

AGRICULTURAL

PROGRAMS AND DATA

SOURCES, THEMES, AND DATA SETS RELATED TO
CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURE

SPRAGUE, CONNECTICUT

AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS AND SPATIAL DATA USED IN CONNECTICUT

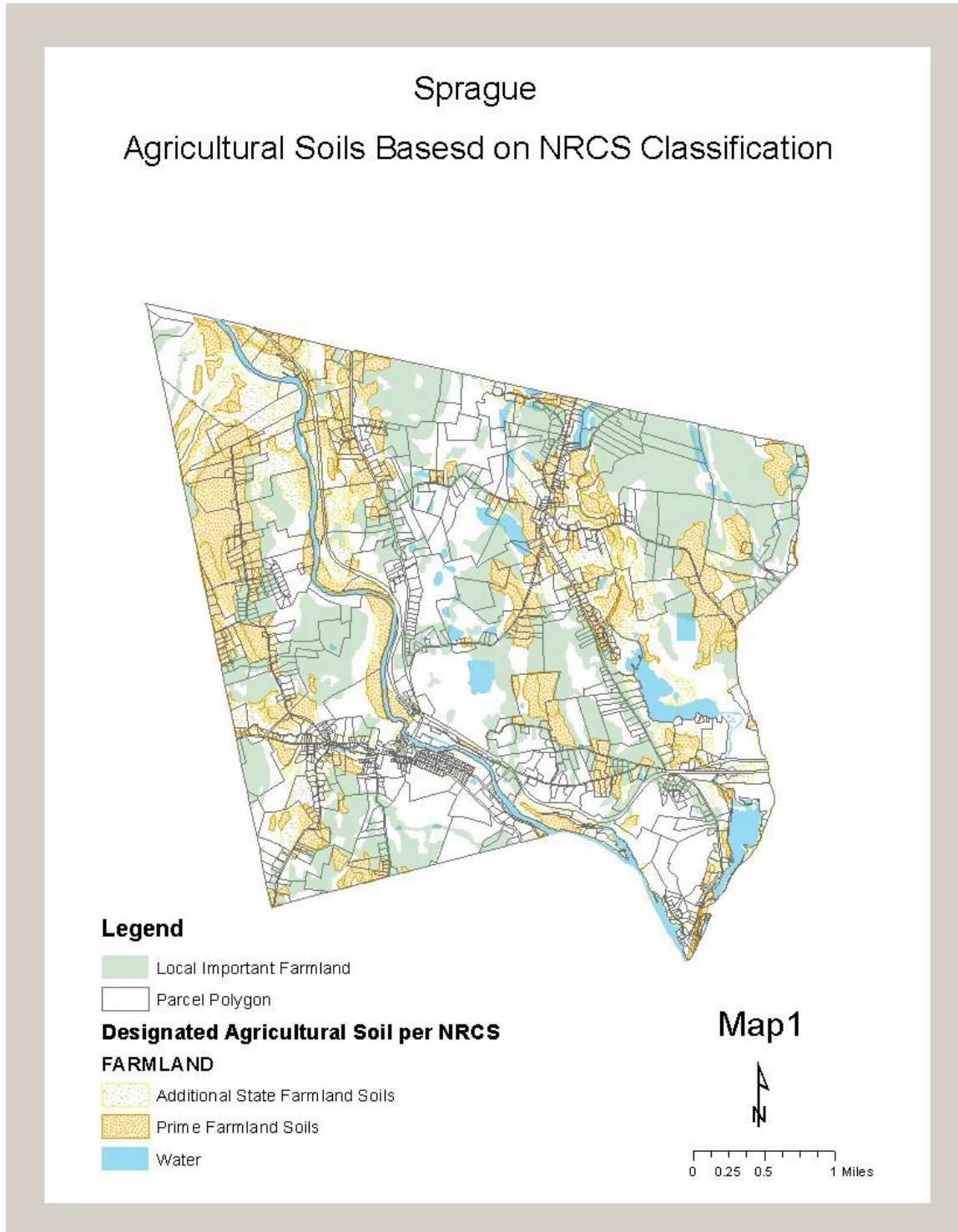
1. AGRICULTURE SOIL DATA

The Soil data known as SSURGO, Soil Survey Geographic database for the State of Connecticut, groups soils as Prime **Farmland**, **Farmland of Statewide Importance**, **Farmland of Local Importance or unique Farmland**. It also may identify **Locally Important Farmland** soils for those CT towns that have registered them with USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service, NRCS. Sprague has gone through this process and identifies these soils below:

- **Local Important Farmland – Sprague**

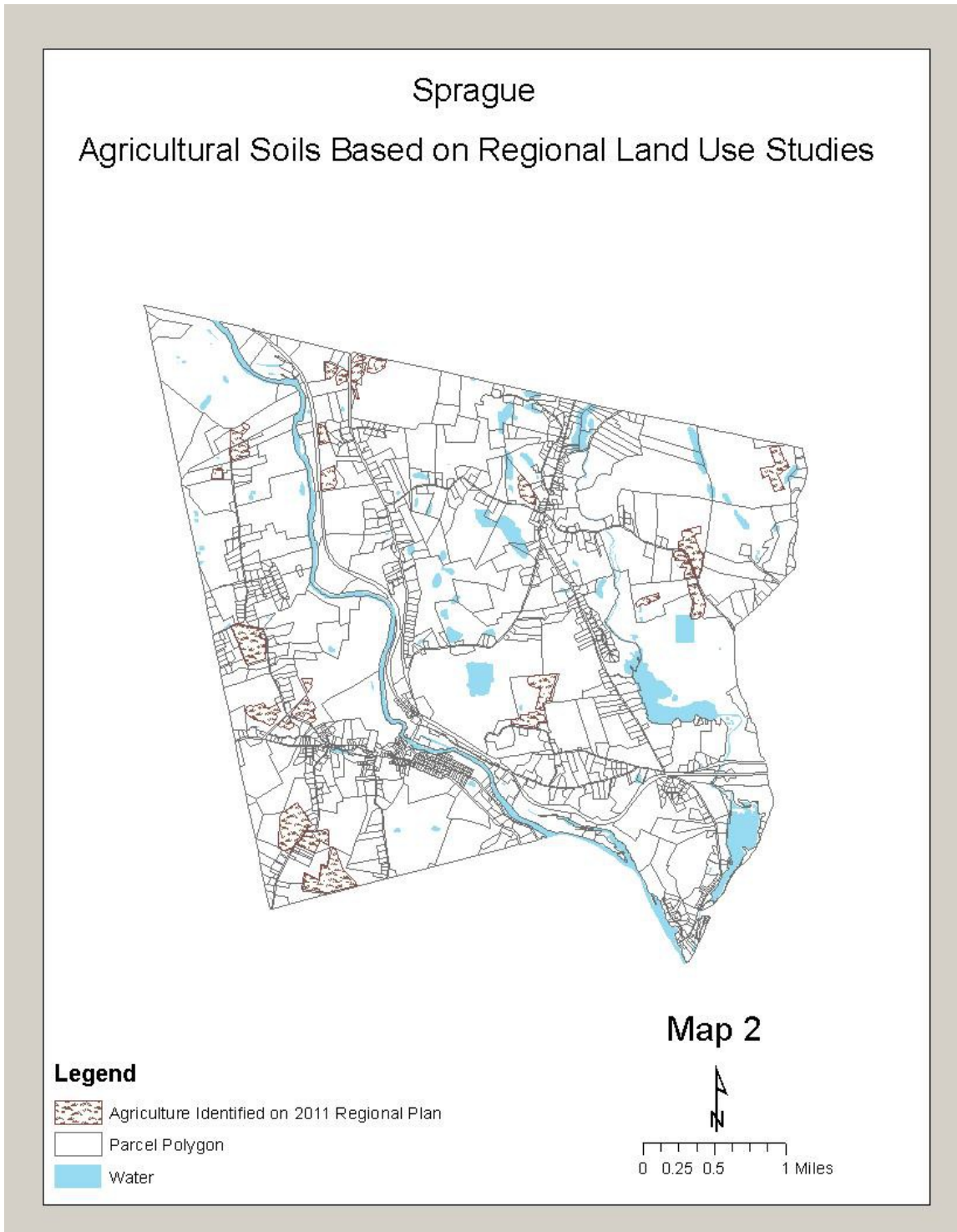
Map Symbol	Soil Name
44B	Rainbow silt loam, 2 to 8 percent slopes, very stony
46B	Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 2 to 8 percent slopes, very stony
46C	Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony
51B	Sutton fine sandy loam, 2 to 8 percent slopes, very stony
61B	Canton and Charlton soils, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony
61C	Canton and Charlton soils, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony
73C	Charlton-Chatfield compls, 3 to 15 percent slopes, very rocky
85B	Paxton and Montauk fine sandy loams, 3 to 8 percent slopes, very stony
85C	Paxton and Montauk fine sandy loams, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony

MAP DEPICTING CONNECTICUT AND LOCALLY IMPORTANT AGRICULTURE SOILS



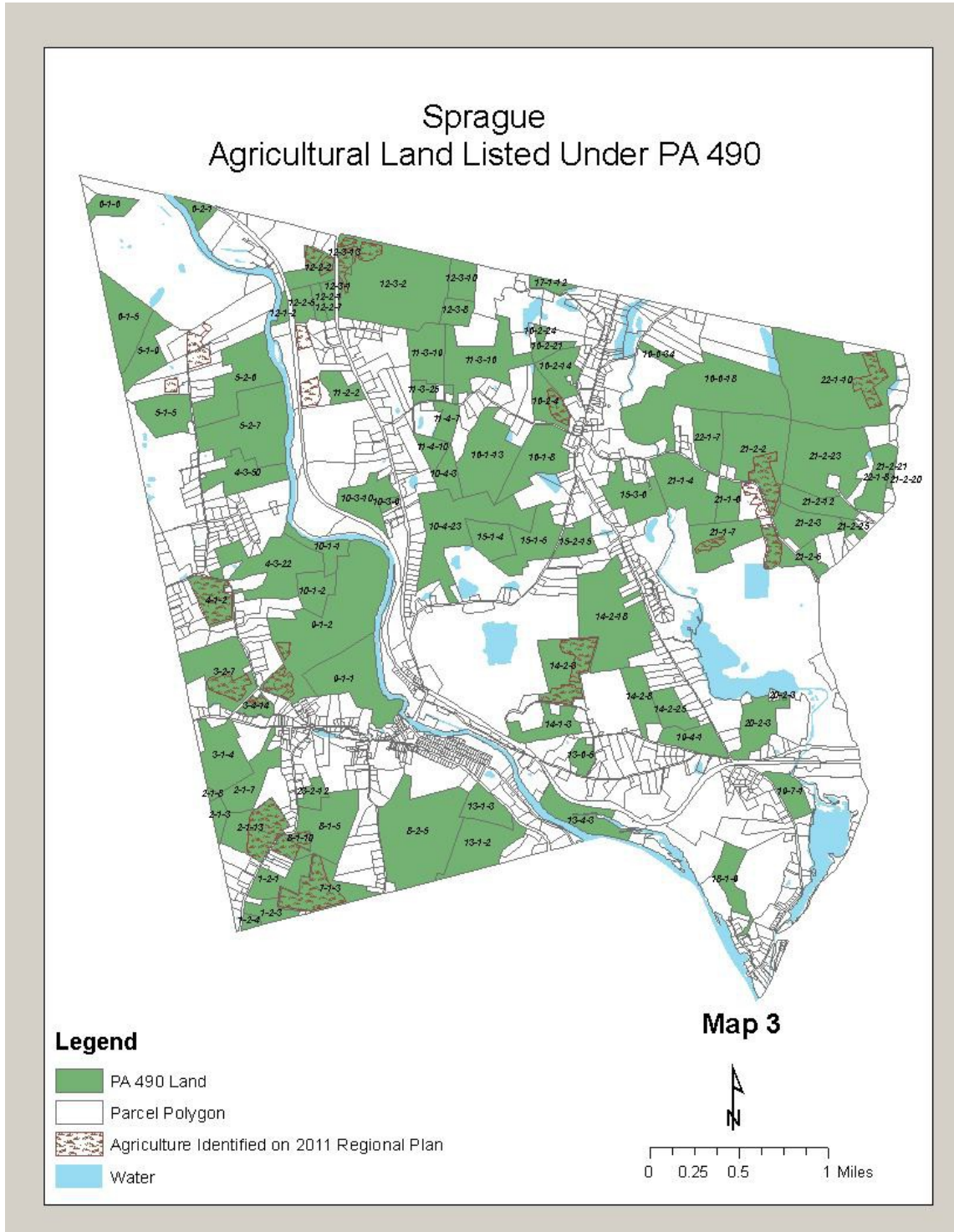
2. AGRICULTURE IDENTIFIED THRU LAND USE REPORT

As part of its regular review of Landuse trends in the Region, SCCOG uses best practices to identify Agriculture Land through local knowledge, inspection of available orthophography, and consultation with local land use plans. The resulting delineation of areas is displayed below.



3. PA 490 LAND

When land owners are eligible, they may apply for classification of their land as forest or farmland. This can result in paying taxes based on this use. The Assessor maintains a list of all property classified as PA 490 land, so called because it is based on Public Act 490.



4. PROTECTED DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS

The state has funds available to purchase development rights from a landowner. The land owner receives compensation and retains ownership, but if the property is sold it must remain in use as agricultural land.

There are no protected development rights properties in Sprague at this time.

5. ALL AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES

This map identifies all land by program, natural features, and use:

