

Area B Groundwater Investigation Fort Detrick

Progress Report to the RAB

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Overview of Topics

- ❑ Work Completed Since February 2013 RAB Meeting and Project Status
- ❑ Groundwater Tracer Study Overview
- ❑ Vapor Intrusion Update (Phase 1)
- ❑ Upcoming Work
- ❑ Next Steps

Work Completed Since the Last RAB

- Met with EPA and MDE to review the Draft Conceptual Site Model (CSM) report (February '13)
 - The CSM was discussed with the RAB during the last meeting.
- Received results for first round of Vapor Intrusion sampling
 - 4 off-post and 1 on-post buildings
- Initiated stream survey and background survey for groundwater tracer study.
- Continued to work on Right-of-Entry agreements for upcoming work.

Status of Original RI Work Plan Activities

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| ✓ Existing well assessment and repair | Feb 2011 to Apr 2011 |
| ✓ New well installation (onsite) | April 2011 to Mar 2012 |
| ✓ Direct Push Investigation | March 2012 |
| ✓ Spring and Seep Surveys | March 2012 |
| ✓ Groundwater/Surface Water Sampling | April 2012 /Sept 2012 |
| ▶ Vapor Intrusion Sampling | Jan 2013 (Round 1)
Summer 2013 (Round 2) |
| ▶ Groundwater tracer study | Spring 2013 to Fall 2013 |

Grey = completed

Status of CERCLA Process

**Current
Phase**



➤ Remedial Investigation

- Data collection and development of CSM
- Future phase will include a full risk assessment as required by CERCLA

**Interim
Phase**



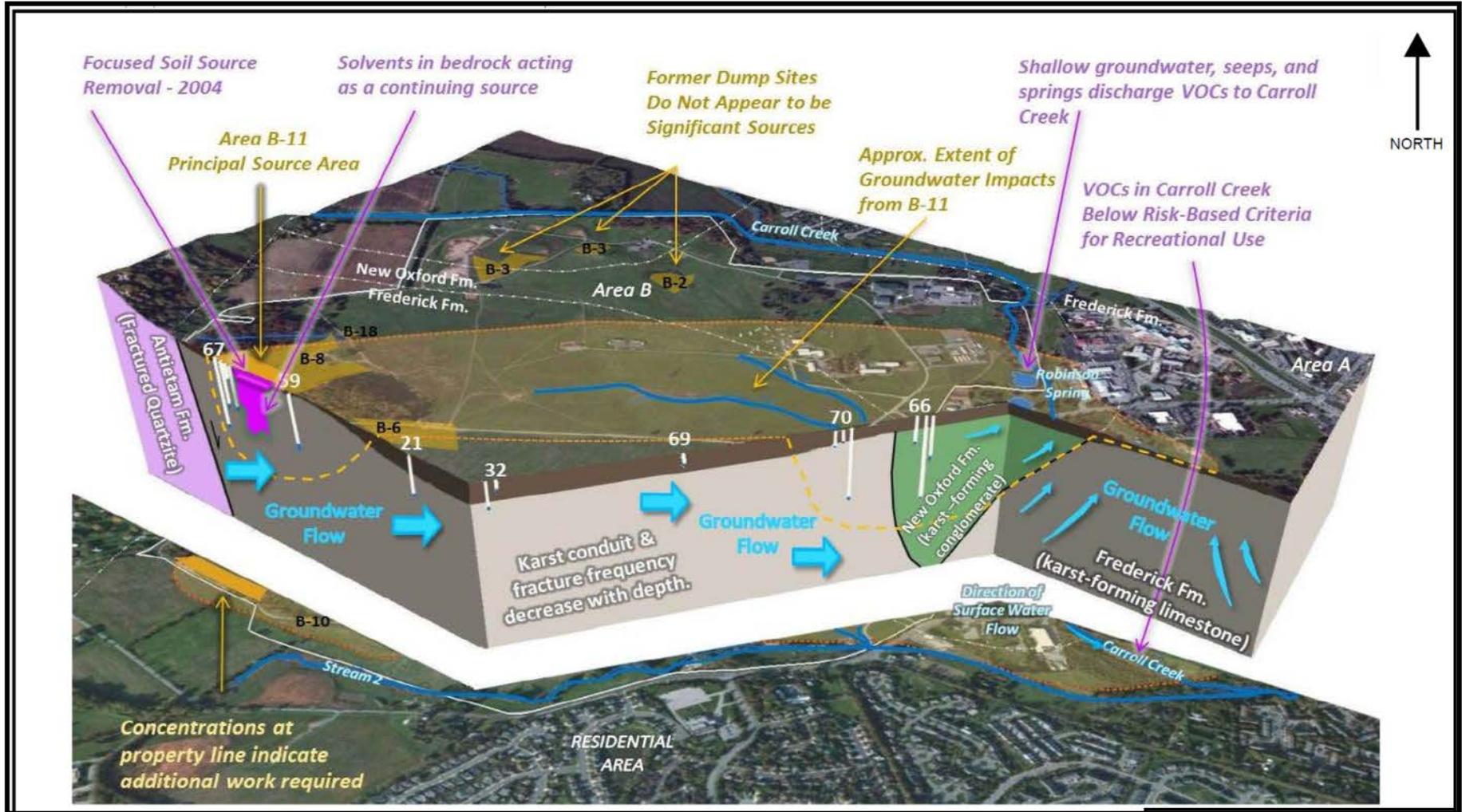
Interim Remedial Action (connection of select residences to municipal water)

**Future
Phases**



- Feasibility Study (Assessment of possible remedies)
- Proposed Plan (Public document to solicit input on preferred remedy)
- Record of Decision (Final legal document selecting remedy)
- Remedial Action (Implement Final Remedy)

Area B Conceptual Site Model Review



Legend

- Streams
- Spring
- B-11 Boundary
- Trichloroethene in Groundwater
- Groundwater Flow Direction
- Geologic Contact

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Groundwater Tracer Study Overview



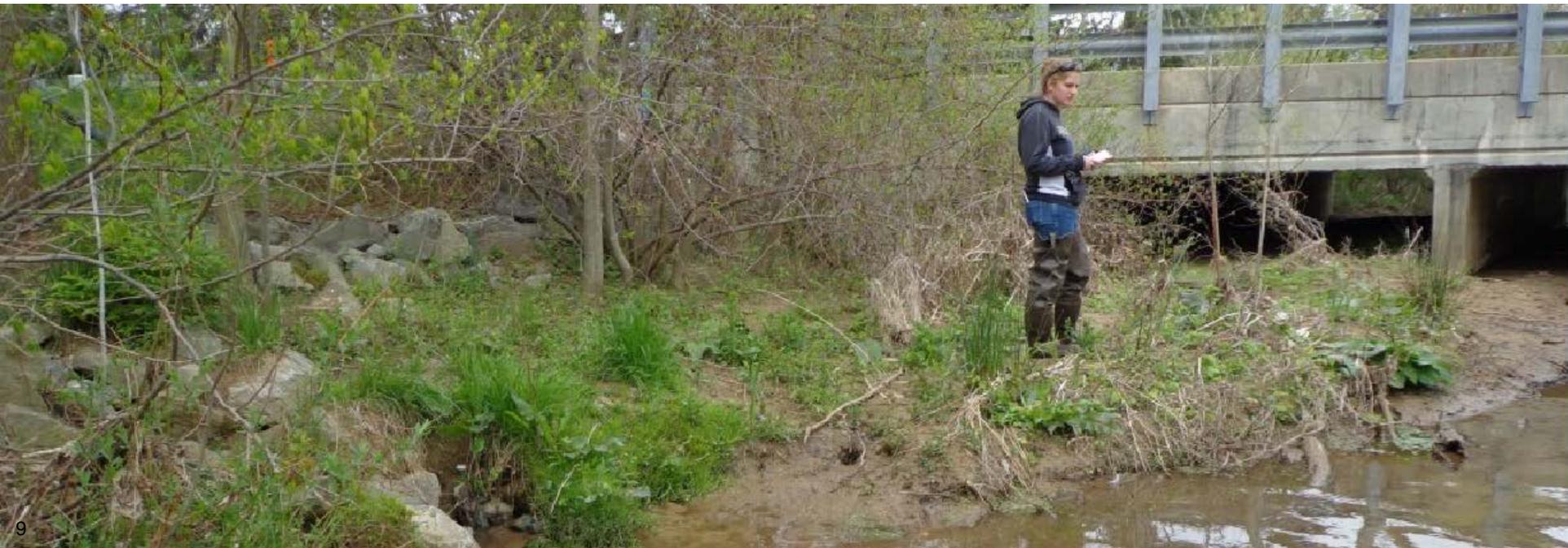
Groundwater Tracer Study

- What is a groundwater tracer study?
 - A tracer is introduced to the groundwater and monitored over time to see where and when the tracer appears at other monitoring points in the study area (e.g. wells, springs, surface water bodies).
 - Useful for evaluating the groundwater flow velocity and direction of groundwater movement.



Groundwater Tracer Study

- Why is a groundwater tracer study planned at Area B?
 - To evaluate the movement of deep groundwater from the B-11 area and identify locations where groundwater discharges to springs and streams within the study area.
 - The tracer study will confirm our understanding of groundwater flow within the study area and help identify any previously unknown points of discharge.
 - Note a tracer study has been planned since the EPA-approved 2010 Remedial Investigation Work Plan and is now the next phase of work to be completed. This study will be an expansion of a prior tracer study completed in 1995.



Groundwater Tracer Study

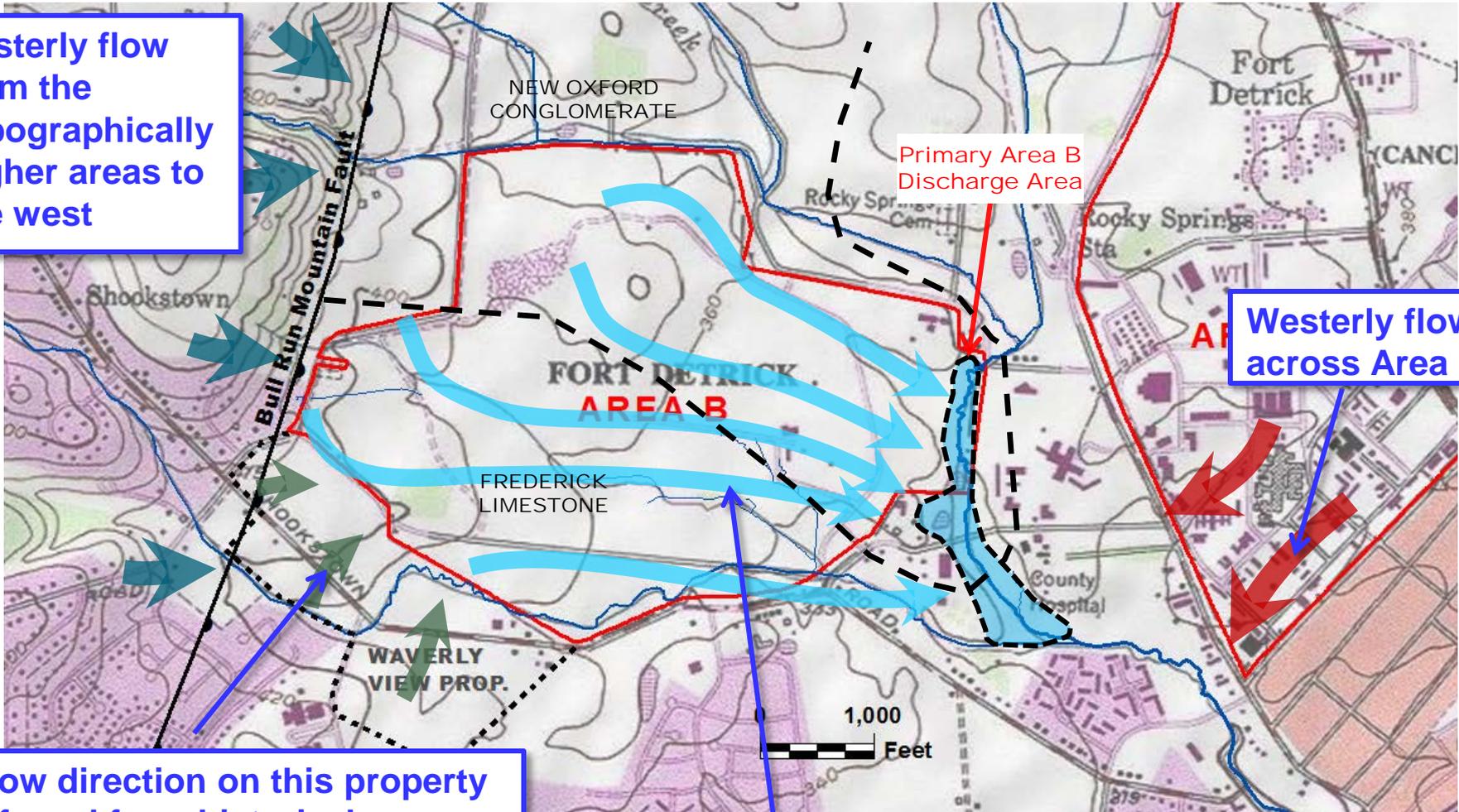
➤ How does a tracer study work?

1. A background study is completed to choose an appropriate tracer and establish baseline conditions to account for possible interferences .
2. The chosen nontoxic tracer will be introduced to the groundwater via two deep Area B monitoring wells.
3. Frequent monitoring will be begin following a prescribed schedule:
 - Approximately 90 monitoring locations.
 - Weekly sampling at each monitoring location initially. Then reduced to biweekly or monthly as the study progresses.
 - Laboratory analysis of sampling devices and water samples each week will identify even low part-per-billion concentrations of the tracer.
4. Data evaluation will identify primary discharge locations for the tracer (and consequently groundwater) potentially including previously unidentified discharge locations. The results will factor into future investigation and/or remediation decisions.



Generalized Patterns of Groundwater Flow

Easterly flow from the topographically higher areas to the west



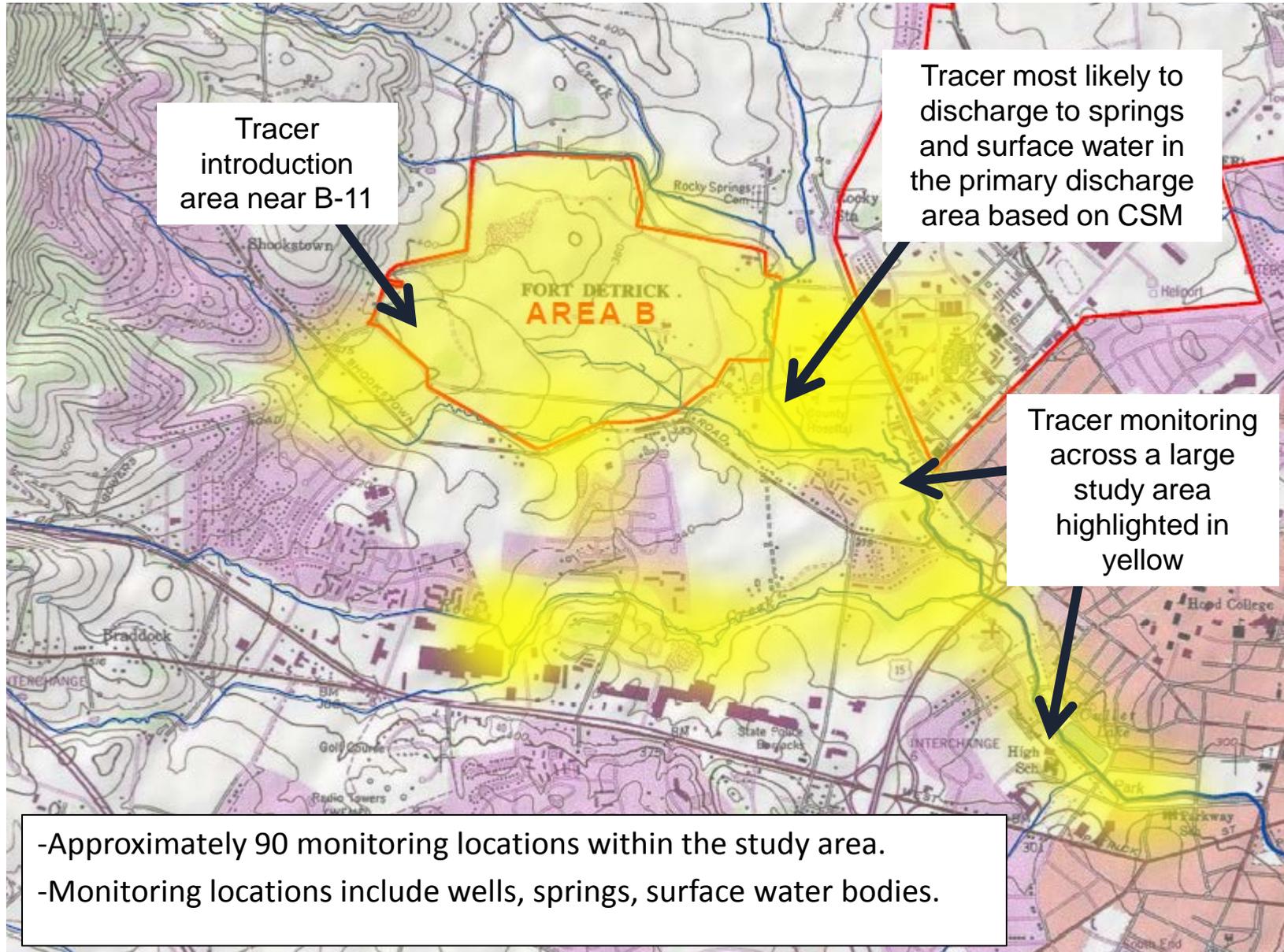
Primary Area B Discharge Area

Westerly flow across Area A

Flow direction on this property inferred from historical measurements in existing monitoring wells

Easterly flow across Area B

Tracer Study Area (approximate)



Groundwater Tracer Study

- What tracer will be used in the study?
 - A tracer is a nontoxic substance that can be easily introduced to the groundwater, will readily flow with the groundwater, and can be confirmed through sampling and laboratory analysis at downgradient monitoring points.
 - The tracer used for this study will be identified following completion of a background study to evaluate whether there are any background levels that could interfere with the study results.
 - There are numerous options for tracers as these are commonly used for:
 - Municipal groundwater system evaluations (e.g., wellhead protection studies)
 - Utility conduit assessments
 - Groundwater investigations
 - The tracer will be selected in coordination with EPA and MDE.



Groundwater Tracer Study

- Will the tracer be visible in wells, springs, or surface water?
 - Depending on what tracer is selected, it is possible (though unlikely) that temporary discoloration may be visible in some wells or surface water monitoring points.
 - Generally, laboratory analysis (rather than visual observation) is required to determine if the tracer is present at a monitoring location.
 - Maximum detected tracer concentrations in water samples during the 1995 study were only 0.6 ppb, which are not visible to the naked eye.
 - If discoloration was to be observed during the study:
 - Remember the tracer is nontoxic and poses no health risk to public health or ecological organisms.





Groundwater Tracer Study Updates

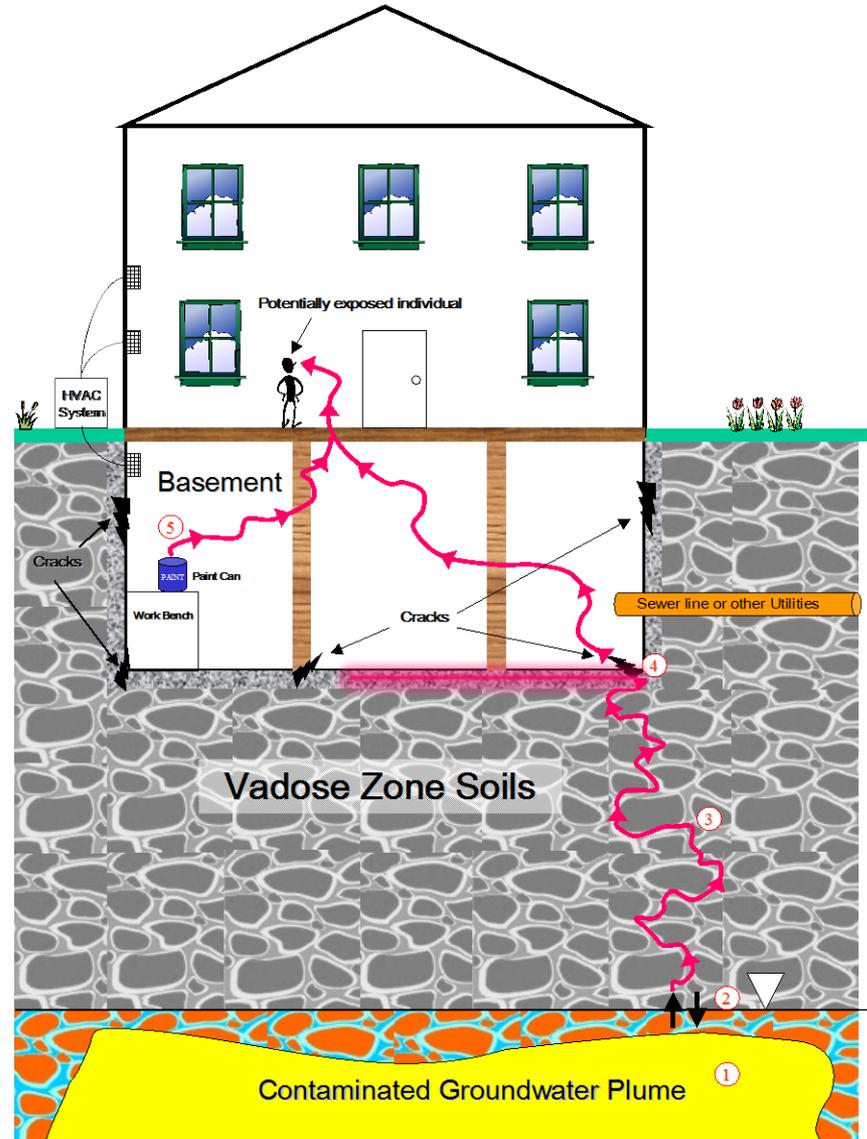
- EPA and MDE currently reviewing a tracer study work plan. The tracer introduction will occur following regulatory concurrence with the plan.
- Background study currently underway.
- The tracer study will extend through Fall 2013.
- The Army and ARCADIS are planning technical discussions with EPA and MDE during the course of the study.
- The Army and ARCADIS will provide status updates during future community RAB meetings.
- A tracer study report will be prepared and submitted to EPA, MDE, and the RAB at the conclusion of the study.

Vapor Intrusion Update



What is Vapor Intrusion?

- ❑ Vapors from chemicals in groundwater that may rise up, accumulate beneath the building foundation, and infiltrate into the building via cracks or sumps in the slab.
- ❑ Movement is from groundwater through soil pore spaces (soil gas)
- ❑ Indoor background sources must be accounted for.
- ❑ Sub-slab gas sampling is conducted to test for potential vapor intrusion concerns, then indoor air sampling may be needed as a follow-up.



Vapor Intrusion Update

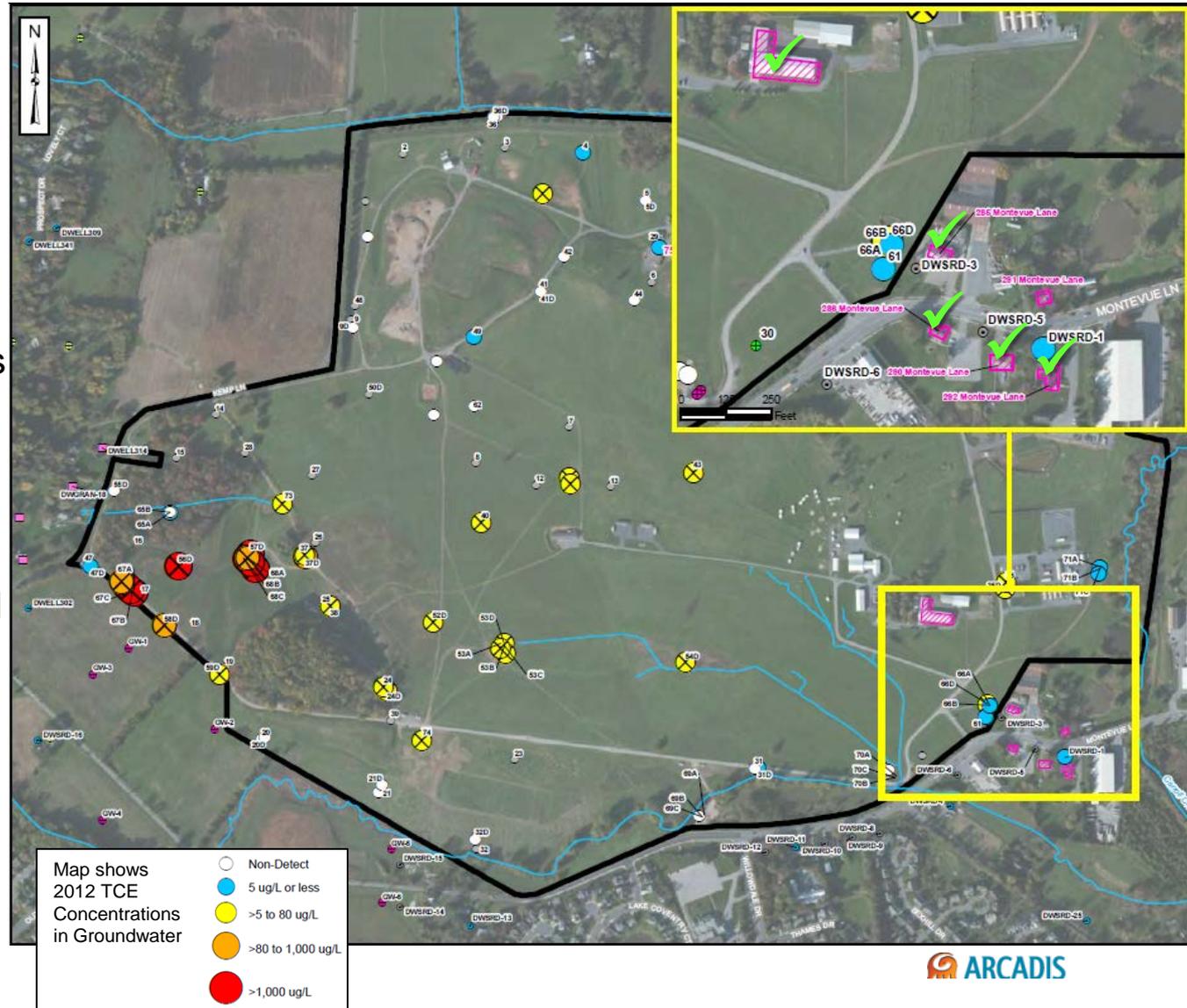
What is the process for the vapor intrusion study?

1. Once right of entry agreement is reached with the property owner, a building survey is completed to identify possible indoor sources for VOCs.
2. Sample locations are identified, utility avoidance is conducted, and sample ports are installed through the building slab.
3. Samples of sub-slab gas are collected and submitted for laboratory analysis.



Locations for Current Phase of Sub-Slab Gas Sampling

- Sub-slab sampling completed at five commercial buildings (3 locations each) in Jan. 2013.
- Sub-slab samples show no PCE or TCE detections above commercial/ industrial risk-based screening criteria.
- Second round of seasonal sub-slab gas sampling scheduled for Summer 2013 at the same locations.
- Follow-up indoor air sampling also planned.



Upcoming Work

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The following additional investigation activities are planned for 2013:

- Groundwater tracer study Spring – Fall 2013
- On-going vapor intrusion sampling Summer 2013
- Supplemental shallow direct push drilling (DPT) Summer 2013
- Additional deep on-post and off-post drilling Summer 2013

Note: Some pending work phases are still dependent on negotiating right of entry agreements with the property owners.

Supplemental Shallow DPT

➤ What is direct push drilling (DPT)?

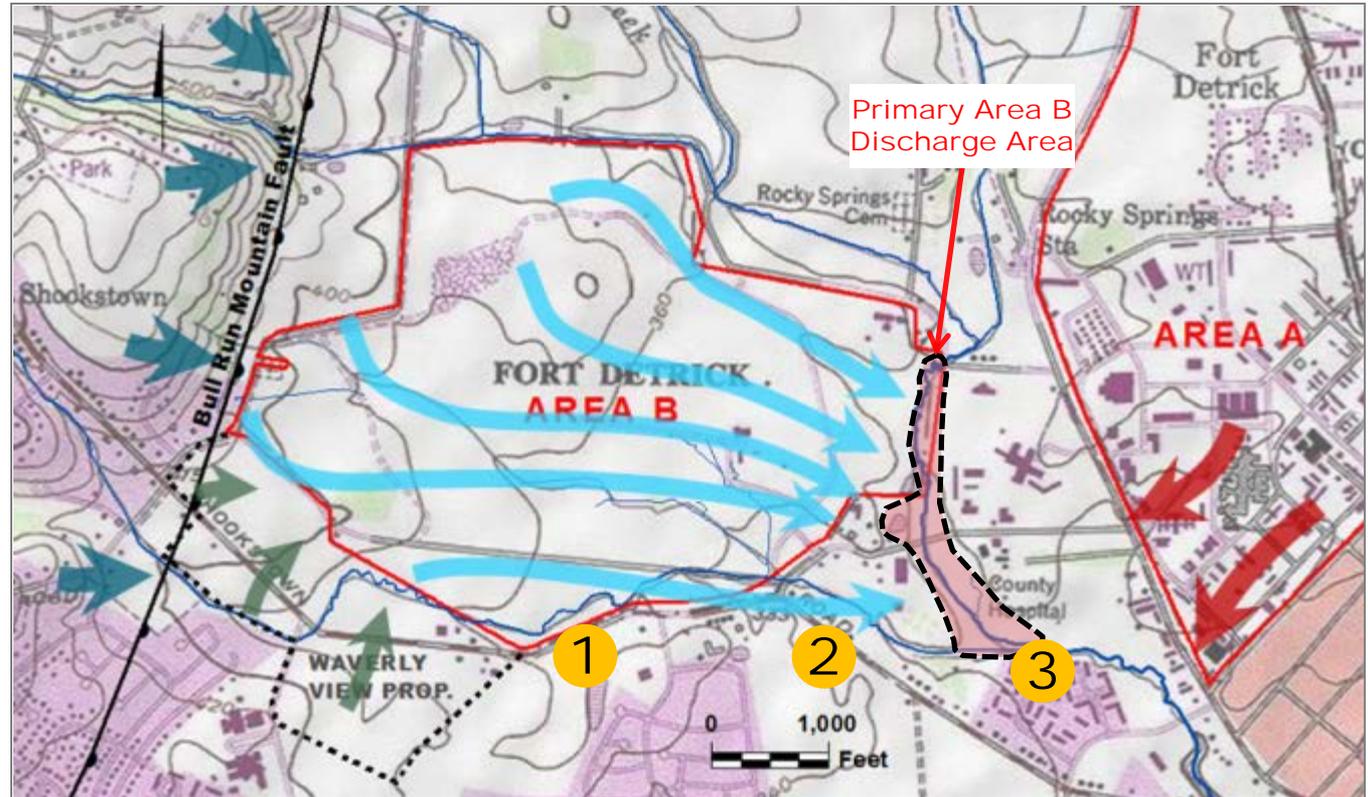
- A light weight drilling rig is used to hydraulically push sampling rods into the ground for collecting soil/groundwater samples and installing shallow small diameter wells.
- Drilling depths in this area are limited to ~30-40 feet below ground surface due to shallow bedrock.
- Approximately 50 DPT locations were completed in the study area in Spring 2012.



Supplemental Shallow DPT

Generalized patterns of flow

1. 7 shallow DPT locations south of Area B and Shookstown Rd.
2. 3 shallow DPT locations south of Area B near Shookstown Rd.
3. 4 shallow DPT locations south of Carroll Creek



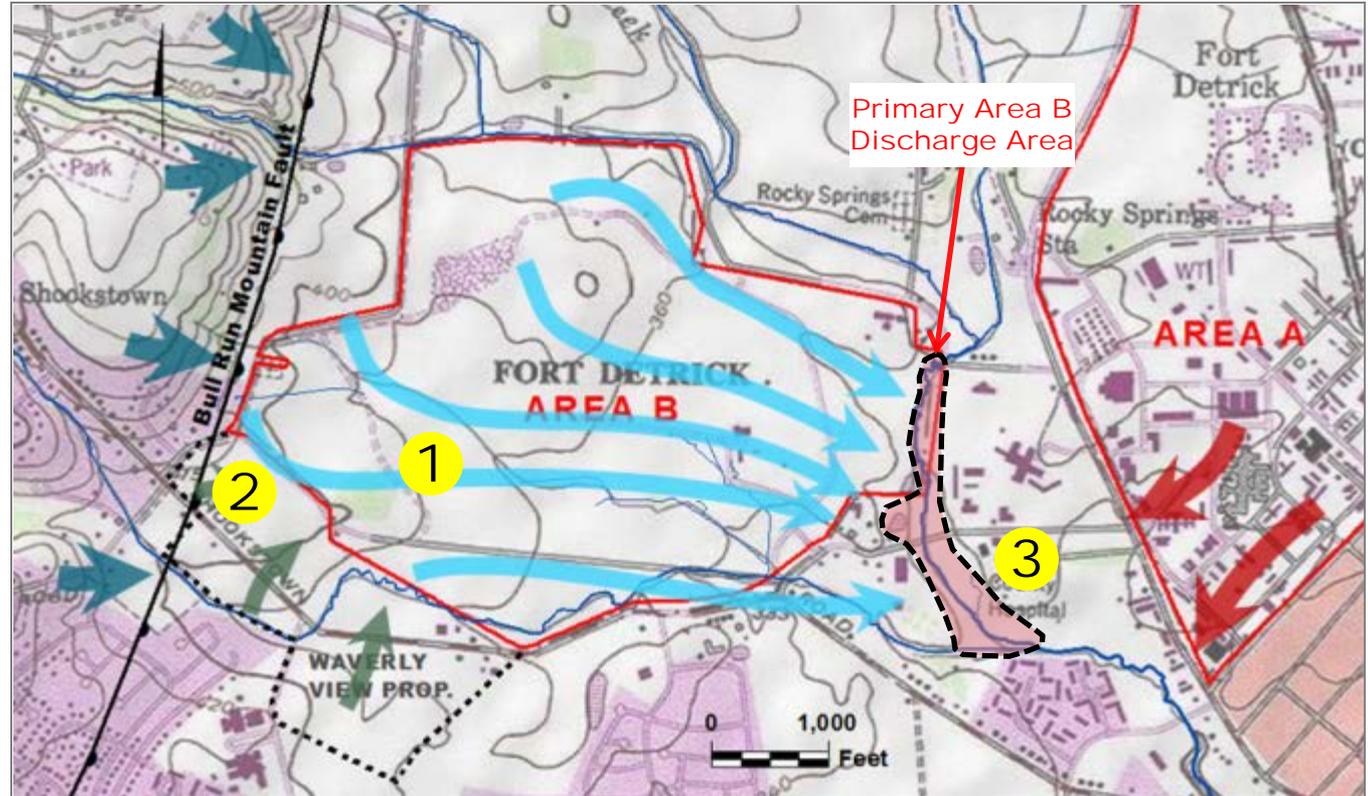
Additional Deep On-Post & Off-Post Drilling

- Right of entry agreements progressing for proposed off-post drilling locations.
- Drilling methodology will follow the same techniques employed during the 2011/2012 drilling program (including geophysical logging and packer testing).
- Maximum drilling depths anticipated to be ~400-500 feet below ground surface at some new locations.
- Multiple nested wells to be installed to aid in vertical contaminant delineation.
- Approximately 7 new borings with up to 11 nested wells installed.



Supplemental Deep Drilling Locations

Generalized patterns of flow



1. Vertical delineation downgradient of B-11 to depths greater than 325 ft. (~ 2 nested wells)
2. Delineation south of B-11 area (Waverley Property) (~3 drilling areas w/ ~7 nested wells)
3. Horizontal delineation east of Carroll Creek (underflow) (~ 2 nested wells)

Next Steps

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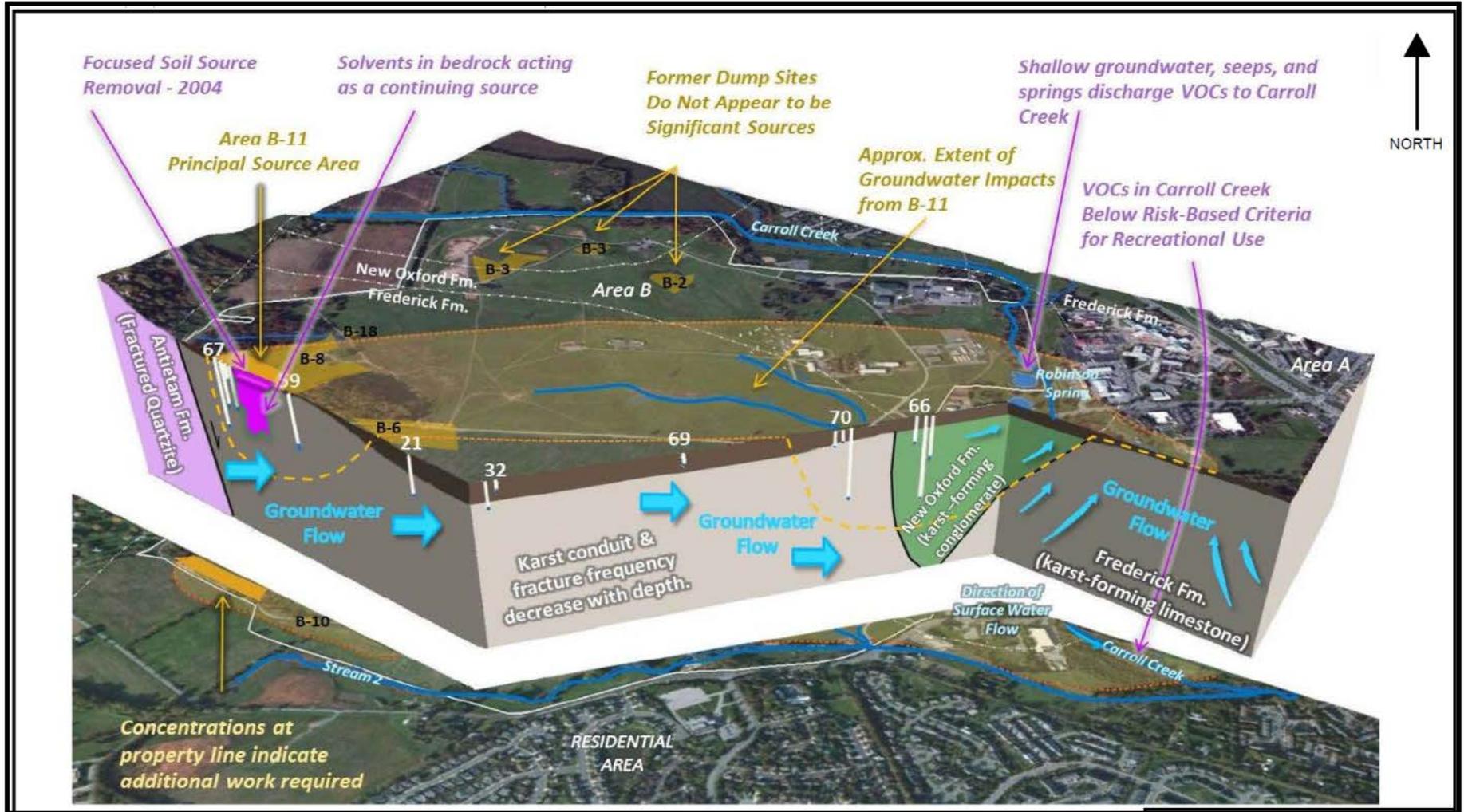
- Conduct groundwater tracer study to assess deep groundwater flow (Spring-Fall 2013)
- Conduct round 2 vapor intrusion sampling (Summer 2013)
- Complete supplemental off-post DPT drilling (Summer 2013)
- Complete follow-on drilling activities and supplemental investigations based on identified data needs (Summer 2013)

Regular updates to be provided during community RAB meetings.

Questions and Discussion

EXTRA SLIDES

Area B Conceptual Site Model Review

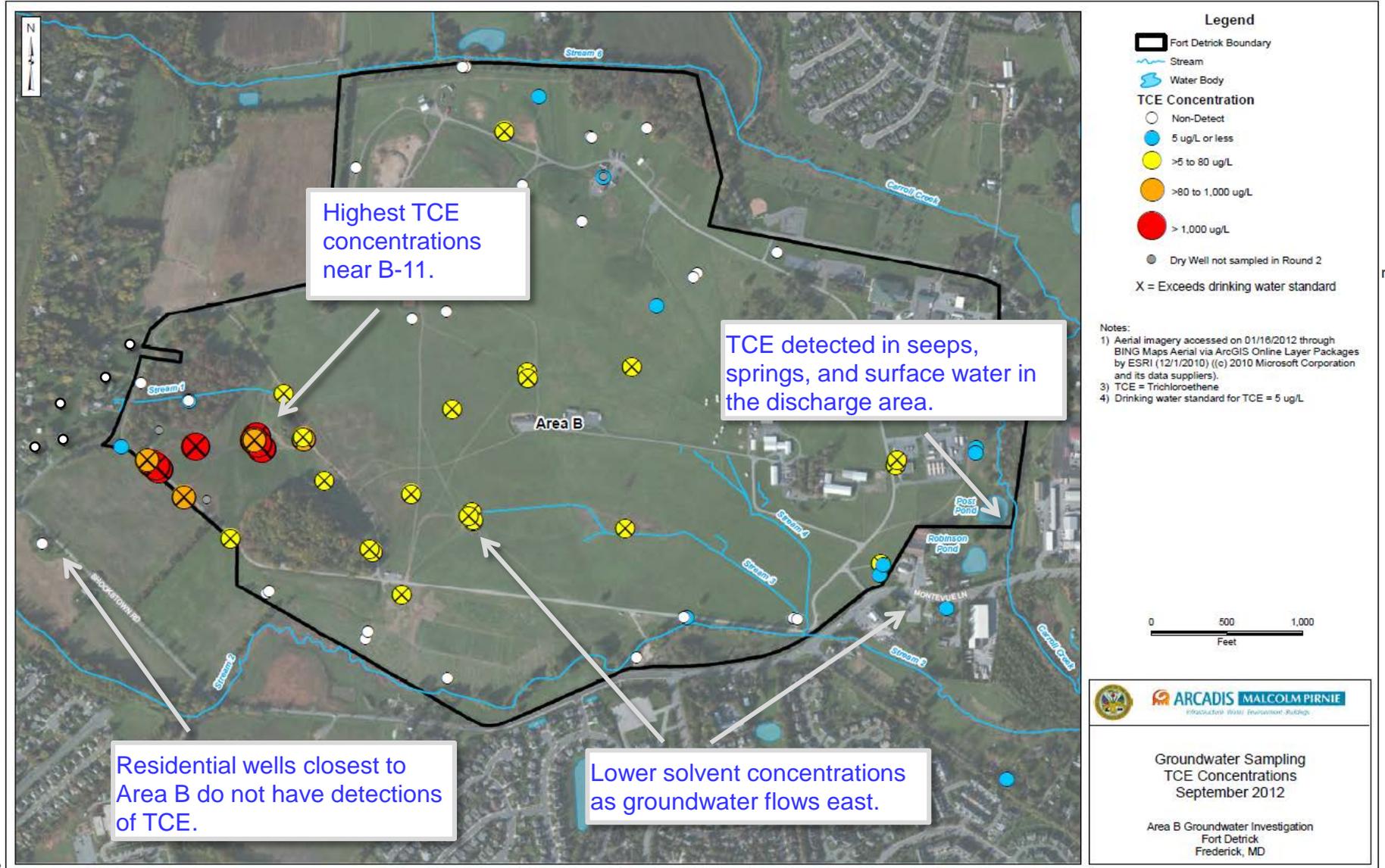


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TCE in Groundwater Sept 2012



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TCE in Groundwater April 2012



List of the 216 Chemicals Tested

1,1,1-Trichloroethane	2-Methylphenol	Bromodichloromethane	Hexachlorotadiene
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	2-Nitroaniline	Bromoform	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene
1,1,2-trichloro-1,2,2-trifluoroethane	2-Nitrophenol	Bromomethane	Hexachloroethane
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	3,3'-Dichlorobenzidine	Butylphenylphthalate	Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene
1,1'-Biphenyl	3-Nitroaniline	Cadmium	Iron
1,1-Dichloroethane	4,4'-DDD	Calcium	Isophorone
1,1-Dichloroethene	4,4'-DDE	Caprolactam	Isopropylbenzene
1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD	4,4'-DDT	Carbazole	Lead
1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF	4,6-Dinitro-2-methylphenol	Carbon Disulfide	m&p-Xylene
1,2,3,4,7,8,9-HpCDF	4-Amino-3,5,6-Trichloropicolinic Acid	Carbon Tetrachloride	Magnesium
1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDD	4-Bromophenyl-phenylether	Chloride	Manganese
1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDF	4-Chloro-3-Methylphenol	Chlorobenzene	MCCPP
1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDD	4-Chloroaniline	Chloroethane	Mercury
1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDF	4-Chlorophenyl-phenylether	Chloroform	Methoxychlor
1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDD	4-Methyl-2-pentanone	Chloromethane	Methyl acetate
1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDF	4-Methylphenol	Chromium	Methyl tert-butyl ether
1,2,3,7,8-PeCDD	4-Nitroaniline	Chrysene	Methylcyclohexane
1,2,3,7,8-PeCDF	4-Nitrophenol	cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	Methylene Chloride
1,2,3-Trichlorobenzene	Acenaphthene	cis-1,3-Dichloropropene	Monuron
1,2,3-Trichloropropane	Acenaphthylene	Cobalt	Naphthalene
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	Acetone	Copper	Nickel
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	Acetophenone	Cyanide	Nitrate-N
1,2-Dibromo-3-chloropropane	Aldrin	Cyclohexane	Nitrobenzene
1,2-Dibromoethane	Alpha-BHC	Delta-BHC	N-Nitroso-di-n-propylamine
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	Alpha-Chlordane	Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	N-Nitrosodiphenylamine
1,2-Dichloroethane	Aluminum	Dibenzofuran	Octachlorodibenzofuran
1,2-Dichloropropane	Anthracene	Dibromochloromethane	Octachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin
1,3-Dichlorobenzene	Antimony	Dicamba	o-Xylene
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	Aroclor-1016	Dichlorodifluoromethane	Pentachlorophenol
1,4-Dioxane	Aroclor-1221	Dichloroprop	Percent Moisture
1,4-Naphthoquinone	Aroclor-1232	Dieldrin	Phenanthrene
2,2-Dichloropropionic Acid	Aroclor-1242	Diethylphthalate	Phenol
2,2'-Oxybis(1-Chloropropane)	Aroclor-1248	Dimethylphthalate	Potassium
2,3,4,6,7,8-HxCDF	Aroclor-1254	Di-n-Butylphthalate	Pyrene
2,3,4,7,8-PeCDF	Aroclor-1260	Di-n-Octylphthalate	Selenium
2,3,7,8-TCDD	Arsenic	Dinoseb	Silver
2,3,7,8-TCDF	Atrazine	Diuron	Simazine
2,4,5-T	Barium	Endosulfan I	Sodium
2,4,5-TP	Benzaldehyde	Endosulfan II	Styrene
2,4,5-Trichlorophenol	Benzene	Endosulfan Sulfate	Sulfate
2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	Benzo(a)anthracene	Endothall	Tetrachloroethene
2,4-D	Benzo(a)pyrene	Endrin	Thallium
2,4-DB	Benzo(b)fluoranthene	Endrin Aldehyde	Toluene
2,4-Dichlorophenol	Benzo(g,h,i)perylene	Endrin Ketone	Total Dissolved Solids
2,4-Dimethylphenol	Benzo(k)fluoranthene	Ethylbenzene	Toxaphene
2,4-Dinitrophenol	Benzoic Acid	Fenuron	trans-1,2-Dichloroethene
2,4-Dinitrotoluene	Benzyl Alcohol	Fluoranthene	trans-1,3-Dichloropropene
2,6-Dinitrotoluene	Beryllium	Fluorene	Trichloroethene
2-Butanone	Beta-BHC	Gamma-BHC (Lindane)	Trichlorofluoromethane
2-Chloronaphthalene	bis(2-Chloroethoxy)methane	Gamma-Chlordane	Vanadium
2-Chlorophenol	bis(2-Chloroethyl)ether	Gross Alpha	Vinyl Chloride
2-Hexanone	bis(2-Chloroisopropyl)ether	Gross Beta	Zinc
2-Methyl-4-Chlorophenoxyacetic Acid	bis(2-Ethylhexyl)phthalate	Heptachlor	
2-Methylnaphthalene	Boron	Heptachlor Epoxide	
	Bromide	Hexachlorobenzene	

Potential Supplemental DPT Borings SE of PZ-02



- Locations are approximate; pending access agreements & utility avoidance.
- Approximate RIWP DPT location = 02 (not surveyed yet)
- Note that Shookstown Rd has been widened since the date of the aerial image.
- Proposed new DPT location = ★ PCE concentration (ug/L)= 0.1J

Potential Supplemental DPT Borings E of PZ-44



- Locations are approximate; pending access agreements & utility avoidance.
- Approximate RIWP DPT location = 55a (not surveyed yet)
- Proposed DPT location = ★ (these would be piezometers, rather than DPT grab samples)
- TCE concentration (ug/L) = 3.0

Potential Supplemental DPT Borings SW of PZ-44



- Locations are approximate; pending access agreements & utility avoidance.
- Approximate RIWP DPT location = 44 (not surveyed yet)
- Proposed DPT location = ★ (these would be piezometers, rather than DPT grab samples)

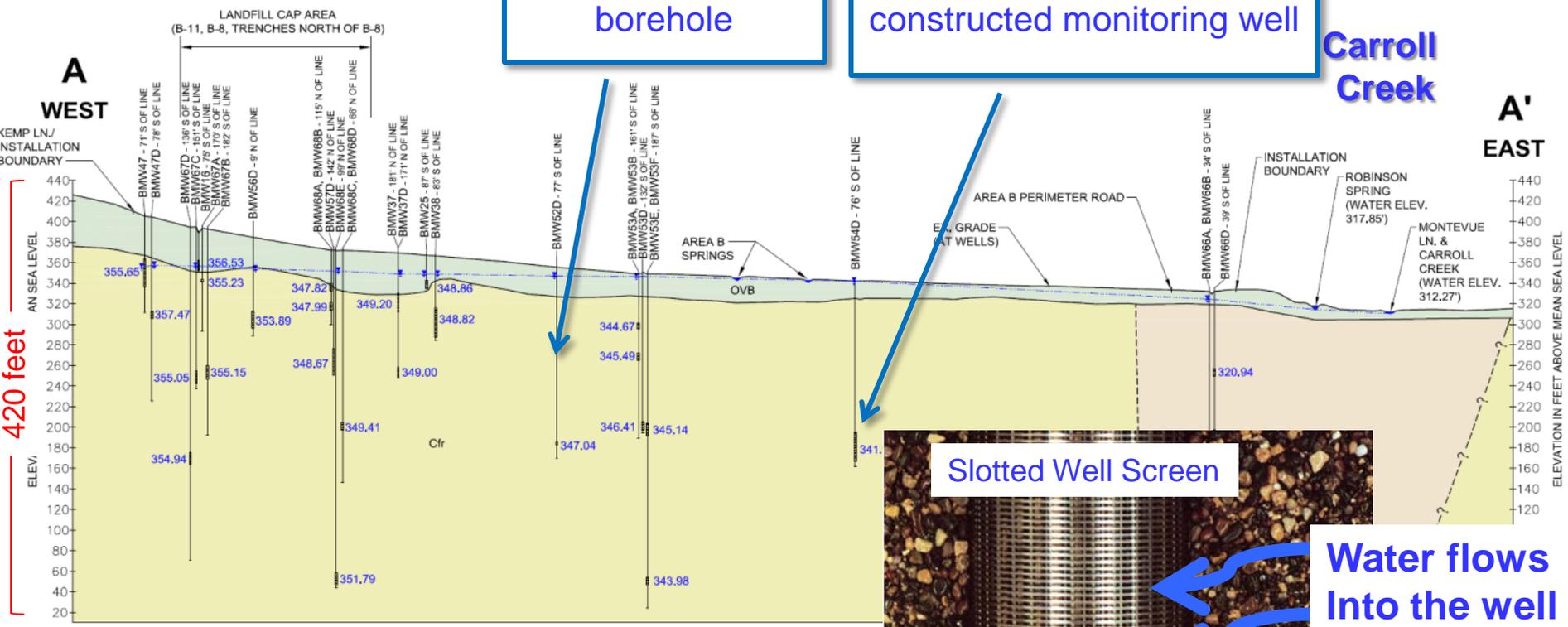
Cross-Section Showing Vertical Distribution of Select Wells Across Area B from West to East

B-11 Area

Each line depicts the depth of a borehole

This symbol indicates the 'screened' interval of the constructed monitoring well

Carroll Creek



420 feet
AN SEA LEVEL

ELEVATION IN FEET ABOVE MEAN SEA LEVEL

- LEGEND:
- OVB = OVERBURDEN
 - Tnc = TRIASSIC NEW OXFORD FORMATION
 - Cfr = CAMBRIAN FREDERICK FORMATION

CROSS SECTION



Slotted Well Screen

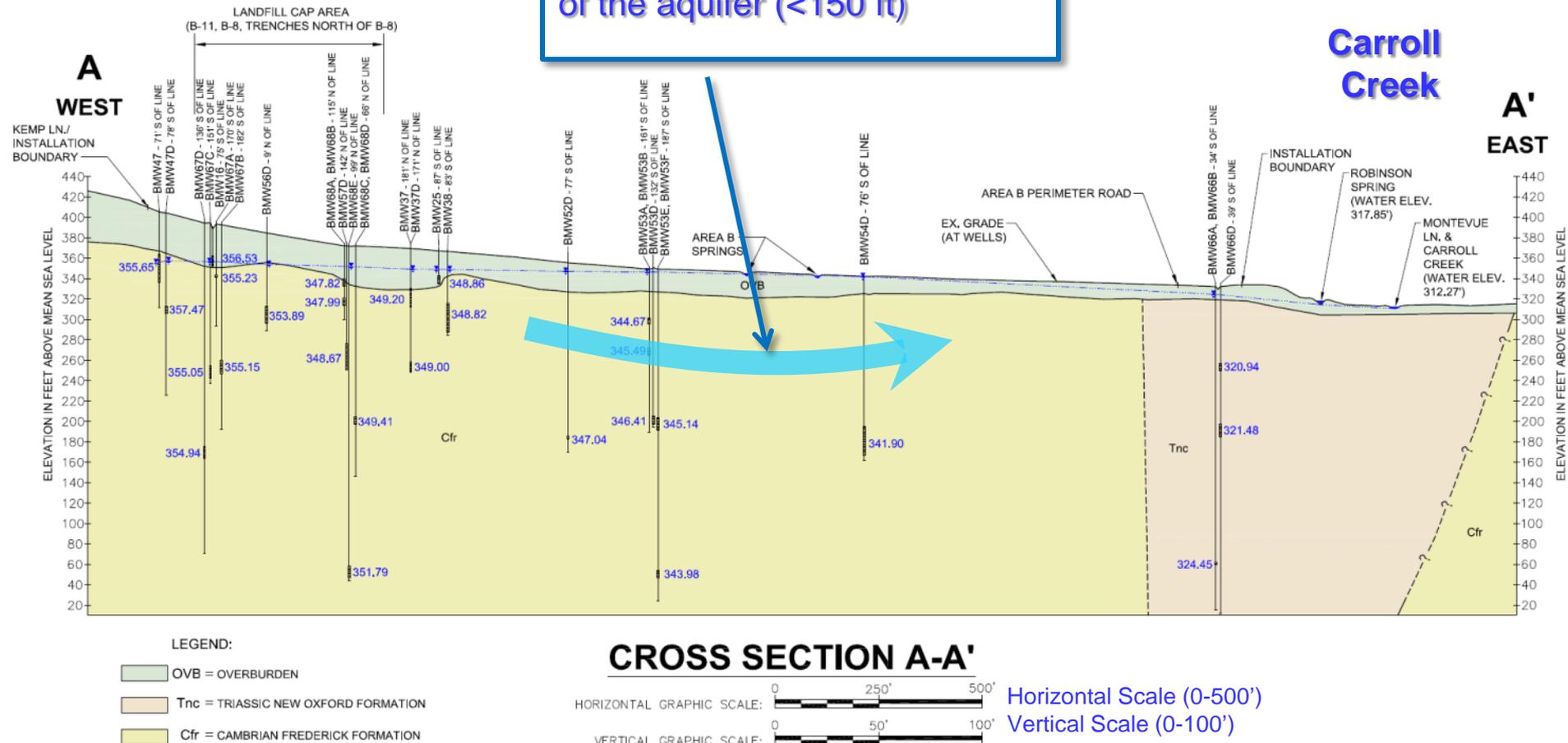
Water flows into the well through the screen

General Drilling Observations

B-11 Area

The bulk of the groundwater flows in the shallower portions of the aquifer (<150 ft)

Carroll Creek



General Drilling Observations

At deeper depths, fractures and voids are more sporadic. Some have been identified but they are less frequent and generally transmit less water.

B-11 Area

Carroll Creek

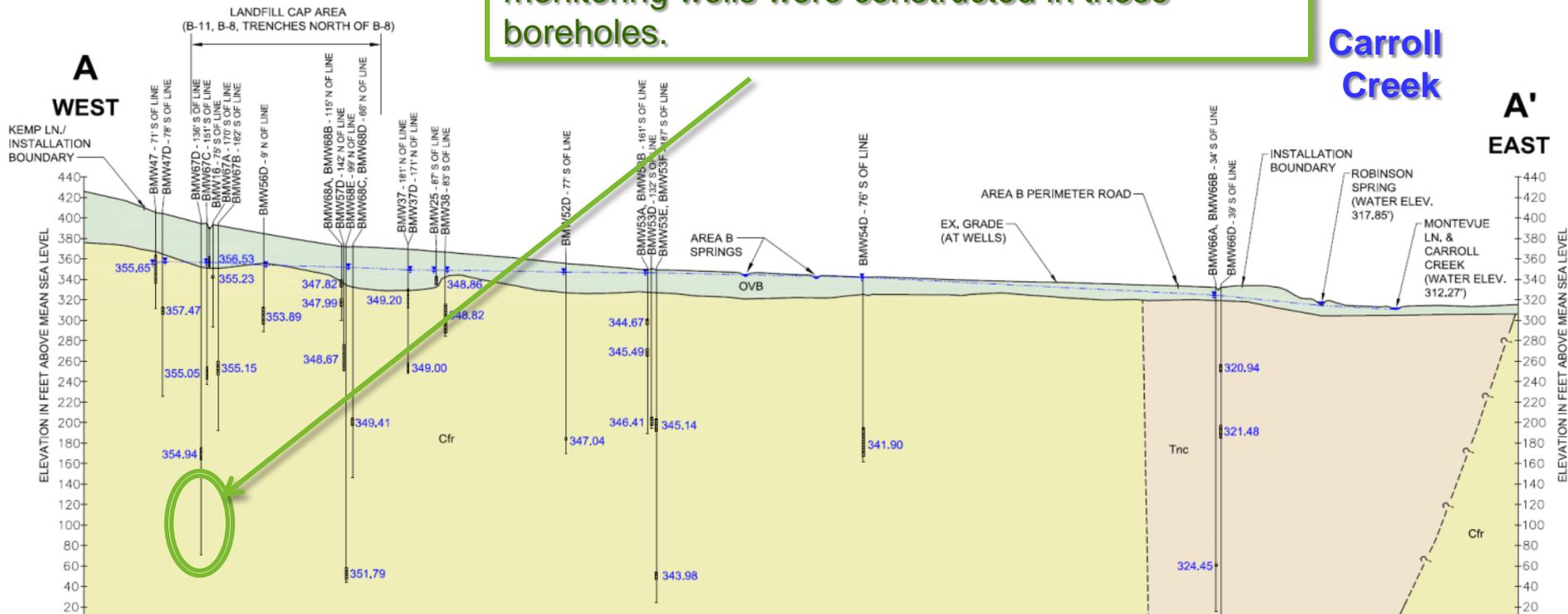


General Drilling Observations

In some deep borings (>300 ft), water bearing fractures were not encountered so shallower monitoring wells were constructed in these boreholes.

B-11 Area

Carroll Creek



Deep Borings (>300 ft)

Boring ID	Total Boring Depth	Well Construction Depth(s)
53E/F	325'	145-160' 295-305' ★
65A/B	327'	112-127' 298-313' ★
66A/B	320'	75-85' 135-150'
67D	325'	220-235''
68E	328'	313-328' ★
69B/C	325'	-none-
70C	325'	221-231'
71B/C	325'	170-180' 222-232'
78B	325'	140-150'

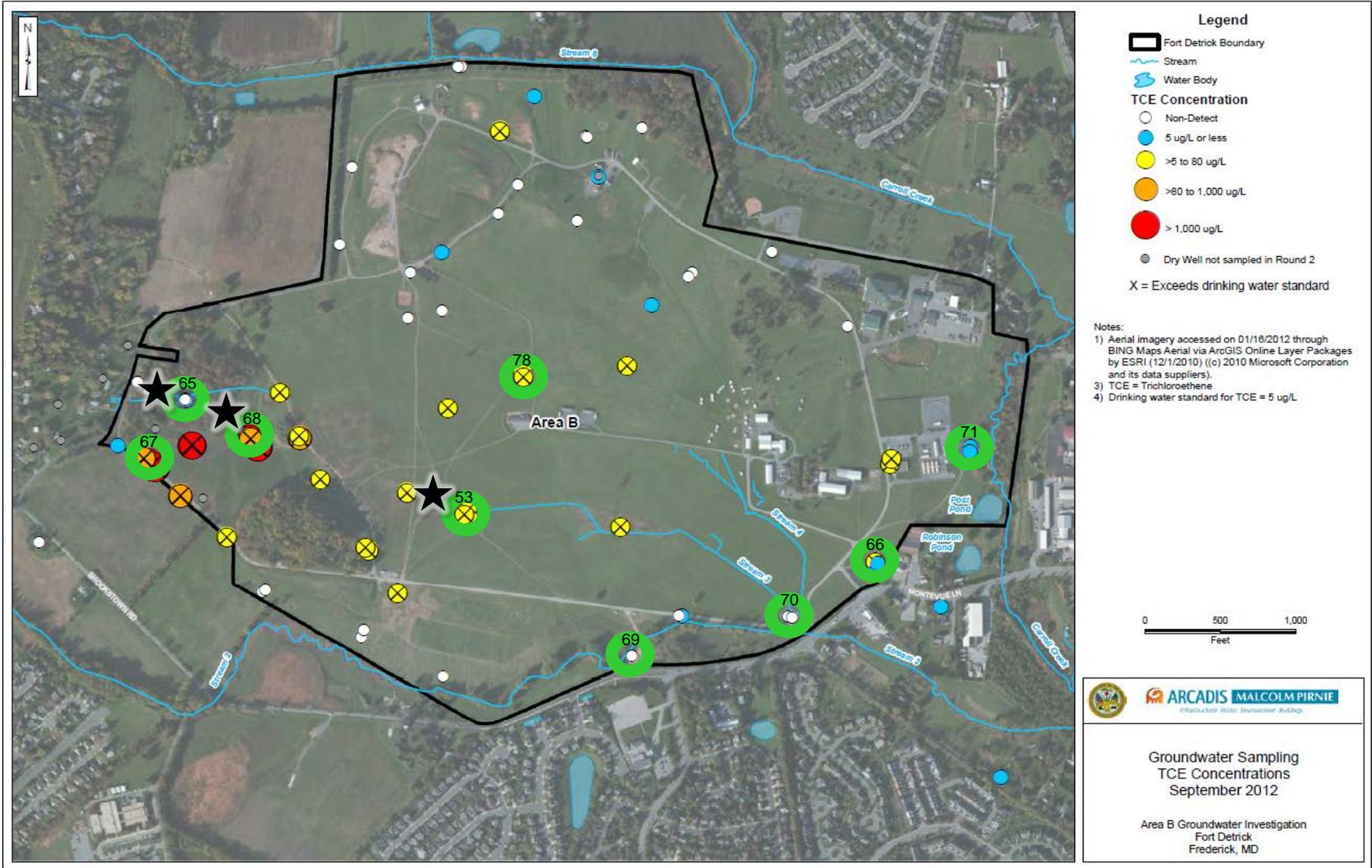
- 9 borings have been drilled to 320 ft or deeper.
- At most deep borings, no deep water bearing fractures were observed.
- EPA, MDE, Army, and ARCADIS technical staff reviewed the drilling information and concurred on the well construction plans.
- 3 deep wells have been constructed to date >300 ft. Deep wells were not warranted in the other 5 deep borings based on drilling observations.

★ = Wells > 300 ft deep

Deep Borings (>320 ft)

○ = deep boring >320 ft deep

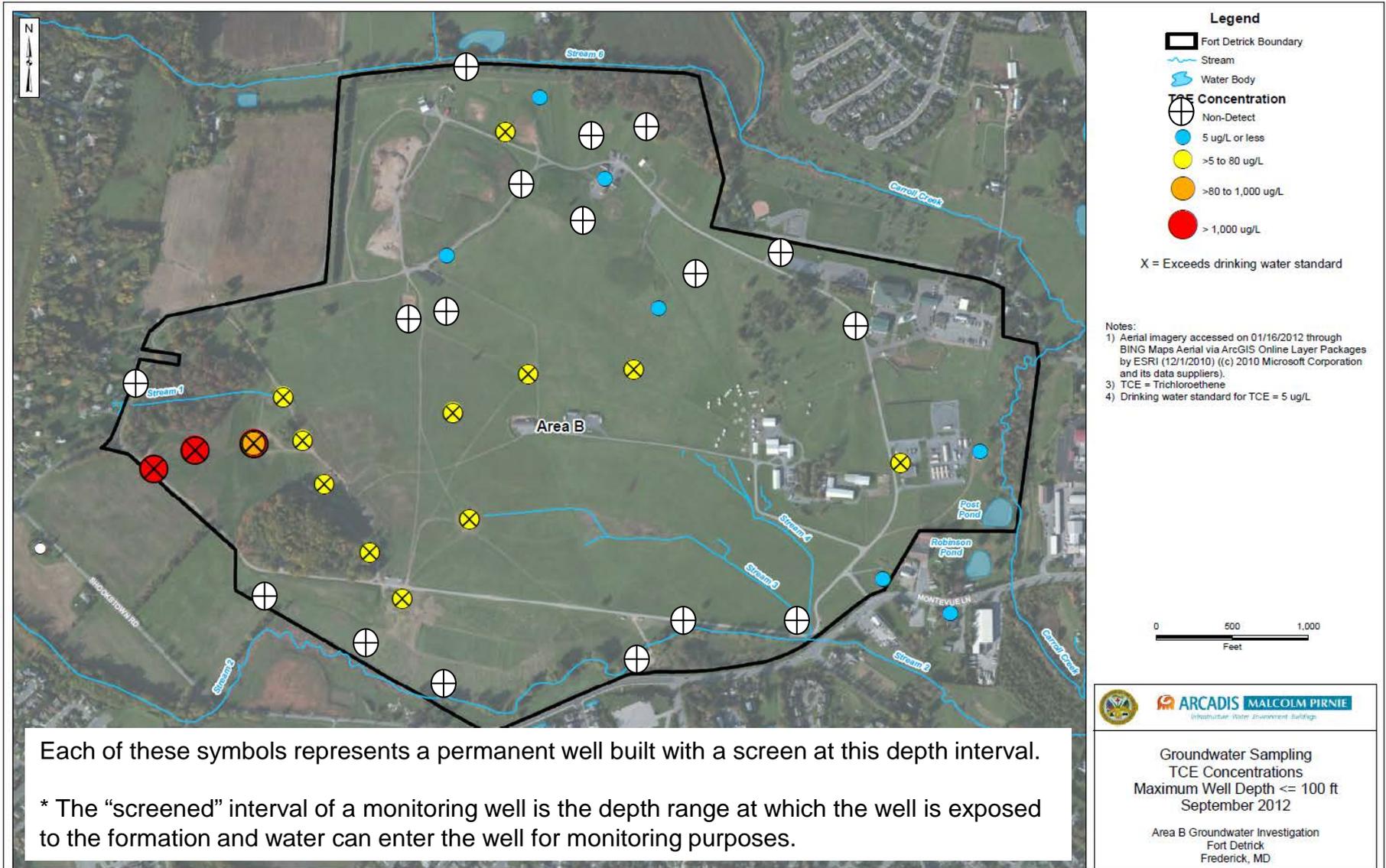
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~ Vertical Evaluation of Contaminant Concentrations Across Area B~

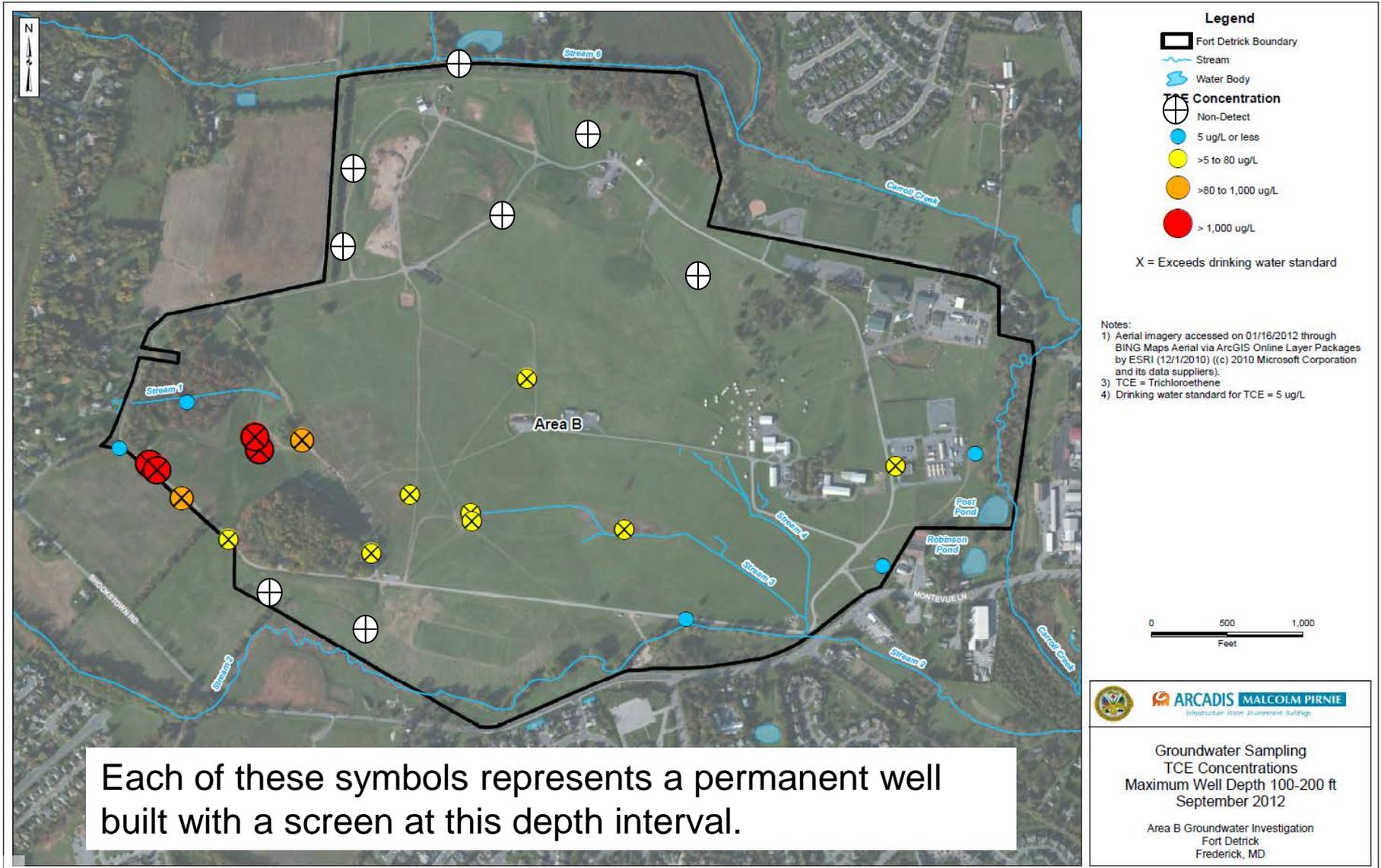
Monitoring Wells Screened* from 7-100 ft Deep



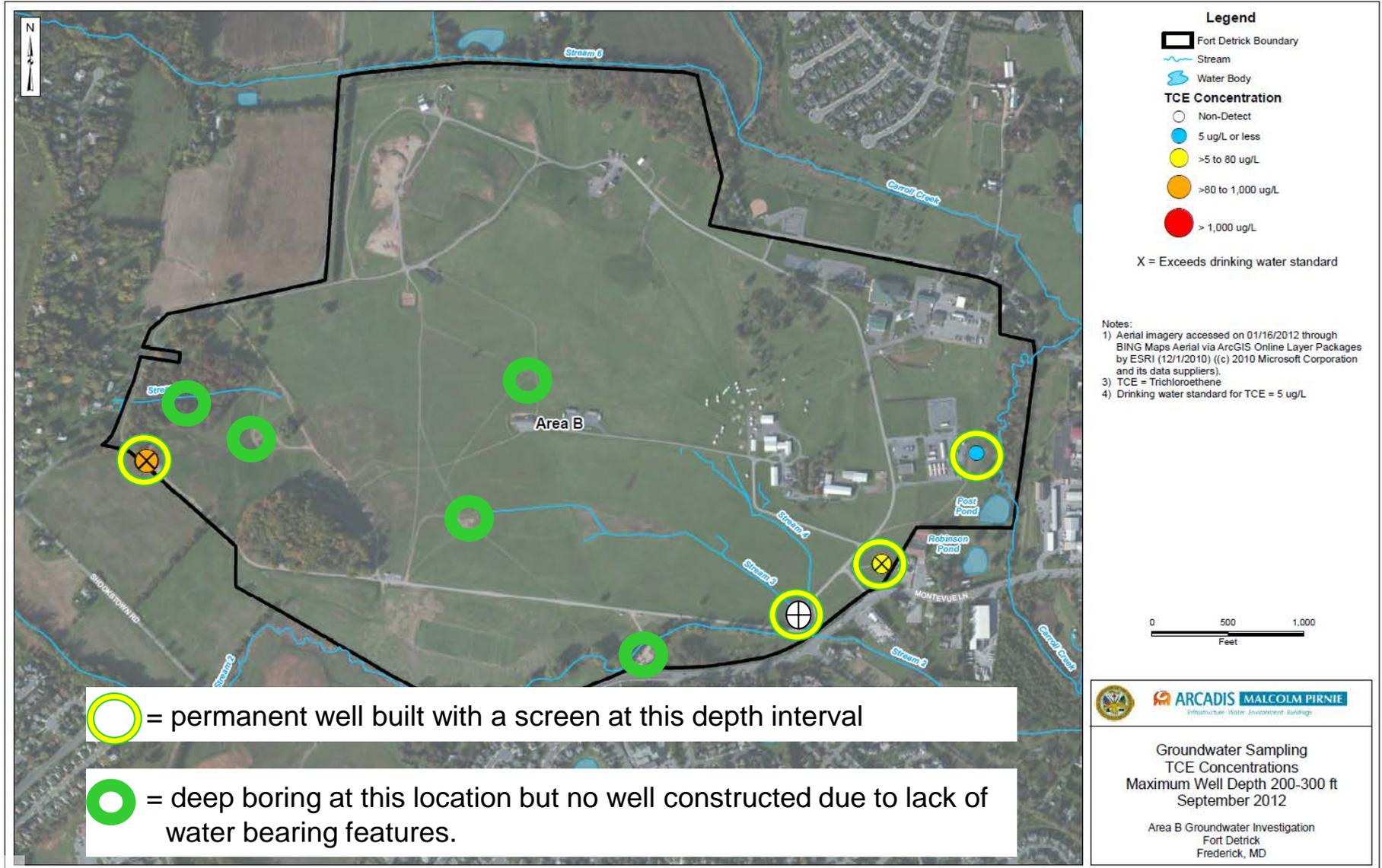
Each of these symbols represents a permanent well built with a screen at this depth interval.

* The "screened" interval of a monitoring well is the depth range at which the well is exposed to the formation and water can enter the well for monitoring purposes.

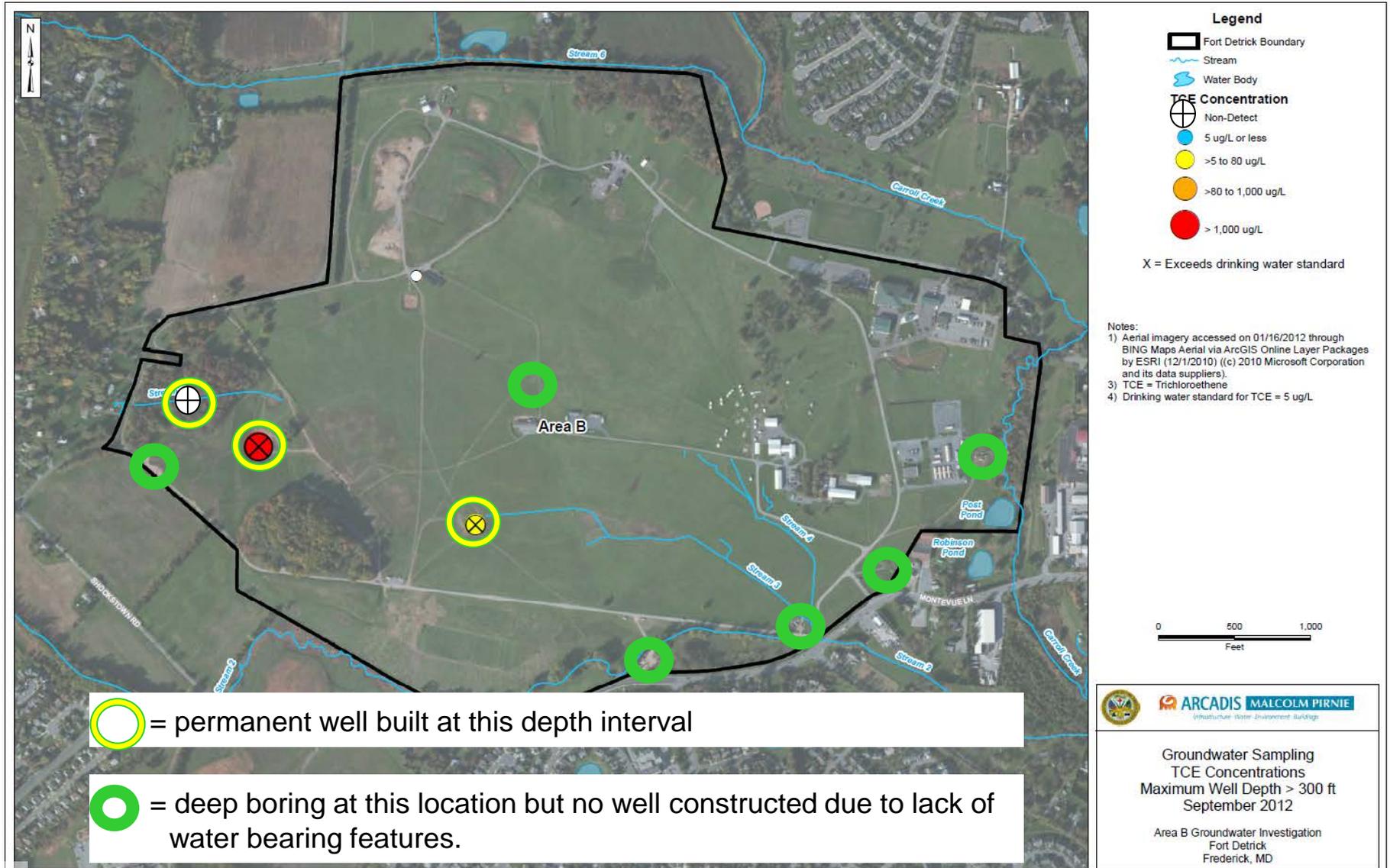
Monitoring Wells Screened from 100-200 ft Deep



Monitoring Wells Screened from 200-300 ft Deep



Monitoring Wells Screened >300 ft Deep



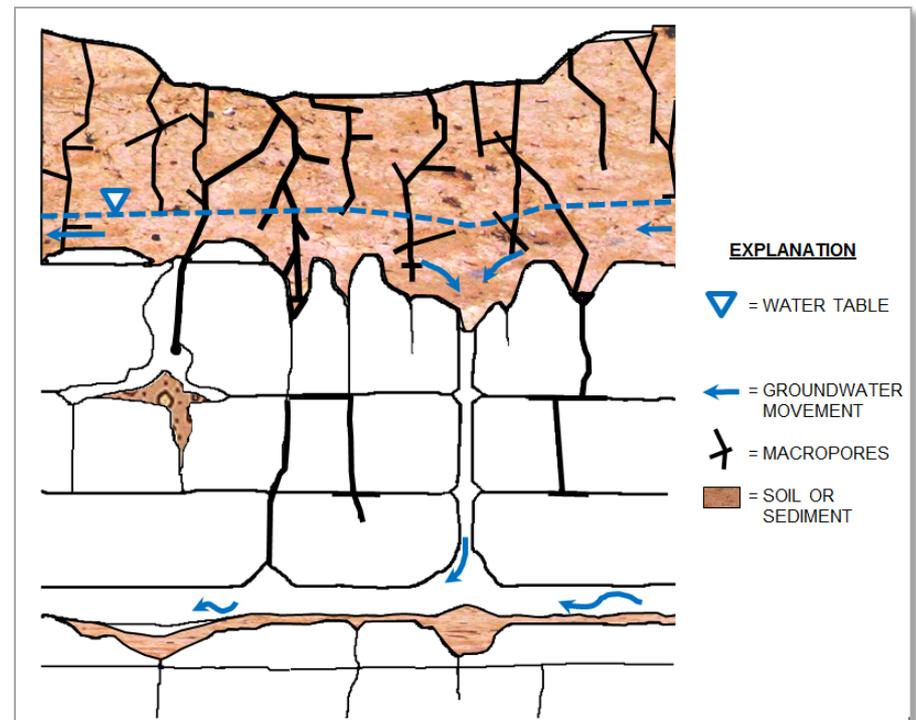
Review of Karst and DNAPL Behavior in Karst

- The next slides use a hypothetical sketch to review key concepts in karst geology, DNAPL contamination in karst geology, and drilling/investigation considerations in karst environments.

Definitions:

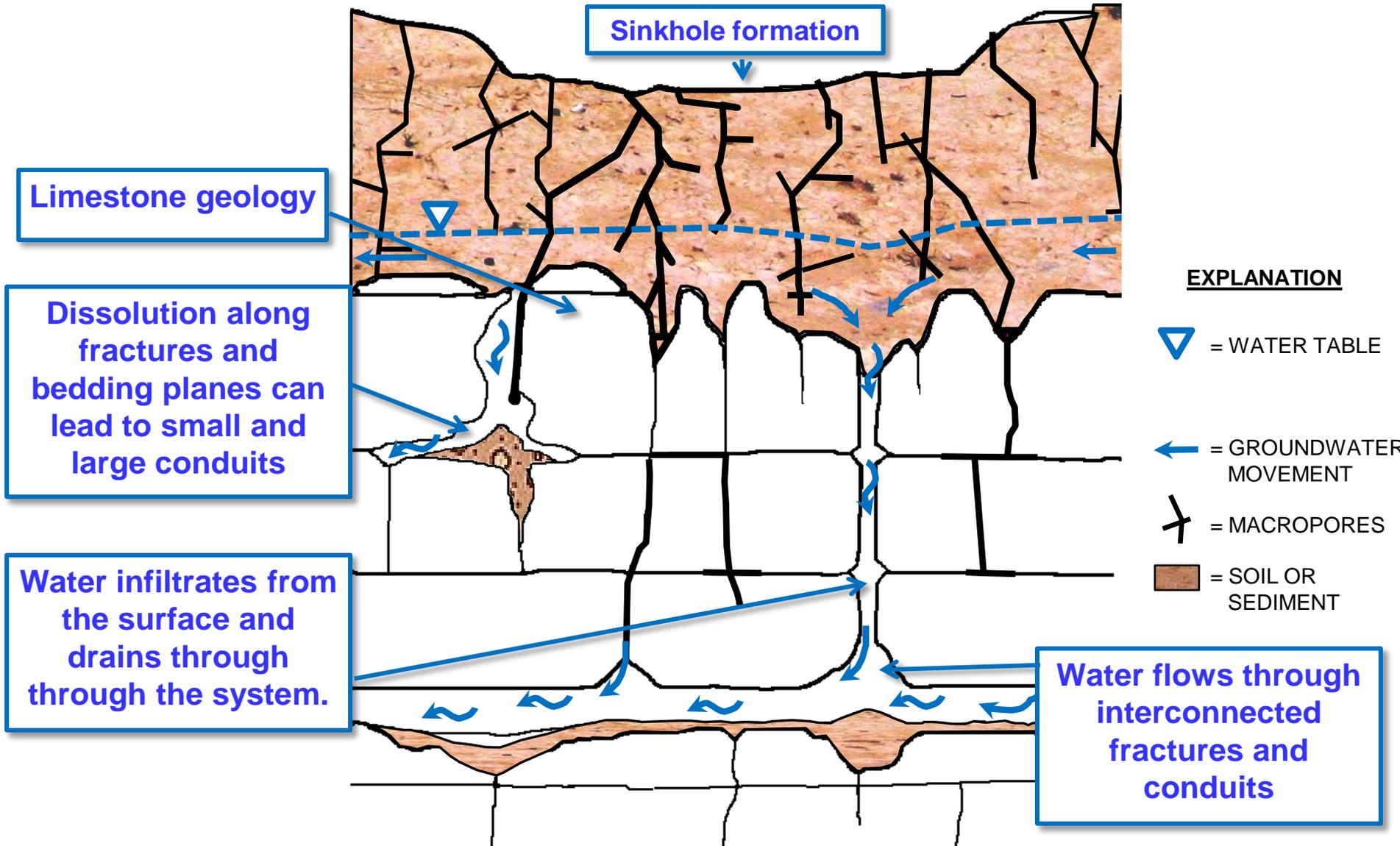
Karst: geologic formation shaped by dissolution of soluble rock resulting in surficial features such as sink holes and subterranean drainage networks of solution-widened fractures.

DNAPL: (Dense Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid) A liquid that is denser than water, does not readily dissolve in water, and tends to sink below the water table. TCE and PCE are both DNAPLs.



Understanding Karst Geology

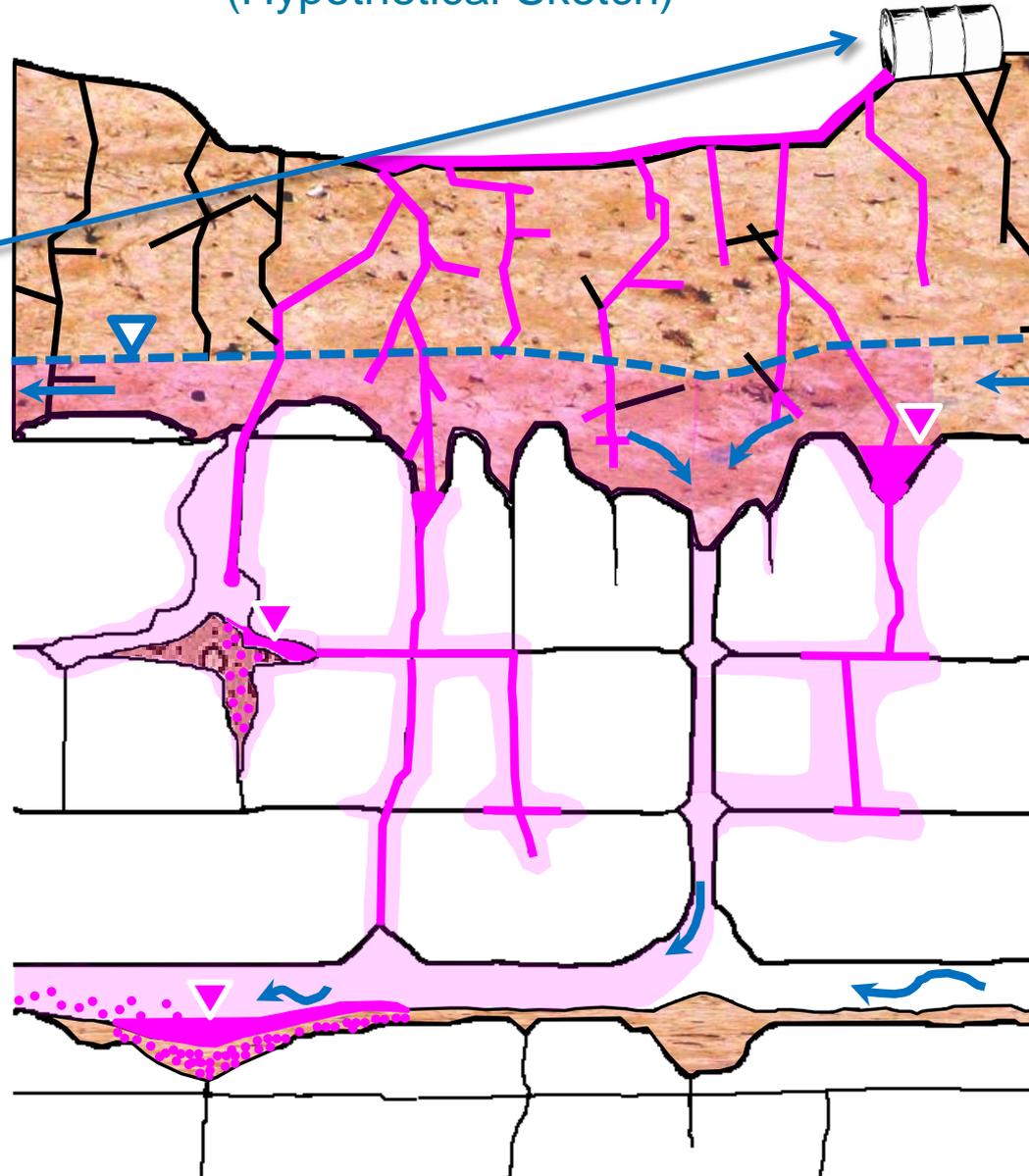
(Hypothetical Sketch)



Understanding Karst and DNAPL Behavior in Karst

(Hypothetical Sketch)

Assume a hypothetical DNAPL release

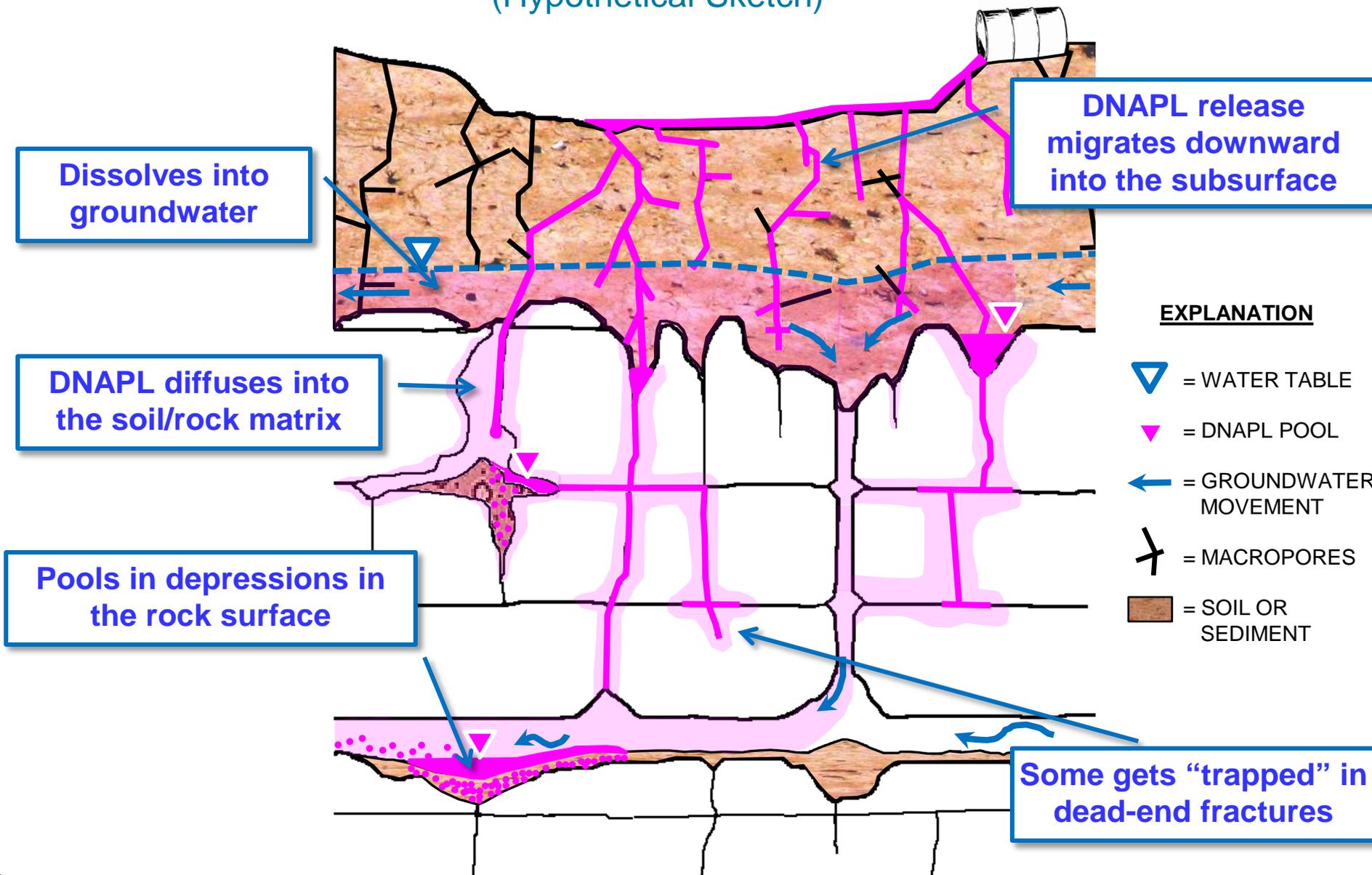


EXPLANATION

-  = WATER TABLE
-  = DNAPL POOL
-  = GROUNDWATER MOVEMENT
-  = MACROPORES
-  = SOIL OR SEDIMENT

Understanding How DNAPL Behaves in Karst

(Hypothetical Sketch)



Hypothetical Observations During Drilling

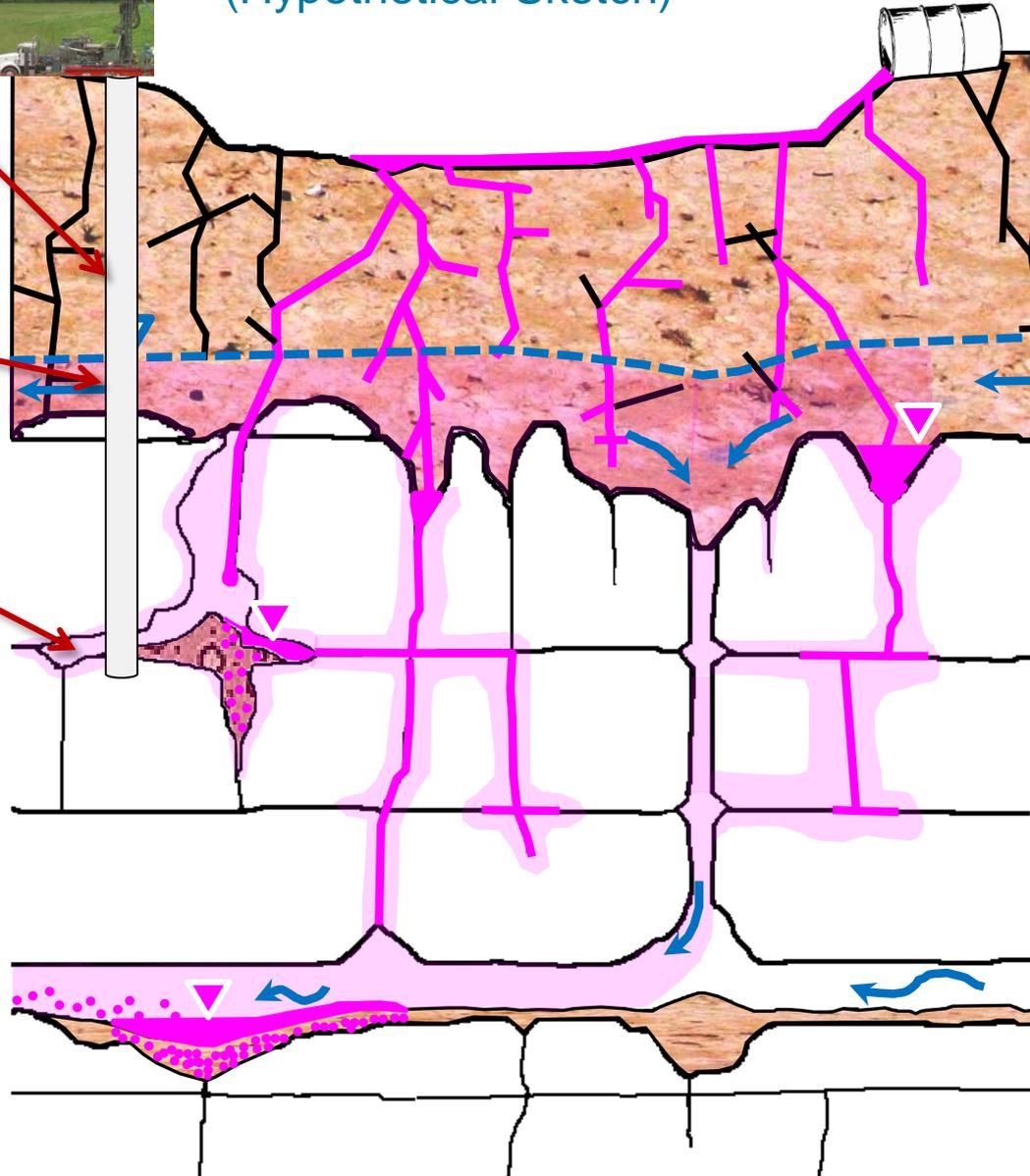


(Hypothetical Sketch)

Dry above the water table

Groundwater encountered in the overburden

Void encountered



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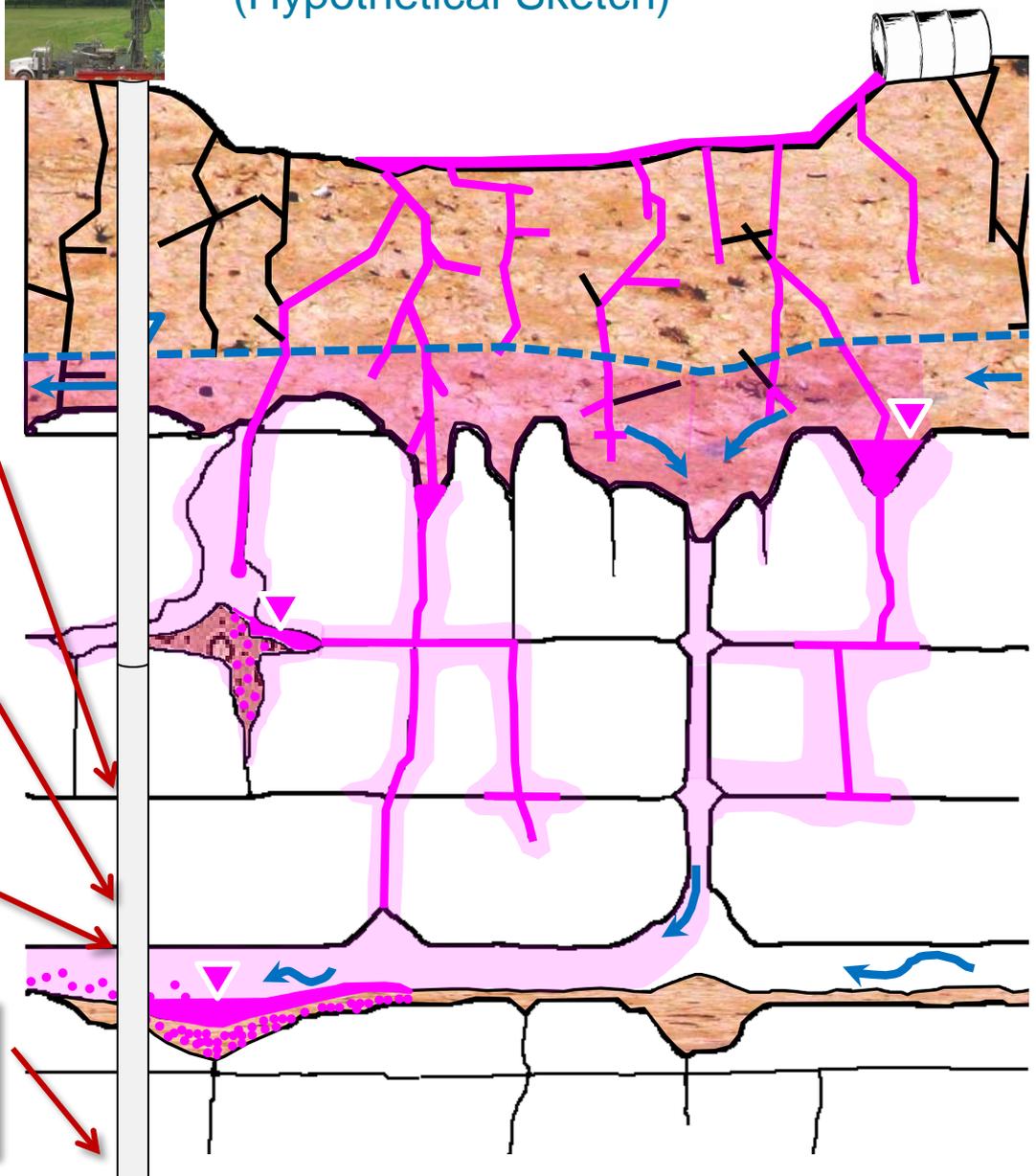
(Hypothetical Sketch)

Dry fractures; no water.

Zone with no fractures; solid rock.

Significant void and water bearing zone.

No fractures or fractures with little water.



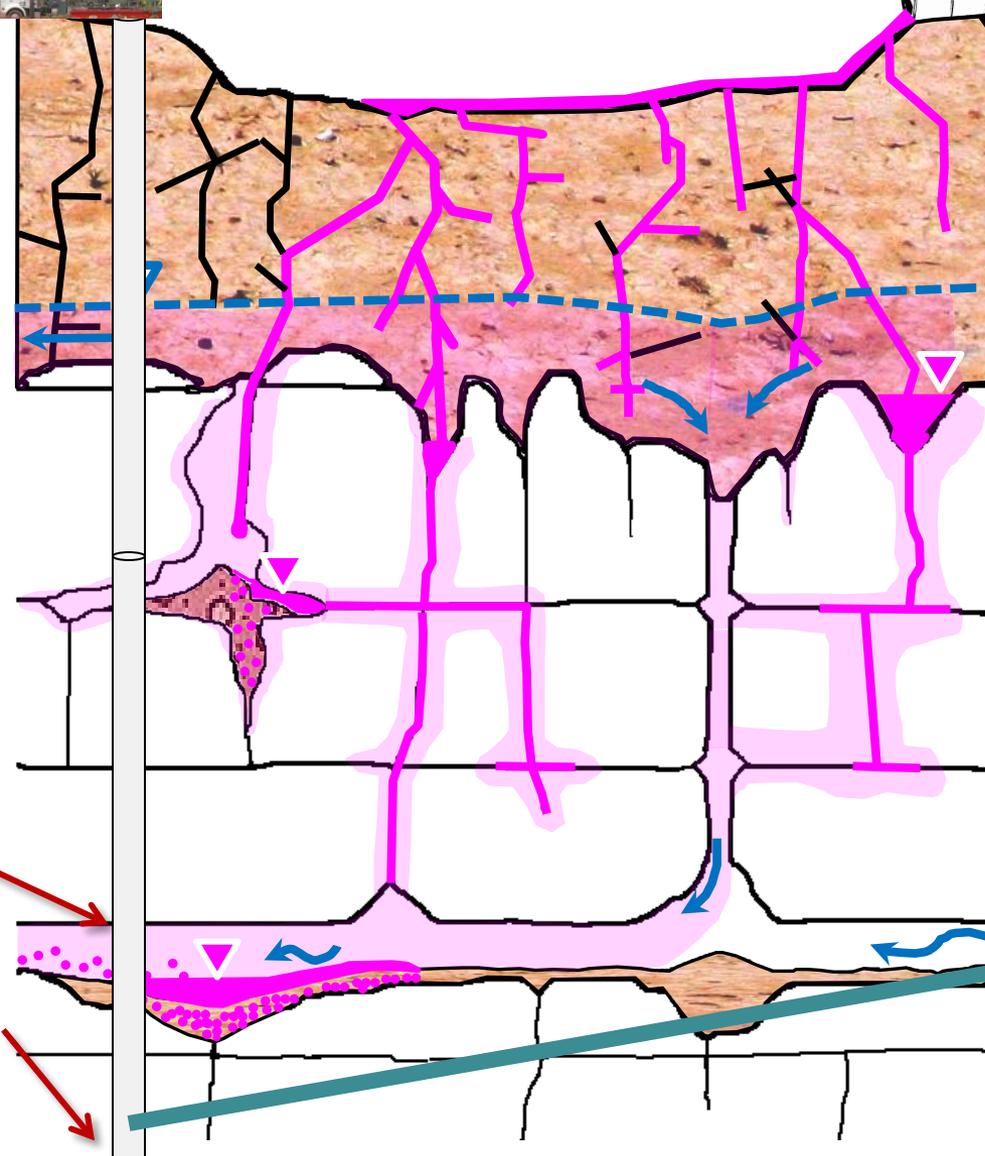
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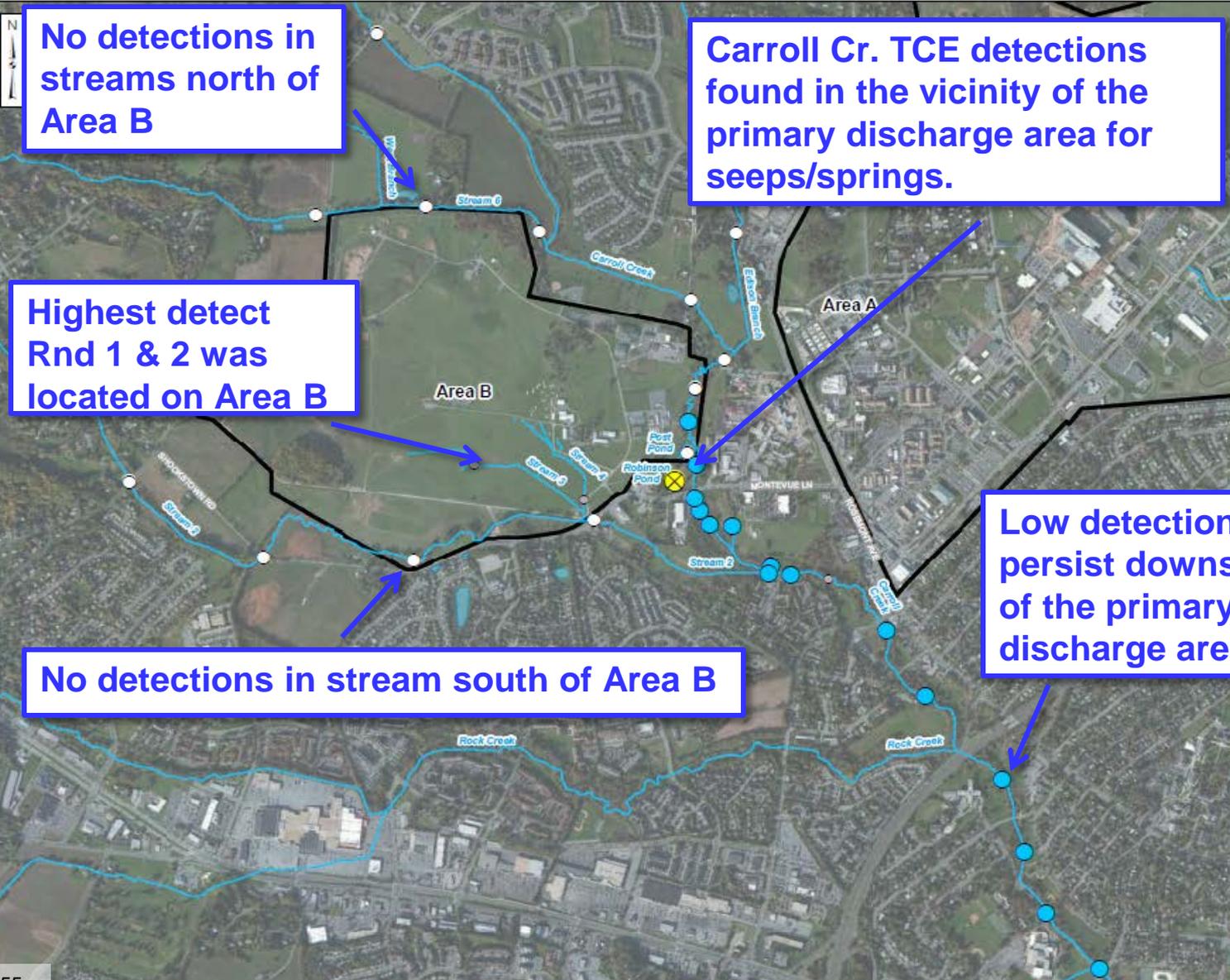


Example of optical imagery of the inside of an Area B borehole showing no fractures in this portion of the borehole at a depth of 201-205 feet.

Significant void and water bearing zone.

No fractures or fractures with little water.

TCE in Surface Water Sept 2012



No detections in streams north of Area B

Carroll Cr. TCE detections found in the vicinity of the primary discharge area for seeps/springs.

Highest detect Rnd 1 & 2 was located on Area B

No detections in stream south of Area B

Low detections persist downstream of the primary discharge area

Legend

- Fort Detrick Boundary
- Stream
- Water Body
- TCE Concentration**
- Non-Detect
- 5 ug/L or less
- >5 to 80 ug/L
- >80 to 1,000 ug/L
- >1,000 ug/L

X = Exceeds drinking water standard

- Notes:
- 1) Aerial imagery accessed on 01/25/2013 through BING Maps Aerial via ArcGIS Online Layer Packages by ESRI (12/1/2010) ((c) 2010 Microsoft Corporation and its data suppliers).
 - 2) ug/L = micrograms per liter
 - 3) TCE = Trichloroethene
 - 4) Drinking water standard for TCE = 5 ug/L



Surface Water Sample Locations and Round 2 TCE Results

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Fort Detrick
Frederick, MD

Hypothetical Observations During Drilling

Note: Optical and acoustical televiewer imagery were included in the suite of technologies used during the recent Area B drilling activities to aid in identifying appropriate zones for screening newly constructed monitoring wells. Examples are provided here to show how this imagery can help visually identify potentially water-bearing fractures and voids across the entire depth of the borehole.



Significant void and water bearing zone.

No fractures or fractures with little water.



Example of optical imagery of the inside of an Area B borehole showing a large void about 1 ft wide at a depth of about 43 feet.

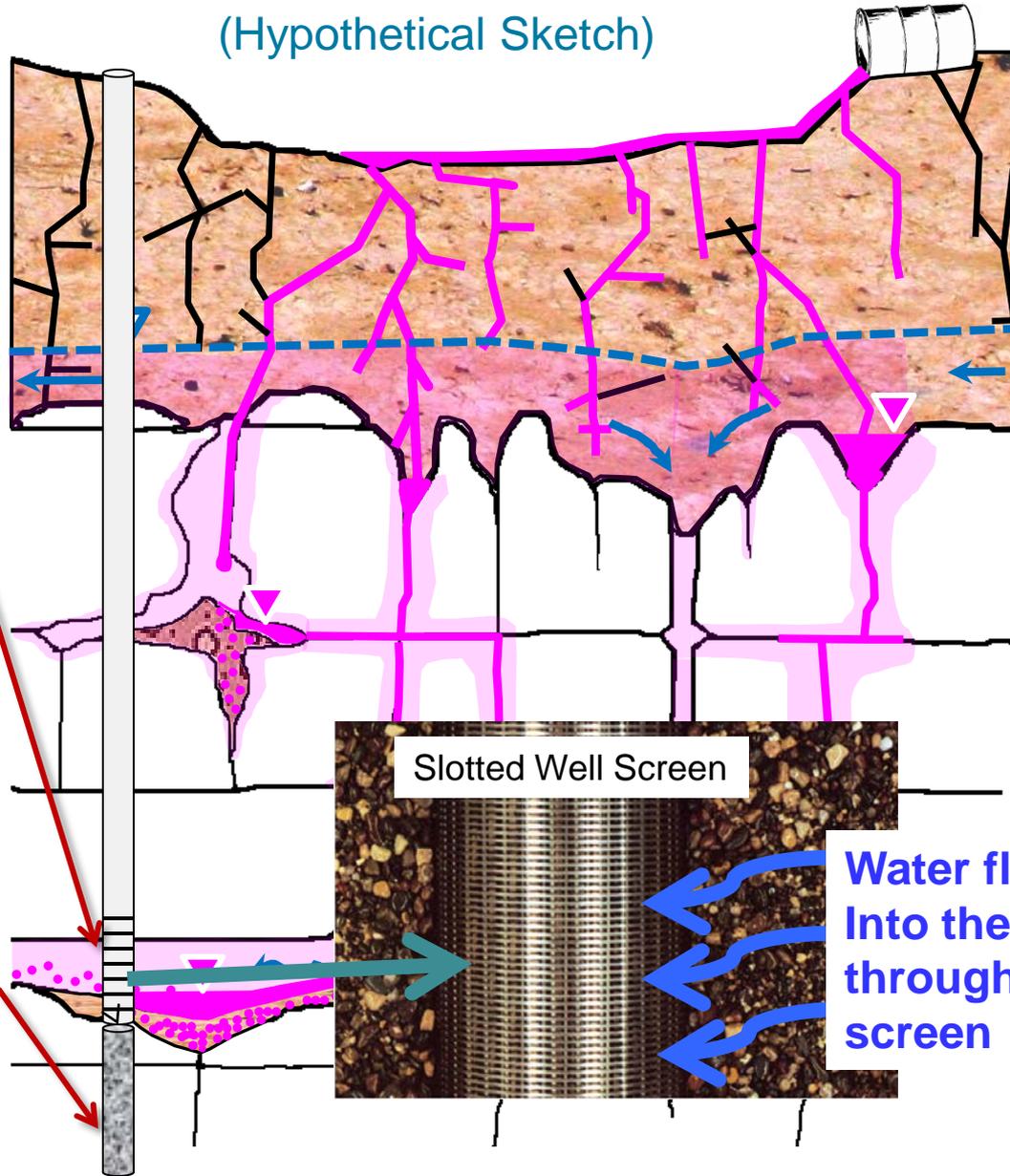


Example of optical imagery of the inside of an Area B borehole showing no fractures in this portion of the borehole at a depth of 201-205 feet.

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Constructing a Monitoring Well Based on Drilling Observations

(Hypothetical Sketch)

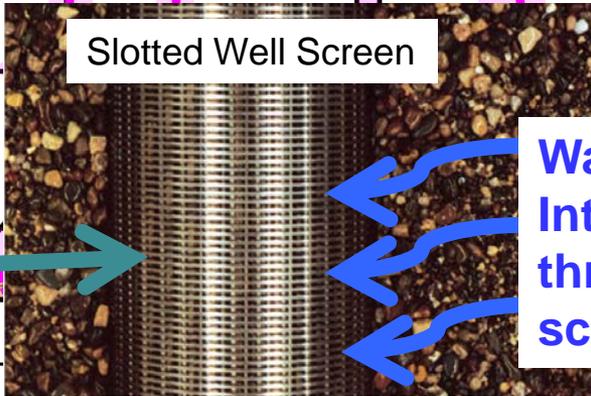


Construct well to target fracture zones with water and/or contamination.

Grout up deeper portions of the borehole with no water.

EXPLANATION

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-  = DNAPL POOL
-  = GROUNDWATER MOVEMENT
-  = MACROPORES
-  = SOIL OR SEDIMENT



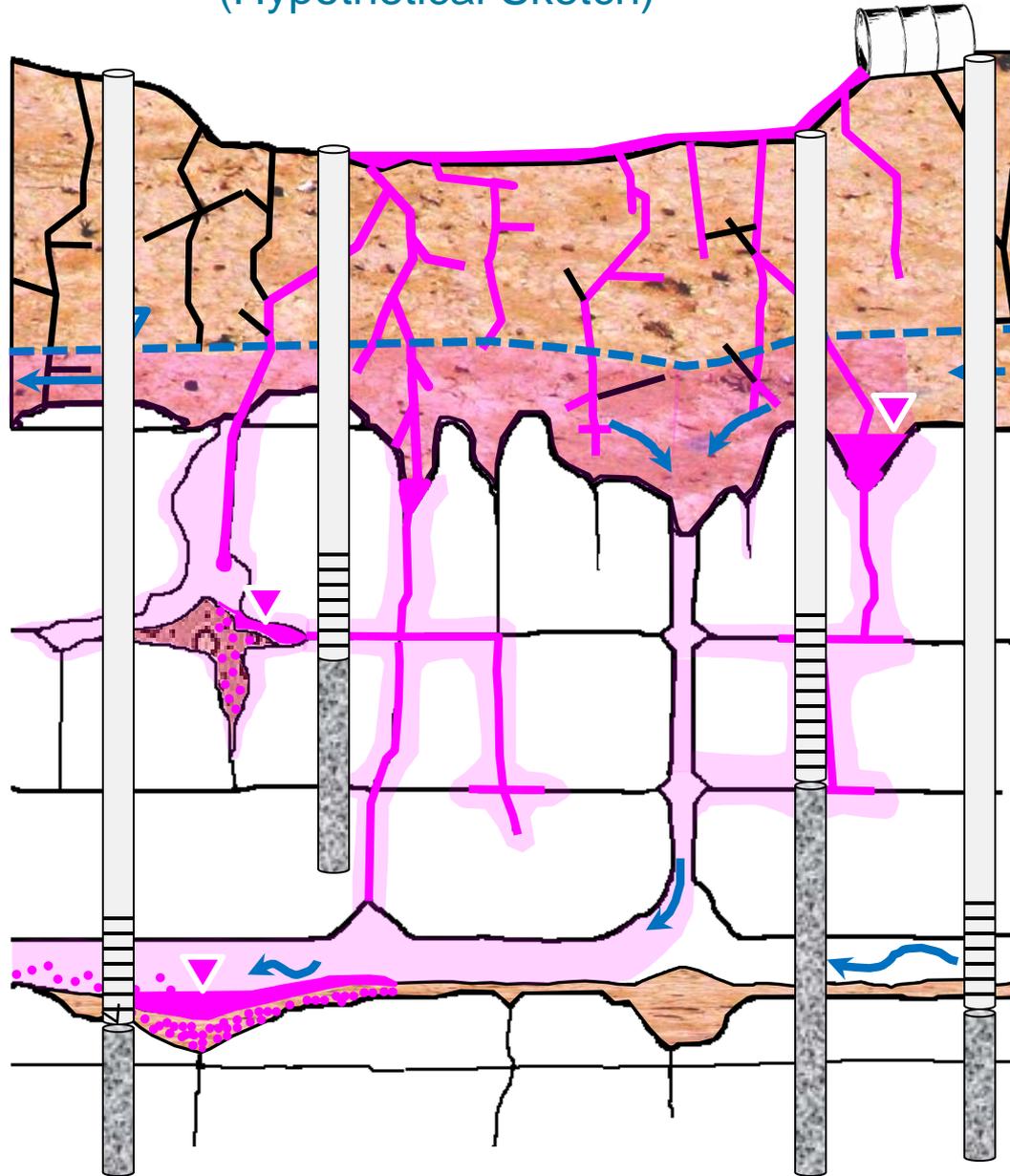
Water flows into the well through the screen

Drilling Considerations

(Hypothetical Sketch)

Example of multiple wells constructed in a source area to target different depths.

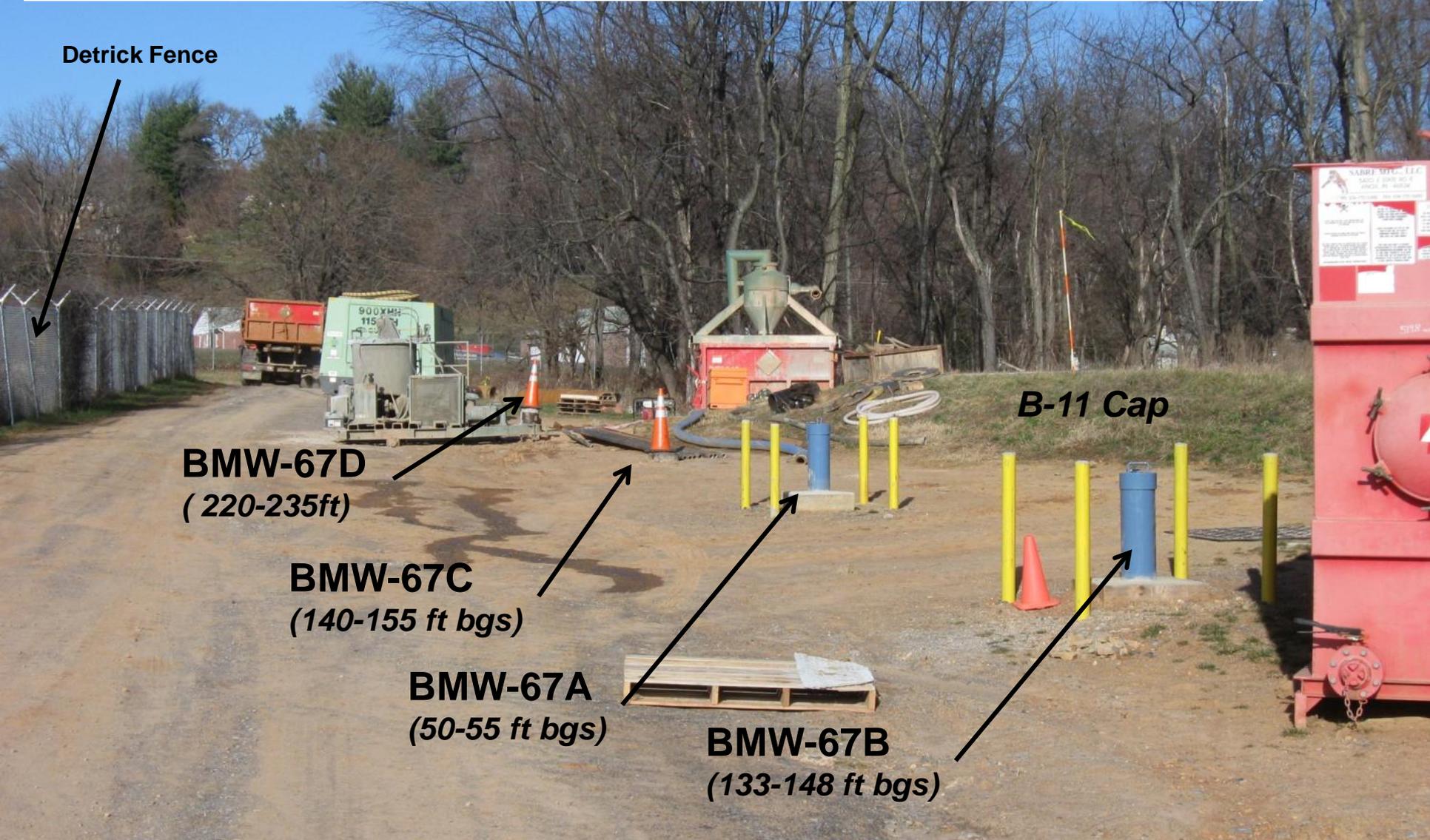
Drilling observations, geophysical logging, and sampling used to target specific zones for long-term monitoring wells.



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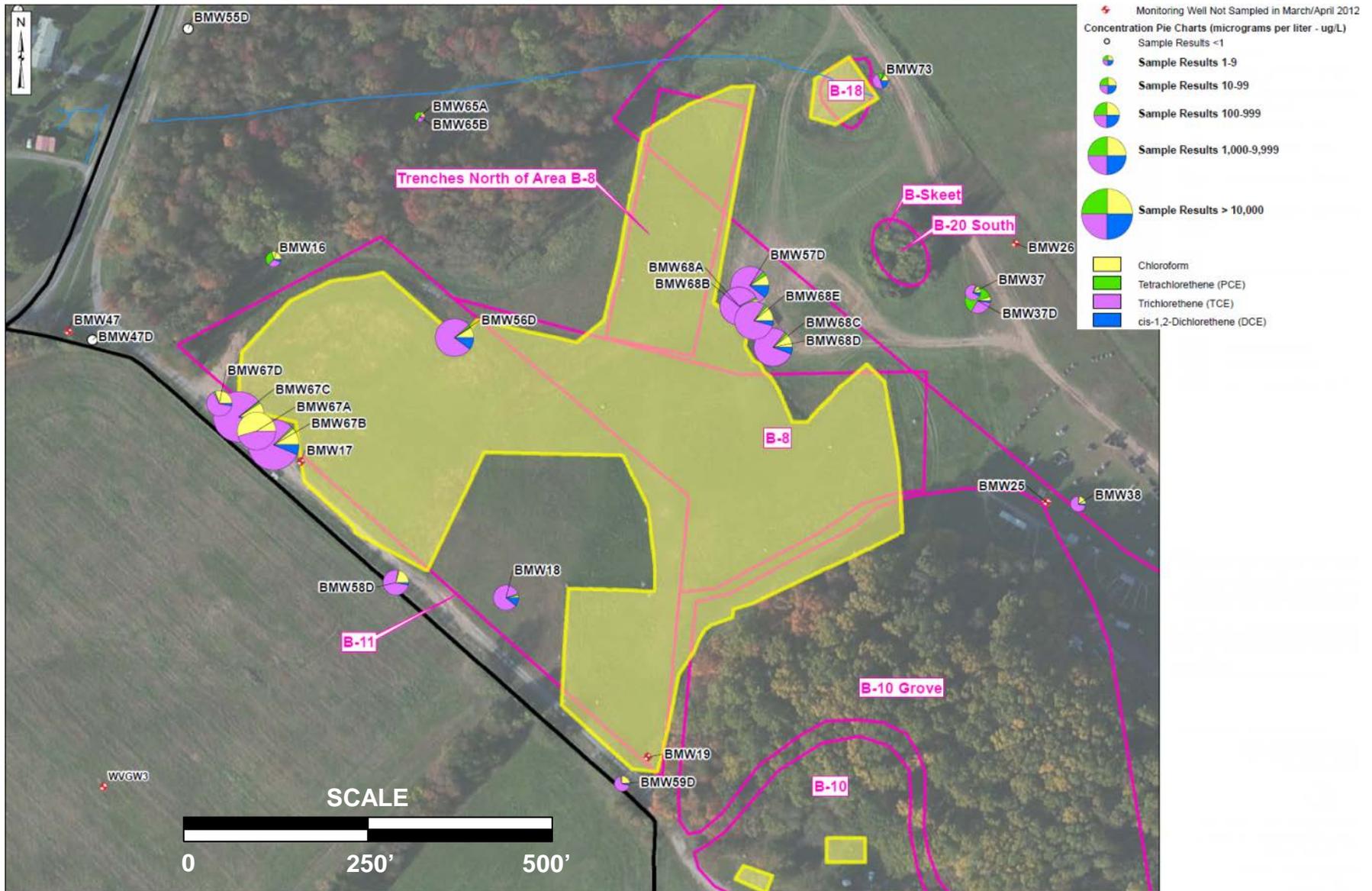
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Real-Life Example of Multiple Wells Clustered Near Each Other to Monitor Different Depth Intervals



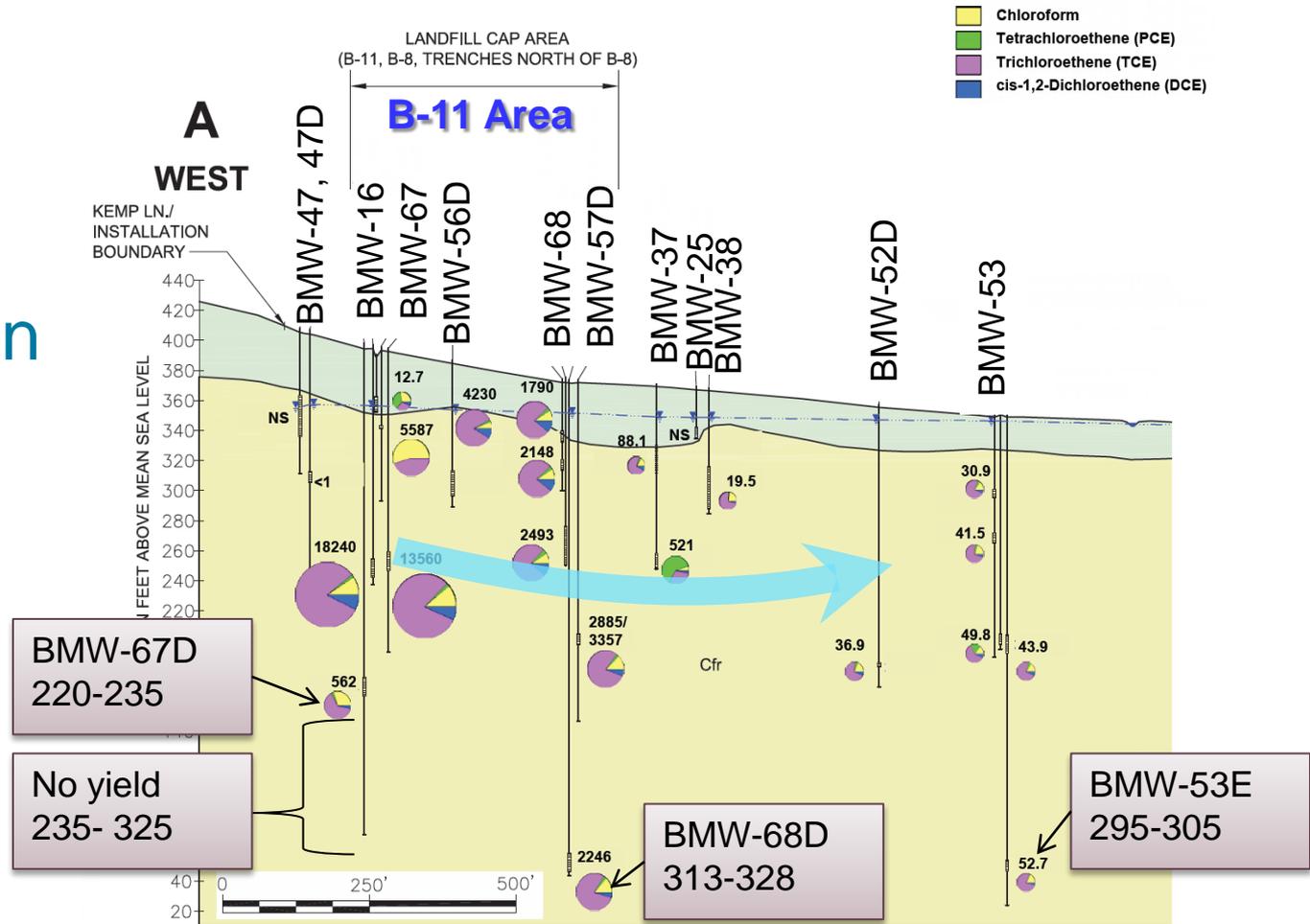
Area B - Western Corner near B-11 Landfill (facing north west)

Vertical Distribution of VOCs



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Currently known vertical distribution of major VOCs



 = groundwater flow direction

Pie charts sizes reflect relative concentration of VOCs. Larger pie charts have higher concentrations than smaller pie charts.

Carroll Creek VOC Data

As reported during the July 2012 RAB, site related contaminants have been detected at low concentrations in Carroll Creek.

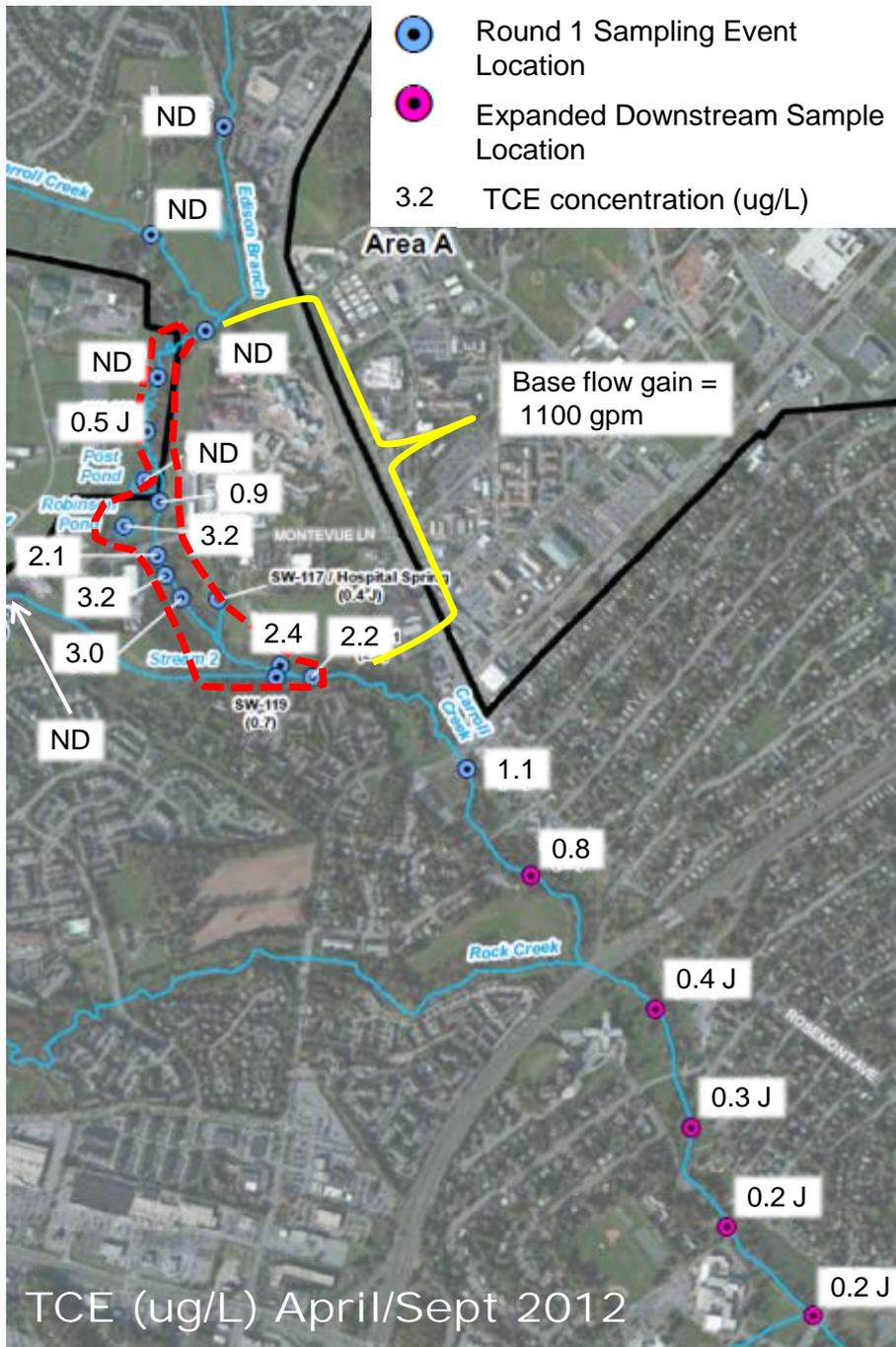
For the Round 2 sampling (Sept 2012), TCE concentrations in Carroll Creek are:

- Below drinking water standards (MCLs)
- Below human health screening criteria for recreational use of the creek (for child or adult)
- Below human health screening criteria for ingestion of fish from the creek

-No risks for these activities

-Carroll Creek is not used as a drinking water source

Surface Water



- Preliminary analysis suggests concentrations consistent with loading from springs in primary discharge area (red outline).
- Potential alternate sources may have minor effect.
- Downstream transport suggests attenuation due to dilution and volatilization.