

All pre-Mesozoic rocks of the Northwest Durham quadrangle have been metamorphosed to at least the chlorite zone of the greenschist metamorphic facies. Many of the rocks display a weak or strong metamorphic foliation. Although subparallel, the rocks retain distinct igneous, pyroclastic, and sedimentary textures and structures that allow for the identification of protolith rocks. As such, the prefix "meta" is not included in the nomenclature of the pre-Mesozoic rocks described in the quadrangle.

The nomenclature of the International Union of Geological Sciences submission on igneous and volcanic rocks (IUGS after Streckeisen (1973 and 1979)) is used in classification and naming of the units. The classification and naming of the rocks is based on relict igneous textures, modal mineral assemblages, or normalized mineral assemblages when whole-rock geochemical data is available. Pyroclastic rock terminology follows that of Fisher and Schmincke (1984).

- Sedimentary Units**
- Qal** - **alluvium**: Unconsolidated clay, silt, sand and gravel to cobble-sized clasts, subrounded to angular, deposited in drainages.
  - Trcsu** - **Chatham Group Lithofacies Association 1**: Pinkish-gray, light gray, and light tan, fine- to coarse-grained, micaceous, slightly clayey, moderately poorly to moderately well sorted, subangular to subrounded arkose and lithic arkose; maroon, very silty, micaceous, moderately well sorted, fine-grained sandstone; and maroon, massive, and thickly laminated, barbotined, micaceous to very micaceous, silty and impure. Muscovite flakes up to 3 mm diameter are common especially in the siltstone. Fine-grained flakes of feldspar in the arkose and lithic arkose is a distinctive accessory. Randomly oriented and vertical, cylindrical mineral inclusions filled with pale-green, fine-grained, quartz sandstone are interpreted as horizons. Bedding, when observed, is parallel to slightly wavy, occurring as thick laminations to thinly bedded (0.5 cm to 1 cm). These rocks are assigned to the Lithofacies Association 1 of Hoffman and Gallagher, 1989 and Watson, 1989. The elastic rocks of Lithofacies Association 1 are interpreted to have been deposited in a braided stream fluvial system.
  - Trcsv** - **Chatham Group western border conglomerates**: Reddish-brown to dark brown, matrix to clast supported, pebble to cobble conglomerate, clasts are subrounded to rounded consisting of primarily quartz and foliated and unfoliated felsic volcanic rocks; matrix consists of coarse to very coarse sand.
- Intrusive and Meta-Intrusive Units**
- Jd** - **Diabase**: Black to greenish-black, melanocratic, fine- to medium-grained, dense, consists primarily of plagioclase, augite, and may contain olivine. Occurs as sills and dikes up to 100 ft wide. Locally gabbric in style. Typically occurs as dense, spherulitically weathered boulders with a grayish-brown weathering rind. Red station location indicates outcrop or boulders of diabase. Whole rock geochemistry data for several samples in the Durham area are presented in Gottfried et al. (1991) and Brown et al. (1985).
  - Zgd-gr-p** - **Granodiorite to granite of Piny Mountain Creek area**: Composite pluton of dominantly medium-grained hornblende granodiorite with lesser amounts of medium-grained hornblende granite. Typically contains dark green to black less than 1 mm to 4 mm clots of actinolite (?), amphibole and chlorite masses. Locally contains pinkish-buff feldspars.
  - Zgd** - **Granodiorite**: Leucocratic to mesocratic, fine- to medium-grained, equigranular to porphyritic granodiorite. May contain quartz diorite and diorite. Typically contains dark green to black less than 1 mm to 4 mm clots of actinolite (?), amphibole and chlorite masses. Locally contains pinkish-buff feldspars. Plagioclase grains are often sericitized and saussuritized and may exhibit a greenish color.
  - Zgd-porphyritic** - **Porphyritic granodiorite**: Greenish-gray with pinkish-buff, amphibole-bearing, porphyritic granodiorite with plagioclase phenocrysts. Plagioclase phenocrysts are green from saussurization and range from 2 to 8 mm in a matrix of very fine-grained quartz and alkali-feldspar. Weathered surface exhibits a distinct strongly porphyritic texture. Porphyritic feldspar of the Buckwater Creek Pluton of Newton (1983).
  - Zzhi** - **Dacitic shallow intrusives**: Gray-green, light green to green; plagioclase porphyritic dacite with a granular-textured groundmass to very fine-grained granodiorite (with intrusive texture visible with 7x hand lens). Contains lesser amounts of fine- to medium-grained granodiorite locally present. Plagioclase phenocrysts typically range from 1 mm to 4 mm. Black colored amphibole, when visible, occurs as phenocrysts (less than 1 mm to 1 mm) and an intergrowth with plagioclase. Amphibole intergrowths distinguish rock from fine-grained tuff. Enclaves of dark gray, plagioclase porphyritic dacite are common and at times give rock a gneissoid appearance. Locally xenoliths of rocks are present. Generally equivalent to Unit B of Wright (1974).
  - Zdi** - **Diorite**: Greenish-gray to gray, fine- to medium-grained, hornblende diorite. Major minerals include plagioclase and hornblende. Plagioclase crystals are typically sericitized and saussuritized. Hornblende is typically altered to chlorite and actinolite masses. May be foliated.
- Metavolcanic Units**
- Zq** - **Quartz bodies**: White, beige, red, and tan, sugary to porcelaneous; very fine- to medium-grained massive quartz rock to quartzite-like rock. Outcrops are usually massive. Quartzite-like rock is occasionally mixed with sericite and/or pyrophyllite. The addition of sericite and/or pyrophyllite gives the otherwise massive quartzite-like rock a foliation. Pyrite is present as cubic crystals and empty cubic molds of crystals (up to 12 mm). Map areas contain boulders (up to several feet in diameter) and outcrops of white colored massive quartz.
  - Zzp** - **Mixed epicalcic-pyroclastic rocks**: Green, grayish-green to greenish-gray, silty, tuffaceous sandstones, conglomerate sandstones and conglomerate. Minor phyllite. The silty sandstones are weakly phyllitic. Contains lesser amounts of fine to coarse tuff and lapilli tuff. Silty sandstone or selected shales rock similar to Zai unit are present near contacts with other units. Minor andesitic to basaltic lavas and tuffs.
  - Zzft** - **Intermediate to felsic lavas and tuffs with epidotes**: Green-gray to gray, weakly foliated to well foliated, dacite to andesitic volcaniclastic pyroclastic and sedimentary rocks interpreted as tuffs, reworked tuffs and volcanic sandstones to siltstones interlayered with dacite to andesitic lavas.
  - Zzmt** - **Matrix supported tuffs**: Green-gray to green, weakly foliated to well foliated, matrix supported, polymictic, lapilli tuffs and tuff breccias. Matrix consists of fine- to coarse tuffs, lapilli tuffs and minor welded tuffs. Layering ranges from massive to thinly bedded. Contains lesser amounts of volcaniclastic sedimentary rocks consisting of volcanic sandstones, and greywackes with minor siltstones and phyllite. Minor andesitic to basaltic lavas and tuffs. Distinctive plagioclase + quartz crystal tuff present in unit in higher stratigraphic zones near the Zzp unit.
  - Zzf** - **Felsic tuffs of the Few's Ford area**: Dominantly light-green to dark-green, massive to weakly foliated tuffs. Interlayered with light-gray to gray, massive to weakly foliated lapilli tuff, a distinctive purple-colored coarse tuff and dark-gray to black, andesitic to dacitic, cryptocrystalline lava similar in appearance to the lava present in the Zai unit in the Hillsborough quadrangle (Bradley et al. 2005). 1-5% accessory sulfide minerals commonly present.
  - Zzc** - **Felsic tuffs of the Cole quarry area**: Greenish-gray; massive to strongly foliated, dense; plagioclase crystal-fragment-rich coarse tuff. Strong foliation is interpreted to be result of primary volcanic welding and/or compaction. 1-5% accessory sulfide minerals commonly present. Outcrops and boulders typically display a white weathering rind.
  - Zzs** - **Felsic tuffs of the St. Mary's Church area**: Grayish-green to greenish-gray, silty-gray, and gray, massive to foliated, volcaniclastic pyroclastic tuff consisting of fine- to coarse tuffs, lapilli tuffs and minor welded tuffs. Layering ranges from massive to thinly bedded. Contains lesser amounts of volcaniclastic sedimentary rocks consisting of volcanic sandstones, and greywackes with minor siltstones and phyllite. Minor andesitic to basaltic lavas and tuffs. Distinctive plagioclase + quartz crystal tuff present in unit in higher stratigraphic zones near the Zzp unit.
  - Zat** - **Altered tuffs**: Very light-gray, light-greenish-gray to white, mottled red and yellow, altered tuffs. Alteration of felsic tuffs have produced sericite-quartz phyllite, rock of pyrophyllite, and quartz + pyrophyllite rock all with common less than 1 mm to 2 mm diameter cubic pyrite aggregates and goethite-lined molds of pyrite crystals. Relict lithic clasts and kaolinitized feldspar crystal shards are visible in some outcrops. Relict structures are obliterated in heavily altered rocks.
  - Zait** - **Dacitic lavas and tuffs**: Distinctive dark gray to black, silty, cryptocrystalline lava, porphyritic lava with plagioclase phenocrysts, and flow banded dacite lavas. Interlayered with gray to black, welded and non-welded coarse tuff and lapilli tuff. Tuffs often contain black-colored laminae, up to 10 cm, interpreted as flattened pumice. Clast types include black cryptocrystalline lava and porphyritic lava with plagioclase phenocrysts. Differentiation between lavas and massive tuffs is difficult in hand sample in most cases. The lavas are interpreted to have been coherent magma that were extrusive or very shallow intrusions associated with dacite dikes. Tuff interbeds are interpreted to be shallow intrusions. Flow deposits and air fall tuffs generated during eruption of domes. Includes portions of Wright (1974) unit C and C<sub>2</sub>.
  - Zaitf** - **Andesitic to dacitic lavas and tuffs**: Distinctive black to dark gray, porphyritic lava with plagioclase phenocrysts (up to 4 mm) and flow banded lava with local amygdalae. Interlayered with the lavas are gray to black, welded and non-welded, coarse tuff, lapilli tuff, and tuff breccia. Lavas with relict hydroclastic texture and amygdalae as well as exposed in the former Nello Teer Quarry south of the Eno River.

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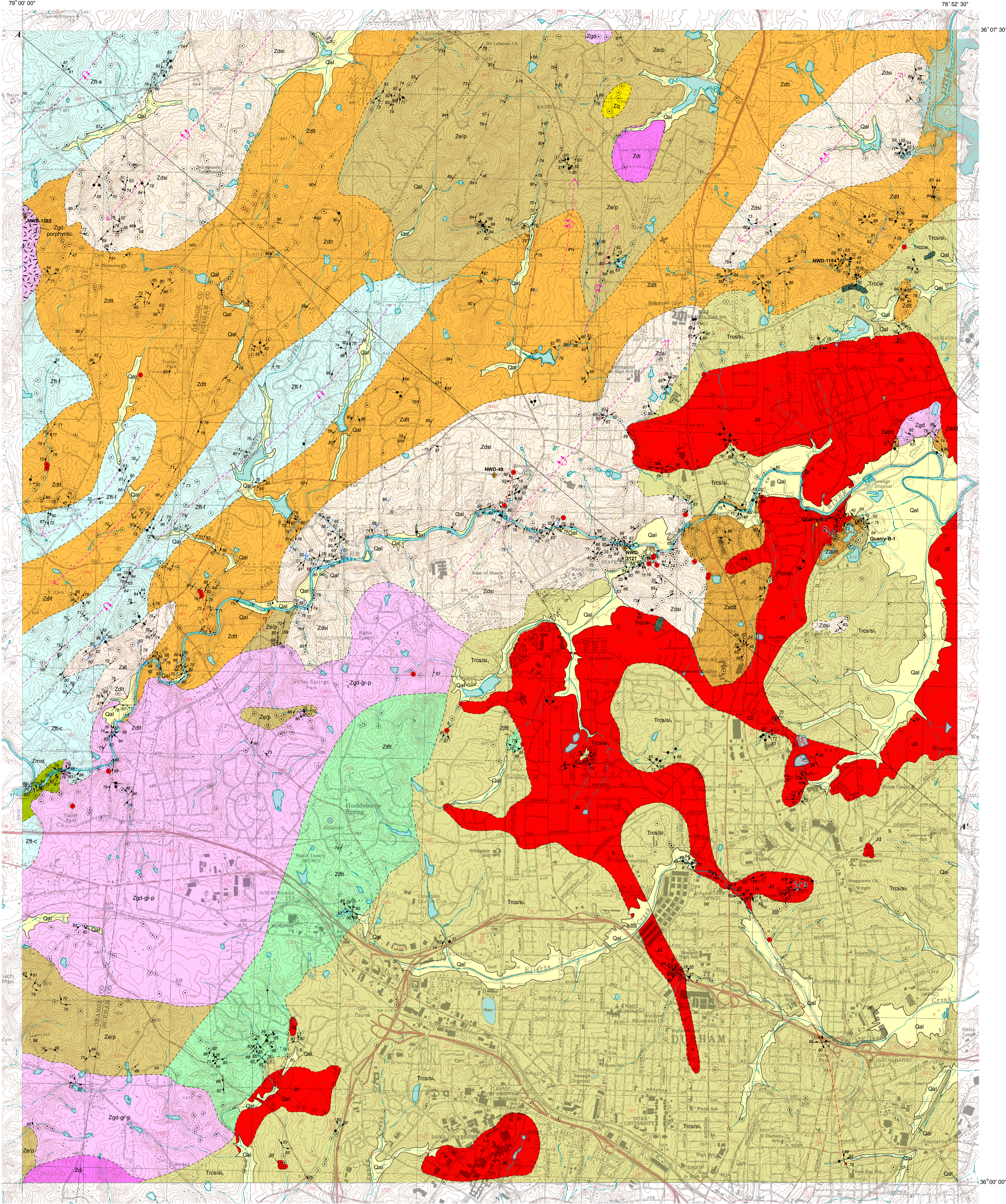
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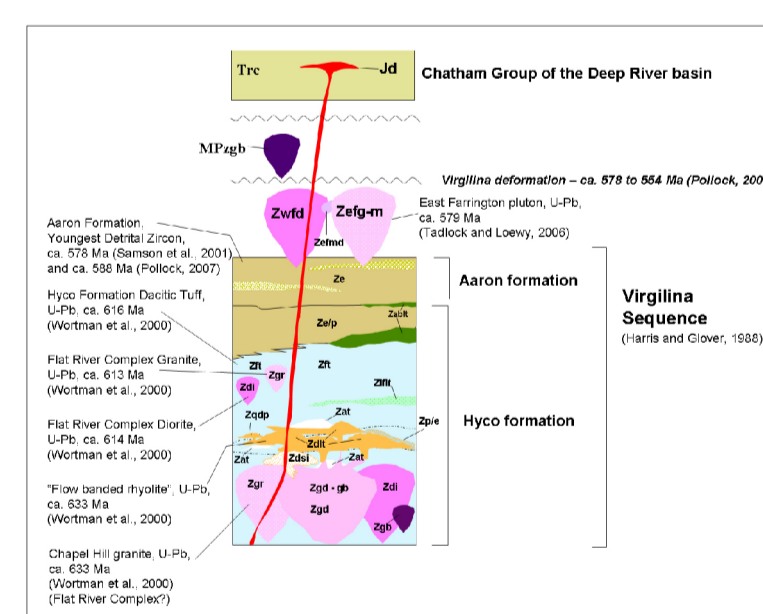
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PLEASE NOTE: This map replaces the Northwest Durham quadrangle portion of NCGS Open File Report 2004-03 (Phillips et al., 2004).



Schematic representation of relationships of geologic units in the Orange and Durham counties, NC area. Includes geologic units from the Chapel Hill, White Cross, Eiland, Farmington, Caldwell and Cedar Grove geologic maps. Not all units represented in the Northwest Durham quadrangle.

EXPLANATION OF MAP SYMBOLS

- CONTACTS**
- inferred geologic contact
  - concealed geologic contact
  - diabase dike trend
  - in cross section, fold form lines
  - inferred fold hinge of plunging overturned anticline, dotted where concealed
  - inferred fold hinge of plunging overturned syncline, dotted where concealed
  - inferred fold hinge of doubly plunging overturned anticline, dotted where concealed
  - in cross section, inferred fold axis
- observation station location  
● diabase station location  
NWD-49 ● geochemical sample location

PLANAR FEATURES

- Planar feature symbols may be combined with location symbols.
- strike and dip of primary bedding and layering
  - strike and dip of overturned primary bedding and layering
  - strike and dip of primary volcanic compaction and/or welding foliation
  - strike and dip of foliation
  - strike and dip of vertical foliation
  - strike and dip of cleavage
  - strike and dip of vertical cleavage
  - strike and dip of high strain foliation
  - strike and dip of vertical high strain foliation
  - strike and dip of joint
  - strike and dip of vertical joint
  - horizontal joint
  - strike and dip of slicken plane
  - trend of plunge of slicken line

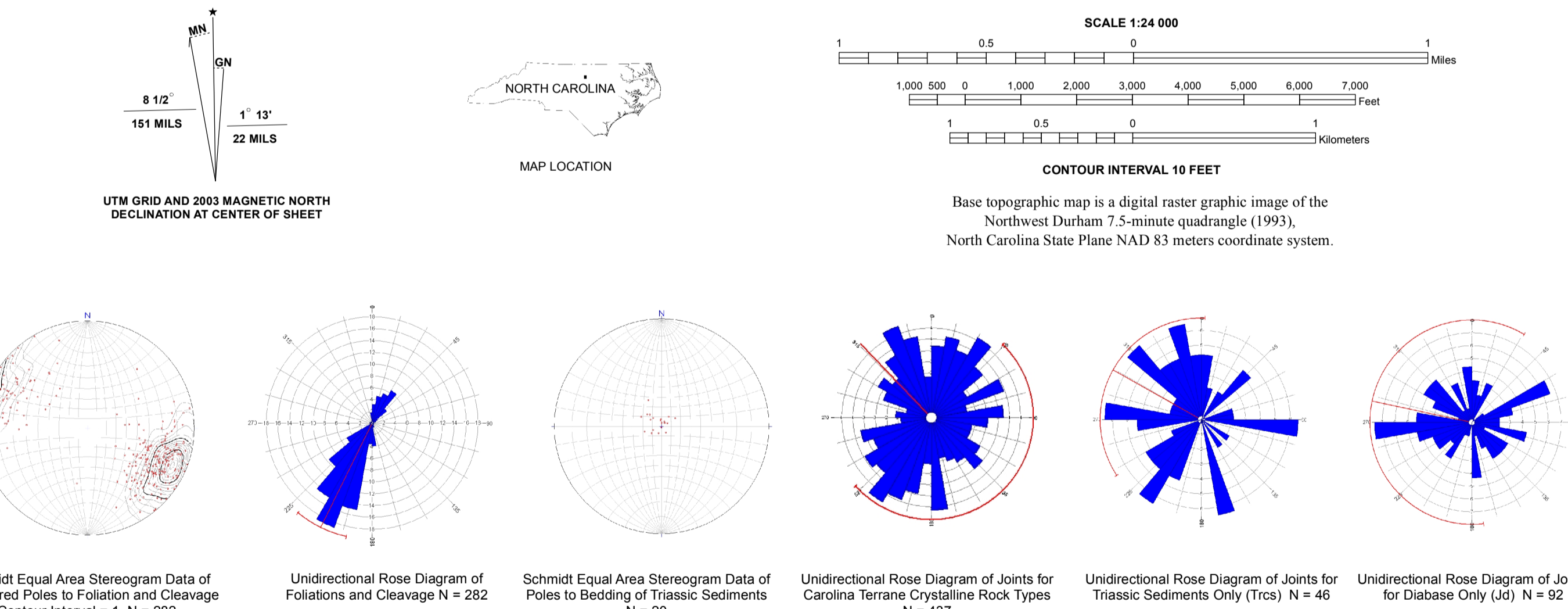
- LINEAR FEATURE**
- inactive quarry and abandoned quarries
  - Abandoned quarry on Eno River State Park property. Known as Cate's Quarry or Eno Quarry
  - Active former Nello Teer Quarry
  - Abandoned quarry on Museum of Life and Sciences property - Location of mafic rock standard DNC-1 (Fanagan, 1984). Known as Braggtown Quarry.



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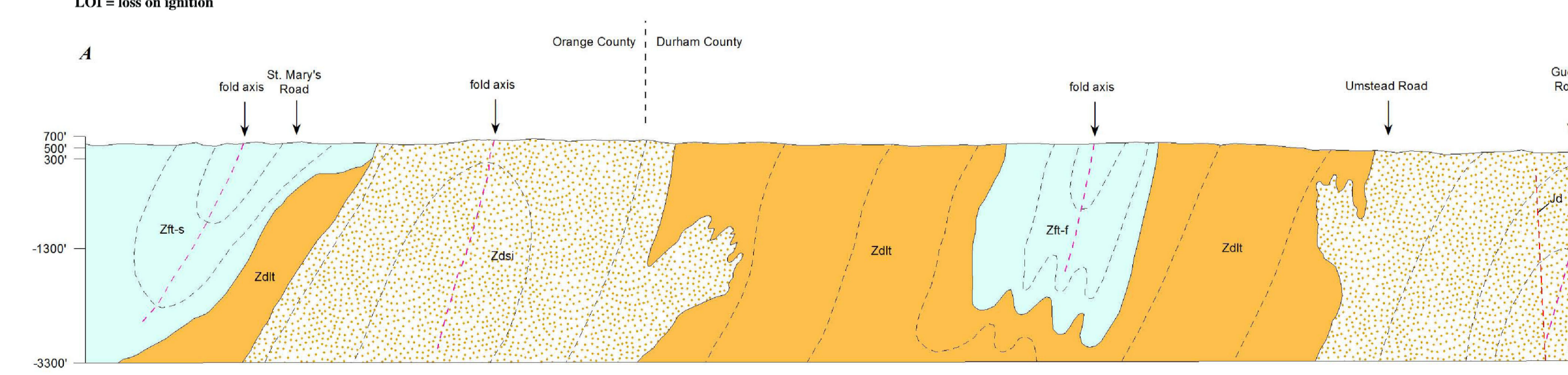


Base topographic map is a digital raster graphic image of the Northwest Durham 7.5-minute quadrangle (1993), North Carolina State Plane NAD 83 meters coordinate system.

SAMPLE ID	Rock Type	Map Unit	OXIDES IN PERCENT														SELECTED ELEMENTS IN PPM													
			SiO2	Al2O3	CaO	MgO	Na2O	K2O	Fe2O3	MnO	TiO2	P2O5	Cr2O3	LOI	Sum	Ba	Ce	Co	Cu	Ni	Nb	Sm	Sr	Ta	Y	Zn	Zr			
NWD-49	plagioclase porphyritic dacite	Zdi	67.38	15.87	2.66	6.94	4.74	2.84	3.88	0.07	0.43	0.1	0.05	1.35	100.2	928	57	7.7	16	23.5	14	4	446.8	<0.5	14.4	60	207.4			
NWD-1154	plagioclase porphyritic dacite	Zdi	67.94	15.7	1.53	0.9	6.31	2.53	3.87	0.08	0.46	0.11	0.04	0.75	100.2	921.9	55.7	7.4	7	23	12	3.9	327	<0.5	14.2	62	209.8			
NWD-1382	plagioclase porphyritic granodiorite	Zgd-porphyritic	69.99	13.79	3.19	0.27	4.29	2.51	2.68	0.08	0.27	0.05	0.04	3.2	100.5	1171.4	56.7	3.8	10	21.6	9	3.7	114.2	<0.5	15.7	48	223			
NWD-3197	basaltic dike intruding Zdi unit	Zdi	44.4	15.6	9.22	9.19	2.48	0.17	14.3	0.25	1.55	0.07	0.04	3.05	99.3	160	6.7	56.7	148	3	167	3.2	263	<0.5	28	NA	64			
Quarry-B-1 (58)	andesitic lava	Zaitf	56.6	17.5	3.35	1.39	1.93	1.58	8.22	0.09	1.19	0.05	<0.01	5.95	97.9	NA	29.4	19	41	14.9	14	3.8	NA	0.8	21.1	NA	133			
Quarry-B-1 (60)	andesitic lava	Zaitf	56.1	17	3.8	0.91	6.19	0.44	8.88	0.07	1.21	0.08	<0.01	4.05	98.7	NA	36.2	14.2	22	21.3	<5	5.1	NA	0.6	22.3	NA	105			
Quarry-B-1 (70)	andesitic lava	Zaitf	54.7	16	6.8	0.4	3.9	0.9	8.84	0.19	1.16	0.29	<0.01	2.1	98.1	NA	26.5	19.5	33	19.6	12	4.8	NA	0.5	28	NA	109			
Quarry-B-1 (90)	diacitic lava	Zaitf	62.9	15.2	5.09	1.54	5.64	0.58	5.34	0.11	0.79	0.23	<0.01	1.5	98.9	NA	32.5	9.5	32	21.4	5	5.4	NA	<0.5	30.9	NA	148			
Quarry-B-2 (100)	diabase	Jd	47.2	18.4	10.7	10.7	1.95	0.22	9.51	0.14	0.46	0.06	0.04	0.05	99.4	NA	7.5	54.9	119	4.8	276	1.4	NA	0.6	15.4	NA	30.6			

Geochemical analyses completed by SGS Minerals, Toronto, Canada for major and trace elements. Whole-rock analysis by method code XRF103 (NWD-1154, NWD-1382 and NWD-49), XRF787 (NWD-3127), XRF76Z (quarry samples) for major oxides and IMS95A (all samples). Analyses from quarry samples provided by CDML. Samples collected from two borings. Number in parenthesis indicate depth of sample in boring.

NA = No sample analysis  
PPM = parts per million  
LOI = loss on ignition



cross section scale - 1:24,000 no vertical exaggeration



**GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE NORTHWEST DURHAM 7.5-MINUTE QUADRANGLE, DURHAM AND ORANGE COUNTIES, NORTH CAROLINA**

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