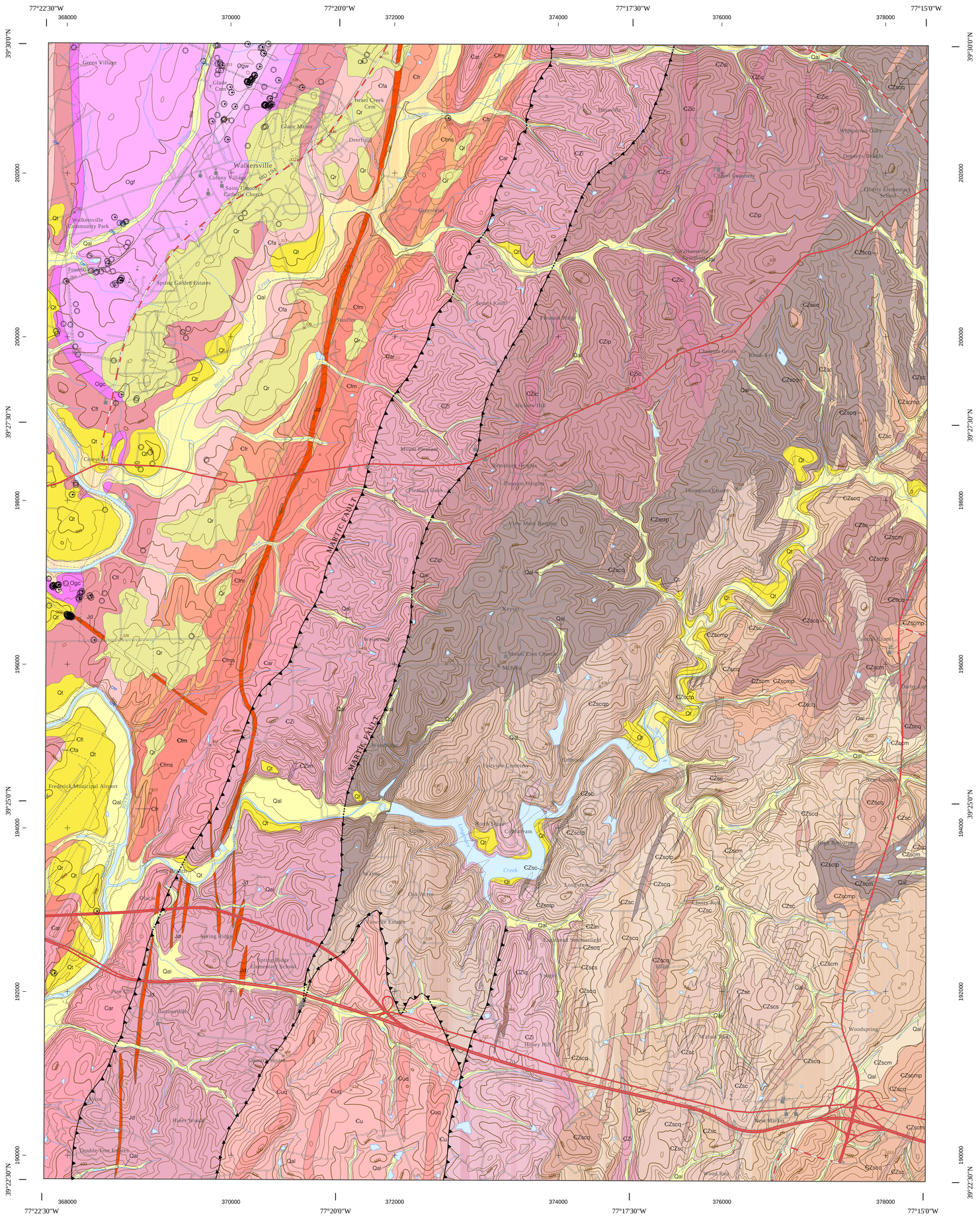

Description of Map Units

Qal — **Alluvium**
Well to poorly sorted stratified mixtures of unconsolidated clay, silt, sand, gravel, and cobbles underlie flood plains of nearly all rivers and tributaries. The channel of the tributary is commonly on bedrock with alluvium exposed along the banks. Thickness of alluvium is highly variable as a function of bedrock, topography, and land-use practices. Thickness estimated at as much as 15 feet (4 to 5 m) along the Monocacy River.

Qr — **Weathering residuum**
Mixture of moderate reddish brown soil and pebbles, cobbles, and blocks of light gray to white, angular, locally, euhedral quartz. Thickness ranges from a thin veneer to 10 feet (3.0 m).

Qt — **Terrace deposits**
Reddish-brown to brown, sandy and clayey mixture of rounded pebbles to cobbles of sandstone, vein quartz and quartzite. Present along elevated low relief areas above the Monacacy River. Several separate levels of terrace deposits can be observed, but are not separately mapped here. Thickness ranges from a thin veneer to more than 10 feet (3 m).

Quaternary

Jd — **Diabase dike(s)**
Medium to dark gray, medium crystalline and equigranular, massive diabase, with characteristic orange-brown weathered surface. Dikes vary from a wedge-edge to more than 150 feet (46 m) wide. While displayed as a solid unit on the map, the area mapped as diabase dike(s) actually represents an interfingering with the surrounding bedrock unit(s).

Jurassic

Grove Formation
Thick-bedded to massive, medium to light gray limestone with interbedded, tan to medium gray dolomite. Three members are recognized and mapped in the Frederick Valley as outlined by Brezinski (2004).

Ogw — **Woodsboro Member**
Thinly bedded, dark gray, bioturbated, lime mudstone, and interbedded medium-bedded, dark gray, fine-grained lime mudstone with thin wavy-bedded, with tan, dolomitic partings. Top of this member not exposed in map area, but unit becomes thickly interbedded toward the top with medium dark gray, fine-grained lime mudstone with wavy beds. Thickness is 500 feet (152 m).

Ogf — **Fountain Rock Member**
Very thickly bedded, medium light gray, locally sandy, thrombolitic and stromatolitic algal, lime mudstone and medium gray, tan weathering, laminated, dolomitic limestone and olive gray dolomite. Thickness is probably no greater than 1000 feet (305 m) along the eastern flank, but may be as much as 4,500 feet (1,372 m) along the western limb of the Frederick Valley Synclinorium.

Ogc — **Ceresville Member**
Medium light gray to medium gray, thick-bedded and cross-bedded, arenaceous limestone and sandy, dolomitic limestone with thin interbeds (1 ft or 0.3 m) of medium light gray, sandy, thrombolitic dolomite. Thickness is approximately 150 to 200 feet (46 to 61 m).

Ordovician

Frederick Formation
Thick-bedded to massive, medium to light gray limestone with interbedded, tan to medium gray dolomite. Three members are recognized and mapped in the Frederick Valley as outlined by Brezinski (2004).

Ꞓfl — **Lime Kiln Member**
Interbedded, thinly laminated to thinly bedded, dark gray, fine-grained limestone, calcareous shale, and medium bedded, fine-grained limestone near the base, becoming more thickly interbedded toward the top with medium dark gray, fine-grained limestone and wavy bedding and stromatolitic algal beds. Near the top, the member becomes interbedded with cross-bedded, sandy, medium light gray limestone. Thickness is 700 feet (213m).

Ꞓfa — **Adamstown Member**
Thinly interbedded, medium dark gray to dark gray, argillaceous, fine-grained limestone and dusky yellow to medium dark gray, silty dolomite. Limestone beds range from 0.1 to 2.0 inches (0.3 to 5.1 cm) in thickness. Several thin (6.0 to 30 feet or 1.8 to 9.1 m), dark greenish gray to greenish black, light olive brown weathering, silty, calcareous shale intervals are present throughout the member. The top of the member is mapped at the base of the lowest medium to thick bed of sandy or algal limestone. Thickness is approximated at 1,000 feet (305 m).

Ꞓfr — **Rocky Springs Station Member**
Interbedded, dark gray, thinly bedded, lime mudstone and black, dolomitic shale, massive, medium gray, polymictic breccias, medium gray, sandy limestone, and dark gray, flaggy lime mudstone. Breccia beds are thick (>30 feet or 9 m), massive and relatively continuous along strike on the western flank of the synclinorium. On the eastern flank of the synclinorium only thin (<3.0 feet or 0.9 m) breccias are present. Top of the member is mapped at the top of the stratigraphically highest polymictic breccia or sandstone interval. Thickness is approximated at 1,200 feet (366 m) on the eastern flank, but is likely many times thicker on the western flank.

Ꞓfm — Ꞓfms — **Monocacy Member**
Thickly interbedded, black, platy shale and rubbly, dolomitic breccias, laminated lime mudstone, and black shale. The top of the member is marked by a laterally continuous black shale (Ꞓfms) that is more than 50 feet (15 m) thick. Thickness of this member is approximately 200 feet (61 m).

Cambrian

Ꞓar — **Araby Formation**
Thickly bedded, greenish black to grayish black, very fine grained to fine-grained, burrow-mottled, silty sandstone, interbedded with medium gray to grayish black, phyllitic shales 3.0 to 10 feet (0.9 to 3.0 m) thick. Top of the formation consists of grayish black phyllitic shale 45 to 60 feet (14 to 18 m) thick. The Araby Formation is present on the eastern side of the Frederick Valley Synclinorium. Thickness of the Araby Formation is estimated at 600 feet (183 m).

Ꞓu — Ꞓuq — **Urbana Formation**
Moderate olive-brown to light olive-gray, calcareous metasandstone, metagraywacke, quartzite, and meta-siltstone that are poorly sorted, graded-beds, cross-beds, and sparse ripple marks. Individually mapped quartzite intervals (Ꞓuq) are light olive-gray and light brownish gray, coarse-grained, thin- to medium-bedded, cross-bedded, pitted, vuggy, friable, lensoidal, and discontinuous.

Late Proterozoic? - Cambrian?

ꞒZsc — **Sams Creek Formation**
Dark greenish gray to medium bluish gray, aphanitic to porphyritic, massive to schistose metabasalt composed of chlorite, epidote, quartz, altered plagioclase, actinolite, hornblende, and albite; igneous texture is locally preserved and pods of epidosite are common; includes some metaconglomerate composed of greenstone pebbles and cobbles, and local pillow structures and hyaloclastite.

ꞒZscm — **Marble**
Interbedded, light olive-gray to olive-gray, medium- to coarse-grained, medium-bedded, locally ferruginous, micaceous, silty sandstone and very fine grained, silty sandstone to sandy siltstone. Thickness is estimated at 300 feet (100 m).

ꞒZsctp — **Tuffaceous phyllite**
Grayish red purple and bluish gray, variegated, vesicular phyllite with light gray streaks and blebs of tuffaceous phyllite.

ꞒZscmp — **Muscovite phyllite**
Light bluish gray, dusky yellow, and moderate orange-pink, muscovite-chlorite phyllite containing albite porphyroblasts, quartz, and hematite dust. Contains minor metasiltstone. Lithologically distinct from rocks of the Ijamsville Phyllite and Marburg Formation.

ꞒZschp — **Hematite phyllite**
Bluish purple, hematite-rich phyllite. Resembles Ijamsville Phyllite.

ꞒZscqp — **Quartzite interbedded with phyllite**
Light gray quartzite interbedded with purple phyllite and slate, variegated, conglomeratic phyllite, and bluish gray, tuffaceous phyllite.

ꞒZscq — **Quartzite**
Light gray to grayish green, medium-grained, thin-bedded to massive quartzite and minor calcareous sandstone. Contains detrital plagioclase, orthoclase, and polymictic quartz. Bedding is defined by concentrations of heavy minerals. Interbedded with phyllite, greenstone (ꞒZsc) , and metasiltstone and metagraywacke (ꞒZsc), that are light gray, medium- and coarse-grained quartzite, locally calcareous and cross-bedded.

ꞒZscs — **Metasiltstone**
Metasiltstone, phyllite, quartzite, and metagraywacke, undifferentiated. Light brown metasiltstone interbedded with quartzite and calcareous metasandstone. Bedding can be recognized except where transposed in shear zones adjacent to faults. Muscovite phyllite containing albite porphyroblasts and elongate blebs of chlorite is interpreted to be a metatuff.

ꞒZi — **Ijamsville Phyllite**
Dusky blue, grayish blue, very dusky red-purple, greenish gray to pale olive phyllite. Phyllonite contains abundant pods and folded stringers of white vein quartz, and minor slate. Intensely folded and sheared with finely laminated beds seen only in slate. Phyllite consists mostly of muscovite and chlorite, but also contains paragonite and chloritoid. Has a lustrous sheen because of paragonite (determined by x-ray diffraction) and dark color because of abundant hematite dust.

ꞒZiq — **Quartzite**
Yellowish gray, fine- to medium-grained, sericitic quartzite locally intervenes between phyllite and metabasalt.

ꞒZlm — **Marble**
Light olive-gray, sandy limestone and dusky red, calcareous quartzite occurs within phyllite locally.

ꞒZic — **Conglomeratic metagraywacke**
Light gray and green, medium- to coarse-grained metagraywacke with white quartz pebbles, variegated phyllite, and green chloritic matrix.

ꞒZip — **Chlorite phyllite**
Light olive-gray and greenish gray, chlorite phyllite and metasiltstone.

Base layers derived from U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)
7.5-minute Series (Topographic)
Walkersville Quadrangle 1953 (Revised 1993)
Digital line graphs for hydrography, topography, transportation and boundaries (1:24,000)
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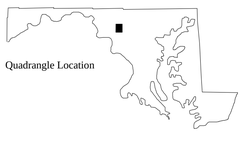

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Adjoining 7.5' Quadrangle Names
Walkersville Quadrangle, shaded

1	2	3	1. Catoctin Furnace 2. Woodsboro 3. Union Bridge 4. Frederick 5. Libertytown 6. Buckeystown 7. Urbana 8. Damascus
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Explanation of Map Symbols

Geologic Symbols

Contacts
Geologic contact; approximately located dotted where concealed

Karst Features
Active Sinkhole
Depression
Spring

Faults
Thrust fault sawteeth on upthrown block
Overturned Thrust Fault base of sawteeth on upper plate; sawteeth in direction of dip
Fault; concealed

Base Map Symbols

Transportation
Primary route, class 1 (divided, lanes separated)
Primary route, class 1 (undivided)
Secondary route, class 2 (undivided)
Light duty road or street, class 3
Unimproved road or street, class 4
Railroad, railroad siding or spur

Topography
Topographic index contour (100-ft interval)
Topographic intermediate contour (20-ft interval)

Hydrography
Stream
Water body (eg. lakes, ponds, rivers)

Culture
Incorporated city, village, town or borough
Small park boundary
Landing Strip, Airport, or Perimeter of Airport
Cemetery
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