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# **Researching Sewanee's Fascinating Subsurface**

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When people think about Sewanee and its impressive Domain, they often envision expansive forests, remote caves, sprawling bluff views, and eye-catching water features. It's true that Sewanee boasts all of these things—but the Domain 3D project is interested in something that's been, until now, inaccessible: what's under our feet. Deep under our feet.

Dr. Jeff Paine, senior research scientist with the Bureau of Economic Geology (BEG) at the University of Texas at Austin, and Lucie Costard, a research scientist associate at the BEG, traveled to Sewanee in early September as a part of the collaborative efforts of both Sewanee and the University of Texas to work toward assembling a profile of what lies hundreds of feet beneath Sewanee's vast Domain.

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