



- MAPSYMBOLS**
- Record of water well construction (well driller's log)
 - Rotary-sonic core sample
 - ◇ Diamond drill core sample
 - Soil boring
 - ★ Cutting sample
 - Borehole geophysical log
 - ◆ Giddings probe hole
 - ▲ Scientific investigation hole
 - △ Field site
 - ▲ Textural analysis
 - ▲ Seismic refraction survey
 - ◇ Passive seismic measurement
 - Gravity data
- Note: More than one symbol can occur at the same location.

DATABASE MAP

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All of the types of data described on this plate were interpreted by geologists or hydrologists to make them meaningful for mapping purposes. The 1:100,000 scale of the maps in this atlas was chosen because it marks the geologic and hydrologic information in an interpretive as well as descriptive form. Maps and texts summarize basic geologic and hydrologic conditions at a county scale, and interpret these conditions in terms of the impacts of possible land- and water-use decisions.

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

THE DATABASE MAP
The types, locations, and density of information used to prepare the Lincoln County atlas are shown on this map. The data are described below to aid the user in assessing what types may be useful for a particular information need. The Database 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. 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. Driller's logs are the primary source of subsurface geologic and hydrologic data for Lincoln County; about 700 logs were used for this atlas.

Diamond drill and rotary-sonic core samples were collected at various sites throughout Lincoln County as a means to establish the nature of subsurface material. Bedrock core is commonly collected using a diamond bit rotating at the end of a drill rod. A column of rock moves up the drill pipe and is recovered at the surface for study. Diamond drill core exists for three sites in Lincoln County: the well for exploration of minerals as well as scientific investigation. Three rotary-sonic cores were collected by the Minnesota Geological Survey for this project (labeled LCR-1 through LCR-3) to aid in interpretation of the Quaternary deposits and determining bedrock depth and nature. The coring technique enables recovery of a continuous core, 3.5 inches (8.9 centimeters) in diameter, from glacial deposits and bedrock (where intersected). It provides excellent subsurface samples for detailed study and comparison with cuttings, geophysical logs, and driller's logs from surrounding sites. Detailed geologist's logs for the rotary-sonic cores are shown on Plate 4, *Quaternary Stratigraphy*. These detailed logs were entered into the County Well Index (CWI) and are available in Minnesota Geological Survey file data. The core is available for inspection at the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Drill Core Library in Hibbing (the state repository for bedrock and earthen material core samples collected during exploration, engineering, and geoscience research programs across Minnesota).

Soil borings are test holes drilled to obtain information about the physical properties of subsurface materials for engineering, mapping, or exploration purposes. 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 were collected by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) and are concentrated along major roadways including State Highway 68 and U.S. Highway 75. Descriptions of the geologic materials penetrated are interpreted by Minnesota Geological Survey geologists for mapping purposes. These descriptions and interpretations can be found in the data package associated with this atlas. Original soil-boring data can be found on MNDOT's online portal for soil borings (<https://foundationborings.dot.state.mn.us/geotechnical/foundationborings/>).

Cutting samples collected during drilling provide physical evidence of subsurface geologic materials. Cuttings are the samples generated as the drill bit cuts through the subsurface material and are used to interpret and verify driller's logs. They are logged and stored at the Minnesota Geological Survey. Descriptions of cutting samples are housed at the Minnesota Geological Survey and are available upon request.

Borehole geophysical logs are collected by Minnesota Geological Survey staff or private entities 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 by a geologist 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 for wells that have little or no other information available. Information and interpretations from geophysical logs are entered into the County Well Index. Logs can be viewed at the Minnesota Geological Survey or accessed online (http://www.mn.gov/borehole_geo). The geologic interpretations are available through the County Well Index Database described below.

Giddings probe holes are borings of glacial materials, 2 inches (5.1 centimeters) in diameter, collected by Minnesota Geological Survey staff using a truck-mounted hydraulic auger. A description was generated at every site and samples were taken for textural analyses at most locations. Samples were generally taken about every 5 feet (1.5 meters), at unit contacts, or where the geologist felt it was important. The information from these holes can be found within the digital file data provided with this atlas.

Scientific investigation holes are soil auger holes, test wells, and observation wells drilled by the U.S. Geological Survey, Water Resources Division to determine the hydrologic properties of the local and regional aquifers. Geologic logs were generated for each hole. Test well and observation well data were entered into Minnesota Geological Survey databases. Non-well drill hole data are available in Minnesota Geological Survey files. Study results and conclusions may be found in U.S. Geological Survey published reports.

Field sites are natural and artificial exposures of unconsolidated Quaternary deposits that were described by Minnesota Geological Survey staff in detail; samples from many sites were texturally analyzed. Field sites include stream and river cuts, gravel pits, excavations, and road cuts. Information and descriptions of these sites can be found within the digital file data provided with this atlas.

Textural analyses express the proportion of sand, silt, and clay size particles that make up a sample. The samples analyzed were taken from natural and artificial exposures, Giddings holes, and rotary-sonic cores. They are helpful in determining the origin, correlation, and hydrologic properties of unconsolidated sediments. The data are available in Minnesota Geological Survey files.

FUTURE DATA COLLECTION
Lidar (light detection and ranging) is an optical remote-sensing technique that uses a sensor, pulsed laser light, and a GPS receiver to sample the Earth's surface and produce highly accurate land-surface information. Lidar data in southwest Minnesota (including Lincoln County) were provided by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources during a regional acquisition in 2010 and are available from the Minnesota Geospatial Commons website (<https://gisdata.mn.gov/dataset/lel-lidar-sw-mn2010>). Data quality for the southwest region is reported at the 95 percent confidence level: a 0.98 foot for the horizontal direction and ±0.23 foot for the vertical direction. Lidar elevation data are used to map bedrock exposures and glacial landforms. They help map more accurately delicate contacts between both bedrock and surficial geologic units. Lidar can also help define the structure of a bedrock unit based on visible features such as fractures, faults, bedding, and weathering input.

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Elevation contours were derived from the U.S. Geological Survey 30-meter Digital Elevation Model (DEM) by the Minnesota Geological Survey.
Universal Transverse Mercator Projection, grid zone 15 1983 North American Datum

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<p>MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WELL AND BORING RECORD MINNESOTA STATUTES CHAPTER 1037</p> <p>Well Name: LCR-2 Township: Range Dir Section Subsection Field Located MNDR# 1758.90 W 22 CRCAC 1758.90</p> <p>Contact address: STATE OF MN, DNR 500 LAFAYETTE RD ST PAUL MN 55155</p> <p>Drilling Method: Vibrocorotation Drilling Fluid: Bentonite Well Hydrofractured? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Casing: 2.00 in. 199.00 ft. 2.00 in. 420.0 ft.</p> <p>Description</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Description</th> <th>Color</th> <th>Hardness</th> <th>From</th> <th>To</th> <th>Notes</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>TOPSOIL, WETLAND MUCK, HEAVY VEG</td> <td>HEG</td> <td>SOFT</td> <td>0</td> <td>6</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>OK CLAY & TILL</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>6</td> <td>7</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>OK CLAY LOAM</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>7</td> <td>11</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>FINO TILL, GRAVELLY AT TIMES</td> <td>VARIED</td> <td></td> <td>17</td> <td>34</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>FINO TILL, GRAVELLY AT TIMES</td> <td>VARIED</td> <td></td> <td>34</td> <td>148</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>MASSIVE SILT TO VF SAND</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>148</td> <td>158</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>FINE TO VF SAND</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>158</td> <td>163</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>COARSE SAND TO GRAVEL</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>163</td> <td>172</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>FINE MASSIVE SAND</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>172</td> <td>178</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>MASSIVE SILTY VF SAND</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>178</td> <td>189</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>COARSE SAND TO COBBLES, OK</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>189</td> <td>209</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>CLAY LAUGHTRINE SED, DENSE</td> <td>OK GRV</td> <td></td> <td>209</td> <td>212</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>REDUCED LOAM TO CLAY LOAM TILL</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>212</td> <td>216</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>OK LOAM TILL, GRAVELLY</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>216</td> <td>237</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>OK TILL</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>237</td> <td>244</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>MEDIUM SAND, SPARSE GRAVEL</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>244</td> <td>252</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>OK LAKE SEDIMENT</td> <td>GRVGRY</td> <td></td> <td>252</td> <td>253</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>F TO MED SAND</td> <td>GRVGRY</td> <td></td> <td>253</td> <td>258</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>LAKE SEDIMENT</td> <td>GRVGRY</td> <td></td> <td>258</td> <td>260</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>SAND AND GRAVEL, FINING UPWARD</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>260</td> <td>273</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>LAKE CLAY, FINE LAMINATIONS</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>273</td> <td>274</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>OK TILL, CLAY LOAM, GRAVELLY</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>274</td> <td>280</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>TILL, UNOX TILL</td> <td>OLVGRY</td> <td></td> <td>280</td> <td>303</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>PEAT</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>303</td> <td>355</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>TILL</td> <td>GRVGRY</td> <td></td> <td>355</td> <td>362</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>SANDS/TILL LOAM TO SANDY LOAM</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>362</td> <td>367</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>UNOX GRAY TILL, MORE GRAVELLY GRAY</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>367</td> <td>387</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>MIX OF OK AND UNOX GLEYED TILL</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>387</td> <td>389</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>OXIDIZED TILL</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>389</td> <td>404</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>UNOX TILL, SUPER DENSE, CLAY LOAM</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>404</td> <td>420</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Remarks: GAMMA LOGGED ON 12-6-2020 FOR ATLAS. MNDR# CB WELL 41007</p> <p>Printed on: 12/21/2021</p>													Description	Color	Hardness	From	To	Notes	TOPSOIL, WETLAND MUCK, HEAVY VEG	HEG	SOFT	0	6		OK CLAY & TILL			6	7		OK CLAY LOAM			7	11		FINO TILL, GRAVELLY AT TIMES	VARIED		17	34		FINO TILL, GRAVELLY AT TIMES	VARIED		34	148		MASSIVE SILT TO VF SAND			148	158		FINE TO VF SAND			158	163		COARSE SAND TO GRAVEL			163	172		FINE MASSIVE SAND			172	178		MASSIVE SILTY VF SAND			178	189		COARSE SAND TO COBBLES, OK			189	209		CLAY LAUGHTRINE SED, DENSE	OK GRV		209	212		REDUCED LOAM TO CLAY LOAM TILL			212	216		OK LOAM TILL, GRAVELLY			216	237		OK TILL			237	244		MEDIUM SAND, SPARSE GRAVEL			244	252		OK LAKE SEDIMENT	GRVGRY		252	253		F TO MED SAND	GRVGRY		253	258		LAKE SEDIMENT	GRVGRY		258	260		SAND AND GRAVEL, FINING UPWARD			260	273		LAKE CLAY, FINE LAMINATIONS			273	274		OK TILL, CLAY LOAM, GRAVELLY			274	280		TILL, UNOX TILL	OLVGRY		280	303		PEAT			303	355		TILL	GRVGRY		355	362		SANDS/TILL LOAM TO SANDY LOAM			362	367		UNOX GRAY TILL, MORE GRAVELLY GRAY			367	387		MIX OF OK AND UNOX GLEYED TILL			387	389		OXIDIZED TILL			389	404		UNOX TILL, SUPER DENSE, CLAY LOAM			404	420	
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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). Additional downhole information for this well and nearby data points control the geologist's interpretation, which may not match the driller's description of the geologic material encountered.

