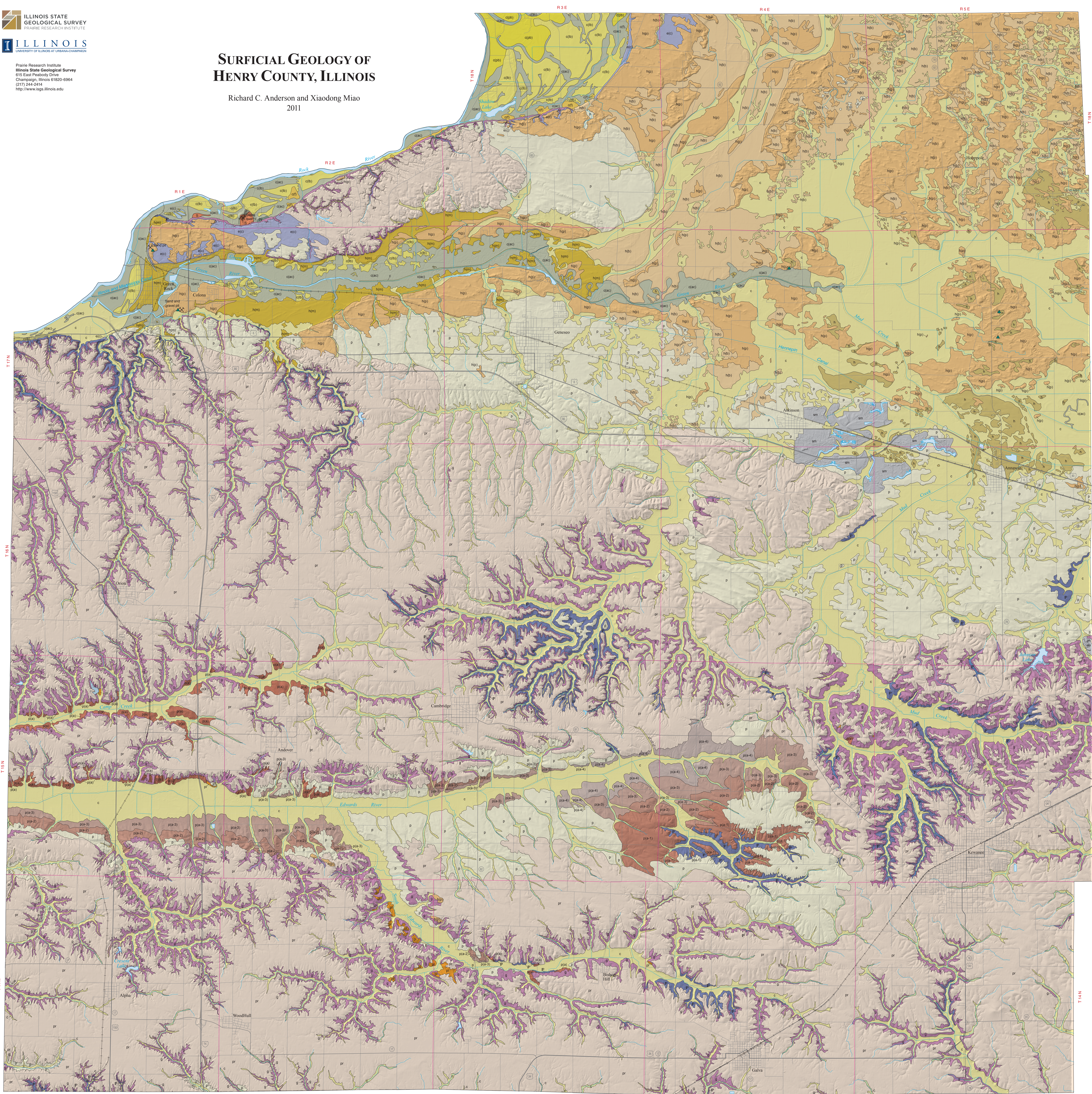


## SURFICIAL GEOLOGY OF HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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Illinois County Geologic Map  
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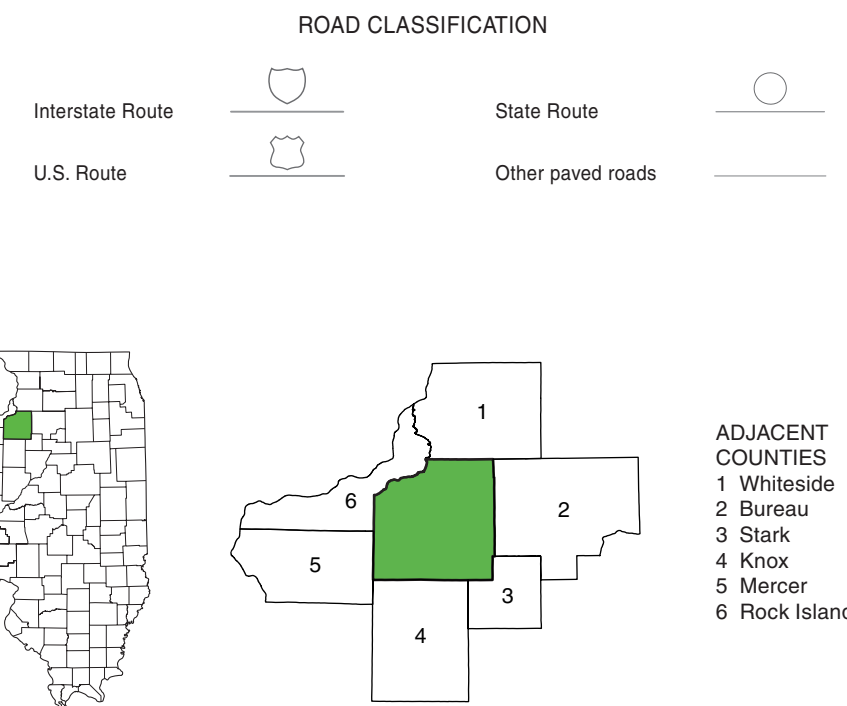
### QUATERNARY DEPOSITS

Description	Unit	Interpretation
<b>HUDSON EPISODE (~12,000 years before present (B.P.) to today)</b>		
Fill or removed earth; various sediment types	Surface mine sm	Surface mine, highly disturbed areas by human activity, usually coal mine
Silt, sand, minor clay, and gravel; yellowish brown to dark gray or black; abundant organic matter in upper few feet; leached; generally less than 6 m (20 feet) thick	Cahokia Formation c	Holocene alluvium and flood deposits in modern stream channels and floodplains; in small valleys tributary to the Edwards, Green, and Rock Rivers
Silt and fine sand; generally less than 6 m (20 feet) thick	Cahokia Formation (abandoned channels) c(ac)	Alluvium and flood deposits deposits in oxbows and abandoned channels
Fine sand and silt; generally less than 6 m (20 feet) thick	Cahokia Formation (alluvial fans) c(f)	Alluvium deposits in alluvial fans
Silt and fine sand; generally less than 6 m (20 feet) thick	Cahokia Formation (leaves and bars) c(b)	Alluvium and flood deposits in natural levees and bars
Fine sand and silt; generally less than 6 m (20 feet) thick	Cahokia Formation (point bars) c(p)	Alluvium and flood deposits in point bars
<b>WISCONSIN EPISODE (~60,000--~12,000 years B.P.)</b>		
Silt, sand, and clay; poorly sorted, yellowish brown to gray; leached	Peoria Formation p	Slope wash deposits at the base of the steep slopes (colluvium), sediments moved downslope by gravity, mapped only in the northwest along the Rock River valley
Silt; yellowish brown; calcareous; upper few feet leached; generally less than 6 m (20 feet) thick	Peoria Silt p	Windblown loess
Silt; yellowish brown to gray; calcareous except for upper 1 to 2 m (3 to 6 feet) in modern soil; may exceed 6 m (20 feet) in thickness; flat interfluves	Peoria overlying Roxana Silt pr	Windblown loess
Silt, medium to very fine sand; generally less than 3 m (10 feet) thick; on valley sides with only one erosion surface terrace	Peoria Silt (Edwards facies) p(a)	Mostly Peoria Silt, with a mixture of eolian sand in some localities. Eolian in origin on valley sides with only one erosion surface terrace
Silt, medium to very fine, and sand; generally less than 3 m (10 feet) thick	Peoria Silt (Edwards facies 1) p(a-1)	Mostly Peoria Silt, with a mixture of eolian sand in some localities; on the highest of a series of terraces that constitute the erosion surface
Silt, medium to very fine, and sand; generally less than 3 m (10 feet) thick	Peoria Silt (Edwards facies 2) p(a-2)	Mostly Peoria Silt, with a mixture of eolian sand in some localities. Eolian in origin on the second highest of a series of terraces that constitute the erosion surface
Silt, medium to very fine, and sand; generally less than 3 m (10 feet) thick	Peoria Silt (Edwards facies 3) p(a-3)	Mostly Peoria Silt, with a mixture of eolian sand in some localities. Eolian in origin on the second lowest of a series of terraces that constitute the erosion surface
Silt, medium to very fine, and sand; generally less than 3 m (10 feet) thick	Peoria Silt (Edwards facies 4) p(a-4)	Mostly Peoria Silt, with a mixture of eolian sand in some localities. Eolian in origin on the lowest of a series of terraces that constitute the erosion surface
Silt; clayey; yellowish brown to gray; leached; massive; fairly laminated in places	Germi member, Equality Formation e(c)	Lacustrine deposits from glacial Lake Milan
Sand and fine gravel; yellowish brown; upper 3 m (10 feet) generally leached; thickness may exceed 15 m (50 feet)	Henry Formation, undifferentiated h	Glaciofluvial outwash associated with the Wisconsin Episode
Sand and gravel; may exceed 30 m (100 feet) in thickness	Batavia member, Henry Formation h(b)	Outwash, glaciofluvial deposits associated with the Wisconsin Episode
Sand and fine gravel; yellowish brown; upper 3 m (10 feet) generally leached	Mackinaw member, Henry Formation h(m)	Outwash, glaciofluvial deposits associated with the Wisconsin Episode
Median to very fine sand; light yellowish brown; leached medium to very fine sand	Parkland sand, Henry Formation h(p)	Eolian sand; either dunes or sand sheet; optically stimulated luminescence (OSL) dating indicates deposition from 17,000 to 18,000 years B.P., with some Holocene aged sand on the top
<b>ILLINOIS EPISODE (~200,000--~130,000 years B.P.)</b>		
Sand and gravel; leached; small, discontinuous deposits	Pearl Formation pl	Glaciofluvial outwash associated with the Illinois Episode
Pebbly, silty, clay; may exceed 15 m (50 feet) in thickness	Glasford Formation undifferentiated g	Glacial diamicton and associated deposits of the Illinois Episode

### PRE-QUATERNARY DEPOSITS

Description	Unit	Interpretation
Mudstone, siltstone, and shale; brown to gray	Pennsylvanian p	Bedrock near the surface, with about 2 m (5 feet) of Peoria Silt above it, may contain thin coal and limestone.
Dolomite; yellowish brown to gray	Silurian s	Bedrock near the surface, with about 2 m (5 feet) of Peoria Silt above it

✕ Pit or quarry  
▲ OSL and/or radiocarbon age site  
See accompanying report for site data.



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