## Major Land Resource Area 146X Aroostook Area

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## **Ecological site keys**

## **MLRA 146**

- I. Site occurs along major rivers and streams which, in absence of dams and man-made structures, would experience regular flooding ... F146XY011ME Floodplain
- II. Site does not occur along major rivers and streams, or if it does occur along major rivers and streams, the site does not experience regular flooding
  - A. Site occurs in open wetland areas dominated by shrubs and/or herbaceous species, too wet for tree cover to exceed 40 percent under natural conditions ... F146XY021ME Marsh
  - B. Site supports greater than 40 percent tree cover under natural conditions
    - 1. Soils poorly to very poorly-drained, meeting hydric conditions
      - i. Soil surface consists of greater than 40 inches (100 cm) of organic mucky peat deposits ...
        F146XY031ME Mucky Peat Bottom
      - ii. Soil surface with less than 40 inches (100 cm) of organic mucky peat deposits
        - a. Soils formed in shallow till, with densely compacted, gravelly layer usually within 20 inches (50 cm) of mineral soil surface ... F146XY032ME Loamy Till Bottom
        - b. Soils not formed in till, lacking dense subsurface layer
          - 1) Soils ponded for most or all of the year ... F146XY034ME Wet Sandy Bog
          - 2) Soils not ponded for extended periods ... F146XY033ME Wet Loamy Flat
    - 2. Soils somewhat poorly- to excessively-drained with non-hydric conditions
      - i. Site occurs in exposed areas high in rock outcrop with little soil available for plants, too harsh for significant tree cover ... F146XY051ME Rockland
      - ii. Site not as above, with sufficient soil to support greater than 40 percent tree cover
        - a. Bedrock within 20 inches (50 cm) of mineral soil surface ... F146XY061ME Shallow Loamy Till
        - b. Bedrock deeper than 20 inches (50 cm) below mineral soil surface
          - 1) Soils sandy throughout, typically on eskers and other glacial outwash ... F146XY071ME Sandy
          - 2) Soils loamy on the surface, may have sandy subsurface horizons
            - a) Soils with a sandy subsurface horizons and a loamy surface horizon, typically on eskers and other glacial outwash ... F146XY072ME Loamy Over Sandy
            - b) Soils loamy on surface and throughout the profile
              - (1) Soils formed in lakebed sediments with few rock fragments ... F146XY084ME Silty
              - (2) Soils formed in glacial till
                - (a) Soil pH mostly less than 6.0 ... F146XY082ME Loamy Calcareous Till
                - (b) Soil pH mostly above 6.0