

SOIL SURVEYS 101

FIND SOIL INFORMATION ON THE WEB SOIL SURVEY

What is Web Soil Survey (WSS)?

Web application that provides any interested user electronic access to soil maps and related land use information

How does it work?

- Users choose an area of interest
- Select just the information they need
- Web Soil Survey provides thematic soil maps displaying properties and qualities of their geographic AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)

WSS supplies tables and interpretations relevant to their land use concerns

What products does Web Soil Survey provide?

- Soil map on color imagery or topographic map backdrop for the AOI
- Soil property, suitability, limitation, quality, and feature tables by AOI
- Soil map unit descriptions and composition

Custom soil resource report

How do you access Web Soil Survey?

- Browse to the Web Soil Survey website at: <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/>

What is the general pathway through Web Soil Survey?

- Navigate to relevant geographic area
 - Define Area of Interest - you must specifically set the AOI before you can view any maps or reports
 - View Soil Map - if available for AOI
 - Browse/Explore soil data and related information
 - Generate thematic maps
 - Access soil data tables
 - Build custom soil resource report in Shopping Cart
- Print/download the selected map or report

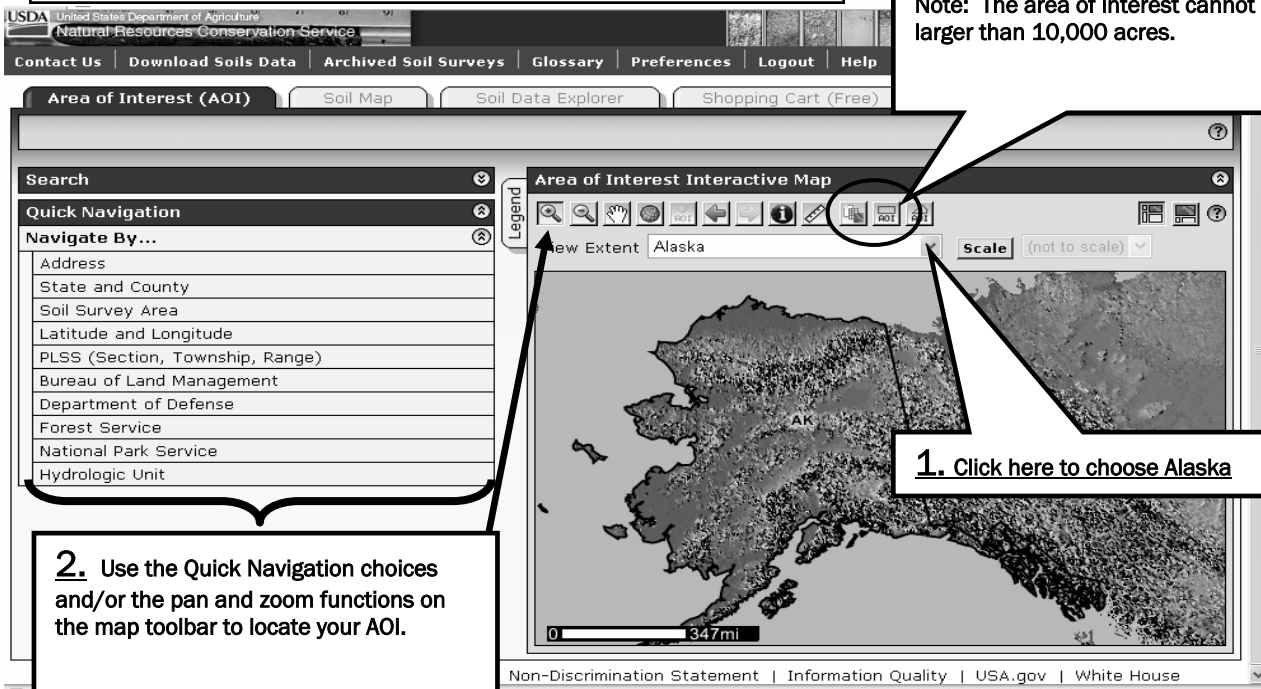
Click on "Start WSS" and you are on your way!



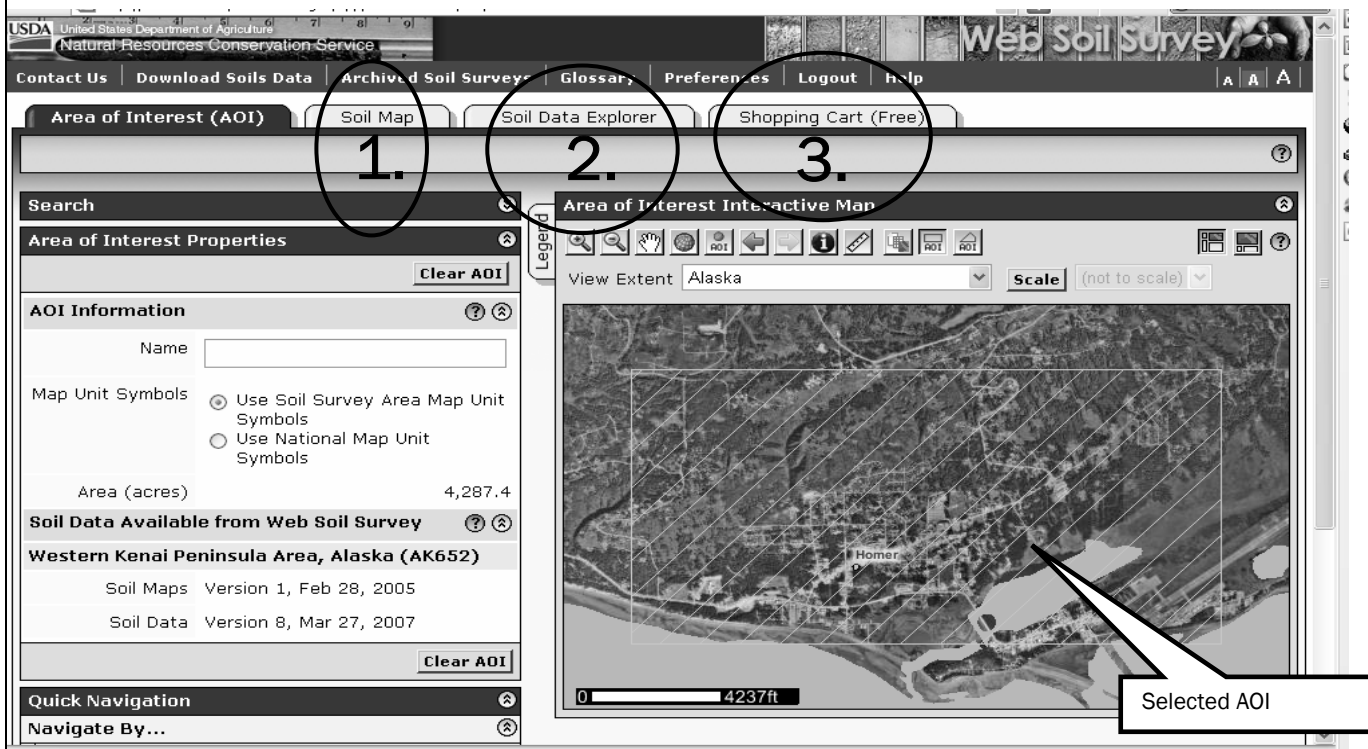
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3. Define your AOI by drawing a box around the area on the map using one of these two buttons. Note: The area of interest cannot be larger than 10,000 acres.



Where do you locate soils information for your AOI?



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