

Description of Map Units

<b>Alluvium</b> Well to poorly sorted stratified mixtures of unconsolidated clay, silt, sand, gravel, and cobbles underlie flood plains of nearby 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.	<b>Araby Formation</b> 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 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).
<b>Weathering residuum</b> Mixture of moderate reddish brown soil and pebbles, cobbles, and blocks of light gray to white, angular, locally, subangular quartz. Thickness ranges from a thin veneer to 10 feet (3.0 m).	<b>Urbusa Formation</b> Moderate olive-brown to light olive-gray, calcareous micaceous, micaceous, silty sandstone and siltstone composed of chlorite, epidote, quartz, altered plagioclase, actinolite, hornblende, and albite; igneous texture is locally preserved and pods of epidote are common; includes some metaconglomerate composed of greenstone pebbles and cobbles, and light pillow structure and hydroclastic.
<b>Terrace deposits</b> 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 Monocacy 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).	<b>Sams Creek Formation</b> Dark greenish gray to medium bluish gray, aphanitic to porphyritic, massive to schistose metasediment composed of chlorite, epidote, quartz, altered plagioclase, actinolite, hornblende, and albite; igneous texture is locally preserved and pods of epidote are common; includes some metaconglomerate composed of greenstone pebbles and cobbles, and light pillow structure and hydroclastic.
<b>Diabase dikes</b> 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 dikes actually represents an intertonguing with the surrounding bedrock units.	<b>Marble</b> 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).
<b>Grove Formation</b> 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).	<b>Tuffaceous phyllite</b> Grayish red purple and bluish gray, variegated, vesicular phyllite with light gray streaks and blebs of tuffaceous phyllite.
<b>Woodsboro Member</b> 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 it becomes thickly interbedded toward the top with medium dark gray, fine-grained lime mudstone with wavy beds. Thickness is 500 feet (152 m).	<b>Muscovite phyllite</b> Light bluish gray, dusky yellow, and moderate orange-pink, muscovite-chlorite phyllite containing albite porphyroblasts, quartz, and hematite dust. Contains minor metasilicate. Lithologically distinct from rocks of the Jansville Phyllite and Marburg Formation.
<b>Fountain Rock Member</b> Very thickly bedded, medium light gray, locally sandy, thrombotic 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.	<b>Hematite phyllite</b> Bluish purple, hematite-rich phyllite. Resembles Jansville Phyllite.
<b>Coresville Member</b> 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, thrombotic dolomite. Thickness is approximately 150 to 200 feet (46 to 61 m).	<b>Quartzite interbedded with phyllite</b> Light gray quartzite interbedded with purple phyllite and slate, variegated, conglomeratic phyllite, and bluish gray, tuffaceous phyllite.
<b>Frederick Formation</b> 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).	<b>Quartzite</b> 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 (C26a), and metasilicate and metagraywacke (C26c), that are light gray, medium- and coarse-grained quartzite, locally calcareous and cross-bedded.
<b>Lime Kiln Member</b> Interbedded, thinly laminated to thin 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 (213 m).	<b>Metasilicate</b> Metasilicate, phyllite, quartzite, and metagraywacke, undifferentiated. Light brown metasilicate interbedded with quartzite and calcareous metasilicate. 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 metuff.
<b>Adamstown Member</b> 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 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 approximately at 1,000 feet (305 m).	<b>Jansville Phyllite</b> Dusky blue, grayish blue, very dusky red-purple, greenish gray, and green, medium- to coarse-grained 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 argonite (determined by x-ray diffraction) and dark color because of abundant hematite dust.
<b>Rocky Springs Station Member</b> Interbedded, dark gray, thin bedded, lime mudstone and black, dolomitic shale, massive, medium gray, polybreccia, breccia, medium gray, sandy limestone, and dark gray, flaggy lime mudstone. Breccia beds are thick (7-30 feet or 2.1 to 9.1 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) breccia are present. Top of the member is mapped at the top of the stratigraphically highest polymictic breccia or sandstone interval. Thickness is approximately at 1,200 feet (366 m) on the eastern flank, but is likely many times thicker on the western flank.	<b>Quartzite</b> Yellowish gray, fine- to medium-grained, sericitic quartzite locally intertongues between phyllite and metabasalt.
<b>Monocacy Member</b> Thinly interbedded, black, platy shale and rubby, dolomitic breccia, laminated lime mudstone, and black shale. The top of the member is marked by a laterally continuous black shale (C26m) that is more than 50 feet (15 m) thick. Thickness of this member is approximately 200 feet (61 m).	<b>Marble</b> Light olive-gray, sandy limestone and dusky red, calcareous quartzite occurs within phyllite locally.

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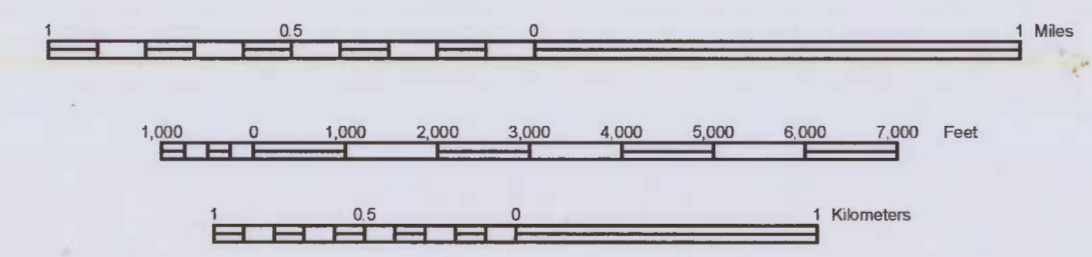
Explanation of Map Symbols

<b>Geologic Symbols</b>	<b>Planar Features</b>
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Geologic Map of the Walkersville Quadrangle, Frederick County, Maryland

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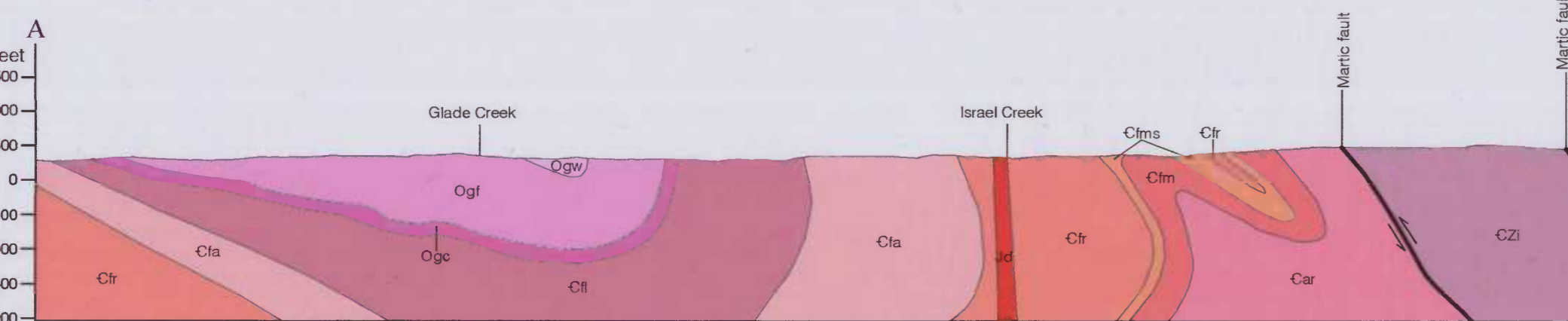
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Adjoining 7.5' Quadrangle Names

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Point cultural features shown are from USGS Geographic Names Information System database 1993 magnetic north declination (center of quadrangle): 10 degrees west (To determine current magnetic declination, see: <http://www.ngs.usgs.gov/gis/seg/gmap/ldm.html>)