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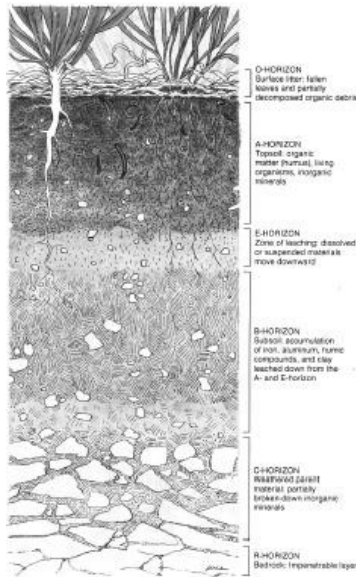
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The layers in the **soil** from the surface to the **subsoil**. The soil profile is the collection of soil **horizons**. Soil profiles will vary from location to location because of the five soil-forming factors: **climate**, vegetation, **topography**, soil parent material, and the length of time the soil has been **weathering**. By looking at a soil's profile many interpretations can be made about **land use** and the suitability of the soil for a specific use.



A soil profile showing the horizons in a cross-section of soil.

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