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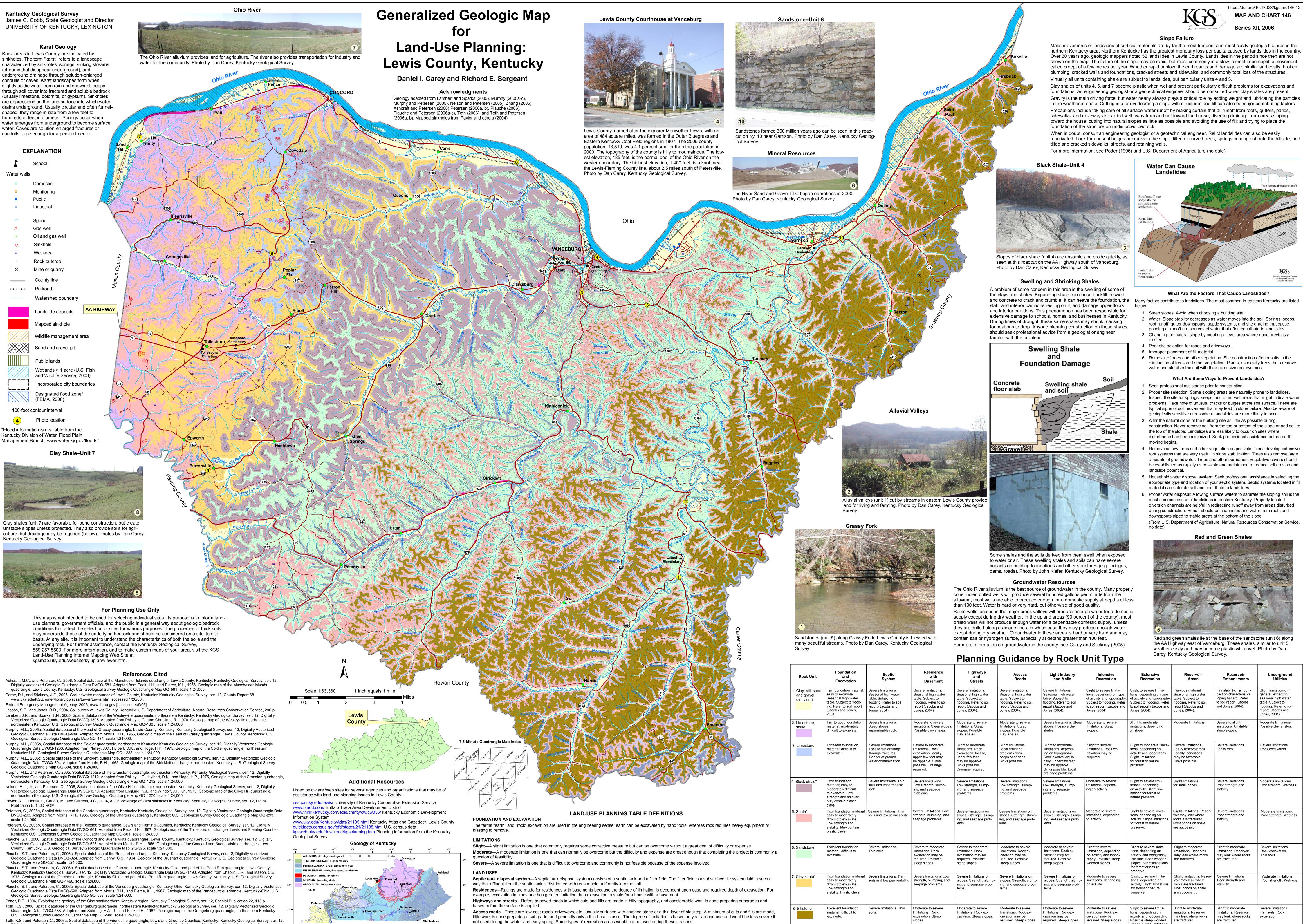
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Intensive recreation—Athletic fields, stadiums, etc. **Extensive recreation**—Camp sites, picnic areas, parks, etc.

determine the presence of caverns, cracks, etc.

Reservoir areas—The floor of the area where the water is impounded. Ratings are based on the permeability of the rock. **Reservoir embankments**—The rocks are rated on limitations for embankment material. **Underground utilities**—Included in this group are sanitary sewers, storm sewers, water mains, and other pipes that require fairly deep trenches.

areas for parking lots. Structures with greater load limit requirements would normally need footings in solid rock, and the rock would need to be core drilled to

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ols, whereas rock requires heavy o	equipment or

Light industry and malls—Ratings are based on developments having structures or equivalent load limit requirements of three stories or less, and large paved

Rock Unit	Foundation and Excavation	Septic System	Residence with Basement	Highways and Streets	Access Roads	Light Industry and Malls	Intensive Recreation	Extensive Recreation	Reservoir Areas	Reservoir Embankments	Underground Utilities
1. Clay, silt, sand, and gravel (alluvium)	Fair foundation material; easy to excavate. Seasonal high water table. Subject to flood- ing. Refer to soil report (Jacobs and Jones, 2004).	Severe limitations. Seasonal high water table. Subject to flooding. Refer to soil report (Jacobs and Jones, 2004).	Severe limitations. Seasonal high water table. Subject to flooding. Refer to soil report (Jacobs and Jones, 2004).	Severe limitations. Seasonal high water table. Subject to flooding. Refer to soil report (Jacobs and Jones, 2004).	Severe limitations. Seasonal high water table. Subject to flooding. Refer to soil report (Jacobs and Jones, 2004).	Severe limitations. Seasonal high water table. Subject to flooding. Refer to soil report (Jacobs and Jones, 2004).	Slight to severe limita- tions, depending on type of activity and topography. Subject to flooding. Refer to soil report (Jacobs and Jones, 2004).	Slight to severe limita- tions, depending on type of activity and topography. Subject to flooding. Refer to soil report (Jacobs and Jones, 2004).	Pervious material. Seasonal high water table. Subject to flooding. Refer to soil report (Jacobs and Jones, 2004).	Fair stability. Fair com- paction characteristics. Piping hazard. Refer to soil report (Jacobs and Jones, 2004).	Slight limitations, in general, except for seasonal high water table. Subject to flooding. Refer to soil report (Jacobs and Jones, 2004).
2. Limestone, shale	Fair to good foundation material; moderately difficult to excavate.	Severe limitations. Steep slopes, impermeable rock.	Moderate to severe limitations. Steep slopes. Possible clay shales.	Moderate to severe limitations. Steep slopes. Possible clay shales.	Moderate to severe limitations. Steep slopes. Possible clay shales.	Severe limitations. Steep slopes. Possible clay shales.		Slight to moderate limitations, depending on slope.	Moderate limitations.	Severe to slight limitations. Unstable steep slopes.	Moderate limitations. Possible clay shales.
3. Limestone	Excellent foundation material; difficult to excavate.	Severe limitations. Locally fast drainage through fractures. Danger of ground- water contamination.	Severe to moderate limitations. Rock excavation; locally, upper few feet may be rippable. Sinks possible. Drainage required.	Slight to moderate limitations. Rock excavation; locally, upper few feet may be rippable. Sinks possible. Drainage required.	Slight limitations. Local drainage problems from seeps or springs. Sinks possible.	Slight to moderate limitations, depend- ing on topography. Rock excavation; lo- cally, upper few feet may be rippable. Sinks possible. Local drainage problems.	Slight to severe limitations. Rock ex- cavation may be required.	Slight to moderate limita- tions, depending on activity and topography. Slight limitations for forest or nature preserve.	Severe limitations. Leaky reservoir rock. Locally, conditions may be favorable. Sinks possible.	Severe limitations. Leaky rock.	Severe limitations. Rock excavation.
4. Black shale*	Poor foundation material; easy to moderately difficult to excavate. Low strength and stability. May contain plastic clays.	Severe limitations. Thin soils and impermeable rock.	Severe limitations. Low strength, slump- ing, and seepage problems.	Severe limitations. Low strength, slump- ing, and seepage problems.	Severe limitations. Low strength, slump- ing, and seepage problems.	Severe limitations. Low strength, slump- ing, and seepage problems.	Moderate to severe limitations, depend- ing on activity.	Slight to severe limi- tations, depending on activity. Slight lim- itations for forest or nature preserve.	Slight limitations for small ponds.	Severe limitations. Poor strength and stability.	Moderate limitations. Poor strength. Wetness.
5. Shale*	Poor foundation material; easy to moderately difficult to excavate. Low strength and stability. May contain plastic clays.	Severe limitations. Thin soils and low permeability.	Severe limitations. Low strength, slumping, and seepage problems.	Severe limitations on slopes. Strength, slump- ing, and seepage prob- lems.	Severe limitations on slopes. Strength, slump- ing, and seepage prob- lems.	Severe limitations on slopes. Strength, slump- ing, and seepage prob- lems.	Moderate to severe limitations, depending on activity.	Slight to severe limita- tions, depending on activity. Slight limitations for forest or nature preserve.	Slight limitations. Reser- voir may leak where rocks are fractured. Most ponds on shale are successful.	Severe limitations. Poor strength and stability.	Moderate limitations. Poor strength. Wetness.
6. Sandstone	Excellent foundation material; difficult to excavate.	Severe limitations. Thin soils.	Severe to moderate limitations. Rock excavation may be required. Possible steep slopes.	Severe to moderate limitations. Rock excavation may be required. Possible steep slopes.	Moderate to severe limitations. Rock ex- cavation may be required. Possible steep slopes.	Moderate to severe limitations. Rock ex- cavation may be required. Possible steep slopes.	Slight to severe limitations, depending on activity and topog- raphy. Possible steep wooded slopes.	Slight to severe limita- tions, depending on activity and topography. Possible steep wooded slopes. Slight limitations for forest or nature preserve.	Slight to moderate limitations. Reservoir may leak where rocks are fractured.	Slight to moderate limitations. Reservoir may leak where rocks are fractured.	Severe limitations. Rock excavation. Thin soils.
7. Clay shale*	Poor foundation material; easy to moderately difficult to excavate. Low strength and stability. Plastic clays.	Severe limitations. Thin soils and low permeability.	Severe limitations. Low strength, slumping, and seepage problems.	Severe limitations on slopes. Strength, slump- ing, and seepage prob- lems.	Severe limitations on slopes. Strength, slump- ing, and seepage prob- lems.	Severe limitations on slopes. Strength, slump- ing, and seepage prob- lems.	Moderate to severe limitations, depending on activity.	Slight to severe limita- tions, depending on activity. Slight limitations for forest or nature preserve.	Slight limitations. Reservoir may leak where rocks are fractured. Most ponds on shale are successful.	Severe limitations. Poor strength and stability.	Moderate limitations. Poor strength. Wetness.
8. Siltstone	Excellent foundation material; difficult to excavate.	Severe limitations. Thin soils.	Moderate to severe limitations. Rock excavation. Steep slopes.	Moderate to severe limitations. Rock ex- cavation. Steep slopes.	Moderate to severe limitations. Rock ex- cavation may be required. Steep slopes.	Moderate to severe limitations. Rock ex- cavation may be required. Steep slopes.	Moderate to severe limitations. Rock ex- cavation may be required. Steep slopes.	Slight to severe limita- tions, depending on activity and topography. Possible steep wooded slopes. Slight limitations for forest or nature preserve.	Slight to moderate limitations. Reservoir may leak where rocks are fractured.	Slight to moderate limitations. Reservoir may leak where rocks are fractured.	Severe limitations. Thin soils. Rock excavation.
 Sandstone, shale, silt- stone, sparse coal 	Fair to good foundation material; difficult to ex- cavate. Possible low strength associated with shales, coals, and underclays.	Severe limitations. Thin soils and impermeable rock associated with shales.	Severe to moderate limitations. Rock excavation may be required. Possible steep slopes.	Moderate to severe limitations. Rock ex- cavation may be required. Possible steep slopes.	Moderate to severe limitations. Rock ex- cavation may be required. Possible steep slopes.	Moderate to severe limitations. Rock ex- cavation may be required. Possible steep slopes.	Moderate to severe limitations. Rock ex- cavation may be required.	Slight to severe limita- tions, depending on activity and topography. Possible steep wooded slopes. Slight limitations for forest or nature preserve.	Slight limitations. Reservoir may leak where rocks, includ- ing coal, are jointed or fractured.	Severe limitations. Reservoir may leak where rocks are fractured.	Severe to moderate limitations. Thin soils. Possible rock excava- tion.



Mass movements or landslides of surficial materials are by far the most frequent and most costly geologic hazards in the northern Kentucky area. Northern Kentucky has the greatest monetary loss per capita caused by landslides in the country. shown on the map. The failure of the slope may be rapid, but more commonly is a slow, almost imperceptible movement, called creep, of a few inches per year. Whether rapid or slow, the end results and damage are similar and costly: broken

Gravity is the main driving force, but water nearly always plays a critical role by adding weight and lubricating the particles in the weathered shale. Cutting into or overloading a slope with structures and fill can also be major contributing factors.

reactivated. Look for unusual bulges or cracks in the slope, tilted or curved trees, springs coming out onto the hillside, and

- typical signs of soil movement that may lead to slope failure. Also be aware of
- root systems that are very useful in slope stabilization. Trees also remove large amounts of groundwater. Trees and other permanent vegetative covers should be established as rapidly as possible and maintained to reduce soil erosion and
- appropriate type and location of your septic system. Septic systems located in fill
- (From U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service,