

Definitions of Special Symbols
Soil Survey of Wright County, Minnesota

Symbol	Definition
Better drained soil in a poorly drained area	A knoll of better drained soil that typically is within an area of poorly drained or very poorly drained soil. Typically 1/2 acre to 2 acres.
Escarpment (nonbedrock)	A relatively continuous cliff or steep slope breaking the general continuity of more gently sloping land surfaces. The side slopes may be undeveloped or poorly developed soil material.
Gravel pit	An open excavation from which soil and the loose underlying material have been removed and used as a source of sand or gravel. Typically 1/2 acre to 2 acres.
Gravelly spot	An area of soil in which the surface layer has more than 35 percent, by volume, rock fragments that are mostly less than 3 inches in diameter; surrounded by soil that has less than 15 percent rock fragments. Typically 1/2 acre to 2 acres.
Levee	An embankment that confines or controls water, especially one built along the banks of a river to prevent overflow on lowlands.
Made land or disturbed land	An area in which the soil profile has been disturbed by cutting, filling, or shaping. Typically 1/2 acre to 2 acres.
Marsh or swamp	A water-saturated, very poorly drained area, intermittently or permanently covered by water. The vegetation is dominantly sedges, cattails, and rushes. Typically 1/2 acre to 2 acres.
Sandy spot	An area of soil that has a surface layer of loamy fine sand or coarser and that is surrounded by soils that have a surface layer of very fine sandy loam or finer. Typically 1/2 acre to 2 acres.
Short steep slope	A narrow area of soil in which the slopes are at least two slope classes steeper than those of the surrounding soil or soils.
Very stony spot	A spot where 0.1 to 3.0 percent of the surface is covered with stones more than 10 inches in diameter in an area where less than 0.01 percent of the surface is covered with stones. Typically 1/2 acre to 2 acres.
Wet spot	A somewhat poorly drained to very poorly drained area that is at least two drainage classes wetter than the named soils in the surrounding map unit. Typically 1/2 acre to 2 acres.