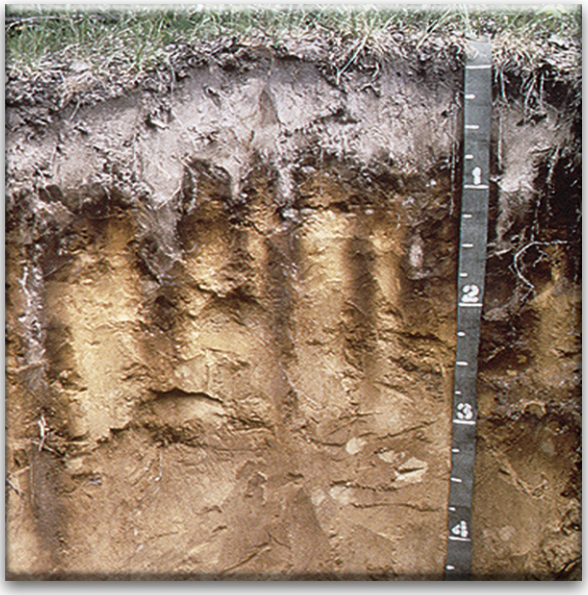
State Soil



KALKASKA SOIL SERIES

Michigan has about 400 different kinds of soils. Each soil has its own unique set of properties and supports different types of vegetation or activities. Michigan's official State Soil, the Kalkaska Soil Series, was formed from the chemical and physical activities of vegetation in sandy glacial deposits. As one of the most extensive soil series in Michigan, it is found in both peninsulas. It is typically several feet thick and made up of many distinct layers. The soil is easily identified and conducive to varied uses, including forests, wildlife, cultivation, recreation, and business.

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