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2. Support persisting data service from existing data providers
5. Well drilling

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OVERVIEW OF WORK

The Indiana Geological and Water Survey (IGWS) became a new data provider to the USGS National Groundwater Monitoring Network (NGWMN) with the agreement under the FY2016 NGWMN program announcement with agreement dates from 9/1/2016 to 8/31/2018 (Grant/Cooperative Agreement Number: G16AC00360). The work completed under this agreement is the second award under the NGWMN program for an existing data provider with the agreement under the FY2018 NGWMN program announcement with agreement dates from 9/1/2018 to 8/31/2020 (Grant/Cooperative Agreement Number: G18AC00072).

The work addresses two NGWMN program objectives during the two-year project period: 1) support persistent data services from existing data providers, and 2) install two new monitoring wells. The existing NGWMN web services for water-level data, lithology, and well construction parameters are maintained to support persistent data services. Also, in addition to the ongoing support of persistent data services, we updated our web-hosting structure during year-1 to facilitate the automated updating of web services when new data have undergone quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) procedures. The automated updating includes data checking logic that will limit mistakes and unnecessary data handling. Finally, we installed two additional groundwater monitoring wells during project year-2 to address water-resource questions and improve the spatial distribution of NGWMN sites in Indiana.

Data was compiled and organized into NGWMN formats from a preexisting micrometeorological and groundwater monitoring network referred to as the Indiana Water Balance Network (IWBN). The IWBN web site is: <https://igws.indiana.edu/CGDA/waterBalanceNetwork.cfm>. Data contributed from the IWBN to the NGWMN can be found at: <https://cida.usgs.gov/ngwmn/>.

During the previous new data provider phase, the well registry was completed for all twelve IGWS NGWMN sites. Subsequently, Web services were developed and posted for water-level, lithology, well casing, and well screen data/metadata for sites where the necessary information was readily available. Fieldwork and data processing protocols were also documented and included herein. Persistent data services accomplished during year-2 included updates of water-level web services with new data that underwent quality assurance protocols.

As a point of clarification, The Indiana Geological Survey's (IGS) name was changed to the Indiana Geological and Water Survey (IGWS) as a result of Indiana Senate Bill 416 that took effect on July 1, 2017. The name change required minor revisions to the data files submitted to the NGWMN.

DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING WATER-LEVEL NETWORKS

Several past projects undertaken at the IGWS resulted in the collection of continuous data related to water balance parameters (especially weather/potential evapotranspiration, soil moisture, and groundwater elevation). In lieu of removing sensors following project completion, IGWS researchers developed the Indiana Water Balance Network (IWBN) to monitor long-term trends in water loss and gain for multiple components of the hydrologic budget for 12 sites, which are representative of various hydrogeologic settings and underlying aquifer systems.

Groundwater-elevation data are collected primarily to determine how groundwater levels are changing over time (i.e., trend monitoring described in ACWI, 2013). Data from sites with continuous/high-frequency water-level records are also used to assess groundwater-recharge dynamics for the various hydrogeologic settings.

DESCRIPTION OF SITE SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

Twelve groundwater monitoring wells were chosen from 33 wells where the Indiana Geological and Water Survey (IGWS) is actively monitoring groundwater in Indiana as part of the Indiana Water Balance Network (IWBN) (Figure 1, Table 1). The groundwater monitoring sites were selected based on four primary criteria: their density/spatial distribution throughout Indiana, their depth relative to other wells in the vicinity, their unique representation of regional (IDNR, 2011) and national aquifers (ACWI, 2013), and the availability of minimum data requirements as outlined in the national groundwater monitoring framework document (ACWI, 2013). Multiple wells are present at each site, but the deeper well was typically selected for inclusion in the NGWMN because these wells could represent more extensive regional aquifers.

The focus of the IGWS groundwater monitoring program is to establish baseline conditions and track long-term water-level fluctuation trends. Hence, each of the selected wells is categorized as “trend” monitoring wells, consistent with the NGWMN framework document (ACWI, 2013).

Table 1. List of wells from the IWBN selected for NGWMN. The table includes a portion of the data provided in the Well Registry table including field names.

SiteName	DecLatVa	DecLongVa	AltVa	AltUnits	WellDepth	WellDepthUnits
Rushville_S	39.5799721	-85.4649384	287.87	m	3.08	m
FortWayne_N1	41.2476	-85.118248	266.65	m	30.5	m
FortWayne_N2	41.2477149	-85.139121	256.05	m	22.08	m
Muncie_N	40.2221534	-85.4232041	285.94	m	10.09	m
Martinsville_N	39.496509	-86.428606	184.58	m	3.34	m
Glenwood_N	39.6383908	-85.2916502	335.14	m	4.92	m
Indianapolis_N	39.818356	-86.204417	215.05	m	1.22	m
LakeStation_W	41.5845385	-87.2753423	179.76	m	2.54	m
Brownsburg_N1	39.8944763	-86.3730135	278.11	m	11.97	m
NewCastle_NE	40.053383	-85.314942	307.41	m	0.86	m
Newburgh_E	37.9480863	-87.296249	142.95	m	27.13	m
Bloomington_N	39.194058	-86.512716	231	m	3.8	m
Atlanta_S	40.20951658	-86.02688488	261.27	m	34.7	m
Nappanee_NE	41.45401042	-85.98379445	265.654	m	47.6	m

LIST OF MINIMUM DATA ELEMENTS AND HOW THEY ARE PROVIDED TO DATA PORTAL

All sites were assigned unique site number identifiers, and site names were standardized to include a geographic reference (nearest city and direction of the site relative to the city). Well construction/completion logs were gathered for groundwater monitoring wells selected for inclusion in the NGWMN. Because the

deeper groundwater monitoring wells are often “wells of opportunity” that were not installed by IGWS personnel, the well construction details existed in multiple formats including geotechnical report records, Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) well driller logs, and geologist field notes. Information related to well screen and well casing characteristics were gleaned from the construction/completion logs and entered into the NGWMN Web service data structures as shown in Tables 2 and 3.

Table 2. Well casing and well screen web service data elements

Well casing web service	Well screen web service
Agency code	Agency code
Site number	Site number
Casing depth from	Screen depth from
Casing depth to	Screen depth to
Casing depth units	Screen depth units
Casing material	Hole size
Casing diameter	Hole size units
Casing diameter units	Screen material
	Screen diameter
	Screen diameter units

Lithologic data included in the NGWMN web service (Table 3) were also obtained from multiple sources used to extract well construction information (geotechnical logs, driller’s logs, and field notes) and additional resources (hydrogeologic reports, masters theses) were used to extract more detailed lithologic information. Lithologic units were standardized based on USGS conventions from the Rock Term Abbreviation table in Section 6.11.1.4 of the User’s Manual for the National Water Information System of the U.S. Geological Survey Ground-Water Site-Inventory (USGS, 2004). The textural (i.e., grain size) term was chosen that best matched the above lithologic data. Till is listed in the USGS table and is a heterogeneous mixture of clay, silt, sand, and gravel but the closest grain size term is “Sand, gravel, and clay.” Sand, gravel, and clay was selected for till or diamictons.

Groundwater-level data were compiled for the NGWMN water-level web service for the deepest monitoring wells at each monitoring location. A standardized data processing routine was developed using spreadsheets wherein data from both barometrically compensated nonvented pressure transducers and vented pressure transducers could be translated into the NGWMN web service format, including the data elements listed in Table 3 (see Description of Data Quality and Quality Assurance Processes section for more details).

The NGWMN network requires date and time in an ISO8601 time format. The concatenate function in Excel was used to convert the date and time recorded by the pressure transducer (e.g., 8/28/2012 14:35) into the ISO8601 format (e.g., 2012-08-28T14:35:37-05:00). The -5.00 value is the difference from Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), also referred to as Greenwich Mean Time. An example concatenate formula is as follows:

=CONCATENATE(TEXT(A8,"yyyy-mm-ddThh:MM:ss"),\$J\$2)

(cell \$J\$2 contains the value -5.0)

Groundwater-level data are typically logged on hourly time intervals using nonvented pressure transducers and downloaded to a laptop computer during site visits. Two sites, Indianapolis_N and NewCastle_NE, have vented pressure transducers connected to a datalogger, which can be downloaded either directly using a laptop computer or remotely via a modem. The Indianapolis_N and Martinsville_N sites will be upgraded with new vented pressure transducers installed into recently drilled deeper wells bringing the total to three sites with vented pressure transducers. Manual depth-to-water measurements are also collected during site visits. Example field forms for the site visit are included in Appendix A. The manual depth-to-water measurements are converted to a groundwater elevation value by subtracting the depth-to-water and well riser stickup from the GPS-surveyed reference elevation at the ground surface. Nonvented pressure transducer groundwater-level data are barometrically compensated using site-specific barometric pressure data that are also logged using hourly time intervals. The pressure transducer data are converted from water-column depth measurements (i.e., the height of water above the pressure transducer) to groundwater elevations based on a linear relationship established using matched pairs of manual-measured groundwater elevations and compensated pressure transducer water-column data. The daily groundwater elevation data are compiled and stored in spreadsheets, and hydrographs are plotted along with hand-measured groundwater elevations for QA/QC purposes. The depth-to-water below grade is calculated by subtracting the pressure transducer groundwater elevation from the ground surface elevation.

Accuracy values for pressure transducer measurements were obtained from the transducer manufacturer’s technical specification sheets. The accuracy value is a percentage of the full scale (FS) of the pressure transducer. The accuracy value multiplied by the FS is the value populated into the ObservationAccuracy field in the WATERLEVEL file.

Table 3. Lithology and water-level Web service data elements

Lithology web service	Water-level web service
Agency code	Agency code
Site number	Site number
Lithology ID	Time (ISO 8601)
Observation method	Original parameter
Lithology depth from	Original unit
Lithology depth to	Original value
Lithology depth units	Depth to water below land surface
	Observation method
	Data provided by
	Observation accuracy
	Accuracy unit

NOTES ON ANY SITES THAT HAVE MISSING REQUIRED DATA ELEMENTS

Many missing data components were located and compiled during the year-2 of the project, but some sites continue to lack the required elements. After searching through existing files and inquiring with previous monitoring coordinators, lithology logs are not currently available for the NewCastle_NE and Bloomington_N sites (see Figure 1 for locations). However, visits to these sites were not conducted during the 2019 spring/summer field season to obtain geophysical logs or cores if funds and site access (for coring) and

COVID-19 pandemic closures prevented visits during the 2020 field spring/summer field season. Geophysical logs will be attempted in an upcoming field season. Well screen details are also missing for sites NewCastle_NE and Brownsburg_N1; we plan to request funds as part of the next NGWMN funding cycle to conduct downhole camera surveys to identify screened intervals at these locations. Attempts were made to view the screened interval with an inexpensive downhole camera but were unsuccessful.

SITES THAT DO NOT MEET FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS

As noted in the project proposal, reinstating site access for the Newburgh_E monitoring location was contingent upon successfully communicating with the landowner. Unfortunately, email attempts have thus far been unsuccessful in establishing renewed correspondence with property owners. The existing continuous monitoring record spans from 2007 to 2012, but without site access, we are unable to meet the minimum water-level measurement frequencies outlined in Table 4.5.1.1 of the NGWMN framework document (ACWI, 2013). The Newburgh_E monitoring site can be removed from the NGWMN site list due to unsuccessful attempts to contact the property owners. The Newburgh_E site has an AgencyCd (Agency code) of IN015 and a SiteNo (Site number) of 11.

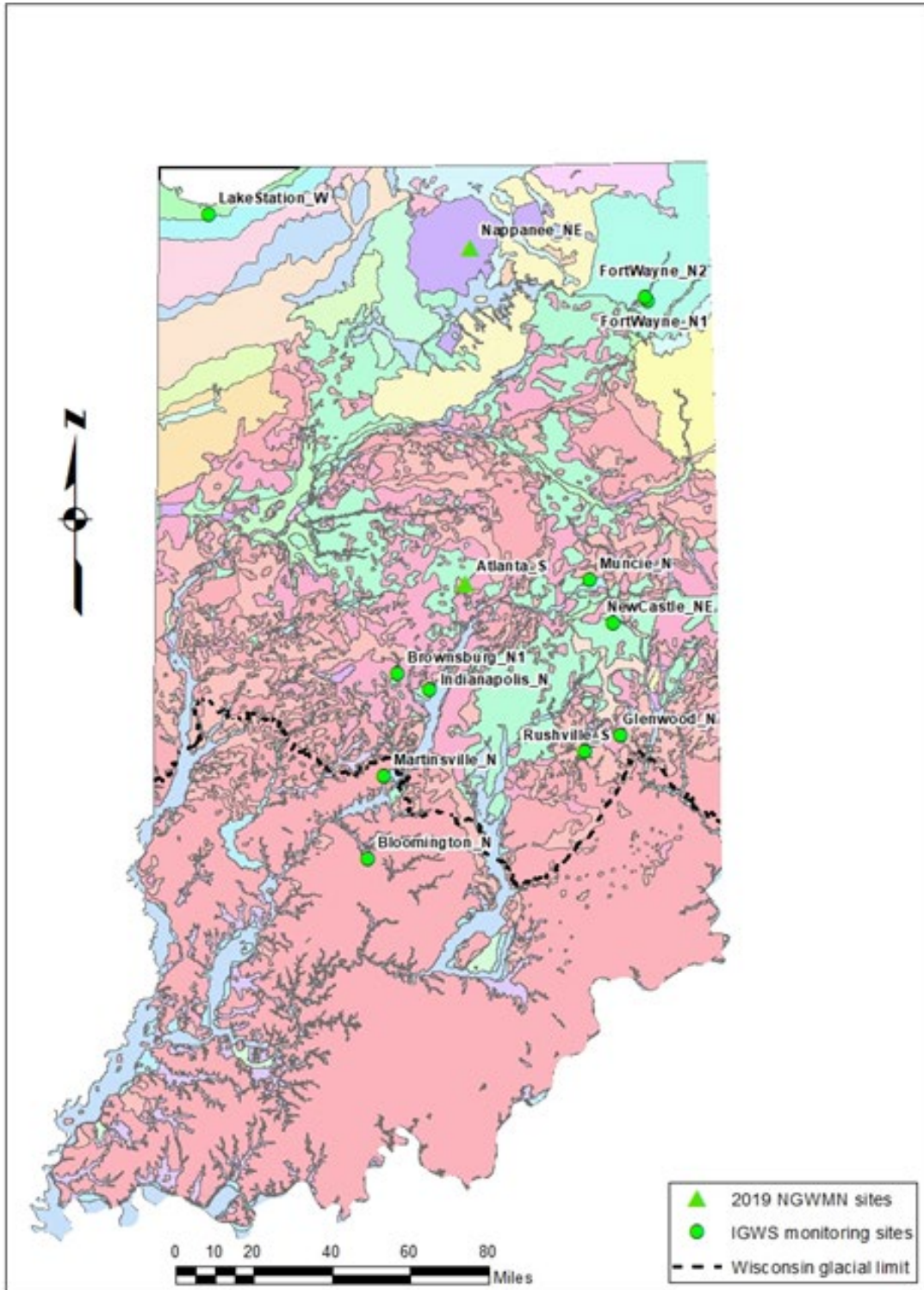


Figure 1. Map of Indiana showing IGWS groundwater monitoring sites that are included in the NGWMN. Indiana Department of Natural Resources unconsolidated aquifer boundaries (IDNR, 2011) are shown to demonstrate the complexity of glacial aquifer systems in Indiana. The IDNR aquifer types are used for local aquifer names in the “Site Info” NGWMN tables.

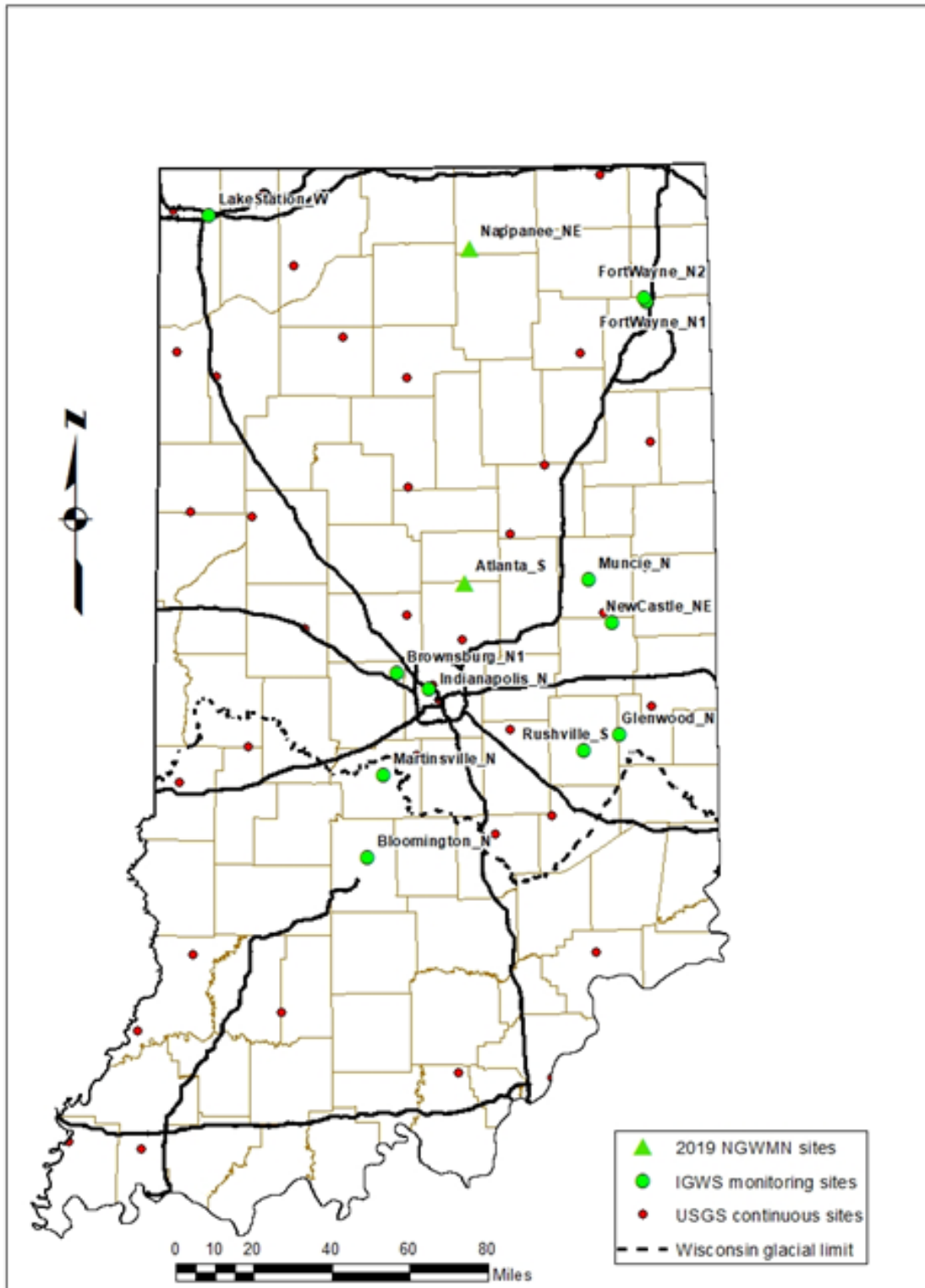


Figure 2. Map of Indiana showing IGWS groundwater monitoring sites that are included in the NGWMN relative to county boundaries and interstate highways.

Persistent data services

Support ongoing data contributions to NGWMN (Task 1)

We updated the well registry for all 11 contributing wells to NGWMN to reflect any changes at IGWS NGWMN sites. The downloaded water-level data processed and QA/QCed on at least a quarterly basis for all sites. We added two new drilled wells to the NGWMN well registry. The water level data for the new wells is available since their installation.

Upgrade IGWS web services to automate new data posting (Task 2)

A master folder is created in an IGWS internal server that contains directories for each well. These directories contain CSV files with specific keywords such as "lithology" or "water levels." An IGWS staff updates these CSV files after every well visit.

A REST API .NET program has been developed to serve as an endpoint for general well info. An importer was also designed to automate the process of data upload to the NGWMN data portal. The importer looks within the master folder containing CSV files. These files are checked for valid column headers, and if everything checks out, they will be loaded to the SQL Server database, where they are available to the REST API .NET and will be shown on the NGWMN data portal. The importer keeps track of the last modified timestamps for these files and imports them again only if they have changed.

The files are structured to include data for only one given site. Based on this structure, the program can clear the database of any preexisting data for that site and refresh it with the incoming data. This prevents duplicate imports while also allowing for row deletions, updates, and additions over time.

Any invalid imports or errors detected by the import program will result in an automatic e-mail sent to both the project director and a member of the Information Services staff. A log file will be generated detailing the result of the import. The import occurs at 1:00 am every morning, while also being able to be run on-demand when necessary.

The importer code is as follows:

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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
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<configuration>
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<configSections>
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<sectionGroup name="userSettings" type="System.Configuration.UserSettingsGroup, System, Version=4.0.0.0, Culture=neutral, PublicKeyToken=b77a5c561934e089" >
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type="System.Configuration.ClientSettingsSection, System, Version=4.0.0.0, Culture=neutral,
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  </sectionGroup>
</configSections>

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</startup>

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Integrated Security=SSPI;" providerName="System.Data.SqlClient" />
</connectionStrings>

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    </setting>

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<applicationSettings>

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      <value>False</value>

    </setting>

    <setting name="DataPath" serializeAs="String">

      <value>\\bl-geoy-quartz\Projects\NGWMN\data</value>

    </setting>

    <setting name="ErrorEmail" serializeAs="String">

      <value>prsoni@iu.edu, bshabani@iu.edu</value>

    </setting>

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  <value>import_directories.txt</value>
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</applicationSettings>
</configuration>
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The master folder that contains the CSV files is:

<\\bl-geoy-quartz\Projects\NGWMN\data>

And the SQL database that the updates are copied to is:

BL-GEOY-HALITE

FIELD TECHNIQUES FOR WATER-LEVEL MEASUREMENT

Manual water-level measurements

Indiana Water Balance Network (IWBN) sites are routinely visited on average every 12 weeks to conduct maintenance and collect both manual and automated water-level data. Manual measurements of groundwater level and total well depth are made from the well reference point, typically the top of the well casing marked by an indelible marker, using a Geotech ET electronic-tape meter (accuracy = ± 0.01 ft). The measurement, date, and time are recorded on field sheets (Appendix A), and well sediment accumulation is noted, if present. Measurements are transferred to a well metadata spreadsheet when field personnel return to the office. Field sheets are scanned into a pdf format and saved to a network directory to provide both paper and electronic versions of field notes.

Automated water-level measurements

Continuous groundwater-level data are collected using both vented (e.g., Druck PDCR series sensors) and unvented (e.g., In-Situ Rugged Troll 100 and Solinst 3000 series sensors) pressure transducers. The IGWS is currently working to move toward vented instruments as the standard automated measurement approach that would also facilitate real-time data service, but the transition is constrained due to budget limitations including the need for multiplexers to expand to the required number of IWBN site datalogger terminals.

Monitoring wells instrumented with nonvented (i.e., absolute) pressure transducers with internal memory are downloaded during routine site visits immediately following manual water-level measurement. Barometric pressure sensors located at the site are also downloaded and raw water-level data are compensated for barometric effects using sensor manufacturer software. The uncorrected water-level, barometric, and compensated water-level data are stored on a field laptop hard drive and then transferred to a network directory upon field personnel's return to the office.

Site latitude, longitude, and elevation (GPS positions)

Well locations are established using a differentially corrected Real-Time Kinematic (RTK) global positioning system (GPS) unit. A Leica Viva GNSS GS12 receiver and Leica controller capable of 8 mm horizontal and 15 mm vertical baseline accuracy are used to establish horizontal and vertical positions. The controller is set to record positions after a 4-cm three-dimensional (3D) accuracy tolerance is met to ensure a minimum accuracy is obtained and 3D coordinate quality (3D CQ) values are commonly in the range of 0.3–3 cm.

Locations are determined for the top of the well casing (TOC), the ground surface immediately adjacent to the well, and the top of the protective well cover (if present). GPS location data are stored in the Leica controller, and the following information is transferred to a well metadata spreadsheet when field personnel returns to the office:

- Point ID
- Northing
- Easting
- Elevation
- Accuracy (3D CQ)
- Notes

DESCRIPTION OF DATA QUALITY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCESSES

Converting compensated water column thickness measurements to water level depth and elevation

In accordance with the NGWMN framework report (ACWI, 2013), continuous water level data are calibrated against manual water-level determinations. Compensated water-level data, reported as water-column depth, are entered into an Excel worksheet along with manual measurements that are temporally coincident to the nearest hour. The manual depth-to-water measurements are converted to groundwater elevation by subtracting depth-to-water measurements and well casing riser heights from the RTK GPS determined ground elevation (meters) at the well. Compensated water column measurements are plotted on the x-axis of an XY scatter plot, and manually determined groundwater elevations are expressed on the y-axis (Figure 3). A linear trendline is fit through the data to establish the linear relationship between the variables, and a regression coefficient of determination (R^2) greater than 0.85 is used to ensure a consistent relationship. If the pressure transducer is replaced or moved within the well column, a new regression equation is generated to update the calibration.

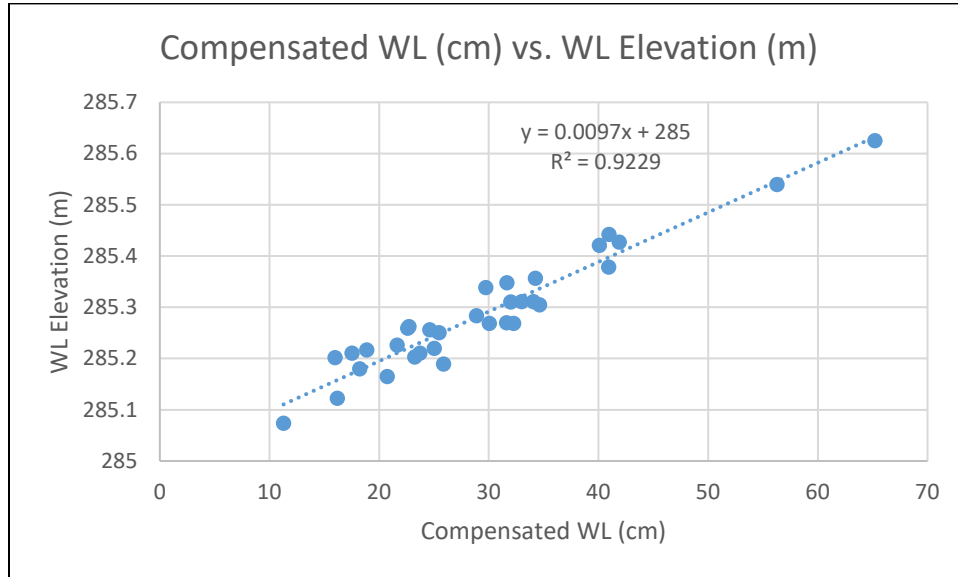


Figure 3. XY scatter plot showing compensated pressure transducer water column readings versus manual groundwater elevation measurements and linear trendline.

The resulting linear transform equation is used to convert hourly compensated water-column depth readings to groundwater elevations relative to the ground surface in a separate worksheet. Data are plotted to show the groundwater hydrograph for the entire monitoring period and a visual QA/QC check is done to verify that the periodic manual measurements correspond well with the continuous record.

ANALYTE LIST USED FOR SAMPLE NETWORKS / LABORATORIES

The analyte list is currently limited to water level data. IGWS staff conduct all water-level measurements and compile data; therefore, no outside laboratory is used.

Supporting persistent data services

Maintaining web services during year-2 of the project entailed QA/QC of continuous water-level data prior to posting data to the NGWMN Portal. Additional tasks completed under this objective included: maintaining the list of sites in the NGWMN Well Registry and updating site information, making routine updates to metadata, and updating web services following database changes. A groundwater hydrograph for one of the monitoring sites is shown in Figure 4 as an example of data provided by the IGWS.

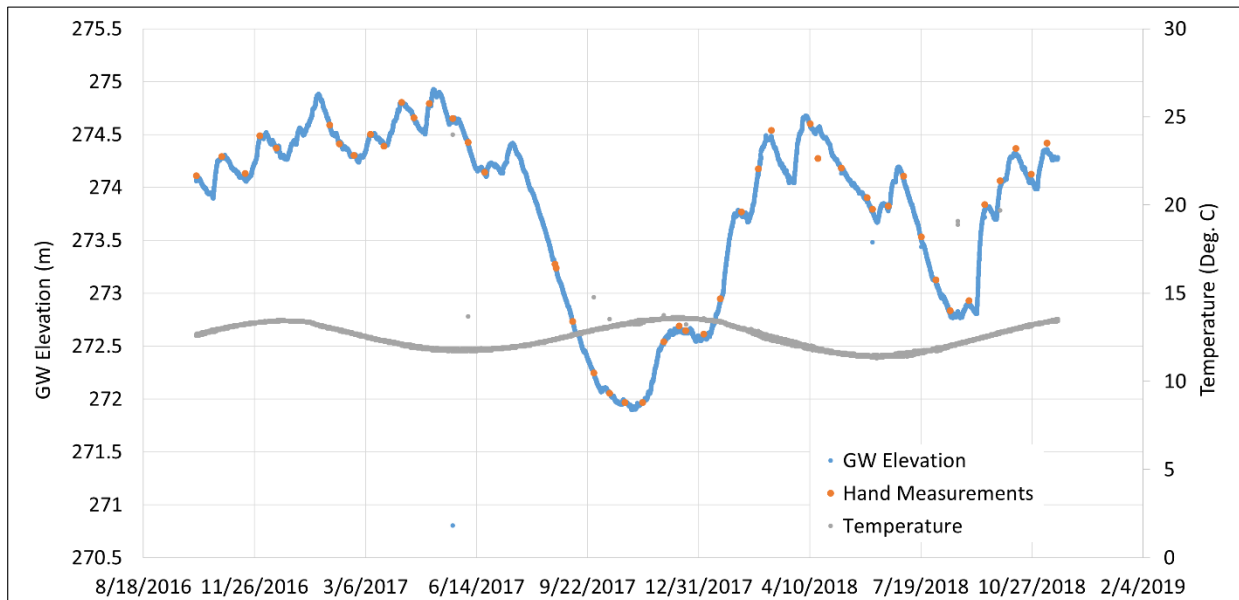


Figure 4. Groundwater hydrograph and temperature data for the Brownsburg_N2 monitoring site.

INSTALLATION OF TWO NEW MONITORING WELLS

The two new monitoring wells fill existing gaps in northern and central Indiana for trend/backbone monitoring locations in the NGWMN. The new well locations (sites Atlanta_S and Nappanee_NE) are shown in Figure 1 and summarized in Table 1. Aquifers at these well locations are generally part of the “Aquifers of alluvial and glacial origin” principal aquifer system. The spatial distribution of existing Indiana groundwater monitoring sites is improved with the Atlanta_S and Nappanee_NE well installations.

Obtaining site access for the proposed well locations proved challenging after contacting representatives or owners of several properties. Final well locations were shifted due to site access limitations. Local officials from the town of Atlanta and city of Nappanee graciously provided access to their communities’ properties.

The Atlanta_S location was chosen for the monitoring well in northern Hamilton County (Figures 1 and 4) to coincide with the buried Anderson Bedrock Valley (Gray, 1991), which may represent a significant, relatively untapped aquifer for this area. The unconsolidated deposits were estimated to be approximately 275 ft thick within the center of the buried bedrock valley.

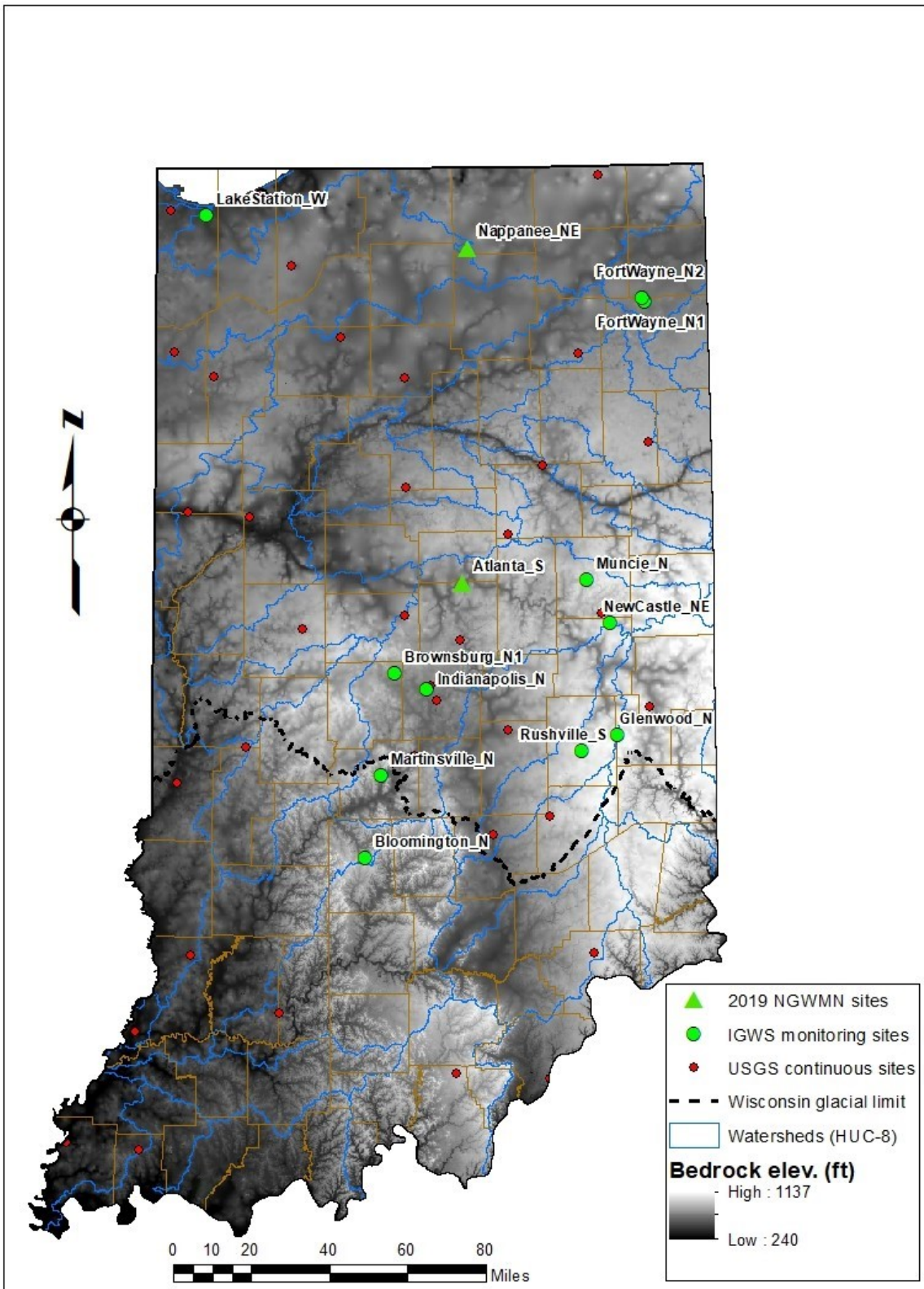


Figure 5. Map showing IWBNGWMM sites relative to watersheds and underlying bedrock topography.

The Nappanee_NE location was originally proposed for the aquifer(s) within the Tippecanoe River basin and to target the deeper regional aquifer that appears to coincide with a buried bedrock valley noted as an Outwash Aquifer Subsystem (over the buried valley with some potential) on the Indiana Department of Natural Resources water well web viewer. Unconsolidated deposits were estimated at more than 200 ft thick in the northeastern portion of the Tippecanoe River basin. However, due to site access challenges, the well was located in Nappanee (Figure 4), which is in the headwaters of the Saint Joseph River basin but near the headwaters of the Tippecanoe River basin. The site is also in an area of relatively thick unconsolidated deposits estimated to be approximately 280 ft thick and within a broad buried bedrock lowland (Naylor et al., 2016).

DRILLING, SOIL SAMPLING, AND WELL INSTALLATION METHODS

Drilling services were provided from the Illinois State Geological Survey (ISGS). A truck-mounted drill rig using mud rotary drilling methods and wireline coring tools were used to collect a continuous soil and bedrock core. The drilling objective was to core several feet into the underlying bedrock to verify the unconsolidated sediment to bedrock contact. The core was obtained in 10 ft lengths. Longer lengths of core (i.e., better core recovery) was possible within the fine-grained sediments versus coarse grained sediments like sand and gravel. Cores were discharged from the core barrel onto a half PVC pipe, rinsed to clean off the bentonite drilling mud, reviewed for a simplified field description, and packed into core boxes. Core boxes were labeled with site identification and core depths. Poor recovery, coarse-grained intervals were collected in a food strainer, rinsed of bentonite drilling mud, reviewed for a simplified field core description, and packed into plastic bags.

Detailed core descriptions and collection of grain-size samples were conducted at the IGWS laboratory. The description includes the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) texture with additional description for greater than 2 mm pebbles, Munsell color, hydrochloric acid reaction, lithologic code, and any miscellaneous features. The lithologic codes are based on the paper by Eyles, Eyles, and Miall (1983). The codes of F for fines (silt/clay), S for sand, G for gravel, and SG for sand and gravel are self-explanatory. However, D for diamicton is a poorly sorted mixture of clay, silt, sand, and gravel, up to boulder sizes. Tills are one common type of diamicton assumed to have been deposited from melting glacial ice. Given the amount of silt and clay in Indiana tills, they have a relatively fine-grained matrix. The descriptions were recorded using a Microsoft Access database form referred to informally as Core-nucopia. Detailed lithologic description logs are included in Appendices B and C. The first page in Appendices B and C includes a single-page diagram showing a combined gamma ray, well construction, and lithology symbol log, while the subsequent pages include a gamma ray log and detailed description lithologic log.

Grain size analysis, however, had not been conducted as of the report date owing to university and laboratory closures caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Samples of sand layers were collected, at various depths, for optically stimulated luminescence (OSL) testing. A method to date the time of deposition of the sand layer, OSL has the potential to date sediment deposition back to an earlier glacial stage referred to as Illinoian, approximately 200,000 years before present (BP). For comparison, the more recent glacial stage referred to as Wisconsinan reached its greatest extent in Indiana approximately 24,000 years BP. However, OSL testing has not been completed as of the report date owing to university and laboratory closures caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Following core collection, a monitoring well was installed. The well installation was completed on October 3, 2019, for the Atlanta_S well and on October 10, 2019, for the Nappanee_NE well. The Atlanta_S well is also designated IGWSWell1901, and the Nappanee_NE well is also designated IGWSWell1902. Monitoring wells were installed in the same boreholes used for coring. The target depth for the well screens was chosen to intercept the sands and gravels. A 10-foot-long, 0.010-inch slot, 2-inch inside diameter PVC well screen, and a PVC bottom plug were installed at the target depths. The Atlanta_S well screen was installed from approximately 104 to 114 feet below grade to intercept sand encountered from approximately 88 to 115 feet below grade. The Nappanee_NE well screen was installed from approximately 146 to 156 feet below grade to intercept sands and gravel encountered from approximately 120 to 161 feet below grade. A 2-inch inside diameter PVC casing was installed from the top of the well screen up to grade. A No. 5 Global sand pack was backfilled into the annulus around the well screen to a depth of approximately 1 to 2 feet above the top of well screen. Bentonite pellets were backfilled into the annulus for 1 to 2 feet above the sand pack for an annular seal. The remaining annulus was tremie grouted from the pellets to the ground surface with a mixture of Benseal and EZ mud. A concrete surface seal and a well protective cover were installed at grade. The Atlanta_S well has a stick-up protective cover, and the Nappanee_NE well has a flush-mount protective cover. A waterproof cap was placed on the top of the well. A black reference mark (i.e., crow's foot) was drawn at the top of the PVC casing to mark the exact location for surveying the well elevation and consistent location for obtaining depth to water and total depth measurements. Well construction details are displayed adjacent to the lithologic logs compiled in Appendices B and C.

The well locations and elevations were surveyed using real-time kinematic (RTK) GPS equipment. Location coordinates and elevations are provided in Table 1.

The wells were developed using compressed air; surging the water out of the well until all evidence of drilling mud was removed and surged water was relatively clear. The Illinois State Geological Survey (ISGS) drillers used a specially constructed nozzle at the end of the compressed air line that directed compressed air at 90 degrees into the well screen slots that would assist in removing debris from the slots (Figure 6).



Figure 6. Photograph showing specially constructed nozzle at the end of the compressed air line that directed compressed air at 90 degrees into the well screen slots to aid well development.

The ISGS drillers conducted gamma ray logging in the completed wells. Gamma ray logs assist with delineating stratigraphy, especially for those intervals with limited recovery. Gamma ray logs record gamma ray counts. Lower counts indicate silica-rich sediments such as sand (coarse-grained sediment) while higher counts indicate radioactive elements found in clay (i.e., fine-grained sediment). The gamma ray logs are displayed adjacent to well construction, and lithologic logs are compiled in Appendices B and C.

An In-Situ water pressure transducer and barometric pressure transducer pair were installed in each well. The pressure transducer is a Rugged TROLL 100 Data Logger, and the barometric pressure transducer is a Rugged BaroTROLL Data Logger. The sensors were installed on November 21, 2019, and continuous measurements were initiated on this date. Depth to water measurements and resulting groundwater elevations are compiled as noted in previous sections. Groundwater elevation data is updated periodically to the NGWMN web portal.

INVESTIGATION RESULTS

Atlanta_S

The Atlanta_S boring was drilled to a depth of approximately 129 feet below grade (BG). An upper sand and gravel layer is present at approximately 30 to 81 feet BG and a lower sand and gravel is present from approximately 85 to 115 feet BG. The base of the lower sand and gravel lays on the limestone bedrock

surface at approximately 115 feet BG. A diamicton, present from approximately 81 to 85 feet BG, appears to separate the upper and lower sands and gravels. The diamicton was interpreted to be present based on a limited sample volume, balls of diamicton collected in a strainer, and a fine-grained layer noted on the gamma ray log.

The Atlanta_S well is screened from 114 to 124 feet BG to intercept the lower sand and gravel (refer to the well construction log in Appendix B). The upper sand and gravel layer is another potential source of groundwater.

Continuous groundwater level and temperature measurements have been ongoing and five site visits have been conducted to measure the depth to groundwater since November 21, 2019. The first year of measurements includes a full water year (October to October). Figure 7 shows a graph of groundwater elevations and temperatures over time compared with the hand-measured groundwater elevations. The continuous and discrete measurements match well. The graph shows seasonal trends of higher groundwater elevations during the winter and spring and lower groundwater elevations in the summer and fall. There is a seasonal difference of approximately 1.5 m in groundwater elevations. In addition to the seasonal differences, there is a daily difference in groundwater elevations that makes the groundwater elevation line appear thick. Groundwater temperatures range from 11.8 to 13.2 degrees Centigrade (°C). Consistent groundwater temperatures are an energy source for ground-source heat pumps. Changes in temperatures lag slightly behind changes in groundwater elevations.

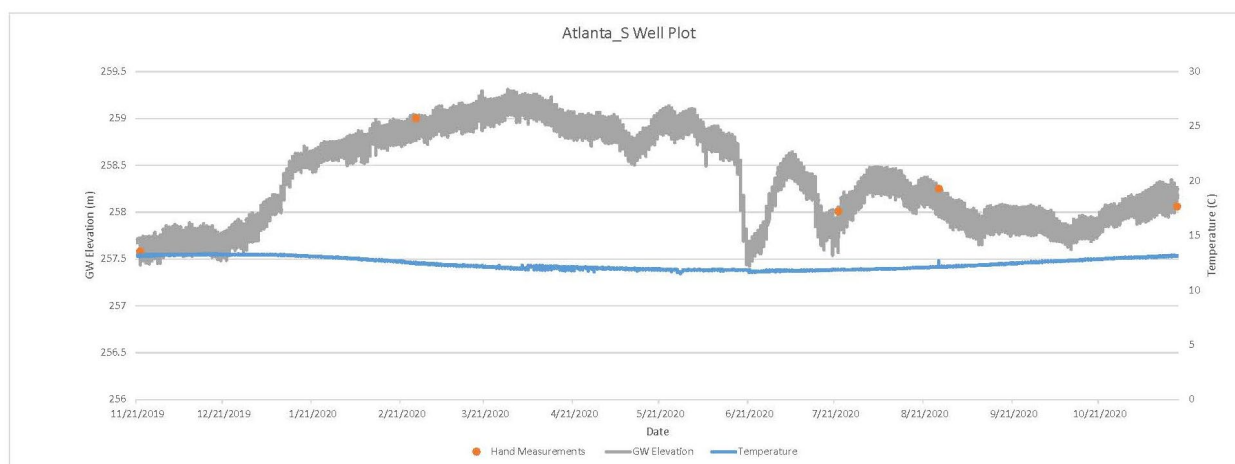


Figure 7. Graph showing groundwater elevations and temperatures over time compared with the hand-measured groundwater elevations for the Atlanta_S well.

Figure 8 shows a graph of groundwater elevations over the course of a week in November 2020, instead of a year as shown in Figure 7. Groundwater elevations vary by approximately 0.3 m (1 foot) on a nearly daily basis. The Atlanta_S well is located on the same property as the water supply well(s) for the town of Atlanta. The daily changes indicate the influence of daily pumping of the town water supply well. Groundwater levels appear to recover to nearly background levels over several hours.

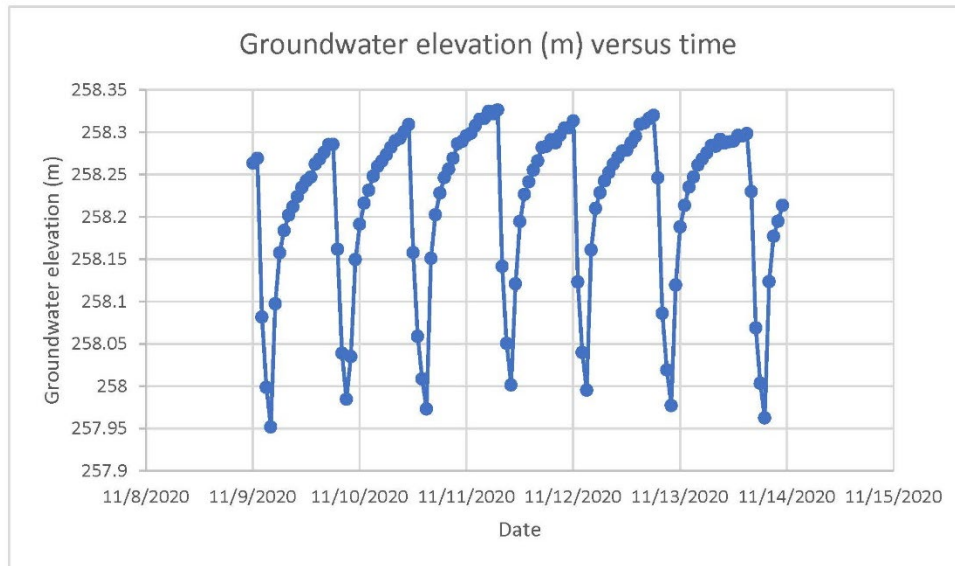


Figure 8. Graph showing groundwater elevations over the course of a week in November 2020 for the Atlanta_S well.

Nappanee_NE

The Nappanee_NE boring was drilled to a depth of approximately 288 feet BG. There are three sand and gravel layers separated by diamictons. The sand and gravel layers are present at approximately 60 to 75 feet, 120 to 160 feet, and 235 to 275 feet BG. The bedrock contact was interpreted to be present at approximately 280 feet BG. The bedrock contact was difficult to determine because the bedrock appears to be a weathered sandstone, similar in appearance to overlying sand layers. The bedrock contact was inferred from the gamma ray log and the lack of carbonates noted by the hydrochloric acid reaction test. Glacially deposited sands are typically rich in carbonates.

A reddish-brown (5YR4/3) diamicton was encountered from approximately 180 to 220 feet BG. The diamicton appears to grade from oxidized to unoxidized weathering zones at approximately 220 feet BG. This is a very thick oxidized zone and, if the interpretation is correct, may represent weathering during an older interglacial period. In addition to the reddish-brown diamicton, the ISGS drillers were able to core through a 2.3-foot-thick quartzite boulder at approximately 201 feet BG. The boulder was embedded in the reddish-brown till and is a unique example of a glacial erratic boulder (Figure 9).



Figure 9. Photograph showing a core from the Nappanee_NE boring. A quartzite boulder is shown in the foreground and the reddish-brown diamicton is shown in the background, adjacent to the ISGS drillers, A. Blacker (left) and B. Apperson (right).

The Nappanee_NE well is screened from 146 to 156 feet BG to intercept the intermediate sand and gravel layer from approximately 120 to 160 feet BG (refer to the well construction log in Appendix C). The upper and lower sand and gravel layers are other potential sources of groundwater.

Continuous groundwater level and temperature measurements have been ongoing and four site visits have been conducted to measure the depth to groundwater since November 21, 2019. The first year of measurements includes a full water year (October to October). Figure 10 shows a graph of groundwater elevations and temperatures over time compared with the hand-measured groundwater elevations. The continuous and discrete measurements match well. The graph shows seasonal trends of higher groundwater elevations during the winter and spring and lower groundwater elevations in the summer and fall. There is a seasonal difference of approximately 1.5 m in groundwater elevations. Groundwater temperatures are

consistently near 11.7 °C. Consistent groundwater temperatures are an energy source for ground-source heat pumps.

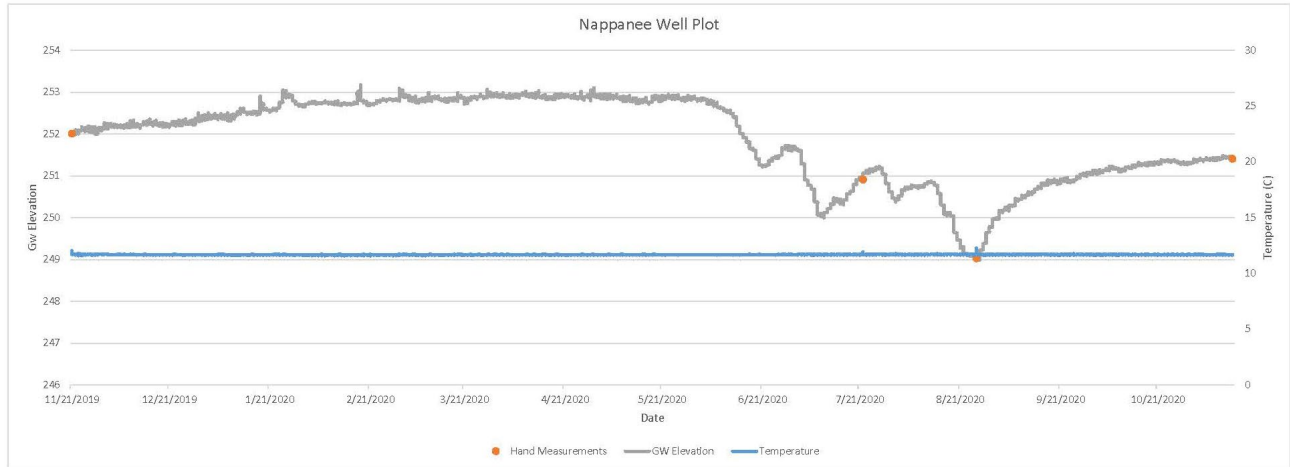


Figure 10. Graph showing groundwater elevations and temperatures over time compared with the hand-measured groundwater elevations for the Nappanee_NE well.

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Appendix A

Example Field Forms

CGDA IWBN Site Check

Field Checklist

V20200914

Site name: _____ Staff: _____ Weather: cloudy – partly sunny; _____ mph _____; _____°F
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1. Extech AN340 Calibration

(Start recording ON THE HOUR, plus or minus 10 minutes)

Start: _____ Stop: _____

2. Weather station:

Anemometer	Level?	Y	N	N/A	
	Spinning?	Y	N	N/A	
Pyranometer	Level?	Y	N	N/A	
	Clear?	Y	N	N/A	
Net Radiometer	Level?	Y	N	N/A	
	Clear?	Y	N	N/A	
Rain Gauge	Level?	Y	N	N/A	
	Funnel clear?	Y	N	N/A	
Strong Box	Moisture?	Y	N	N/A	
	Wires taunt?	Y	N	N/A	
	Replace desiccants?	Y	N	N/A	
Vegetation	Type?				
	Height?		ft		

3. Well and Weir checks:

Name:	Name:	Name:
Depth to Water (ft):	Depth to Water (ft):	Depth to Water (ft):
Total Depth(ft):	Total Depth(ft):	Total Depth(ft):
Time (24hr):	Time (24hr):	Time (24hr):
Notes:		

4. Download Data:

(pressure transducers AND Barologgers)

Name	Serial Number	Site Name	Log Name	Notes

*Note: compensate the data on site, in case of issues. Record compensated file name/location here:

5. Photographs:

- Obtain photos from at least 2 sides of weather station – note surrounding and state of station
- Include site name label in bottom of picture

Notes	Additional Tasks Required

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Post-field work instructions:

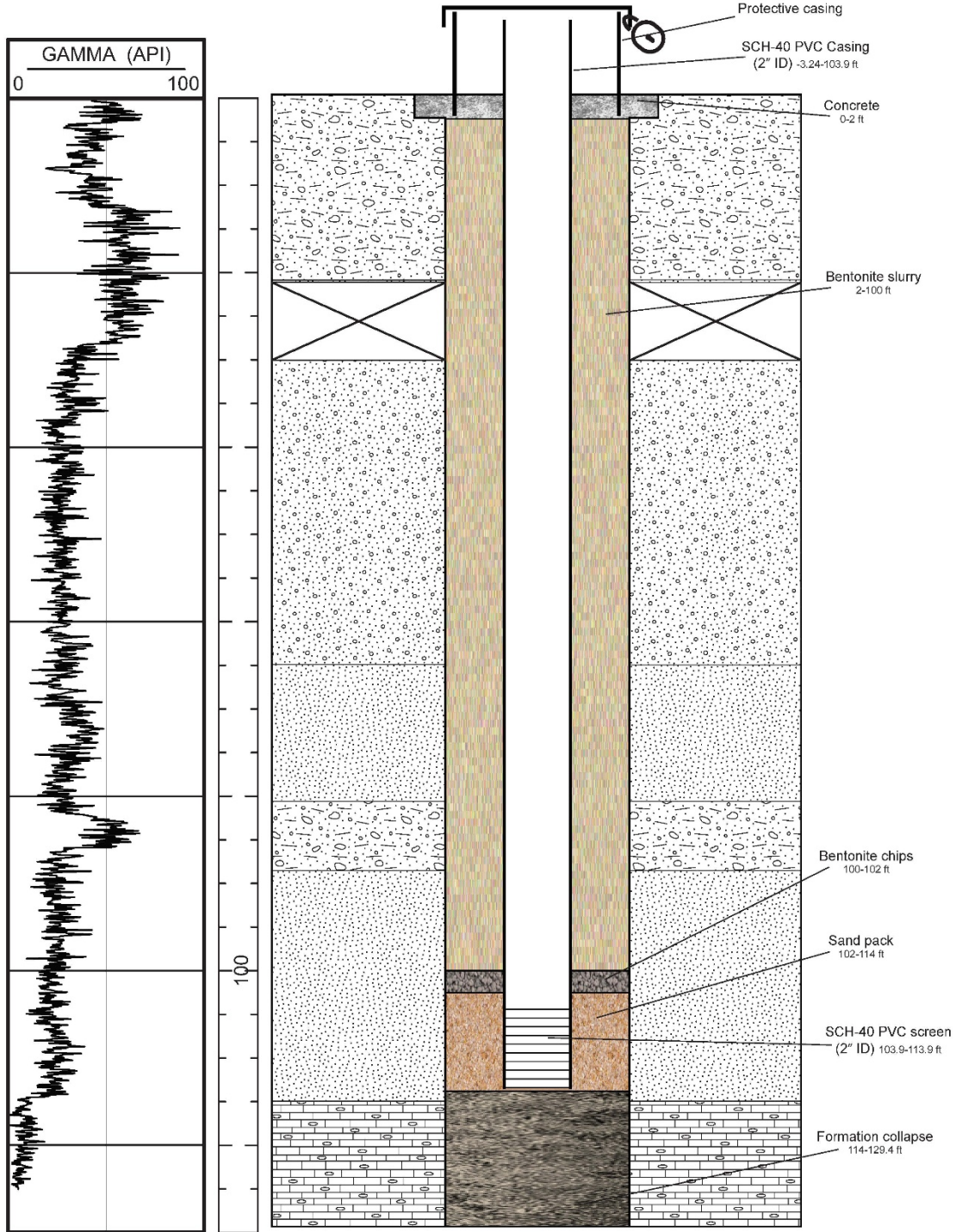
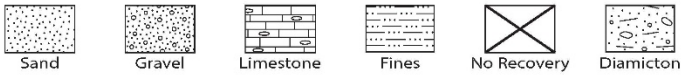
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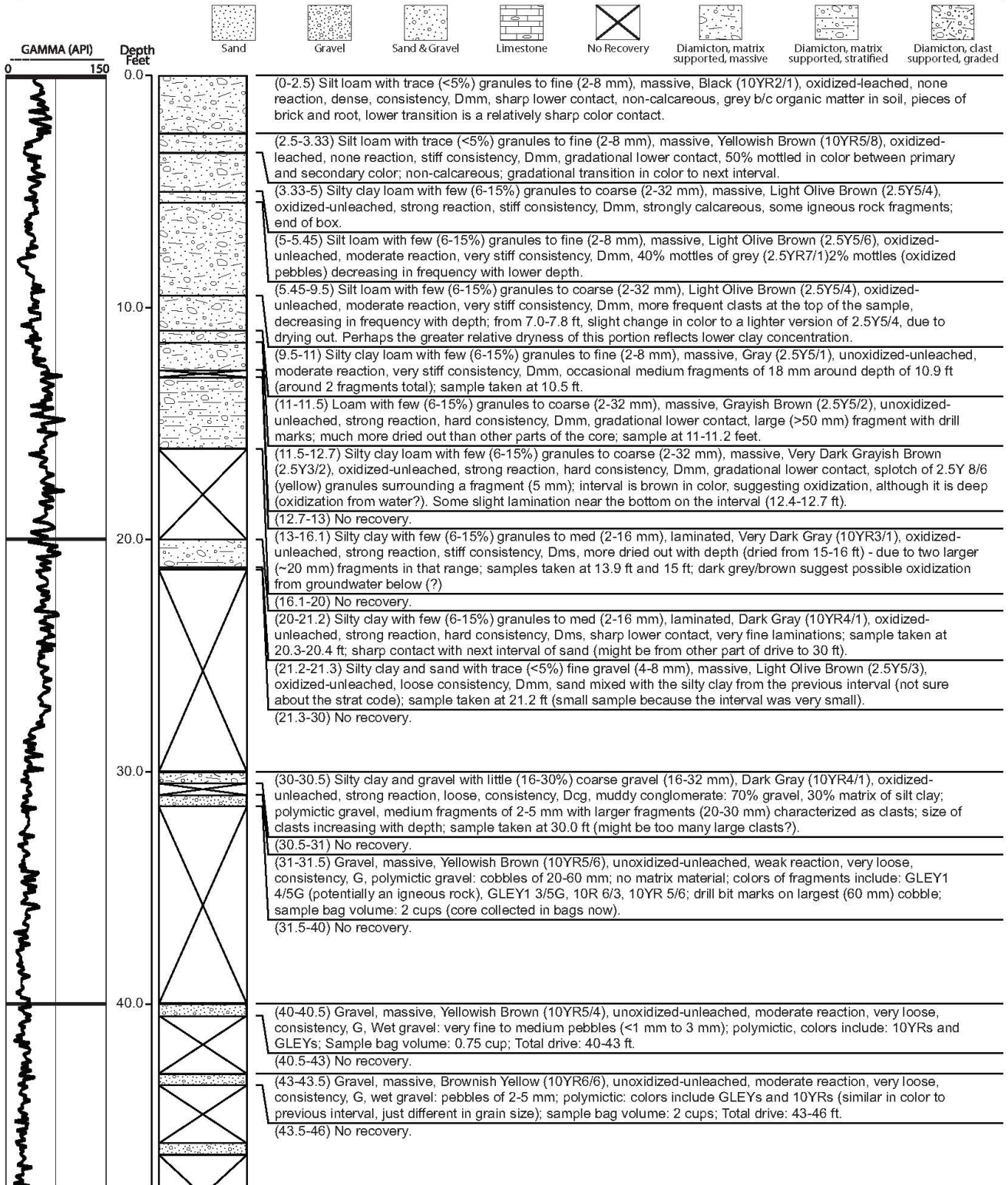
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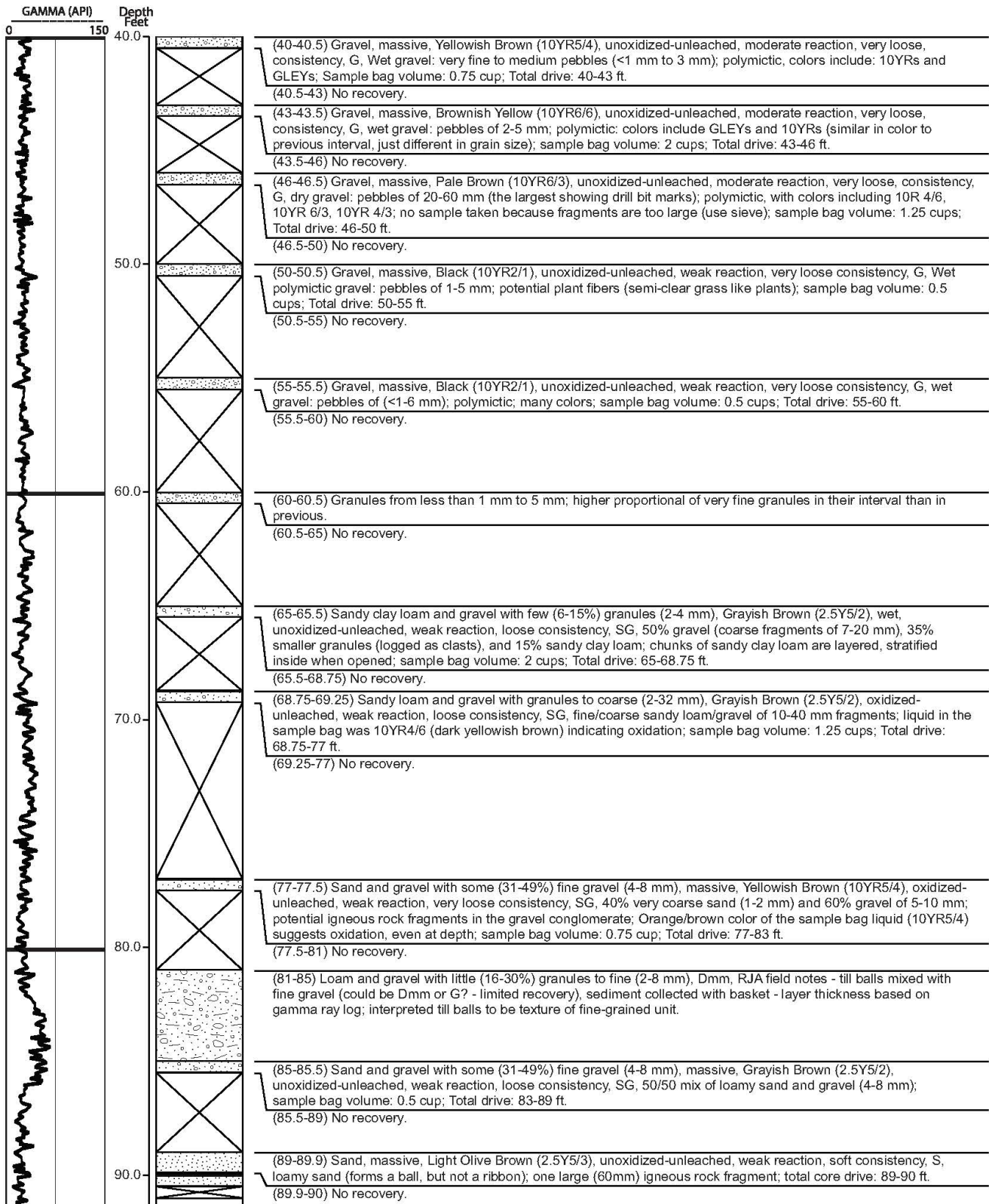
Gamma ray, well construction, and lithology logs

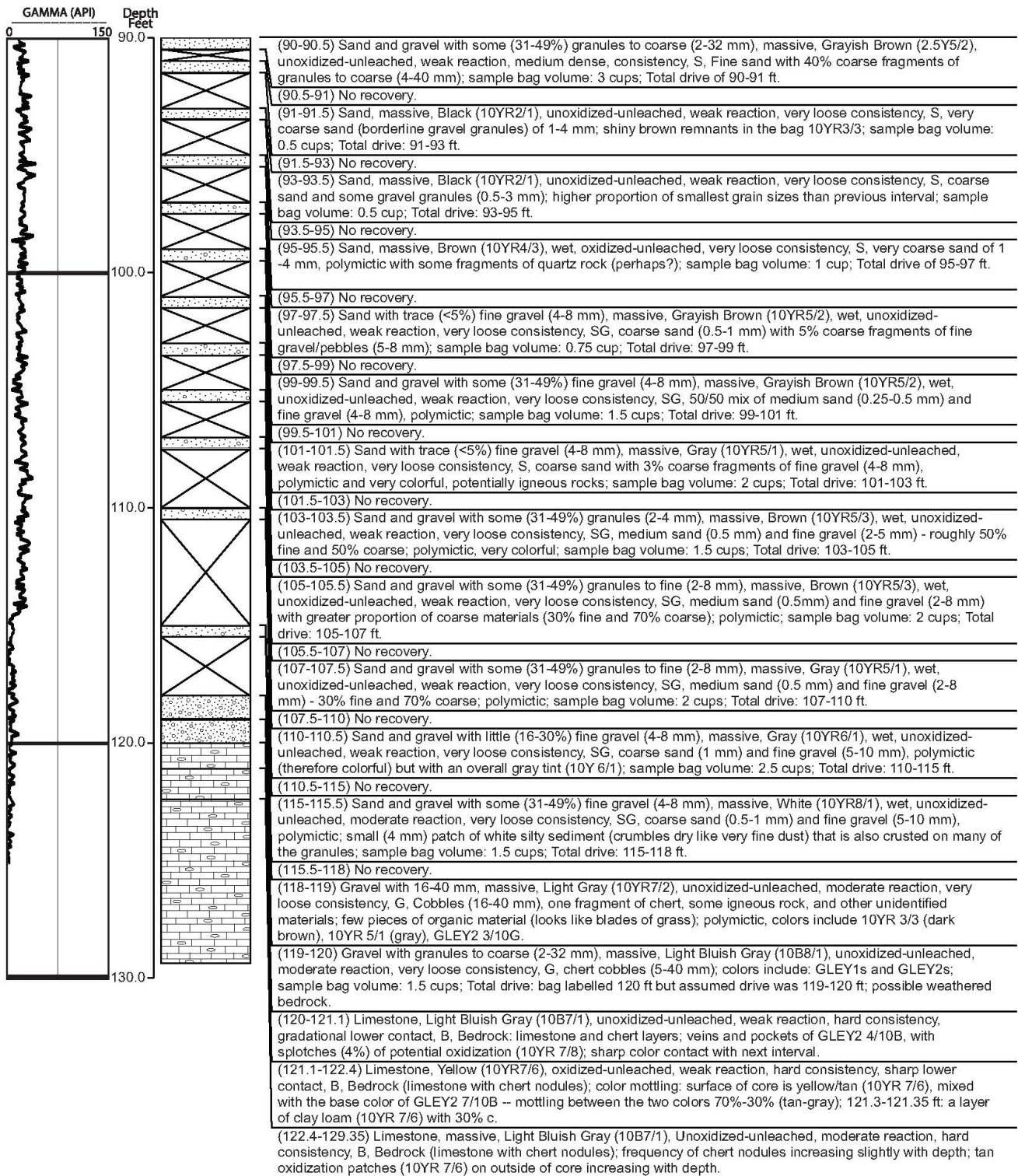
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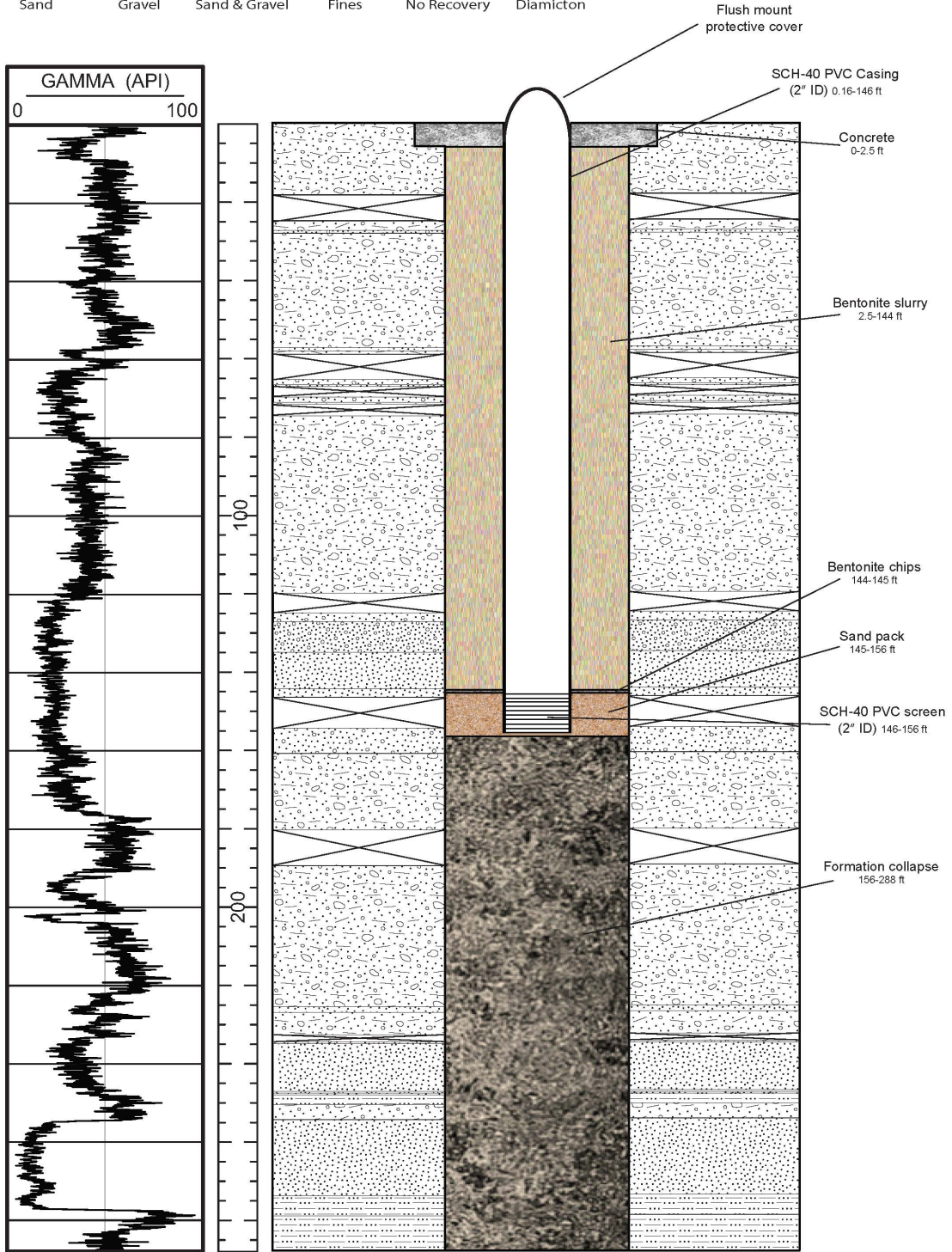
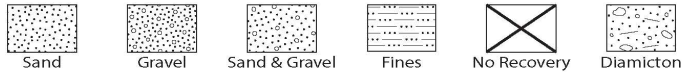


Appendix C

Nappanee_NE IGWSWell1902

Gamma ray, well construction, and lithology logs

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Location: Nappanee, IN	Notes: Prepared for NGWMN (G17AS00070) final report
Ground Elevation: 871.0 ft	Lat: 41.45401042, Long: -85.98379445



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 By: Robert J. Autio and Babak Shabani
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