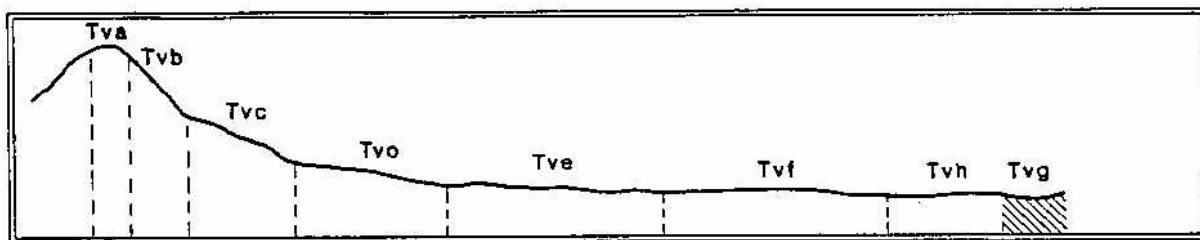


<b>Map Unit:</b>	TERTIARY VOLCANIC, DRAINAGE DEPRESSION	<b>Map Unit Symbol:</b> Tvg
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**General Description:**

This map unit identifies all the major drainage depressions within the volcanic plain situated to the south-east and north-west of Newham. The acidic topsoils, imperfect drainage and high risk of flooding reflect the low fertility and wet conditions that occur in these areas.

**Site characteristics: Site No. 25**

<b>Parent material Age: Lithology:</b>	Tertiary Volcanic	<b>Depth seasonal watertable:</b>	1.5 m
<b>Landform Pattern: Element:</b>	Gently undulating plain with isolated cones Drainage depression	<b>Potential recharge to groundwater:</b>	Low
<b>Slope common: range:</b>	3% 1 – 5%	<b>Flooding risk:</b>	High
<b>Rock outcrop:</b>	0%	<b>Drainage:</b>	Imperfectly drained
		<b>Depth to hardrock:</b>	1.5 m
		<b>Proportion of Shire:</b>	1.8%

**Native vegetation:** Swamp Gum  
**Present land use:** Grazing (introduced pastures)

Land degradation:	Water erosion		Wind	Salting	Acidification
	Sheet/rill	Gully			
Susceptibility	Moderate	Low	Very low	Low	Moderate
Incidence	Moderate	Low	Nil	Nil	Low

**Soil profile characteristics:**

Permeability (measured - average, range): (estimated):	- Slow
Available water capacity:	190 mm
Linear Shrinkage (B horizon):	9.0%

**Soil profile description:**

- A**    0-15 cm            Grey (10YR 4/3) clay loam, weak subangular blocky structure 3 mm, smooth fabric, loose consistence, pH 5.4. Abrupt transition to
  - B<sub>21</sub>**   15-116 cm        Very dark greyish brown (10YR 3/2) medium clay, moderate angular blocky structure 8 mm, smooth fabric, moderately strong consistence, pH 5.8. Clear transition to
  - B<sub>22</sub>**   116-136 cm        Dark grey (10YR 4/1) medium, clay, moderate angular blocky structure 40 mm, smooth fabric, very firm consistence, pH 6.9. Clear transition to
  - B<sub>23</sub>**   136-151 cm        Dark greyish brown (10YR 4/2) medium clay, common distinct brownish-yellow mottles, weak angular blocky structure 15 mm moderately firm consistence pH 8.2. Gradual transition to
- C 151 + cm Parent material, rock

**Soil classification:**

Factual Key (Northcote):            Dd 2.13  
 Australian Soil Classification:      Haplic Dystrophic Black Chromosol, very deep, medium clay loamy, non-gravelly  
 Unified Soil Group:                    NA

**Interpretation of soil analyses\***

Horizon	pH	Gravel	E.C.	Nutrient status	P	K	Al	Org. matter	Dispersibility
A	5.4**	<1	VL	M	S	S	T	H	L
B <sub>21</sub>	5.8	3	VL	M	D	D	S	H	L
B <sub>22</sub>	6.9	< 1	VL	H	D	D	S	M	L
B <sub>23</sub>	8.2	< 1	VL	VH	D	D	S	L	L
C									

VL : Very Low                    L : Low                            M : Moderate                    H: High                            VH : Very High  
 D: Deficient                    S: Satisfactory                T: Toxic                            \*\* Acid                            NA : Not available

**Land capability assessment**

Land use	Class	Major limiting feature (s)
Agriculture (CTS values)	C3T2S3	Moderate susceptibility to sheet/rill and gully erosion, moderate depth to seasonal groundwater table
Effluent disposal (septic tanks)	4	High flood risk, imperfect site drainage, slow permeability
Farm dams (earthen)	4	Shallow depth to hard rock
Building foundations * slab	4	Imperfectly drained, high flooding risk
* stumps/footings	4	