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BEDROCK GEOLOGY OF THE WHITE PLAINS 7.5-MINUTE QUADRANGLE, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK

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DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

Autochthonous Rocks

ORDOVICIAN	Ow	Walloomsac Formation (Ow)	Gray or dark gray, fissile, sillimanite-garnet-muscovite-biotite schist that is commonly rusty-weathering due to the presence of sulfides; it is locally interbedded with calcite marble near the base, and calcite-bearing dark gray schist is locally present.
	Owm	Phlogopitic Marble Member (Owm)	Tan-weathering, gray, white, or blue-gray calcite marble that is commonly phlogopitic and is locally present at the base of the formation.
	Unconformity		
CAMBRIAN	Cid	Inwood Marble (Member D)	Interbedded gray dolomite marble, gray calcite marble, calcite-dolomite marble, and some calco-schist.
	Cic	Inwood Marble (Member C)	Thick-bedded, gray or blue-gray, and clean dolomite marble.
	Cib	Inwood Marble (Member B)	Interbedded gray, buff, pinkish tan, or cream dolomite marble, tan or reddish-brown calco-schist, purplish brown or tan siliceous calco-schist and granulites, tan quartzite, and calcite-dolomite marble are the dominant rock types; bedding 0.5 to 4 feet thick is prominent.
	Cia	Inwood Marble (Member A)	Well-bedded white, gray, or blue-gray dolomite marble.
	Cig	Lower Quartzite (Cig & Cig)	Tan- or buff-weathering, feldspathic quartzite or quartz-rich granulite, vitreous quartzite, and micaceous quartzite are typical; brownish- and locally rusty-weathering granulites and schists that commonly contain sillimanite are present locally at the base, particularly in the east. Cig is gray granulite shown separately on the northeast side of Beaver Hill.
MESOPROTEROZOIC	Zy	Yonkers Gneiss (Zy)	Pink, pale orange, or pale purplish-blue, well-foliated, biotite-hornblende-quartz-plagioclase-microcline gneiss; ferrochaotograptus with 2V of 10° to 20° typical amphibole; garnet, ilmenite, magnetite, fluorite, and pyrite (which is commonly altered to goethite) are locally present as accessory minerals; black or dark greenish-black amphibolite is often observed but constitutes less than 5 percent of the entire rock unit.
	Discontinuity of Uncertain Nature		
AGE UNCERTAIN	Yfcv	Childrens Village Unit (Yfcv)	Gray biotite and/or hornblende-quartz-feldspar gneiss with local garnet, brown-weathering garnet-biotite-quartz-feldspar gneiss, and amphibolites constitute the main rock types in this member; graphite is a common accessory mineral in many of the rocks to the southwest.
	Yfh	Harriman Road Reservoir Unit (Yfh)	Gray garnet-biotite-quartz-feldspar gneiss with local sillimanite and abundant amphibolite characterize this unit; deformed poikilitic garnets up to 6 inches in the long dimension are present in the gneissiferous gneisses; pyroxene that is rimmed by amphibole is common in the southwest and, although not indicated on the map, amphibolite can be mapped separately in the vicinity of the Harriman Road Reservoir.
	Yfei	East Irvington Unit (Yfei & Yfeip)	Gray or dark-gray biotite- and/or hornblende-quartz-feldspar gneiss, commonly with epidote and with minor amounts of calcite locally; the gneiss typically contains numerous white or pink quartz-feldspar layers and lenses; amphibolite is present in many exposures but is subordinate. Yfeip consists of pink hornblende-biotite-quartz-feldspar layers and lenses, commonly migmatitic, that are abundant in places and are common at or near the upper and lower contacts of Yfei but not restricted to these positions.
	Yfi	Interchange 9 Unit (Yfi)	Rusty-weathering sillimanite-garnet-biotite-quartz-feldspar schist or schistose gneiss with characteristic lavender garnet typifies this member; interbedded siliceous biotite gneiss or quartzite and local calcite and/or dolomite marble are also present. The marbles are known primarily in the vicinity of Core Brook.
	Yft	Tarrytown Reservoir Unit (Yft)	Interbedded gray garnet-biotite-quartz-feldspar gneisses with local quartz, gray biotite-rich quartz-feldspar gneiss, gray hornblende-biotite-quartz-feldspar gneiss, brown- to rusty-weathering biotite-quartz-feldspar gneiss, and brown amphibolite characterize this unit; locally sillimanite is prominently abundant in the gneisses.
	Yfta	Tarrytown Reservoir Unit (Yfta)	Gray biotite-quartz-feldspar gneiss with local garnet, bearing granular feldspar augen up to 1 inch in the long dimension; present locally at the base of Yft.

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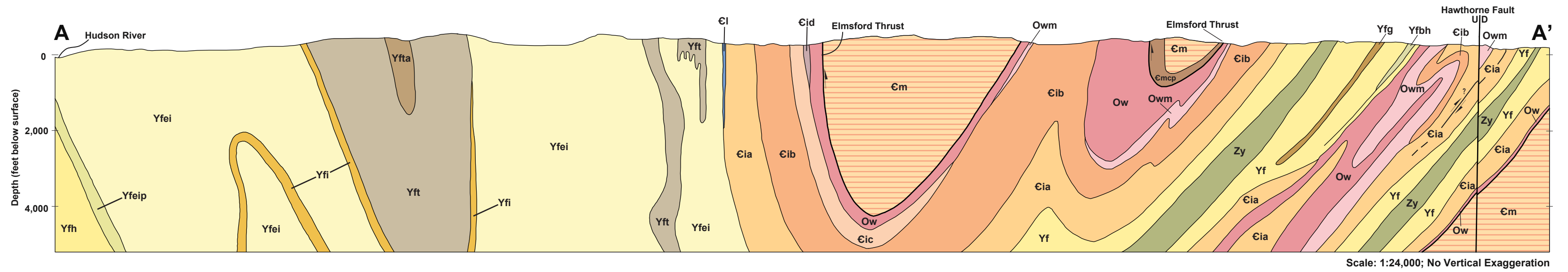
Och	Hartland Formation (Och)	Interbedded schists, schistose gneisses, granulites, and amphibolites. These rocks are brown-, gray-, or rusty-weathering, and many of the micaceous rocks have a spangled appearance as viewed on the foliation. Pegmatites are relatively common in this unit.
Cm	Manhattan Schist (Cm)	Predominantly brown-weathering, feldspathic, sillimanite-garnet-muscovite-biotite schist or schistose gneiss and minor amphibolite; sillimanite nodules are locally common in the pelitic rocks; magnetite is a typical accessory mineral and rocks in many exposures attract a magnet strongly; although siliceous beds are prominent locally, bedding is not commonly clearly defined.
Cmcp	Manhattan Schist (Central Park Avenue Amphibolite Member)	Discontinuous amphibolite and minor schist common at or near the base of Cm.
Zpg	Pegmatite (Zpg)	Light gray pegmatite in the vicinity of the White Plains Reservoirs; very coarse pegmatite with feldspar up to 3 feet long and coarse-grained quartz; also contains biotite, garnet, and hornblende; intrusive into the Yonkers Gneiss and may be Paleozoic.
Zg	Pegmatite (Zg)	Pale pink to pinkish-gray or gray granitic gneiss in the North White Plains region, perhaps related to the Yonkers Gneiss.

Intrusive Rocks

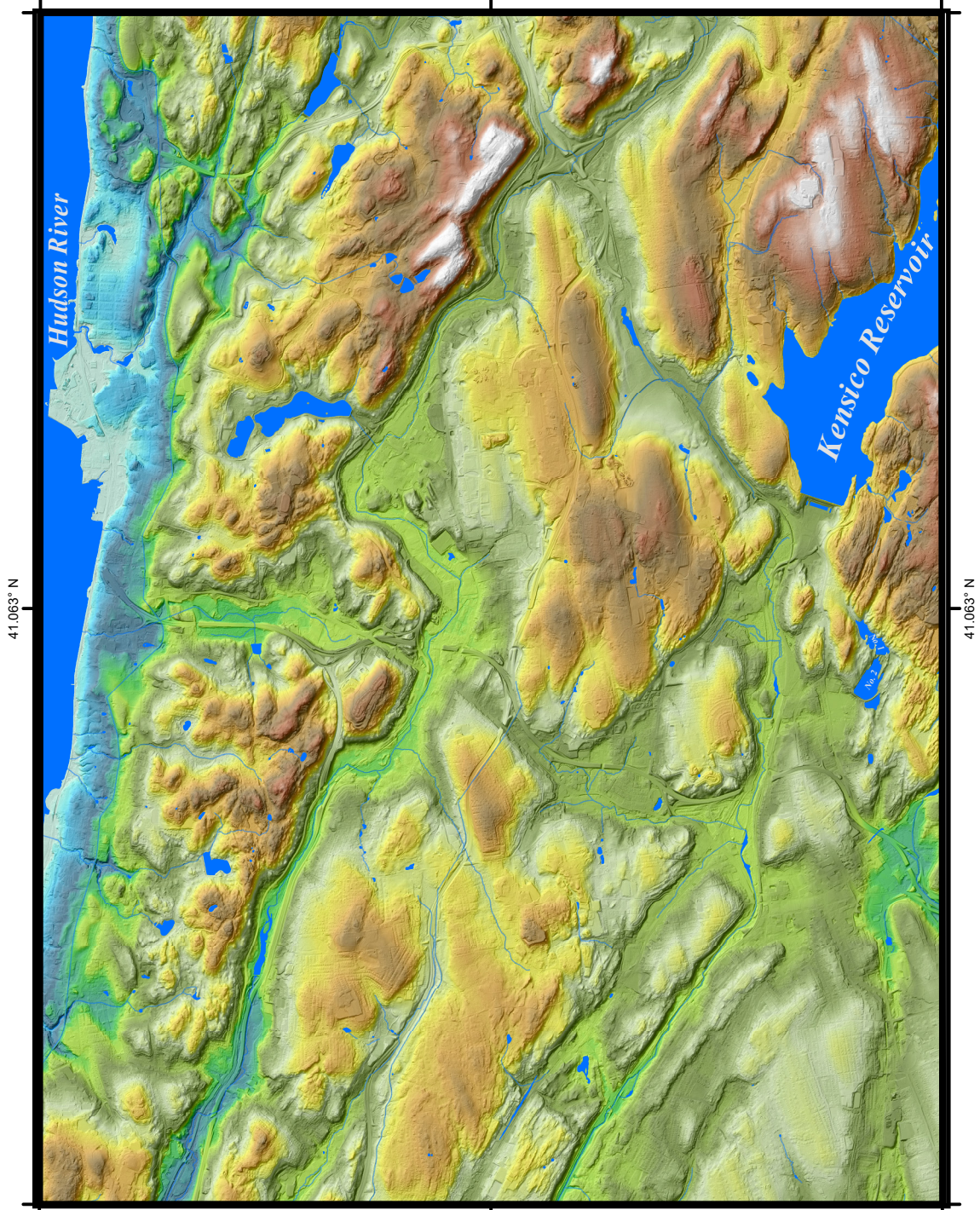
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Highway	Contact, Position Inferred	Topographic Lineament
Railroad	Fault, Position Definite	Horizontal Fold Axis
Water Body	Fault, Position Approximate	Fold Axis Lineation
Stream	Fault, Position Inferred	Bedding
Contour	Thrust Fault, Position Approximate	Overturned Bedding
Waterline	Thrust Fault, Position Inferred	Lineation
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Contact, Position Approximate		Vertical Foliation

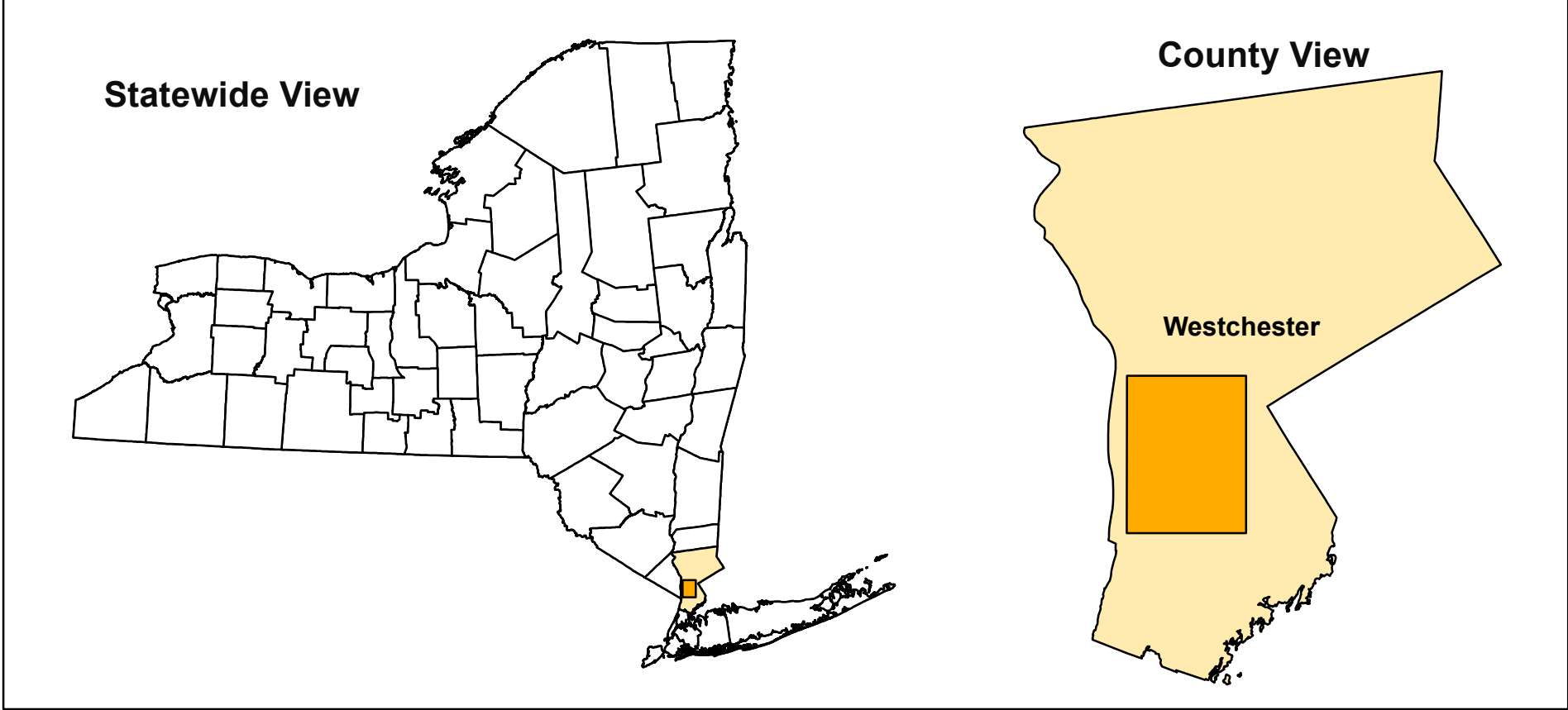
CROSS-SECTION A-A'



QUADRANGLE ELEVATION



QUADRANGLE LOCATION



ADJOINING QUADRANGLES

Howestraw	Ossining	Mount Kisco
Nyack	White Plains	Glenville
Yonkers	Mount Vernon	Manhasset

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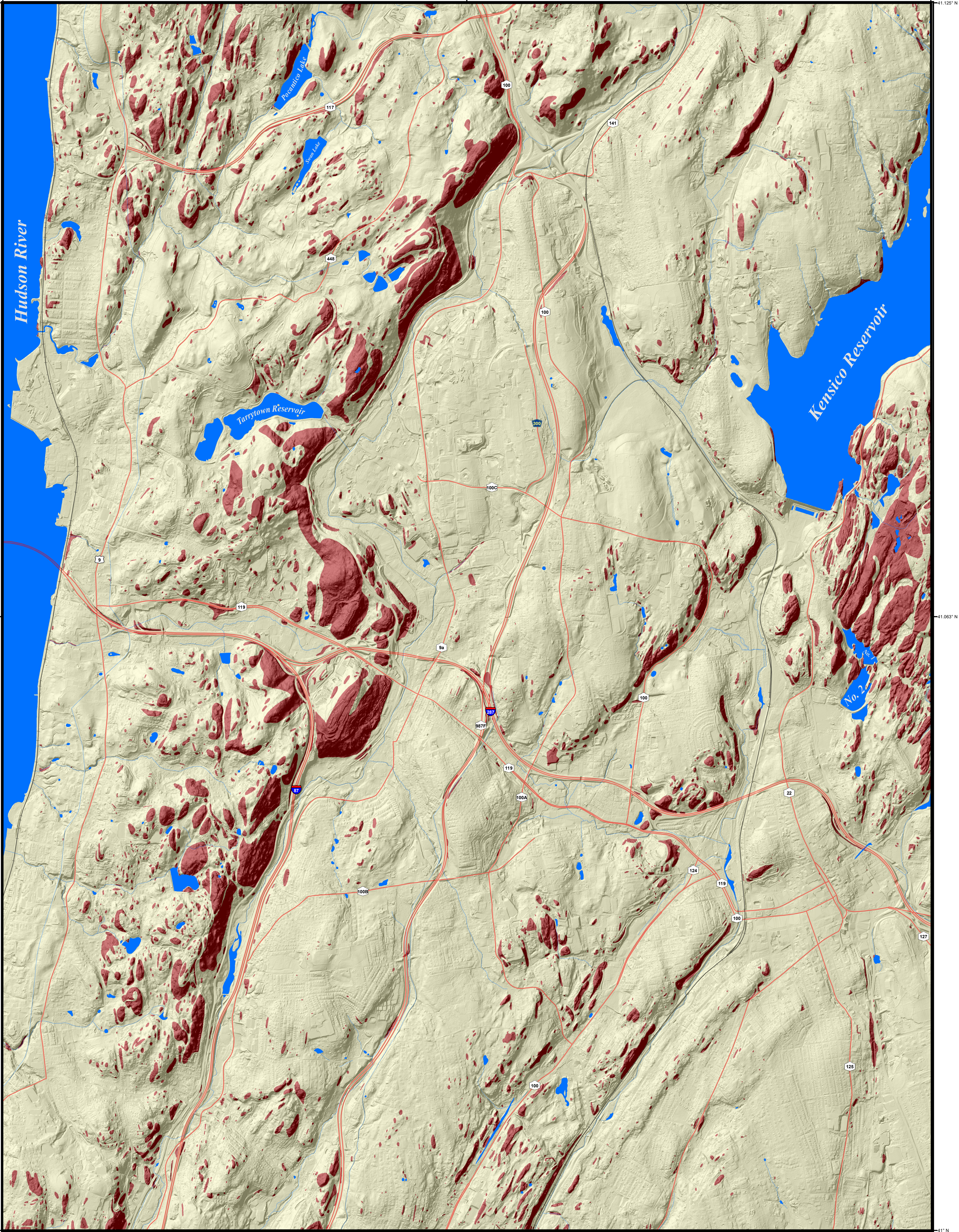
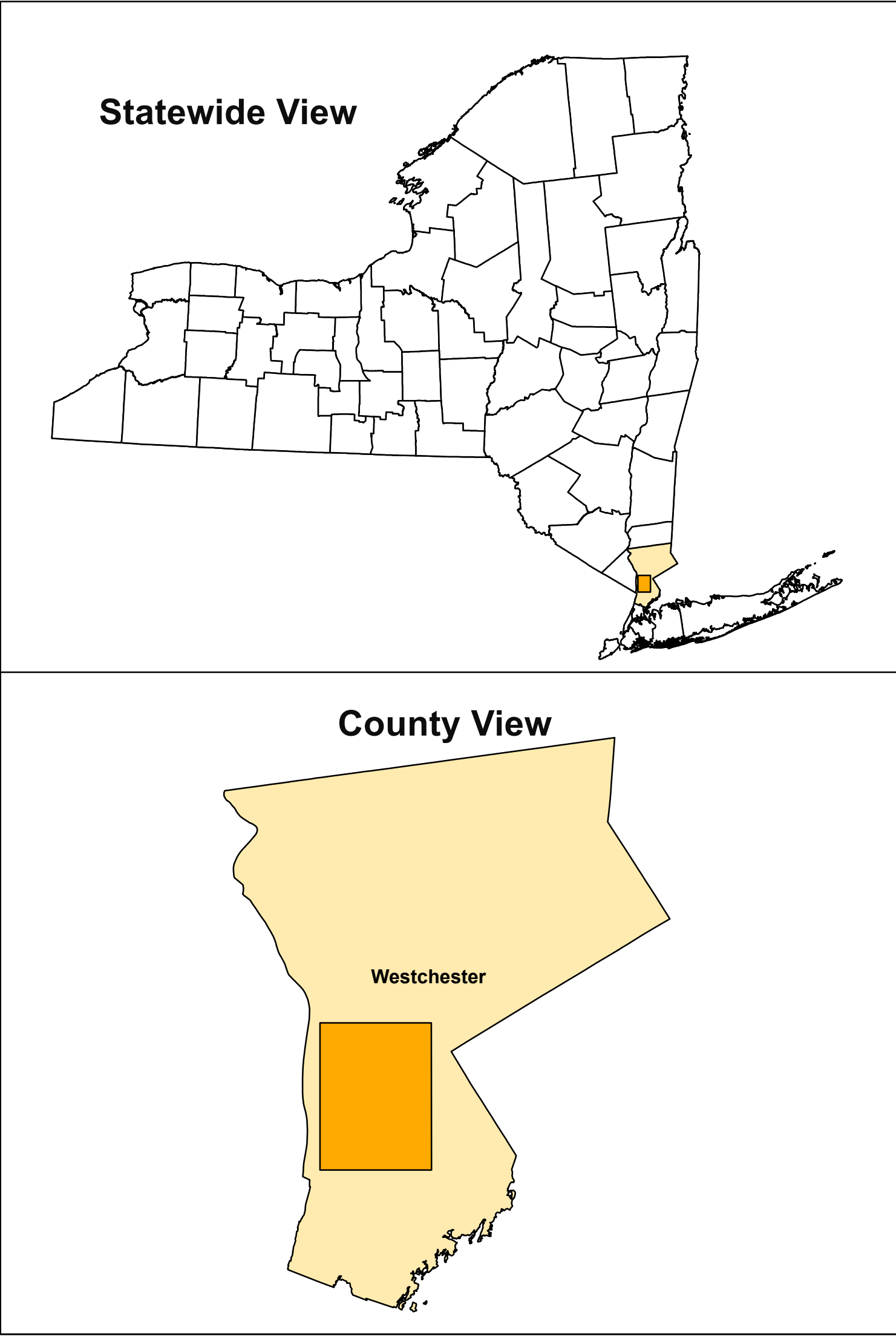


Bedrock Outcrop (Br)
Metamorphic rock that can range from Mesoproterozoic to Ordovician in age. May be covered by one meter or less of Quaternary-aged glacially and non-glacially derived sediment.

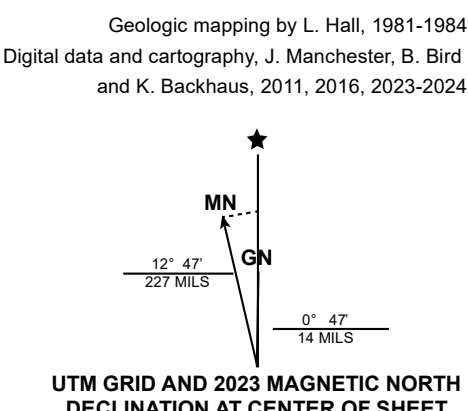
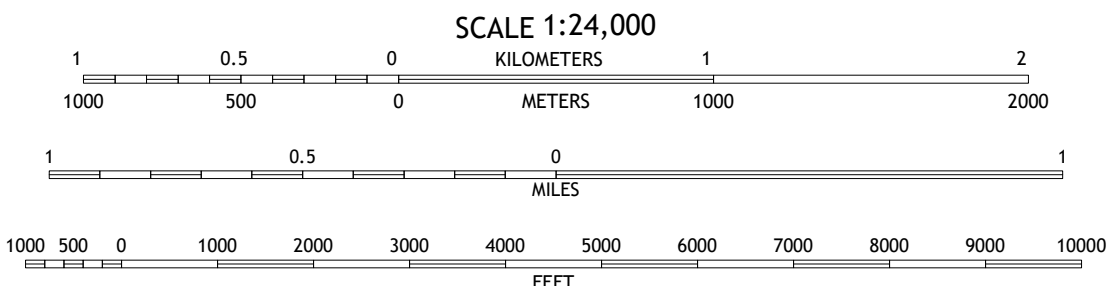


Quaternary Cover (Qc)
Glacially or non-glacially derived sediment of varying thicknesses overlying older metamorphic rock (Br).

QUADRANGLE LOCATION



Universal Transverse Mercator, Zone 18 N
North American Datum of 1983
Hydrology, and planimetry layers from the New York State DOT raster
quadrangle for Westchester County
(<https://gis.ny.gov/gisdata/inventories/member.cfm?OrganizationID=108>)
Geographic data layers from 2023 TIGER/Line shapes for transportation
(<https://www.census.gov/cgi-bin/geol/shapfiles/index.php>)
Shaded relief from FEMA 2019 1m lidar data sets
(<http://gis.ny.gov/elevation/index.cfm>)
Magnetic declination from the NOAA Online Declination Calculator
(<http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/geomap/web/declination>)
Field map, notes and draft maps available through the NYSGS Open File
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