# Exhibit 15A Albert Frick and Associates Soils Report Supplemental Frick Soils Report

# BOWERS WIND FARM PROJECT Off Route 6 Carroll Plantation and Kossuth Township, Maine

# SOIL NARRATIVE REPORT

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#### 1.0 Introduction

Albert Frick Associates is pleased to provide the enclosed Class L & A High Intensity Soil Survey for the proposed Bowers Mountain Wind Project in Carroll Plantation and Kossuth Township, Maine.

#### **1.1 Purpose**

The purpose of our investigation was to provide taxonomic classification for the various soils identified on the project site to better quantify limitations for development, with respect to soil drainage, physical properties and/or depths to bedrock class. Specifically, our investigation was intended to yield a Class L High Intensity level of soils mapping for the proposed turbines and road, and Class A High Intensity Soil Survey for the proposed Operations and Maintenance building site.

#### **1.2 Appendices**

This report is subject to the limitations specified in Appendix A. Appendix B contains a reduced 11" x 17" copy of the Class A High Intensity Soil Survey, along with a full size folded plan at 1" = 100' scale. Appendix C provides details of map unit composition and soil types encountered, along with specific information regarding soil drainage class, permeabilities, runoff and hydrologic groupings for the various individual soil encountered. Appendix D contains individual soil test pit classifications and descriptions for each test pit excavated on the project site, predominantly by hand shovel. Appendix E includes a glossary of soil terms that better explain the soil information presented in the soil narrative report. Appendix F describes the methodology for creation of a High Intensity Soil Survey, and provides details for the minimum mapping standards established by the Maine Association of Professional Soil Scientists (MAPSS) in accordance with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) requirements for mapping guidelines.

#### 2.0 Site Location/Setting

The site is located in Carroll Plantation and Kossuth Township, Maine. It generally consists of moderately to steeply sloping topography, and is comprised mainly of woodlands.

#### **3.0** Site Investigation and Testing

Albert Frick Associates (AFA) conducted field investigations from April, 2010 through August, 2010. Test pits were excavated, either by backhoe or hand shovel, and were identified on-site with numbered flagging tape. Each was located by submeter GPS by AFA personnel. Additional confirmatory soil borings/observations by soil auger assisted in placement of soil map unit boundaries onto the soil survey base map. Further *ad hoc* symbols have been added in places to the map, to provide more detailed information about bedrock outcropping locations, groundwater seeps or surface water runoff, the location of intermittent or perennial streams or watercourses, and other natural features of the property.

#### 4.0 General Site and Subsurface Conditions

The site includes Bowers Mountain, Dill Hill, Horse Hill, and the area around Dipper Pond. The predominant mapped soils are Monson and Elliotsville on ridgetops and upper sideslopes, which are formed in somewhat excessively to well drained glacial till, and are similar to Thorndike soils. These are shallow to moderately deep bedrock, and are interspersed with moderately well drained Chesuncook and somewhat poorly drained Telos soils, which are over 60" to bedrock. Also present are areas of similar Howland soils. The hydric soils Monarda and Burnham may also be identified as wetland areas, where prevalence of hydrophytic vegetation and wet hydrology are present. The survey area straddles the Penobscot/Washington county boundary. As such, Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly SCS), in differing survey areas, had conflicting information along the common county line. Albert Frick Associates attempted to minimize these anomalies by classifying soils into 'best fit' taxonomic units, based on use and management of the soils for the specific proposed use.

#### 5.0 Soil Map Unit Descriptions

The map unit descriptions included in Appendix C provide taxonomic details regarding the soil series encountered, and an idea of the composition of soils within a given map unit (both for the range of soil characteristics and the dominant soils within complex units). In map units with multiple names, the names are generally listed in order of their prevalence within the map unit. Slope gradient ranges are also provided, and refer to slope phases indicated in the soil survey map and in the soil legend.

#### 6.0 Conclusions and Recommendations

Based on our observations of the project site, and our knowledge of the proposed use of the property, the soils within the development area are suitable for the proposed use, with the following notable exceptions:

Monarda and Burnham map units have limitations for construction, due to wetness and instability in Burnham soils, where organic surface horizons can be 12-16" thick. Further similar consideration should be given to areas of somewhat poorly drained Telos and Elliotsville (Variant) soils, due to water tables within 12" of the mineral soil for long durations.

The nearly level, gently to moderately sloping glacial till soils that are at least moderately well drained are generally suitable for the proposed use, although some modifications to drainage or slope may be needed to improve conditions. On the somewhat poorly drained soils, where seasonal high groundwater tables may be within 12" of the mineral soil surface for a significant portion of the year, additional measures such as the addition of coarse granular fill, or the installation of upslope curtain drain to intercept sheet flow drainage, may be needed to overcome limitations. Construction techniques should strive to maintain the "sheet flow" drainage that generally exists on the soil hardpan or bedrock surfaces, to avoid a concentration of flows and possibly increased erosion. The poorly or very poorly drained hydric soils have further limitations due to prolonged wetland and frost susceptibility, and may have additional permitting implications if identified as wetland areas.

#### 7.0 Closure

It has been a pleasure of Albert Frick Associates to be of assistance in the resource inventory and evaluation phase of your project. Please do not hesitate to contact us, should further assistance or information be necessary.

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### **APPENDIX A**

#### Limitations

This soil narrative report and accompanying soil survey map have been prepared for the exclusive use of Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., for its specific application to the proposed Bowers Wind Farm Project in Carroll Plantation and Kossuth Township, Maine. Albert Frick Associates, Inc. conducted the work in accordance with generally accepted soil science practices outlined in the Maine Association of Professional Soil Scientists guidelines, and the Maine Board of Certification of Geologists and Soil Scientists guidelines. Further, presentation of mapping information meets the requirements of <u>Guidelines for Maine Certified Soil Scientists for Soil Identification and Mapping (2004)</u>, and in accordance with standards adopted by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) for project review. No other warranty, expressed or implied, is made.

It should be recognized that map unit design is influenced by the intended use of the soil survey information, and may not be adequate or sufficient to evaluate for uses other than that for which the specific soil survey was developed. Soils which are non-limiting for one use may be considered a limitation for different use than that identified.

The analysis contained herein is based on data obtained during subsurface exploration of the site, and the interpretation of published information by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services. Due to the glaciation of Maine, and the complexity of the landscaping, variations in subsurface conditions may exist between exploration sites which may not become evident until significant project excavation begins. Should significant variations in subsurface conditions become evident after the submission of this report, it may be necessary to re-evaluate the nature of the variation, in light of the recommendations enclosed herein.

# **APPENDIX B**

Class A/L High Intensity Soil Survey Map, scaled 1" = 100'

# APPENDIX C

Map Unit Descriptions

#### BURNHAM (Frigid Histic Humaquepts)

#### SETTING

Parent Material:	Coarse-loamy glac	Coarse-loamy glacial till.		
Landform:	Nearly level to slo	Nearly level to sloping soils.		
Position in Landscape:	Occupies lower po swales, and depres	Occupies lower positions in the landscape, base of long slopes, swales, and depressional areas.		
Slope Gradient Ranges:	<b>(A)</b> 0-3%	<b>(A)</b> 0-3%		
COMP	OSITION AND SOII	C CHARACTERISTICS		
Drainage Class:	Very poorly draine feet beneath the s periods of heavy time.	Very poorly drained with a perched ground water table 0 to 0.5 feet beneath the soil surface from October to May and during periods of heavy precipitation. May be ponded from time to time.		
Typical Profile	Surface layer:	Black to dark reddish brown muck		
Description:	Subsurface layer: Substratum:	(organic), U-13" Mottled gray, gravelly silt loam, 13-34" Mottled dark grayish brown, gravelly silt loam, 34-65"		
Hydrologic Group:	Group D			
Permeability:	0-2.0" > 2.0"	0.6 - 2.0 in/hr 0.06 - 2.0 in/hr		
Depth to Bedrock:	Greater than 60".			
Hazard to Flooding:	None			
	INCLUS	IONS		

(Within Mapping Unit)

Similar:Chesuncook, Monarda, TelosDissimilar:Brayton, organic soils

#### **USE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Development of wind power projects:** The soil limitation of Burnham soil for site development is the very poorly drained characteristic. Burnham soil is hydric and most likely is classified as jurisdictional wetland. Burnham soils should be avoided and/or special permits sought for wetland filling. Special erosion and sediment control techniques are recommended, due to thick organic surface horizons and seasonal high groundwater tables at or near the soil surface for long durations during the growing season.

# CHESUNCOOK (Typic Haplorthods)

#### <u>setting</u>

Parent Material:	Loamy glacial till.	
Landform:	Glaciated uplands.	
Position in Landscape:	Side slope.	
Slope Gradient Ranges:	<b>(B)</b> 3-8% <b>(C)</b> 8-20%	% <b>(D)</b> 20%+
COM	POSITION AND SC	DIL CHARACTERISTICS
Drainage Class:	Moderately well drained, with a perched water table 1.5 to 3.0 feet beneath the existing soil surface March through May and during periods of excessive precipitation.	
Typical Profile Description:	Surface layer: Subsurface layer:	Dark reddish brown organic, 0-3" Light gray, dark reddish brown to reddish brown and yellowish brown silt loam and loam, 3-14"
	Subsoil layer:	Olive brown to grayish brown, gravelly loam. 14-24"
	Substratum:	Olive gravelly loam, 24-36"
Hydrologic Group:	Group C	
Permeability:	Moderate in the solum, moderately slow or slow in the compact substratum.	
Depth to Bedrock:	Very deep, greater than 60 inches.	
Hazard to Flooding:	None	

# INCLUSIONS

(Within Mapping Unit)

Similar:Howland, PlaistedDissimilar:Telos, Monson, Elliotsville (less than 40" to bedrock), Thorndike

#### **USE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Development of wind power projects:** The limiting factor for site development is wetness due to the presence of a perched water table 1.5 to 3.0 feet beneath the soil surface for some portion of the year. Proper foundation drainage or other site modification is recommended for construction. Chesuncook soil is generally suitable for construction of wind power projects, for both turbine pad placement and road construction.

# CHESUNCOOK-TELOS COMPLEX

#### <u>Setting</u>

Parent Material:	Coarse-loamy glacial till

Landform: Glaciated uplands.

Position in Landscape: Side slopes.

**Slope Gradient Ranges:** (B) 3-8% (C) 8-20%

#### COMPOSITION AND SOIL CHARACTERISTICS

Drainage Class: Moderately well drained (Chesuncook) to somewhat poorly drained (Telos), with a perched water table 0.5 to 3.0 feet beneath the existing soil surface March through May and during periods of excessive precipitation.

Typical Profile	Surface layer:	Dark reddish brown
(for Chesuncook)	Subsurface layer:	Light gray, dark reddish brown to reddish brown and yellowish brown silt loam and loam, 3-14"
	Subsoil layer:	Olive brown to grayish brown, gravelly loam 14-24"
	Substratum:	Olive gravelly loam, 24-36"
	Note:	These soils occur on the landscape in a regular repeating pattern that was not separated out at the scale provided.
(for Telos)	Surface layer:	Black organic material, 0-2"
	Subsurface layer:	Pinkish gray, gravelly silt loam, 2-5" Dark brown, dark vellowish brown
	Subson layer.	olive, gravelly silt loam, 5-52"
	Substratum: Note:	Olive gravelly silt loam, 52-60" These soils occur on the landscape in a pattern that could not be separated out at the level of detail provided. Chesuncook generally occupies the 'mounds' within the micro-topography, and is the dominant component, while Telos occupies micro- depressions.
Hydrologic Group:	Group C	
Permeability:	Chesuncook: Telos:	0-21" 0.6 - 2.0 in/hr > 21" < 0.2 in/hr
Depth to Bedrock:	Very deep, greater t	han 60 inches.
Hazard to Flooding:	None	
	INCLU	ISIONS

(Within Mapping Unit)

Similar:	Howland, Plaisted
Dissimilar:	Monson, Elliotsville (less than 40" to bedrock), D slopes in C slope map units,
	stony and very stony phase inclusions, Monarda

#### **USE AND MANAGEMEN**T

**Development of wind power projects:** The limiting factor for site development is wetness due to the presence of a perched water table 1.5 to 3.0 feet beneath the soil surface for some portion of the year. Proper foundation drainage or other site modification is recommended for construction. Chesuncook and this Telos soil are suitable for construction of wind power projects, by overcoming limitations due to soil drainage through sound engineering practice. Slopes are generally more convex than concave, though small depressions exist within micro-topography.

# ELLIOTSVILLE (Variant)

#### <u>setting</u>

Loamy glacial till.		
Glaciated uplands.		
Upper positions on	Upper positions on landform.	
<b>(B)</b> 3-8% <b>(C)</b> 8-20% <b>(D)</b> 20+%		
MPOSITION AND S	SOIL CHARACTERISTICS	
While Elliotsville is typically well drained, with no evidence of a water table, or only inches from the bedrock surface during spring and during periods of heavy precipitation. However, this mapping unit consists of moderately deep (20-40") soils that are predominantly somewhat poorly drained with seasonal high groundwater table within 15" of the soil surface.		
Surface layer: Subsurface layer: Subsoil layer: Substratum layer:	Black and dark reddish brown silt loam to loam, 0-4" Dark reddish brown silt loam to loam, 4-10" Dark reddish brown loam, 10-15" Light olive brown to olive, 15-20". Bedrock	
Group B	al 20-40.	
Rapid		
Moderate or moderately rapid, 0.6 to 2.0 inches/hour.		
Moderately deep, 20-40".		
None		
	Loamy glacial till. Glaciated uplands. Upper positions on (B) 3-8% (C) 8-20 MPOSITION AND S While Elliotsville is water table, or or spring and during p mapping unit consi predominantly sor groundwater table of Surface layer: Subsurface layer: Subsurface layer: Subsoil layer: Substratum layer: Group B Rapid Moderate or mode Moderately deep, 2	

## INCLUSIONS (Within Mapping Unit)

Similar:	Thorndike, Chesuncook, Howland (MWD-SWP), Telos
Dissimilar:	Lyman Variant, Naskeag, Monarda

#### **USE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Development of wind power projects:** The limiting factor for development of wind power projects and proposed roads is wetness, due to the presence of seasonal high groundwater table within 15" of the soil surface. Redirecting surface water and/or the use of sound engineering practices can overcome limitations due to drainage. Moderately deep depths to bedrock are suitable for anchoring wind turbines.

# ELLIOTSVILLE-CHESUNCOOK COMPLEX

#### <u>Setting</u>

Parent Material:	Coarse-loamy glacial till.
Landform:	Glaciated uplands.
Position in Landscape:	Side slopes and upper portions of landscape features.

Slope Gradient Ranges: (B) 3-8% (C) 8-20% (D) 20%+

#### COMPOSITION AND SOIL CHARACTERISTICS

Drainage Class: Moderately well drained to well-drained, with a perched water table in Chesuncook soils 1.5 to 3.0 feet beneath the existing soil surface March through May and during periods of excessive precipitation. Water table is present in Elliotsville soils on bedrock surface for short durations in spring and during periods of excessive precipitation.

**NOTE:** These soils generally occur in a non-repeating pattern that was not separated out in mapping.

Typical Profile Description: (For Elliotsville - see also Chesuncook	Surface layer: Subsurface layer:	Dark reddish brown organic, 0-3" Light gray, dark reddish brown to reddish brown and yellowish brown silt loam and loam, 3-14"
soil description)	Subsoil layer:	Olive brown to grayish brown, gravelly loam, 14-24"
	Substratum:	Olive gravelly loam, 24-36"
Hydrologic Group:	Group C	
Permeability:	Chesuncook:	0-21" 0.6 - 2.0 in/hr > 21" < 0.2 in/hr
Depth to Bedrock:	Elliotsville: Chesuncook:	Moderately deep, 20-40" Very deep, greater than 60 inches.

Hazard to Flooding:

# None

### INCLUSIONS (Within Mapping Unit)

Similar:Howland, ThorndikeDissimilar:Telos, Elliotsville (Variant – SWP), Monarda

## USE AND MANAGEMENT

**Development of wind power projects:** These soils are generally suited to the proposed use. Use and management recommendations are generally as for individual Elliotsville or Chesuncook map units.

# ELLIOTSVILLE (Variant) – MONARDA COMPLEX

## <u>setting</u>

Parent Material:	Loamy glacial till.		
Landform:	Glaciated uplands.		
Position in Landscape:	Upper positions on landform.		
Slope Gradient Ranges:	<b>(B)</b> 3-8% <b>(C)</b> 8-209	% <b>(D)</b> 20+%	
COM	POSITION AND SC	DIL CHARACTERISTICS	
Drainage Class:	Somewhat poorly drained Elliotsville (Variant) to poorly drained (Monarda), with evidence of a water table during spring and during periods of heavy precipitation within 15" of the soil surface.		
Typical Profile	Surface layer:	Black and dark reddish brown silt loam to	
Description:		0-4"	
(for Monarda)	Subsurface layer:	Dark reddish brown silt loam to loam, 4-10"	
	Substratum layer:	Light olive brown to olive, 15-20". Bedrock	
	NOTE:	These Elliotsville soils are generally somewhat poorly drained (ie. water table 7-15" beneath the soil surface) and may be 20-40" to bedrock.	
Hydrologic Group:	Group C		
Surface Run Off:	Rapid		
Permeability:	Moderate or moderately rapid, 0.6 to 2.0 inches/hour.		
Depth to Bedrock:	Moderately deep, 20-40".		
Hazard to Flooding:	Generally none		

# <u>INCLUSIONS</u> (Within Mapping Unit)

Similar: Telos, Howland (SWP)

Dissimilar: Lyman Variant, Naskeag, Brayton

### USE AND MANAGEMENT

**Development of wind power projects:** The soil limitation for proposed development is depth to bedrock, and seasonal high groundwater tables. While Elliotsville soils have depth to bedrock characteristics that are suited for anchoring wind turbines, areas of Monarda soils have shallow water tables, and thus project engineers should employ sound erosion and sediment control practices to protect natural resources. Monarda soils may be classified as jurisdictional wetlands, and thus have further permitting limitations.

# ELLIOTSVILLE (Variant) – TELOS COMPLEX

## <u>setting</u>

Parent Material:		Loamy glacial till.		
Landform:		Glaciated uplands.		
Position in Lands	cape:	Upper positions on landform.		
Slope Gradient R	anges:	<b>(B)</b> 3-8% <b>(C)</b> 8-20% <b>(D)</b> 20+%		
	COM	POSITION AN	ND SC	DIL CHARACTERISTICS
Drainage Class:		While Elliotsville is typically well drained, with no evidence of a water table, or only inches from the bedrock surface during spring and during periods of heavy precipitation, this mapping unit is intended to represent areas that are predominantly composed of soils with somewhat poorly drained conditions, in which the bedrock surface is undulating from 20-40" beneath the soil surface to beyond 60" in areas with Telos soils.		
		<b>NOTE:</b> The two soils were not separated out in mapping, since drainage characteristics are otherwise similar. Elliotsville (Variant) in this survey area has characteristics similar to Naskeag soils, but are generally finer-textured.		
Typical Profile Description: (For Elliotsville Variant – see also Telos soil descrip	tion)	Surface layer: Subsurface layer Subsoil layer: Substratum laye	r: er:	Black and dark reddish brown silt loam to loam, 0-4" Dark reddish brown silt loam to loam, 4-10" Dark reddish brown loam, 10-15" Light olive brown to olive, 15-20". Bedrock
Hydrologic Grou	p:	at 20-40". Group B		at 20-40°.
Surface Run Off:		Rapid		
Permeability:		Moderate or moderately rapid, 0.6 to 2.0 inches/hour.		
Depth to Bedroc	<b>k:</b>	Moderately deep, 20-40".		
Hazard to Floodi	ing:	None <u>INCLUSIONS</u> (Within Mapping Unit)		
Similar:	Chesuncook, C	Iolonel, Naskeag, Thorndike		
Dissimilar:	Lyman Variant.	nt, Brayton, Monarda		

#### USE AND MANAGEMENT

**Development of wind power projects:** The soil limitation for proposed development is depth to bedrock and soil drainage. Seasonal high groundwater tables range from near the bedrock surface to within 12" of the soil surface during spring and after significant rainfall events.

# HOWLAND (Typic Haplorthods)

#### <u>Setting</u>

Parent Material:	Coarse-loamy glacial till materials, formed from fine-grained quartzite, slate and some granite.		
Landform:	Glaciated upland ridges and side sloping areas above toeslopes.		
Position in Landscape:	Uppermost and side	Uppermost and sidesloping shoulders of till ridges and knolls.	
Slope Gradient Ranges:	<b>(B)</b> 3-8% <b>(C)</b> 8-20	% <b>(D)</b> 20%+	
<u>CO</u> ,	MPOSITION AND S	SOIL CHARACTERISTICS	
Drainage Class:	Moderately well drained to somewhat poorly drained, with a seasonal high groundwater table $1.0 - 3.5$ ' beneath the soil surface in spring and during periods of excessive precipitation.		
Typical Profile Description:	Surface layer: Subsurface layer: Subsoil layer: Substratum:	Very dark brown silt Ioam, 0-6" Yellowish brown silt Ioam, 6-16" Light olive brown silt Ioam, 16-26" Light olive brown Ioam, 26-65"	
Hydrologic Group:	Group C		
Surface Run Off:	Medium		
Permeability:	Moderate above fragipan and moderately slow in the fragipan.		
Depth to Bedrock:	Very deep, greater than 60"		
Hazard to Flooding:	None		
Erosion factors (Kf):	0"-6"24 6" <b>-</b> 65"28		

#### INCLUSIONS (Within Mapping Unit)

Similar: Telos, Bangor, Dixmont, Chesuncook

**Dissimilar:** Thorndike, Monarda, Naskeag

#### USE AND MANAGEMENT

**Development of Wind Power Projects:** The limiting factor for development of wind power projects is depth to seasonal high groundwater table, which is 1.0' - 3.5' beneath the soil surface. Regrading or other site modifications may be necessary to mitigate concerns over sheet flow drainage, which can be perched on top of the dense substratum. Proper foundation drainage or import of sandy granular fill is recommended for construction. Portions of the Howland soil map unit may be suitable for subsurface wastewater disposal, in accordance with the State of Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules.

# MADE LAND (EXISTING GRAVEL ROAD) (Vdorthents)

### <u>Setting</u>

Parent Material:	Variable, placed or regraded by man. This map unit consists of nearly level to moderately sloping areas where the original soils have been cut away or covered with variable fill material (ranging from sandy loam to gravel). Most areas have been graded to a smooth surface. Areas are dominantly on uplands but are in almost every landscape position. Areas range in size. Map unit can be linear when exhibiting old road construction. Slopes are smooth or irregular, and range form 0 to 25 percent, but are dominantly 0 to 10 percent. Where the original soil has been cut away.
Landform:	Variable. Generally less than 15% maximum grade
Position in Landscape:	Variable. Generally in lower elevations and along mountain sideslopes.
Slope Gradient Ranges:	(A) 0-3% (B) 3-8% (C) 8-20%
COM	POSITION AND SOIL CHARACTERISTICS
Drainage Class:	None assigned
Typical Profile Description:	Surface layer:) Typically this map unitSubsurface layer:) consists of areasSubsoil layer:) excavated and reworkedSubstratum:) by man, then smoothed.Note:These map units generally consist of existing gravel roadsand associated disturbed area.Ditch turn-outs, fill piles andstump tailings are often present along map unit boundaries.
Hydrologic Group:	Variable
Surface Run Off:	Variable
Permeability:	Variable
Depth to Bedrock:	Variable
Hazard to Flooding:	None

# INCLUSIONS (Within Mapping Unit)

Similar: Filled Land

**Dissimilar:** Small 'made' depressions that contain standing water or have other drainage implications. These may be caused by compaction by vehicular traffic, which is not synonymous with seasonal water tables.

#### **USE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Development of wind power projects:** This map unit consists of areas reworked by man, so that the soils are no longer taxonomically classifiable. Limiting factor for development is depth to seasonal high water table, which is somewhat difficult to determine in this map units. Proper subgrade drainage or other site alterations recommended for construction.

In most areas, this soil map unit is used for redevelopment of roads on pre-existing road alignment. The properties of these soils vary greatly with depth, however, they are generally well suited to use as road sites, due to the existing sub-base. These soils differ greatly from place to place, consequently, on-site investigation is needed to assess the suitability of the soils for specific land uses or redevelopment.

#### MONARDA (Aeric Haplaquepts)

#### **SETTING**

Parent Material:	Loamy glacial till.
Landform:	Nearly level to sloping soils.
Position in Landscape:	Occupies lower positions in the landscape, base of long slopes, swales, and depressional areas.
Slope Gradient Ranges:	(A) 0-3% (B) 3-8% (C) 8-20%

### **COMPOSITION AND SOIL CHARACTERISTICS**

Drainage Class:	Poorly drained with beneath the soil sur periods of heavy pre	n a perched groundwater table 0 to 1.5 feet face from October through May and during ecipitation.
Typical Profile Description:	Surface layer: Subsurface layer: Subsoil layer:	Black organic layer, 0-4" Light brownish gray, gravelly silt loam, 4-9" Gray, olive gray and olive, gravelly silt loam 9-33"
	Substratum:	Gray, gravelly silt loam, 33"+
Hydrologic Group:	Group D	
Permeability:	Moderate to moderate slow in the substratu	ately slow in the solum, moderately slow to Im.
Depth to Bedrock:	Deep, greater than 6	50".
Hazard to Flooding:	None, except adjace	ent to small waterbodies

### INCLUSIONS (Within Mapping Unit)

Similar: Brayton, Telos, Colonel, Scantic

Dissimilar: Peacham, Elliotsville (variant), Thorndike, Burnham

#### **USE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Development of wind power projects:** The limiting factor for building site development is wetness due to the presence of a high perched water table 0 to 1.5 feet below the existing the soil surface for a significant portion of the year This soil is unsuitable for on-site subsurface wastewater disposal. Monarda soil may be classified as wetlands, based on the combined consideration of hydric conditions, hydrology, and vegetation.

## MONSON

#### <u>setting</u>

Parent Material:	Coarse-loamy glacia	l till.
Landform:	Glaciated uplands, ri	idge tops.
Position in Landscape:	Uppermost position	s of landforms, ridgetops
Slope Gradient Ranges:	<b>(B)</b> 3-8% <b>(C)</b> 8-20%	% <b>(D)</b> 20%+
<u>C(</u>	OMPOSITION AND S	OIL CHARACTERISTICS
Drainage Class:	Somewhat excessive throughout the grov	ly well drained with no water table observed ving season.
Typical Profile Description:	Surface layer: Subsurface layer: Subsoil layer:	Dark reddish brown organic material, 0-4" Light gray channery silt loam, 4-5" Dark reddish to yellowish brown silt loam, 6-11"
	Substratum: Slate bedrock @ 19"	Light olive brown channery silt loam, 11-19"
Hydrologic Group:	Group C/D	
Surface Run-off:	Rapid	
Permeability:	0.6 - 2.0 in/hr	
Depth to Bedrock:	shallow 10-20"	
Hazard to Flooding:	None	
Erosion Factors (Kf):	0-8" 8"-bedrock surface	28 37

## **INCLUSIONS**

(Within mapping unit)

Similar:Telos, Chesuncook, B slope inclusions within C/D map units, Thorndike, ElliotsvilleDissimilar:Monarda, Burnham (very limited extent), Naskeag (Variant)

#### **USE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Development of wind power projects:** The limiting factor for building site development is bedrock, due to depths varying from zero to within 40" of the mineral soil surface. This map unit provides for stable anchoring for tower/turbine construction. Proper foundation drainage or other site modification is recommended for construction.

# MONSON-ELLIOTSVILLE COMPLEX

## <u>setting</u>

Parent Material:	Fine-textured glacial	till derived from slate and meta sandstone.
Landform:	Crests and sideslopes	of glaciated uplands.
Position in Landscape:	Uppermost of interm	nediate positions in the landscape.
Slope Gradient Ranges:	<b>(B)</b> 0-8% <b>(C)</b> 8-20%	6 <b>(D)</b> 20%+
<u>CON</u>	1POSITION AND SC	DIL CHARACTERISTICS
Drainage Class:	Somewhat excessive water table, except during spring and pe Elliotsville soils occu separated out in map	ly to well drained, with no evidence of a on the bedrock surface for short duration eriods of excessive rainfall. The Monson and r in a non-repeating pattern that cannot be oping.
Typical Profile Description: (for Monson)	Surface layer: Subsurface layer: Subsoil layer:	Dark reddish brown organic material, 0-4" Light gray channery silt loam, 4-5" Dark reddish to yellowish brown silt loam, 6-11"
	Substratum: Slate bedrock @ 19" Note:	Light olive brown channery silt loam, 11-19" Monson soils are 10-20" to bedrock with no dense basal till.
(for Elliotsville)	Surface layer: Subsurface layer: Subsoil layer: Substratum:	Pinkish-gray silt loam, 0-2" Dark reddish-brown and strong brown silt loam or loam, 2-11" Light olive brown channery loam, 11-17" Olive channery loam, 17-26"
Hydrologic Group:	Group C/D dependir	ng on depth to bedrock
Surface Run-off:	Moderately rapid to	rapid (on exposed bedrock)
Permeability:	Moderate to rapid (	on exposed bedrock surfaces)
Depth to Bedrock:	0" (rock outcrop) to	moderately deep (40")
Hazard to Flooding:	None	

# <u>INCLUSIONS</u>

(Within mapping unit)

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Dissimilar: D-slopes in C-slope map units, Naskeag, Telos, Monarda

### USE AND MANAGEMENT

**Development for Wind Power Projects:** The limiting factor for development of wind power projects is depth to bedrock. These soils are generally suited to the proposed use with ample potential for solid anchoring points for wind turbines.

# MONSON-ROCK OUTCROP COMPLEX

#### <u>setting</u>

Parent Material:	Fine-textured glacia	al till derived from slate and meta sandstone.
Landform:	Crests and sideslope	es of glaciated uplands.
Position in Landscape:	Uppermost of inter	mediate positions in the landscape.
Slope Gradient Ranges:	<b>(B)</b> 0-8% <b>(C)</b> 8-20	% <b>(D)</b> 20%+
<u>CO</u> ,	MPOSITION AND :	SOIL CHARACTERISTICS
Drainage Class:	Somewhat excessiv water table, excep during spring and p occur in a non-rep that cannot be sepa	vely to well drained, with no evidence of a ot on the bedrock surface for short duration periods of excessive rainfall. The Monson soils peating pattern along with the rock outcrop arated out in mapping.
Typical Profile Description:	Surface layer: Subsurface layer: Subsoil layer:	Dark reddish brown organic material, 0-4" Light gray channery silt Ioam, 4-5" Dark reddish to yellowish brown silt Ioam, 6-11"
	Substratum: Slate bedrock @ 19	Light olive brown channery silt loam, 11-19" "
Hydrologic Group:	Group C/D depend	ling on depth to bedrock
Surface Run-off:	Moderately rapid t	o rapid (on exposed bedrock)
Permeability:	Moderate to rapid	(on exposed bedrock surfaces)
Depth to Bedrock:	0" (rock outcrop) s	hallow (<20")
Hazard to Flooding:	None	

### <u>INCLUSIONS</u>

(Within mapping unit)

Similar: Chesuncook, Thorndike, Elliotsville	
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**Dissimilar:** D-slopes in C-slope map units, Naskeag, Telos, Monarda

#### **USE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Development for Wind Power Projects:** The limiting factor for development of wind power projects is depth to bedrock, which is generally less than 20" beneath the soil surface. These soil map units are suited to the proposed use, since they provide for solid anchoring points for wind turbines, with no further limitation due to drainage.

# TELOS (Typic Haplorthods)

#### <u>setting</u>

Parent Material:	Loamy dense basal	till.
Landform:	Lower side slopes ir	n glaciated uplands.
Position in Landscape:	Nearly level to stee	ply sloping soils on upland till ridges.
Slope Gradient Ranges:	<b>(B)</b> 3-8% <b>(C)</b> 8-20	%
COMPC	DSITION AND SOIL	CHARACTERISTICS
Drainage Class:	Somewhat poorly d 9-15" beneath the so seasons.	lrained, with a seasonal water table generally oil surface in spring and during wettest
Typical Profile Description	Surface layer: Subsurface layer:	Pinkish gray silt loam, 0-4" Dark reddish to yellowish brown silt loam, 4-15"
	Subsoil layer: Substratum:	Light olive brown silt Ioam, 15-20" Olive gravelly silt Ioam, 20-65"
Hydrologic Group:	Group C	
Surface Run Off:	Slow	
Permeability:	Moderate in the sol	um, and slow or very slow in the substratum.
Depth to Bedrock:	Very deep, greater t	than 65".
Hazard to Flooding:	None	

### INCLUSIONS (Within Mapping Unit)

Similar: Chesuncook, Howland (SWP)

**Dissimilar:** Brayton, Monarda, Burnham

#### **USE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Development of wind power projects:** The limiting factors for development of wind power projects is wetness. Proper road foundation drainage, or importation of coarse granular fill may be needed to overcome soil drainage limitations.

# TELOS-CHESUNCOOK COMPLEX

Coarse-loamy glacial till.

Parent Material:

## <u>setting</u>

Landform:	Glaciated uplands.	
Position in Landscape:	Side slopes.	
Slope Gradient Ranges:	<b>(B)</b> 3-8% <b>(C)</b> 8-20°	/o
COM	POSITION AND SC	DIL CHARACTERISTICS
Drainage Class:	Somewhat poorly of (Chesuncook), with beneath the existing periods of excessive	lrained (Telos) to moderately well drained a perched water table 0.5 to 3.0 feet soil surface March through May and during precipitation.
Typical Profile Description: (for Telos)	Surface layer: Subsurface layer: Subsoil layer: Substratum:	Black organic material, 0-2" Pinkish gray, gravelly silt loam, 2-5" Dark brown, dark yellowish brown, olive, gravelly silt loam, 5-52" Olive gravelly silt loam, 52-60"
(for Chesuncook)	Surface layer: Subsurface layer:	Dark reddish brown organic, 0-3" Light gray, dark reddish brown to reddish brown and yellowish brown silt loam and loam 3-14"
	Subsoil layer:	Olive brown to grayish brown, gravelly loam 14-24"
	Substratum:	Olive gravelly loam, 24-36"
	Note:	These soils occur on the landscape in a regular repeating pattern that was not separated out at the scale provided. Telos is generally the dominant soil, and occupies the micro-depression within the landscape, while Chesuncook is found on small mounds within the micro topography.
Hydrologic Group:	Group C	mounds within the micro-topography.
Surface Run-off:	Rapid	
Permeability:	Telos:	0-18" 0.6-2.0 in/hr
	Chesuncook:	>18   0.0-0.2 m/m     0-21"   0.6 - 2.0 in/hr     > 21"   < 0.2 in/hr
Depth to Bedrock:	Very deep, greater th	nan 60 inches.
Hazard to Flooding:	None	
Erosion Factors (Kf):	0-8"28	

## INCLUSIONS (Within Mapping Unit)

Similar: Howland, Plaisted

**Dissimilar:** Telos, Monson, Elliotsville (less than 40" to bedrock), D slopes in C slope map units, stony and very stony phase inclusions, Monarda, Thorndike

#### **USE AND MANAGEMEN**T

**Development of wind power projects:** The limiting factor for building site development is wetness due to the presence of a perched water table 1.0 to 3.0 feet beneath the soil surface for some portion of the year. Proper foundation drainage or other site modification is recommended for construction. Chesuncook soil is suitable for subsurface wastewater disposal, in accordance with the State of Maine Rules for Subsurface Wastewater Disposal. This soil requires a 12-inch separation distance between the seasonal high groundwater table and the bottom of any disposal area, and also requires 4.0 and 2.0 sq.ft/gpd for disposal beds and chamber area, respectively.

# TELOS-MONARDA COMPLEX (Typic Haplorthods)

## <u>setting</u>

Parent Material:	Loamy dense basal ti	11.
Landform:	Lower side slopes in	glaciated uplands.
Position in Landscape:	Nearly level to steep	ly sloping soils on upland till ridges.
Slope Gradient Ranges:	<b>(B)</b> 3-8% <b>(C)</b> 8-20%	Ио
<u>COMPO</u>	SITION AND SOIL	<u>CHARACTERISTICS</u>
Drainage Class:	Somewhat poorly dr Monarda Variant wi 0-1.5' beneath the s during periods of he	rained (Telos) to poorly drained Monarda or ith perched seasonal high groundwater table coil surface from October through May and avy precipitation.
Typical Profile Description: (for Telos)	Surface layer: Subsurface layer: Subsoil layer:	Pinkish gray silt loam, 0-4" Dark reddish to yellowish brown silt loam, 4-15" Light olive brown silt loam, 15-20"
	Substratum:	Olive gravelly silt loam, 20-65"
Typical Profile Description: (for Monarda)	Surface layer: Subsurface layer: Subsoil layer: Substratum:	Black organic layer, 0-4" Light brownish gray, gravelly silt loam, 4-9" Gray, olive gray and olive, gravelly silt loam, 9-33" Gray, gravelly silt loam, 33"+
	Note: These soils o which could not be s Telos dominates the Monarda occupies sn	accur in a non-regular, non-repeating pattern reparated out at the mapping scale provided. e map unit and exists on mounds, while mall micro-depressions.
Hydrologic Group:	Group C	
Surface Run Off:	Slow	
Permeability:	Moderate in the solu	im, and slow or very slow in the substratum.
Depth to Bedrock:	Very deep, greater th	nan 65".
Hazard to Flooding:	None	

# INCLUSIONS (Within Mapping Unit)

Similar: Brayton, Colonel, Scantic

#### USE AND MANAGEMENT

**Development of wind power projects:** The limiting factor for building site development is wetness, due to the presence of a groundwater table 1.0 to 1.5 feet below the soil surface for some portion of the year. Proper foundation drainage or other site modification is recommended for construction. These map units have limitations for construction of roads and/or use as turbine pad construction sites, since significant drainage is present for long durations during the year, but oxiaquic conditions prevent identification of these areas as wetlands. Soil drainage limitations for road and/or turbine construction can be overcome through proper engineering techniques and/or importation of granular fill. Special erosion and sediment control is recommended.

# APPENDIX D

Soil Profile Descriptions and Taxonomic Names







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### **APPENDIX E**

### Glossary Of Soil Terminology

### Depth Classes

These refer to the depth of the particle control section used to describe the central concept of each taxonomic unit. These are as follows:

Very shallow	less than 10" to bedrock
Shallow	10" to 20" to bedrock
Moderately deep	20" to 40" to bedrock
Deep	40" to 60" deep
Very deep	greater than 60"

Drainage Class

Drainage class is a reference to the frequency and duration of periods of soil saturation and/or action by seasonal groundwater tables, as evidenced by soil morphologic features identified within each respective soil profile.

Seven classes of soil drainage are recognized:

Excessively drained	water is removed from the soil very rapidly. These are commonly very coarse-textured, rocky or shallow. All are free of soil mottling related to wetness.
Somewhat excessively drained	water is removed from the soil rapidly. Many somewhat excessively drained soils are sandy-textured and very pervious/porous. Some are shallow. Some occur on steep slopes where much of the water they receive is lost as runoff. These too are free of observed mottling due to wetness.
<u>Well drained</u>	Water is removed from the soil readily, but not rapidly. It may be available for plant growth at the deepest rooting depths, and not so wet as to inhibit the growth of plant roots for significant periods during most growing seasons. Well drained soils are often medium textured, or contain restrictive subhorizons generally below 24". They are mainly free of mottling related to wetness.

Moderately well drained	water is removed from the spoils somewhat slowly during wet periods and spring seasons. Moderately well drained soils are saturated in the upper soil profile for short duration during the growing season. Often, they contain a slowly pervious (or restrictive) layer beneath the solum, and may receive additional runoff from upslope areas.
Somewhat poorly drained	water is removed so slowly that the soil is wet for significant periods during the growing season. Somewhat poorly drained soils commonly have an impervious substratum that contributes to a perched water table, additional water through sideslope seeps, long continuous sheet flows below large watershed areas with few or no outlets, or a combination of these together.
Poorly drained	water is removed from these soils so slowly that the soil is saturated during the growing season or remains wet for long durations. Water is present during the growing season which may be prohibitive to plant root growth, due to anaerobic/saturated conditions. These soils are classified as hydric, and may also have implications as wetlands.
<u>Very poorly drained</u>	water is removed from these soils so slowly that free water can be observed at or very near the mineral soil surface for long durations during the growing season. These commonly occur on nearly level slopes or in depressional areas, and can be frequently ponded. Often they include thick organic surface horizons.

## Hydrologic Soil Groups

A hydrologic soil group is a class of numerous soil series that all have the same runoff potential under similar climate and vegetative conditions. Soil properties that can

influence runoff are those that affect minimum infiltration rates for a bare soil after prolonged wetting and with no frozen ground surface. Most important are depth to seasonal high groundwater table, permeability rates after prolonged wetting, and depth to slowly permeable (restrictive) layer.

#### Permeability

Permeability is the soil property which enables water to move downward through the soil profile. It is measured as the number of inches per hour of water that can be added to a particular soil as it moves downward through the unsaturated soil. Terminology and ranges are as flows:

Very slow	less than 0.06 in./hr
Slow	0.06 to 0.20 in./hr
Moderately slow	0.20 to 0.60 in./hr
Moderate	0.6 to 2.0 in./hr
Moderately rapid	2.0 to 6.0 in./hr
Rapid	6.0 to 20 in./hr

#### Soil Erodibility (K Factor)

The measure of soil erodability, or K factor, is the susceptibility of a soil particle to detachment and transport by rainfall. K factors for soil in Maine vary from 0.02 to 0.69. The higher the value, the more susceptible the named soil is to sheet or rill erosion by water.

Soil properties which influence erosion are those that can affect infiltration rates, movement of water through the soil profile and the water storage capacity of a soil. Other soil properties can affect the dispersion and mobility of soil particles by rainfall ad/or runoff. Some of the most important of these properties include soil layer, and the size and stability of the soil structural aggregates in the exposed faces of subsoils. Background levels of soil moisture and the presence of frozen soil horizons also can influence erosion.

#### Soil Texture

Soil texture refers to the USDA classification for the relative proportions by weight of the several soil particle size classes that are finer than 2 millimeters in diameter, which form the fine earth fraction. (Materials larger than 2 mm. in diameter are considered rock fragments).

Soil texture can influence on plant growth, or the soil mechanics of a particular site when used as construction and/or backfill material for foundations, etc. It influences such physical properties as load bearing strength, permeability, shrink/swell potential (frost action or due to wetness), compressibility and compaction. Rock fragment size and content can also affect applications for use as construction materials.

#### Soil Texture Modifiers

Named soil texture classes can be further modified by the addition of appropriate adjectives when rock fragment content approaches 15% by volume (i.e. gravelly sandy loam). "Mucky" or "peaty" are modifying terms used when organic matter content reaches 40% (i.e. mucky silt/loam).

#### Surface Runoff

Surface runoff is water that flows away from the soil over the surface of the site without infiltrating into the ground surface. It may originate from precipitation, or as drainage water from adjacent, upslope areas. The rate and amount of runoff are affected by internal physical characteristics of the soil as well as slope gradient ranges and landform shape (i.e. concave vs. convex slopes). Runoff can be significantly different on a given soil under natural vegetation, cultivation by man, or other kinds of management. Runoff from a particular site can also be affected by other factors such as rainfall amounts, snow pack accumulation or other climatic fluctuations. Surface runoff is usually significantly greater on frozen ground surfaces.

Six categories for runoff rates are provided:

Ponded	little or none of the precipitation and run-on (from surrounding, higher elevations) escapes the site as runoff. Free water stands on or above the existing soil surface for significant periods of time. Ponding normally appears on level to nearly level (i.e. <3%) slopes, in depressions or within concavities in a pit/mound micro-relief topography. Water depth may vary considerably throughout the year, or from year to year. Often this is consistent with very poorly
	drained soils.

- Very slow surface water flows away slowly, and free water may be present at the soil surface for portions of the year, or may infiltrate slowly into the soil surface when not ponded. These soils may be consistent with very poorly drained, or poorly drained soils that are coarser textured and somewhat porous.
- Slow surface water flows away from the soil quickly enough, either due to slope or the porosity of the soils, so that free

	water can be observed at the soil surface for moderate periods immediately following spring snowmelt or prolonged storm rainfall events. Most of the water passes through the soil, is used by plants, or evaporates.
Medium	surface water flows away quickly enough due to slope or soil porosity that water is observed at or near the soil surface for short durations, usually during spring snowmelt or immediately following significant storm rainfall events.
Rapid	surface water flows away quickly enough that any period of saturation is brief, and free water does not stand on the soil surface. Only a small portion of the water enters the soil as infiltration, either due to steep slopes and/or fine textures with slow rates of absorption.
Very rapid	surface water flows away so quickly that duration of any event is brief, and water never stands on the soil surface. Only a very small portion of the available moisture enters the soil as infiltration.

#### ADDITIONAL SOIL TERMS

#### Flooding (Hazard to flooding)

Flooding is the temporary covering of the soil surface by flowing water from any source, including but not limited to: streams or rivers overflowing their banks, runoff from adjacent or upslope areas, inflow from high tide action, or a combination of sources. Water due to snowmelt is excluded from this definition, as is standing or ponded water that forms a permanent or semi-permanent cover above the soil surface.

Flooding hazard is further expressed by frequency classes, duration, and the time of year that the flooding occurs. The velocity and depth of the floodwater are also important factors.

- Ponding Ponding is standing water in a closed depression. The water is removed only by evaporation, transpiration by plants, or percolation through the ground.
- Soil complex A map unit that consist of two or more kinds of soils (i.e. soil series/taxonomic unit) that occur on a non-regular, non-repeating pattern that cannot be separated out at the scale provided. The order of the soils named are generally in order of predominance within the map unit.

Soil map unit A collection of soils or soil areas that are delineated during soils mapping. It generally is an aggregate of several soil entities with a predominant named soil type. Kinds of soil map units may include complexes, consociations, or associations.

Soil slope gradient range

The slope identified for any given map unit, based on the immediate topography within a specific portion of the mapping site. Designations generally are as follows:

A	0-3%	nearly level to level
В	3-8%	gently sloping
С	8-20%	moderately sloping
D	20% +	steeply sloping

Stoniness This is a phase of surface characteristic that may be identified in soils mapping, ranging from stony or bouldery (0.01 to 0.1% of soil surface covered with stones) to rubbly or rubble land, in which up to 75% of the soil surface is covered with stones. Extremely stony sites or sites with rubble land may have additional limitations for use of mechanized equipment.

#### **APPENDIX F**

#### Methodology

Soils identification and mapping were done in accordance with the standards adopted by the Maine Association of Professional Soil Scientists (revised February 2004) for Class A-D soil surveys. Soils are described using standard soil terminology developed by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, which is also where soil interpretation records originate for each soil series described in Maine. Scale requirements vary depending on the level of soil survey required, and limits for dissimilar soil inclusions likewise vary depending on class of mapping accuracy requested. Where important distinctions between hydric and non-hydric soils are made in the mapping, the Maine Association of Professional Soil Scientists Key to Soil Drainage Classes was also utilized, as well as a separate list of regional indicators for identification of hydric soils (Field Indicators for Identifying Hydric Soils in New England, version 3 2004).

# APPENDIX G

Photographs



Test pit 14-Telos soils with somewhat poorly drained conditions (similar to Howland SWP)



Exposed bedrock surface exhibiting brief runoff conditions after significant rainfall events and during snowmelt



Typical Monson-Elliottsville soil complex w/ undulating bedrock depth beneath soil surface



Gravelly silt loam textured glacial till soils (Chesuncook)



Typical road cut with existing made land/gravel road map feature



Typical road cut in project area exhibiting moderately well-drained to well-drained conditions



Typical Monards soils which are poorly drained (hydric)



Test pit 24: Typical Monson soils which are generally 10-20" to bedrock



Typical Howland (somewhat poorly-drained) silt loam glacial till soils



Typical Howland (moderately well-drained) soils on a beech hardwood ridge



Typical Burnham (very poorly-drained) soils with 8"+/- organic surface horizon over mineral soils



Typical Burnham soil setting (very poorly-drained)



Typical Elliottsville (Variant) soils which are 20-40" to bedrock and exhibit somewhat poorly-drained conditions



Test pit 35: Elliottsville with bedrock @ 23"+/-



Test pit 7: Elliottsville (Variant) soils with 26" to bedrock/refusal (free water observed on bedrock surface)