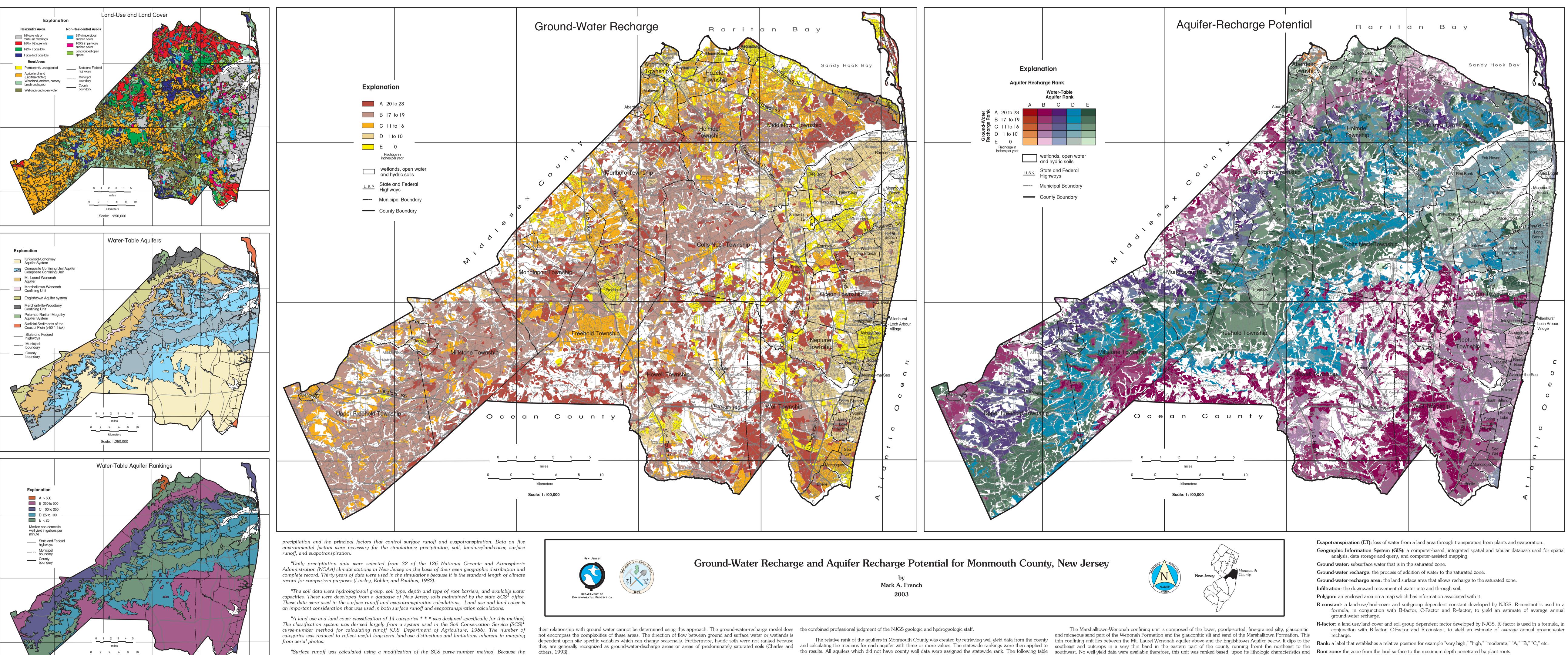
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LAND USE MANAGEMENT NEW JERSEY GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



Land Use and Land Cover Methodology

Land use and land cover (LULC) are important factors influencing ground-water recharge and must be classified in a manner that will be meaningful to ground-water recharge studies. A land use and land cover classification system that is specifically tailored for such studies was developed from a system outlined in the Soil Conservation Service's (SCS)¹ Technical Release 55 (TR-55) "Urban Hydrology for Small Watersheds" (U.S. Department of Agriculture, SCS¹, 1986). If is outlined in New Jersey Geological Survey (NJGS) Report GSR-32, "A Method for Evaluating Ground-Water-Recharge Areas in New Jersey" (Charles and others, 1993). This method uses a modification of the SCS approach that reduces the original 64 land use and land cover categories to 14 catagories. This reduction reflects adjustment from transient land use and land cover conditions to average annual land use and land cover conditions, and limitations inherent in mapping from aerial photos with little field verification.

kilometers

Scale: 1:250,000

Land-use and land-cover (LULC) data for this map were produced by the Monmouth County Health Department using 1991, 7.5 minute, 1:24,000 scale orthophotoquads. The LULC data were produced on a geographic information system (GIS) using Mylar originals and digital images, and a combination of manual and heads-up or on-screen digitization. These data were completed in 1995 and reflect ground-conditions from 1991. The coding of LULC polygons was slightly modified from the NJGS scheme. This modification consisted of re-numbering the classification for Landscaped Open Space from "0" to "15" and adding the classification "999" for open water.

This data were then combined with the NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) freshwater wetlands GIS data. The open water and wetlands areas were coded to classification "101" and the Landscaped Open Space areas were changed back to classification "0". Areas of less than five acres were then eliminated by combining them with adjacent. larger areas.

Ground-Water Recharge Methodology

Ground-water recharge is defined as water which infiltrates into the ground to a depth below the root zone. This definition does not differentiate between recharge to aquifers and recharge to non-aquifers. This methodology of calculating ground-water recharge is based on a monthly soil-water-budget approach. The following is excerpted from Charles and others (1993, p. 4-6) and is provided as background to explain the methodology used to construct the ground-water-recharge map.

"A soil-water budget estimates recharge by subtracting water that is unavailable for recharge (surface runoff and evapotranspiration) from precipitation (the initial budget amount). Any deficit in water storage in the unsaturated zone (soil-moisture deficit) must be made up before ground-water recharge can occur. The resulting equation is:

recharge = precipitation - surface runoff - ET - soil-moisture deficit (1)

"Although recharge to ground water is a highly variable and complex process, a soil-water budget can account for the principal mechanisms and provide reasonable recharge estimates. Appendix 7 [in Charles and others, 1993] provides a comprehensive technical explanation of the data and calculations used to develop the method, and how the results were adapted for the mapping procedure. Briefly, the method was developed as follows:

"An expanded form of equation 1 was used to simulate monthly recharge for all reasonable combinations of climate, soil and land use and land cover found in New Jersey. Recharge was based on statewide ranges of

¹ The Soil Conservation Service (SCS) has been renamed the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Municipal boundaries were taken from the 1987 municipality coverage in the NJDEP GIS database. This coverage non-domestic wells were used because they provided the most comprehensive data and were the most representative of Jablonski, 1968). was modified to include the municipal C-factors. Finally, wetlands and open-water were obtained from both the 1993 the potential water-yielding ability of the aquifer (Sloto and others, 1990). Well-yield data were obtained from NJGS county integrated terrain unit and newly available 1991 freshwater wetlands coverages produced by MARKHURD, Inc. project databases and from the USGS Ground Water Site Index (GWSI) database (Vowinkel and others, 1982). Statistical for the NJDEP. All four of these components were combined into one coverage. analysis showed that the median (a value, in an ordered set of values, below and above which there is an equal number of values) of the well yield could be used to adequately assess the aquifer. The ranges of yields for the rankings are selected The resultant data were then downloaded to a spreadsheet program and the R-factor and R-constant were based upon natural breaks in the data. These ranges were further refined after discussions with NJGS hydrogeologic staff.

determined by cross-referencing the soils and land use and land cover coding of each polygon. Recharge in inches per year was then calculated for each polygon using equation 2. The recharge values were ranked using volumetric ranking as The five statewide rankings are as follows: described in Charles and others (1993). Each recharge rank represents 20% of the total recharge volume. Once the recharge was ranked thees data were then uploaded and joined to the combined coverage. Like-ranked polygons were combined and shading applied. Wetlands, open water, and hydric soil polygons were not shaded.

Wetlands, Open Water and Hydric Soils The unshaded areas on the map, which include wetlands, open water and hydric soils, were not ranked because

beyond the resources of this study."

contribute most of the long-term recharge.

² Studies by the NJGS inidicate that a baseflow calibration factor or basin factor (b-factor) may be required. A basin factor of 1.0 was Charles et. al., 1993).

curve-number method is designed for calculating runoff from the largest annual storms, adjustments were made so the results more accurately reflect runoff observed in New Jersey from smaller storms * * *. These adjustments are applicable only to recharge calculations and are important because frequent smaller storms

"Evapotranspiration was computed for each of the 32 climate stations using a method developed by Thornthwaite and Mather (1957). Evapotranspiration calculations incorporated the effects of land-use/land-cover. Adjustments were made to the evapotranspiration results so they would more closely approximate evapotranspiration from naturally-watered, open, vegetated areas in New Jersev ***.

"The simulations showed that average annual recharge could be estimated on the basis of climate, soil characteristics and land use and land cover. The results were incorporated in a simple formula which allows one to calculate average annual recharge in inches per year from a climate factor (C-factor), a recharge factor (*R*-factor), a baseflow calibration factor (*B*-factor)^Z, and a recharge constant (*R*-constant):

annual ground-water recharge = $(R-factor \times C-factor \times B-factor) - R-constant$ (2)

"Climate factors were developed for every municipality * * *. Recharge factors and recharge constants * * * were developed for every possible combination of soil characteristics and land use/land cover found in New

"There are four primary qualifiers of the method. First, the method estimates ground-water recharge (recharge to both aguifers and non-aguifers) rather than aguifer recharge. Second, a fundamental assumption when using a soil-water budget to estimate ground-water recharge is that all water which migrates below the root zone recharges ground water (Rushton, 1988). Third, the method addresses only natural ground-water recharge. Intentional and unintentional artificial recharge, withdrawals of ground water, and natural discharge are not addressed. Fourth, wetlands and water bodies are eliminated from the analysis before recharge mapping is begun. This is because the direction of flow between ground-water and surface water or wetlands depends on site specific factors and can also change seasonally ***. Incorporating these complexities was

This ground-water-recharge map was created using the method presented in Charles and others (1993), and modified for GIS implementation. The method requires information about 4 components: (1) land use and land cover, (2) soils, (3) municipal boundaries, and (4) wetlands and open water. Land use and land cover was mapped as indicated (1997), and Herman and others (1998). above. Soils were obtained from the 1993 county integrated terrain unit coverage of the county.

contains the data used to rank Monmouth County's aquifers:

Therefore, wetlands, open water and hydric soils can be either recharge or discharge areas, both or neither, or neutral in relationship with ground water. This relationship depends upon many factors and may change unpredictal over the course of time. Site specific studies are required to determine the relationship to ground water for the areas

Aquifer Recharge Potential

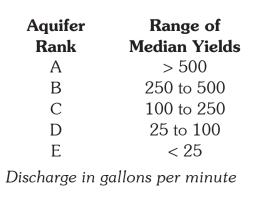
Aquifer recharge or recharge to water-bearing geologic units is defined by this study as the ground water which reaches the water table in the uppermost geologic unit with a thickness of 50 feet or greater. The water-table aguif rankings map was combined with the ground-water recharge map to produce a map of aquifer-recharge potential. produced a composite ranking of 25 possible aguifer-recharge potentials which show the relationship betwee ground-water-recharge areas and the underlying water-table aguifer.

Ground-water-recharge rates vary independently across the underlying aquifers. High-ranke ground-water-recharge areas can be found on low-ranked aguifers. This indicates infiltration or recharge at higher rates than the aquifer can absorb. This excess recharge provides water to wetlands and for stream baseflow. When high-rank, ground-water-recharge areas are located over high-ranked aquifers, this indicates an area where recharge rates are matched more closely to the aguifer's ability to absorb this water and are indicative of important aguifer-recharge areas.

This map incorporates two additional assumptions besides those outlined in the ground-water-recharge methodology as presented by Charles and others (1993). These assumptions are: (1) Any lateral flow of ground water along boundaries of differing hydraulic conductivity has not been incorporated in this map. (2) The influence of topography on recharge is considered to have been addressed in the ground-water-recharge methodology as presented in Charles and others (1993).

Water Table Aquifer Rankings

For the purposes of this study water-table aquifer is defined as the first water-bearing geologic unit with a thickness of 50 feet or greater and is under unconfined conditions. The aquifers were defined using geologic and hydrogeologic data from Jablonski (1968), Pucci and others (1994), Newell and others (1995), Owens and others (1995), Stanford



not available for an aquifer, it was ranked based upon its lithologic characteristics compared to the ranked aquifers, and Pucci and others, 1994, Jablonski, 1968).

used for this map. The basin factor is explained in Charles et. al., 1993, "A Method for Evaluating Ground-Water-Recharge Areas in New Jersey" and NJGS Technical Memorandum TM99-1 "Basin Calibration for Ground-Water-Recharge Estimation (Addendum to

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4. water-table aquifers in outcrop area 5. also a confined aquifer

6. statewide data and rank

Aquifer Descriptions

locations in the county: in the Sandy Hook area and the far southeastern corner. No well-yield data were available maximum yields were 1760 gpm. (Herman and others, 1998, Pucci and others, 1994, Jablonski, 1968). therefore, this aguifer was ranked based upon its lithologic characteristics and the judgment of the NJGS (Herman and others, 1998).

The Kirkwood-Cohansey aquifer system is composed of sand and gravel with lenses of silt and clay. The aquifer is the primary water-table aquifer in the southeastern part of the county. This aquifer is overlain by a thin veneer of the younger Coastal Plain surficial sediment. It is underlain by the confined parts of the composite confining unit and aquifers; the Manasquan Formation, Vincentown Formation, Hornerstown Sand, Tinton Sand, Red Bank To create a system to rank these aquifers the NJGS analyzed statewide aquifer and well data that included well Sand, and the Navesink Sand. The reported non-domestic yield of the aquifer ranges from 94 to 1200 gpm with a yield, hydraulic conductivity, specific capacity, transmissivity, and storativity. Well-yield data from a high-yield subset of median yield of 401 gpm and an average yield of 510 gpm (Herman and others, 1998, Pucci and others, 1994,

The composite confining unit and composite confining unit aquifer are made up of silt and clay with localized Geographic Information Analysis. sand lenses. Confining units include the Shark River, Manasquan, Hornerstown, and Tinton Formations, and the lower part (Sandy Hook Member) of the Red Bank Formation. The localized water-table aquifers, which are Glossary of selected terms composed of massive quartz sand outcrop, include the Vincentown Formation and the upper part (Shrewsbury Member) of the Red Bank Formation. These aquifers grade into confining units southeast in the subsurface where the Aquifer: a geologic formation, part of a formation or group of formations that can supply useable quantities of water to quartz sands become more glauconitic and silty. The outcrop area of these units runs northeast to southwest through the center of the county. These units dip to the southeastward where they are overlain by the Kirkwood-Cohansey aguifer system, and overlay the Mt. Laurel-Wenonah aguifer. Reported non-domestic median yield for the confining units is 10 gpm and 95 gpm for the aquifers portions. Average yields are 23 gpm and 246 gpm for the confining units and aquifers, respectively. Well yield ranges from 10 to 50 gpm for the confining units and from 20 to 900 gpm for the aquifers (Herman and others, 1998, Pucci and others, 1994, Jablonski, 1968).

The Mount Laurel-Wenonah aquifer is made up of glauconitic sand of the Mt. Laurel Sand overlying coarse-grained and micaceous sand portions of the Wenonah Formation. This aquifer outcrops in a relatively thin **Baseflow:** that part of stream flow (discharge) derived from ground water seeping into the stream. band running from the northeast to the southwest near the eastern edge of the county. It dips southeastward under the composite confining unit and aquifer and overlays the Marshalltown-Wenonah confining unit. The median and Once these ranges were established, statewide rankings were determined for each aquifer. If well-yield data were average well yield is 124 gpm and 176 gpm respectively with a range of 8 to 750 gpm (Herman and others, 1998,

the judgment of the NJGS (Herman and others, 1998, Pucci and others, 1994, Jablonski, 1968). **Saturated zone:** a subsurface zone in which all voids are filled with water.

Soil-water budget: an accounting of the water flow in and out of a soil unit by calculation of precipitation, surface The Englishtown aquifer system in Monmouth County is made up of an upper and lower fine-to-medium grained, runoff, evapotranspiration and changes in soil-moisture. In a soil-water budget the excess of water can be guartzose, well-sorted sand separated by thin, slightly-sandy or silty clay beds in the outcrop area which runs along the considered available for ground-water and aquifer recharge. eastern edge of the county. It overlays the Merchantville-Woodbury confining unit. Median well yield was 300 gpm. Average well yield was 303 gpm. Maximum and minmum well yields were 1486 gpm and 10 gpm, respectively (Herman and others, 1998, Pucci and others, 1994, Jablonski, 1968).

The Merchantville-Woodbury confining unit is composed of the clayey silt, micaeous clay, and thin beds and lenses Anderson, J. R., Hardy, E. E., Roach, J. T., and Witmer, R. E., 1976, A Land Use and Land Cover Classification of glauconitic sand of the Merchantville Formation; and the micaeous clay of the Woodbury Clay. It may also contain the System for Use with Remote Sensing Data: U. S. Geological Survey Professional Paper 964. localized Cliffwood and Morgan beds, and the Amboy Stoneware Member of the upper Magothy Formation. It forms the most massive confining unit of the Coastal Plain. It outcrops in the northwest corner of the county and dips Charles, E. G., Behroozi, C., Schooley, J., and Hoffman, J. L., 1993, A Method for Evaluating southeastward under the Englishtown aguifer system. It overlies the important Potomac-Raritan-Magothy aguifer system. Ground–Water-Recharge Areas in New Jersey: N. J. Geological Survey Report GSR 32, 95 p. No well-vield data were available therefore, this unit was ranked based upon its lithologic characteristics and the Daniel, C. C., III, 1989, Statistical Analysis Relating Well Yield to Contruction Practices and Siting of Wells in the judgment of the NJGS (Herman and others, 1998, Pucci and others, 1994, Jablonski, 1968). Piedmont and Blue Ridge Provinces of North Carolina: U. S. Geological Survey Water-Supply Paper 2341, Potomac-Raritan-Magothy aquifer system is interbedded sand, gravel, silt, and clay separated into lower, middle pp. A13-A22.

and upper aquifers. It includes the Raritan confining unit composed of interbedded sand, silt, and clay. The upper aquifer Herman, G. C., Canace, R., French, M. A., Hoffman, J. L., Mennel, W. J., Pristas, R. S., Sugarman, P. J., and is made up primarily of the Old Bridge Sand Memeber of the Magothy Formation and includes the Sayreville Sand Stanford, S. D., 1998, Aquifers of New Jersey: N. J. Geological Survey Open File Map OFM-24, 1:100,00 Member where the intervening South Amboy Fire Clay is thin or absent. This part of the aquifer outcrops in the northwest corner of the county. The middle aquifer is made up of the Farrington Sand Member of the Raritan Formation and is separated from the upper aquifer by the Woodbridge Clay Member. This aquifer overlies either pre-Cretaceous Hoffman, J., L., 1999, Basin-Factor Calibration for Ground-Water-Recharge Estimation (Addendum to Charles and The surficial sediments of the Coastal Plain (sscp) are unconsolidated sediments overlying Coastal Plain aguifers bedrock, or the Raritan Fire Clay Member which makes up the confining unit of the lower aguifer. This lower aguifer is others, 1993, A Method for Evaluating Ground-Water Recharge-Areas in New Jersey): N. J. Geological and confining units. These include Pleistocene beach, dune, deltaic, and marine sands, and recent alluvium. The made up of the fine-grained sediments of the Potomac Group. Neither the middle or lower aquifer outcrops in the Survey Technical Memorandum TM99-1, 2 p. sediments are hydraulically connected to the underlying aguifer and are considered a minor aguifer when they reach a county, but are present in the subsurface. The entire aguifer system dips southeastward under the overlying aguifers and thickness of 50 ft. or greater, or occur atop a confining unit. This unit only reaches sufficient thicknesses in two confining units. Median and average well yields were 40 gpm and Jablonski, L. A., 1968, Ground-Water Resources of Monmouth County N. J.: N. J. Dept. of Conservation and Economic Development Special Report 23, 114 p. Recharge to confined aquifers in Monmouth County occurs either in the outcrop zone or as leakage from Linsley, R. K., Kohler, M. A., and Paulhus, J. L. H., 1982, Hydrology for Engineers (3rd ed.): New York,

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Aquifer recharge: the process of addition of water to an aquifer through infiltration. Aquifer-recharge area: the land surface area that allows recharge to an aquifer.

B-Factor: a calibration constant developed by the NJGS to calibrate ground-water-recharge estimates to statewide, stream-baseflow-based recharge estimates. B-factor is used in a formula, in conjunction with C-factor, R-factor, and R-constant, to yield an estimate of average annual ground-water recharge.

factor: a climate-sensitive constant developed by NJGS that consists of the ratio of average annual precipitation to the average annual (simulated) potential evapotranspiration. C-factor is used in a formula, in conjunction with B-factor, R-factor and R-constant, to yield an estimate of average annual ground-water recharge.

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