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GEOLOGIC MAP of the MADISON QUADRANGLE

Madison, Rankin, and Hinds
Counties, Mississippi

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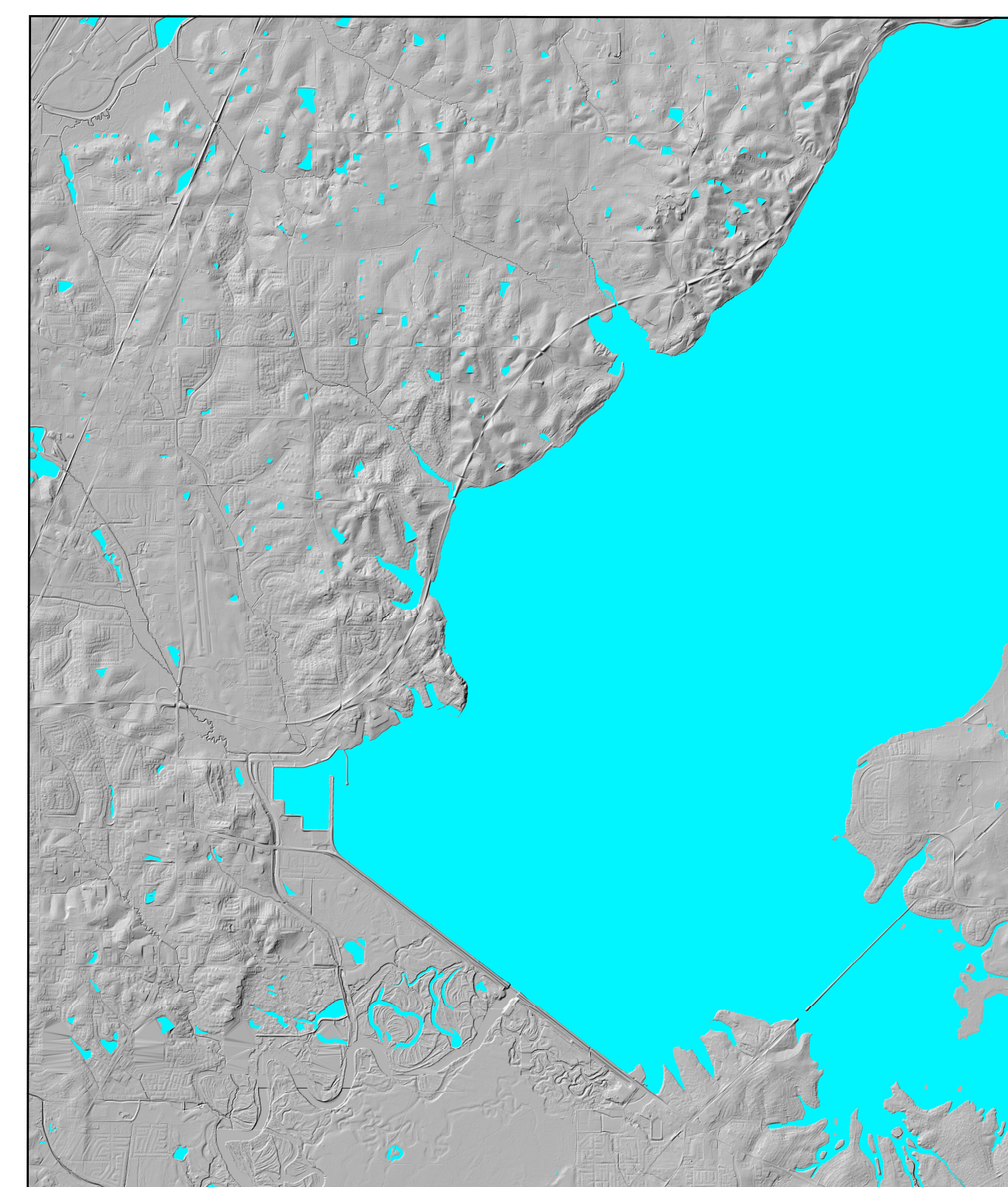
Dedicated to
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CORRELATION OF MAP UNITS

DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

HOLOCENE	Fill	Artificial Fill A significant amount of recent fill, not all represented on this map, is found in and around the Ross Barnett Reservoir area.
		ALLUVIUM Flood plain sands, silts, clays, and quartz gravels. Thickness is variable and is dependent upon the size of the associated stream; thickest, up to 45 feet, along the Pearl River flood plain. Minor quartz gravel is present along the active channel of the Pearl River in Section 3, 4, and 9, Township 6 North, Range 2 East. Silicified wood common.
QUATERNARY	Qal	LOESS Silt, buff to tan, pale yellow, red, or gray. Loess represented in this quadrangle is highly weathered, leached, noncalcareous and clayey; also referred to as brown loam. Loess deposits unconformably blanket the underlying units, but in this quadrangle area, loess cover is discontinuous and is not of a significant thickness to be mapped.
		TERRACE DEPOSITS Sand, yellowish brown to reddish brown, fine- to medium-grained, silty to clayey, locally contains silicified wood and logs, commonly exhibits a coarsening downward fluvial sequence, with rip-up clay clast conglomerate near unconformable basal contact with the Yazoo Clay. Predominantly associated with the Pearl River drainage system and confluences of its tributaries. Terrace thickness is variable from approximately 1 foot up to 30 feet.
PLEISTOCENE	Qt	YAZOO CLAY Clay, bluish-green to bluish gray, weathers yellowish brown to tan, montmorillonitic, calcareous, silty, locally fossiliferous, locally contains framboidal pyrite. Weathered sections commonly exhibit selenite gypsum, jarosite, and weathered pyritic in the form of limonite. Due to its high shrink-swell potential, the Yazoo Clay poses a high-risk for engineering and construction projects. A typical marine shell bed is visible along the east bank of Pearl River in (SE 1/4, SE 1/4, Section 3, Township 6 North, Range 2 East. Total thickness is approximately 450 feet, however, the maximum thickness in the quadrangle is approximately 380 feet in the southeast portion of the quadrangle.
TERTIARY	Ty	

H-0025 Drill-hole locality and identification number
X Abandoned surface mine pit



1 0.5 0 1 2 3 4 5 Miles
Composite Bare Earth: Madison & Yazoo; Rankin & Simpson; and the Hinds County MS LIDAR Hillshade of the Madison Quadrangle.

Structural Cross-Section of the Madison 7.5-Minute Geologic Quadrangle

