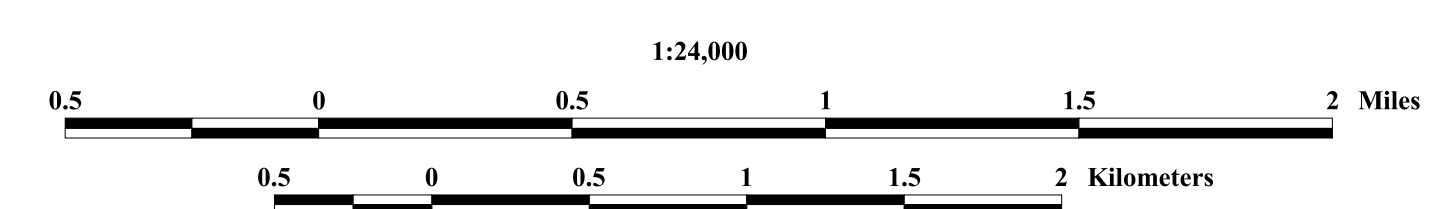
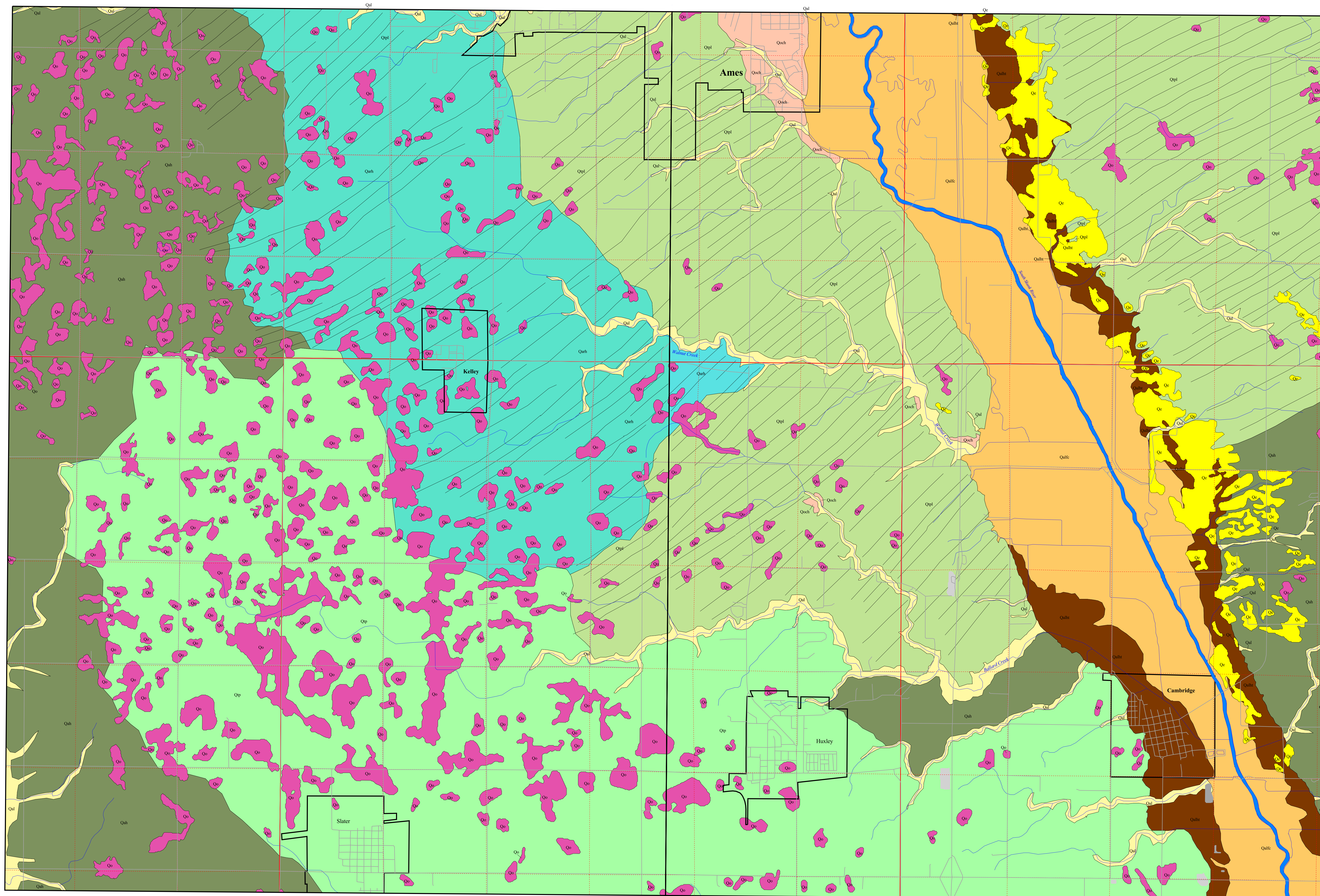


Surficial Geology of the Des Moines Lobe of Iowa Slater and Huxley 7.5' Quadrangles



**SURFICIAL GEOLOGIC MAP
OF THE DES MOINES LOBE OF IOWA**
Hurley and Slater 7.5' Quadrangles

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LEGEND
Description of Mapping Units

- Hudson Episode**
- Qd - Depressions** (Defunct Formation-Woods Mbr.) Generally 2.5 to 11 m of thick to very dark gray, calcareous mud, peat and silty clay loam calcareous and organic sediments in drained and abandoned, closed and semi-closed depressions. Overlies gray, calcareous, massive, dense loam dunes (Dows Fm.-Alton Mbr.) or Noah Creek Fm. sand and gravel. Associated with low relief features that occupy depressions and low sags on the landscape. Seasonal high water table.
 - Qd - Stream Valley - Alluvium** (Defunct Formation-Undifferentiated) Variable thickness of less than 1 m to 5 m of a very dark gray to brown, noncalcareous to calcareous, stratified silty clay loam, clay loam, loam to sandy loam alluvium and colluvium in stream valleys, on hilltops and in flood depressions. May overlie Dows Formation (Morgan or Alton Mbr.), Noah Creek Formation, or Manassas or Des Moines bedrock. Associated with low relief features. Floodplain, closed depressions, modern drainages or topographic positions on the landscape. Seasonal high water table and potential for frequent flooding.
 - Qd - Sand Dunes and Sand Sheets** (Dows Formation-sand facies) Generally less than 3 m of yellowish brown, massive, calcareous loamy sand to fine sand. It may overlie yellowish brown coarse-grained sand and gravel (Noah Creek Fm.), or it may overlie yellowish to gray silty loam, sandy calcareous, stratified loam to silt loam to sandy loam dunes (Dows Fm.-Morgan Mbr.). Usually restricted to a narrow belt along major river valley bottoms or adjacent uplands on the Des Moines Lobe.
 - Qdt - Des Moines and Noah River Valleys - High Terrace** (Defunct Formation-Gander Mbr. and Corrigan Mbr.) Variable thickness of less than 1 m to 7 m of very dark gray to brown, noncalcareous, silty clay loam, silty loam or silt loam. Overlies Noah Creek Formation-Occopec terrace and valley margin positions 2 to 3 meters above the modern floodplain. Seasonal high water table and low potential for flooding.
 - Qdt - Noah River Valley - Flood Basin Channel Bar** (Defunct Formation-Camp Creek Mbr. and Robert Creek Mbr.) Variable thickness of 2 to 6 m of very dark gray to brown, noncalcareous, massive to stratified silty clay loam to loam to sandy loam alluvium and colluvium in the Noah River valley. A fluvial overbank (120-30 m) sequence of medium sand to pebbly sand overlies the Noah Creek Formation. Associated with low relief features. Seasonal high water table and potential for frequent flooding.
- Late Wisconsin Episode**
- Qtp - Till Plain** (Dows Formation-Morgan Mbr.) Less than 8 m of yellowish brown, calcareous, fractured, stratified loam to silt loam to sandy loam dunes; textures can be quite variable. Overlies gray, calcareous, massive, dense loam dunes (Dows Fm.-Alton Mbr.). Low to moderate relief (1-3 m), undulating plains with irregular patterns. Seasonal high water table.
 - Qtp - Till Plain with Lined and Ridge Facies** (Dows Formation-Morgan Mbr.) Less than 8 m of yellowish to grayish brown, calcareous, fractured, stratified loam to silt loam to sandy loam dunes; textures can be quite variable. Overlies gray, calcareous, massive, dense loam dunes (Dows Fm.-Alton Mbr.). Low relief (less than 1 m) to local relief, slightly undulating plains with irregular surface patterns. **Aligned Ridge Facies** (Dows Formation-Morgan Mbr.) Less than 8 m of yellowish brown, often calcareous, stratified loam to silt loam to sandy loam dunes; textures can be quite variable. Evidence of channeling is sometimes present. Overlies gray, calcareous, massive, dense loam dunes (Dows Fm.-Alton Mbr.). Well to moderately well defined linear ridges, oriented transverse to glacier flow, are inset on till plain. Ridges are moderate to high relief features (3-8 m). Overall landform includes well and wide topography. Seasonal high water table.
 - Qch - Outwash Channels** (Noah Creek Formation) Generally less than 7 m of yellowish brown coarse-grained sand and gravel. Overlies gray, calcareous, massive, dense loam dunes (Dows Fm.-Alton Mbr.). In valley positions, it occurs at the land surface of older terraces. On the modern floodplain, it is buried by Dows Fm. alluvium. Low relief landforms expressed as broad terraces, long narrow longitudinal terraces or cusped-shaped point terraces. Outwash terraces in the Des Moines River valley are predominantly bracketed on a gray, calcareous, massive, dense loam dunes (Dows Fm.-Alton Mbr.). A few are based on Pennsylvanian bedrock, which is primarily dolomite, siltstone, sandstone and mudstone associated with the Chouteau Group.
 - Qak - Aligned Hammocky Ridge Facies** (Dows Formation-Pike Knob Mbr. - Morgan Mbr.) Greater than 4 m and less than 10 m of yellowish brown, calcareous, stratified, sand and gravel with interbedded stratified loam dunes or yellowish to grayish brown, calcareous, fractured, stratified loam to silt loam to sandy loam dunes; textures can be quite variable. In depressions and sags on upland surfaces, the sand and gravel may be buried by Dows Fm. alluvium. Overlies gray, calcareous, massive, dense loam dunes (Dows Fm.-Alton Mbr.). Fair to well-defined aligned and elongated hammocky ridges oriented transverse to glacier flow are inset on till plain. Hammocky ridges are moderate to high relief features (3-8 m). Occasionally, these elongated hammocks consist primarily of sand and gravel and exhibit evidence of synsedimentary collapse (Dows Fm.-Pike Knob Mbr.). Overall map unit can be hammocky or swill and wide topography. Low to moderate relief (3-8 m) on aligned hammocks. Seasonal high water table.
 - Qat - Aligned Ridge to Aligned Hammocky Ridge Facies** (Dows Formation-Morgan Mbr.) Greater than 2 m and less than 8 m of yellowish to grayish brown, calcareous, fractured, stratified loam to silt loam to sandy loam dunes; textures can be quite variable. Overlies gray, calcareous, massive, dense loam dunes (Dows Fm.-Alton Mbr.). Low to moderate relief, less than 1 m to local relief, slightly undulating plains with irregular surface patterns. **Aligned Ridge to Aligned Hammocky Ridge Facies** (Dows Formation-Morgan Mbr.) Less than 8 m of yellowish brown, often calcareous, stratified loam to silt loam to sandy loam dunes; textures can be quite variable. Evidence of channeling is sometimes present. Overlies gray, calcareous, massive, dense loam dunes (Dows Fm.-Alton Mbr.). Fair to moderately well-defined aligned ridges to elongated hammocks oriented transverse to glacier flow are inset on till plain. Ridges or aligned hammocks are low to moderate relief features (3-8 m). Overall landform includes well and wide topography. Seasonal high water table.
 - Qp - Pin and Quarries** Limestone quarries and sand and gravel pits. Extent mapped as shown in county soil surveys.
 - QF - Fill** Areas of major land filling. Fill associated with railroad grade, highway grade and land leveling. Variable in texture ranging from loamy to sandy to concrete rubble. Extent mapped as shown in county soil surveys.
- Ash of Inclusion

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