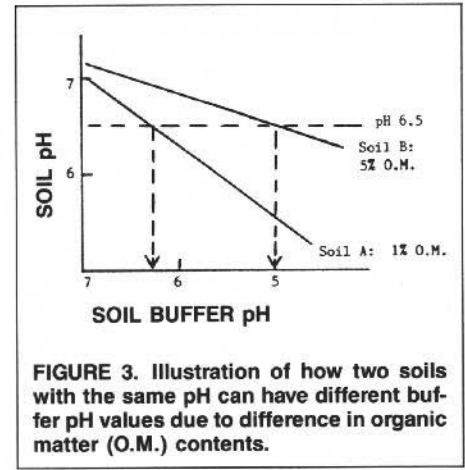


values. This is illustrated in Figure 3. Soil A with 1% organic matter and soil B with 5% organic matter have the same pH but very different buffer pH values.

This returns us to the question posed earlier: why the recent concern about soil buffer pH? Very frankly, I don't know. Soil buffer pH is not the actual pH of soil and, in and of itself, conveys no useful information to you other than a general sense of how much acidity is present. What's important for you to know is salt pH. This is the best estimate available of the actual pH of your soil.



GCSAA Recognizes *THE GRASS ROOTS* with "Best Editorial" Award!

For the seventh consecutive year, the Golf Course Superintendent Association of America has presented *THE GRASS ROOTS* an award in its annual editor's contest.

The 1990 award is for "best original editorial content", a category that our journal has captured several times before.

The contest award is, obviously, a focus on original writing. Personally, this category is the one coveted by this editor.

The credits are well documented in the new feature in this issue—the 1990 article index. The authors noted there earned the recognition for the new and fresh and timely material which contributed so much to the award.

The evaluation, requested by this editor, has many points that received high grades that only our printer could be responsible for: things like layout and design, photo placement, and typesetting. The entire staff at Kramer Printing in Madison contributes; special thanks to Sherri Livernash Milani of the art department. Her talent and concern are evident in every issue.

On the right is the letter from GCSAA headquarters notifying us of the results of the contest. Read and enjoy!

