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Danville Coal Thickness SALINE County

County Coal Map Series

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present interpretations of the geology of the area and are based on available data.

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may not be accurately portrayed or resolved. This data set provides a large-scale

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conceptual model of the geology of the area on which to base further work.

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basis of the information presented here.

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Underground Mine

Insufficient data

28 to 42 inches

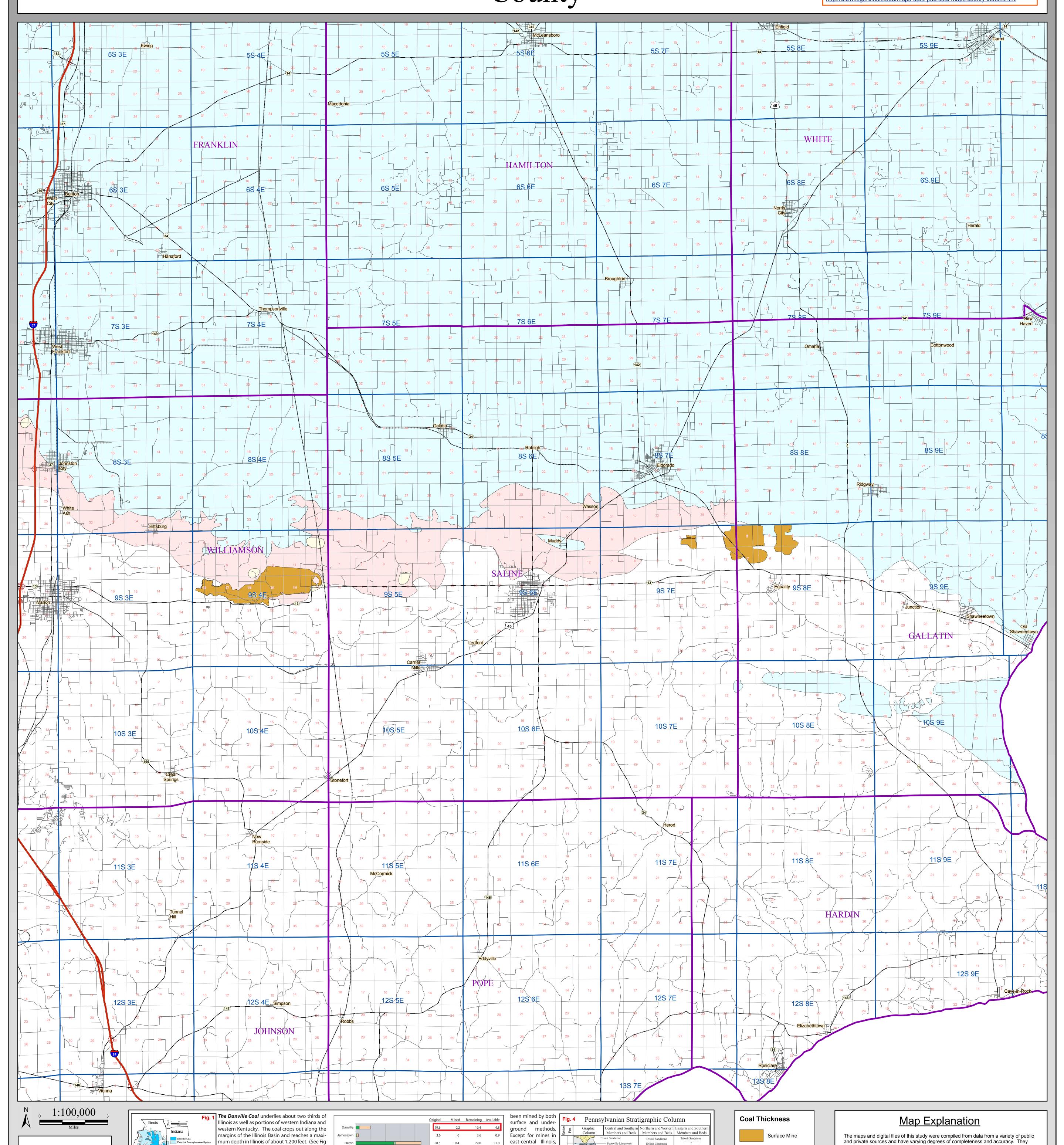
42 to 66 inches

>66 inches

Channel

Split Coal

<28 inches



most large surface

mines recover the

Danville Coal only as

part of their opera-

tion to remove over-

underlying

burden to mine the

Coal. In many cases,

the Danville seam

simply discarded in

■ Avail. w/ potential restr.

relatively thick underclay. At mined. Approximately 23% of the original Danville Coal resources, 4.5 billion has been considered the type locality in Vermillion tons, are considered available for mining. (See Fig 3.) Available means that to be too thin or too

county, the Danville Coal is 6 the surface land-use and geologic conditions related to mining of the deposit poor in quality to jus-

above the Herrin Coal. (Hop- comparable to other coals currently being mined in the state. Of these re-

occur in thicknesses greater than 66 inches.

ville Coal in the State of Illi- **T**he Danville Coal has been mined in Illinois for over 100 years, but only about

feet thick and occurs 20 feet (e.g. thickness, depth, in-place tonnage, stability of bedrock overburden) are tify recovery and was

sources, 4 billion tons occur in coal 42 to 66 inches thick and 0.4 billion tons

12.5

of which 0.2 billion have been mining was in east-central Illinois near the city of Danville where the coal has of Illinois: Illinois State Geological Survey Illinois Minerals 124, 44 p.

nois totals 19.6 billion tons, 1% of the original resource has been depleted. The most extensive area of ity of the Danville, Jamestown, Dekoven, Davis, and Seelyville Coals for mining in Selected Areas

Lonsdale Limestone

Gimlet Sandstone

Danville Coal

Herrin Coal

— Danville Coal — Galum Limestone

Bankston Fork Limestone

Anvil Rock Sandstone

the spoil pile with other rock overburden. (Modified from ISGS Pub. IM 124, Korose, et al)

- Handbook of Illinois Stratigraphy, 1975, Illinois State Geological Survey Bulletin 95, 261p.

- Christopher P. Korose, Colin G. Treworgy, Russell J. Jacobson, and Scott D. Elrick, 2002, Availabil-

1. and Fig 2.) The Danville Coal is in the Shelburn

formation which is part of the Desmoninesian

Series. The Danville Coal has been mined in Liv-

ingston, McLean, La Salle, and Marshall Counties

n addition to Vermilion County. In most of the

remainder of the state it is a thin coal, generally a

few inches to less than 3 feet thick. The Danville

kins, 1968 - B95). (See Fig 4.)

The original resource of Dan-

Coal is generally overlain by the Farmington Shale Member of the Shelburn Formation,

but in places the immediate roof is 1-2 feet of black fissile shale. It is underlain by a