## **DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS**

Unconsolidated reddish brown to tan accumulations of sand, silt, pebbles, cobbles and boulders that weathers yellow, orange, and orange-brown. Although much of Bear Creek flows on exposed bedrock, adjacent mapped alluvium deposits include those formed both along modern and ancient streams. The thickness of alluvium varies from a thin veneer to more than 30 feet. These thicker accumulations tend to be concentrated where colluvium at the edge of valleys overlaps the alluvium.

Swamp Unconsolidated gray to dark gray, organic material and peat that are the remains of bogs. These deposits have accumulated in poorly drained glades and lakes that formed during the late Pleistocene. Thickness ranges

from less than three feet to nearly 10 feet.

Colluviu m/Landslide Mainly unconsolidated and unsorted deposits of cobbles, and boulders that accumulate on steep slopes below outcrops of sandstone units such as those in the Hampshire, Purslane, and Pottsville formations. This unit also includes landslide masses along Bear Creek that are posses identifiable scarps upslope from the deposit. Colluvium accumulations range in thickness from a thin veneer of less than three feet on steep slopes

to more than 50 feet (1 to 15 m) at the toe of slopes.

Conemaugh Group (Undivided) Interbedded, light gray to tan, micaceous, mediumgrained, cross-bedded sandstone and gray, silty shale, siltstone, and thin, dark gray, carbonaceous shale. Several calcareous marine to marginal marine shales are present in the lower half of the group (Glenshaw Formation). These marine intervals are underlain by the Brush Creek (bc), lower Bakerstown (lb), and Ames (a) coals. Thick-bedded, tan, medium-grained, crossbedded sandstone; greenish gray and reddish brown to variegated mudstone, shale, claystone, and nodular nonmarine limestone present in its upper part (Casselman Formation). The Barton (b) coal bed is the only upper Conemaugh coal bed mined in the Youghiogheny basin. The Conemaugh Group is 800 to 900 feet thick (245 to 275 m).

**Allegheny Formation** Interbedded, medium to dark gray shale and siltstone, and tan to light gray, cross-bedded sandstone, with thin claystone near the base, and several mineable coal beds. The top of the formation is at the top of the Upper Freeport (uf) coal bed and the base of the formation is the top of the Homewood Sandstone member of the underlying Pottsville Formation. The upper Kittanning (uk) and lower Kittanning (lk) coal beds are locally mined. The Allegheny Formation is between 200 to 250 feet thick (61 to 76 m).

Dominantly tan to light gray, medium- to coarse-grained, cross-bedded sandstone and conglomeratic sandstone with abundant coaly plant fragments and subordinate intervals of dark gray, coaly shale, siltstone, and thin coal beds. The light gray, highly cross-bedded Homewood Sandstone Member constitutes a resistant, mappable sandstone layer at the top of the formation. Total thickness for the unit is 180 to 200 feet (55 to 61

**Pottsville Formation** 

Mauch Chunk Formation Interbedded, reddish brown shale; variegated, hackly, root-mottled mudstone and siltstone; and reddish brown to greenish gray, medium-grained sandstone. Sandstone intervals are cross-bedded, exhibit sharp bases, and fine upsection. Several thin greenish gray, marine calcareous shale to argillaceous limestone units are present near the base of the formation. The Mauch Chunk Formation is approximately 600 feet thick in Allegany County and thins westward to 300 feet in thickness in western Garrett County (90 -180 m).

**Greenbrier Formation** Light gray, cross-bedded, sandy limestone to calcareous sandstone at the base (Loyalhanna Member). The Loyalhanna Member is overlain by interbedded, reddish, fossiliferous mudstone, and tan to reddish brown, finegrained sandstone, and reddish brown siltstone and variegated shale (Savage Dam Member). The Savage Dam Member is succeeded upwards by thin- to mediumbedded, light to medium gray, argillaceous, fossiliferous limestone at the top of the formation (Wymps Gap Member). The Greenbrier Formation is 150 to 200 feet thick (45-60 m).

Light gray, tan, and locally reddish brown, coarsegrained to conglomeratic, thick-bedded to cross-bedded sandstone, thin beds of gray shale, and coaly shale. In the Accident Quadrangle the base of the Purslane Formation is mapped at the base of a resistant, massive, buff weathering, pebbly, conglomeratic sandstone above the bioturbated marine sandstone and variegated shales of the Riddlesburg Member of the Rockwell Formation. The Purslane Formation is 250 to 300 feet thick in

western Garrett County (75-90 m). Rockwell Formation Interbedded, grænish gray, argillaceous, burrowed sandstone, and reddish gray to gray, coaly siltstone and shale and tan lenticular sandstone. The base of the formation is marked by an interval of greenish gray, argillaceous, burrowed sandstone that sharply overlies the Hampshire Formation. This interval is equivalent to the Oswayo marine interval in western Pennsylvania. A thick interval of cross-bedded, medium-grained fluvial sandstone is present above the Oswayo marine strata. Near the top of the formation interval of light gray to tan, thin-bedded to cross-bedded, burrowed sandstone is interpreted to be correlative with the Riddlesburg Shale of Washington County, Maryland. The Rockwell

Hamps hire Form ation Interbedded, reddish brown to brownish red, locally greenish gray, cross-bedded, fining upward, lenticular sandstone; reddish brown micaceous siltstone, shale, and red-brown rooted claystone. The thickness of the Hampshire ranges from approximately 1,600 to 2,000 feet (500-600 m) in Garrett County.

Formation is between 150 and 200 feet thick in Garrett

County (45-65 m).

Foreknobs Formation Interbedded, olive-gray, medium- to coarse-grained, cross-bedded sandstone; greenish gray to dusky red, fossiliferous shale and siltstone. Top of the formation consists of thick (>30 feet, 10 m) conglomeratic sandstone intervals considered equivalent to the Pound Sandstone Member of the Valley and Ridge Province. The Foreknobs Formation is approximately 1,500 feet (450 m) thick in Garrett County, but thickens to more 2,000 feet (460 m) in Allegany County, Maryland.

**Explanation of Map Symbols** 

**Faults** 

**Folds** 

Minor anticline

**Coal Beds** 

Fault; approximately located. D refers

bearing and degree of plunge shown

Projected outcrop trace of coal bed

Topographic index contour

Topographic intermediate contour

(100- ft interval)

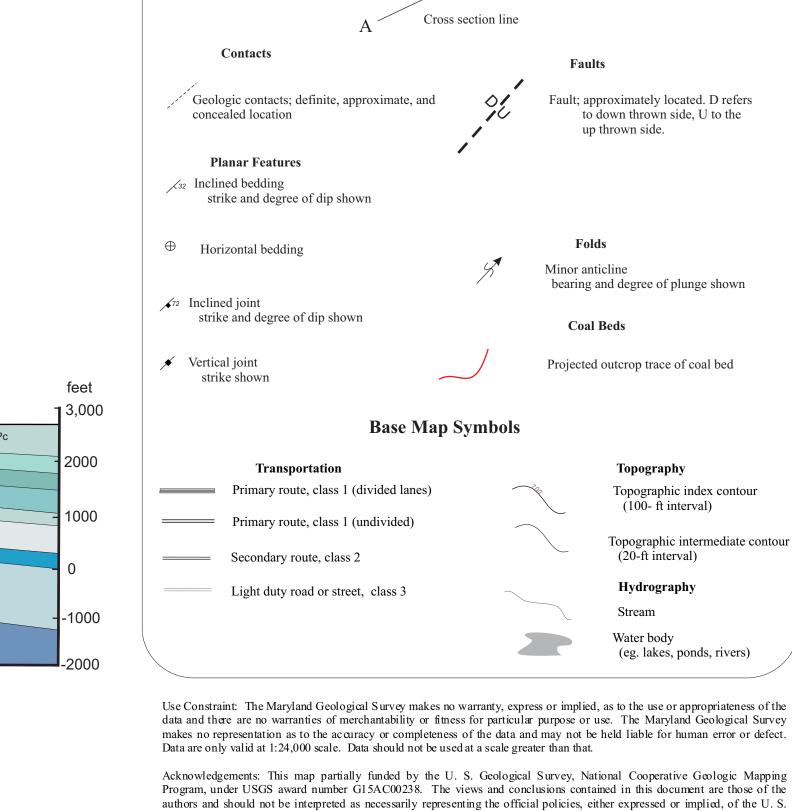
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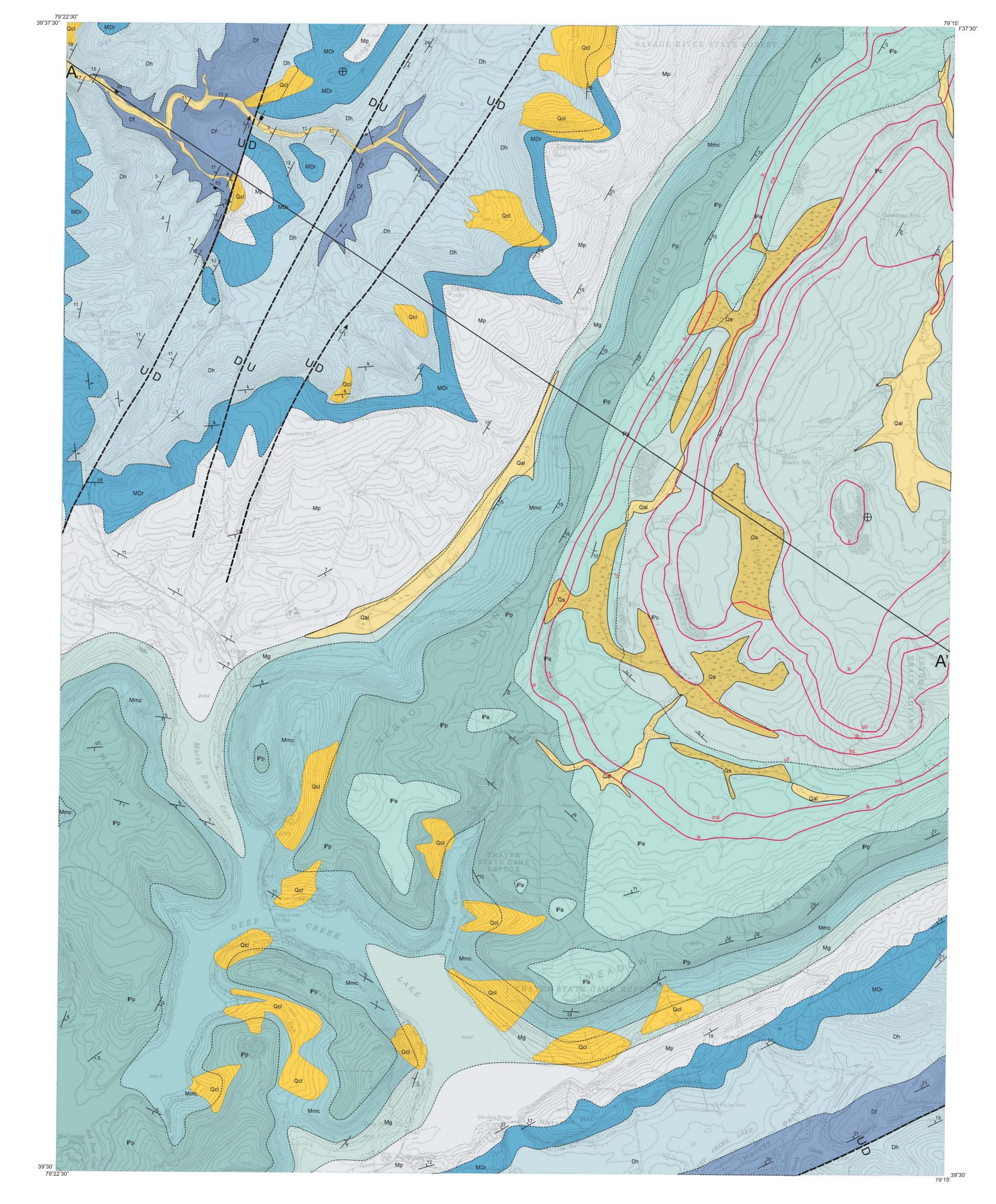
Hydrography

Stream

up thrown side.

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U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) US Topo 7.5-minute Series McHenry, MD quadrangle, 1947. Map revised 1974 Maryland State Plane Coordinate System FIPS 1900 (Projection: Lambert Conformal Conic, 1980 geodetic reference system) (Horizontal Datum: North American Datum 1983)

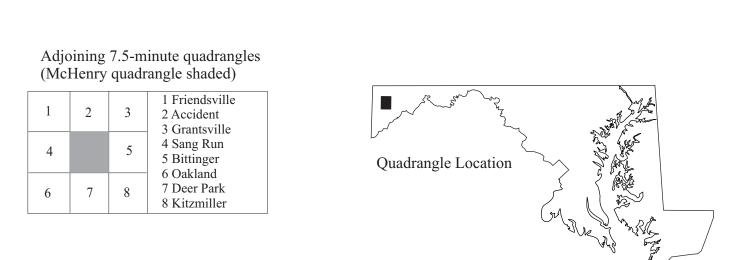
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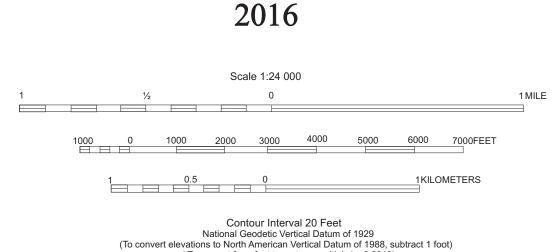
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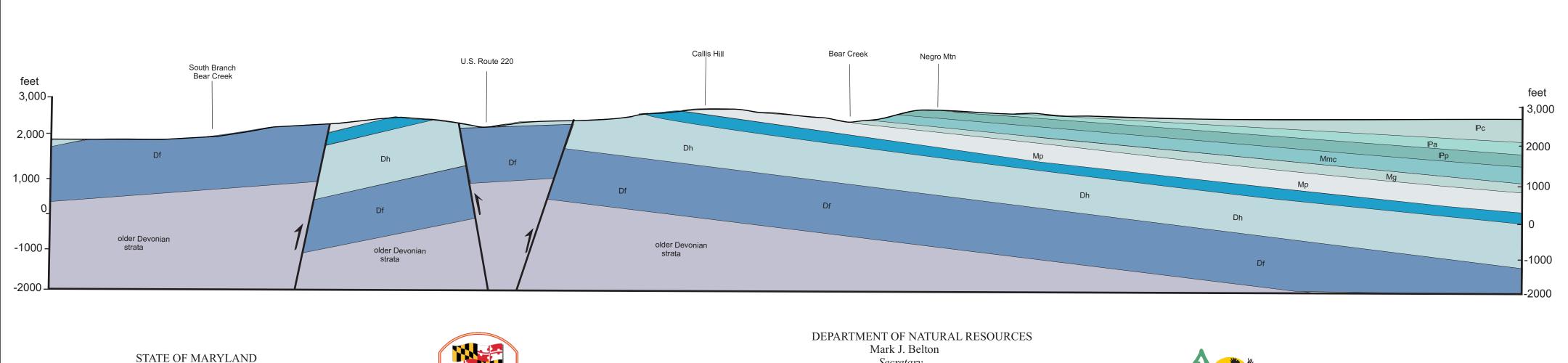
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