

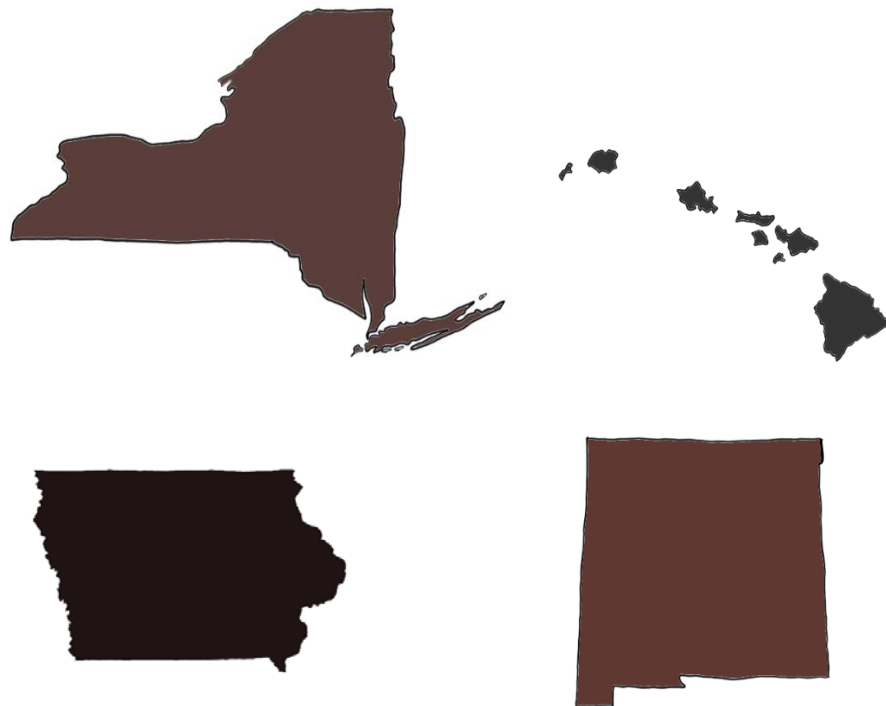
LOCAL SOILS: USING THE WEB SOIL SURVEY

The *Web Soil Survey* is an online tool from the Natural Resource Conservation Service. The Web Soil Survey shows the type of soil found on nearly all US land, and it can be used to determine what kinds of activities the soil in particular spaces will support.

Visit the Web Soil Survey website:

<https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov>

Read through some of the resources from the website. How was the Web Soil Survey created? What information does it offer? Who uses the tool, and how is it used?



Extender Activity:

Try using the instructions on the homepage to search its database. Try looking up your home or your neighborhood. Can you find information about the soils near you?

The Web Soil Survey is often considered a difficult tool to use. Did you have trouble in performing your search? Can you think of ideas for improving the tool to make information more accessible?

