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# Soil Survey of Elkhart County, Indiana



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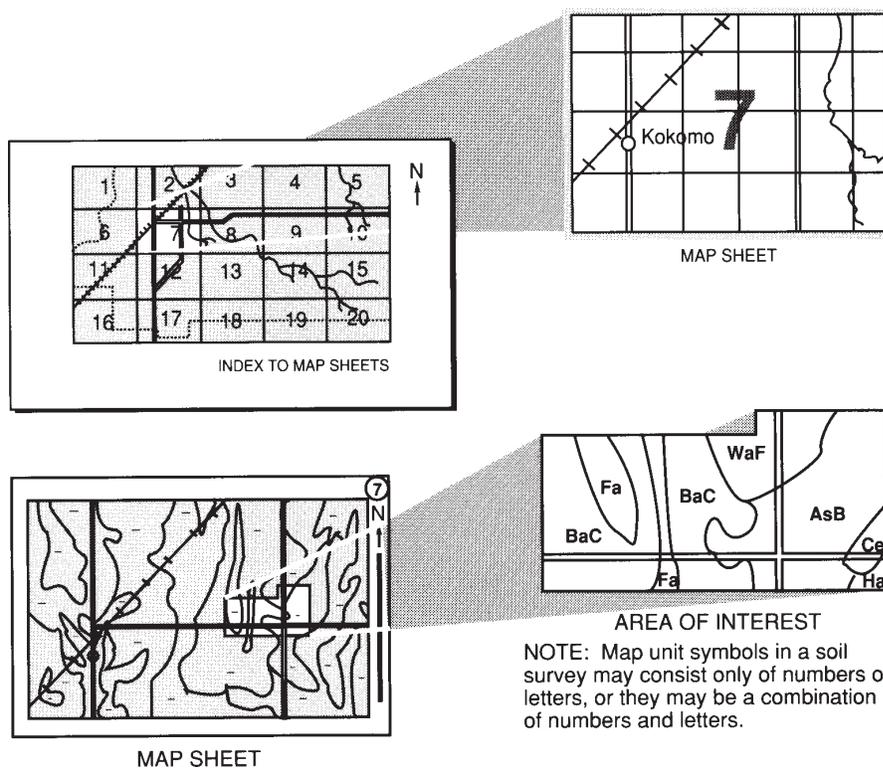
# How To Use This Soil Survey

The detailed soil maps in this survey can be useful in planning the use and management of small areas.

To find information about your area of interest, locate that area on the **Index to Map Sheets**. Note the number of the map sheet and turn to that sheet.

Locate your area of interest on the map sheet. Note the map unit symbols that are in that area. Turn to the **Contents**, which lists the map units by symbol and name and shows the page where each map unit is described.

The **Contents** shows which table has data on a specific land use for each detailed soil map unit. Also see the **Contents** for sections of this publication that may address your specific needs.



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Major fieldwork for this soil survey was completed in 1995. Soil names and descriptions were approved in 1997. Unless otherwise indicated, statements in this publication refer to conditions in the survey area in 1995. This survey was made cooperatively by the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Purdue University Agricultural Experiment Station. It is part of the technical assistance furnished to the Elkhart County Soil and Water Conservation District.

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**Cover: A center-pivot irrigation system in an area of Bainter sandy loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes. The urban development in the foreground represents a common land use in Elkhart County.**

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