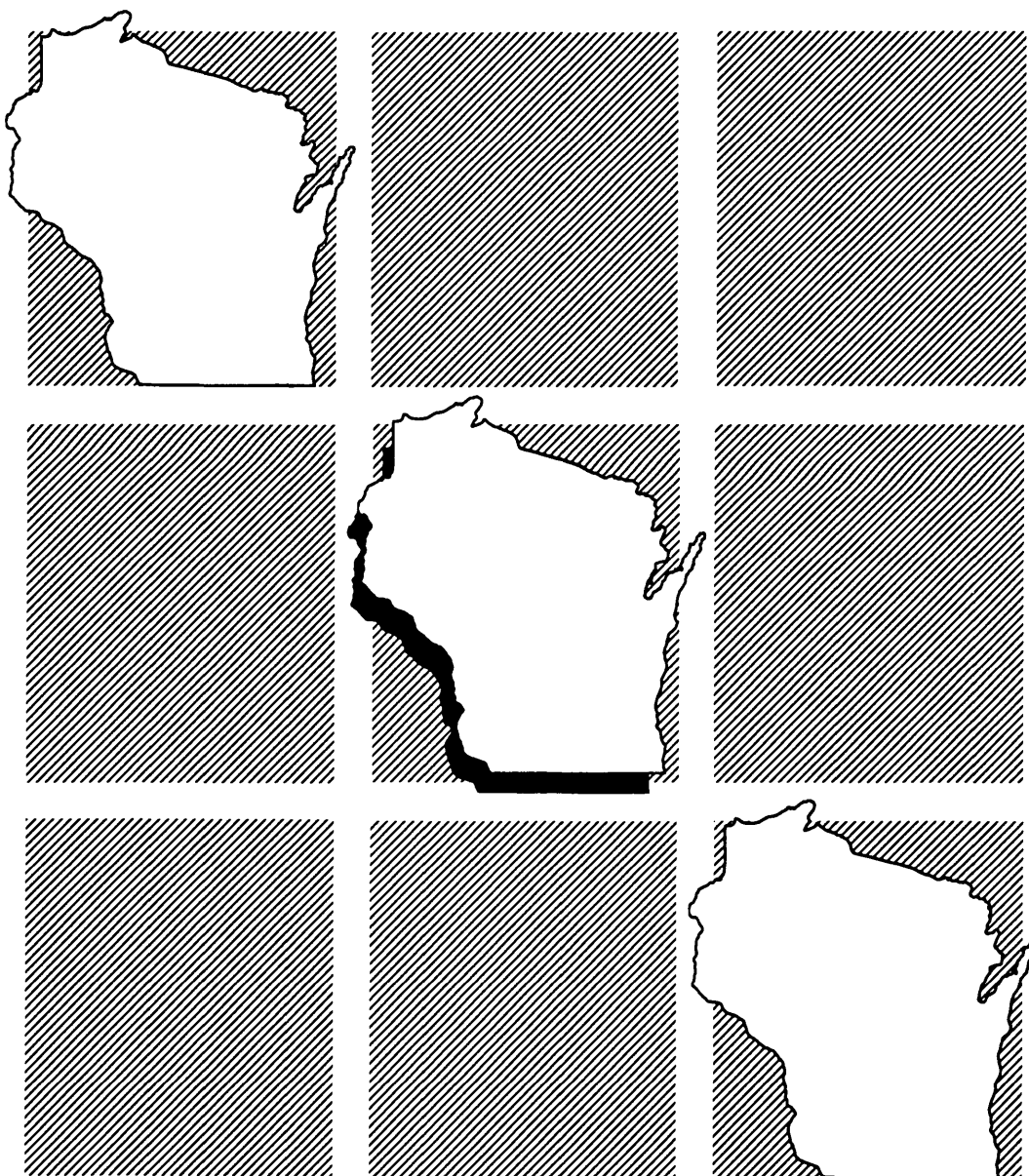


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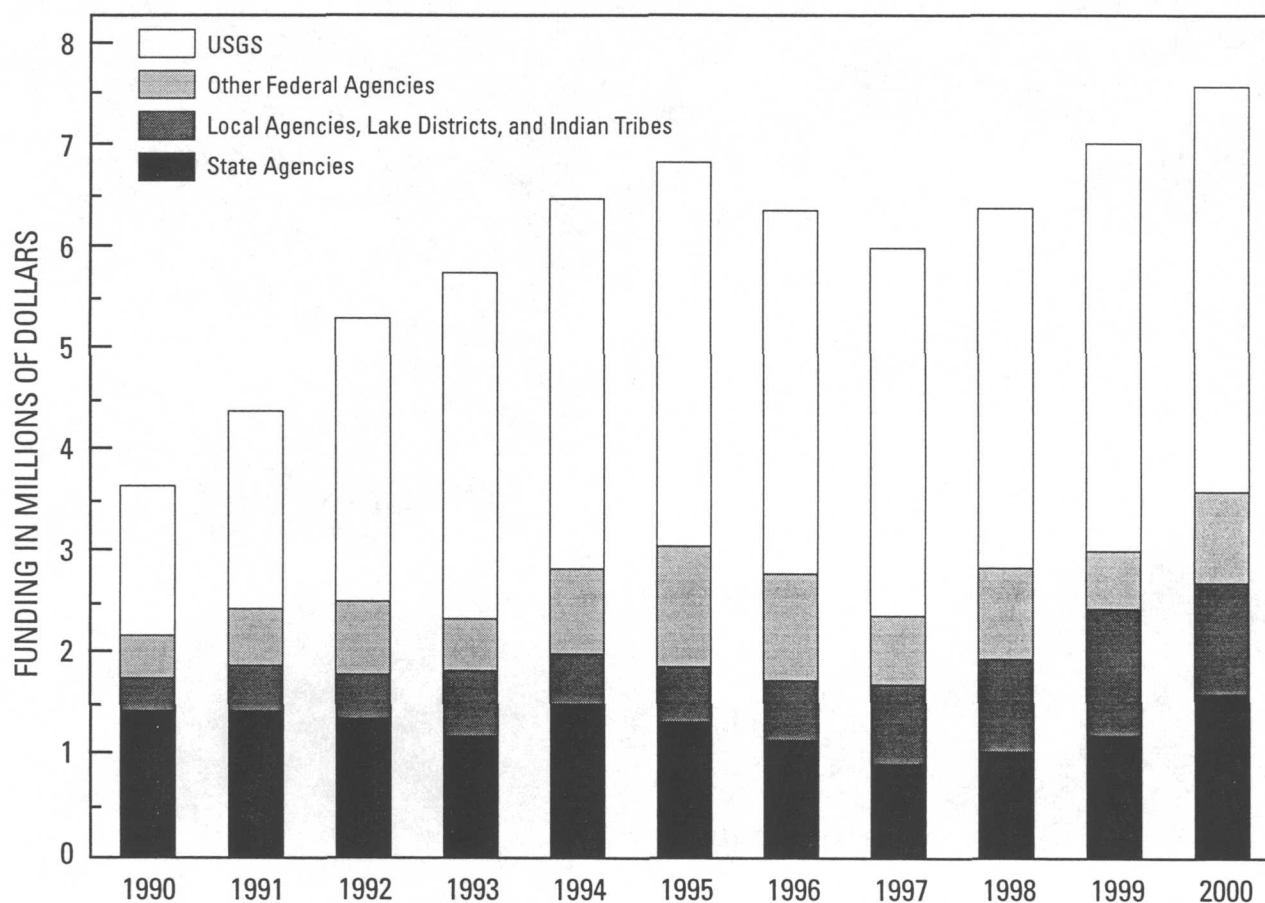
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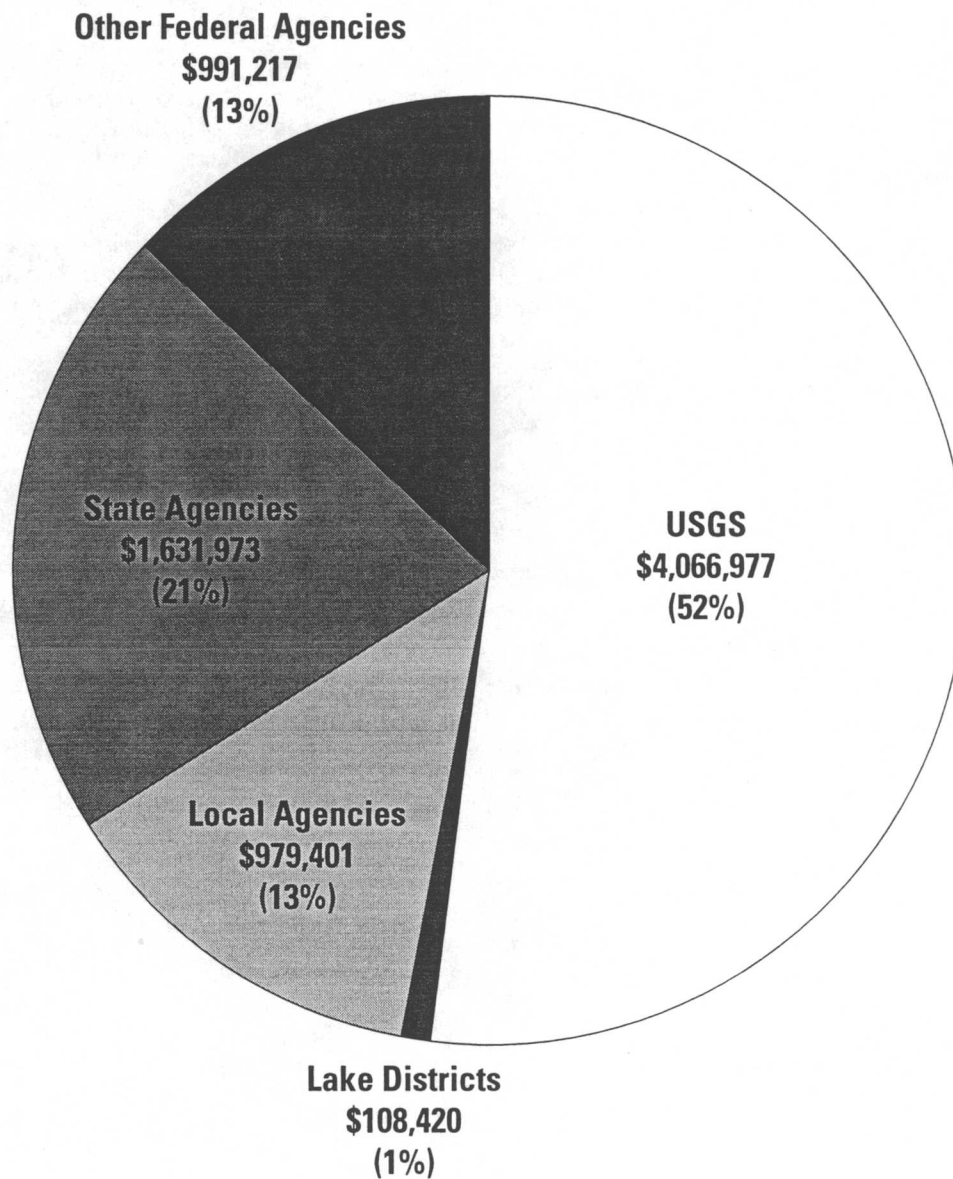
The cooperative program of water-resources investigations between the U.S. Geological Survey and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources began as a continuation of cooperative programs with the various State agencies which were merged to form the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. These investigations involve various aspects of research, resource evaluations, and water-quantity- and water-quality-monitoring activities.

This is a brief summary report of the activities and plans for the cooperative projects during the July 1999 through June 2000 fiscal year. Each project summary includes a brief description of the objectives, approach, and progress during the 2000 fiscal year, and plans for the 2001 fiscal year.

The appendixes include a detailed listing of proposed stream-monitoring stations for 2001. Also included is the proposed funding summary for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

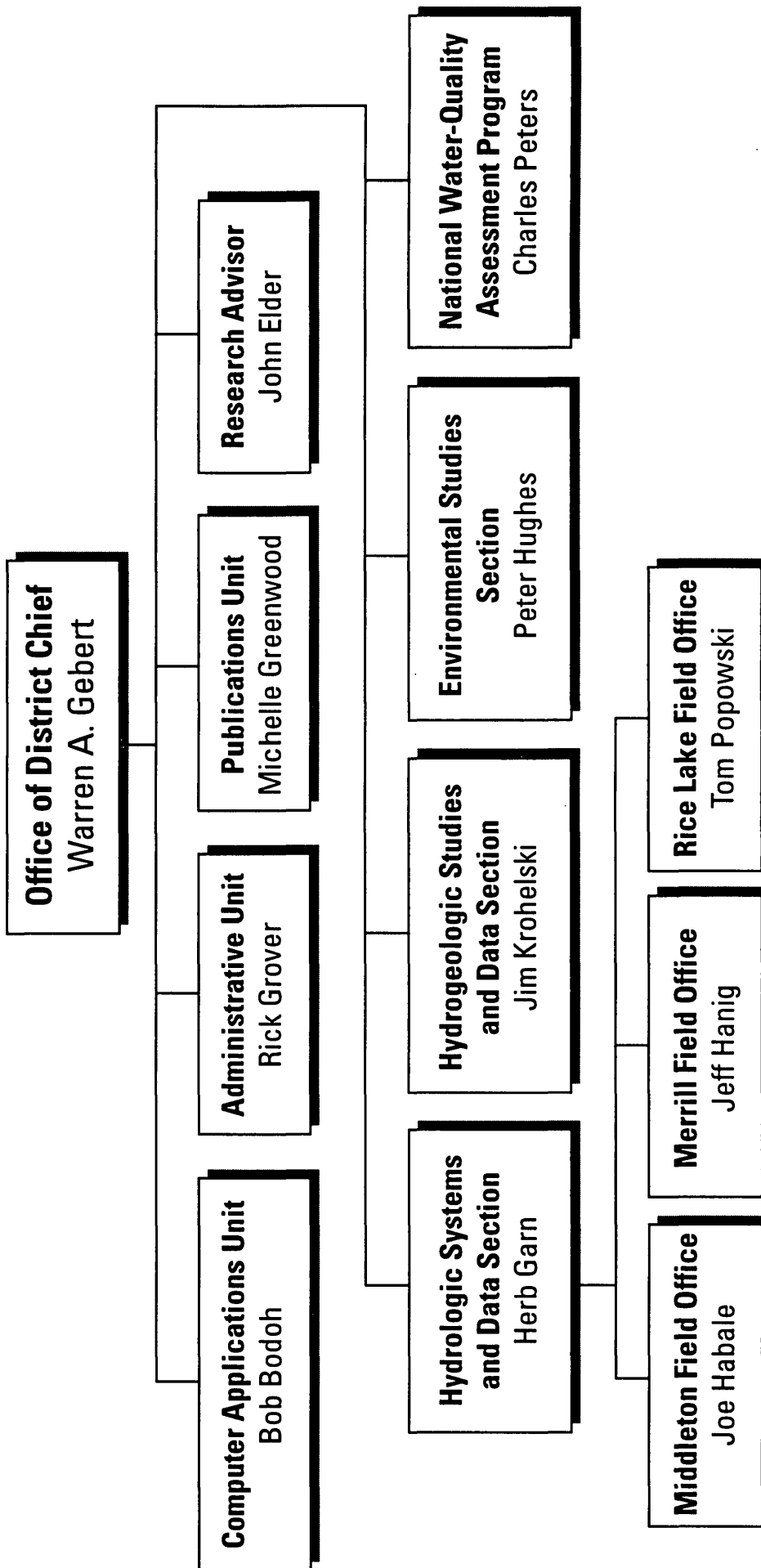


Funding sources for the Wisconsin District program for FY 2000 are shown on the following chart:



Total Funding = \$7,777,988

Water Resources Division, Wisconsin District



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COLLECTION OF BASIC RECORDS--SURFACE WATER, WI 00100

COOPERATORS:

Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
City of Barron
City of Beaver Dam
City of Black River Falls
City of Brookfield
City of Fort Atkinson
City of Hillsboro
City of Peshtigo
City of Sparta
City of Thorp
City of Waupun
Dane County Department of Planning and Development
Dane County Regional Planning Commission
Federal (Regular)
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Licensees
 Consolidated Paper Corporation, Niagara Division
 Dairyland Power Cooperative
 Northern States Power Company
 Northwoods Hydropower
 Wisconsin Electric Power Company
 Wisconsin Public Service Corporation
 Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company
Fontana/Walworth Water Pollution Control Commission
Green Bay Metropolitan Sewerage District
Illinois Department of Transportation
Jefferson County
Kickapoo Reserve
Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District
Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin
Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin
Rock County Public Works Department
Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Village of Wittenberg
Walworth County Metropolitan Sewerage District
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

PROBLEM: Surface-water information is needed for surveillance, planning, design, hazard warning, operation, and management in water-related fields such as water supply, hydroelectric power, flood control, irrigation, bridge and culvert design, wildlife

LOCATION:

Statewide

PROJECT CHIEF:

Barry K. Holmstrom

PERIOD OF PROJECT:

July 1913-Continuing



management, pollution abatement, flood-plain management, and water-resources development. An appropriate database is necessary to provide this information.

OBJECTIVE: The objectives of this study are to provide continuous discharge records for selected rivers at specific sites to supply the needs for regulation, analytical studies, definition of statistical properties, trends analysis, determination of the occurrence, and distribution of water in streams for planning. The project is also designed to determine lake levels and to provide discharge for floods, low-flow conditions, and for water-quality investigations. Requests for streamflow data and information relating to streamflow in Wisconsin are answered. Basic data are published annually in the report "Water Resources Data-Wisconsin".

APPROACH: A network of streamflow stations and lake-level stations will be maintained throughout Wisconsin. This includes operating the equipment at the gaging station to record river or lake stage, making periodic discharge measurements at each streamflow station to establish or verify a stage-discharge rating curve, reducing the stage records to instantaneous and daily discharges, compilation of monthly and annual discharges, and preparing data for publication in the annual report "Water Resources Data-Wisconsin".

Requests for streamflow data from other government agencies, consultants, and private parties will be processed.

PROGRESS (July 1999 to June 2000): During the current fiscal year, streamflow data were collected at a total of 110 sites: 18 sites for the Corps of Engineers, 14 sites for the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, 10 sites for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), 8 sites for the Federal program, 4 sites for Federal Energy Commission licensees, 3 sites for the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District, 3 sites for the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, and 1 site each for the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians, Illinois Department of Transportation, Rock County Public Works Department, Fontana/Walworth Water Pollution Control Commission, Dane County Department of Planning and Development, Walworth County Metropolitan Sewerage District, Dane County Regional Planning Commission, Green Bay Metropolitan Sewerage District, Kickapoo Reserve, and cities of Barron, Beaver Dam, Brookfield, Fort Atkinson, Hillsboro, Peshtigo, Sparta, Thorp, Waupun, and village of Wittenberg. Streamflow data were also collected at 28 sites for agencies working jointly with the USGS. Lake-level data were collected at two sites for the Dane County Department of Planning and Development, two sites for the Corps of Engineers, one site for the Rock County Public Works Department, and one site for the WDNR.

A map showing the location of all continuous-record streamflow-gaging stations in Wisconsin is shown on page 5.

Computation of streamflow and lake-level records for all the network stations for the 1999 water year was completed, stored in our WATSTORE computer database, and published in the annual report "Water Resources Data-Wisconsin, water year 1999". More than 300 requests for streamflow information were answered.

PLANS (July 2000 to June 2001): Data will be collected at 114 continuous-streamflow stations (see the following list) and lake levels at 6 stations. Streamflow records will be computed and data published for the 2000 water year. Requests for streamflow information will be answered.

Real-time data can be accessed on the World Wide Web at <http://wi.water.usgs.gov>

Discharge data computation and publication is planned to be discontinued for 05369500 Chippewa River at Durand, 05379500 Trempealeau River at Dodge, 05381000 Black River at Neillsville, and 05382000 Black River near Galesville for the 2001 water year. Stage data only will be collected at these four stations.

SURFACE-WATER GAGING STATIONS EXPECTED TO BE OPERATED IN 2001 FY

Station number	Name and location	Drainage Area	Period of record (water year)	Cooperator
464646092052900	Superior Bay, Duluth Ship Canal at Duluth, MN	4200	1994-	C of E, Detroit
04024430	Nemadji River - South Superior	420	1974-	WDNR
04025500	Bois Brule River - Brule	118	1943-81, 1984-	USGS Federal Program
04027000	Bad River - Odanah	597	1914-22, 1948-	Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
04027500	White River - Ashland	301	1948-	NSP/WDNR
04029990	Montreal River - Saxon Falls	262	1987	NSP/WDNR
04063700	Popple River - Fence	139	1964-	USGS Federal Program
04064500	Pine River - Pine River Powerplant - Florence	533	1924-76, 1996-	WEPCO/WDNR
04065106	Menominee River - Niagara	2470	1993-	FERC
04066003	Menominee River - Pembine	3140	1950-	WEPCO/WDNR
04066030	Menominee River - White Rapids Dam - Banat, MI	3190	1999-	FERC
04066500	Pike River - Amberg	255	1914-70, 2000-	USGS Federal Program
04066800	Menominee River - Koss, MI	3700	1907-09, 1913-81, 1998-	FERC
04067500	Menominee River - McAllister	3930	1945-61, 1979-86	WDNR
04067958	Peshtigo River - Wabeno	447	1988-90, 1993-95, 1998-	WPS/WDNR
04069416	Peshtigo River - Porterfield	1020	1998-	FERC
04069500	Peshtigo River - Peshtigo	1080	1953-	City of Peshtigo
04071000	Oconto River - Gillett	705	1906-09, 1914-	USGS Federal Program
04071765	Oconto River - Oconto	966	1989-90, 1998-	WDNR
04072150	Duck Creek - Howard	108	1988-	Oneida Tribe of Indians of WI
040073365	Fox River - Princeton		2001-	USGS Federal Program
04073500	Fox River - Berlin	1340	1898-	C of E, Detroit
04074950	Wolf River - Langlade	463	1966-79, 1981-	Menominee Indian Tribe of WI
04077400	Wolf River - Shawano	816	1907-09, 1911-	Alliant Utilities/WDNR
04077630	Red River - Morgan	114	1993	Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians
0407809265	Middle Branch Embarrass River - Wittenberg	76.3	1990-	Village of Wittenberg
04078500	Embarrass River - Embarrass	384	1919-85, 1994-	USGS Federal Program
04079000	Wolf River - New London	2260	1896-	C of E, Detroit
04082400	Fox River - Oshkosh	5310	1991	C of E, Detroit
04084445	Fox River - Appleton	5950	1986-	C of E, Detroit
04084500	Fox River - Rapide Croche Dam - Wrightstown	6010	1896-	LFRDA/WDNR
040851385	Fox River - Oil Tank Depot - Green Bay	6330	1989-	Green Bay MSD
04085200	Kewaunee River - Kewaunee	127	1964-96, 1998-	WDNR
04085395	S.Br. Manitowoc River - Hayton	109	1993-	WDNR
04085427	Manitowoc River - Manitowoc	526	1972-96, 1998-	WDNR
04086000	Sheboygan River - Sheboygan	418	1916-24, 1951-	WDNR
04086500	Cedar Creek - Cedarburg	120	1930-70, 73-81, 1983-87, 1991-	WDNR
04086600	Milwaukee River - Pioneer Road - Cedarburg	607	1982-	SEWRPC
04087000	Milwaukee River - Milwaukee	696	1914-	SEWRPC
04087030	Menomonee River - Menomonee Falls	34.7	1975-77, 1979-	SEWRPC
04087088	Underwood Creek - Wauwatosa	18.2	1975-	SEWRPC
04087120	Menomonee River - Wauwatosa	123	1962-	SEWRPC
04087160	Kinnickinnic River - Milwaukee	20.4	1976-	SEWRPC
04087204	Oak Creek - South Milwaukee	25	1964-	SEWRPC
04087220	Root River - Franklin	49.2	1964-	SEWRPC
04087233	Root River Canal - Franklin	57	1964-	SEWRPC
04087240	Root River - Racine	190	1963-	SEWRPC
04087257	Pike River - Racine	38.5	1972-	SEWRPC
05332500	Namekagon River - Trego	488	1928-70, 1988	NSP/WDNR
05340500	St. Croix River - St. Croix Falls	6240	1902-	NSP/WDNR
05341500	Apple River - Somers	579	1901-70, 1987	NSP/WDNR
05356000	Chippewa River - Winter	790	1912-	NSP/WDNR
05356500	Chippewa River - Bruce	1650	1914-	NSP/WDNR
05357254	Trout River - CTH H - Boulder Junction	58.9	1999-	Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa (LDF)
05357335	Bear River - Manitowish Waters	81.3	1991	LDF
05360500	Flambeau River - Bruce	1860	1951-	NSP/WDNR, FERC
05362000	Jump River - Sheldon	576	1915-	USGS Federal Program
05365500	Chippewa River - Chippewa Falls	5650	1888-1983, 1987	NSP/WDNR
05365707	North Fork Eau Claire River - Thorp	51	1986	City of Thorp
053674464	Yellow River - Barron	153	1991	City of Barron
05368000	Hay River - Wheeler	418	1951-	USGS Federal Program
05369000	Red Cedar River - Menomonie	1770	1907-08, 1913-	NSP/WDNR
05369500	Chippewa River - Durand	9010	1928-	C of E, St. Paul
05370000	Eau Galle River - Spring Valley	64.1	1944-	C of E, St. Paul
05379400	Trempealeau River - Arcadia	606	1960-77, 2001-	USGS Federal Program
05379500	Trempealeau River - Dodge	643	1914-19, 1934	C of E, St. Paul
05381000	Black River - Neillsville	749	1905-09, 1914-	C of E, St. Paul

SURFACE-WATER GAGING STATIONS EXPECTED TO BE OPERATED IN 2001 FY

Station number	Name and location	Drainage Area	Period of record (water year)	Cooperator
053813595	Black River - Black River Falls	1590	1985-	C of E, St. Paul, City of Black River Falls
05382000	Black River - Galesville	2080	1932-	C of E, St. Paul
05382325	La Crosse River - Sparta	167	1992-	City of Sparta
05383075	LaCrosse River - LaCrosse			WDNR
05391000	Wisconsin River - Lake Tomahawk	757	1936-	WVIC/WDNR
05393500	Spirit River - Spirit Falls	81.6	1942-	WVIC/WDNR
05394500	Prairie River - Merrill	184	1914-31, 1939	WVIC/WDNR
05395000	Wisconsin River - Merrill	2760	1903-	WVIC/WDNR
05397500	Eau Claire River - Kelly	375	1914-27, 1939-	WVIC/WDNR
05398000	Wisconsin River - Rothschild	4020	1945-	WVIC/WDNR
05399500	Big Eau Pleine River - Stratford	224	1914-26, 1937-	WVIC/WDNR
05400760	Wisconsin River - Wisconsin Rapids	5420	1914-50, 1958-	WVIC/WDNR
05401050	Tenmile Creek - Nekoosa	73.3	1963-79, 1988-94	WDNR
05402000	Yellow River - Babcock	215	1944-	WVIC/WDNR
05404000	Wisconsin River - Wisconsin Dells	8090	1935-	WVIC/WDNR
05404116	S. Br. Baraboo River - Hillsboro	39.1	1988-	City of Hillsboro
05405000	Baraboo River - Baraboo	609	1914-22, 1943-	USGS Federal Program
05406500	Black Earth Creek - Black Earth	45.6	1954-	DCRPC
05407000	Wisconsin River - Muscoda	10400	1903-04, 1914-	C of E, St. Paul
05407500	Kickapoo River - Ontario	151	2001-	USGS Federal Program
05408000	Kickapoo River - LaFarge	266	1939-	Kickapoo Reserve
05410490	Kickapoo River - Steuben	687	1933-	C of E, St. Paul
05413500	Grant River - Burton	269	1935-	C of E, R. Island
05414000	Platte River - Rockville	142	1935-	C of E, R. Island
05423500	S. Br. Rock River - Waupun	63.6	1948-69, 1987	City of Waupun
05425500	Rock River - Watertown	969	1931-70, 1977-	C of E, R. Island, Rock County PWD
05425912	Beaverdam River - Beaver Dam	157	1984-	City of Beaver Dam
05426000	Crawfish River - Milford	762	1931-	Rock County PWD, Jefferson County
05426250	Bark River - Rome	122	1980-	SEWRPC
05427085	Rock River - Ft. Atkinson	2240	1999-	City of Ft. Atkinson
05427570	Rock River - Indianford	2630	1975-	Rock County PWD
05429500	Yahara River - McFarland	327	1930-	DCDP&D
05430150	Badfish Creek - Cooksville	82.6	1977-	MMSD
05430175	Yahara River - Fulton	517	1977	MMSD
05430500	Rock River - Afton	3340	1914-	C of E, R. Island
05431032	Turtle Creek - Delavan	83.3	1996-	WALCOMET
05431486	Turtle Creek - Clinton	199	1939-	C of E, Rock Island, WALCOMET
05432500	Pecatonica River - Darlington	273	1939-	C of E, R. Island
05433000	E. Br. Pecatonica River - Blanchardville	221	1939-1986, 1988	C of E, R. Island
05434500	Pecatonica River - Martintown	1034	1940-	C of E, R. Island
05435943	Badger Mill Creek - Verona	20.3	1997-	MMSD
05436500	Sugar River - Brodhead	523	1914-	C of E, Rock Island
05438283	Piscasaw Creek - Walworth	9.58	1992-	Fontana/Walworth WPCC
05543800	Fox River - Watertown Road - Waukesha	77.4	1993-	City of Brookfield
05543830	Fox River - Waukesha	126	1963-	SEWRPC
05544200	Mukwonago River - Mukwonago	74.1	1973-	SEWRPC
05545750	Fox River - New Munster	811	1940-	IL. DOT

LAKES

04082500	Lake Winnebago - Oshkosh	5880	1882-	C of E, Detroit
04084255	Lake Winnebago - Stockbridge	5880	1983-	C of E, Detroit
05404500	Devil's Lake - Baraboo	4.79	1922-30, 1932, 1934-81, 1985-	WDNR
05427235	Lake Koshkonong - Newville	2560	1987	Rock County PWD
05428000	Lake Mendota - Madison	233	1903, 1916-	DCDPW
05429000	Lake Monona - Madison	279	1915-	DCDPW

C of E, Detroit – Corps of Engineers, Detroit, Michigan
C of E, R. Island – Corps of Engineers, Rock Island, Illinois
C of E, St. Paul – Corps of Engineers, St. Paul, Minnesota
DCDP&D – Dane County Department of Planning and Development
DCRPC – Dane County Regional Planning Commission
FERC – Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Licensees
Fontana/Walworth WPCC – Fontana/Walworth Water Pollution Control Commission
Green Bay MSD – Green Bay Metropolitan Sewerage District
IL. DOT – Illinois Department of Transportation

LFRDA - Lower Fox River Dischargers' Association
MMSD – Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District
NSP - Northern States Power Company
Rock County PWD - Rock County Public Works Department
SEWRPC – Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
WALCOMET – Walworth County Metropolitan Sewerage District
WDNR – Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
WEPCO - Wisconsin Electric Power Company
WPS - Wisconsin Public Service
WVIC - Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company

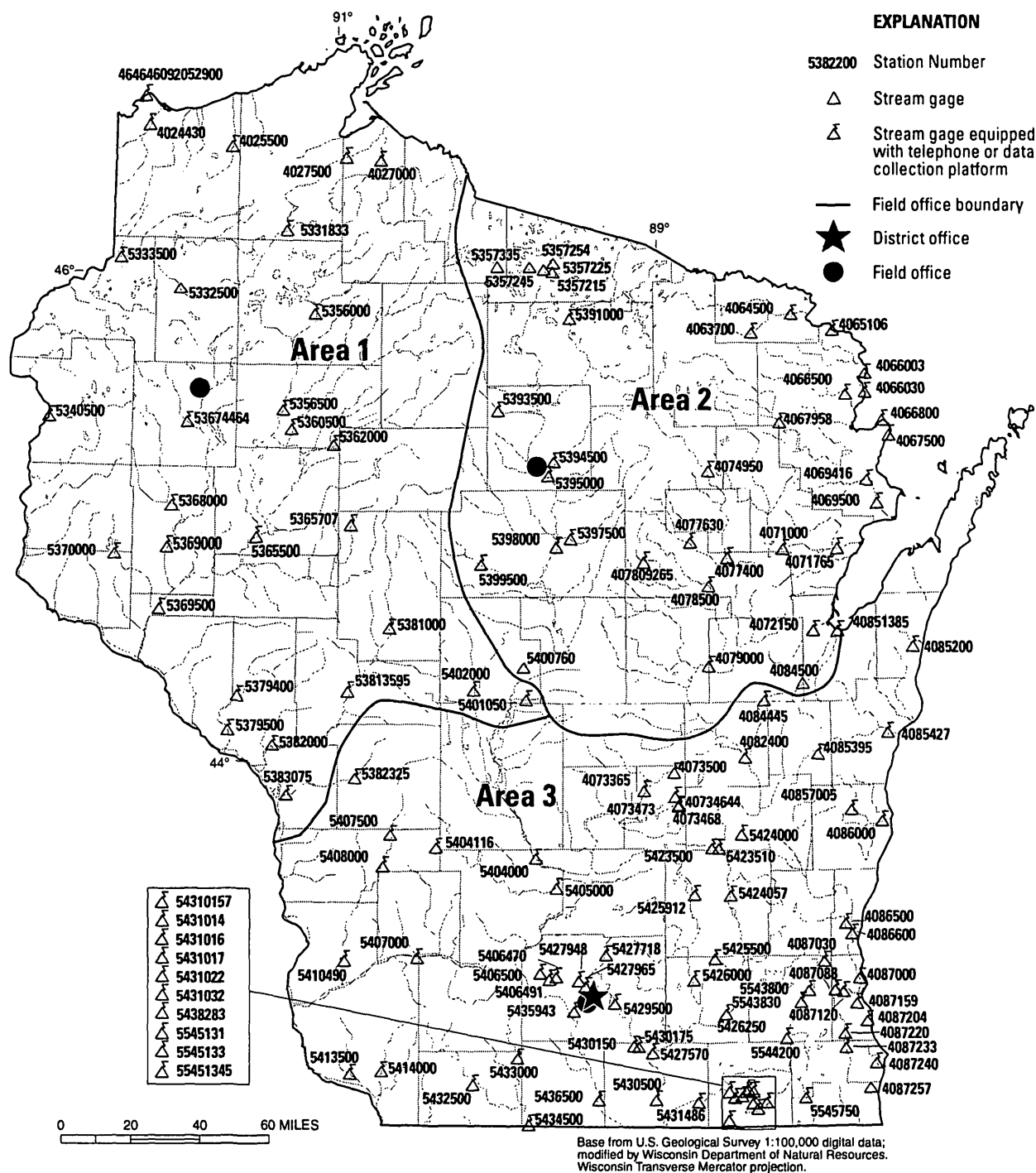


Figure 8. Location of continuous-record data-collection stations.

DISCONTINUED SURFACE-WATER DISCHARGE STATIONS

The following continuous-record surface-water discharge stations in Wisconsin have been discontinued. Daily streamflow records were collected and published for the period of record, expressed in water years, shown for each station. Those stations with an asterisk (*) after the station number are currently operated as crest-stage partial-record stations. Some of the discontinued project stations with less than three years of record have not been included. Information regarding these stations may be obtained from the District Office at the address given on the back side of the title page of this report.

Discontinued surface-water discharge stations

Station name	Station number	Drainage area (square miles)	Period of record
STREAMS TRIBUTARY TO LAKE SUPERIOR			
Little Balsam Creek at Patzau, WI	04024314	4.89	1976-78
Little Balsam Creek near Patzau, WI	04024315	5.05	1976-78
Little Balsam Creek Tributary near Patzau, WI	04024318	0.60	1976-78
Little Balsam Creek near Foxboro, WI	04024320	3.27	1977-78
Amnicon River near Poplar (Amnicon Falls), WI	04025000	110	1914-16
Bois Brule (Brule) River near Brule, WI	04026000	160	1914-17
Sioux River near Washburn, WI	04026300*	33.9	1965-66
Pine Creek at Moquah, WI	04026347	6.20	1976-78
Pine Creek Tributary at Moquah, WI	04026348	0.48	1976-78
Pine Creek near Moquah, WI	04026349	19.9	1976-78
North Fish Creek near Moquah, WI	040263491	65.4	1990-91
Bad River near Mellen, WI	04026450*	82.0	1971-75
Bad River at Mellen, WI	04026500	98.3	1948-55
Alder Creek near Upson, WI	04026870	22.2	1972-77
Montreal River near Kimball, WI	04028500	100	1924-26
West Fork Montreal River at Gile, WI	04029000	75.0	1918-26, 1943-47
West Fork Montreal River near Kimball, WI	04029500	86.2	1924-26
STREAMS TRIBUTARY TO LAKE MICHIGAN			
North Branch Pine River at Windsor Dam nr Alvin, WI	04063640*	27.8	1967-68
Pine River near Florence, WI	04064000	510	1914-23
Pine River below Pine River Power Plant near Florence, WI	04064500	533	1924-76
Peshigo River at High Falls near Crivitz, WI	04068000	537	1912-57
Pensaukee River near Pensaukee, WI	04071858	134	1973-96
Suamico River at Suamico, WI	04072000	60.7	1951-52
Lawrence Creek near Westfield, WI	04072750	13.4	1968-73
Grand River near Kingston, WI	04073050	73.5	1968-75
West Branch White River near Wautoma, WI	04073405	38.9	1964-75
White Creek at Forest Glen Beach near Green Lake, WI	04073462	3.05	1982-88
Swamp Creek above Rice Lake at Mole Lake, WI	04074538	46.3	1977-83, 1985-87
Swamp Creek below Rice Lake at Mole Lake, WI	04074548	56.8	1977-79, 1982-85
Wolf River near White Lake, WI	04075000	485	1935-38
Evergreen Creek near Langlade, WI	04075200*	8.09	1964-73
Wolf River above West Branch Wolf River, WI	04075500	616	1928-62
West Branch Wolf River at Neopit, WI	04076000	93.2	1911-17
West Branch Wolf River near Keshena, WI	04076500	163	1928-32
Little Wolf River near Galloway, WI	04079602	22.6	1974-79
Spaulding Creek near Big Falls, WI	04079700*	5.57	1964-66
Little Wolf River at Royalton, WI	04080000	507	1914-70, 1983-85
Emmons Creek near Rural, WI	04080950	25.1	1977
Storm Sewer to Mirror Lake at Waupaca, WI	04080976	0.04	1971-74
Waupaca River near Waupaca, WI	04081000	265	1916-66, 1983-85
Daggets Creek at Butte Des Morts, WI	04081800	10.6	1977
West Branch Fond du Lac River at Fond du Lac, WI	04083000	83.1	1939-54
East Branch Fond du Lac River near Fond du Lac, WI	04083500	78.4	1939-54
Brothertown Creek at Brothertown, WI	04084200	5.10	1976-77
East Twin River at Mishicot, WI	04085281	110	1972-96
Onion River at Hingham, WI	04085813	37.2	1979-80
Onion River near Sheboygan Falls, WI	04085845	94.1	1979-82
Milwaukee River at Kewaskum, WI	04086150	138	1968-81
East Branch Milwaukee River near New Fane, WI	04086200	54.1	1968-81

Discontinued surface-water discharge stations

Station name	Station number	Drainage area (square miles)	Period of record
North Branch Milwaukee River near Fillmore, WI	04086340	148	1968-81
Milwaukee River at Waubesa, WI	04086360	432	1968-81, 1994
Mud Lake Outlet near Decker Corner, WI	04086488	7.36	1983-84
Milwaukee River above North Ave. Dam at Milwaukee, WI	04087010	702	1982-84
Menomonee River at Germantown, WI	04087018	19.0	1975-77
Jefferson Park Drainageway at Germantown, WI	04087019	1.82	1976-78
Menomonee River at Butler, WI	04087040	60.6	1975-79
Little Menomonee River near Freistadt, WI	04087050*	8.0	1975-79
Noyes Creek at Milwaukee, WI	04087060	1.94	1975-80, 1990
Little Menomonee River at Milwaukee, WI	04087070	19.7	1975-77
Honey Creek at Wauwatosa, WI	04087119	10.3	1975-81
Schoonmaker Creek at Wauwatosa, WI	04087125	1.94	1975-79
Hawley Road Storm Sewer at Milwaukee, WI	04087130	1.83	1975-77
Menomonee River at Milwaukee, WI	04087138	134	1982-84
Kinnickinnic River at Milwaukee, WI	04087160	20.4	1976-83

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Namekagon River at Trego, WI	05332000	433	1914-27
Loon Creek near Danbury, WI	05335010	17.6	1970-71
Bashaw Brook near Shell Lake, WI	05335380*	26.6	1964-66
Clam River near Webster, WI	05335500	361	1941-42
St. Croix River near Grantsburg, WI	05336000	2,980	1923-70
Wood River near Grantsburg, WI	05339000	185	1939-40
Rice Creek near Balsam Lake, WI	05341375	12.5	1988-89
Balsam Branch at Balsam Lake, WI	05341402	52.8	1988-90
Kinnickinnic River near River Falls, WI	05342000	165	1917-21

CHIPPEWA RIVER BASIN

West Fork Chippewa River at Lessards, nr Winter, WI	05355500	474	1912-16
Couderay River near Couderay, WI	05356121	169	1981-83
Flambeau River at Flambeau Flowage (Flambeau Reservoir), WI	05357500	622	1927-61
Flambeau River near Butternut, WI	05358000	688	1914-39
Pine Creek near Oxbo, WI	05358300	38.9	1971-75
Flambeau River at Babbs Island near Winter, WI	05358500	967	1929-75
South Fork Flambeau River near Phillips, WI	05359500	609	1929-75
Price Creek near Phillips, WI	05359600*	16.9	1964-66
Flambeau River near (at) Ladysmith, WI	05360000	1,790	1903-06, 1914-61
Chippewa River near Holcombe, WI	05361000	3,720	1944-49
South Fork Jump River near Ogema, WI	05361500	327	1944-54
Chippewa River at Holcombe, WI	05362500	4,680	1943-49
Fisher River at (near) Holcombe, WI	05363000	81.5	1944-45
O'Neil Creek near Chippewa Falls, WI	05363500	78.1	1944-45
Yellow River near Hannibal, WI	05363700	86.7	1962-63
Yellow River at Cadott, WI	05364000*	364	1943-61
Duncan Creek at Bloomer, WI	05364500*	50.3	1944-52
Duncan Creek Tributary near Tilden, WI	05364850	4.17	1987-89
Duncan Creek at Chippewa Falls, WI	05365000	117	1943-55
Eau Claire River near Augusta, WI	05366000	509	1914-26
Bridge Creek at Augusta, WI	05366300	35.0	1980
Eau Claire River near Fall Creek, WI	05366500*	760	1943-55
Chippewa River at (near) Eau Claire, WI	05367000	6,620	1903-09, 1944-54
Red Cedar River near Cameron, WI	05367425	442	1966-70
Red Cedar River near Cameron, WI	05367426	443	1971-73
Red Cedar River near Colfax, WI	05367500	1,100	1914-80, 1989-90
Eau Galle River near Woodville, WI	05369900	39.4	1978-83
Eau Galle River at low water bridge at Spring Valley, WI	05369945	47.9	1982-83, 1986-96
French Creek near Spring Valley, WI	05369955	6.03	1981-83
Lousy Creek near Spring Valley, WI	05369970	5.97	1981-83
Lohn Creek near Spring Valley, WI	05369985	2.53	1981-83
Eau Galle River at Elmwood, WI	05370500	91.6	1943-54

BUFFALO RIVER BASIN

Buffalo River near Tell, WI	05372000	406	1933-51
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Discontinued surface-water discharge stations

Station name	Station number	Drainage area (square miles)	Period of record
TREMPEALEAU RIVER BASIN			
Bruce Valley Creek near Pleasantville, WI	05379288	10.1	1980
Elk Creek near Independence, WI	05379305	108	1980
Trempealeau River near Trempealeau, WI	05380000	719	1932-34
BLACK RIVER BASIN			
Black River at Medford, WI	05380806	48.1	1984-87
Poplar River near Owen, WI	05380900*	155	1964-66
LA CROSSE RIVER BASIN			
Little LaCrosse River near Leon, WI	05382500	76.9	1934-61, 1979-81
LaCrosse River near West Salem, WI	05383000	396	1914-70
COON CREEK BASIN			
Spring Coulee Creek near Coon Valley, WI	05386490	9.01	1979-81
Coon Creek at Coon Valley, WI	05386500	77.2	1934-40, 1978-81
Coon Creek near Stoddard, WI	05386999	120	1934-40, 1979-81
BAD AXE RIVER BASIN			
North Fork Bad Axe River near Genoa, WI	05387100*	80.8	1964-66
WISCONSIN RIVER BASIN			
Wisconsin River at Conover, WI	05390180	177	1967-71
Pelican River near Rhinelander, WI	05391226	101	1976-79
Wisconsin River at Whirlpool Rapids, near Rhinelander, WI	05392000	1,220	1906-61
Bearskin Creek near Harshaw, WI	05392350*	31.1	1964-66
Tomahawk River near Bradley, WI	05392400	422	1915-27, 1929
Tomahawk River at Bradley, WI	05393000	544	1930-73
New Wood River near Merrill, WI	05394000	82.2	1953-61
Rib River at Rib Falls, WI	05396000	303	1925-57
Little Rib River near Wausau, WI	05396500	79.1	1914-16
East Branch Eau Claire River near Antigo, WI	05397000	81.5	1949-55
Eau Claire River near Antigo, WI	05397110	185	1975-81
Bull Junior Creek (Bull Creek Junior) near Rothschild, WI	05398500	27.4	1944-52
Big Eau Pleine River near Colby, WI	05399000	78.1	1941-54
Hamann Creek near Stratford, WI	05399431	11.3	1977-79
Wisconsin River at Knowlton, WI	05400000	4,530	1921-42
Plover River near Stevens Point, WI	05400500	145	1914-20, 1944-52
Little Plover River near Arnott, WI	05400600	2.24	1959-75
Little Plover River at Plover, WI	05400650	19.0	1959-87
Foumle Creek near Kellner, WI	05400840	75.0	1964-67
Buena Vista Creek near Kellner, WI	05400853	53.1	1964-67
Tenmile Creek Ditch 5 near Bancroft, WI	05401020	9.73	1964-73
Fourteenmile Creek near New Rome, WI	05401100	91.1	1964-79
Wisconsin River near Necedah, WI	05401500	5,990	1903-14, 1944-50
Big Roche a Cri Creek near Hancock, WI	05401510	9.61	1964-67
Big Roche a Cri Creek near Adams, WI	05401535	52.8	1964-78
Yellow River at Sprague, WI	05402500	392	1927-40
Yellow River at Necedah, WI	05403000	491	1941-57
Lemonweir River at New Lisbon, WI	05403500	507	1944-87, 1994
Hulbert Creek near Wisconsin Dells, WI	05403630*	11.2	1971-77
Dell Creek near Lake Delton, WI	05403700*	44.9	1957-65, 1971-80
Narrows Creek at Loganville, WI	05404200*	40.1	1964-66
Wisconsin River at Prairie du Sac, WI	05406000	9,180	1946-54
Trout Creek at Confluence with Ameson Creek nr Barneveld, WI	05406573	8.37	1976-78
Trout Creek at Twin Parks Dam 8 nr Barneveld, WI	05406574	9.02	1976-79
Trout Creek at County Highway T nr Barneveld, WI	05406575	12.1	1976-78
Trout Creek near Ridgeway, WI	05406577	13.5	1976-79
Knight Hollow Creek near Arena, WI	05406590	7.57	1976-78
Otter Creek near Highland, WI	05406640	16.8	1968-69, 1970-75
Knapp Creek near Bloomingdale, WI	05408500	8.44	1955-69
West Fork Kickapoo River near Readstown, WI	05409000	106	1939
Kickapoo River at Soldiers Grove, WI	05409500	530	1939

Discontinued surface-water discharge stations

Station name	Station number	Drainage area (square miles)	Period of record
North Fork Nederlo Creek near Gays Mills, WI	05409830	2.21	1968-79
Nederlo Creek near Gays Mills, WI	05409890	9.46	1968-80
Kickapoo River at Gays Mills, WI	05410000	617	1914-34, 1964-77
GRANT RIVER BASIN			
Pigeon Creek near Lancaster, WI	05413400*	6.93	1964-66
Rattlesnake Creek near Beetown, WI	05413451	45.2	1990-91
GALENA RIVER BASIN			
Little Platte River near Platteville, WI	05414213	79.7	1987-90
Sinsinawa River near Hazel Green, WI	05414800	24.9	1987-90
Pats Creek near Belmont, WI	05414894	5.42	1981-82
Madden Branch Tributary near Belmont, WI	05414915*	2.83	1981-82
Madden Branch near Meekers Grove, WI	05414920	15.04	1981-82
Galena River at Buncombe, WI	05415000	125	1939-92
APPLE RIVER BASIN			
Apple River near Shullsburg, WI	05418731	9.34	1981-82
ROCK RIVER BASIN			
West Branch Rock River near Waupun, WI	05423000	40.7	1949-70, 1978-81
West Branch Rock River at County Trunk Highway D near Waupun, WI	05423100	43.9	1978-81
East Branch Rock River near Mayville, WI	05424000	179	1949-70
Rock River at Hustisford, WI	05424082	511	1978-85
Johnson Creek near Johnson Creek, WI	05425537	1.13	1978-80
Johnson Creek near Johnson Creek, WI	05425539	13.3	1978-80
Pratt Creek near Juneau, WI	05425928	3.54	1978-80
Rock River at Jefferson, WI	05426031	1,850	1978-94
Whitewater Creek near Whitewater, WI	05426500	11.8	1926-28, 1946-54
Whitewater Creek at Millis Road near Whitewater, WI	05426900	20.6	1978-81
Whitewater Creek at Whitewater, WI	05427000	22.8	1926-28, 1946-54
Koshkonong Creek near Rockdale, WI	05427507	150	1977-82
Token Creek near Madison, WI	05427800*	24.3	1964-66, 1976-81
Sixmile Creek near Waunakee, WI	05427900	41.1	1976-82
Pheasant Branch at Airport Road near Middleton, WI	05427943	9.61	1977-81
South Fork Pheasant Branch at Highway 14 near Middleton, WI	05427945	5.74	1978-81
Pheasant Branch at Century Avenue at Middleton, WI	05427950	20.8	1977-81
Pheasant Branch at mouth at Middleton, WI	05427952	24.5	1978-81
Willow Creek at Madison, WI	05427970	3.15	1974-83
Olbrich Park Storm Ditch at Madison, WI	05428665	2.57	1976-80
Manitou Way Storm Sewer at Madison, WI	05429040	0.23	1971-77
Nakoma Storm Sewer at Madison, WI	05429050	2.30	1972-77
Lake Wingra Outlet at Madison, WI	05429120	6.00	1971-77
Door Creek near Cottage Grove, WI	05429580	15.3	1976-79
Yahara River near Edgerton, WI	05430000	430	1917-18
Oregon Branch at Oregon, WI	05430030	9.93	1979-81
Badfish Creek at County Highway A near Stoughton, WI	05430095	41.9	1956-66, 1986-88
Badfish Creek near Stoughton, WI	05430100	41.3	1956-66
Jackson Creek at Petrie Road near Elkhorn, WI	05431014	8.96	1984-95
Livingston Branch, Pecatonica River near Livingston, WI	05432055	16.4	1987-91
Yellowstone River near Blanchardville, WI	05433500*	28.5	1954-65, 1978-79
Pecatonica River at Dill, WI	05434000	944	1914-19
Steiner Branch near Waldwick, WI	05433510	5.9	1978-79
Skinner Creek at Skinner Hollow Road near Monroe, WI	05434235	32.6	1978-81
Skinner Creek at Klondyke Road near Monroe, WI	05434240	35.0	1978-81
West Branch Sugar River near Mount Vernon, WI	05435980	32.7	1979-80
Mount Vernon Creek near Mount Vernon, WI	05436000	16.4	1954-65, 1976-80
ILLINOIS RIVER BASIN			
White River near Burlington, WI	05545300	110	1964-66, 1973-78

CRANDON GROUND WATER, WI 00201

COOPERATOR:

Wisconsin Department of
Natural Resources

LOCATION:

Forest County

PROJECT CHIEF:

James T. Krohelski

PERIOD OF PROJECT:

October 1994-Continuing

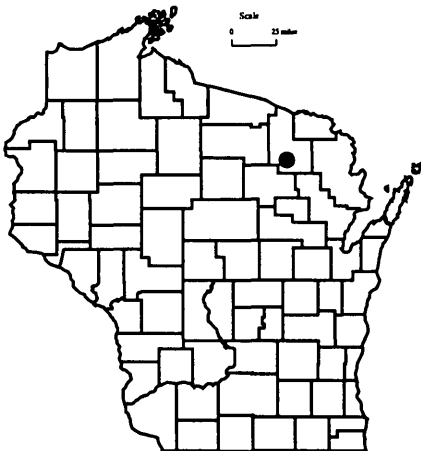
PROBLEM: A large underground zinc-copper mine is being proposed at a site about five miles south of Crandon, Wisconsin, in Forest County. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) requested that District staff review the development of a ground-water-flow model and associated hydrologic documents as part of a permitting process for the proposed mine.

OBJECTIVE: The objective is to review documents related to water resources submitted to WDNR from the Nicolet Mining Company and their consultants and to make suggestions to WDNR on studies and approaches that will improve the understanding of the hydrology and effects of mining on the water resources in the vicinity of the proposed mine.

APPROACH: The schedule for review of documents will be mutually agreed upon between WDNR and USGS.

PROGRESS (July 1999 to June 2000): Ground-water-flow model calibration and predictive simulations, based on the calibrated ground-water model were completed. Monitoring of lake stage and shallow ground-water levels adjacent to Little Sand Lake and Skunk Lake was continued.

PLANS (July 2000 to June 2001): Documents will be reviewed and meetings attended at the request of the WDNR. Descriptions of model development, calibration and simulation results of the flow model will be summarized and submitted to the WDNR. Monitoring of lake stage and shallow ground-water levels adjacent to Little Sand Lake will be continued.



WISCONSIN WATER-USE DATA FILE, WI 00700

PROBLEM: The need for reliable water-use data by State and Federal planning agencies is increasing as the competition for use of the State's water resources increases. Water-use data in a standardized format needs to be available to assist in making decisions on future water use.

OBJECTIVE: The purpose of this project is to collect accurate and complete data on Wisconsin's water use, store data in the State Water-Use Data System (SWUDS), and prepare periodic reports on water use in the State.

APPROACH: Sources of water-use information will be evaluated. The best available data will be entered into SWUDS. Efforts will be made to upgrade the accuracy of the water-use data.

PROGRESS (July 1999 to June 2000): SWUDS was updated with current water-use information. These data included high-capacity well data and information on discharge from sewage-treatment plants in the State. Reformatting programs were written or updated as needed for entering data from other agencies into SWUDS.

PLANS (July 2000 to June 2001): Plans include: (1) continue to update and maintain SWUDS with current water-use data, (2) supply water-use data for water-resources studies currently being conducted in the State and (3) work with the Department of Natural Resources and the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey in a joint effort to establish a water-use database that can be used and updated by each agency.

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COOPERATOR:

Wisconsin Department of
Natural Resources

LOCATION:

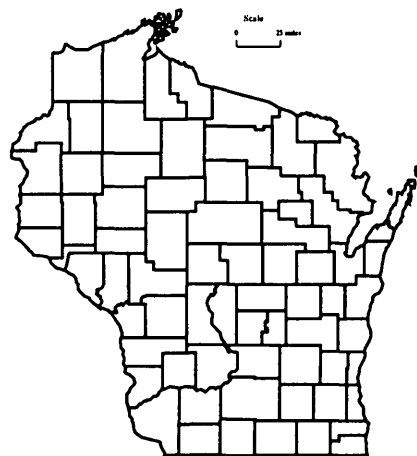
Statewide

PROJECT CHIEF:

Bernard R. Ellefson

PERIOD OF PROJECT:

March 1978-Continuing



FOX RIVER REMEDIATION, WI 14500

COOPERATOR:

Wisconsin Department of
Natural Resources

LOCATION:

Outagamie County

PROJECT CHIEF:

Jeffrey Steuer

PERIOD OF PROJECT:

August 1998 to October 2000

PROBLEM: Several Fox River bottom sediment deposits are being considered for remediation based upon high PCB concentrations. The pilot remediation project at deposit "N" (Kimberly) began in November 1998 and, in August 1999, pre-dredge sampling commenced at the Sediment Management Unit (SMU) 56_57 (Green Bay). There is a need, as part of the Fox River Remediation Assessment Team (FRRAT) efforts, to monitor and collect environmental data before, during, and after the remediation operation.

OBJECTIVE: Monitoring and sampling will be conducted to meet the project Quality Assurance Project Plan objectives. The objectives are to (1) evaluate baseline conditions prior to dredging activities, (2) evaluate short-term impacts, including PCB mass fluxes during dredge activities, and (3) evaluate conditions following the completion of dredge-related activities.

APPROACH: Deposit "N"—The baseline investigation consists of water column samples collected at four upstream locations and four downstream locations prior to the commencement of dredging. Bottom sediment samples will be collected from a minimum of 30 locations in Deposit N and an intermediate zone located between the sediment deposit and the silt-containment barrier.

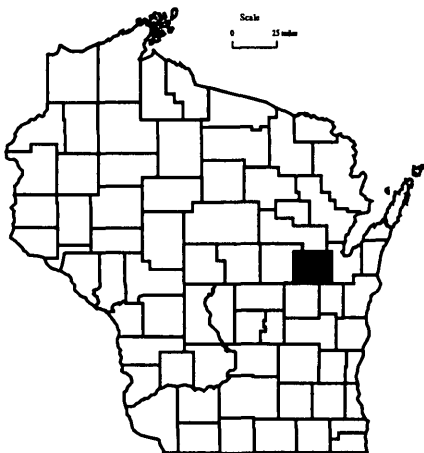
Evaluation of short-term impact includes water-column sampling at four upstream and four downstream locations, dredge slurry samples and continuous-flow monitoring, composite samples of all on-shore processing locations, composite samples of processed solids for landfill disposal, samples of filter media, and treated carriage water samples.

Evaluation of long-term impacts will include collecting sediment core samples from the same locations as the pre-dredge sample sites and an intermediate zone characterization using visual reconnaissance and sampling.

SMU 56_57—The baseline investigation consists of water-column samples collected at four upstream locations and five downstream locations prior to the commencement of dredging.

Evaluation of short-term impact includes water-column sampling at four upstream and five downstream locations, dredge slurry samples with continuous-flow monitoring and composite samples of processed and treated carriage water samples.

PROGRESS (July 1999 to June 2000): Deposit "N"—Pre and post-dredge cores have been collected and processed at 30 locations along with the intermediate zone. Over 90 PCB samples, 800 TSS samples, and over 6,400 water-quality measurements have been collected at the water-column sites. Shore-side (remediation process) samples and slurry flow data have been collected for 29 continuous days. The USGS mercury lab has completed the bottom sediment and remediation process sample analyses. The data analyses and draft report have been written evaluating the water-column transport and the shore-side processes.



SMU 56_57—Over 90 PCB samples, 800 TSS samples, and over 6,400 water-quality measurements have been collected at the water-column sites. Assistance was provided in the slurry sampling and five 80-liter effluent samples were processed. Data analysis has commenced.

PLANS (July 2000 to June 2001): SMU 56_57 data analysis and report writing will be conducted in conjunction with the FRRAT.

TRENDS IN WATER QUALITY AND STREAM HABITAT FOR PRIORITY WATERSHEDS, WI 17202-17204, 17213

COOPERATOR:

Wisconsin Department of
Natural Resources

LOCATION:

Priority watersheds in Brown,
Buffalo, Dane, Grant, Milwaukee
and Sheboygan Counties

PROJECT CHIEF:

David J. Graczyk
Steven R. Corsi
Judy Wierl

PERIOD OF PROJECT:

October 1990-Continuing

PROBLEM: An evaluation strategy is needed to assess the effectiveness of nonpoint-source pollution control measures in priority watersheds. Several important processes require research including the role of ground water in nonpoint-source contamination, factors leading to dissolved-oxygen reduction in a stream during runoff events, and the impact of management practices on bedload transport. Several techniques need to be developed and/or refined, such as detecting trends in stream-water chemistry, sampling of fish and fish habitat, relation between fish/fish habitat and changes resulting from watershed management practices, and use of habitat models for determining impact of watershed management on fish populations.

OBJECTIVE: The overall objective of this project is to determine the trends in water quality for 10 sites during and after implementation of improved land-management practices in 7 priority watersheds.

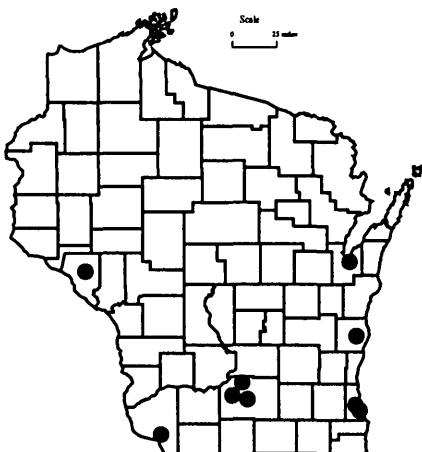
APPROACH: Ten streams were selected in seven different priority watersheds. Continuous-record streamflow, water temperature, and dissolved-oxygen gaging stations were installed at each stream site. Water-quality samples will be collected during events and low flows and analyzed for selected constituents. Land-use inventories will be taken each year to help determine the cause of any changes in water quality.

PROGRESS (July 1999 to June 2000): Streamflow and water-quality monitoring were continued at three sites in the priority watersheds. Water-quality loads were calculated for selected parameters and storm periods. All the data were summarized and published in the report "Water-Resources Data-Wisconsin". Land-use inventories were completed for each basin.

PLANS (July 2000 to June 2001): Streamflow and water-quality monitoring will be continued at one site. Two sites will be monitored for streamflow and water quality beginning in October 2000, with the possibility of a third site. Water-quality loads for selected parameters and storm periods will be calculated and compared to data collected in previous years. The data will be analyzed to determine if there are any apparent trends in water quality during implementation of best management plans. At one site, water-quality samples will be collected weekly during the period of April-October, biweekly in March and November, and monthly during December, January, and February. Land use will be updated for each basin. Report on post monitoring of two sites discontinued in 1998.

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BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE EVALUATION, WI 17206

COOPERATOR:

Wisconsin Department of
Natural Resources

LOCATION:

State of Wisconsin

PROJECT CHIEF:

John F. Walker

PERIOD OF PROJECT:

October 1989 to September 2000

PROBLEM: To date, the effectiveness of best management practices (BMPs) in Wisconsin has not been determined. The natural variability of water-quality data complicates the detection of changes due to BMP implementation. Research is needed to identify techniques for detecting changes due to BMP implementation and applying the techniques to before and after data.

OBJECTIVE: The objective is to investigate statistical analysis techniques for assessing trends in water quality due to Best Management Practice (BMP) implementation using data from other states. The effectiveness of BMPs in two urban basins and seven rural basins in Wisconsin will be determined using the identified statistical techniques.

APPROACH: A comprehensive literature search will be conducted to identify viable statistical analysis techniques and needs for method modification or development. Data for several rural and urban basins in other states will be compiled and used to test the selected techniques. Storm loads of total-suspended solids and total phosphorus will be computed and used along with rainfall data and land-use information to assess the effectiveness of the BMPs in several basins in Wisconsin.

PROGRESS (July 1999 to June 2000): Storm-load data through 1998 water year was compiled for annual report. Annual report was completed and sent out for review. Analysis of pre- and post-BMP data for Brewery and Garfoot Creeks began. Final report for Black Earth Creek watershed was started.

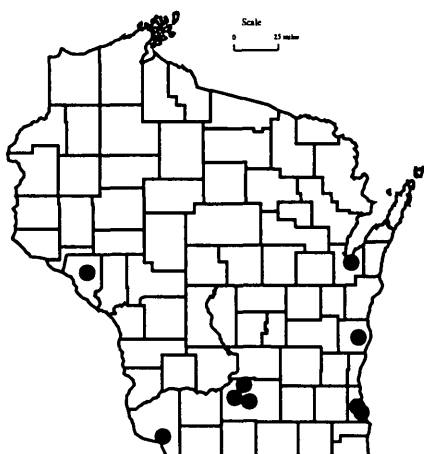
PLANS (July 2000 to June 2001): The annual report describing results of statistical analysis for data collected through the 1998 water year will be published. Report describing final results for the Black Earth Creek watershed will be completed and published.

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SINGLE SOURCE SITES, WI 17214

COOPERATOR:

Wisconsin Department of
Natural Resources

LOCATION:

State of Wisconsin

PROJECT CHIEF:

Todd D. Stuntebeck

PERIOD OF PROJECT:

March 1994-Continuing

PROBLEM: Much work has been done to assess the effectiveness of nonpoint-source pollution-control strategies known as best management practices (BMPs). Most of this work to date has had a basin-wide scope and is focused on evaluating the cumulative effectiveness of several different types of BMPs. Research targeted at evaluating the effectiveness of a single type of BMP would assist resource managers responsible for planning BMP implementation programs.

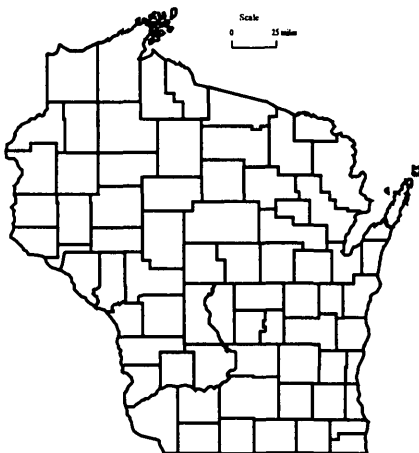
OBJECTIVE: The objective is to determine the significance of a single nonpoint-pollution source and evaluate the effectiveness of BMPs in treating that same source.

APPROACH: Water-quality samples will be collected upstream and downstream from a single nonpoint-pollution source before and after implementation of BMPs. Water-quality samples are generally collected biweekly during open-water periods, and monthly during the winter months. In addition, water-quality samples are collected with automated water samplers during selected periods of storm runoff. Water-surface levels are continuously monitored at the sites, and a continuous discharge record is determined from water-surface/discharge relations.

Two barnyard-runoff sites have been fully investigated—Otter Creek in the Sheboygan River Priority Watershed and Halfway Prairie Creek in the Black Earth Creek Priority Watershed. The study concluded that implementation of barnyard BMPs at each site has significantly reduced the loadings of most constituents coming from the barnyards. Currently two additional sites are being investigated—Parsons Creek in the Lake Winnebago Priority Watershed and Hutchinson Creek in the Buffalo River Watershed. Each of these sites is designed to evaluate both a barnyard BMP and a streambank erosion BMP.

PROGRESS (July 1999 to June 2000): Samples were collected for two storm-runoff periods at Parsons Creek. Streambank stabilization work was completed in September 1999. Water samples for one snowmelt period have been collected for the first post-BMP period. Water discharge, water temperature, rainfall records and water-quality loads have been worked up for water years 1998 and 1999 for the upstream, middle, and downstream sites and will be published in the 2000 data report.

Samples were collected for four storm-runoff periods at Hutchinson Creek. Baseflow samples were collected according to schedule and measurements of streamflow were made when appropriate.



PLANS (July 2000 to June 2001): Biweekly baseflow and storm-runoff samples will be collected at Parsons Creek. Storm-event data analysis for pre-BMP period at Parsons Creek will begin. Sampling will be discontinued at Hutchinson Creek after June 1, 2000, due to site limitations. Equipment will be installed and sampling will begin at a site in LaCrosse County to evaluate the effectiveness of rotational grazing.

REPORTS:

Stuntebeck, T.D., and Bannerman, R.T., 1998, Effectiveness of barnyard best management practices in Wisconsin: U.S. Geological Survey Fact Sheet 051-98, 4 p.

Stuntebeck, T.D., 1995, Evaluating barnyard best management practices in Wisconsin using upstream-downstream monitoring: U.S. Geological Survey Fact Sheet 221-95, 4 p.

MULTI-STREAM EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN, WI 17223

COOPERATOR:

Wisconsin Department of
Natural Resources

LOCATION:

Fond du Lac, Manitowoc, Ozaukee,
Sheboygan, Washington,
and Walworth Counties

PROJECT CHIEF:

John F. Walker

PERIOD OF PROJECT:

October 1997 to June 2000

PROBLEM: The amount of best management practice (BMP) implementation at evaluation monitoring sites is currently much less than anticipated, and implementation is taking longer than expected. Results on a shorter time scale are needed to evaluate the overall nonpoint-source program.

OBJECTIVE: The objective is to investigate feasibility of sampling a large number of sites (20-60) for a short period of time (1-2 years) to determine the effectiveness of BMPs.

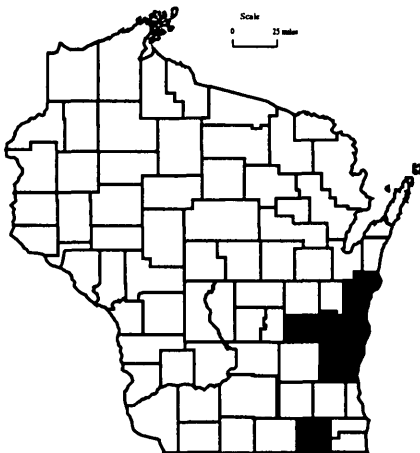
APPROACH: The sites to be considered are chosen to cover a wide range of BMP implementation. For selected evaluation-monitoring sites, annual loads will be computed with a reduced data set and compared to the actual load to determine uncertainty in annual loads for a particular sampling scheme. A statistical analysis will determine the minimum number of sites needed to demonstrate a significant relation between load reduction and BMP implementation.

PROGRESS (July 1999 to June 2000): Data collection at the eight index stations was completed through November 1999. Daily streamflow records and annual sediment and phosphorus loads at the eight index sites were estimated. The accuracy of estimated daily records from the index-site method was evaluated.

PLANS (July 2000 to June 2001): The accuracy of annual loads using a combination of index sites and the sampling strategies determined previously (Robertson and Roerish) was evaluated. Overall statistical analysis evaluating multi-stream approach for evaluation of BMP effectiveness was performed. Results will be published in an open-file report.

REPORTS:

Robertson, Dale M., and Roerish, Eric D., Influence of different sampling strategies on load estimations for small streams, journal article (submitted to Water Resources Research).



HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY OF THREE PASTURES IN SOUTHWESTERN WISCONSIN, WI 17229

PROBLEM: Nonpoint-source pollution is a major concern in Wisconsin. There are approximately 24,000 dairy farms in Wisconsin which may be sources of sediment, nutrients and pesticides to surface and ground water. Managed Intensive Rotational Grazing (MIRG) is a system that uses pastures as a major source of feed for milking cows (Jackson-Smith and others, 1996). MIRG farmers rely on pastures for their dairy herds' forage needs and move their cows to a new pasture at least once a week (Jackson-Smith and others, 1996). In 1992, roughly 7 percent of Wisconsin dairy farms used MIRG but, in 1994, 14 percent of Wisconsin dairy farms used MIRG (Jackson-Smith and others, 1996). MIRG can be used as a best management practice (BMP) and may reduce the amount of sediments, nutrients and pesticides to receiving waters. In a study in Oklahoma, rotational grazed pastures evidenced a reduction in average annual runoff and sediment discharges when compared to a continuously grazed basin (Menzel and others, 1978).

This study will compare surface-water runoff and water quality from three small pastured watersheds. The pastures will be located at the USDA Dairy Forage Research Center at Prairie du Sac.

OBJECTIVE: The overall objective of this study is to determine differences in quantity and quality of surface-water runoff from three different pasture-management strategies. These strategies consist of a variety of practices which are available to pasture managers, both during the growing and dormant seasons. Combinations of management practices have been chosen to represent commonly used strategies. In addition to examining differences in overall management strategies, differences related to individual seasonal practices will be determined. A secondary objective will be to determine a water budget for each pasture. The water budget will be determined by measuring surface-water runoff and precipitation. Evaporation and transpiration will be estimated by using empirical equations and ground-water flow will be estimated as a residual.

APPROACH: The management practices to be examined include (1) intensive rotational grazing and continuous grazing during the growing season; (2) pasture "stockpiling" during late summer and continued grazing throughout the summer; and (3) two outwintering practices and no outwintering.

An artificial hydraulic control was installed at each pasture outlet. The control is a three-inch Parshall flume. Each site will use a pressure transducer to measure stage and a CR-10 data recorder. Daily, monthly and annual surface-water runoff will be calculated at each pasture.

COOPERATOR:

Wisconsin Department of
Natural Resources

LOCATION

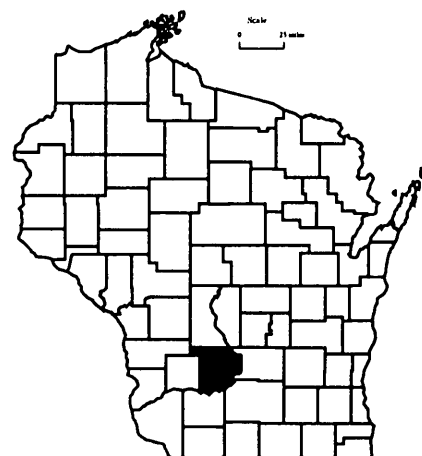
Sauk County

PROJECT CHIEF:

David J. Graczyk

PERIOD OF PROJECT:

October 1997 to September 2000



A tipping-bucket rain gage was installed at each site. Evapotranspiration will be estimated using empirical equations. Air temperature and solar radiation will be collected at one of the pastures for use in the evapotranspiration calculation. Meteorological data collected at the USDA Research Station will supplement data collected at this pasture. Ground-water flow will be calculated as a residual. An ISCO automatic water-quality sampler was installed at each site. The sampler will collect discrete samples. These samples will be composited on a flow-weighted basis. One composite sample per rainfall or snowmelt event will be sent to the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene for analysis. All events will be monitored. Approximately 5-10 samples per pasture will be collected. All samples will be analyzed for soluble reactive phosphorus, total phosphorus, ammonia nitrogen, nitrate and nitrite nitrogen, total kjeldahl nitrogen, total suspended solids, and volatile suspended solids.

PROGRESS (July 1999 to June 2000): Three small basins were monitored for continuous streamflow and rainfall. One runoff sample was collected at one site, five samples at another site and four runoff samples at the other site. Total-phosphorus concentrations ranged from 0.142 mg/l to 1.48 mg/l at the three sites. The storm loads for total phosphorus ranged from 0.003 lb to 0.18 lb. The suspended-solids concentrations ranged from 5 mg/l to 1440 mg/l at the three sites with suspended-solids loads ranging from 0.03 lb to 116 lb. Samples of the runoff were a result of early winter rainfall and snowmelt events. No summer rainstorms or intense thunderstorms resulted in runoff. All data was summarized and published in the report "Water Resources Data-Wisconsin, 1999".

PLANS (July 2000 to June 2001): Monitoring at all three sites will be continued. Water-quality samples will be collected at the three sites for all storms that produce runoff and water-quality loads will be calculated for each storm. Animal grazing will be allowed according to the Managed Intensive Rotational Grazing Plan for each site. All streamflow and water-quality data will be summarized and published in the annual report "Water Resources Data-Wisconsin, 2000".

EVALUATION OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF URBAN CONSERVATION DESIGN PRACTICES, WI 17233

PROBLEM: Farmland in Wisconsin is rapidly being converted to urban land uses. This urban development, with the associated increase in impervious area, generally impacts the water quality and increases the runoff volume that is delivered to the receiving waterbody. When new site plans are proposed, many of the plans use "end-of-pipe" structural Best Management Practices (BMPs) such as wet and dry detention ponds. These structural BMPs, however, are primarily designed to reduce the flood peak of a runoff event. They have limited water-quality and -quantity benefits.

A non-structural type of BMP called urban stormwater-conservation design is being developed for urban land uses. This BMP involves reducing stormwater-runoff quantity and improving the stormwater-runoff quality. These conservation designs include the reduction of impervious surfaces, redirection of downspouts to grassed areas, using grass infiltration swales and rain gardens to infiltrate runoff, and using cluster developments to encourage smaller lot sizes.

OBJECTIVE: The objective is to evaluate the effectiveness of urban conservation design for reducing runoff quantity and improving runoff water quality.

APPROACH: Two separate sites have been selected in Cross Plains, Wisconsin. The first site, which was developed from 1988 to 1991, used traditional urban design practices such as storm sewers, curbs and gutters, and a wet detention basin. The second site, currently a farm field, will be developed in May 1999 using urban stormwater-conservation design practices. Both sites are finger valleys that are approximately a quarter mile apart.

Equipment at both sites will be installed and maintained to continuously monitor water level, precipitation, and water temperature. An automatic water-quality sampler will be installed at each site to take flow proportional samples. Water-quality samples for the majority of the runoff events will be analyzed for total and suspended solids, and total phosphorus. Periodically, samples from each site will be processed for particle-size distribution and selected total metals. All equipment at each site will be installed in a gaging station that will have phone telemetry and electrical power.

Comparisons will be made between the BMPs based on unit-area runoff and unit-area loads. Furthermore, the data collected during the seven-year period will document the changes in water quality and quantity during the construction cycle (from platting to site closeout).

PROGRESS (July 1999 to June 2000): Both sites were monitored during the subdivision platting phase and initial home construction was monitored at the rural site. A digital camera was installed to photodocument construction activities. These photos are displayed on the USGS web site.

PLANS (July 2000 to June 2001): Monitoring at both sites will continue. Additional monitoring equipment will be installed at the three pond inlets, the pond outlet and in the infiltration practice. Solids loads will be computed for all monitored runoff events at both sites.

COOPERATOR:

Wisconsin Department of
Natural Resources

LOCATION:

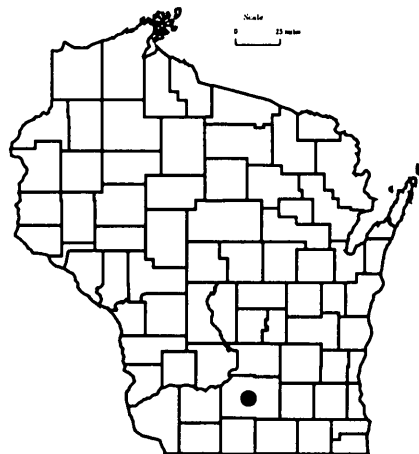
Cross Plains

PROJECT CHIEF:

David W. Owens

PERIOD OF PROJECT:

July 1998 to September 2005



TEMPERATURE MODELING OF URBAN STORMWATER RUNOFF, WI 17234

COOPERATOR:

Wisconsin Department of
Natural Resources

LOCATION:

Cross Plains

PROJECT CHIEF:

David W. Owens

PERIOD OF PROJECT:

July 1998 to September 2000

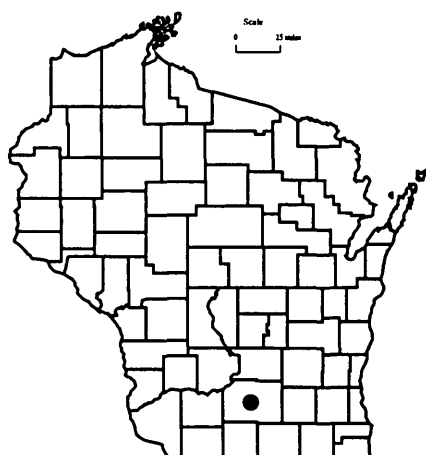
PROBLEM: Rainwater that falls on urban surfaces during the warm summer months tends to collect heat from those urban surfaces. The heated rainwater tends to drain quickly to storm sewers and then into streams or lakes. When the receiving water body is a cold water fishery, the thermal load can have a detrimental effect.

OBJECTIVE: The objective is to develop a model that can estimate the thermal heating of rainwater from urban surfaces during the summer months.

APPROACH: Sensors will be installed to monitor surface temperatures at a wide variety of thermal source areas in a drainage basin in Cross Plains, Wisconsin. These thermal source areas include roofs, streets, driveways and lawns. Furthermore, a variety of source area materials (asphalt, concrete, metal, etc.) and colors (light and dark) will also be monitored. The continuously collected data will document the changes in surface temperature and in the runoff water as the runoff water moves through the conveyance system. The data collected will be used to develop a model that will estimate the thermal impact of different urban surfaces.

PROGRESS (July 1999 to June 2000): Several sensors were installed and modified throughout the basin. Intensive data collection started in early June 1999 and continued until the end of September 1999. During this monitoring period, a worst-case thermal loading event did not occur. The equipment was activated in May 2000 to attempt to capture the worst-case thermal event. A water temperature model was developed to predict thermal loads to a cold-water-receiving stream based on the data collected during the summer of 1999 and 2000.

PLANS (July 2000 to September 2000): Additional temperature data will be collected until August 2000. New data collected will be used to calibrate the thermal runoff model. Model documentation will be completed during this time frame.



ROCK RIVER PHOSPHORUS, WI 17236

PROBLEM: Water quality of the Rock River depends on the load of nutrients contributed to the river by various sources. Sound management of water quality requires knowledge of the contributions of various sources to the total load of the river.

OBJECTIVE: The objective is to determine concentrations of various water-quality constituents at nine sites in the Rock River Basin in Wisconsin and to calculate loads for dissolved reactive phosphorus, total phosphorus and suspended solids

APPROACH: Water-quality samples will be collected by staff of the cooperating treatment works twice each month, and at additional times when there is significant runoff. These data will be used to compute loads of the following constituents until August 1999:

5-day Biological Oxygen Demand
Dissolved Chloride
Chlorophyll *a*
Fecal Coliform
Dissolved Ammonia
Nitrate + Nitrite
Dissolved Reactive Phosphorus
Total Dissolved Solids
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen
Total Phosphorus
Suspended Solids
Volatile Suspended Solids

Data will be used to compute loads for the following constituents from September 1999 to August 2000:

5-day Biological Oxygen Demand
Nitrate + Nitrite
Total Phosphorus
Dissolved Reactive Phosphorus
Suspended Solids
Volatile Suspended Solids

PROGRESS (July 1999 to June 2000): Water-quality samples were collected and analyzed twice each month, with additional samples during significant runoff. Loads for three constituents were calculated for the period August 1998 through September 1999, and published in the annual data report. Sampling was continued for a second year, with the shortened list of constituents.

PLANS (July 2000 to September 2000): When a second full year of data has been collected (by the end of August 2000), the data will be used to compute loads of phosphorus and sediment. These will be published in the annual data report. A brief final report will be prepared explaining the data-collection procedures and summarizing the loads computed.

COOPERATORS:

City of Fort Atkinson
Rock River Watershed POTW
(66.30) Group
Wisconsin Department of
Natural Resources

LOCATION:

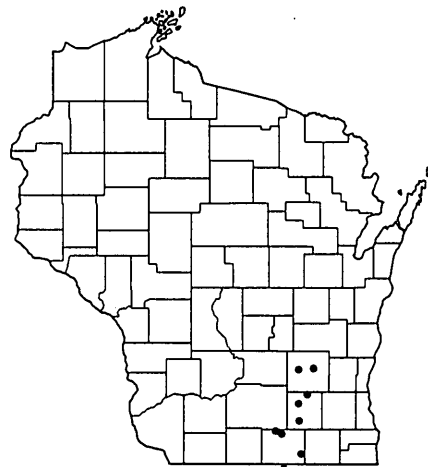
Rock River Basin

PROJECT CHIEF:

William R. Krug

PERIOD OF PROJECT:

July 1998 to September 2000



TRACE METAL LOADING TO LAKES MICHIGAN AND SUPERIOR, WI 18301

COOPERATOR:

Wisconsin Department of
Natural Resources

LOCATION:

United States portion of Lake
Michigan and Lake Superior
Basins

PROJECT CHIEF:

Dale M. Robertson

PERIOD OF PROJECT:

October 1997-December 1999

PROBLEM: The delivery of trace metals from point and non-point sources poses serious concerns for the coastal and offshore ecosystem of the Great Lakes. Though point-source loadings can be significant, evidence suggests that nonpoint-source contributions of metals exceed that of point sources. The tributary monitoring component of the Lake Michigan Mass Balance (LMMB) study will provide total loads of selected metals from the selected tributaries, but will not support source reconciliation.

OBJECTIVE: The objectives of this study are to (1) develop tributary load estimates of selected metal constituents to Lake Michigan and the U.S. portion of Lake Superior from both monitored and unmonitored watersheds, (2) describe what environmental factors influence the relative loading, and (3) separate the load into urban and nonurban components.

APPROACH: The approach used is as follows: (1) Develop GIS coverages of the environmental factors thought to influence the distribution of the selected metals; (2) subdivide the entire basin into areas of relatively homogeneous environmental characteristics; (3) sample sites representing areas that have not been previously sampled; (4) compute loads for selected metals for the main tributaries and daily loads (high flow and base flow) for smaller indicator streams from relatively homogeneous areas; (5) use GIS to determine environmental characteristics of main tributary basins and smaller indicator streams; (6) use multiple regression to relate loads from indicator sites to environmental characteristics; (7) use loads from smaller indicator areas with regression relations to estimate loading from ungaged areas and total regional loading; and (8) subtract the estimated watershed contribution from the total tributary load to estimate the urban inputs.

PROGRESS (July 1999 to June 2000): GIS data were obtained for land use, surficial deposits, and bedrock types for the complete Lake Michigan and U.S. part of the Lake Superior watershed. Multiple regression was used to relate copper, lead, mercury, and zinc loads from indicator sites to environmental characteristics. The loads from smaller indicator areas were used to determine which environmental variables were most strongly related to loading for each constituent and used to estimate loading from ungaged areas and total regional loading to Lakes Michigan and Superior. Localized urban inputs were estimated by subtracting the watershed contributions from the total tributary load from indicator areas. A final report was submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency.

PLANS: Project is completed.



TRANSPORT OF PCBs AT TWO SITES ON CEDAR CREEK, WI 19101

PROBLEM: High concentrations of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) have been found in the Cedar Creek bed sediments, water column, and fish tissues. Partial remediation (Ruck Impoundment) was completed in 1994. PCB transport trends are needed to assist in future management decisions.

OBJECTIVE: The objective is to determine PCB loading changes at Columbia Avenue (downstream of Ruck Impoundment) and Highland Road.

APPROACH: From August 1994 to August 1995, 24 PCB samples were collected at Columbia Avenue and Highland Road. Total suspended solids, chlorophyll *a*, and discharge data were used in conjunction with the PCB data to establish PCB concentration regression relations.

When sampling does begin, a total of 24 80-liter PCB samples (along supporting constituents) will be collected at the two Cedar Creek sites. Utilizing these data, residuals from the 1994/1995 regression relations will be examined to determine if PCB concentrations have changed over time.

PROGRESS (April 2000 to June 2000): Project planning has been completed and field sampling was planned to start in April 2000. Approval of a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) by EPA has been delayed and sampling will likely be delayed until the fall of 2000.

PLANS (July 2000 to June 2001): Field operations will be continued.

COOPERATOR:

Wisconsin Department of
Natural Resources

LOCATION:

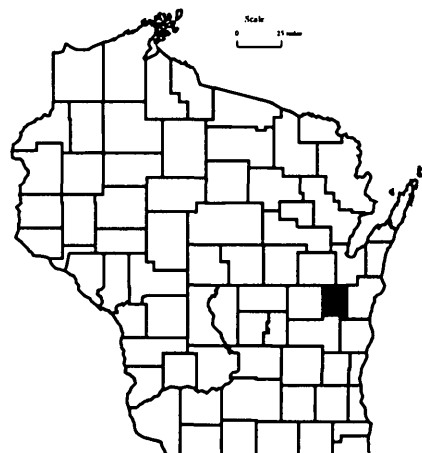
Calumet County

PROJECT CHIEF:

Jeffrey J. Steuer

PERIOD OF PROJECT:

April 2000 to September 2001



MITIGATION OF FUTURE NORTH FORK URBANIZATION IMPACTS ON THE PHEASANT BRANCH HYDROLOGIC SYSTEM, WI 20200, 20202, 20203

COOPERATOR:

City of Middleton
Wisconsin Department of
Natural Resources

LOCATION:

Dane County

PROJECT CHIEFS:

Jeffrey J. Steuer
Randy Hunt

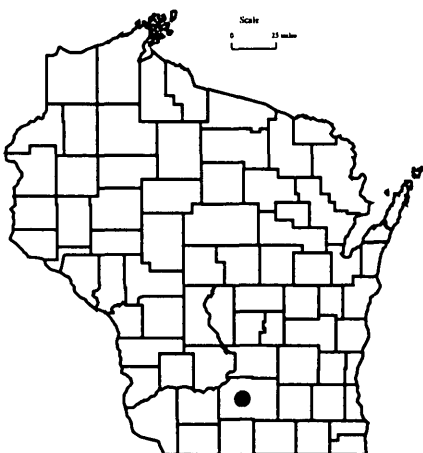
PERIOD OF PROJECT:

July 1996 to September 2002

PROBLEM: As Middleton and its surroundings continue to develop, the Pheasant Branch North Fork Basin is expected to undergo significant urbanization. For the downstream city of Middleton, headwater urbanization can mean increased flood peaks, increased water volume and increased pollutant loads. It may also adversely effect down-gradient ecosystems such as Pheasant Branch Marsh and reduce ground-water recharge. Previous work has often not included the transient interaction between surface and ground water. The proposed work will combine ground- and surface-water modeling in the analysis of the Pheasant Branch system.

OBJECTIVE: Objectives are to (1) locate potential sites for runoff controls and/or enhanced infiltration to ensure future flood peaks do not exceed the present condition flood peaks, (2) quantify the flood peak and ground-water recharge differences resulting from a fully-urbanized condition with and without treatment or runoff controls, (3) use the ground-water model to assess North Fork basin urbanization impacts on Pheasant Branch Marsh, and (4) construct a ground-water model able to address future needs such as siting future water supply.

APPROACH: The overall approach will combine ground- and surface-water models to locate an effective combination of storm-water treatment or control sites within the North Fork basin which may be developed to produce minimal effects on the Pheasant Branch hydrologic system. The surface-water component will build upon the simulations detailed in "Effects of urbanization on stream-flow, sediment loads, and channel morphology in Pheasant Branch Basin near Middleton, Wisconsin" (Krug and Goddard, 1985, WRIR 85-4068). To achieve the objectives of this project, the model will contain a spatial resolution to simulate 1 to 4 developments per square mile (approximately 40 model sub-areas). Significant development has occurred in the South Fork basin since 1981. Two of the areas simulated as not generating runoff in 1981 have developed and presently drain to the South Fork. It will be necessary to update the South Fork basin model to ensure that shifting of the North Fork hydrograph peak (due to runoff controls) will not produce an enhanced peak downstream of the confluence (Krug and Goddard, pages 16, 17). The new model efforts will calibrate to recently collected Pheasant Branch discharge and precipitation data collected at Highway 12.



The ground-water component will use a model constructed at a smaller scale than the recently developed Dane County model (Krohelski, et.al., in press) to have the appropriate resolution for the stormwater control alternatives. Similar to Krohelski, et.al., the model will be constructed using MODFLOW (McDonald and Harbaugh, 1988). Recharge results from the surface-water model will be input into the ground-water-flow model to assess the effects of management alternatives on ground-water recharge distribution and magnitude. The model will also calculate the changes in ground-water-derived baseflow in the system for the different alternatives and assess the effectiveness of recharge enhancement scenarios.

In February 2000, the project was expanded when the models were accepted as part of an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-National Science Foundation (NSF) research grant. The expanded research will be coordinated by the WDNR and UW-Madison. To further that effort, the surface-water model will be modified to incorporate research findings in local infiltration and temperature pollution. The ground-water model will be refined to include additional geologic data and hydrologic features near the Pheasant Branch Marsh. The refined model will then be used for optimization to further assess the effects of development on surface-water resources in the area.

PROGRESS (July 1999 to June 2000): Shallow well sites have been established in Pheasant Branch Marsh along with two continuous flow-monitoring and precipitation sites on the Pheasant Branch North and South Forks. Three additional rain gages have been added to the network. Double-ring infiltration tests (36) have been conducted with the results incorporated into the surface-water model. Discharge and water-quality loads (phosphorus and total suspended solids) have been published in the 1998 annual data report. Calibration is complete on a 50-flow plane, 21-hydrologic-response unit model. Simulations have been conducted for moderate and heavy development scenarios.

Results from the initial modeling using the Dane County regional flow model showed that regional water (away from the immediate highlands) was needed to simulate measured spring flow. Porewaters within the wetland-creek complex were sampled for major ions and water isotopes. The fact sheet and supporting water-resources investigations reports (WRIRs) have been initiated.

Planning of work with the EPA-NSF research group began.

PLANS (July 2000 to June 2001): The fact sheet and supporting WRIRs will be completed. The calibrated surface-water model with the PRMS framework will be converted to the Modular Modeling System framework to allow incorporation of the infiltration and temperature pollution research. Additional physical and geochemical hydrologic data will be collected in the site area. The ground-water-flow model will be modified to include the insight gained from the new data.

DATABASE APPLICATIONS, WI 21000

COOPERATOR:

City of Milwaukee
U.S. Environmental Protection
Agency
U.S. Geological Survey,
CAPP and WRD
Wisconsin Department of
Natural Resources (WDNR)

LOCATION:

United States

PROJECT CHIEF:

Harry House

PERIOD OF PROJECT:

July 1998-Continuing

PROBLEM: Natural resources agencies are having difficulty organizing, storing, and distributing their information products using existing resources (staff, hardware, and software).

OBJECTIVE: The purpose of this project is to provide our cooperators, the USGS, and other agencies with modern alternatives to their existing information technology resources. The objective is to provide customers with high-quality data processing methods.

APPROACH: The Database Unit in the Wisconsin District is dedicated to the design, development, and deployment of relational database systems geared to address water resources-related data management problems being faced by our cooperators and other federal agencies. Systems developed are centered on Oracle Corporation technology at this time. The focus is on fewer but larger projects in terms of workload and funding levels. The unit provides an alternative resource for these customers to compliment their in-house information technology staff and/or outside consultants.

The unit attempts to apply cutting-edge technology in the resolution of the data management problems, within the limitations of available funding and staff. It is assumed that lower-end technology or approaches are more widely available to our customers already, and that we will provide a more valuable service by making higher-end solutions obtainable. The study has six subprojects.

PROGRESS (July 1999 to June 2000): For subproject 21005, a series of meetings was held with the administrators of the 6 legacy databases and other data management personnel at WDNR to identify which WDNR data should be entered into the new database. Documentation for data in the 6 legacy systems was obtained and user requirements for the new system were discussed. A third-normal design for the new database has been completed, and reference tables are being populated. The WDNR Biology Database Project website has been created and a number of data input forms and reports are now mounted on the site. Data reporting capabilities include parameterized dynamic database query, customized reports, and downloading of data in an Excel format. When necessary, data are protected by passwords and assigned privileges.

PLANS (July 2000 to June 2001): For subproject 21005, the WDNR Biology Database will be initially sited at USGS offices in Middleton, Wisconsin, during testing and deployment, with plans to export the database to WDNR facilities in Madison, Wisconsin, in the near future. After reference tables are populated, forms will be prepared to enable input and retrieval of WDNR field data over the internet. It is expected that forms development will be an iterative process as user requirements are refined. As the database becomes populated with new data and also historical data, performance of the transactional database will be evaluated. If data reporting performance is inadequate, a system to deploy a denormalized version (star schema) and associated data-movement programming will be developed and implemented.

THE EFFECT OF NEAR-SHORE DEVELOPMENT ON CONSTITUENT LOADING TO LAKES IN NORTHERN WISCONSIN, WI 21800

PROBLEM: Additions of nutrients, pesticides and sediment from near-shore developments to lakes may seriously degrade lake water quality. Shoreline-zoning regulations such as required setbacks, cutting restrictions and buffers between the lake and development have been developed in the hope that these requirements can mitigate the effects of sediment and nutrient runoff.

Previous studies have estimated the amount of these loadings from the lake watershed but few studies have determined the processes and pathways in which these constituents are delivered to the lake at a site-specific scale (e.g., one-acre parcel). The effectiveness of buffers or cutting restrictions on reducing the amount of chemical constituent loads and sediment has yet to be demonstrated.

OBJECTIVE: The objectives of the study are to (1) estimate the quantity of surface-water runoff and ground water that flows into a lake from developed and undeveloped lands and (2) determine the water quality of surface-water runoff and ground water that flows into a lake from developed and undeveloped lands.

APPROACH: Effects of shoreline development on water and nutrient loading will be assessed using a paired approach. The comparison will focus on developed and undeveloped sites on four lakes in Vilas and Forest Counties in northern Wisconsin. Developed sites may include runoff from lawns, driveways, sidewalks and roofs; undeveloped sites consist of mostly immature woods having woody and non-woody vegetation and relatively undistributed ground. Both surface-water runoff and ground-water components will be characterized where appropriate.

Sites were divided into those where the lakes have ground-water inflow and those that do not. Those that had ground-water inflow will be instrumented to characterize the ground- and surface-water components. Sites with ground-water flow away from the lake will be instrumented to characterize surface-water components only. Each site will be surveyed and a detailed map will be prepared to determine the areas that contribute to surface runoff.

A tipping bucket rain gage will be installed at each site. Precipitation will be measured during the non-freezing portion of the year. Precipitation from a nearby National Weather Service gage will be used during freezing periods.

Surface-water runoff will be measured by using two types of monitors depending on the site. An automatic collection monitor will be installed at four sites. A passive collection monitor will be installed at two sites. The quality of surface water will be determined from analyses of the runoff collected by both automated and non-automated systems.

COOPERATOR:

Wisconsin Department of
Natural Resources

LOCATION:

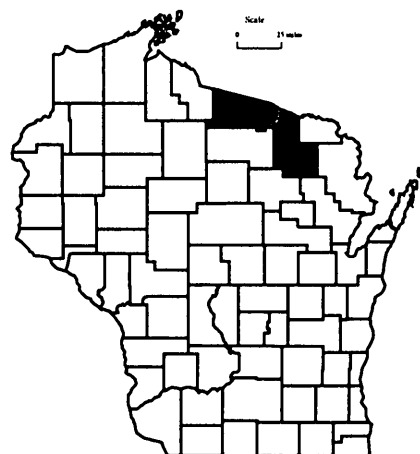
Vilas and Forest Counties

PROJECT CHIEFS:

David J. Graczyk
Randall J. Hunt

PERIOD OF PROJECT:

October 1999 to September 2001



Ground-water flow will be monitored by the installation of piezometer nests. The nests will be distributed along the topographic gradient. The most down-gradient nest will be installed adjacent to the lakeshore. The quality of ground water will be determined from a subset of water table wells and piezometers located at the nest sites. In addition, the water quality of the ground water that discharge to the lake will be characterized using seepage meters and pore-water diffusion equilibrators.

All surface- and ground-water samples will be analyzed for total dissolved phosphorus, total phosphorus, ammonia nitrogen, nitrate and nitrite nitrogen and total Kjeldahl nitrogen. Approximately seven surface-water samples per site will be collected and 5-10 ground-water samples will be collected. The Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene will analyze all samples.

PROGRESS (October 1999 to June 2000): Sites were selected for study and five automated surface-water runoff data-collection sites were installed. These sites include three lawn and two wood-land uses. Non-automated samplers at five woods and one lawn site were installed. Five ground-water data-collection systems were installed. Five tipping-bucket rain gages were also installed. Seven surface-water samples were collected. A detailed topographic map was prepared for each site.

PLANS (July 2000 to June 2001): Samples will be collected and analyzed at selected ground-water wells. Samples will be collected and analyzed at the surface-water data-collection sites. Seepage meters and pore-water equilibrators will be installed and water-quality samples will be collected. All water-quality data will be summarized and published in the annual report "Water Resources Data-Wisconsin, 2000".

APPENDIX A

STREAM-GAGING STATIONS PROPOSED FOR 2001 FISCAL YEAR

PROBLEM: Surface-water information is needed for surveillance, planning, design, hazard warning, operation, and management in water-related fields such as water supply, hydroelectric power, flood control, irrigation, bridge and culvert design, wildlife management, pollution abatement, flood-plain management, and water-resources development. An appropriate data base is necessary to provide this information.

OBJECTIVE: The objectives of this project are to provide continuous-discharge records for selected rivers at specific sites to supply the need for regulation, analytical studies, definition of statistical properties, trends analysis, and determination of the occurrence and distribution of water in streams for planning. The project is also designed to determine lake levels and to provide discharge for flood and low-flow conditions and for water-quality investigations. Requests for streamflow data and information relating to streamflow in Wisconsin are answered. Basic data are published annually in the report "Water Resources Data-Wisconsin".

APPROACH: A network of streamflow-gaging stations and lake-level stations will be maintained throughout Wisconsin. This includes operating the equipment at the gaging station to record river or lake stage, making periodic discharge measurements at each streamflow station to establish or verify a stage-discharge rating curve, reducing the periodic stage readings to instantaneous and daily discharges, compilation of monthly and annual discharges, and preparing data for publication in the annual report, "Water Resources Data-Wisconsin".

Requests for streamflow data from other government agencies, consultants, and private parties will be processed.

PROGRESS (July 1999 to June 2000): Thirty-six continuous-record gaging stations were operated in cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) during the 2000 fiscal year. Twenty-four of these were funded through the Hydropower Data program and two were funded by other outside sources. Lake stage and precipitation data was collected on Devils Lake near Baraboo. Water temperature data was collected on the Prairie River and was funded by another source. More than 100 requests for streamflow data were answered; WDNR, other State, Federal, and county agencies, consultants, municipalities, and the general public requested data. Streamflow records for the 1999 water year were published in the annual report, "Water Resources Data-Wisconsin".

PLANS (July 2000 to June 2001): Streamflow records for the 2000 water year will be computed and published in the annual report, "Water Resources Data-Wisconsin". Present plans are to operate the same stations that were operated in the 2000 fiscal year except for the Fox River at Oshkosh station. The Detroit Corps of Engineers continued funding the operation of this station beginning January 1, 2000. Requests for streamflow information will be answered.

COOPERATOR:
Wisconsin Department of
Natural Resources

LOCATION:
Statewide

PROJECT CHIEF:
Barry K. Holmstrom

PERIOD OF PROJECT:
July 1913-Continuing

PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD 7/1/00-6/30/2001

USGS Gaging Stations
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

STREAMFLOW FOR HYDROPOWER DATA

		Record began (water year)
04027500	1/ White River near Ashland	1948
04029990	1/ Montreal River at Saxon Falls	1987
04064500	2/ Pine River below Pine River powerplant near Florence	1924-76, 1996
04066003	2/ Menominee River near Pembine	1950
04067958	5/ Peshtigo River near Wabeno	1998
04077400	3/ Wolf River near Shawano	1907-09, 1911
05332500	1/ Namekagon River near Trego	1928-70, 1987
05340500	1/ St. Croix River at St. Croix Falls	1902
05341500	1/ Apple River near Somerset	1901-70, 1987
05356000	1/ Chippewa River at Bishops Bridge near Winter	1912
05356500	1/ Chippewa River near Bruce	1914
05360500	1/ Flambeau River near Bruce	1951
05365500	1/ Chippewa River at Chippewa Falls	1888-1983, 1987
05369000	1/ Red Cedar River at Menomonie	1913
05391000	4/ Wisconsin River near Lake Tomahawk	1936
05393500	4/ Spirit River at Spirit Falls	1942
05394500	4/ Prairie River near Merrill	1914-31, 1939
05395000	4/ Wisconsin River at Merrill	1903
05397500	4/ Eau Claire River near Kelly	1914-27, 1939
05398000	4/ Wisconsin River at Rothschild	1945
05399500	4/ Big Eau Pleine River near Stratford	1914
05400760	4/ Wisconsin River at Wisconsin Rapids	1914
05402000	4/ Yellow River at Babcock	1944
05404000	4/ Wisconsin River near Wisconsin Dells	1935

- 1/ WDNR cooperates with Northern States Power Company
- 2/ WDNR cooperates with Wisconsin Electric Power Company
- 3/ WDNR cooperates with Northwoods Hydropower
- 4/ WDNR cooperates with Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company
- 5/ WDNR cooperates with Wisconsin Public Service

Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPCO) funds two stations at a cost of \$10,080. Complete records are collected at nine stations and partial records at one station for the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company (WVIC); total cost of the WVIC program is \$47,880. Partial records are collected at some of the Northern States Power Company stations; total cost of Northern States Power Company program is \$38,680. Northwoods Hydropower funds one station at a cost of \$5,040. Wisconsin Public Service funds one station at a cost of \$5,040.

CONTINUOUS-RECORD MONITORING--RIVERS

	<u>Cost</u>
04024430 Nemadji River near South Superior	\$ 5,040*
04067500 Menominee River near McAllister	5,040
04071765 Oconto River near Oconto	5,040
04085200 Kewaunee River near Kewaunee	5,040
04085395 South Branch Manitowoc River at Hayton	5,040
04085427 Manitowoc River at Manitowoc	5,040
04086000 Sheboygan River at Sheboygan	5,040
04086500 Cedar Creek near Cedarburg	5,040
05401050 Tenmile Creek near Nekoosa	5,040
05383075 LaCrosse River near LaCrosse	5,040
TOTAL	\$50,400

OTHER MONITORING

05404500	Devil's Lake near Baraboo (stage-precipitation data)	1,950
04084500	Fox River at Rapide Croche Dam near Wrightstown (WDNR cooperates with Lower Fox River Dischargers' Association)	2,100
05394500	Prairie River near Merrill Water-temperature monitoring (WDNR cooperates with Friends of Prairie River)	650
	TOTAL	\$4,700

APPENDIX B

FUNDING SUMMARY PROPOSED FOR GENERAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAM WITH WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES 2001 FISCAL YEAR

	<u>Actual</u> <u>99-2000</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>2000-2001</u>		
	<u>DNR Share</u>	<u>DNR Share</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Streamflow for Hydropower Data (WI 00-001) Holmstrom/Addis	102,900	106,720	203,300	DNR receives 47,880 from WVIC, 9,120 from WEPCO, 38,680 from NSP, 5,040 from WP&L and 5,040 from WPSC.
<u>Continuous Record Monitoring - Rivers</u>				
Fox River at Oshkosh (AVM) (WI 00-001) Holmstrom/Rasman, Weisensel	3,100	0	0	
Cedar Cr nr Cedarburg (WI 00-001) Holmstrom/Jaeger	4,850	5,040	9,600	
South Branch Manitowoc River at Hayton (WI00-001) Steuer/Velleux	4,850	5,040	9,600	
Tenmile Creek near Nekoosa (WI00-001) Garn/Zimmerman)	4,850	5,040	9,600	
Sheboygan River at Sheboygan (WI00-001) Holmstrom/Jaeger	4,850	5,040	9,600	
Kewaunee River near Kewaunee (WI00-001) Holmstrom/Jaeger	4,850	5,040	9,600	
Manitowoc River at Manitowoc (WI00-001) Holmstrom/Jaeger	4,850	5,040	9,600	
Menominee River near McAllister (WI00-001) Holmstrom/Jaeger	4,850	5,040	9,600	
Oconto River near Oconto (WI00-001) Holmstrom/Jaeger	4,850	5,040	9,600	
LaCrosse River near LaCrosse (WI00-001) Holmstrom/Jaeger	3,820	5,040	9,600	
Nemadji River near Superior (WI00-001) Holmstrom/Jaeger	5,020	5,040	9,600	
<u>Other Monitoring</u>				
Wrightstown Gage (LFRDA) (WI00-001) Holmstrom/Jaeger	2,050	2,100	4,200	DNR receives funds from Lower Fox River Dischargers' Association.
Devils Lake (WI 00-001) Holmstrom/Miller	1,870	1,950	3,900	
Prairie River near Merrill (WI 00-001) Holmstrom/Jaeger/Wissink	650	650	1,300	DNR receives funds from "Friends of the Prairie River".

	<u>Actual</u> <u>99-2000</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>2000-2001</u>		
	<u>DNR Share</u>	<u>DNR Share</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Rock River @ Hustisford (WI 17317) Garn/Congdon	2,925	0	0	
Dead Pike Lake Rose/Knauer	0	16,800	28,000	

	<u>Actual</u> <u>99-2000</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>2000-2001</u>		
	<u>DNR Share</u>	<u>DNR Share</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Crandon (WI 00-201) Krohelski/Tans	350,000	50,000	50,000	
Water-Use Data (WI 78-007) Ellefson/Baker	75,000	75,000	150,000	75,000 direct state services.
Nonpoint Trends (WI 91-172) Hughes/Bannerman				2000-2001 under discussion.
17202 - Bower/Otter	18,200			
17204 - Eagle/Joos	22,200			
17206 - Evaluation BMP	32,200			
17213 - GIS Data Base	59,400			
17214 - Single-Source Site	69,200			
17223 - Multi-Stream Exp. Design	54,900			
17233 - Urban Conservancy Design	30,100			
17220 - Ruby Street Report Milwaukee	1,500			
Rotational Grazing (WI 17229) Hughes/Greb	13,700	13,700	26,000	
Regional Trace Metal (WI 18301) Robertson/Hurley	3,000	0	0	
Temperature Modeling (WI 17234) Owens/Greb	16,000	0	0	
Fox River (WI 14500) Steuer/Paulson	442,050			2000-2001 under discussion.
LaCrosse Brownfield (WI 00204) Saad/Brumberg, Amerson	10,470	0	0	
Prototype Database System (WI-21000) Hall, House/Staggs, Emmons	125,000	125,000	125,000	
Riparian Vegetative Zones (WI-21800) Graczyk, Hunt/Knauer, Greb	64,200	43,200	72,000	
Cedar Creek PCB (WI-19100) Steuer, Westebrook	26,000	0	0	
Mercury Loons (WI-19701) Krabbenhof/Meyer, Knauer	20,000	0	0	
Fish Creek Vanes (WI-19300) Fitzpatrick/Walls	0	26,340	43,900	
Urban Filtration BMP (WI-17208) Corsi/Bannerman	0	51,000	81,300	
Rock River Phosphorus (WI-17236) Krug/Johnson	13,000	0	0	

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