

Responding to

Geohazards in the Kope Formation, Northern Ky

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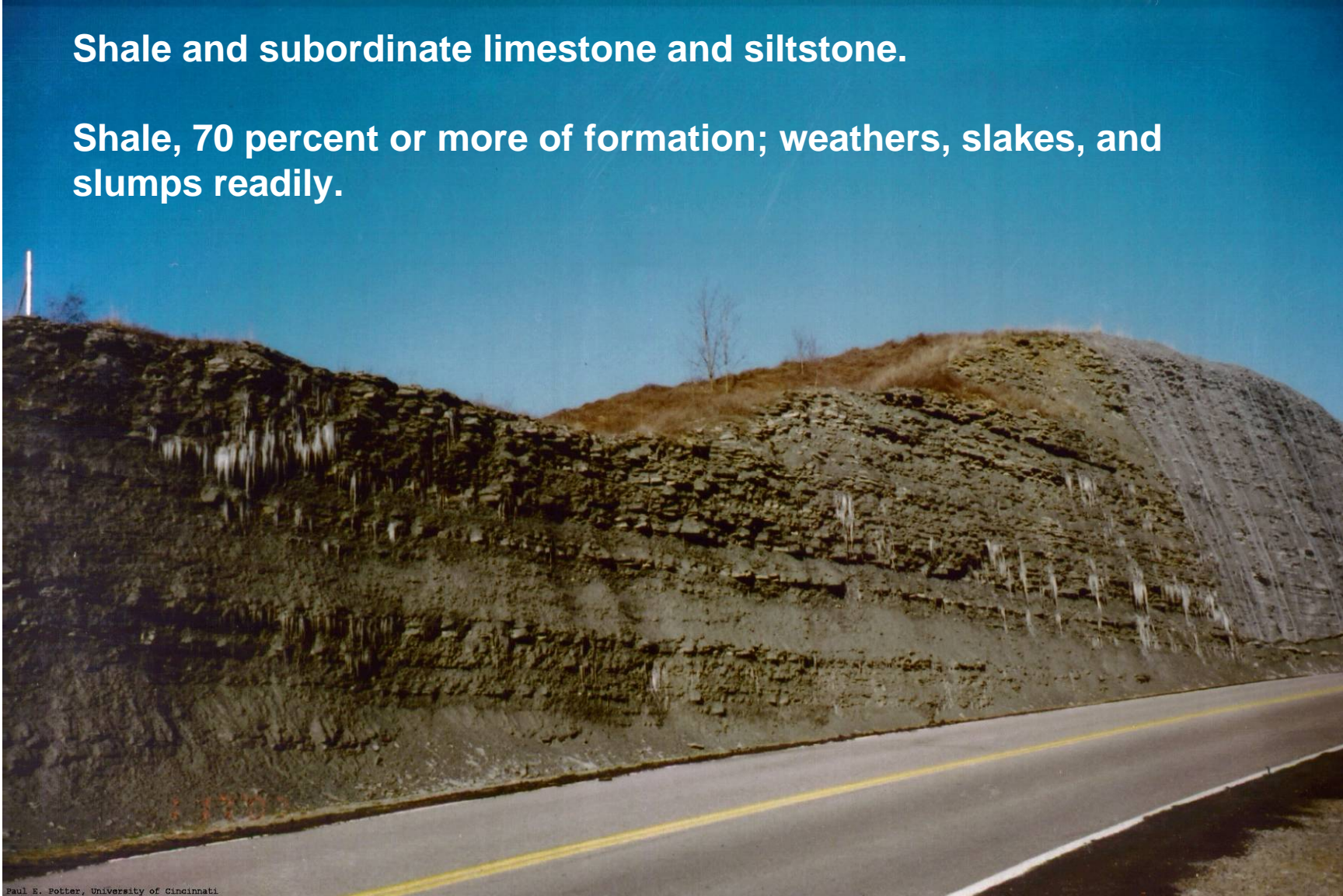


Dealing with development issues in a rural
landslide-prone area of Kentucky...

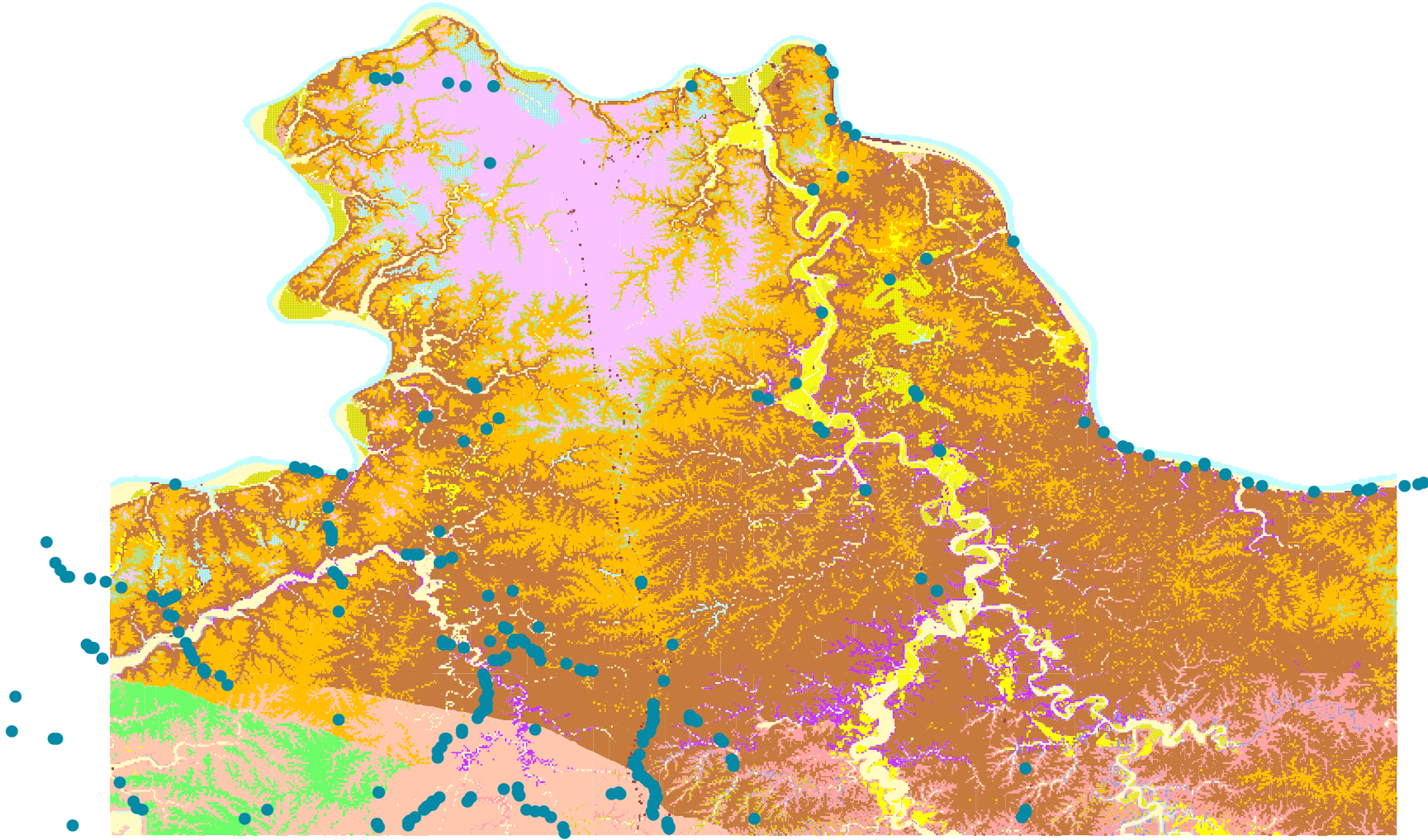
Ordovician Kope Formation

Shale and subordinate limestone and siltstone.

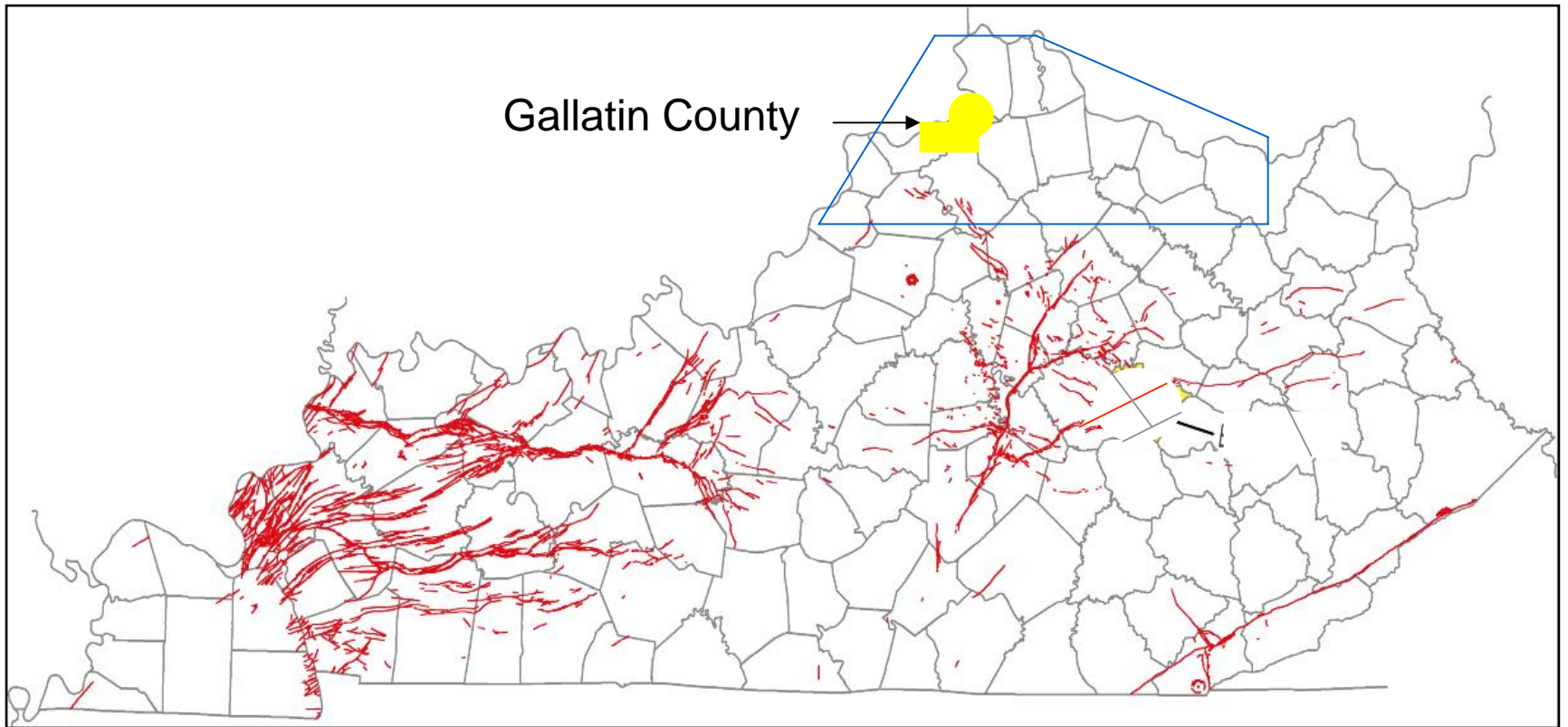
Shale, 70 percent or more of formation; weathers, slakes, and slumps readily.



Falmouth Landslides



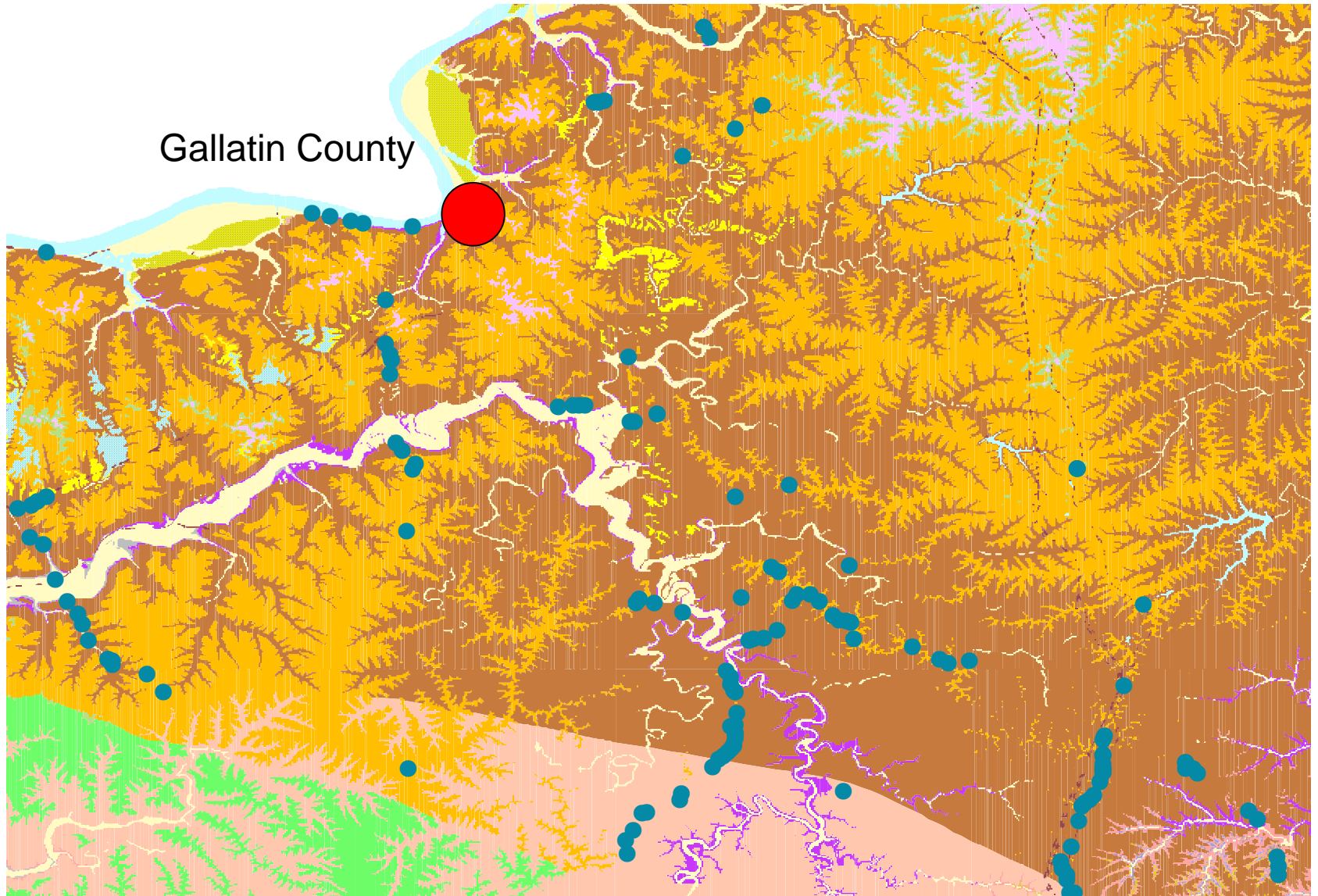
Location-Northern Kentucky



Ohio River



Falmouth Landslides



Gallatin County Subdivision



New construction



Road Foundation Failure



Masonry damage



Wall Cracks



Limestone Mine



DOQQ of Mine and Subdivision



Inadequate drainage



Septic system in front yard



Spring beneath home



Why was problem overlooked?

- No requirement/code to consider geology
- Rural area; limited planning/zoning
- “Acts of God” vs. foreseeable events
- Business as usual?
- Conflict of interest

KGS Activities

- Digital geology, website
- Generalized geology for landuse planning
- Workshops, training
- New field mapping
- Future: geotechnical maps

DVGQ's

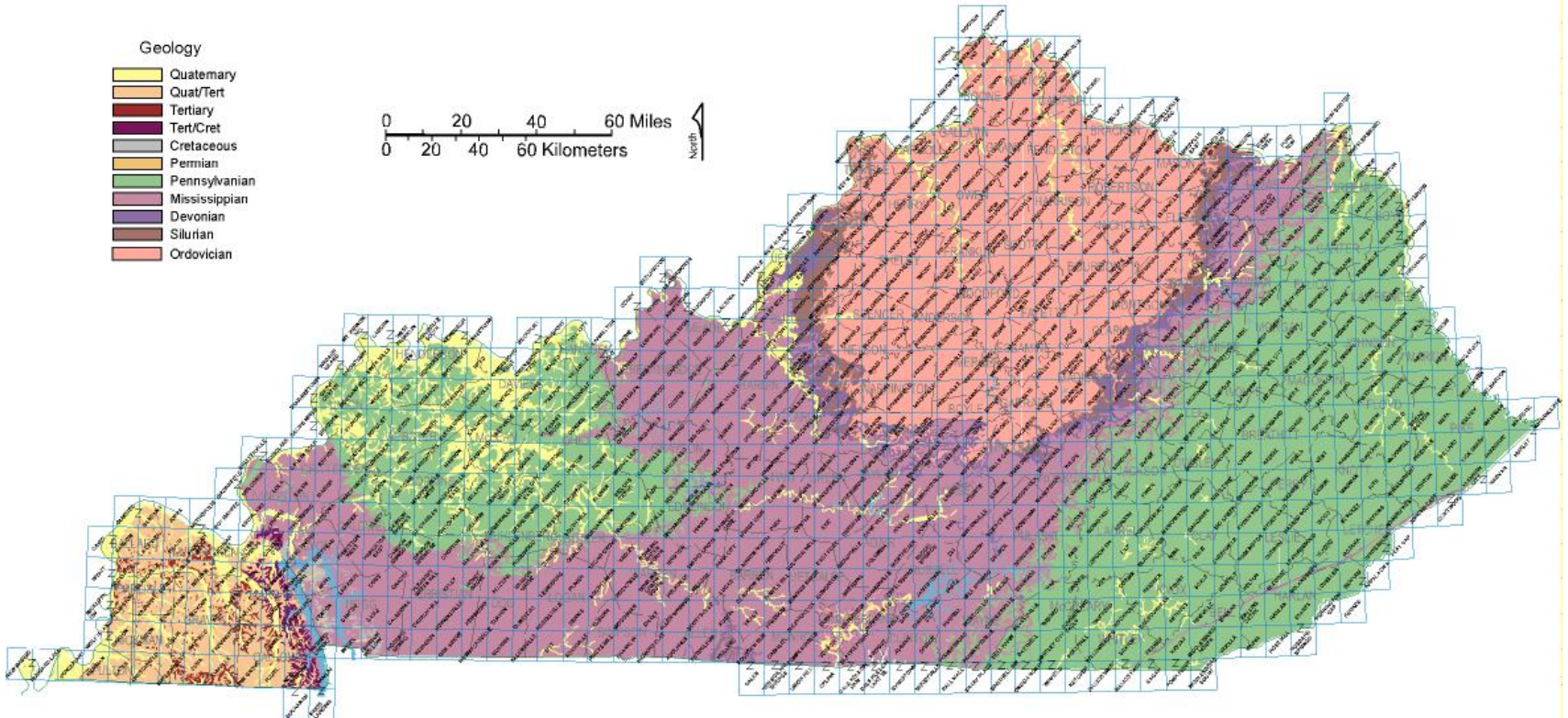
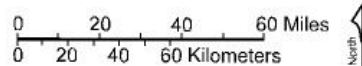
- Digitally Vectorized Geologic Quadrangles
- Digital GQ data for the entire state
- Useful in Planning, Design, Construction and Remediation
- EDUCATION

Digital Geologic Mapping Project

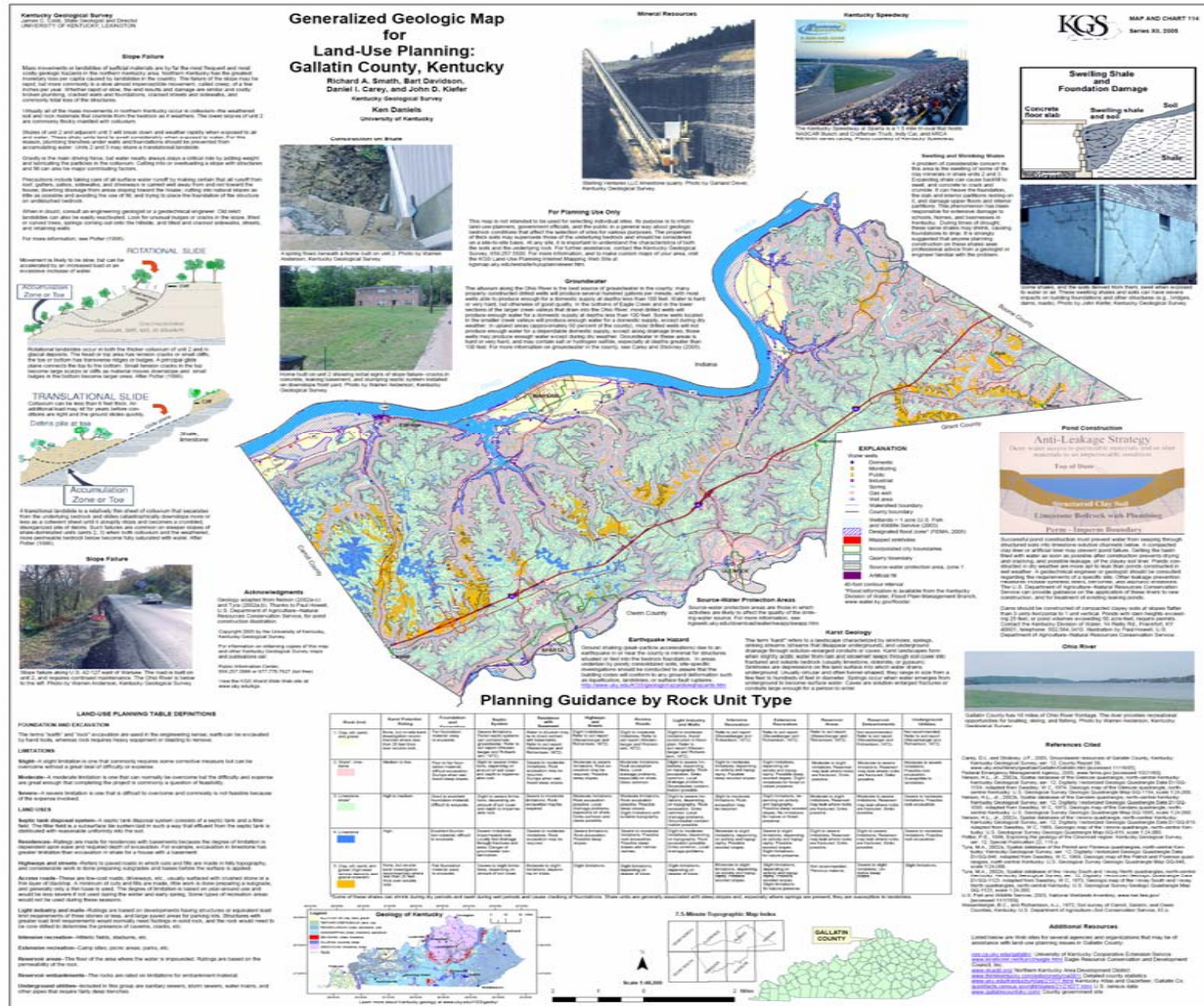
DIGITAL GEOLOGIC MAPPING PROJECT

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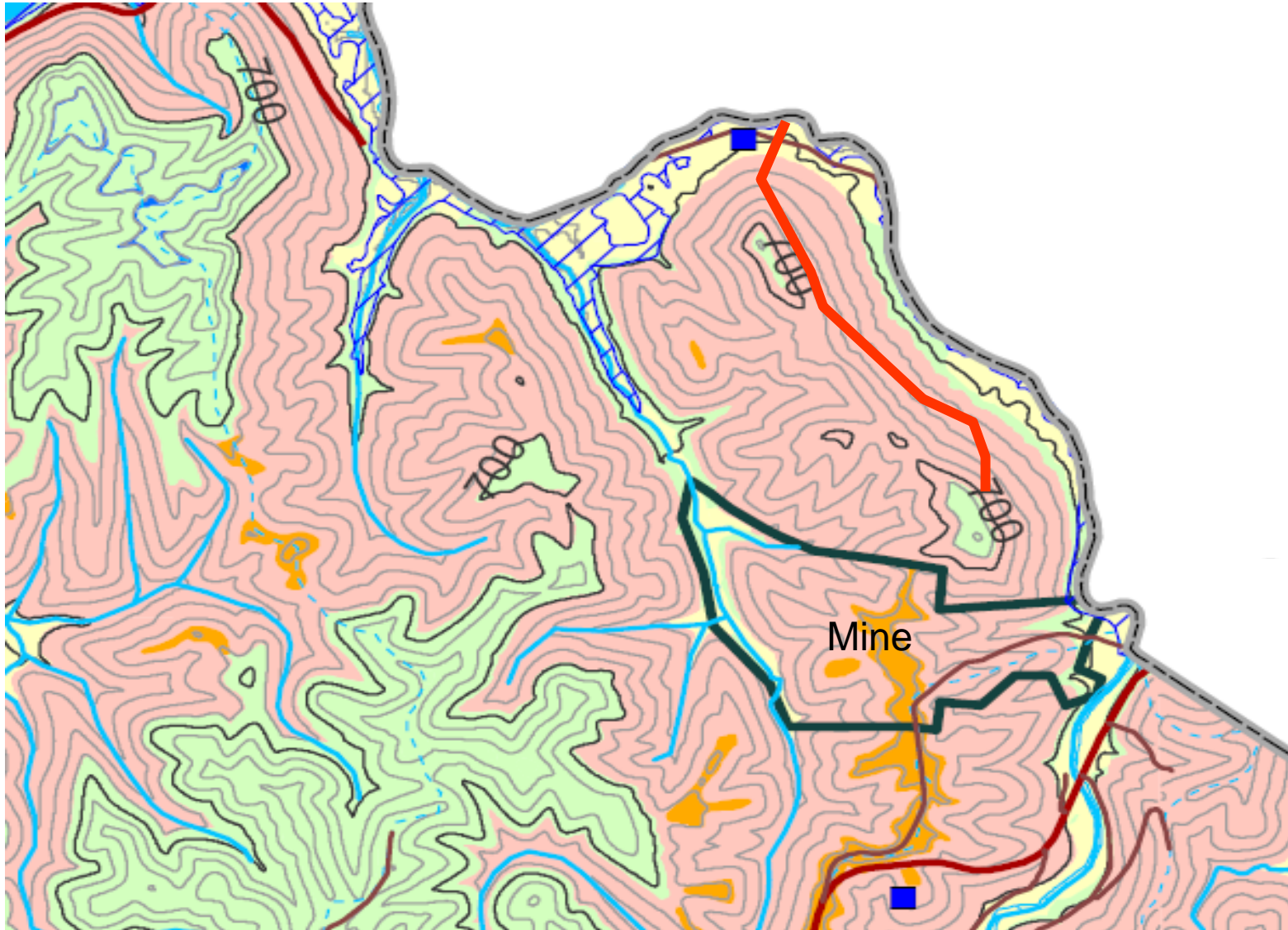
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Land Use maps



LU Map-Subdivision area





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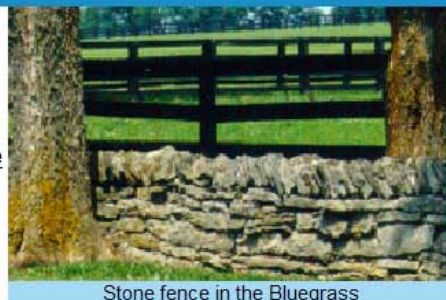
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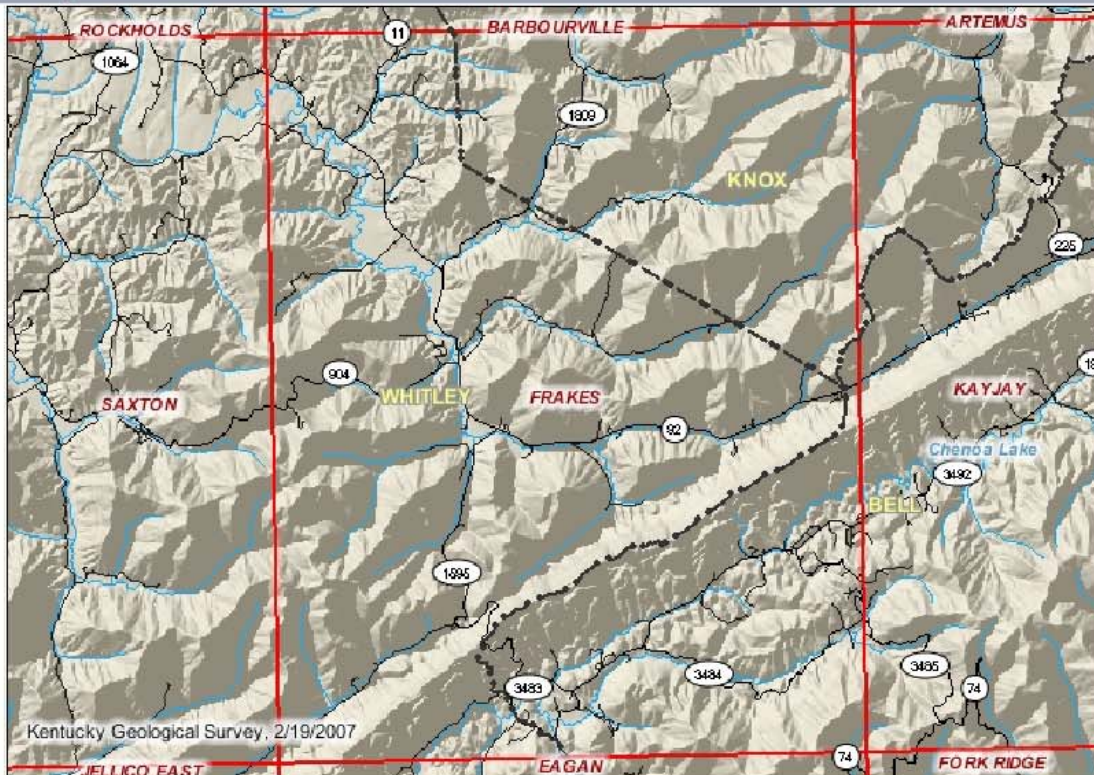
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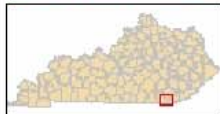
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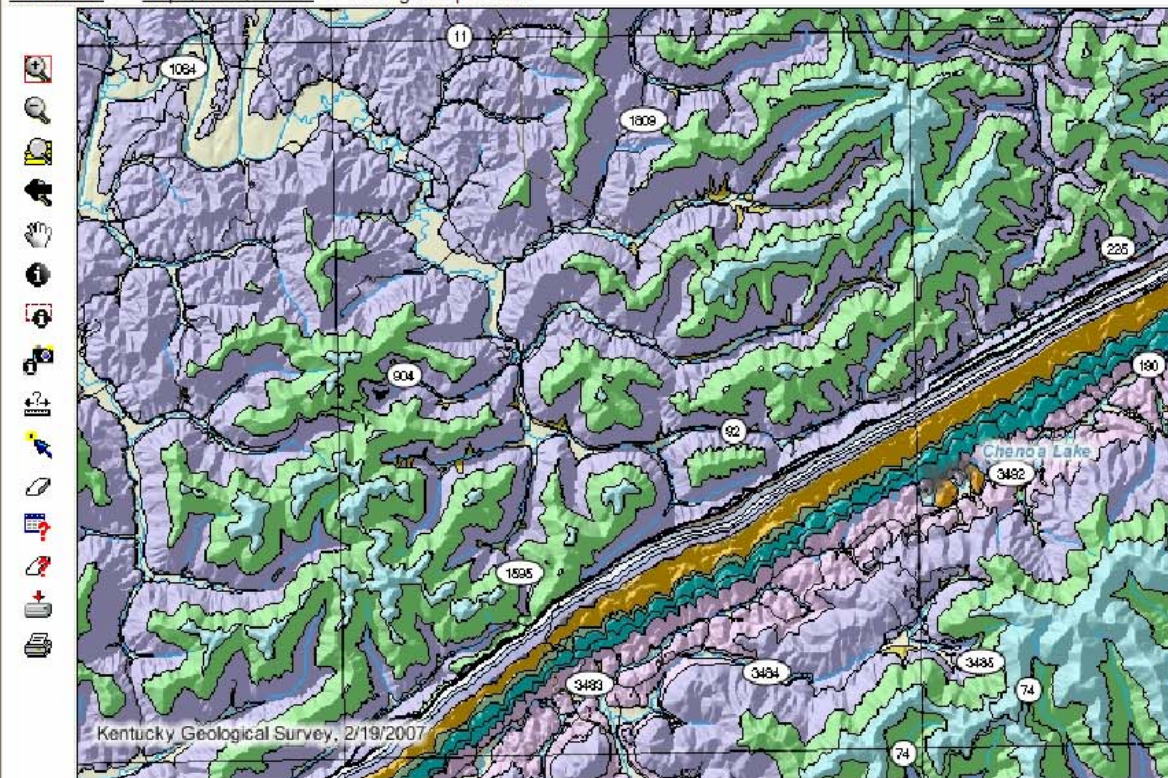
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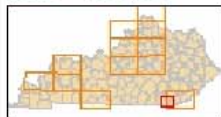
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Lithologic descriptions available for areas outlined in orange.

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Geologic map of the Frakes quadrangle, and part of the Eagan quadrangle, southeastern Kentucky (GQ-1249)

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Colluvium

(Quaternary - Quaternary)

Mapped or described as these unit(s) on the original GQ:

COLLUVIUM

Primary Lithology:

Unit not described south of Pine Mountain.

Colluvium consists of poorly sorted to unsorted angular to rounded pebbles, cobbles, and boulders in a clay, silt, and sand matrix. Occurs as debris fans (including some alluvium) and landslides at mouths of hollows and on concave slopes, and as talus below sandstone ledges and escarpments. Although present on most slopes, mapped only where generally thicker than 5 feet and greater in extent than 1 acre; mapped by interpretation of hummocky topography and fan-shaped lobes on aerial photographs. Contact with alluvium is interfingering and gradational.

Colluvium (GQ-1249):

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Alluvium

(Quaternary - Quaternary)

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ALLUVIUM

Primary Lithology: Silt, clay, sand, and gravel

Alluvium is composed of silt, clay, sand, and gravel: Silt and clay, light-gray to dark-brown, thin-bedded to laminated; rich in organic matter. Sand, white to light-gray to light-yellowish-brown; composed of grains of quartz, mica, and coal and rock fragments; in well-sorted, graded beds or distinctive partings between silt and clay. Silt, clay, and sand occur as thick deposits along stream banks, thinning across flood plains and interfingering with colluvium along valley bottom margins. Gravel consists of flat, well-rounded to angular pebbles, cobbles, and boulders of sandstone, siltstone, coal, quartz, chert, and limestone; occurs as bed load of streams and as scattered lenses in thick deposits of finer alluvium.

Silt, clay, sand, and gravel, as in unit description north of Pine Mountain.

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