



Silver Creek Project



*Partnering
for Water Quality*

Agenda

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Overview
 - Goals of the pilot and what has led up to today
 - Accomplishments in 2018
 - Water Quality Monitoring Results
 - Break
 - Special Projects
 - Demonstration Farm Update
 - Outagamie County Update
 - Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance Update
 - Silver Creek Next Steps
 - Full Scale Adaptive Management Evaluations and Next Steps in 2019



Goals of the Silver Creek Pilot Project

Assess the ability to collaborate with a diverse group of partners

Test the willingness of landowners and growers to participate in a volunteer/incentive-based program

Measure water quality response after conservation practice installation

Evaluate the capacity of partners to assist

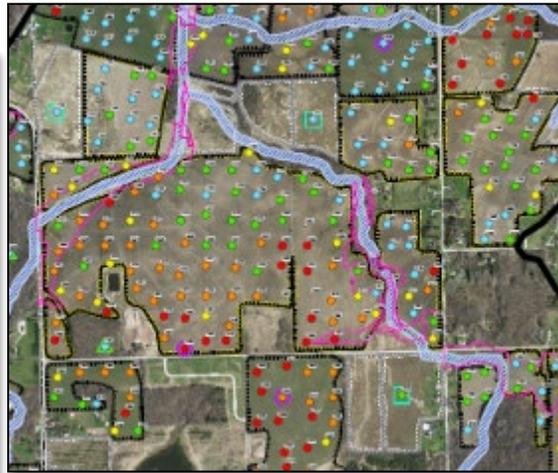
Estimate overall cost of Adaptive Management

Develop a framework for full scale Adaptive Management

Silver Creek Pilot Project – From the Beginning

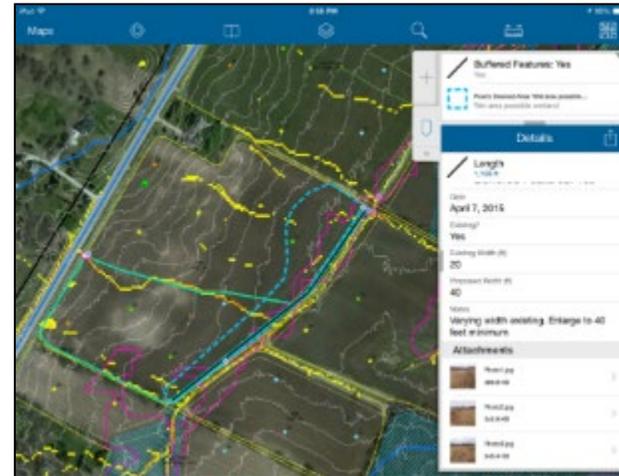
2014 – Project Kickoff

- Developed project partners
- Water quality sampling
- Soil sampling
- Stream surveys

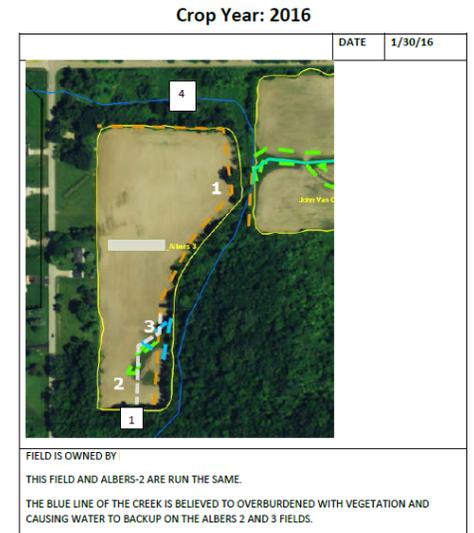


2015 – Watershed Inventory

- Comprehensive field evaluations
- Arc GIS tablet application
- Conservation planning meetings
- Developed conservation and enhanced nutrient mgmt. plans



CONSERVATION & ENHANCED NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN



Silver Creek Pilot Project – 2016, 2017, 2018



- Water quality monitoring
- Field planning
- Cost share agreements
- Best Management Practices (BMPs) installation
 - Filter strips (buffers)
 - Critical area plantings
 - Grassed waterways
 - Cover crops
 - Residue management
 - Low disturbance manure application
 - Etc.
- Verification of installed BMPs

2018 By The Numbers

- Conservation and Enhanced Nutrient Management Plans
 - Over 1500 acres
- Cost Share Agreements
 - 9 Operational BMP Contracts
- 89% of cropland was not tilled in 2018
 - 78% of cropland used no-till
 - 11% of cropland in alfalfa, pasture, wetland, CRP or other

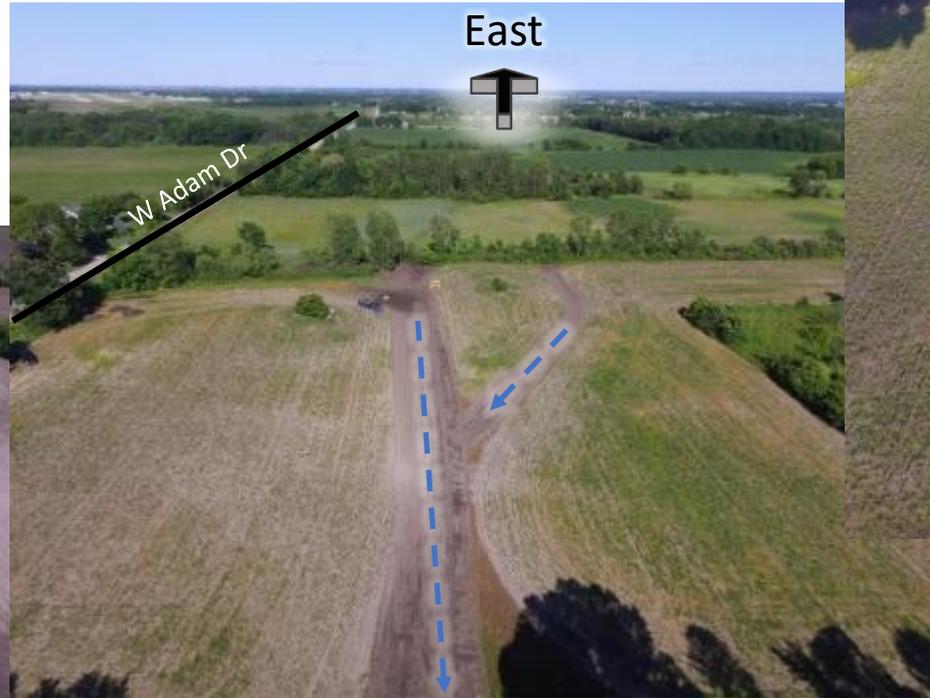
- Winter Cover in Fields
 - 82% of cropland covered by either alfalfa, cover crops, winter wheat, forage, pasture, or grass
 - 2017 – 85%
 - 2016 – 70%
 - 2015 – 30%

2018 Cover Summary	Acres
Cover Crops	300
Alfalfa	598
Winter wheat	147
Grass	188
TOTAL COVER	1233
TOTAL CROPPED ACRES:	1506

Timeline of Project #1



May 31, 2016



June 28, 2016



June 30, 2016

Timeline of Project #1



Aug. 26, 2016



Oct. 4, 2016



Nov 29, 2016

Timeline of Project #1

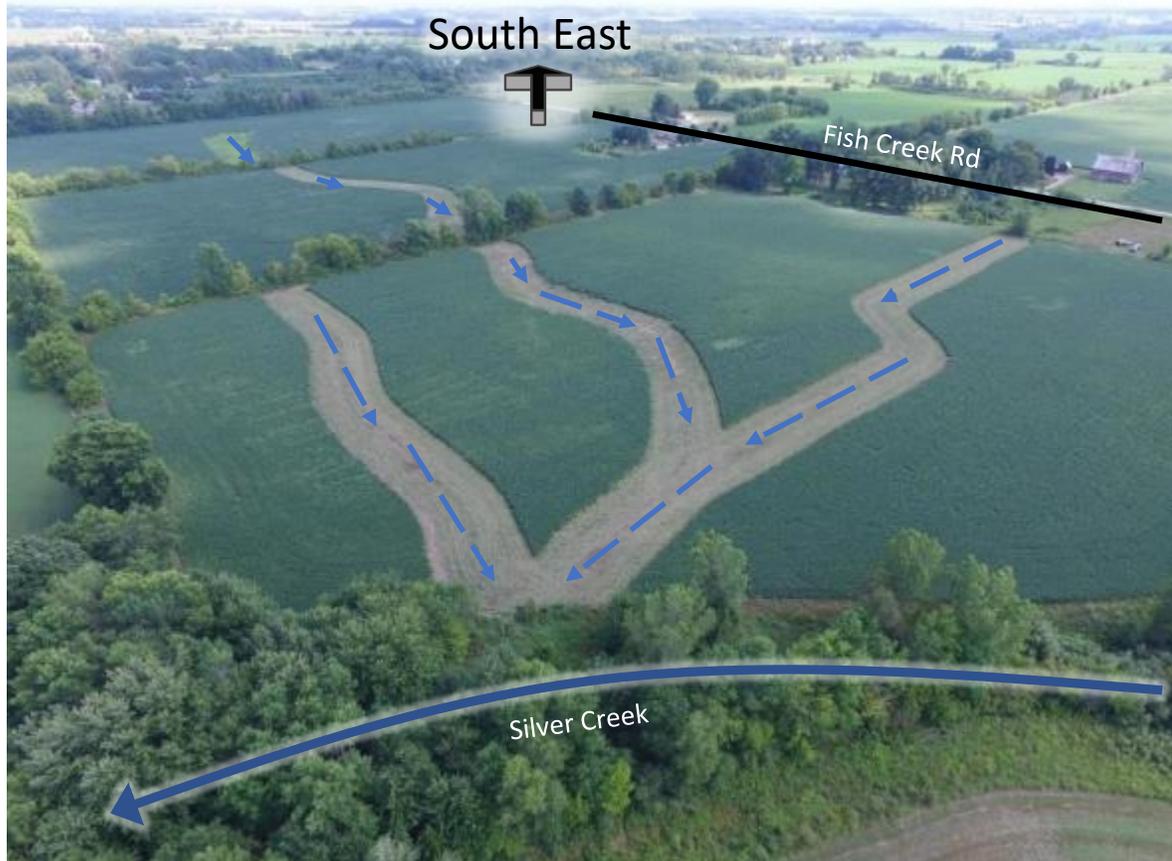


Dec 1, 2017



July 30, 2018

Timeline of Project #2



Aug. 16, 2016



Aug 31, 2016

Timeline of Project #2



Oct. 4, 2016



Nov. 29, 2016

Timeline of Project #2



June 13, 2017



Oct 9, 2017



Timeline of Project #2



Dec 1, 2017

Silver Creek



July 30, 2018

Timeline of Project #3



Mar. 27, 2017



Aug. 23, 2017



Timeline of Project #3



Sept. 19, 2017



Dec 1, 2017



Timeline of Project #3

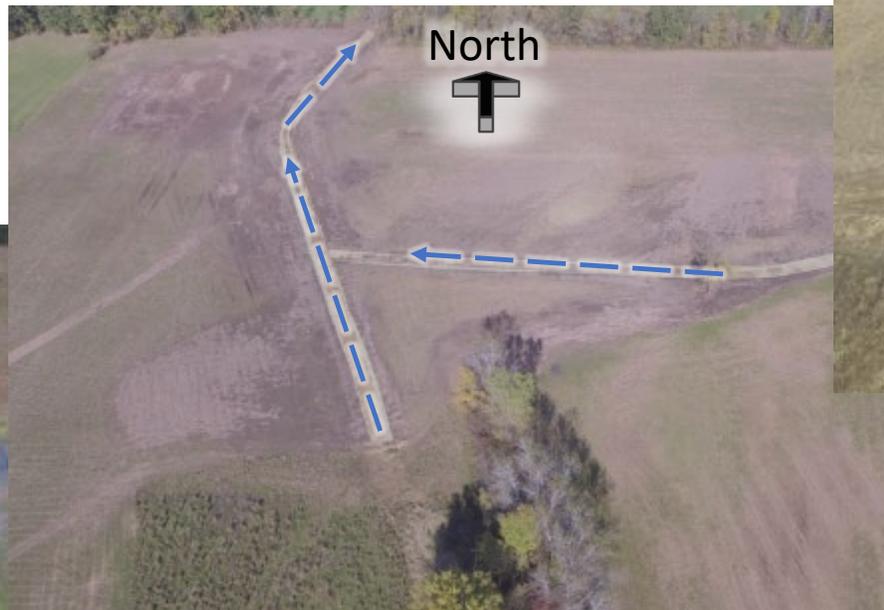


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Timeline of Project #4



Sept. 29, 2017



Oct. 9, 2017



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Timeline of Project #4



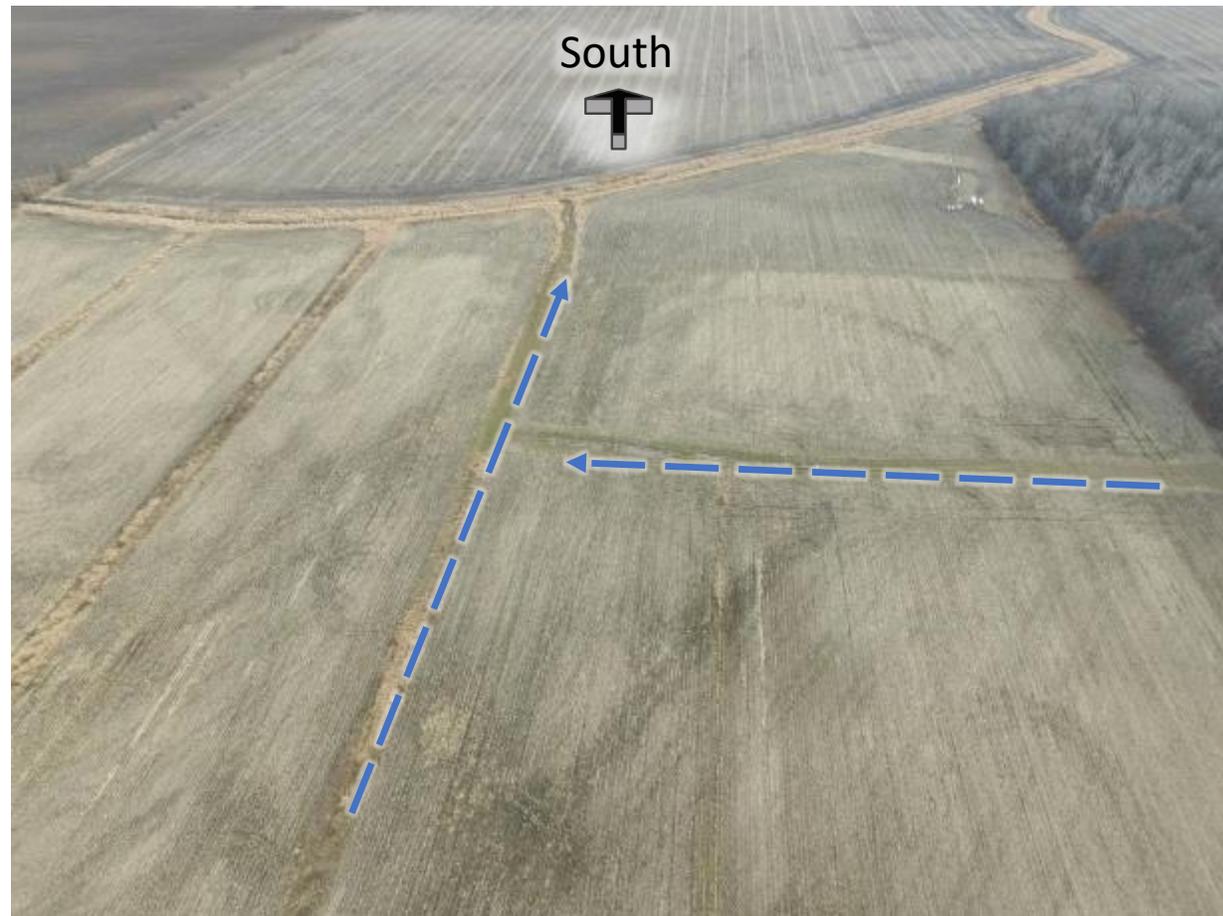
July 30, 2018



Timeline of Project #5



Dec 1, 2017



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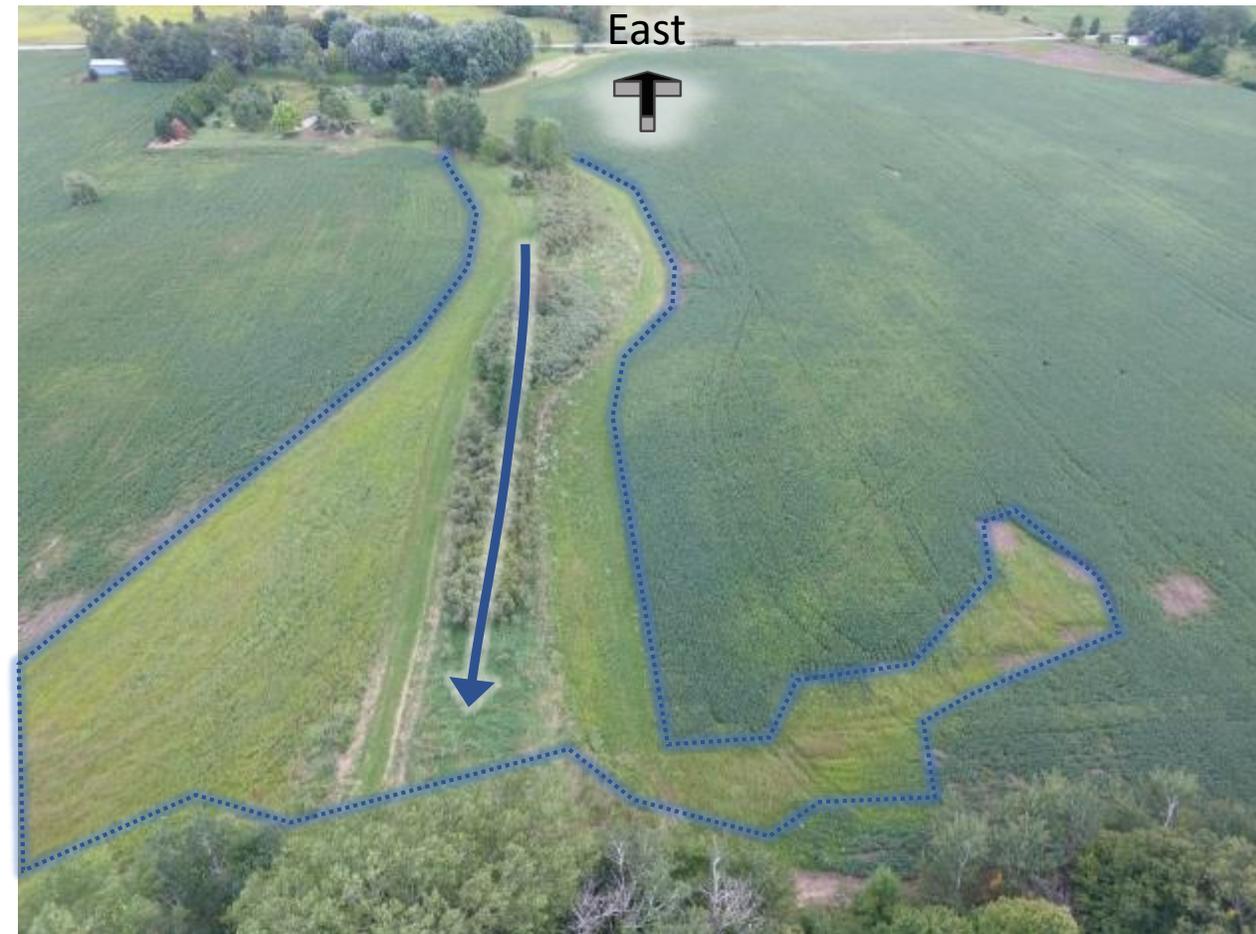


Timeline of Project #5



July 30, 2018

Filter Strips Projects



Aug. 23, 2017



Dec 1, 2017

Filter Strips Projects



June 5, 2018

Filter Strips Projects



June 13, 2017



Dec 1, 2017

Filter Strips Projects



June 5, 2018

Water and Sediment Control Basins (WASCOB)



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June 13, 2017



Oct. 9, 2017



Dec. 1, 2017

Water and Sediment Control Basins (WASCOB)



June 5, 2018

Interseeder Experiences



Outreach

- 4th Annual Student Monitoring Event



- Central States Water Environment Association Magazine

- AGATE Magazine



PLANT PROFILE:

NEW Water – Green Bay, WI



Landowner/Grower Appreciation Luncheon



December 4, 2018

Collector App - Verification

- Verify practices before, during, and post-construction/implementation

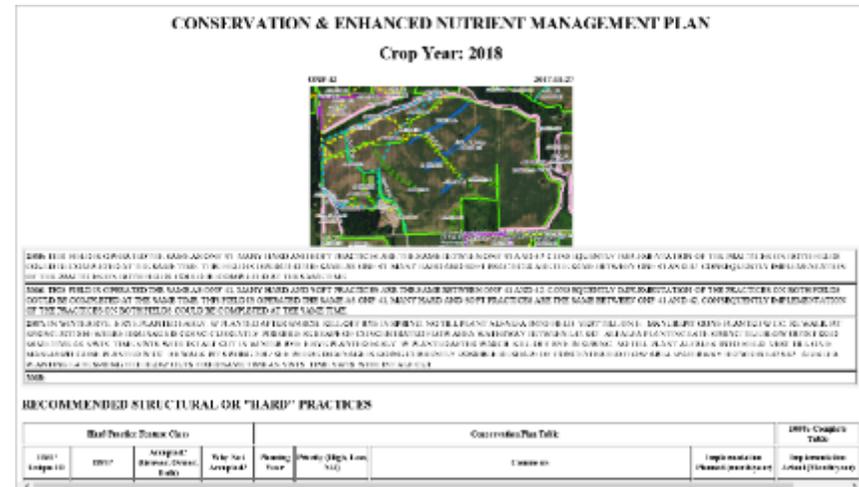
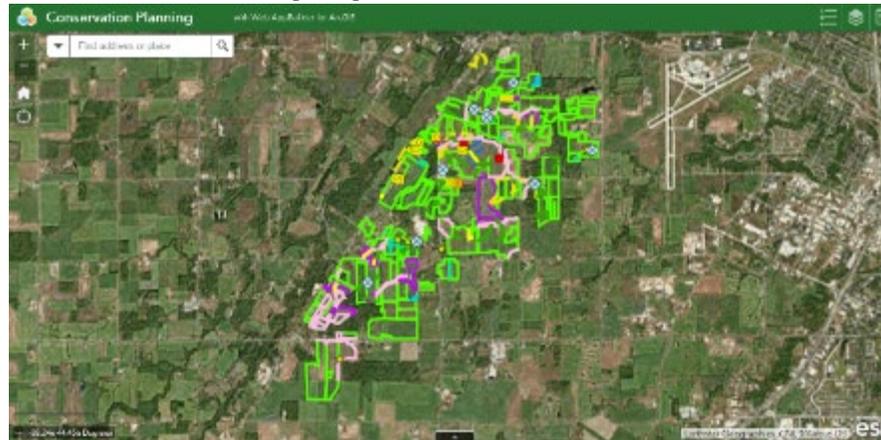
Inspection tables utilized

- Structural practices
 - Pre-construction, During Construction 100% Complete, and Maintenance inspections
- Operational practices
 - BMP table related to field boundary
 - Inspection table related to BMP table

Name 1	Name 2	Other Names	Unique BMP ID	Pct of Field Receiving Seed	Cover Crop Seeding Date	Average Ground Cover	Type of seed	Type Other	Notes	Practice Description	Planned Implementation	Implemented	Agreement USD
Bill Scheureberg			201,008,706	100	September 15, 2016	90-100ft	winter rye		Just an PIT, 90% part of the field as well as field #1, early planted winter rye		December 29, 1899	December 29, 1899	
Bill Scheureberg			201,008,707	100	October 20, 2016	0-10ft	winter rye		Rye germinated, few plants poking out of the ground	Cover crop	December 26, 1899	December 26, 1899	
Nikki Trueman		CH2M OFFICE	201,008,636	100	September 12, 2016		winter rye				September 12, 2016	December 29, 1899	

Collector App - Verification

Conservation & Enhanced Nutrient Management Plan available in AGOL as HTML link

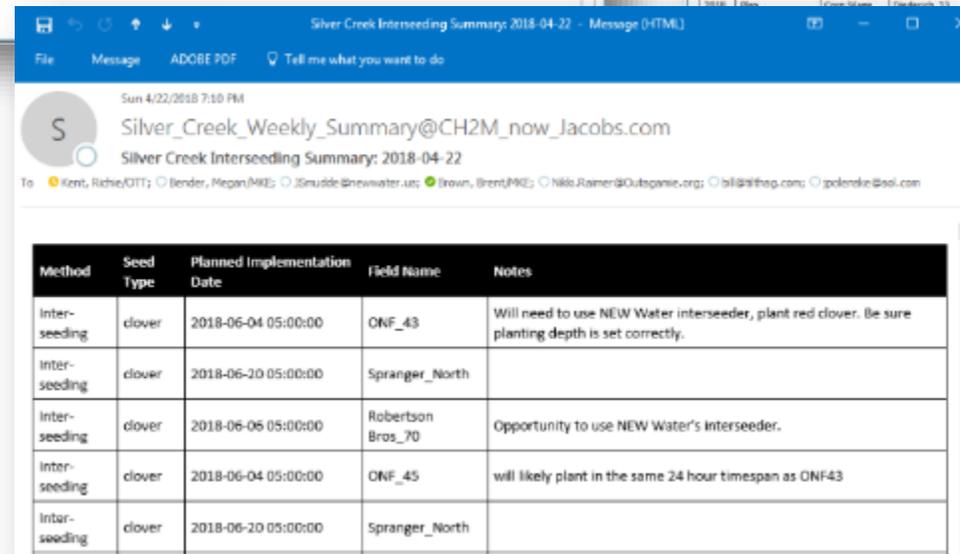
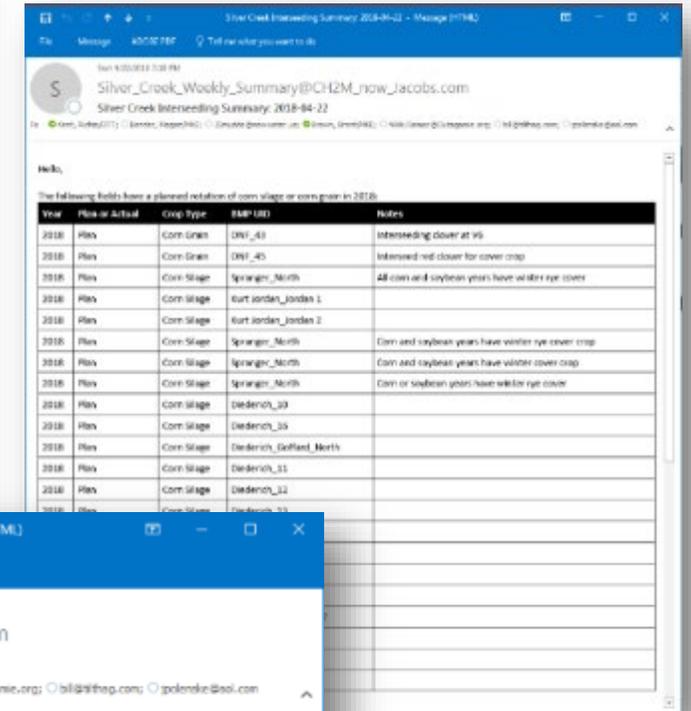
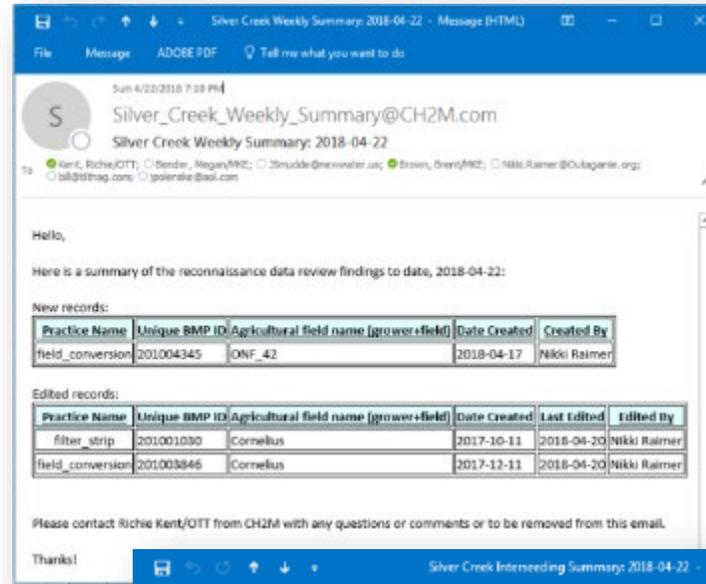


Select a field boundary and scroll to the list of attachments to find the Conservation Plan Report

Demonstration and Value of Application

App Support of Workflow and Future Uses

- Create workflow triggers
 - Rainfall
 - Biannual inspections
 - Interseeding opportunities
 - Incomplete entries on inspections and conservation plans
 - 100% complete inspections
 - Cost Share Payment
 - Dashboard for routine reporting

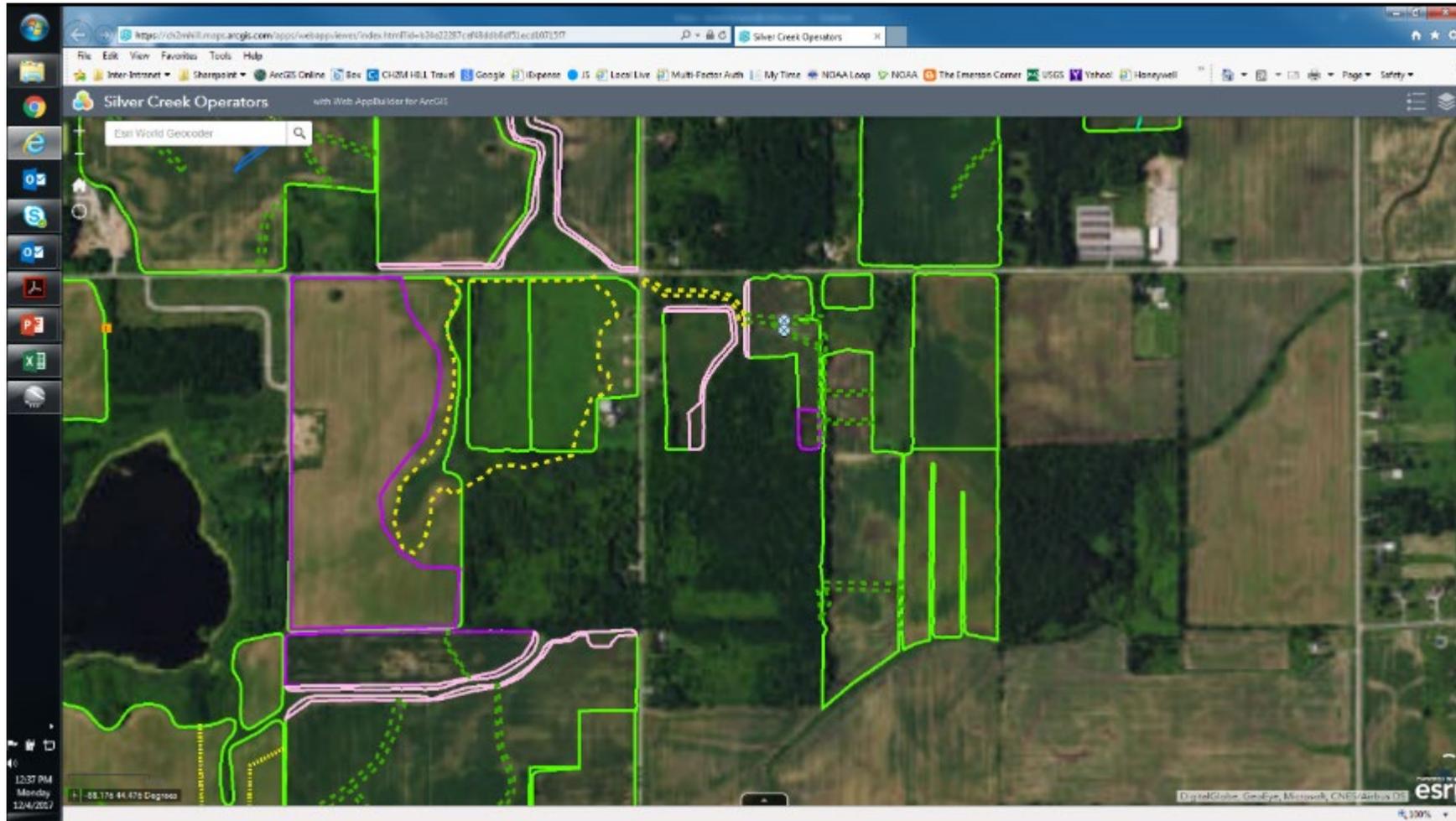


Live Map Showing Conservation Practices v2.0

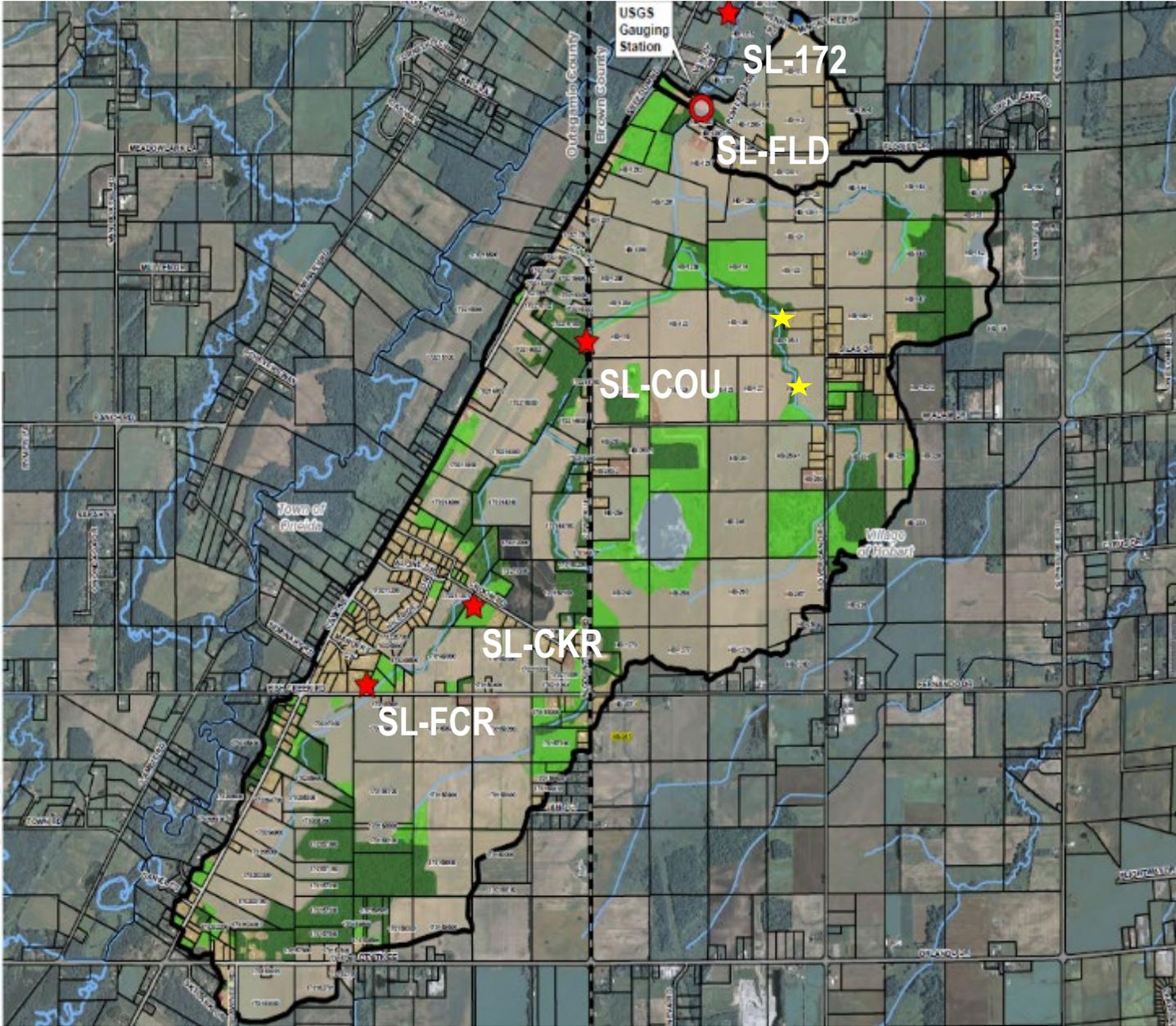
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<https://tinyurl.com/yaxewbrt>



Silver Creek Project: Water Quality Review

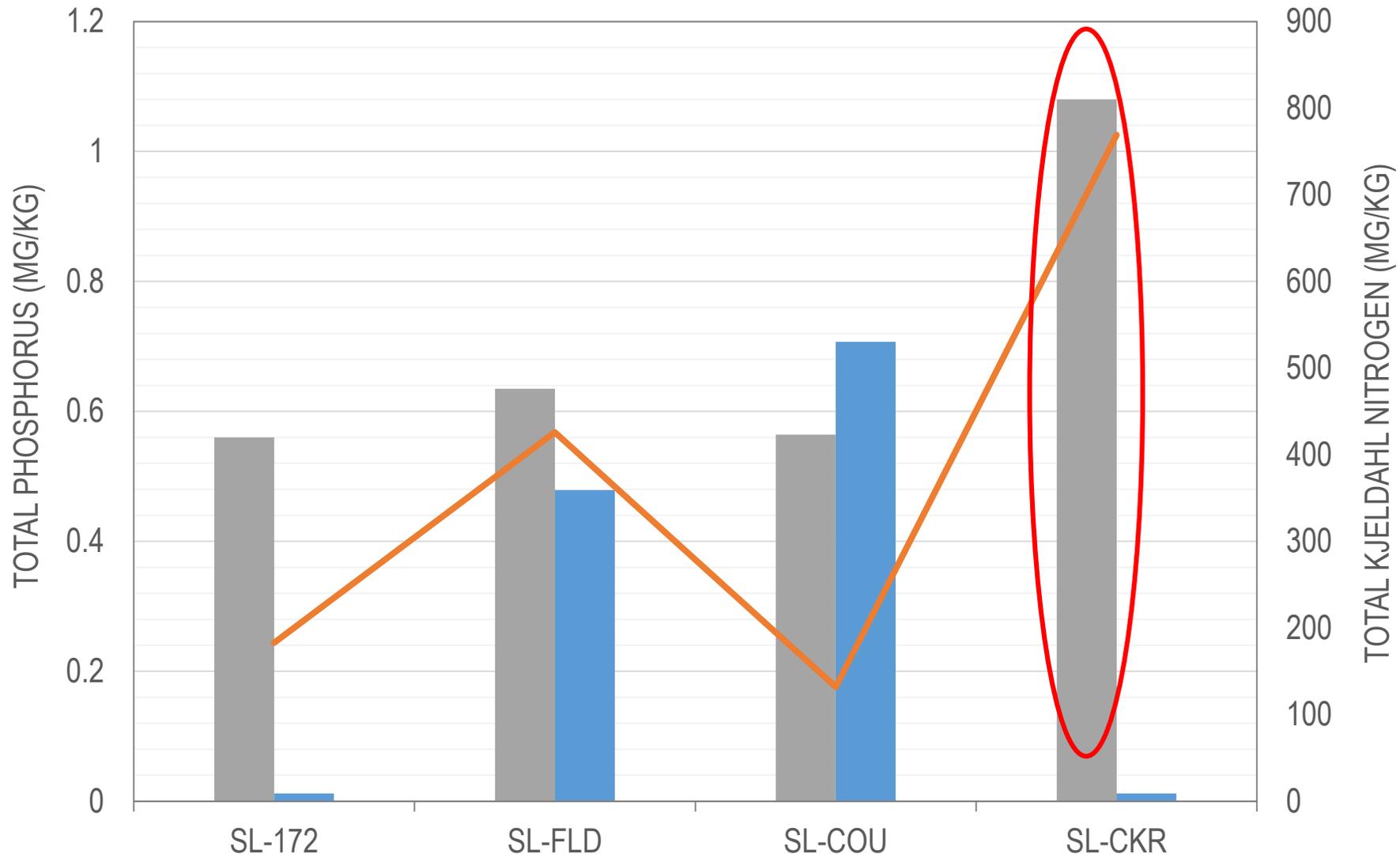






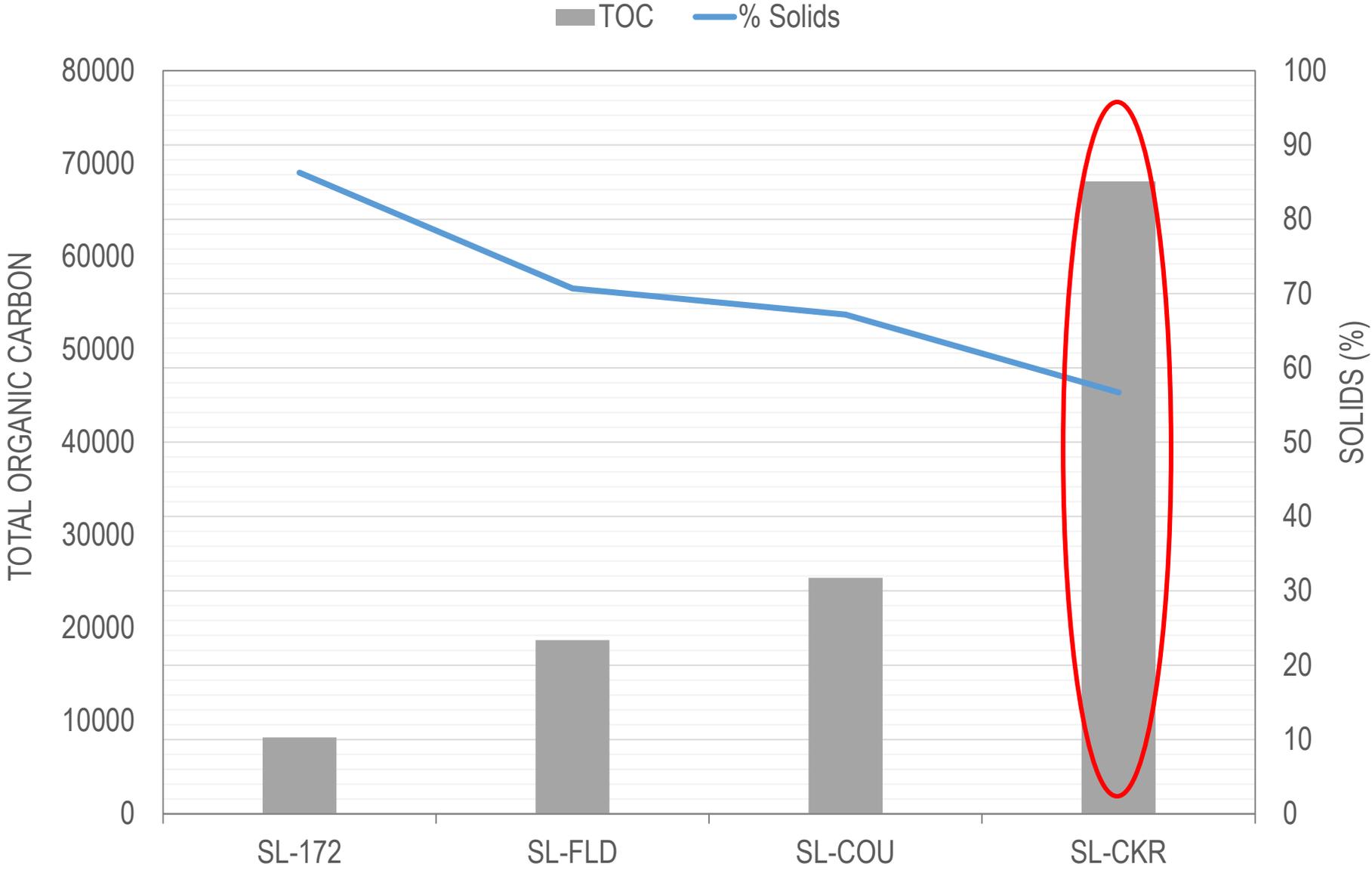
Silver Creek Stream Bed Nutrients

TP NO3 TKN



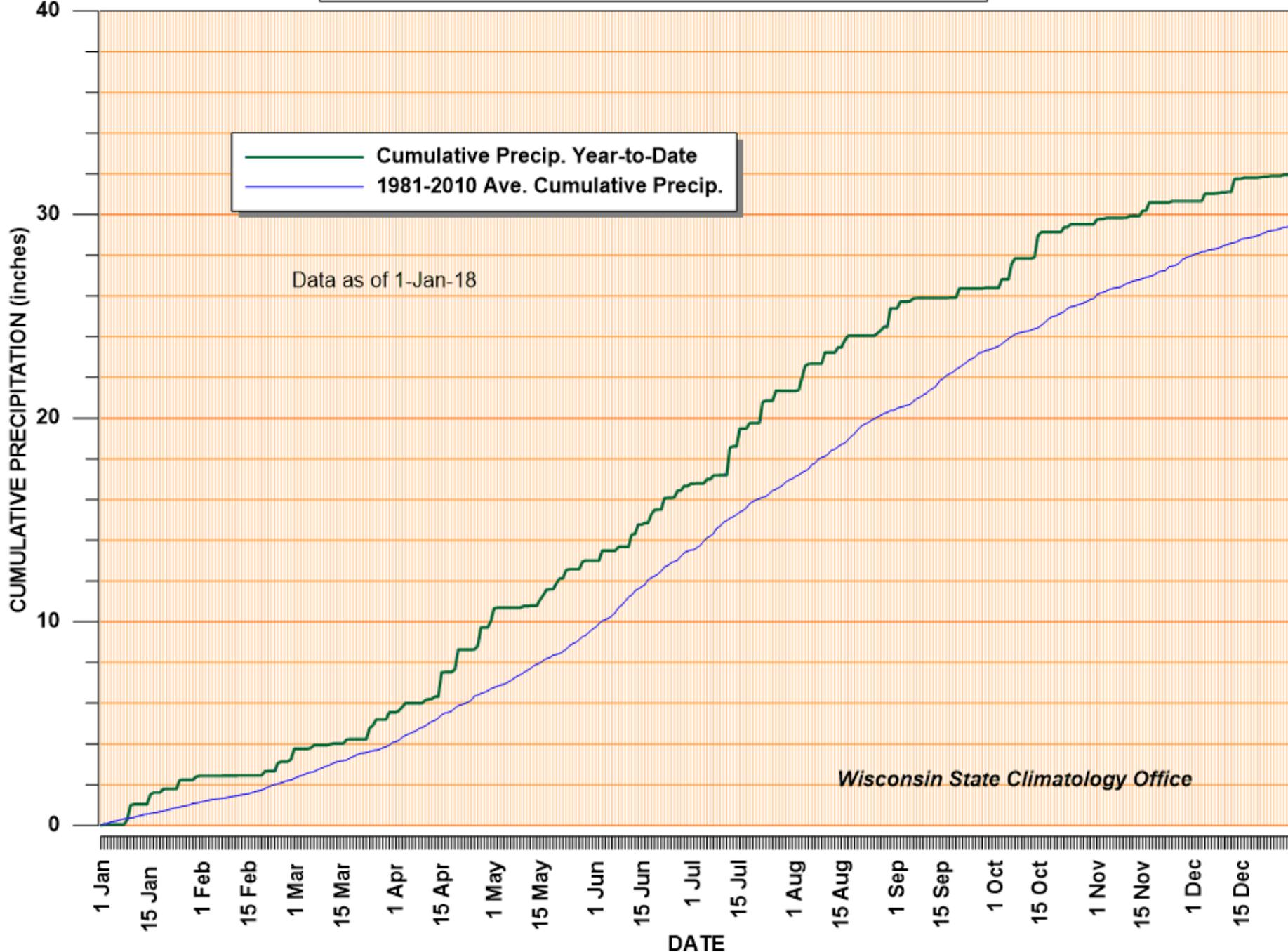


Silver Creek Stream Bed Solids





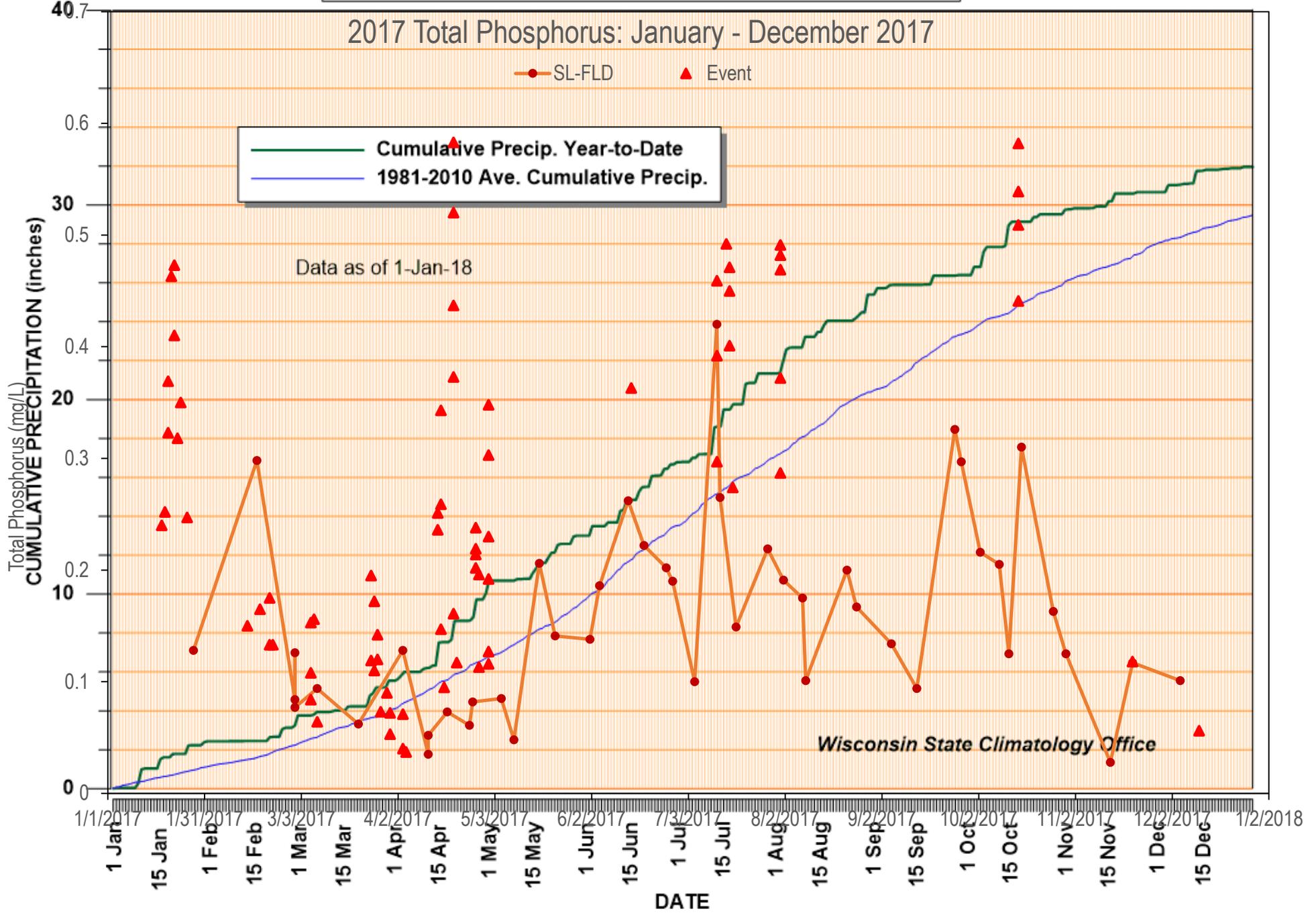
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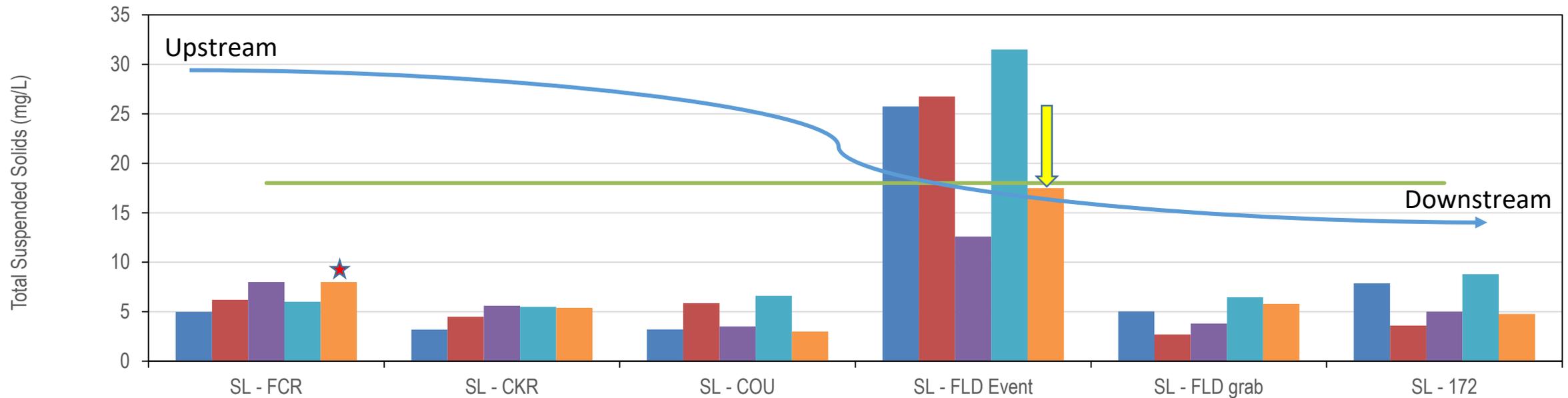
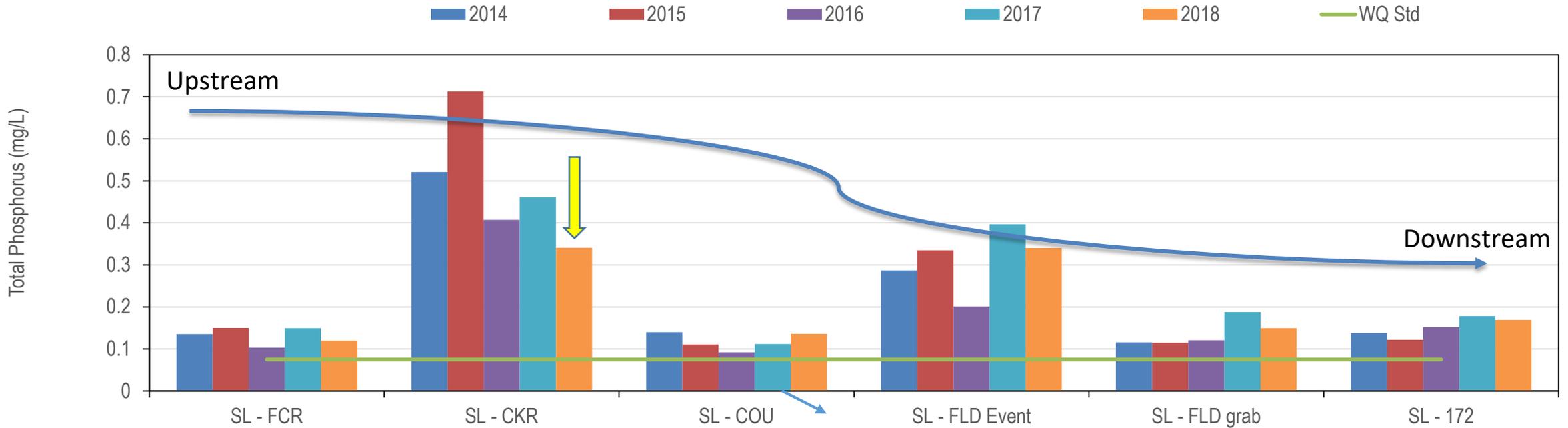
Data as of 1-Jan-18

Wisconsin State Climatology Office

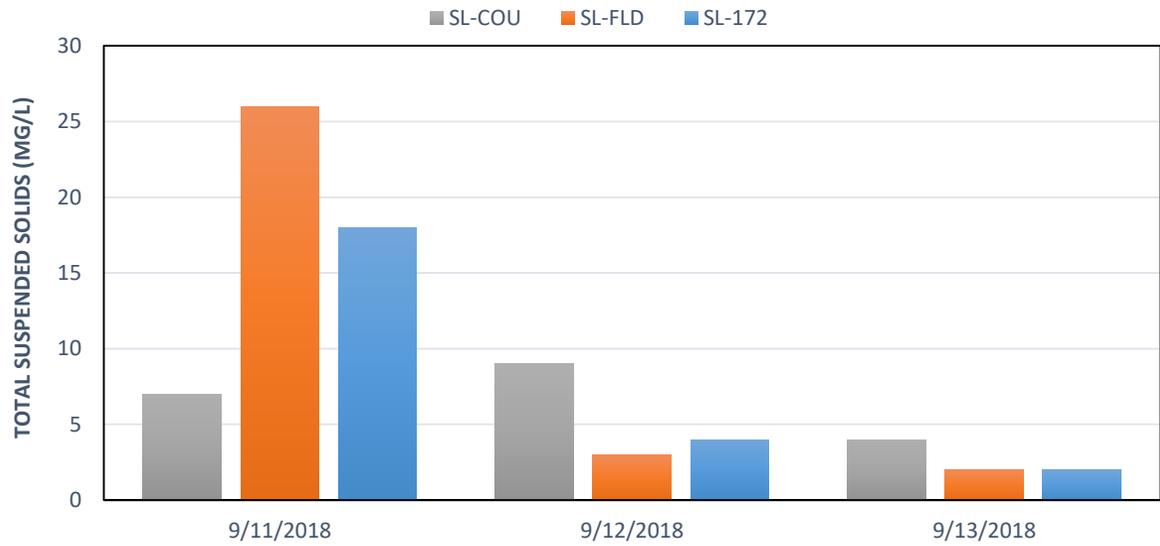
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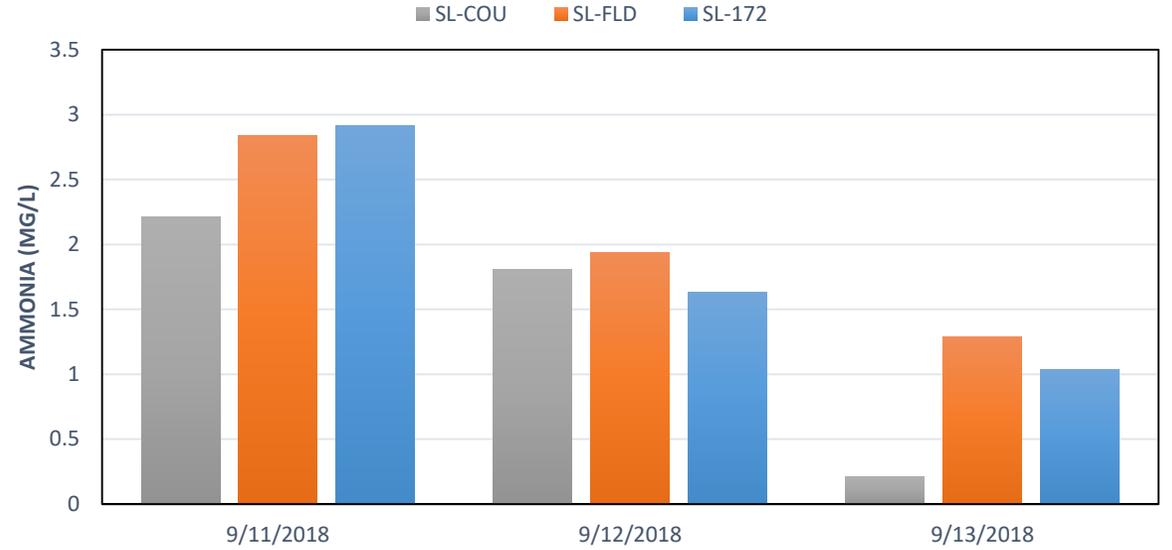
Silver Creek WDNR May-October Median Water Quality



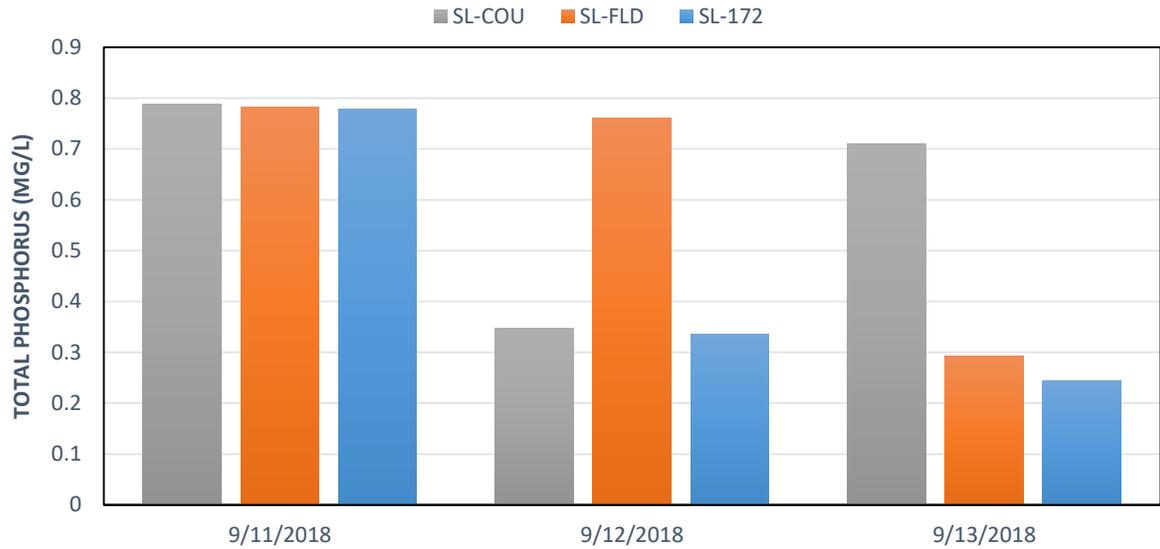
2018 September Manure Spill: TSS



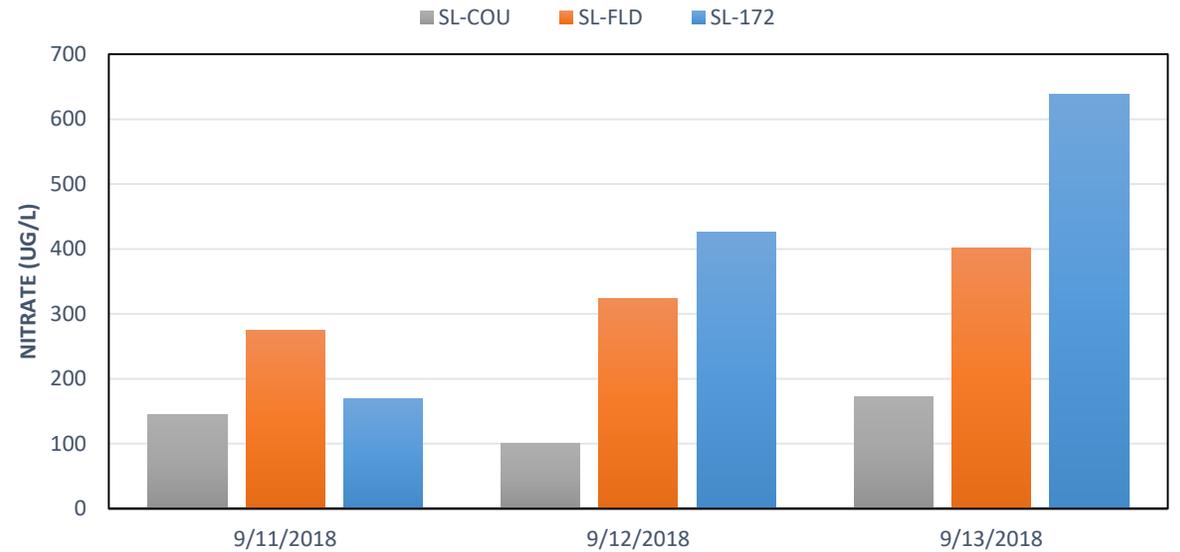
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2018 September Manure Spill: TP



2018 September Manure Spill: NO3

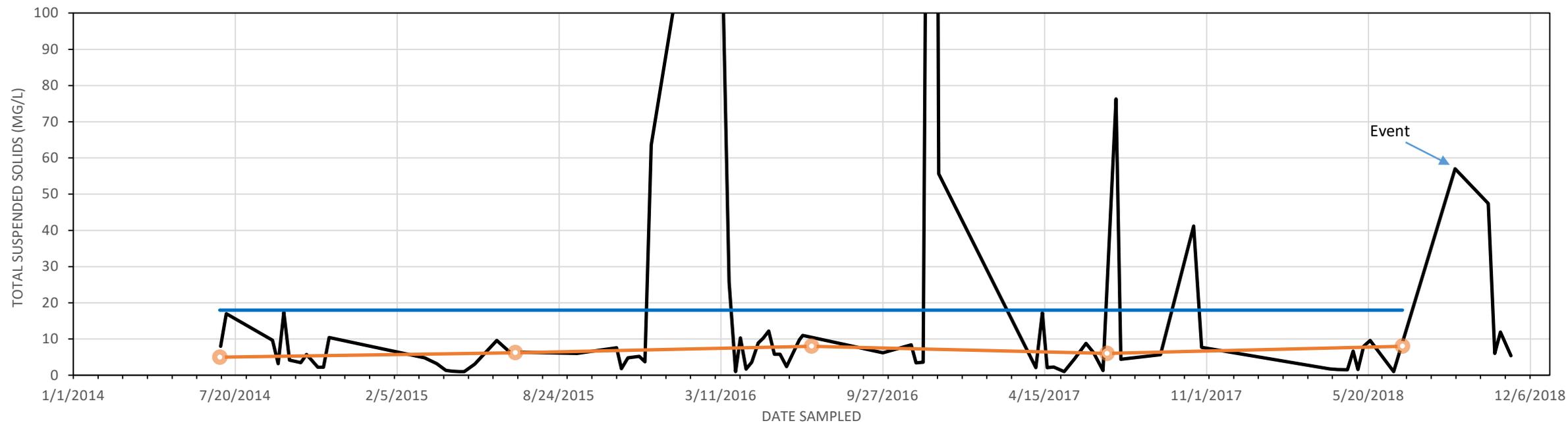
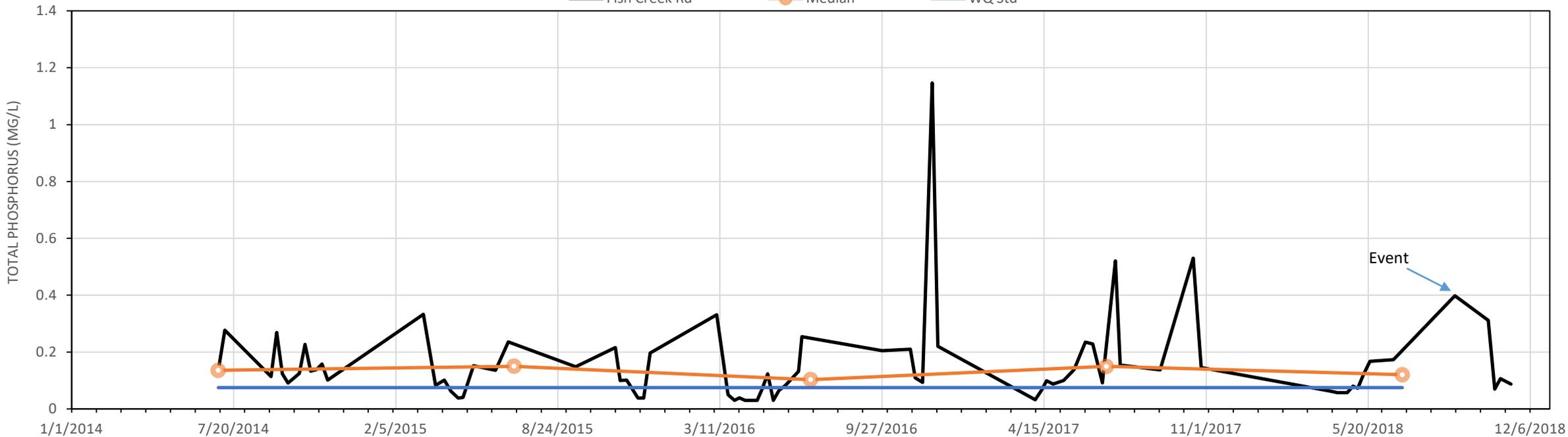


Fish Creek Road Crossing



Silver Creek at Fish Creek Road Crossing

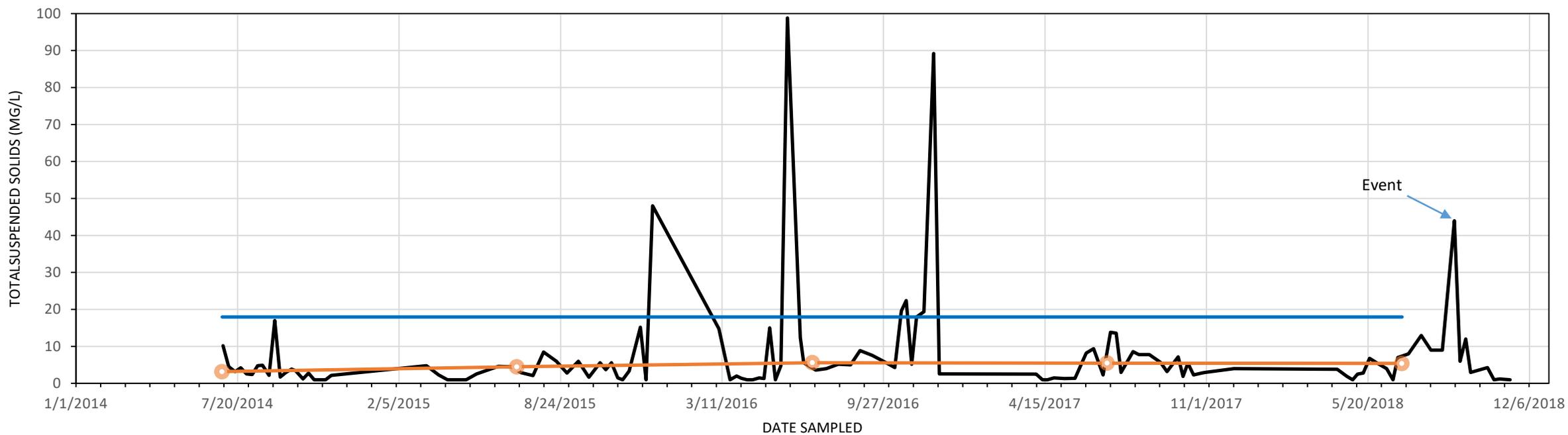
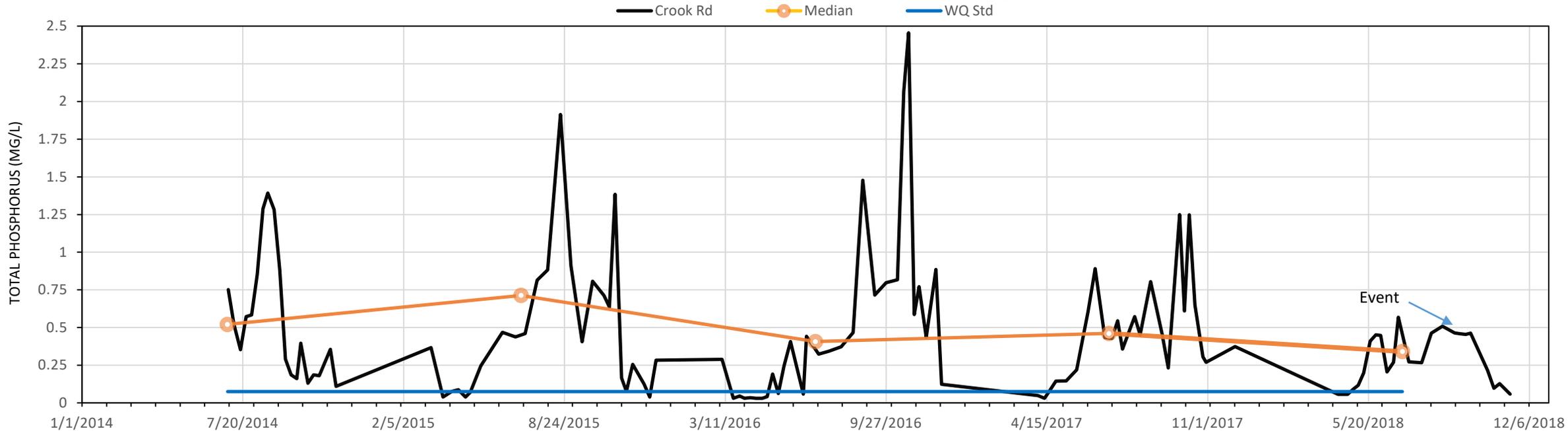
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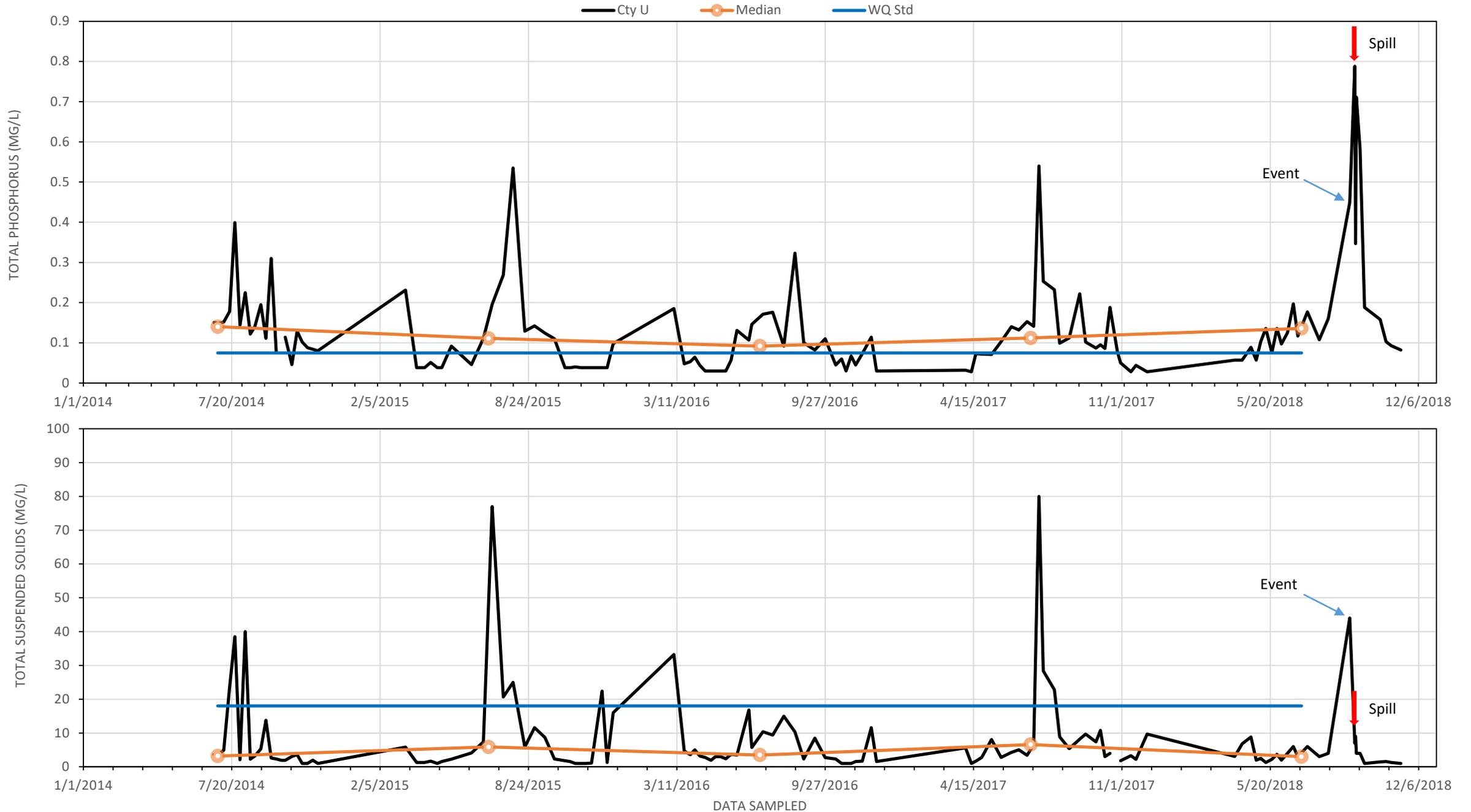
Silver Creek at Crook Road Crossing



County Road U Crossing



Silver Creek at County Road U Crossing

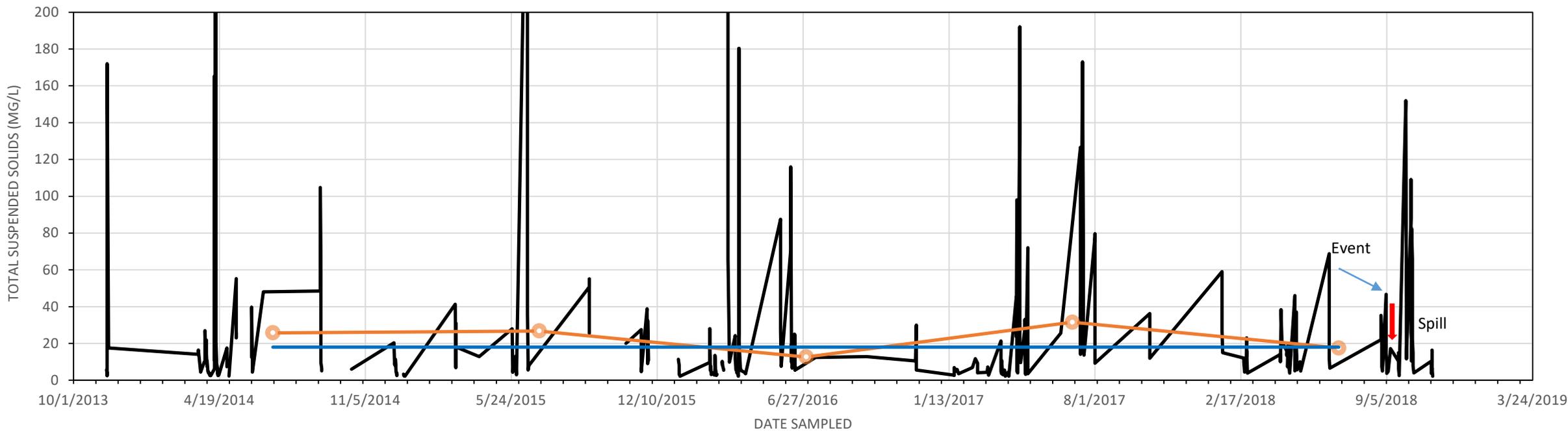
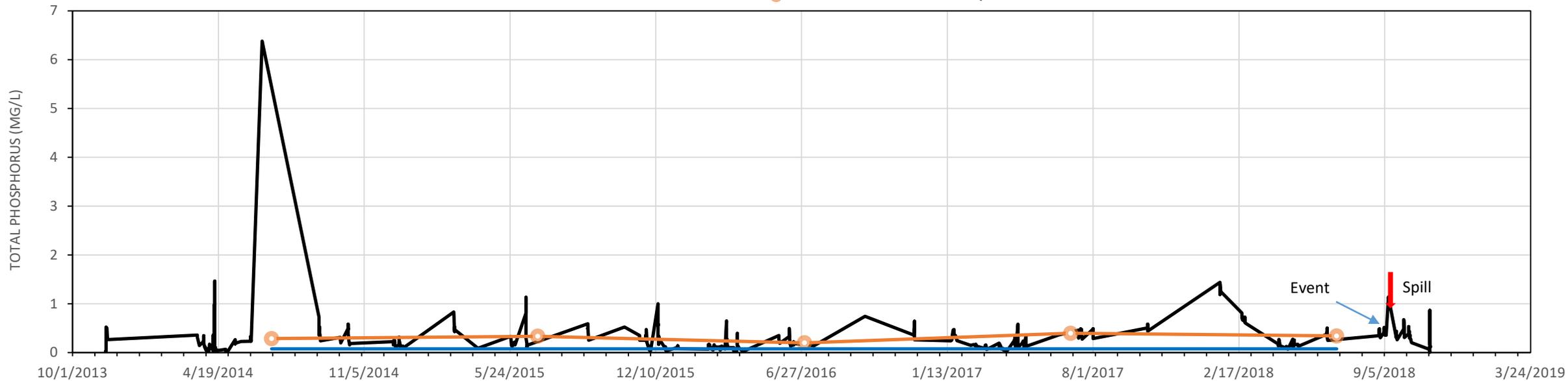


Florist Drive Event Sampler



Silver Creek at Florist Drive - Events

— Florist Drive Event ○ Median — WQ Std

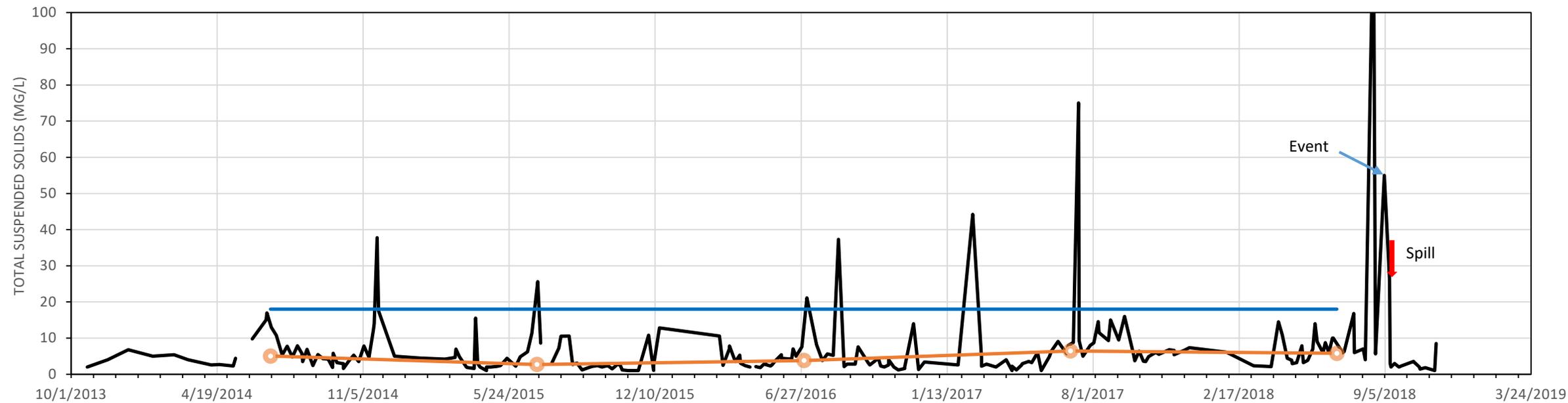
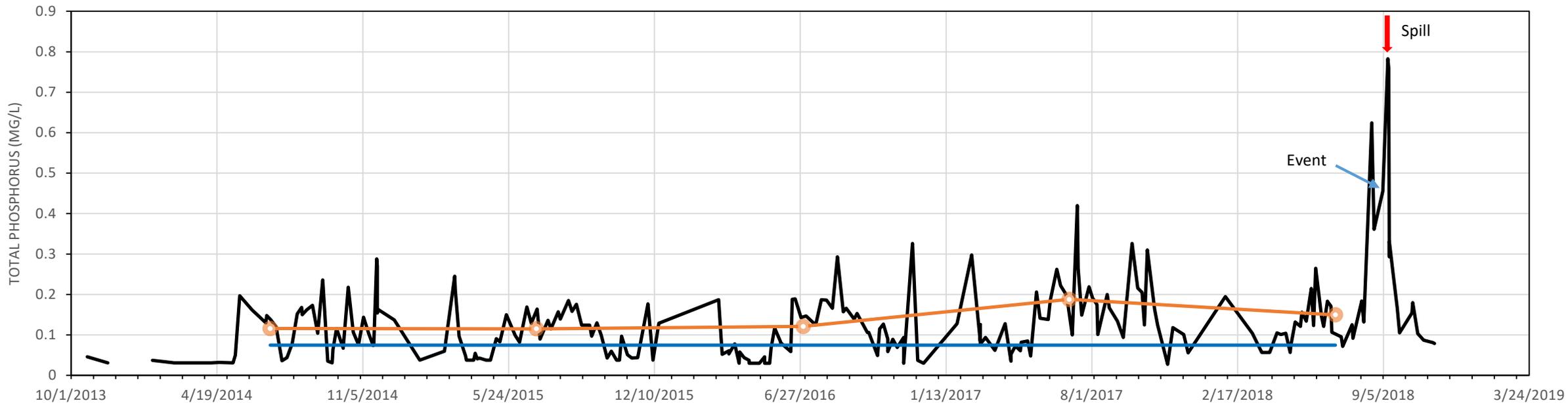


Florist Drive Crossing



Silver Creek at Florist Drive

— Florist Drive ○ Median — WQ Std



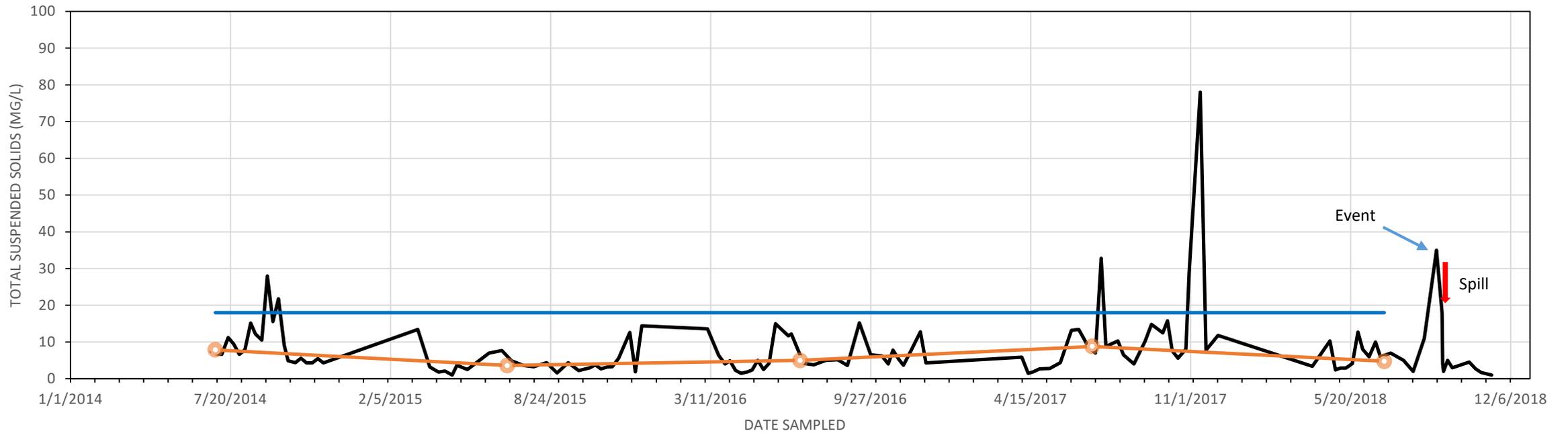
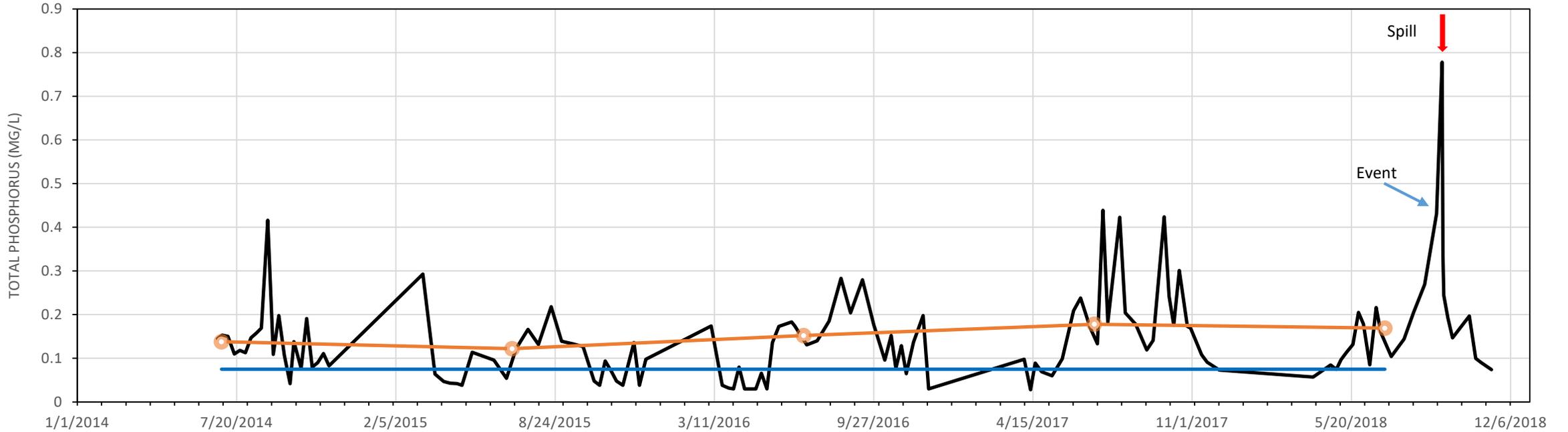
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HWY 172 Crossing



Silver Creek at HWY 172 Crossing

— HWY 172 ○ Median — WQ Std



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Break

Special Projects Updates

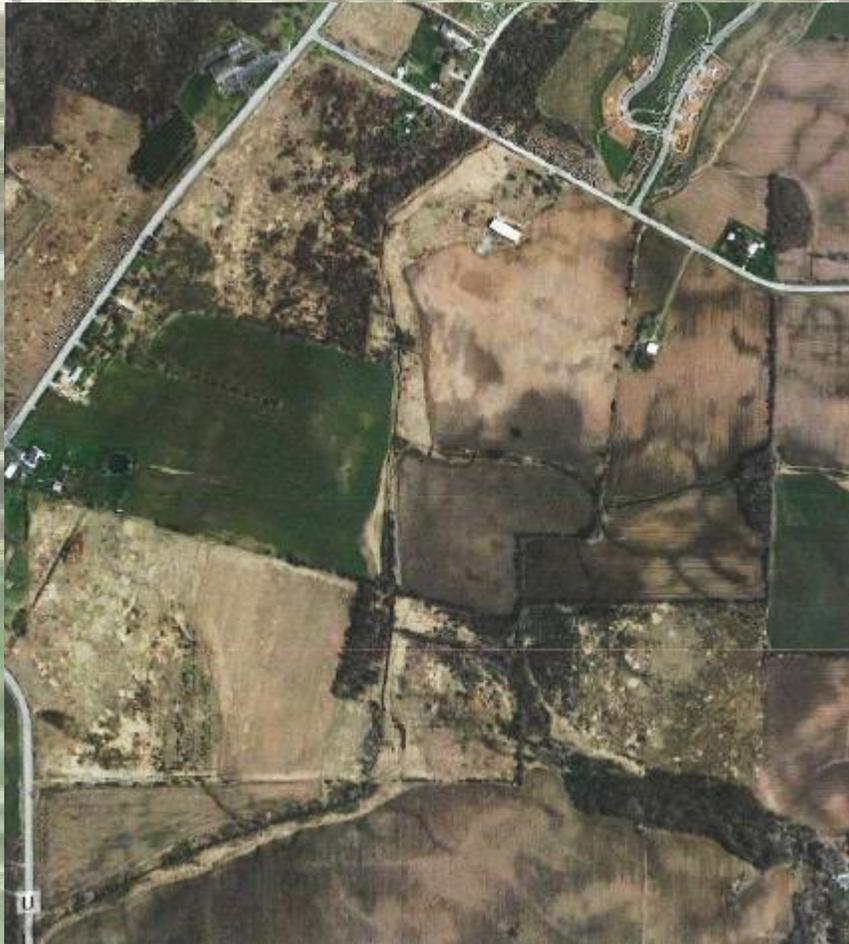


Biological Monitoring of Silver Creek

Pre-Restoration

December, 2018

Stakeholder's Meeting Update





Monitoring Site



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Oneida Nation
Water Resources Program
Aquatic Invertebrate Data Sheet

Date of sample collection: 6/5/2018
 Sample location: Sta. C & Forest Dr. Sample collected by: J.H. Smolga
 Sieve mesh size: 500µm Collection method: Qualitative
 Date sorted: _____ Sorted by: L.S.R.E.
 Date identified: 12/13/18 Identified by: J.H. Smolga

Class	No.	Class	No.
Diptera		Diptera - Other	
Chironomidae			
<i>Cricotopus bicinctus</i>	3	<i>Disella</i> sp.	1
<i>Cricotopus</i> sp.	7		
<i>Diplocladius</i> sp.	1		
<i>Dicranodipe</i> sp.	7	Trichoptera	
<i>Dicranodipe</i> sp.	16		
<i>Cricotopus</i> sp.	1	<i>Hydropsyche</i> sp.	1
<i>Caryanum</i> sp.	3		
<i>Chironomus</i> sp.	17		
<i>Chironomus</i>	2		
<i>Labandina pilosa</i>	1	Ephemeroptera	
<i>Microtrichia pediculus</i> sp.	11		
<i>Orthocladinae</i>	3	<i>Baetis brunneator</i>	1
<i>Psectrocladius</i> sp.	11		
<i>Polydora</i> sp.	4		
<i>Polydora</i> sp.	2		
<i>Psectrocladius</i> sp.	6		
<i>Microtrichia</i> sp.	1	Plecoptera	
<i>Rhyacotriton</i> sp.	3	<i>Leuctra</i> sp.	4
		<i>Plecoptera</i> sp.	7
<i>Stictochironomus</i> sp.	45		
<i>Tanytarsus</i>	1	Coleoptera	
<i>Tanytarsus</i> sp.	3	<i>Dubimbia</i> sp.	1
		<i>Optilasma</i> sp.	1
<i>Thimmaria</i> sp.	1	<i>Optilasma</i> sp.	2
		<i>Polydora</i> sp.	1
		<i>Agabus</i> sp.	1
		Odonata	
		<i>Aeshna</i> sp.	1



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Aquatic Invertebrate Data Sheet
(Continued)

Taxon	No.	Taxon	No.
Hemiptera		Oligochaeta	
		Endytreidae	1
		Nais sp.	9
Amphipoda			
Gammarus pseudolimnoides	70		
Isopoda		Others	
Asclerodonta sp.	42		
Pelecypoda		Hydrocoraria (mths)	3
		Oreochelone sp.	1
Gastropoda			
Physidae	6		

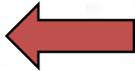
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 Total taxa: 33 Total no. organisms: 302
 HBI taxa: 28 HBI total no. organisms: 249

Seasonality adjusted HBI total no. organisms: 6.27

EPT = 4

Table 1. Water quality ratings for HBI values
(from Hilsenhoff 1987)

HBI Value	Water Quality Rating	Degree of Organic Pollution
≤ 3.50	Excellent	None Apparent
3.51-4.50	Very Good	Possible Slight
4.51-5.50	Good	Some
5.51-6.50	Fair	Fairly Significant
6.51-7.50	Fairly Poor	Significant
7.51-8.50	Poor	Very Significant
8.51-10.00	Very Poor	Severe



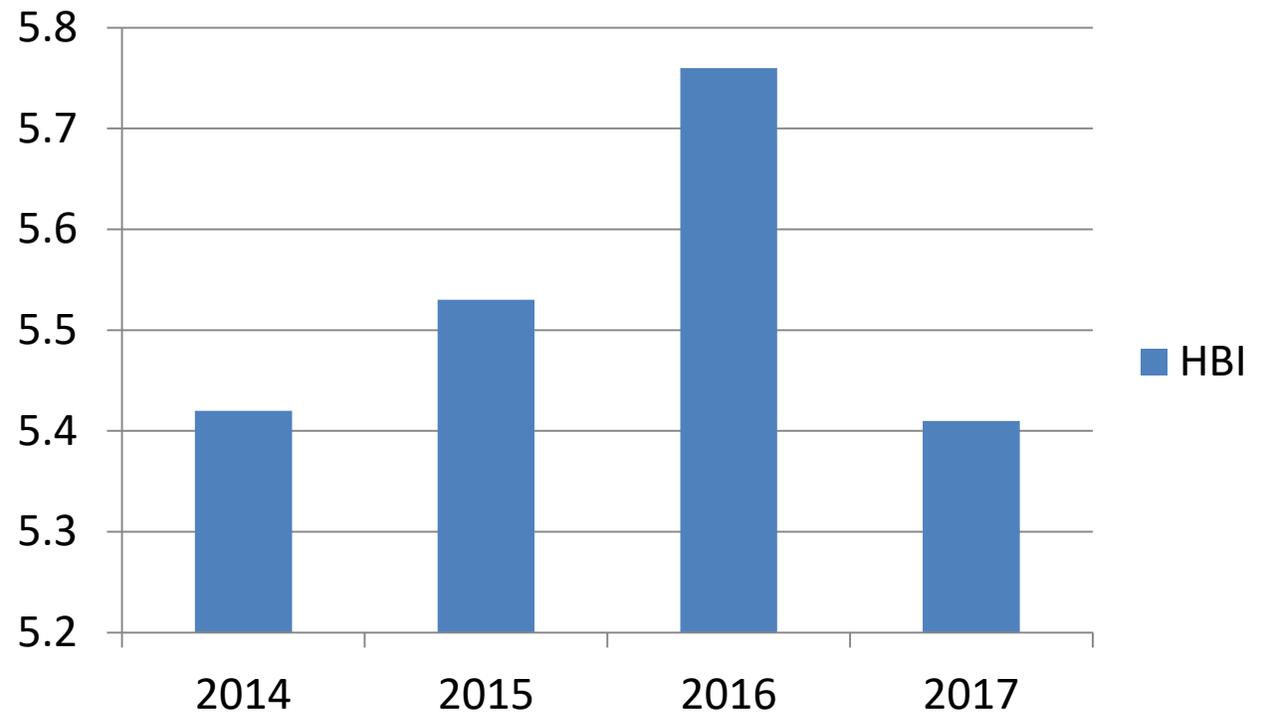
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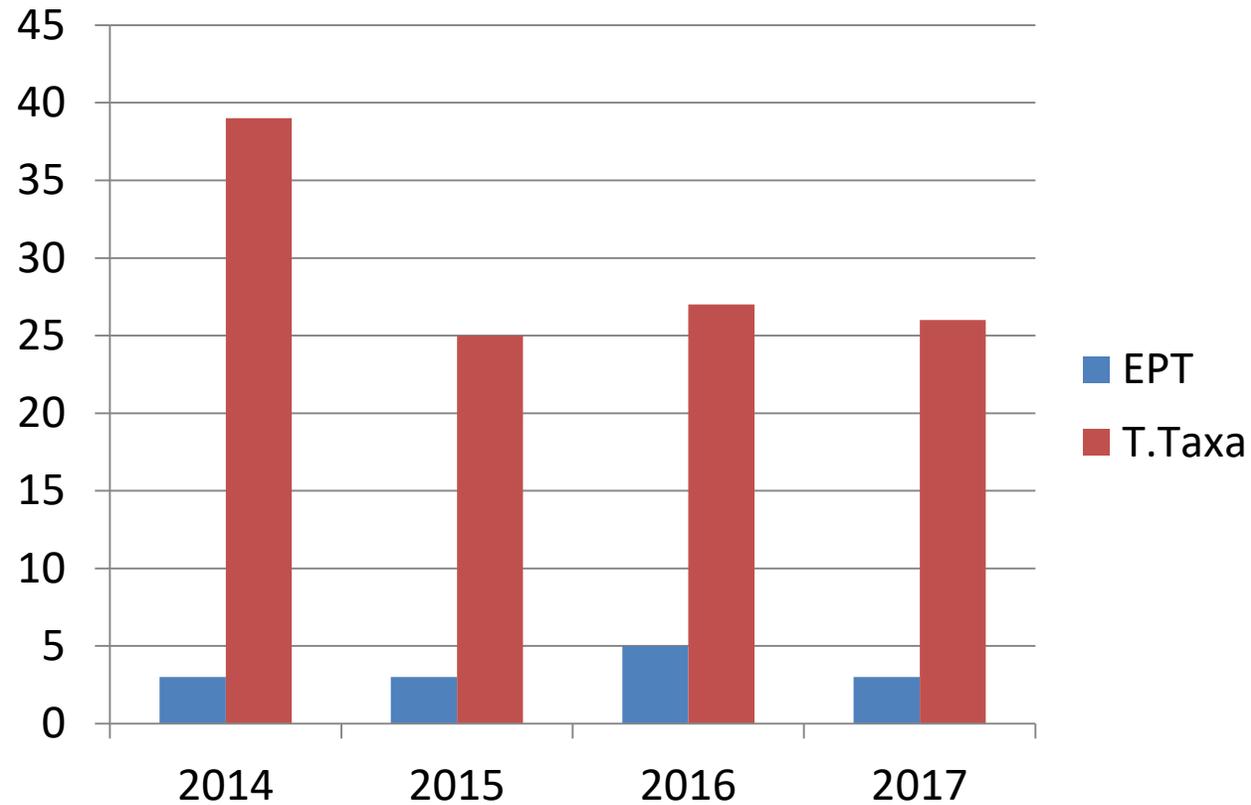
HBI = 6.27

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Total taxa = 33

HBI





Other notes: 2 different stoneflies in 2015 sample, also in 2018 sample.

The rare midge *Acalcarella* in 2016 sample, in stream habitat

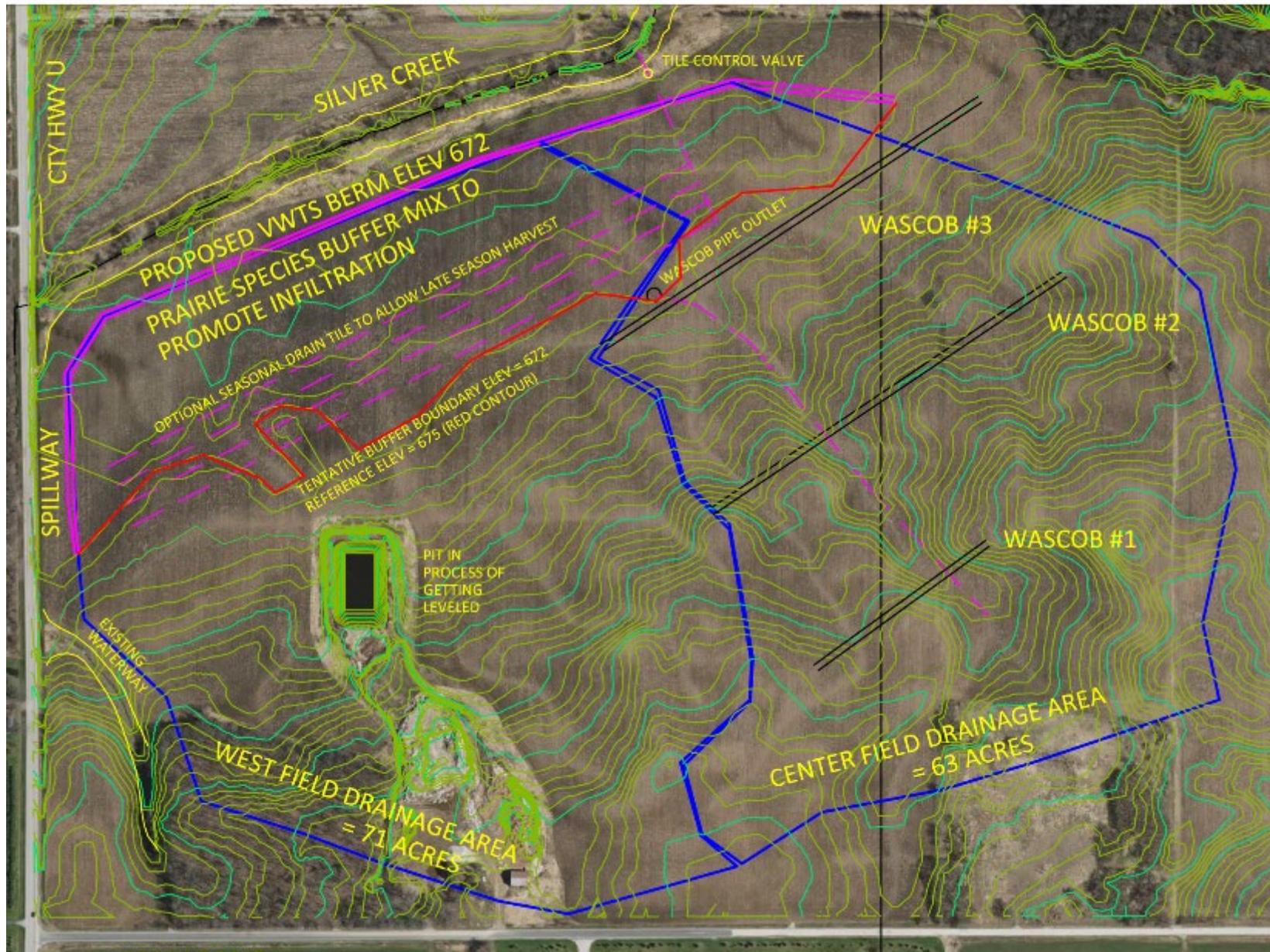
Enhancement + water quality improvements should show significant changes

Questions?



Vegetated Water Treatment Systems







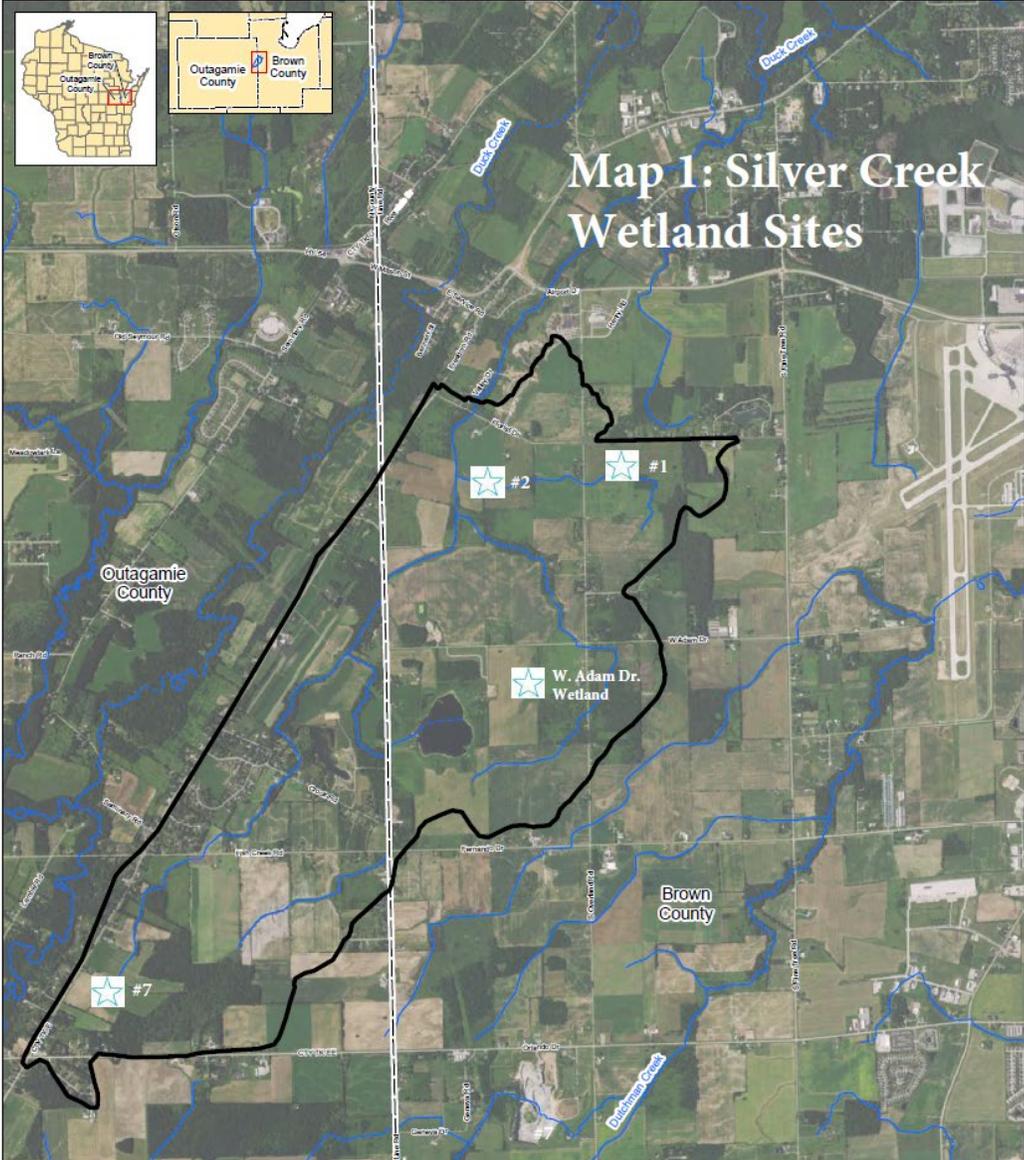
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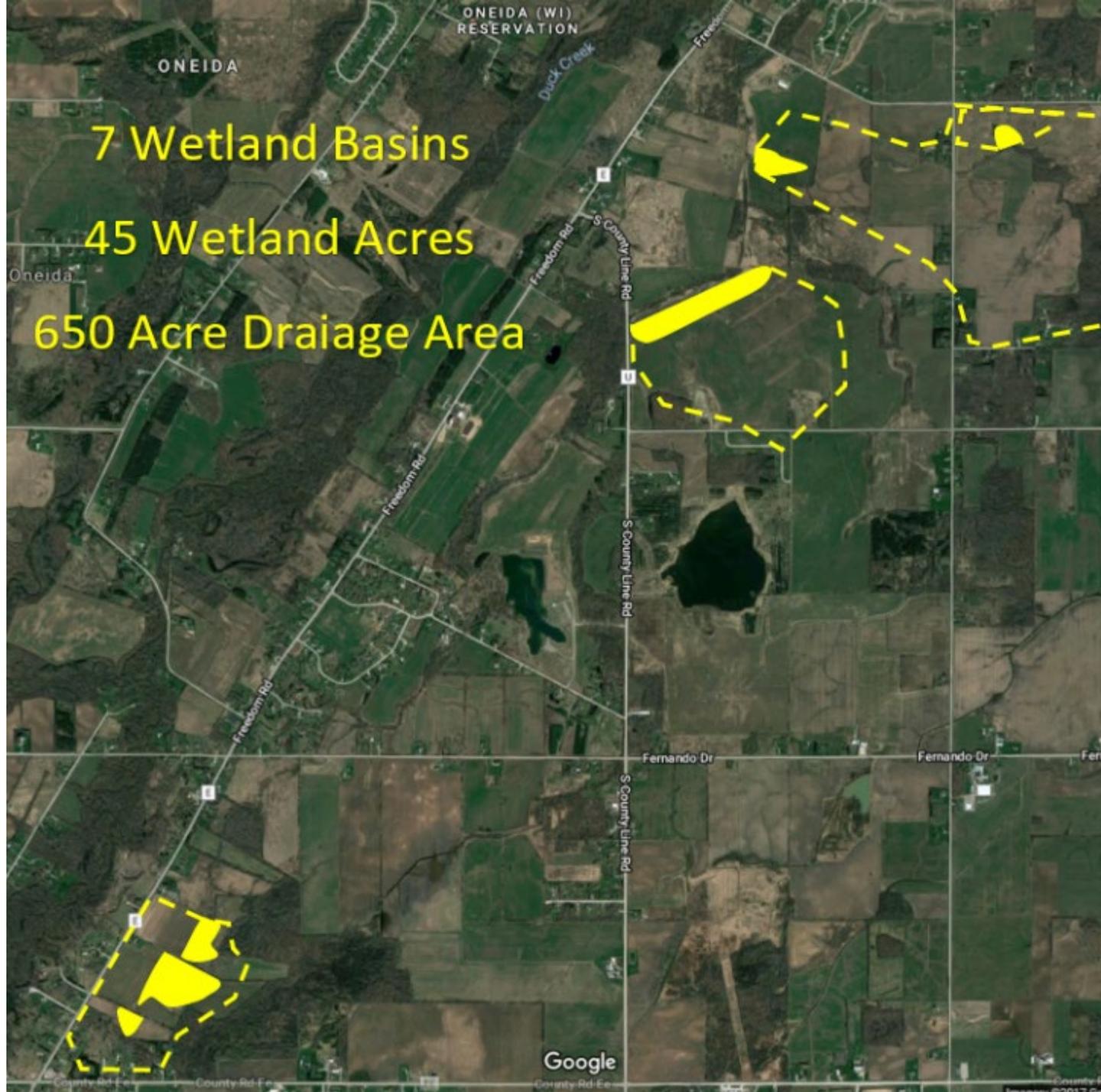
WASCOBs

Adam Drive

Wetlands Team Update



7 Wetland Basins
45 Wetland Acres
650 Acre Drairage Area



Wetland Restoration Projects



Sept. 19, 2017



Oct. 9, 2017



Dec 1, 2017

Wetland Restoration Projects



June 5, 2018

Wetland Restoration Projects



Dec 1, 2017



July 30, 2018



Adams Drive Wetland





W. Adams Drive Project



Project Goals

1. Improve surface **water quality**
2. Restore **habitat for wildlife** and native plants
3. **Educate** stakeholders and garner support



Very High Phosphorus,
Altered Hydrology,
Degraded Wetland



2015-16 Invasives Treatment & Permanent Cover in Ag Field



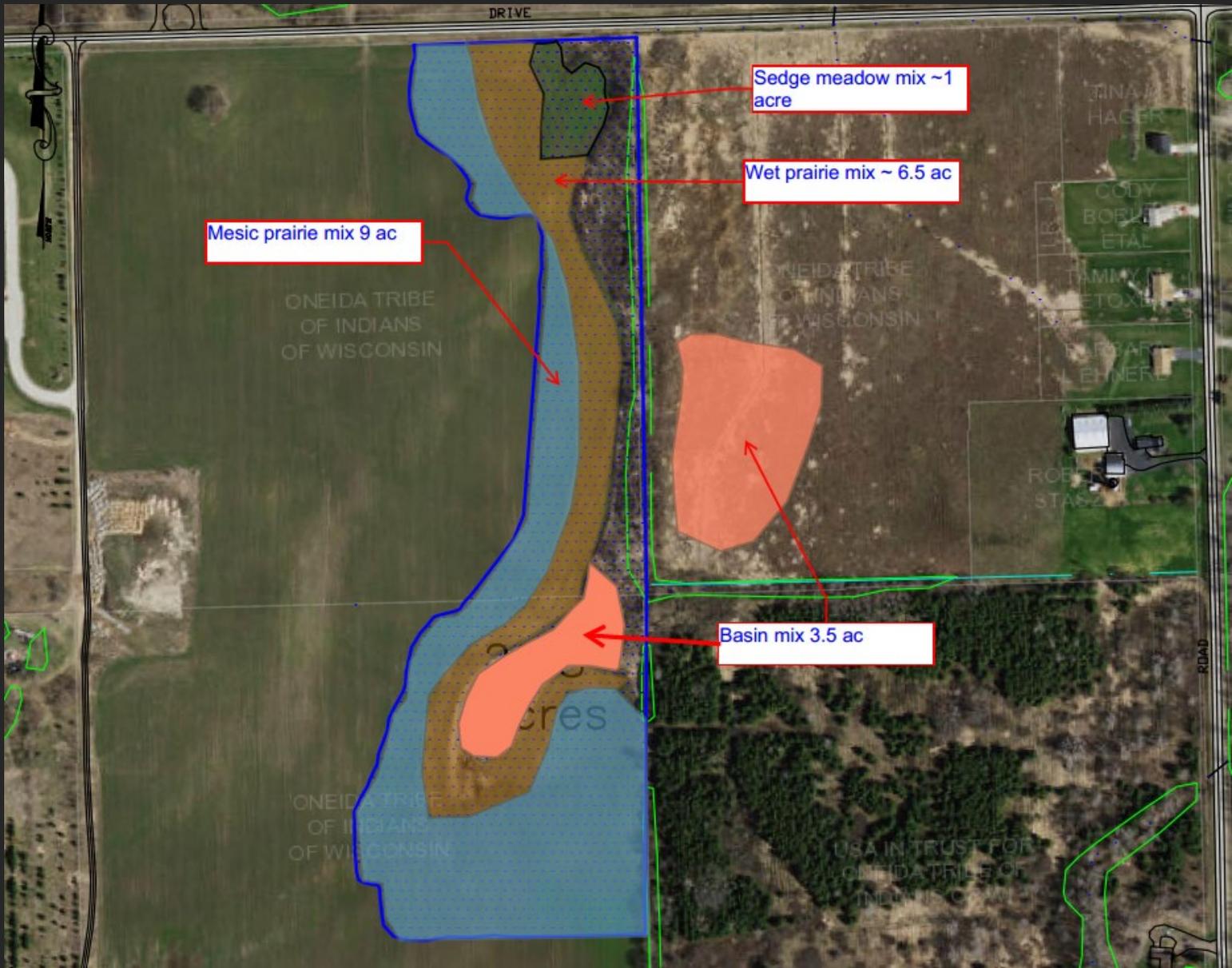


Oct 2017 – Wetland Basins



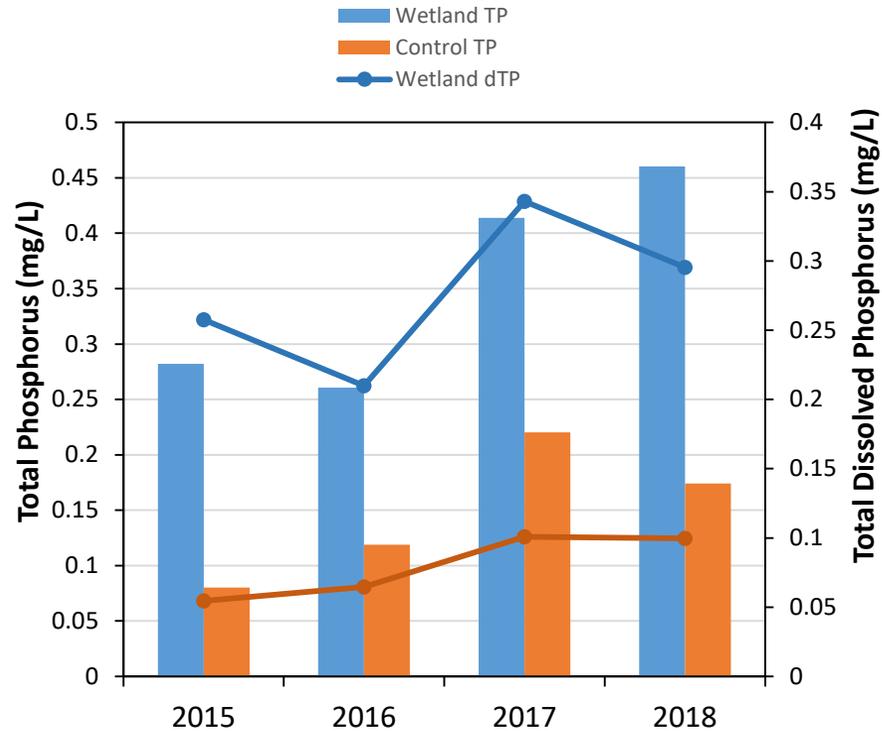
Fall 2017-18 Planting

Habitats

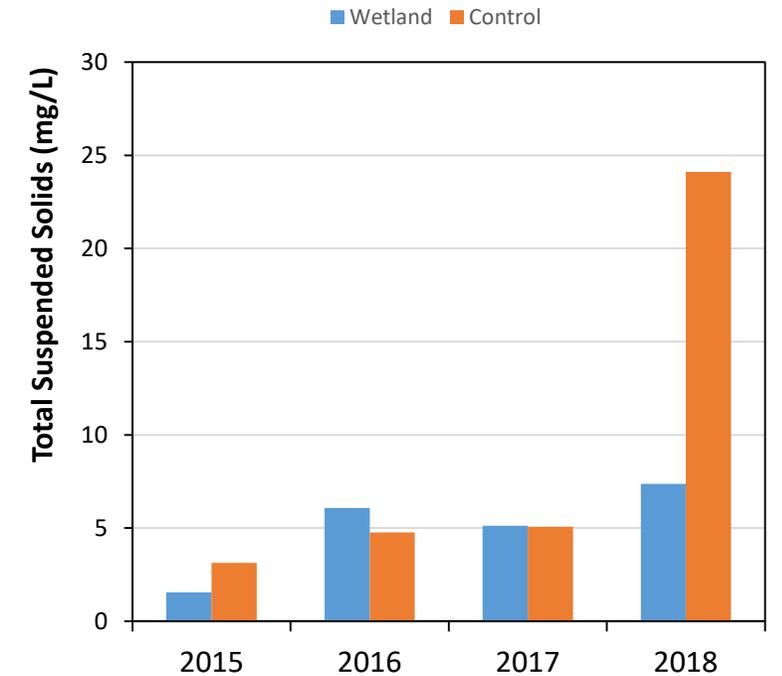


Water Quality Monitoring

Fund for Lake Michigan, Silver Creek Wetland



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Wildlife Usage

Beyond Compliance: Protecting Our Waterways

The science of water. Through its Aquatic Monitoring Program (AMP), NEW Water joined forces with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee Zilber School of Public Health on a three-year study to determine levels of toxins (cyanotoxins) produced by cyanobacteria, or blue-green algae, in the bay of Green Bay. Launched in 2016, the study continued in 2017, with preliminary data showing elevated levels of cyanotoxins in the water. AMP has been continuously monitoring area waters for more than 30 years, and its extensive database is used by water scientists in Northeast Wisconsin, the Great Lakes region, and throughout the United States. NEW Water is proud to serve as a trusted source of water information for our community.

Photos above, left to right:



Sarah Bartlett, Water Resources Specialist, was interviewed for Mike Goushe's "Up Front" program.

The Bay Guardian workboat.

Photos right and below, clockwise:

Left to right: Nicole Van Holden of The Nature Conservancy, Jeff



Wetlands installation. Wetlands have been called the “kidney” of an ecosystem – filtering out pollutants and sediment, and serving as a sponge to control water flow. In partnership with The Nature Conservancy, Ducks Unlimited, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Oneida Nation, nearly 7% of cropland acres in Silver Creek were restored to wetlands.

Grazing Paired Field Monitoring



UW-Green Bay: PAIRED Grazing Study

Primary objectives

- 💧 Evaluate Effectiveness of Ag Treatments:
 - 💧 Silver Creek watershed --- Managed grazing compared to conventional dairy farm practice
- 💧 Metrics:
 - 💧 TSS, TP, dP (Event Mean Concentration, Total Event Mass)
 - 💧 Event Flow Volume
 - 💧 Turbidity, plus used as surrogate for other constituents (and Backup)

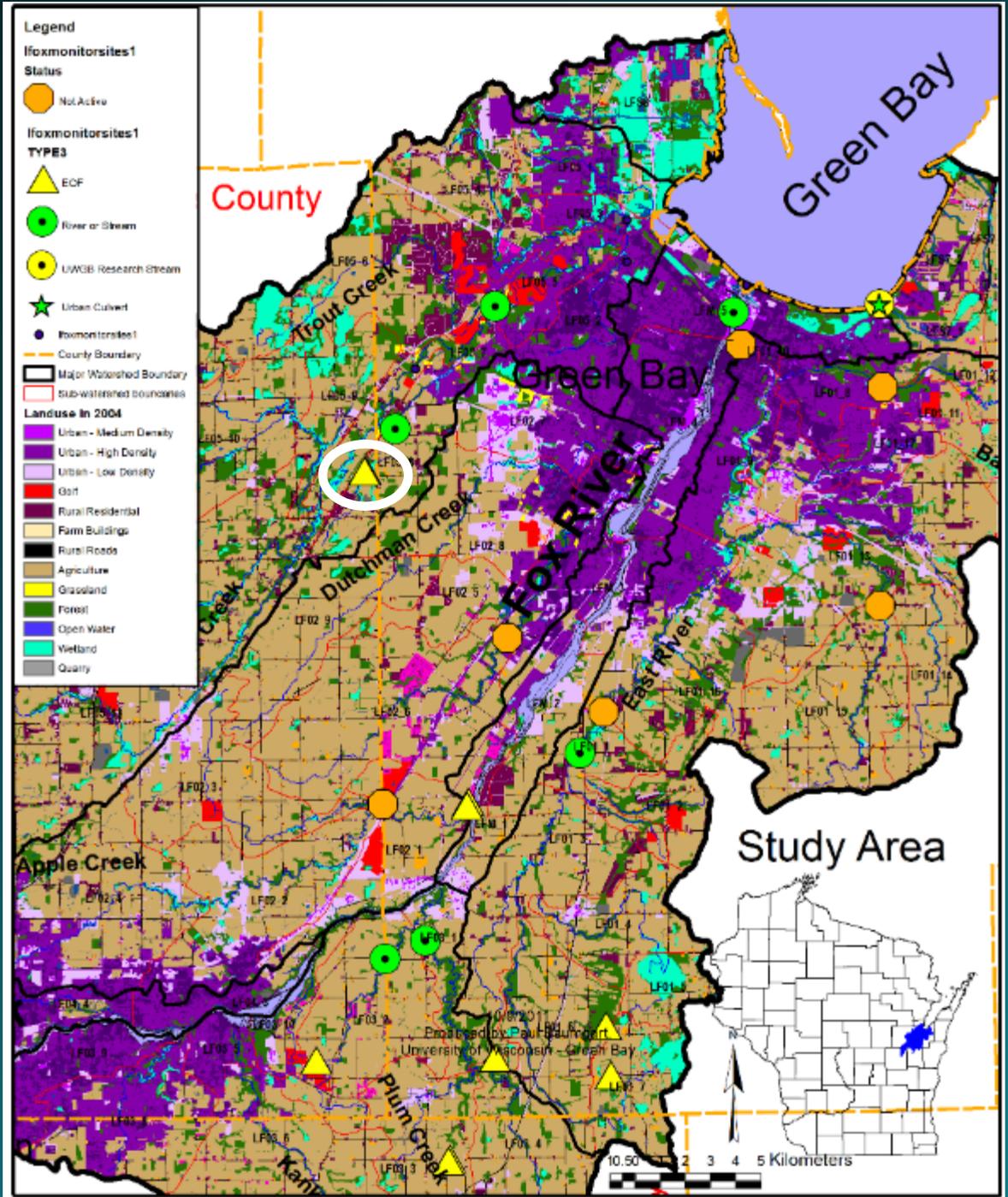


Paul Baumgart and Kevin Fermanich

University of Wisconsin – Green Bay

Silver Creek near Oneida: Grazing Study

- 💧 Similar equipment as USGS EOF stations
- 💧 PAIRED Study --- two EOFS
- 💧 About 0.6 acre per site
- 💧 Continuous Silage Corn (cooperative farmer)
- 💧 Very limited residue
- 💧 Treatment: Managed Grazing when pretreatment data are sufficient



**UWGB
 Silver Creek – near
 Oneida
 Paired EOF
 catchments**

**GLRI Grants
 NEW Water**

CONSERVATION PLAN MAP

Date: 1/27/2016

Pipeline Design - Overview Map

Attachment 2

Customer(s): Oneida Nation

State and County: WI, Outagamie

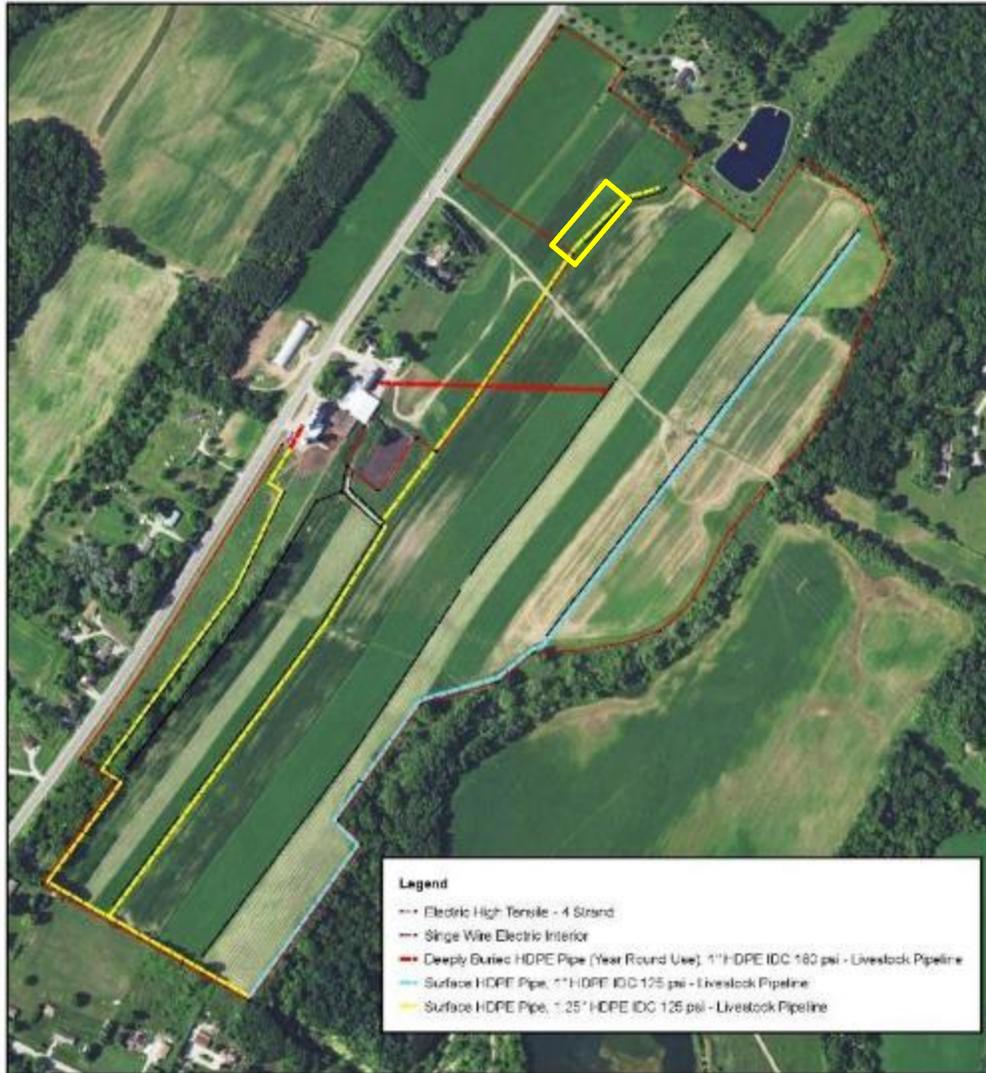
Legal Description: T23 R19 Sections 9 & 16

Field Office: APPLETON SERVICE CENTER

Agency: NRCS

Assisted By: ADAM ABEL

Land Units: T10042



1 inch = 500 feet



**Dairy Farm
Transitioning to
More Managed
Grazing**

**Study Site
Paired
Catchments**

Silver Creek near Oneida: paired EOF catchments



Silver Creek near Oneida: paired EOF catchments



North Station



South Station

Retractable head CS OBS-501 turbidity probes (South EOF)





South Station

narrow 1'
HS flume

hence:
2"x3"
mesh
screen for
"trash"



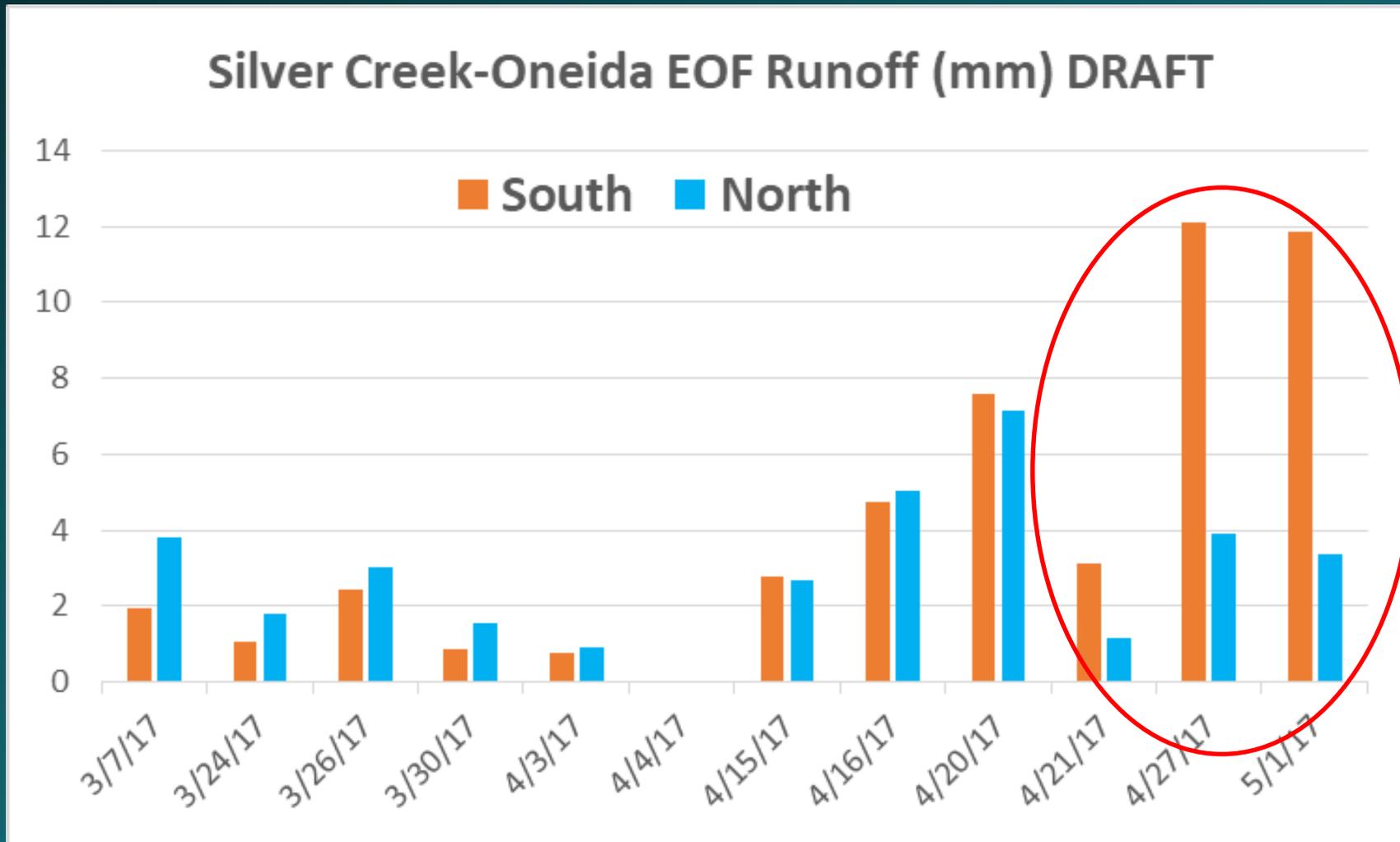
**South
Station
landscape**

RESULTS

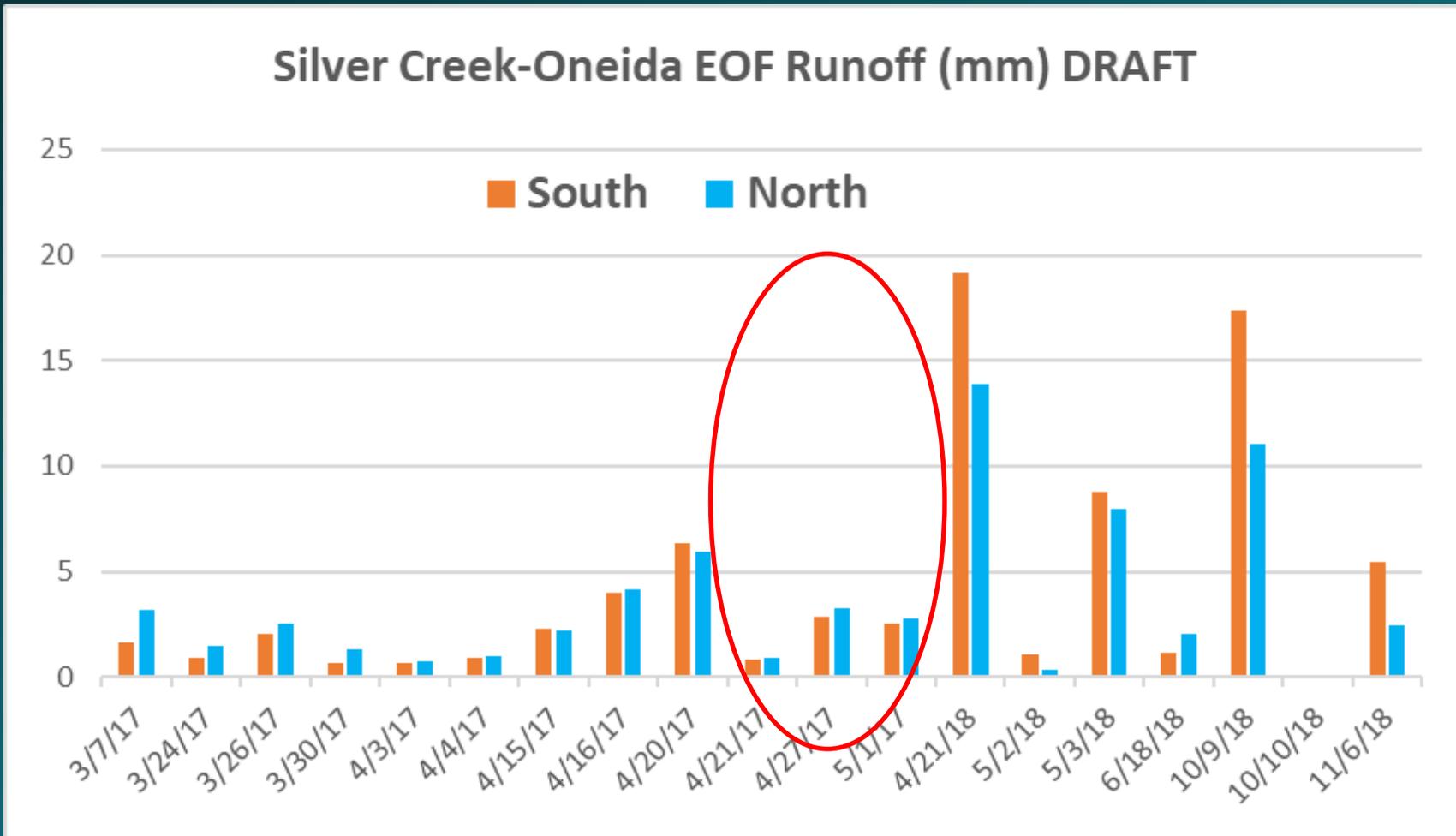
Silver Creek/Oneida Paired EOFs



Runoff Pattern changes: South vs North



Runoff Pattern: adjusted 3 events: South vs North



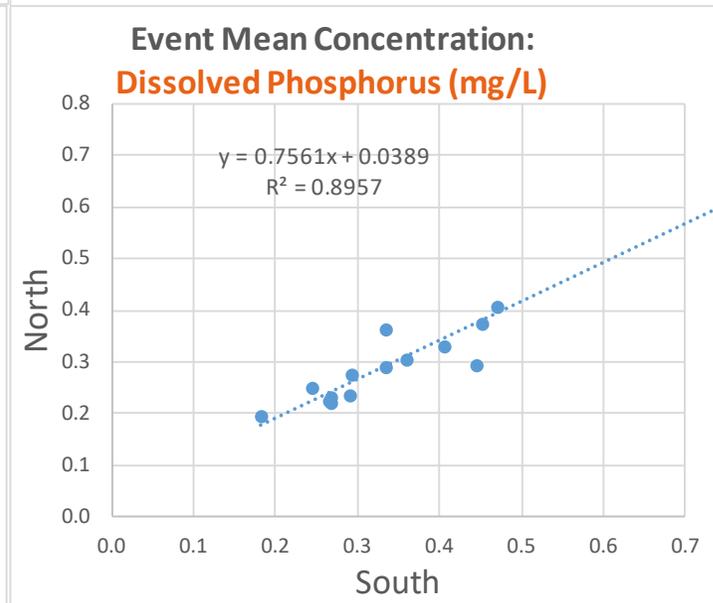
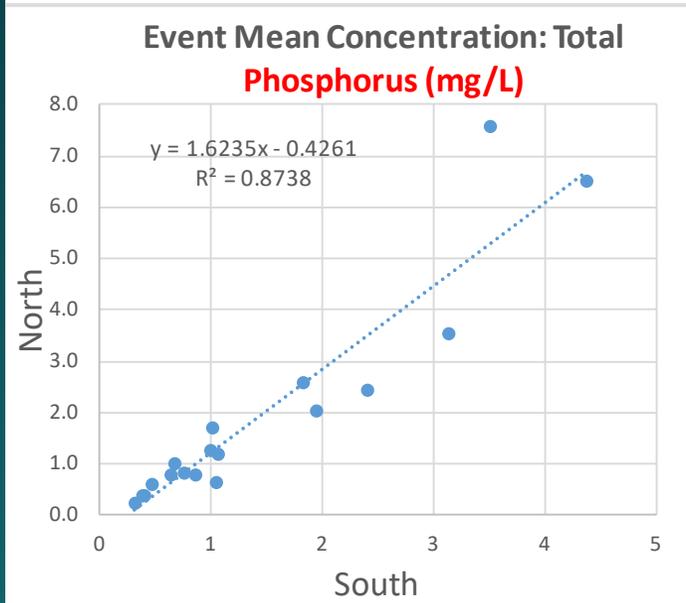
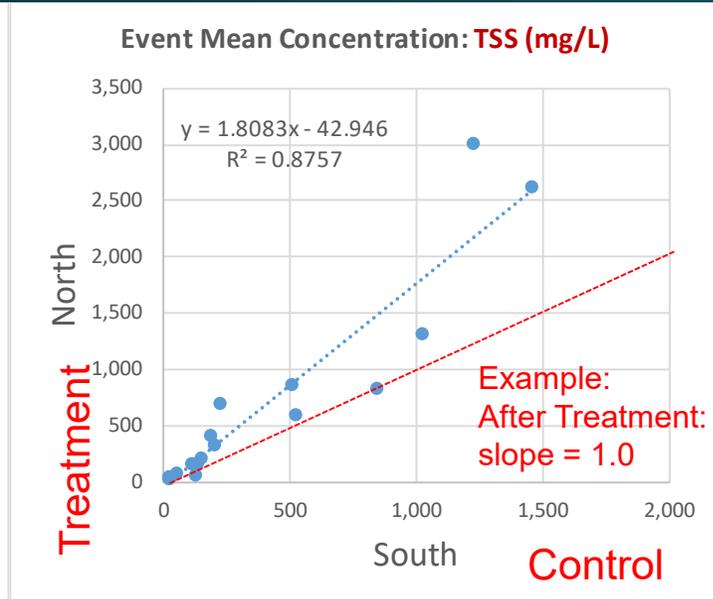
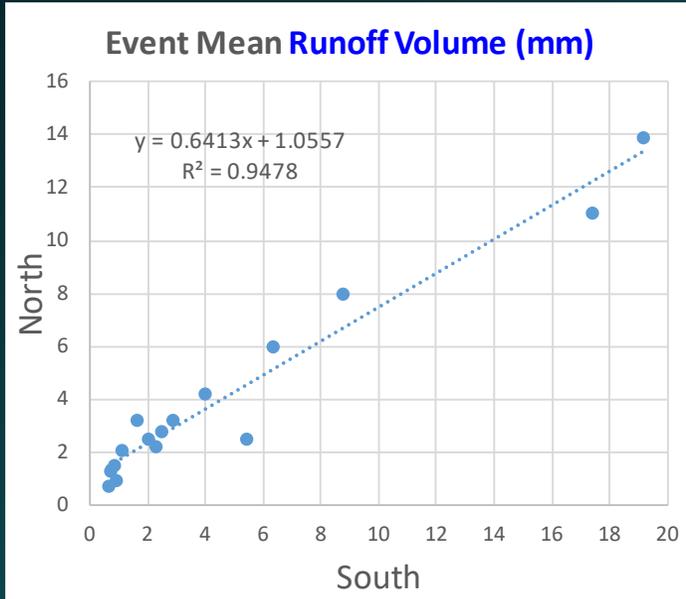
Silver Creek - Oneida Paired Managed Grazing Study

So far, relationships are satisfactory

with runoff adjusted for 2 2017 events

Runoff: n<18 (some estimates)

TSS, TP, DP n=18



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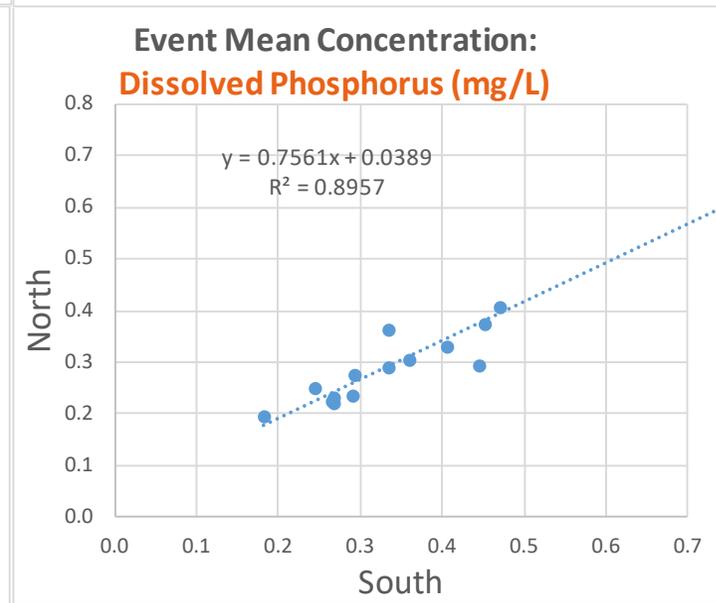
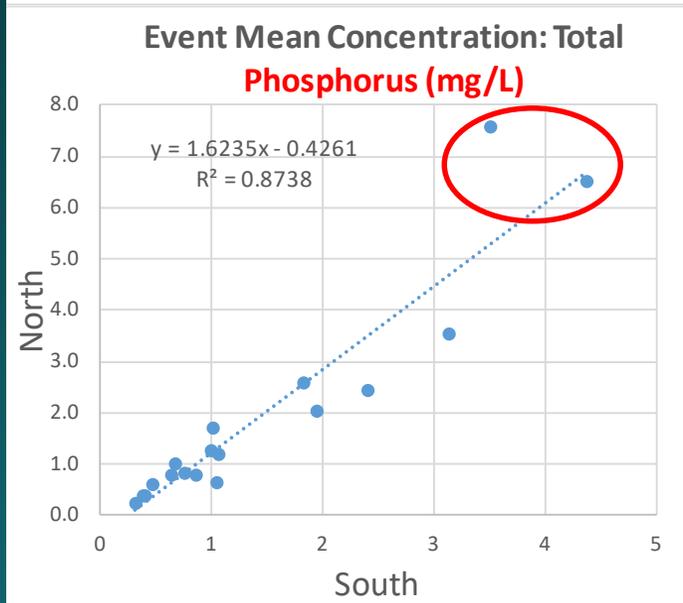
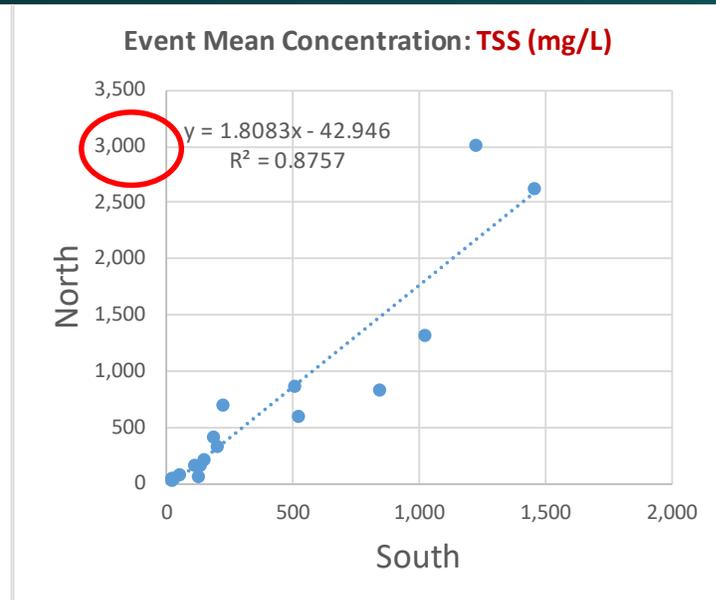
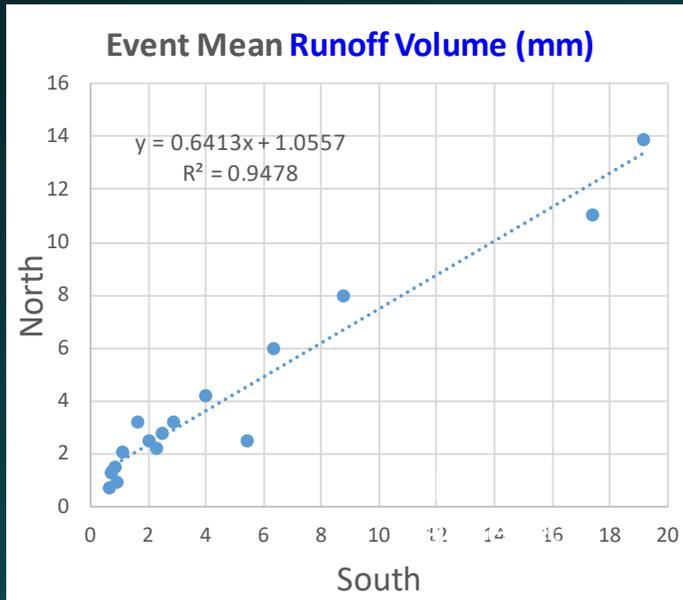
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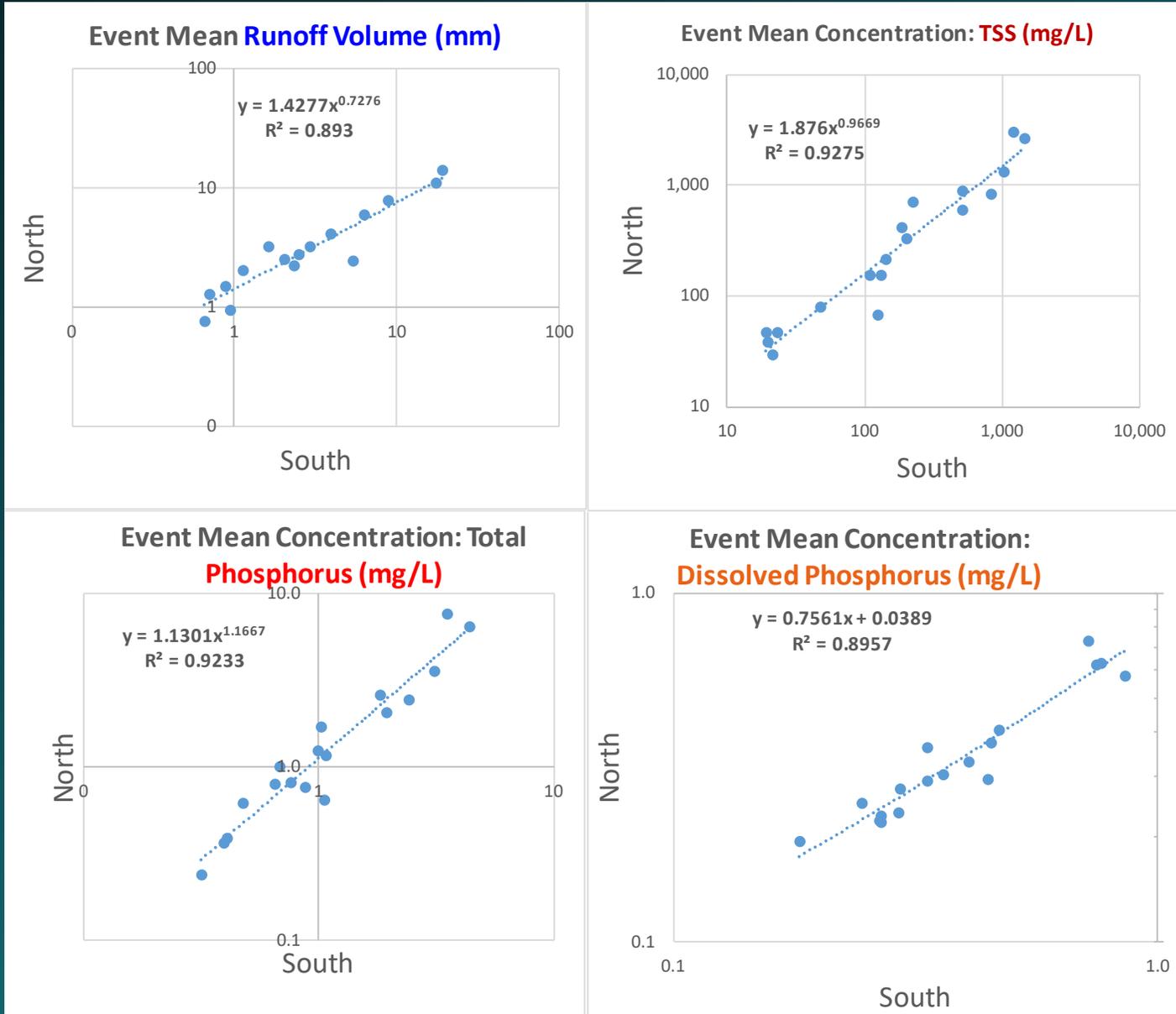
dP Mass: 25%

median dP conc.:
37%



Silver Creek - Oneida Paired Managed Grazing Study

LOG-Space



Runoff: n<18
(some estimates)
TSS, TP, DP
n=18

EOF Event mean vs Stream concentrations (mg/L): WY2017+

	TP	dP	TSS	
PF-E	1.19	0.29	491	EOF - composites
PF-W	1.52	0.24	809	EOF - composites
Plum Main	1.07	0.30	576	Stream - discretetes
Plum West	1.14	0.50	430	Stream - discretetes
Silver	0.28	0.24	26	Stream - discretetes
OF-North	2.30	0.32	797	EOF - composites
OF-South	1.66	0.37	469	EOF - composites

- EVENTS: EOF Event mean concentrations similar to discrete samples from streams
- Therefore, reducing contributions from sources like our EOF sites, should translate to the watershed







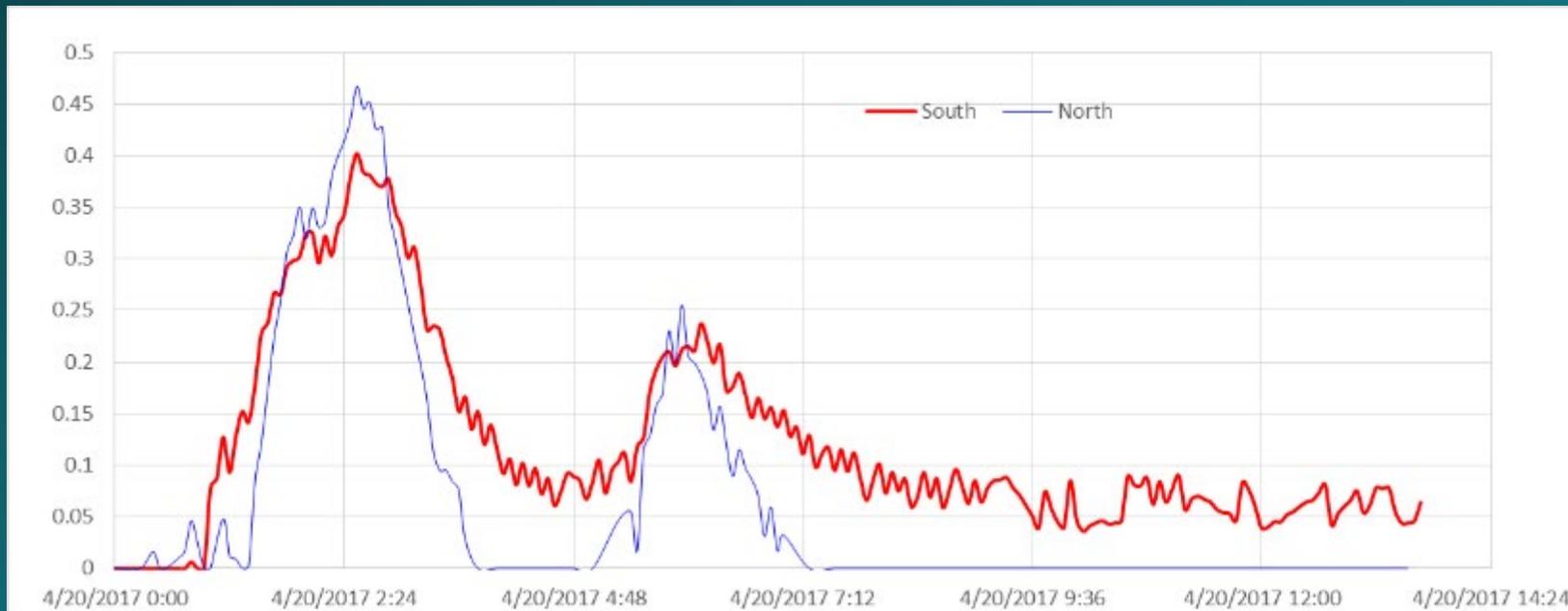
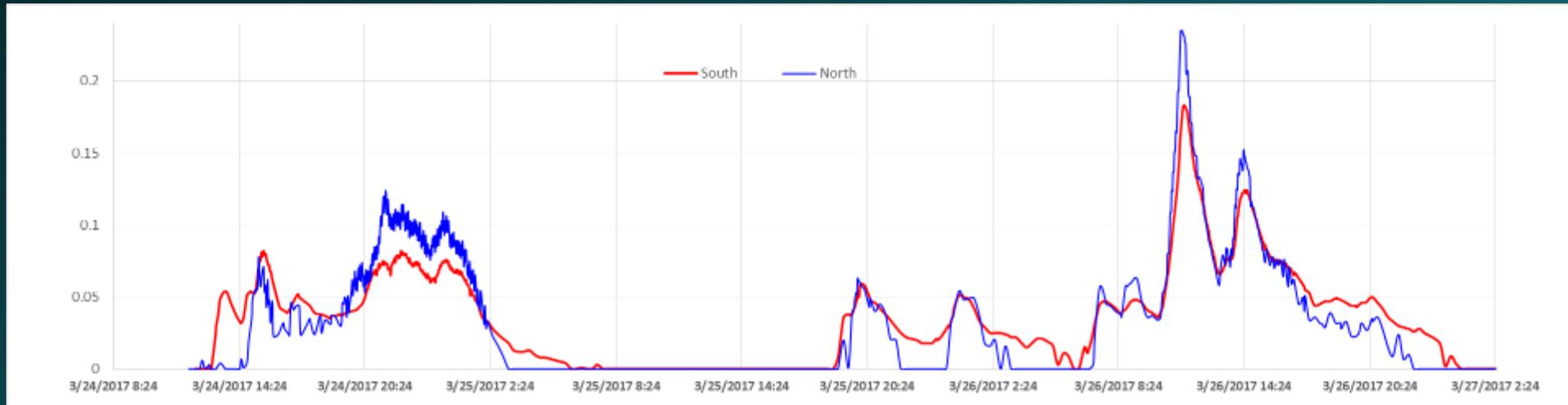
Next Steps

- 💧 Intended to plant pasture Fall 2018 (too Wet)
- 💧 Many deep ruts during fall harvest
- 💧 So plant pasture spring 2018 after tilling

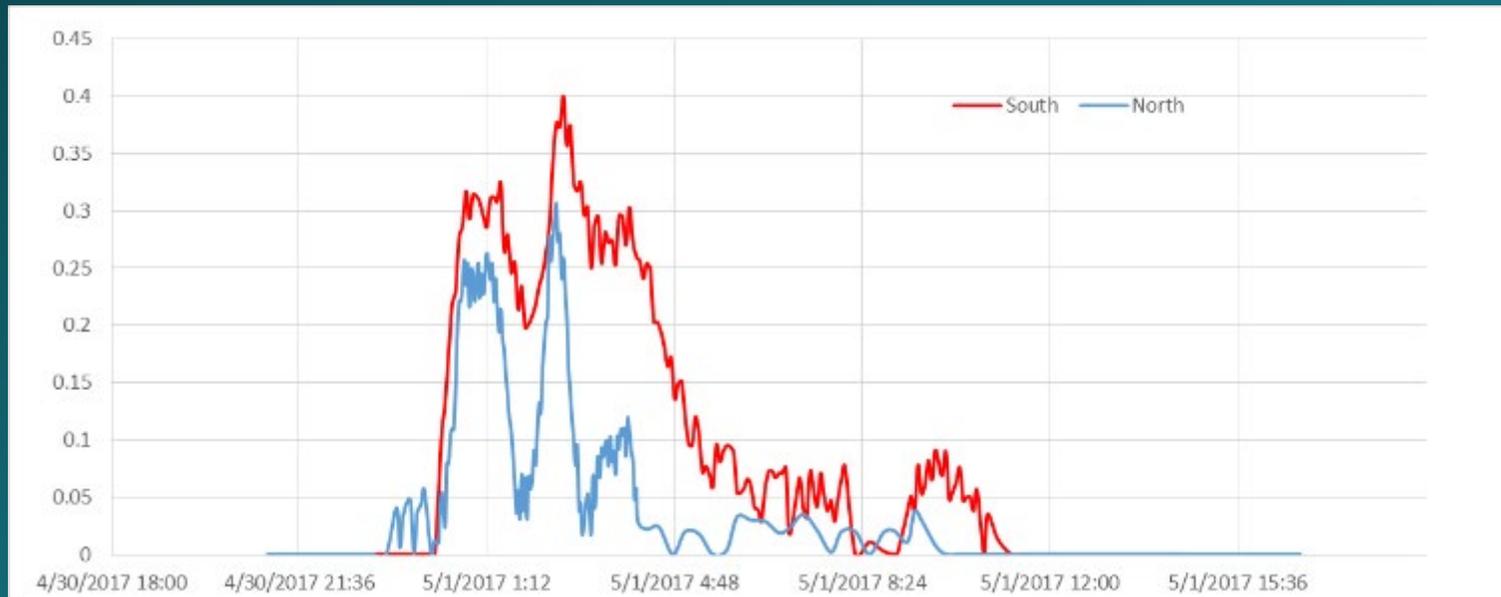
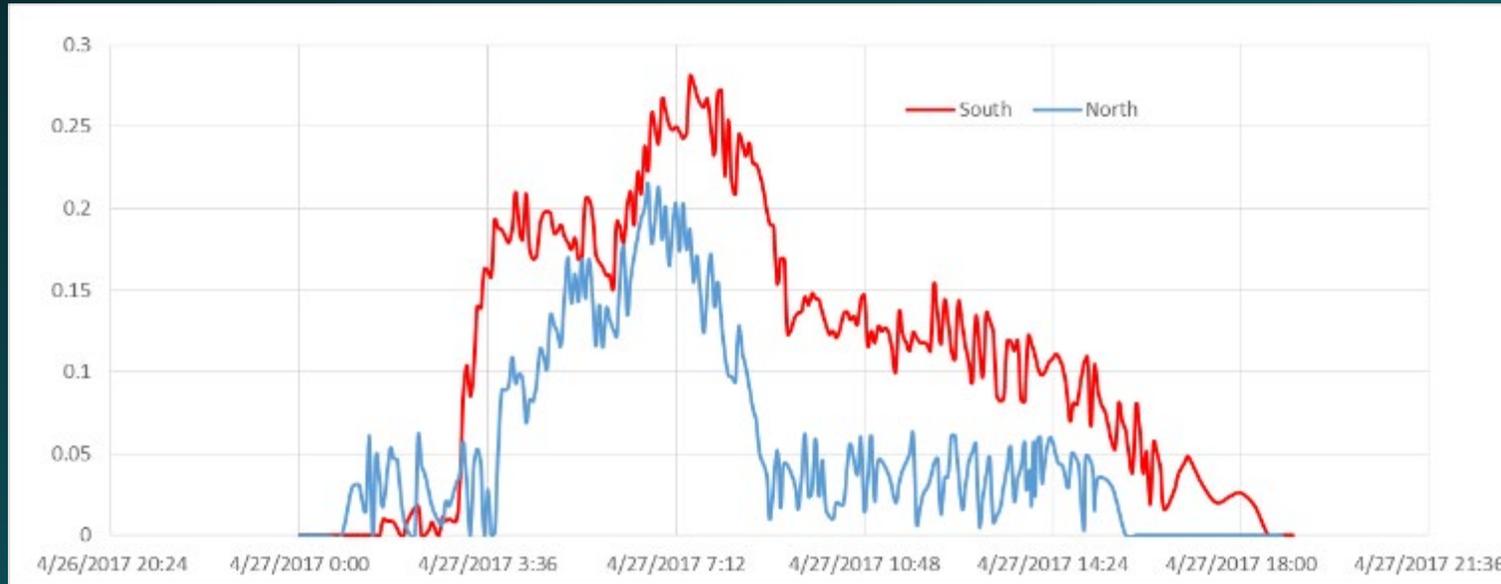
- 💧 Transitional, then Treatment Phases
 - 💧 South catchment to pasture/treatment
- 💧 Need 2019 and 2020 runoff for study
 - 💧 So request for Extension
 - 💧 Ensure Access to monitoring site (fence)

- 💧 ANALYSIS of Data/Summarize

Hydrographs: North (blue) vs South (red)



Hydrographs: North (blue) vs South (red)



Questions

THANKS!



***** Phil Robertson *****

*** Crop Consultants**



*** Outagamie and Brown County Land Conservation Departments**

*** Forrest Kalk, Josh Jarosz, Zach Ashauer, Gillian Ivanoff, Noel Craig UWGB students**



Dec. 18, 2018 Oneida EOFs

Managed Grazing Operation



Lower Fox Demonstration Farms Network



LOWER FOX

Demonstration Farms Network



Fox Demo Farms Outreach Update

Whitney Prestby, UW-Extension

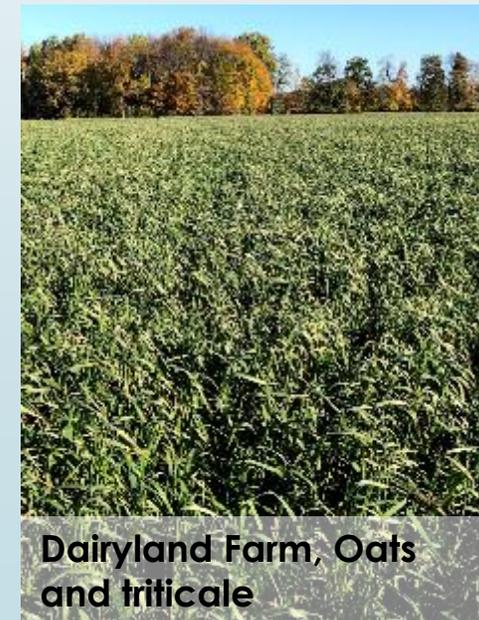
New Fox Demo Farms

► Neighborhood Dairy

- Mark & Joe Van Asten, Jerry Evers
- Freedom, WI
- 250 acres of low-disturbance manure applied
- 80 acres of cover crops – harvested 35 acres of triticale for forage

► Dairyland Farm

- Larry Dufek
- New Franken, WI
- Brown County funded
- 1,000 acres of cover crops



Producer-Focused Field Days

- ▶ June 19, 2018 – Fox Demo Farms Field Day
 - ▶ 30 attendees (predominately farmers)
 - ▶ Four farms (two Fox Demo Farms, two non-Demo Farms)
- ▶ June 20, 2018 – County Field Day
 - ▶ Four counties interested in building a Demo Farms Network
 - ▶ Oconto (brought farmers), Waupaca, Ozaukee, and Dane
- ▶ August 22, 2018 – UW-Discovery Farms Field Day
 - ▶ Farmers and county staff from western WI
 - ▶ Three farms



Greg Nettekoven's Farm, No-till soybeans



Neighborhood Dairy (8th Fox Demo Farm)

Producer-Focused Field Days

- ▶ October 11, 2018 – Fox Demo Farms Fall Field Day (1 of 2)
 - ▶ Westside of Brown Co. and Outagamie Co. (Four Fox Demo Farms, one non-Demo Farm)
 - ▶ 15 attendees
- ▶ October 16, 2018 – Fox Demo Farms Fall Field Day (2 of 2)
 - ▶ Eastside of Brown Co. (One Fox Demo Farm, two non-Demo Farms)
 - ▶ 30 attendees (predominately farmers)



Wavrunek's, Organic rotational grazing



New Horizon Dairy, Diversified cover crops

K-12 Tours

- May 24, 2018 - Brillion High School Field Day – Brickstead Dairy & VandeWettering Farms
 - Agriculture class (9th-11th graders)
 - Two farms visited
- May 25, 2018 – De Pere First Graders at Brickstead Dairy
 - Farm wagon tours
 - Watershed model and soil science



Sunset on the Farm

- Nearly 500 people attended
- 44 sponsors
 - 11 Platinum
 - 4 Gold
 - 29 Silver
- Nearly 90 volunteers
- Event included: Dinner, wagon tours of the field, petting zoo, kids science stations, rainfall simulator, and more!
 - 17 wagon tours throughout the night



SUNSET ON THE FARM

BRICKSTEAD DAIRY



UW-Green Bay Tours

- UW-Green Bay Soil Environment Course
- 22 students
- Toured Dairyland Farms



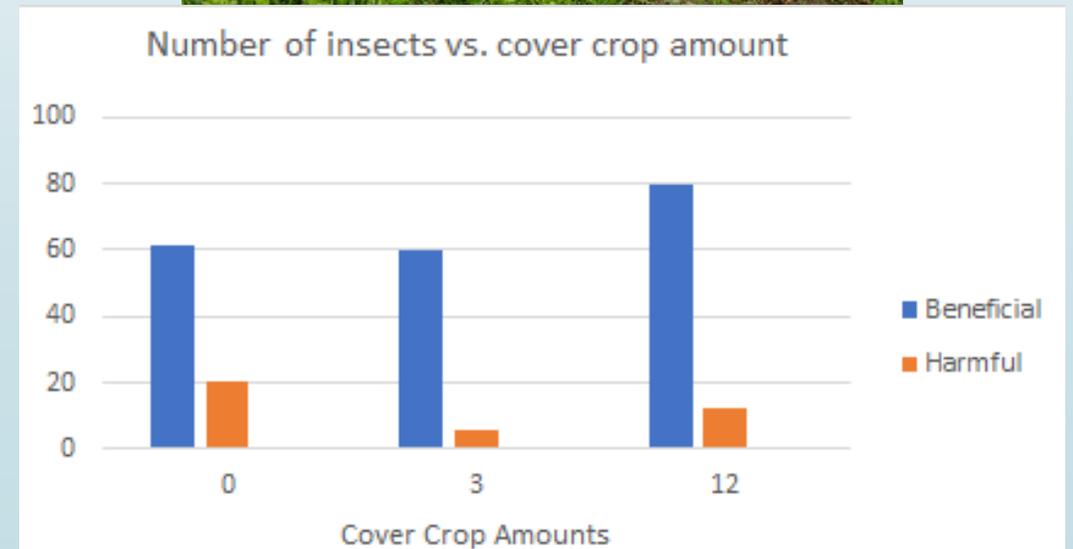
Diversified Cover Crops for Beneficial Insects & Pollinators

- ▶ Collaboration with US Fish & Wildlife Service and UW-Green Bay
 - ▶ Conservation Biology
 - ▶ Ecology
- ▶ Three Farms: New Horizons Dairy, Zirbel Dairy and DenMar Acres
- ▶ Pitfall traps, slug boards, and sticky traps
 - ▶ Pollinator was cancelled

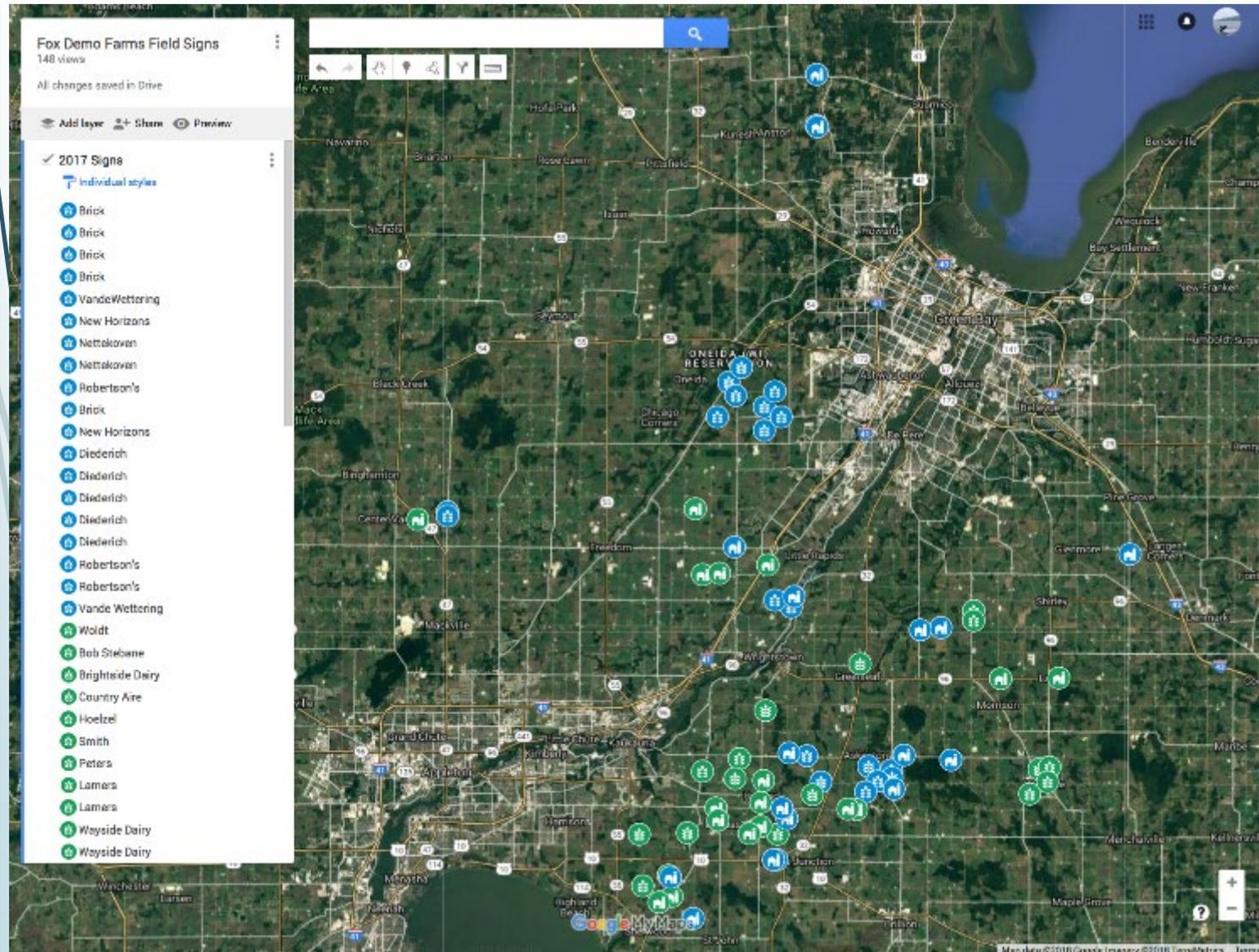


Diversified Cover Crops for Beneficial Insects & Pollinators

- ▶ Treatments:
 - ▶ Zero
 - ▶ Three species mix
 - ▶ Twelve species mix
- ▶ Insects were categorized
 - ▶ Beneficial
 - ▶ Neutral
 - ▶ Harmful



Cover Crops & No-Till Field Signs



34 signs throughout watershed



37 signs throughout watershed



Lessons Learned Technical Guide (2019)

- ▶ Build a space for all the knowledge gained in the Demo Farms project AND creating a useable resource for farmers and agronomists.
- ▶ First meeting with Brown & Outagamie County technical staff
- ▶ Meet regularly throughout winter to build content and then bring different groups to help fill in gaps

Ripple Effect Mapping (2019)

- ▶ Research Question: What social impact has the Fox Demo Farms project had on the Lower Fox River Watershed?
- ▶ Group or individual interviews
 - ▶ Fox Demo Farms (8 farms)
 - ▶ Farms who have implemented practices outside the network (farms with field signs)
 - ▶ Agronomists
 - ▶ Project partners
- ▶ Better understand who farmers talk to, where they're getting their information, what motivates them to try new practices (i.e., Neighborhood Dairy)

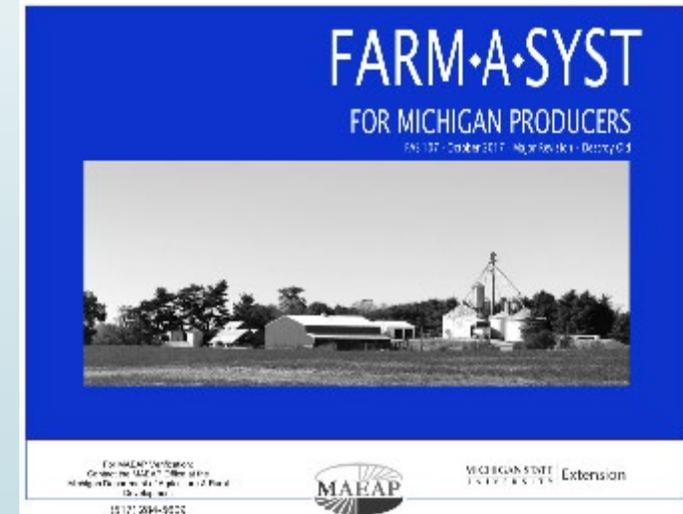


Certification Project

- River Alliance of Wisconsin: Clear Water Farm certification
- Alliance for Water Stewardship
- Farm-A-Syst: Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program
- Evaluations:
 - Brown Co. Landowner survey
 - Consumer survey – field days

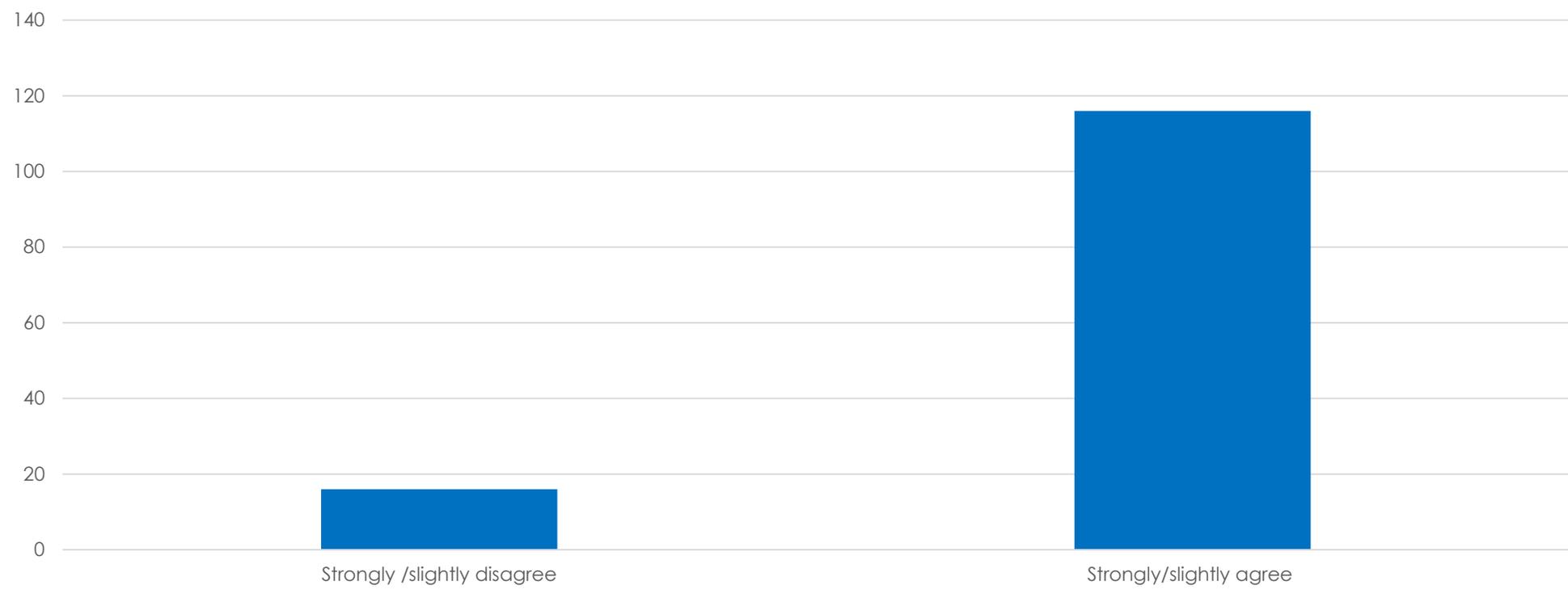


**CLEAR
WATER
FARMS**



Brown County Landowner Survey

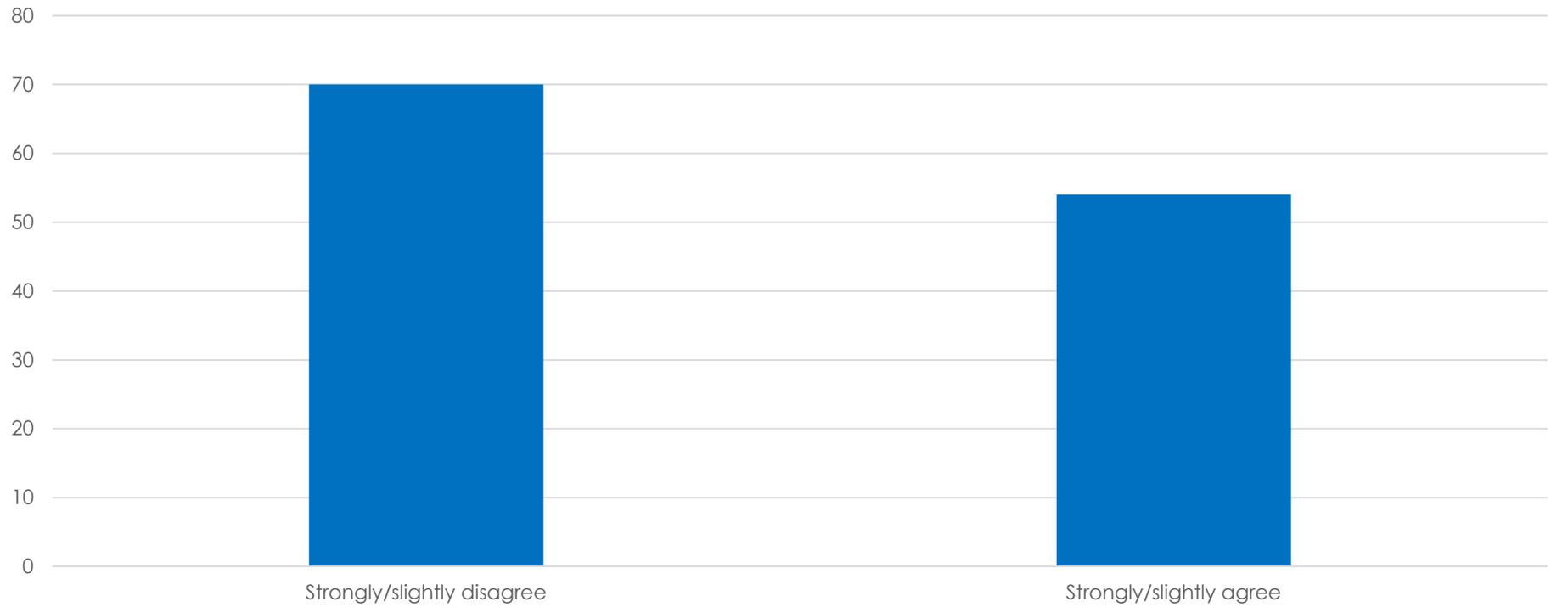
I would be willing to rent my land to farmers who use conservation practices, *if I receive the same rent I do now.*



- **Those who agree own 10,523 acres of farmland.**

Brown County Landowner Survey

I would be willing to rent my land to farmers who use conservation practices, even if I receive *LESS* rent I do now.



- **Those who agree own 3,985 acres of farmland.**

Dairy Consumer Survey



Dairy Consumer Survey



Brickstead Dairy

This survey is being conducted by University of Wisconsin-Extension (UW-Extension) and Brown County Land and Water Conservation Department (LWCD). Brown County LWCD is looking to build a certification program for farmers who implement practices that align with the principles of conservation agriculture (i.e., year-round plant growth, no-till planting, and low-disturbance manure applications). This survey is designed to identify how a "Clean Water Farm" certification might impact consumers and their willingness to pay for dairy products that were produced using certified conservation practices. Survey responses from consumers, like yourself, will help inform the development of the certification program.

Participation in this survey is voluntary and your responses are confidential. The survey should only take about minutes to complete. Thank you for your time and assistance!

Questions? Please contact Whitney Prestby, UW-Extension (920) 391-4663 or whitney.prestby@ces.uwex.edu

1. Please identify your level of familiarity with:

	Not familiar	Somewhat familiar	Very familiar
A. Conservation agriculture's impact on soil health and water quality			
B. Conventional agriculture's impact on soil health and water quality			

2. For each of the following products, please indicate how likely, if at all, you are to purchase them now **AFTER** the tour, and then think back to how likely, if at all, you were to purchase them **BEFORE** the tour?

Now, AFTER this tour				BEFORE this tour		
Not likely	Somewhat likely	Very likely		Not likely	Somewhat likely	Very likely
			A. Purchase dairy products that were produced by a certified <i>Clean Water Farm</i>			
			B. Purchase dairy products produced by a conventional dairy (Not a certified <i>Clean Water Farm</i>)			

3. For the following topics, please identify their importance to you now **AFTER** this tour, and then their importance **BEFORE** the tour:

AFTER this tour				BEFORE this tour		
Not important	Somewhat important	Very important		Not important	Somewhat important	Very important
			A. Your food is produced locally			
			B. Your food is produced using conservation practices			
			C. Your food is packaged using sustainable products (i.e., glass containers)			

4. For the following products, please indicate your willingness to pay:

Product and its average price in the U.S. in 2018	If this product received a <i>Clean Water Farm</i> certification, I would be willing to pay a <u>maximum</u> of...					
	Not willing to pay more for it	\$1.00 more for it	\$1.50 more for it	\$2.00 more for it	\$2.50 more for it	More than \$2.50
A. Milk (\$2.67/gallon)						
B. Cheddar cheese (\$5.27/pound)						
C. Butter (\$3.38/pound)						

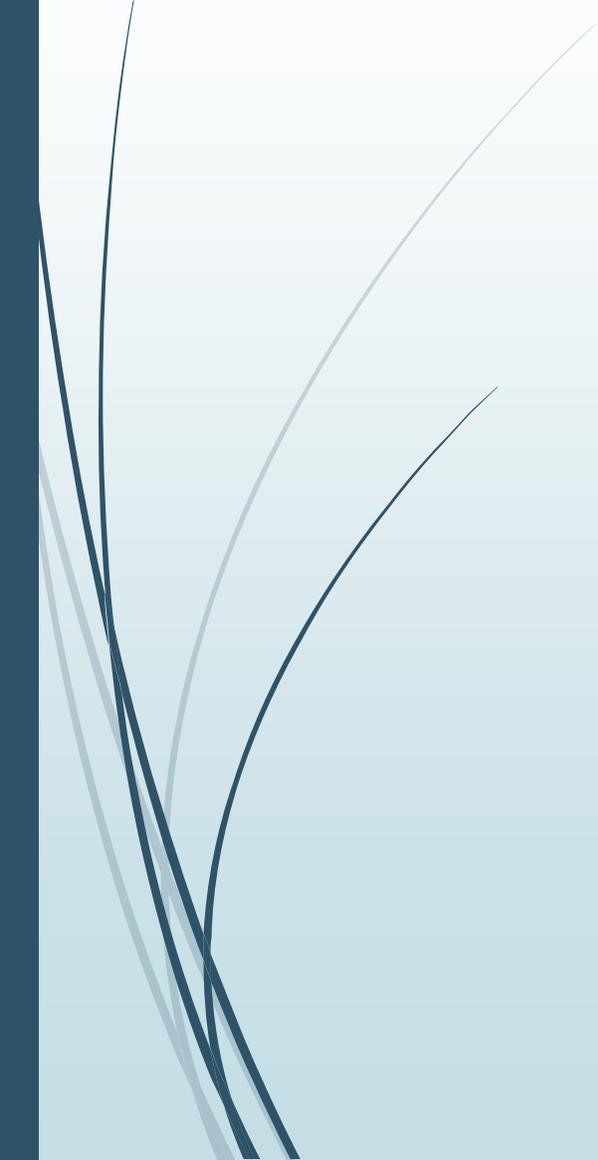
5. Are you the primary decision maker for your household when it comes to buying groceries?

- Yes, I make most of the grocery decisions alone
- Yes, I make most of the grocery decisions along with my partner/spouse
- No, I don't make most of the grocery decisions

6. What was the most valuable part of this tour for you?

7. Additional comments:

Questions?



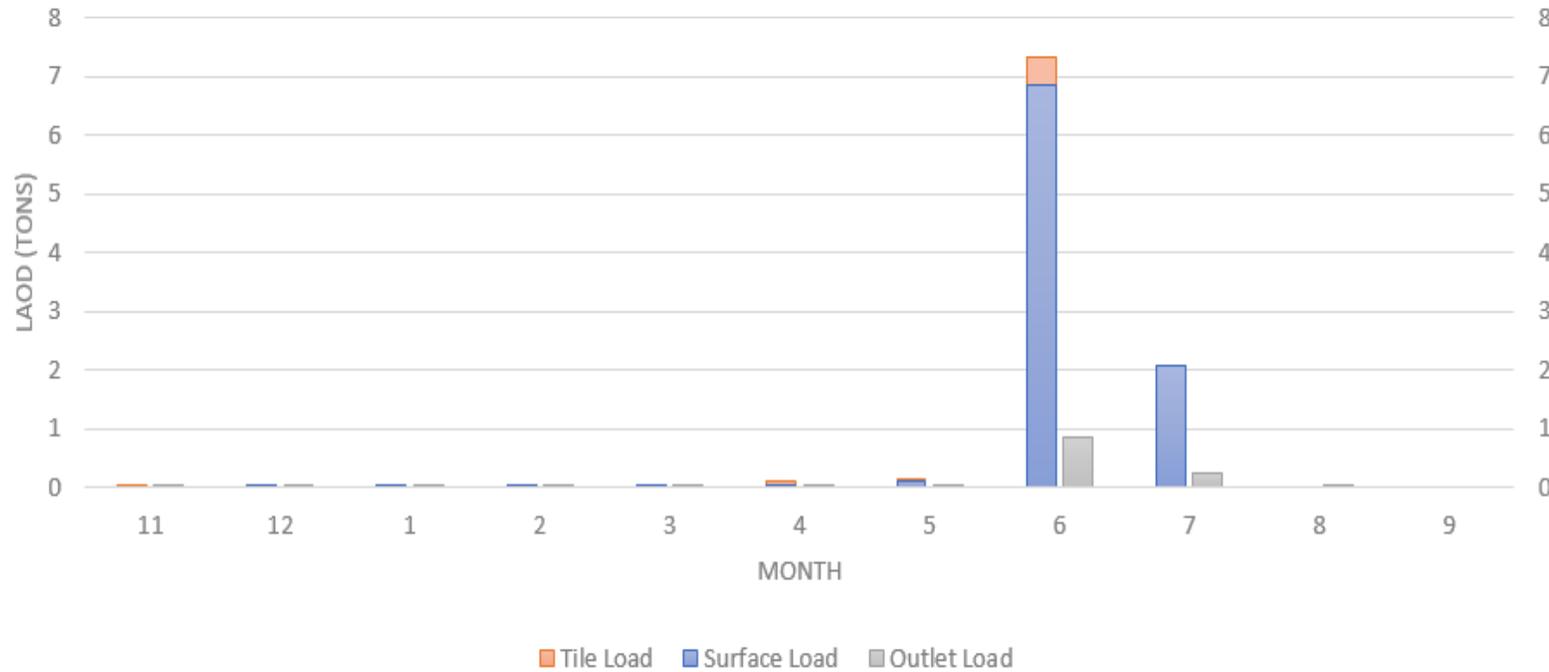
Outagamie County Watershed Efforts



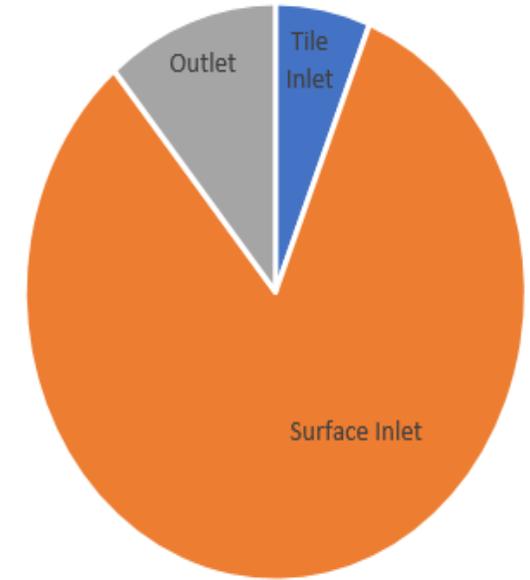
Treatment Wetland (Ag biofilter??)



Suspended Sediment (Nov. 2016 - Sept. 2017)

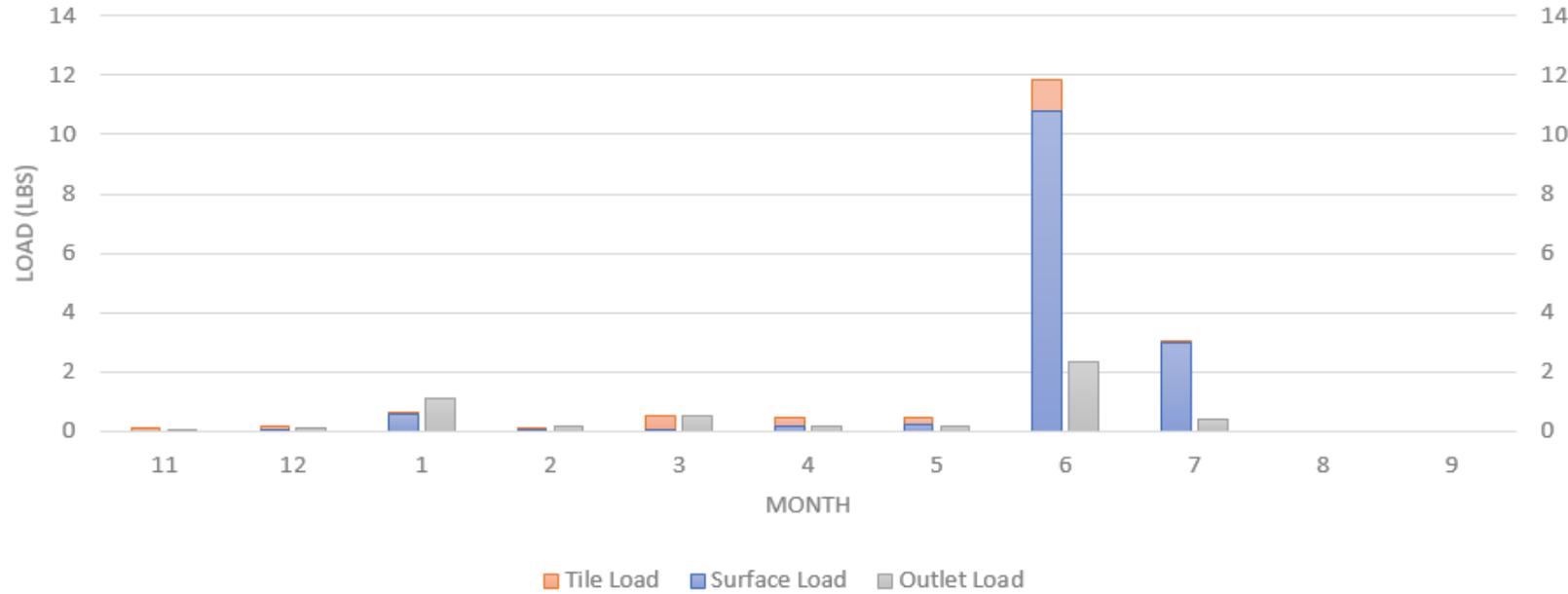


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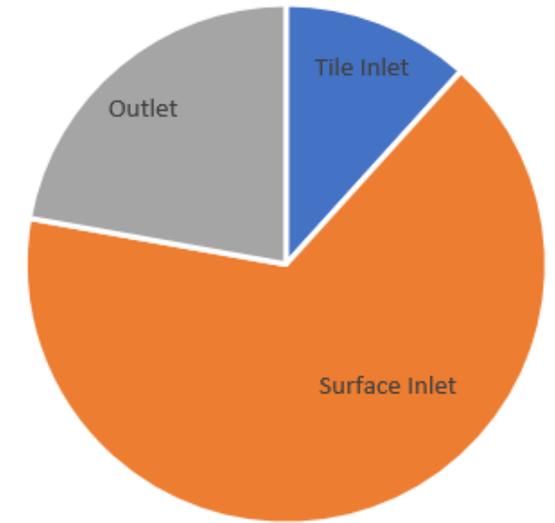


	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	Total		
Tile Inlet	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.09	0.04	0.46	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.67		
Surface Inlet	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.09	6.86	2.08	0.00	0.00	9.07		
Outlet	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.86	0.24	0.01	0.00	1.22		
Amount Contained/Lost	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.11	6.46	1.85	-0.01	0.00	8.52		
	88.8%	88.5%	15.7%	-0.1%	-0.2%	79.6%	81.9%	88.2%	88.6%			87.5%		

Total Phosphorus (Nov. 2016 - Sept. 2017)

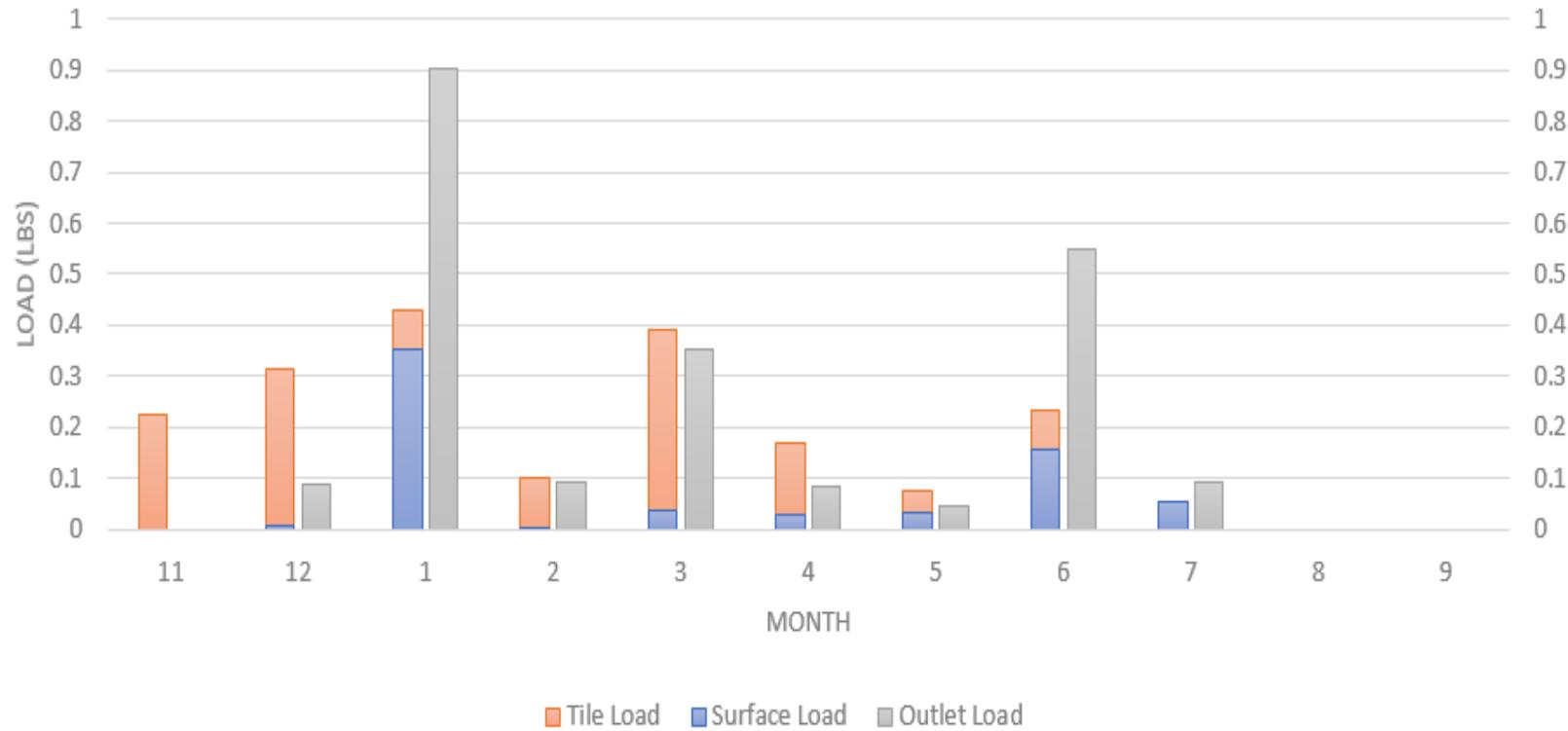


Total Phosphorus pounds (Nov. 2016 - Sept. 2017)

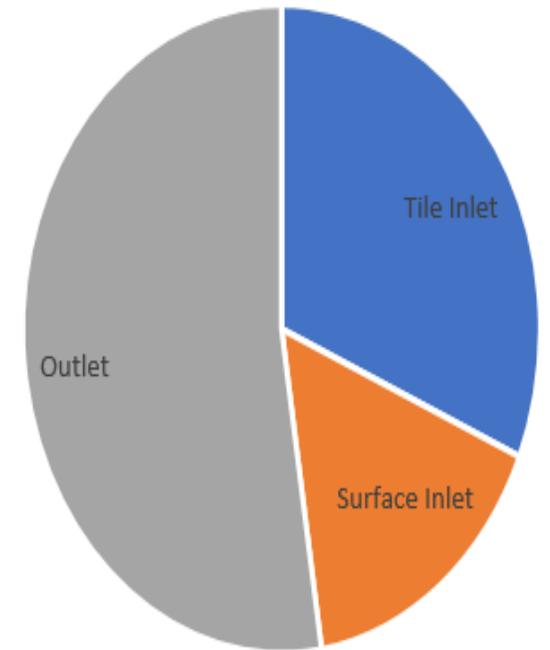


	November	December	January	Febuary	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	Total		
Tile Inlet	0.14	0.19	0.11	0.11	0.47	0.31	0.21	1.05	0.02	0.00	0.00	2.6		
Surface Inlet	0.00	0.01	0.56	0.01	0.05	0.15	0.24	10.77	3.01	0.00	0.00	14.8		
Outlet	0.02	0.11	1.09	0.15	0.53	0.17	0.18	2.33	0.38	0.00	0.00	5.0		
Amount Contained/Lost	0.1	0.1	-0.4	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	9.5	2.6	0.0	0.0	12.5		
	84.0%	44.0%	-64.4%	-24.2%	-0.1%	63.8%	59.6%	80.3%	87.4%			71.5%		

Dissolved Phosphorus (Nov. 2016 - Sept. 2017)



Dissolved Phosphorus pounds (Nov. 2016 - Sept. 2017)



	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	Total	
Tile Inlet	0.23	0.31	0.08	0.09	0.35	0.14	0.04	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.3	
Surface Inlet	0.00	0.01	0.35	0.01	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.16	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.7	
Outlet	0.00	0.09	0.90	0.09	0.35	0.08	0.05	0.55	0.09	0.00	0.00	2.2	
Amount Contained/Lost	0.2	0.2	-0.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.2	
	100.0%	71.5%	-110.6%	6.0%	10.5%	51.2%	37.6%	-133.7%	-66.4%			-10.4%	









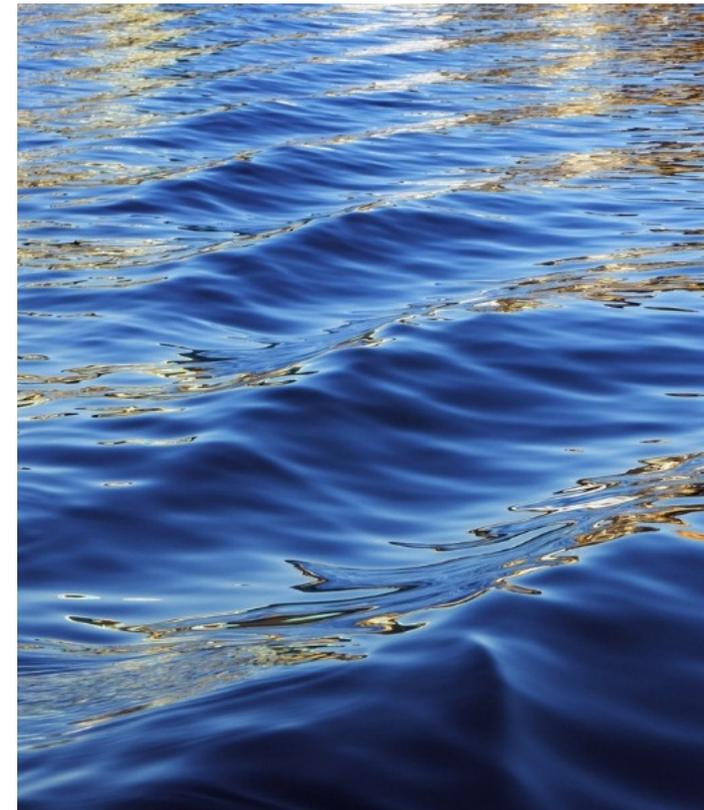
Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance Update





Update for Silver Creek
Stakeholder Meeting

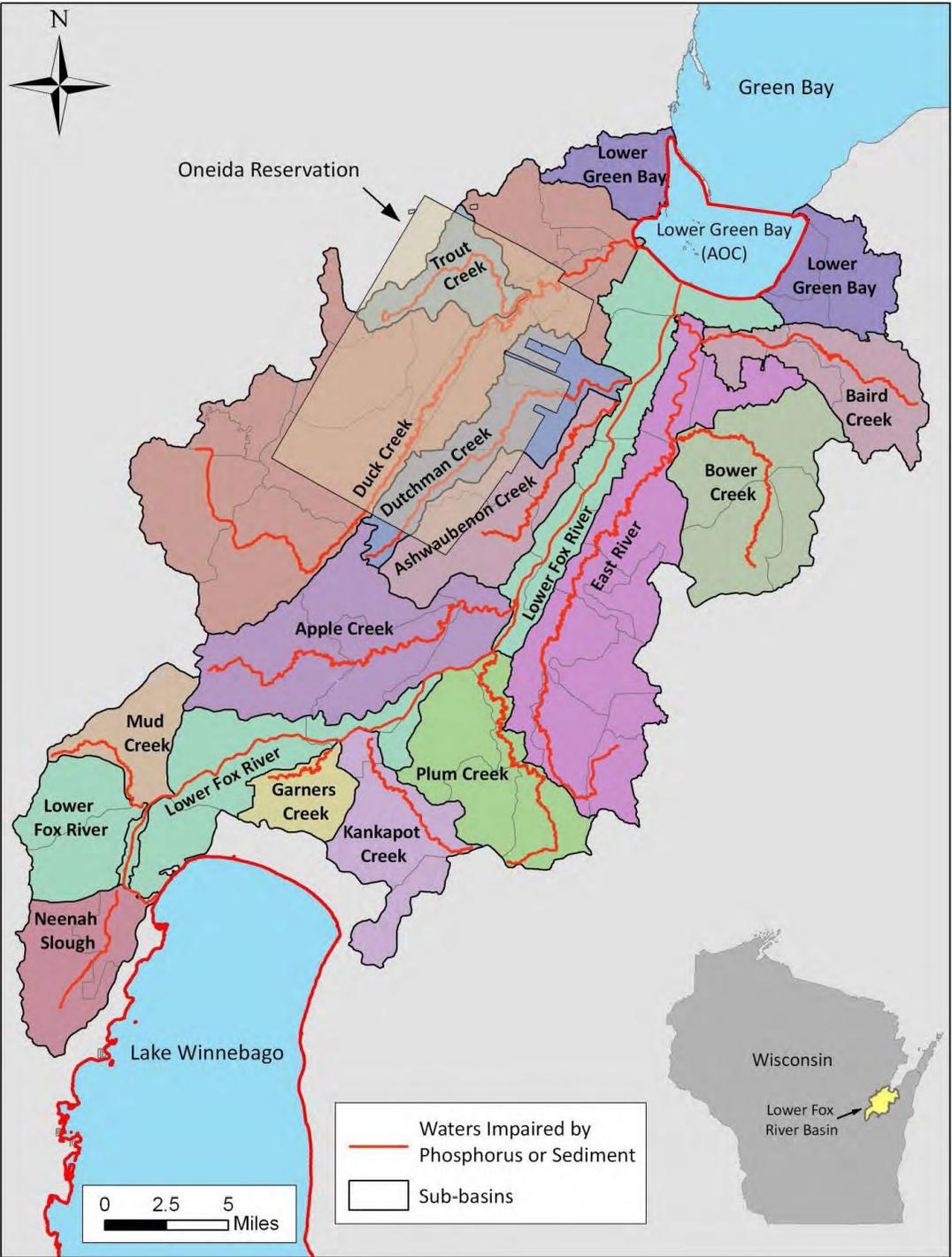
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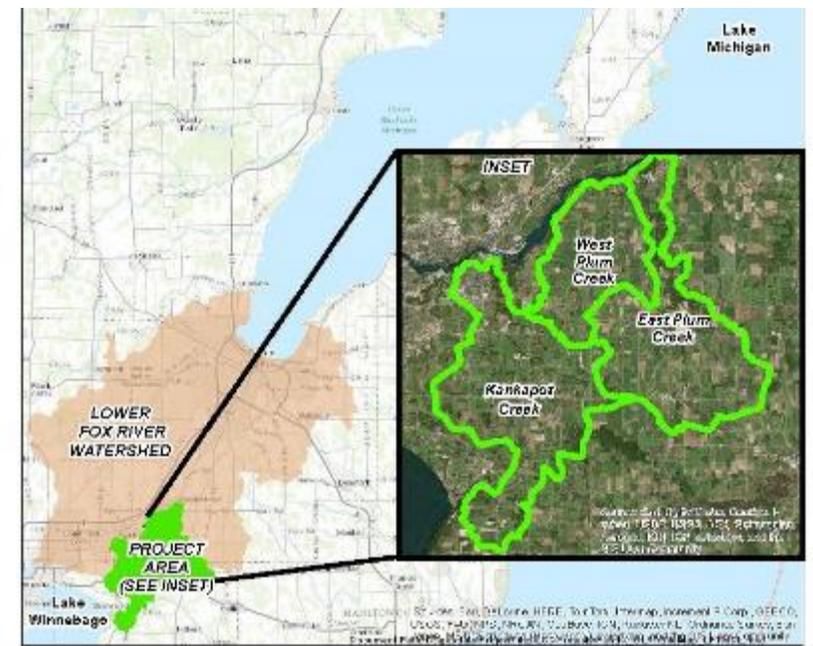
Lower Fox River TMDL Implementation



Plum & Kankapot Creeks – Great Lakes RESTORATION



UNIVERSITY of WISCONSIN
GREEN BAY



Reported to EPA as of 9/30/18

	35-49' Buffer	50'+ Buffer	Concentrated Flow	Treatment Wetlands (Treated acres)	Streambank Protection (grant 1)	Streambank Protection (grant 2)	Pay for Performance Cover Crop System
Goal	76 ac	58 ac	128 ac	3 – 6 ac	5438 ft	2280 ft	3137 ac
Installed as of 9/30/18	41 ac	43 ac	29 ac	2 ac (42.6 ac)	6624 ft	350 ft	2245 ac <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • over 3 years • 1334 ac verified in cover for 2017, 1226 enrolled in 2018

Project period grant 1: 2015-2020 *Anticipate 1 year extension to bring project through Feb 2021
 Project period grant 2: 2016-2020 *1 year extension granted (reflected in date)



Notes of interest for group



Streambank projects were carefully planned to reduce erosion and provide habitat. **Outagamie County placed toe wood structures at the base of this restoration project.**



Concentrated flow treatment is being installed in the watershed often without cost share for installation. Of the 116 acres that will be verified for our next reporting period – 70 acres were voluntary not cost shared but provided permission for county staff to verify and map.

***Boots on the Ground is the biggest win for Watershed projects!**

Pay for Performance Cover Crop System – lots of interest Unfortunately when weather doesn't cooperate interest wanes.

More reason to push for interseeding Cover

Left: No tilled corn into green covercrop

Right: Same field showing corn plant growth



Equipment continues to be a big win for GLRI funding!

- **2 new low disturbance manure injectors were purchased by custom haulers.**
- **Producer who tested GLRI funded no-till equipment upgraded his own planter.**
- **Promotion of no-till in the area inspired a local producer to build a state of the art no-till drill called a CrossSlot**

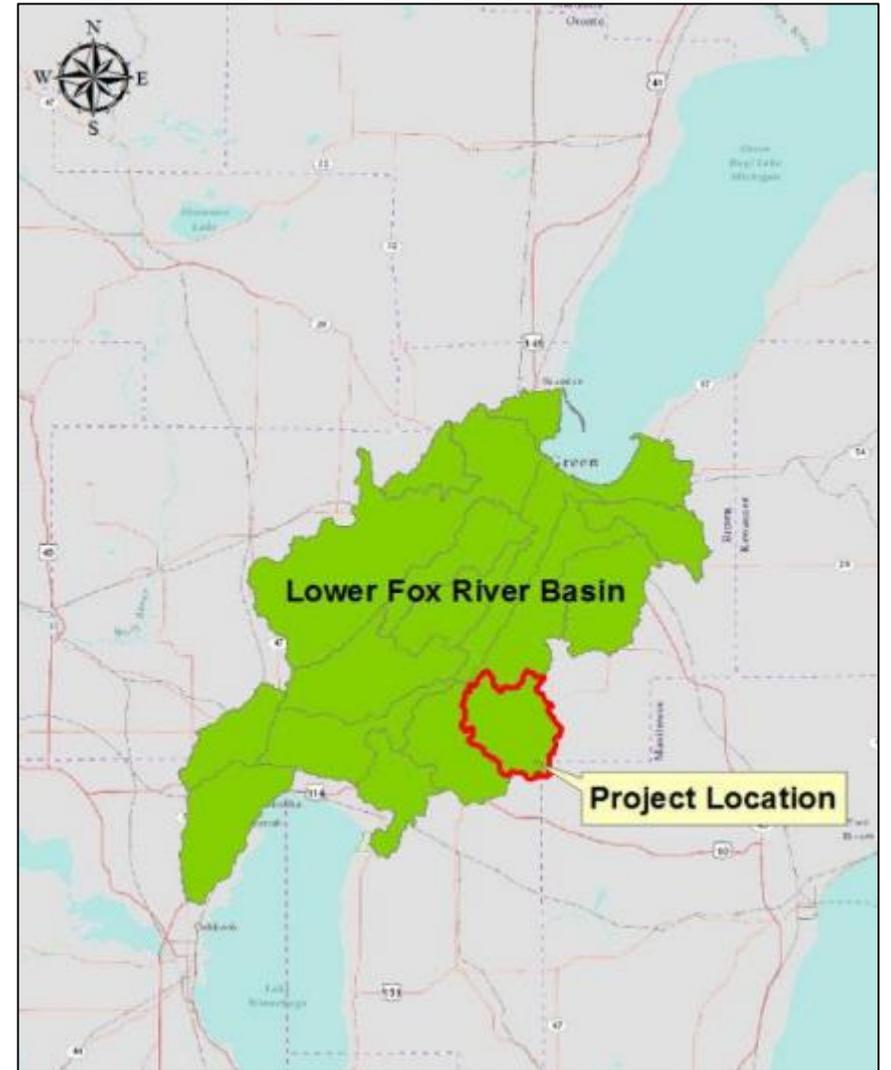


Upper East River – GLRI



Reported to EPA as of 9/30/18

	35-50' Buffer	Pay for Performance Cover Crop System
Goal	34 ac	3000 ac (1000 ac/yr)
Installed as of 9/30/18	0 ac	0 ac 254.8 limited tillage (funded through GLRI to promote residue after cover crop funded through another program)



Project period: 2017-2020 *Anticipate 1 year extension



GIS Conservation Tracking Tool

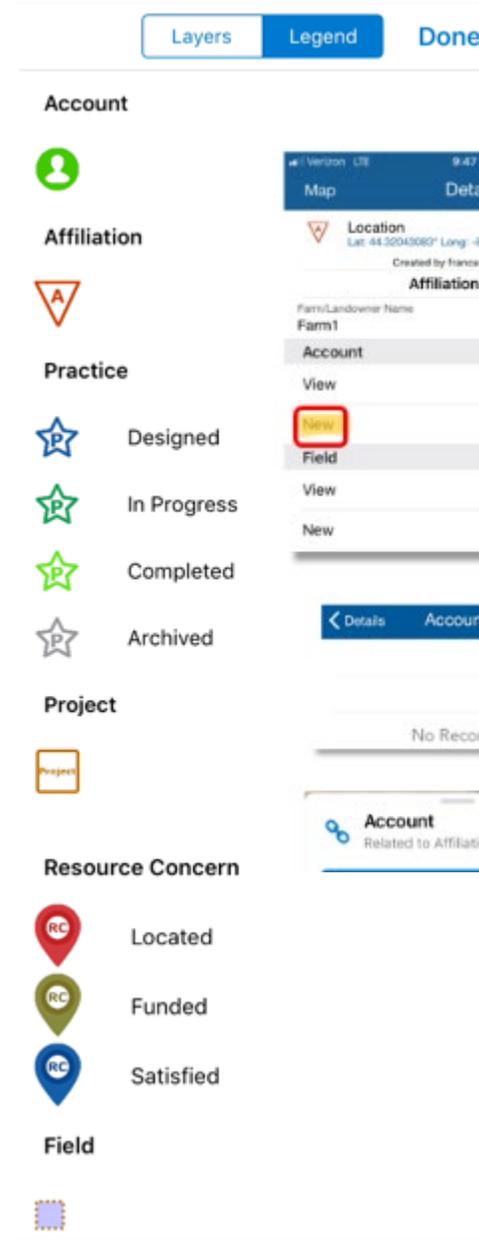
Project Partners:



Designed with County Land Conservation Staff

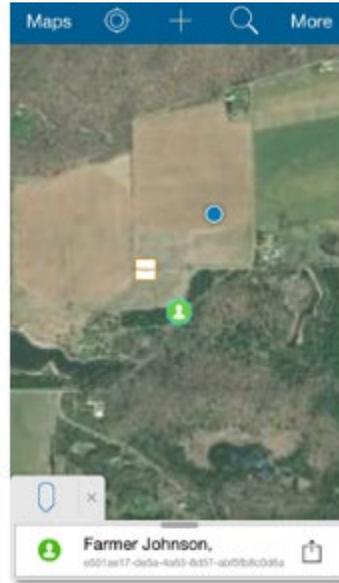
Goals:

1. Work with LCD workflow
2. Track accounts/affiliations to connect relationships between landowners, farms, renters, consultants, etc.
3. Track contacts to be able to highlight quantity of work actually done by boots on the ground
4. Track Resource Concerns to easily identify needs for future projects/grants
5. Track projects/practices installed to be able to efficiently report to funding sources and increase the ability to report implementation success at a watershed scale
6. Track funding source and allow multiple funding sources to trigger different verification requirements – ultimately reducing reporting burden for counties working with multiple funding agencies/reporting requirements



1. Select 'New' **Account** or the 'link' icon to create one, and fill in the details.
2. Choose Map view to place the **Account** feature in a location
3. **Submit**

Selecting 'View' will allow you to see **Accounts** previously created and associated with this Farm. If there are no **Accounts** yet associated with this Farm, this will be indicated when you choose 'View'.



GIS Conservation Tracking Tool



Designed to work with the reporting system being developed by WDNR to track MDV funds.

(has not been tested with the final version of WDNR's tool)

Tracking Tool is built on the ESRI Arc GIS platform.
Collector and Survey 123 Apps have been developed for data collection.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Now – January 2019

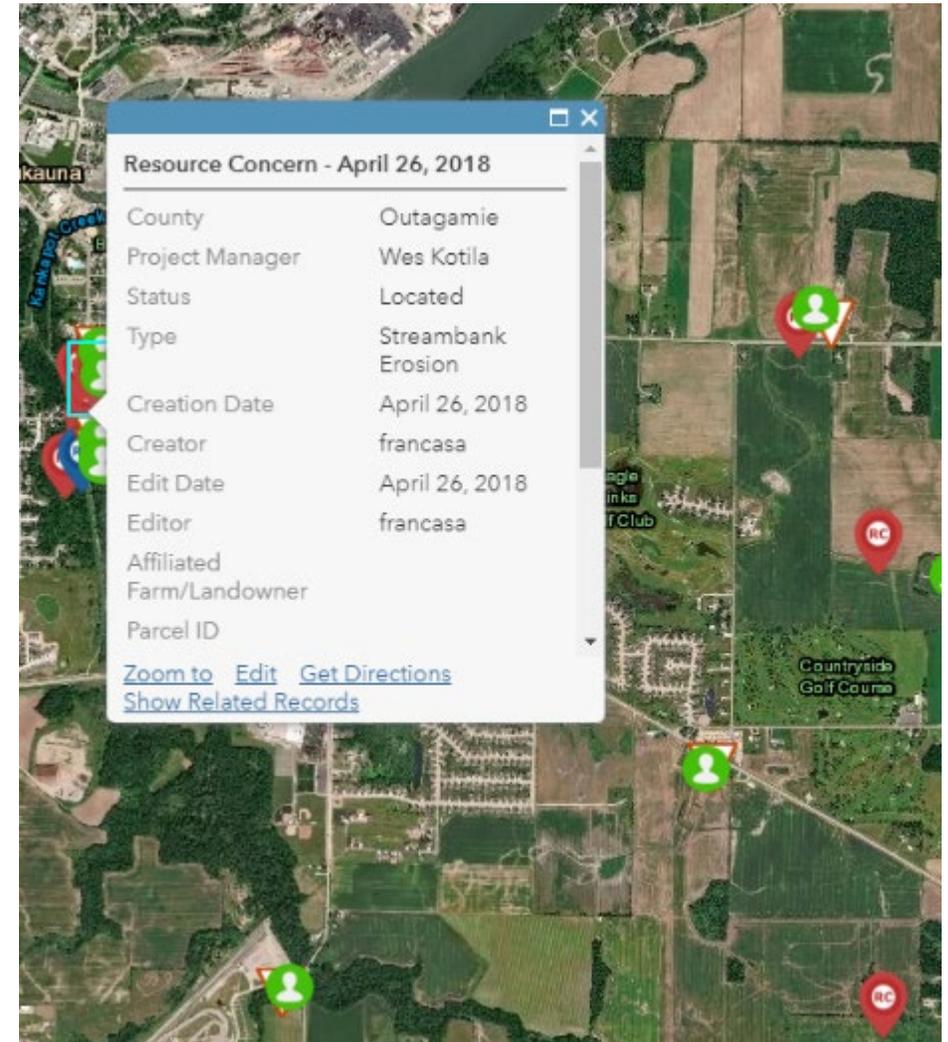
- Final changes are being made to the database.
- Work with partners to finalize data hosting/sharing details.
- Finalize detailed User Instructions being created for the apps.

January – March

- Dashboard development.
- Official Rollout to Lower Fox River County Land Conservation Departments - app training will be held at each county office for LCD staff.
- Develop funding strategy for technical support of tool

April – June

- Develop regional watershed recovery reports
- Modify tool as issues are identified (ongoing)
- Rollout out tool to additional counties (ongoing)





Researching the Effectiveness of Agricultural Programs

Research project to examine how GLRI dollars are spent.

- How effective different programs are for changing farmer behavior
- How effective project administration of programs are from farmer experience with grant manager to grant manager experience with EPA

Recommendations will be provided to EPA to guide future GLRI funds

Project led by:



Funded through:



Note of interest for group

A farmer survey will be sent to farmer's in the Lower Fox. Survey is being conducted by Ohio State University. Goal is to gather input from farmer's on current conservation programs used, and get input on what would make them better.



WDNR – Office of Great Waters Green Bay AOC Eutrophication BUI

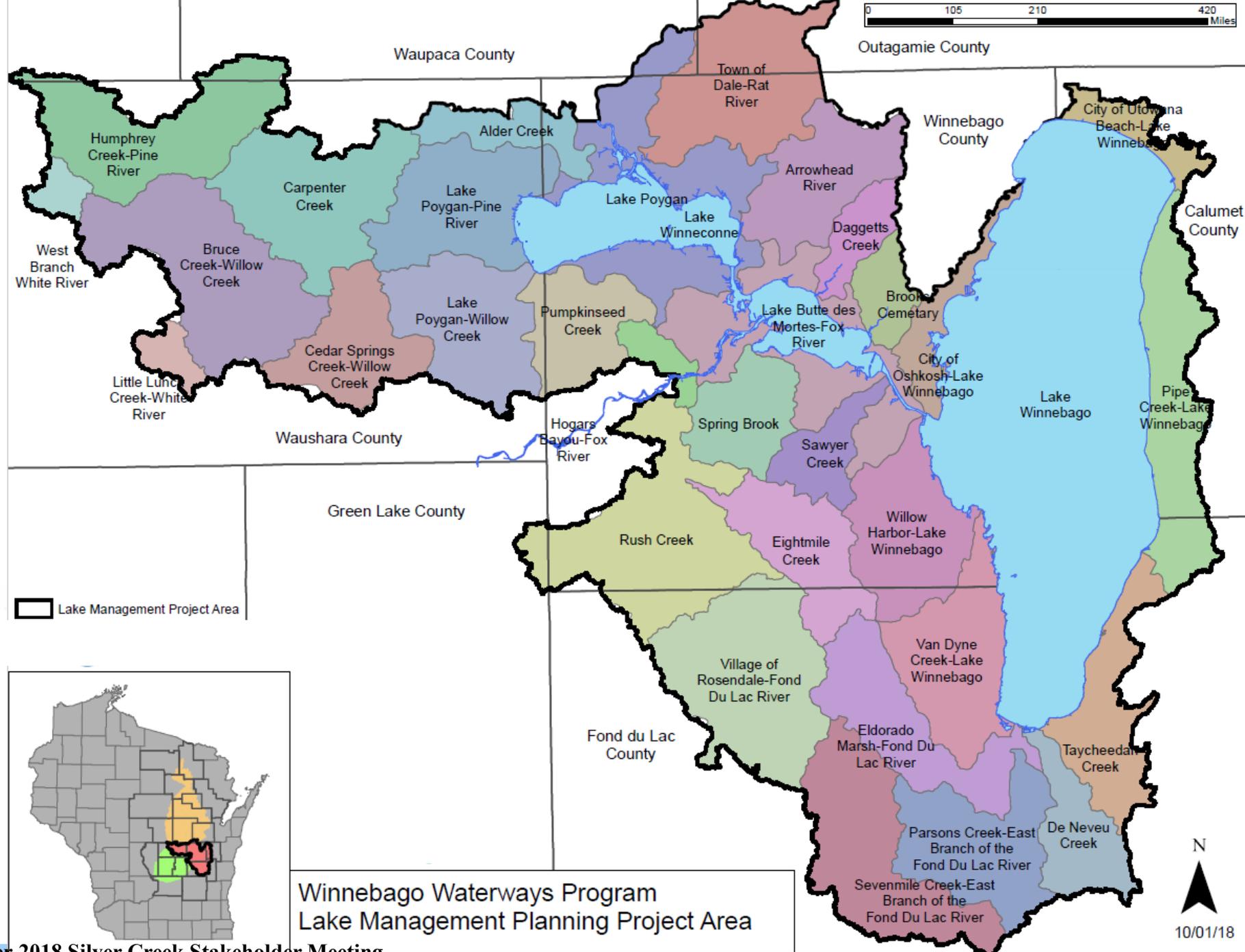
Technical teams are currently meeting to explore how the AOC program could make a meaningful contribution to the watershed work to reduce nutrient loading to the Green Bay AOC.

- Determining how to move toward delisting the Eutrophication BUI could result in significant funding from the AOC GLRI funding
- Process will include bringing recommendations from the technical team through public input process and working with EPA

Winnebago Waterways

A Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance program

Lake Management Plan enhanced with 9 Key Elements



Winnebago Waterways Program
Lake Management Planning Project Area

10/01/18





Watershed Hero

2019 Impact Awards
Accepting nominations NOW!

Presented at the Fox-Wolf Watershed
Annual Watershed Celebration
Tuesday, March 5, 2019
Lambeau Field, Green Bay



Basin Buzz

Semi-Annual Agricultural Newsletter –
to be mailed in January

WINNEBAGO ON TAP

Expanding our Winnebago on Tap
education series to the Fox River
and Green Bay.

1st session for Green Bay on Tap will
be Toxic PAHs presented by Clean
Wisconsin

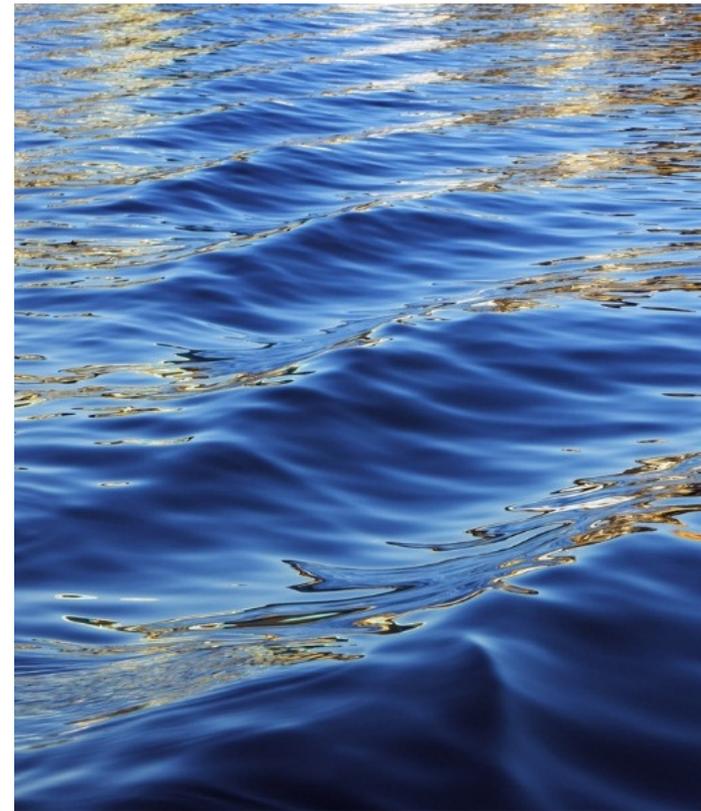
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Monthly e-newsletter – in inboxes this
week. Have a project you want to share?
Send it in to be included in January.





*Thank you
&
Merry Christmas!*



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Next Steps In Silver Creek



- Update conservation plans
- Planning for 2019 growing season
- Meetings with growers
- Continue installation of operational BMPs 2019
- GLRI grant funding thru 2019 (possibly 2020?)
- Continue water quality monitoring beyond 2020

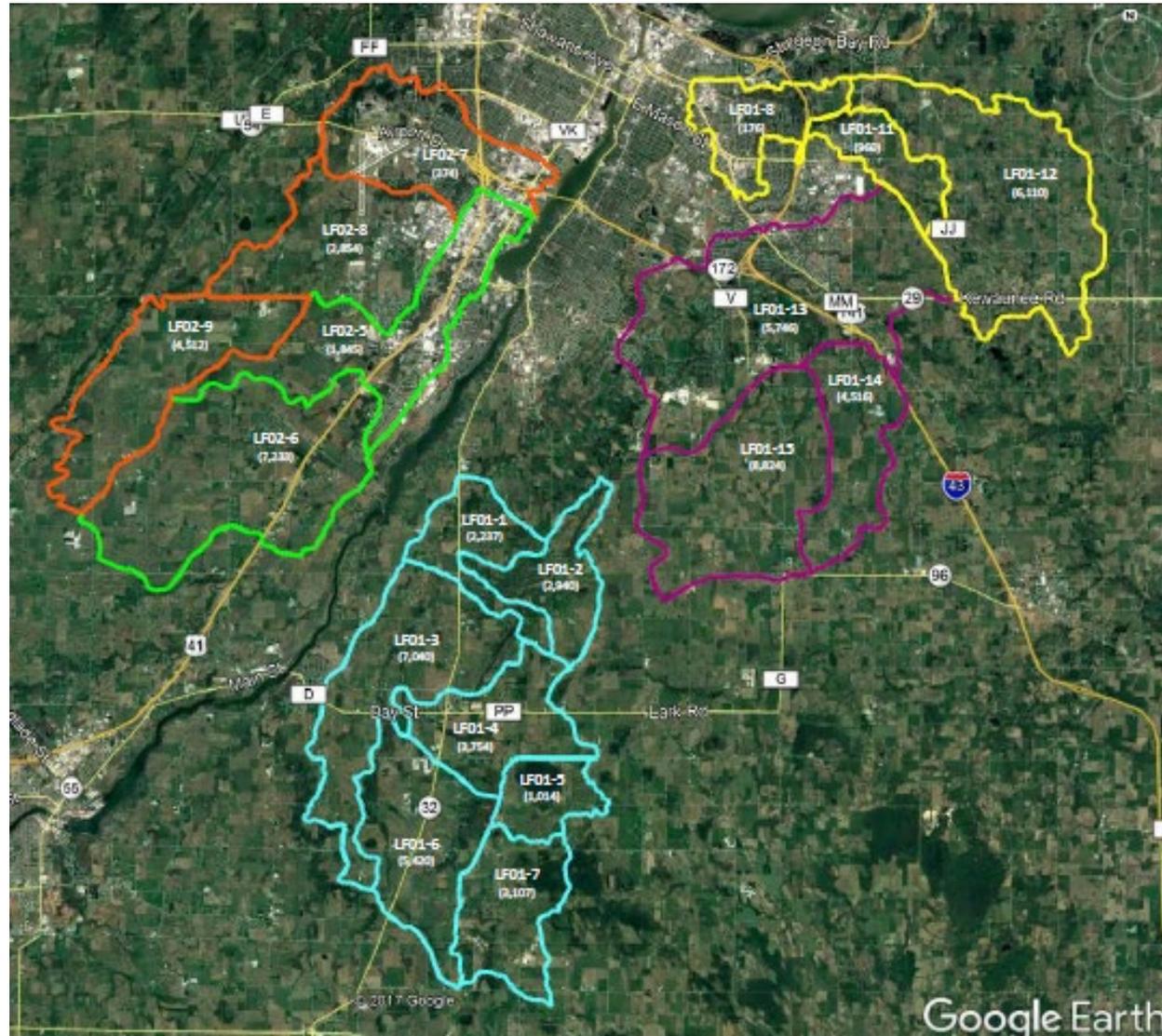


Working Lunch

Future Watershed Program Efforts



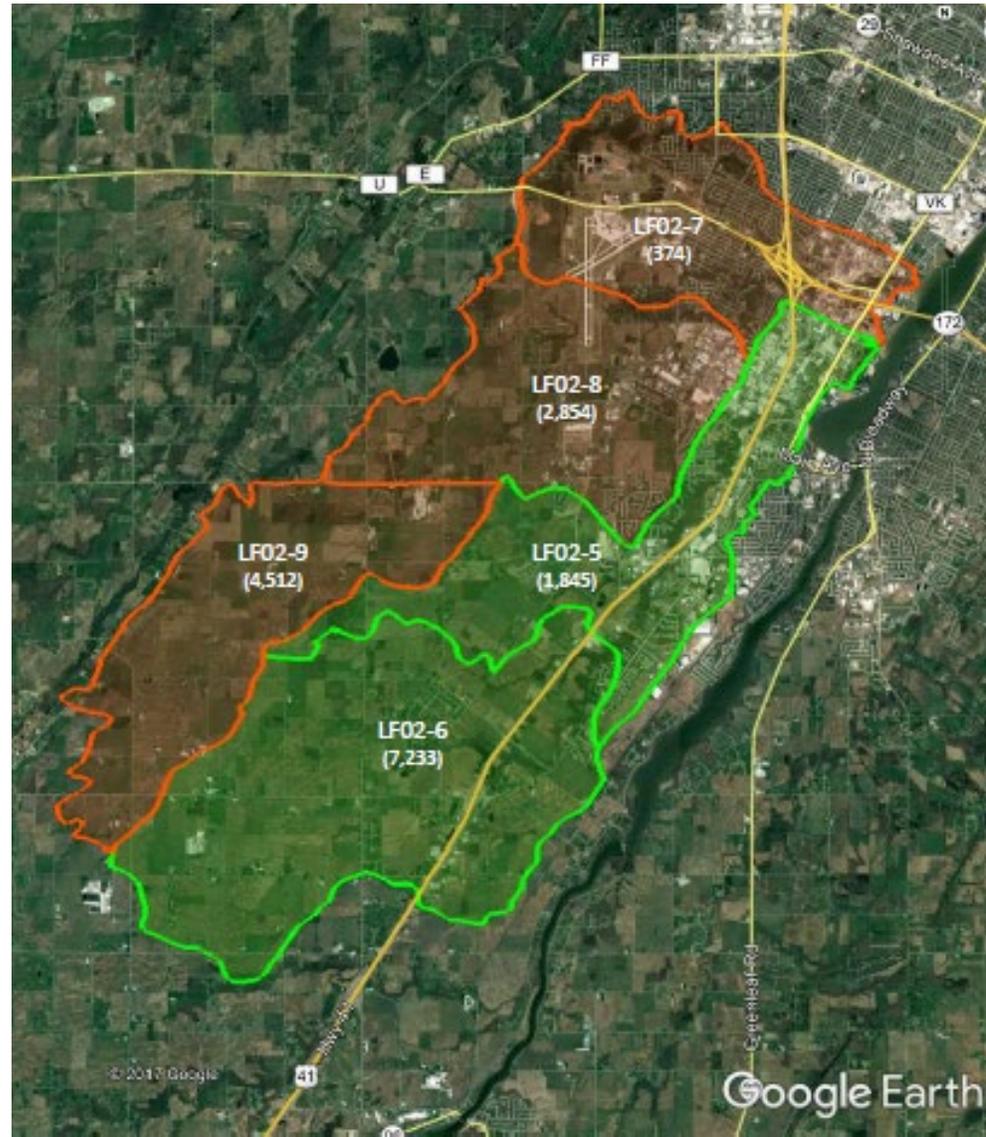
Opportunities in Adjacent Watersheds



Watershed Evaluation Criteria

- 1. Sub-watershed Size**
- 2. Sub-watershed Land Use and Agricultural Contribution**
- 3. Geographic Location**
- 4. Nine-Key Element Plan Status**
- 5. Potential Load Partners**
- 6. Flow and Water Quality Data**
- 7. Ongoing Agricultural Watershed Projects**
- 8. Severity of Perceived Issues**
- 9. Technical Resources**

Ashwaubenon/Dutchman Creek



~ 38,000 acres total

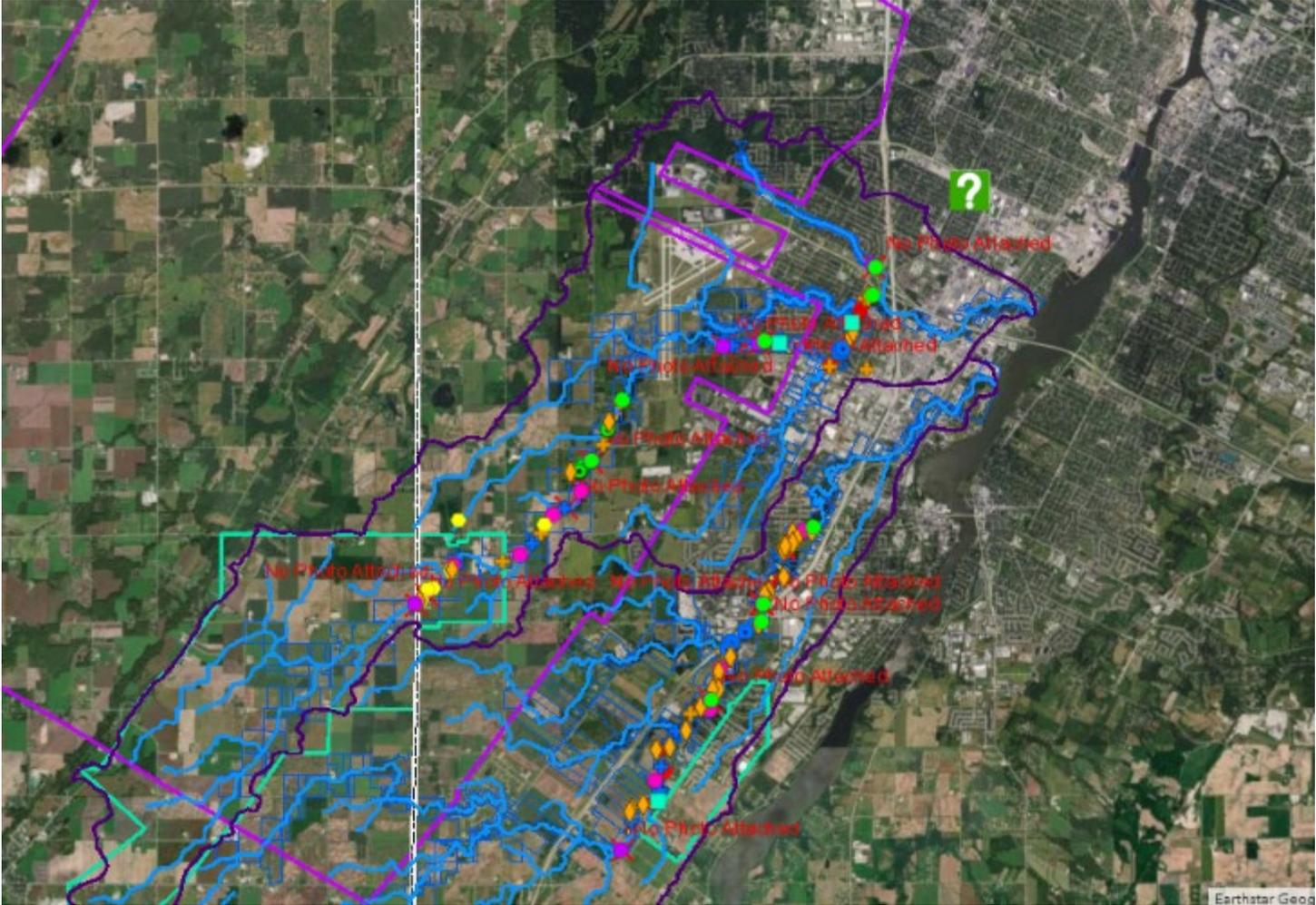
~ 20,000 acres ag land

A Full Scale Watershed Management Program

- NEW Water Commission Approved Full Scale Planning in 2018
 - Position NEW Water to advance AM as part of the phosphorus and TSS compliance strategy
- Similar starting tasks as the Pilot
 - Stream corridor inventory
 - Workgroups and partnership agreements
 - Field walks and conservation planning
- Water Quality Monitoring
- Flow Monitoring
- Biological Monitoring



Stream Corridor Inventory



New Program Name and Logo

NEW Watershed Program

Partnering for
Water Quality



Next Steps in Full Scale Watershed Program

- Application for permit renewal at NEW Water
 - Due Dec 31
- Finalizing Adaptive Management Plan
 - Due Dec 31
- 2019 – a Year of Planning and Inventory
 - Water quality monitoring
 - Desktop field evaluation
 - Develop a method of prioritization
 - Develop advisory committee
 - Kickoff of the program
- 2020 – Begin implementation of practices
- 20 Years of watershed efforts

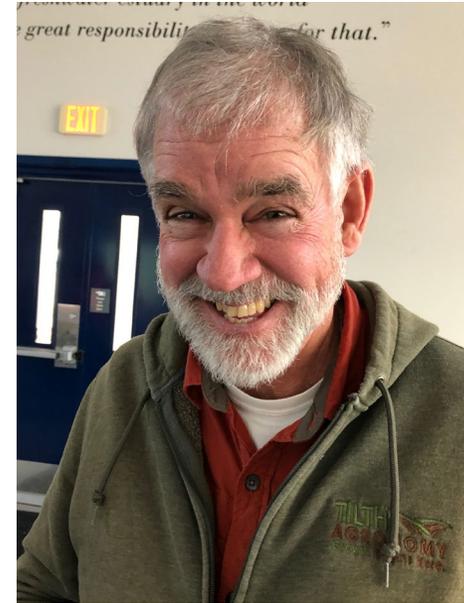


Upcoming Retirements

- Bill Hafs – January 2, 2019



- Jeff Polenske – December 31, 2018



Comments and Open Discussion

