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Document to Accompany Digital Geologic-GIS Data

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This document has been developed to accompany the digital geologic-GIS data developed by the Geologic Resources Inventory (GRI) program for Herbert Hoover National Historic Site, Iowa (HEHO).

Attempts have been made to reproduce all aspects of the original source products, including the geologic units and their descriptions, geologic cross sections, the geologic report, references and all other pertinent images and information contained in the original publication.

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About the NPS Geologic Resources Inventory Program

Background

Recognizing the interrelationships between the physical (geology, air, and water) and biological (plants and animals) components of the Earth is vital to understanding, managing, and protecting natural resources. The Geologic Resources Inventory (GRI) helps make this connection by providing information on the role of geology and geologic resource management in parks.

Geologic resources for management consideration include both the processes that act upon the Earth and the features formed as a result of these processes. Geologic processes include: erosion and sedimentation; seismic, volcanic, and geothermal activity; glaciation, rockfalls, landslides, and shoreline change. Geologic features include mountains, canyons, natural arches and bridges, minerals, rocks, fossils, cave and karst systems, beaches, dunes, glaciers, volcanoes, and faults.

The Geologic Resources Inventory aims to raise awareness of geology and the role it plays in the environment, and to provide natural resource managers and staff, park planners, interpreters, researchers, and other NPS personnel with information that can help them make informed management decisions.

The GRI team, working closely with the Colorado State University (CSU) Department of Geosciences and a variety of other partners, provides more than 270 parks with a geologic scoping meeting, digital geologic-GIS map data, and a park-specific geologic report.

Products

Scoping Meetings: These park-specific meetings bring together local geologic experts and park staff to inventory and review available geologic data and discuss geologic resource management issues. A summary document is prepared for each meeting that identifies a plan to provide digital map data for the park.

Digital Geologic Maps: Digital geologic maps reproduce all aspects of traditional paper maps, including notes, legend, and cross sections. Bedrock, surficial, and special purpose maps such as coastal or geologic hazard maps may be used by the GRI to create digital Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data and meet park needs. These digital GIS data allow geologic information to be easily viewed and analyzed in conjunction with a wide range of other resource management information data.

For detailed information regarding GIS parameters such as data attribute field definitions, attribute field codes, value definitions, and rules that govern relationships found in the data, refer to the NPS Geology-GIS Data Model document available at: <http://science.nature.nps.gov/im/inventory/geology/GeologyGISDataModel.cfm>

Geologic Reports: Park-specific geologic reports identify geologic resource management issues as well as features and processes that are important to park ecosystems. In addition, these reports present a brief geologic history of the park and address specific properties of geologic units present in the park.

For a complete listing of Geologic Resource Inventory products and direct links to the download site visit the GRI publications webpage http://www.nature.nps.gov/geology/inventory/gre_publications.cfm

GRI geologic-GIS data is also available online at the NPS Data Store Search Application: <http://ninfo.nps.gov/Reference.mvc/Search>. To find GRI data for a specific park or parks select the appropriate park

(s), enter "GRI" as a Search Text term, and then select the Search Button.

For more information about the Geologic Resources Inventory Program visit the GRI webpage: <http://www.nature.nps.gov/geology/inventory>, or contact:

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Surficial Mapping

Surficial Geology Map Units

The surficial geologic units present in the GRI surficial (*GRI Map Code HEHO*) digital geologic-GIS data produced for Herbert Hoover National Historic Site, Iowa (HEHO) are listed below. Units are listed with their assigned unit symbol and unit name (e.g., Qf - Fill). Units are listed from youngest to oldest. No description for water is provided. Information about each surficial geologic unit is also presented in the maps' Geologic Unit Information (HEHOUNIT) table included with the GRI geology-GIS data.

Cenozoic Era

Quaternary Period

Qf - [Fill](#)

Qo - [DeForest Formation, Woden Member](#)

Qal - [DeForest Formation, alluvium undifferentiated](#)

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Qps1 - [Peoria Formation, silt facies, loess and intercalated eolian sand](#)

Qwa3 - [Wolf Creek or Alburnett formations](#)

Paleozoic Era

Devonian Period

Du - [Fractured carbonate bedrock](#)

Dw - [Wapsipinicon Group](#)

Silurian Period

Sg - [Gower Formation](#)

Ss - [Scotch Grover Formation](#)

** Unit names present on the source publication, which are based on the major lithology of a unit (e.g., dolomite for unit Ss), were not used in the GRI product. Instead, the unit's actual group, formation and/or member name was used (e.g., Scotch Grove Formation was used instead of dolomite for unit Ss).

Surficial Map Unit Descriptions

Qf - Fill (Quaternary)

Areas of major land filling. Fill associated with railroad grades, highway grades, and land leveling. Variable in texture. Extent mapped as shown in county soil surveys. *GRI Source Map ID 75464* ([Open File Map OFM-08-8](#)).

Fill Areas of cut and fill associated with railroad grades, major highways, airports, retail and industrial developments. Deposits within this map unit are similar to those in adjacent map units but may have

significant mantles of fill or deep cuts that expose underlying deposits. *GRI Source Map ID 75460* ([Open File Map OFM-04-5](#))

Qo - DeForest Formation, Woden Member (Quaternary)

Generally 2.5 to 6 meters (8 to 16.5 feet) of black to very dark gray, calcareous, muck, peat and silty clay loam colluvium and organic sediments in drained and undrained closed and semi-closed depressions. Overlies Noah Creek Fm. sand and gravel in larger stream valleys or may be associated with seeps and springs along valley walls. Usually, associated with stream valley side slopes and areas of exhumed inter-till gravels. Supports wetland vegetation and can be permanently covered by water. High water table. *GRI Source Map ID 75464* ([Open File Map OFM-08-8](#)).

Qal - DeForest Formation, alluvium undifferentiated (Quaternary)

One to four meters (3 to 13 feet) of massive to weakly stratified, grayish brown to brown loam, silt loam, clay loam, or loamy sand overlying less than three meters (10 feet) of poorly to moderately well sorted, massive to moderately well stratified, coarse to fine feldspathic quartz sand, pebbly sand, and gravel and more than three meters of pre-Wisconsin or Wisconsin Noah Creek Formation sand and gravel. Unit also includes colluvial deposits derived from adjacent map units. Seasonally high water tables occur in this map unit. *GRI Source Map ID 75464* ([Open File Map OFM-08-8](#)).

Alluvium (De Forest Formation-Undifferentiated) One to seven meters of massive to weakly stratified, grayish brown to brown loam, silt loam, clay loam, or loamy sand overlying less than three meters of poorly to moderately well sorted, massive to moderately well stratified, coarse to fine feldspathic quartz sand, pebbly sand, and gravel and more than three meters of pre-Wisconsin or late Wisconsin Noah Creek Formation sand and gravel. Unit also includes colluvial deposits derived from adjacent map units. Seasonally high water tables occur in this map unit. *GRI Source Map ID 75460* ([Open File Map OFM-04-5](#)).

Qallt - DeForest Formation, Camp Creek and Roberts Creek Formations, low terrace/modern channel belt (Quaternary)

Variable thickness of less than one to 5 meters (3 to 16 feet) of very dark gray to brown, noncalcareous, stratified silty clay loam, loam, or clay loam, associated with the Holocene channel belt of the Cedar and Wapsipinicon river valleys. Overlies Noah Creek Formation sand and gravel. Ox-bow lakes and meander scars are common features associated with this terrace level. Post settlement alluvium thickness varies from 1.5 feet in higher areas to 6 feet along the river course and in lower lying areas. Seasonal high water table and frequent flooding potential. *GRI Source Map ID 75464* ([Open File Map OFM-08-8](#)).

Iowa River Valley- Low Terrace (DeForest Formation-Camp Creek Mbr. and Roberts Creek Mbr.) Variable thickness of less than 1 meter to 5 meters of very dark gray to brown, noncalcareous, stratified silty clay loam, loam, or clay loam, associated with the Holocene channel belt of the Iowa River valley. Overlies Noah Creek Formation. Ox-bow lakes and meander scars are common features associated with this terrace level. Post-settlement alluvium thickness varies from .5 meter in higher areas to 2 meters along the river course and in lower lying areas. Seasonal high water table and frequent flooding potential. *GRI Source Map ID 75460* ([Open File Map OFM-04-5](#))

Qe - Peoria Formation, sand facies, sand dunes and sand sheets (Quaternary)

Generally less than six meters (20 feet) of yellowish brown, massive, calcareous loamy sand to fine sand. It may overlie yellowish-brown sand and gravel (Noah Creek Formation), or reworked unnamed loamy sediments associated with the lowan Erosion Surface and/or it may overlie yellowish to grayish brown, often calcareous and fractured clay loam to loam diamicton (Wolf Creek and Alburnett formations). *GRI Source Map ID 75464* ([Open File Map OFM-08-8](#)).

Qnw - Noah Creek Formation, sand and gravel (Quaternary)

More than ten meters (32 feet) of yellowish brown to gray, poorly to well sorted, massive to well stratified, coarse to fine feldspathic quartz sand, pebbly sand and gravel. In places mantled with one to three meters (3 to 10 feet) of fine to medium, well sorted sand derived from wind reworking of the alluvium. This unit encompasses deposits that accumulated in stream valleys during the Wisconsin Episode. *GRI Source Map ID 75464* ([Open File Map OFM-08-8](#)).

Qptlp - Peoria Formation, silt and/or sand facies, late phase high terrace (Quaternary)

Generally two to eight meters (6 to 26 feet) of yellowish brown to gray, massive, jointed, calcareous or noncalcareous, silt loam and intercalated fine to medium, well sorted, sand. Grades downward to poorly to moderately well sorted, moderately to well stratified, coarse to fine feldspathic quartz sand, loam, or silt loam alluvium. *GRI Source Map ID 75464* ([Open File Map OFM-08-8](#)).

Late Phase High Terrace (LPHT) (Peoria Formation—silt and/or sand facies) Two to seven meters of yellowish brown to gray, massive, jointed, calcareous or noncalcareous, silt loam and intercalated fine to medium, well sorted, sand. Grades downward to poorly to moderately well sorted, moderately to well stratified, coarse to fine feldspathic quartz sand, loam, or silt loam alluvium. *GRI Source Map ID 75460* ([Open File Map OFM-04-5](#)).

Qptep - Peoria Formation, silt and/or sand facies, early phase high terrace (Quaternary)

Generally two to twelve meters (6 to 39 feet) of yellowish brown to gray, massive, jointed, calcareous or noncalcareous, silt loam and intercalated fine to medium, well sorted, sand. The Peoria deposits overlie a Farndale Geosol developed in Roxanna Silt which in turn overlies a well-expressed Sangamon Geosol developed in poorly to moderately well sorted, moderately to well stratified, coarse to fine sand, loam, or silt loam alluvium of Pre-Wisconsin age. *GRI Source Map ID 75464* ([Open File Map OFM-08-8](#)).

Early Phase High Terrace (EPHT) (Peoria Formation—silt and/or sand facies) Two to seven meters of yellowish brown to gray, massive, jointed, calcareous or noncalcareous, silt loam and intercalated fine to medium, well sorted, sand. The Peoria deposits overlie a Farndale Geosol developed in Roxanna Silt which in turn overlies a well-expressed Sangamon Geosol developed in poorly to moderately well sorted, moderately to well stratified, coarse to fine sand, loam, or silt loam alluvium. *GRI Source Map ID 75460* ([Open File Map OFM-04-5](#)).

Qps - Peoria Formation, silt facies, loess (Quaternary)

Generally 2 to 8 m (6 to 25 ft) of yellowish to grayish brown, massive, jointed calcareous or noncalcareous silt loam to silty clay loam. Overlies a grayish brown to olive gray silty clay loam to silty clay (Pisgah Formation—eroded Farmdale Geosol) which is less than 1.5 m (5 ft) thick. The Farmdale Geosol appears to have been disturbed by periglacial action and was welded to an older Sangamon Geosol developed in loamy glacial till of the Wolf Creek or Alburnett formations. This mapping unit encompasses upland divides, ridgetops and convex sideslopes. Well to somewhat poorly drained landscape. *GRI Source Map ID 75464* ([Open File Map OFM-08-8](#)).

Qps1 - Peoria Formation, silt facies, loess and intercalated eolian sand (Quaternary)

Two to ten meters (6.6 to 33 feet) of yellowish brown to gray, massive, fractured, noncalcareous grading downward to calcareous silt loam and intercalated fine to medium, well sorted, sand. Sand is most abundant in lower part of the eolian package. Overlies massive, fractured, loamy glacial till of the Wolf Creek or Alburnett formations with or without intervening clayey Farmdale/Sangamon Geosol. *GRI Source Map ID 75464* ([Open File Map OFM-08-8](#)).

Loess and Intercalated Eolian Sand (Peoria Formation—silt facies) Two to five meters of yellowish brown to gray, massive, fractured, noncalcareous grading downward to calcareous silt loam and intercalated fine to medium, well sorted, sand. Sand is most abundant in lower part of the eolian package. Overlies massive, fractured, loamy glacial till of the Wolf Creek or Alburnett formations with or without intervening clayey Farmdale/Sangamon Geosol. *GRI Source Map ID 75460* ([Open File Map OFM-04-5](#)).

Qwa3 - Wolf Creek or Alburnett formations (Quaternary)

Generally 10 to 35 meters of very dense, massive, fractured, loamy glacial till of the Wolf Creek or Alburnett Formations with or without a thin loess mantle (Peoria formation - less than 2 meters) and intervening clayey Farmdale/Sangamon Geosol. This mapping unit encompasses narrowly dissected interfluvial and side slopes, and side valley slopes. Drainage is variable from well drained to poorly drained. *GRI Source Map ID 75460* ([Open File Map OFM-04-5](#)).

Du - Fractured carbonate bedrock (Devonian)

Interbedded limestones and dolostones primarily of the Cedar Valley Group and minor areas of the Wapsipinicon Group. Locally developed as bedrock aquifer. *GRI Source Map ID 75460* ([Open File Map OFM-04-5](#)).

Dw - Wapsipinicon Group (Devonian)

This group includes the Otis and Pinicon Ridge formations. Middle Devonian (upper Eifelian-lower Givetian). Maximum thickness 18-34 meters (60-110 feet). Primary lithology Otis Fm.: dolomite, part vuggy. Primary lithologies Pinicon Ridge Fm.: dolomite, laminated to argillaceous; limestone, dense, sublithographic, partly to wholly brecciated. Secondary lithologies: shale, dolomitic to sandy. Minor: chert and chalcedony; sandstone. *GRI Source Map ID 75464* ([Open File Map OFM-08-8](#)).

Sg - Gower Formation (Silurian)

This formation includes the Anamosa and Brady members. Silurian (Wenlock-Ludlow). Maximum thickness 40 meters (130 feet). Primary lithologies: dolomite, prominently laminated in part (Anamosa Mbr.); dolomite, fossiliferous to vuggy, carbonate mound facies (Brady Mbr.). Minor: nodular chert; intraclastic dolomite. *GRI Source Map ID 75464* ([Open File Map OFM-08-8](#)).

Ss - Scotch Grove Formation (Silurian)

This formation includes the Welton, Buck Creek Quarry, Waubeek, Palisades-Kepler, and Johns Creek Quarry members. Lower Silurian (upper Llandovery-Wenlock). Maximum thickness generally <49 meters (160 feet); locally to 75 meters (250 feet) where upper strata are developed as large carbonate mounds (Palisades-Kepler Mbr.). Primary lithologies: dolomite, fossil-moldic to vuggy, part very crinoidal; dolomite, cherty to very cherty, dense. Secondary lithologies: dolomite, mounded facies (dipping strata), part very fossiliferous to vuggy. Minor: dolomite, slightly argillaceous; quartz druse, chalcedony. *GRI Source Map ID 75464* ([Open File Map OFM-08-8](#)).

GRI Surficial Map Sources and their Ancillary Information

The GRI digital geologic-GIS maps for Herbert Hoover National Historic Site, Iowa (HEHO) were compiled from the following sources:

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Additional information pertaining to each source map is also presented in the Source Map Information (HEHOMAP) table included with the GRI geology-GIS data.

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**SURFICIAL GEOLOGIC MATERIALS OF THE IOWA CITY EAST
7.5' QUADRANGLE, JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA**
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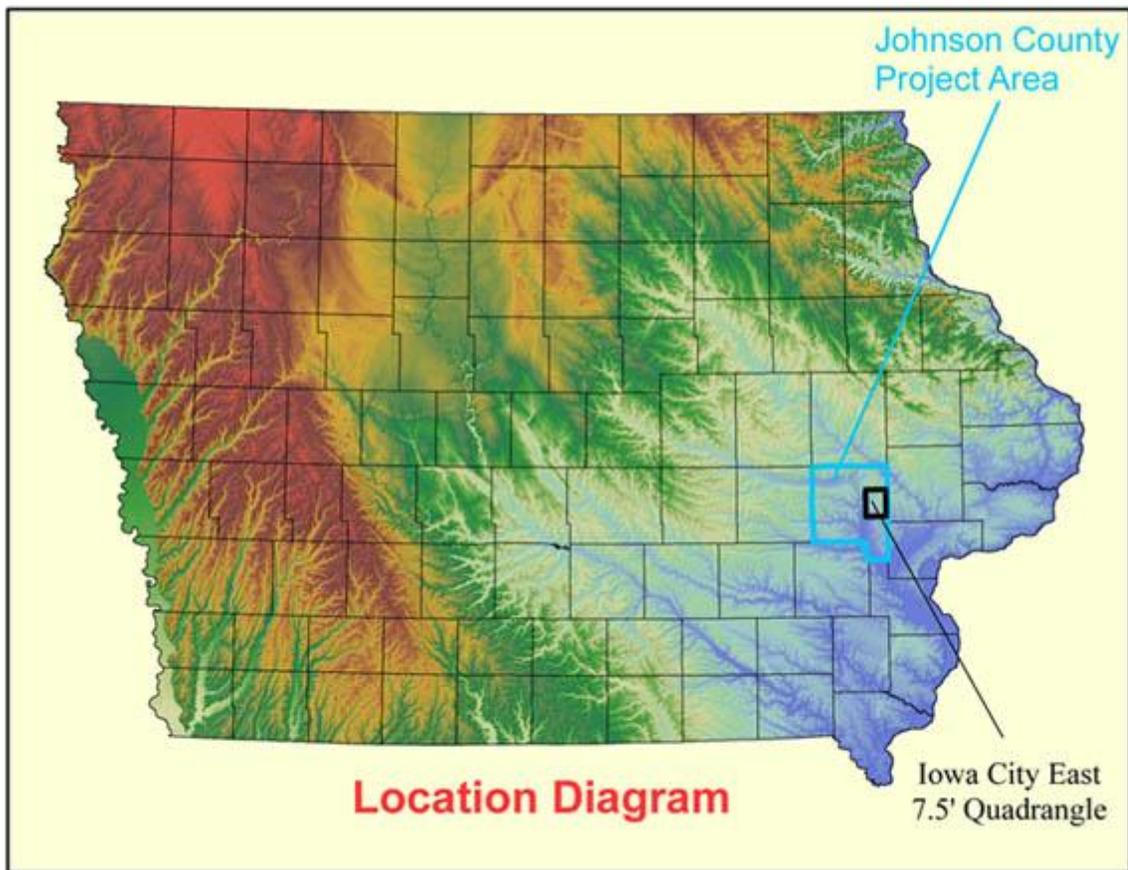
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**COOPERATIVE MAPPING WITH THE
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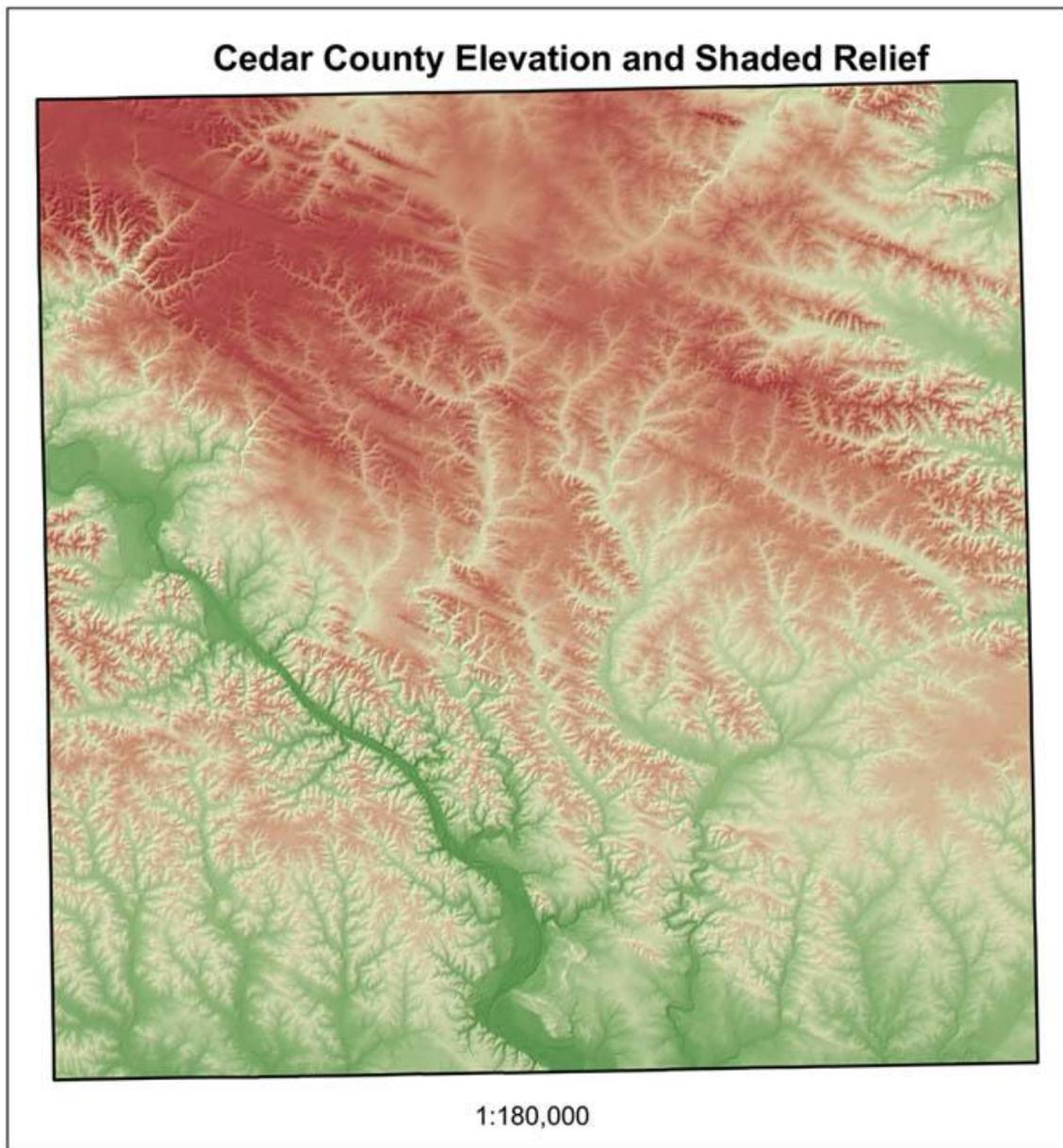
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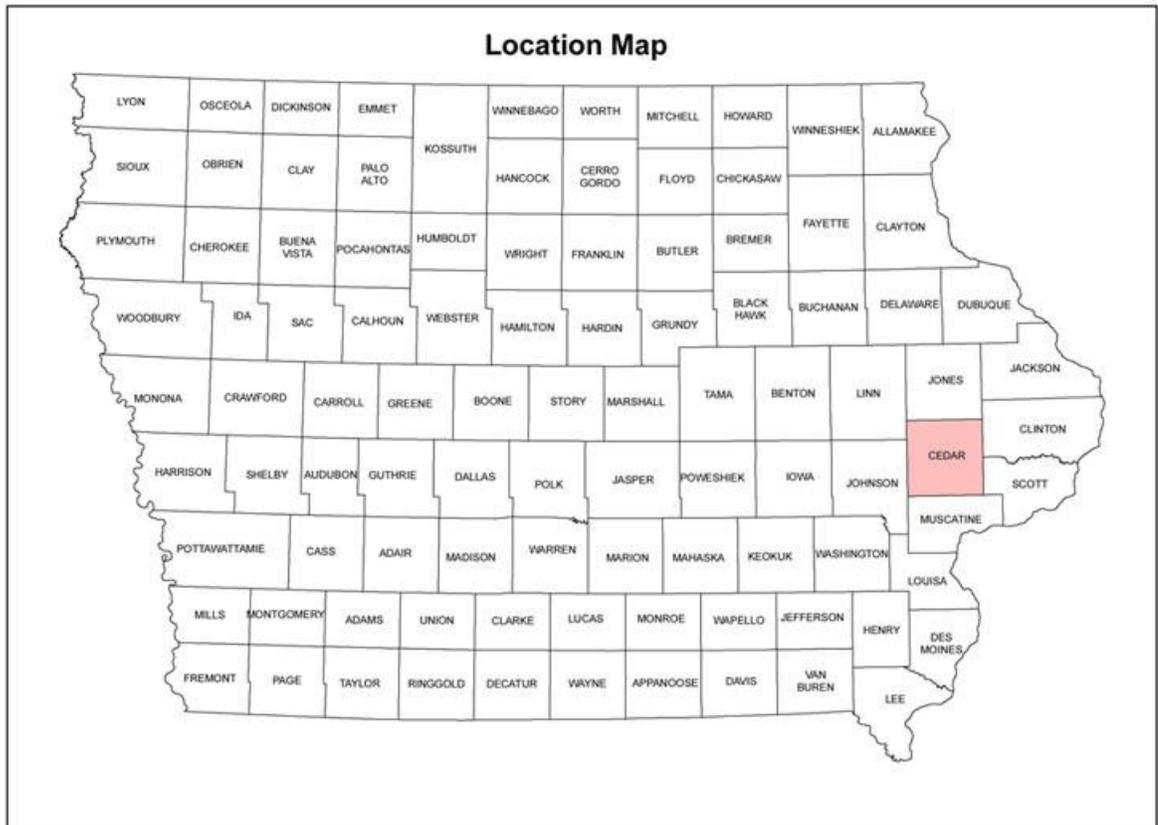
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Bedrock Mapping

Bedrock Geology Map Units

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Devonian Period

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Bedrock Map Unit Descriptions

** Bedrock unit descriptions were derived from the metadata associated with source publication [OFM-2010-01](#).

Pcl - Lower Cherokee Group and Raccoon Creek Group (Pennsylvanian)

(Lower-Middle Pennsylvanian; Morrowan-lower Desmoinesian) Lower Cherokee Group in southern, central, and western Iowa includes Kilbourn, Kalo, Floris formations (primarily Atokan-lower Desmoinesian, locally Morrowan at base); Raccoon Creek Group in eastern Iowa includes "Caseyville" and Tradewater formations (primarily Morrowan at most localities; locally includes Atokan-lower Desmoinesian Tradewater Formation in upper part). Primary Lithologies: shale/mudstone, light to dark gray, part silty to sandy; sandstone, very fine to medium grained; siltstone, gray. Secondary Lithologies: carbonaceous shale/mudstone, gray to black; phosphatic black shale; limestone, dense, part fossiliferous, part sandy; coal (beds locally > 2 ft). Minor: sandstone, coarse-grained to granular, part conglomeratic; mudstone, red to pink; limestone concretions (may be septarian); cone-in-cone limestone; siderite/ironstone concretions and pellets; pyrite. Maximum thicknesses Raccoon Creek Group in Muscatine-Scott counties: 230-250 ft (70-75 m). Maximum thicknesses Lower Cherokee Group across outcrop belt: 200-370 ft (60-113 m). Maximum thickness in southwest Iowa subsurface: 650 ft (200 m). *GRI Source Map ID 75555* ([Open File Map OFM-2010-01](#)).

Df - Famennian formations (Devonian)

(Upper Devonian, lower to upper Famennian). Interval includes Grassy Creek Shale, Saverton Shale, "Maple Mill" Shale, English River Formation, Louisiana Limestone (Lee County only), Aplington Formation (northern and western Iowa only), Sheffield Shale (central and northern Iowa). Famennian strata onlap Lime Creek Fm to the northwest. Primary Lithologies: shale, gray to green-gray, part silty; siltstone (especially English River Fm). Secondary Lithologies: shale, olive-brown and medium to dark brown, part laminated (Grassy Creek Fm, southeast Iowa); dolomite, part fossiliferous, part cherty, part argillaceous (Aplington Fm). Minor: interstratified dolomite and limestone, part fossiliferous (Louisiana Limestone); ooidal ironstone and phosphorite; phosphatic siltstone ("bone bed"); shale, red-brown. Maximum thicknesses in outcrop belt: southeast Iowa, 135-310 ft (41-95 m), thickest in Washington, Louisa, Des Moines counties; northern and central Iowa, 25-135 ft (8-41 m). *GRI Source Map ID 75555* ([Open File Map OFM-2010-01](#)).

DI - Lime Creek Formation and Sweetland Creek Shale (Devonian)

(Upper Devonian, upper Frasnian). Interval includes Sweetland Creek Shale in southeast Iowa, and "Amana beds" of Iowa County. Lime Creek Fm onlaps eroded Ordovician surface in northwestern Iowa. Primary Lithologies: shale, gray to green-gray, dolomitic to calcareous; limestone, variably argillaceous, fossiliferous, part biostromal; dolomite, variably argillaceous, part fossiliferous. Secondary Lithologies: limestone, dense, "sublithographic" (upper part of carbonate-dominated facies in central and northwestern Iowa); shale, green-gray to brown, silty (Sweetland Creek Shale). Minor: siltstone; chert; oolitic limestone, carbonate breccia (central to northwestern Iowa). Thickness variations in outcrop belt: Sweetland Creek Shale of southeastern Iowa, 3-30 ft (1-9 m); Lime Creek Fm of southeastern to north-central Iowa, 40-200 ft (12-60 m); Lime Creek Fm of northwestern Iowa, 200-350 ft (60-105 m). *GRI Source Map ID 75555* ([Open File Map OFM-2010-01](#)).

Dc - Cedar Valley Group (Devonian)

(Middle-Upper Devonian, middle Givetian-middle Frasnian). Interval includes Little Cedar, Coralville, Lithograph City, and Shell Rock formations; Shell Rock Fm in northern Iowa only. Primary Lithologies: limestone, fossiliferous, variably argillaceous, part biostromal; dolomite, part fossil-moldic to vuggy, variably argillaceous. Secondary Lithologies: limestone, dense, "sublithographic"; dolomite/limestone breccia (evaporite collapse); limestone, sparse to unfossiliferous, argillaceous to shaly; shale, gray to green-gray, dolomitic. Minor: anhydrite/gypsum (outcrop belt only in Grundy, Tama, Poweshiek counties; extensive in subsurface of central and southern Iowa); chert; glauconite; sandy limestone/sandstone. Maximum thicknesses in outcrop belt: southeast Iowa, 80-135 ft (24-41 m); east-central Iowa 130-210 ft (40-64 m); northern Iowa 250-350 ft (76-107 m). Cedar Valley Group thins and is overstepped by DI westward in Winnebago County. *GRI Source Map ID 75555* ([Open File Map OFM-2010-01](#)).

Dw - Wapsipinicon Group (Devonian)

(Middle Devonian, upper Eifelian-middle Givetian). Interval includes Pinicon Ridge, Otis, Spillville, and Bertram formations. Otis and Bertram formations restricted to east-central Iowa only; Spillville Formation in northeast Iowa only. Pinicon Ridge Formation oversteps Spillville and Otis edges in Fayette, Bremer, Black Hawk, Buchanan, southern Chickasaw counties to directly overlie Sh, Sw, or Om. Primary Lithologies: dolomite, part laminated, variably argillaceous, part fetid; limestone, dense, "sublithographic", part laminated to intraclastic; dolomite, fossil-moldic to vuggy (Otis-Spillville fms). Secondary Lithologies: limestone/dolomite breccia (evaporite collapse); dolomitic shale and shaly

dolomite, gray to green-gray, part silty-sandy; limestone, part peloidal to fossiliferous (Otis Fm). Minor: chert and chalcedony nodules (Pinicon Ridge Fm); sandstone; oolitic limestone (Otis Fm). Extensive anhydrite/gypsum in subsurface outside of outcrop belt. Maximum thicknesses in outcrop belt: east-central Iowa, 60-160 ft (18-49 m); northern Iowa, 10-130 ft (3-40 m), locally absent in Bremer County beneath Dc. *GRI Source Map ID 75555* ([Open File Map OFM-2010-01](#)).

Sg - Gower Formation (Silurian)

(Lower-?Upper Silurian, Wenlock-?Ludlow). Formation includes Anamosa, Brady, LeClaire (Scott-Muscataine counties) members; Brady and LeClaire members are carbonate mound facies. Erosionally beveled and truncated beneath Dw. Primary Lithologies: laminated dolomite (Anamosa Mbr), part fetid/organic to east (Scott-Clinton counties); dolomite mudstone, dense, featureless. Secondary Lithologies: dolomite, fossiliferous to vuggy, moldic, part brachiopod-rich (Brady Member); dolomite, part coarsely crystalline, vuggy, fossiliferous to sparsely fossiliferous, part crinoidal (LeClaire Member). Minor: chert; intraclastic dolomite. Maximum thickness: 180 ft (55 m); beveled and truncated beneath Dw. *GRI Source Map ID 75555* ([Open File Map OFM-2010-01](#)).

Ss - Scotch Grove Formation (Silurian)

(Lower Silurian, upper Llandovery-lower Wenlock). Formation includes Welton, Buck Creek Quarry, Waubeek, Palisades-Kepler, Johns Creek Quarry members; Palisades-Kepler and Johns Creek Quarry members contain carbonate mound facies. Erosionally beveled and truncated beneath Dw. Primary Lithologies: dolomite, porous, fossil-moldic to vuggy, part very crinoidal (includes Welton Mbr); dolomite, cherty to very cherty, dense (Buck Creek Quarry Mbr). Secondary Lithologies: dolomite, sparsely fossil-moldic, dense, part vuggy (includes Waubeek Mbr); dolomite, coarsely crystalline, part very crinoidal (within Johns Creek Quarry, Palisades-Kepler mbrs); dolomite mudstone, dense. Minor: dolomite, slightly argillaceous; quartz druse, chalcedony, silicified fossils. Maximum thicknesses: 94-240 ft (29-73 m); may reach thicknesses to 300 ft (90 m); beveled and truncated beneath Dw. *GRI Source Map ID 75555* ([Open File Map OFM-2010-01](#)).

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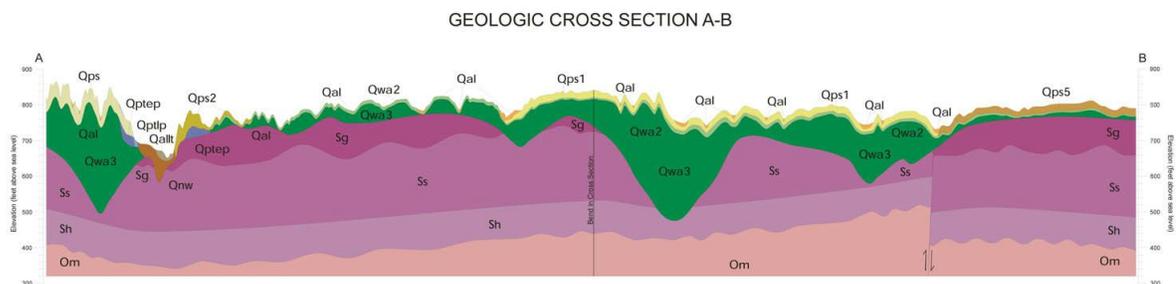
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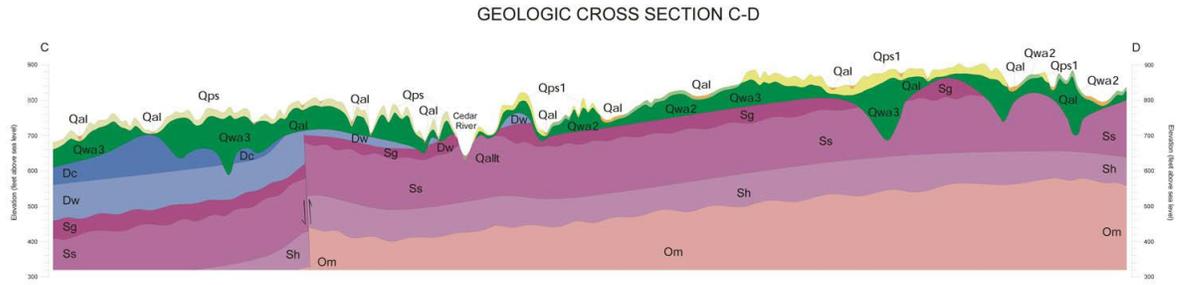
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