

WEB soil survey Exercise – Land Application of Biosolids

Goal: to learn what soil resource information is available from NRCS through “Web Soil Survey”

Instructions:

1. Go to web site <http://soils.usda.gov>.
2. Scroll down the web page and under “Quick Access” on the left side of the page click on the “Web Soil Survey” link.
3. Then click on the green “Start WSS” Link.
4. On the left side of the web page under “Navigate by...” Click on address.
5. Enter address, city, state, and zip code.
6. Click on “View”.
7. Next, directly under the “Area of Interest Interactive Map” heading, click on one of the buttons that are marked “AOI”.
8. Using your mouse, hold down the left mouse button and drag an area surrounding the area of interest.
9. Click on the “Soil Map” tab.
10. Then Click on the “Soil Data Explorer” Tab.
11. Next click on the “Suitabilities and Limitations for Use” tab.
12. Click on the “Waste Management” tab.
13. Then click on the “Land Application of Municipal Sewage Sludge” tab.
14. Click on the “view Ratings” link. A color map will appear.
15. To finish your report click on the “Printable Version button.
16. Click the “View” link to generate your map and report as a pdf.

ISSUES: return to step 2 look in the right hand column for other ideas.