

FORMATION	LITHOLOGY	MAXIMUM THICKNESS (FT)	DESCRIPTION
SURFICIAL DEPOSITS		55	"Surficial" refers here to all post-Cohansey deposits. These are predominantly alluvial, colluvial, and paralic sands and gravels. They are shown on older maps as belonging to the Bridgeton, Pennsauken, and Cape May Formations, but the use of these names for deposits distant from the type localities and of uncertain relationship to the type deposits is questionable.
COHANSEY FORMATION		80	Alluvial deposits in present-day stream channels and adjacent lowlands are not shown on this map. Older alluvium forms terraces adjacent to stream channels and caps some hills. The terrace alluvium consists predominantly of quartz sand and gravel. Adjacent to the Manasquan River it is more than 20 feet (6.1 m) thick. The alluvium capping hills consists of orange and brown gravels sand up to 10 feet (3 m) thick. The clasts are predominantly quartzite, with a maximum length of 3 inches (7.6 cm). Cobble from the Cohansey Formation is widespread at lower elevations in river valleys and the coastal lowlands. It covers extensive areas of the eastern half of the quadrangle. Particle deposits include calcareous sandstone and siliceous sandstone. Some of the lakes adjacent to the coast previously were estuaries. In the Deal Lake Bridge boring, 55 feet (16.8 m) of Holocene material consists of silt, estuarine, and marshine marine facies. Radiochron dating of peat and woody material yielded a date of 10,100 years for the base of this Holocene transgressive sequence, and 5,000 years for the middle of the section (Meyer Rubin, U.S. Geological Survey, written communication, 1990).
KIRKWOOD FORMATION		140	Quartz sand, yellowish-gray to pinkish-gray and gray-orange to dark yellowish-orange, medium- to very coarse-grained, with occasional pebbles. Cross-stratified trough and planar-bedded. Contains an orthoquartzitic sand with traces of well-sorted feldspar and chert. Dental heavy minerals may be abundant (2 to 3 percent) and include kaolinite, and sillimanite. The sandstone is medium- to coarse-grained and contains abundant forams. Kaolinite is the dominant clay-sized mineral in the sand matrix and locally replaces feldspar clasts at the base of paleochannels. Carbonaceous burrows as wood, limited to singular outliers only a few feet or less thick. Exposures are poor except in meadows because of the loam, sandy nature of the loam. Numerous pits offered excellent exposures of the Cohansey Formation during the mapping of the quadrangle, but many have subsequently closed. The basal contact of the formation is placed at the unconformity between cross-bedded, medium-coarse sand of the Cohansey and massive, fine-grained micaceous sand of the Kirkwood Formation. No datable material has been recovered from the Cohansey in this quadrangle. Owens and others (1988) consider the Cohansey as a middle Miocene, going to the middle of the polytrophic assemblage. Recent stratigraphic studies for the upper part of the Kirkwood Formation (Sugarmann and others, 1991) indicate that the Cohansey Formation is no older than approximately 12 m.y. (middle Miocene).
SHARK RIVER FORMATION		110	Sand, typically light-colored, interbedded with and overlying dark-gray or brown clay-silt. The sand is quartzose with small amounts of feldspar and mica (mostly muscovite). It is typically massive, orange, yellow, or gray, micaceous, burrowed, and has extensive iron oxide (Liesegang) banding. The dental heavy minerals are dominated by the oysters, especially limpets, with lesser amounts of poropagous including zircon, staurolite, garnet, tourmaline, and rutile. The lowermost clay-silt, termed the Asbury Clay (Owens and others, 1991) or Asbury Park Member of the Kirkwood Formation (Sugarmann, 1970) is a dark, peaty, massive to laminated clay-silt with occasional interbeds of fine sand. Pyrite is common in the dark loam. Finely dispersed clay minerals include kaolinite, illite, and illite/smectite. This member is exposed in the Shark River and Manasquan River valleys. A massive, fine-grained quartz sand with granules at the base of the Kirkwood is typically a few feet thick and rests unconformably upon the Shark River Formation. Wootton (1960) reported the dental <i>Archaeopteryx</i> fossils from the Kirkwood Formation in a well at Asbury Park. This place is the site of the Asbury Park corrie on the adjacent Farmington quadrangle; the unit contained calcareous nannoplankton zones NP 14 to 16 (Sugarmann and others, 1991). Split spoon samples from Shark River Park and the Asbury Park Wastewater Treatment Plant contained the same zones.
MANASQUAN FORMATION		80	Clay-silt to very fine quartz sand, calcareous (where unweathered), grayish-olive-green and light-to-dark greenish gray, massive to thick-bedded and extensively burrowed. Biotrypaed glauconite, fine to coarse, as much as 20 percent in some intervals, is disseminated in a dominantly clay-silt matrix. Clay minerals include illite, illite/smectite, kaolinite, and minor clinoptilolite. Layers 1 to 2 feet (0.3 to 0.6 m) thick are cemented with iron oxide. Sand and silt beds occur in the Shark River upstream from Schoonsee Road; thicker exposures from banks along the upstream reaches of Deal Lake. The contact with the underlying Manasquan Formation is unconformable (Sugarmann and others, 1991; Owens and others, 1988; Poore and Bybell, 1968). Because of the limited exposure and deep weathering, the contact is difficult to trace in the quadrangle. The Manasquan grades downward in some places into a quartz-glaucous sand with granules at the base of the Kirkwood. The Shark River and Manasquan outcrops, the contact is traced to Deal Lake and the Asbury Park Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Shark River in the Deal Lake (Bybell, 1968; Poore and Bybell, 1968). In the U.S. Geological Survey Atlantic State Park corrie on the adjacent Farmington quadrangle, the unit contained calcareous nannoplankton zones NP 14 to 16 (Sugarmann and others, 1991). Split spoon samples from Deal Lake Bridge borehole included calcareous nannoplankton zones NP 9 (upper part) to NP 13.
VINCENOTOWN FORMATION		105	Clay-silt, dusky-yellow-green to pale-olive and grayish-green, extensively burrowed, calcareous (where unweathered), massive to thick-bedded, grading upward into very fine quartz sand. Clay minerals include illite, illite/smectite, and minor clinoptilolite. Fine glauconite sand is commonly dispersed throughout the dominantly clay-silt matrix. Particulate nodules occur in the clay-silt at top (Deal Lake) and in the matrix in the Shark River. The weathered surface of the formation and is washed when the Manasquan grades downward in some places into a quartz-glaucous sand. Engert (1969) and Olson and Wise (1987) subdivided the Manasquan and Shark River into members. Subdivision is impractical because of the limited exposures and discontinuity of the members. The Manasquan is lower Eocene (Owens and others, 1988; Poore and Bybell, 1968; Sugarmann and others, 1991). Split spoon samples from the Deal Lake Bridge borehole included calcareous nannoplankton zones NP 9 (upper part) to NP 13.
HORNERTOWN FORMATION		15	Sand, grayish-olive to dusky-yellow-green to greenish, dark-greenish, and olive-gray. Mostly quartz with minor amounts of feldspar. Glauconite composes 2 to 3 percent of the sand in the upper part; it increases to as much as 30 percent toward the base. Silt and fine sand similarly increases towards the base. Pyrite nodules, glauconite nodules, and minor nodules of staurolite, zircon, and rutile are common in the matrix. Clay-silt, micaceous, and calcareous. Fossils are numerous and include bryozoan, mollusk, and echinoid fragments and microfossils. The quartz sand is an upper quartz sand which changes sharply downward to a grayish-olive-green, massive, micaceous, burrowed clay-silt with thin beds of very fine quartz and glauconite sand. The sand facies is thickest in the outcrop where it reaches more than 140 feet (43 m) south of Long Branch (Zapcica, 1988). Based on its foraminifera, the Vincenotown in this area is upper Paleocene (Olson and Wise, 1967).
NAVESINK RED BANK FORMATION (undivided)		65	Glauconite sand, clayey, massive bedded, dusky yellowish-green to dusky gray; greenish-black where unweathered. Glauconite grains are mainly medium to coarse in size and horizontal. Contact is 2 to 3 percent fine to very coarse-grained quartz sand, phosphate fragments, pyrite, and lignite. Based on its calcareous nannofossil, the Hornertown is lower Paleocene (Danier) (Bybell, 1962).
MOUNT LAUREL FORMATION		50	Sand, quartz, fine- to coarse-grained, glauconite (2 to 5 percent), extensively burrowed, slightly micaceous and feldspathic, commonly interbedded with thin layers of dark clay-silt. Overlies to dark gray, gray where unweathered. The transition from the Mount Laurel to the underlying Marshalltown-Wenonah Formations (undivided) is gradational and is marked by an increase in mica, a decrease in grain size, and the appearance of more massive clay-silt beds in the Marshalltown-Wenonah. The quartz sand is an upper quartz sand which changes sharply downward to a grayish-olive-green, massive, micaceous, burrowed clay-silt with thin beds of very fine quartz and glauconite sand. The sand facies is thickest in the outcrop where it reaches more than 140 feet (43 m) south of Long Branch (Zapcica, 1988). Based on its foraminifera, the Vincenotown in this area is upper Paleocene (Olson and Wise, 1967).
MARSHALLTOWN-WENONAH FORMATION (undivided)		85	Glauconite sand, greenish-black, massive bedded, extensively burrowed, with fine-grained quartz sand and silt (Marshalltown), grading upward into a thick, very silty, micaceous sand (Wenonah). The Marshalltown-Wenonah is recognized in the subsurface by a small to large gamma ray log at the base of the Marshalltown passing into a relatively flat, high intensity pattern above. Underlain due to the thickness of the Marshalltown Formation (approximately 10 to 8 m) and its lithologic similarity to the Wenonah Formation.
ENGLISHTOWN FORMATION, UPPER		120	The Marshalltown-Wenonah Formations (undivided) have been assigned to the upper Campanian, based on the occurrence of the ammonite <i>Trochospira pulcherrima</i> in the outcropping Wenonah Formation in the Marlboro quadrangle (Cobban, 1976) and the occurrence of the <i>Calymene</i> calcareous zone in the Marshalltown Formation in the Woodstock quadrangle (Olson, 1964).
ENGLISHTOWN FORMATION, LOWER		100	Clay-silt to very fine quartz sand, glauconitic, dark-greenish-gray, micaceous and lignitic. Grades upward into a fine-grained sand interbedded with thin, dark gray, micaceous, woody, clay-silt. The sand is chiefly quartz; less than 10 percent consists of feldspar, rock fragments, and glauconite. Thin-walled nodules are common in the lower clay-silt facies. Defined on the gamma ray log by a thick, high-intensity clay-silt unit at its base and a thinner, low-intensity sand at its top. Gohn (1932) tentatively assigns a middle Campanian age to this formation (termed S3 cycle in Gohn, 1932) based on its ostracode content.
MERCHANTVILLE-WOODBURY FORMATION (undivided)		150	Quartz sand, feldspathic, micaceous and lignitic, fine- to medium-grained, medium- to dark-gray, interstratified with dark greenish-gray, carbonaceous clay-silt. Glauconite, mica, and lignite are common constituents. The top of the unit is identified on the gamma ray log as below the basal gamma spike of the upper part of the formation; the base is defined in this quadrangle as the base of the Marshalltown-Wenonah Formations (undivided) in southeastern Monmouth and northeastern Ocean counties, the Englishtown Formation had been subdivided into an upper and lower sand facies divided by a clay-silt facies (Nichols, 1977; Zapcica, 1989). The clay-silt facies and upper sand facies are shown here as the upper Englishtown Formation.
CHESSAQUEE FORMATION		40	Clay-silt with very fine sand, dark-gray, finely micaceous, with occasional lenses of finely disseminated pyrite, lignite, and siltstone. Bedding is massive to finely laminated with alternating layers of very fine sand and clay-silt, occasionally cross-bedded. Grades downward into an interstratified sequence of glauconitic sand and silt and micaceous clay-silt. The glauconitic sand is grayish-olive, greenish-black, or dark greenish-gray; the clay-silt is shades of black and gray. Quartz and glauconite are the major sand components; feldspar, mica (topazite and green), and pyrite are minor constituents. Siltstone-cemented layers are common. The formation is highly bioturbated and contains zones of broken calcareous mollusks. Wolfe (1976) assigned the Woodbury to the lower Campanian based on polytrophic assemblages; the Mercherville is also lower, but not lowest, Campanian based on the ammonite <i>Scaphites</i> (Appalachia 3) (Owens and others, 1977).
MAGOPHY FORMATION		240	Clay-silt, glauconite (20 percent maximum), brownish to dark gray, massive, burrowed, and very micaceous. Grades to light-gray, silty, very fine to fine sand at top, generally laminated where not extensively burrowed. Lower contact with the Magophy Formation and upper contact with the Marshalltown-Wenonah Formations are gradational, extensively burrowed, and contain layers of pale-brown to grayish-brown siltstone concretions as much as 1 foot (0.3 m) in diameter. The Chessaquee is a recently named formation consisting of beds formerly included in the Mercherville Formation. It contains an uppermost Santonian to lowermost Campanian pollen assemblage in the outcrop and subsurface (Lubin and others, in press.). Crops out in the South Amboy quadrangle.
RARIAN FORMATION			Interbedded quartz sand and clay, thin, to thick-bedded. Sand is light to medium-gray or brownish-gray; clay is olive-black to grayish-black. Bedding is horizontal (laminated) and cross-stratified. The sand is fine to very coarse, well-sorted within each bed, predominantly quartz, and includes minor feldspar and mica. Pyrite-cemented and pyrite-coated sand concretions are common. Carbonaceous material is abundant in beds as much as 0.5 feet (0.15 m) thick. The Magophy is Upper Cretaceous (Santonian) based on Zone V pollen at the Freshhold core hole (Christopher, 1977).



**GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE ASBURY PARK QUADRANGLE, MONMOUTH AND OCEAN COUNTIES, NEW JERSEY**

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