



Temple Hall Farm Park Site Description

Instructions

Read the following site description and use it as a reference to complete the “Project Restoration Site Plan.”

The **restoration** site is located along Alex Creek in Temple Hall Farm Park in Leesburg, Virginia. This is located within the Potomac River watershed’s Piedmont Province **physiographic** region. The site elevation ranges from 200 to 800 feet above sea level.



Alex creek is a tributary of Limestone Branch in the Middle Potomac-Catoctin **watershed** (a **sub-watershed** of the Potomac River watershed). At approximately three-and-a-half miles long, Alex Creek flows west to east.

The planting site covers a two-acre strip along Alex Creek that currently has a variety of grasses and is mowed. There are some shrubs and trees—including mixed oaks, black willow, sycamore, and hackberry—along the stream itself. Multiflora rose, a common **invasive plant**, is along the streambank and in the floodplain area.

The planting site is in a **riparian area** that occasionally floods and can receive more than three feet of rainfall annually. The soils at the planting site are **silt-loam**. All of the soils are highly productive for growing **hardwoods** that are adapted to riparian areas with medium-drained soils.

Most of the surrounding area is composed of pasture for Temple Hall Farm’s various farm animals. The farm acts as an agricultural interpretive center where schoolchildren can learn about the farming industry and livestock. The site is owned and managed by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority.