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Kilometers 1 centimeter equals ~0.63 kilometers Overburden **Crushed Stone** Formation Description Quality Thickness (ft. Maquoketa Shaly Limestone Low >50 0 - 15 Shaly Dubuque Low Limestone 16 - 30 0 - 15 16 - 30 Dolostone High Stewartville 31 - 50 > 50 0 - 15 Moderate 16 - 30 Prosser Limestone > 30 0 - 15

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Table 1: Classification Matrix of Crushed Stone Potential The Crushed Stone Potential matrix in Table 1 lists the twelve bedrock units, in stratigraphic

order, found at or near the land surface in Olmsted County, as well as the characteristics used to determine the DNR crushed stone potential classification of bedrock units. The crushed stone potential of a bedrock unit is a function of the quality of the bedrock as a crushed stone source and the overburden thickness. The quality of the bedrock refers to the ability of a bedrock unit to meet specifications for use as an aggregate source while overburden thickness is a measure of the accessibility of the bedrock for quarrying. In Olmsted County the Oneota Dolomite, Shakopee Formation, and Stewartville Formation are durable dolostone units that do not contain significant amounts of poor quality rock such as shale or sandstone. The Oneota Dolomite and Shakopee Formation are primarily found near the surface in the northern half of the county while the Stewartville Formation is at or near the surface in the southern one third of Olmsted County. While the Oneota Dolomite, Shakopee Formation, and the Stewartville Formation are the most desirable crushed stone sources in Olmsted County, their crushed stone potential decreases as the overburden thickness increases. This concept is illustrated in Figure 1.

The only other bedrock unit that can be considered a significant crushed stone source is the Prosser Formation limestone where it is buried by less than 15 feet of overburden. The Prosser Formation contains thin layers of silt or sand and is not as durable as the dolostone of the Oneota, Shakopee, and Stewartville Formations. Consequently, the Prosser Formation in Olmsted County is considered to be a moderately desirable crushed stone resource. The remaining bedrock units in Olmsted County lack the quality to serve as a crushed stone source for concrete or asphalt, regardless of the overburden thickness.

Base Map Data Sources:

Lakes, rivers, and streams from National Wetland Inventory, Mn/DOT Base map, MN DNR 24K Streams, compiled at 1:24,000 from aerial photography (1979-1988) and USGS guadrangle maps (1980-1990); PLS (Public Land Survey) townships and sections layers extracted from PLS Project, 2001, MN DNR: Populated places were derived from the GNIS (Geographic Name Information System) by pulling out the features that were coded as populated places, 2003; County boundaries from MN DNR, 1993; High resolution boundary from Olmsted County; Roads from Mn/DOT Base map, Fall of 2006; Railroad Tracks from Mn/DOT Base map, 2001; Contour Intervals created by smoothing the 30 Meter Digital Elevation Model (see topographic relief) and then applying ArcGIS 9.3 Spatial Analyst to create the contours; Topographic relief from a 3-meter digital elevation models (DEM) by the MN DNR in 2009 from LiDAR data flown in November, 2008 by Aero-Metrics

Sandstone Very Low Jordan © 2010, State of Minnesota, Department of Natural Resources

Shaly

Limestone

Shale

Limestone

Shale

Sandstone

Dolostone

Dolostone

Cummingsville

Decorah

Platteville

Glenwood

St. Peter

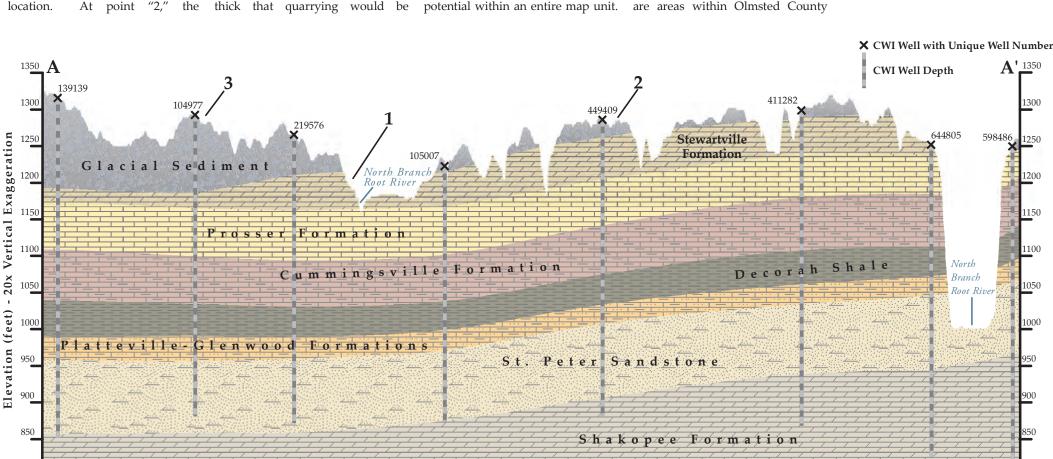
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Figure 1: Bedrock Geology Cross-Section

illustrate the crushed stone more than 15 feet of glacial till. Stewartville Formation would be can be seen along the length of the there are not enough of these areas classification scheme for Olmsted Based on the matrix in Table 1, the considered to have "limited cross-section, but the lack of to affect the crushed stone potential County as well as some of the Stewartville Formation in the potential." The crushed stone additional well points forces us to value assigned to individual issues associated with limited vicinity of Point "2" would be potential assigned to the assume that the bedrock surface polygons when mapped at a scale geologic control points. At point assigned a value of moderate or low Stewartville Formation at each of between the points changes only of 1:100,000. "1," the Stewartville Formation is potential depending on the three locations only considers enough to reach the bedrock surface exposed at the surface and would thickness of glacial till. Finally, the the quality of the bedrock and the elevation defined at the next well be easily accessible for quarrying. area indicated at point "3," shows overburden thickness. In Olmsted point along the line. This creates a The Stewartville Formation is a the Stewartville Formation beneath County, the sediment deposited on series of straight lines that we durable dolostone and would be more than 50 feet of glacial till. At top of the eroded bedrock obscures presume to reflect the actual designated as having high potential this location, the overburden atop our view of the rock, creating some elevation of the bedrock surface for crushed stone resources at this the Stewartville Formation is so uncertainty about the crushed stone between data points. While there

The cross-section in Figure 1 helps Stewartville Formation is covered by difficult. Consequently, the The bedrock surface elevation trend where few well points are available,



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a reconnaissance-level analysis (1:100,000), which offers an overview of the distribution of crushed stone potential in Olmsted County. To determine the economic suitability of a crushed

being mined. Crushed stone quarry locations have been gathered from several different sources, including topographic maps, aerial photographs, county records, county highway department maps, soil surveys, Mn/DOT files, fieldwork, quarry operators, and other miscellaneous sources. The crushed stone quarries range in size from less than 1 acre to greater than 50 acres and may be active, inactive, depleted, or reclaimed. The size of the points indicates the relative areal extent of the quarry.

Small Medium Large < 5 5-15 > 15 Size in Acres

Transportation Features

-52 US Highway

— 30 — MN Highway

-25 County Highway

HI Railroad Tracks

County Road

- 0 0 O Crushed Stone Quarries: Sites that have been or are currently being mined. \otimes Mn/DOT Identified Crushed Stone Sites: Sites were identified by Mn/DOT as part of the \otimes Aggregate Source Information System (ASIS). Most sites are located on private property and leases are not necessarily active. Some locations were modified to better correlate to present guarry boundaries
- Gravel Pits Above Crushed Stone Quarries: Sites that have been, or are currently • • • being mined. These sites contain sand and gravel pits on top of limestone or dolostone
- Mn/DOT Identified Gravel Sites Above Crushed Stone Sites: Sites were identified by Mn/DOT as part of the Aggregate Source Information System (ASIS). These sites contain sand and gravel deposits on top of limestone or dolostone bedrock. Most pit-quarries with this designation have been or are currently being mined and some sites are located on private property and leases are not necessarily active.

GEOLOGIC DATA SOURCES FOR MAP UNIT INTERPRETATION: Field observations and the County Well Index (CWI) database were data sources used in the interpretation of aggregate potential.

Field Observations: A total of 1695 field observations, including 207 gravel pits and quarries, were logged during the fall of 2003 and spring of 2004. Surficial geologic sediment, glacial stratigraphy, and bedrock formations were observed in road cuts, stream exposures, excavations, judicial ditches, construction projects, trenches (cable, pipe, tiling), and even animal burrows. County Well Index Locations: The County Well Index (CWI) is an online database maintained by the Minnesota Geological Survey and the Minnesota Department of Health containing approximately 4063 (as of 2007) wells located in Olmsted County. Approximately 1900 wells in Olmsted County are considered

to have geological descriptions that are appropriate for the crushed stone potential part of this project. **Bounding Features** County Boundaries (90) Interstate Highway High-Resolution Area Boundary PLS Township Boundaries ----- Section Boundaries Sections 1,6,31, & 36 labeled <u>A</u> <u>A'</u> Geologic Cross-Section Line (see Figure 1) Township and Other Roads **Populated** Places Municipal Roads

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Physical Features Lakes *Rivers & Streams* 100 Ft. Elevation Contours 25 Ft. Elevation Contours Shaded Topographic Relief (Azimuth = 315, Altitude = 45)The Party of the

residential dwelling within the parcel. This method of locating wells is not as accurate as field checking locations using 7.5 Minute USGS Quadrangle maps and/or a Global Positioning System (GPS), but is acceptable for delineating reconnaissance-level crushed stone potential. Overburden thickness is estimated using ESRI's ArcGIS[®] to develop a bedrock elevation model using 4,943 depth-to-bedrock data points. This number includes 1181 field observations of bedrock outcrops, 601 SSURGO Soil Survey bedrock outcrops, and 2734 wells within Olmsted County that contain depth to bedrock values, and 427 wells from the surrounding counties, that help to more accurately model the bedrock surface elevation in the area of the Olmsted County border. The overburden thickness is determined by subtracting the modeled bedrock elevation from the surface elevation. Like other types of models, a bedrock surface elevation model is only as good as the data used to create it.

In Olmsted County, some CWI reports contain over-simplified geologic information, which make it difficult to accurately define the depth to bedrock at that location. In other instances, a bedrock exposure may have been artificially created by removing the overburden during road building or other construction activities. This situation can artificially decrease the modeled overburden thickness in the area because there is no simple way to account for the missing overburden. The number of data points used in the model also affects the ability of the model to accurately represent the overburden thickness. In Olmsted County there are areas that do not have an abundance of information about the depth to bedrock. Fortunately these areas are not as large, nor as numerous, as found in less densely populated counties.

Crushed stone potential is based on a 1:100,000-scale bedrock map of Olmsted County constructed for this project. Bedrock contacts in the Rochester area are mapped on two-foot contour intervals based on surface elevation and bedrock elevation data provided by the Olmsted County Environmental Resource Services Department. The remainder of the county is mapped using ten-foot contour intervals because higher resolution elevation data were not available for the entire county at the time the bedrock map was constructed. The high-resolution elevation data area is identified on the map on this plate by the heavy dashed line surrounding the Rochester area. The bedrock information that serves as the basis for the crushed stone potential map is based, in part, on data from the Minnesota Geological Survey, including the state map series, S-20: "Geologic map of Minnesota, bedrock geology," (1:1,000,000, Morey and Meints, 2000), the county atlas series, C-3: "Geologic Atlas of Olmsted County, Minnesota," (1:100,000, N.H. Balaban, ed., 1988), report of investigation number 36, RI-36: "Paleozoic Lithostratigraphic Nomenclature for Minnesota," (Mossler, 1987), report of investigation number 65, RI-65: "Paleozoic Lithostratigraphic Nomenclature for Minnesota," (Mossler, 2008), and a digital bedrock geologic map for Olmsted County as part of open file report OF07-07: "Bedrock geology, topography and karst feature inventory of Steele, Dodge, Olmsted and Winona counties, (Tipping and others, 2004).

The final determination of crushed stone potential integrates the existing geologic maps and interpretations, the physical characteristics of the bedrock units and the overburden thickness. The crushed stone potential of map units are classified as high, moderate, low, or limited. Mapping units that have been classified as either high or moderate potential are defined as having significant potential for crushed stone resources while areas classified as low or limited potential are considered nonsignificant resources. The implementation of this classification system is described in the Crushed Stone Resource Potential section and is illustrated in Table 1.

An example of how the lack of data creates uncertainty in defining crushed stone potential can be seen in the geologic cross-section in Figure 1. Bedrock elevation trends can be seen along the length of the cross-section, but the lack of additional well points forces us to estimate the change of the bedrock surface between the well points. We must assume that the bedrock surface elevation changes only enough to reach the bedrock elevation defined at the next well point along the line. This creates a series of straight lines that are an unlikely estimation of the actual elevation of the bedrock surface between data points. This is especially significant as the distance between well points increases. While there are areas within Olmsted County where few well points are available, there are not enough of these areas to affect the crushed stone potential value assigned to individual polygons when mapped at a scale of 1:100,000.

CRUSHED STONE RESOURCE POTENTIAL: In Olmsted County, the interpretation of geologic evidence at the reconnaissance level is the basis for defining crushed stone potential, not economic feasibility nor cultural considerations. This assessment does not imply that economic crushed stone resources exist everywhere within a given map unit designated as "Potential Crushed Stone Resources." Rather, that within a map unit similar geologic processes were responsible for producing the bedrock, but over time erosion has removed more bedrock in some areas than in others. In most instances, the bedrock surface is buried by sediment that obscures our view of the rock and creates some uncertainty about the crushed stone potential within an entire map unit. There are areas within Olmsted County where few well points are available, but not enough of these areas exist to affect the crushed stone potential value assigned to individual polygons when mapped at a scale of 1:100,000. While geologic measurements of aggregate deposits remain relatively constant, economic criteria and environmental standards can vary across time and place. Important site-specific factors such as ownership, zoning, protected waters and wetlands, distance to markets, and access, are important to the decision-making process for locating a new quarry, but they are outside the scope of this study.

SIGNIFICANT POTENTIAL FOR CRUSHED STONE RESOURCES: Bedrock geologic units of dolostone and limestone having the necessary quality to produce crushed stone aggregate and are buried by limited overburden. The quality information is derived from Aggregate Source Information System (ASIS) test data as well as through existing crushed stone industry use in Olmsted County. The geologic units are the Oneota Dolomite, Shakopee Formation, Stewartville Formation, and the Prosser Formation. Where classified as having significant potential for crushed stone resources, these bedrock units are buried by less than 30 feet of overburden. Though each of the above mentioned bedrock formations can be used for producing crushed stone aggregate, all of the units contain layers of lower quality rock that are not suitable for crushed stone aggregate. Crushed stone quarries located within these map polygons are classified as identified resources. A brief description of each formation is included below. High Potential for Crushed Stone Resources: Dolostone and limestone bedrock units exposed at

the land surface or buried by less than 15 feet of overburden. Based on the rock types observed in this study, the Oneota Dolomite, Shakopee Formation, and the Stewartville Formation are classified as having high potential for crushed stone aggregate resources.

Stewartville Formation: Medium- to thickly-bedded dolomite or dolomitic limestone; may also occur as thinly-bedded limestone similar in appearance to the Prosser Limestone. The Stewartville Formation is typically 70 to 80 feet thick and primarily occurs in the south-central and southwestern areas of the county. Shakopee Formation: Thinly-bedded dolomite with minor sandstone and shale beds throughout the upper 100 feet. The Shakopee is approximately 120 to 150 feet thick. The Shakopee Formation is the upper-most bedrock unit in much of the northern part of the county and is normally limited in exposure to road cuts or along river valleys. The sequences of sandstone and shale reduce the quality of the bedrock within these intervals.

Oneota Dolomite: Massive, thickly-bedded dolomite occurs in the upper portion of the formation while the lower part is dominantly dolomite with inter-bedded sandstone, sandy dolostone, and minor amounts of shale. The Oneota is typically 150 to 185 feet thick. Limited exposures of the Oneota Formation are located in the extreme northeastern corner of the county in the Whitewater River valley. The sequences of sandstone and shale reduce the quality of the bedrock within these intervals.

Moderate Potential for Crushed Stone Resources: Dolostone and limestone bedrock units *Mp* **Moderate Potential for Crushed Stone Resources.** Detecting the buried by 0 to 30 feet of overburden. The bedrock units mentioned above (with 16 to 30 feet of buried by 0 to 30 feet of overburden. overburden), as well as the Prosser Formation (with 0 to 15 feet of overburden), are classified as having moderate potential for crushed stone aggregate resources.

Prosser Formation: Thinly-bedded limestone with thin layers of shale. Limestone beds vary in thickness from an inch to several inches. The Prosser Formation is typically 50 to 70 feet thick and is primarily limited to the eastern and southern portions of the county. NONSIGNIFICANT POTENTIAL FOR CRUSHED STONE RESOURCES: Bedrock geologic units of

dolostone, limestone, shaly limestone, sandstone, and shale that have low, limited, or no potential for crushing because of low rock quality or excessive overburden thickness. The units having nonsignificant potential are found as part of the following bedrock geologic formations: Oneota, Shakopee, Stewartville, Prosser, Platteville, Cummingsville, Dubuque, St. Peter, Glenwood, Decorah, and Jordan. These formations have varying bedrock and overburden thicknesses.

Low Potential for Crushed Stone Resources: Dolostone, limestone, and shaly limestone bedrock units buried by 0 to >50 feet of overburden. These map units include the following bedrock formations: Oneota, Shakopee, Stewartville (with more than 30 feet of overburden), Prosser Formation (with more than 15 feet of overburden), and the Platteville, Cummingsville, and Dubuque Formations. Based on the characteristics of the rock types in this study, the Platteville, Cummingsville, and Dubuque Formations (with 0 to 15 feet of overburden) are designated "Low Potential" for crushed stone resources. Quarries are found throughout the county where the Platteville Formation and Cummingsville Formation limestone have been mined, but many of the quarries are abandoned because they are either too small or the crushed stone produced from these formations cannot meet current construction aggregate quality specifications. The Dubuque, Cummingsville, and Platteville Formations are briefly discussed below.

Dubuque Formation: Medium-bedded limestone with alternating thinly bedded shale. The Dubuque Formation is typically from 20 to 30 feet thick and is limited in occurrence to the southwestern portion of the county where it is typically buried.

Cummingsville Formation: Inter-bedded limestone and shale. Limestone beds typically alternate with successions of thin beds of green/gray shale. The Cummingsville Formation ranges from 60 to 70 feet thick and is generally found in the southern half of Olmsted County. Platteville Formation: Thin- to medium-bedded limestone with very thin shale layers. Shale is more

prominent in the upper portion of the formation while sandy limestone is more prevalent in the lower portion. The Platteville is approximately 20 feet thick throughout the county but can be as thick as 25 feet. The Platteville Formation is present throughout Olmsted County, occurring in natural exposures, roadcuts, and commonly capping small buttes and plateaus. Limited Potential for Crushed Stone Resources: Dolostone, limestone, shale, sandstone, and

shaly limestone units buried by 0 to >50 feet of overburden. These map units include all of the previously mentioned bedrock formations found in Olmsted County, as well the Maquoketa Formation (limestone), sandstones of the St. Peter and Jordan formations, and shale of the Glenwood and Decorah formations. The sandstone and shale formations lack the necessar durability required of an aggregate resource, regardless of the overburden thickness. General descriptions of these formations are given below.

Maquoketa Formation: Thinly bedded fossiliferous limestone with thin beds of dolostone and shale; chert nodules are common. The Maquoketa Formation is approximately 70 feet thick and has a gradational contact with the underlying Dubuque Formation. Limited in occurrence to the southwestern portion of the county and is typically buried. Sandstones

St. Peter Sandstone: Fine- to medium-grained, poorly cemented, quartzose sandstone. The St. Peter Sandstone ranges in thickness from 80 to 100 feet. It is present throughout the county and can be easily recognized by its white/orange color, lack of major structure, and slope-forming tendency. In Olmsted County, the St. Peter Sandstone is a significant source of industrial sand. Jordan Sandstone: Medium- to coarse-grained, cross-stratified quartzose sandstone. The Jordan Sandstone is approximately 80 feet thick and is limited in exposure to the Dry Run Creek valley in the north and the Whitewater River valley in the northeast.

Decorah Shale: Large successions of thinly-bedded shale with thin beds of limestone identifiable by its stark green/gray color and lack of structure. The Decorah Formation is approximately 40 feet thick, but can be as thick as 60 feet. It is exposed throughout the county, usually heavily vegetated, and is generally limited to locations where overlying Cummingsville Formation limestone still exists. Glenwood Formation: Thinly-bedded shale with thinly-bedded, intermittent sandstone beds. Upper portion of the formation is predominantly green shale, with sandstone inter-beds occurring in the lower portion of

the formation. The Glenwood Formation is typically 6 feet thick, but can range from 2 to 8 feet thick. The Glenwood Formation is present throughout the county and is typically associated with the Platteville Formation. General References

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Crushed Stone Potential

Elevation Dataset's 1-arc second (30m) DEM, and where available 2-foot contour elevation data obtained from Olmsted County and then converted to 1/9-arc second (3M) DEM, and MGS Minnesota aeromagnetic grid (+/- 50 Meters horizontal accuracy) with micro-leveling

Products of this project include a CD/ROM of maps, data, and metadata in a digital format and the following maps: Plate A, Report 375, Olmsted County Aggregate Resources, Sand and Gravel Potential & Plate B, Report 375, Olmsted County Aggregate Resources, Crushed Stone Potential