

 <p>Agricultural Land Commission</p>	<p>SOIL AND FILL PUBLICATIONS AND REFERENCE MATERIALS</p>	<p>POLICY P-12</p> <p>Adopted April 2021</p>
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This policy provides a list of publicly available reference materials, publications, or studies that may be used by the Agricultural Land Commission (the “Commission”) when making a determination on an application or a Notice of Intent in the Agricultural Land Reserve (the “ALR”). This includes reference materials relating to agricultural soil, drainage, normal farm management practices, best management practices, and agricultural suitability on a proposed soil or fill use. It also includes studies and publications produced for or by the Commission related to soil and fill use in the ALR.

PUBLICATIONS/REFERENCE MATERIALS:

The following is the list of publications the Commission may use when making a determination on an application or Notice of Intent:

1. BC Agricultural Drainage Manual
Lalonde V. & Hughes-Games, G.A., 1997. *BC Agricultural Drainage Manual*. BC Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food, Abbotsford.
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/agricultural-land-and-environment/water/drainage/agricultural-drainage-manual>
2. Soil Management Handbook for the Lower Fraser Valley
Bertrand, R., 1991. *Soil Management Handbook for the Lower Fraser Valley*, 2nd ed. BC Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food, Abbotsford.
http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/esd/distdata/ecosystems/Soils_Reports/Docs/soil_mgmt_hbk_fraservalle.pdf
3. Soil Management Handbook for the Okanagan and Similkameen Valleys
Gough, N.A. Hughes-Games, G.A., and Nikkei, D.C. 1994. *Soil Management Handbook for the Okanagan and Similkameen Valleys*, 1st ed. BC Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Victoria.
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/agriculture-and-seafood/agricultural-land-and-environment/soil-nutrients/610000-6_soil_mgmt_handbook_okanagan.pdf
4. Soil Management Handbook for Vancouver Island (Draft)
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/agriculture-and-seafood/agricultural-land-and-environment/soil-nutrients/610000-7_soil_management_handbook_for_vancouver_island_draft.pdf
5. Government of Canada – Canadian Soil Information Service
<https://sis.agr.gc.ca/cansis/publications/surveys/bc/index.html>
 - a. Detailed Soil Survey Reports for BC
 - b. Archival Soil Survey Reports for BC
 - c. Reconnaissance Soil Survey Maps for BC

6. BC Crop Production Guides
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/animals-and-crops/crop-production/crop-production-guides>
7. Agricultural Land Survey Investigation
Hughes-Games, G., 2018. Agricultural Land Soil Investigation. Metro Vancouver/Agricultural Land Commission, Burnaby.
https://www.alc.gov.bc.ca/assets/alc/assets/library/agricultural-capability/agricultural_land_soil_investigation_report_2018.pdf

Other publicly available reference materials published by the BC government or industry groups may also be used by the Commission as they become available.

RELATED POLICIES:

ALC POLICY P-10: Criteria for Agricultural Capability Assessments
ALC POLICY P-13: Reclamation Plans for Aggregate Extraction