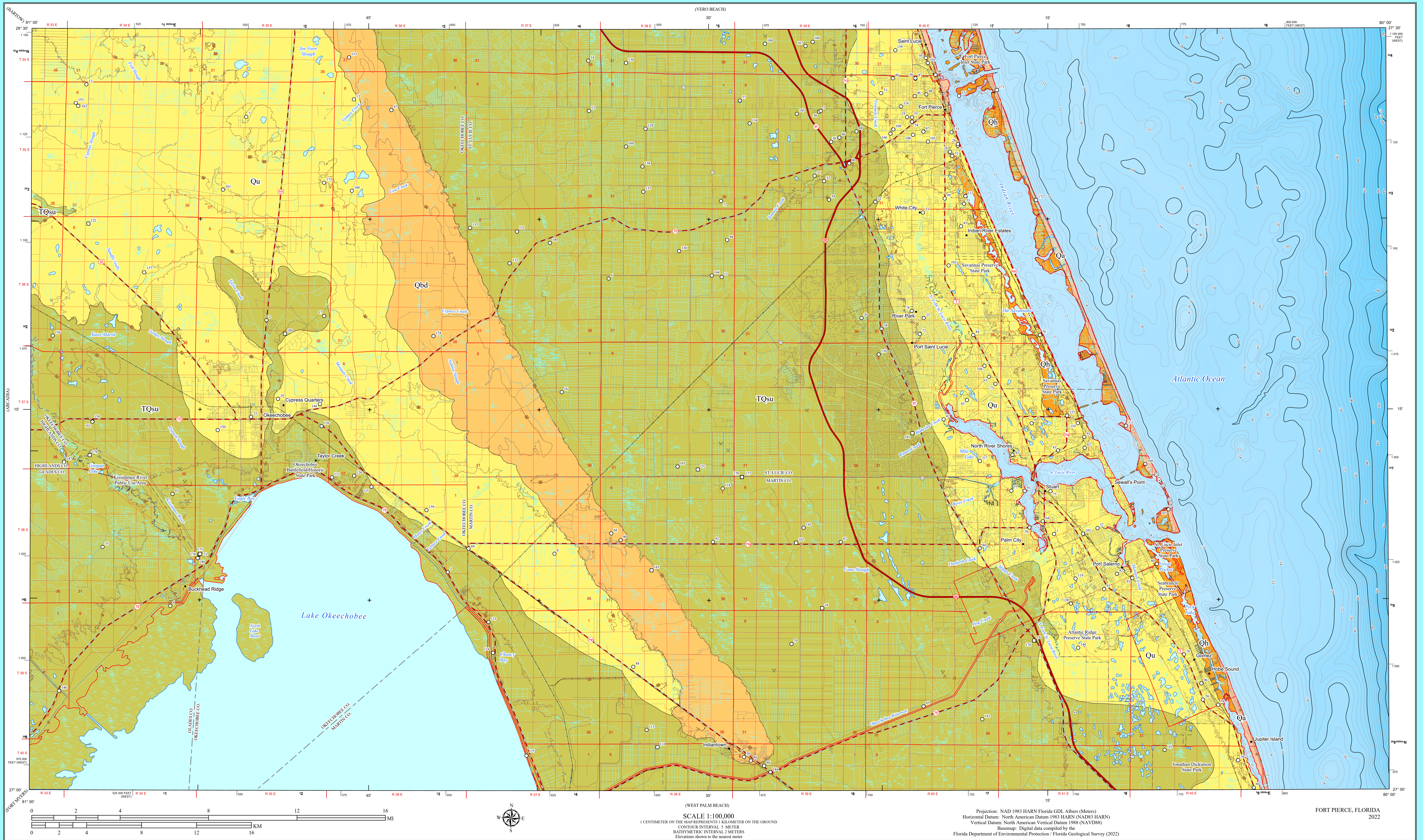




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OPEN-FILE MAP SERIES 113, Plate 1
GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE USGS FORT PIERCE
30 X 60 MINUTE QUADRANGLE, SOUTH FLORIDA

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Holocene sediments

Qh Sediments mapped as Holocene (Qh) may include quartz sands, marls, organics, and minor carbonate sands and mud. They may also include fresh-water gastropods and modern shells. Within the study area, these occur near and along the present coastline in barrier islands on the Atlantic Coast, the Savannas, and the North Fork St. Lucie River.

Quaternary beach ridge and dune

Qbd Quaternary beach ridge and dune sediments (Qbd) are a subdivision of the Quaternary undifferentiated sediments that are noted on the basis of surficial expression of relic beach ridges and dunes. While not a formally recognized lithostratigraphic unit, Qbd is mapped in order to facilitate a better understanding of Florida's geology. Beach ridge and dune sediments are dominantly siliclastic sands and are unconsolidated to poorly consolidated. Organics typically occur as disseminated organic matrix, roots and plant debris, carbonized remains, or charcoal.

Quaternary sediments

Qu While not a formally recognized lithostratigraphic unit, Quaternary undifferentiated sediments (Qu) are mapped in order to better understand Florida's geology. The undifferentiated Quaternary sediments consist of white to gray to orange, fine- to coarse-grained, clean to clayey unfossiliferous sands, sandy clays and clays with variable admixtures of organics.

Anastasia Formation

Qa The Anastasia Formation (Qa) is present within the Atlantic Coastal Complex Province in a narrow band along the eastern edge of the study area. The formation, named by Sellards (1912), is composed of interbedded esquinolite limestone and quartz sands. It typically occurs as an orangish brown to very pale orange, unconsolidated to moderately indurated coquina consisting of whole and broken mollusk shells in a quartz sand matrix. The coquina is commonly cemented by sparry calcite. The sands occur as light gray to tan and orangish-brown, unconsolidated to moderately indurated, unfossiliferous to very fossiliferous beds. The unit sits unconformably on undifferentiated Tertiary-Quaternary shelly sediments.

Tertiary/Quaternary undifferentiated shelly sediments

TQsu Tertiary/Quaternary undifferentiated shelly sediments (TQsu) typically consist of fine-to-medium quartz sand with variable amounts of calcitic, silt, marine mollusk shells, and clay. Shells, which may vary from whole to fragments, are normally weathered and abraded and may occasionally become the dominant lithology. Other accessory minerals may include calcite, aragonite, mica, heavy minerals, and phosphate sand and gravel. A basal phosphate lag is often present. Colors range from light gray to light-olive gray. In the study area, TQsu is predominantly in the form of unconsolidated sands with varying percentages of shell fragments.

Refer to [Open-File Report 110, Appendix A](#) for well information

Refer to [OFMS 113, Plate 2 for Cross-Sections](#)

Refer to [OFMS 113, Plate 3 for Geomorphology Map](#)

- Primary highway
- Secondary highway
- Light duty road, principal street
- Railroad
- County boundary
- State lands and parks
- Contours (5 meter)
- Intermediate
- Bathymetry (2 meter)
- Index
- Intermediate

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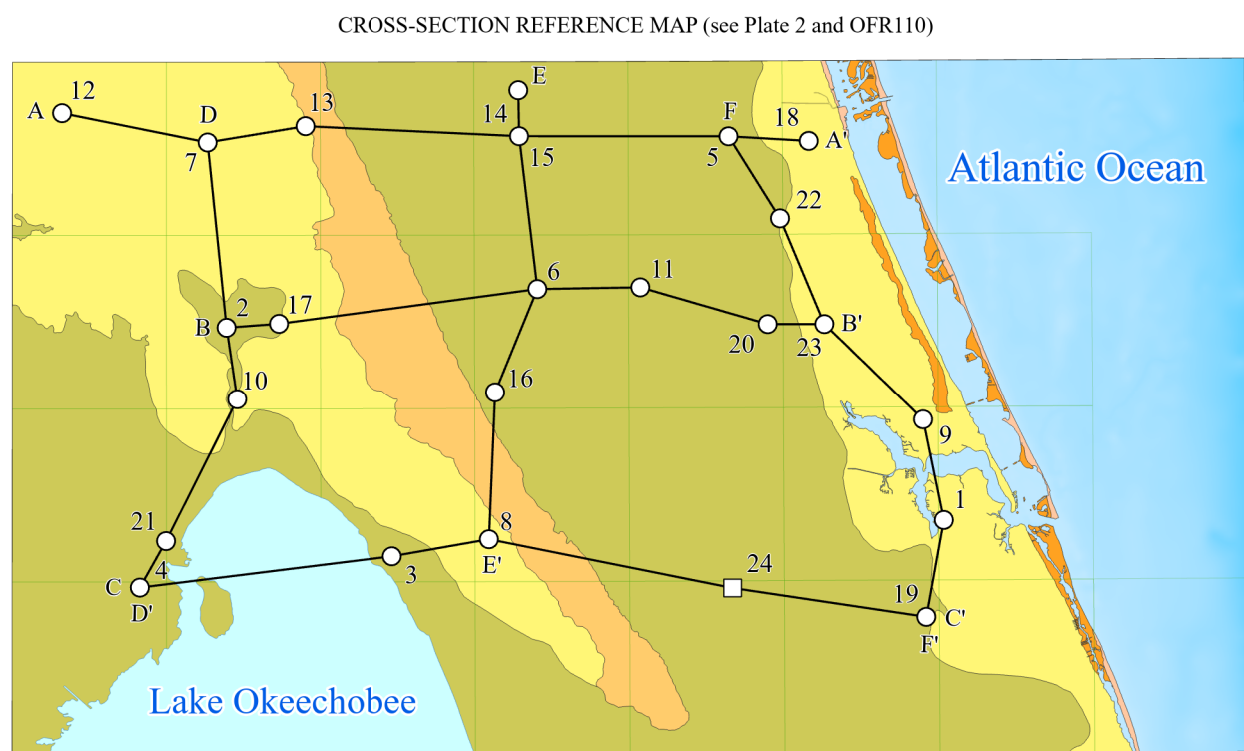
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- Cuttings
- M-Series sample
- Outcrop/exposure
- Borrow pit
- Quarry / sand mine
- City/town
- USGS 1:24,000 Quadrangle tick mark

- Waterbody
- Wetland
- River or stream or canal
- Cross section line
- U.S. Public Lands Survey Township/Range
- U.S. Public Lands Survey Section

SCALE 1:100,000
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CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 METER
BATHYMETRIC INTERVAL 2 METERS
Elevations shown to the nearest meter

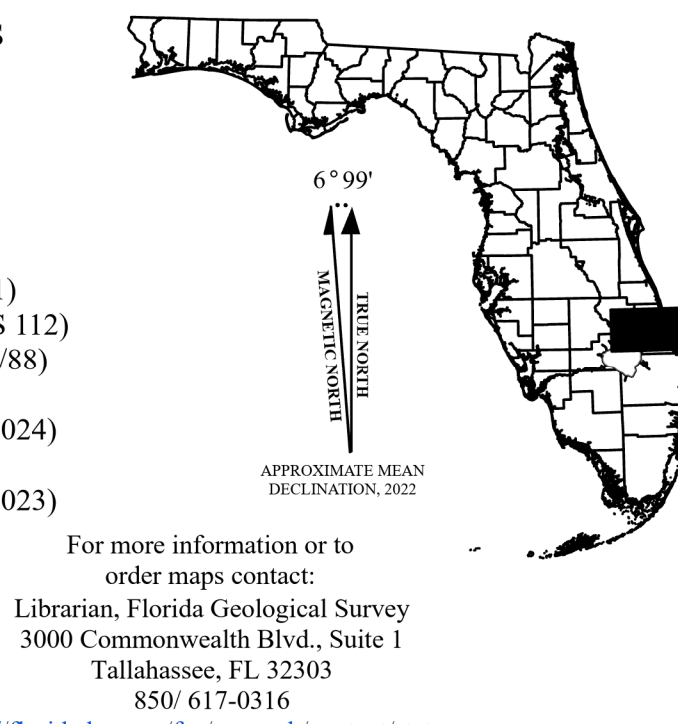
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ADJOINING MAPS

- 1 Bartow (OFMS 111)
- 2 Vero Beach (OFMS 112)
- 3 Arcadia (OFMS 87/88)
- 4 Fort Myers (to be mapped in 2024)
- 5 West Palm Beach (to be mapped in 2023)



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