

LEGEND

QUATERNARY

POST-FRASER GLACIATION

NONGLACIAL ENVIRONMENT

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ORGANIC DEPOSITS: peat and muck; 1 to 10 m thick (typically 2 to 3 m) forming fens and bogs; organic deposits too small to be shown at this scale occur within other units; common within abandoned meltwater channels.

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ALLUVIAL (FLUVIAL) DEPOSITS: gravel and sand with minor silt and clay, deposited by streams; commonly stratified; generally well sorted except in alluvial fans.

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Floodplain sediments: sand and silt, commonly including organic materials and underlain, in many places, by gravel; 1 to 3 m thick; occurring as flat surfaces close to river level; prone to flooding.

At

Fan sediments: poorly sorted sand and gravel, with diamictite; generally 2 to 15 m thick; forming fans at the toe of slopes.

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Terrace sediments: stratified sand and gravel overlain by a veneer of sand and silt; 2 to 10 m thick; forming terraces well above flood level.

COLLUVIAL DEPOSITS: diamictite and rubble accumulated from various mass-wasting processes, ranging from slope wash to rock fall; composition dependent on source materials.

Cs

Slope colluvium: rock fragments in a matrix of sand, silt, and minor clay; 1 to 5 m thick; formed by reworking of unconsolidated deposits on steep ($>40^\circ$) slopes; commonly gullied.

Cv

Colluvium veneer: unconsolidated sediments, with texture dependent on source materials; generally less than 1 m thick; commonly developed on steep slopes.

FRASER GLACIATION (WISCONSINAN)

PROGLACIAL AND GLACIAL ENVIRONMENTS

Lb

Glaciolacustrine blanket: well sorted, stratified sand, silt, and clay; 3 to 10 m thick; reflecting topography of underlying units.

Lv

Glaciolacustrine veneer: deep-water deposits of well sorted, stratified sand, silt, and clay overlain, in places, by shallow-water deposits of sand and gravel; occurring near limits of former glacial lakes; includes minor till outcrops; 1 to 3 m thick; reflects topography of underlying units; commonly developed on till surfaces.

Gt

Glaciofluvial terrace sediments: sand and gravel, stratified to massive; 1 to 10 m thick; forming flat surfaces perched well above alluvial deposits or associated with meltwater channels.

Gb

Glaciofluvial blanket: sand and gravel, stratified to massive; generally 1 to 5 m thick; sediment cover is continuous, but the underlying morphology is visible; commonly located near the mouth of meltwater channels.

Gh

Ice contact deposits: sand and gravel, stratified to massive and commonly faulted; generally greater than 3 m thick; forming hummocky, kettled surfaces or eskers.

Gv

Glaciofluvial veneer: made up of sand and gravel, well to poorly sorted, and commonly stratified; deposited by glacial meltwater; bedding disrupted locally following the melting of supporting ice, 1 to 3 m thick.

GLACIAL ENVIRONMENT

TILL: poorly sorted diamictite consisting of pebbles, cobbles, and boulders in a sandy to clayey matrix directly deposited by glaciers; includes colluvium (reworked till) on steep slopes, and small inclusions of glaciofluvial sediments, especially in valley bottoms and near the mouths and banks of meltwater channels; till surface is commonly fluted and drumlinized.

Tm

Thick till, rolling: continuous till cover; greater than 3 m thick; masking the underlying topography; bedrock outcrops are rare.

Tb

Till blanket: continuous till cover with few bedrock outcrops; 1 to 3 m thick on average; conforming to and locally obscuring topography of underlying units.

Tv

Till veneer: discontinuous till cover with abundant bedrock outcrops; average thickness of 1 m; reflecting topography of underlying units, which is predominantly bedrock.

PRE-QUATERNARY

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BEDROCK: sedimentary, metamorphic, volcanic, and intrusive rocks of Precambrian(?) to Cenozoic age; including, in places a thin veneer of till and colluvium.

