷	
CdE	Christiana-Downer-Urban land complex, 15 to 25 percent slopes	5	
CF	Codorus and Hatboro solis, frequently flooded	5	
Ch	Codorus-Hatboro-Urban land complex, frequently fooded	8	
CKA	Colemantown sit loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	5	
CnA	Collington-Wist complex, 0 to 2 percent slopes	1	
CnB	Collington-Wist complex, 2 to 5 percent slopes	2	
CnC	Collington-Wist complex, 5 to 10 percent slopes	3	
CnD	Collington-Wist complex, 10 to 15 percent slopes	4	
CRE	Collington-Wist complex, 15 to 25 percent slopes	5	
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Map Unit Descriptions

Map Unit Description

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[Minor map unit components are excluded from this report]

Map unit: AaB - Adeiphia sit loam, 2 to 5 percent slopes

Component: Adelphia (75%)

The Adelphia component makes up 75 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 2 to 6 percent. This component is on uplands, dhahageways, depressions, swales. The parent material consists of glaucomic bearing harmy fundemative deposits. Death to a notice restrictive layer is greater than 60 inches. The natural drainage class is moderately well grained. Water movement in the more restrictive layer is moderately high. Available water to a depth of 60 inches is high. Schnid-well potential is low flooded. It is not flooded it is not ponded. It is not ponded it is not ponded in the surface horizon is about 5 percent. Nonindgated land capability classification is a 'This soil dees not meet hybric content.

Map unit: AcA - Adelphia-Aquasco complex, 0 to 2 percent slopes

Component: Adelphia (50%)

The Adelphia component makes up 60 percent of the map unit. Skipes are 0 to 2 percent. This component is on depressions, swales, divilageneys, usinds. The partern material consists of plauconthe bearing harmy Thushmanne depressions. Depth ha a not restrictly keys is greater than 60 inches. The natural indinage class is moderately well indinanes. Water movement in the most moderately high. Available water to a depth of 60 inches is high. Sinthi-well potential is key. This sol is not fonded. It is not ponded, a seasonal zone of water saturation is at 24 inches quinty Reorusy. Organic mater content in the surface horizon is about 6 percent. Nonindgated and capability classification is at 24 inches quinty. This sol dison formed, not and the surface horizon is about 6 percent. Nonindgated and capability classification is at 24 inches quinty.

Component: Aquasco (30%)

The Aquesco component makes up 30 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 0 to 2 percent. This component is on orbid interdrivan advides, uplands. The parent material consists or slope slopes and the province of the deposite. Peah to a root restrictive layer is moderately two Available water to a depth of 50 inches is two: Shimis-self potential is low. This sol is not flooded. It is not ponded at seasonal zone of water saturation is at 14 inches during December. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 4 percent. Nonindigated land capability classification is at 14 inches during December. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 4 percent. Nonindigated land capability classification is at 14 inches during December. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 4 percent.

Map unit: AdA - Adeiphia-Holmdel complex, 0 to 2 percent slopes

Component: Adelphia (50%)

The Adelphia component makes up 60 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 0 to 2 percent. This component is on depressions, dialinagenzy, sweles, uplands. The parent markerial consists of glucorient bearing (parent) fundamine deposits. Depth to a root restrictive layer is greater than 60 inches. The natural valuage class is moderately well dialed. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is moderately high. Available water to a depth of 60 inches to high. Simhi-well potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. A seasonal zone of water saturation is at 24 inches during February. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 6 percent. Homitigated and capability classification is bw. This soil does not meet hydric criteria.

Component: Holmdel (25%)

The Holindei component makes up 25 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 0 to 2 percent. This component is on uplands, depressions, analinageways, waies. The partner material consists of gluconthe bearing beary fuvionariarie depositions and the second second two providences and the second second

Map unit: AdB - Adeiphia-Holmdel complex, 2 to 5 percent slopes

Component: Adelphia (55%)

The Adelphia component makes up 55 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 2 to 5 percent. This component is on uplands, swales, drainageways, depressions. The parent material consists of glauconite bearing loamy fluviomathe deposits. Depth to a not restrictive

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- SDV data layers are temporary
- Clicking "Clear Themes" will remove all of the SDV data layers from ArcMap
- To save a data layer, right-click on it in the ArcMap TOC and choose either "Save as Layer File" (to maintain symbology) or Data > Export Data to make a new data layer





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