

To accompany atlas Report, Plate 7, and Plate 8.

Hydrogeologic Cross Sections

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Reference report section: Hydrogeologic cross sections

CROSS SECTION EXPLANATION

Tritium age

Darker color in small vertical rectangle (well screen symbol) indicates tritium age of water sampled in well. The color in the surrounding area indicates interpreted age of water in aquifer.

- Recent: water entered the ground since about 1953 (8 to 15 tritium units [TU]).
- Mixed: water is a mixture of recent and vintage waters (greater than 1 TU to less than 8 TU).
- Vintage: water entered the ground before 1953 (less than or equal to 1 TU).
- Well was not sampled for tritium.

Symbols and labels

- 13.4 If shown, arsenic concentration equals or exceeds 5 parts per billion.
- 15.8 If shown, chloride concentration equals or exceeds 5 parts per million.
- 1.21 If shown, nitrate-nitrogen concentration equals or exceeds 1 part per million.
- 15,000 If shown, groundwater residence time in years, estimated by carbon-14 (¹⁴C) isotope analysis
- General groundwater flow direction
- 900 Approximate equipotential contour; contour interval 20 feet
- Geologic contact
- Land or bedrock surface
- Water table

Aquifers and aquitards grouped by stratigraphy

- | Surficial sand | Bedrock |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| ss | Color overlay indicates tritium age. |
| Buried sand and gravel and Quaternary | St. Peter |
| uh* | Shakopee (Prairie du Chien) |
| lh* | Oncota Dolomite (Prairie du Chien)* |
| sm | Jordan |
| mt* | St. Lawrence Formation* |
| st | Tunnel City |
| g1* | Lower Tunnel City Group* |
| g2* | Enhanced-permeability zone |
| se | *aquitard |
| et* | |
| su | |
| *aquitard | |

Quaternary aquitards

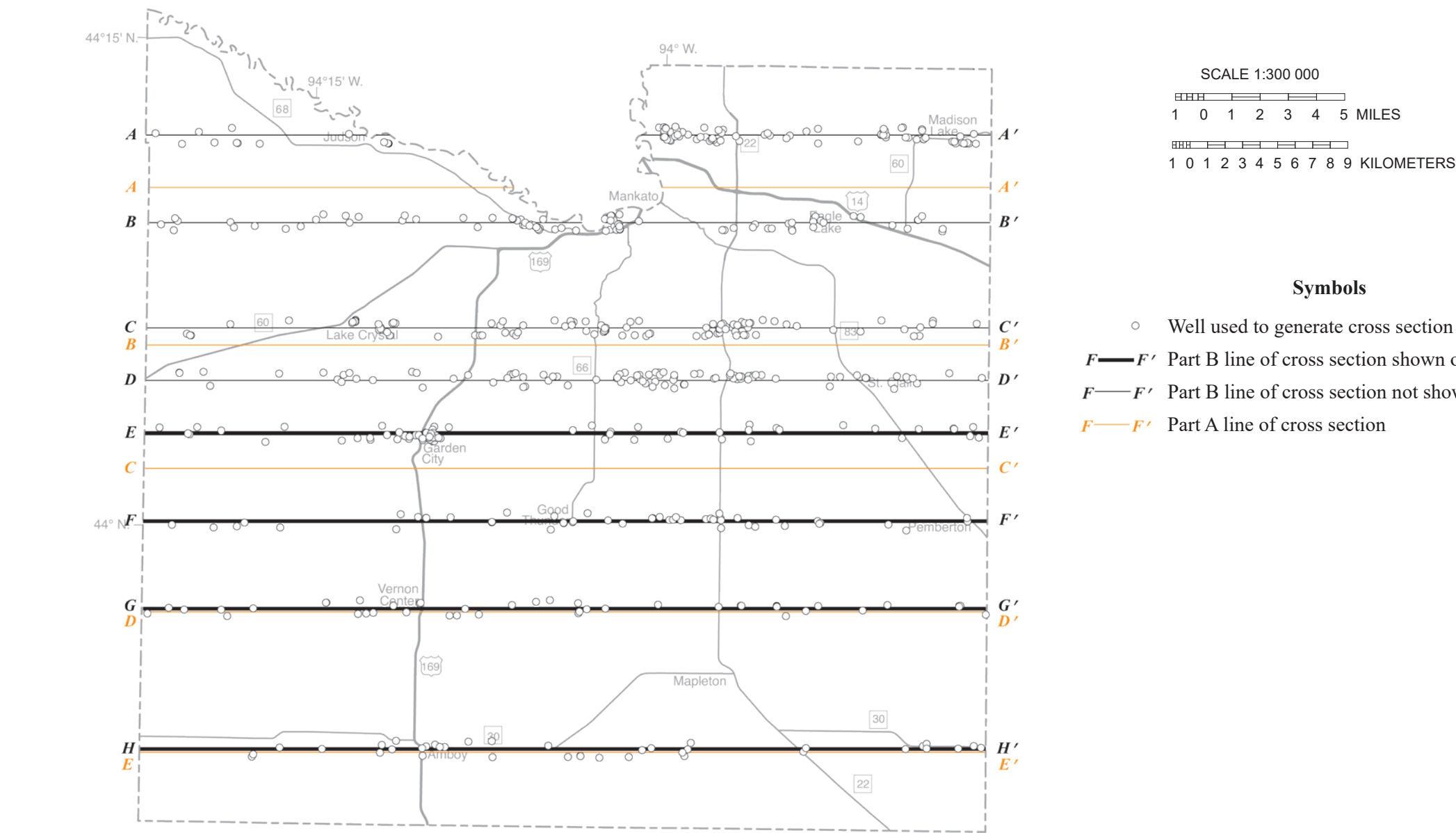
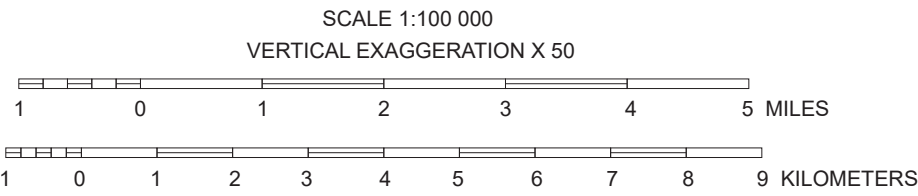
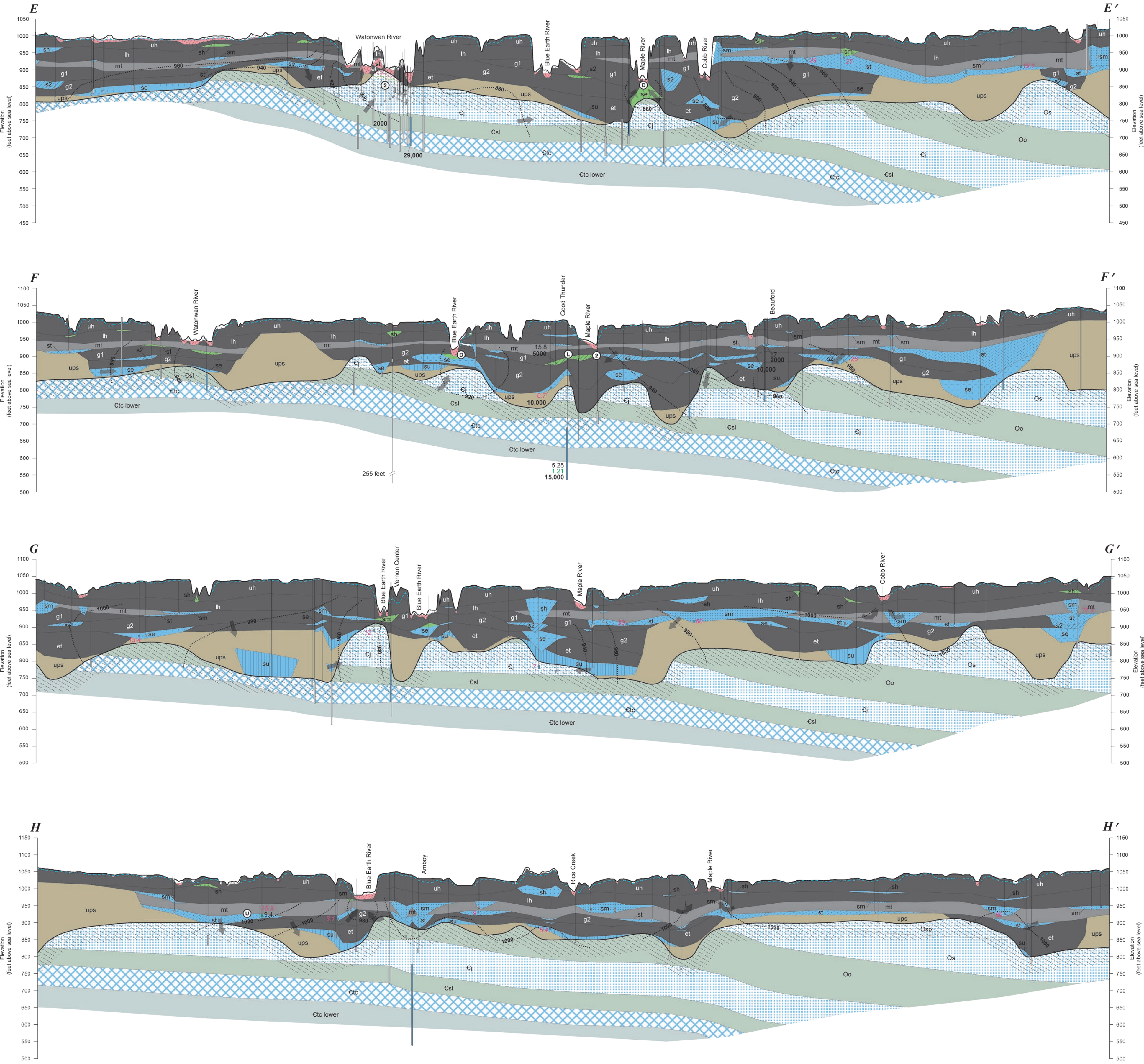
Grouped by sand content suggesting relative hydraulic conductivity.

- | Geologic unit code | Percent sand |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| uh, lh, g1, g2, et | ≤ 30 |
| mt | > 30 and ≤ 40 |
| Undifferentiated sediment (ups) | Texture unknown |

Groundwater conditions

(Some conditions shown are interpreted and do not correspond to tritium data locations.)

- Groundwater moves from an overlying surficial aquifer to a buried aquifer
- Groundwater discharge from a buried aquifer to surface water
- Groundwater flows laterally
- Groundwater flowpath is unknown (deep groundwater with recent or mixed tritium age)



Symbols


- Well used to generate cross section
- F—F' Part B line of cross section shown on this plate
- F—F' Part B line of cross section not shown on this plate
- F—F' Part A line of cross section

This map was compiled and generated in a geographic information system (GIS). Digital data products, including chemistry and geophysical data, are available from the DNR Ecological and Water Resources Division [page \(mndnr.gov/groundwater-mapping\)](http://mndnr.gov/groundwater-mapping).

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