

# Bedrock Geology of the Davenport West (Iowa) 7.5' Quadrangle

## BEDROCK GEOLOGY OF THE DAVENPORT WEST 7.5' QUADRANGLE, SCOTT COUNTY, IOWA

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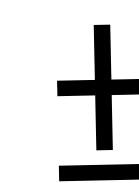
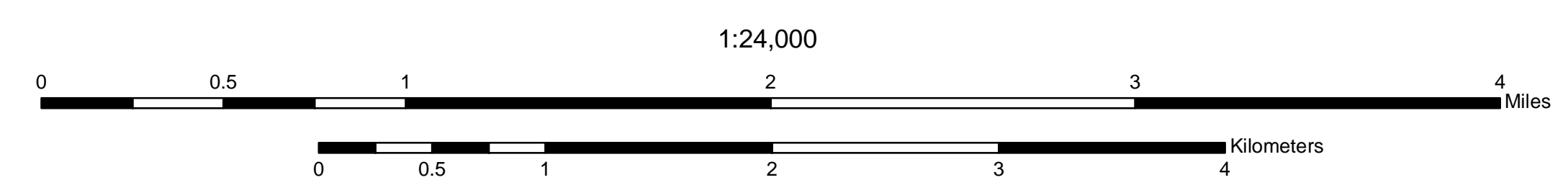
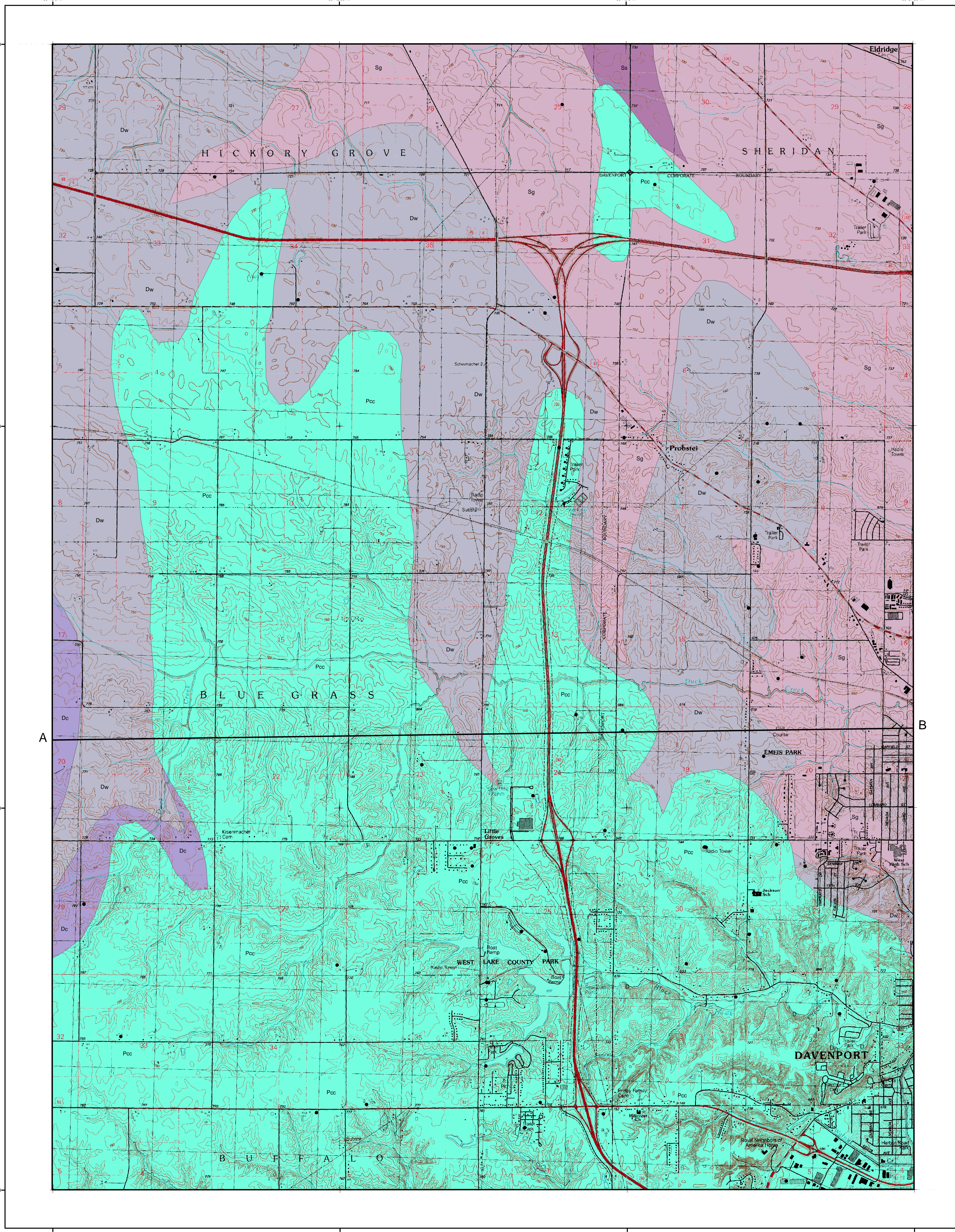


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### LEGEND

#### CENOZOIC

##### QUATERNARY SYSTEM

**Qu** - Undifferentiated unconsolidated sediment. Consists of loamy soils developed in loess and glacial till of variable thickness, and alluvial clay, silt, sand and gravel, with a maximum thickness locally exceeding 60 m (200 ft). Unit shown only on cross-section, not on map.

#### PALEOZOIC

##### PENNSYLVANIAN SYSTEM

**Pcc** - Shale, Siltstone and Sandstone (Cherokee Group and Caseyville Formation undifferentiated) Lower and Middle Pennsylvanian. The thickness of this formation may exceed 60 m (200 ft), but in general is less than 30 m (100 ft). Primary lithologies include gray shale, siltstone, and minor sandstone. Secondary lithologies include black carbonaceous shale and coal; plant fossils, pyrite, and siderite pellets & concretions may be present.

##### DEVONIAN SYSTEM

**Dc** - Limestone (Cedar Valley Group) Middle Devonian. This map unit includes the Little Cedar Formation, and reaches a maximum thickness of 9 m (30 ft). The Little Cedar is composed of fossiliferous to sparsely fossiliferous limestone and argillaceous limestone containing a diverse marine fauna including echinoderms, corals, brachiopods and bryozoans; bioturbated fabrics are common.

**Dw** - Dolomite, Limestone, Shale, and minor Sandstone (Wapsipicon Group) Middle Devonian. This map unit includes the Otis and the Pincon Ridge formations, with a total thickness between 18 and 29 m (60-95 ft). The Otis Formation is dominated by lithographic to sublithographic, peltate limestone, with minor dolomite near its base. The Pincon Ridge Formation is characterized by laminated or becciated, unfossiliferous limestone and dolomite with minor shale.

##### SILURIAN SYSTEM

**Sg** - Dolomite (Gower Formation) Silurian. Thickness of this formation ranges between 27 and 37 m (90-120 ft), and the lithology is dominated by porous dolomite, in part laminated, and vuggy. Brachiopods and corals are common in rounded facies.

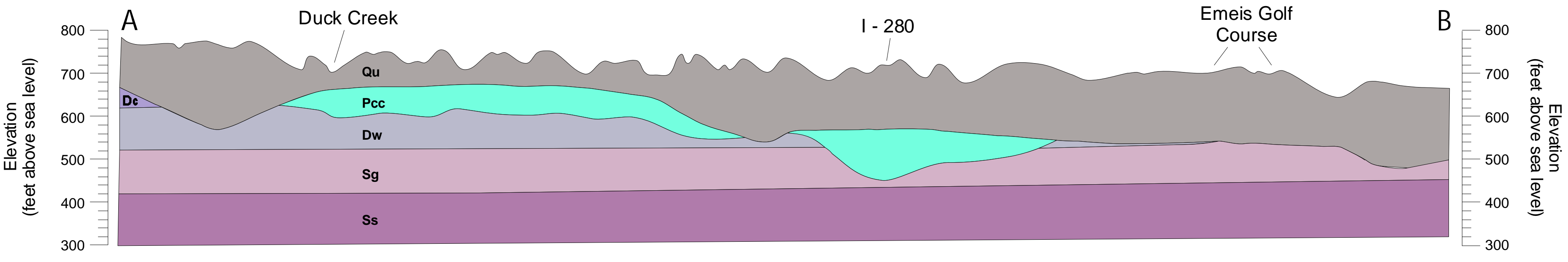
**Ss** - Dolomite and minor Chert (Scotch Grove Formation) Lower Silurian. The thickness of this interval ranges between 35-45 m (120-150 ft), and is characterized by fossil moldic (especially crinoidal) dolomite. Vugs and pores are common in most part, and minor chert may occur in lower part of the formation.

• Drill Holes  
D Outcrops

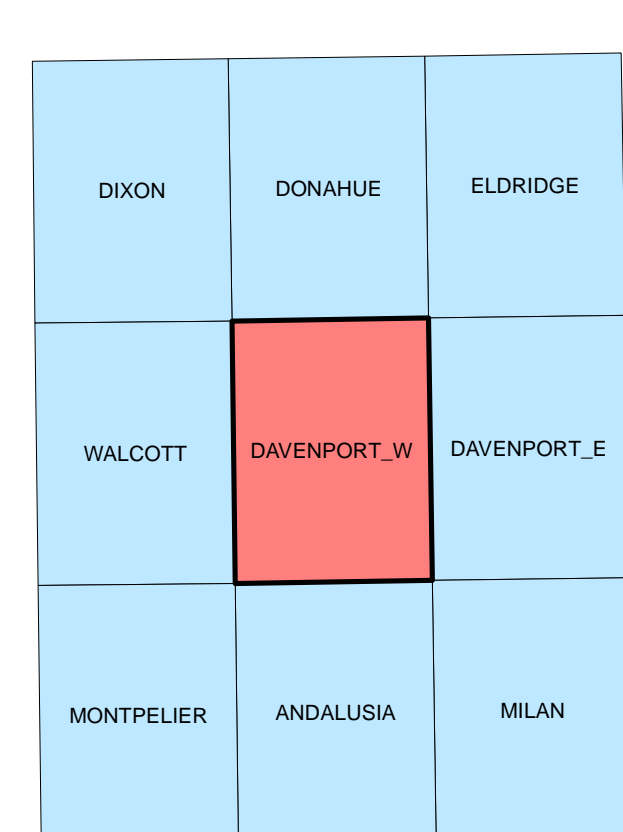
#### Correlation of Map Units

| AGE (Ma) | SYSTEM        | SERIES    | STAGE        | MAP UNIT |
|----------|---------------|-----------|--------------|----------|
| 2.58     | QUATERNARY    |           |              | Qu       |
| 310      | PENNSYLVANIAN | Middle    | Desmoinesian | Pcc      |
|          |               |           | Atokan       | ?        |
|          |               |           | Morrowan     | Pcc      |
| 390      | DEVONIAN      | Middle    | Givetian     | Dc       |
|          |               |           | Eifelian     | Dw       |
| 423      | SILURIAN      | Ludlowian | Ludfordian   |          |
|          |               |           | Gorstian     |          |
|          |               |           | Homerian     | Sg       |
|          |               |           | Sheinwoodian |          |
|          |               |           | Telychian    | Ss       |
|          |               |           | Aeronian     |          |
|          |               |           | Rhuddanian   |          |

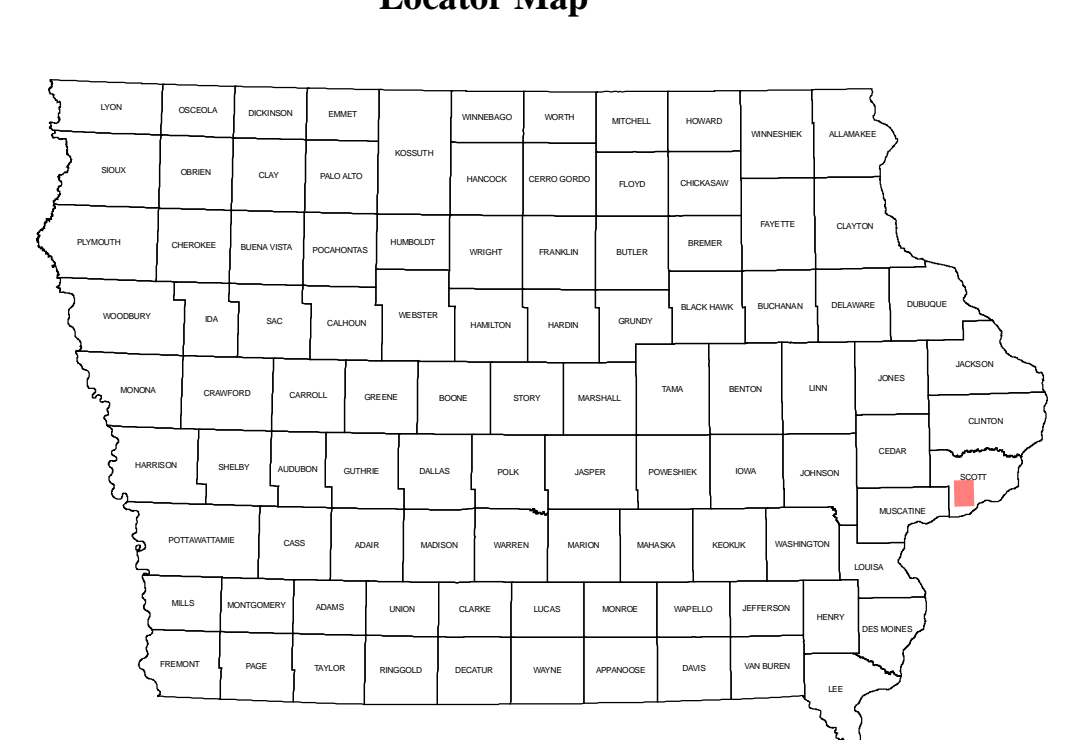
### GEOLOGIC CROSS-SECTION A-B



#### Adjacent 7.5' Quadrangles



#### Locator Map



Base map from USGS Davenport West 7.5' Digital Raster Graphic (IGS GIS file DRGQ49.TIF) which was scanned from the Davenport West 7.5' Topographic Quadrangle map, published by US Geological Survey in 1991. Topographic contours and land features based on 1986 aerial photography, field checked in 1991. Land elevation contours (10' interval) based on NGVD 1929.  
Iowa Geological Survey digital cartographic file DavenportWestquad\_bedrock09.mxd, version 6/18/09 (ArcGIS 9.2). Map projection and coordinate system based on Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM), Zone 15, datum NAD83.  
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