

**Wet Soils/High Groundwater:**

The Soil Survey of Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties identifies soils that contain hydric and hydric inclusion conditions. Hydric soils have an estimated depth to seasonal groundwater of 1' or less from the ground surface, while soils with hydric inclusions contain are estimated to have a depth to seasonal groundwater of 3' or less from the ground surface. Soils with building limitations can be viewed on the [Waukesha County GIS](#) (zoom to your area of interest and check the "Building Limitations" layer). To prevent wet basements, county ordinances require basement/groundwater testing if soil limitations are present to ensure that basement floor elevations are a minimum of one foot higher than estimated seasonal high groundwater.