Hydrologic Connection Analyses in the Lower Platte

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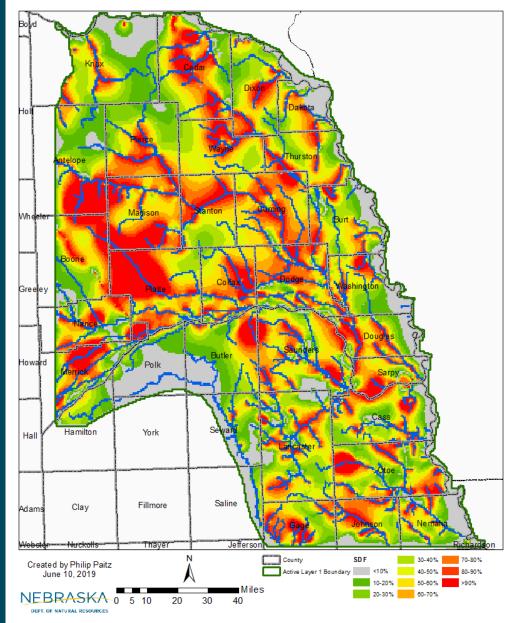
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Outline

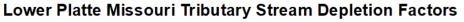
Cycle Well Analysis Preliminary Results
Lower Elkhorn NRD Pilot Scale Area (LENRD-PSA Model) Overview
LENRD-PSA Results
Future Analyses with LENRD-PSA
LPNNRD AEM Survey Project

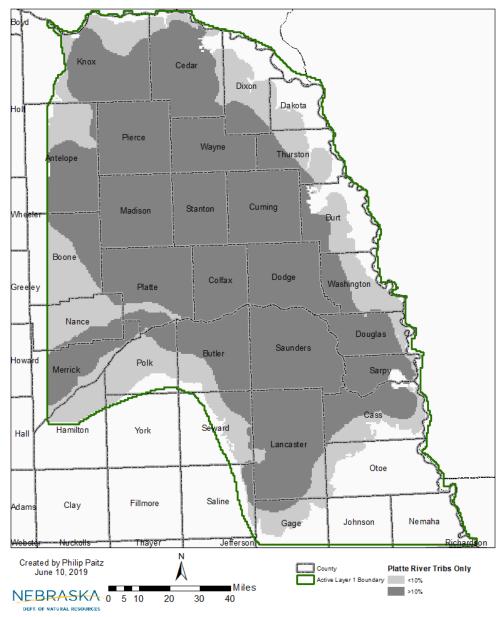
LPMT Cycle Well Results

Lower Platte Missouri Tributary Stream Depletion Factors



LPMT Cycle Well Results – Platte River Tributaries only





What's Left to Do?

 QAQC the process, post-processing, and results
 Finalize documentation and write metadata for shapefiles
 Present final results to the Lower Platte River Basin Coalition Technical Committee

LENRD-Pilot Scale Area Model

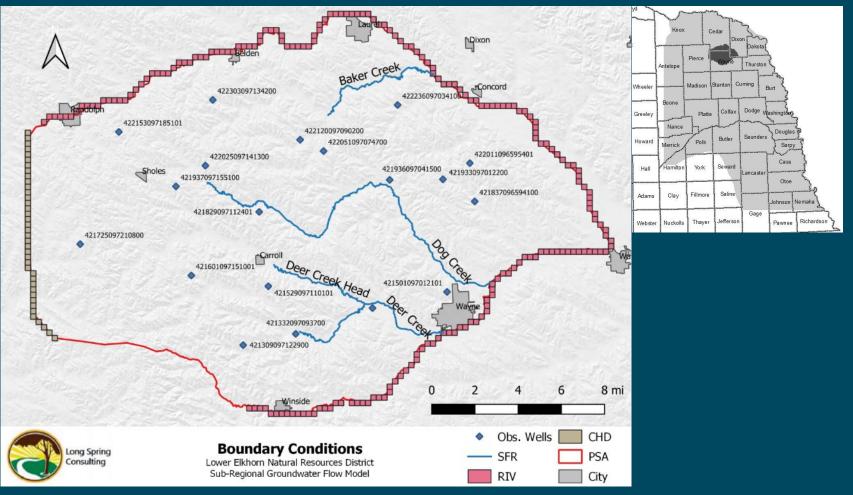
>Purpose

 Incorporate AEM flight data into the existing LPMT regional model to determine if improved modeling results can be achieved through finer remotely sensed geologic data

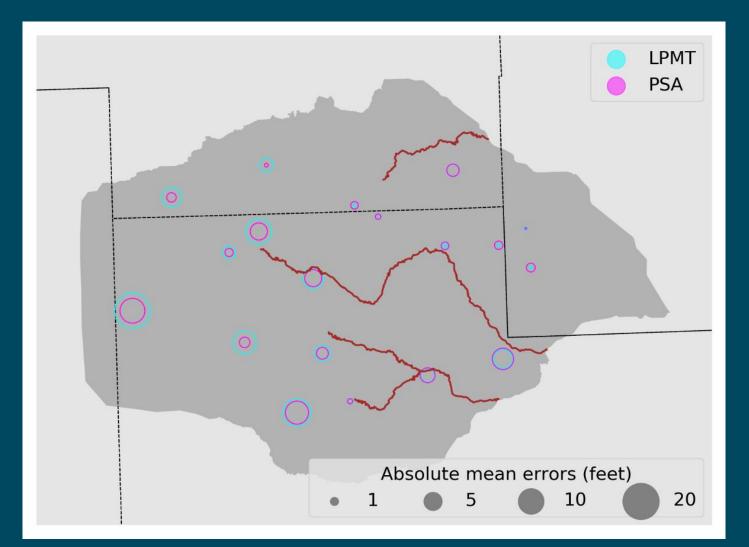
≻AEM

- Contracted and Built
 - LENRD and NeDNR: Model sponsors
 - JEO Consulting: Main contracting and consulting work
 - Long Spring Consulting: Construction of the Numerical Model
 - WSP USA: AEM interpretation

LENRD-Pilot Scale Area Model



PSA Residuals



Residual - Difference between and observed and modeled value

LENRD-PSA Future Analysis

Cycle Well Analysis

Compare results from LPMT

- Test MODFLOW-USG
- See how a refined model (layers, grid, pumping) responds

>Additional Scenarios

See how model reacts due to pumping from different layers

LPNNRD AEM Surveys

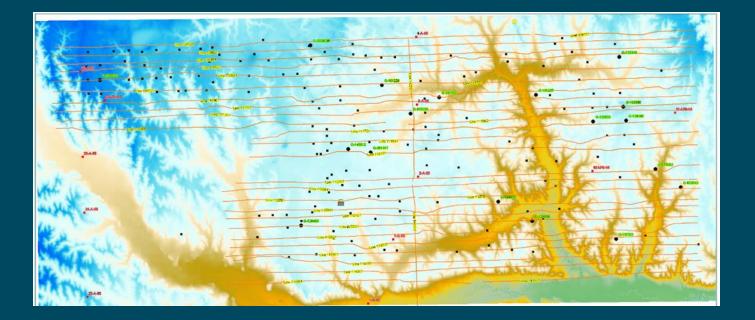
Purpose

 Working with UNL-CSD to develop a hydrogeologic framework based on test hole, transducer, and AEM data for the Lower Platte North NRD

Utilizing GeoScene3D for analysis

- Partnering with
 - Jesse Korus and Jackie Polanshek (graduate student)
 - Lower Platte North NRD

LPNNRD AEM Surveys



Summary

Cycle Well QAQC is currently underway
 LENRD-PSA model incorporated AEM data
 LENRD-PSA cycle well analysis will begin soon
 Continue to work with our partners (LENRD, LPNNRD, and CSD) to integrate AEM data into the LPMT model



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THANK YOU

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