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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: The soil surveys in this collection were completed by the United States Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service between 1978 and 1984, in cooperation with the Massachusetts Agriculture Experiment Station. Included is a detailed soil survey of the Arnold Arboretum of Jamaica Plain, Suffolk County, Massachusetts as well as surveys for Bristol and Essex counties.
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Processing Information

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Acquisition Information

Provenance: This collection was donated by Thomas A. Peragallo and deposited in the Arnold Arboretum’s Archives in 1984.

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**Historical Note**

The soil surveys in this collection of Bristol and Essex counties include reports and maps detailing the condition and agricultural viability of the soil. They were completed by the United States Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service in cooperation with the Massachusetts Agriculture Experiment Station between 1978 and 1984. The detailed soil survey map for the Arnold Arboretum was created by Thomas A. Peragallo, CWS, CSS, a soil and wetland scientist who was at that time working on the USDA survey map of Suffolk County.

**Scope and Content**

Soil surveys for Bristol and Essex counties and the Arnold Arboretum of Jamaica Plain, Suffolk County, Massachusetts.

**Arrangement**

The Records of the Soil Surveys collection are arranged in 2 series.

- Series I: Arnold Arboretum Survey Report and Map
- Series II: Survey Reports and maps

**Container List**

**Box 1**

**Series I: Arnold Arboretum Survey Report and Maps**

**Folder**: 1: Soil Survey Report for the Arnold Arboretum 8-84-TAP [Suffolk County] Includes note from Tom Peragallo to Sheila Connor. (1 photocopy)

2: Arnold Arboretum. Detailed Soil Map, T. A. Peragallo, 1984. Data extrapolated from this detailed soil map has been incorporated and is displayed as a layer in the Arboretum’s electronic mapping system. Additional copies of the original map, including a Mylar reproduction, are held in Map Case, Drawer 3, Folder 7.

**Series II: Survey Reports and Maps**

**Folder**: 1: Soil Survey of Bristol County, MA, Northern Part, 1978

2: Soil Survey of Bristol County, MA, Southern Part, 1981

**Box 2**

**Folder**: 3: Soil Survey of Essex County, MA, Northern Part, 1981

4: Soil Survey of Essex County, MA, Southern Part, 1984

5: Map, Essex County, Southern Part, Sheets 1-8

6: Map, Essex County, Southern Part, Sheets 9-16