

Beaumont Formation

Beaumont Formation, Qb, with barrier island and beach deposits, Qbb, mapped separately. Beaumont Formation, Qb, mostly clay, silt, sand, and gravel; includes mainly stream channel, point bar, natural levee, and backswamp deposits, and to a lesser extent coastal marsh, mud flat, lagoonal, Recent and older lake, clay dune, and sand dune deposits; concretions and massive accumulations of calcium carbonate (caliche) and concretions of iron oxide and iron-manganese oxides in zone of weathering; surface pitted by shallow lakes or dry lake beds with associated clay dunes which in places align along meanderbelt ridges; pimple mounds only in vicinity of Qbb unit; thickness 100± feet

The stippled overprint (source shown in Index to Geologic Mapping) shows areas that are "Dominantly clay and mud of low permeability, high water-holding capacity, high compressibility, high to very high shrink-swell potential, poor drainage, level to depressed relief, low shear strength, and high plasticity; geologic units include interdistributary muds, abandoned channel-fill muds, and fluvial overbank muds." The nonstippled areas are "Dominantly clayey sand and silt of low-moderate permeability, moderate drainage, level relief with local mounds and ridges, and high shear strength; geologic units include meanderbelt, levee, crevasse splay, and distributary sands"

Barrier island and beach deposits, Obb, mostly fine-grained sand, shells scarce; surface slightly higher than that of surrounding deposits, characterized by numerous pimple mounds and poorly defined relict beach ridges; includes many Recent, locally active sand dunes; probably part of "Ingleside" barrier island system; thickness less than 60 feet

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Lissie Formation undivided

Sand, silt, clay, and minor amount of gravel; iron oxide and iron-manganese nodules common in zone of weathering, in upper part locally calcareous, some concretions of calcium carbonate; surface fairly flat and featureless except for numerous rounded shallow depressions and pimple mounds, lower part very gently rolling; characterized by "moderate permeability, moderate drainage, and high shear strength; geologic units include meanderbelt, levee, crevasse splay, and distributary sands and floodbasin mud over meanderbelt sand;" thickness 200± feet

