# Lewis & Clark NET Project Observation Well Network

A Good Start at Defining the District's Hydrogeology

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#### **Presentation Outline**

- Developing an observation well network.
- Monitoring program: Groundwater data
- Progress of the NET Project and 2016 plan
- Hydrogeology of the L&C NRD: Status July 2016
- Hydrogeology of the L&C NRD: Path Forward

## Process – Observation Well Networks

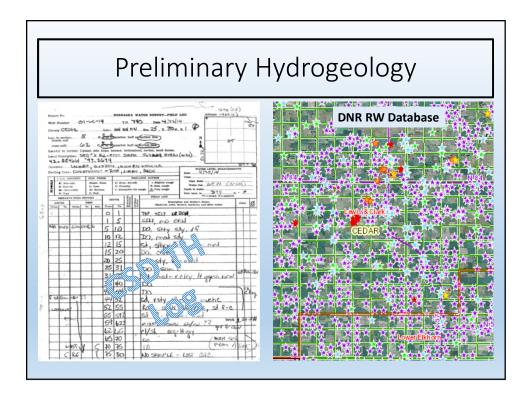
- Targets: Aquifer Types & Documented Problems
- Preliminary Target Hydrogeology
- TH Drilling, Sampling, & Geophysical Logging
- Well Design & Construction

# Targets: Aquifer Types Wissouri River Alluvium Niobrara Thicker S & G Thinner S & G Thinner

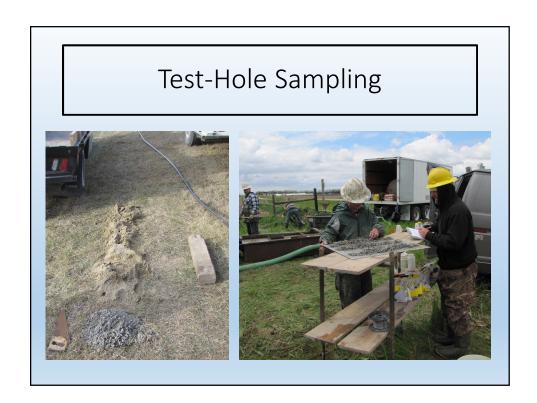
## Targets: Problem Areas

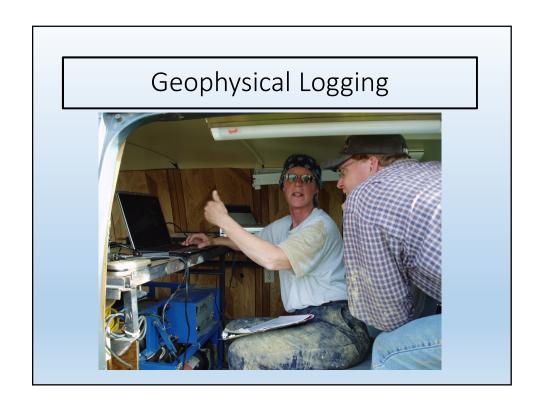
- Water Quality: Defined by the NRD well sampling program.
- Well Interference: Defined by documented calls to the NRD in 2012.
- Areas with little to no subsurface data—or areas of complex/unique geology.

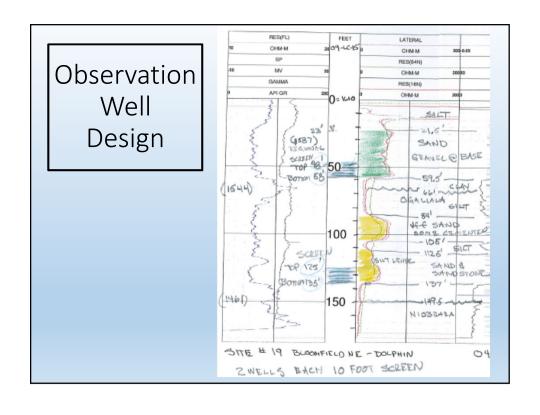
#### ACCESS: Willing landowner



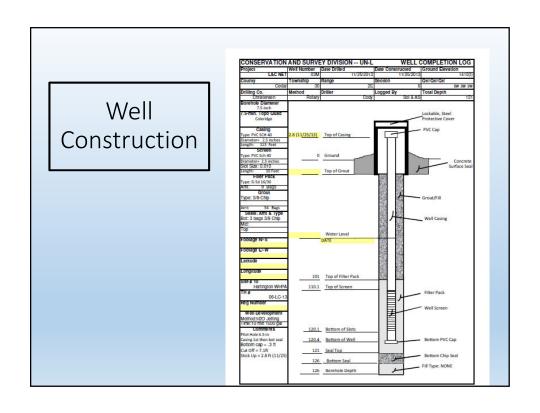












## Monitoring Program Groundwater Data

- Monitoring Equipment Design
- Placement of Equipment
- Monitoring Schedule
- Data Collection
- Data Organization & Analysis

### Groundwater Monitoring Equipment

 Pumps to obtain groundwater samples for laboratory testing.

Monthly for 1st year

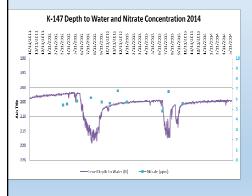
 Pressure transducers to monitor long-term & seasonal water level changes.

Readings every 8 hours



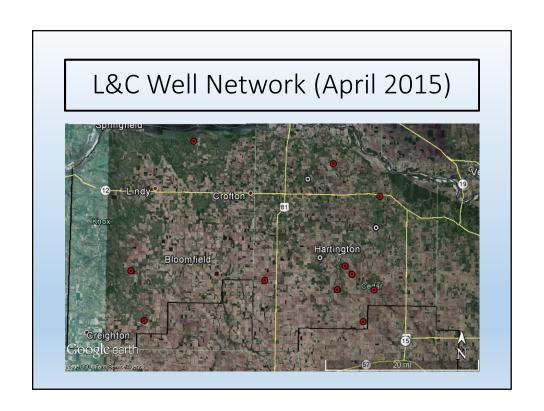


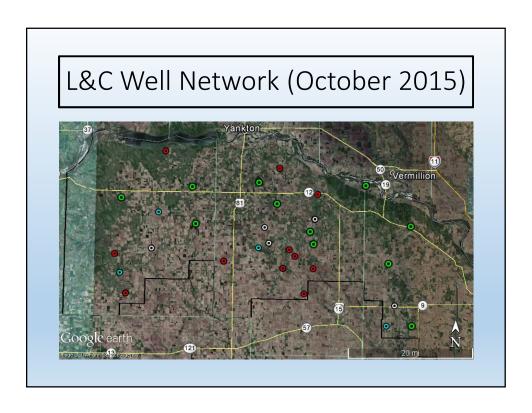
# Groundwater Data Organization & Analysis

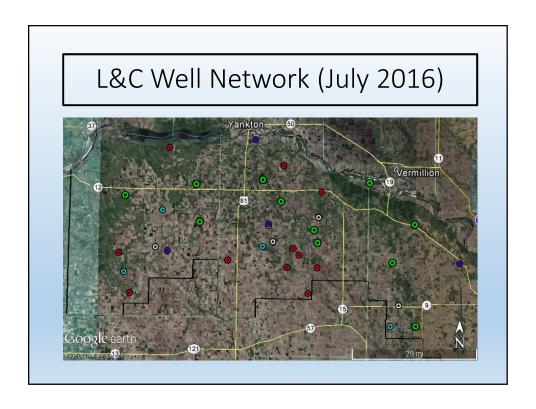


- On-going process
- Functional spreadsheets or better yet databases
- DO NOT get behind suggest annual QA/QC
- Present graphical results to Board & tax payers OFTEN
- When hydrogeological analysis complete – NRD Web Site









# Hydrogeology of the L&C NRD Status -- July 2016

33 New Test Holes (78 Historical CSD Test Holes)

28 - NET 2013 to 2016

4 - DEQ 2014

1 - ELM 2008

• 44 New Wells (Creighton Study: Spalding)

32 - NET 2013-2016

3 - DEQ

4 - NRD Prior Funds

5 - NRD Potential New Funds

- 6 Surficial Geologic 7.5-minute quadrangles and associated CSD test holes.
- 111 locations with quality controlled geologic data.
- 30 sites with access to discrete intervals of the groundwater flow system and local hydrogeology completed. (Also - Creighton Study: Lackey, 1992)
- XX Registered wells with drillers' logs.
- AEM survey lines (ENWRA & Creighton Area).



## Hydrogeology of the L&C NRD Path Forward

- Groundwater Data Collection and Initial Analysis
- Initial Hydrogeological Analysis
- Mass Water Level Readings (Spring)
- **AEM Surveys (Example)**: 3-Mile Grid with Local Higher Density
- Definition of Aquifers x, y, & z. (County Atlases)
- Quantified Aquifer Parameters and Correlation to AEM Survey Results (Aquifer and Slug Tests)