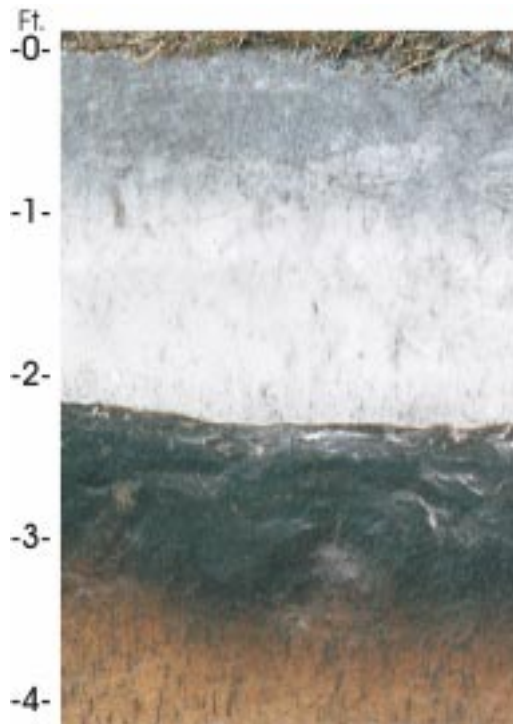


MYAKKA -- FLORIDA STATE SOIL



Myakka Soil Profile

Surface layer: gray fine sand

Subsurface layer: light gray fine sand

Subsoil: dark reddish brown fine sand with organic stains

Substratum: brown and yellowish brown fine sand

The State of Florida has the largest total acreage of Aquods (wet, sandy soils with an organic-stained subsoil layer) on flatwood landforms in the nation. Myakka (pronounced My-yak-ah), an Indian word for Big Waters, is a native soil of Florida and does not occur in any other state. It occurs on more than 1½ million acres in Florida. It is the most extensive soil in the state.

The Florida Association of Professional Soil Classifiers and the Florida Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society worked together to commemorate the state's unique soil legacy. It is very fitting that they adopted Myakka, a typical flatwoods soil, as the state soil to acknowledge the heritage that has made agriculture the state's major industry.

On May 22, 1989, Governor Bob Martinez signed Senate bill number 524 into law, making Myakka Florida's Official State Soil.



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