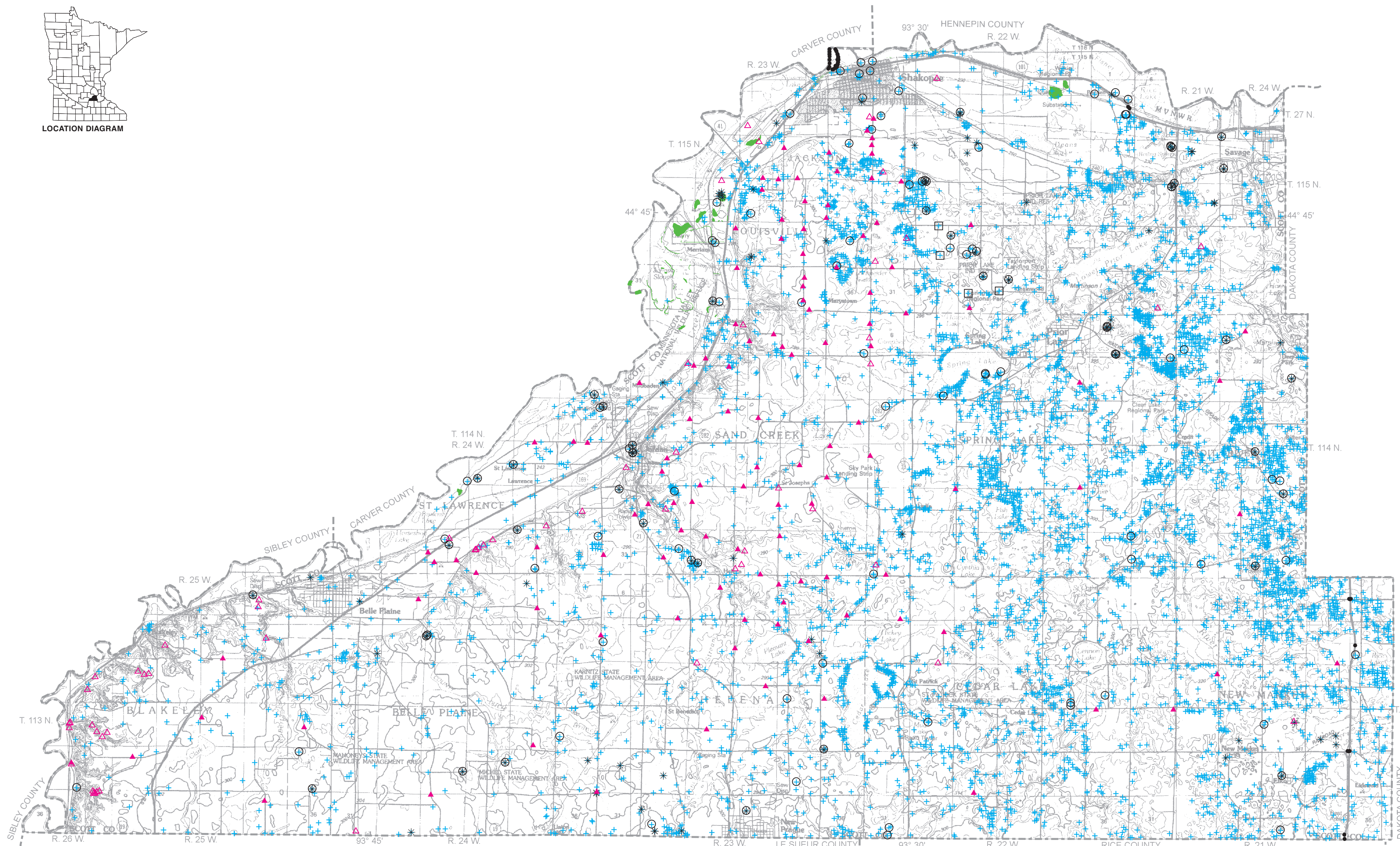




DATA-BASE MAP

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THE DATA-BASE MAP

The types, locations, and density of information used to prepare the Scott County atlas are shown on this map. The data are described below to aid the user in assessing which types may be useful for a particular information need. The Data-Base Map serves as a guide to the precision of the other maps in the atlas. It shows where data are sparse or lacking and interpretation and extrapolation were required to prepare the maps.

DRILL-HOLE INFORMATION

A record of water-well construction (well driller's log) is a water-well contractor's description of the geologic materials penetrated during drilling and the construction materials used to complete the well (Fig. 1). Not all wells extend to bedrock. In areas of thick, unconsolidated Quaternary deposits, drillers usually do not have to drill through the entire thickness of overburden to find sufficient ground water. Hydrologic data, such as the static water level and test-pumping results, are commonly included. Before any driller's log can be used, the location of the well must be verified, and a geologist must interpret the log (Fig. 2). Driller's logs are the primary source of subsurface geologic and hydrologic data for Scott County; about 6,200 logs were used for this atlas.

Cutting samples collected during drilling and exploration provide physical evidence of subsurface geologic materials. They are the principal means of establishing the nature of the subsurface materials and are used to interpret and verify driller's logs. They are logged and stored at the Minnesota Geological Survey.

Borehole geophysical logs are created by lowering instruments down a well or drill hole and measuring the physical and chemical properties of the geologic materials through which the hole passes. Different logging techniques measure naturally occurring gamma radiation, spontaneous potential, and resistivity. Gamma logs characterize in graphic form the geologic formations penetrated. Spontaneous potential and resistivity are mainly used to locate water levels in wells and the depth of the well casing. An interpretive log is prepared from the geophysical log and correlated with drilling samples from the same hole, information obtained from nearby outcrops, or a geophysical log from a nearby drill hole. Geophysical logs can provide high-quality subsurface geologic and hydrologic information from wells for which little or no other information is available. The information obtained from a geophysical log is added to the County Well Index (CWI) and the paper log is on file at the Minnesota Geological Survey.

Soil borings are test holes drilled to obtain information about the physical properties of subsurface materials for engineering, mapping, or exploration purposes. Most terminate at very shallow depths or where bedrock is encountered. They are logged by an engineer or a geologist using a variety of classification schemes based on particle sizes, penetration rate, moisture content, and color. Soil-boring data are limited in distribution; they generally follow highway corridors. These data are most useful in determining the composition of unconsolidated deposits.

OTHER INFORMATION

Rotary-sonic cores were collected from four sites in the Shakopee Mdeawekton Sioux Community by a private consultant and later turned over to the Minnesota Geological Survey for study. The coring technique enables recovery of a continuous core, 3.5 inches (8.9 centimeters) in diameter, from the glacial deposits and bedrock (if penetrated). It provides excellent subsurface samples for detailed study and comparison with cuttings, geophysical logs, and driller's logs from surrounding sites. The core is available for inspection at the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Division of Lands and Minerals offices.

Giddings probe holes allow description and sampling of continuous glacial materials in a 2-inch (5.1-centimeter) diameter hole, collected by a truck-mounted hydraulic auger. Samples were generally taken about every 5 feet (1.5 meters), at unit contacts, or where the geologist believed it was important. The average depth of the borings is 18.8 feet (5.7 meters) and the deepest is 42.5 feet (13 meters).

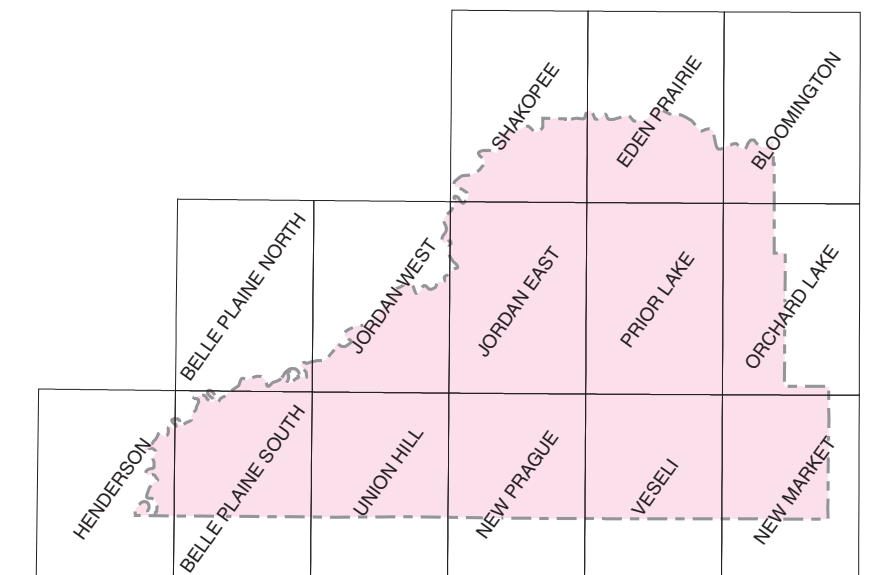
Hand samples are collected at natural and artificial exposures for later analyses and description of the Quaternary glacial deposits.

Textural analyses express the proportion of sand-, silt-, and clay-size particles that make up a sample. They are helpful in identifying and mapping unconsolidated materials like Quaternary glacial deposits. The samples analyzed were taken at the giddings probe hole and hand sample sites.

Outcrops are natural and artificial exposures of bedrock within the county.

MAP SYMBOLS

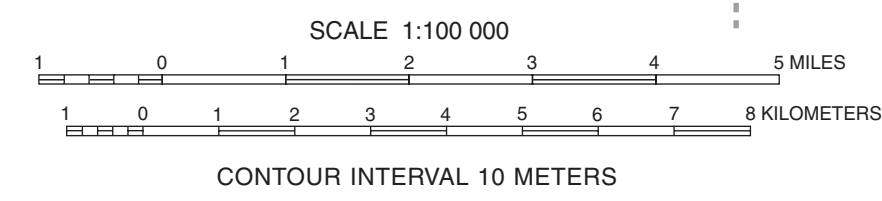
- + Record of water-well construction (well driller's log)
  - Cuttings sample
  - Borehole geophysical log
  - Soil boring
  - Rotary-sonic core
  - ▲ Giddings probe hole
  - △ Hand sample
  - Outcrop location
- Note: More than one symbol can occur at the same location



INDEX TO 7.5-MINUTE QUADRANGLES

Every reasonable effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the factual data on which this map interpretation is based; however, the Minnesota Geological Survey does not warrant or guarantee that there are no errors. Users may wish to verify critical information; sources include both the references listed here and information on file at the offices of the Minnesota Geological Survey in St. Paul. In addition, effort has been made to ensure that the interpretation conforms to sound geologic and cartographic principles. No claim is made that the interpretation shown is rigorously correct, however, and it should not be used to guide engineering-scale decisions without site-specific verification.

Base from U.S. Geological Survey St. Paul 1:100,000 quadrangle, 1985.  
 Universal Transverse Mercator Projection, grid zone 15  
 1983 North American Datum



Unique No. 00118807	MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH <b>WELL AND BORING RECORD</b> Minnesota Statutes Chapter 1031		Update Date 2006/02/03
County Name Scott	Township Name Township Range Dir Section Subsection 114 24 W 28 ACBADC		Entry Date 1989/02/23
Well Name LAWRENCE WAYSIDE REST	Well Depth 170 ft.	Depth Completed 170 ft.	Date Well Completed 1975/11/09
Contact's Name LAWRENCE WAYSIDE REST 20250 PARK BL JORDAN MN 55352	Drilling Method Non-specified Rotary	Drilling Fluid Well Hydrofractured? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Hole Diameter
Use Public Supply/non-comm.-transient	Casing Drive Shoe? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Casing Diameter Weight(lbs/ft) 6 in. to 52 ft. 19.45	
GEOLOGICAL MATERIAL COLOR HARDNESS FROM TO	Screen N	Open Hole From 52 ft. to 170 ft.	Make Type
TOP SOIL BLACK SOFT 0 3	Static Water Level -3 ft. from Land surface	Date 1978/08/11	
CLAY + SAND YELLOW SOFT 3 7	PUMPING LEVEL (below land surface) 12 ft. after 4 hrs. pumping 150 g.p.m.		
LIMESTONE DK GR HARD 7 12	Well Head Completion	Pitless adapter mfr Model	
SHALE GREEN SOFT 12 35	Casing Protection <input type="checkbox"/> At-grade/Environmental Wells and Borings ONLY	<input type="checkbox"/> 12 in. above grade	
LIMESTONE GRAY HARD 35 42	GROUTING INFORMATION	Well grouted? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Material From To (ft.) Amount(yds/bags)
SHALE GREEN SOFT 42 70	G 7 52 0.5 Y		
LIMESTONE + SANDSTONE GREEN SOFT 70 95	Nearest Known Source of Contamination	direction N	type BOW
SANDSTONE + SHALE SEA WHIT/G SOFT 95 170	Well disinfected upon completion? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	Pump <input type="checkbox"/> Not installed	Date Installed Y	
	Mfr name MONITOR	Model 1HF	HP 0 Volts
	Drop Pipe Length 10 ft.	Capacity 6 g.p.m.	
	Type H	Any not in use and not sealed well(s) on property? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	Was a variance granted from the MDH for this Well? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
REMARKS, ELEVATION, SOURCE OF DATA, etc.	USGS Quad: Jordan West	Elevation: 718	
WELL #2	Aquifer: CFRN	Alt. Id.: 5700176S01	
	<b>Report Copy</b>		
	Well CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION	Lic. Or Reg. No. 22014	
	License Business Name	Name of Driller ROGERS, B.	

Figure 1. An example of a WELL LOG record, showing all the information about the well as reported by the well driller.

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TOP SOIL BLACK SOFT 0 3 RUUK SOIL ORGD	ORGD = Organic Deposits		
CLAY + SAND YELLOW SOFT 3 7 QLUY CLAY SAND	QLUY = Clay & sand		
LIMESTONE DK GRY HARD 7 12 CSTL DLMT	CSTL = St.Lawrence DLMT = Dolomite		
SHALE GREEN SOFT 12 35 CSLF SHLE	CSLF = St.Lawrence-Franconia SHLE = Shale		
LIMESTONE GRAY HARD 35 42 CSLF DLMT	CSLF = St.Lawrence-Franconia DLMT = Dolomite		
SHALE GREEN SOFT 42 70 CFRN SHLE	CFRN = Franconia SHLE = Shale		
LIMESTONE + SANDSTONE + SHALE GREEN SOFT 70 95 CFRN DLMT SNDS SHLE	CFRN = Franconia DLMT = Dolomite SNDS = Sandstone SHLE = Shale		
SANDSTONE + SHALE SEAMS WHY/GRY SOFT 95 170 CFRN SNDS SHLE	CFRN = Franconia SNDS = Sandstone SHLE = Shale		

Figure 2. Example of a WELL STRATIGRAPHY record, which contains a geologist's interpretation of the geologic materials listed by the driller in the WELL LOG record (Fig. 1). The headings (such as GEOLOGICAL MATERIAL, COLOR, and HARDNESS) pertain to information in the first line of each entry; the second line contains explanations of most of the four-letter codes used in the first line. The first word (in capital letters) in each entry is the well driller's original description for that interval. All depths are measured in feet. Heading abbreviations: STRAT, stratigraphy (the name of the stratigraphic unit; note, all abbreviations starting with Q are Quaternary glacial deposits); LITH PRIM, primary lithology (material type); LITH SEC, secondary lithology; LITH MINOR, minor lithology.

INTRODUCTION

The public health and economic development of Scott County are directly dependent on the wise use and management of its land and water resources. Accurate geologic and hydrologic information are essential before decisions are made that affect natural resources. Although the amount of geologic information required for making specific decisions can vary, the information will not be used if it is unavailable when needed, or if it is available only in a highly technical form, or scattered in many different maps and reports.

County atlases present detailed geologic and hydrologic information in an interpretive as well as descriptive form. Maps and texts either summarize basic geologic and hydrologic conditions at a county scale, or interpret these conditions in terms of the impacts of possible land- and water-use decisions. Site-specific information is also available at a greater level of technical detail than shown on the maps of this atlas. The data are too voluminous to present in the atlas, but have been incorporated into readily accessible files housed at the Minnesota Geological Survey.

Several sources commonly provide information about an area or an individual property, but they may use different classification schemes to describe the same geologic materials. As a result, discrepancies in interpreting the data may arise or the different sources may appear to contradict each other. For example, water-well drillers may describe glacial till as "clay," but engineering records will describe it as "clayey sand." Both descriptions are acceptable for their original purpose of describing the physical attributes of the material. "Clay," the term used by well drillers, defines the general inability of the till to yield ground water to a well. "Clayey sand," the term from the engineering record, defines the physical composition of the till relative to particle size and engineering properties. The geologist must take the analysis one step further and define the material in terms of how it formed rather than how it is to be used. In this example, till consists of an unsorted mixture of rock fragments ranging in size from clay to cobbles and boulders, and it is interpreted by the geologist as having been deposited directly by glacial ice.

All of the types of data described on this plate had to be interpreted by geologists or hydrogeologists before they were meaningful for mapping purposes. The 1:100,000 and 1:200,000 scales of the maps in this atlas were chosen because they can show the geologic and topographic studies of the county while keeping the physical size of each plate to a manageable level. As a result, some detailed information that was gained by data interpretation and mapping cannot be shown on these maps or discussed in the texts.

Whether to use the atlas alone, or in combination with the data bases, depends on the amount of detail needed. Generally, data-base information must be used to evaluate site-specific conditions.

DATA-BASE MANAGEMENT

All of the data shown on the map were plotted on 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle maps or highway alignment maps. Inventory numbers were assigned to all data sources. Automated data bases and a few manual files were developed to provide easy access and rapid retrieval of these site-specific data. The data may be obtained from the Minnesota Geological Survey.

Computer storage and retrieval systems are better than manual files for manipulating large amounts of data because automated geologic data bases can be designed to interact with other computer files, such as land-use data. Such interaction permits more efficient assessment of cause-and-effect relationships concerning natural resources than is commonly possible with manual files.

SCOTT COUNTY DATA BASES

Computerized files were developed for point-source data such as wells and borings in Scott County. They use Public Land Survey descriptions, Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM), and latitude-longitude coordinates as location criteria; thus, they are compatible with the natural-resource data bases housed at the Minnesota Land Management Information Center (LMIC). The computerized data bases developed for Scott County by the Minnesota Geological Survey are the County Well Index (CWI) and Quaternary Data Index (QDI).

County Well Index (CWI)—Information from water-well records was entered into this statewide data base. Each well log is assigned a six-digit unique number. These reference numbers are also used by state agencies and the Water Resources Division of the U.S. Geological Survey. Elevations, expressed in feet above sea level, were determined from topographic maps (see the index to 7.5-minute quadrangles or the Scott County Digital Elevation Model 2-foot contours) and are generally accurate to plus or minus five feet. The street address of each well is also included wherever possible to provide data users with a well-location system that is compatible with local regulatory programs. Software at the Minnesota Geological Survey is used to display and tabulate many of the data elements contained on the original well log.

The County Well Index is currently stored in a data base that consists of nine related tables. These tables contain information such as well depths, well construction, addresses, aquifers, dates drilled, static water levels, and pumping test data. They also contain alternate well identifiers such as permit numbers or emergency-service numbers, and the well stratigraphy (the geologic materials encountered during drilling).

CWI application software developed by the Minnesota Department of Health provides two types of reports:

- WELL LOG contains all the information about the well as it was reported by the contractor (Fig. 1). There may also be additional location information, land-surface elevation, aquifer designation, and remarks about the drill holes.
- WELL STRATIGRAPHY contains the geologic log with a geologist's stratigraphic interpretations, which are based on her or his knowledge and understanding of the geology of Scott County (Fig. 2). Only those drill holes with verified locations have stratigraphic interpretations assigned to them.

Quaternary Data Index (QDI)—Information from Quaternary sites, either descriptions and/or samples collected and analyzed, is entered into this data base. QDI contains locations, the name of the person who collected the sample, land surface elevations, sample elevations, lithologic descriptions, proportions of sand, silt, and clay, and proportions of crystalline, carbonate, and shale clay types.

FUTURE DATA COLLECTION

A data-base map is out of date even before it is printed because additional information is continually generated as new water wells are drilled, construction activities expose more bedrock, or additional wells are tested for water quality. The library of geologic information prepared for Scott County is flexible so that old data can be reevaluated in light of new information, and new forms of data can be added if required. The need to manage ground water and other natural resources wisely will never become outdated. Future demands on these resources will require current data to assess the impacts.