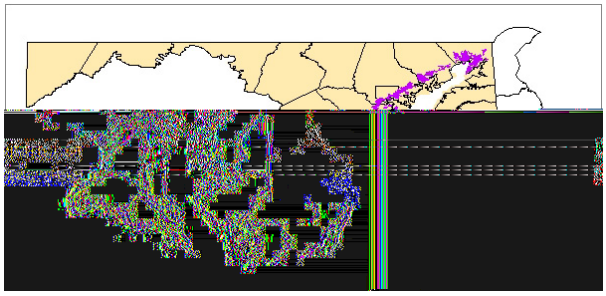
Sunnyside -- District of Columbia Representative Soil

Sunnyside Soil Profile
Surface layer: dark brown loam
Subsoil - upper: yellowish red clay loam
Subsoil - lower: reddish brown sandy clay loam

The Sunnyside series consists of very deep, well drained, moderately permeable soils formed in unconsolidated deposits of very old, dominantly sandy sediments. They are on uplands of the Coastal Plain, with slopes that range from 0 to 40 percent. Sunnyside is categorized as a Prime Farmland Soil, which means it is one of the most productive soils for agriculture and forestry, in addition to being one of the best suited soils to construction and recreational development.

These soils are mapped on nearly 700 acres in the District of Columbia, and other areas in the adjacent state of Maryland.

Average annual precipitation is 44 inches. Average annual air temperature is 55 degrees F.



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