

**North Central Texas Water Quality Project
Richland-Chambers Reservoir Watershed Protection Plan**

**Stakeholder Meeting
Waxahachie, Texas**

AGENDA

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

- 9:30 Refreshments and Sign-in
- 10:00 Welcome and Introductions
Clint Wolfe, Program Manager Texas A&M AgriLife Research
- 10:10 Recap Last Meeting and Watershed Protection Plan Development Activities
Clint Wolfe, Program Manager Texas A&M AgriLife Research
- 10:20 Water Quality in the Richland-Chambers Watershed
Mark Ernst, Environmental Manager, Tarrant Regional Water District
- 10:40 Setting Water Quality Goals
Tina Hendon, Tarrant Regional Water District
- 11:00 BREAK
- 11:10 Use of Water Quality Models and Review of Preliminary Results
Essaya Kaba and Dr. Srinivasan, Texas A&M Spatial Sciences Lab
- 11:30 MS4 Stormwater Permitting and Renewal of Small MS4 General Permit
Hanne Nielsen and Lindsay Garza TCEQ Stormwater & Permitting Staff
- 12:00 LUNCH
- 12:45 2017 National Water Quality Initiative and the Chambers Creek Partnership
Kyle Wright, Natural Resource Manager,, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- 1:05 Overview of Wastewater Study
Darrel Andrews, Tarrant Regional Water District
- 1:20 Overview of Economics Analyses
Darrel Andrews, Tarrant Regional Water District
- 1:35 BREAK
- 1:45 Steering Committee and Draft Guidelines
Clint Wolfe, Program Manager Texas A&M AgriLife Research
- 2:15 Discussion
- Timeline and Next Steps in WPP Development
 - Time and Objectives for Next Meeting, May 24th
- 2:45 ADJOURN

Richland-Chambers Watershed Partnership

STAKEHOLDER MEETING
APRIL 25, 2017

Welcome and Introductions

CLINT WOLFE, TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE RESEARCH

Recap of Previous Meeting

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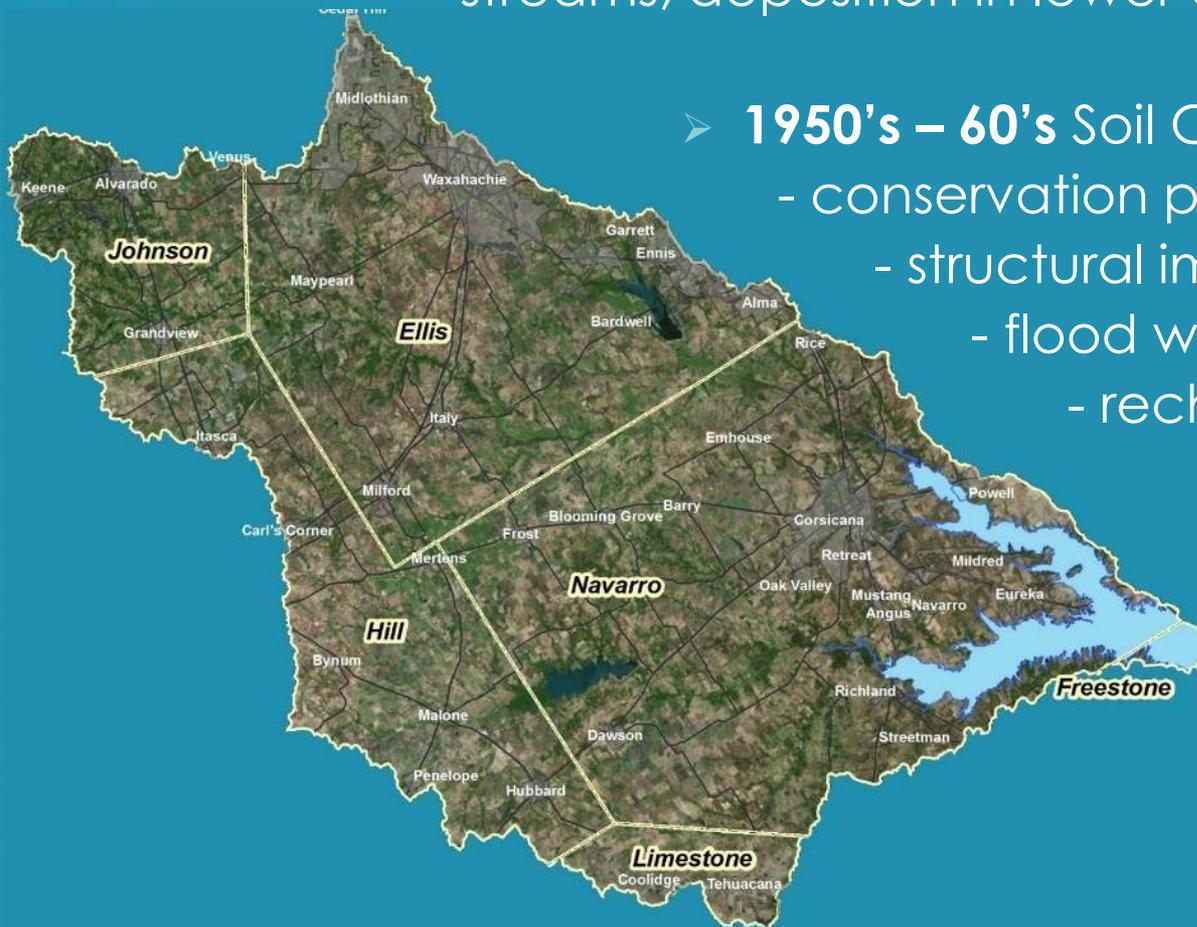
Richland-Chambers Watershed

Watershed History

- **1800's** Intensive agriculture results in erosion of land and streams, deposition in lower areas.

- **1950's – 60's** Soil Conservation Service
 - conservation practices,
 - structural improvements,
 - flood water dams (PL-566), and
 - rechannelized some streams.

- **1980's** Richland-Chambers Reservoir was built



Richland-Chambers Watershed

Watershed History

Today

- Improved technologies and agricultural management practices.
- New pressures include land use changes and urban development.
- Landscape and stream erosion still persists in the watershed.

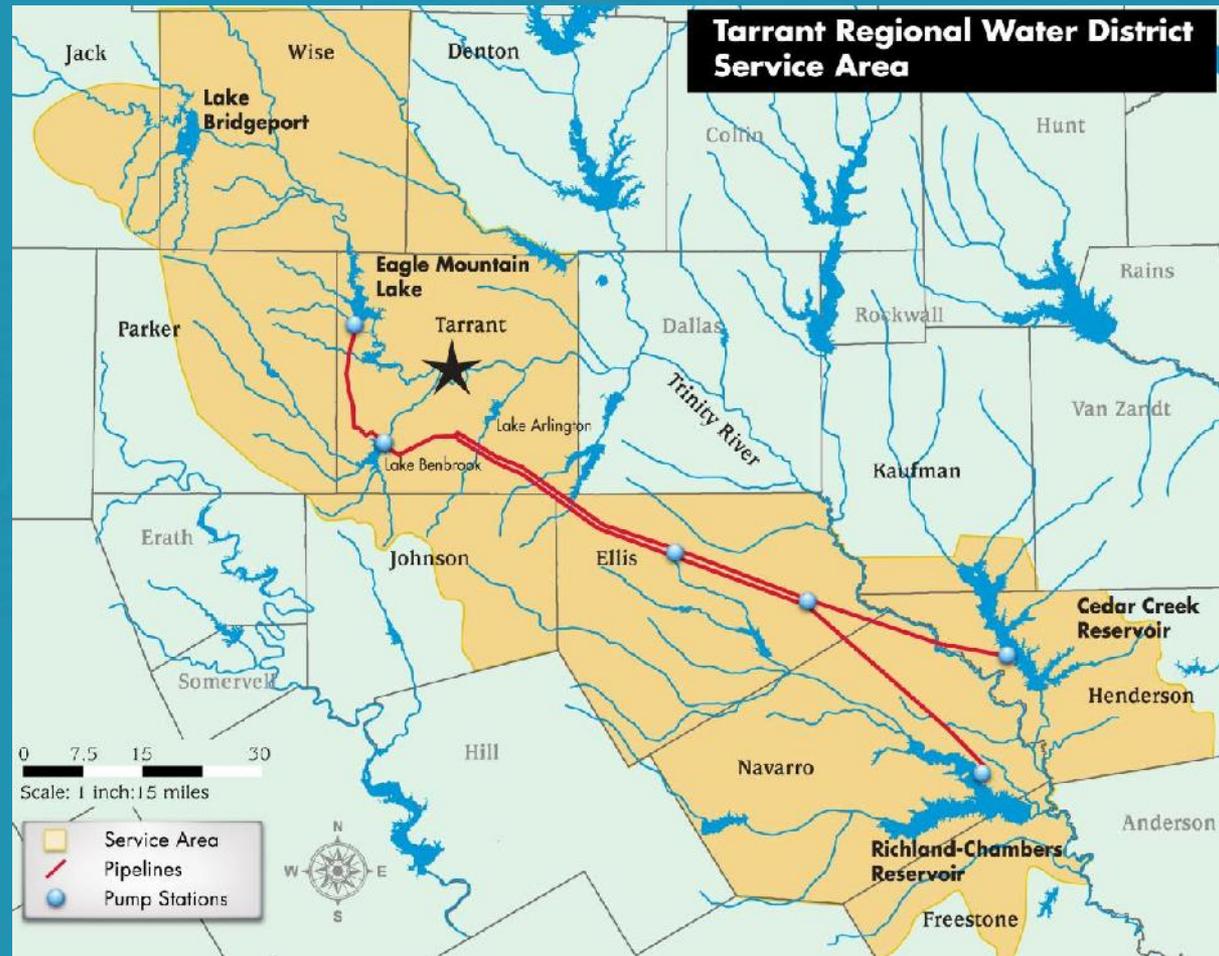


Richland-Chambers Watershed

Watershed History

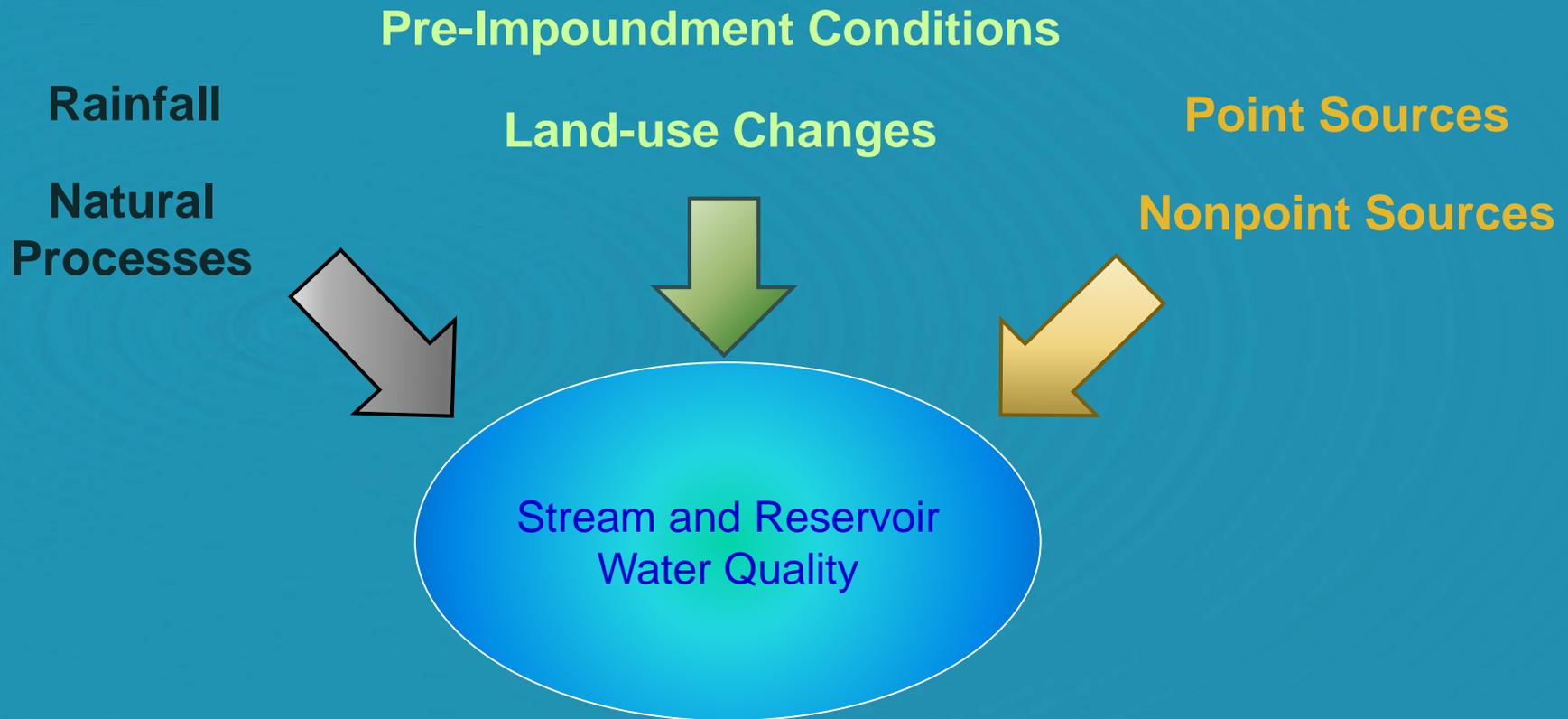
Today

- Richland-Chambers reservoir supplies almost half the drinking water for over 2 million people.



Watersheds 101

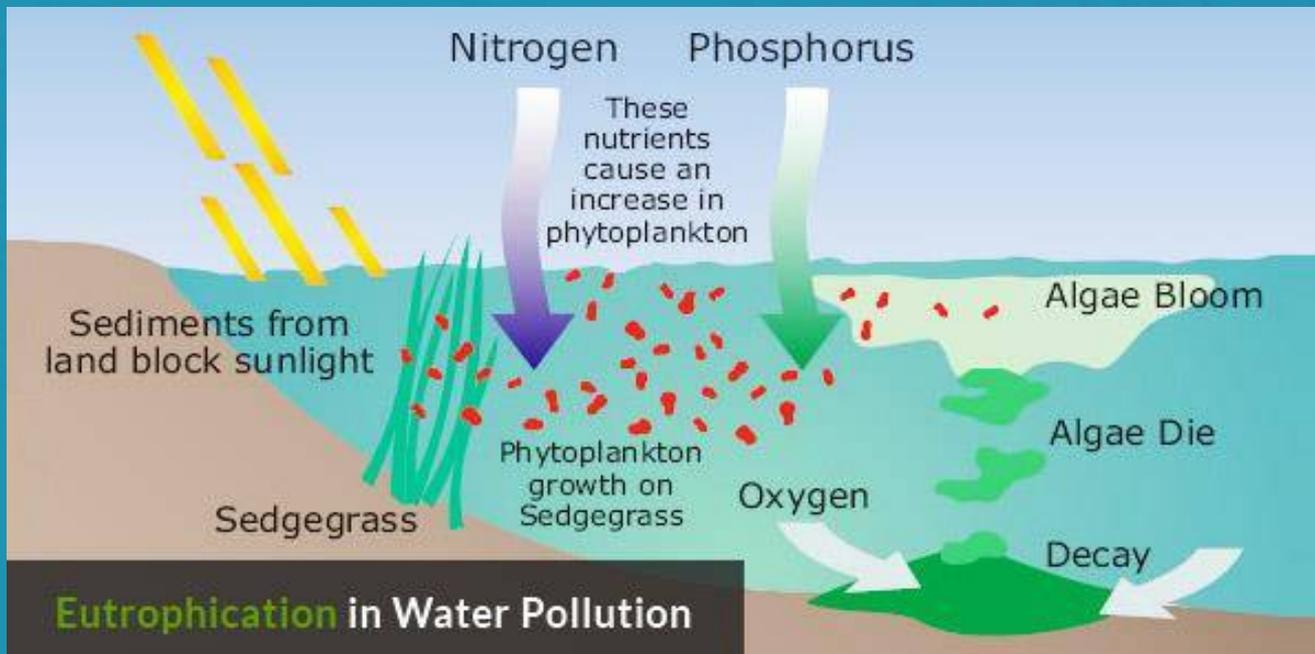
Watershed Effects on Water Quality



Watersheds 101

Eutrophication

- ▶ Excessive nutrient inputs - Nitrogen or Phosphorus
- ▶ Promotes excessive plant growth and decay
- ▶ Causes water quality problems
 - Algae blooms
 - Taste & odor problems
 - Low dissolved oxygen



Watersheds 101

Human Impacts to Water Quality

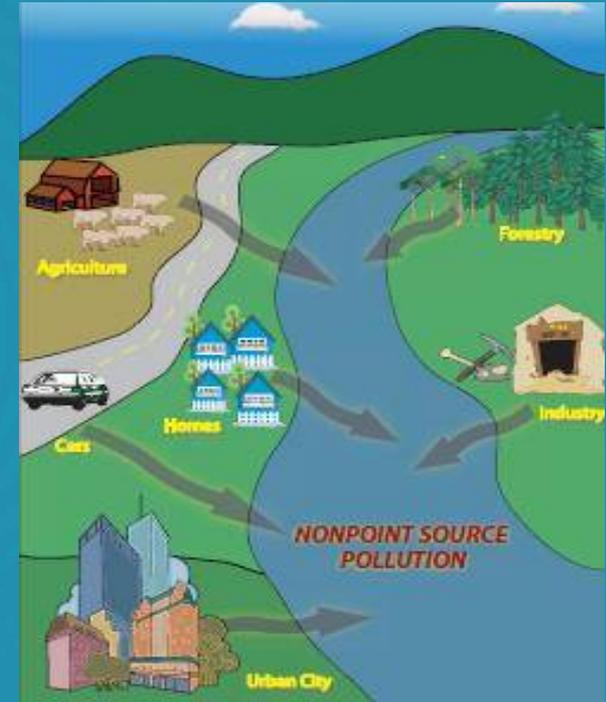
Point Source Pollution



from a clearly defined, fixed point such as a pipe, ditch, channel, sewer or tunnel

Non-Point Source Pollution

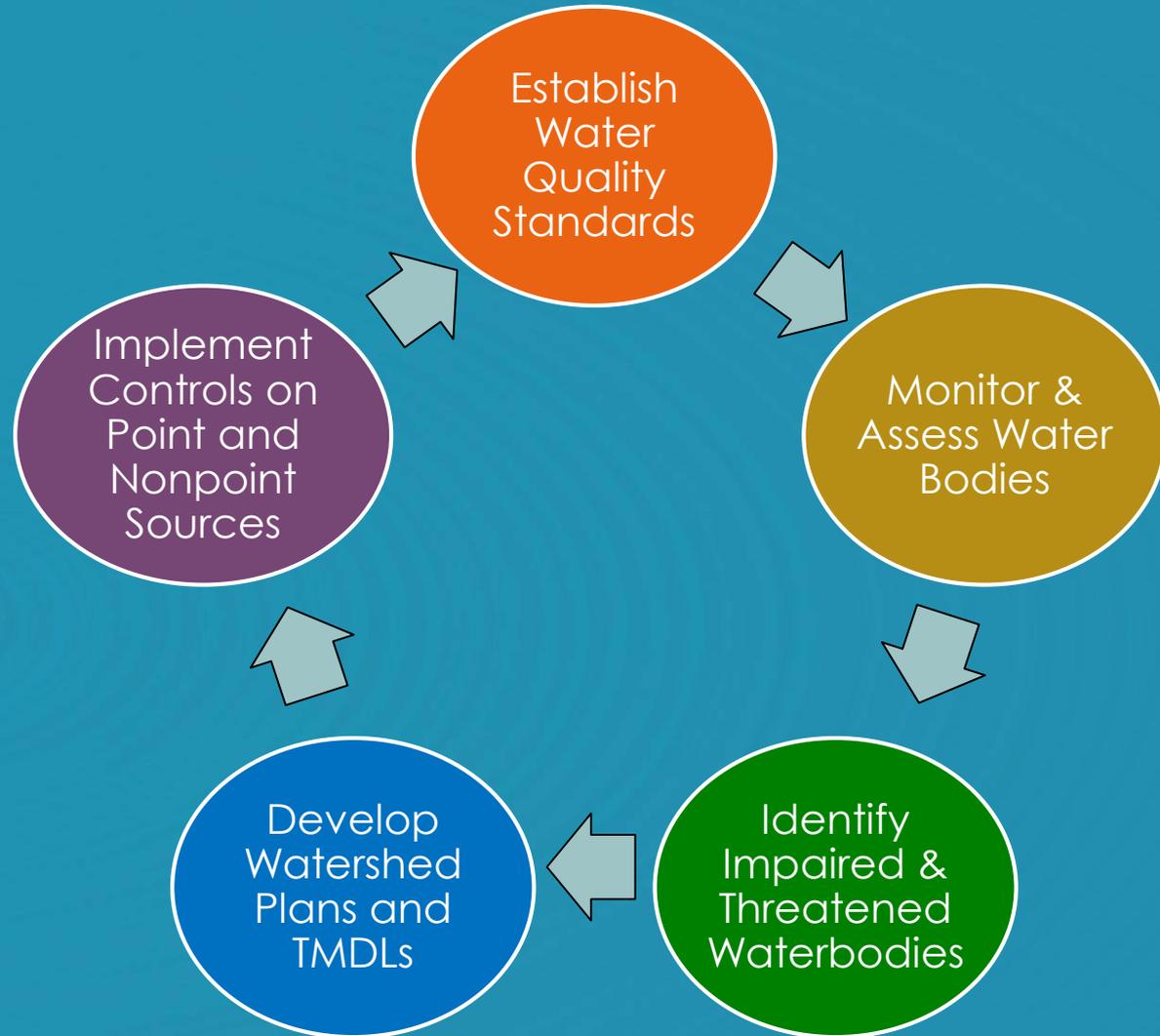
from many different places across the landscape, most of which cannot be readily identified.



Water Quality Management

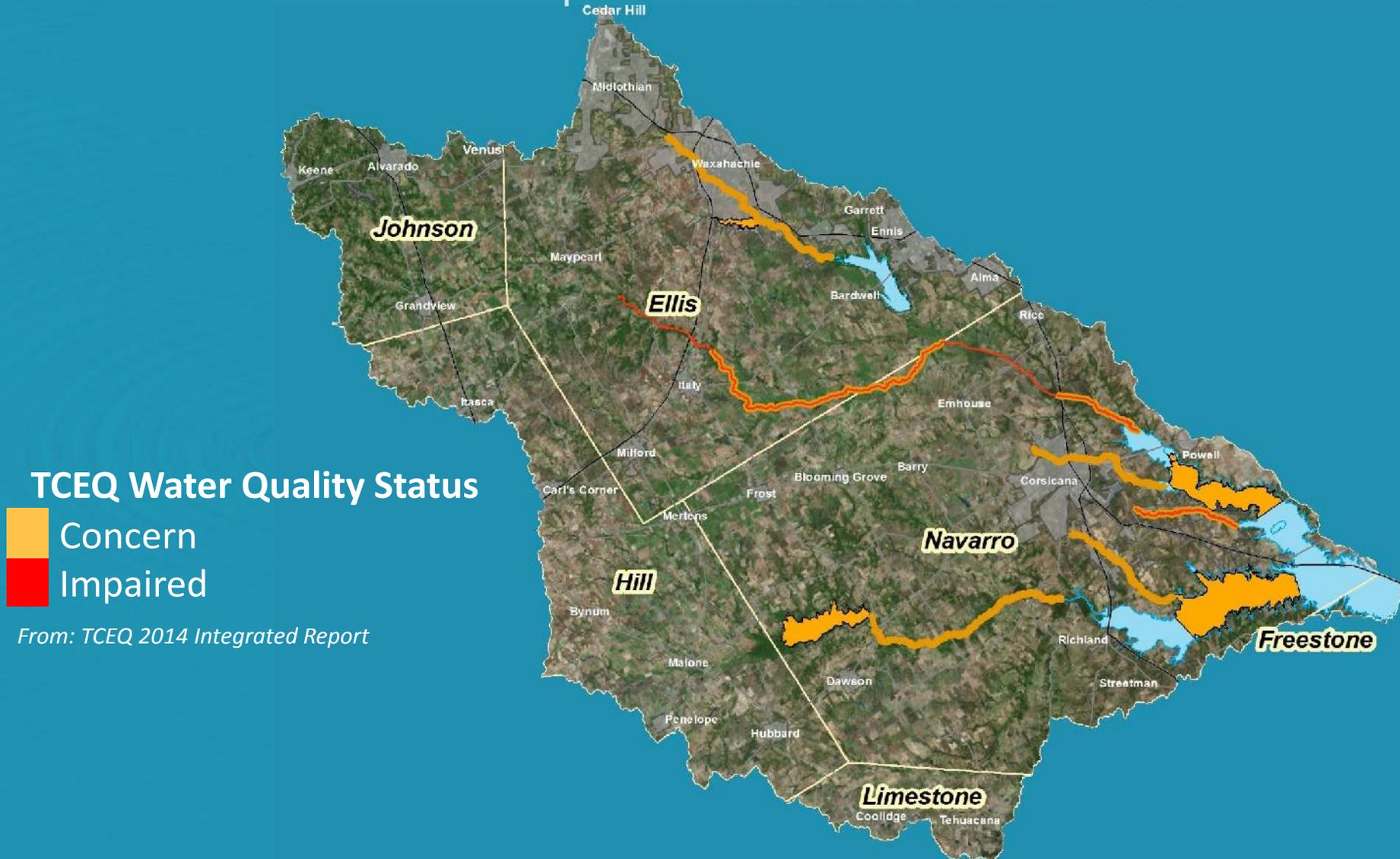
Clean Water Act

- ▶ Federal regulatory process to protect water quality
- ▶ Programs delegated to state - TCEQ



Water Quality Issues

TCEQ Assessment Report



Options for Improving WQ

Total Maximum Daily Load - TMDL

- ▶ Allocates load between nonpoint sources and point sources
- ▶ Single parameter per segment/water body
- ▶ Regulatory, must be approved by EPA

Watershed Protection Plan

- ▶ Voluntary
- ▶ Addresses complex issues
- ▶ Includes multiple jurisdictions
- ▶ Addresses multiple sources

9 Elements of a WPP

- Identify problem & sources*
- Reductions needed to reach goals*
- Identify measures needed to achieve reductions*
- Assistance needed*
- Education & outreach plan*
- Schedule*
- Milestones*
- Criteria for measuring progress*
- Monitoring Plan*

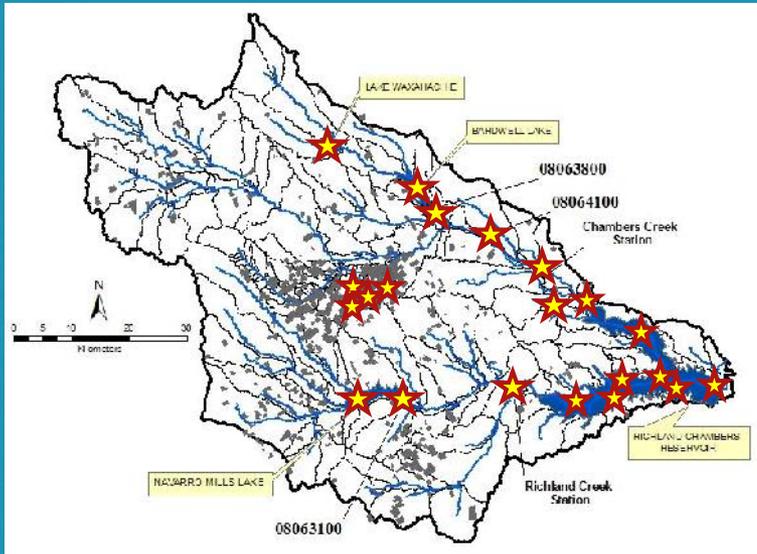
1. Building Partnerships

Stakeholder Groups

- ▶ Balanced representation from various sectors
- ▶ Manageable size for decision-making purposes
- ▶ All stakeholders provide input
- ▶ Contribute ideas to WPP development and implementation
- ▶ Implement practices and activities in the WPP in order to accomplish the goals of the WPP



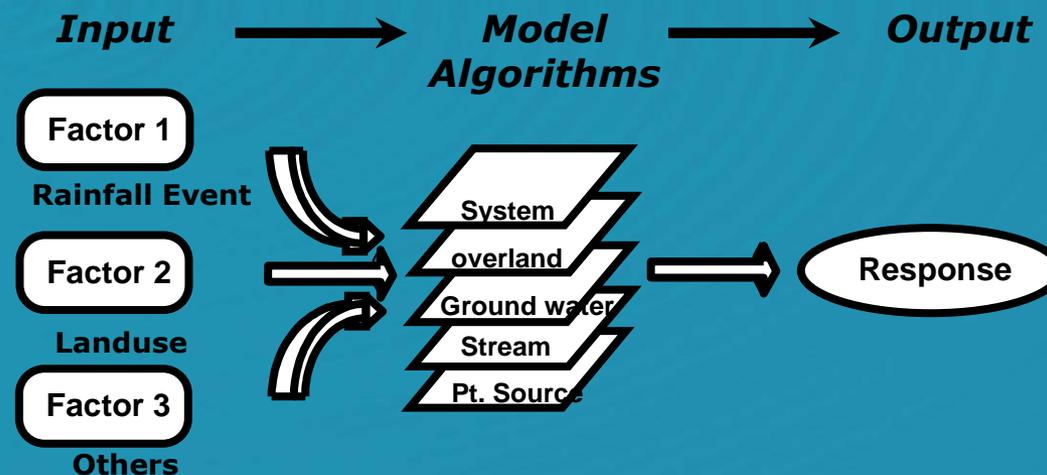
2. Characterizing Watershed



Sampling Programs

- ▶ TCEQ
- ▶ TRWD

Modeling and Analysis



3. Identifying Goals and Solutions

Begin discussion of Goals today

Workshop on Best Management Practices in May

4. Develop Implementation Plan

Over next few months...

- ▶ Identify technical & financial assistance needed
- ▶ Develop education & outreach plan
- ▶ Schedule
- ▶ Milestones
- ▶ Criteria for measuring progress
- ▶ Monitoring Plan

RICHLAND-CHAMBERS

WPP

April 2017
Mark R. Ernst
TRWD



RICHLAND-CHAMBERS WPP

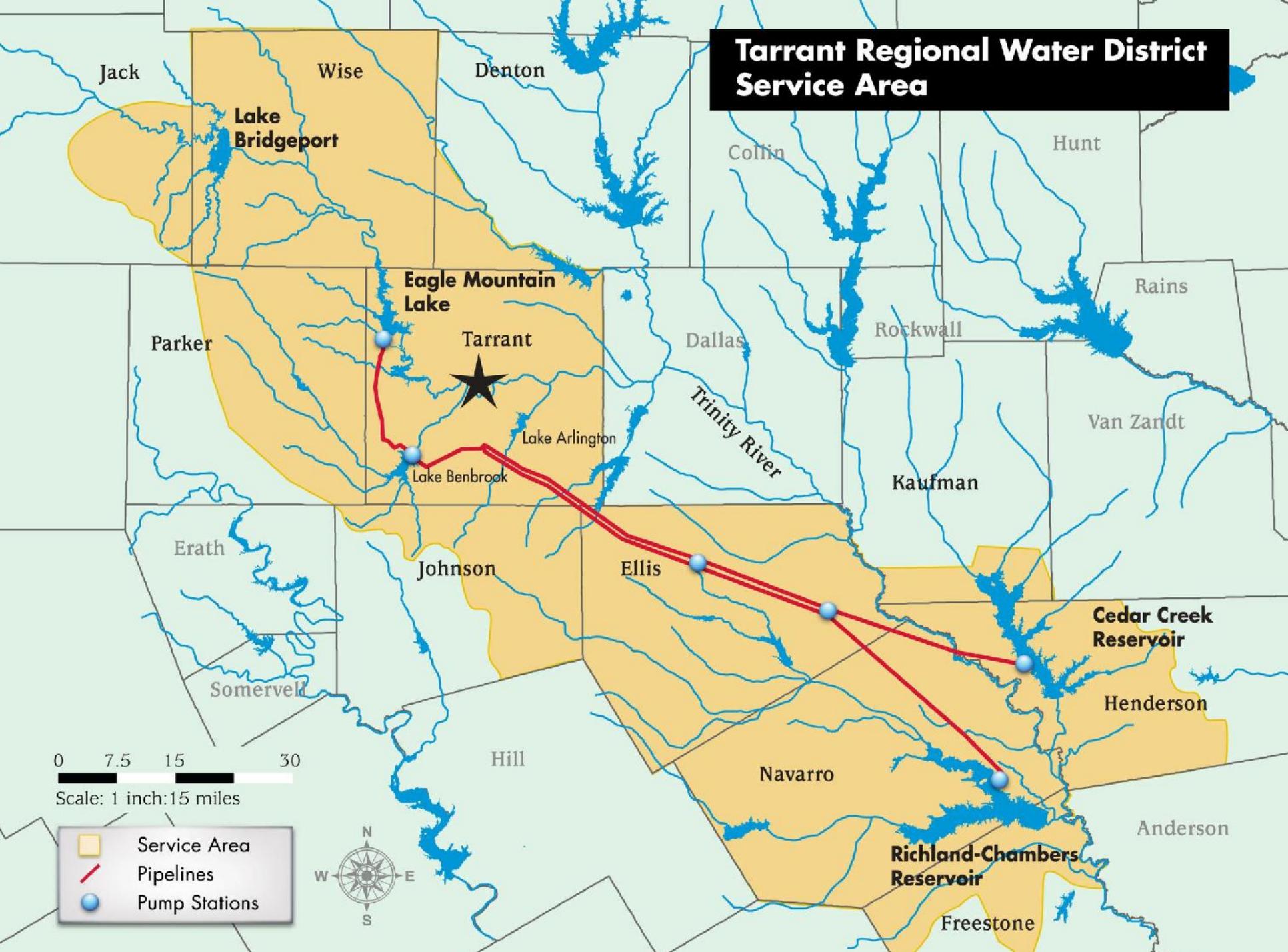
Status of Richland-Chambers reservoir water quality compared to other reservoirs in the area

Variation of water quality within Richland Chambers Reservoir

Water quality of the two main tributaries

Contemplate where should we focus our assessment or measure of success.

Tarrant Regional Water District Service Area



0 7.5 15 30

Scale: 1 inch:15 miles

-  Service Area
-  Pipelines
-  Pump Stations

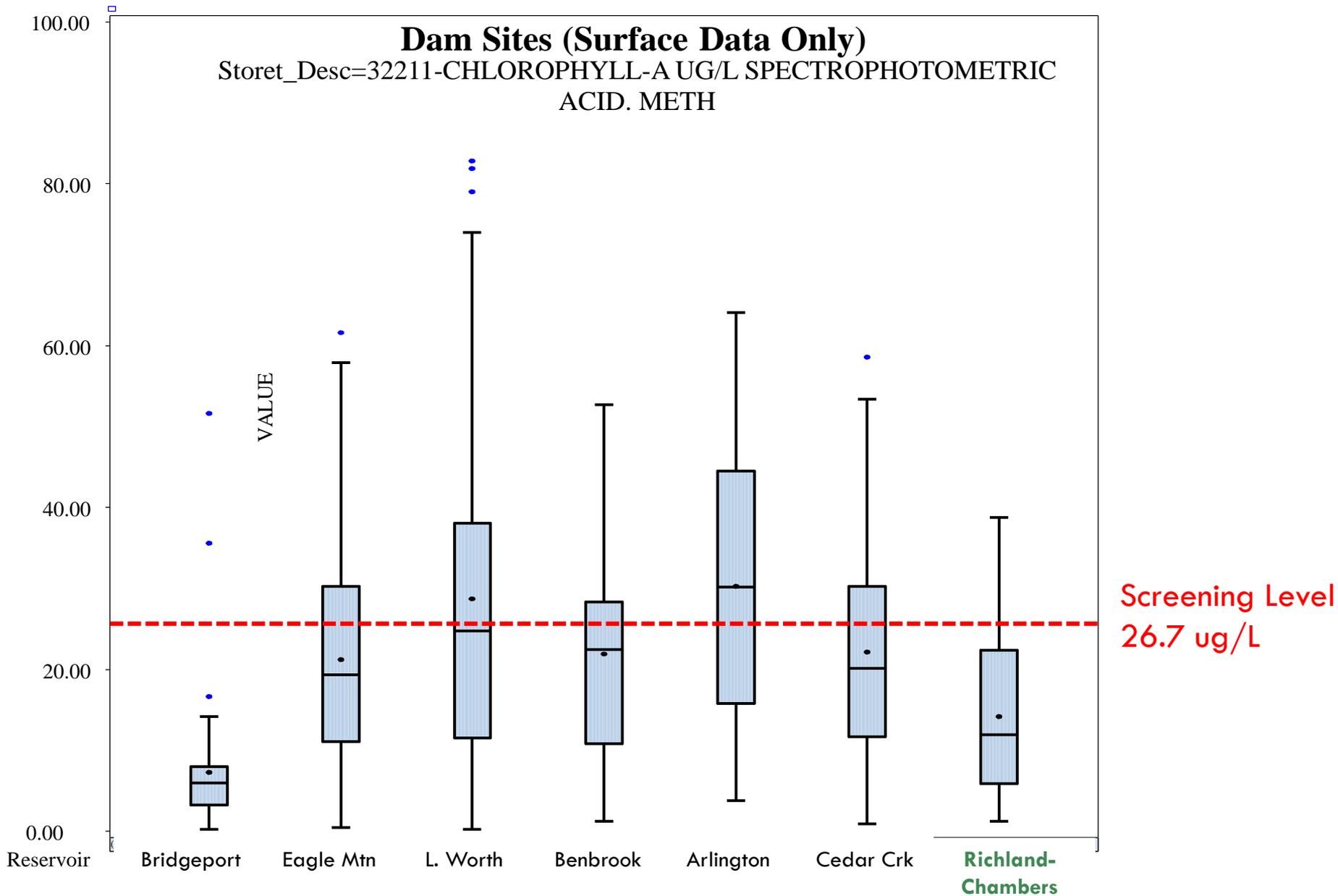




HOW DOES RICHLAND-CHAMBERS WATER QUALITY COMPARE TO OTHER RESERVOIRS?

Dam Sites (Surface Data Only)

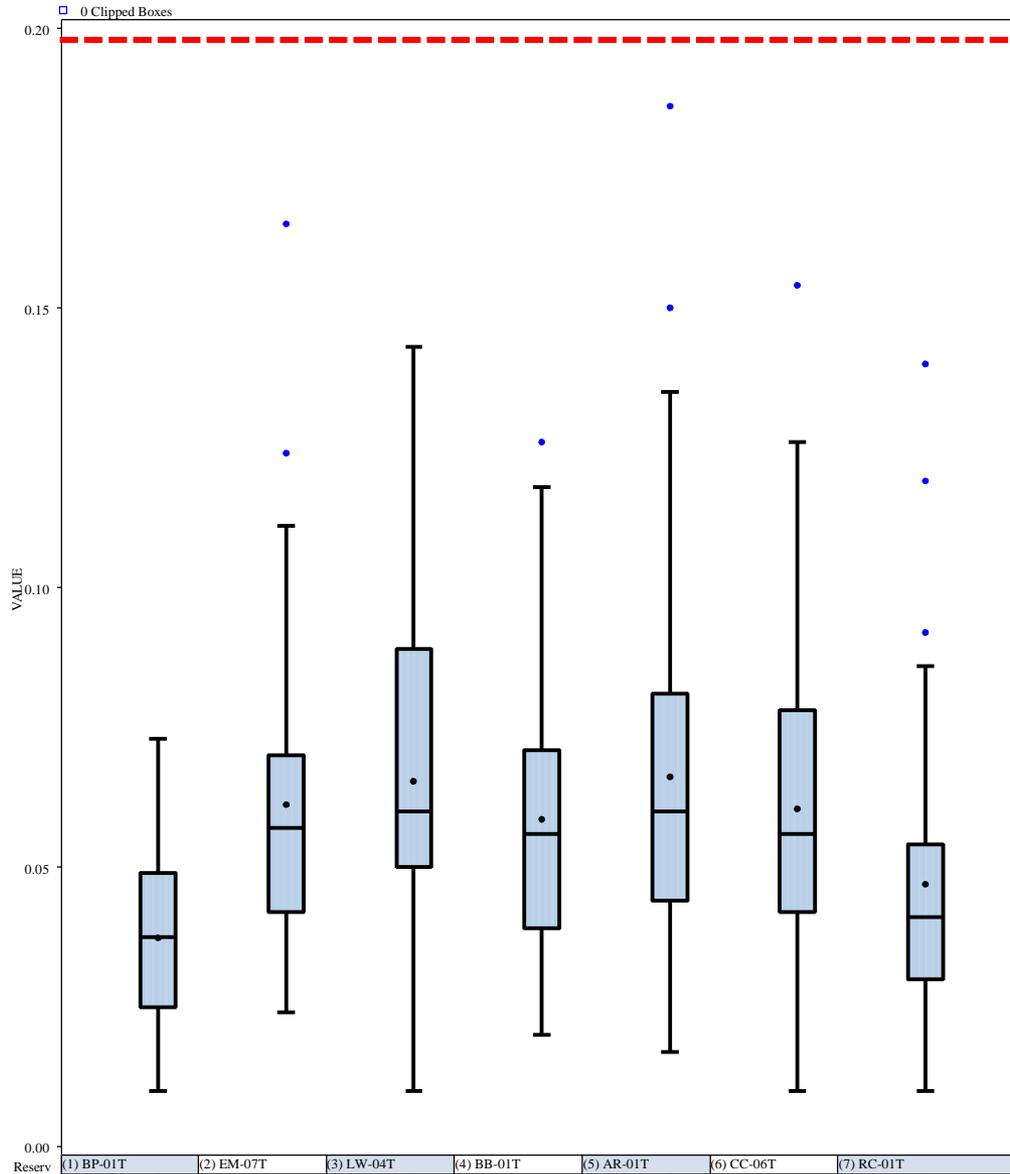
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Total Phosphorus

Dam Sites (Surface Data Only)

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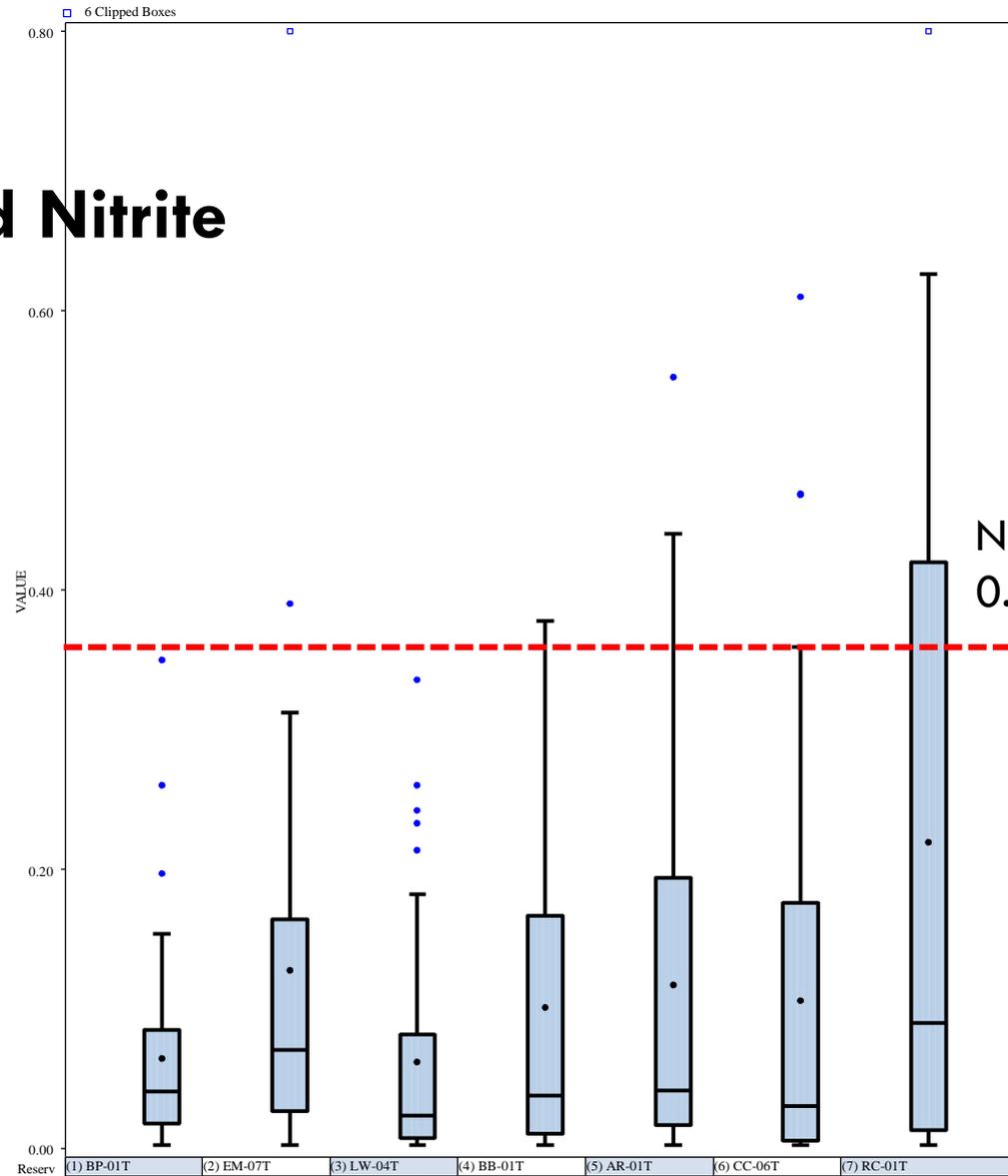


Number of Data Points in Each Site							
N	46	45	42	49	44	44	41

Dam Sites (Surface Data Only)

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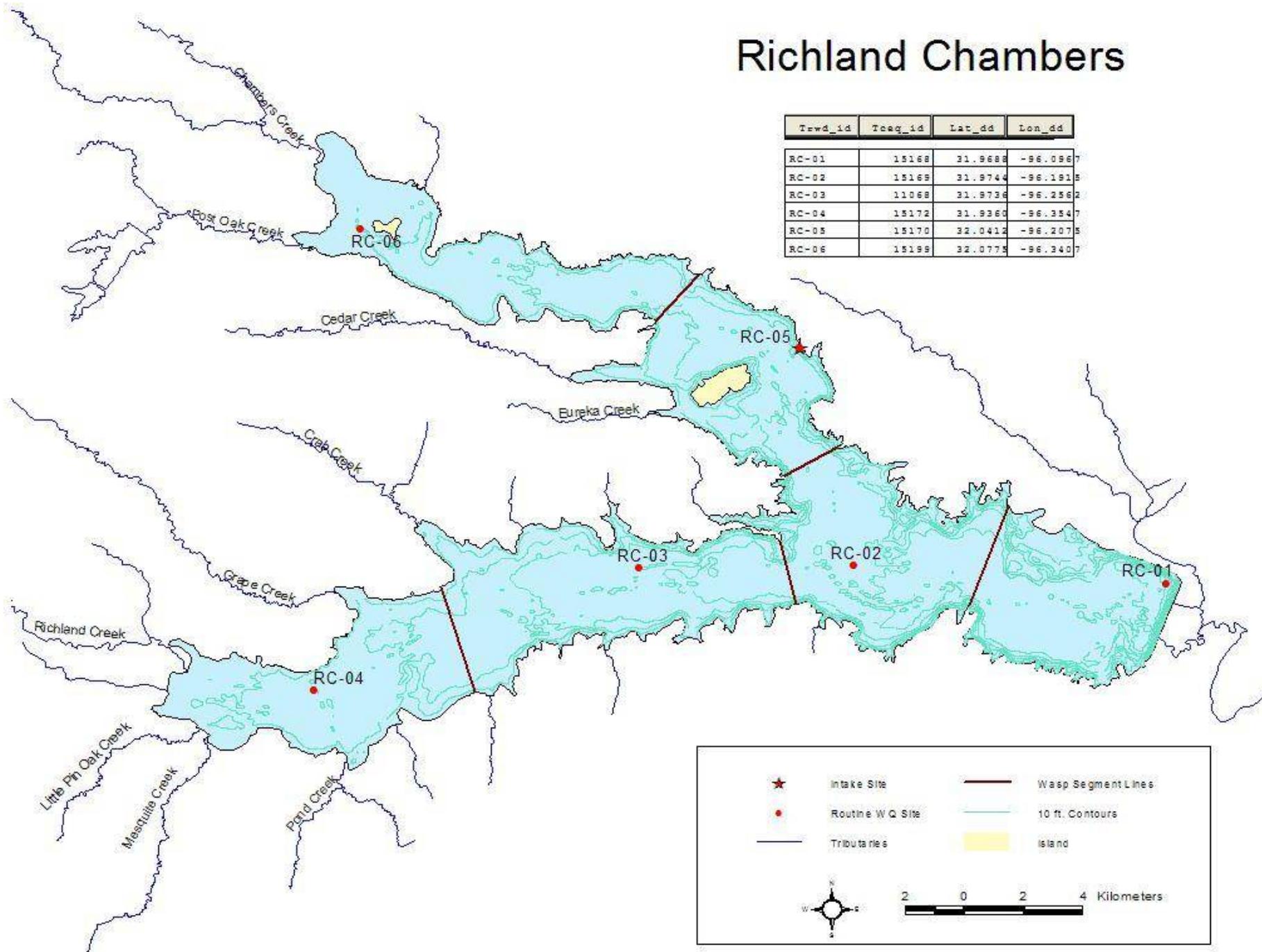
Nitrate and Nitrite



Number of Data Points in Each Site							
N	51	45	43	50	45	44	42

Longitudinal Gradients in Richland Chambers Reservoir

Richland Chambers

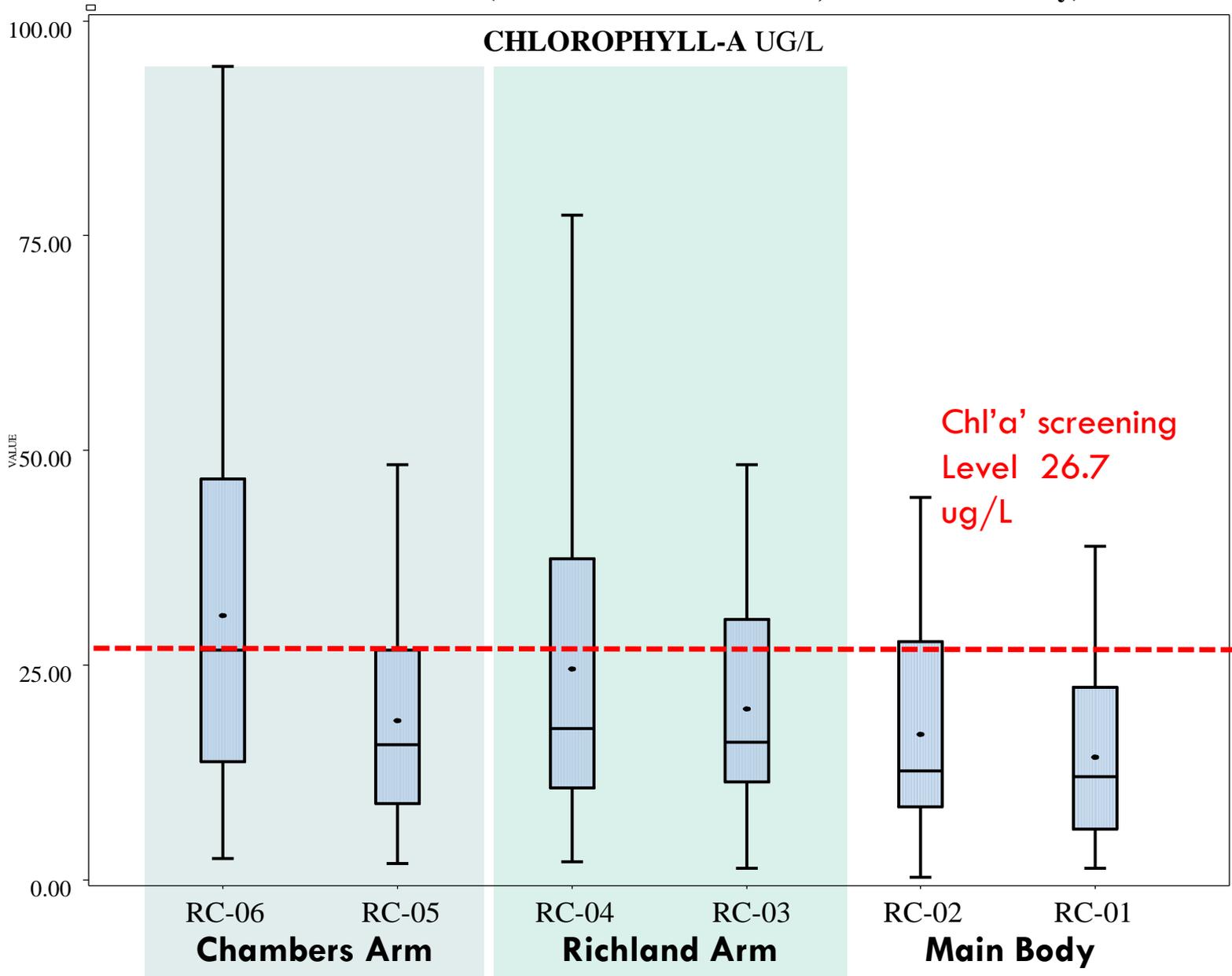


Trwd_id	Tcaq_id	Lat_dd	Lon_dd
RC-01	15168	31.9688	-96.0987
RC-02	15169	31.9744	-96.1915
RC-03	11068	31.9736	-96.2562
RC-04	15172	31.9360	-96.3547
RC-05	15170	32.0412	-96.2075
RC-06	15199	32.0775	-96.3407

- ★ Intake Site
- Wasp Segment Lines
- Routine WQ Site
- 10 ft. Contours
- Tributaries
- Island

2 0 2 4 Kilometers

Richland Chambers (From Headwater to Dam; Surface Data Only)

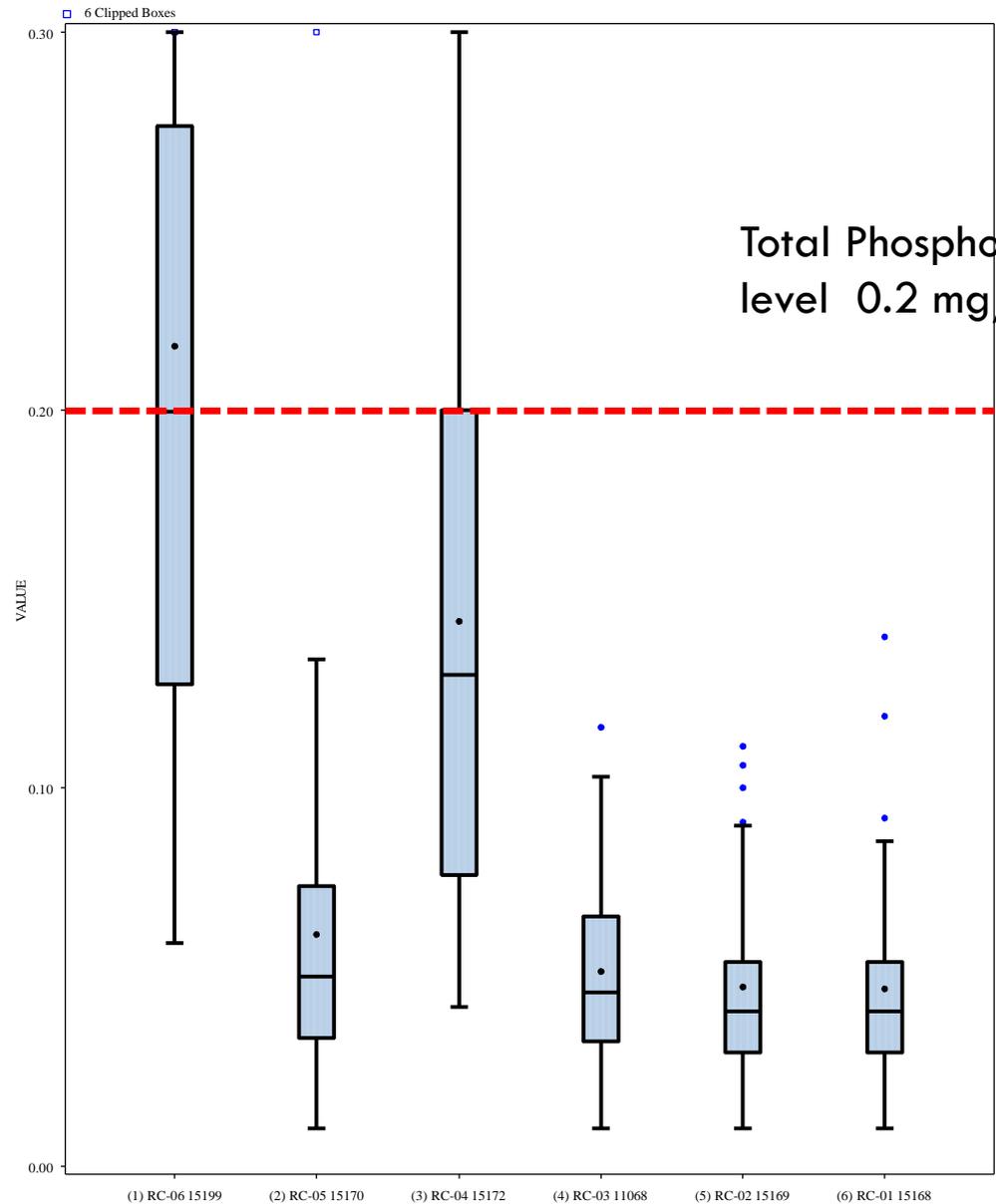


Richalnd Chambers (From Headwater to Dam; Surface Data Only)

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Total Phosphorus

Total Phosphorus Screening level 0.2 mg/L

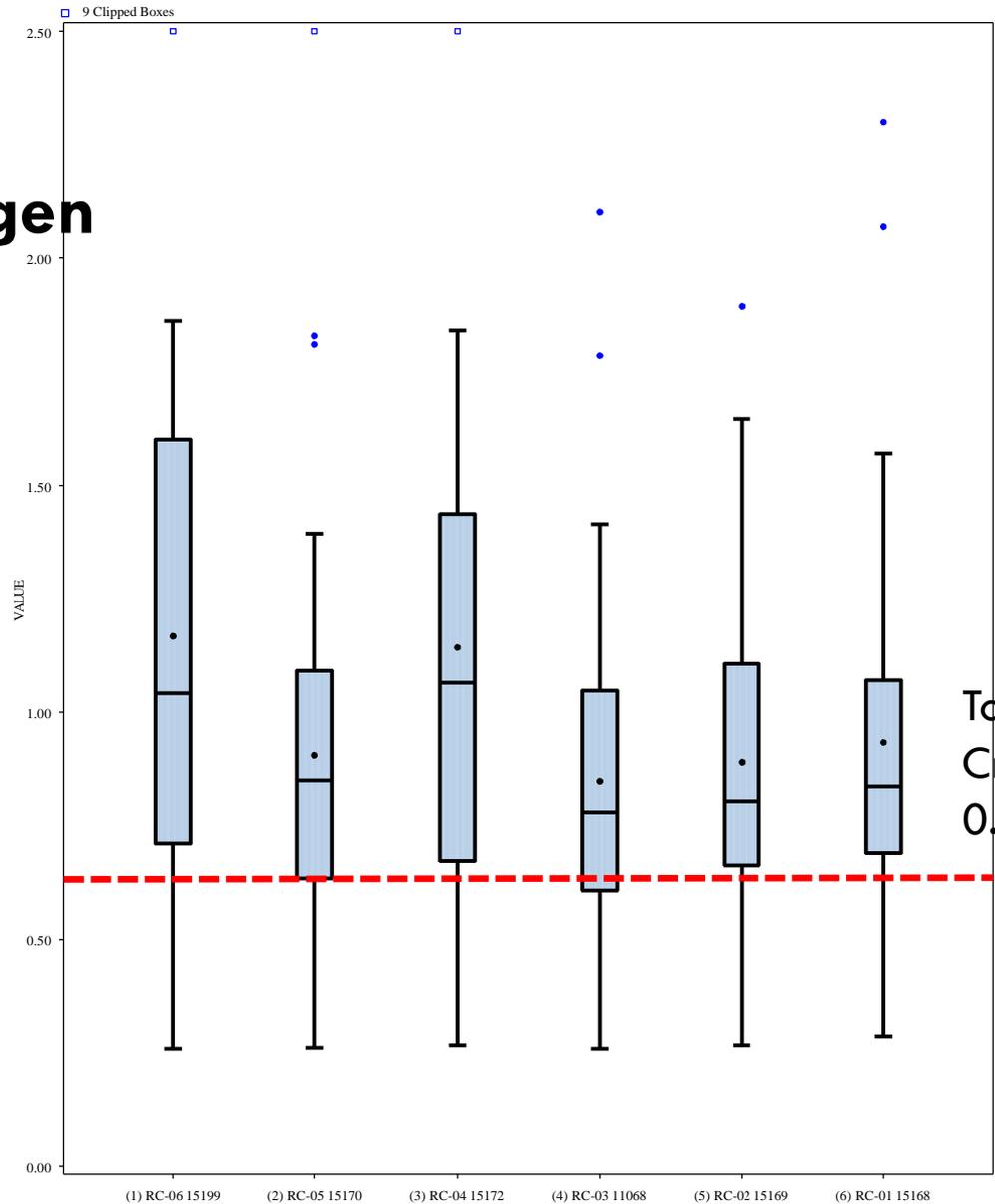


Number of Data in Each Site						
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Richalnd Chambers (From Headwater to Dam; Surface Data Only)

Storet_Desc=Calculated TN (TKN+NOX)

Total Nitrogen

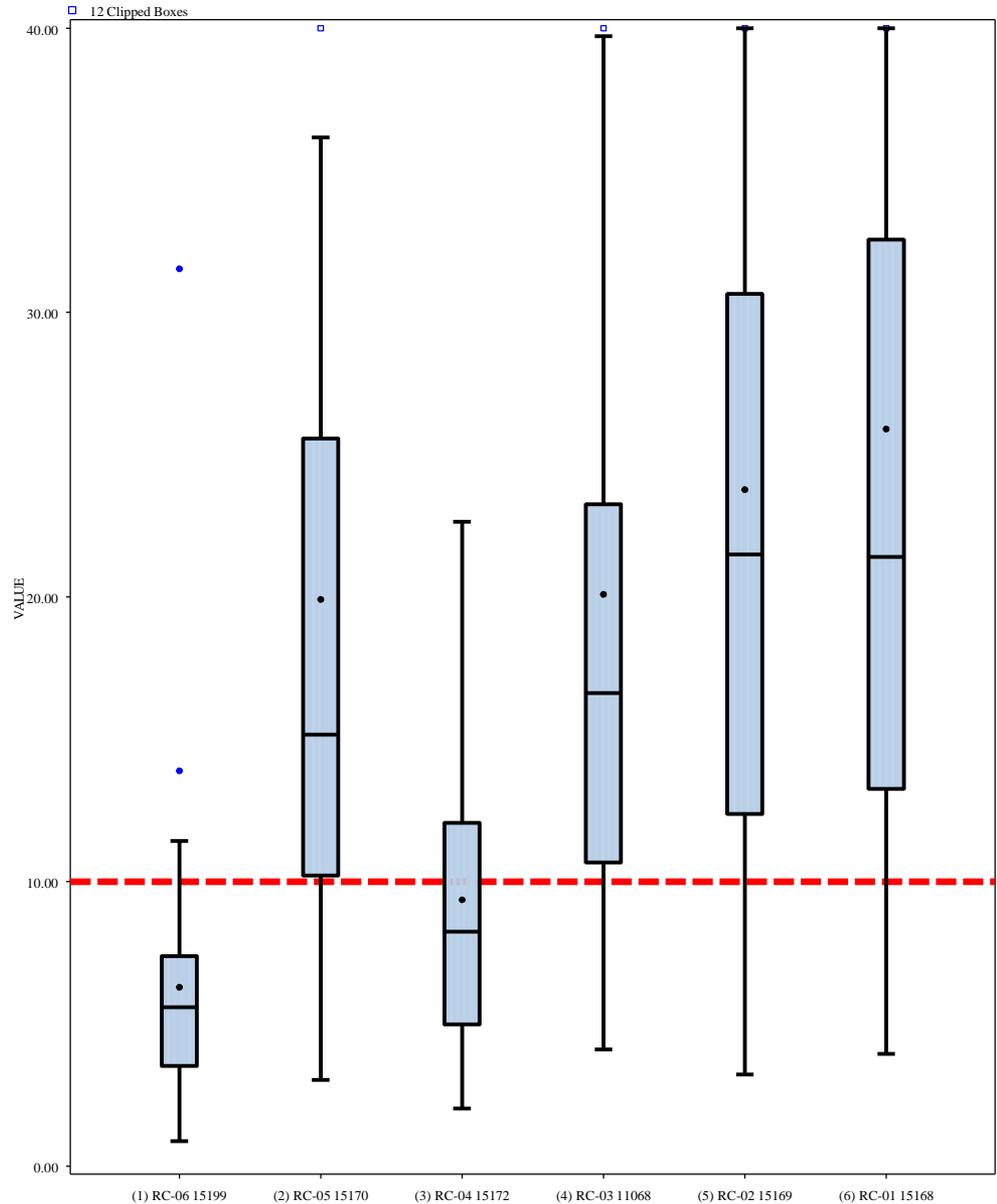


Total Nitrogen Proposed
Criteria
0.58 mg/L

Number of Data in Each Site						
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Richalnd Chambers (From Headwater to Dam; Surface Data Only)

Store_Desc=TN/TP



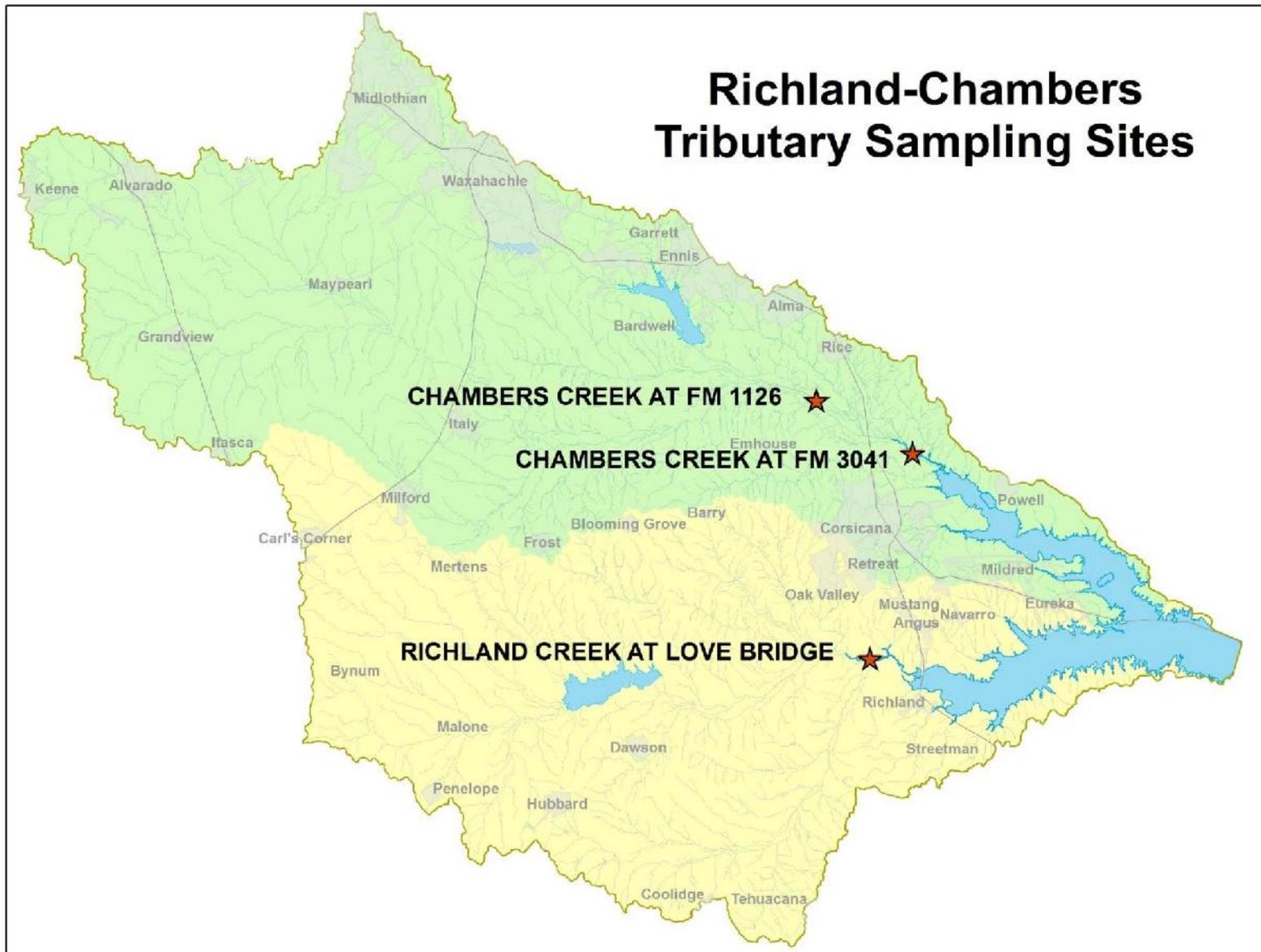
P limited



TN:TP Ratio

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What are the Main Tributaries Like?



CHALLENGES WITH ANALYZING TRIBUTARY DATA

Change in sampling strategy: Storm vs routine

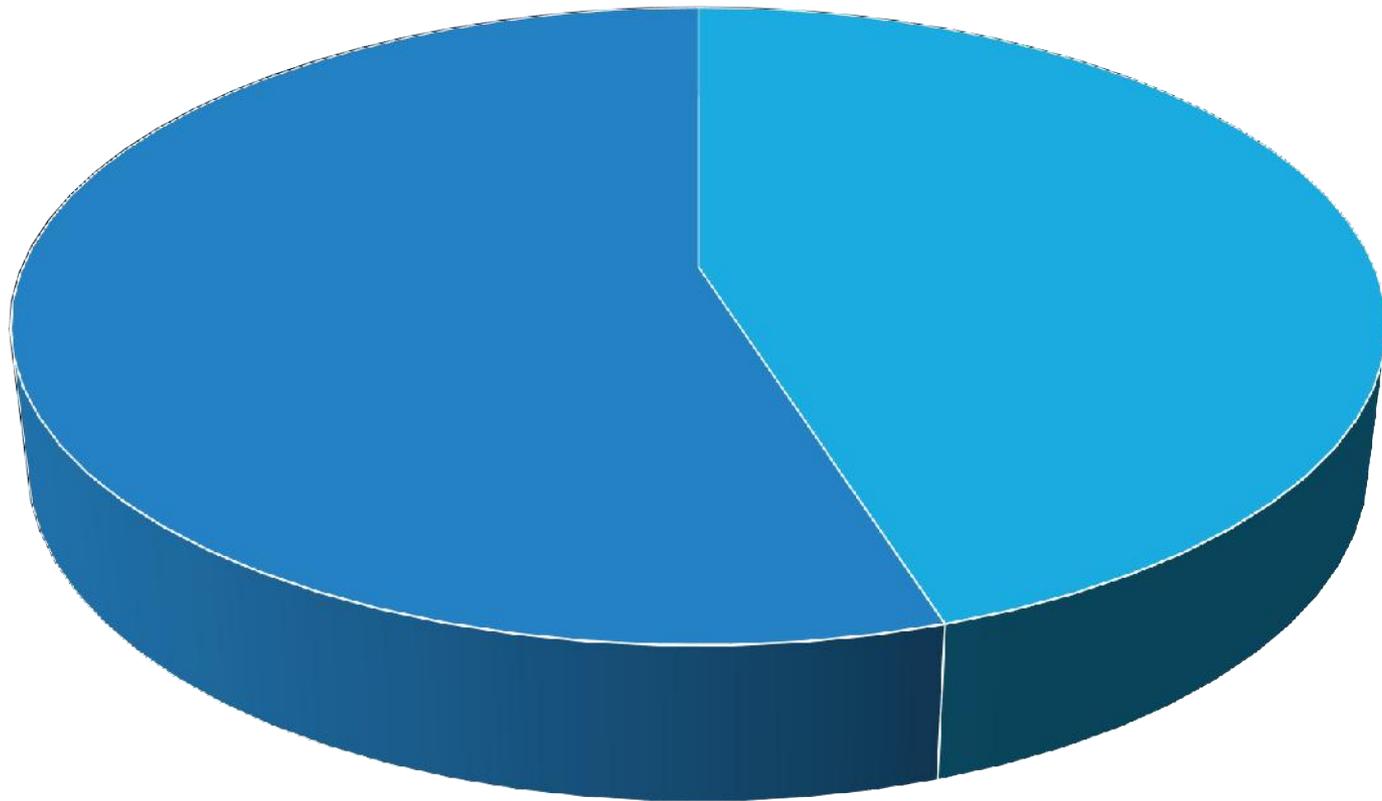
Reservoir release vs watershed runoff

Seasonality

Long term dataset with drought and floods

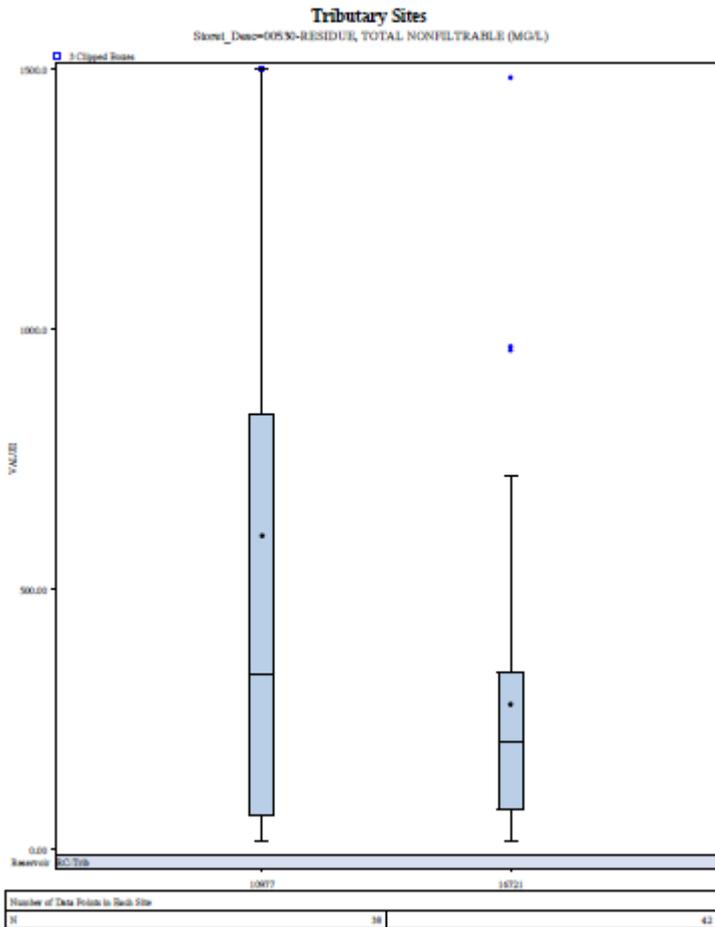
Lab changes

Richland-Chambers Watershed
1,254,322 acres or 1960 sq miles

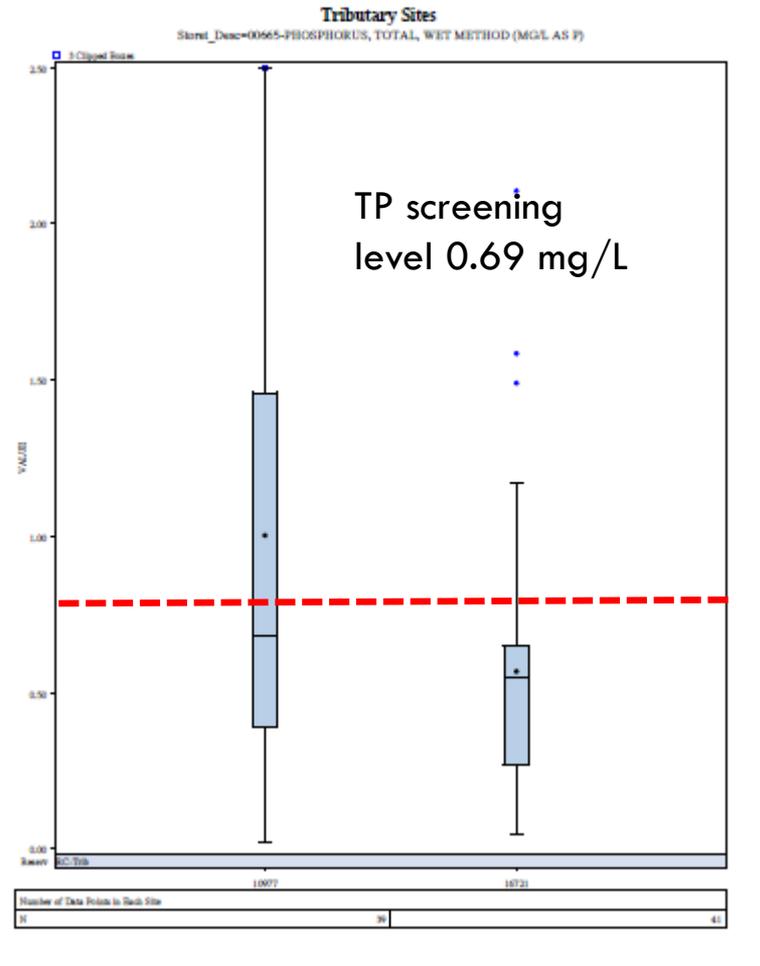


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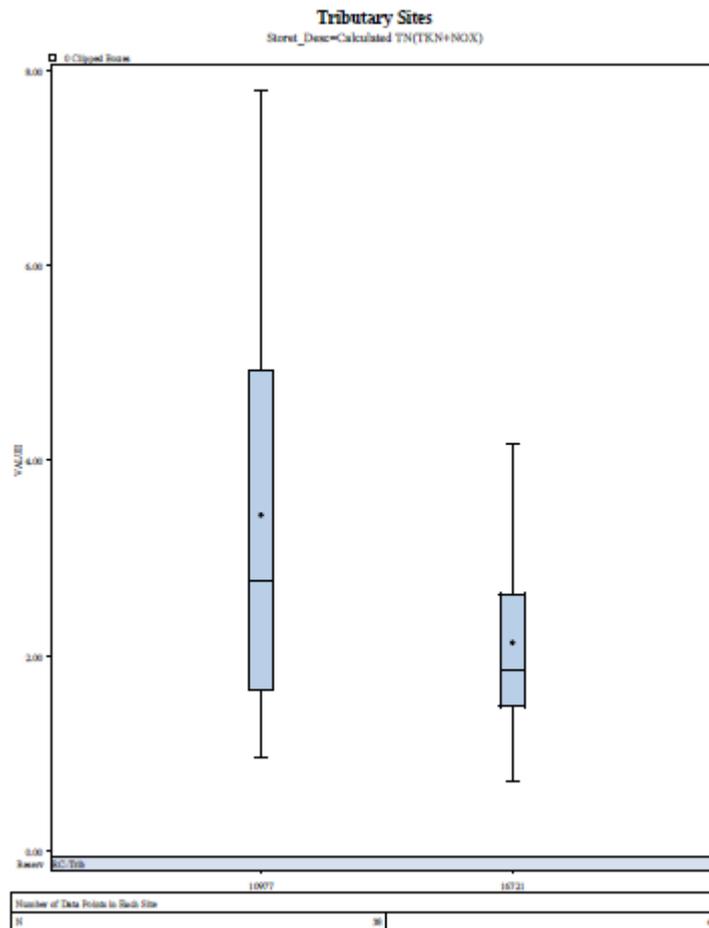
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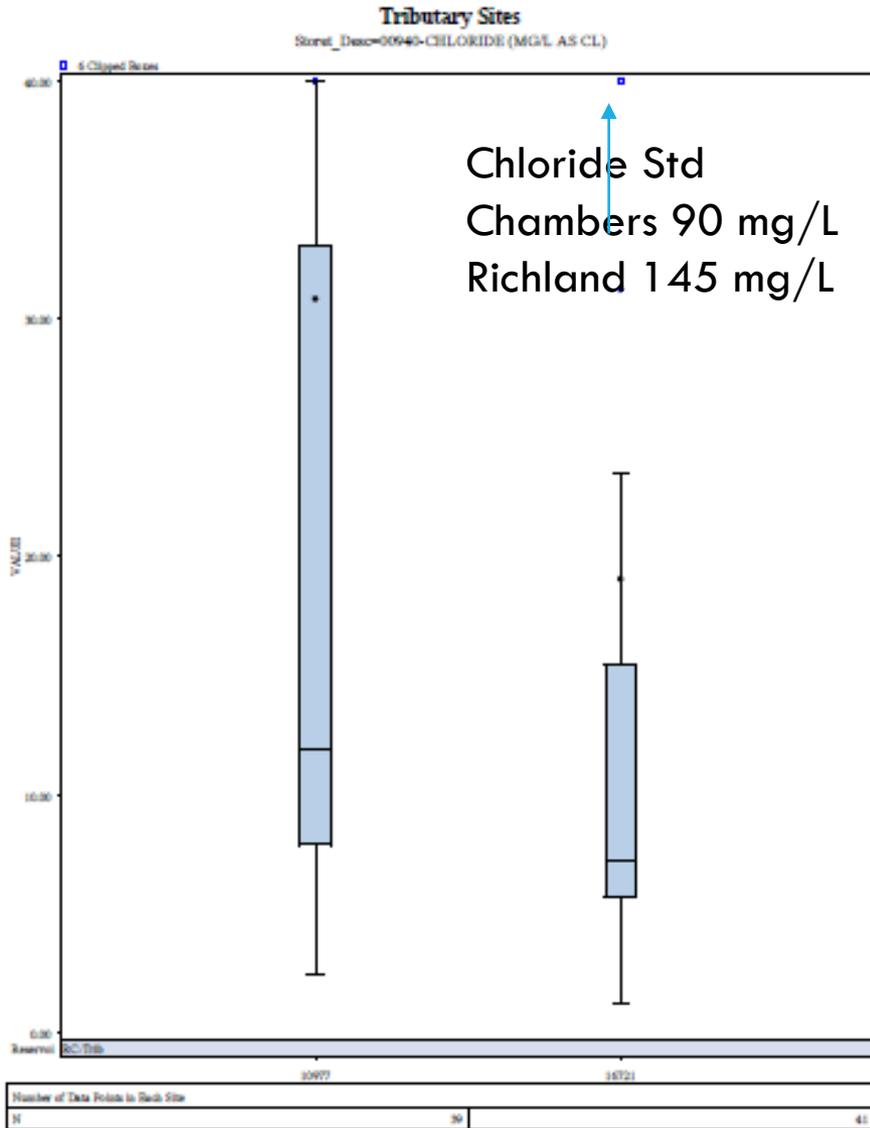
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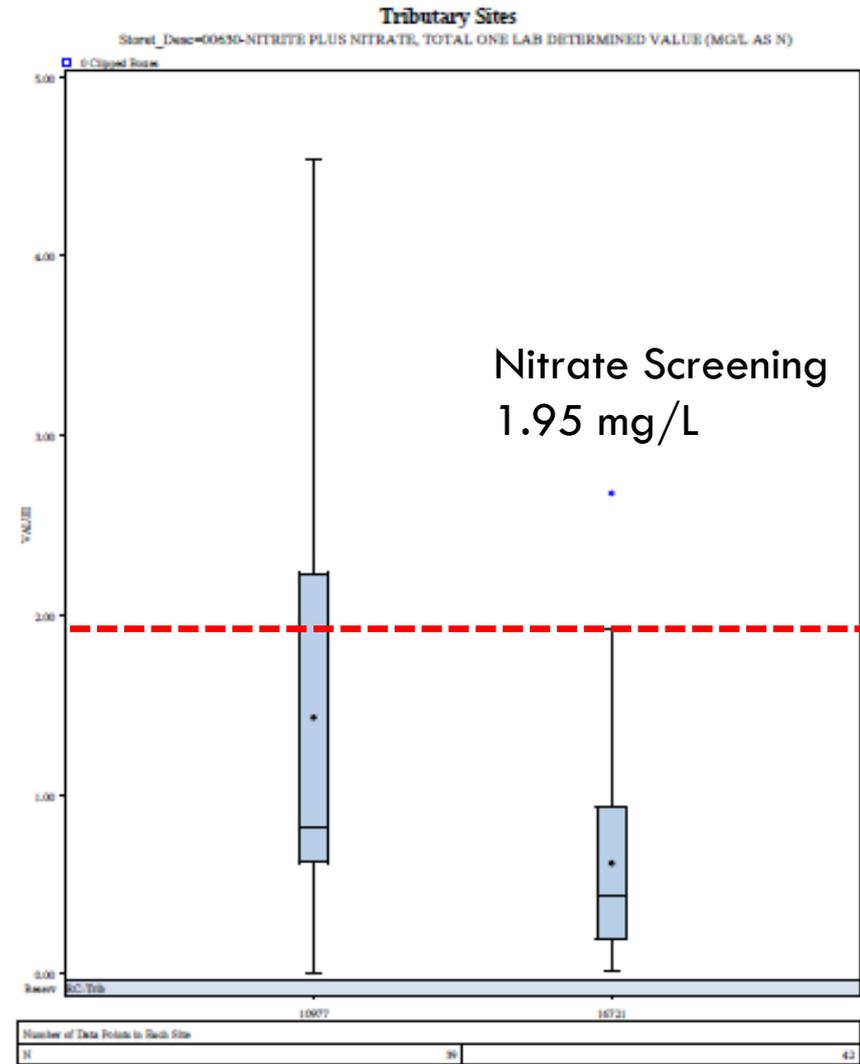
Total Nitrogen



Chloride



Nitrite + Nitrate



10-Year Tributary Trend Analysis 2007-2016

Only Statistically Significant Results

Site	Parameter	Median	Slope	P-value
Chambers	Flow (cfs)	1303	-1.5	.0048
Chambers	NOX (mg/L)	.82	.0004	.0382
Chambers	TP (mg/L)	.68	-.0003	.0053
Chambers	TOC (mg/l)	8.0	-.0016	.0208
Richland	Flow (cfs)	1038	-2.44	.0039
Richland	TP (mg/L)	.55	-.0001	.0357

Chambers Trib site moved from FM 3041 to FM 1126 in 2012.
 Sampling program also went more routine
 at that time.



CONCLUSIONS

Water Quality of Richland-Chambers Reservoir is quite good. 2nd in our system.

Definite longitudinal gradients from the headwater to the dam

Reservoir shows to be P limited in the main pool

Chambers Creek carries more water, sediment, salts and nutrients.

Where do we assess success?

**TOOL TO ASSESS THE P
LOADING OF THE RESERVOIR**

Procedures to Implement the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards

Prepared by
Water Quality Division

RG-194
June 2010

$$P = \frac{L}{V_s + z/\mathcal{T}}$$

Where: P is the Lake Phosphorus concentration (mg/l)

L annual areal Phosphorus loading rate (load/median area, g/m²-yr)

V_s is the apparent settling velocity or calibration coefficient (m/yr)

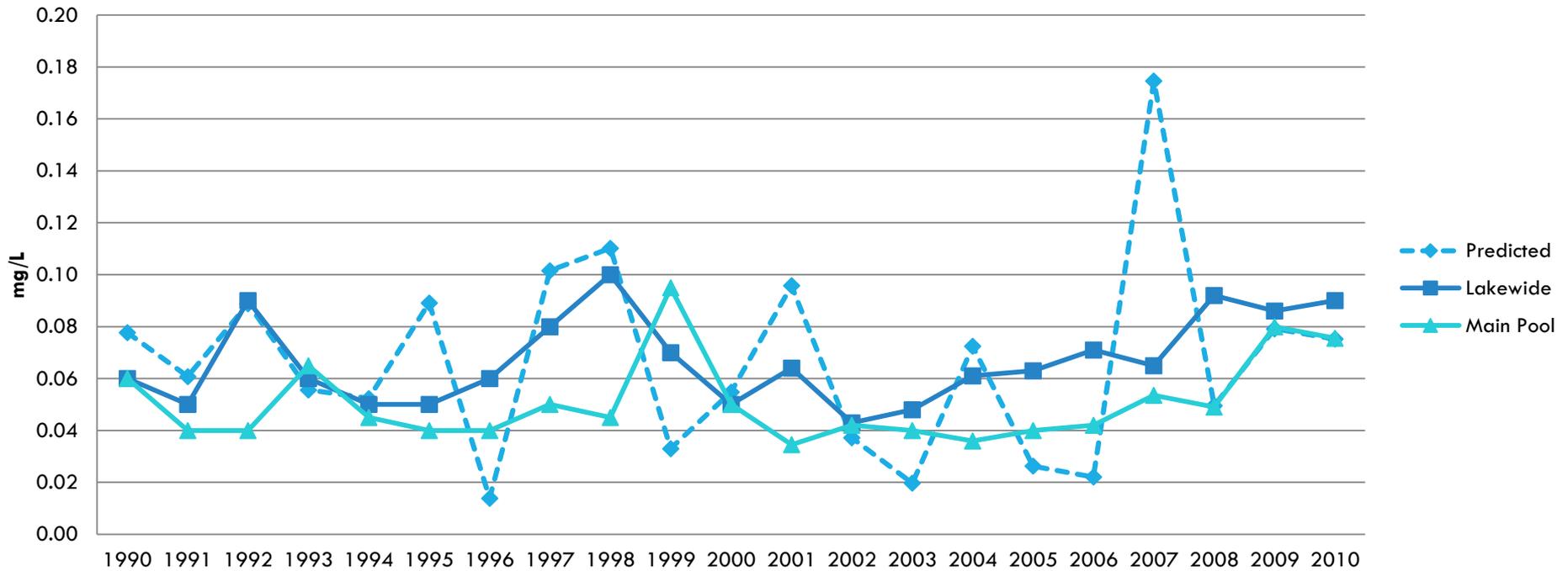
z is the median depth (m)

\mathcal{T} is the hydraulic detention time (median volume/ total outflow, yr)

Reckhow, K.H. 1979. Empirical Lake Models for Phosphorus: Development, Applications, Limitations and Uncertainty.

In Perspectives on Lake Ecosystem Modeling. Ann Arbor Science

Richland-Chambers Reservoir TP Concentrations



Equation 7: $\ln(\text{Chl } a, \mu\text{g/L}) = 0.9312 \ln(\text{TP, mg/L}) + 5.14$

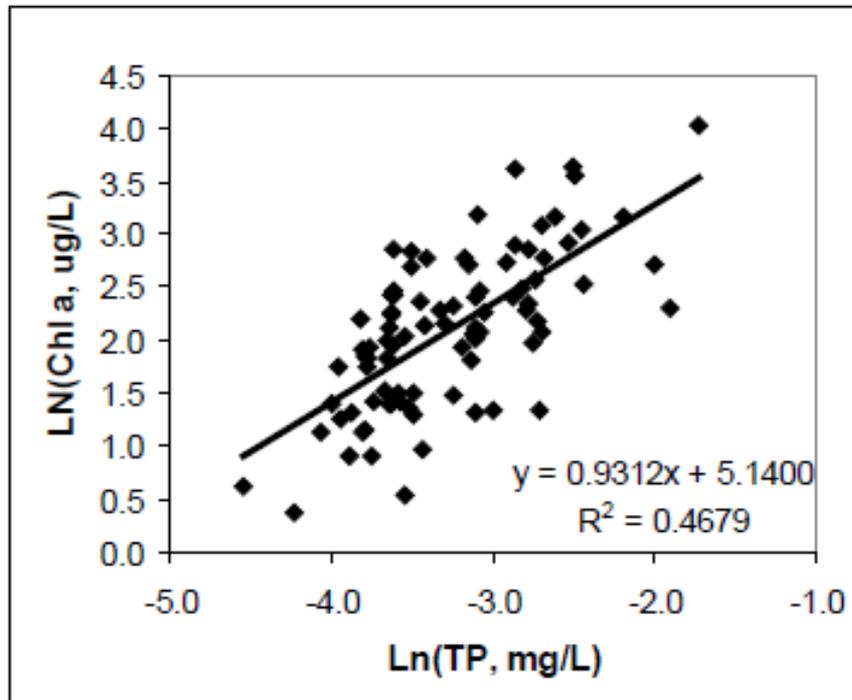
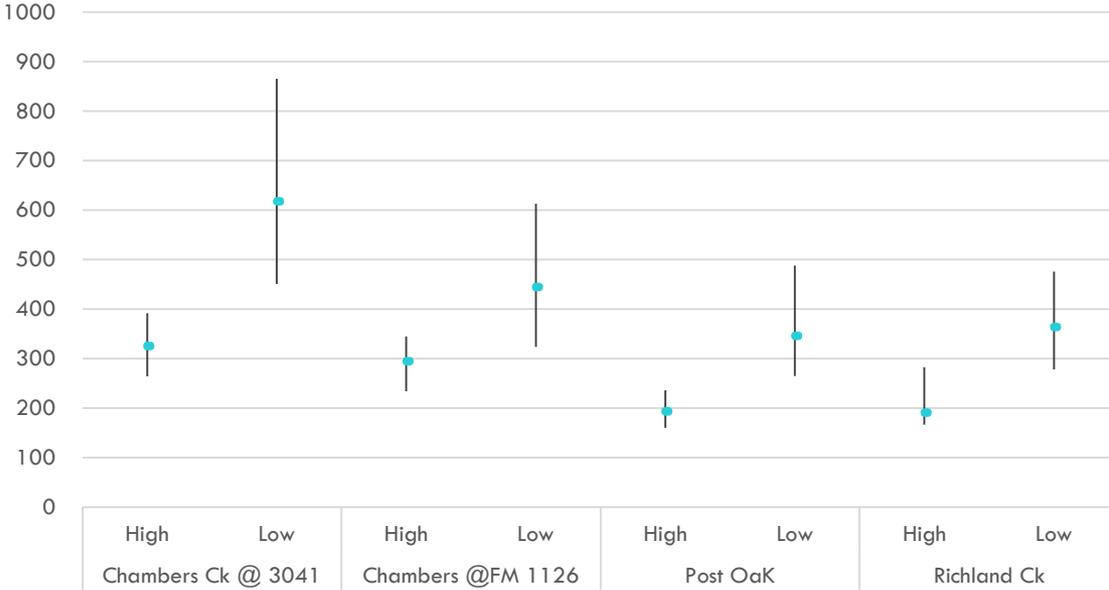


Figure 2. Relationship of mean chlorophyll *a* concentration to mean total phosphorous concentration in reservoirs.

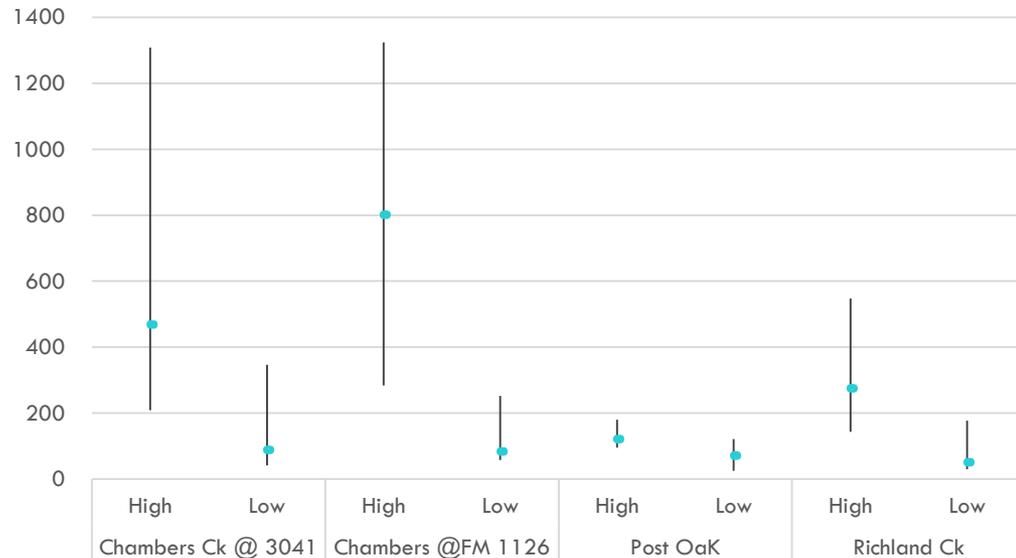
Source: TCEQ Implementation Procedures 2010

RC Tributaries Spc (umhos/cm)

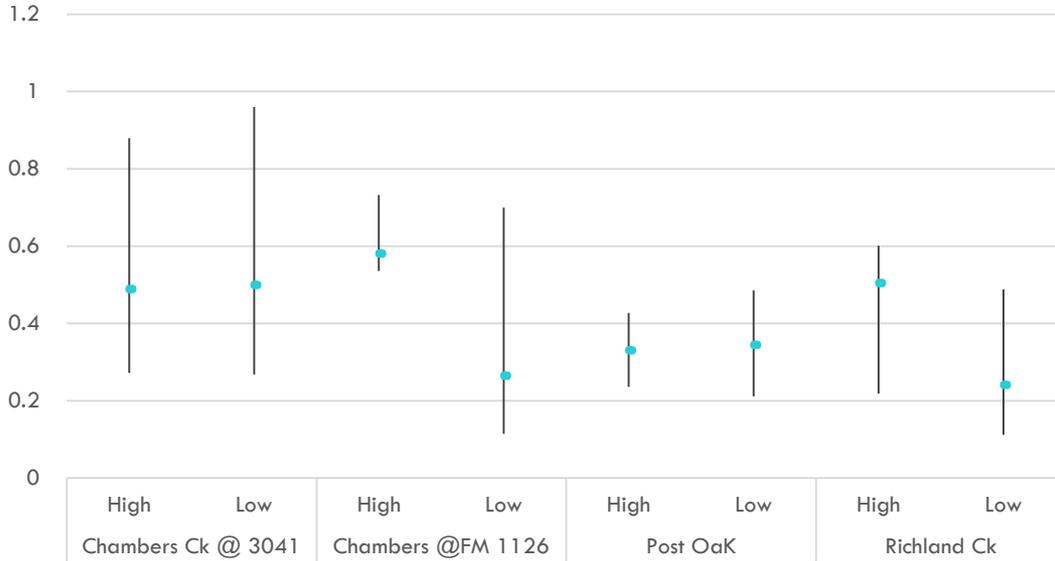
Median and Percentiles for Main Tributaries to Richland-Chambers Reservoir 1990 to present



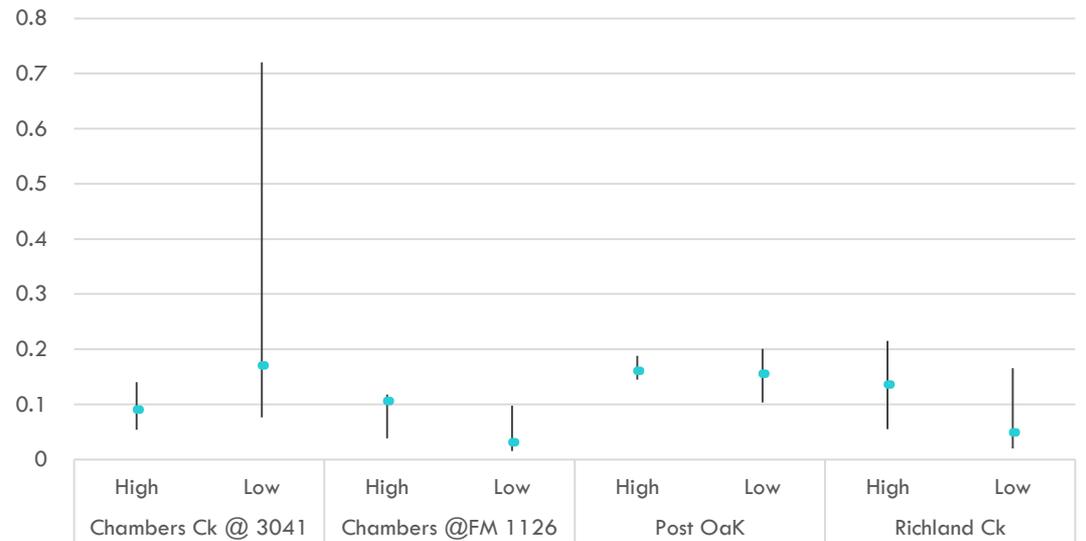
RC Tributaries TSS (mg/L)



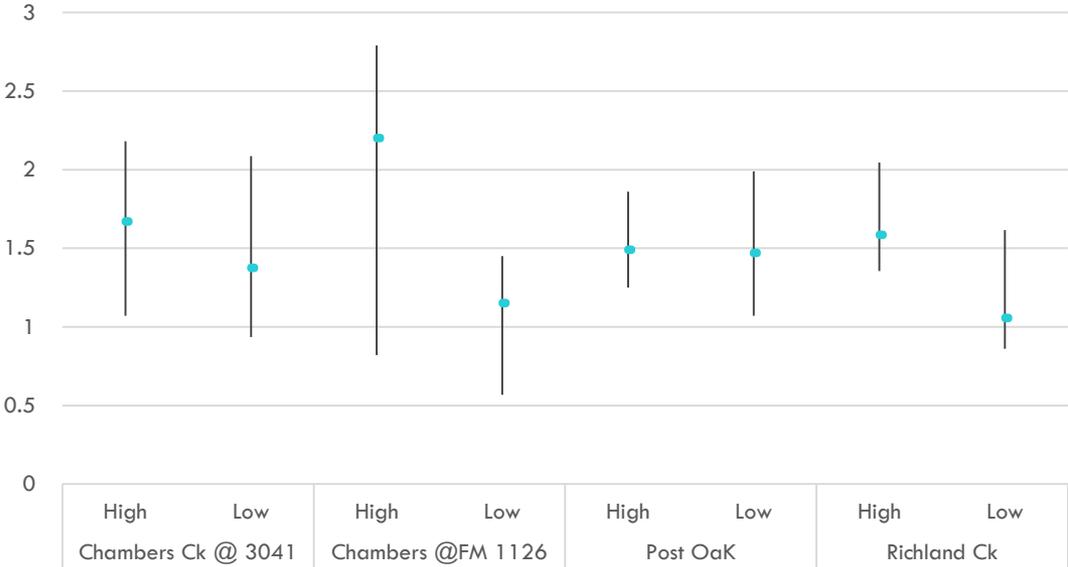
RC Tributaries TP (mg/L)



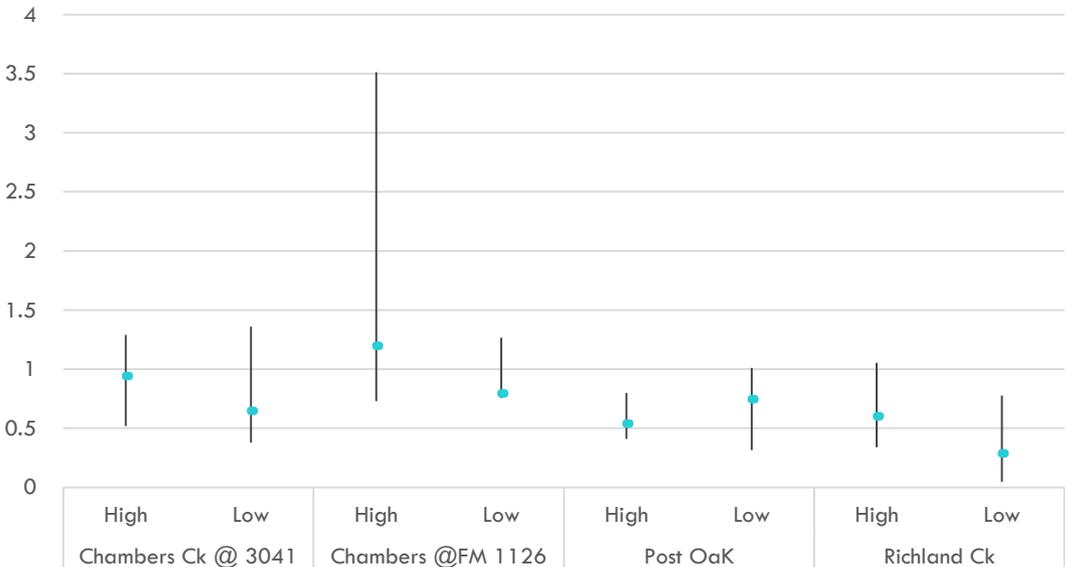
RC Tributaries OPO4 (mg/L)



RC Tributaries TKN (mg/L)



RC Tributaries NOX (mg/L)



Richland-Chambers Watershed Partnership

STAKEHOLDER MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20-21, 2016

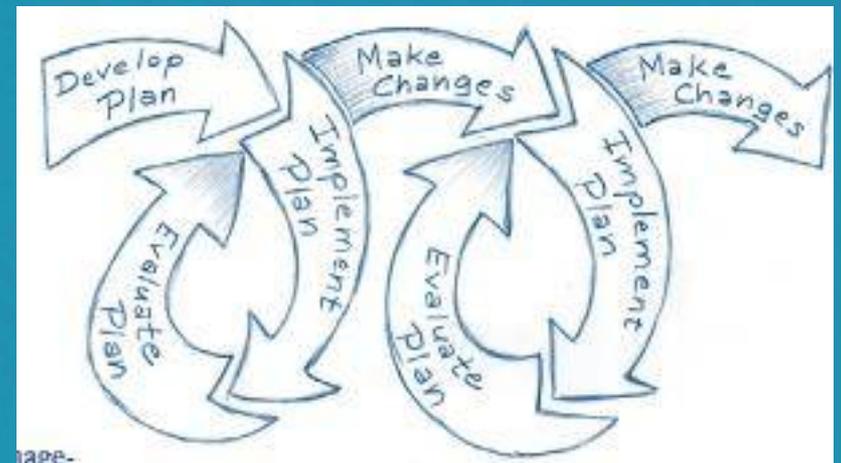
Setting Goals

TINA HENDON, TRWD

Watershed Protection Plans

Steps to Effective Watershed Management

1. Build partnerships
2. Characterize your watershed
3. Establish goals & identify solutions
4. Develop an implementation program
5. Implement your plan
6. Measure progress & make adjustments

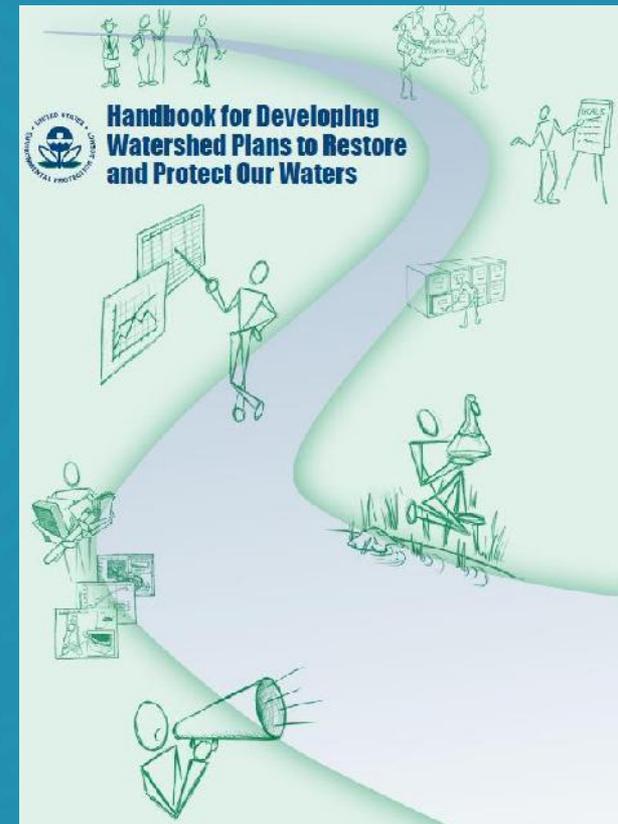


The outcomes of this process are documented or referenced in a watershed plan.

Watershed Protection Plans

Nine Elements of a Successful Watershed Plan

- A. Identify problem & sources
- B. Reductions needed to reach goals
- C. Identify measures needed to achieve reductions
- D. Assistance needed
- E. Education & outreach plan
- F. Schedule
- G. Milestones
- H. Criteria for measuring progress
- I. Monitoring Plan



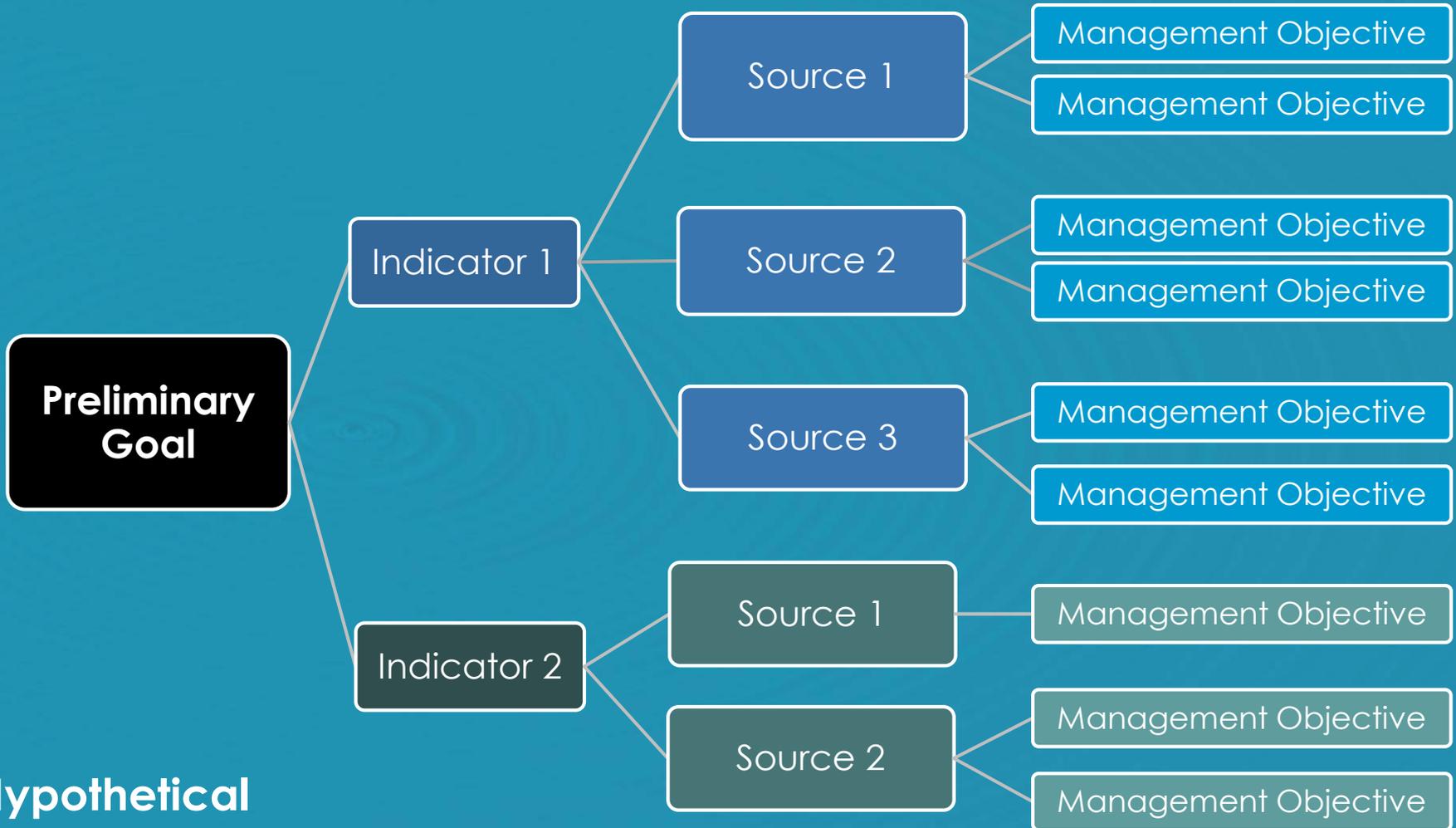
Developing Goals

Where do we start?

- What's the problem? Why are we here?
- You're here because you're interested in some facet of the project.
 - Natural Environment
 - Regulatory Environment
 - Economic Environment
 - Or maybe just curious or skeptical

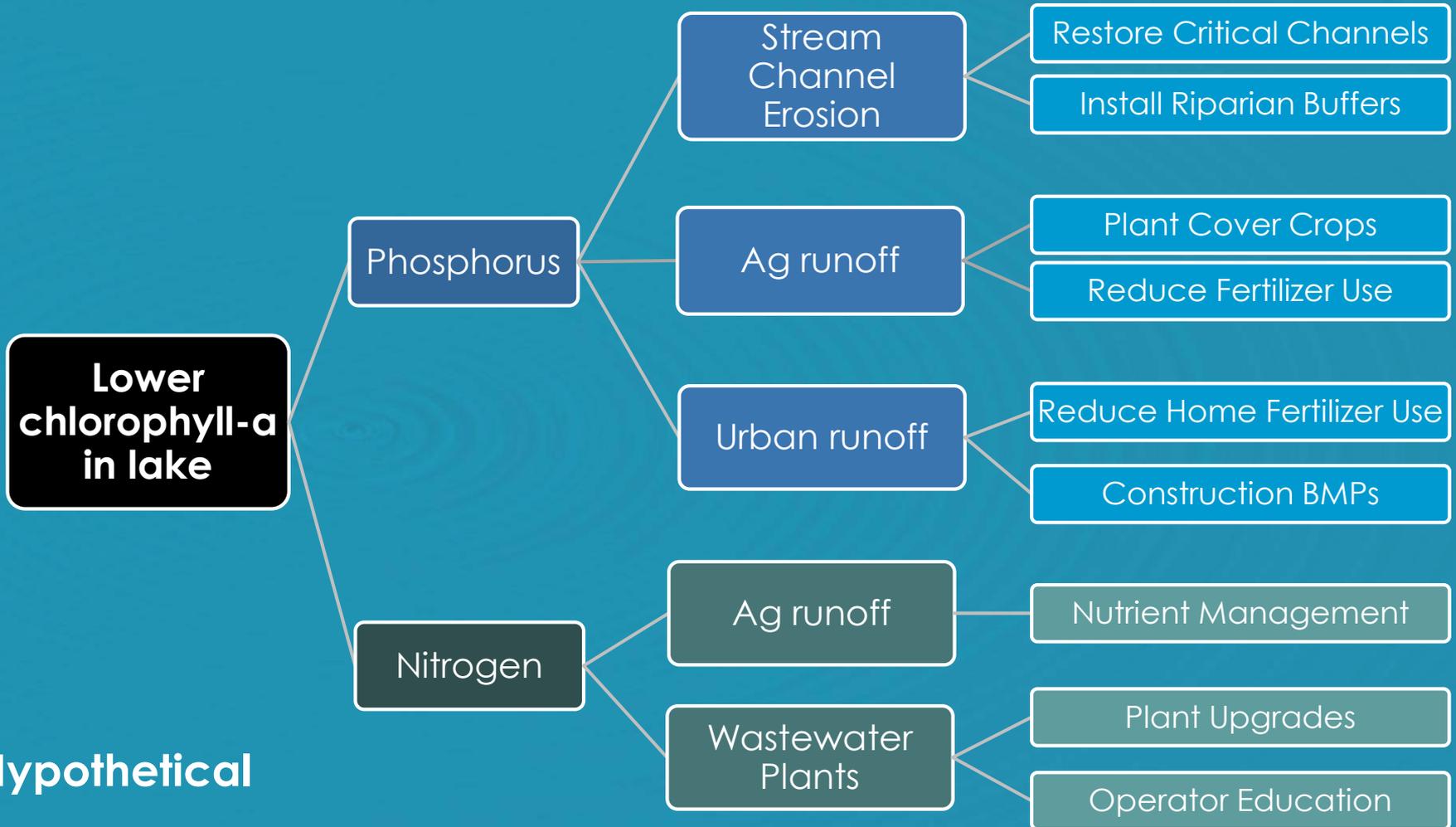
Developing Goals

Translating Goals into Management Objectives



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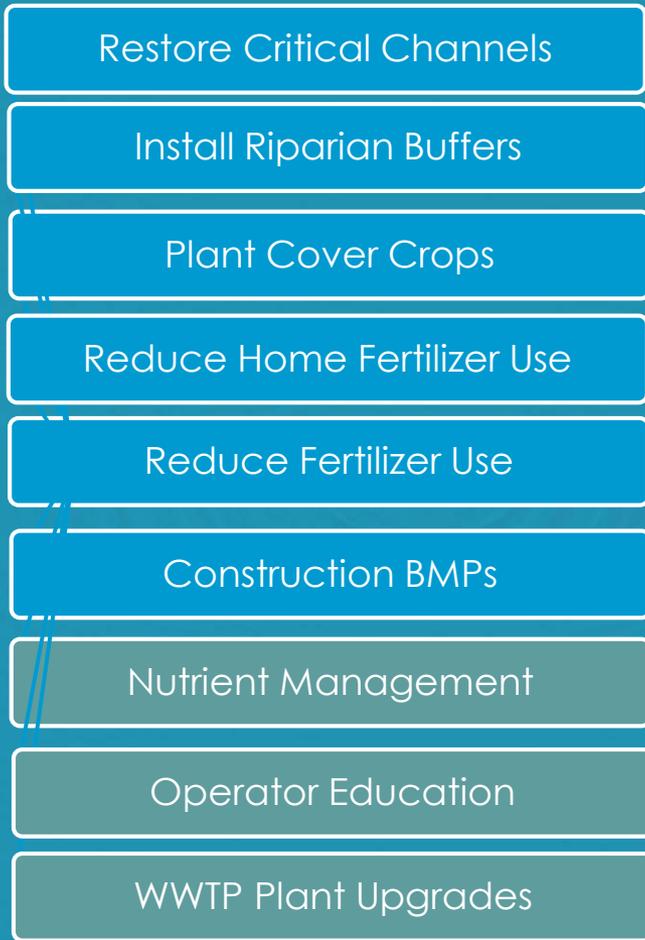
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Hypothetical

Developing Goals

Managing Objectives to Measure Success



Each management objective is

- quantified,
- assigned to a target area,
- scheduled,
- tracked, and
- evaluated at predetermined intervals.

Developing Goals

Where to focus?

- The **watershed** boundary defines an interconnected and interdependent system.
- What happens anywhere in a watershed affects downstream water bodies.
- Policy and guidance indicate that WPPs should be developed to address **all identified water quality problems** in a watershed.



Developing Goals

What issues to address?

- **Impairments** have to be addressed with a TMDL within 13 years of listing
- **Concerns** “less urgent” but may signal impending or future problems.
- Other issues such as **water supply** and drinking water quality are not yet identified by TCEQ.

Water Body	<u>N</u>	<u>DO</u>	<u>Chl-a</u>	<u>Cl</u>
Chambers Creek			CS	Imp
Waxahachie Creek	CS			
Lake Waxahachie			CS	
Cedar Creek		Imp		
Post Oak Creek		CS		
Richland Creek		CS	CS	
Navarro Mills Lake		CS		
Grape Creek		CN		
Richland-Chambers Lake			CS	

Restoration vs Protection?

Developing Goals

Considerations:

- TCEQ reports that
 - several **impairments and concerns** are not supported by sufficient water quality data.
 - Some **impairments and concerns** have been carried forward from previous reports without new supporting data.

Questions:

- Are these impairments and concerns still a problem?
- Are new data needed to consider these for goals?

Developing Goals

How long will all this take?

- WPPs are generally written for 10 year periods.
- If project lasts longer, WPP is updated and the time needed to meet goals can be reassessed.
- More complex issues may take longer, while more straightforward issues may be resolved early in the project.

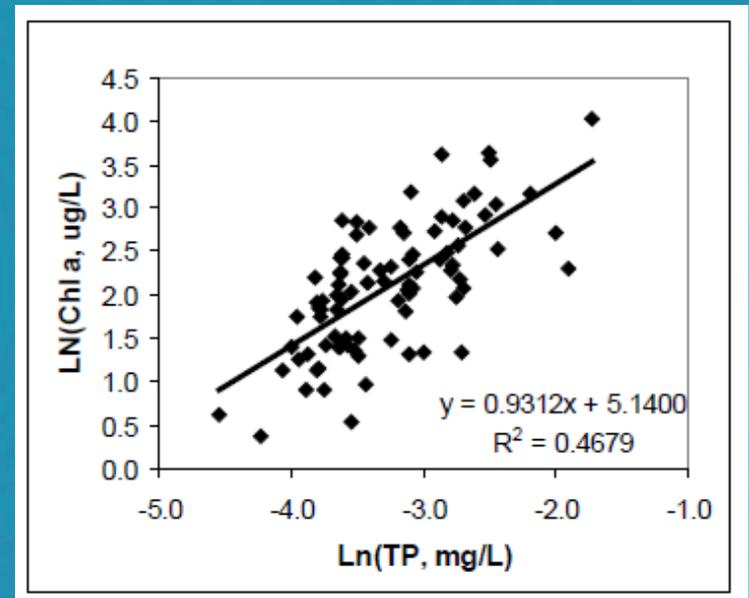


Developing Goals

Generally speaking...

- The combined issues of
 - elevated nutrients
 - Elevated chlorophyll-a,
 - low dissolved oxygen

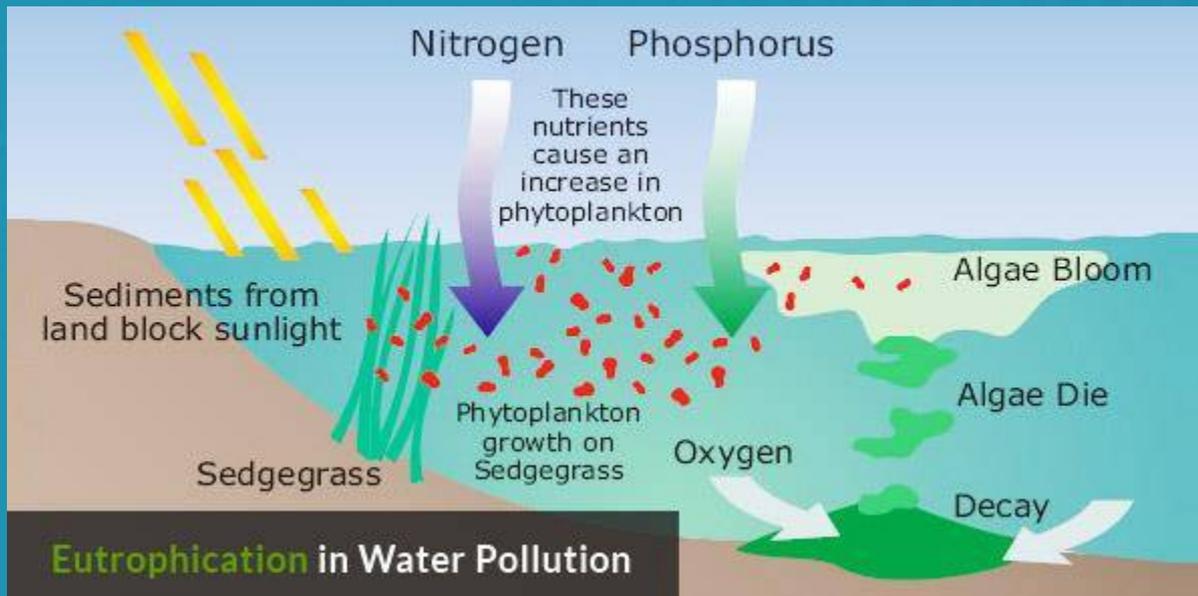
Point strongly to eutrophication related to phosphorus loading from the watershed.



Developing Goals

Review of Eutrophication

- ▶ Runoff of nutrients - typically nitrogen or phosphorus
- ▶ Promotes excessive plant growth and decay
- ▶ Causes water quality problems
 - Algae blooms
 - Taste & odor problems
 - Low dissolved oxygen



Developing Goals

Preliminary goals may include

- Addressing eutrophication problems in streams and the lake by reducing nutrient contributions from the watershed - likely phosphorus.
- Addressing lake sedimentation by reducing stormwater runoff and erosion in the watershed.

*Confirmation of concerns and impairments with insufficient data should take place before stakeholders invest in management measures to address them.

Questions?

Water Body	<u>N</u>	<u>DO</u>	<u>Chl-a</u>	<u>Chloride</u>
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Waxahachie Creek	CS			
Lake Waxahachie			CS	
Cedar Creek		Imp		
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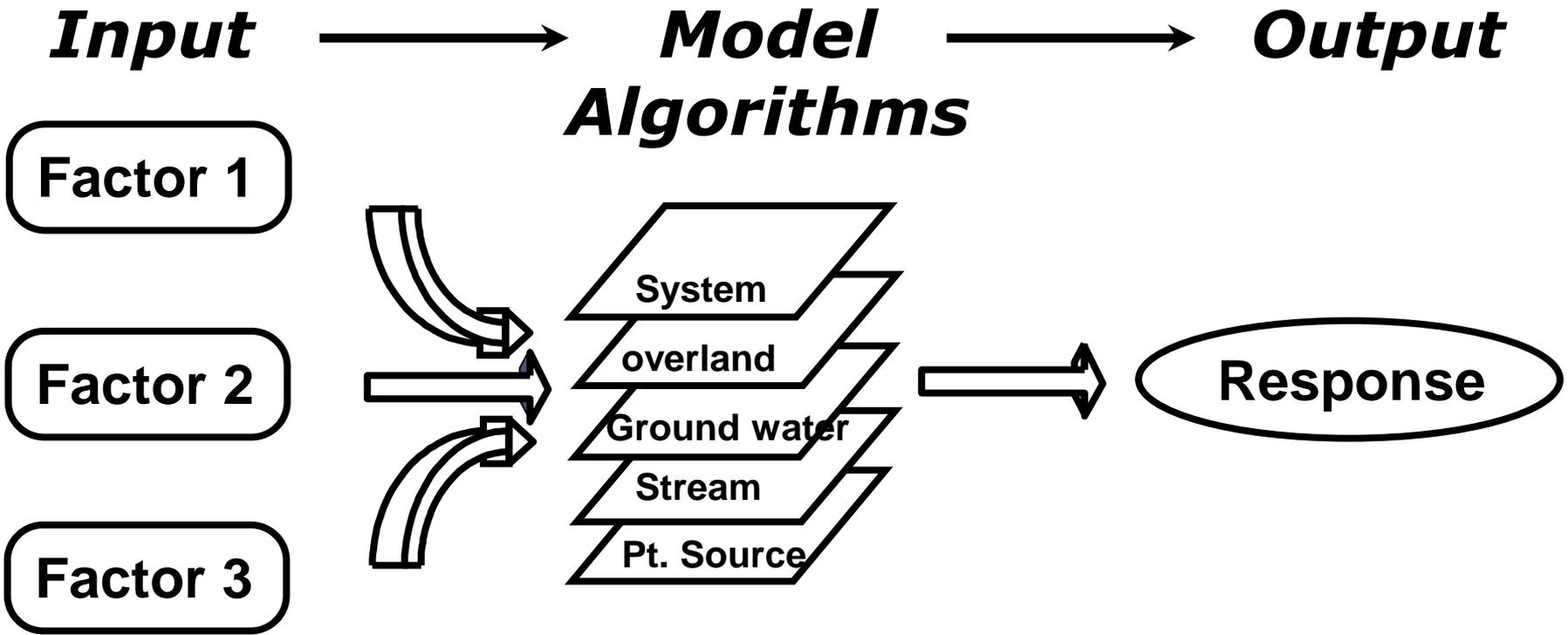
Watershed Model

Richland-Chambers Watershed

Stakeholders meeting
Waxahachie
(April 25, 2017)

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Essayas Ayana
Ecosystem Science and Management
Texas A&M University

Nuts and Bolts of a Model



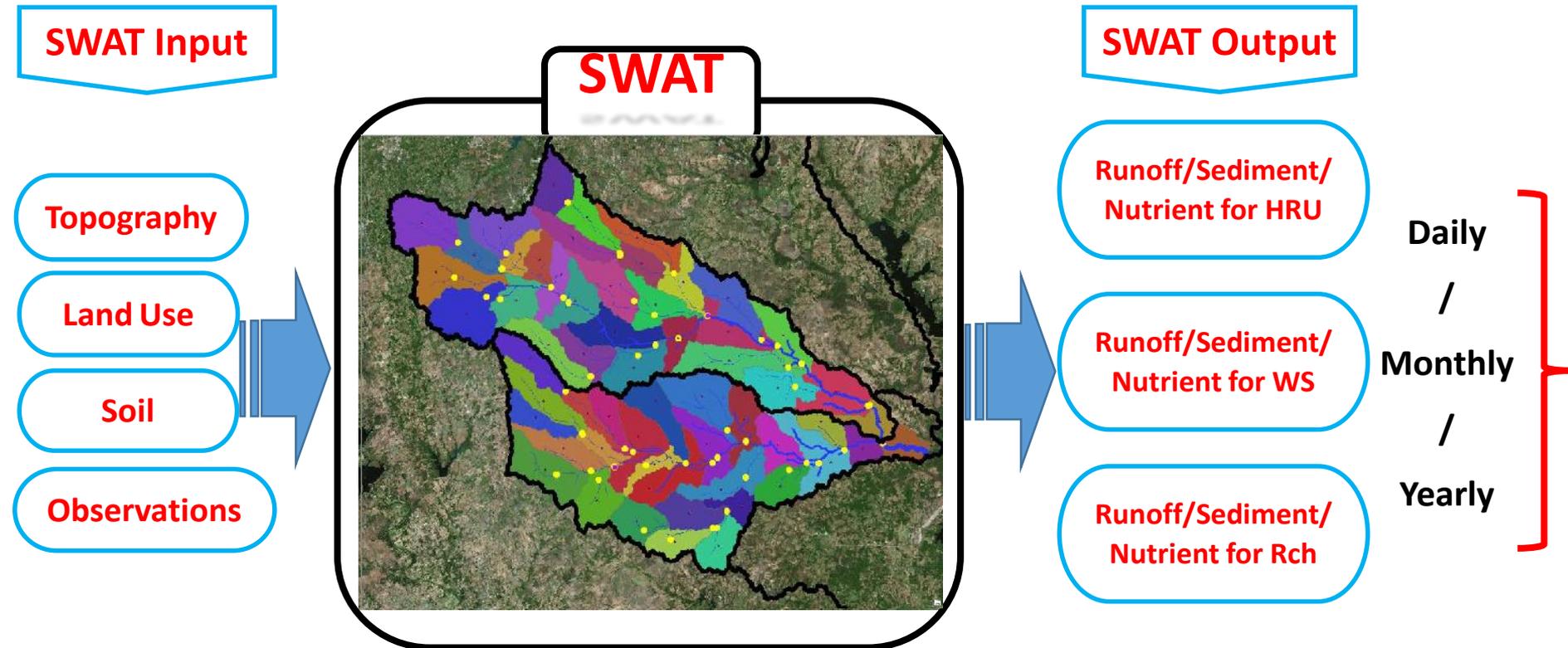
Source: Quantify pollutant load: State of Michigan (Es-nps-quantifying-pollutant-loads_195909_7.ppt)

What our model do:

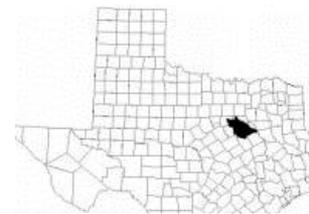
- Take spatial and non-spatial input
- apply set of equations or techniques to analyze
 - *Rainfall/runoff*
 - *Erosion and sediment transport*
 - *Pollutant loading*
 - *Stream transport*
 - *Impact of Management practices*

SWAT in a Nutshell

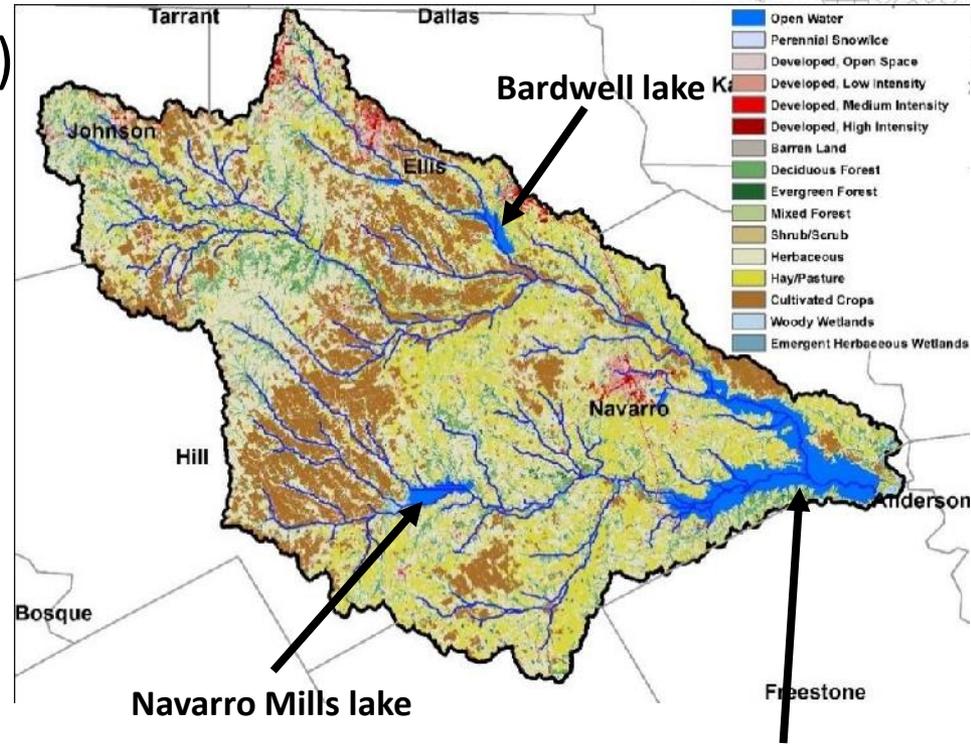
- A river basin model used to predict
 - impact of land management practices on
 - Water/sediment/agricultural chemical yields



Watershed characteristics



- Richland-Chambers Watershed
 - Area 5700 sq.km (2200 sq.mile)
 - Two HUC 8 /58 HUC 12 watersheds

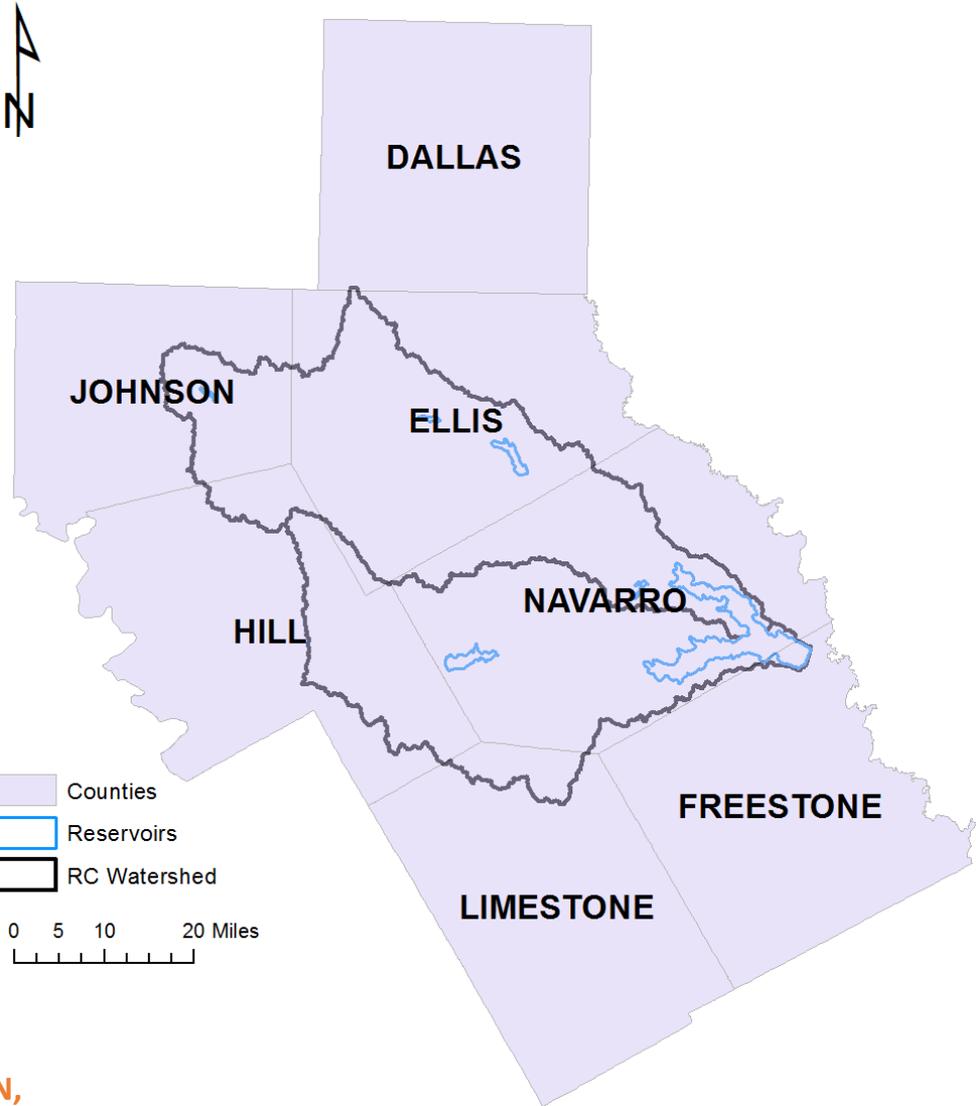
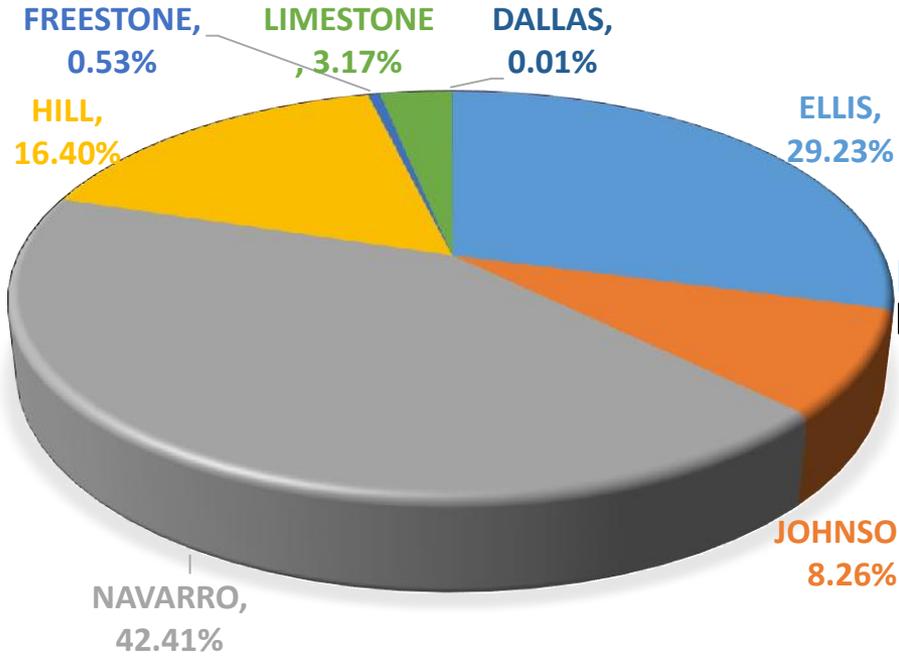


Agriculture	96222	19%
Forest	56390	11%
Water	29113	6%
Builtup	35872	7%
Range-Grasses	154222	30%
Pasture	121564	24%
Range-Brush	2689	1%

- Several BMPs implemented by USDA-NRCS to improve water quality

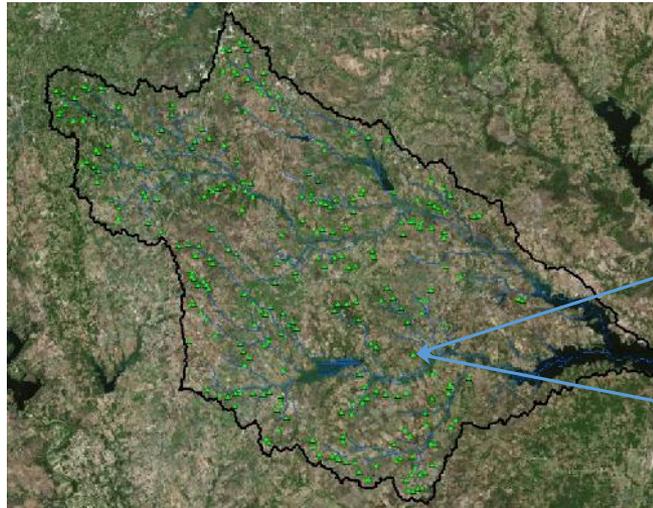
Counties in watershed

- Counties and their area proportion of watershed



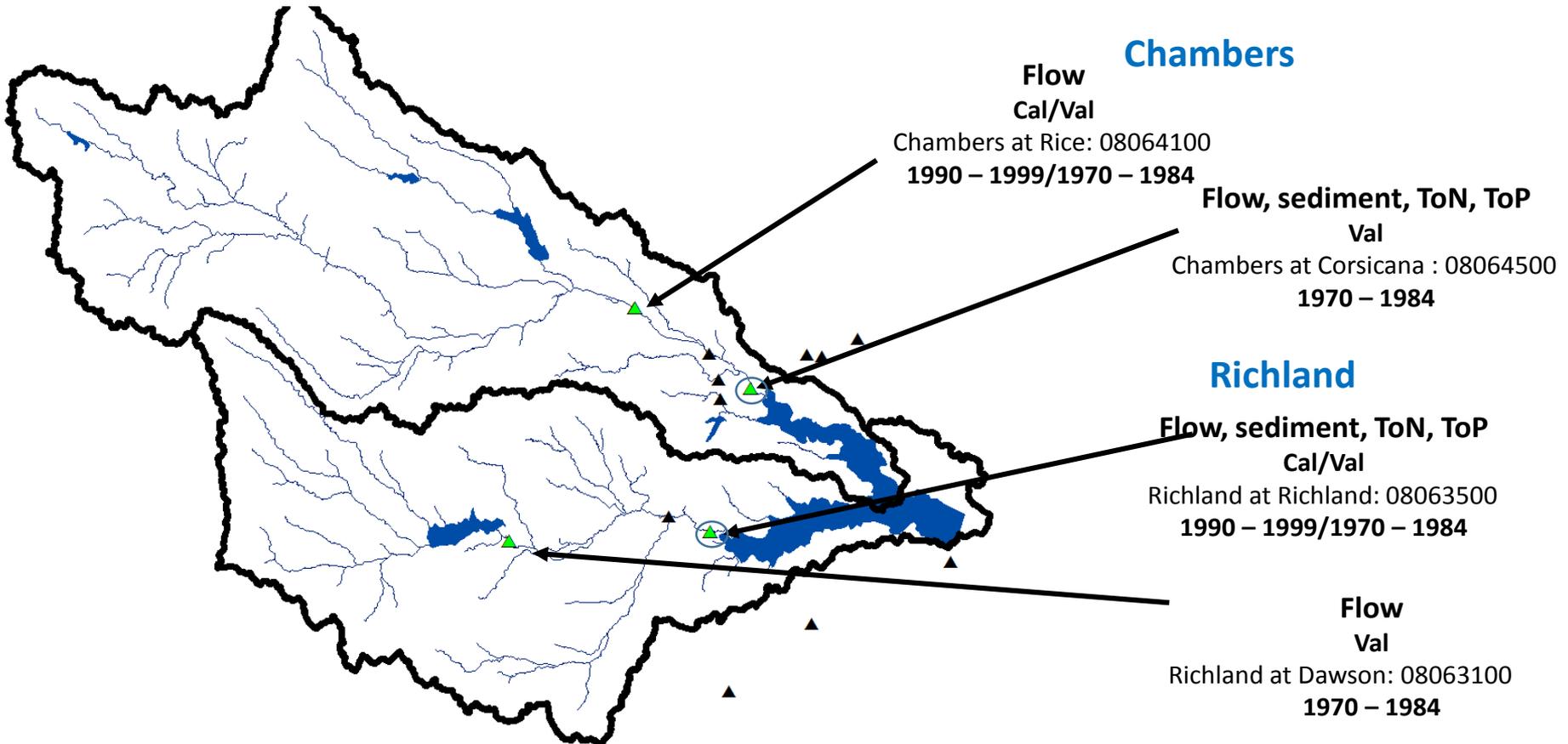
Data requirement

- Watershed characterization
 - USGS predefined Sub-watersheds and streams
- Land use land cover
 - USGS-NLCD and USDA-NASS combined
- Soils
 - NCRS-SSURGO soils
- Ponds and reservoirs
 - USDA-NRCS
 - Surface area
 - Volume

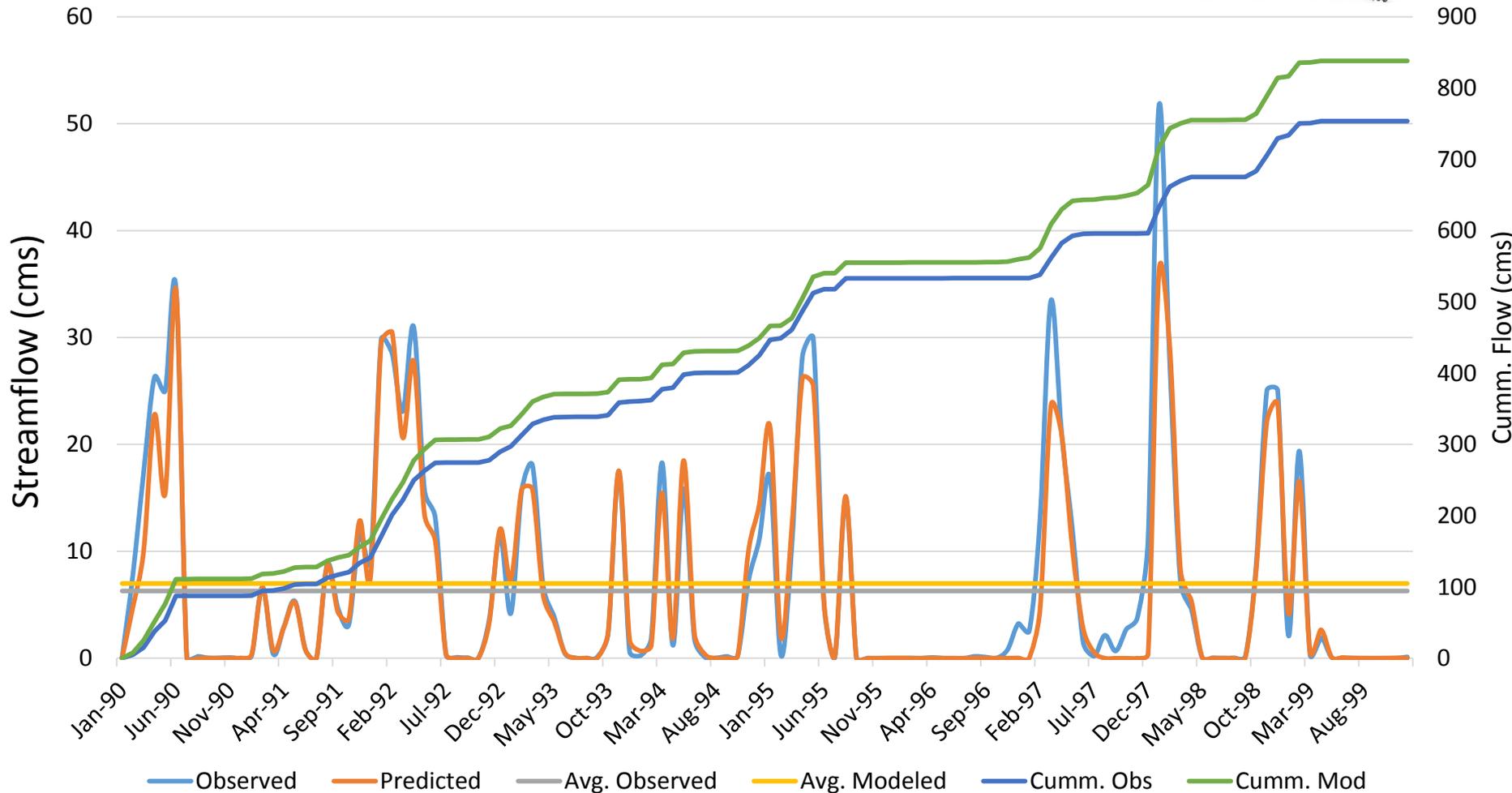


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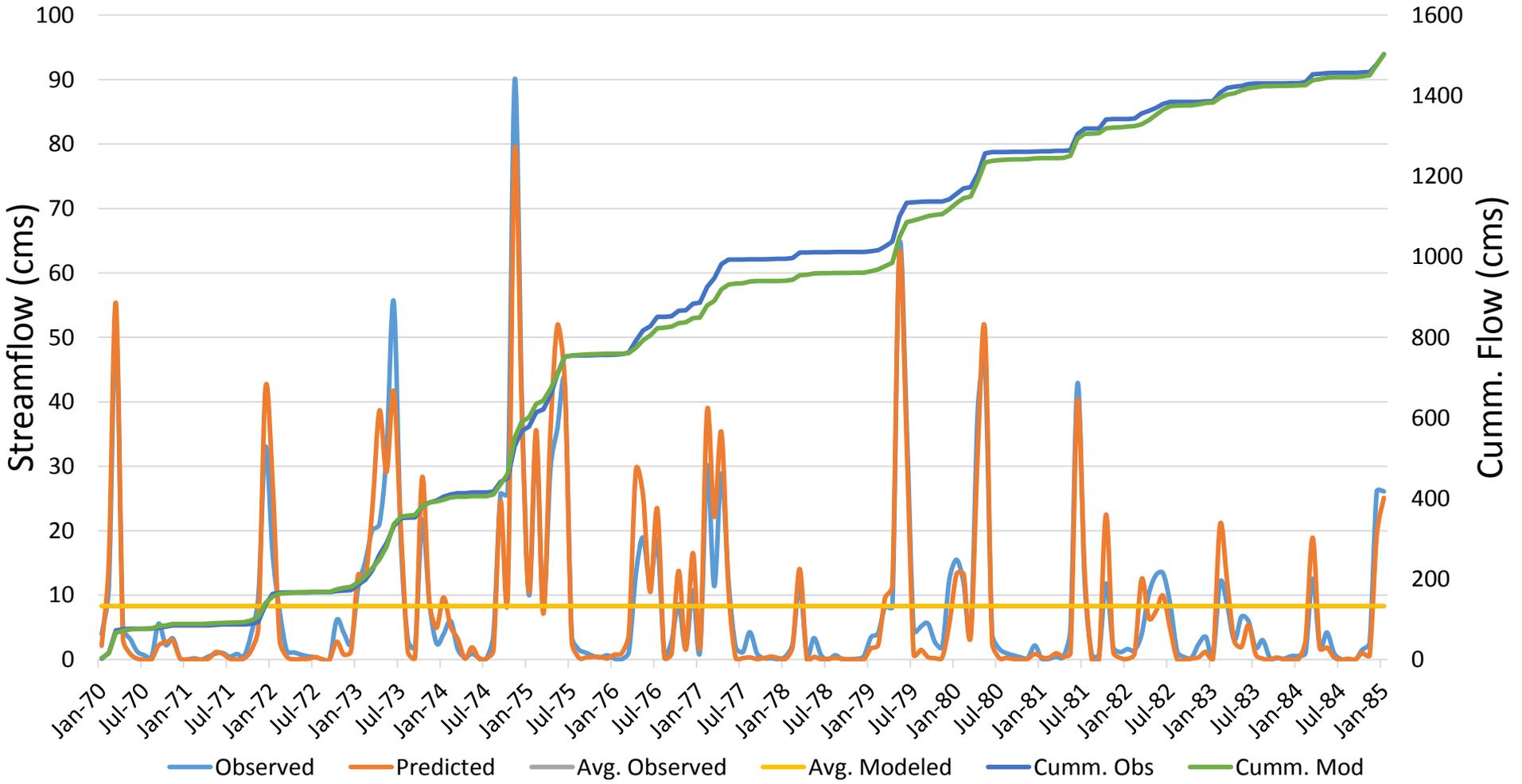
- A model verification step
 - How good is the model to represent a process on interest in our watershed?
 - Can the model be used to tell about the future?



Results - Flow

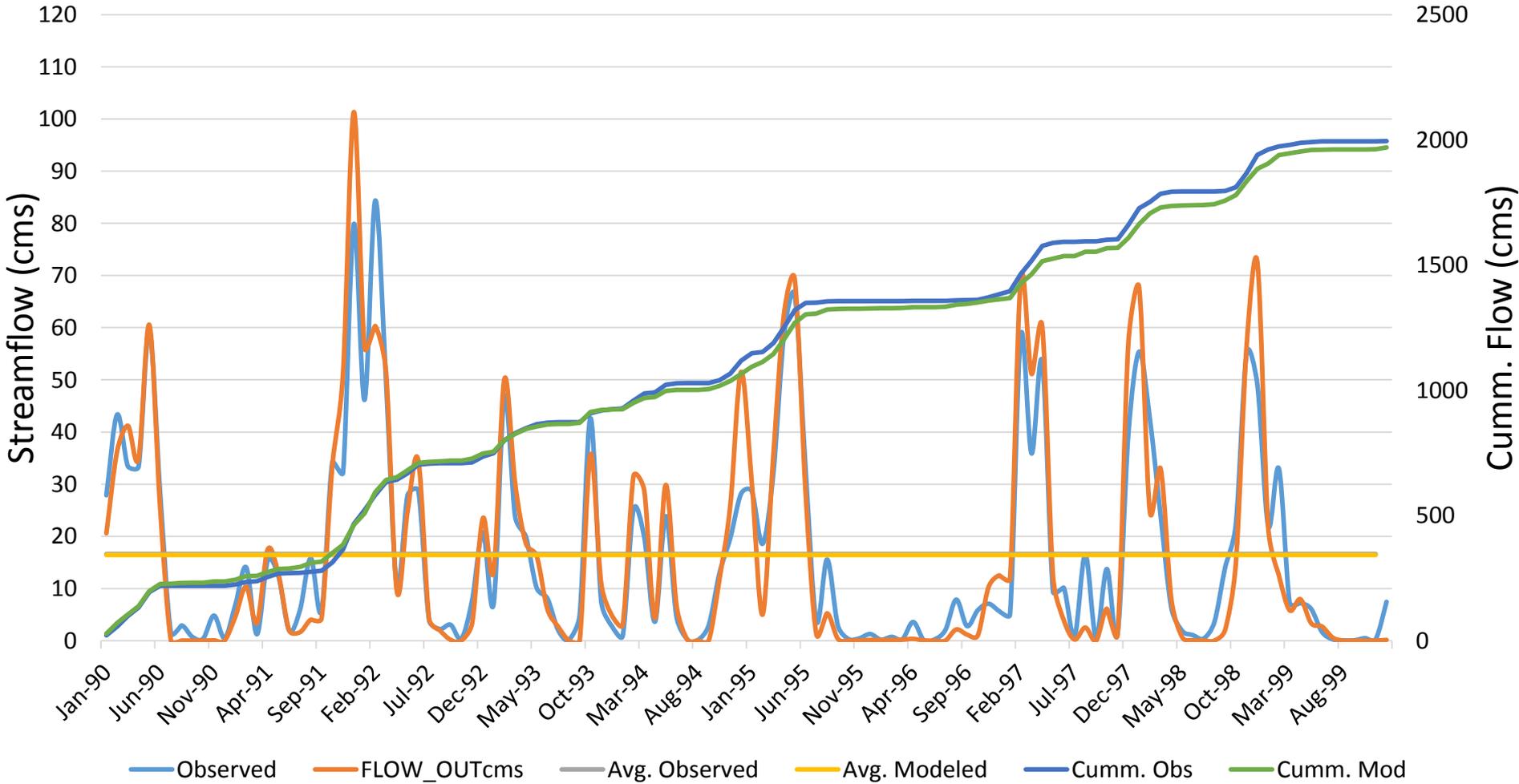


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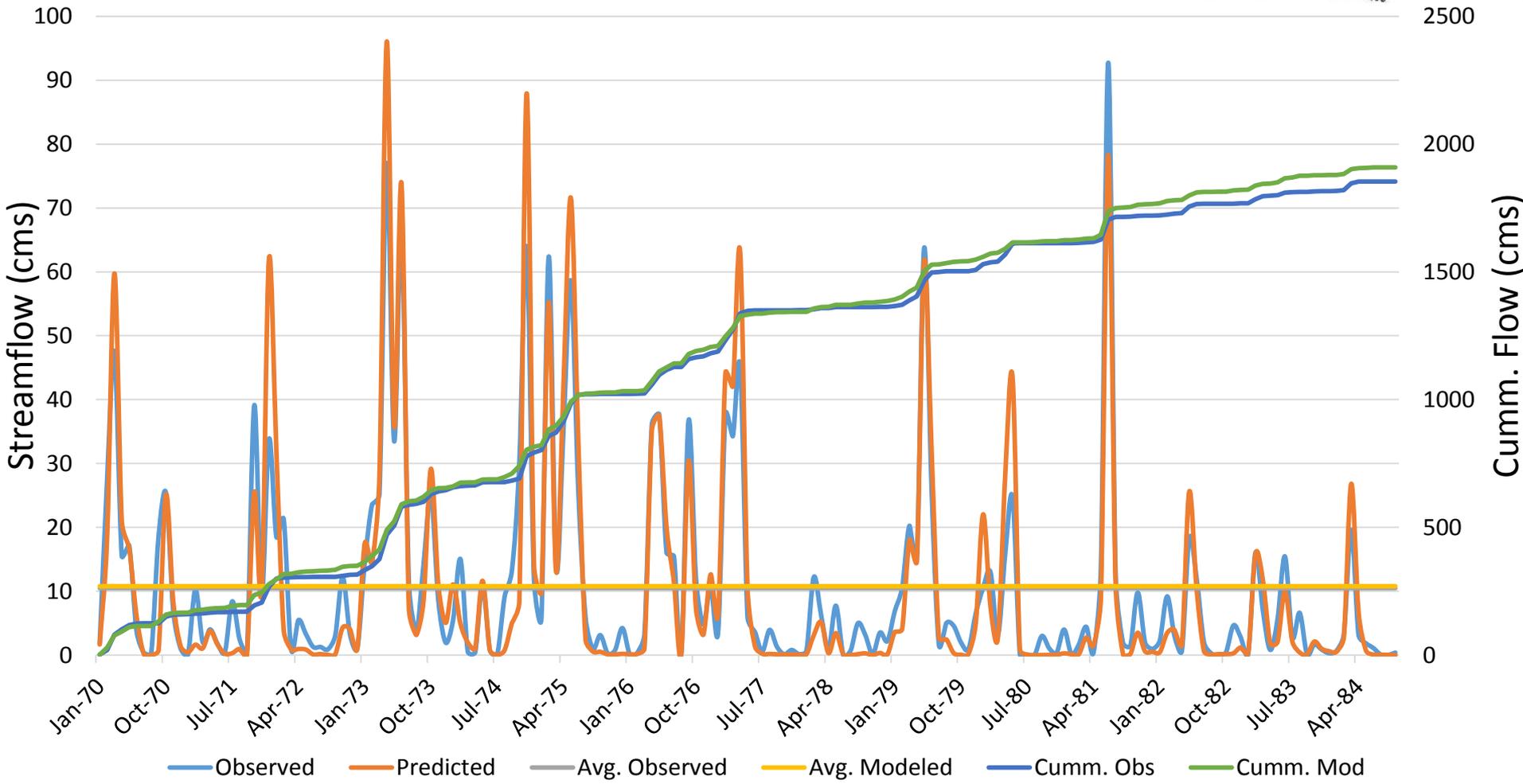
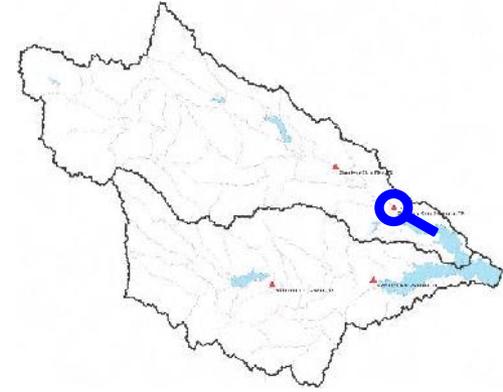


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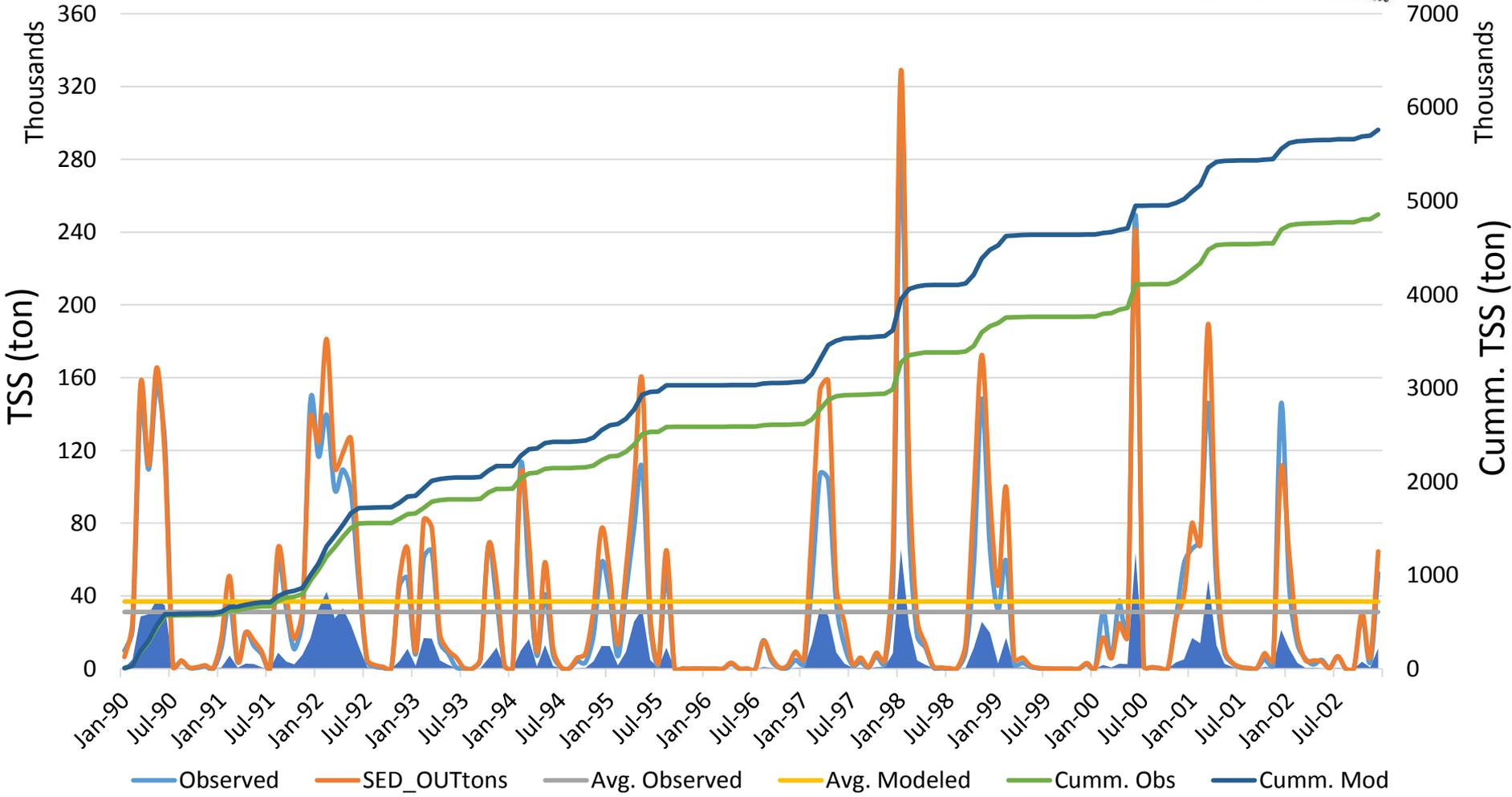
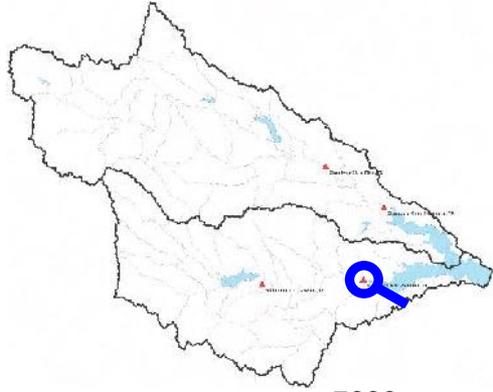
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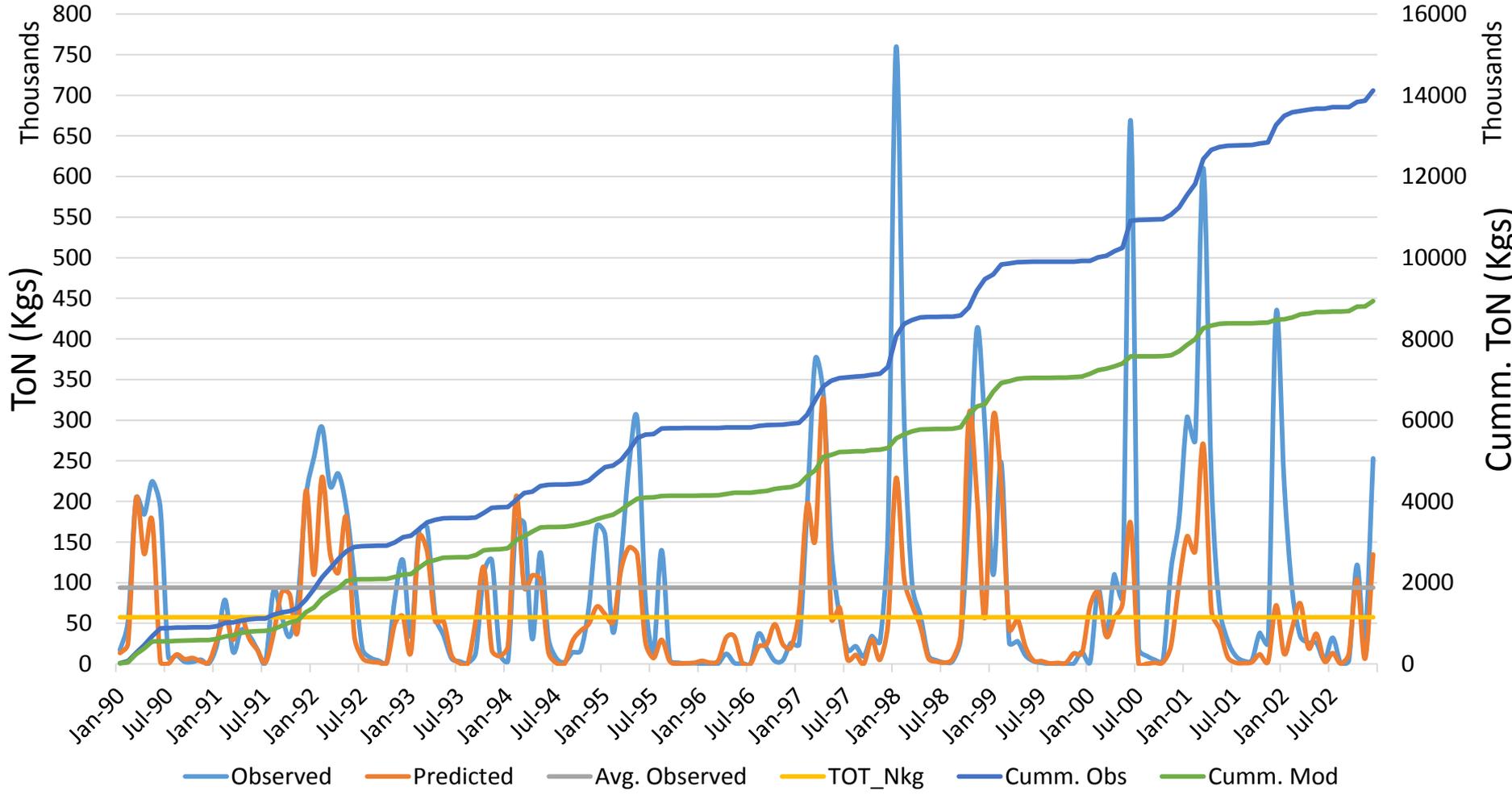
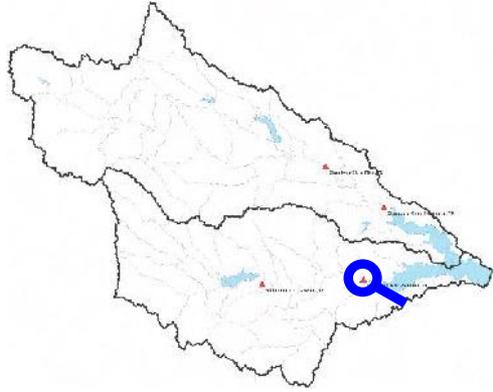
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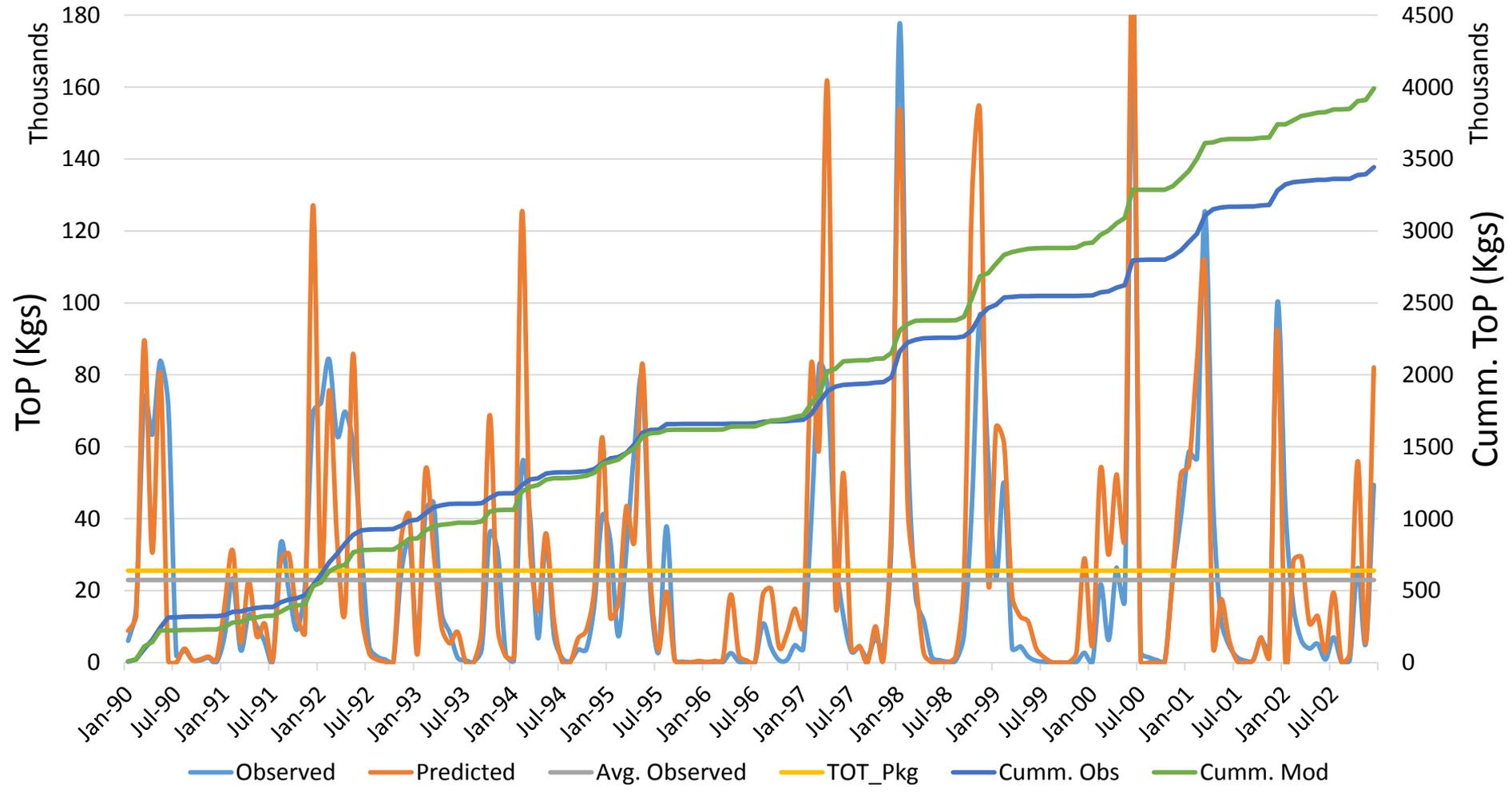
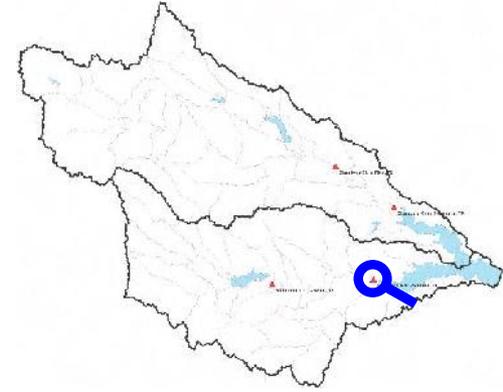
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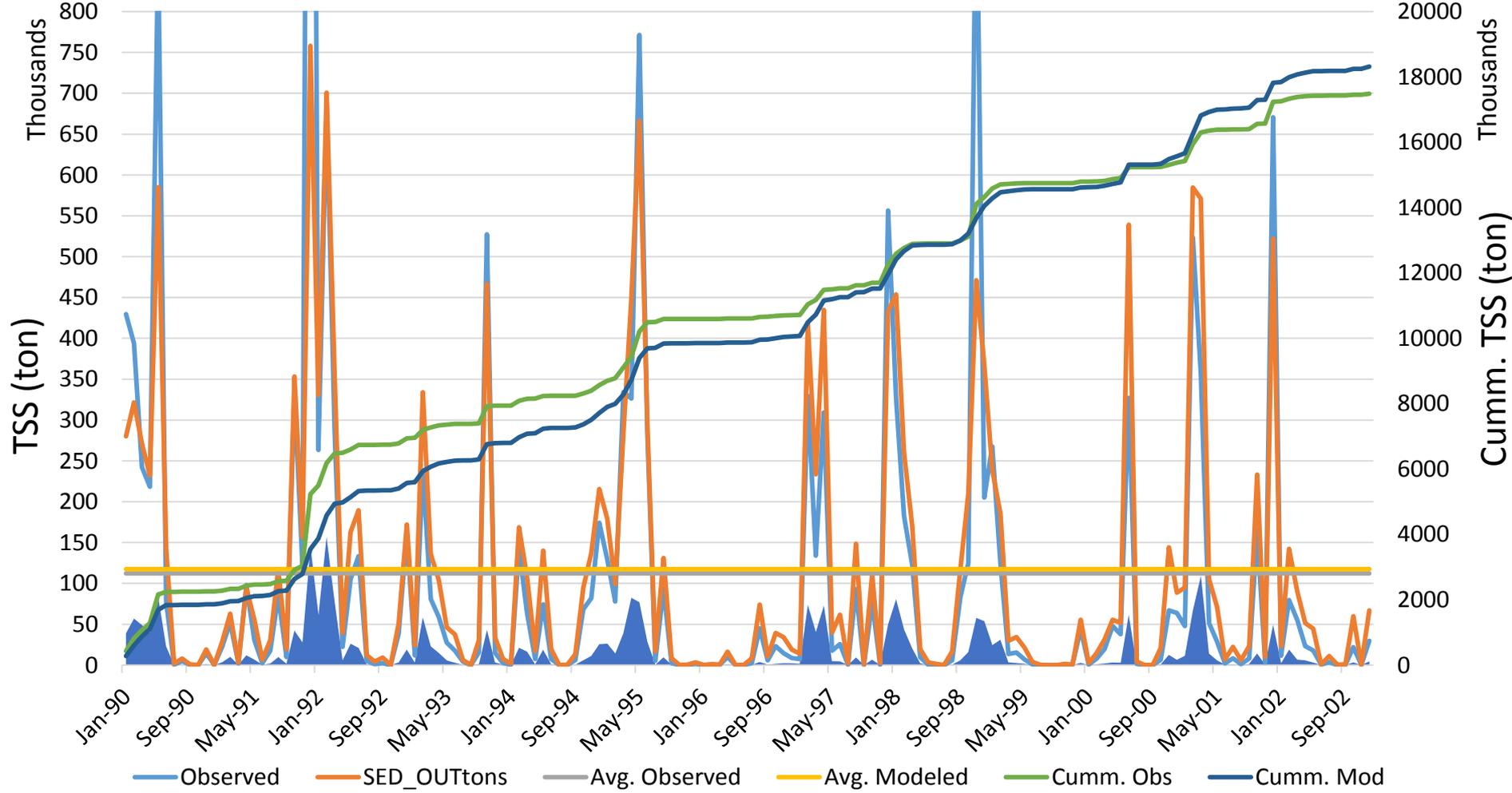
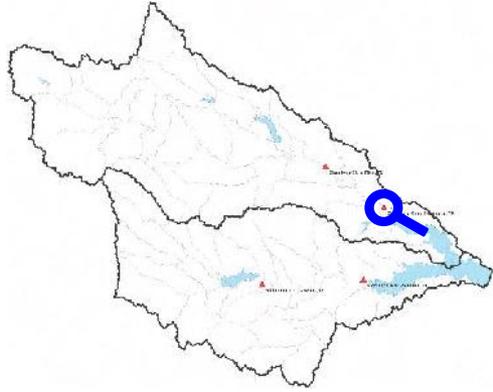
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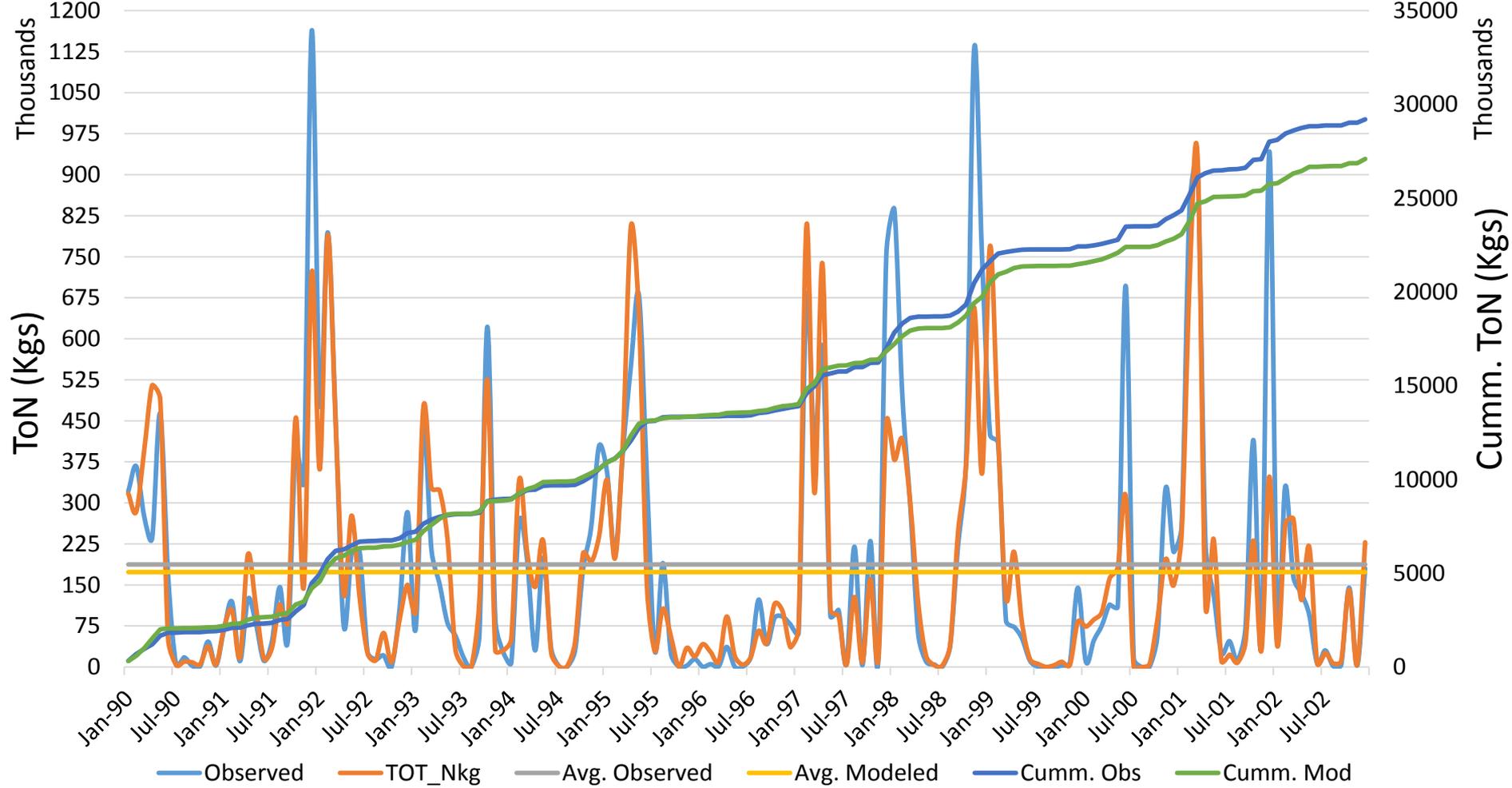
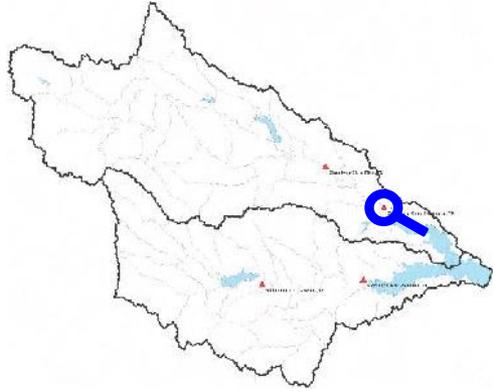
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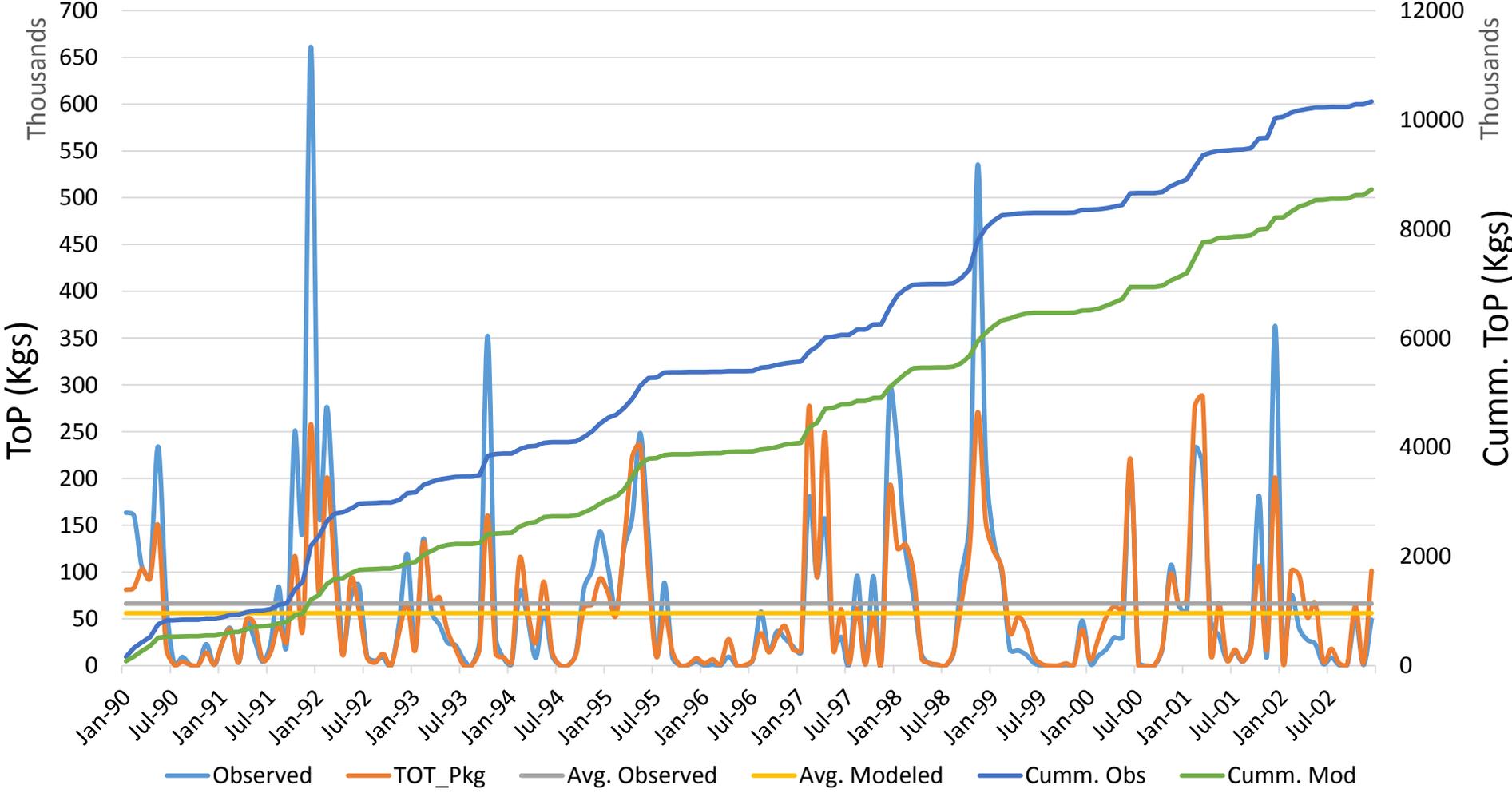
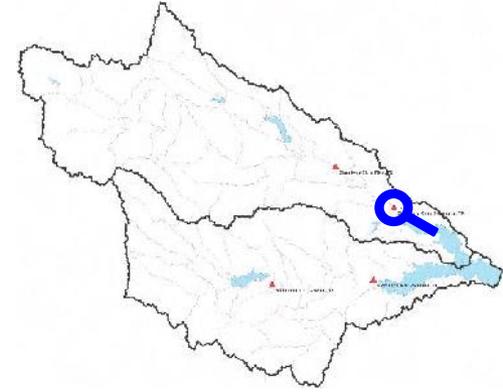
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Results - ToN



Results - ToP



- **Sediment results**

Richland @ 3510 --- Just above RC reservoir							
Monthly Output	Average		Standard Deviation		Statistics		
	Measured	Simulated	Measured	Simulated	R ²	PBIAS (%)	NSE
Sediment (tons)	31135	36925	48221	54770	0.96	-18	0.92

Chambers @ 4500 – Just above RC reservoir							
Monthly Output	Average		Standard Deviation		Statistics		
	Measured	Simulated	Measured	Simulated	R ²	PBIAS (%)	NSE
Sediment (tons)	112078	117407	242295	166701	0.72	-5	0.69

- **Nutrient results**

Richland 3510 – Just above RC reservoir							
Monthly Output	Average		Standard Deviation		Statistics		
	Measured	Simulated	Measured	Simulated	R ²	PBIAS (%)	NSE
Total Nitrogen (Kgs)	90498	57276	127912	70656	0.55	37	0.45
Total Phosphorus (Kgs)	22078	25589	31335	36450	0.69	-15	0.57

Chambers 4500 – Just above RC reservoir							
Monthly Output	Average		Standard Deviation		Statistics		
	Measured	Simulated	Measured	Simulated	R ²	PBIAS (%)	NSE
Total Nitrogen (Kgs)	187212	173647	243321	204445	0.85	7	0.76
Total Phosphorus (Kgs)	66232	55904	97565	67322	0.72	16	0.68

What does this mean?

- Total sediment brought to RC reservoir since operation started (to 2015)

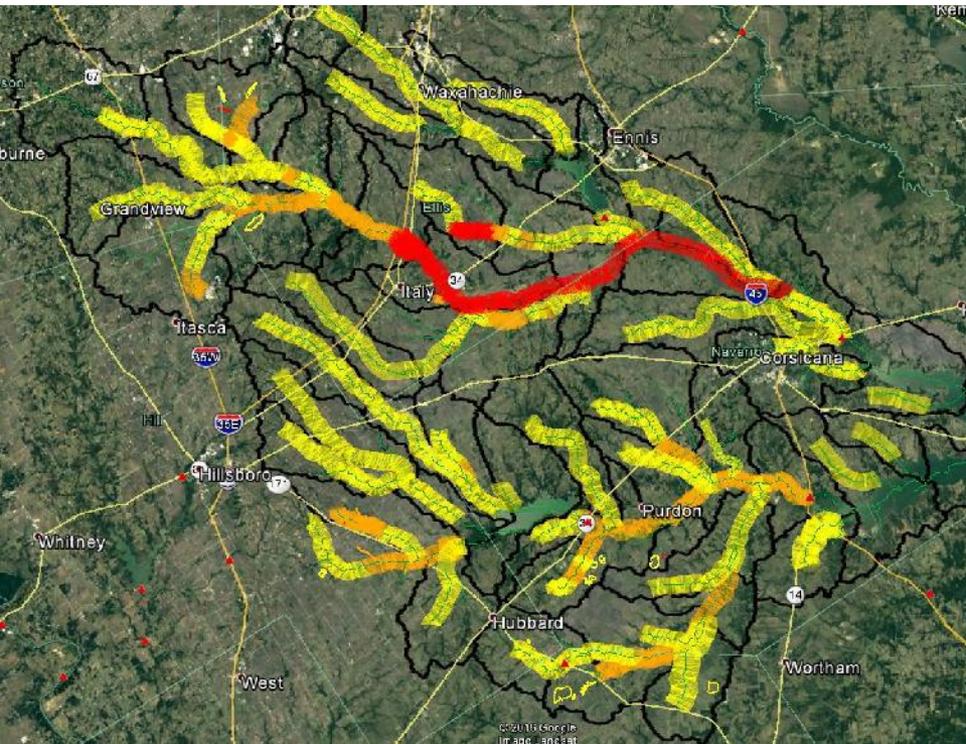
	Sediment (tons)	ToN (Kg)	ToP (kg)
Total Richland	24,229,057	46,829,282	25,999,163
Annual rate	835,485	1,614,803	896,523
Yield tons/ha	0.08	0.15	0.09
Total Chambers	37,615,985	70,551,410	27,464,142
Annual rate	1,297,103	2,432,808	947,040
Yield tons/ha	0.14	0.26	0.10
Grand Total	61,845,042	117,380,692	53,463,305
Aggregated Annual rate	2,132,588	4,047,610	1,843,562
Aggregated yield t/ha	0.11	0.21	0.09

- RGA estimated (Baylor Univ.) total sediment mass of 43,330,910 tons (i.e. **1,455,890 tons/yr**)

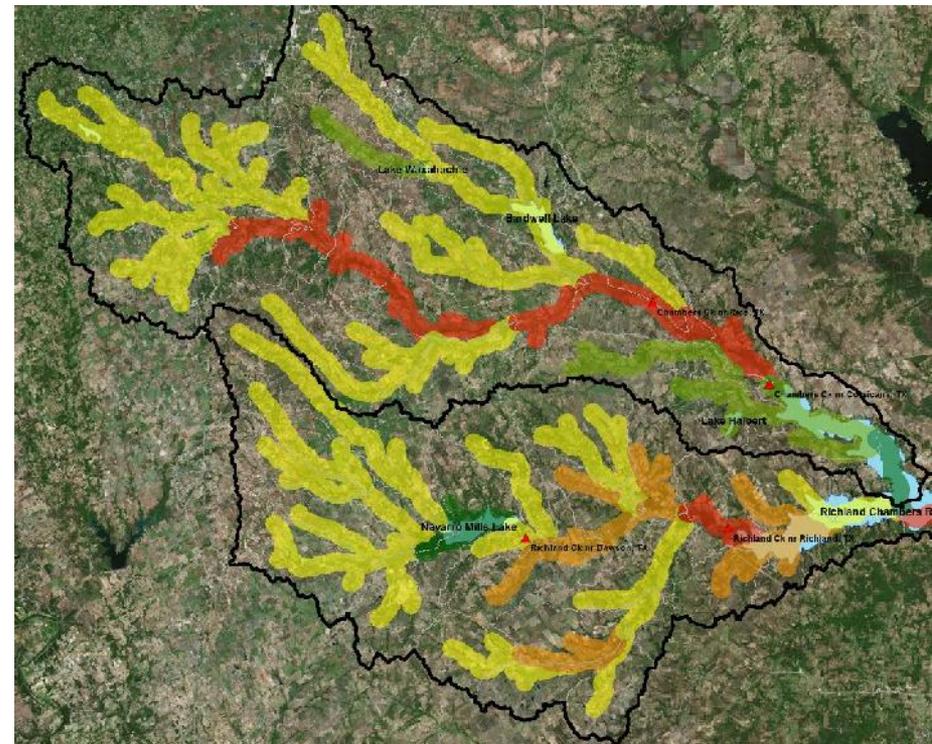
Comparison with RGA

- Severity of channel erosion

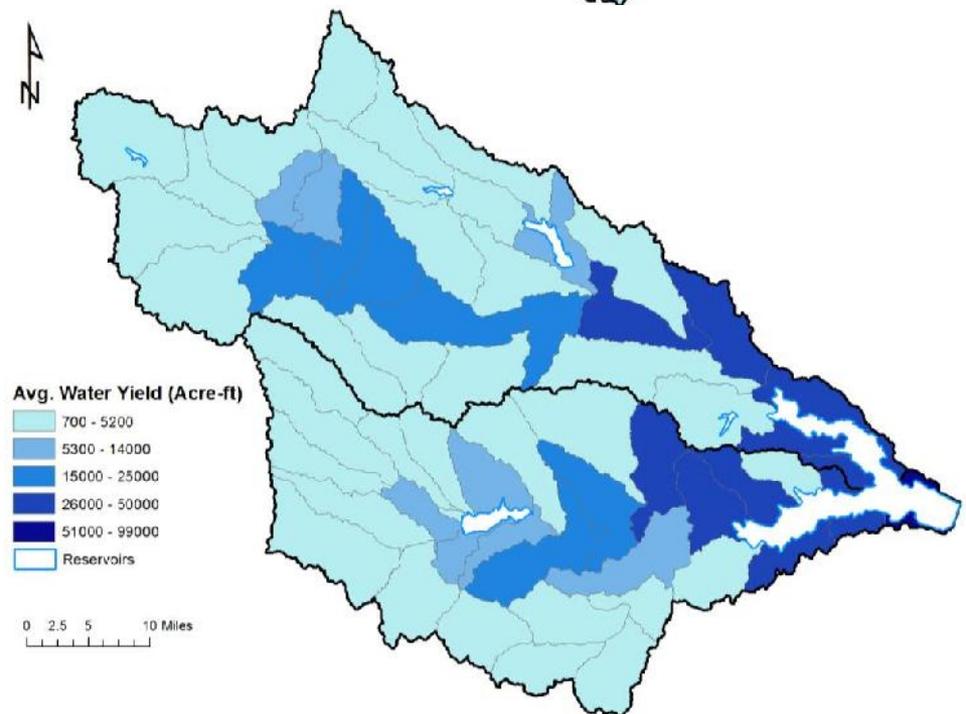
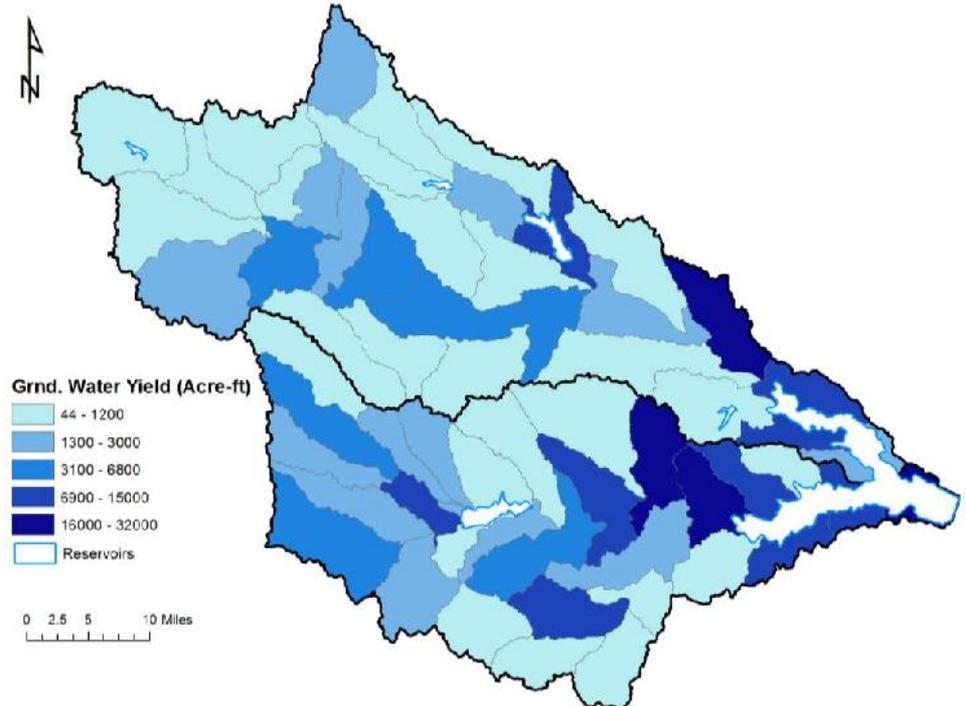
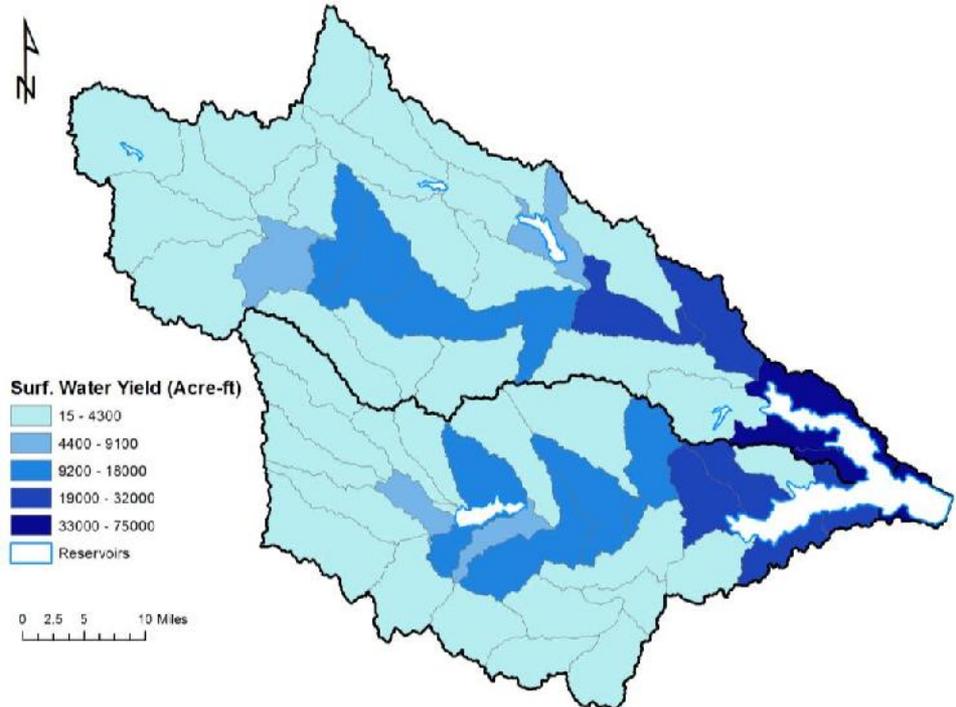
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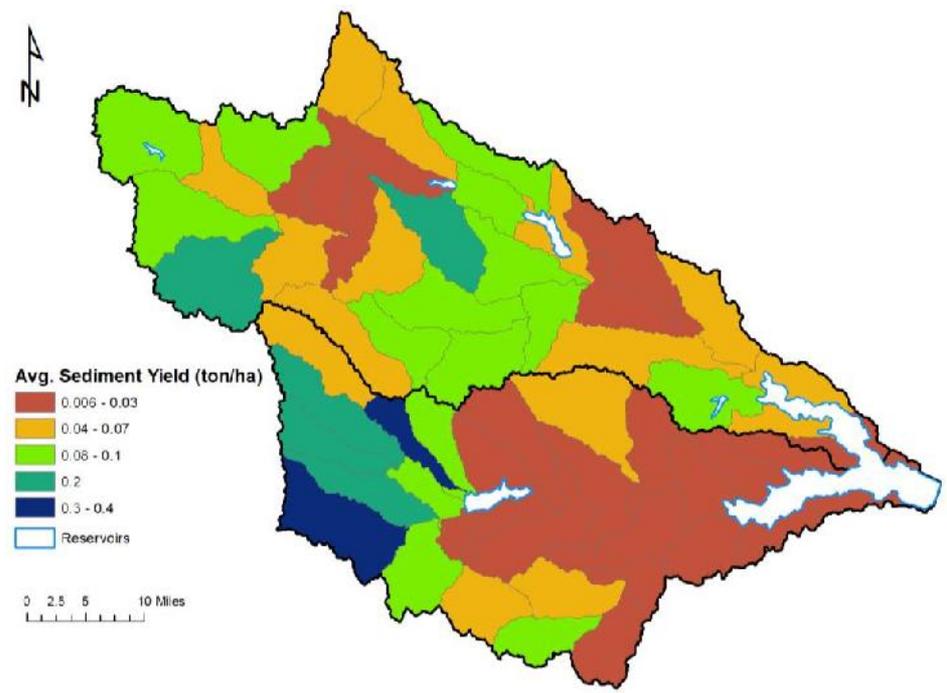
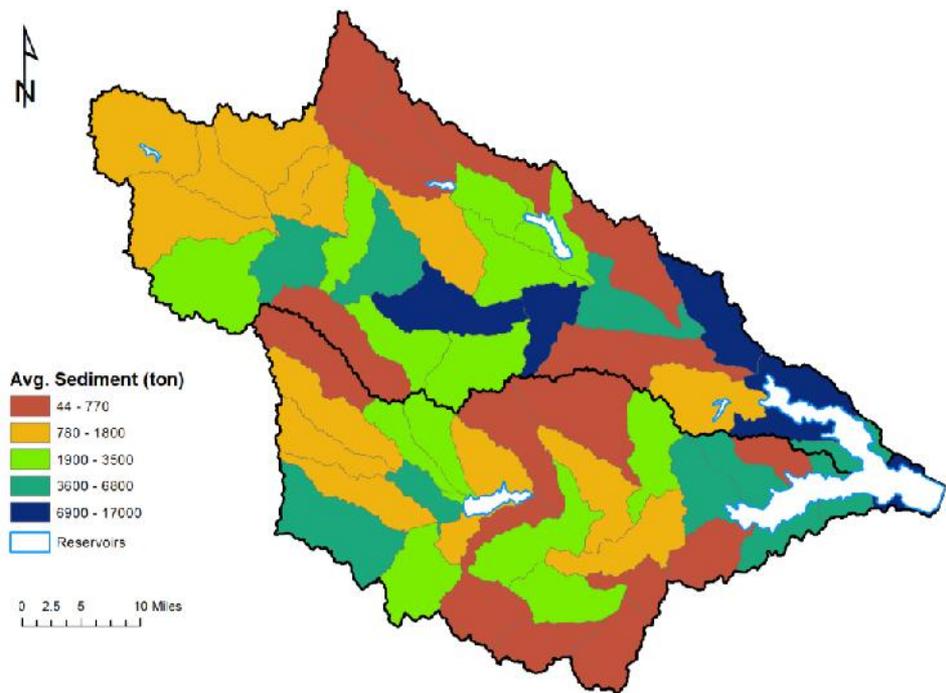
SWAT Sediment Delivery Ratio



Average water yield (1987-2015)



Average sediment yield (1987-2015)



Next steps Accounting for BMPs

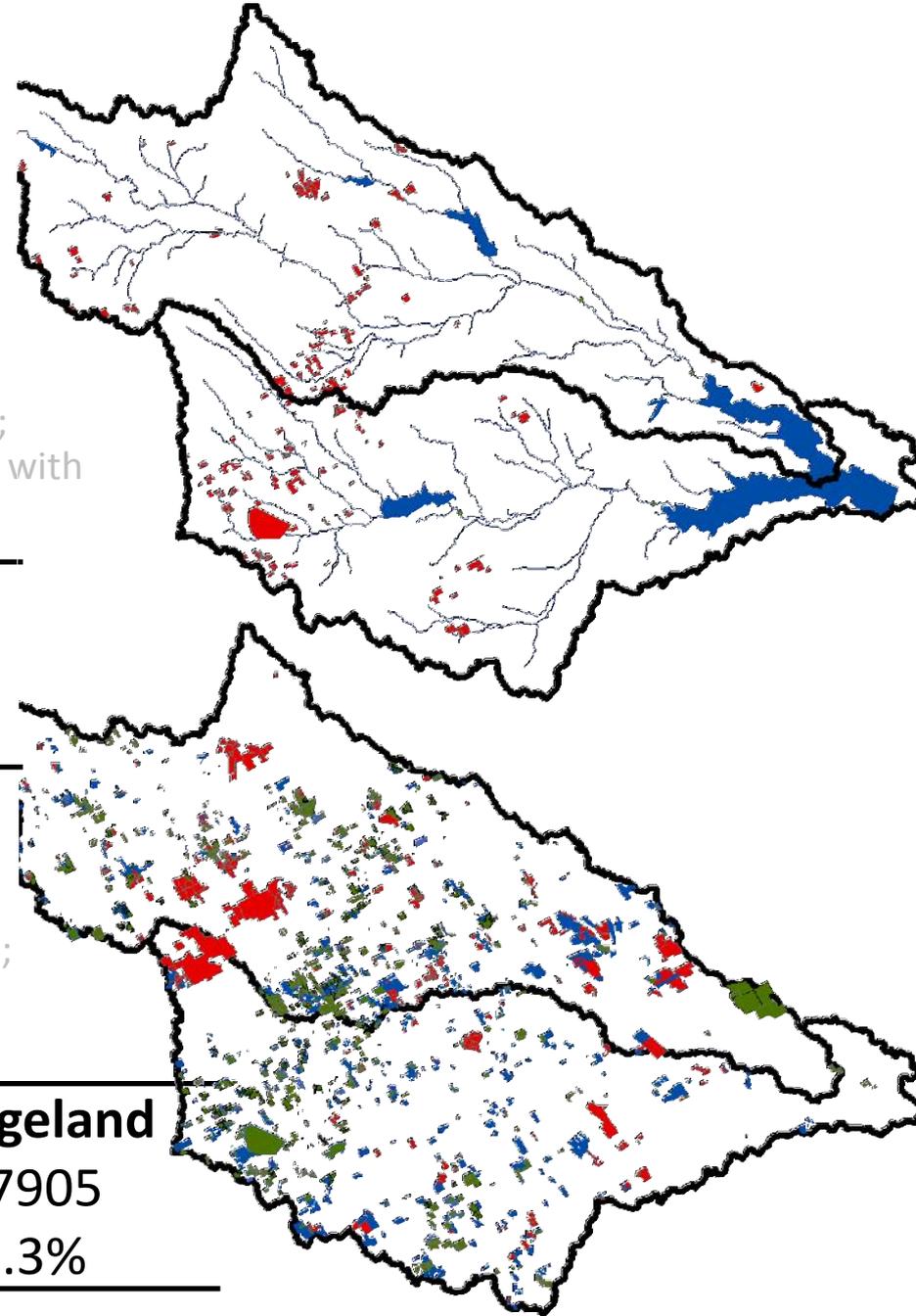
(2003 onwards)

- Total BMPs applied on 20% of watershed
- Structural BMPs (in ha)
 - Contour Farming; filter strips; Grassed Waterways; Terraces; Terraces with Contour Farming; Terraces with Grassed waterways

	Area	%
Total watershed	507792	
Total BMPs applied	6767	1%

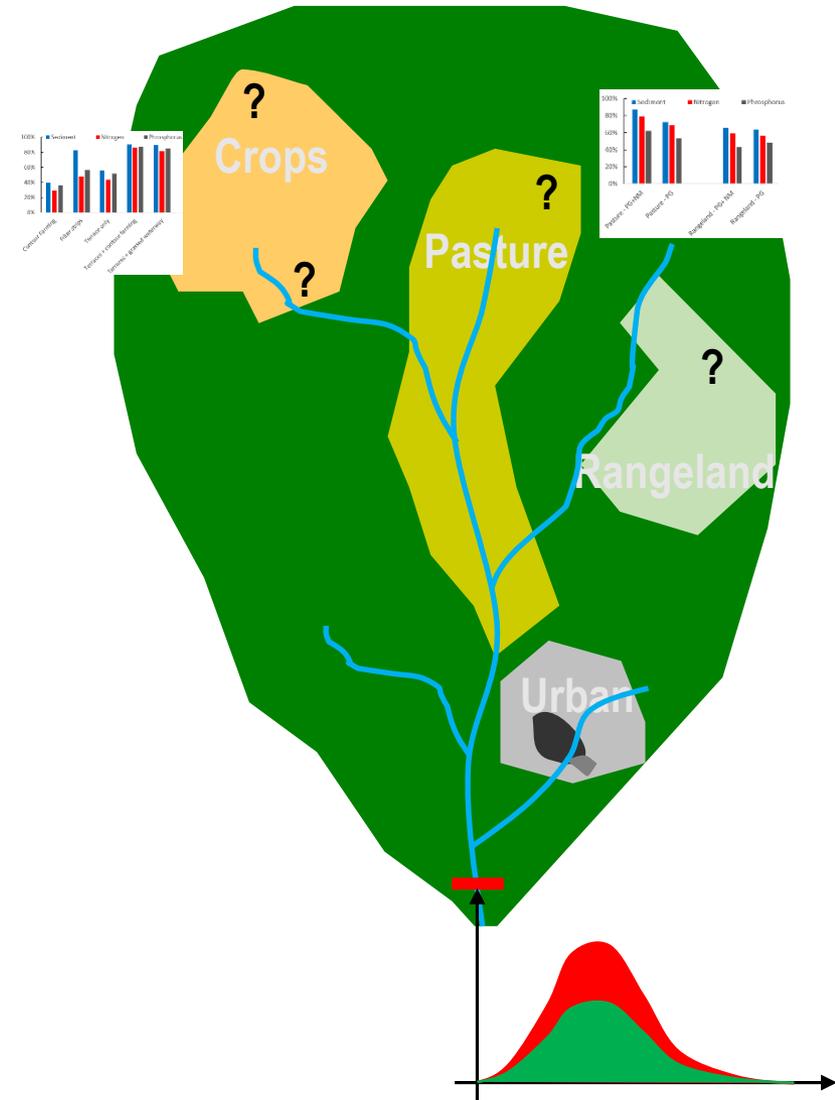
- Non Structural BMPs
 - Residue Management; Conservation crop rotation; Nutrient management; Prescribed grazing; Brush management; Integrated pest management

	Cropland	Pasture	Rangeland
BMP applied	43107	24228	27905
% Watershed	8%	4.6%	5.3%



Next steps

- Incorporate BMPs to calibrated model
- Run model and evaluate
 - **Reduction (if any) in**
 - **sediment**
 - **Nutrient**
- Identify
 - location and
 - type of BMPs with for effectiveness



Thanks

Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
(TPDES) Permitting
Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s)

Richland-Chambers Reservoir Watershed
Protection Plan

April 25, 2017

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Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4)



An MS4 is a publicly owned or operated stormwater drainage system designed to collect and convey stormwater



Which MS4s are Regulated?

- Medium and Large MS4s (“Phase I”)
 - Individual TPDES Permits
- Small MS4s in Urbanized Areas (Phase II”)
 - TCEQ Small MS4 General Permit – TXR040000
- Combined Phase I and Phase II MS4s
 - Individual MS4 Permit for Texas Department of Transportation – WQ0005011000



Phase II MS4 General Permit, TXR04000

- Regulates stormwater discharges from publicly owned or operated “Small” MS4s located in urbanized areas (UAs)
- Population based on the 2000 and 2010 U.S.Censuses
- Renewed December 13, 2013 – 5 year permit term

	General Permit 2007 Authorizations Issued	General Permit 2013 Applications Received
NOIs	406	539
Waivers	66	78
Total	472	617

**12 have not renewed yet*



Phase II MS4 General Permit

- Tiered Permitting Approach - based on population in the UA
 - Level 1 - Up to 10,000
 - Level 2 - 10,000 to 40,000
 - includes non-traditional MS4s
 - Level 3 - 40,000 to 100,000
 - Level 4 - More than 100,000

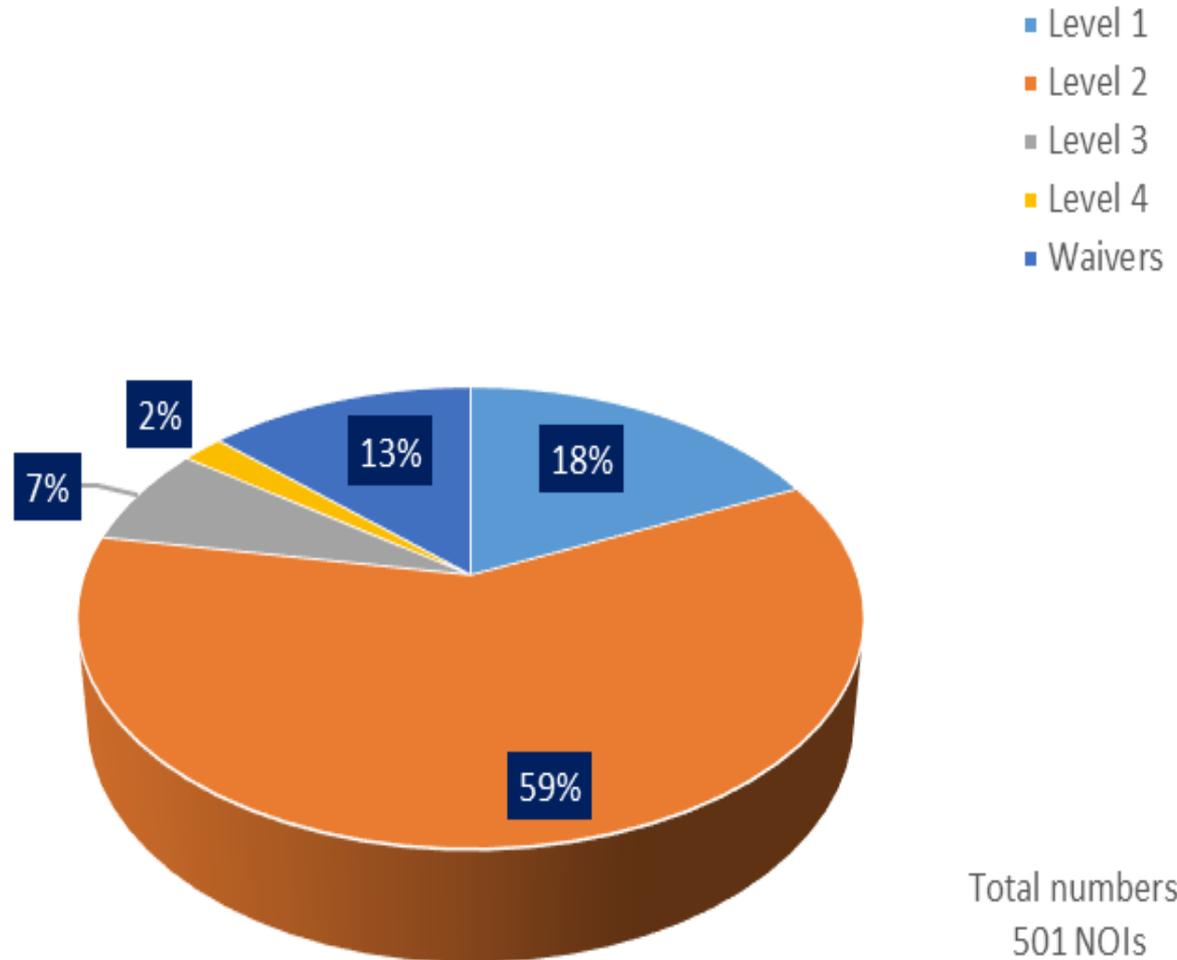
- Waiver option for population less than 1,000

**Based on the 2000 and 2010 U.S.Censuses*



Phase II MS4s Active Authorizations

Level	Active Authorizations
1	107
2	340
3	43
4	11



Total numbers:
501 NOIs
77 Waivers

Requirements of Phase II MS4s

- Develop and Implement a Stormwater Management Program (SWMP)
 - Develop an implementation schedule
 - Implement in yearly intervals over the five year permit term
 - Must be fully implemented at the end of the five year permit term
- Coalitions
 - Develop, implement, and share same SWMP
 - Usually share a boundary or watershed
 - Each MS4 is responsible for its own compliance
 - Agreements with clear delineation of responsibilities



Requirements of Phase II MS4s

➤ Contents of a SWMP

- Six Minimum Control Measures (MCMs)
 - Operators must address to reduce pollutants from the MS4 to the Maximum Extent Practicable (MEP)
- List of best management practices (BMPs)
- Measurable goals
 - Including frequency, month, and year
- Schedule for implementation



Requirements of Phase II MS4s

- Minimum Control Measures (MCMs)
 1. Public Education, Outreach, and Involvement
 2. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
 3. Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control
 4. Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment
 5. Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations
 6. Industrial Stormwater Sources (*Level 4 only*)
 7. *Optional* MCM for Construction done by the Permittee (MS4)

- Additional requirements for discharges into impaired waterbodies



Impaired Water Bodies

➤ Additional Permit Requirements

- Category 5 - CWA 303(d) for stream segment, no TMDL
- Category 4 - Not on CWA 303(d), *with* watershed TMDL

Texas Integrated Report Index of Water Quality Impairments

2012 Texas Integrated Report Index of Water Quality Impairments

SegID: 0806A Fosdic Lake (unclassified water body)
From Fosdic Lake Dam to the reservoir headwaters in Oakland Lake Park in Tarrant County

<u>Parameter(s)</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Carryforward</u>
PCBs in edible tissue		
0806A_01 Entire lake	4a	Yes

SegID: 0806B Echo Lake (unclassified water body)
From Echo Lake Dam to the reservoirs headwaters in Tarrant County

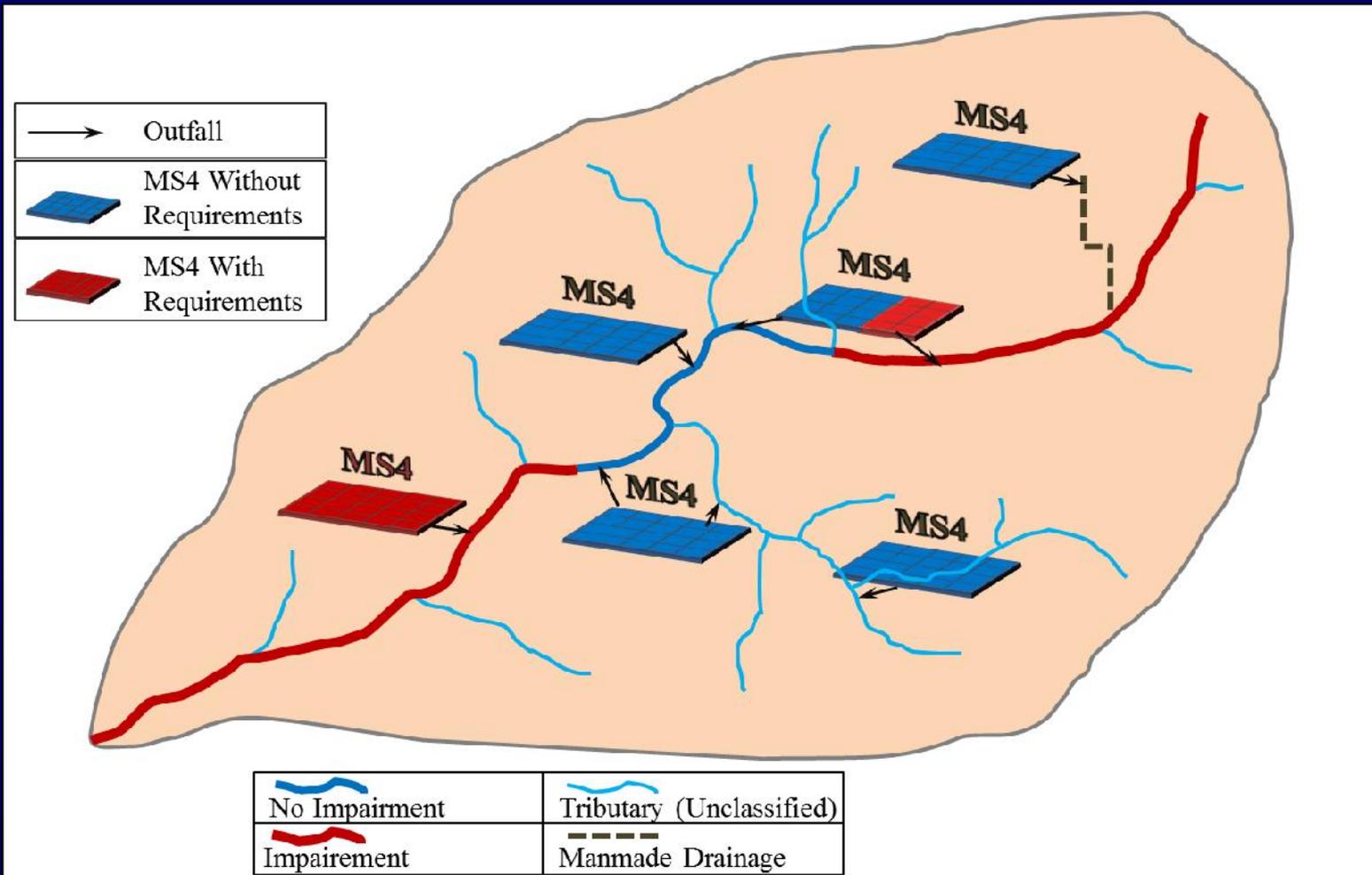
<u>Parameter(s)</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Carryforward</u>
PCBs in edible tissue		
0806B_01 Entire lake	4a	Yes

SegID: 0806E Sycamore Creek (unclassified water body)
Five mile stretch of Sycamore Creek running upstream from confluence with the W. Fork of Trinity River to confluence with Echo Lake Tributary in Fort Worth.

<u>Parameter(s)</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Carryforward</u>
bacteria		
0806E_01 Five mile stretch of Sycamore Creek running upstream from confluence with the W. Fork of Trinity River to confluence with Echo Lake Tributary in Fort Worth	5b	No



Discharges to Impaired Waterbodies without a TMDL



Requirements of Phase II MS4s

➤ Annual Report

- Due 90 days after *reporting* year
- Flexibility selecting reporting year
 - Fiscal year, calendar year, or permit year
- Reporting year cannot change during the permit term
- Use Annual Report Template (Form 20561)



New NPDES Rules – Phase II MS4 Remand Rule

40 CFR §§122.33 and 122.34

- Phase II MS4 Remand Rule – Published in Fed. Reg. December 9, 2016 with an effective date of Jan. 9, 2017
- The regulations are revised to ensure that:
 - States determine the adequacy of BMPs and permit requirements
 - States provide public notice and opportunity for the public to request a public hearing



New NPDES Rules – Phase II MS4 Remand Rule

40 CFR §§122.33 and 122.34

- Procedural rule – no substantive changes are made to the Phase II MS4 requirements
- Includes two options for states to administer their Phase II MS4 programs
 - Option 1: Comprehensive general permit approach
 - The general permit needs to include all requirements necessary to meet the MS4 permit standard “to reduce pollutants to the maximum extent practicable” (MEP).
 - Option 2: Two-step General Permit
 - The general permit includes some requirements for all MS4s
 - The state established additional requirements and BMPs for individual MS4s (this is in the SWMPs).



New NPDES Rules – Phase II MS4 Remand Rule

40 CFR §§122.33 and 122.34

- All permits must be written with terms that are “clear, specific, and measurable”
- The general permits need to use “mandatory” terms and cannot use terms such as:
 - as practicable, should, encouraged, etc.
 - *if feasible*, cannot be used unless it is defined
- The permit language needs to be worded in a manner that will help assess compliance and track whether measurable goals have been met by the MS4.
- EPA published examples of provisions from general permits across the country

<https://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater-discharges-municipal-sources#resources>



New NPDES Rules – Phase II MS4 Remand Rule

40 CFR §§122.33 and 122.34

Clear

- Certainty in specific actions and requirements
- Avoid words such as “if practicable”, “as necessary”, “should”

Specific

- Provide level of detail in requirements that portray level of effort(s) needed from MS4 to comply

Measurable

- Requirement needs to be articulated in a manner to assess compliance in a straightforward way



New Federal Rules – Electronic Reporting Rule

40 CFR Part 127

- Electronic Reporting Rule – effective Dec. 21, 2015
 - Requires electronic submittal of applications and reports
 - Phase 1 of Rule: DMRs submitted electronically by Dec. 21, 2016
 - Phase 2 of Rule: General permit applications (NOIs) and MS4 reports need to be submitted electronically by Dec. 21, 2020

- Waiver option is available from eReporting (permanent and temporary)
 - Religious beliefs
 - No internet access
 - Training needed



Small MS4 General Permit, TXR04000 2018 Renewal

- Internal TCEQ input – Feb. 2017
- Stakeholder Meeting – March 21, 2017
 - Comment period ended – April 4, 2017
- Development of draft permit – April/June 2017
- EPA Review – Fall of 2017
- Public comment period – Spring of 2018



Proposed Changes to Existing Permit

Consistency with other TPDES General Permits

➤ Definitions

- Define “Infeasible” - not technologically possible or not economically practicable and achievable in light of best industry practices
- Update “Construction Activity”, “Waters of U.S.” and “Impaired Water Bodies”

➤ MCM 7 – Construction Activities where the MS4 is the Site Operator

- Lower benchmark value for TSS to 50 mg/L from 100 mg/L
- Analysis must be done by NELAP certified laboratories



Proposed Changes to Existing Permit *Consistency with Federal Rules*

- Add language to comply with Electronic Reporting Rule
 - EPA will develop tools to accept applications and reports from small MS4s
- Add language to comply with Phase II MS4 Remand Rule
 - Modify permit language to be clear, specific and measurable



Proposed Changes to Existing Permit

Examples of clear, specific, and measurable

➤ MCM 1. Public Education, Outreach, and Involvement

If feasible, ~~consider using~~ use public input (for example, the opportunity for public comment, or public meetings) in the implementation of the program

➤ MCM 2. IDDE

Inspections – The permittee shall conduct inspections ~~as determined appropriate~~, in response to complaints, and shall conduct follow-up inspections ~~as needed~~ to ensure that corrective measures have been implemented by the responsible party.

The permittee shall develop written procedures describing the basis for conducting inspections in response to complaints



Proposed Changes to Existing Permit

For all MS4s

- Clarify that annexation of land resulting in a level change due to change in population will require a Notice of Change
- Impaired water bodies and TMDL Requirements
 - Clarify terms – benchmarks, decorative ponds, pet waste
- New requirement to annual check if a water body within the MS4s permitted area has been added to the latest Integrated Report of Surface Water Quality.
- New requirement to annually review the SWMP



Proposed Changes to Existing Permit

For Level 4 MS4s only

- New requirement to publish the annual report and SWMP on MS4 website, if MS4 has one
- Add a program to control the discharge of floatables into the MS4
- Add a program to evaluate new and existing flood management projects for their water quality impact



Phase I MS4s

➤ Medium and Large MS4s

- Municipal population 100,000+ (1990 U.S.Census)
- Includes public entities in the UA
 - Transportation authorities, universities, counties, districts, etc.
- Universe: 22 individual TPDES permits
 - Includes 50 permittees due to coalitions

**No new permits issued*



Requirements of Phase I MS4s

- Develop a SWMP to address MCMs in permits
 - Public Education and Outreach/Public Involvement and Participation
 - Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations
 - MS4 Maintenance Activities
 - Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
 - Construction Site Runoff
 - Post-Construction Control Measures
 - Industrial & High Risk Runoff



Requirements of Phase I MS4s

- Monitoring Requirement Options
 1. Representative Storm Events
 2. Representative Rapid Bioassessment or
 3. Watershed Monitoring
 - Regional Wet Weather Characterization Program



Requirements of Phase I MS4s

- Monitoring of Floatables
 - Often required in two locations at a frequency two times per year
 - Report the amount collected
- Submit Annual Reports
 - TCEQ reviews and provides feedback



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A photograph of a wide, calm river or creek flowing through a lush, green forest. The water is dark and reflects the surrounding trees. The banks are lined with dense vegetation, including tall trees and shrubs.

Overview National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) Chambers Creek 2017



Richland-Chambers Watershed Protection Plan Meeting
Waxahachie, Texas
April 2017

Background of the NWQI

- **The National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) was launched in 2012 by USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in collaboration with the Environmental Protection Agency and state water quality agencies.**

- **The NWQI is utilized to accelerate the implementation of conservation practices in a concentrated area in an effort to improve water quality while maintaining agricultural productivity.**





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Helping People Help the Land



- **NRCS will work with landowners to develop conservation plans implementing practices such as nutrient management, cover crops, conservation cropping systems, filter strips, terraces and buffers.**
- **The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funds this assistance, and in some cases, is leveraged by funds from local and state partners.**



What are the Benefits of NWQI

Water quality-related conservation practices enhance agricultural profitability through reduced input and enhanced soil health, which results in

- **Higher soil organic matter**
- **Increased infiltration**
- **Increased water-holding capacity**
- **Improved nutrient cycling.**





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What are the Benefits of NWQI

Well-managed farms and ranches limit pollution from runoff, produce food and fiber, sustain rural economies and provide food security to the nation.



Communities benefit by having clean waterways, safer drinking water and healthy habitat for fish and wildlife.





Highlights 2012 through 2016

- Landowners were encouraged to implement practices that improve water quality.
- These practices included Prescribed Grazing, Cover Crops, Forage and Biomass Planting, Residue Management, Reduced Till, No Till and many others.
- These practices help landowners to protect and care for their land and soil in ways that improve the quality of the water that drains from their lands into creeks and streams.

The landowner response was exceptional and over the past 5 years the NRCS has funded over 120 contracts with over 100 individual landowners and land managers.

The following chart lists practices that were applied.





Conservation Practices and “ACT” Avoid, Control and Trap

- The NWQI emphasizes a “systems approach” to address priority natural resource concerns.
- A cornerstone of this approach is to encourage producers to implement a system of practices that address the concept for **A**voiding, **C**ontrolling, or **T**rapping pollutants, or “ACT.”





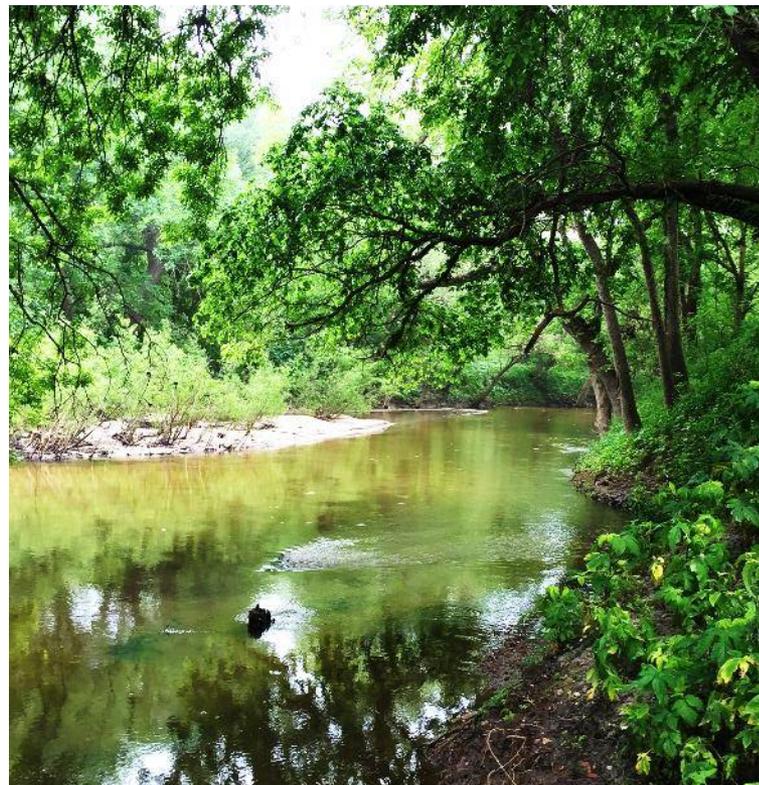
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Avoid

Avoidance helps manage nutrients and sediment source control from agricultural lands, including animal production facilities.

Practices such as *Nutrient Management*, *Cover Crop*, and *Conservation Crop Rotation* help producers avoid pollution by reducing the amount of nutrients available in runoff or leaching into water bodies and watersheds.

Practices such as cover crops and crop rotation help take up nutrients to avoid potential runoff and pollution. Crop rotations that include differing crops, such as legumes, can limit amounts of commercial nutrients applied.



Control



Choose practices that will help with controlling erosion and runoff.

Specific practices such as **No-till/Strip/Till/Direct Seed, Mulch Tillage, and Ridge Till** are foundation practices to recommend to producers.

Practices such as **Cover Crop** will also do double duty by helping with Avoidance as well as Controlling.

Other facilitating practices, such as **Terraces** or **Stripcropping**, help control erosion and may manage runoff to reduce nutrients loading.



Trap

The last line of defense against potential pollutants is to trap them.

Practices such as **Contour Buffers**, **Filter Strips**, **Riparian Buffers** and the suite of **wetland practices to create, enhance, and/or restore wetlands** all serve to trap and uptake nutrients before entering water bodies.





Core Practices	Code	Avoiding	Controlling	Trapping
Waste Storage Facility	313	X	X	
Composting Facility	317	X	X	
Conservation Cover	327	X		X
Conservation Crop Rotation	328	X		
Residue and Tillage Management, No Till/Strip Till/Direct Seed	329		X	X
Cover Crop	340	X		X
Critical Area Planting	342		X	X
Residue Management, Seasonal	344		X	X
Residue and Tillage Management, Mulch Till	345		X	X
Field Border	386		X	X
Riparian Herbaceous Cover	390			X
Riparian Forest Buffer	391			X
Filter Strip	393		X	X
Stream Habitat Improvement and Management	395	X		
Grade Stabilization Structure	410		X	X
Grassed Waterway	412		X	
Irrigation Pipeline	430		X	
Irrigation Reservoir	436		X	
Irrigation Water Management	449		X	
Access Control	472	X		
Livestock Pipeline	516	X		
Prescribed Grazing	528	X		
Range Planting	550			X
Heavy Use Area Protection	561	X		
Animal Trails and Walkways	575		X	
Nutrient Management	590	X		
Terrace	600		X	
Vegetative Barrier	601			X
Tree/Shrub Establishment	612	X		X
Waste Treatment	629		X	
Waste Transfer	634	X		
Water and Sediment Control Basin	638		X	X





Supporting Practices	Code	Avoiding	Controlling	Trapping
Agrichemical Handling Facility	309	X		
Alley Cropping	311		X	X
Brush Management	314	X	X	
Herbaceous Weed Control	315	X		
Sediment Basin	350		X	
Diversion	362		X	
Roofs and Covers	367	X	X	
Pond	378			X
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment	380		X	X
Silvopasture Establishment	381	X		
Fence	382	X		
Woody Residue Treatment	384	X		
Hedgerow Planting	422	X		X
Irrigation Pipeline	430		X	
Irrigation System, Micro-Irrigation	441	X		
Irrigation System, Sprinkler	442	X		
Precision Land Forming	462			X
Lined Waterway or Outlet	468		X	
Mulching	484		X	X
Forage and Biomass Planting	512	X		X
Livestock Pipeline	516	X	X	
Pond Sealing	521A	X	X	X
Pumping Plant	533	X		
Range Planting	550			X
Row Arrangement	557	X		
Roof Runoff Structure	558	X		
Access Road	560	X		
Spring Development	574	X		
Stream Crossing	578	X		
Stripcropping	585		X	
Structure for Water Control	587		X	X
Integrated Pest Management	595	X		
Herbaceous Wind Barriers	603		X	
Watering Facility	614	X		
Underground Outlet	620		X	
Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility	632		X	
Water Harvesting Catchment	636	X	X	
Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats	643	X		
Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management	644		X	
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation	650		X	X
Wetland Restoration	657		X	
Wetland Enhancement	659		X	
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management	645	X		





Promising Results

Improving water quality by addressing Non-Point Source pollution through voluntary programs is a long term process with improvements often not realized for decades or longer.

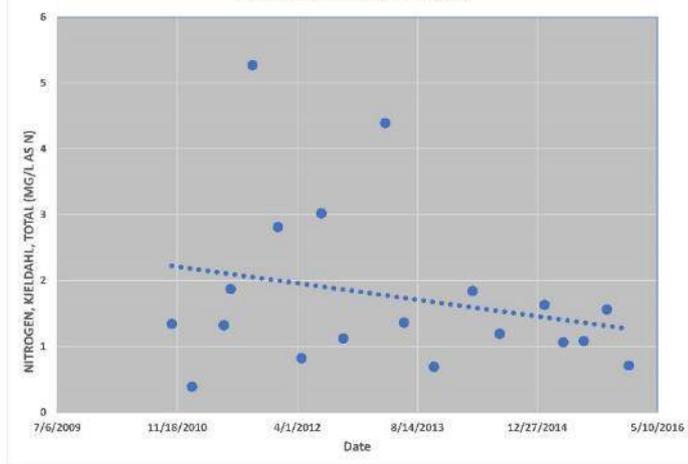
However, after five years of intensive outreach, targeted conservation planning, significant financial assistance and exceptional partnership efforts, the water quality is improving.



- When the data is graphed and a trend line applied the results indicate a trend towards improvements in Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Dissolved Oxygen, Chlorophyll and Bacteria.

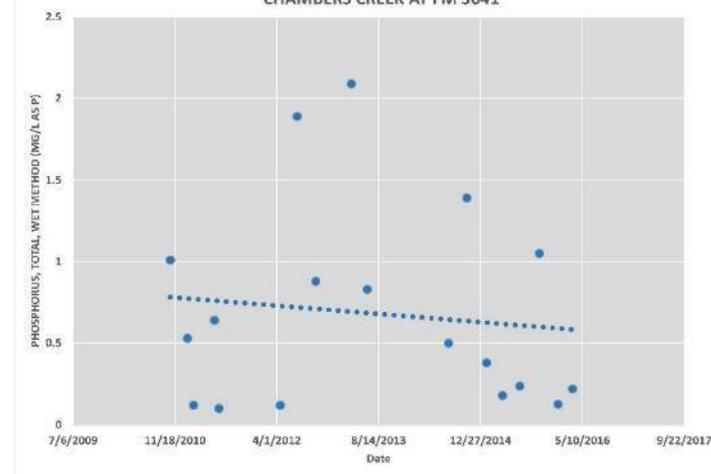
Nitrogen

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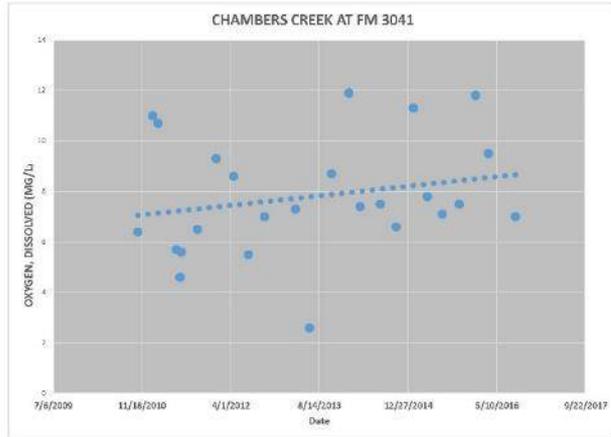
Phosphorus

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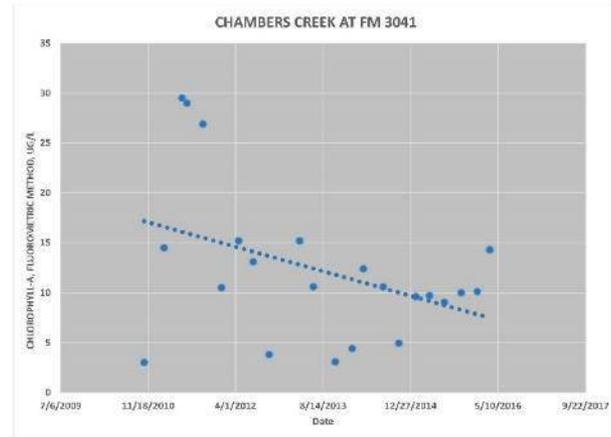




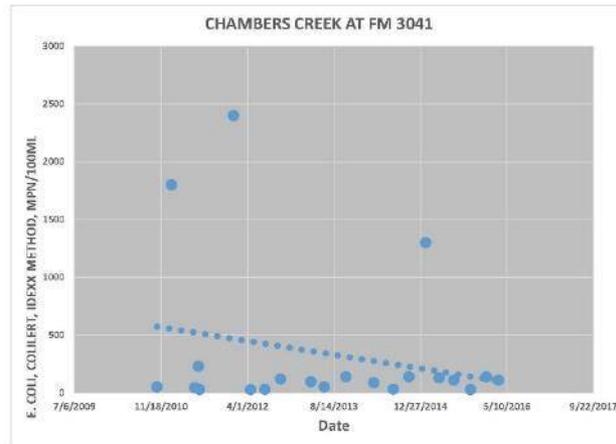
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Chlorophyll a



Bacteria

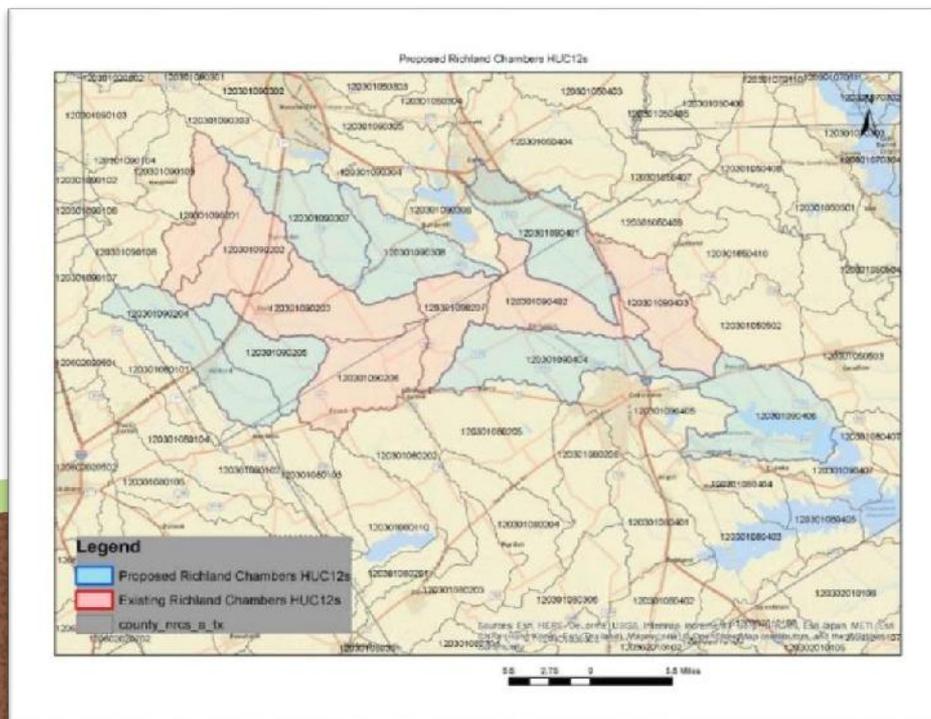




What's New for 2017

Expand the program by offering NWQI funding in seven HUC12 watersheds immediately adjacent to the areas we have been treating.

Suspend initiative funding on the highly successful, original designated area. Continue to fund additional work in the previous watershed through other EQIP funding channels.





Partnerships

**Tarrant Regional Water District
Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Environmental Protection Agency
Navarro Soil and Water Conservation District
Ellis-Prairie Soil and Water Conservation District
and other private sector partners.**

NRCS will continue to coordinate with local, state and federal agencies, conservation districts, nongovernmental organizations and others to implement this initiative





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Richland-Chambers Watershed Point Source Evaluation

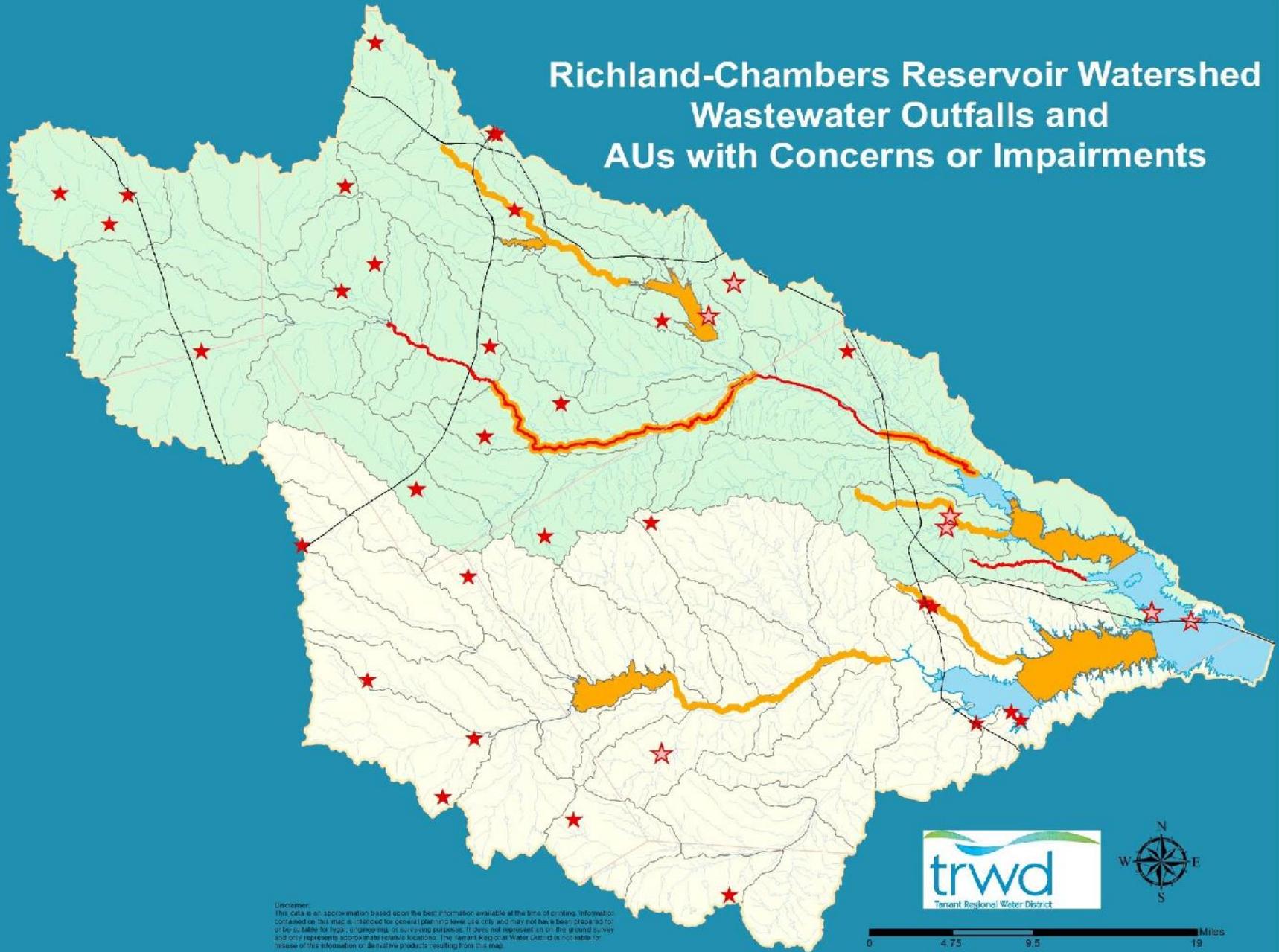
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Richland-Chambers Reservoir

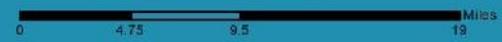
Point Source Evaluation



Richland-Chambers Reservoir Watershed Wastewater Outfalls and AUs with Concerns or Impairments



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Point Source Evaluation

Data Gathering

Site Data

Lat/lon of discharge point.

Receiving stream and segment

Flow – average flow (mgd)

Point Source Evaluation

Data Gathering

Water Quality Data

Stream Health

Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD-mg/L)

Carbonaceous BOD (CBOD-mg/L)

Total Suspended Solids (TSS) in mg/L

Minimum dissolved oxygen (DO) in mg/L

Nutrients

Ammonia nitrogen ($\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$) in mg/L

Total phosphorus (TP) in mg/L

Point Source Evaluation

Load Assessment

Assess current load, permit limits, and annual variability

Permit Limits vs. Actual Discharges

Site specific data will be used if available

Point Source Evaluation

BMP Assessment

Practices are available for maintaining and improving water quality

Cost considerations

Point Source Evaluation

Next steps

Data gathering – letters to permittees

Phase I and Phase II

6 month study

Richland-Chambers Watershed Economic Analysis of BMPs

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EXTENSION

Economic Study of BMPs

Identification of Relevant BMPs



Economic Study of BMPs

Identification of Relevant Solutions

Historic Use of Effective BMPs in Watershed

Estimation of Current, Potential and Most Likely Adoption Rates

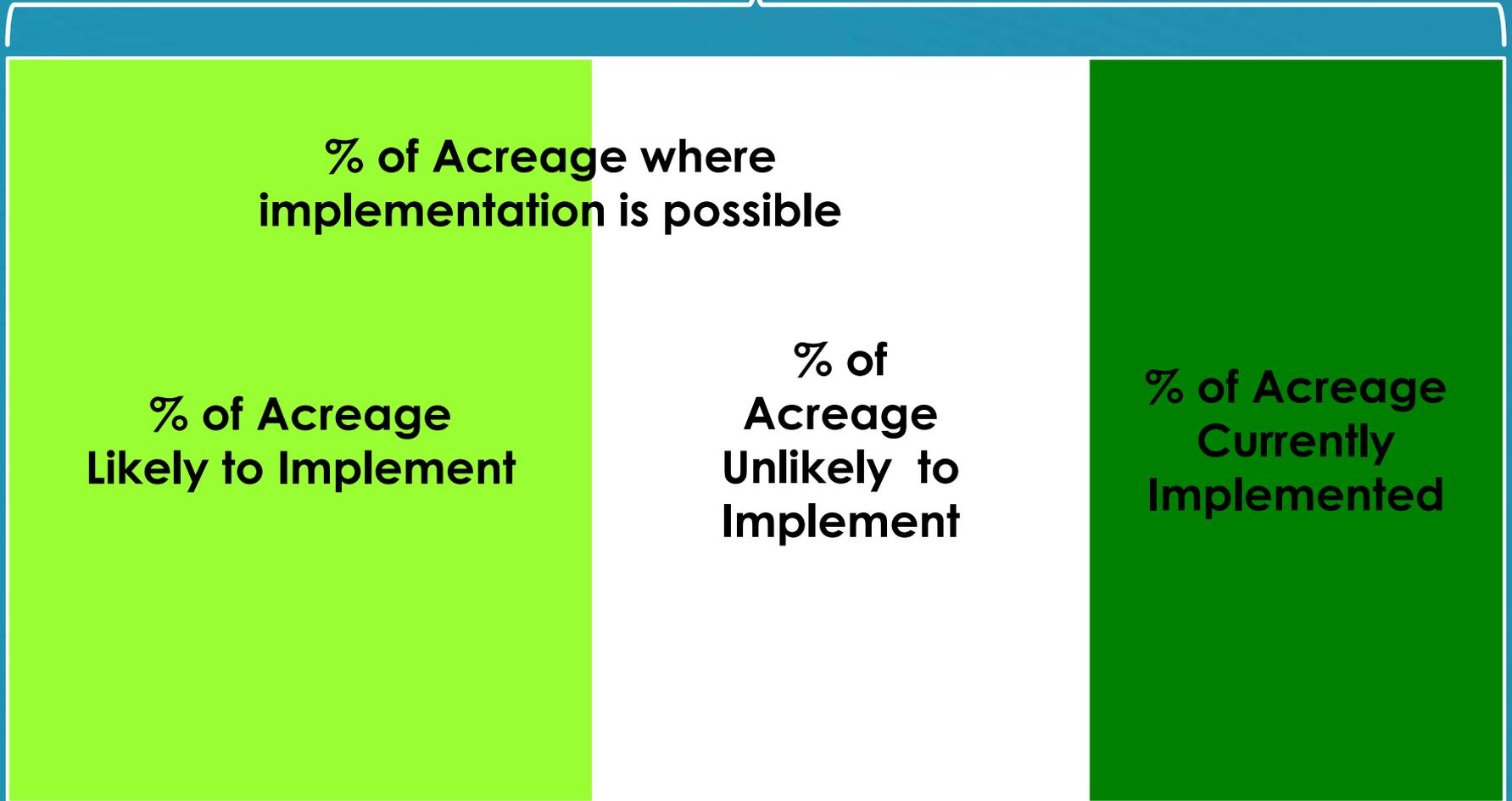
Creation of Budgets for Individual BMPs

Ranking of BMPs - least cost for load reduction

Identification of suite of BMPs to reach project goal

Establish Cost Estimates for Least Cost Solution

Total Eligible Acreage for an Individual BMP



Initial Estimates – Ranking of BMPs

BMP Description	Annual \$ per kg. of P reduced
Establish Filter Strips	\$6.39
Establish Grassed Waterways	\$9.65
Grade Stabilization – gully plugs	\$14.92
Herbicide Application – Riparian Corridor	\$15.37
Required Urban Nutrient Mgt.	\$27.06
Terracing	\$53.39
Conversion of Cropland to Grass/Hay	\$55.31
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Critical Pasture Planting – shaping	\$1,005.37
WWTP – Level I to Level III	\$1,153.13
Riparian Buffer Strips – Med. Erosion Areas	\$1,431.70

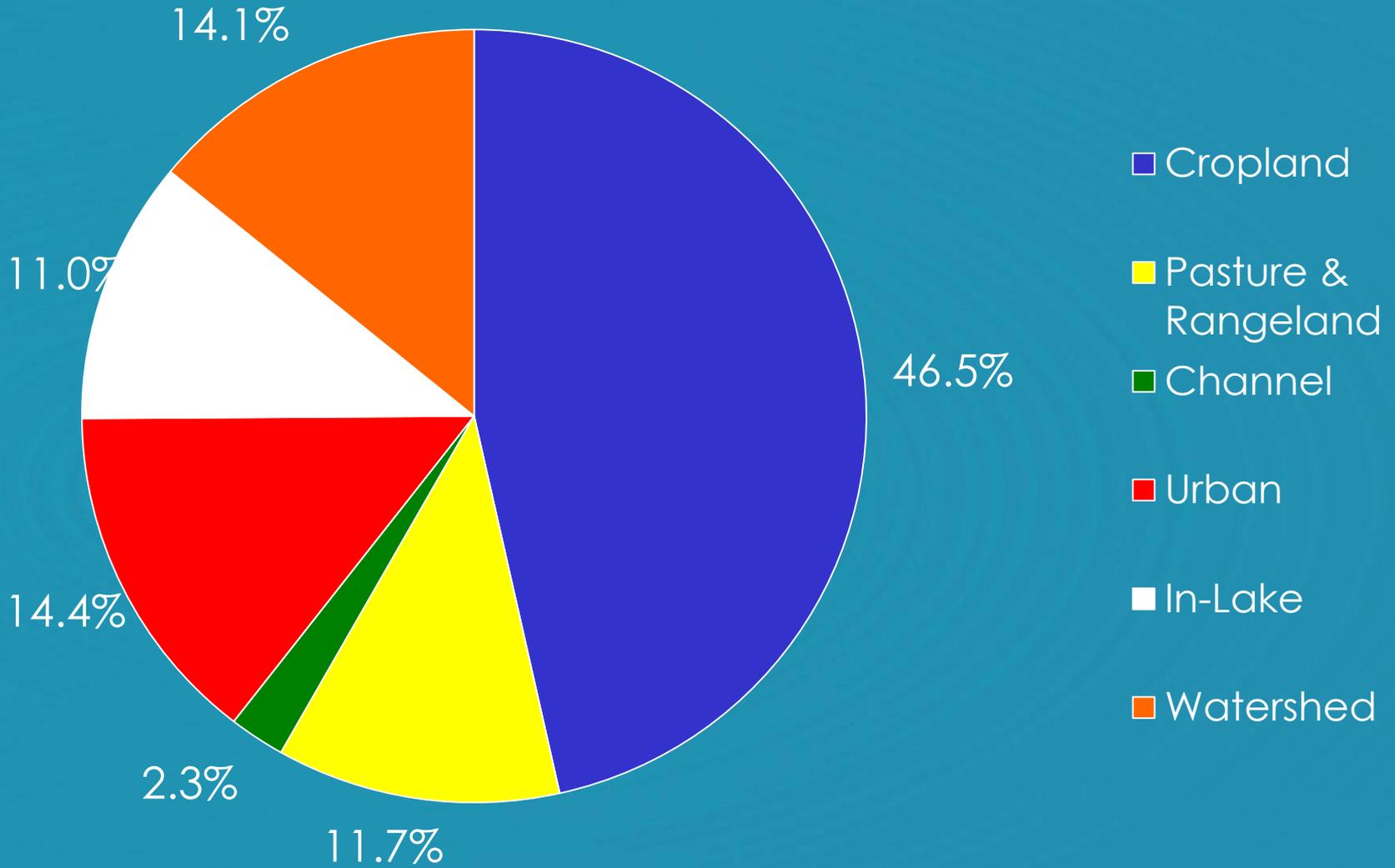
CEDAR CREEK: Cost-Effective BMP Strategy

P Reduction Target

BMP	Cumulative P Reduction (%)
Filter Strips	14.2%
Grade Stabilization Structures	16.1%
Critical Pasture Planting	17.1%
Terracing Cropland	21.3%
WWTP Level II	25.9%
Conversion of Cropland to Pasture	31.7%
Prescribed Grazing	33.1%
2,000 ft. Fertilizer Buffer Around Lake	34.6%

EAGLE MOUNTAIN ANALYSIS

Contributions of Cost-Efficient BMP Categories – 29.9% Reduction in P



Economic Study of BMPs

Next Steps

Data Gathering – *May 24 Workshop*

BMP historical review and input

Economic information development

Next Meeting

May 24, 2017
Ennis Cowboy Church

8:00 Texas Watershed
Steward Workshop

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Stakeholder Meeting
and
BMP Workshop

Register at:
<http://tws.tamu.edu>



TEXAS Watershed Steward

The Texas Watershed Steward program is a free educational workshop designed to help watershed residents improve and protect their water resources by getting involved in local watershed protection and management activities.

**May 24, 2017:
8:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Cowboy Church of Ennis
429 N Fwy Service Rd
Ennis, TX 75119

Register by May 22 for Free Lunch
Stakeholder meeting after lunch ♦ All attendees invited

The workshop will provide an overview of water quality and watershed management in Texas, including a discussion on the Richland-Chambers Reservoir watershed along with efforts by the Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD) and area residents to improve and protect it. Free lunch sponsored by TRWD. All attendees invited to participate in stakeholder meeting following lunch. Free continuing education credits are offered for a wide variety of professional disciplines. For a complete list of CEUs/continuing education offered, or to register, visit our website or call the number below.

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Next Meeting

Texas Watershed Steward Workshop CEUs

2 NM CEUs for Nutrient Management Specialists

3 TDA CEUs for pesticide license holders

4 TCEQ for: Landscape Irrigators, On-site Sewage Facility Installers, Public Water System Operators, and Wastewater System Operators

4 TFMA CECs for Certified Floodplain Managers

4 AICP CM hours for Certified Planners

4 ASLA CEPs for Certified Landscape Architects

4 CCA CEUs in Soil & Water Management

4 TBPE CEPs for Professional Engineers

4 Credits applicable to Professional Geoscientists.

4 SBEC CPEs FOR Science Educators

Next Meeting

BMP Workshop

Agricultural/Rural

Urban

Education/Outreach

