

Danville Coal Depth

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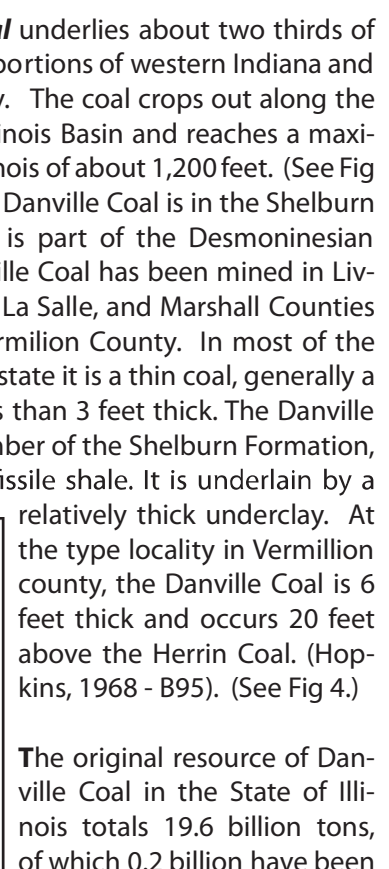
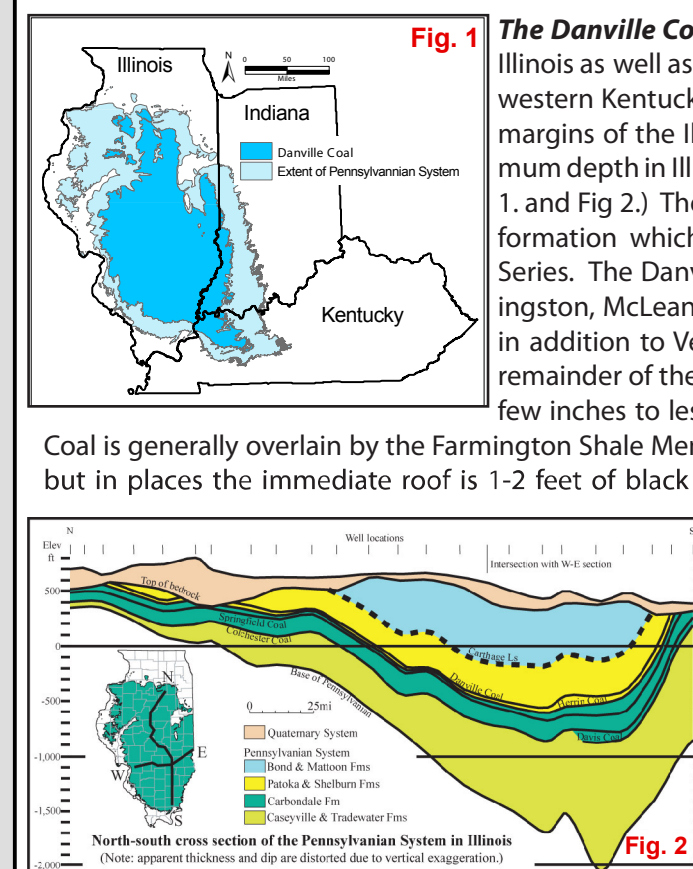
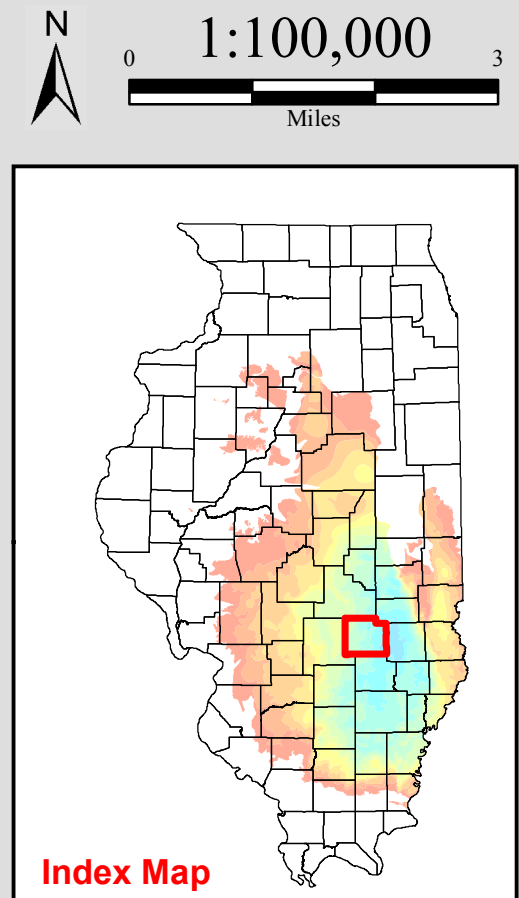
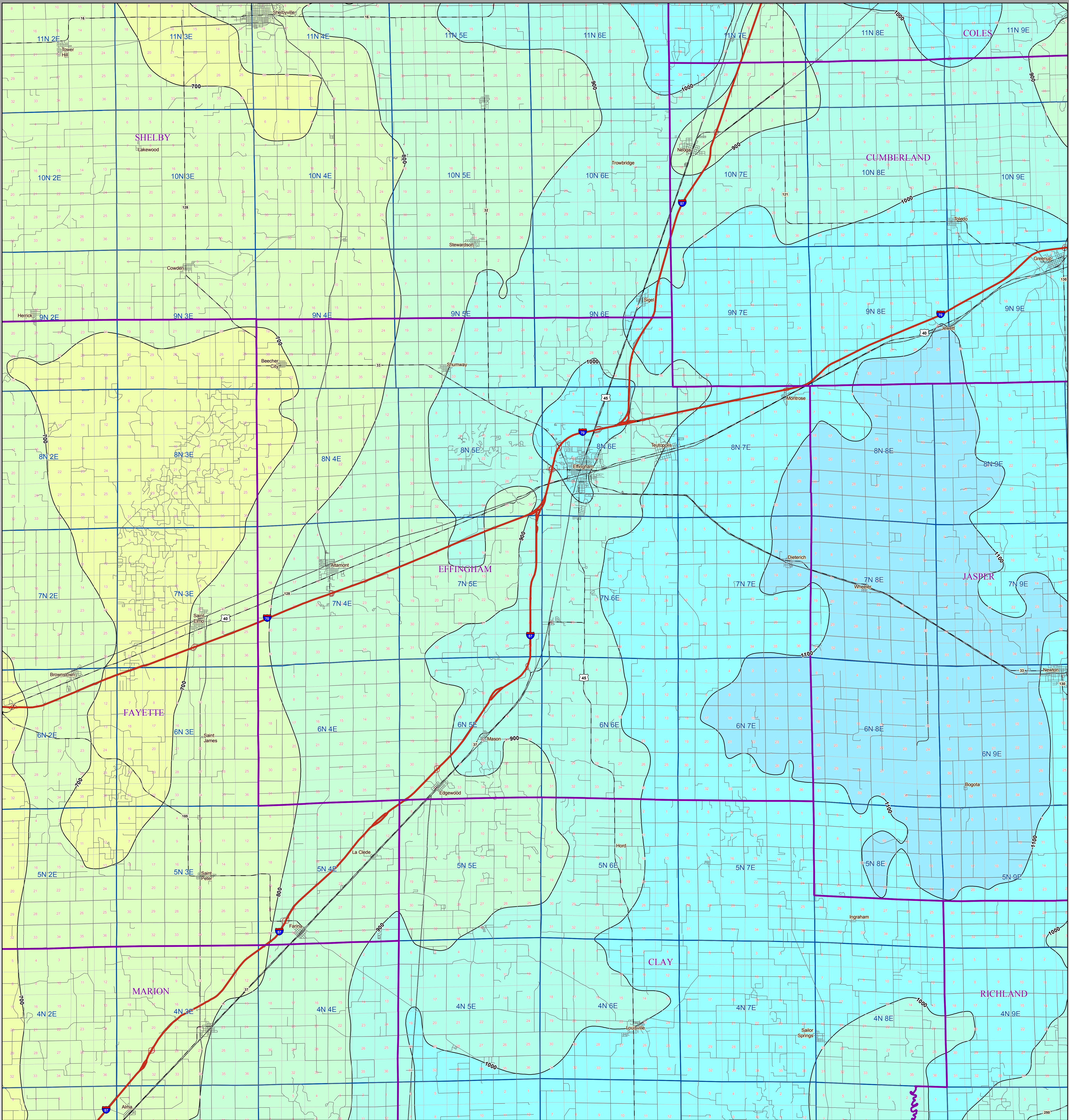
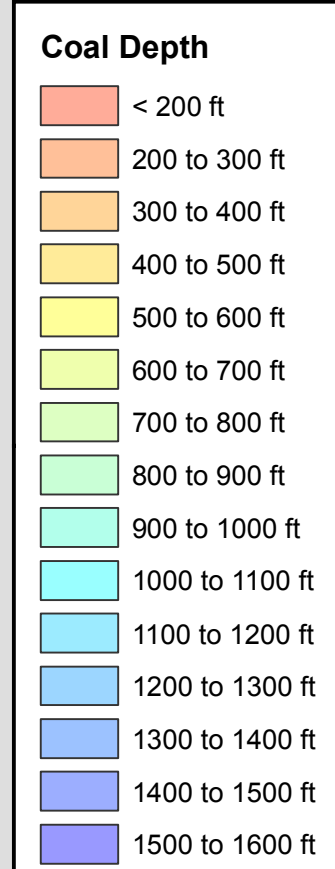
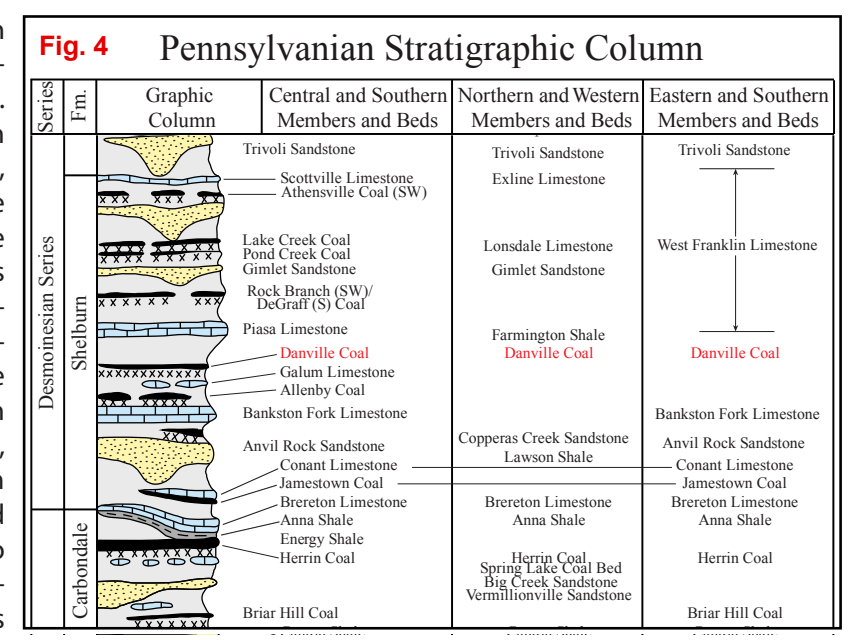


Fig. 3 mined. Approximately 23% of the original Danville Coal resources, 4.5 billion tons, are considered available for mining. (See Fig. 3.) Available means that the surface land-use and geologic conditions related to mining of the deposit (e.g. thickness, depth, in-place tonnage, stability of bedrock overburden) are comparable to other coals currently being mined in the state. Of these resources, 4 billion tons occur in coal 42 to 66 inches thick and 0.4 billion tons occur in thicknesses greater than 66 inches.

The Danville Coal has been mined in Illinois for over 100 years, but only about 1% of the original resource has been depleted. The most extensive area of mining was in east-central Illinois near the city of Danville where the coal has

been mined by both surface and underground methods. Except for mines in east-central Illinois, most large surface mines recover the Danville Coal only as part of their operation to remove overburden to mine the underlying Herrin Coal. In many cases, the Danville seam has been considered to be too thin or too poor in quality to justify recovery and was simply discarded in the spoil pile with other rock overburden. (Modified from ISGS Pub. IM 124, Korose, et al)

References:
- Handbook of Illinois Stratigraphy, 1975, Illinois State Geological Survey Bulletin 95, 261 p.
- Christopher P. Korose, Colin G. Treworgy, Russell J. Jacobson, and Scott D. Erick, 2002, Availability of the Danville, Jamestown, Dekoven, Davis, and Seelyville Coals for mining in Selected Areas of Illinois: Illinois State Geological Survey Illinois Minerals 124, 44 p.



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