

DIGITAL MAPPING TECHNIQUES 2019

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Migrating Previously-Published Maps to GeMS

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At the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey, we have been migrating several previously-published geologic maps into the new USGS Geologic Map Schema, or GeMS. This talk covers our workflow, including challenges and decision points, tools that we developed, and steps that we automated. We prioritized maps in older formats and currently-unavailable datasets with the goal of improving the data products that we offer for download on our website. We also worked to establish our in-house conventions for producing GeMS-compliant geologic maps.

The workflow begins by evaluating the dataset, setting up the appropriate GeMS containers for the data, and restructuring the data to fit the GeMS model. As it continues, the workflow can be split, with some tasks completed in parallel; for instance, features can be sorted into GeMS-compliant layers while the Glossary and Description of Map Units tables are built. We bring these threads back together by importing the tables into the geodatabase, then begin GeMS completeness checklists and validation. We have started this process with 21 separate maps, and at this point two maps are nearly completed.

We have developed some tools and documentation to help with the GeMS conversion process, including python scripts, quick reference sheets, and workflow steps. These resources are ready to be shared, and we hope they are useful to other organizations as they convert maps into GeMS. All of these resources, including the full script of this DMT presentation, can be found in our Github repository: <https://github.com/wgnhs/gems>

Moving Maps to GeMS

github.com/wgnhs/gems

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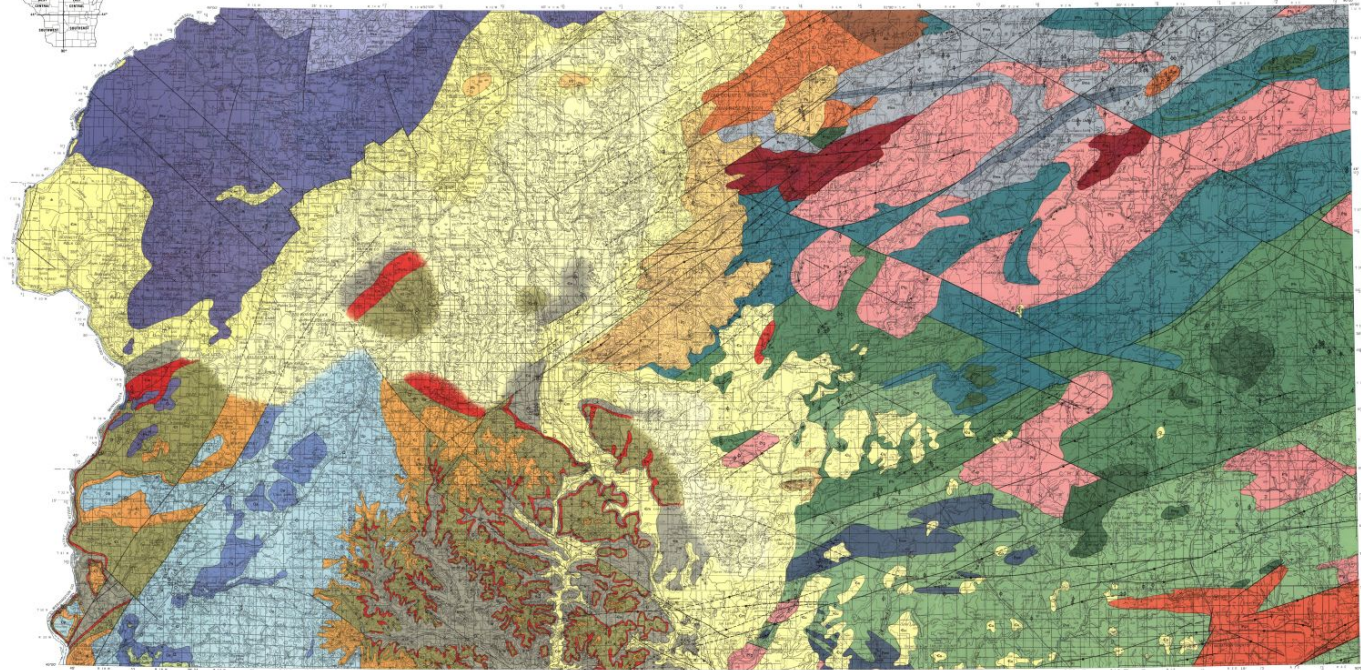


REGIONAL MAP SERIES
NORTHWEST SHEET

BEDROCK GEOLOGY OF WISCONSIN

M.G. Mudrey, Jr., G.L. LaBerge, P.E. Myers, and W.S. Cordua

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WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey
055x Sheet 1 of 2 (2010 reprint)

1987

Scale 1:250,000



Map Data is Digitized from USGS 1:50,000 scale maps. PLS, LANS, WIS, 1986, and DTG, LANTO, WIS, 1982.
Compiled by G. Petersen



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DMT

NW Wisconsin Existing Lines

Type	Feature	conversion into type field
simple	map boundary	→
simple	(anything else)	→
unit boundary	(anything)	→

Confidence values:

- 0 NA
- 1 definite
- 5 concealed
- 2 approximate
- x 3 inferred
- x 30 unknown

GEMS LINES

Geologic Lines

Contacts And Faults

Location (in Meters) IS CONCEALED? (unit) definite
 → ~~checkbox~~ 0, 0 ← [map bound] NA
 'Y' [shoreline] def
 → ~~checkbox~~ 0, 0

why are diabase dikes being used as unit bounds? are they faults?

- 0 (Contact, definite)
- 0 (contact, approximate)
- x db dike, concealed
- db dike, definite
- x fault, concealed
- fault, definite
- magmatic contact line, definite
- [map bound] NA
- [shoreline] def

make a new field in the contacts &



Point A

Geologic maps as published by WGNHS



Point B

Geologic maps as databases in the
USGS Geologic Map Schema “GeMS”



Pleistocene Geology of Chippewa County, Wisconsin

4 free downloads 3 prints available

Large downloads come in ZIP archives. You will need an application capable of unpacking ZIP archives, such as WinZIP, WinRAR, or 7-zip.



Free Downloads

Data Accompanying B103 Pleistocene Geology of Chippewa County, Wisconsin (2007) CLICK TO CLOSE



Authors(s): Syverson, K.M.
 Subject(s): Glacial geology
 County: Chippewa
 Physical Desc.: Coverage, MrSID files
 Product Num.: B103-DI (WGS-BUL103DI)

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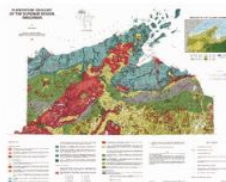
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Plate 1: Pleistocene Geologic Map of Chippewa County, Wisconsin (2007) CLICK TO EXPAND

Plate 2: Pleistocene Geologic Cross Sections of Chippewa County, Wisconsin (2007) CLICK TO EXPAND

Pleistocene Geology of Chippewa County, Wisconsin (2007) CLICK TO EXPAND

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Pleistocene Geology of the Superior Region, Wisconsin

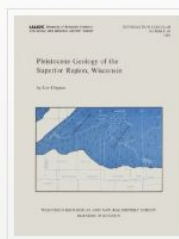
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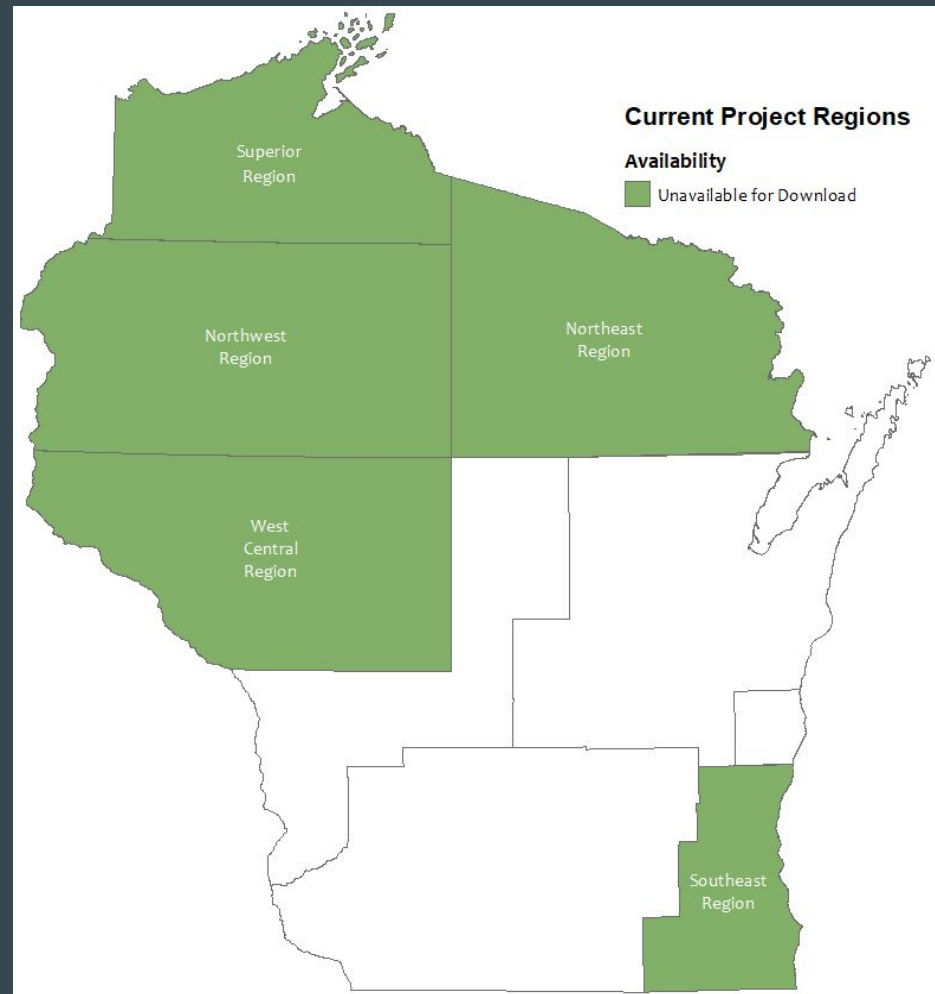
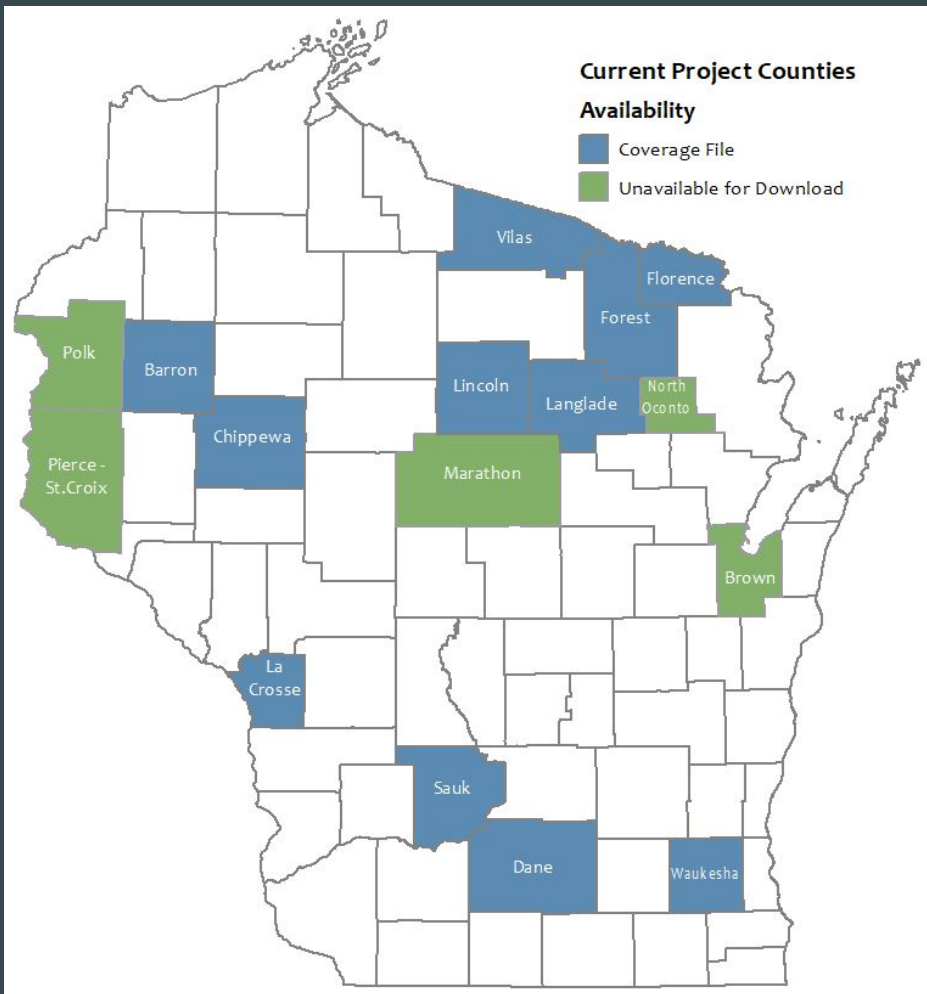
Pleistocene Geology of the Superior Region, Wisconsin (1984) CLICK TO CLOSE



Authors(s): Clayton, L.
 Subject(s): Glacial geology
 County: Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Price, Sawyer, Washburn
 Physical Desc.: 40 p. + map (scale 1:250,000)
 Product Num.: IC46 (WGS-IC46)

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Aspects of GeMS

- Geometry
 - Features in the proper layers
 - Topology
- Attributes and related tables
 - All GeMS-required fields present and filled out
 - All original data captured in the GeMS style
- Metadata
- Symbology
 - Style file or representations
- Other files required (PDF layout, .mxd, etc.)

This project

Establish and document a workflow for converting into GeMS

Use the GeMS toolbox

Improve the efficiency of individual steps in the workflow through Python scripts, custom ArcMap toolboxes, etc.

Establish *our* conventions for following GeMS, to enforce consistency across our data products

GeMS is flexible

DECISIONS:

estimating confidence values

terms to use for 'type' attributes

represent features as points or as lines

hierarchy key assignment

paragraph style descriptions

how to cite the map

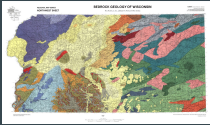
which definitions to use in the Glossary

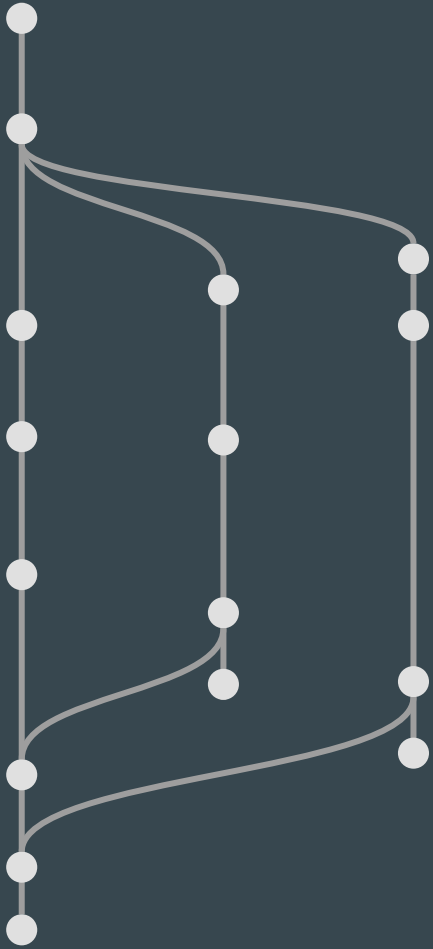
which layers are best suited for which points





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Workflow

- Collect original data & metadata

- Stage your folders

 Polk_Co_1_InitialData Polk_Co_2_EditedData Polk_Co_3_GemsData

- Convert to geodatabase
if needed

original metadata

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Attribute Label: Uname
Attribute Definition: Geologic unit name abbreviations
Attribute Definition Source: WGNHNS
Attribute Domain Values:
Enumerated Domain:
Enumerated Domain Value: p
Enumerated Domain Value Definition: Postglacial Sediment. Peat. Organic sediment
Enumerated Domain Value Definition Source: WGNHNS
Enumerated Domain Value: ts
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table

Examine data

extract domains from original metadata with Python script (see github), including coded domains and unit descriptions

12	Drumlin (longitudinal axis)								
13	Drumlin (lateral axis)								
14	Eskers and esker-like ridges. Arc direction points in direction of stream flow.								
21	Ice margin position								

	A	B	C
4	spp	Sediment Deposited by the Langlade Lobe during the Late Wisconsin Glaciation, Nashville Member of the Copper Falls Formation. Sand and Gravel in Pitted and Unpitted Plains. Sand and gravel deposited by meltwater streams well to moderately well sorted, well stratified; underlies gently sloping surfaces; pits occupy between 20 and 80 percent of the surface area.	
5	suf	Sediment Deposited by the Langlade Lobe during the Late Wisconsin Glaciation, Nashville Member of the Copper Falls Formation. Sand and Gravel in unpitted fan. Sand and gravel deposited by meltwater streams in fan-shaped deposit; moderately well sorted, well stratified; original depositional surface is preserved in more than 80 percent of the area.	
6	sh	Sediment Deposited by the Langlade Lobe during the Late Wisconsin Glaciation, Nashville Member of the Copper Falls Formation. Sand and gravel in areas of hummocky topography. Sand and gravel deposited by meltwater streams; poorly to moderately well sorted; original depositional surface is present in less than 20 percent of the area; remainder is hummocky with many closely spaced depressions caused by collapse of sediment above melted ice; generally higher in elevation than the surrounding land surface.	
7	sul	Sediment Deposited by the Langlade Lobe during the Late Wisconsin Glaciation, Nashville Member of the Copper Falls Formation. Sand in unpitted lacustrine plain. Well sorted, predominantly medium and fine sand; underlies flat plains formerly occupied by shallow lakes; generally occurs in a low position in the landscape.	
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● Data Source Citation

Source	URL	DataSources_ID
Ham, Nelson R. and Attig, John W., 1997, Geologic Map of Lincoln County, Wisconsin, plate 1 <i>in</i> Ham, Nelson R. and Attig, John W., Pleistocene Geology of Lincoln County, Wisconsin: Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey Bulletin 93, 31 pages, scale 1:100,000, available at https://wgnhs.wisc.edu/pubs/000117/	https://wgnhs.wisc.edu/pubs/000117/	Lincoln_Pleistocene_Ham_1997

Create this in Word for future use
USGS citation style






Feature
classes

Glossary

DMU

● Add any type value
to the master glossary

	Langlade County	point types	Outcrop of Precambrian rock
	Lincoln County	line types	Crest of small, parallel ice-marginal ridge.
	Lincoln County	line types	Direction of flow of meltwater stream (as indicated by modern surface slope).
	Lincoln County	line types	Drumlin width-lateral axis
	Lincoln County	line types	Drumlin-longitudinal axis
	Lincoln County	line types	Esker
	Lincoln County	line types	Geologic contact. Solid where position shown on the map is generally within 0.1 km of actual position.
	Lincoln County	line types	Ice-contact face. Dashed line indicates subdued face.
	Lincoln County	line types	Ice-contact face. Solid line indicates prominent face.
	Lincoln County	line types	Ice-marginal ridge. Dashed line shows subdued ridges.

	Barron County	striation on in-place sandstone or quartzite
	Chippewa County	Glacial striation with arrow pointing in ice-flow direction. Dot marks location of measurement.
	Superior	Direction of subglacial scratches on rock surfaces.
	Polk County	Ice-flow from striation measurement
	Florence County	Glacial scratches on Precambrian rock surfaces

Type =
glacial striation

*point features
(not lines)

Stream cutbank	cutbank	
Stream cut bank	cutbank	
Stream-cut bank	cutbank	
stream-cut scarp	cutbank	
Stream cutbank. Only those more than about 5 m high are shown.	cutbank	
Stream cut scarp. Where paired, they represent large abandoned melt-water channel.	cutbank	
River cutbank	cutbank	
River cutbank. Only those higher than about 5 m shown; cutbanks in sandstone at the Wisconsin	cutbank	
Cutbanks of large abandoned river channels.	cutbank	
Cutbanks of glacial meltwater streams	cutbank	
High cutbanks, more than 15 m high	high cutbank	
Low cutbanks, from approximately 5 to 15 m high.	low cutbank	

Feature
classes

Glossary

- Add any type value to the master glossary
- Decide which terms to use in Type fields

DMU

- Copy the empty template .xls
- Add all units to DMU in .xls
- Ask a geologist to complete DMU

Feature classes

- Sort features into layers
- Quick reference sheets (see github)

Glossary

- Add any type value to the master glossary
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MapUnitPolys (polygon feature class) required

Fields:

MapUnit	Short plain-text key (identifier) for the map unit. Example values: "Qal", "Tg", "Kit", "water", "Trc3", etc. Foreign key to DescriptionOfMapUnits table. Null values not permitted—a mapped polygon must have an assigned map unit
IdentityConfidence	How confidently is this polygon identified as MapUnit? Value is usually "certain", "questionable", or "unspecified". Null values not permitted. Suggest setting default value to "certain". Values must be defined in Glossary.
Label	Determined from the appropriate value of the Label in the DescriptionOfMapUnits table and IdentityConfidence: if IdentityConfidence = "questionable", then append "?" to Label value from the DescriptionOfMapUnits table. Allows for subscripts and special characters. Null values permitted
Symbol	References an area fill symbol (background color + optional pattern). Area fill symbols must be defined in an accompanying style file. If Esri Cartographic Representations are used to symbolize map units, the value may be null or blank. Null values permitted
DataSourceID	Foreign key to DataSources table, to track provenance of each data element. Null values not permitted
Notes	Optional field. Free text for additional information specific to this polygon. Null values permitted
MapUnitPolys_ID	Primary key. Example Values = MUP1, MUP2, MUP3, etc. Values must be unique in database. Null values not permitted

Topology rules:






- Polygons must not overlap
- No gaps between polygons
- Boundaries must be overlain by lines in ContactsAndFaults

Note that not all lines in ContactsAndFaults necessarily bound polygons: polygons separated by concealed contacts or faults may have been merged during construction of the database; also some faults, concealed contacts, and concealed faults may dangle (terminate within polygons) and thus not separate polygons. Note also that open water (lakes, double-line rivers), glaciers, and unmapped areas are polygons, and so must have non-null MapUnit values (e.g., water, glacier, unmapped). Water and glacier areas commonly are not labeled (Label=null).





OrientationPoints (point feature class) *as-needed*

Point structure data (bedding attitudes, foliation attitudes, slip vectors measured at a point, etc.) may be recorded in OrientationPoints, one point per measurement. This table has fields:

Type	Values must be defined in Glossary or by reference to external glossary. Null values not permitted
Azimuth	Data type=float. Values limited to range 0-360. Strike or trend, measured in degrees clockwise from geographic North. Use right-hand rule (dip is to right of azimuth direction). Horizontal planar features may have any azimuth. Null values not permitted
Inclination	Data type=float. Values limited to range -90 to 90. Dip or plunge, measured in degrees down from horizontal. Negative values allowed when specifying vectors (not axes) that point above the horizon, e.g., paleocurrents. Types defined as horizontal (e.g., horizontal bedding) should have Inclination=0. Null values not permitted
Symbol	References a symbol in the accompanying style file. Null values permitted
Label	Text to accompany displayed symbol, typically the dip or plunge value for the measured orientation. Null values permitted
LocationConfidenceMeters	Data type = float. Radius in meters of positional uncertainty envelope for the observation locale. Null values not permitted. Recommended value is -9 if value is not otherwise available
IdentityConfidence	Values = "certain", "questionable", "unspecified". Specifies confidence that observed structure is of the type specified. Null values not permitted
OrientationConfidenceDegrees	Data type=float. Estimated circular error, in degrees. For planar features, error in orientation of pole to plane. Null values not permitted
PlotAtScale	Data type = float. At what scale (or larger) should this observation or analysis be plotted? At smaller scales, it should not be plotted. Useful to prevent crowding of display at small scales and to display progressively more data at larger and larger scales. Value is scale denominator. Null values not permitted, default value is 0 (display at all scales)
StationID	Foreign key to Stations point feature class. If the table represents stations, this field is not required—it would duplicate the Stations_ID primary key field. Null values permitted
MapUnit	It is useful to know the map unit to which an analysis or observation pertains. Value obtained by intersection with feature class MapUnitPolys. Foreign key to DescriptionOfMapUnits. Null values permitted
LocationSourceID	Foreign key to DataSources. Identifies source of location of this point. Null values not permitted

	(many maps)	Drumlin. Length of line is proportional to length of drumlin axis.
	(many maps)	drumlin - lateral axis (not all maps have this)
	Dane Co	Drumlin. A symbol shown on the map may represent several drumlins that are too small to be shown individually at the map scale. Thick symbol represents prominent drumlins.
	Superior	High, wide drumlins formed during an earlier glacial episode and only slightly modified during the last glacial episode.
	Superior	Low, narrow drumlins formed during the last glacial advance. Arrowhead indicates direction of glacial movement.

Drumlins:
Geologic Lines
layer

	Barron County	striation on in-place sandstone or quartzite
	Chippewa County	Glacial striation with arrow pointing in ice-flow direction. Dot marks location of measurement.
	Superior	Direction of subglacial scratches on rock surfaces.
	Polk County	Ice-flow from striation measurement
	Florence County	Glacial scratches on Precambrian rock surfaces
	Barron County	Ice-flow direction interpreted from pebble fabric

Glacial striations:
Orientation Points
layer

	Chippewa County	Direction of meltwater flow as indicated by modern surface slope and flow features observed on aerial photographs.
	Florence County	Direction of flow of proglacial streams
	Lincoln County	Direction of flow of meltwater stream (as indicated by modern surface slope).
	Marathon County	Flow direction on fluvial surface
	Northern Oconto County	direction of meltwater flow
	Sauk County	Direction of meltwater flow
	Lincoln County	Direction of flow of meltwater stream (as indicated by modern surface slope).
	Vilas County	Flow direction on fluvial surfaces
	Waukesha County	Direction of meltwater flow, interpreted from channel scars (arrowheads without stems)
	Waukesha County	Direction of meltwater flow, interpreted from the slope of land (arrowheads with short stems)
	Superior	Direction of flow of proglacial streams.

DirectionPoints (point feature class) as-needed

This feature class has been created to capture map symbols which indicate a general trend in direction, such as direction of meltwater flow or direction of surface slope, but do not correspond to a specific point location. The symbols are generally dispersed across an area on the map and could be arranged in various ways without changing their meaning. These points represent geologic interpretations of observations and measurements, but these points have no specific real-world physical location; therefore, LocationConfidenceMeters, ExistenceConfidence, and IdentityConfidence attributes are meaningless. They do not participate in map-unit topology.

These features can be stored in a DirectionPoints feature class with fields:

Type	<i>Term that categorizes what the line represents. Values must be defined in Glossary table. Null values not permitted. Examples: flow direction, surface slope</i>
Azimuth	<i>Data type=float. Values limited to range 0-360. Direction, measured in degrees clockwise from geographic North. Horizontal planar features may have any azimuth. Null values not permitted</i>
OrientationConfidenceDegrees	<i>Data type=float. Estimated circular error, in degrees. Null values not permitted</i>
Symbol	<i>References a symbol in the accompanying style file. May be determined from Type</i>
Label	<i>Text to accompany displayed symbol. Null values permitted</i>

- Un-do coded domains
(if you didn't get this from the metadata)

Custom toolbox (see github)

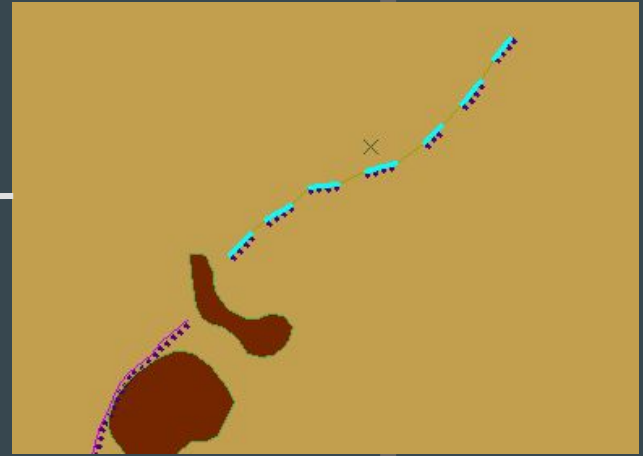
- Add fields to match up to GeMS,
populate attribute values



Combined add-populate python script (see github)

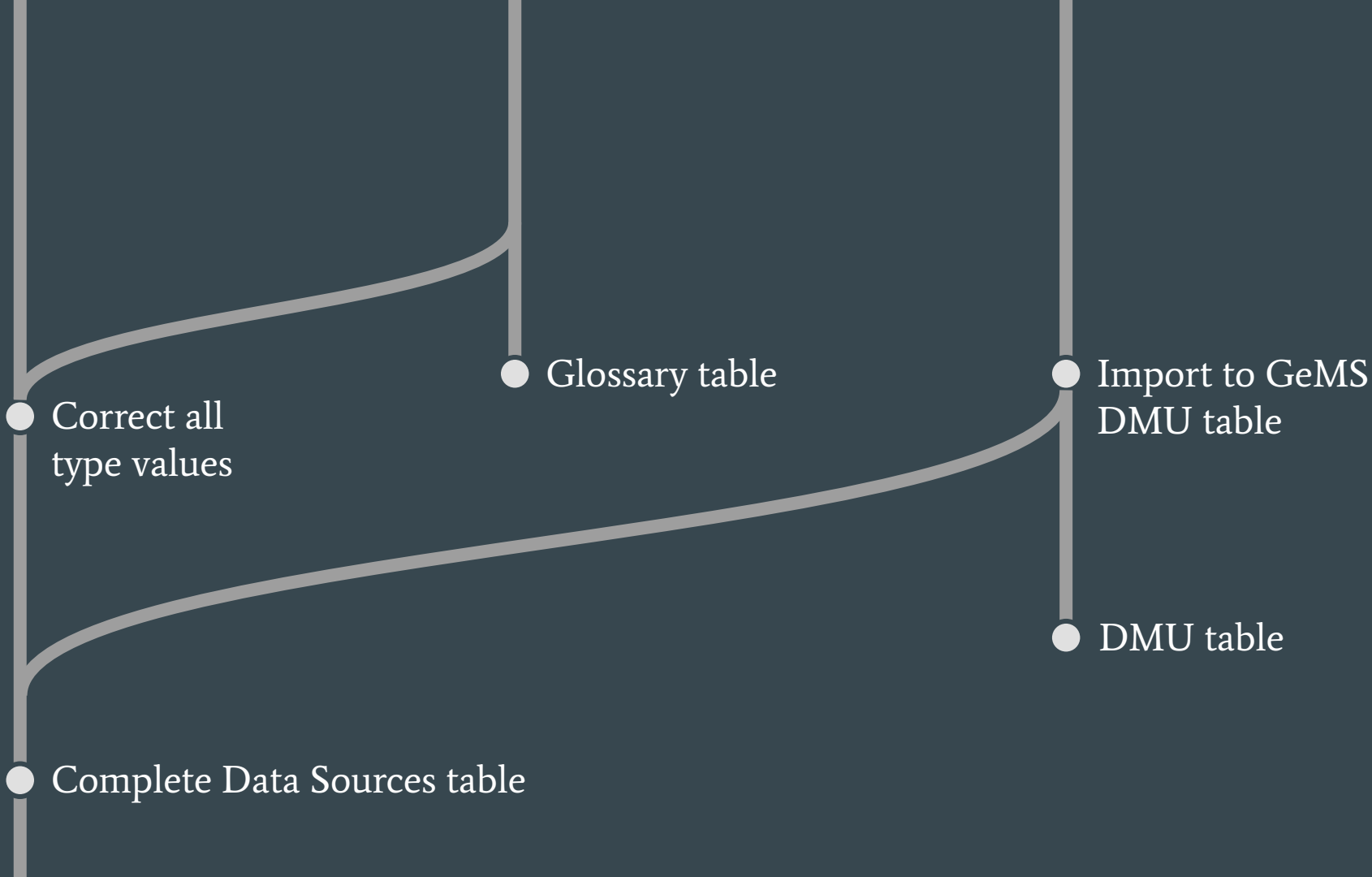
	stems)
914	Direction of meltwater flow. Arrows show the flow direction of meltwater rivers, from the slope of land (arrowheads with short stems).
917	Drumlin
918	Prominent Drumlin
920	Ice-Wedge Polygons
921	Spillway. Small meltwater channels that were lake outlets.
922	Jordan scarp
923	St. Peter scarp
924	Lip of bench at base of East Blue Mound
925	Lip of bench at top of East Blue Mound

- Preliminary topology check and fix errors



- Create GeMS database

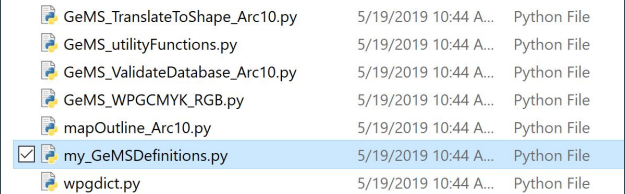
- Load features into GeMS database










- Run GeMS Topology check and correct errors
- Run the Validate Database tool and correct errors

- Add any custom fields and layers to “myGeMSDefinitions.py” (in the GeMS Tools Scripts folder) so they will be referenced by the metadata script

By now, you must have decided on all layers and fields that will be included



 GeMS_TranslateToShape_Arc10.py	5/19/2019 10:44 A...	Python File
 GeMS_utilityFunctions.py	5/19/2019 10:44 A...	Python File
 GeMS_ValidateDatabase_Arc10.py	5/19/2019 10:44 A...	Python File
 GeMS_WPGCMYK_RGB.py	5/19/2019 10:44 A...	Python File
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Populate feature dataset metadata in ArcCatalog

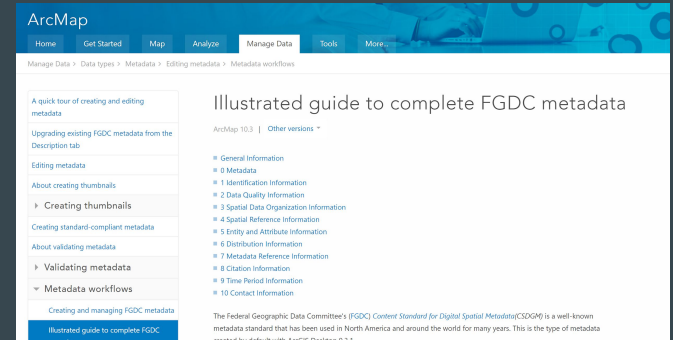
Reference:

An example of FGDC metadata for a geologic map:
<https://geo-nsdi.er.usgs.gov/metadata/map-i/2395/metadata.html>

The Esri Illustrated Guide to FGDC metadata:
<http://desktop.arcgis.com/en/arcmap/10.6/manage-data/metadata/illustrated-guide-to-complete-fgdc-metadata.htm>

*print this?

The map's original metadata file




Run the metadata tool






Getting the data set up




(1) SE Wisconsin Regional Bedrock (Preliminary Bedrock Geologic Map of Walworth, Racine, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Waukesha, Ozaukee, and Washington Counties)




(4) Polk County Pleistocene

+ Add another card


In Progress



(3) West Central (WC) Wisconsin Regional Bedrock




(3) NW Wisconsin Regional Bedrock



(4) Pleistocene Geology of Waukesha County

+ Add another card

Maps that need clarifications



(2) Pierce / St. Croix County Bedrock

+ Add another card

Needs to be sent to a geologist



(4) Pleistocene Geology of Dane County



(4) Pleistocene Geology of Chippewa County

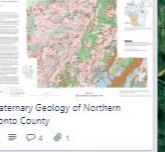


(3) NE Wisconsin Regional Bedrock (Bedrock Geology of Wisconsin, Northeast Sheet)

+ Add another card

Waiting for geologist

Elmo has these DMU tables



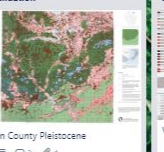
Quaternary Geology of Northern Oconto County

+ Add another card

Back from Geologist

+ Add a card

DMU Added to GeMS Waiting for Validation



Lincoln County Pleistocene

+ Add another card

Needs glossary and data sources and consistency checks



Vilas County Pleistocene



Langlade County Pleistocene



(3) Pleistocene Geology of the Superior Region



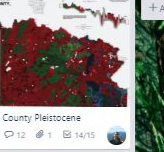
Marathon County Pleistocene




(4) Pleistocene Geology of Barron County

+ Add another card

needs metadata



Florence County Pleistocene



Forest County Pleistocene

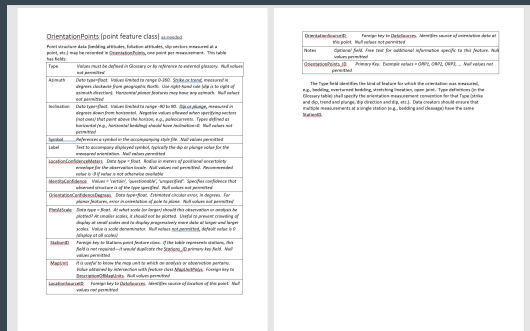
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metadata completed

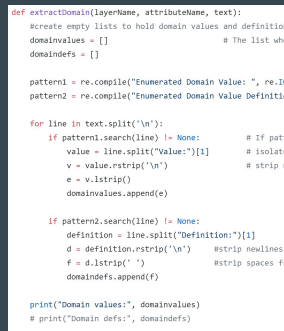
+ Add a card



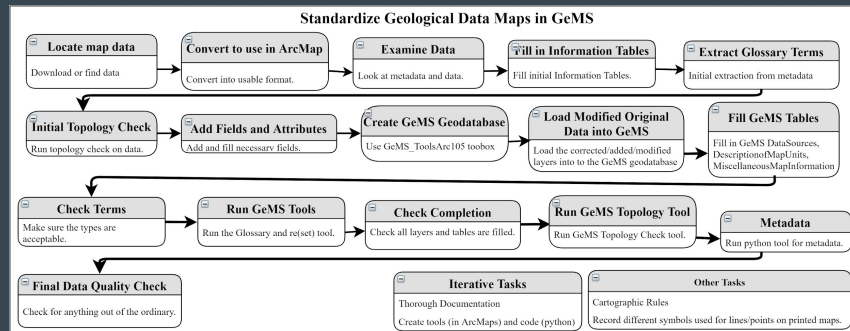
github.com/wgnhs/gems



Quick-reference sheets



Scripts



Workflow steps

github.com/wgnhs/gems

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