



**City Utilities
Design Standards
Manual**

**Exhibit GR8-5
Soil Test Pit Log Sheet**

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Project: _____
 Name: _____
 Location: _____
 Test Pit #: _____

Date: _____
 Soil Series: _____
 Other: _____

| Horizon | Depth (In.) | Color | Redox Features | Texture | Notes (if applicable) | Boundary |
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NOTES:

REDOX FEATURES

Abundance
Few < 2%
Common.. 2 - 20%
Many > 20%

Contrast
faint
 hue & chroma of matrix and redox are closely related.
distinct
 matrix & redox features vary
 1 - 2 units of hue and several unites of chroma & value.
prominent
 Matrix & redox features vary several units in hue, value & chroma

COARSE FRAGMENTS (% of profile)

| | | |
|----------|---------------|--------------------|
| 15-35% | 35-65% | >65% |
| gravelly | very gravelly | extremely gravelly |
| channery | very channery | extremely channery |
| cobbly | very cobbly | extremely cobbly |
| flaggy | very flaggy | extremely flaggy |
| stony | very stony | extremely stony |

BOUNDARY

Distinctness
abrupt...< 1" (thick) *gradual*...2.5 - 5"
clear.....1 - 2.5" *diffuse*....> 5

Topography
smooth - boundary is nearly level
wavy - pockets with width > than depth
irregular - pockets with depth > than width

HORIZONS

O - organic layers of decaying plant and animal tissue (must be greater than 12-18% organic carbon, excluding live roots).
A (topsoil) - mineral horizon at or near the surface in which an accumulation of humified organic matter is mixed with the mineral material.
E - mineral horizon which the main feature is loss of silicate clay, iron, aluminum. Must be underlain by a B (alluvial) horizon.

B (subsoil) - mineral horizon with evidence of pedogenesis or Illuviation (movement into the horizon).
C (substratum) - the un-weathered geologic material the soil formed in. Shows little or no sign of soil formation.