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Quaternary geology of northern Oconto County, Wisconsin Plate 1

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Explanation



Sediment of low, typically wet areas. Peat, muck, or slope sediment covering windblown, glacial, stream, or lake sediment as indicated by adjacent map units; low-lying, flat to low-relief surfaces. Peat that is 1 to 1.5 m thick is common in the southeastern part of the map area, where it covers sediment deposited in and adjacent to ice-marginal lakes.



Postglacial stream sediment. Silty and sandy sediment deposited by postglacial streams; flat to low-relief floodplains. Mapped where extensive; present but unmapped adjacent to most streams.



1.5 m thick in dunes; individual dunes 10 m or more high.

Meltwater-stream sediment, uncollapsed. Gravelly sand deposited by streams carrying meltwater from the Green Bay Lobe; flat to low-relief surfaces; original depositional surfaces preserved in most places; covered in places by thin deposits of windblown

Windblown sand. Fine- to medium-grained sand; more than



Meltwater-stream sediment, collapsed. Same as unit su, except that meltwater-stream sediment was deposited on ice; moderate to high-relief surfaces; original depositional surface destroyed by collapse; typically includes till and till-like debris-flow sediment where deposited adjacent to former ice margins; covered in places by thin deposits of windblown sand (unit scw).



Lake sand and meltwater-stream sediment. Flat to very low-relief surfaces underlain by sandy meltwater-stream sediment and offshore and nearshore sediment deposited in glacial lakes that formed along the western edge of the Green Bay Lobe; covered in places by thin deposits of windblown sand (unit lsw).



Glacial sediment of the Copper Falls Formation. Reddish-brown to brown, sandy, typically non-dolomitic, slightly dolomitic in places, till and debris-flow sediment deposited by the Langlade Lobe in the far north and northwest part of the map area; found in areas of streamlined glacial topography on bedrock uplands.



Glacial sediment of the Holy Hill Formation. Brown, sandy, dolomitic till and debris-flow sediment deposited in the western part of the map area by the Green Bay Lobe; found in areas of rolling to low-relief hummocky topography (unit gh) and in areas of high-relief hummocky topography (unit ghh).



Glacial sediment of the Silver Cliff Member of the Kewaunee Formation. Reddish-brown, sandy, dolomitic till and debrisflow sediment; found in areas of rolling to low-relief hummocky topography (unit gs) and in areas of moderate to high-relief hummocky topography (unit gsh); covered in places by thin deposits of windblown sand (unit gsw).



Glacial sediment of the Kirby Lake Member of the Kewaunee Formation. Reddish-brown, silty, dolomitic till and debris-flow sediment in areas of rolling to low-relief hummocky topography; may include small areas of till of the Middle Inlet Member of the Kewaunee Formation in the extreme eastern part of the map area; covered in places by thin deposits of windblown sand (unit gkw).

Symbols

contact between map units, dashed where uncertain

dune crest; sand was transported to the south and southeast

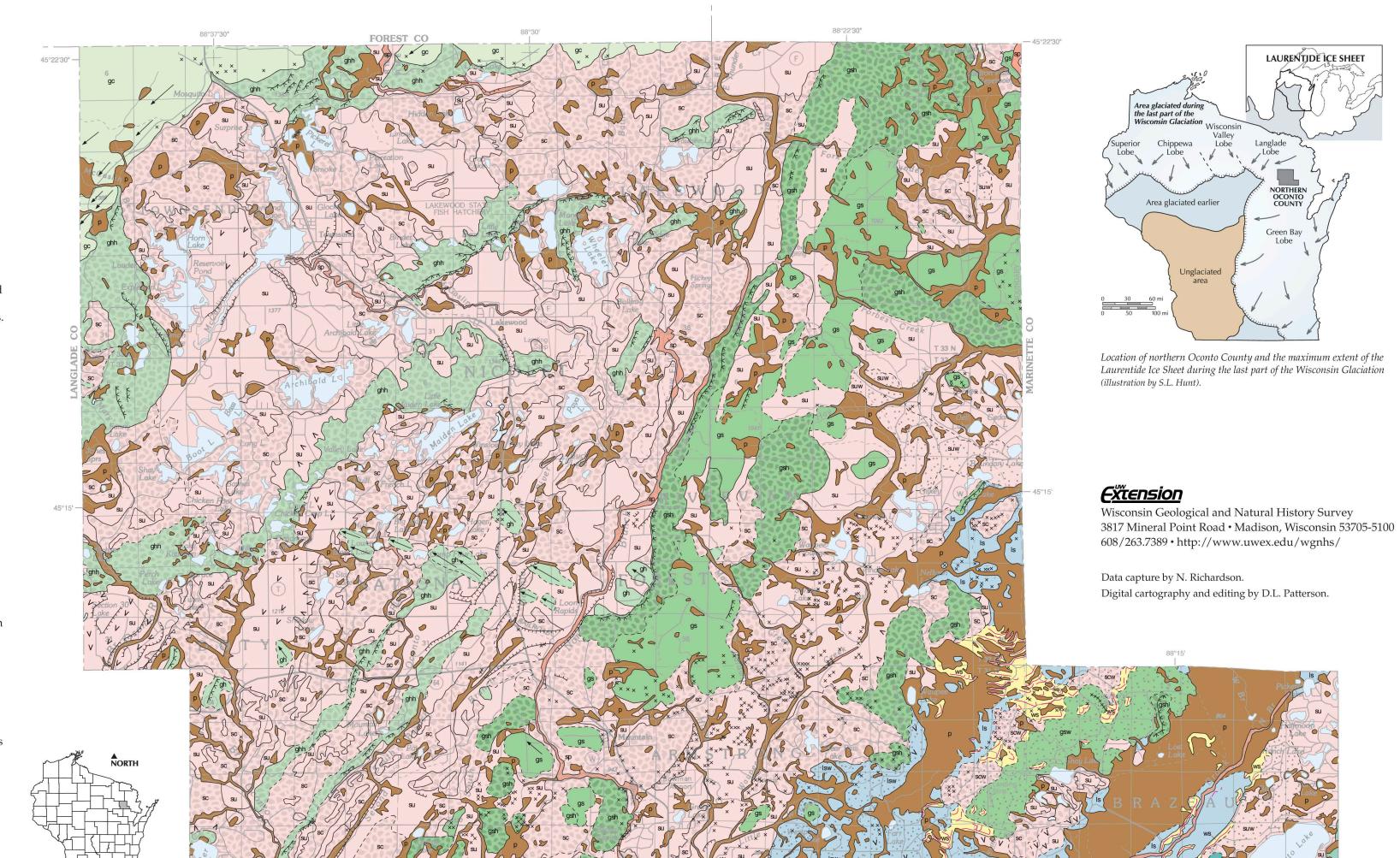


approximate location of the ice margin during deposition of outwash plain stream cutbank

direction of meltwater flow

crest of ice-marginal ridge oriented nearly parallel to margin of the Green Bay Lobe

location of area with exposures of Precambrian rock



Scale 1:100,000

PLATE 1.

QUATERNARY GEOLOGIC MAP

OF NORTHERN OCONTO COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

Base map constructed from U.S. Geological Survey Digital Line Graph files (1990, scale 1:100,000), modified by Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (1992) and Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey (1999).

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