

# County Geologic Atlas Program

## Part A: Geologic Setting

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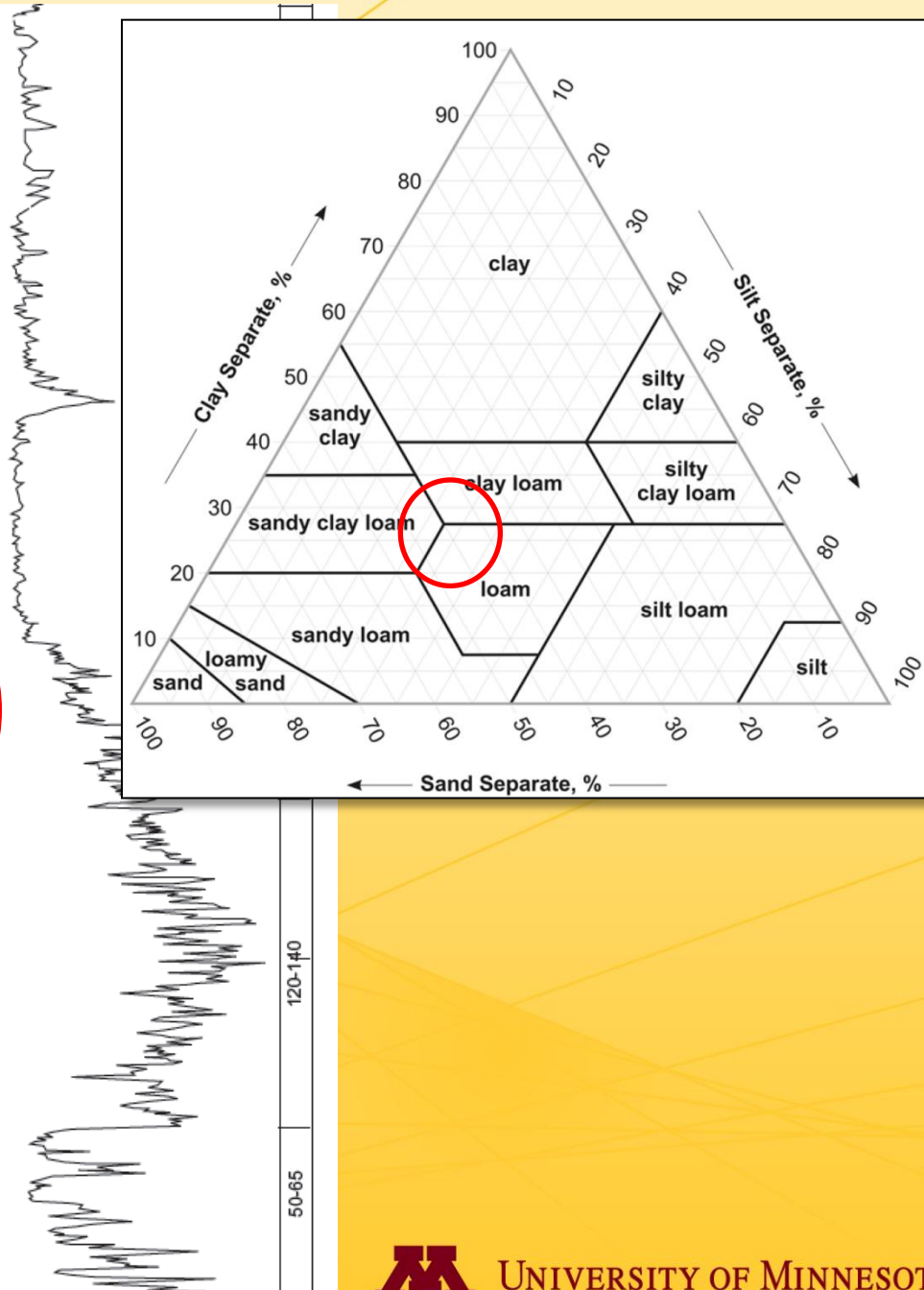
- Physical setting – formatting data suitable for modelers and water planners
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  - examples from Washington County
- What's next
  - Mapping heterogeneities in bedrock and unconsolidated deposits
  - Linking Part A products to other datasets
- Current Part A mapping status



- ***Physical setting – formatting data suitable for modelers and water planners [from USGS Circular 1186 ‘Sustainability of Ground-water Resources’]***
  - *Mapping the extent, boundaries and upper and lower surfaces of aquifers and confining layers*
  - *Distribution of porosity and permeability **within** bedrock and unconsolidated deposits – mapping spaces within rocks and sediment*
    - *Aquifers*
    - *Confining layers*

# PALEOZOIC

Lower Ordovician (505–478 m.y.)		Prairie du Chien Group	Undivided	Opdc		Shakopee Aquifer	OpshA
						Oneota Confining Unit	OpodC
		Jordan Sandstone	€jdn			Jordan Aquifer	€jdnA
						Lower Jordan Confining Unit	€jdnC
		St. Lawrence Formation	€stl			St Lawrence Confining Unit	€stlC
		Franconia Formation	Reno and Tomah Members	€frn		Upper Tunnel City Group Aquifer	Cfrn A
						Birkmose Member	
		Ironton and Galesville Sandstones	€igl			Won - eowoc Aquifer	€iglA






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## GEOLOGIC ATLAS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA C-39, PART A

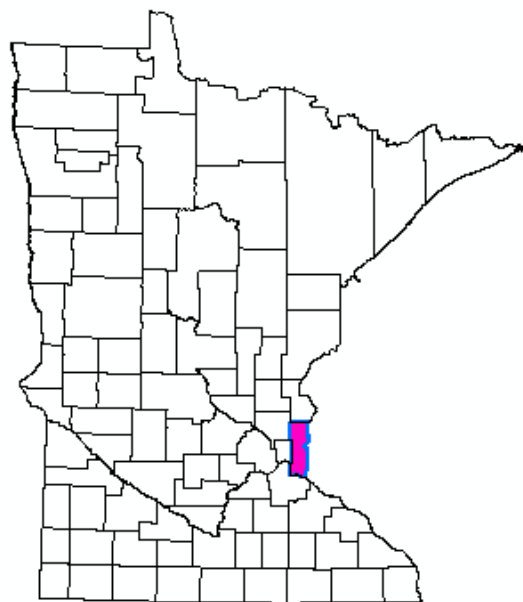
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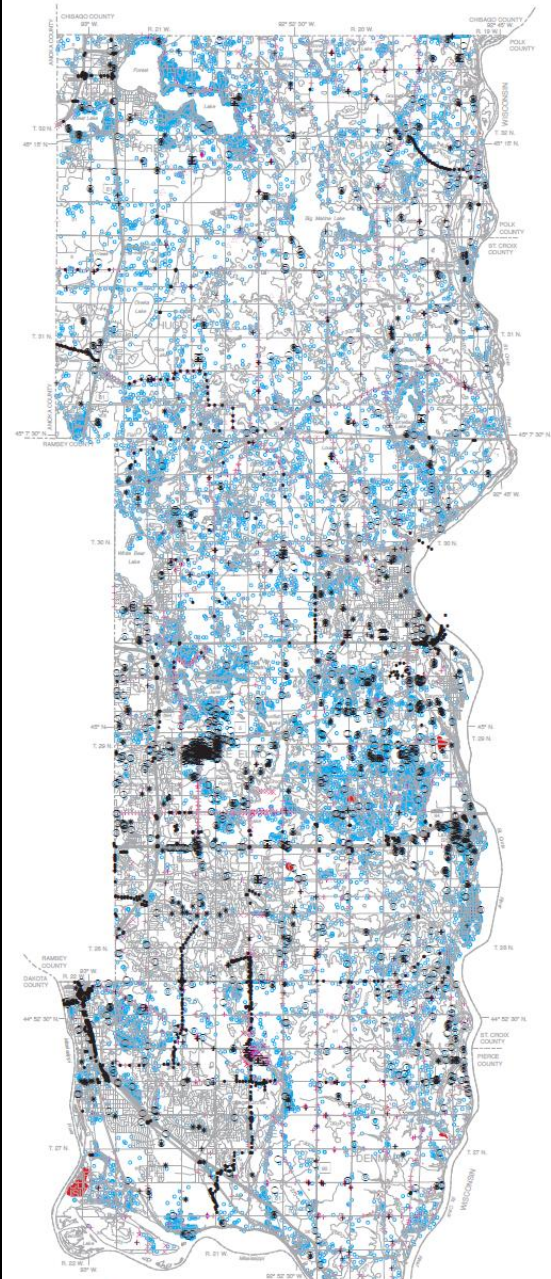


Sand Distribution Model



Bedrock topography and  
Depth to bedrock





## DATA-BASE MAP

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### INTRODUCTION

The public health and economic development of Washington County are directly dependent on the wise use and management of its land and water resources. Geologic and hydrologic information are essential for decisions 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. The data have been described here to address this need.

County atlases, prepared jointly by the Minnesota Geological Survey and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Division of Ecological and Water Resources, present detailed geologic and hydrologic information in an interpretive as well as descriptive form. Maps and texts summarize the current basic geologic and hydrologic conditions at a county scale, and interpret these conditions in terms of the impacts of possible land-use and water-use decisions at the time they were created. The maps and texts in this current set of county geologic atlas plates are an outgrowth of the original maps that were created for the 1990 Washington County geologic atlas. The amount of data available for Washington County has more than tripled in the intervening 23 years since the original maps were published and an understanding of some of the geologic processes governing geologic features within the county has grown; thus it was necessary to update the maps to reflect these new data. Site-specific information is available in some areas at a greater level of technical detail than shown on the maps of this atlas. The data are too voluminous to present at the scale of this 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 information may appear to contradict each other. For example, water-well drillers may describe glacial till as "day," 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 suitability of the till to yield groundwater 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 cobble and boulders, and it is interpreted by the geologist to have been deposited directly by glacial ice. Understanding the process by which the material formed allows geologists to make predictions about what lies beneath and beyond data points.

All of the types of data described in this plate were interpreted by geologists or hydrologists to make them meaningful for mapping purposes. The 1:50,000 scale of the maps and a few small-scale charts chosen here show the geologic and hydrologic status of the county while keeping the physical size of each place to a manageable scale. The data are presented in a way that was guided by data interpretation and mapping context and shown on these maps or discussed in the texts. Some of this information is available in digital files for computer use.

Whether in the atlas alone, or in combination with the texts, 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 maps were plotted on 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle maps or higher-level general maps and assigned inventory numbers. Automated data bases and a few manual data bases 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, these systems provide more efficient assessment of cause-and-effect relationships concerning natural resources than can commonly be provided with manual files.

### WASHINGTON COUNTY DATA BASES

Computerized files were developed for point-source data such as wells and borings in Washington County. They are 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 (LMC). The computerized data have been developed for Washington County by the Minnesota Geological Survey in the County Well Index (CWI).

**County Well Index (CWI)**—Information from water-well records and exploration holes is entered into the materials data base. Each well log is assigned a six-digit number and each exploration hole is assigned either a five- or six-digit number. These reference numbers are also used by state agencies and the Water Resources Division of the U.S. Geological Survey. Elevations are expressed in feet above sea level and were determined either from topographic maps (see the index to 1:50,000-scale quadrangles) or Minnesota's lake high-resolution elevation data set. Elevations from the topographic maps are generally accurate to plus or minus 5 feet (1.5 meters) and elevations from the elevation data set are accurate to within 3 feet (1 meter). The cross address of each well is also included whenever possible to provide data users with a complete list of wells in the county. The data are available for use by software at the Minnesota Geological Survey used to display and tabulate many of the data elements contained in the original well log.

The County Well Index is currently stored in a data base that contains all related tables. These tables contain information such as well depths, well construction, addresses, aquifers, data drilled, static water levels, and pumping test data. They also contain alternate well identifiers such as permit numbers or emergency-service numbers, the well geology (the geologic materials encountered during drilling), and the methods and depths of geologic sampling. The data are available for use by software at the Minnesota Geological Survey used to display and tabulate many of the data elements contained in the original well log.

**WELL LOGS** contain 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 description, and remarks about the log itself.

**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 Washington County and experienced in some cases to additional data sources, such as borings, borehole geophysical logs, or core (Fig. 2). Only those drill holes with verified locations have stratigraphy assigned to them.

**File data of the Minnesota Geological Survey**—Details about other types of data shown on this plate are available from digital (including the Quaternary Data Index), or internal working data base and paper files at the Minnesota Geological Survey. These include descriptions of cutting samples, soil borings, gliding probe holes, field sites, and auger holes, natural analysis, gravity and aeromagnetic data, passive seismic sites, and geophysical measurement sites.

### FUTURE DATA COLLECTION

Additional geologic information is generated continuously as new water wells are drilled, construction activities expose more bedrock, or additional wells are tested for water quality. To address this, the library of information prepared for Washington County is flexible so that data can be reworked and added in light of new information, and new forms of data can be added if required. The need to manage groundwater and other natural resources will not be lessened, however. Future demands on these resources will require current data to assess the impacts.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We thank the Washington County Public Health and Environment Office for contributing greatly to the development of this County Well Index data base. The support of the county's geologic survey staff, local water-well contractors and landowners for their valuable assistance.

### THE DATA-BASE MAP

The types, locations, and density of information used to prepare the Washington County atlas are shown on this map. The data are described below to aid the user in assessing what type may be useful for a particular information need. The Data-Base Map serves as a guide to the provision 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. All data were collected by Minnesota Geological Survey staff unless otherwise specified.

### DRILL-HOLE INFORMATION

**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. Not all wells extend to bedrock. In areas of thick, unconsolidated Quaternary deposits, drillers commonly do not need to drill through the entire thickness of overburden to find suitable groundwater. 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 Washington County; about 14,500 logs were used for this atlas; they can be found in the County Well Index (CWI).

**Core samples** were collected at various sites throughout Washington County as a means to establish the nature of the subsurface material. Rotary-sonic cores were collected by the Minnesota Geological Survey from 12 sites in the county (labeled W9-1 through W9-12 and W9-13 through W9-15) and both the interpretation of the Quaternary deposits and in determining bedrock depth and nature (where encountered). The coring technique enables recovery of a continuous core, 3.5 inches (8.9 centimeters) in diameter, from glacial deposits and bedrock (where encountered). It provides excellent subsurface samples for detailed study and comparison with cutting, geophysical logs, and driller's logs from corresponding sites. Detailed geologic logs for some of the cores are shown on Plate A, Quaternary Stratigraphy. These logs are entered into the County Well Index (CWI) and any sampling results are available in Minnesota Geological Survey file data. There were an additional two rotary-sonic cores collected on the 3rd site (Cottage Grove) where two rotary-sonic wells were installed. The cores are available for inspection at the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Division of Lands and Minerals offices in Hibbing.

**Cutting samples** collected during drilling provide physical evidence of subsurface geologic materials. Cuttings are the samples generated at the drill bit and through the subsurface material and are used to interpret and verify driller's logs. They are tagged 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 material occurring gamma radiation, spontaneous potential, and resistivity. Gamma logs characterize in gamma from the geologic formations penetrating. 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 associated well logs. Samples from the borehole, information obtained from nearby exposures, 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. The information obtained from a geophysical log is added to the County Well Index (CWI) and the paper log is in file at the Minnesota Geological Survey.

**Soil borings** are not 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 geologist using a variety of classification schemes based on particle size, penetration rate, moisture content, and color. Soil-boring data were collected by the Minnesota Department of Transportation and Washington County Public Works. They are controlled, located in distribution in that they are encountered along major roads such as U.S. Highway 10 and County Highway 19. These data are most useful in determining the composition of unconsolidated deposits. Descriptions of the geologic materials presented can be accessed in digital and paper files at the Minnesota Geological Survey; all other information contained in a contained in paper files. The data are available from the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Foundation 1-611 webpage (<http://www.mn.dnr.state.mn.us/geoscience/foundation/Cla/gp/gp.html>) and Washington County Public Works.

**Gliding probe holes** are borings of glacial material, 2 inches (5.1 centimeters) in diameter, collected by a truck-mounted hydraulic auger. A description was generated at every site and at most locations a sample of samples were taken for natural analysis. Samples were generally taken about every 5 feet (1.5 meters), and in contacts, and where the geologist believed it was important.

### OTHER INFORMATION

**Field sites** are natural and artificial exposures of unconsolidated Quaternary deposits that were described in detail; samples from many sites were routinely analyzed. Field sites include quarries and river cuts, gravel pits, excavations, and road cuts. Data from the field site can be found in Minnesota Geological Survey files. Additional gravel pit data may be found at the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Aggregate Source Information System webpage (<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/transportation/agginfo/>).

**Soil auger holes** are shallow borings created to generate a description of the subsurface material. They are generally less than 3 feet (1 meter) in depth. The Minnesota Geological Survey and a local auger and Washington County Public Works used a truck-mounted auger to create the borings. Data from the soil auger holes can be found in Minnesota Geological Survey files.

**Testimonial analysis** expresses the properties of sand, silt, and clay-size particles that make up a sample. The samples analyzed were taken from natural and artificial exposures, gliding probe holes, soil auger holes, cutting samples, and the rotary-sonic cores. They are helpful in determining origin, correlation, and hydrologic properties of unconsolidated sediment. The data are available in Minnesota Geological Survey files.

**Passive seismic depth to bedrock soundings** provide information based on measurement and analysis of ambient noise and surface-wave energy in the ground to allow a calculation of the depth to bedrock thickness of Quaternary deposits beneath that point. The measurements require a sounding system that is implanted into the ground surface and records ambient ground vibrations in three orthogonal directions (2 horizontal and 1 vertical) during a 10-minute interval. The method is called passive because no energy is directly input into the ground at the time of measurement, such as is the case for conventional seismic sounding. Instead, the ambient background vibrations from a variety of natural and artificial sources that include machinery, traffic, and wind. The averaged horizontal spectra of the ambient vibrations are called the horizontal spectral ratio, and the averaging between the vertical spectral ratio (HVSR) should display a prominent peak that closely approximates the resonant frequency (shear-wave) of the unconsolidated sequence overlying the bedrock surface. The resonant frequency of unconsolidated sequences is a useful parameter for seismic risk investigations, but here it is used to estimate the thickness of the overburden soil, which in our case is the Quaternary sequence. In this application, the HVSR method is achieved by taking measurements at locations (sound points) where the thickness of Quaternary deposits are known from either well data or from conventional seismic sounding. The control points are selected to represent approximately the expected range of depths for the region, and the calibration curve that is found in these data can be used to estimate bedrock depth in areas lacking either drill holes or conventional seismic soundings. When bedrock depth is known from the HVSR method, it is estimated to be accurate to within an error of 15 to 25 percent, which is comparable more than the 15 to 25 percent error that is generally expected with conventional seismic methods (refraction and reflection).

**Seismic refraction soundings** are analogous to passive seismic soundings, but here they are used to estimate the thickness of the Quaternary deposits. Seismic refraction soundings are more labor intensive than passive seismic soundings and can provide velocity information and higher-quality depth estimates. Seismic refraction soundings were not acquired for this update of the Washington County geologic atlas, but such soundings were included in the original atlas to help determine the depth to bedrock beneath the Quaternary deposits present in the county. These data were acquired by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.



## MAP SYMBOLS

- Record of water-well construction (well driller's log)
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- \* Cutting sample
- Borehole geophysical log
- Soil boring
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Unique Well Number

761628

County Washington

Quad Prescott

Quad Id 102D

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## WELL AND BORING RECORD

MINNESOTA STATUTES CHAPTER 1031

Entry Date 2008/07/11

Update Date 2014/08/18

Received Date 2008/08/26

Well Name AFTON ALPS I.W.

Township	Range	Dir	Section	Subsection	Field Located	MGS
27	20	W	2	BCBCCB	Elevation	702.00 ft.

Well Depth

285.00 ft

Depth Completed

285.00 ft

Date Well Completed

2008/08/15

Well and Contact Address AFTON ALPS

6600 PELLER AV S  
HASTINGS

MN

55033

Changed

Drillhole  
Angle

Drilling Method

Non-specified Rotary

Drilling Fluid

Other

Well Hydrofractured?

☐ YES ☒ NO

From ft. to

Use Irrigation

Casing Type Steel (black or low Drive Shoe? ☒ YES ☐ NO

Diameter 16

Depth 90

Hole Diameter (in.)

22.00 To 90.0

16.00 in. from 0.00 to 90.00 ft. 16.58 lbs/ft

15.00 To 285.0

Description	Color	Hardness	From	To (ft.)
SAND/GRAVEL	BROWN	SOFT	0	75
SANDROCK	GREEN	M.HARD	75	78
SANDROCK	GREEN	MEDIUM	78	230
SANDROCK	GREEN	MEDIUM	230	240
SANDROCK	GRAY	MEDIUM	240	285

Screen

No

Open Hole(ft.) From 90.0 to 285.0

Make  
Diameter

Slot Length Set

Type

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Elevation 702.00 ft. Method 7.5 minute topographic Aquifer Tunnel City-Wonewoc Depth to Bedrock 78 ft. Open

Field Located Minnesota Geological Survey  
Program

Location Method Digitization (Screen) - Map (1:2 Univer  
Input Source Minnesota Geological Survey

Uni No.Verified Information from owner

Input Date 2008/07/11

Geologic Interpretation John Mossler

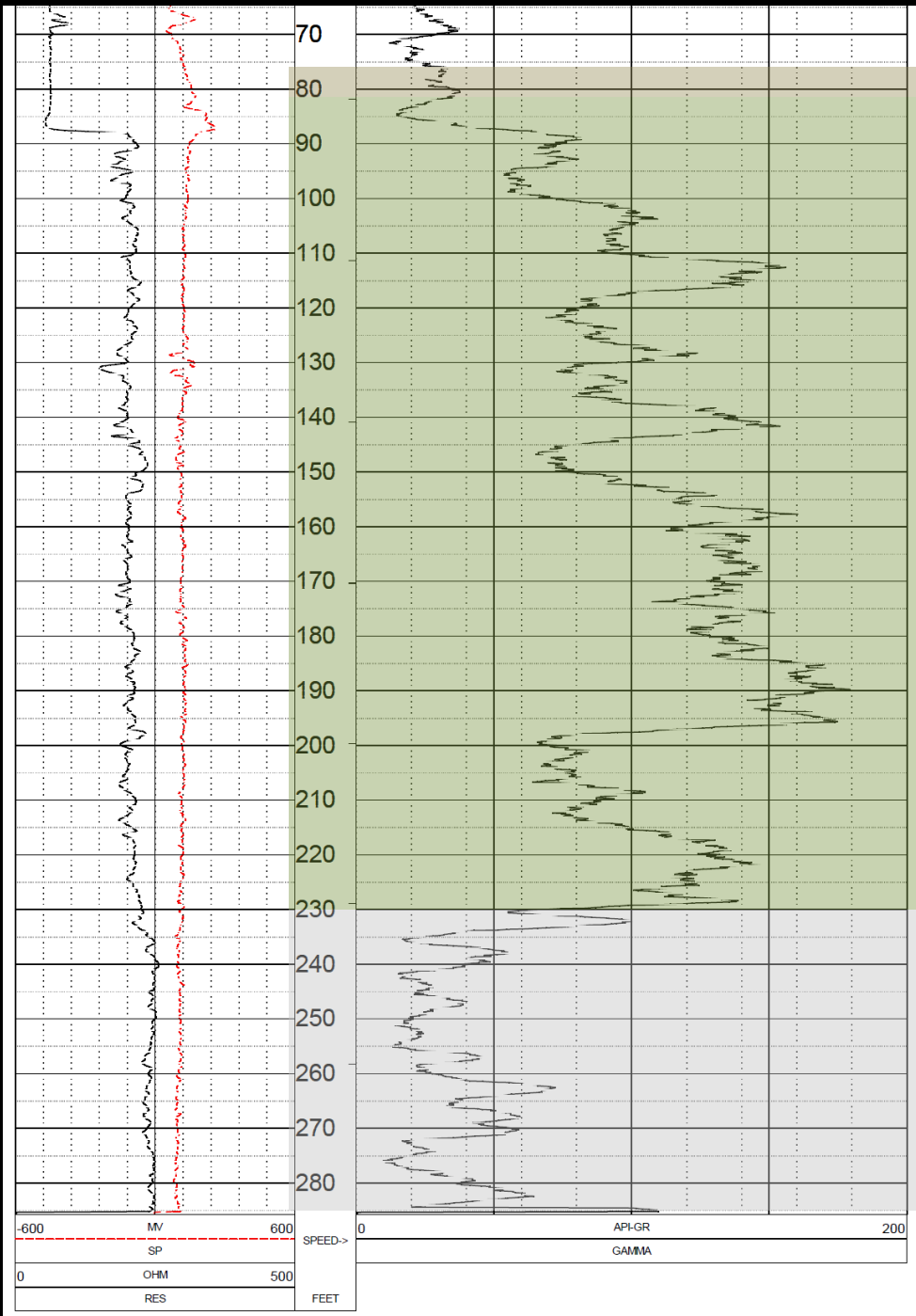
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Geological Material	Color	Hardness	DEPTH		Thick	ELEVATION		Stratigraphy
			From	To		From	To	
SAND/GRAVEL	BROWN	SOFT	0	75	75	702	627	sand +larger-brown
SANDROCK	GREEN	M.HARD	75	78	3	627	624	Quaternary deposit
SANDROCK	GREEN	MEDIUM	78	230	152	624	472	Tunnel City Group
SANDROCK	GREEN	MEDIUM	230	240	10	472	462	Wonewoc Sandstone
SANDROCK	GRAY	MEDIUM	240	285	45	462	417	Wonewoc Sandstone

Interpretation Method

Cuttings + geophysical log





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Township Range Dir Section Subsection Field Located MGS

Well Depth

Depth Completed

Date Well Completed

ft

285.00

ft

2008/08/15

Minnesota Geological Survey  
University of Minnesota  
2609 Territorial Road  
St. Paul, MN 55114  
Dept. Phone: (612)626-2969



761628

Method

Non-specified Rotary

Is

Well Hydrofractured?

☐ YES ☒ NO

From

ft. to

Casing

Steel (black or low) Drive Shoe? ☒ YES ☐ NO

Casing Diameter 16

Depth 90

Hole Diameter (in.)

22.00 To 90.0

Casing Weight 16.58 lbs/ft

15.00 To 285.0

NAME : AFTON ALPS I.W.

UNIQUE NUMBER : 761628

QUADRANGLE : PRESCOTT 102-D

COUNTY : WASHINGTON

LOCATION/SUBJECT: BCBCCB

SECTION : 2

TOWNSHIP : 27

RANGE : 20

DATE : 07/24/08

MGS CUTTINGS # : 4843

API NO. BOTTOM : 89

LOG BOTTOM : 285.70

LOG TOP : 12.20

LOG MEASURED FROM:

DRL MEASURED FROM:

KB :

DF :

GL : 702.5

CASING DIAMETER : 10.

CASING TYPE :

CASING THICKNESS : 0

LOGGING UNIT :

FIELD OFFICE : O'DRISCOLL

RECORDED BY : PETTUS

BIT SIZE : 6

BOREHOLE FLUID : 0

FILE : PROCESSED

MAGNETIC DECL. : 0

RM : 0

TYPE : 9060A

MATRIX DENSITY : 2.71

RM TEMPERATURE : 0

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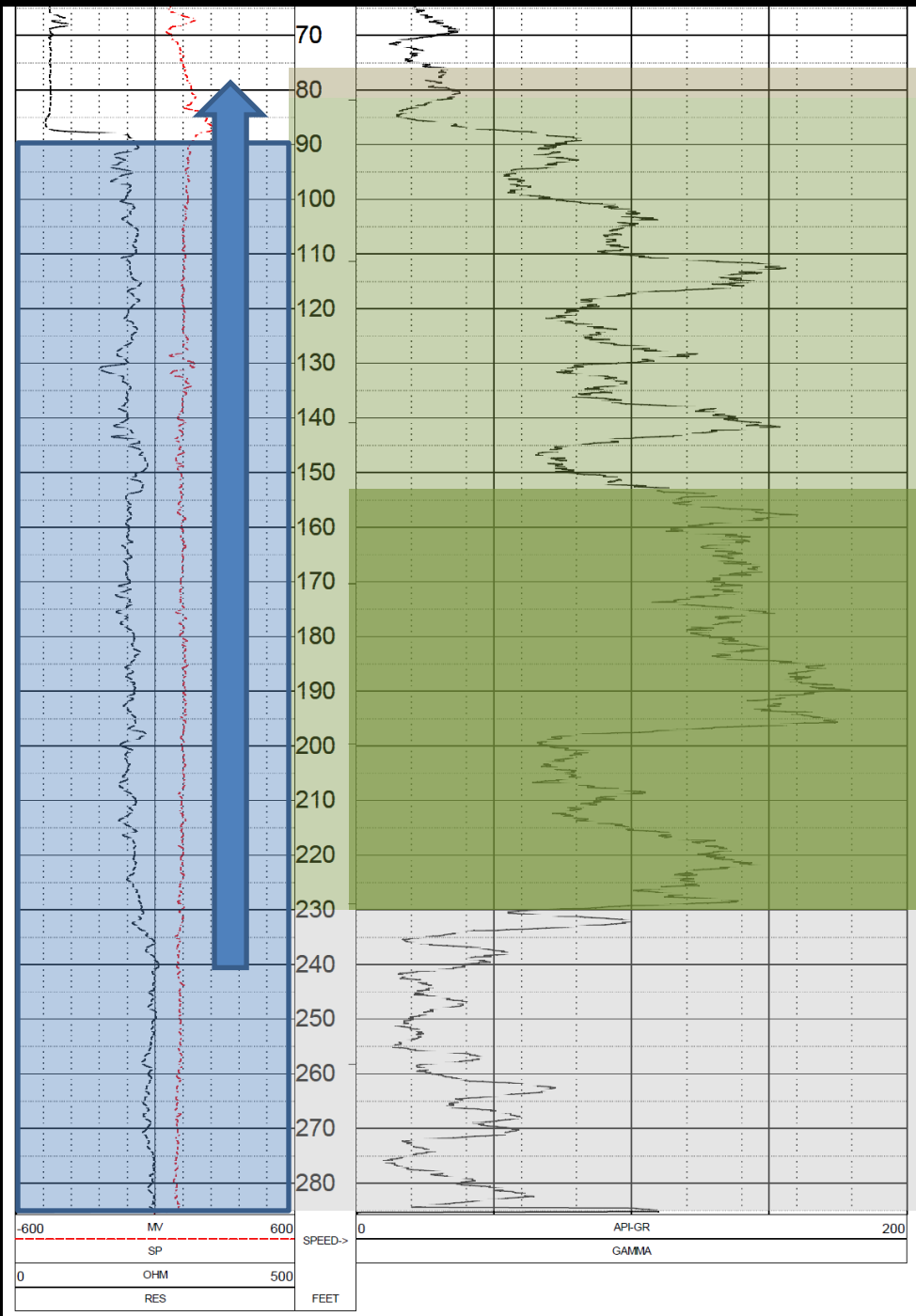
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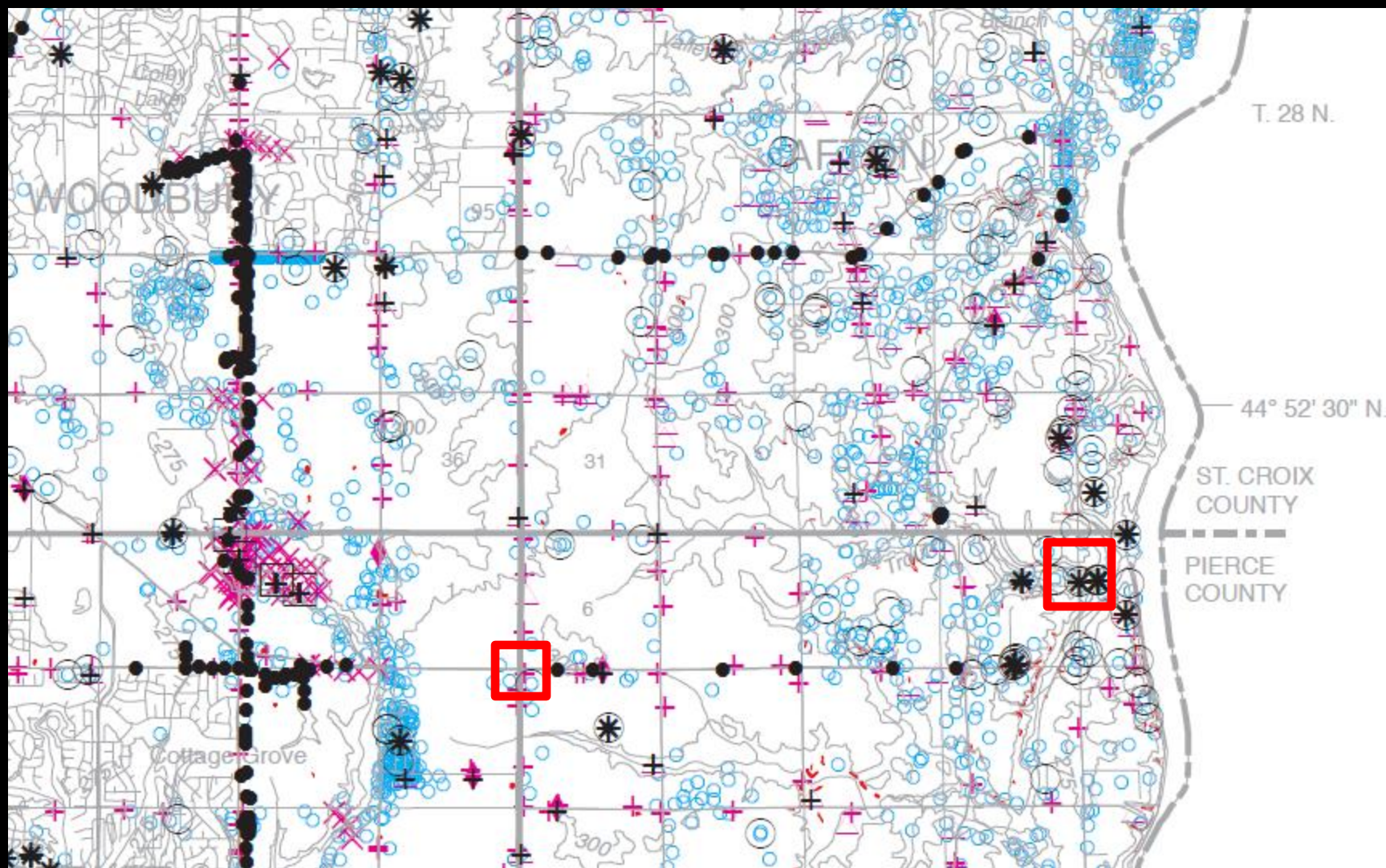
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Open Hole(ft.) From 90.0 to 285.0

Type

Casing Length Set





# Quaternary Database Record

Related: 00Q0033459 Unique No: 33459 Entry Date: 12/07/2012 Updated: 01/10/2013

## Location

County: Town: Range: Section: Subsection:

Washington 27 20 W 7 AAAAAA

## Depth

Drilled/Observed: Completed: Date Sampled:

0 0 / /

## Stratigraphy Data

Relate ID: 00Q0033459

Name	Field/Driller Description	From	To	Color	Stratigraphy	Deposit Type	Lith Primary	Lith Secondary	Lith Minor	Paleo M	Moisture	Munsell
	Loess, silt loam, very dry	0	2.25			Loess	Silt	Loam			DRY	10YR 5/6
	Loess, loam	2.25	2.75			Loess	Loam					10YR 5/6

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Last Strat:

First Bedrock:

Last Bedrock:

Aquifer:

☐ Cuttings

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Water Level Measurements

Remarks

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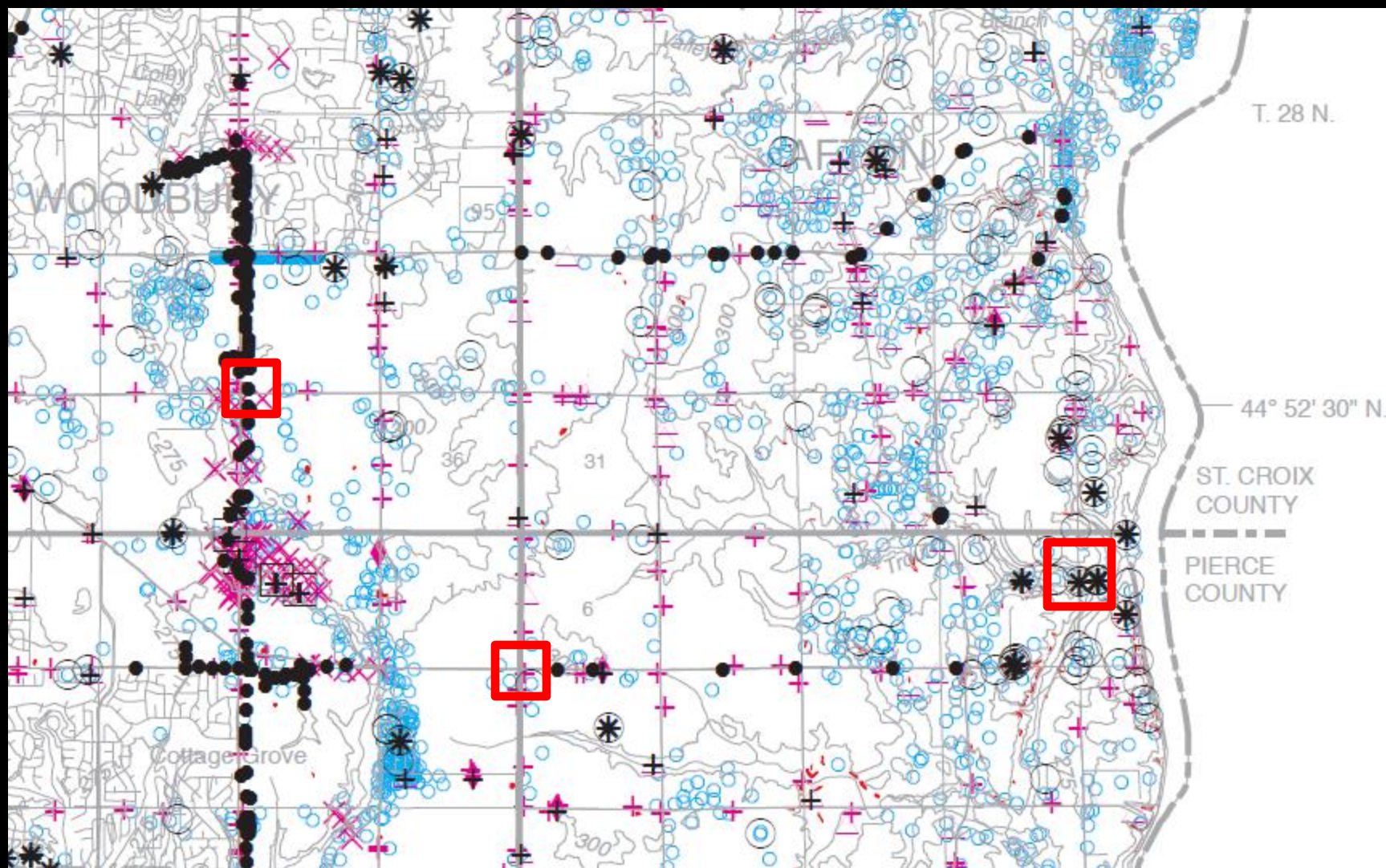
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# Quaternary Database Record

Related: 00Q0033038 Unique No: 33038 Entry Date: 10/17/2012 Updated: 11/01/2012

## Location

County: Washington Town: 28 Range: 21 W Section: 27 Subsection: DDDAD

## Depth

Drilled/Observed: 30.5 Completed: 0 Date Sampled: 09/06/2000

## Stratigraphy Data

Relate ID: 00Q0033038

Name	Field/Driller Description	From	To	Color	Stratigraphy	Deposit Type	Lith Primary	Lith Secondary	Lith Minor	Paleo M	Moisture	Munsell
	FILL: SILTY SAND, F-M, TRACE OF GRAVEL, TRACE O	0	4	DK BRN			Sand	Silt			MOIST	
	LEAN CLAY, RATHER SOFT, (GLACIOFLUVIUM)	4	6	BROWN			Clay				MOIST	
	POORLY GRADED SAND WITH SILT, F-M, LOOSE, (GL	6	12	BROWN			Sand	Silt			MOIST	
	SILTY SAND, F-M, TRACE OF GRAVEL, MED DENSE, (	12	17	BROWN			Sand	Silt			MOIST	
	POORLY GRADED SAND, F-M, TRACE OF GRAVEL, LO	17	30.5	BROWN			Sand	Gravel			MOIST	

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First Bedrock:

Last Bedrock:

Aquifer:

- ☐ Cuttings
 ☐ Geochem
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 ☐ Pollen

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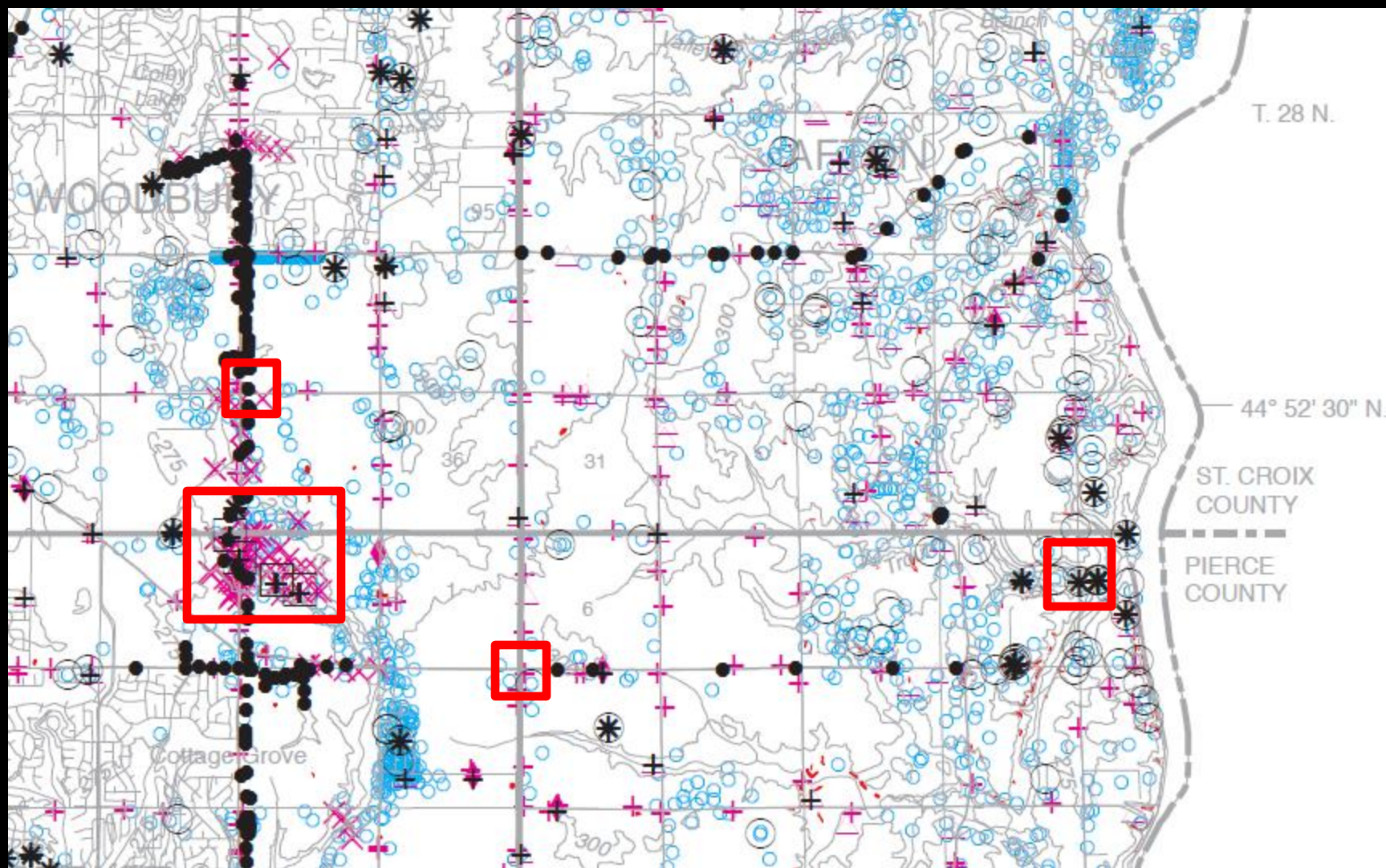
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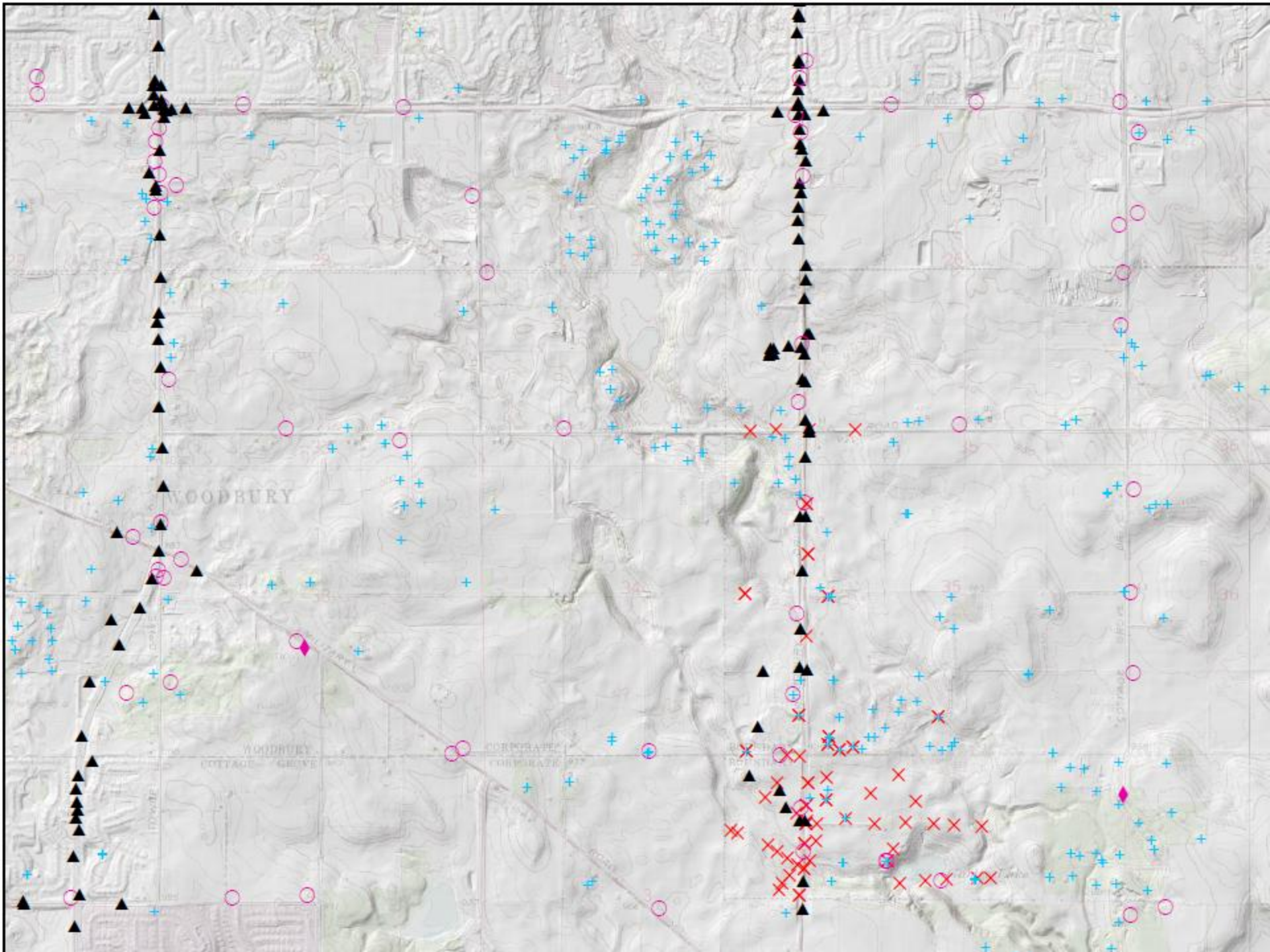




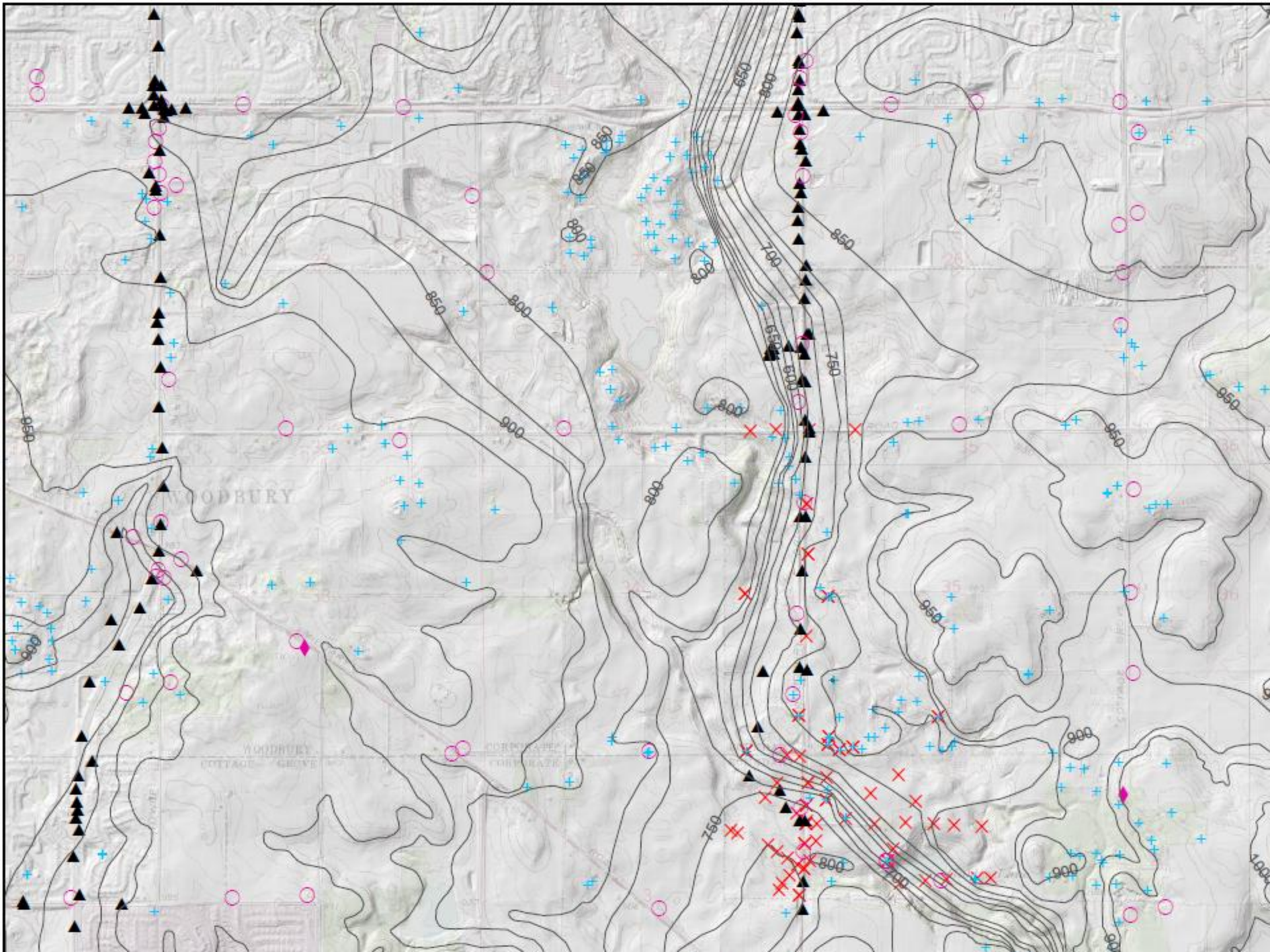
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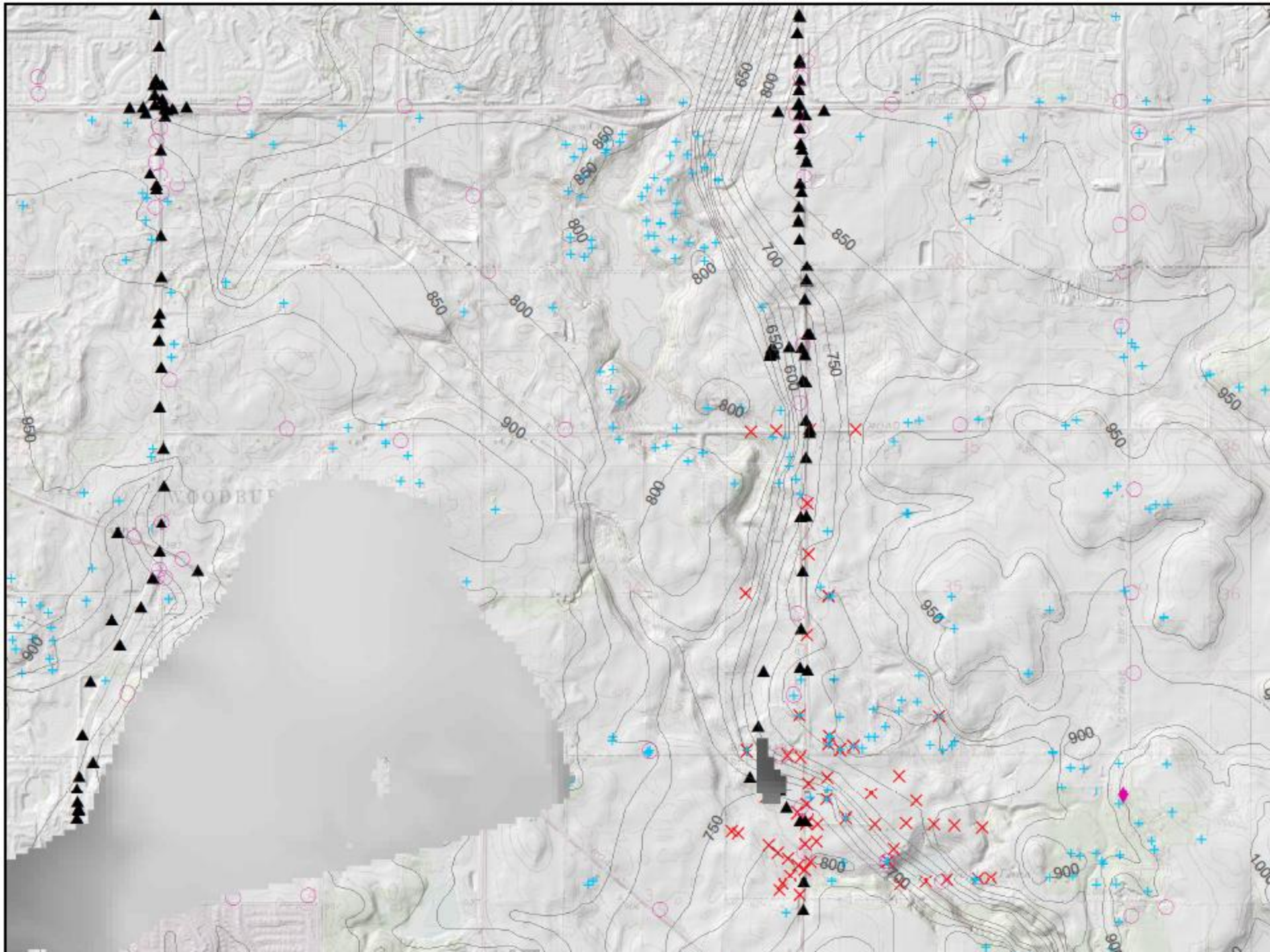




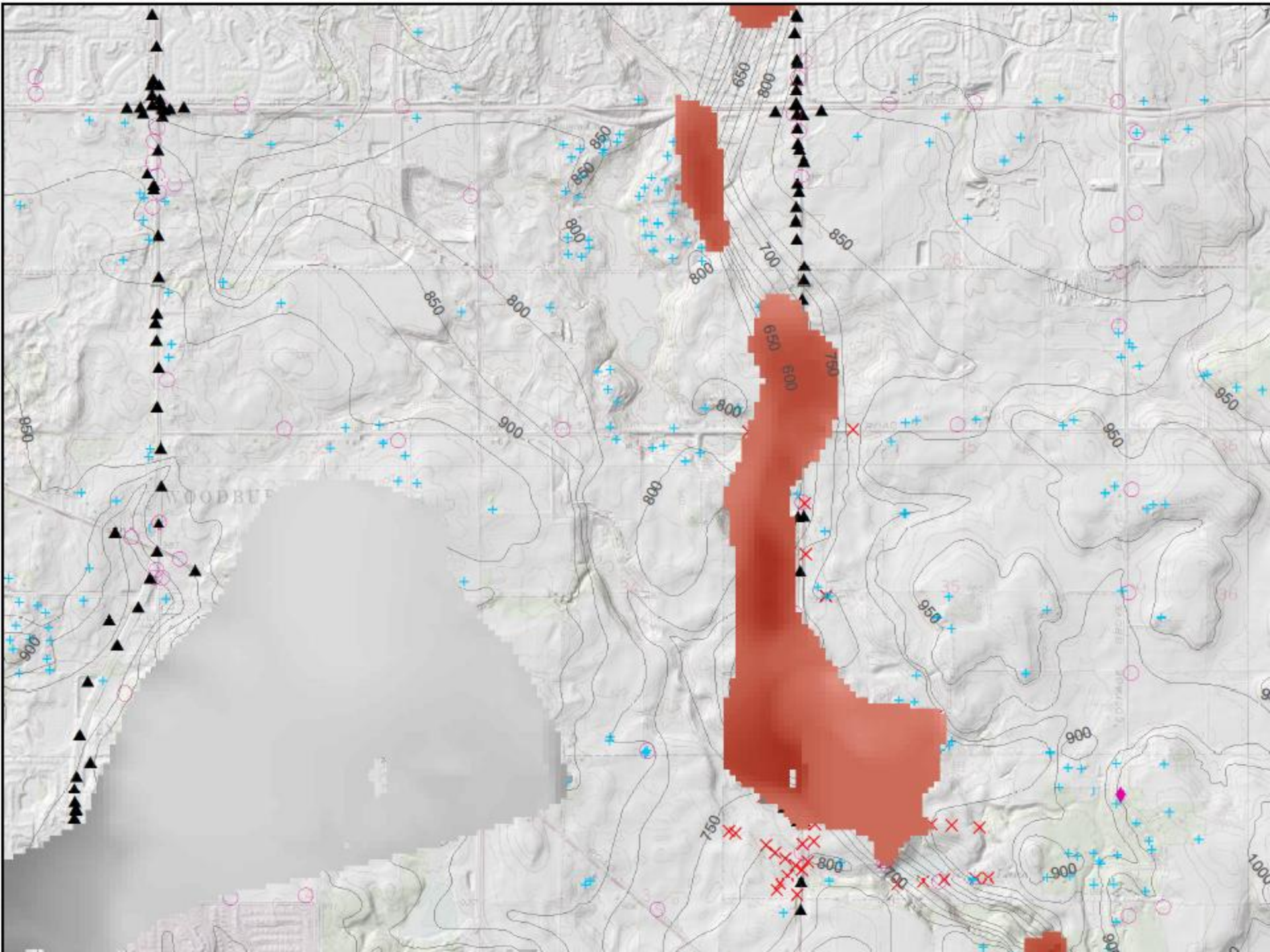




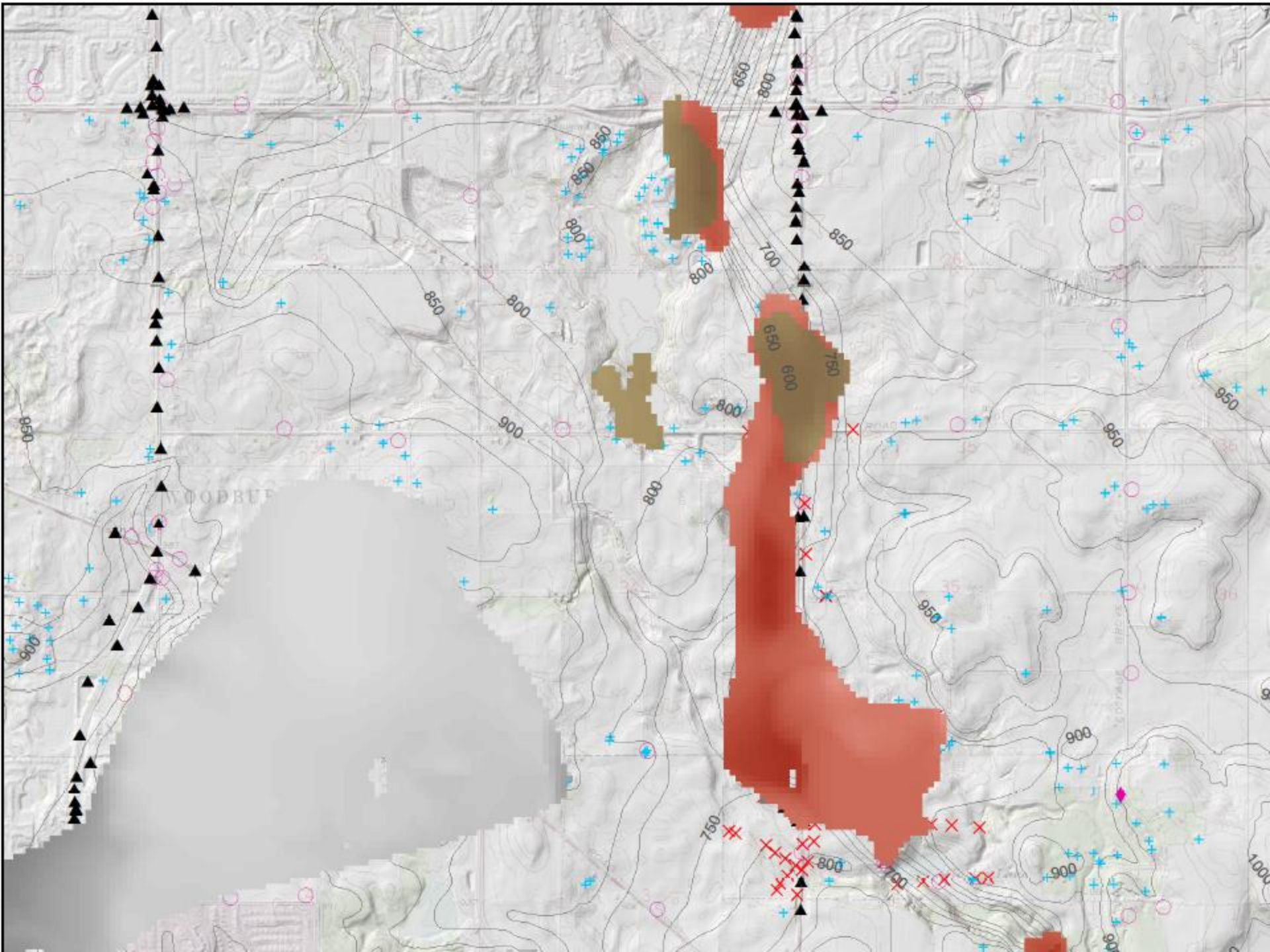




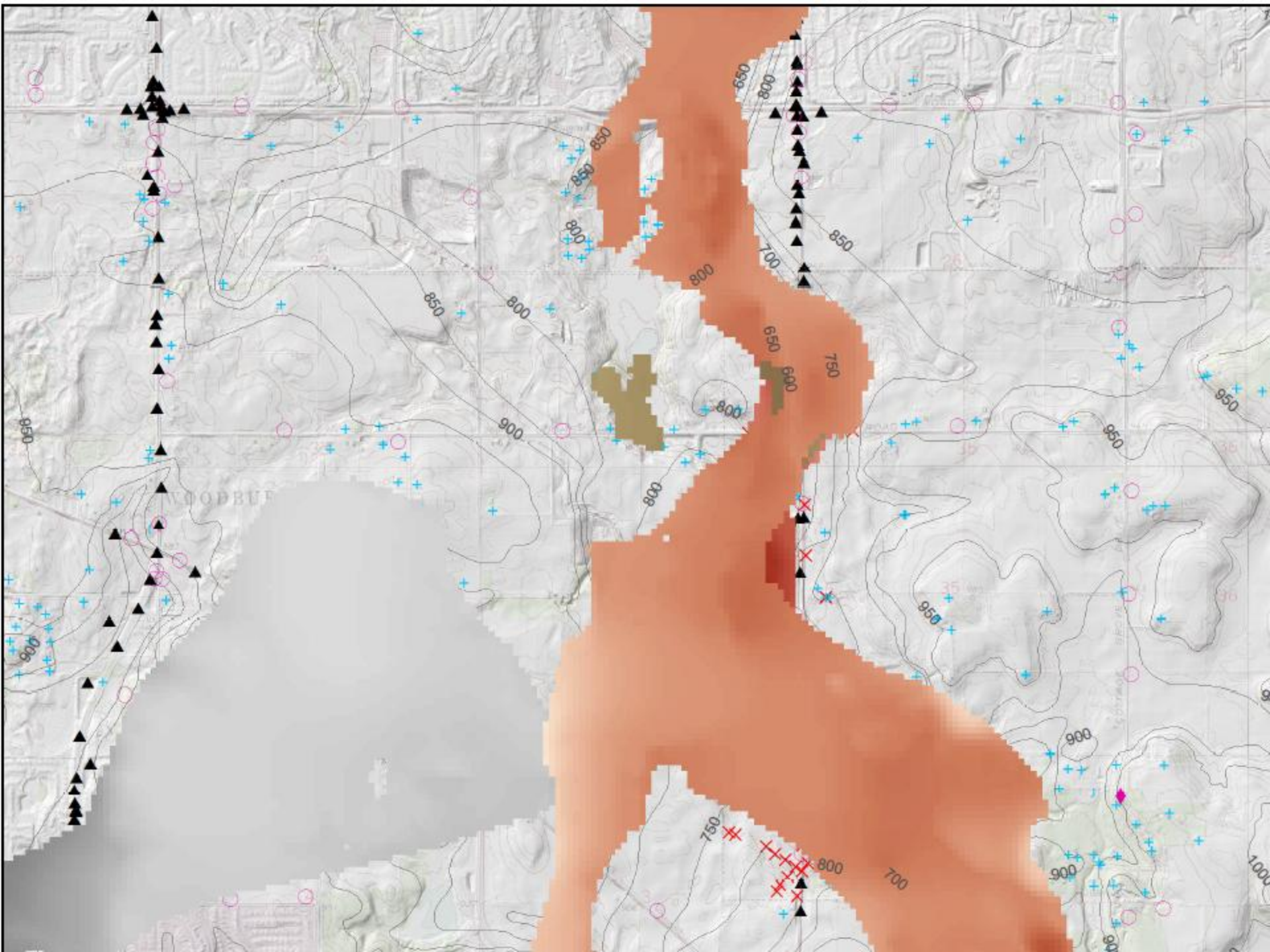




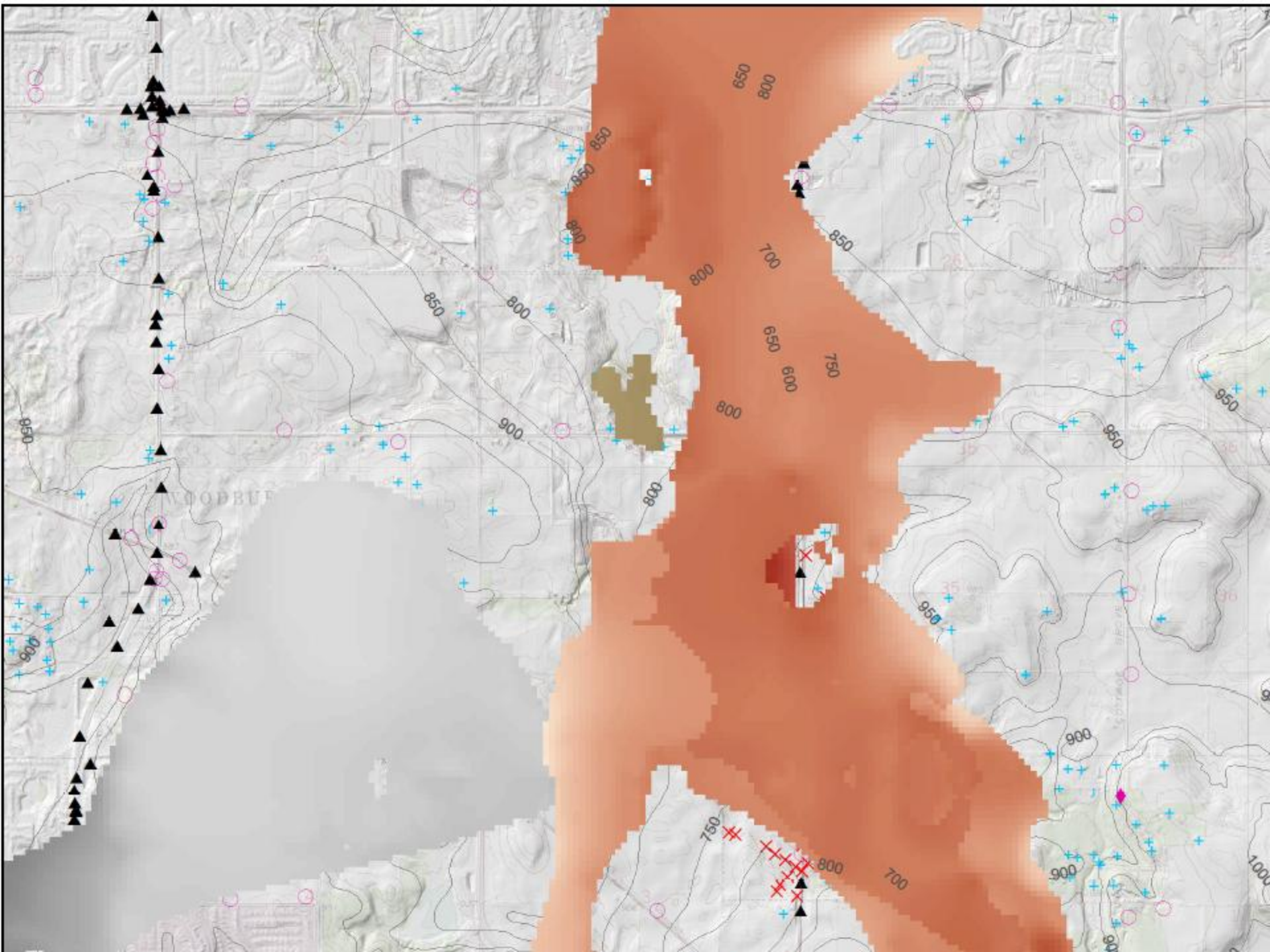


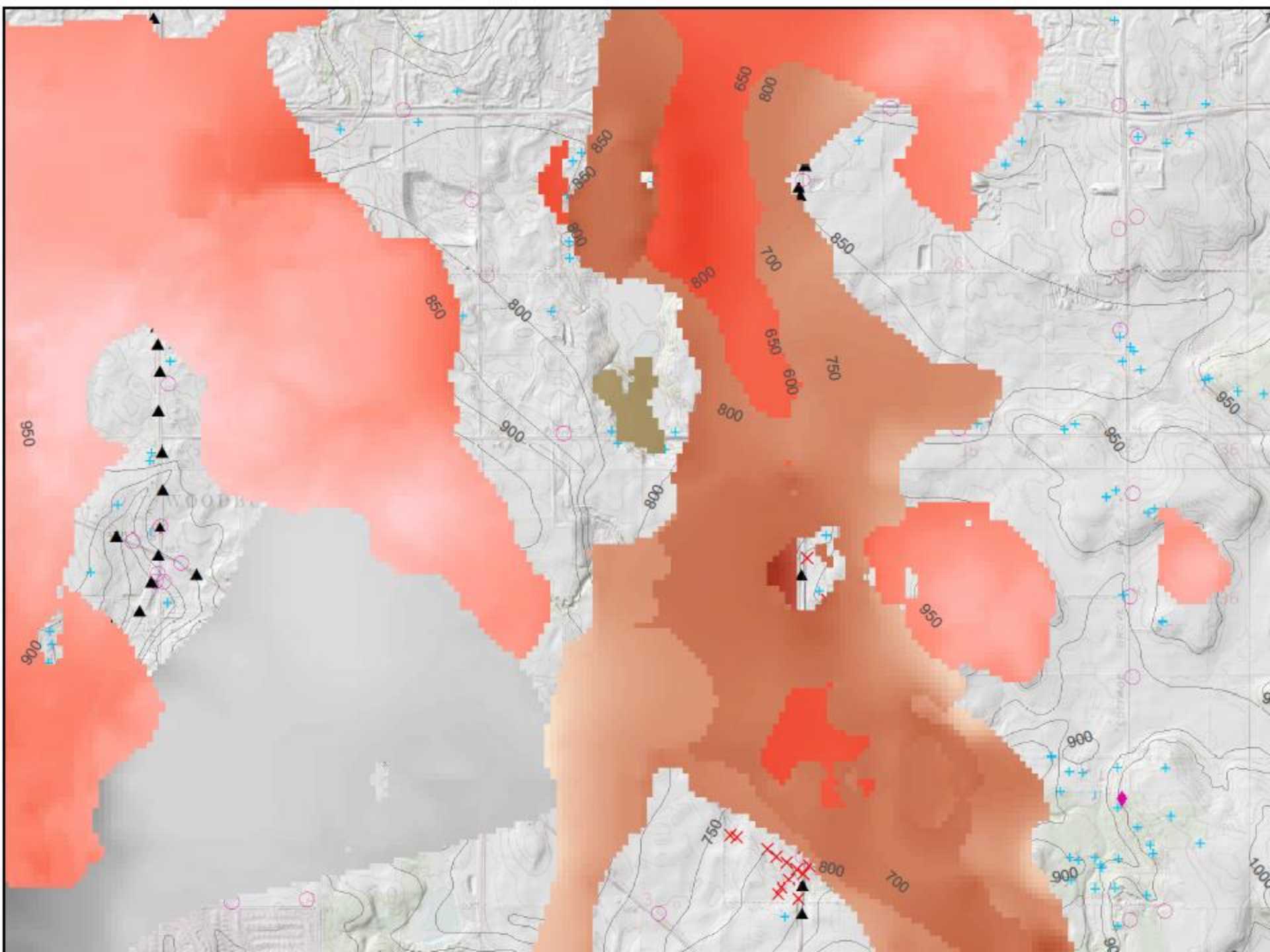


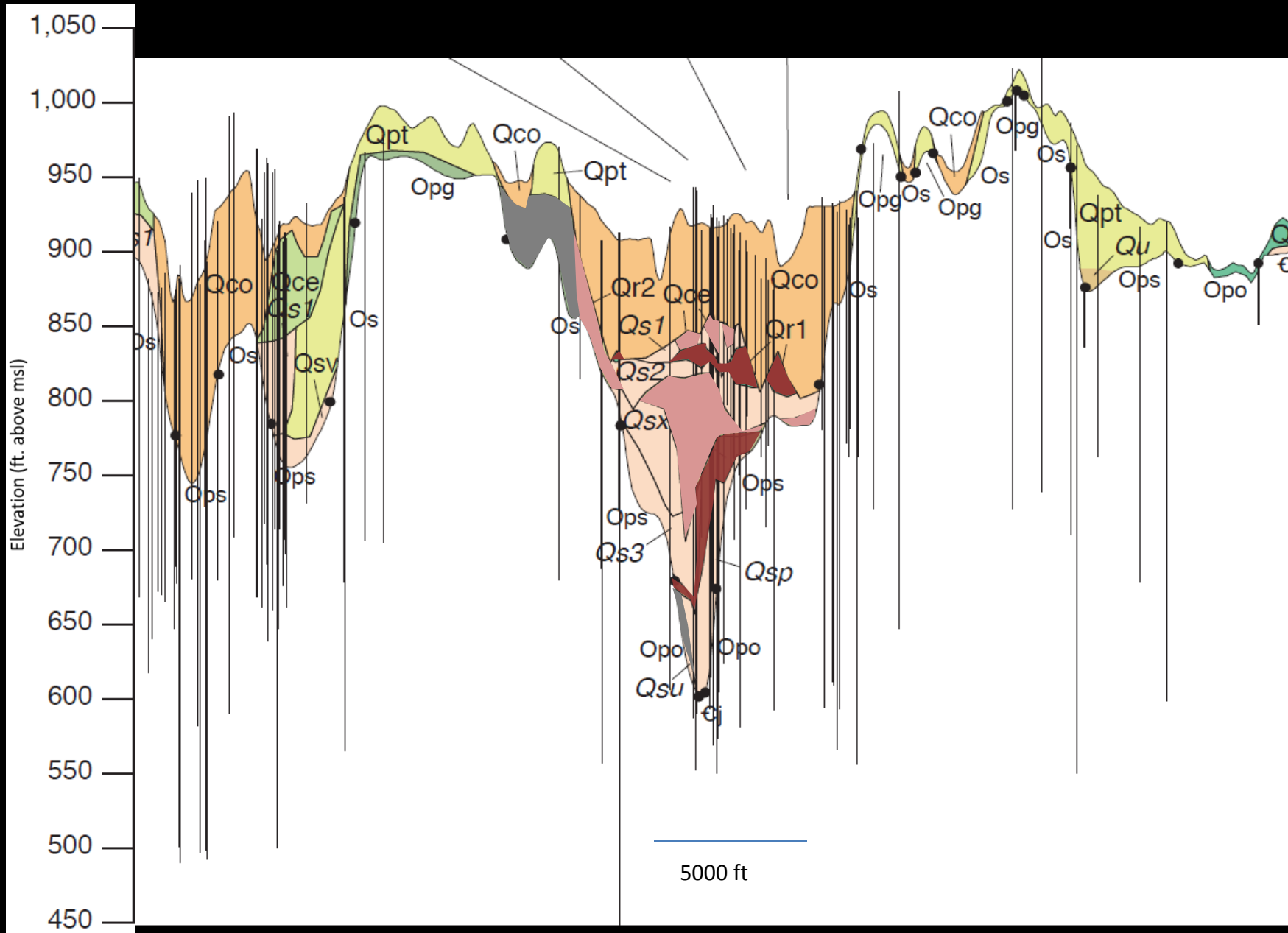




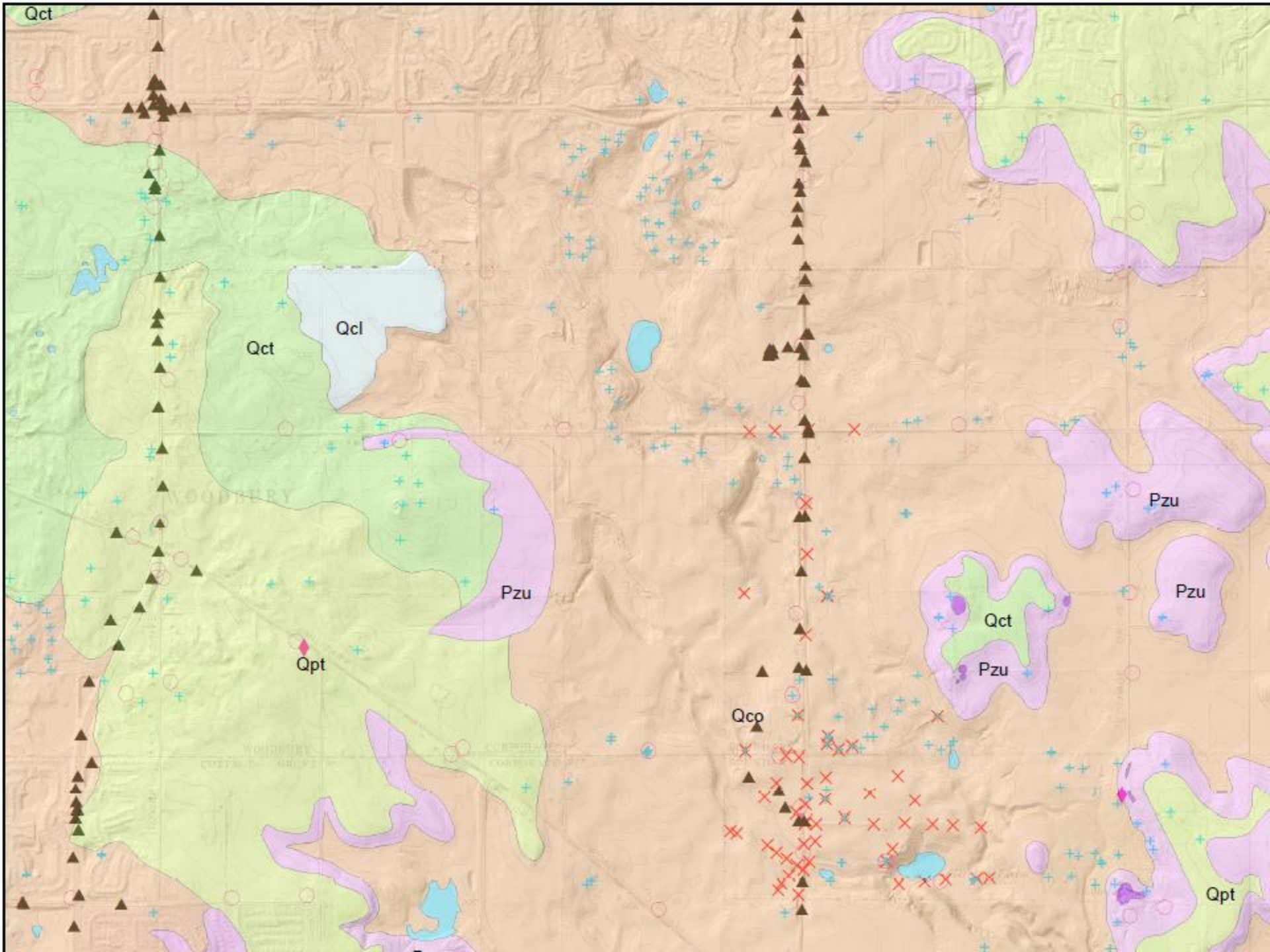




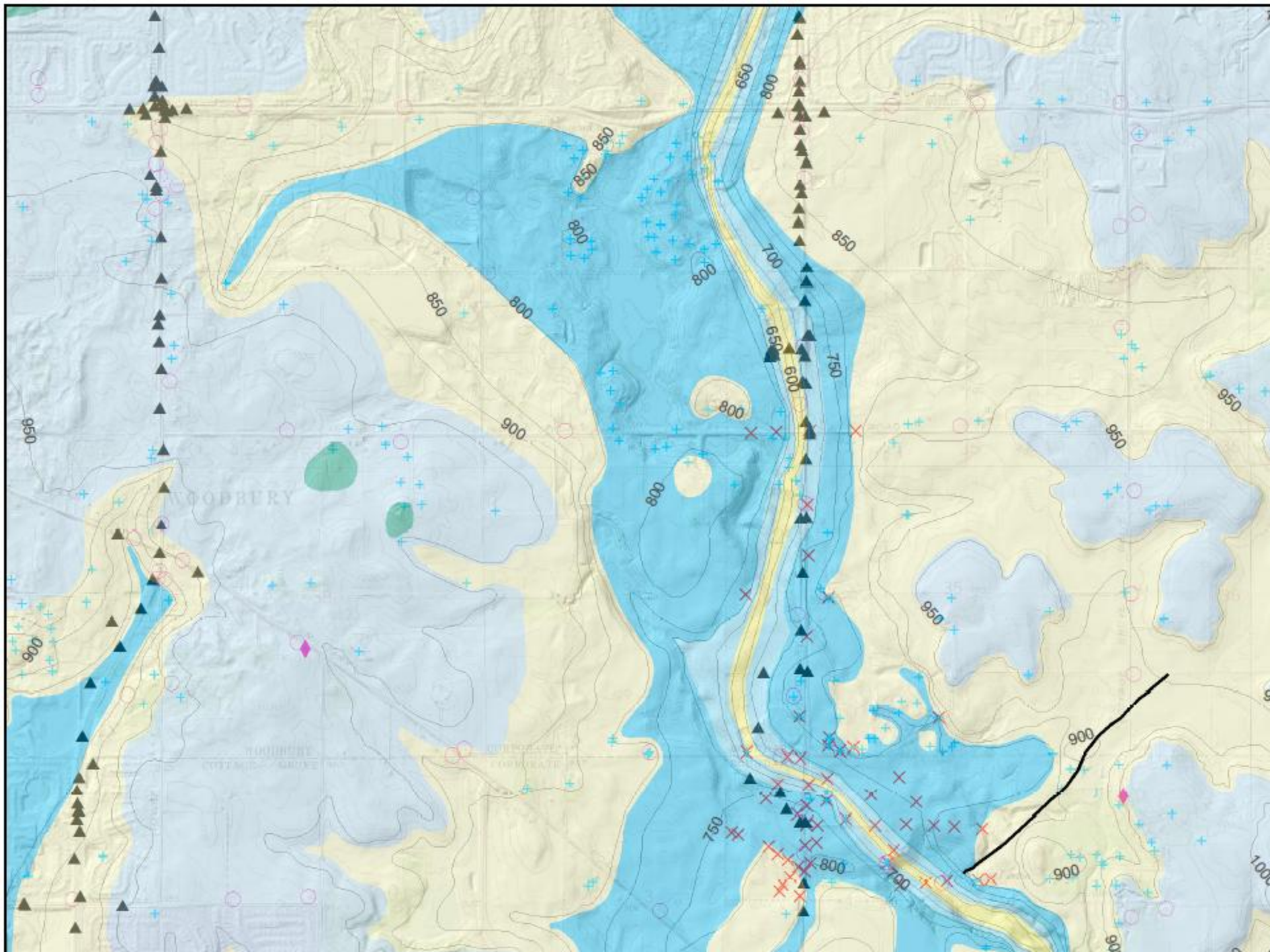


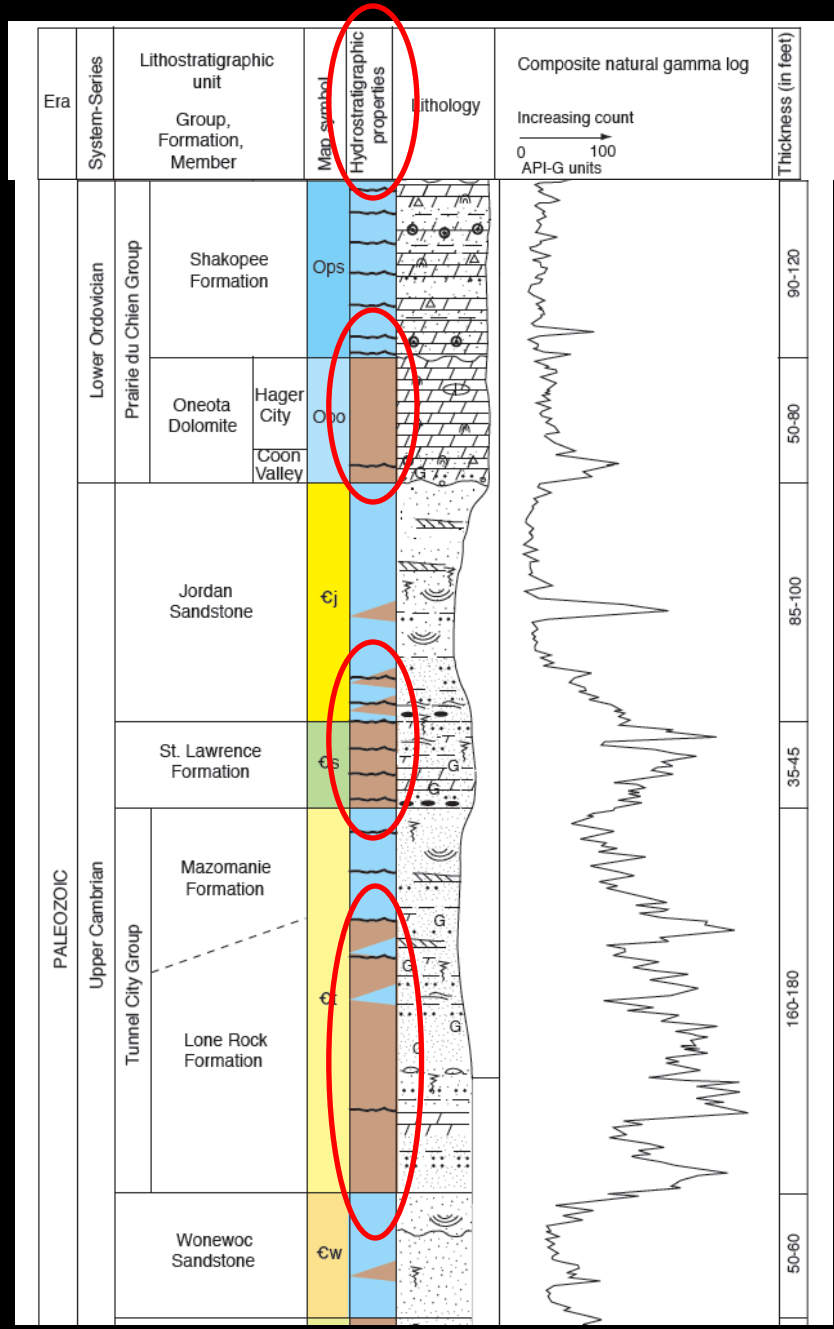
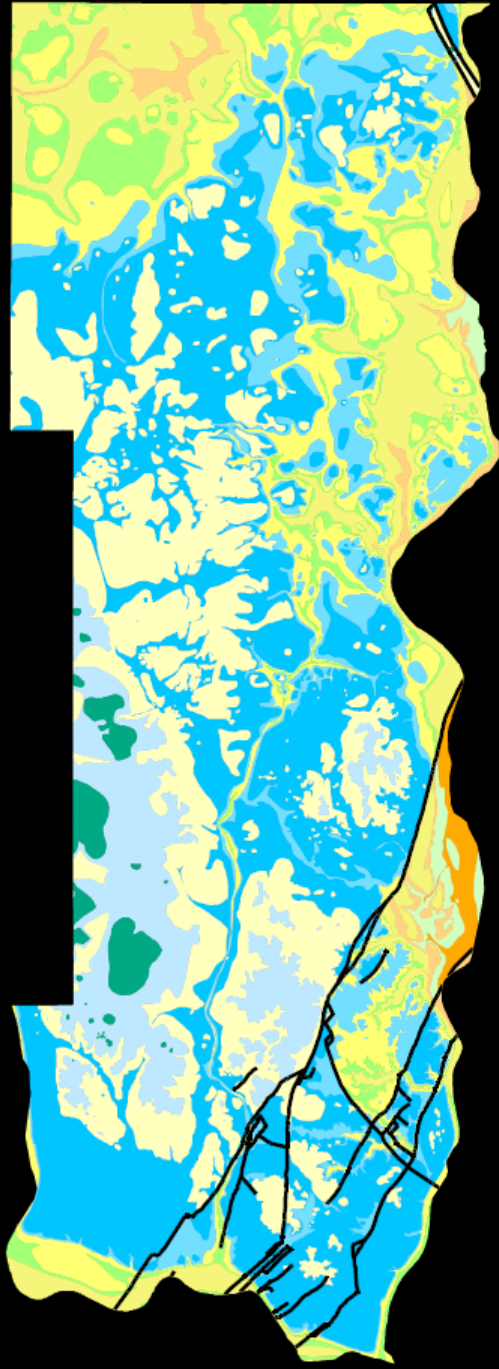






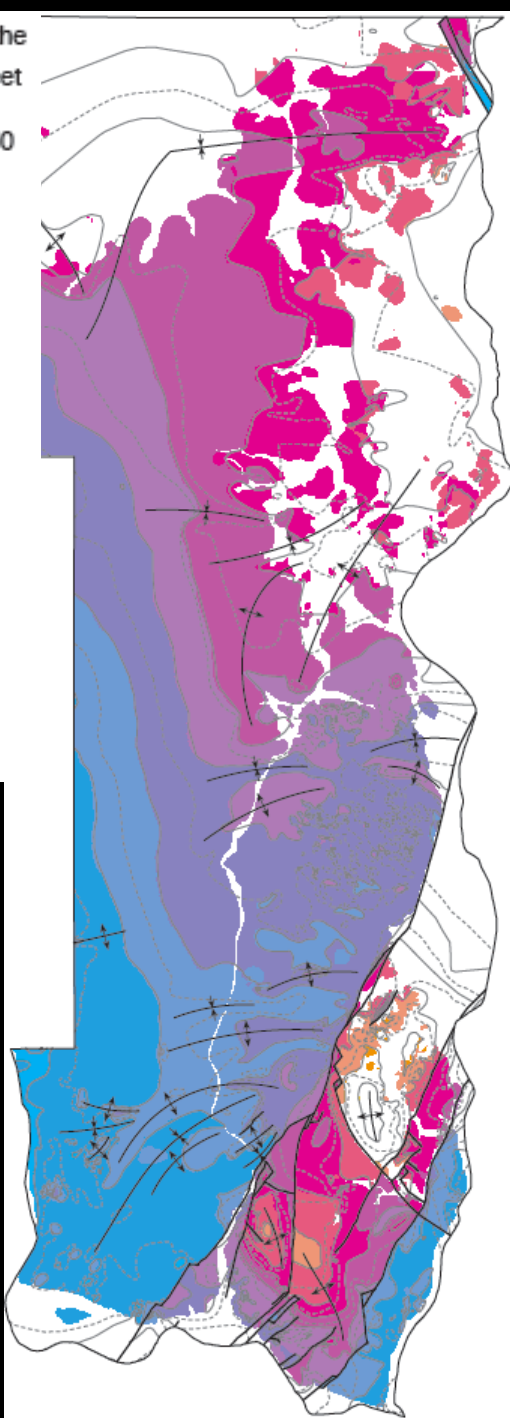
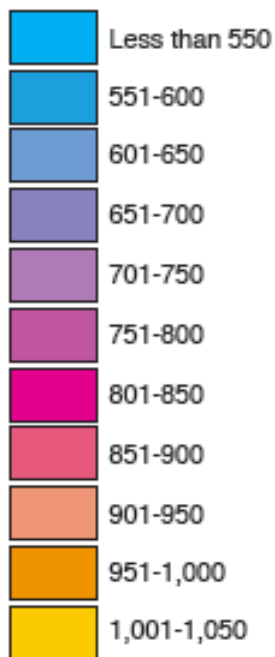




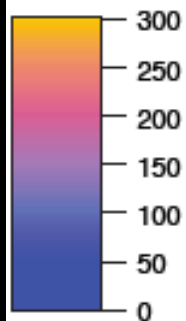




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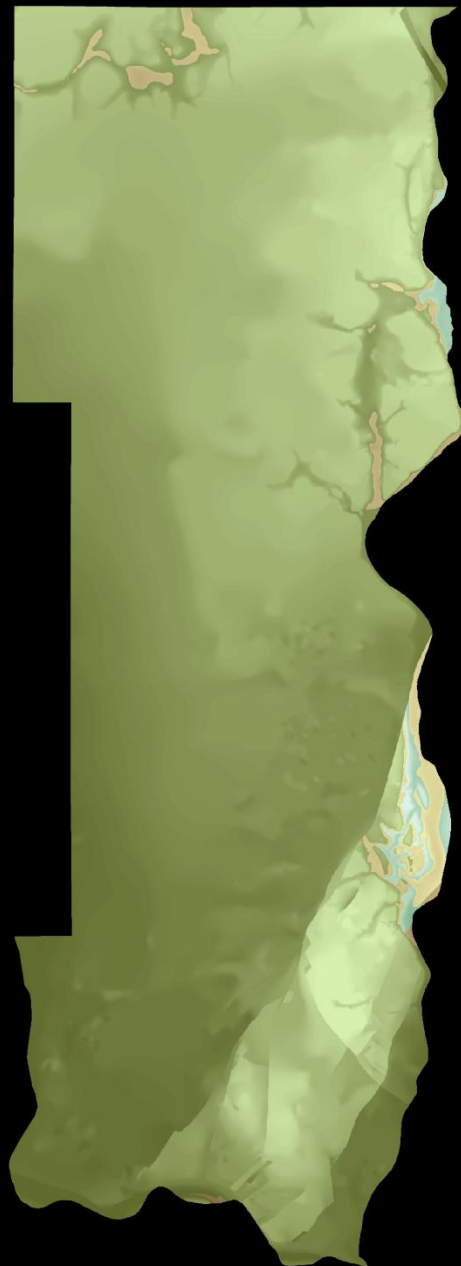


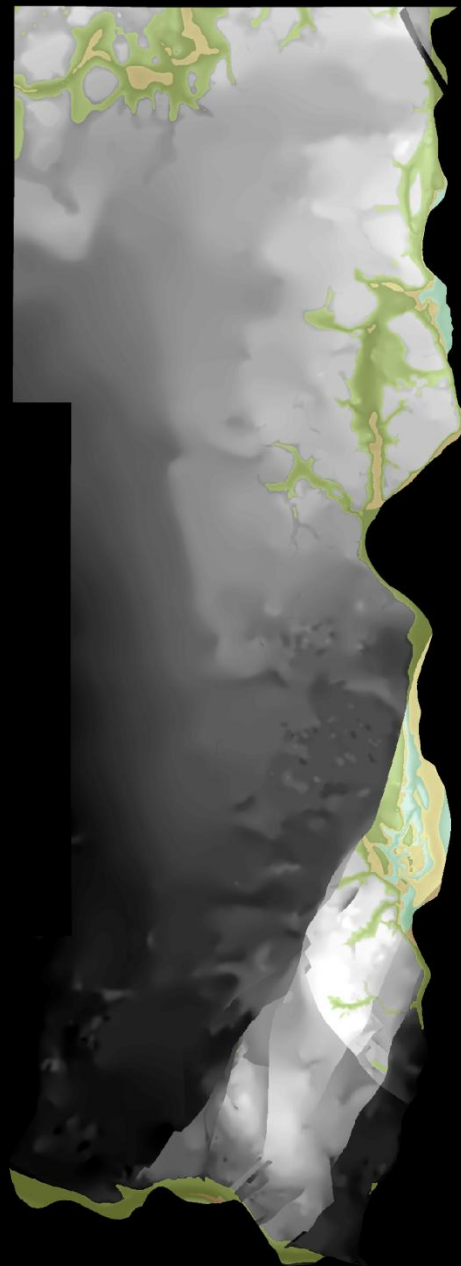




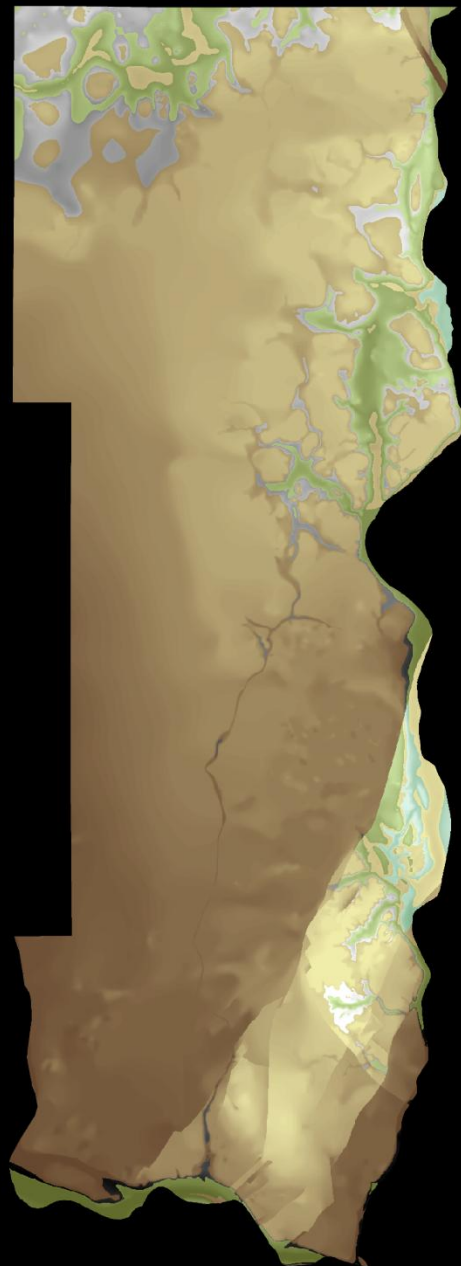


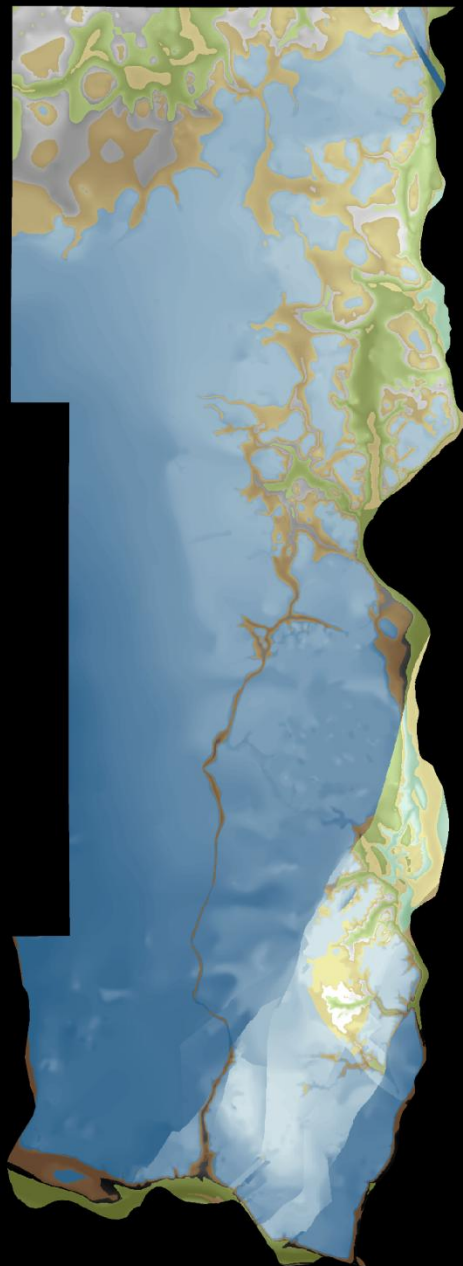




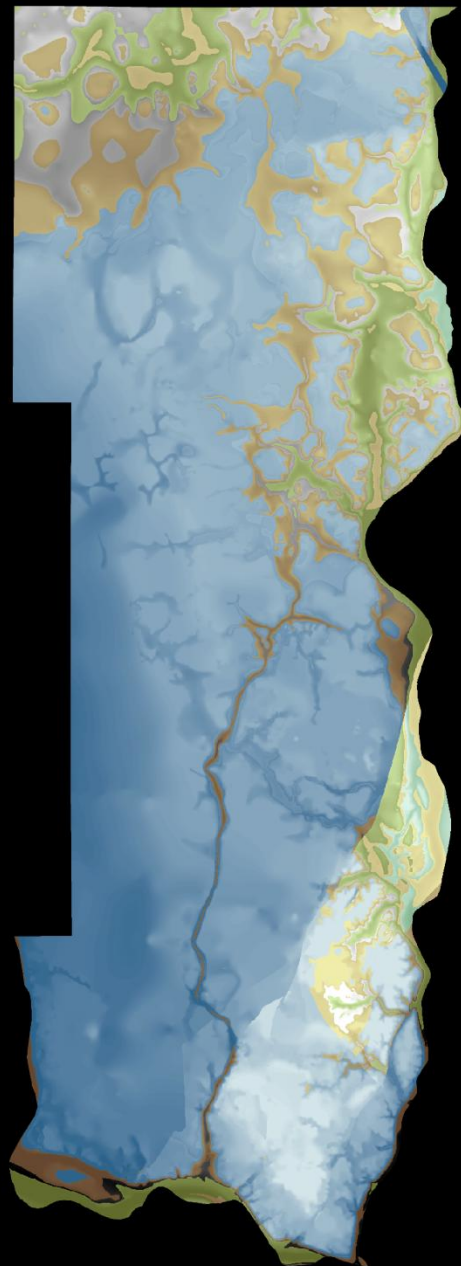


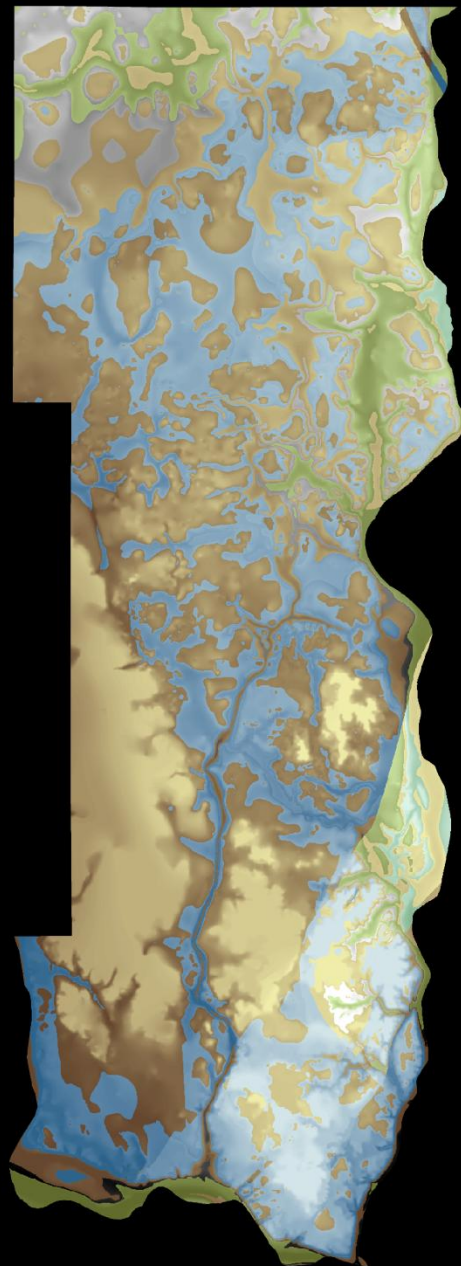


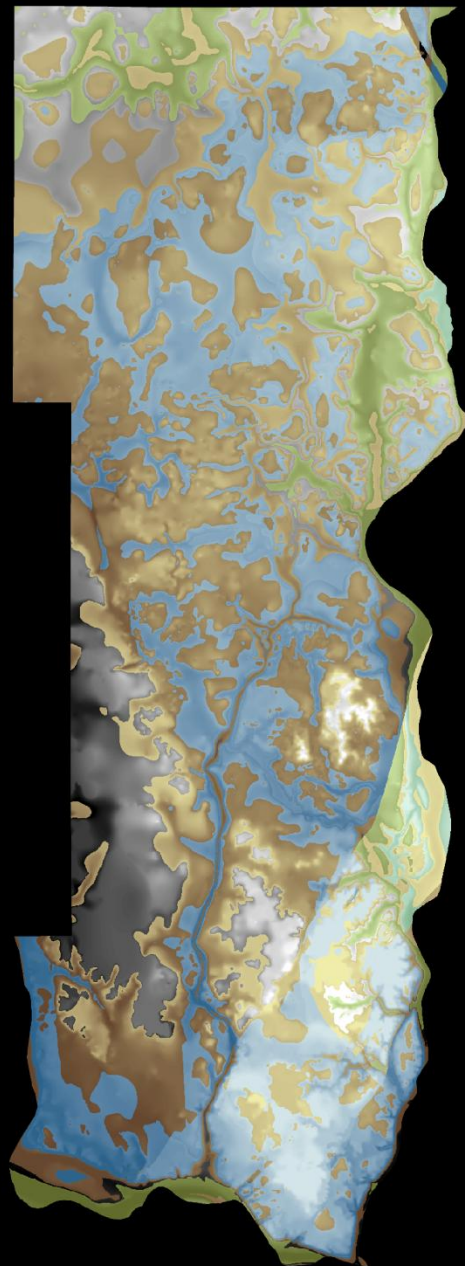




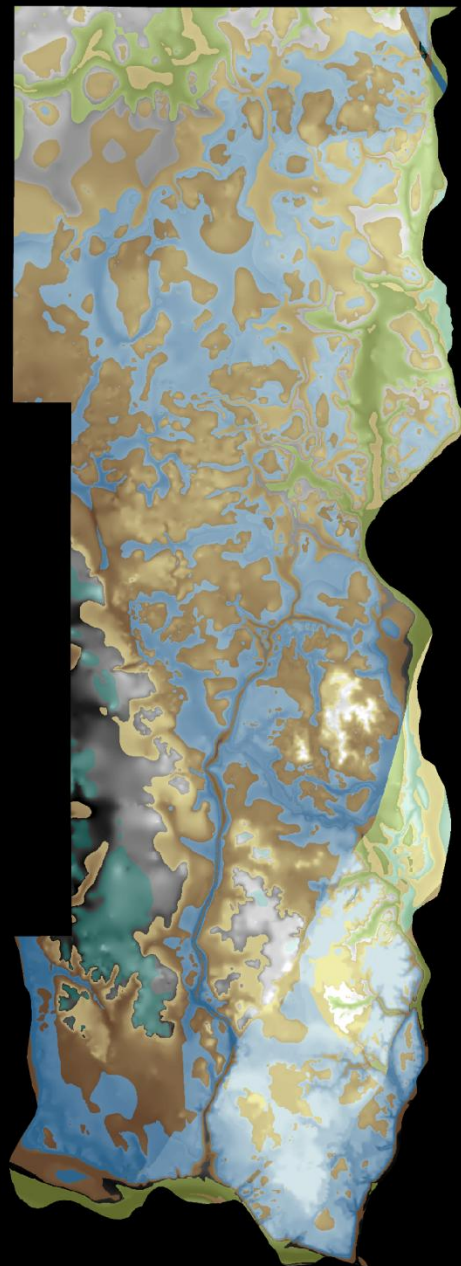


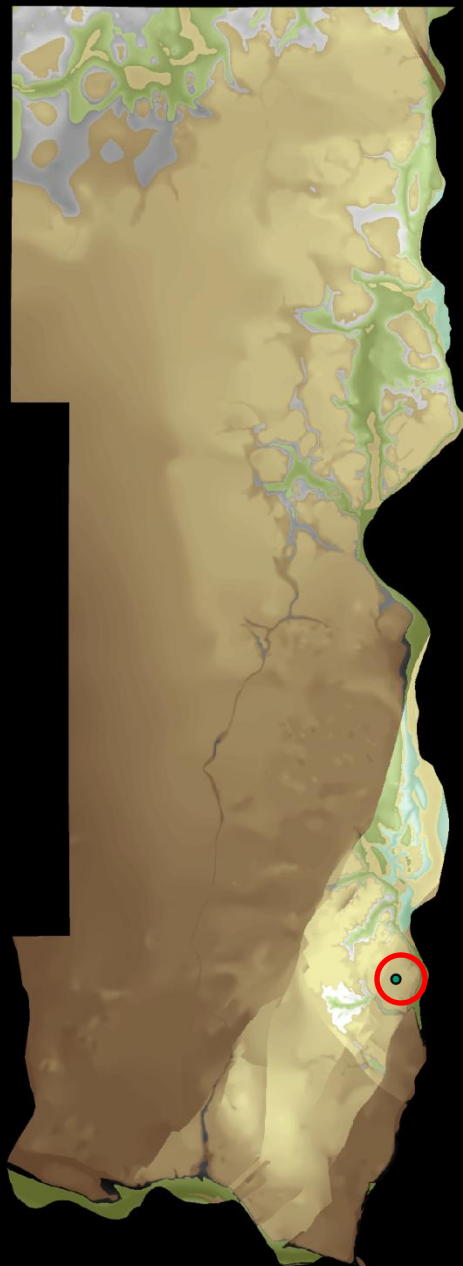










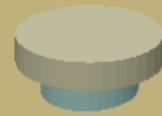








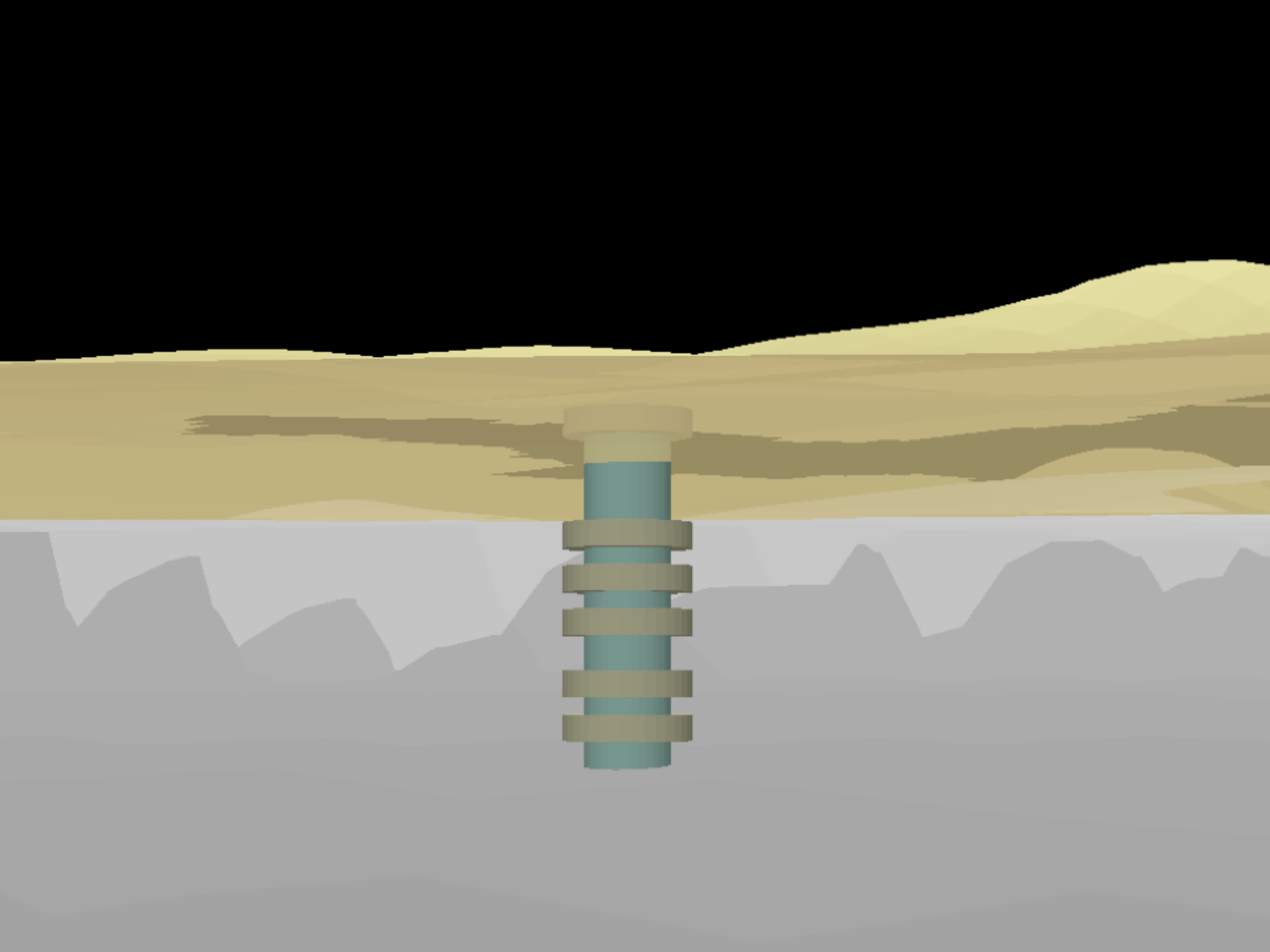
















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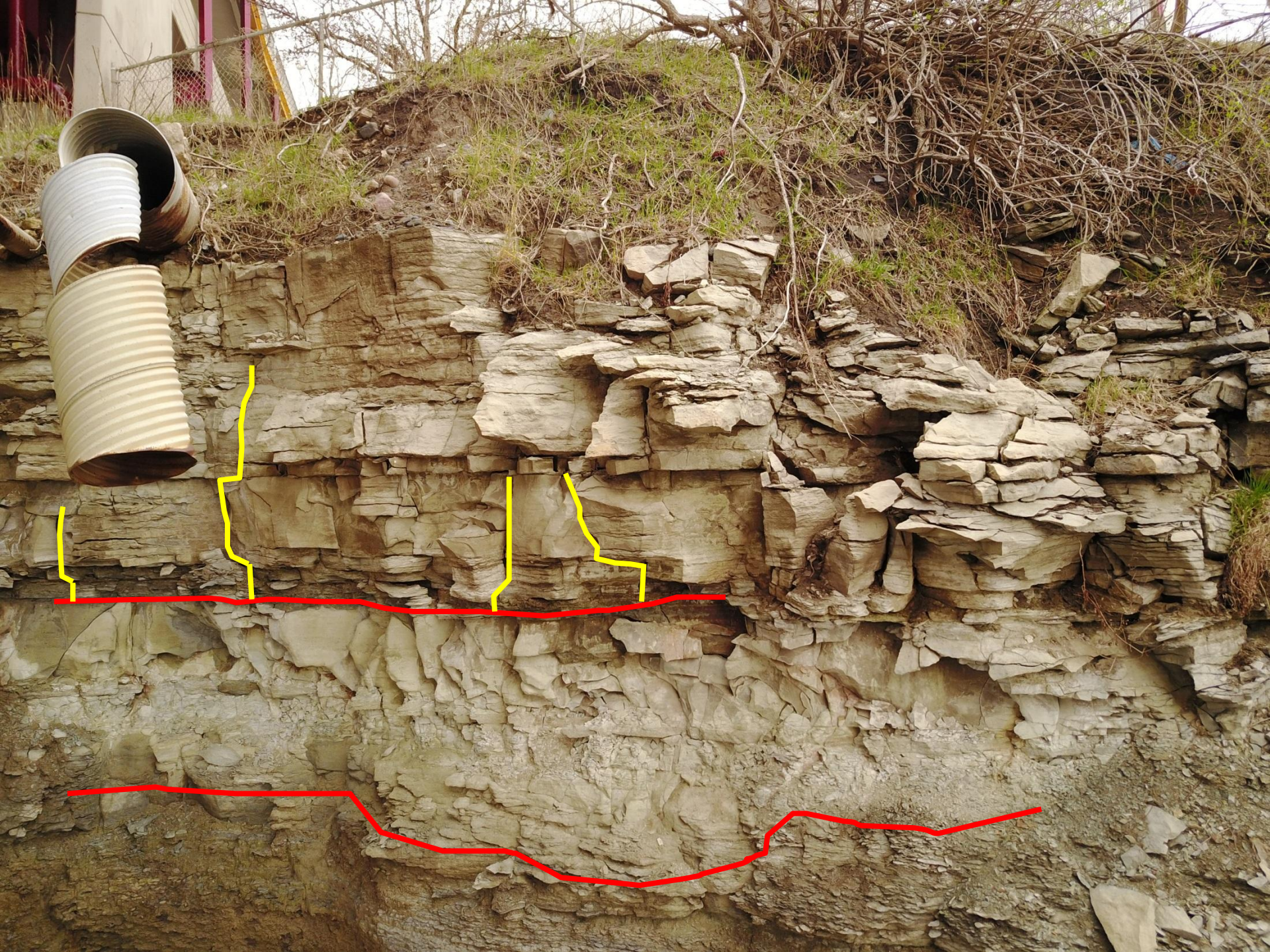
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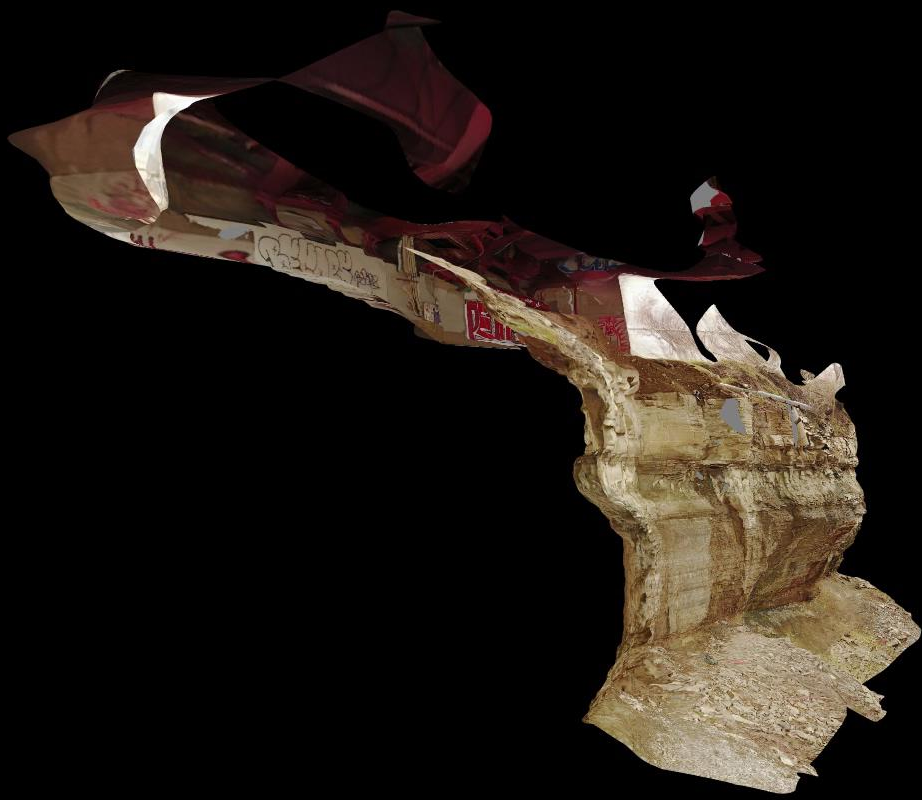




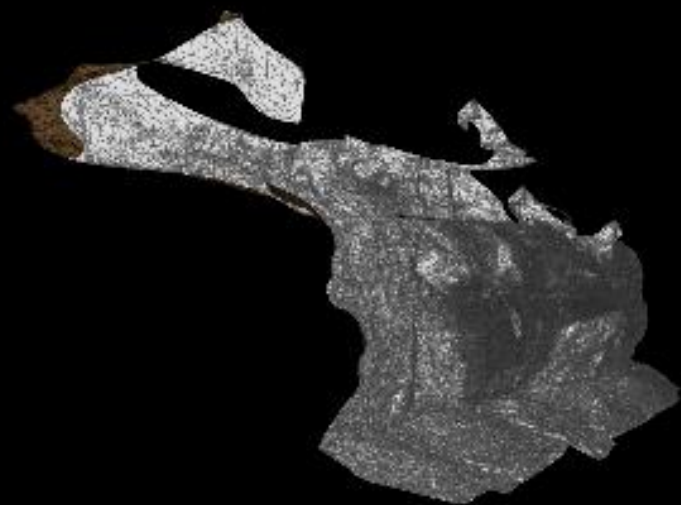
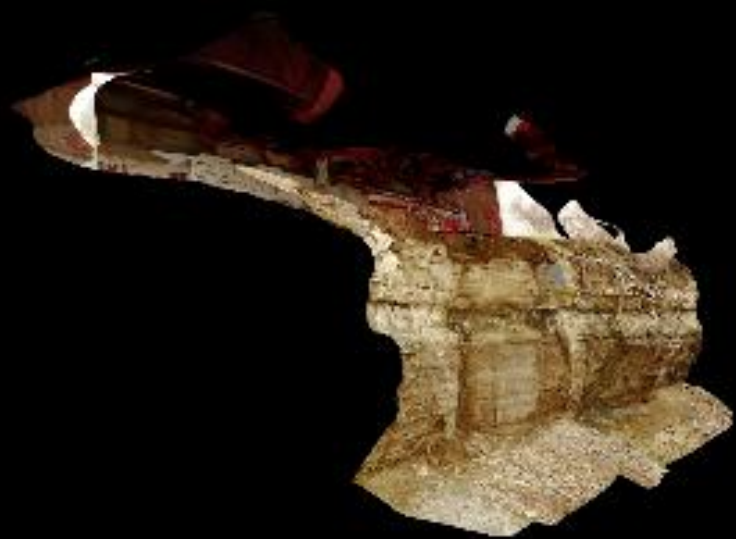


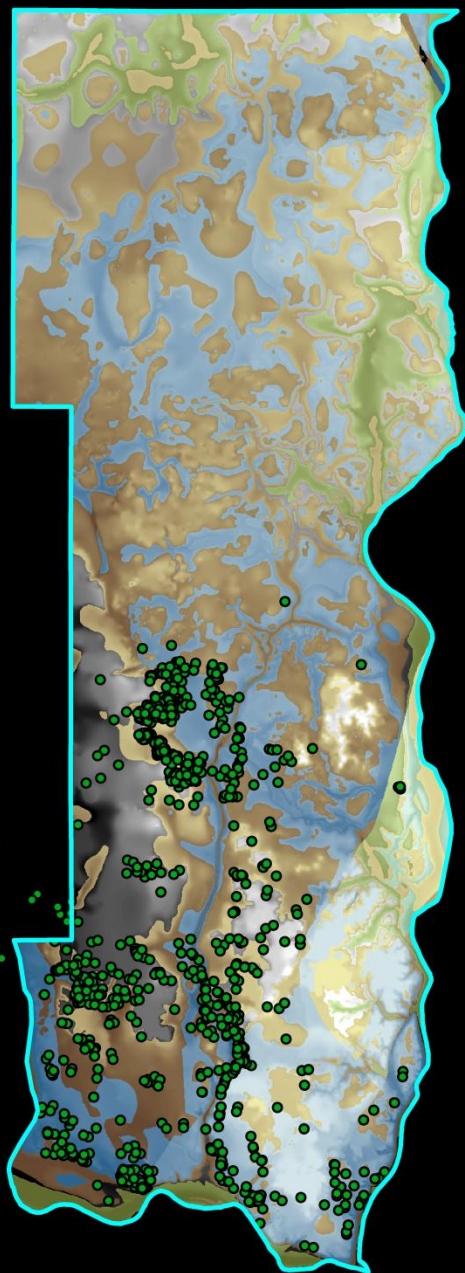




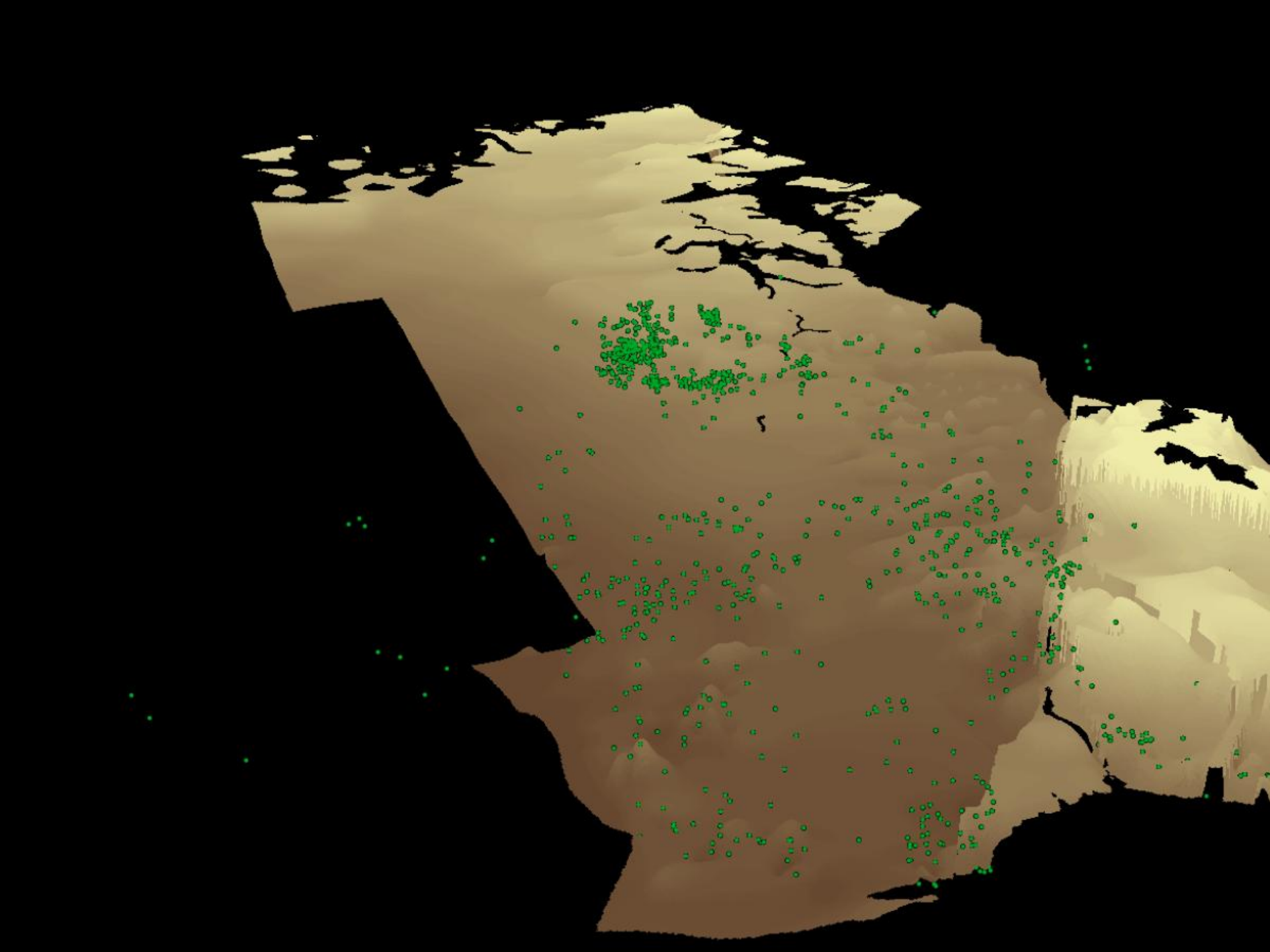


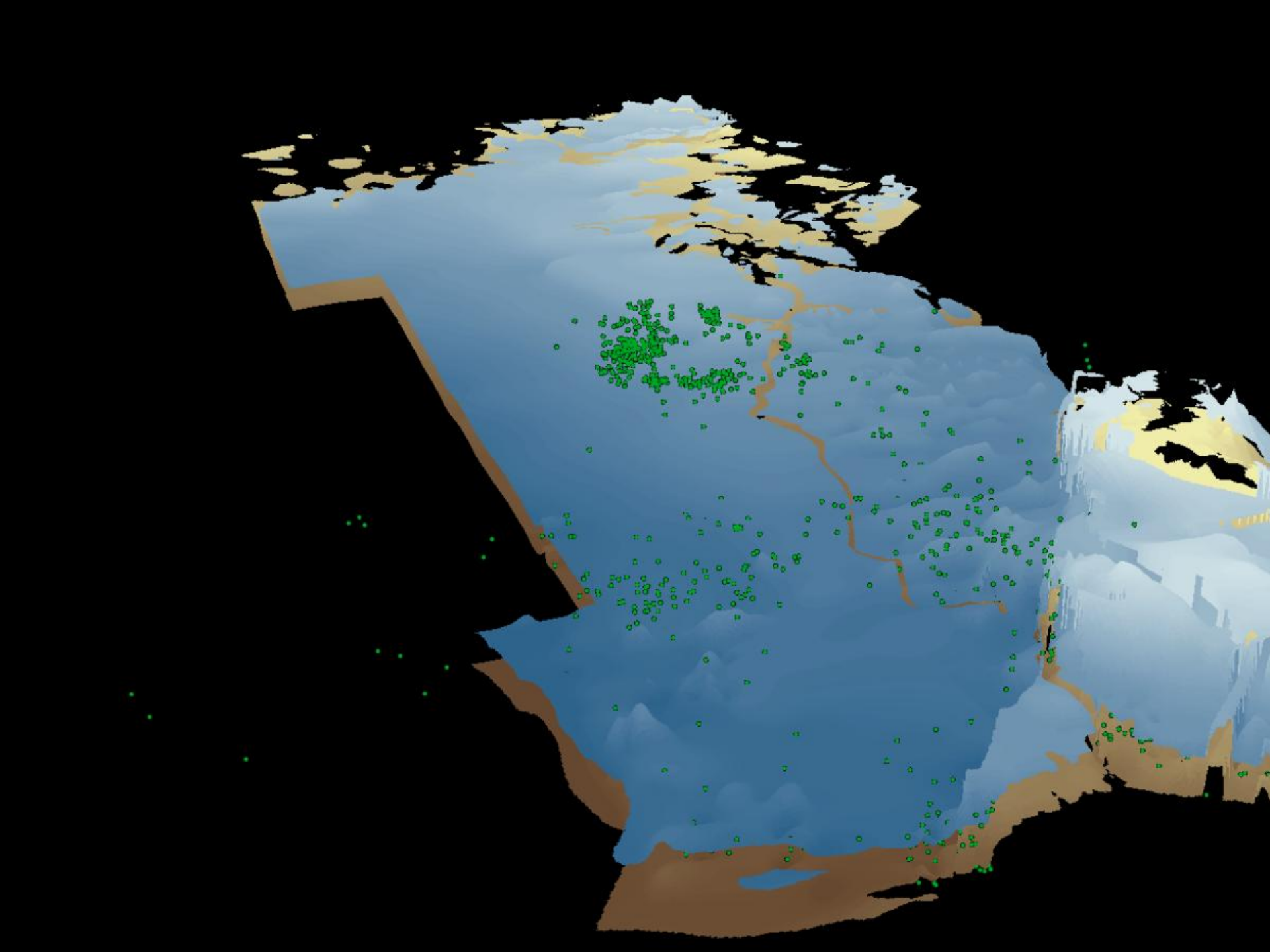




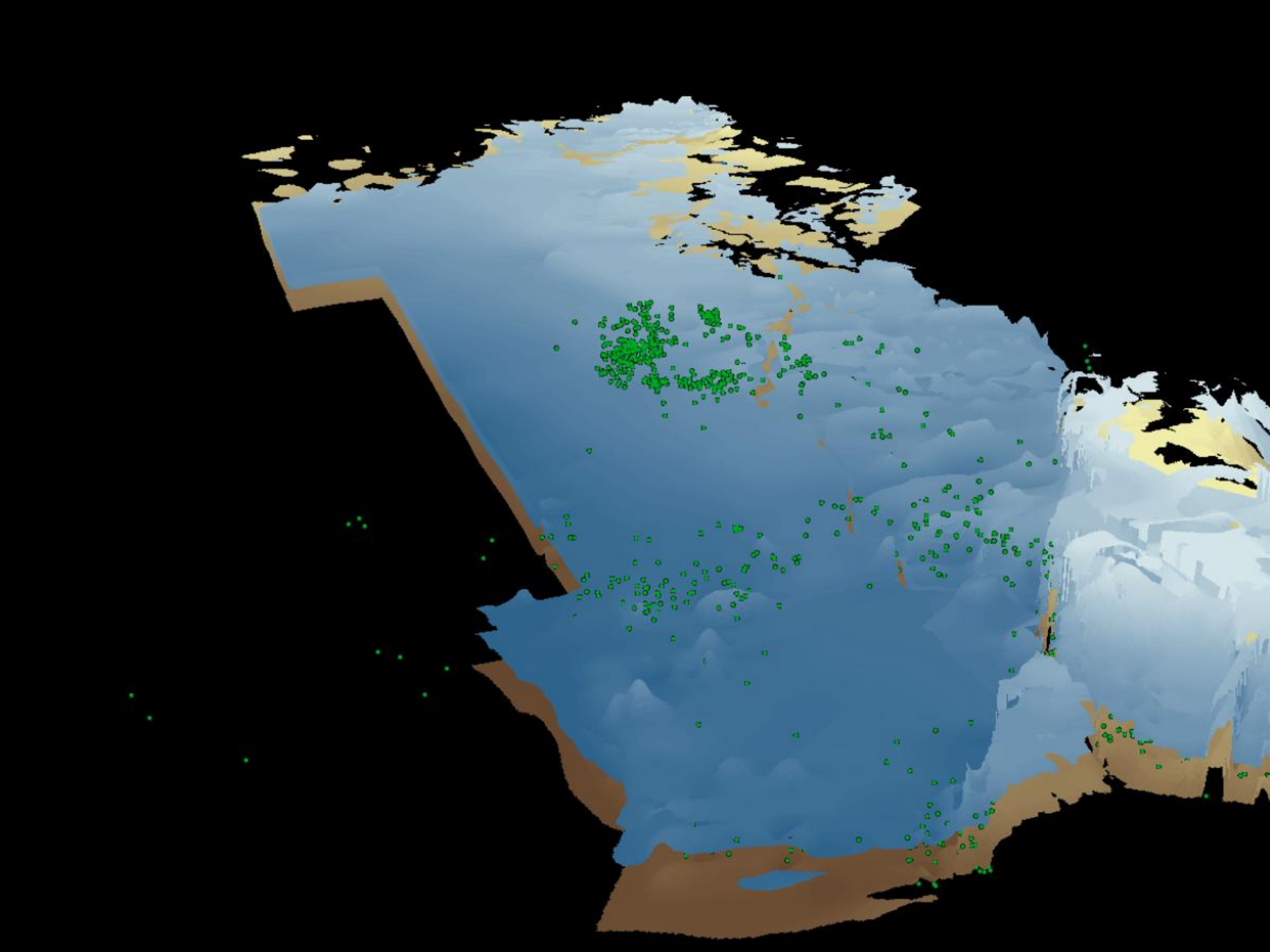


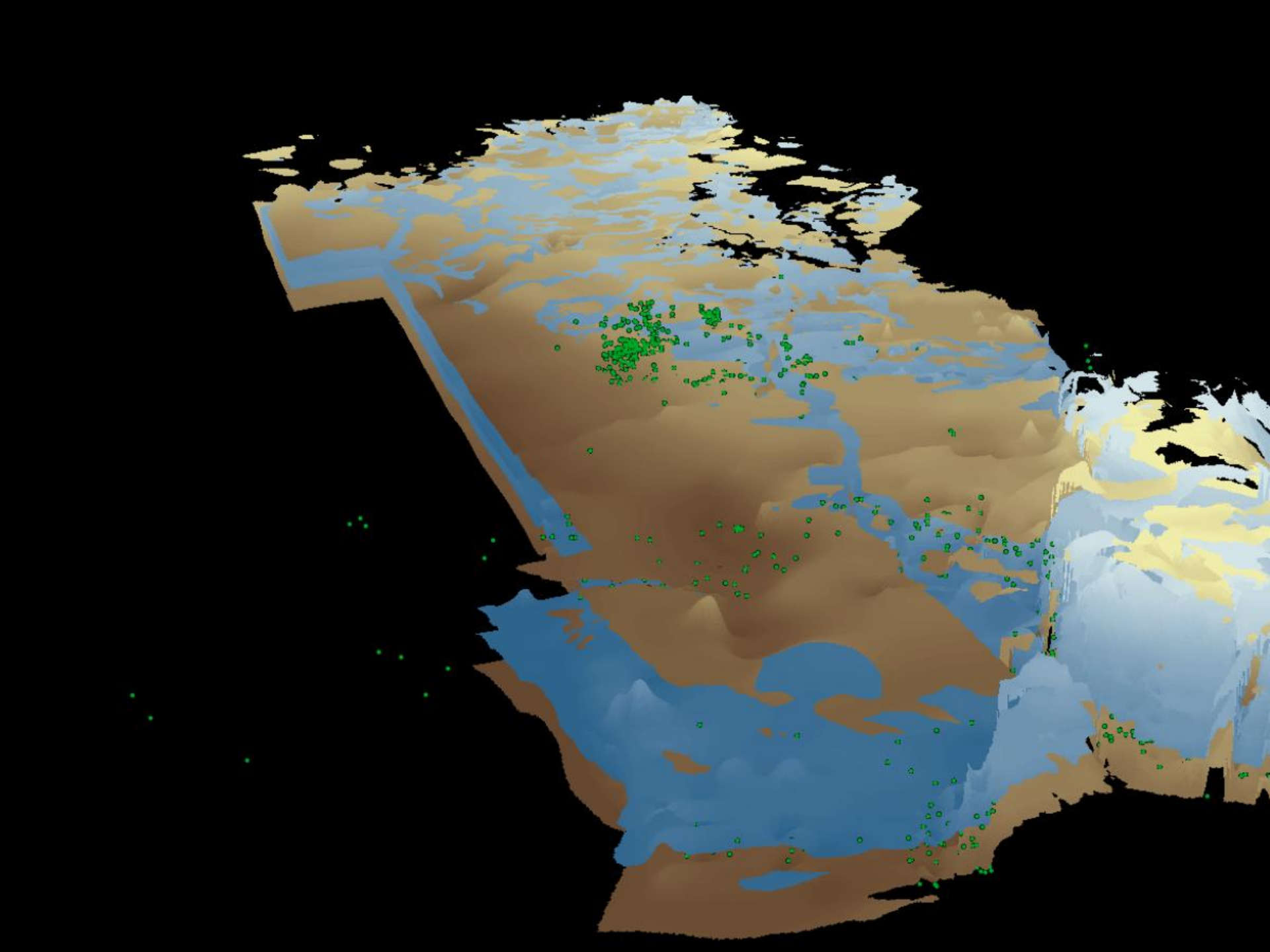




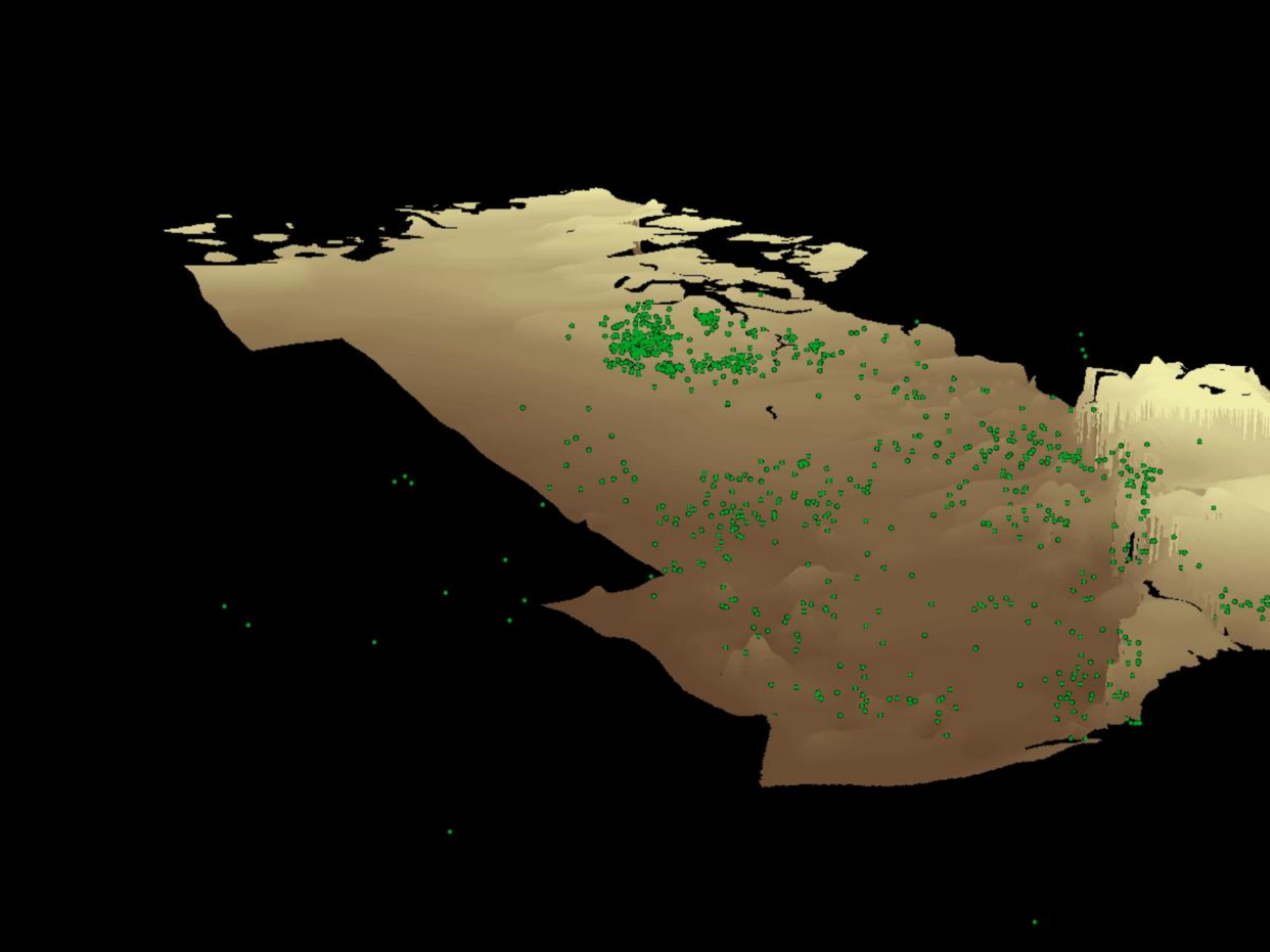


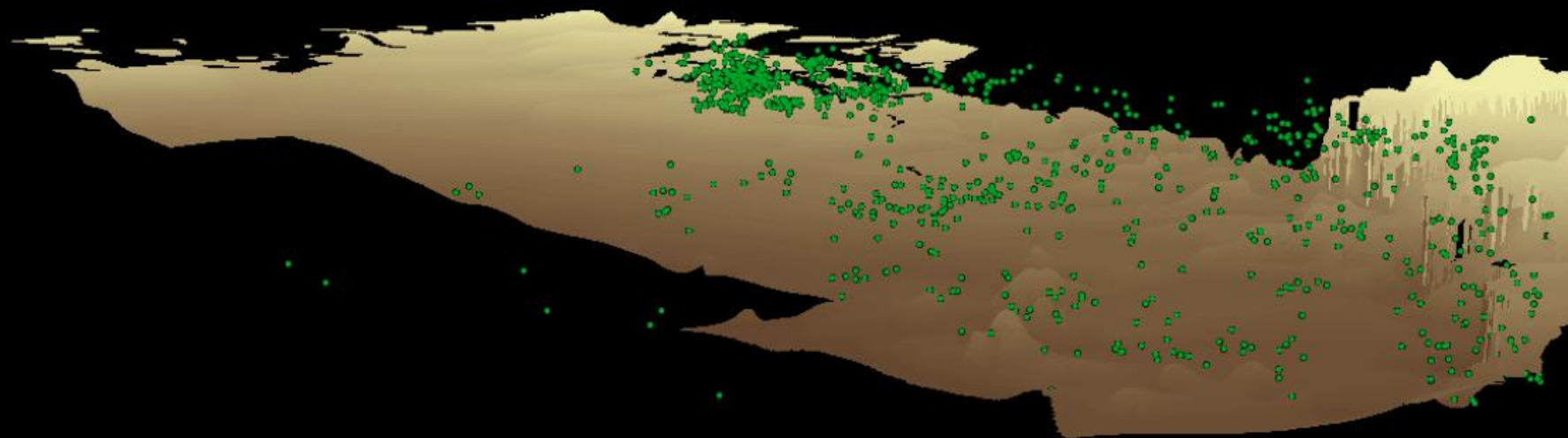




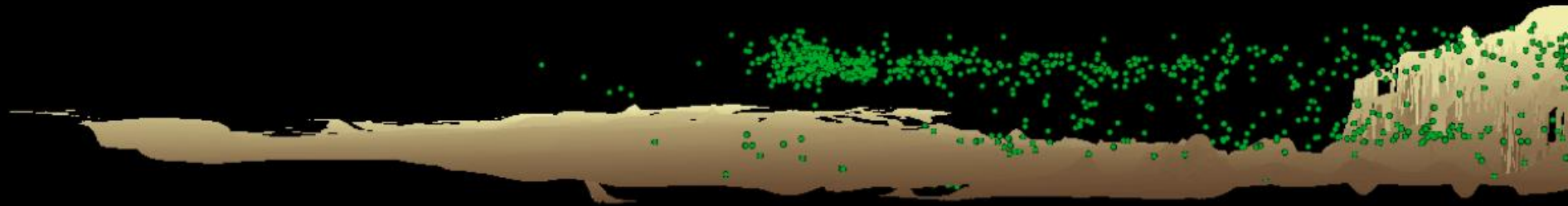


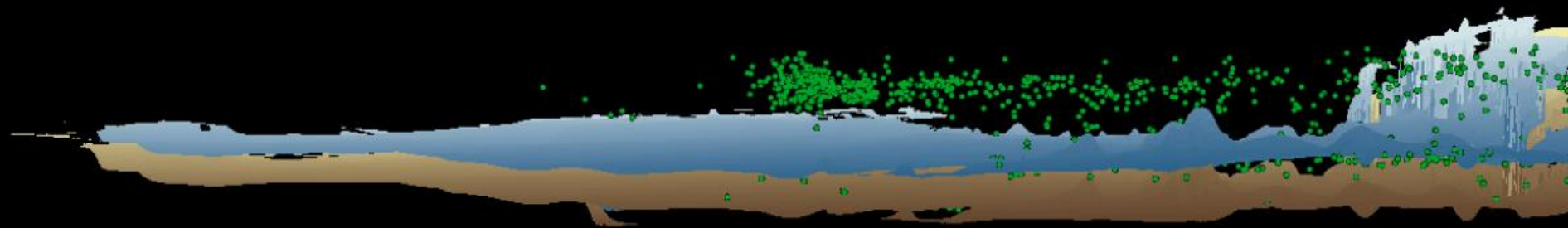


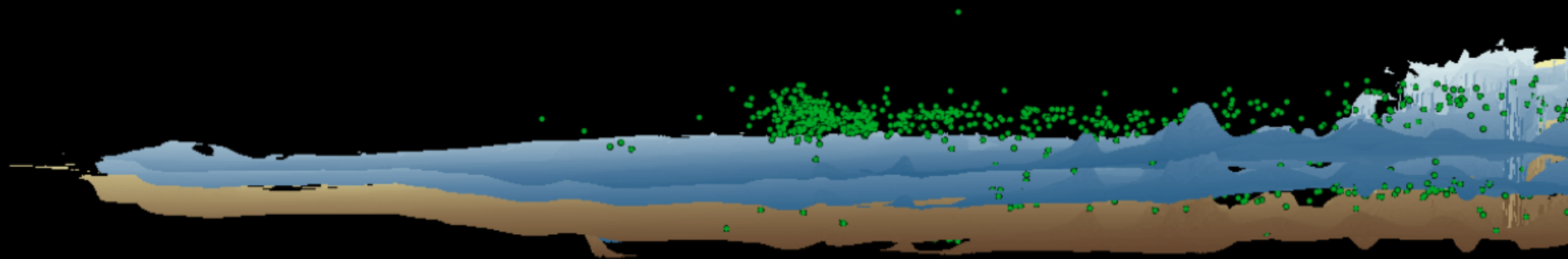




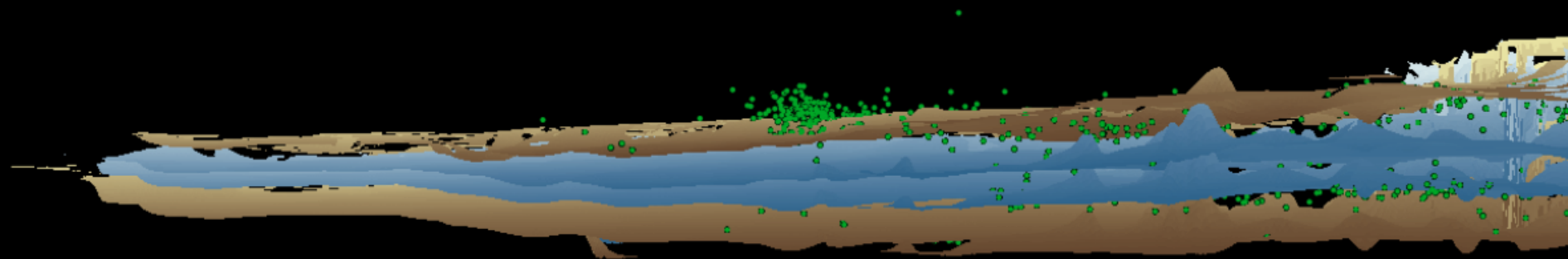




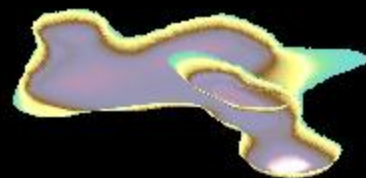




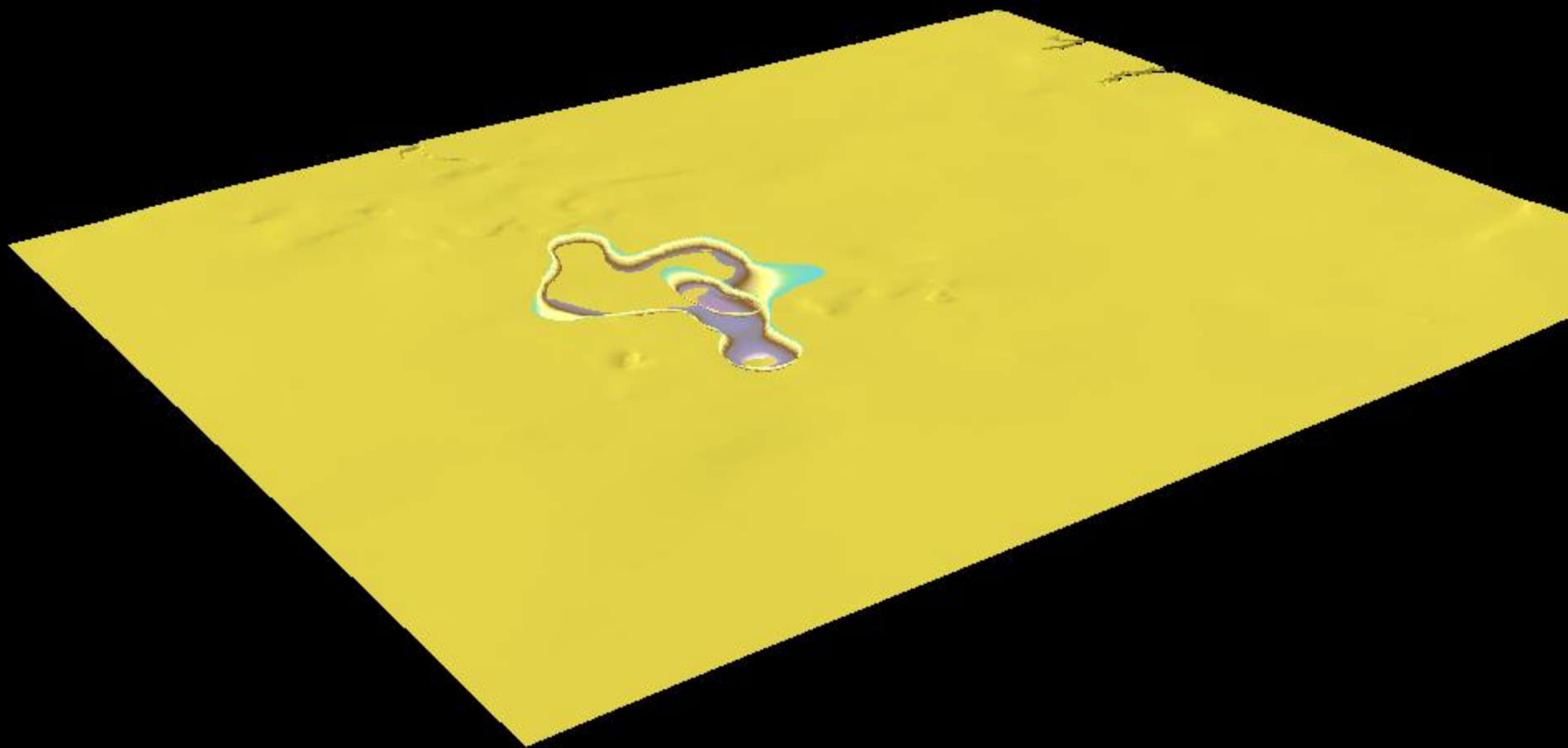




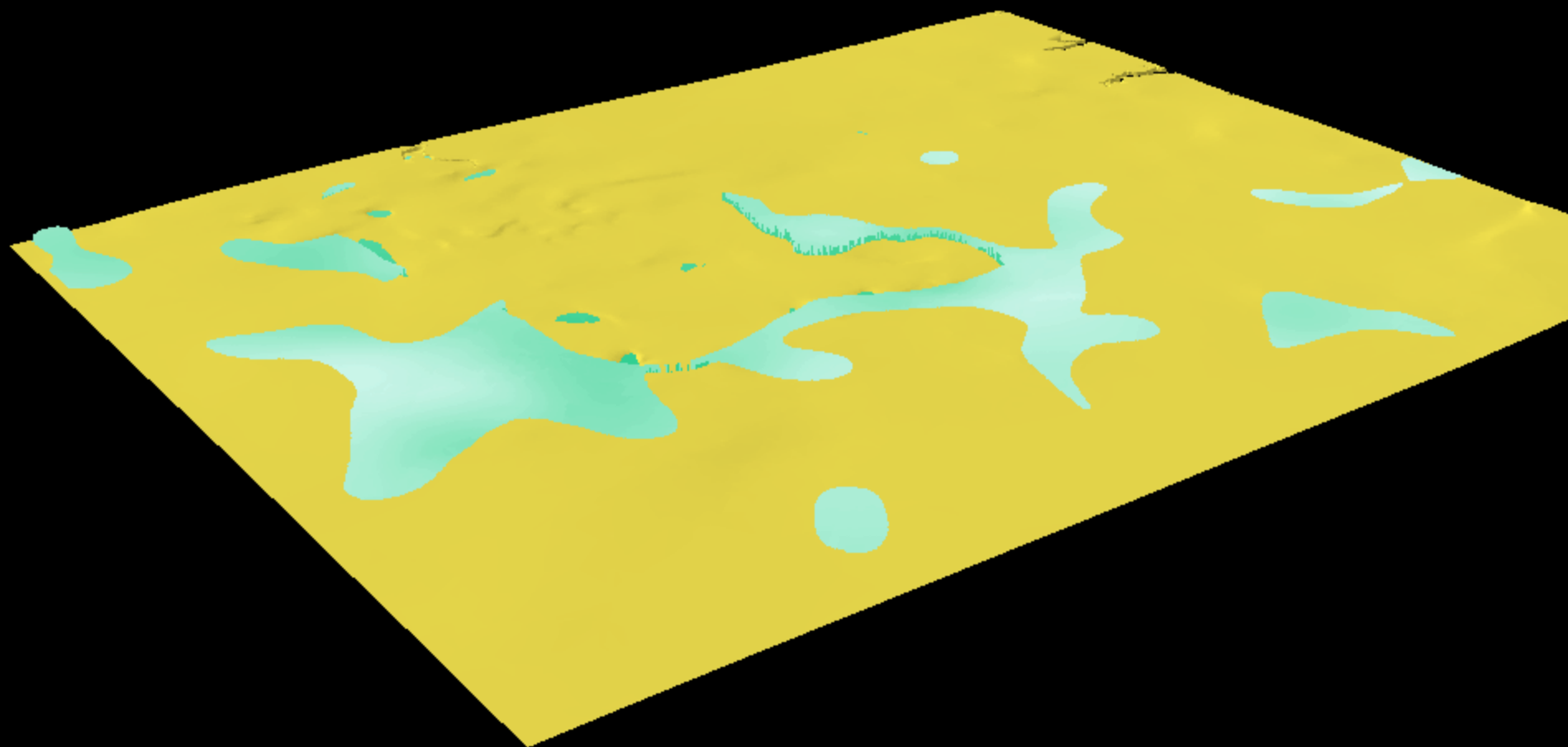






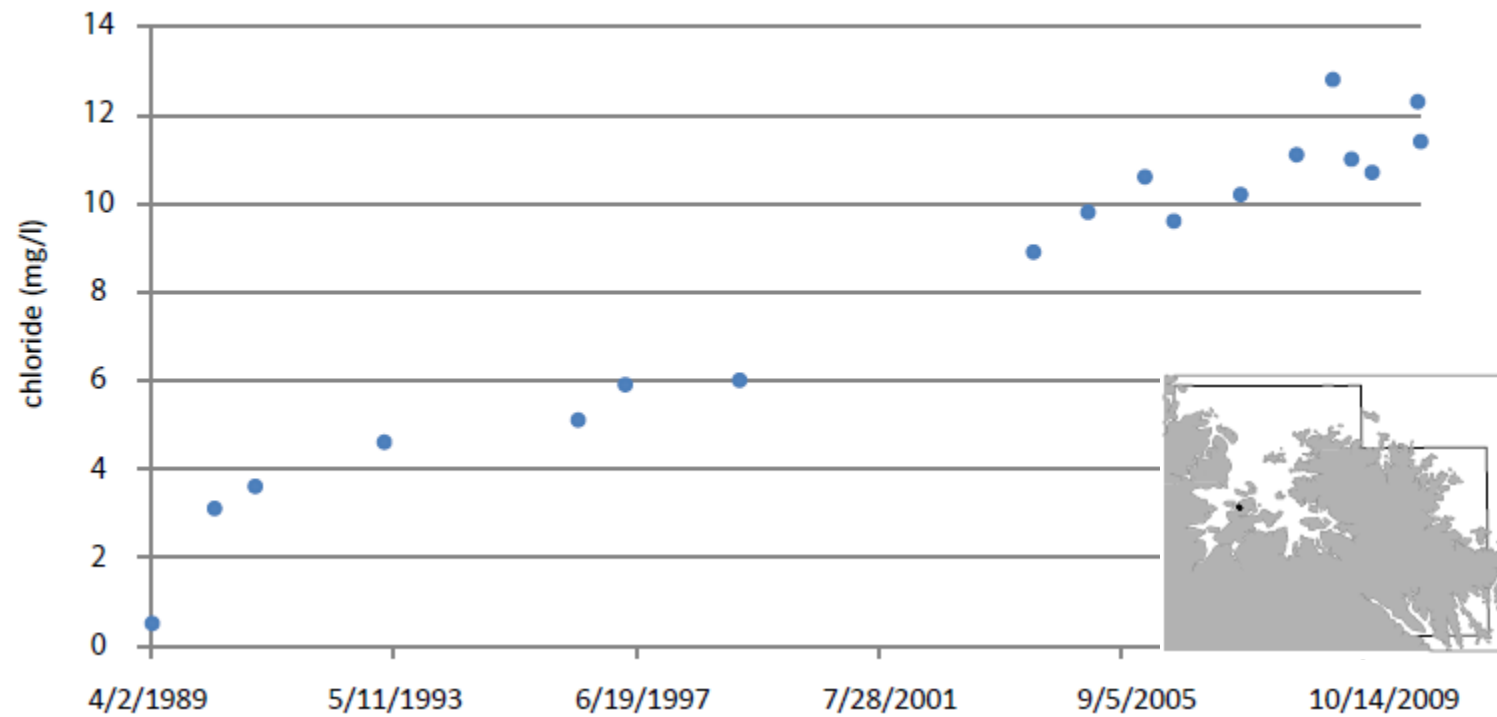


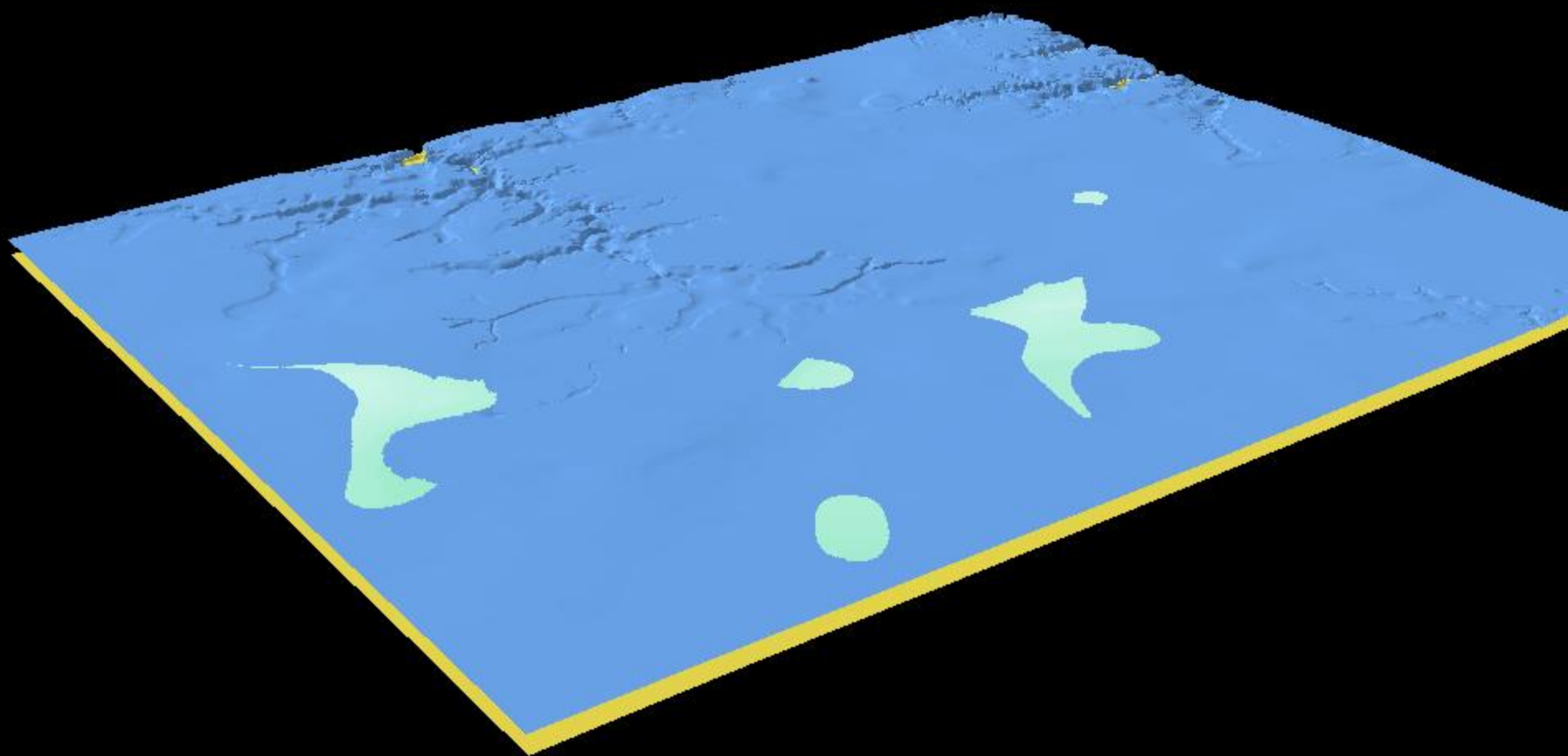


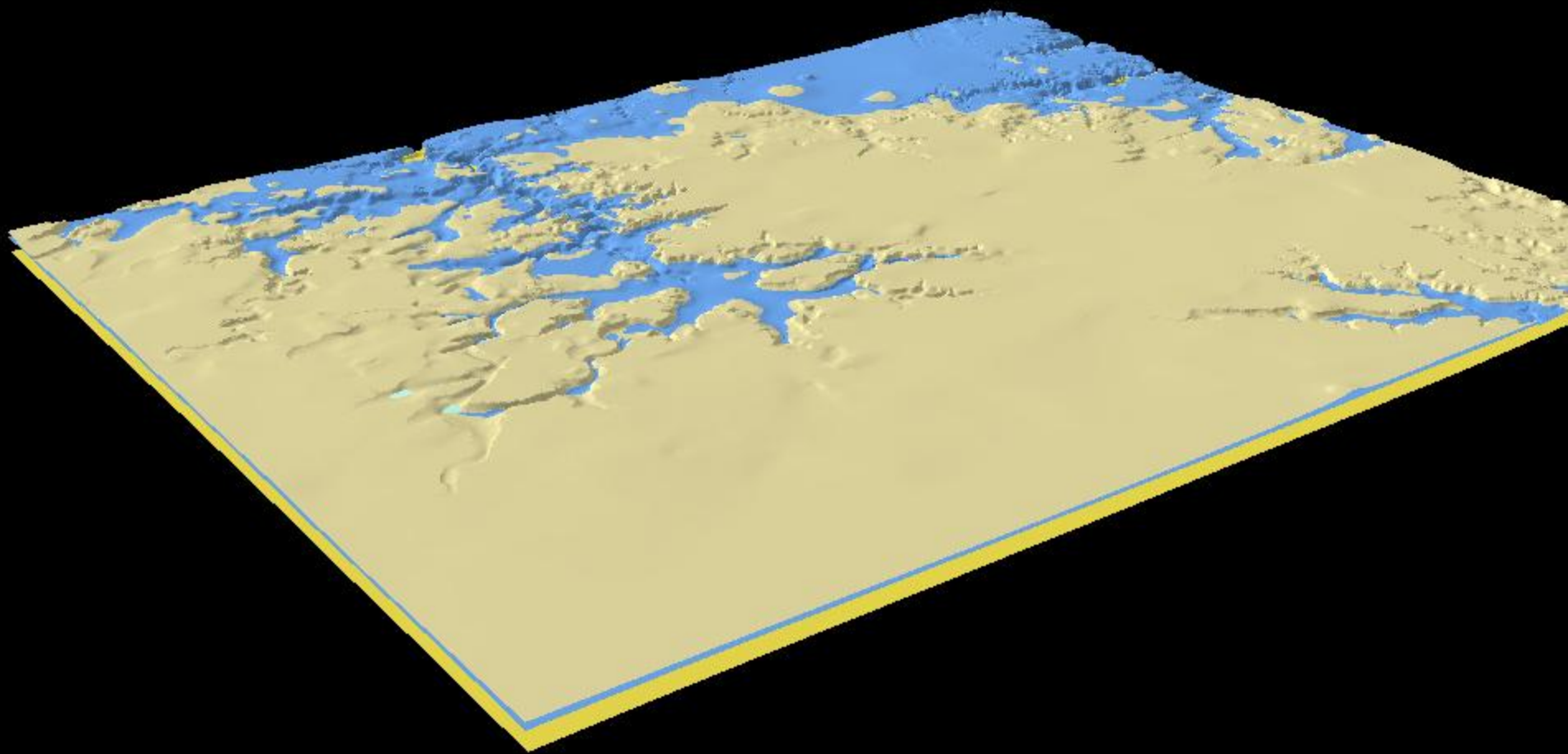




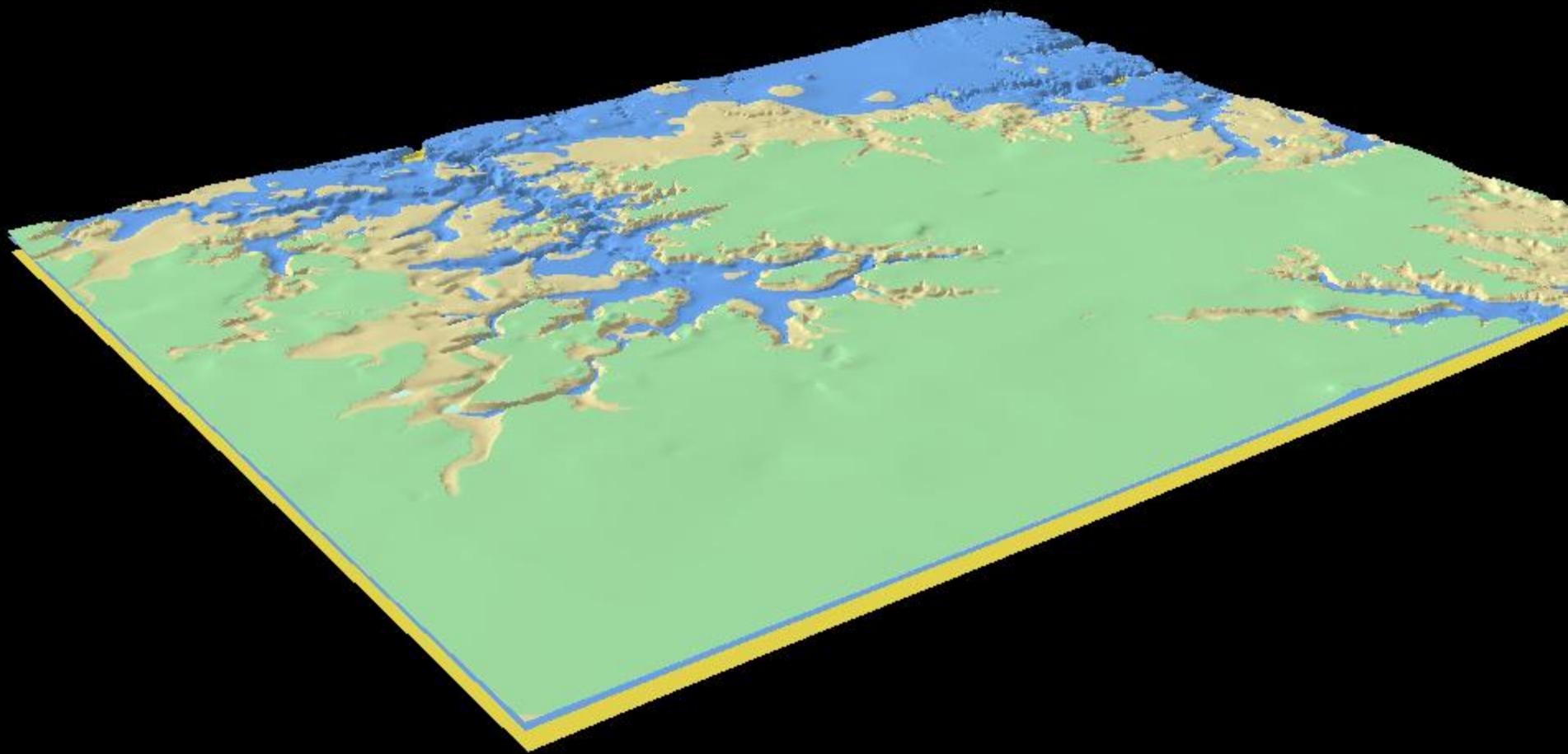
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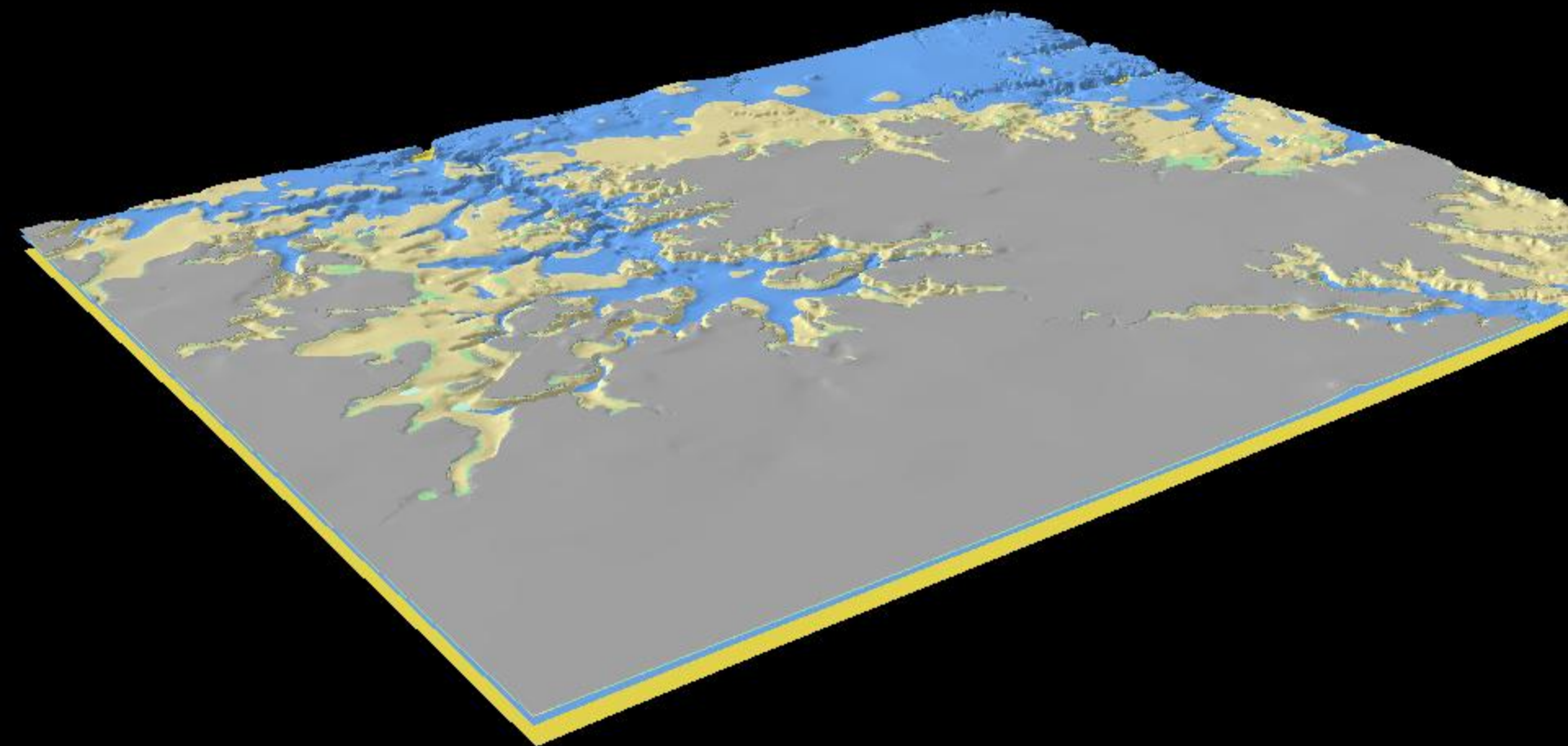


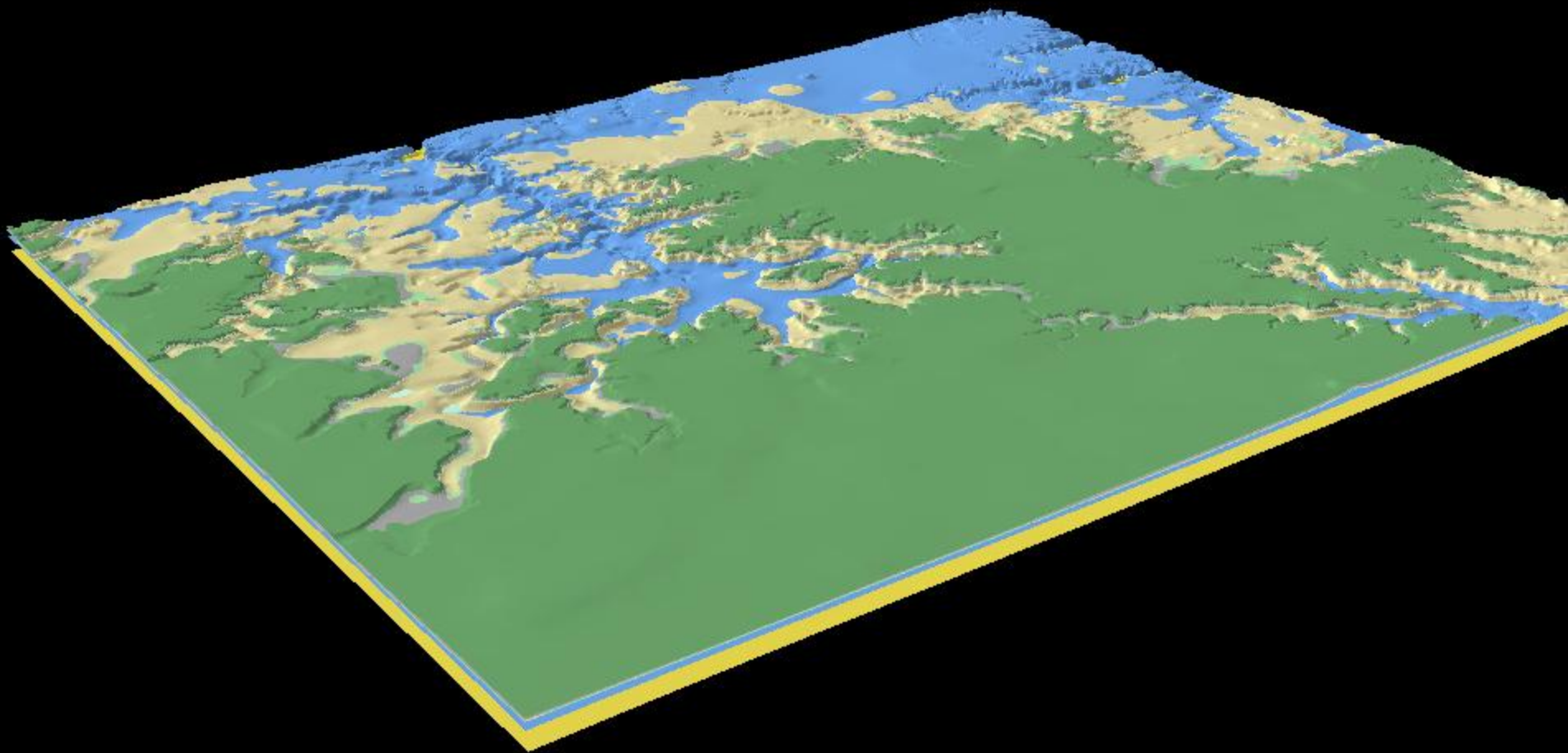




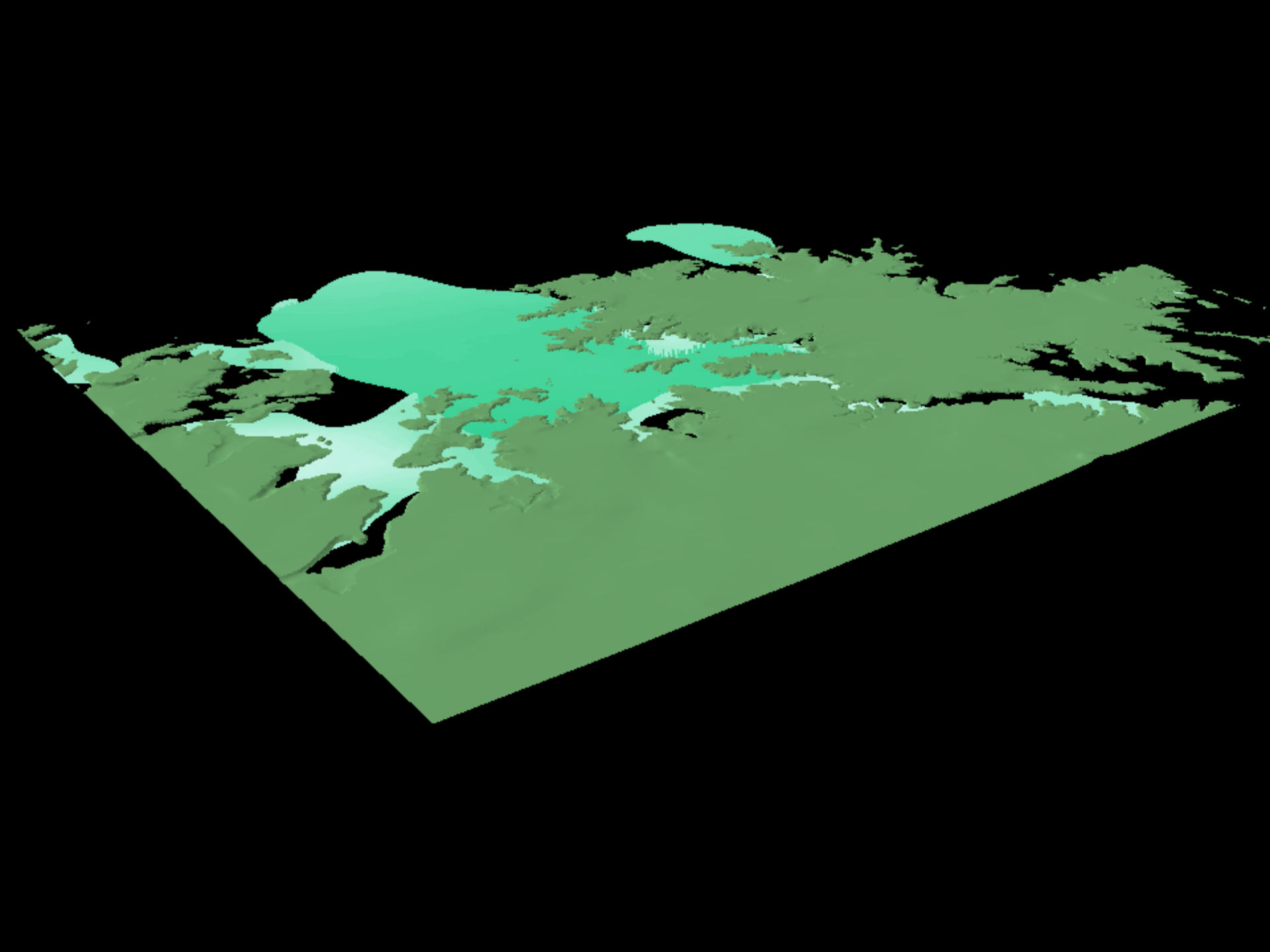


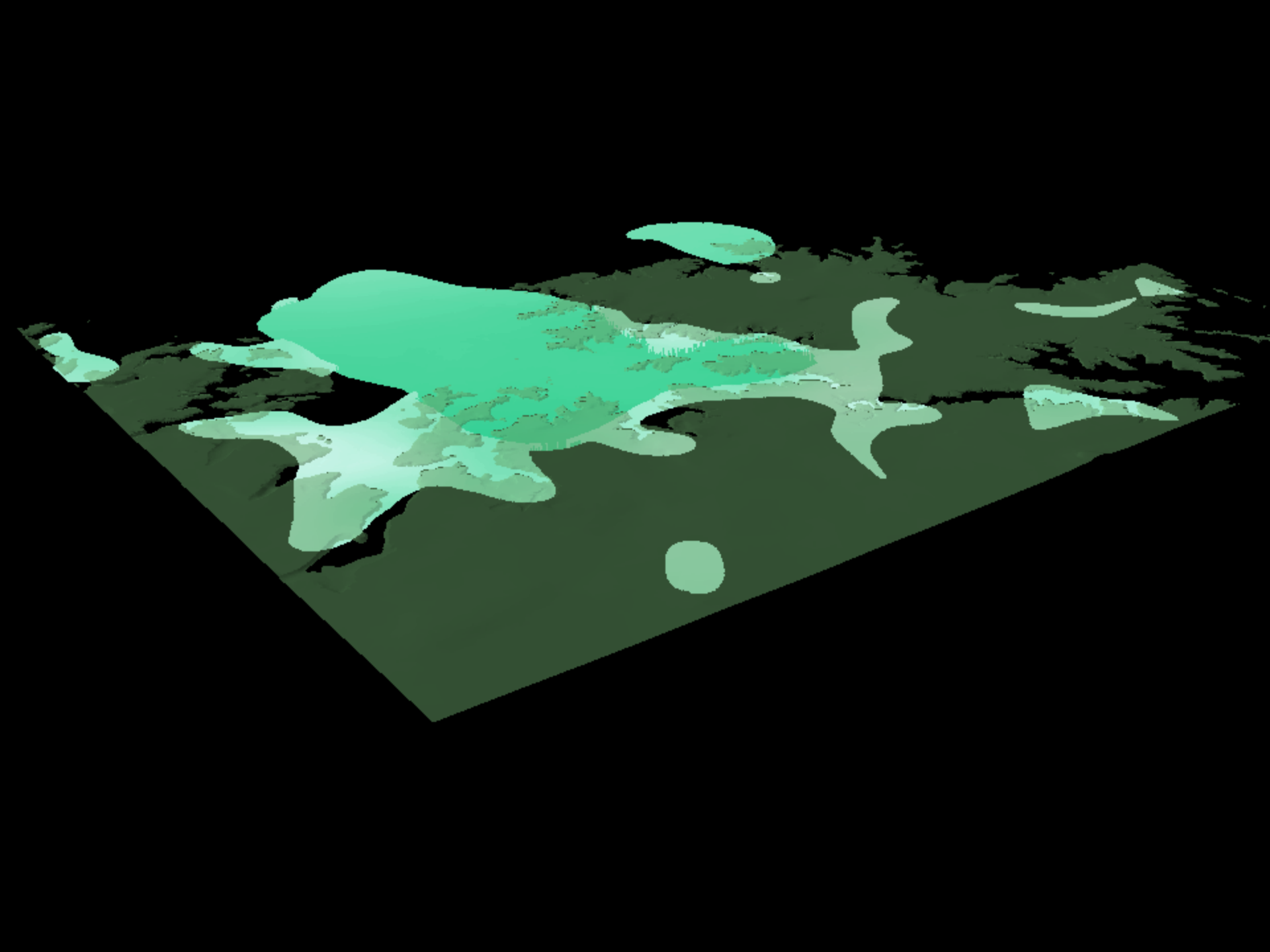




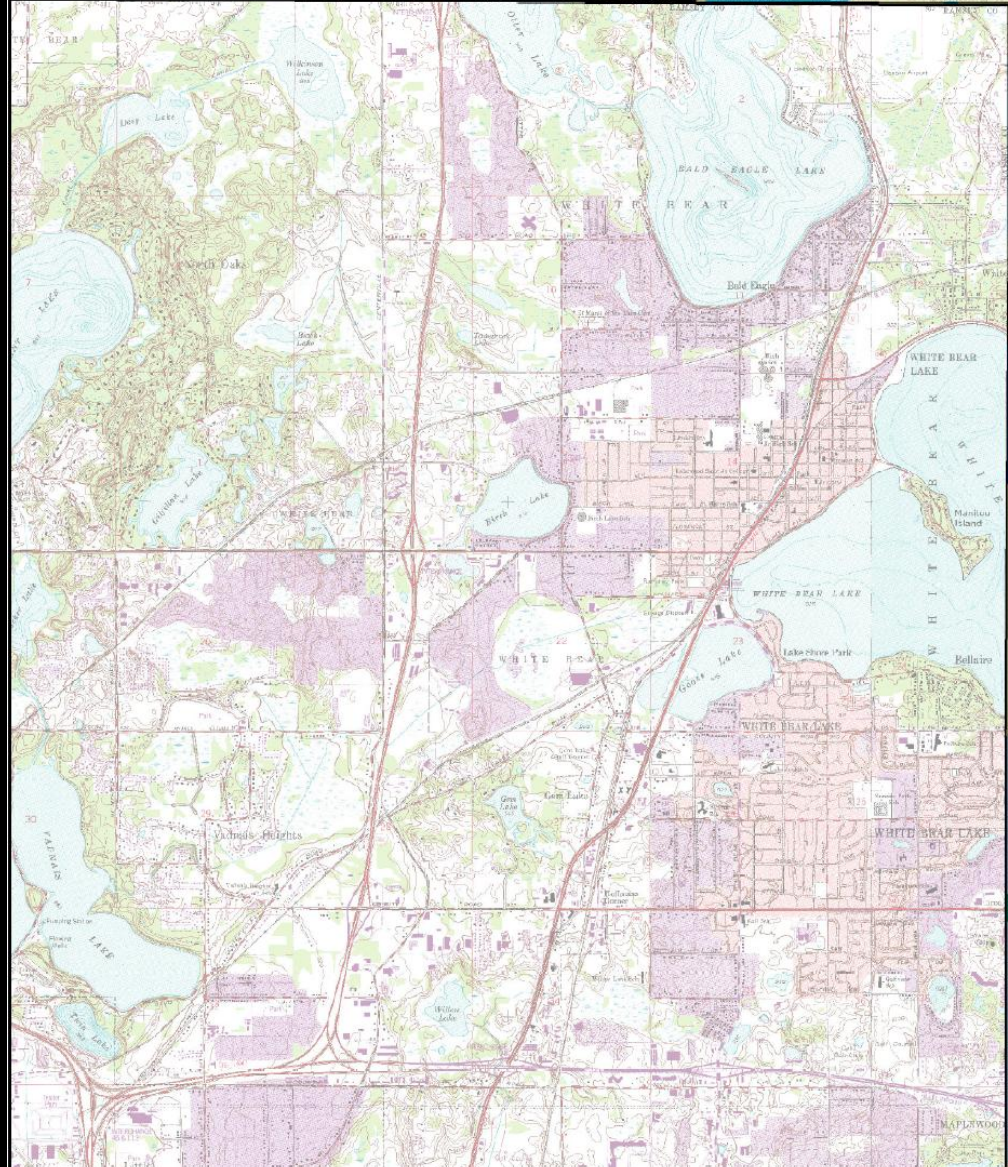
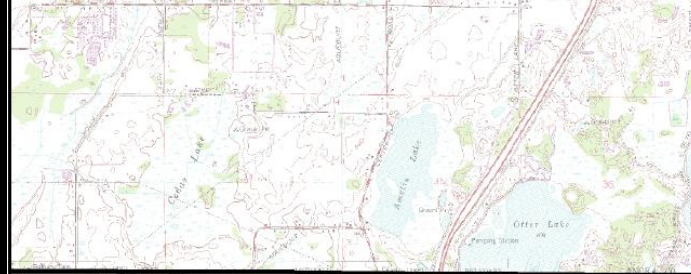




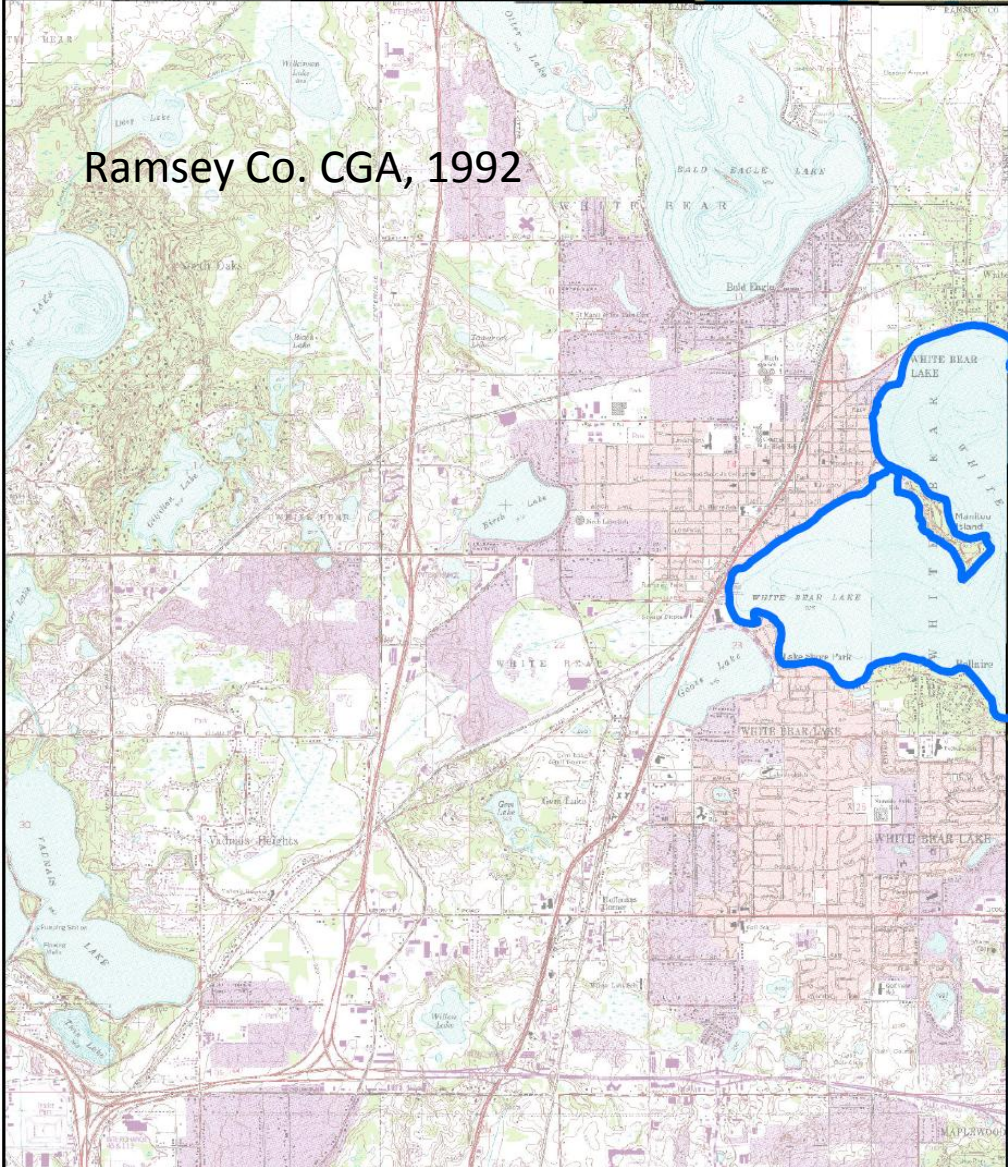




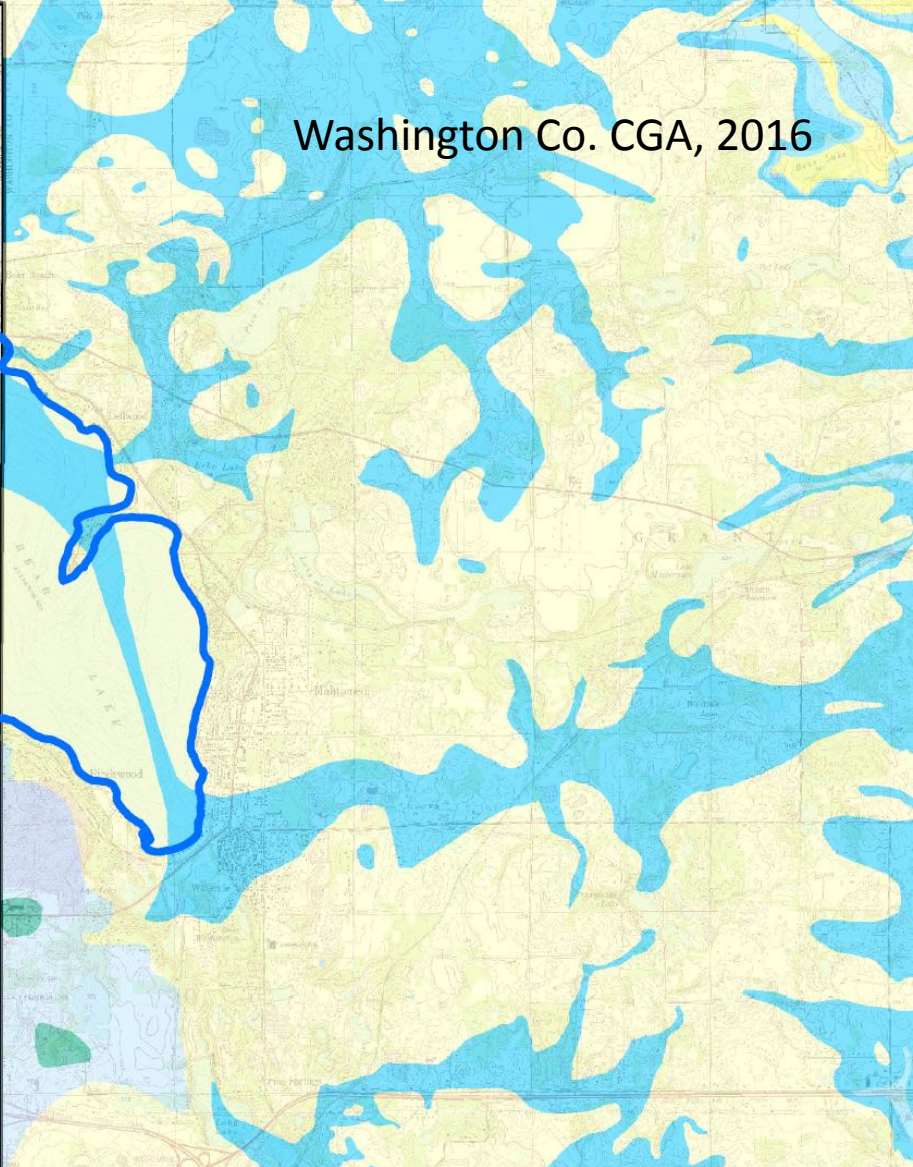








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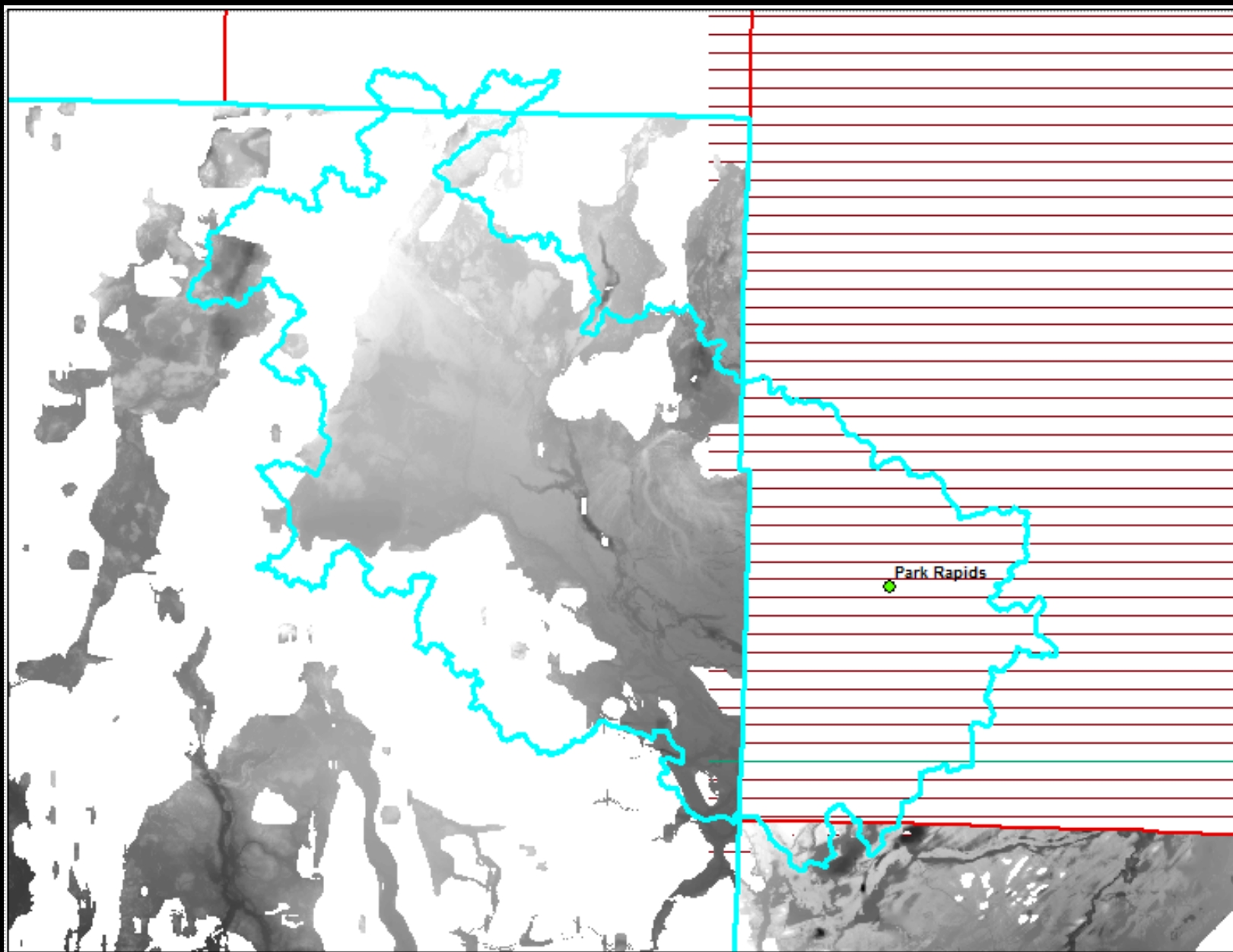
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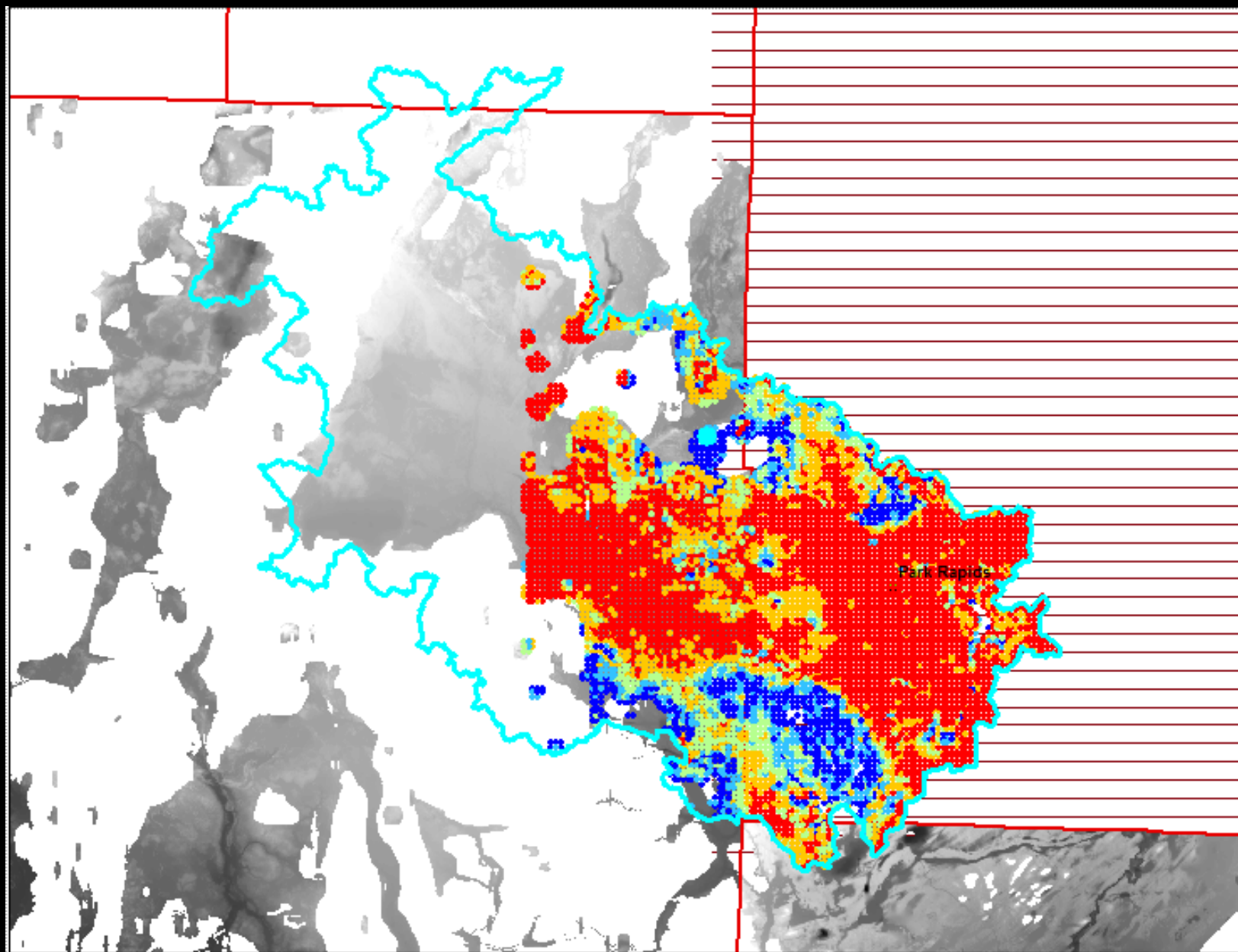
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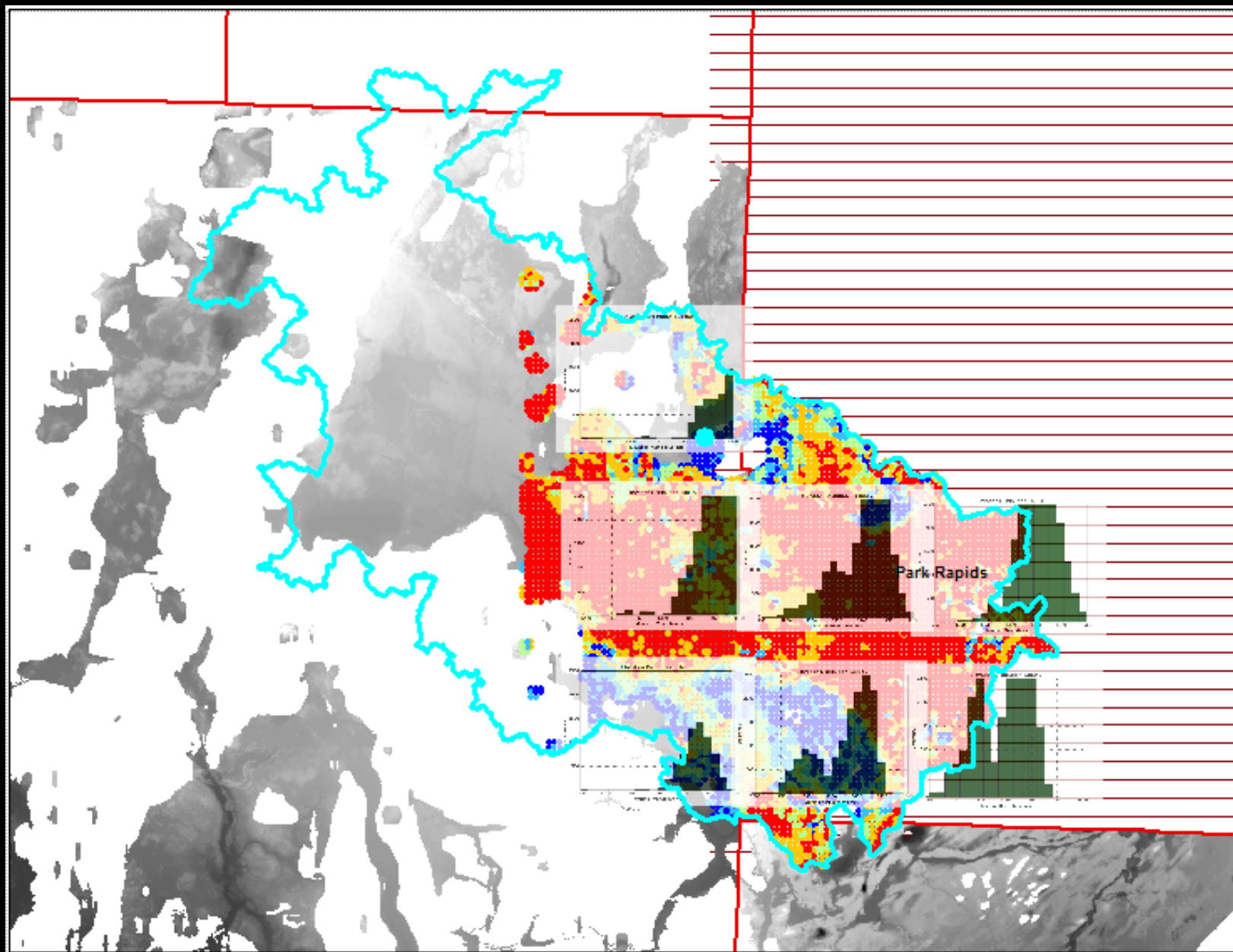
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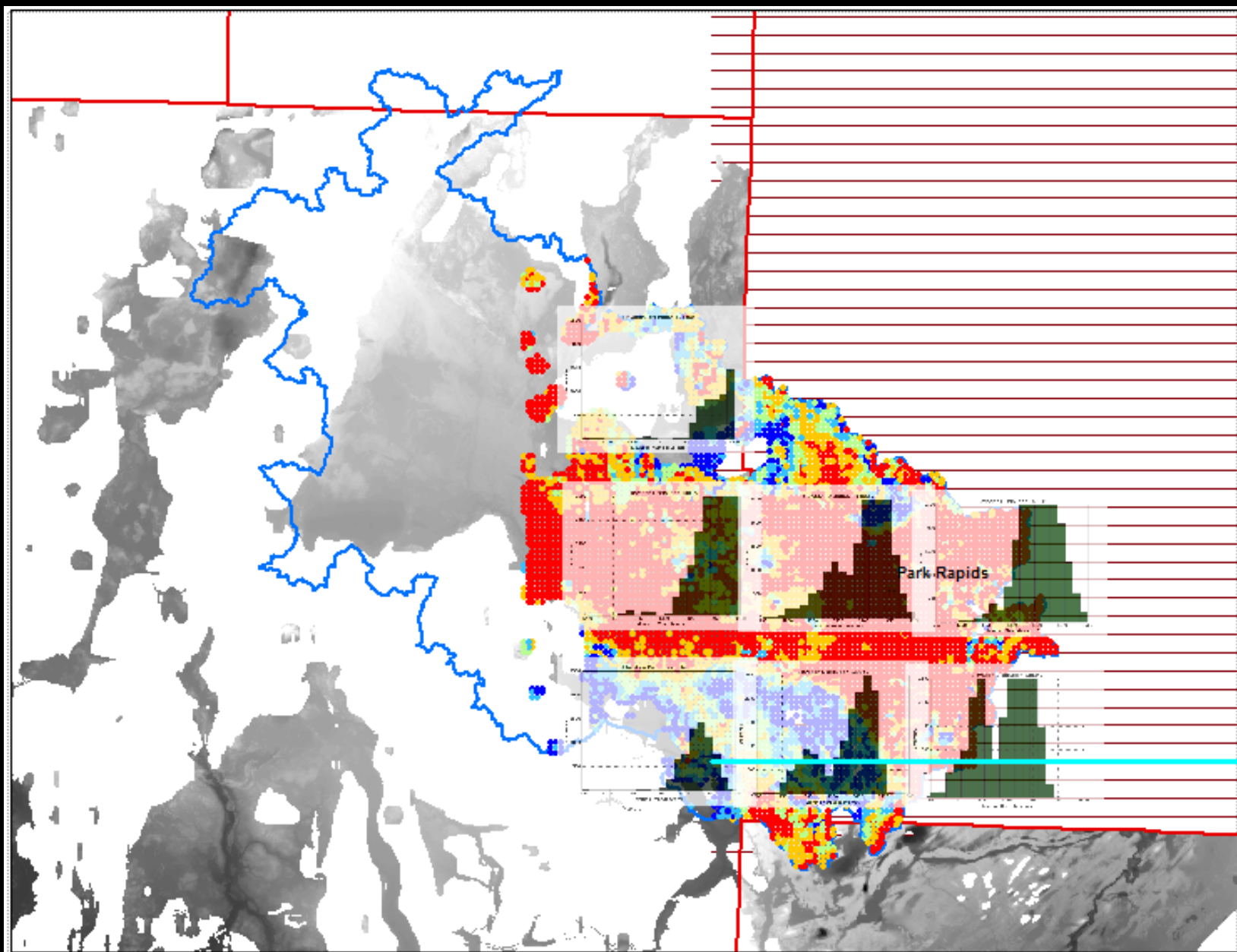
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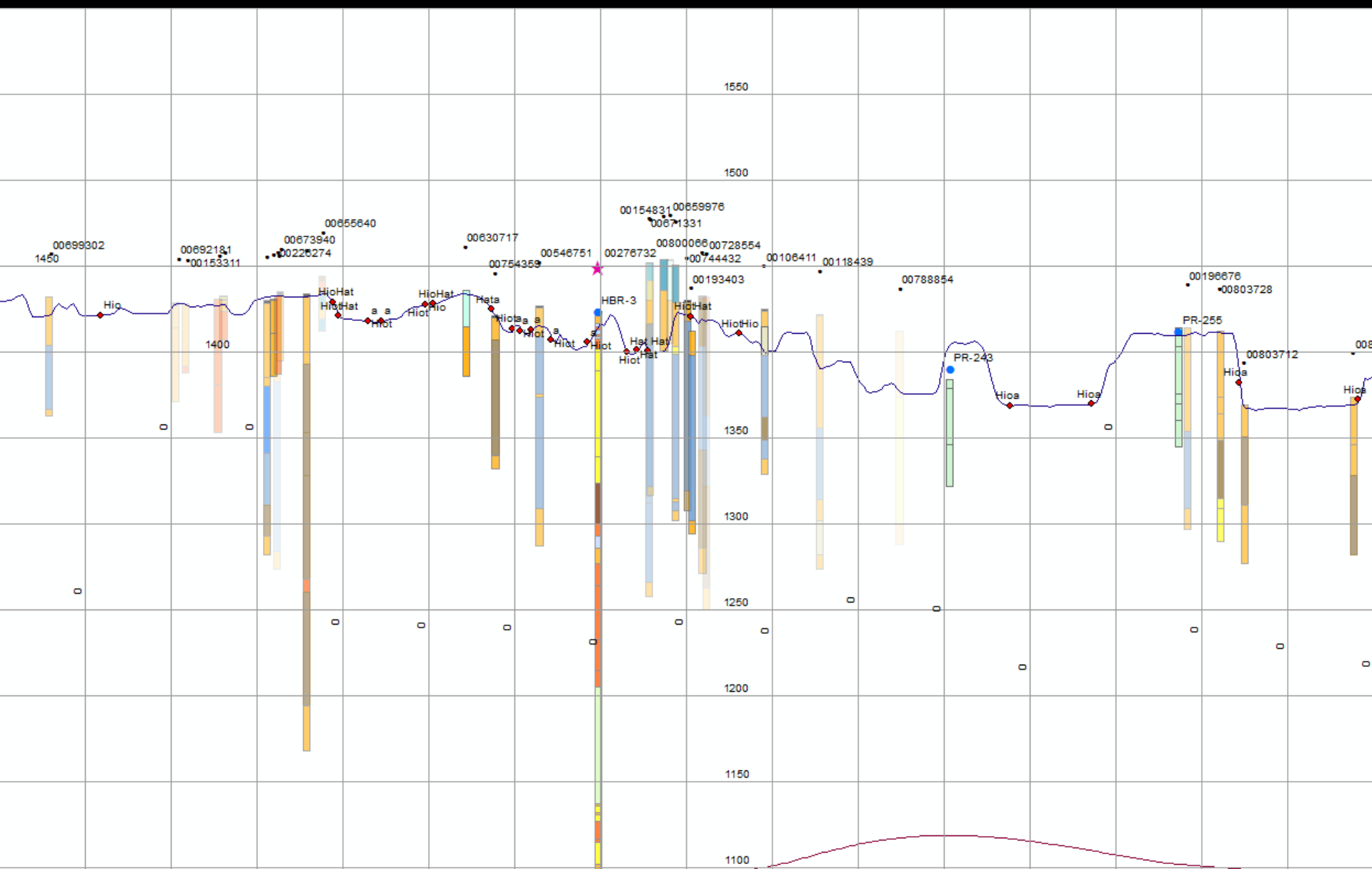


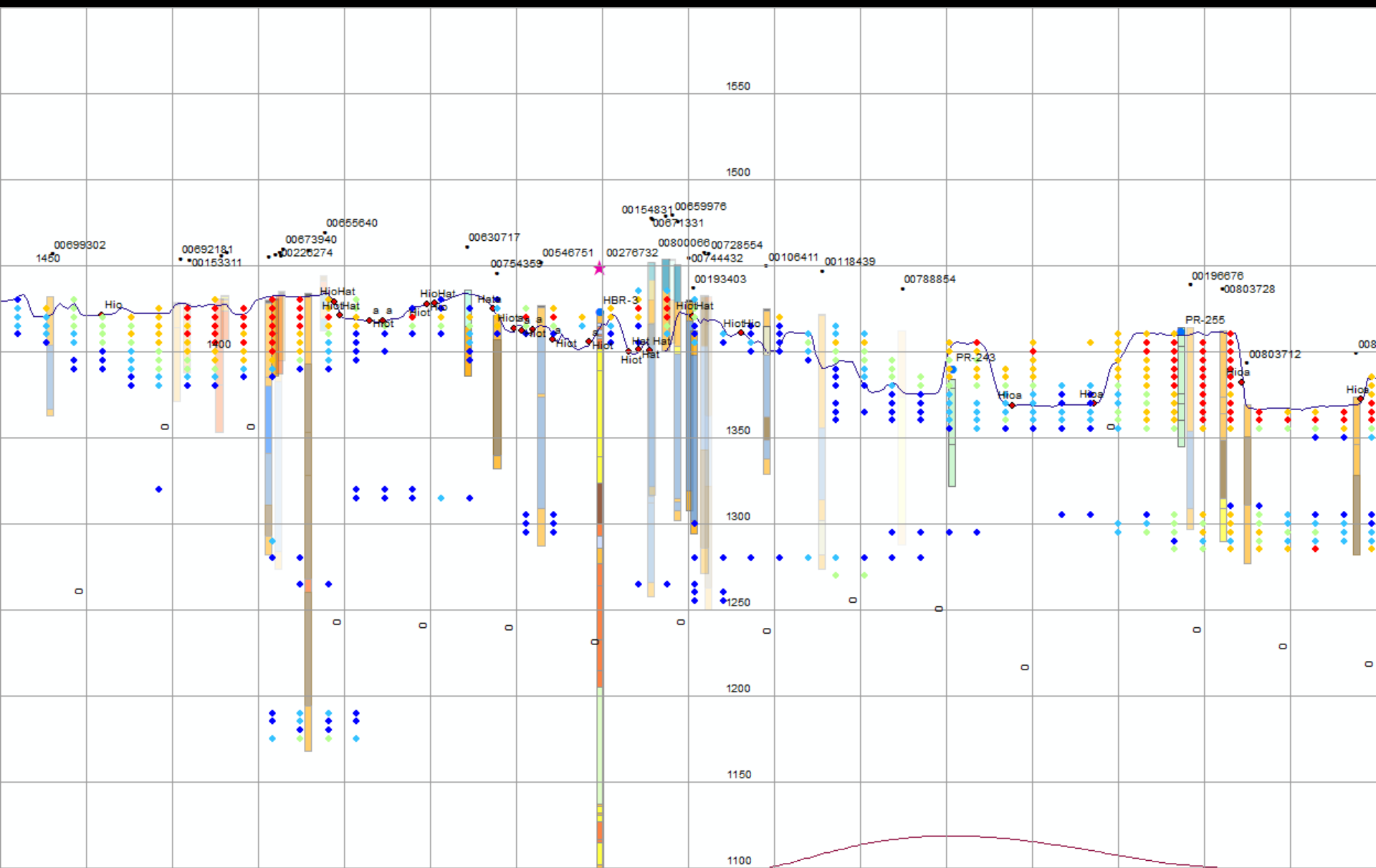













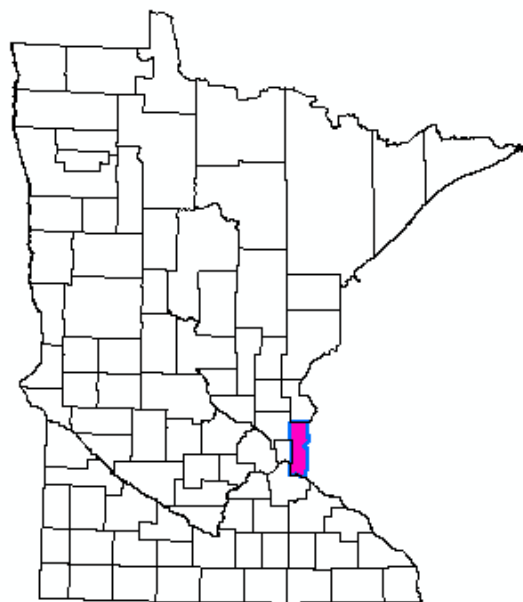
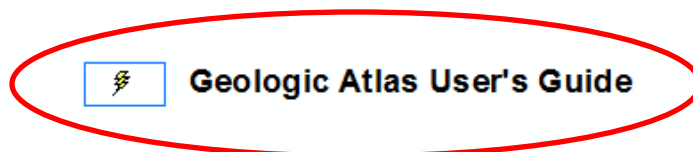
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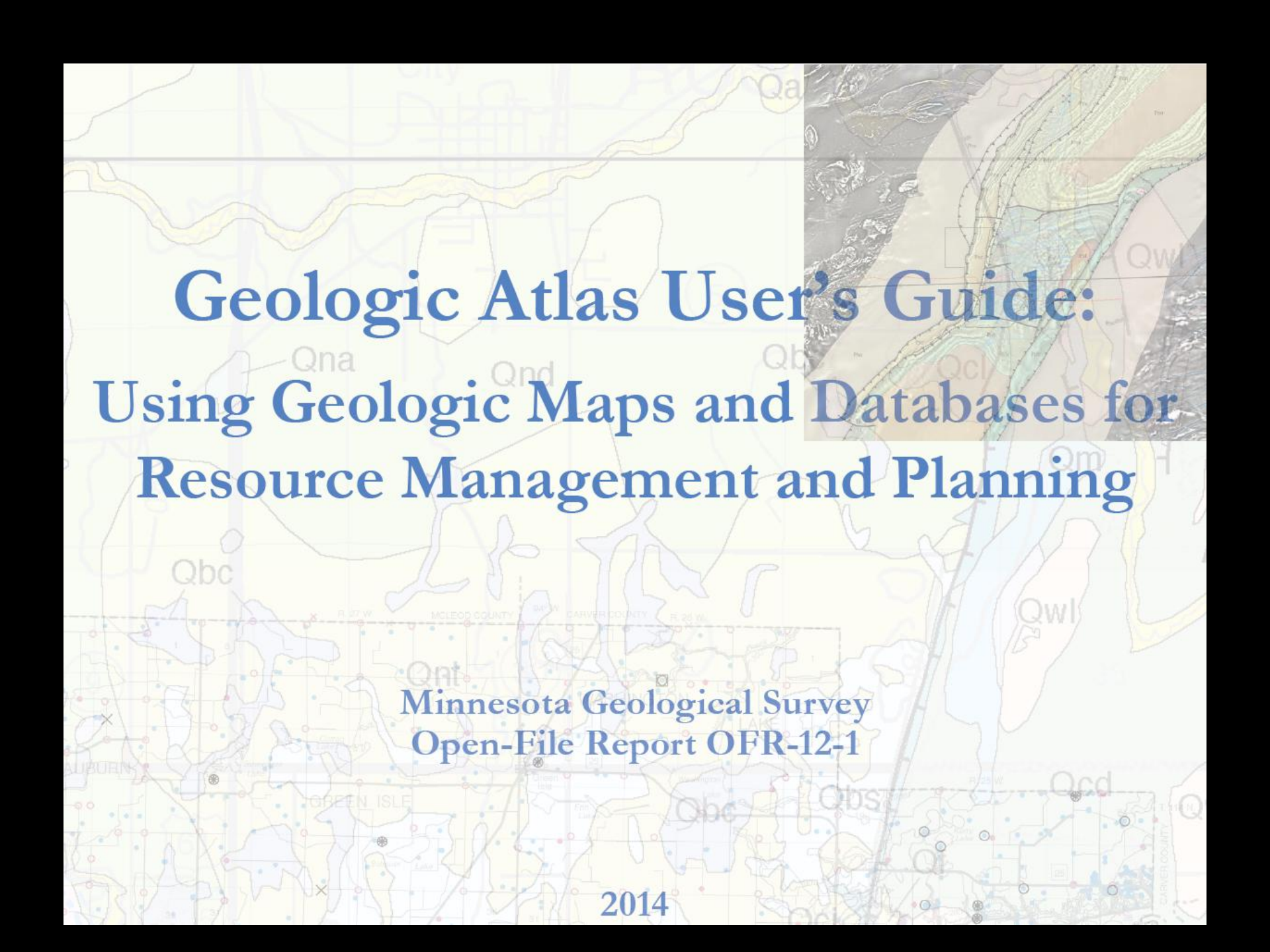
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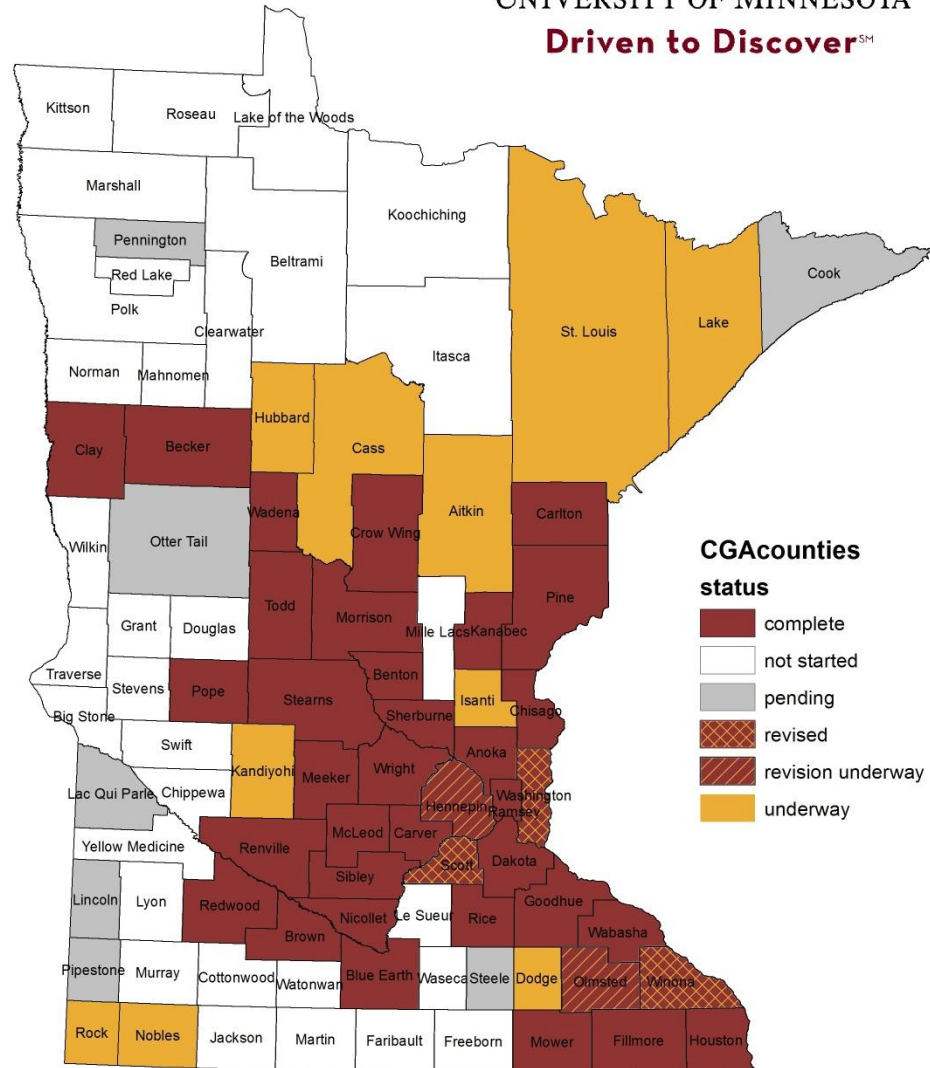


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# Conclusions

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- Total cost of an atlas part A is ~ \$400,000 with funding provided by:
  - The Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund,
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# Questions?



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