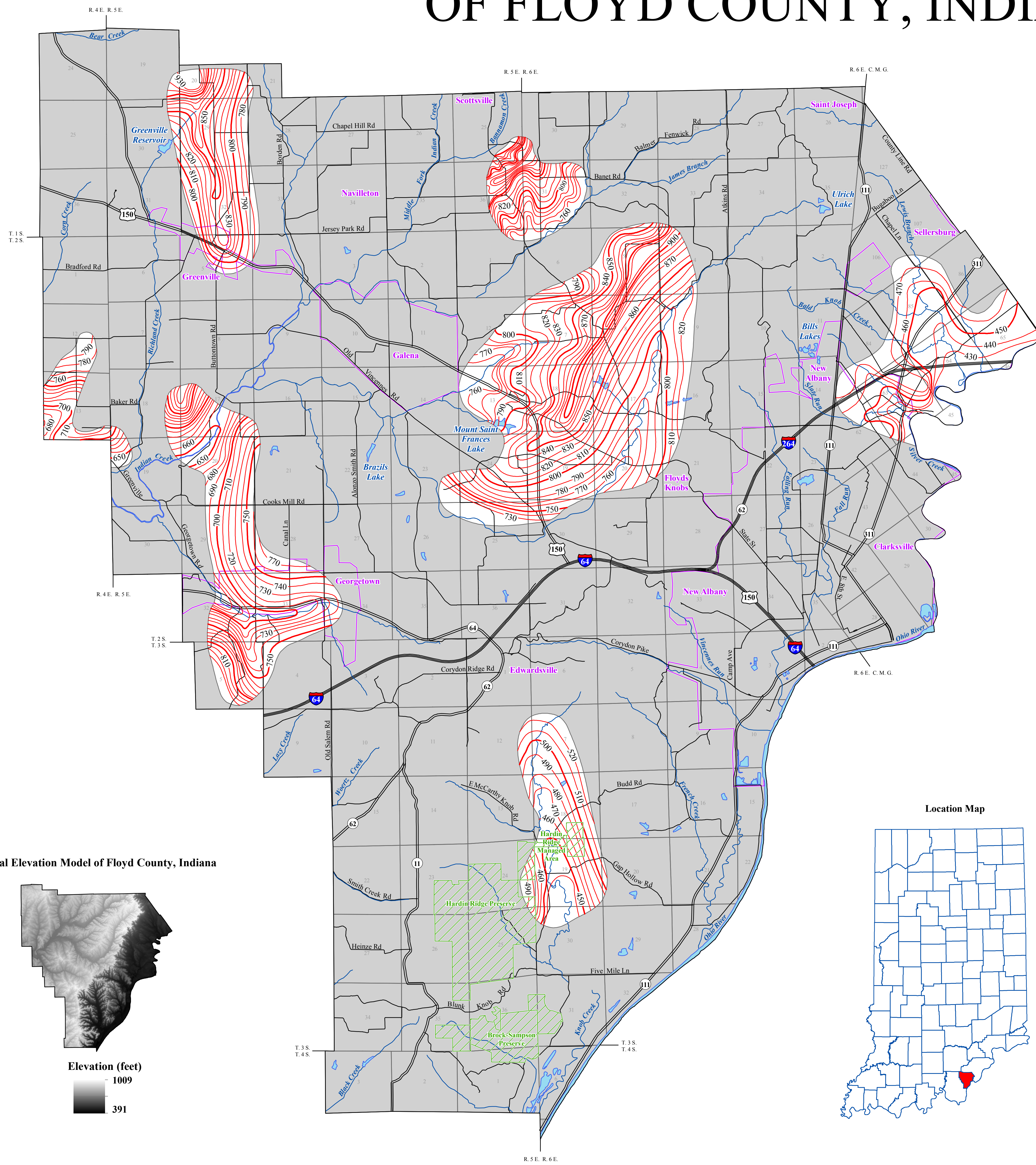


POTENTIOMETRIC SURFACE MAP OF THE BEDROCK AQUIFERS OF FLOYD COUNTY, INDIANA



Floyd County is located in southern Indiana and is bounded by the counties of Harrison, Washington, and Clark to the west, north and east. The Ohio River borders the county to the south.

The potentiometric surface is a measure of the pressure on groundwater in a water bearing formation. Wells are completed in aquifers at various depths, and typically, under confined conditions (bounded by impermeable layers above and below the water bearing formation). However, some wells are completed under unconfined (not bounded by impermeable layers) settings. Water in a confined aquifer, which is under hydrostatic pressure, will rise in a well above the top of the water bearing formation. In contrast, groundwater in an unconfined aquifer, which is at atmospheric pressure, will not rise in a well above the top of the water bearing formation.

Static water-level measurements obtained from individual wells used to construct county potentiometric surface maps are indicative of the water-level at the time of well completion. The groundwater level within an aquifer constantly fluctuates in response to rainfall, evapotranspiration, groundwater movement and pumping. Therefore, measured static water-levels in an area may differ due to local or seasonal variations. Because fluctuations in groundwater are typically small, static water-levels can be used to construct a generalized potentiometric surface map. As a general rule, but certainly not always, groundwater flow approximates the overlying topography and intersects the land surface at major streams.

The potentiometric surface map of the bedrock aquifers was mapped by contouring the elevations of 106 static water-levels reported on well records received primarily over a 50 year period. Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) coordinates, used in locating the water wells, were either physically obtained in the field, determined through address geocoding, or reported on water well records. The location of the majority of the water well records used to make the potentiometric surface map were field verified. Elevation data were obtained from a digital elevation model. Quality control/quality assurance procedures were utilized to refine or remove data where errors were readily apparent.

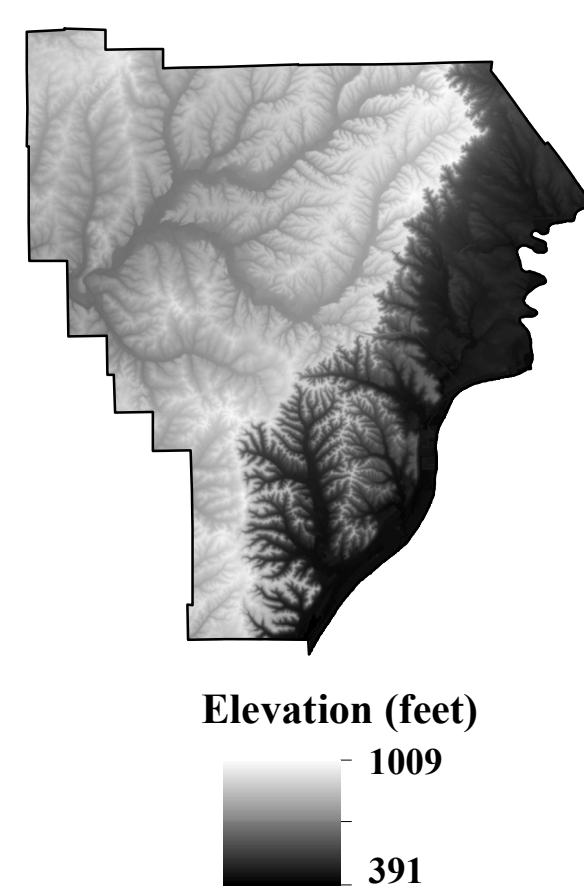
Potentiometric surface elevations range from a high of 930 feet mean sea level (msl) in the northwest section of the county north of the city of Greenville, to a low of 420 feet msl in the east-central portion along Silver Creek between the cities of New Albany, Sellersburg and Clarksville. Groundwater flow direction within the majority of the county is generally southward towards the Ohio River and its major tributaries; however, in the west-central portion of the county, groundwater appears to be flowing westward toward Indian Creek. Potentiometric contours have not been extended through portions of the county that are lacking in data and/or covered by more prolific unconsolidated deposits which limits the necessity to complete wells in the bedrock.

The county potentiometric surface map can be used to define the regional groundwater flow path and to identify significant areas of groundwater recharge and discharge. County potentiometric surface maps represent overall regional characteristics and are not intended to be a substitute for site-specific studies.

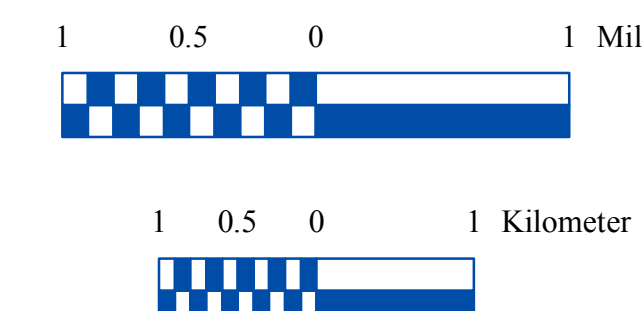
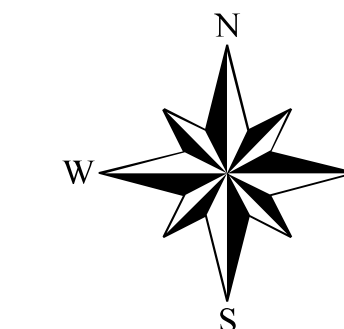
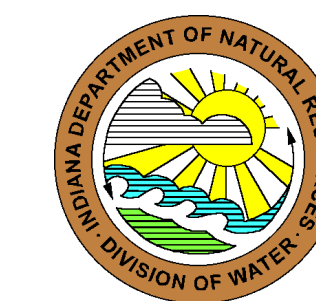
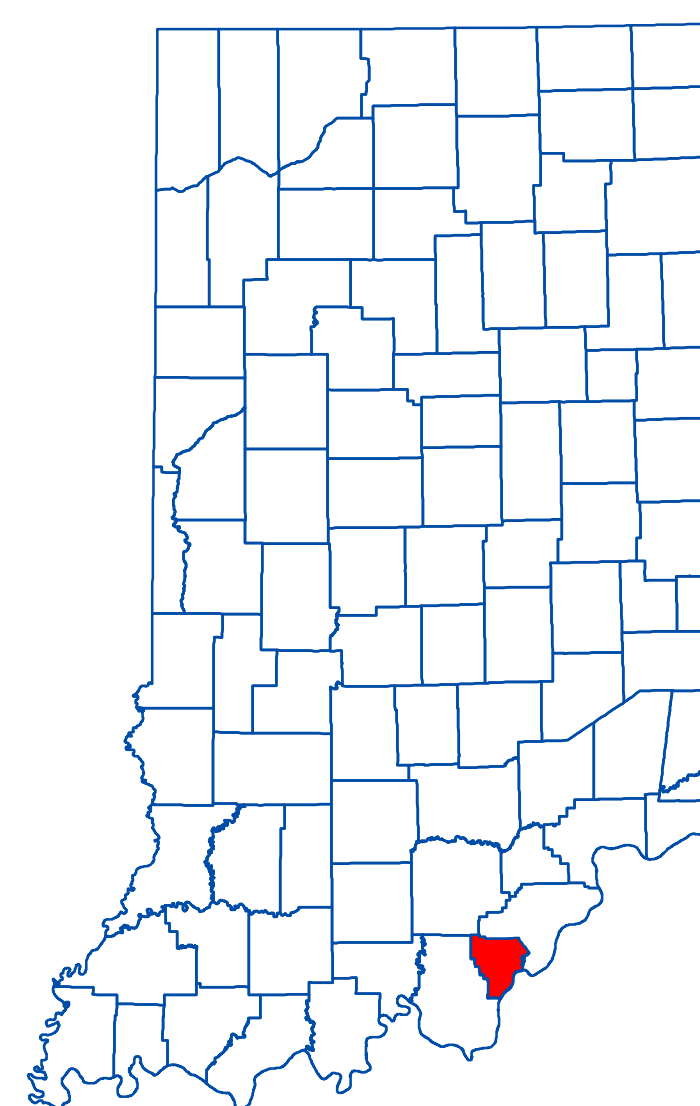
EXPLANATION

- Line of equal elevation, in feet above mean sea level
Potentiometric Contour interval 10 feet
- Stream
- County Road
- State Road
- US Highway
- Interstate
- Municipal Boundary
- State Managed Property
- Lake & River
- No Aquifer Material or Limited Data

Digital Elevation Model of Floyd County, Indiana



Location Map



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Potentiometric Surface Map of the Bedrock Aquifers of Floyd County, Indiana

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