

# Application of Horizon Nomenclature and Terminology in Los Angeles

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## Abstract:

The Keys to Soil Taxonomy, Tenth Addition, allows for distinguishing anthropogenic soil properties. The introduction of standard horizon symbols for qualities of non-natural horizons allows for greater understanding of soils. These symbols will become used increasingly and considered for classifications, interpretations and management. As more soil surveys describe soils in urbanized areas, concepts of natural soils will have to be examined with consideration of an expansion in the range of characteristics.

Modified soil horizons with and with out artifacts can be challenging to identify, although some are very obvious. This is a look at some urban profiles and to discuss how horizon designations are applied and site information is considered in the identification of human transported material and non-natural strata.

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