55th Annual
Florida Land Judging Contest

Highlands County
Soil and Water Conservation District

March 28, 2014

Grassy Pond

Lake Letta

Memorial

Lakemont

Little Red Water Lake

Power Line Rd

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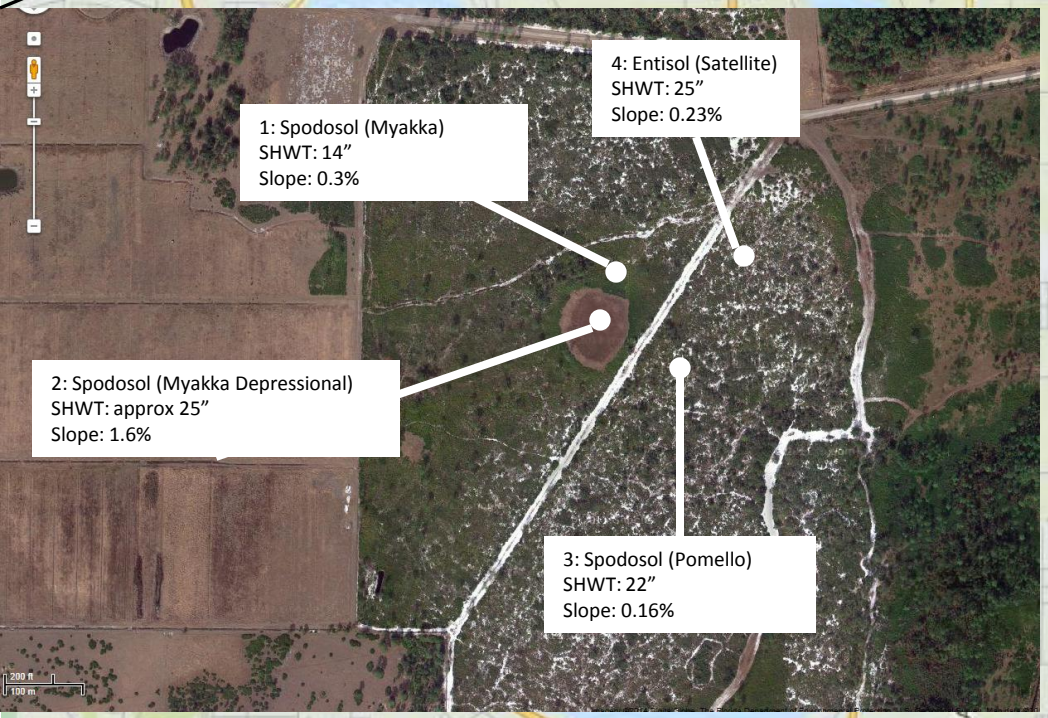

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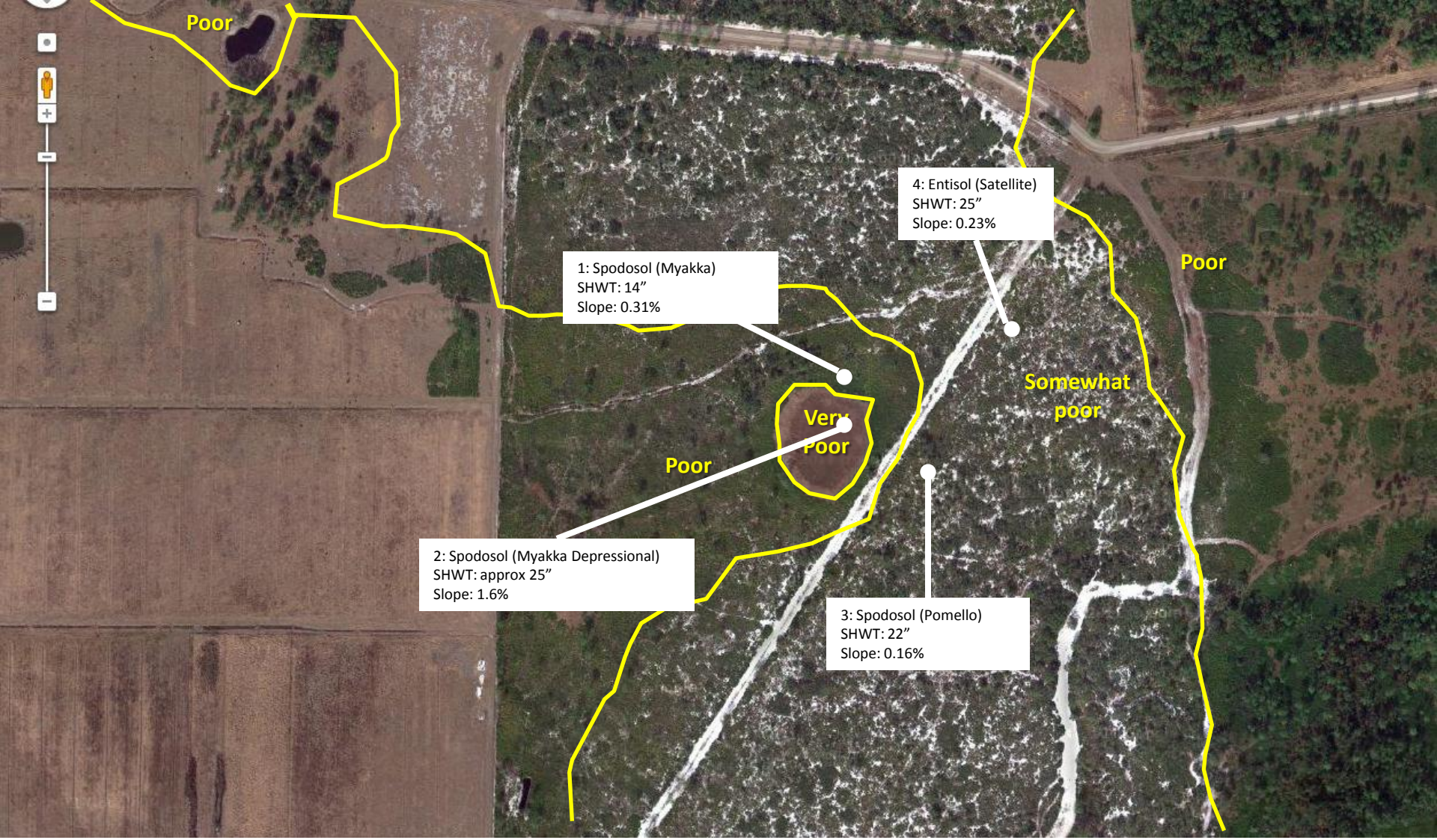


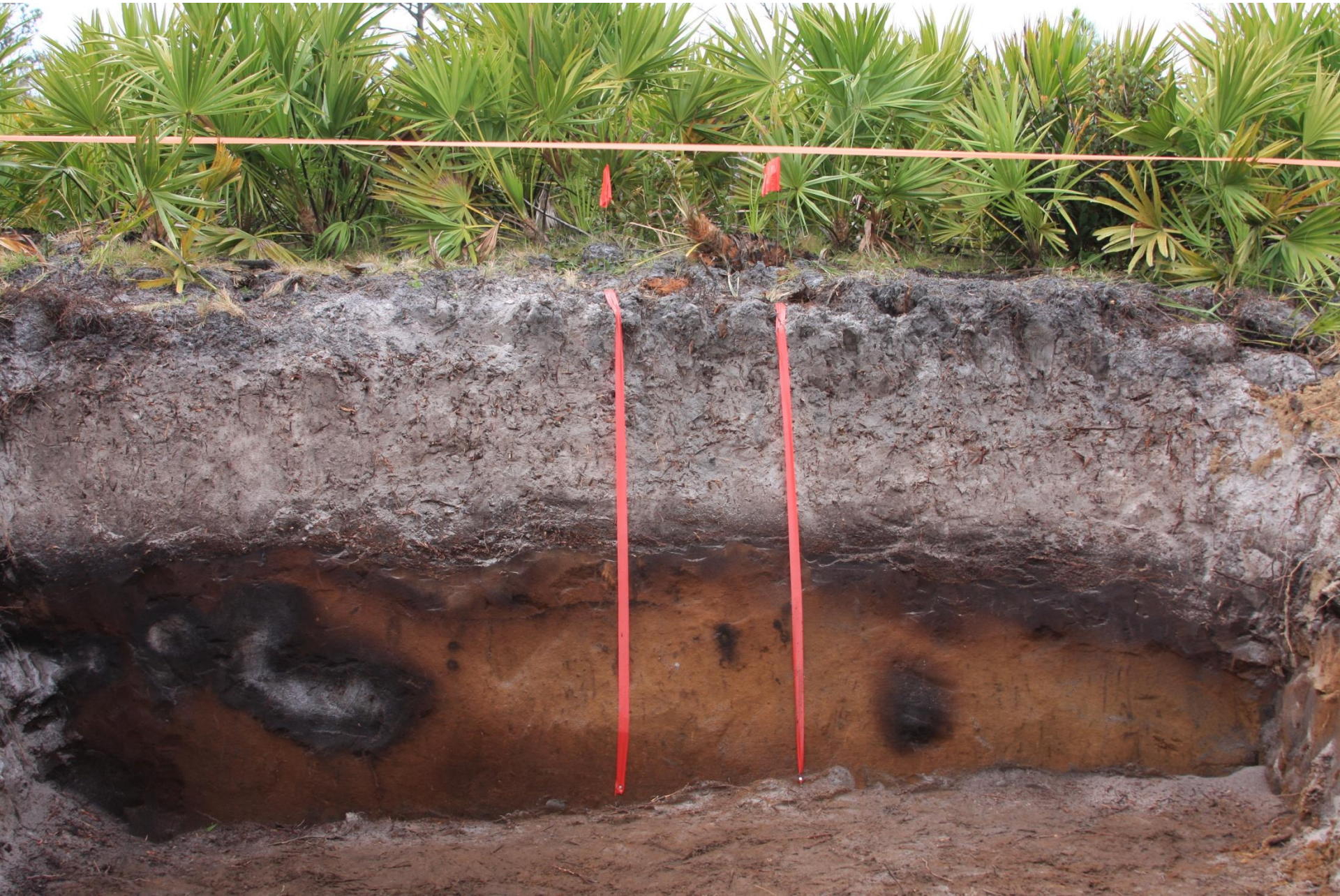
Note, the entire property is very flat and mostly poorly drained. The contest was located on a small ridge which provided some drainage and therefore soil variability.


FIELD
1

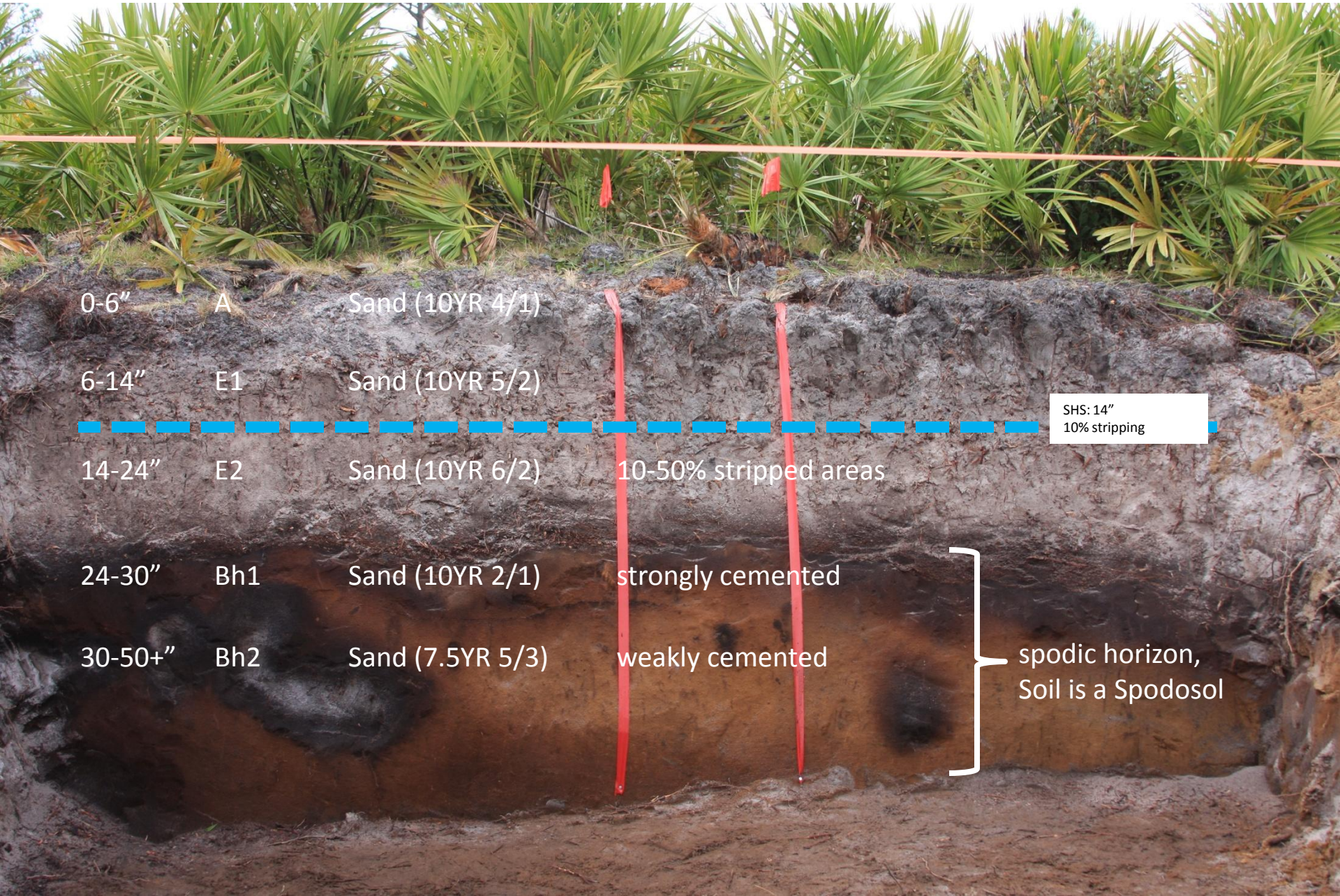
Topsoil Erosion:

None. The existing topsoil was 3-6” thick and very difficult to discern. We declared that the original topsoil thickness was 3” so that no erosion would be calculated.

Field 1:



Field 1: Poorly drained Spodosol (Myakka), 0.31% Slope



Land Judging Scorecard

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Event

Chapter

Name

ID Number

LAND CHARACTERISTIC - PART 1

	FIELD 1	FIELD 2	FIELD 3
SURFACE TEXTURE			
Sandy	●	○	○
Loamy	○	○	○
Clayey	○	○	○
Organic	○	○	○
ORGANIC MATTER (SURFACE)			
	1	2	3
High	○	○	○
Medum	○	○	○
Low	●	○	○
THICKNESS OF ROOTING ZONE			
	1	2	3
Thin	●	○	○
Thick	○	○	○
Very Thick	○	○	○
PERMEABILITY			
	1	2	3
Rapid	○	○	○
Moderate	○	○	○
Slow	●	○	○
SLOPE			
	1	2	3
A. Nearly level	●	○	○
B. Gently sloping	○	○	○
C. Moderately sloping	○	○	○
D. Strongly sloping	○	○	○
E. Steep	○	○	○
F. Very steep	○	○	○
EROSION - WIND & WATER			
	1	2	3
None to slight	●	○	○
Moderate	○	○	○
Severe	○	○	○
Very severe	○	○	○
DRAINAGE			
	1	2	3
Poor	●	○	○
Somewhat poor	○	○	○
Moderately well or well	○	○	○
Excessive	○	○	○

FACTORS DETERMINING LAND CLASS

	1	2	3
Texture	●	○	○
Organic Matter	○	○	○
Thickness of Rooting Zone	●	○	○
Permeability	●	○	○
Slope	○	○	○
Erosion	○	○	○
Drainage	●	○	○

LAND CAPABILITY CLASS

	1	2	3
Class I	○	○	○
Class II	○	○	○
Class III	○	○	○
Class IV	●	○	○
Class V	○	○	○
Class VI	○	○	○
Class VII	○	○	○
Class VIII	○	○	○

SOIL ORDER

	1	2	3
Alfisol	○	○	○
Aridisol	○	○	○
Entisol	○	○	○
Histosol	○	○	○
Inceptisol	○	○	○
Mollisol	○	○	○
Oxisol	○	○	○
Spodosol	●	○	○
Ultisol	○	○	○
Vertisol	○	○	○

CONSERVATION PRACTICES - PART 2

	FIELD 1	FIELD 2	FIELD 3
VEGETATIVE			
Use soil conserving and improving crops:			
1. Every year between cash crops	○	○	○
2. Every other year	○	○	○
3. Two years out of three	○	○	○
4. Three years out of four	●	○	○
5. Contour strip cropping	○	○	○
6. Manage crop residue	●	○	○
7. Use sod-based roration	●	○	○
8. Wind strip cropping	●	○	○
9. Use field windbreaks	●	○	○
10. Control noxious plants	●	○	○
11. Establish recommended grasses and/or legumes	○	○	○
12. Manage pasture or range properly	○	○	○
13. Protect from wildfire	○	○	○
14. Plant recommended trees	○	○	○
15. Harvest trees selectively	○	○	○
16. Use for wildlife or recreational area	○	○	○
MECHANICAL			
	1	2	3
18. Terrace	○	○	○
19. Farm on the contour	○	○	○
20. Maintain terraces	○	○	○
21. Construct diversion terraces	○	○	○
22. Develop waterways	○	○	○
23. Install water control system	●	○	○
24. Control gullies	○	○	○
25. Subsoil	○	○	○
FERTILIZER AND SOIL AMENDMENTS			
	1	2	3
27. Lime	●	○	○
28. Nitrogen	●	○	○
29. Phosphorus	●	○	○
30. Potassium	●	○	○
31. One micronutrient	●	○	○
32. Two or more micronutrients	○	○	○

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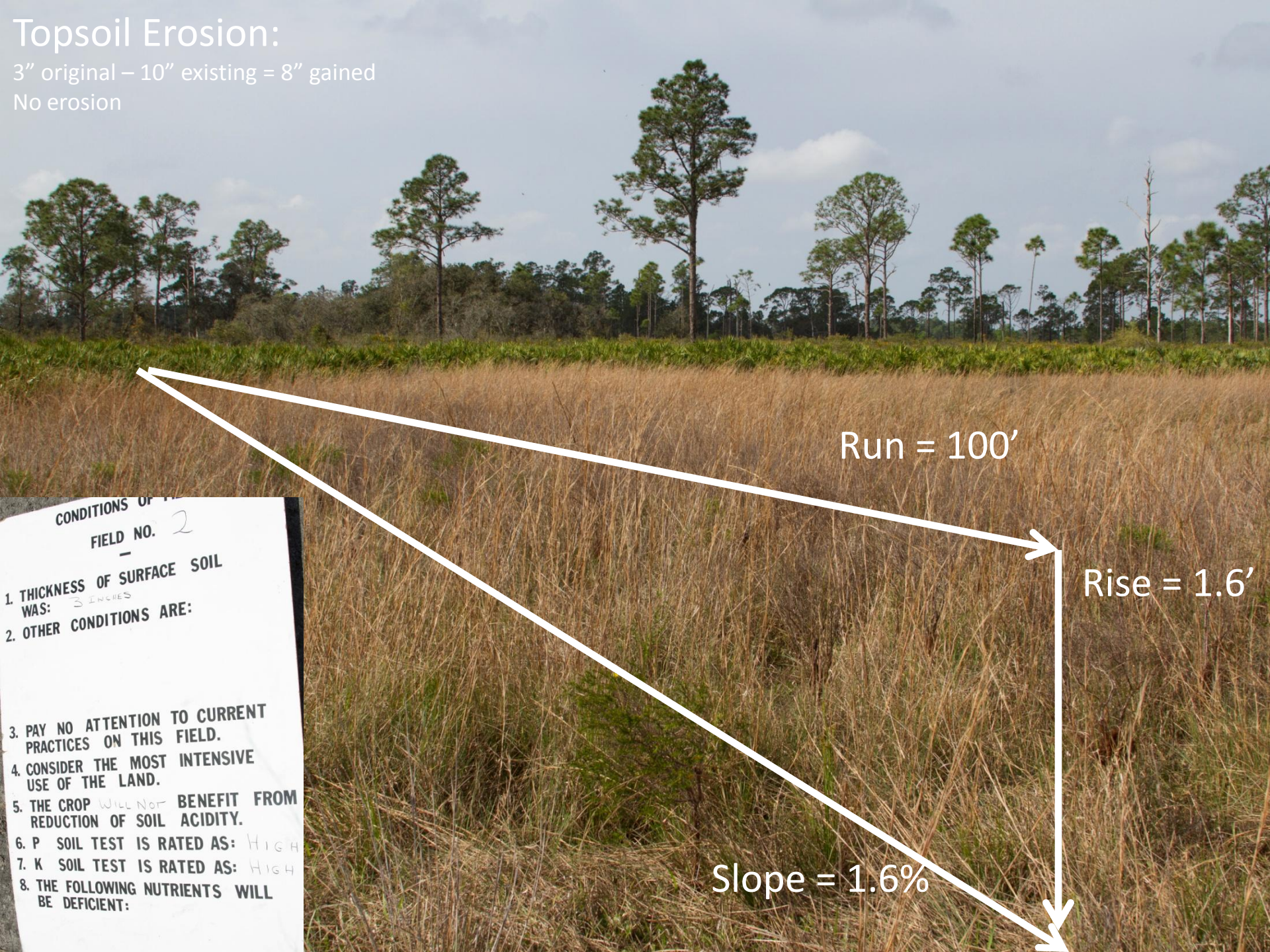
FIELD
2

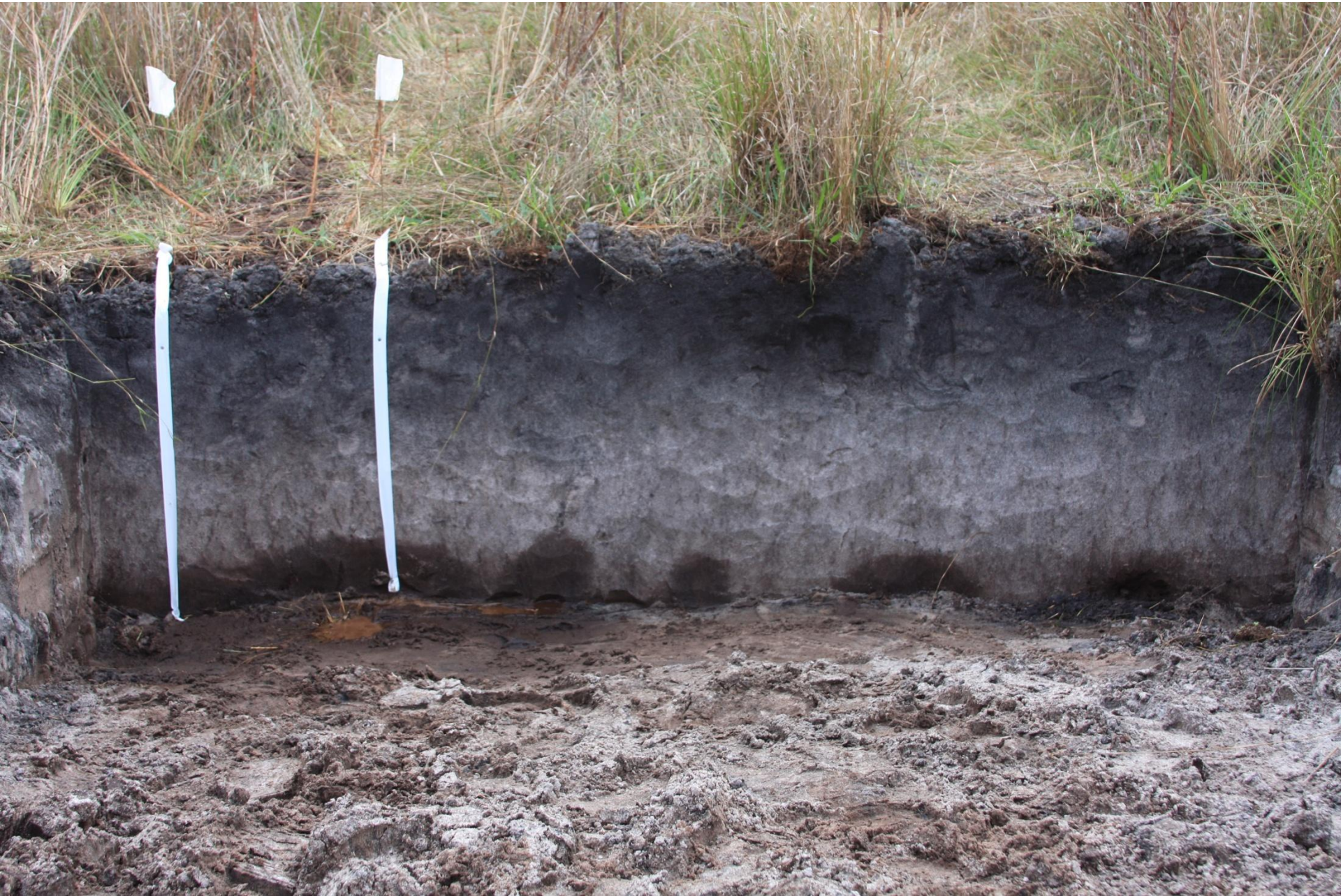
Topsoil Erosion:

3” original – 10” existing = 8” gained

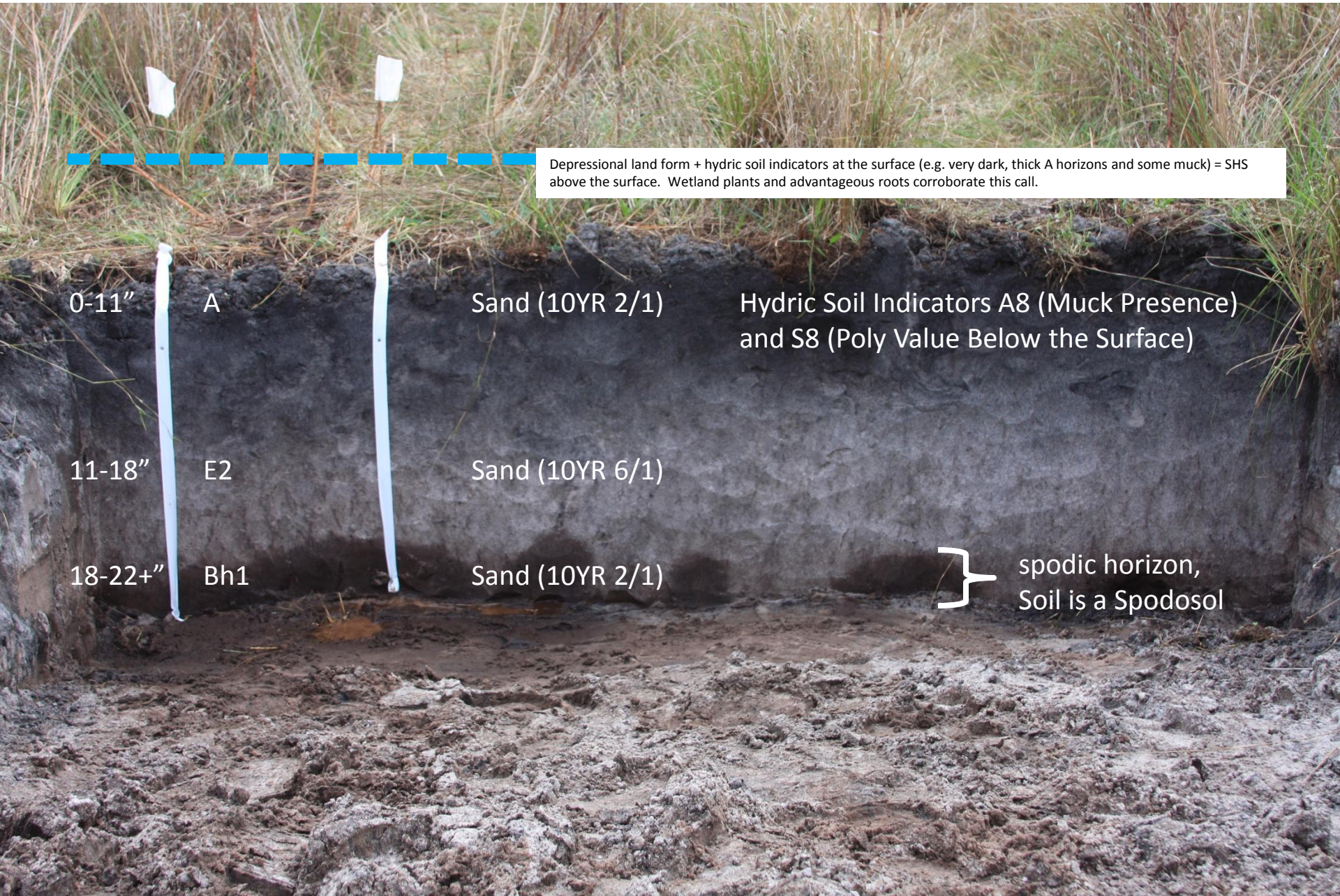
No erosion



Field 2



Field 2: Very Poorly drained Spodosol (Myakka depressional) 1.6% Slope



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SURFACE TEXTURE			
Sandy	○	●	○
Loamy	○	○	○
Clayey	○	○	○
Organic	○	○	○
ORGANIC MATTER (SURFACE)			
	1	2	3
High	○	○	○
Medum	○	●	○
Low	○	○	○
THICKNESS OF ROOTING ZONE			
	1	2	3
Thin	○	●	○
Thick	○	○	○
Very Thick	○	○	○
PERMEABILITY			
	1	2	3
Rapid	○	●	○
Moderate	○	○	○
Slow	○	○	○
SLOPE			
	1	2	3
A. Nearly level	○	●	○
B. Gently sloping	○	○	○
C. Moderately sloping	○	○	○
D. Strongly sloping	○	○	○
E. Steep	○	○	○
F. Very steep	○	○	○
EROSION - WIND & WATER			
	1	2	3
None to slight	○	●	○
Moderate	○	○	○
Severe	○	○	○
Very severe	○	○	○
DRAINAGE			
	1	2	3
Poor	○	●	○
Somewhat poor	○	○	○
Moderately well or well	○	○	○
Excessive	○	○	○

FACTORS DETERMINING LAND CLASS

	1	2	3
Texture	○	●	○
Organic Matter	○	○	○
Thickness of Rooting Zone	○	●	○
Permeability	○	●	○
Slope	○	○	○
Erosion	○	○	○
Drainage	○	●	○
LAND CAPABILITY CLASS			
Class I	○	○	○
Class II	○	○	○
Class III	○	○	○
Class IV	○	●	○
Class V	○	○	○
Class VI	○	○	○
Class VII	○	○	○
Class VIII	○	○	○
SOIL ORDER			
	1	2	3
Alfisol	○	○	○
Aridisol	○	○	○
Entisol	○	○	○
Histosol	○	○	○
Inceptisol	○	○	○
Mollisol	○	○	○
Oxisol	○	○	○
Spodosol	○	●	○
Ultisol	○	○	○
Vertisol	○	○	○

CONSERVATION PRACTICES - PART 2

	FIELD 1	FIELD 2	FIELD 3
VEGETATIVE			
Use soil conserving and improving crops:			
1. Every year between cash crops	○	○	○
2. Every other year	○	○	○
3. Two years out of three	○	○	○
4. Three years out of four	○	●	○
5. Contour strip cropping	○	○	○
6. Manage crop residue	○	●	○
7. Use sod-based roration	○	●	○
8. Wind strip cropping	○	○	○
9. Use field windbreaks	○	○	○
10. Control noxious plants	○	●	○
11. Establish recommended grasses and/or legumes	○	○	○
12. Manage pasture or range properly	○	○	○
13. Protect from wildfire	○	○	○
14. Plant recommended trees	○	○	○
15. Harvest trees selectively	○	○	○
16. Use for wildlife or recreational area	○	○	○
MECHANICAL			
	1	2	3
18. Terrace	○	○	○
19. Farm on the contour	○	○	○
20. Maintain terraces	○	○	○
21. Construct diversion terraces	○	○	○
22. Develop waterways	○	○	○
23. Install water control system	○	●	○
24. Control gullies	○	○	○
25. Subsoil	○	○	○
FERTILIZER AND SOIL AMENDMENTS			
	1	2	3
27. Lime	○	○	○
28. Nitrogen	○	○	○
29. Phosphorus	○	○	○
30. Potassium	○	○	○
31. One micronutrient	○	○	○
32. Two or more micronutrients	○	○	○

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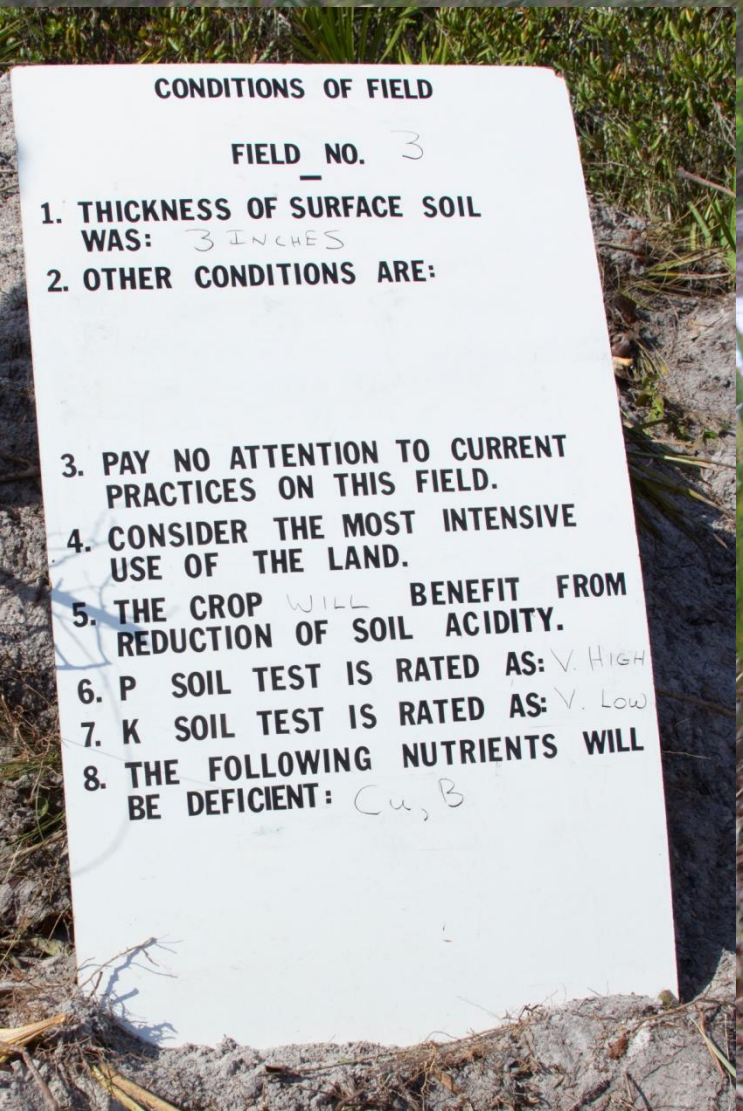
FIELD
3

Topsoil Erosion:

3” original – 6” existing = 3” gained

No erosion



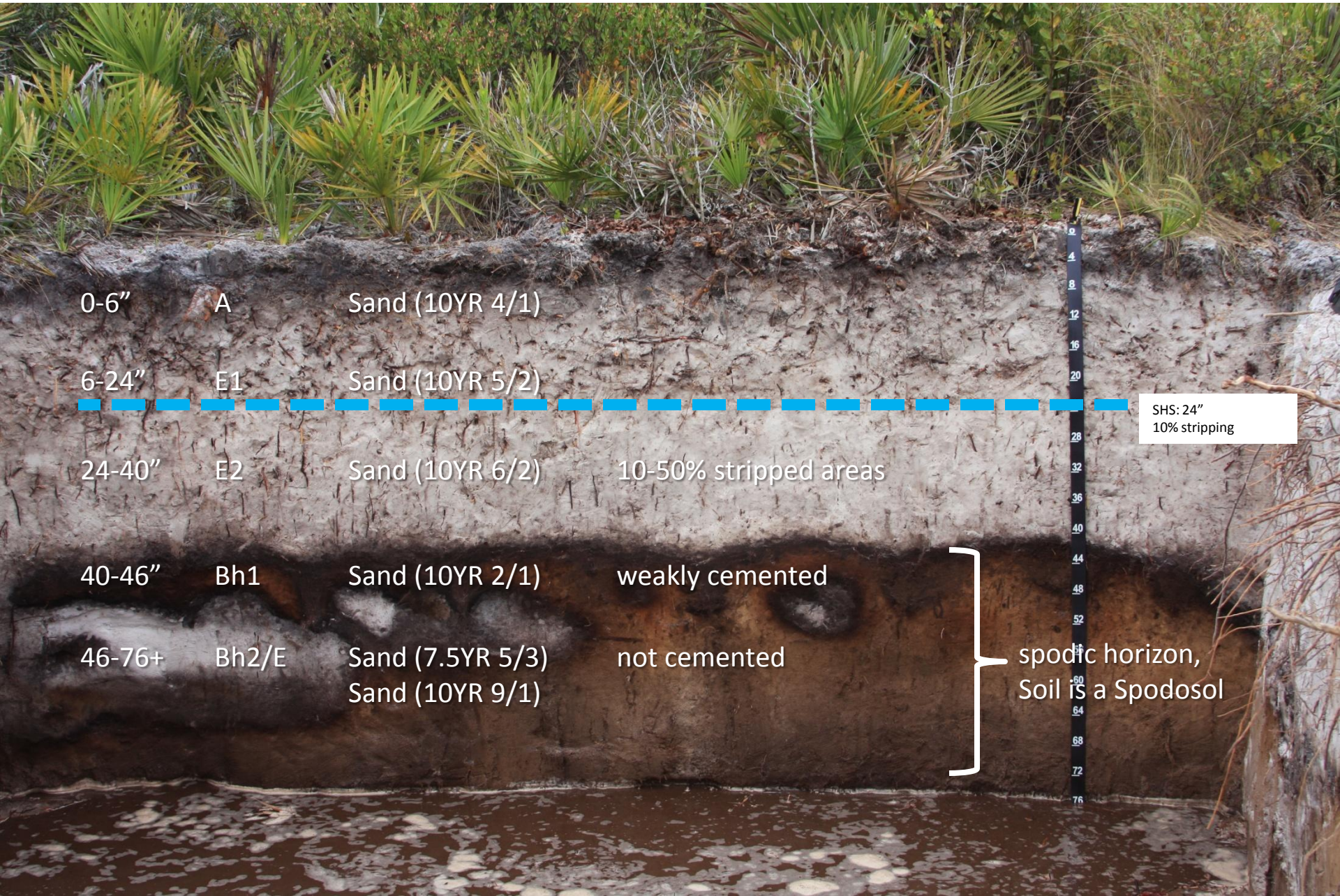
Run = 100’

Rise = 0.2’

Slope = 0.2%

Field 3:

Field 3: Somewhat poorly drained Spodosol (Pomello) slope = 0.16%



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SURFACE TEXTURE			
Sandy	○	○	●
Loamy	○	○	○
Clayey	○	○	○
Organic	○	○	○
ORGANIC MATTER (SURFACE)			
	1	2	3
High	○	○	○
Medum	○	○	○
Low	○	○	●
THICKNESS OF ROOTING ZONE			
	1	2	3
Thin	○	○	○
Thick	○	○	●
Very Thick	○	○	○
PERMEABILITY			
	1	2	3
Rapid	○	○	○
Moderate	○	○	●
Slow	○	○	○
SLOPE			
	1	2	3
A. Nearly level	○	○	●
B. Gently sloping	○	○	○
C. Moderately sloping	○	○	○
D. Strongly sloping	○	○	○
E. Steep	○	○	○
F. Very steep	○	○	○
EROSION - WIND & WATER			
	1	2	3
None to slight	○	○	●
Moderate	○	○	○
Severe	○	○	○
Very severe	○	○	○
DRAINAGE			
	1	2	3
Poor	○	○	○
Somewhat poor	○	○	●
Moderately well or well	○	○	○
Excessive	○	○	○

FACTORS DETERMINING LAND CLASS	1	2	3
Texture	○	○	●
Organic Matter	○	○	○
Thickness of Rooting Zone	○	○	●
Permeability	○	○	○
Slope	○	○	○
Erosion	○	○	○
Drainage	○	○	●
LAND CAPABILITY CLASS			
	1	2	3
Class I	○	○	○
Class II	○	○	●
Class III	○	○	○
Class IV	○	○	○
Class V	○	○	○
Class VI	○	○	○
Class VII	○	○	○
Class VIII	○	○	○
SOIL ORDER			
	1	2	3
Alfisol	○	○	○
Aridisol	○	○	○
Entisol	○	○	○
Histosol	○	○	○
Inceptisol	○	○	○
Mollisol	○	○	○
Oxisol	○	○	○
Spodosol	○	○	●
Ultisol	○	○	○
Vertisol	○	○	○

CONSERVATION PRACTICES - PART 2	FIELD 1	FIELD 2	FIELD 3
VEGETATIVE			
Use soil conserving and improving crops:			
1. Every year between cash crops	○	○	○
2. Every other year	○	○	●
3. Two years out of three	○	○	○
4. Three years out of four	○	○	○
5. Contour strip cropping	○	○	○
6. Manage crop residue	○	○	●
7. Use sod-based roration	○	○	○
8. Wind strip cropping	○	○	○
9. Use field windbreaks	○	○	○
10. Control noxious plants	○	○	●
11. Establish recommended grasses and/or legumes	○	○	○
12. Manage pasture or range properly	○	○	○
13. Protect from wildfire	○	○	○
14. Plant recommended trees	○	○	○
15. Harvest trees selectively	○	○	○
16. Use for wildlife or recreational area	○	○	○
MECHANICAL			
	1	2	3
18. Terrace	○	○	○
19. Farm on the contour	○	○	○
20. Maintain terraces	○	○	○
21. Construct diversion terraces	○	○	○
22. Develop waterways	○	○	○
23. Install water control system	○	○	●
24. Control gullies	○	○	○
25. Subsoil	○	○	○
FERTILIZER AND SOIL AMENDMENTS			
	1	2	3
27. Lime	○	○	●
28. Nitrogen	○	○	○
29. Phosphorus	○	○	○
30. Potassium	○	○	●
31. One micronutrient	○	○	○
32. Two or more micronutrients	○	○	●

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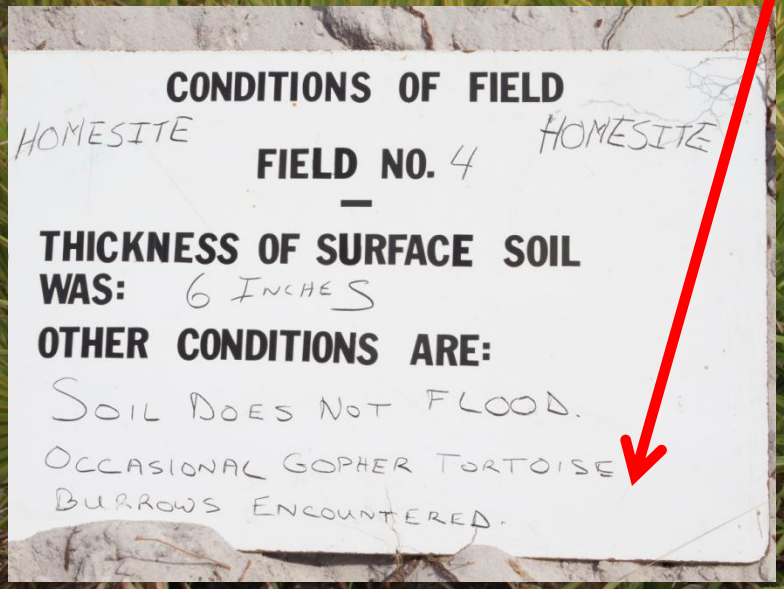
FIELD
4

This is clueing you in to the fact that this landform is not as wet as the others. Gopher tortoises don't like poorly drained soils. It caves in their burrows.

Topsoil Erosion:

6" original – 8" existing = 2" gained

No erosion



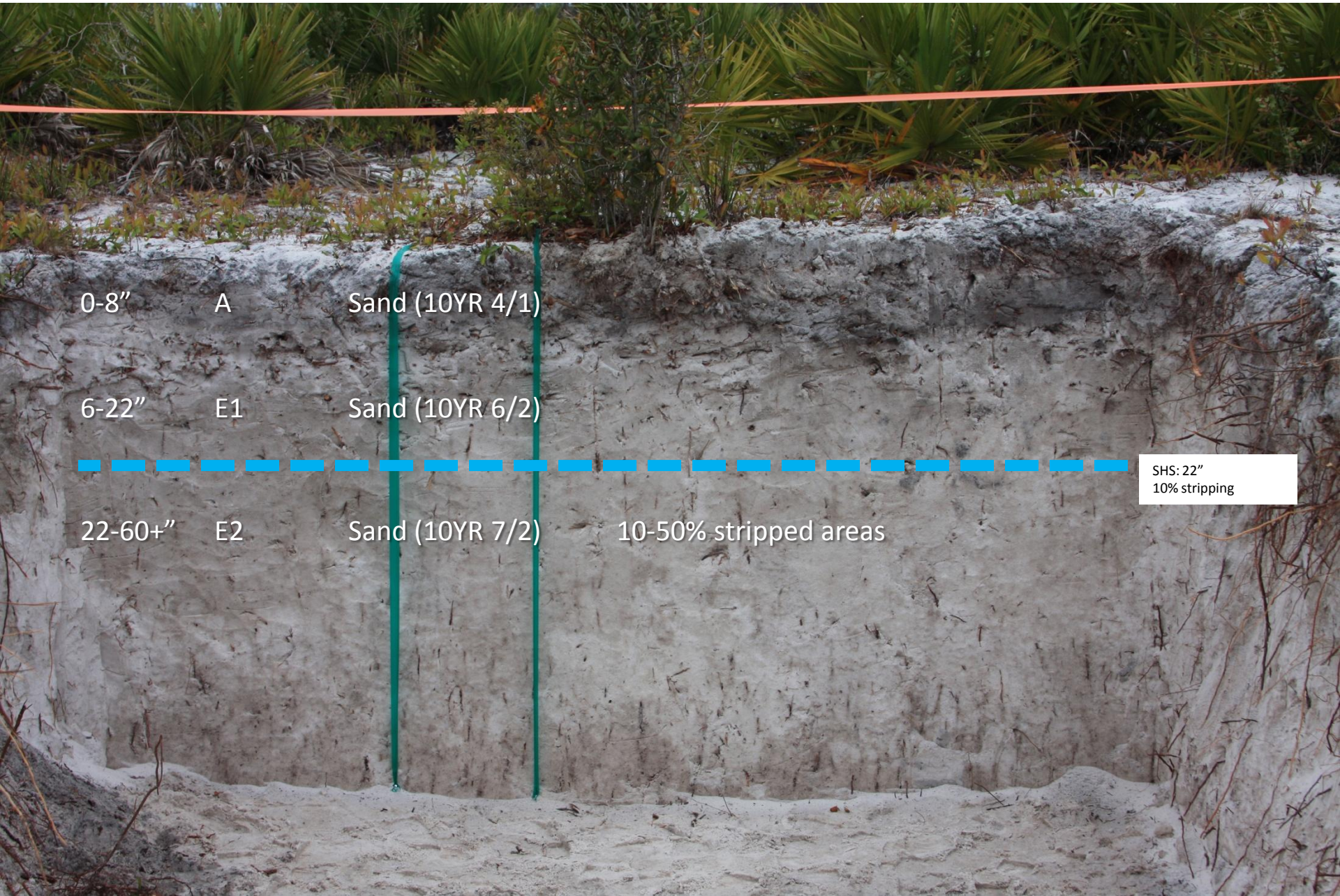
Run = 100'

Rise = 0.2'

Slope = 0.2%

Homesite:

Homesite: Somewhat poorly drained Enitisol (Satellite). Slope = 0.2%



Homesite Evaluation

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Field 1

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Field 2

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Field 3

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Homesite

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Calculation Area

CHARACTERISTIC - PART 1		PLANNED USE - PART 2			
			FOUNDATIONS	LAWNS, SHRUBS, GARDENS	SEPTIC SYSTEMS
SURFACE TEXTURE		**DEGREE OF LIMITATION**			
Sandy	●	Slight	●	○	○
Loamy	○	Moderate	○	●	○
Clayey	○	Severe	○	○	○
Organic	○	Very Severe	○	○	○
PERMEABILITY		**DEGREE OF LIMITATION**			
Rapid	●	Slight	●	○	●
Moderate	○	Moderate	○	●	○
Slow	○	Severe	○	○	○
		Very Severe	○	○	○
DEPTH		**DEGREE OF LIMITATION**			
Shallow	○	Slight	●	●	●
Moderately deep	○	Moderate	○	○	○
Deep	●	Severe	○	○	○
		Very Severe	○	○	○
SLOPE		**DEGREE OF LIMITATION**			
Nearly level	●	Slight	●	●	●
Gently sloping	○	Moderate	○	○	○
Moderately sloping	○	Severe	○	○	○
Strongly sloping	○	Very Severe	○	○	○
Steep	○				
Very steep	○				
EROSION		**DEGREE OF LIMITATION**			
None to slight	●	Slight	●	●	●
Moderate	○	Moderate	○	○	○
Severe	○	Severe	○	○	○
Very severe	○	Very Severe	○	○	○
SHRINK-SWELL		**DEGREE OF LIMITATION**			
Low	●	Slight	●	○	●
Moderate	○	Moderate	○	○	○
High	○	Severe	○	○	○
		Very Severe	○	○	○
DRAINAGE		**DEGREE OF LIMITATION**			
Poor	●	Slight	●	○	○
Somewhat poor	○	Moderate	○	●	○
Moderately well or well	○	Severe	○	○	●
Excessive	○	Very Severe	○	○	○
FLOODING		**DEGREE OF LIMITATION**			
None	●	Slight	●	●	●
Occasional	○	Moderate	○	○	○
Frequent	○	Severe	○	○	○
		Very Severe	○	○	○

FINAL EVALUATION			
	FOUNDATIONS	LAWNS, SHRUBS, GARDENS	SEPTIC SYSTEMS
Slight	●	○	○
Moderate	○	●	○
Severe	○	○	●
Very Severe	○	○	○

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