Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy **Nutrient Monitoring Council**

8th Meeting, March 14, 2017, Springfield, IL





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Today's Guests

- Dan Perkins, Waterborne Env.
- Trevor Sample, Illinois EPA
- Anna Marshall, U of I



NMC Charges (Revised 10/26/15)

- 1. Coordinate the development and implementation of monitoring activities (e.g., collection, analysis, assessment) that provide the information necessary to:
 - a. Generate estimations of 5-year running average loads of Nitrate-Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus <u>leaving the state of Illinois</u> compared to 1980-1996 baseline conditions; and



- b. Generate estimations of Nitrate-Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus loads <u>leaving selected NLRS</u> <u>identified priority watersheds</u> compared to 1997-2011 baseline conditions; and
- c. Identify Statewide and NLRS priority watershed *trends in loading over time* using NMC developed evaluation criteria.
- 2. Document *local water quality outcomes* in selected NLRS identified priority watersheds, or smaller watersheds nested within, where future nutrient reduction efforts are being implemented (e.g., increase in fish or aquatic invertebrate population counts or diversity, fewer documented water quality standards violations, fewer algal blooms or offensive conditions, decline in nutrient concentrations in groundwater).
- 3. Develop a *prioritized list of nutrient monitoring activities and associated funding* needed to accomplish the charges/goals in (1) and (2) above.

ILLINOIS Improving our water resources with NUTRIENT LOSS REDUCTION STRATEGY Collaboration and innovation Status of INLRS Implementation Workgroups, Forums, and Councils

NUTRIENT MONITORING COUNCIL (NMC) Update for Nutrient Policy Working Group (2/7/17)

6th Meeting: 9/13/16 Springfield

7th Meeting: 12/6/16 Urbana





Overview

- Statewide Continuous Monitoring Nutrient Loadings Network – Super Gage Update
- Where to go with the NMC Charge of Monitoring for "Local Water Quality Outcomes"
- Next Meetings
- Above Stuff Discussed in NMC Biennial Report Submitted to IWRC on 1/27/17
- Q&A



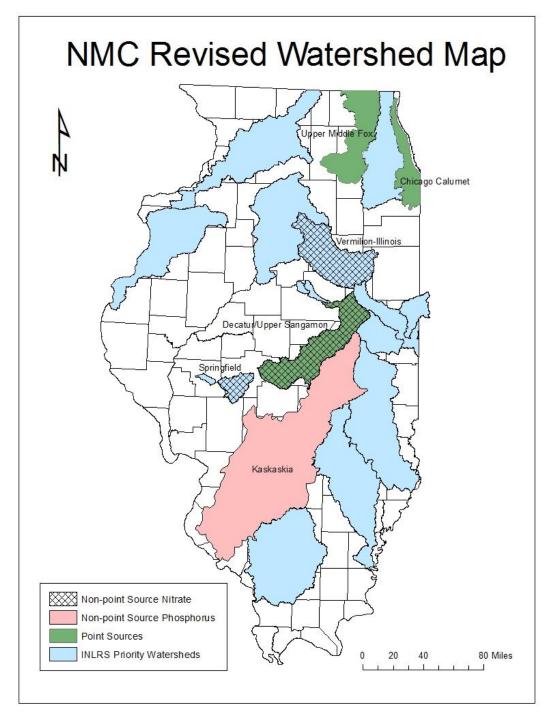
Grand Idea: Lets develop Watershed Nutrient Monitoring Plans!

- Watershed Nutrient Monitoring Plans would serve as a guide for current and new collection efforts.
- > Need data in order to tell a story (e.g., show success).
- Did BMP implementation work to (1) reduce nutrients and (2) effectuate water resource quality change?
- Develop a template for what a Watershed Nutrient Monitoring Plan should look like.
- Pick a pilot watershed, meet with WQ and Biology partners, ID current programs, determine likely continuance, suggest new monitoring efforts, etc.





We picked the Vermilion (Illinois) River Watershed as a place to start with development of a *Watershed Nutrient Monitoring Plan*



Hold your horses cowboy. I have questions!

Who will ultimately develop the monitoring plans?

- > Do we, the NMC, develop the plans?
- Do we contract development of the plans out to someone, and we, the NMC, provide review and approval/blessing?
- If contracted out, any idea what one might cost?
- If contracted out, what are the potential funding sources?
- Is the development of these plans a dumb idea to start with?

Who will ultimately implement the monitoring plans?





Challenges When it Comes to Documenting Local Water Quality Outcomes

- Where is the \$100,000,000 check written out to the Policy Working Group to fund large-scale implementation of BMPs in NLRS identified Priority Watersheds? Did it get lost in the mail?
- Many variables exist (e.g., flow, habitat, nutrient concentration, temperature, extreme events) making it difficult to tease out whether or not nutrient reduction via BMP implementation is improving aquatic life (e.g., fish and macroinvertebrates).
- Years or even decades of monitoring are needed to document a true change or trend.
- Who has the overall responsibility to measure local water quality outcomes? The NMC, or local communities or agencies?
- Does the right hand know what the left hand is doing? NMC needs to do a better job of understanding what other NLRS Working Groups are doing (e.g., PWG, AWQPF, NSAC, Urban Stormwater, Performance Benchmark). This is where a fall workshop would be extremely advantageous!

Questions for You, the PWG!

- Lacking that \$100,000,000 BMP implementation check, at this time, do you see the need to develop Priority Watershed Nutrient Monitoring Plans?
- Do we simply supplement existing monitoring activities in smaller watersheds where expanded BMP implementation is taking place (e.g., Lake Springfield, Evergreen Lake, Lake Bloomington, Fox River)?
- Is documenting nutrient load or chlorophyll a reductions good enough to tell a "local water quality outcomes" story? Or do we need to advocate for the extra time and resources necessary to tell that aquatic life *response* story as well?







Comments Received

- "Are you envisioning developing big, fat documents or are you just wanting to do the work? I'm reluctant to having you do separate plans for each priority watershed. You could only do this in a selective number of places. Maybe we need to generalize."
- "Lots of smaller watershed group efforts are going on in the state. Can we set up a process where NMC can offer or coordinate monitoring assistance at these locations?"
- "We already have lots of data (e.g., bugs, fish, habitat, chemistry) to make these determinations."
- "Does is make sense to defer the question? The change in biology would take a significant amount of time to capture. Worry about loads for now and defer the question of water quality outcomes to a later date."
- "If we knew what we wanted to ask, we could do the baseline now. We are struggling because we still aren't sure what questions we are trying to answer."
- "We should talk more about this at the NLRS Fall Workshop."

Final Take Home Messages from PWG

- Job #1 right now is monitoring nutrient loads leaving priority watersheds and the state of Illinois.
- No need to develop multiple, large-scale Priority Watershed Nutrient Monitoring Plans at this time. KISS (Keep it Simple Stupid)!
- Coordinate supplemental monitoring activity at existing watershed implementation projects.



3/14/2017

Nutrient Monitoring Council Meeting: Vermilion Headwaters, Indian Creek, and Lake Springfield Projects

Daniel Perkins, Ph.D.



The Upper Macoupin Creek Watershed Partnership

Trevor Sample, Illinois EPA



American Farmland Trust saving the land that sustains us

Jennifer Filipiak Kris Reynolds





BIENNIAL REPORT IMPLEMENTATION TABLES



Improving our water resources with collaboration and innovation

Photo by Casey Stowers, Youth"Water Is..." Photo Contest

Status of NLRS Workgroups, Forums, and Councils

AGRICULTURE WATER QUALITY PARTNERSHIP FORUM (AWQPF)

Warren Goetsch

| AWQPF Meetings: | Technical Subgroup Meetings: |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| May 22, 2015 | Aug 26, 2015 |
| Sep 22, 2015 | Sep 21, 2015 |
| Feb 23, 2016 | Jan 26, 2016 |
| May 17, 2016 | Mar 29, 2016 |
| Sep 27, 2016 | Jun 14, 2016 |
| | Dec 8. 2016 |



2016 Outreach Activities (are still receiving input items)

| | Number | Attendance | Example |
|---------------|--------|------------|---------------------------|
| Field Days | 55 | 1,815 | Soil Health Field Day |
| Workshops | 197 | 2,938 | Water Testing Workshop |
| Conferences | 7 | 1,126 | Residue Management Conf |
| Presentations | 63 | 5,201 | "Three Fates of Nitrates" |
| Total | 321 | 20,080 | |



Knowledge of Nitrogen BMPs – NASS Survey Result

| | % Not at all | % Slightly | % Somewhat | % Knowledge- able | % Very | Total % Somewhat to Very Knowledgeable |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|-------------------------|--------|---|
| Four R strategy | 10.7 | 13.1 | 22.9 | 31.3 | 22.0 | 76.2% |
| MRTN strategy | 11.5 | 18.6 | 26.1 | 28.8 | 15.0 | 69.9% |
| Drainage water management | 8.1 | 20.6 | 35.8 | 22.2 | 13.3 | 71.3% |
| Bioreactors | 43.1 | 22.3 | 24.8 | 7.9 | 1.9 | 34.6% |



Fertilizer Application Strategies for corn on tiles acres – NASS Survey Result

| Fertilizer Application Strategies for corn on tiled acres (NASS Survey) | Acres in 2011 | Acres in 2015 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Fall / Winter nitrogen was applied with a nitrification inhibitor | 3,240,000 | 2,970,000 |
| Fall / Winter nitrogen was 50% or less of total Nitrogen | 940,000 | 950,000 |
| Fall / Winter nitrogen was 0% of total Nitrogen (all Spring applications) | 2,480,000 | 2,660,000 |
| Less than 50% FALL / WINTER applications, with remaining Nitrogen applications split between pre-plant and side-dress applications | 1,730,000 | 2,220,000 |



Cover Crop acres – NASS Survey Result

| Cover Crop acres | 2011 Acres | |
|--|---------------|---------|
| Corn / Soybean acres planted to cover crops on tiled ground. | 220,000 | 490,000 |
| Corn / Soybean acres planted to cover crops on non-tiled ground. | 380,000 | 630,000 |
| | | |
| Acres where pattern tiling was installed. | 310,000 | 110,000 |



Edge of Field Practices and perennial crops – NASS Survey Result

| Edge of Field Practices and perennial crops | 2015 Acres |
|--|---------------|
| Tiled acres draining into Bioreactors | (D) |
| Tiled acres draining into Constructed Wetlands | 160,000 |
| Tiled acres planted to perennial crops, including CRP plantings, hay, and miscanthus | 230,000 |

(D) – Number withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.



Wetlands, Buffers, Perennial/Energy Crops

| FSA BMP (acres) | | | | | |
|--------------------------|---------|-----------|--|--|--|
| BMP (acres) | 2011 | 2015 | | | |
| Cover | 768 | 11,064 | | | |
| CRP Wetlands | 57,463 | 45,790 | | | |
| CRP Buffers | 145,813 | 279,534 | | | |
| Perennial/Energy/Pasture | 985,531 | 1,524,379 | | | |

| IDNR CREP Easements-Statewide BMP (acres) | | | | | |
|---|------|--------|--|--|--|
| BMP (acres) | 2011 | 2015 | | | |
| Wetlands | 483 | 22,609 | | | |
| Buffers | 202 | 17,893 | | | |
| Perennial/Energy | 81 | 6,043 | | | |

Illinois Natural Resource Conservation Service

Statewide Wetland Reserve Program/ Wetland Reserve Easements Program

| | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | TOTAL |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Wetland Easements | 19 | 12 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 49 |
| Total Wetland Acres | 1788 | 1420 | 469 | 305 | 396 | 4378 |



NRCS Program Information

| Illinois Natural Resource Conservation Service: Environmental Quality | | | | | |
|---|------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Incentives Program (EQIP) 2009-2015 | | | | | |
| | Certified Amount | | | | |
| Conservation Practice | (acres) | | | | |
| Nutrient Management | 49,931.5 | | | | |
| Cover Crops | 80,658.6 | | | | |
| Buffers | 18.8 | | | | |
| Residue and Tillage Management22,387.5 | | | | | |
| Wetland Restoration | 0.7 | | | | |

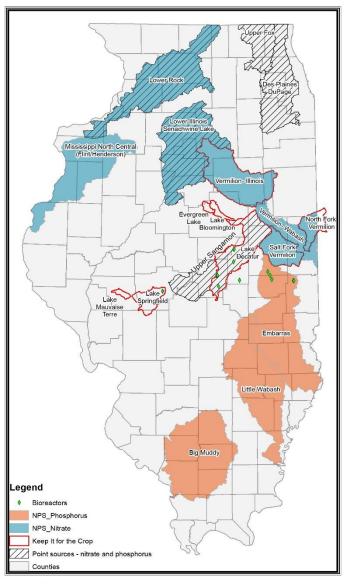
USDA Conservation Stewardship Program

| General Contract Totals | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Acres Obligated | 165,416 | 229,815 | 188,731 | 399,024 | 214,557 | 260,172 |
| Number of Contracts | 221 | 334 | 251 | 558 | 277 | 327 |



Currently Illinois has 661 unfunded CSP applications.

Location of Bioreactors in Illinois

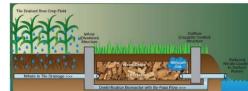




| Bioreactor | HUC 8 | AcresTreated |
|------------|----------|--------------|
| 1 | 05120112 | 50 |
| 2 | 05120112 | 50 |
| 3 | 05120112 | 11 |
| 4 | 07140201 | 74 |
| 5 | 07140201 | 74 |
| 6 | 07140201 | 55 |
| 7 | 07140201 | 20 |
| 8 | 07140201 | 27 |
| 9 | 07140201 | 19 |
| 10 | 07130006 | 39 |
| 11 | 07130006 | 28 |
| 12 | 07130006 | 34 |
| 13 | 07130006 | 15 |
| 14 | 07130006 | 5 |
| 15 | 07130006 | 16 |
| 16 | 07130006 | unknown |
| 17 | 07130006 | 70 |
| 18 | 05120112 | unknown |
| 19 | 05120112 | 18 |
| 20 | 07130007 | 6 |

Note: Some locations contain multiple bioreactors





Illinois EPA Section 319 Grant

| Illinois EPA Section 319 Grant | _ | _ | 2002-2011 | - | _ |
|--------------------------------|-------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| | | | | Total Suspended Solids | Sediment Load |
| | | Nitrogen Load | Phosphorus Load | Load Reduction | Reduction |
| AGRICULTURE | Acres | Reduction (lbs/year) | Reduction (lbs/year) | (lbs/year) | (tons/year) |
| | | | | | |
| Conservation Tillage (329) | 9,998 | 47,169 | 2,3691 | | 21,461 |
| Cover and Green Manure Crop | | | | | |
| (340) | 3,924 | 14,827 | 1,190 | | 955 |
| Filter Strip (393) | 8 | 1,360 | 725 | | 567 |
| Nutrient Management (590) | | | | | |
| Wetland Restoration (657) | 936 | 5,028 | 2,103 | 248,227 | 1,542 |
| TOTAL | - | 68,384 | 27,709 | 248,227 | 24,525 |

| Illinois EPA Section 319 Grant | _ | _ | 2011-2015 | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| | | | | Total Suspended Solids | Sediment Load |
| | | Nitrogen Load | Phosphorus Load | Load Reduction | Reduction |
| AGRICULTURE | Acres | Reduction (lbs/year) | Reduction (lbs/year) | (lbs/year) | (tons/year) |
| Conservation Tillage (329) | 734 | 3,913 | 2,005 | | 1,798 |
| Cover and Green Manure Crop | | | | | |
| (340) | | | | | |
| Filter Strip (393) | 13,882 | 32,9813 | 167,170 | | 106,748 |
| Nutrient Management (590) | 10,7061 | 109,915 | 54,325 | | 36,522 |
| Wetland Restoration (657) | 464 | 2,760 | 1,668 | 619,968 | 6,868 |
| TOTAL | - | 446,400 | 225,168 | 619,968 | 151,936 |

Schedule of future AWQPF meetings

April 4, 2017



Status of NLRS Implementation Workgroups, Forums, and Councils

URBAN STORMWATER WORKING GROUP

Amy Walkenbach

Meetings:

Jul 20, 2015

Dec 11, 2015

Apr 19, 2016

Aug 8, 2016

Nov 15, 2016



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| | Number | Attendance | Example |
|---------------|--------|------------|---------|
| Field Days | | | |
| Workshops | | | |
| Conferences | | | |
| Presentations | | | |
| Total | | | |



Illinois EPA Section 319 Grant

| Illinois EPA Section 319 Grant URBAN | <u> </u> | _ | _ | - | <u>2002-2</u> | 2011 Baseline | |
|---|----------|-------|------|-----------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| | | | | N Load | P Load | Total Suspended | Sediment |
| | | | | Reduction | Reduction | Solids Load Reduction | Load Reduction |
| | No. | Acres | Feet | (lbs/yr) | (lbs/yr) | (lbs/yr) | (tons/yr) |
| Oil and Grit Seperator (10) | | | | | | | |
| Green Roof (11) | | | | | | | |
| Rain Garden (13) | 24 | | | 189 | | 47 63,011 | |
| Street Sweeping (17) | | | | | | | |
| Critical Area Planting (342) | | | | | | | |
| Sediment Basin (350) | | | | | | | |
| Grade Stabilization Structure (410) | 21 | | | 29,163 | 14,6 | 500 | 14,60 |
| Recreation Area Improvement (562) | | | | | | | |
| Terrace (600) | | | | | | | |
| Tree Planting (612) | | | | | | | |
| Water and Sediment Control Basin (638) | | | | | | | |
| Urban Stormwater Wetlands (800) | 6 | | | 1526 | 2 | 231 231,076 | 1 |
| Bio-retention Facility (812) | | 0.10 |) | 70 | | 9 5,991 | |
| Bioswale (814) | | 2.66 | 5 | 2192 | 3 | 322 287,187 | |
| Urban Filter Strip (835) | | 4.07 | , | 57 | | 5 3,802 | |
| Grass-Lined Channels (840) | | | | | | | |
| Infiltration Trench (845) | 14 | | | 16 | | 22 2,752 | |
| Level Spreader (870) | | | | | | | |
| Porous Pavement (890) | | 4.48 | 3 | 124 | | 12 16,188 | |
| Rock Outlet Protection (910) | 9 | | | | | | |
| Subsurface Drain (945) | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | - | - | - | 29,352 | 15,24 | 8 610,007 | 14,617 |

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Illinois EPA Section 319 Grant

| Illinois EPA Section 319 Grant URBAN | | _ | _ | | 2011-2015 | _ | _ |
|---|-----|-------|------|------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|
| | | | | Nitrogen | Phosphorus | Total Suspended | Sediment |
| | | | | Load | Load | Solids | Load |
| | | | | Reduction | Reduction | Load Reduction | Reduction |
| | No. | Acres | Feet | (lbs/year) | (lbs/year) | (lbs/year) | (tons/year) |
| Oil and Grit Seperator (10) | 12 | | | 36 | 1 | 7,417 | |
| Green Roof (11) | | 1 | | 2 | 11 | 23,285 | |
| Rain Garden (13) | 42 | | | 184 | 87 | 74,649 | |
| Street Sweeping (17) | 1 | | | | 1 | 4,730 | |
| Critical Area Planting (342) | | 0.21 | | | | 46 | |
| Sediment Basin (350) | 10 | | | 2,793 | 953 | 157,755 | 7,695 |
| Grade Stabilization Structure (410) | 209 | | | 68,555 | 34,274 | | 34,284 |
| Recreation Area Improvement (562) | | 6 | | | | | |
| Terrace (600) | | | 4000 | 1 | | 267 | |
| Tree Planting (612) | | 5 | | 36 | 18 | | 14 |
| Water and Sediment Control Basin (638) | | | 2000 | | | | 58 |
| Urban Stormwater Wetlands (800) | 45 | | | 6,569 | 1,618 | 1,441,252 | 0.00 |
| Bio-retention Facility (812) | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Bioswale (814) | | 2.5 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Urban Filter Strip (835) | | 6.6 | | 242 | 47 | 59,217 | |
| Grass-Lined Channels (840) | | 3.2 | | 296 | 118 | 72,615 | 33 |
| Infiltration Trench (845) | 28 | | | 34 | 9 | 17,543 | |
| Level Spreader (870) | 7 | | | 124 | 27 | 19,120 | |
| Porous Pavement (890) | | 10.96 | | 426 | 41 | 52,492 | |
| Subsurface Drain (945) | | | | 3 | | 339 | |
| TOTAL | - | - | - | 79,301 | 37,206 | 1,930,727 | 42,084 |



Illinois EPA IGIG

| Illinois EPA Illinois Green Infrastructure | Grant Pro | gram (IGIO | | | | |
|---|-----------|------------|--|--|--|---|
| | Number | Acres | Nitrogen Load Reduction (Ibs/year) | Phosphorus Load Reduction (Ibs/year) | Total Suspended Solids Load Reduction (lbs/year) | Sediment Load Reduction (tons/year) |
| Cistern(12) | 1 | | 25 | | 3238 | |
| buffer zone enhancement / installation(35) | | 0.2 | | | 15 | 0.0 |
| Rain Garden(13) | 11 | | 11 | 2 | 1291 | 0.4 |
| Tree Planting(612) | | 1 | | | 40 | |
| Bio-retention Facility(812) | | 0.02 | | | 24 | |
| Bioswale(814) | | 0.524 | 48 | 4 | 5804 | 0.1 |
| Porous Pavement(890) | | 5.69 | 112 | 11 | 14964 | |
| TOTAL | - | - | 196 | 17 | 25,376 | 0.5 |



UPDATE ON PILOT GROUNDWATER ASSESSMENT IN HAVANA LOWLANDS



Nutrient Monitoring Council

Rick Cobb, P.G. Deputy Division Manager Division of Public Water Supplies and Manager, Groundwater Section



Illinois EPA

Section 106 Monitoring Grant

- This will help provide key beneficial NLRS information in assessing and managing nitrate in groundwater by:
 - Determining fluctuations in nitrate concentrations resulting from seasonal climatic changes or groundwater conditions such as dissolved oxygen or pH.
 - Assessing the amount of de-nitrification and source indication by conducting nitrogen gas and nitrogen isotope work.
 - Determining temporal nitrate concentrations resulting from agricultural practices such as irrigation or fertigation and possible best management practices that could mitigate these changes.

4 Primary Tasks Under the Project

 The USGS has installed a 4-inch monitoring well 32 feet deep with a 10 foot screen.
A nitrate monitoring sensor is installed to collect continuous nitrate data along with standard field parameters. Data collection frequency can range from 15 minute intervals up to 12 hours.





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Future location of continuous groundwater monitoring



Mason Tazewell Drainage Ditch















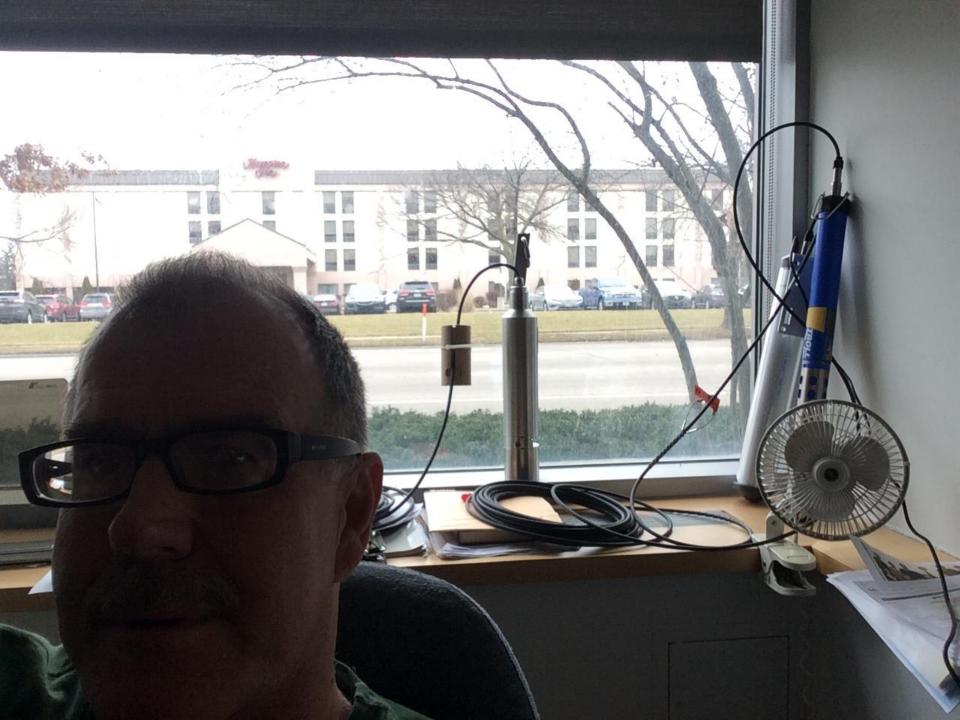










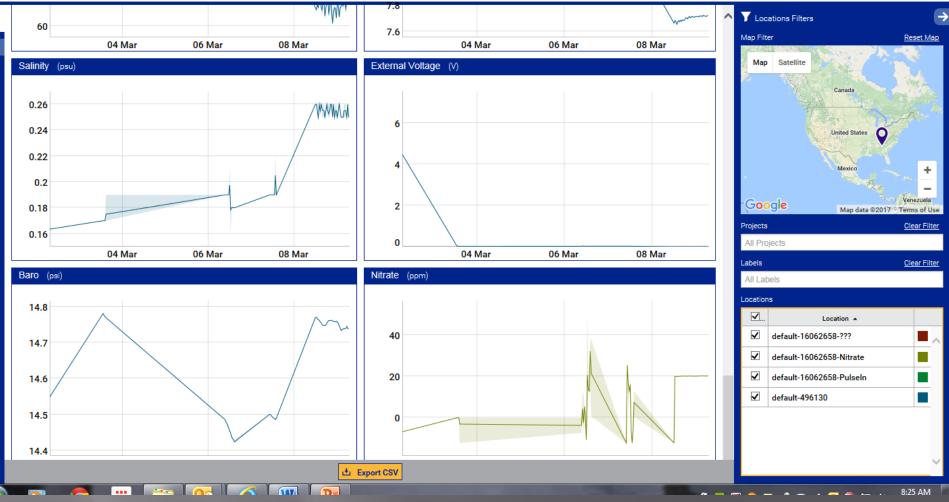




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4 Primary Tasks Under the Project cont.

2. Data will be collected at the site for one year. Corroborating irrigation/fertigation records (e.g., Irrigation pumps being turned on and off and approximate pumping rates) in the immediate vicinity will also be obtained through cooperation with the IDA or other agricultural stakeholders.

Discrete standard water-quality collection of nutrient samples will be collected three times, once at the beginning, during the middle, and at the end of data collection. These discrete data will be used to compare with continuously monitored nitrate concentrations.

4 Primary Tasks Under the Project cont.

3. Nitrate data, field parameters, climate records of temperature and precipitation, and local irrigation pumping records will be analyzed statistically to determine possible causal relations between nitrate concentrations and these possible change-inducing conditions.

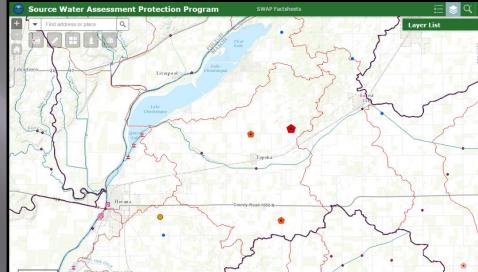
Fluctuations in nitrate concentrations will be compared with nitrate data collected at the USGS supergage downstream (Illinois River at Florence).

4 Primary Tasks Under the Project cont.

Quiver Creek, a surface-water discharge has a drainage area of 197 square miles and a Q 7/10 of 14 cubic feet per second (cfs) (9,000,000 million gallons per day (mg/d)). The 14 cfs is onsidered groundwater discharge (baseflow).

Baseflow groundwater discharge conditions will be determined from climate observation, discharge, and empirical observation.

Nitrate will be measured in surface and groundwater at baseflow conditions. A survey measuring nitrate and temperature (as well as pH, DO, SC, and surface-water discharge) will be conducted longitudinally at Quiver Creek in the reach of anticipated groundwater discharge to determine where groundwater concentrations are affecting stream quality.







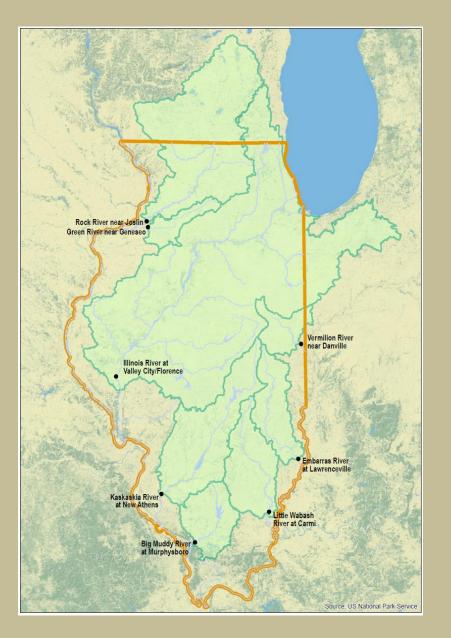
USGS Super Gage Network and Annual Report Development Updates

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Kelly Warner, USGS

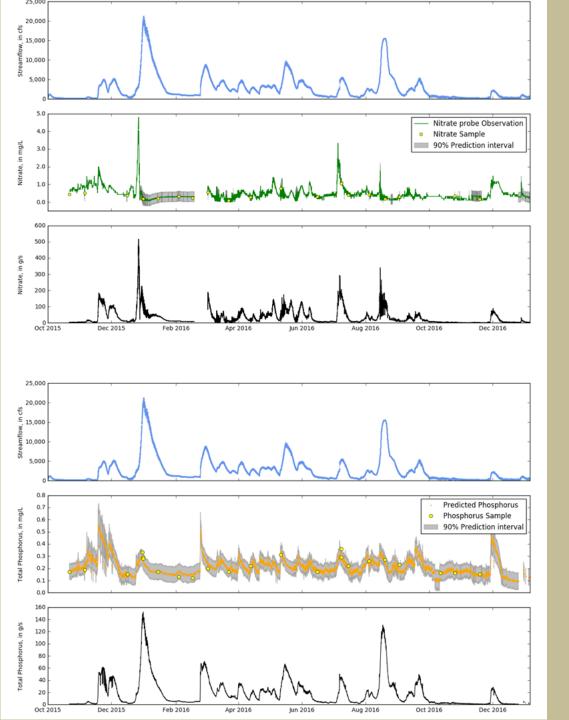
U.S. Department of the Interior U.S. Geological Survey

Annual Summary Report Update



Paul Terrio, Tim Straub, Marian Domanski, Colin Peake, David Fazio, Shawn Cutshaw and others

- Location
- Equipment
- Data Period
 - 2012-2016; most are fall 2015-Jan 2017
- Station Summary
 - Qualitative overview and equip conditions
- Data Summary
 - Graphs and data interpretation



USGS 05599490 Big Muddy River at Route 127 at Murphysboro, IL (IEPA Site Number N-12)

Basins cover almost 75% of the land area in the State

| Illinois River at Valley City/Florence | Vermilion River near Danville | Stream Name | Location | Station Drainage Area in Illinois only, in mi ² | |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|---|------|
| marg | | Rock River | Joslin | 3,973 | 3.6 |
| 5115 | | Green River | Geneseo | 1,000 | 4.1 |
| | Embarras River | Illinois River | Florence | 22,651 | 4.3 |
| Kaskaškia River | 1 Sera and | Kaskaskia River | New Athens | 5,189 | 0.89 |
| at New Athens | Little Wabash River at Carmi | Big Muddy River | Murphysboro | 2,168 | 0.35 |
| Big Muddy River | Nver al Carmi | Vermilion River | Danville | 1,199 | 6.9 |
| at Murphysboro | | Embarras River | Lawrenceville | 2,348 | 4.6 |
| | C Net Lie | Little Wabash River | Carmi | 3,102 | 0.9 |
| | Source: US Nationa | Park Service | | | |



Rock River near Joslin O Green River near Geneseo

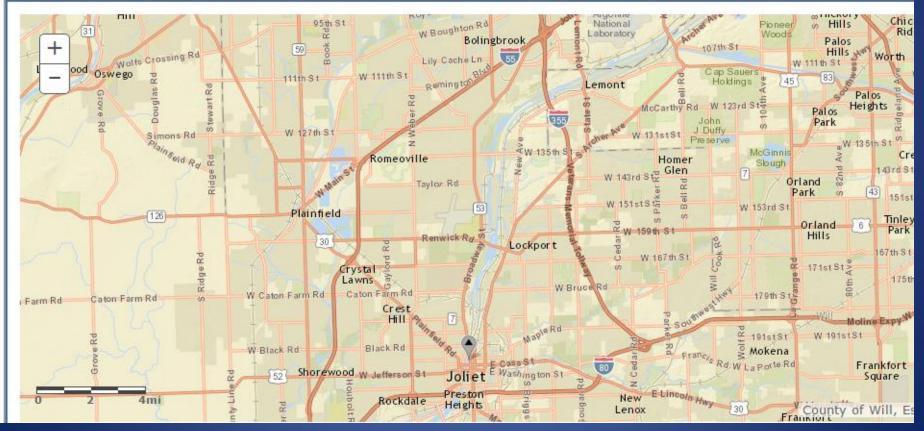
USGS 05537980 DES PLAINES RIVER AT ROUTE 53 AT JOLIET, IL

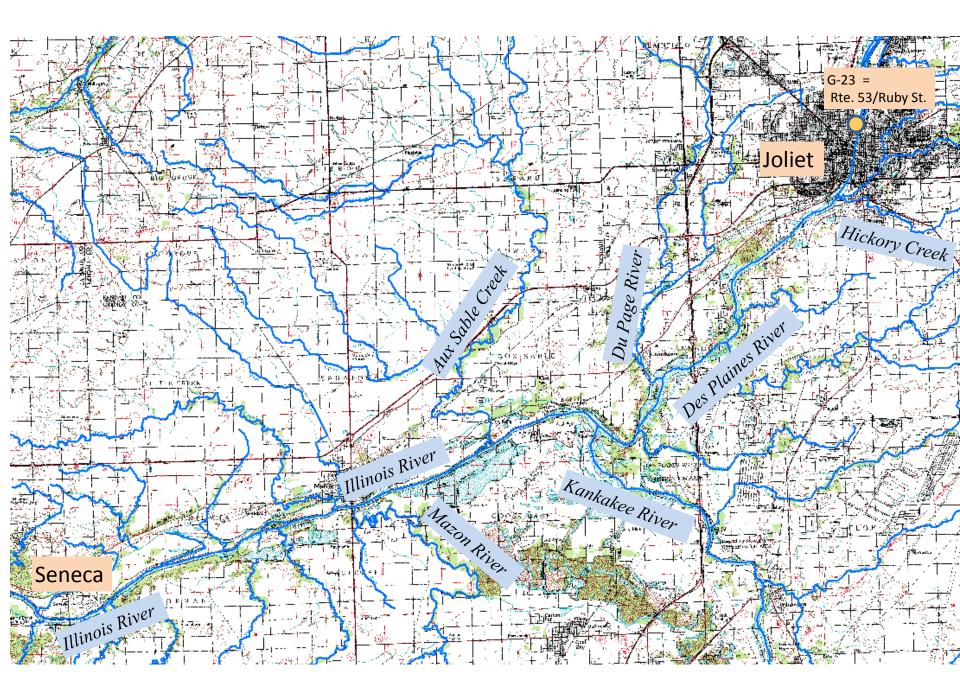
Available data for this site

Location map

Will County, Illinois Hydrologic Unit Code 07120004 Latitude 41°32'11", Longitude 88°04'57" NAD83 Drainage area 1,502 square miles Gage datum 0.00 feet above NGVD29

Location of the site in Illinois





Super Gage #9 Questions

What's the specific goal?

- Monitoring to capture nitrate-nitrogen and total phosphorus loads coming from the concentrated urban environment in Northeastern Illinois. Annual loading estimates would be calculated at this station (that encompass the Chicago River and Des Plaines River watersheds) to track the impacts of NLRS implementation such as point source controls, stormwater management, and other activities."
- Des Plaines River at Rte. 53 in Joliet Selected
- Cost???
- How to Fund???







Voila!



Settlement Agreement

- Environmental Orgs., MWRDGC, & Illinois EPA
- Continuous Monitoring at:
 - Joliet, Rte. 53, "Super Gage" on the Des Plaines River
 - *MWRD funded for D.O, Chlorophyll, and Nutrients*
 - Marseilles, Starved Rock, and Peoria Pools on the Illinois River
 - Illinois EPA funded for D.O. and Chlorophyll





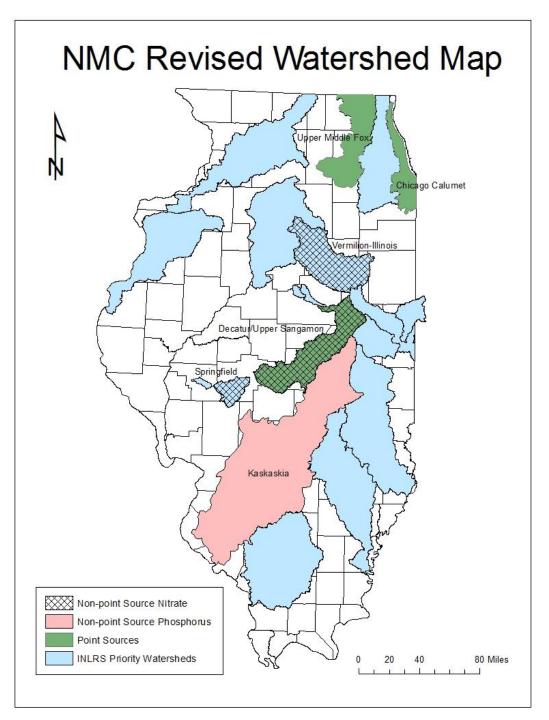






ILLINOIS NUTRIENT LOSS REDUCTION STRATEGY Improving our water resources with collaboration and innovation

We picked the Vermilion (Illinois) River Watershed as a place to start with development of a *Watershed Nutrient Monitoring Plan.*



Brainstormed what a *Watershed Nutrient Monitoring Plan* "Template" should look like.



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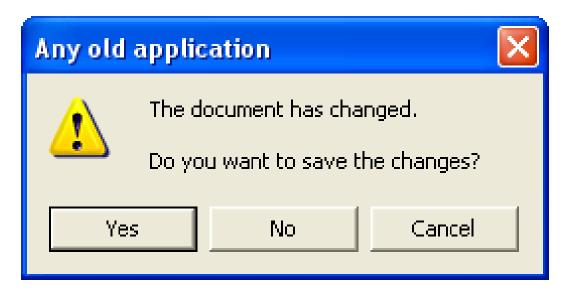
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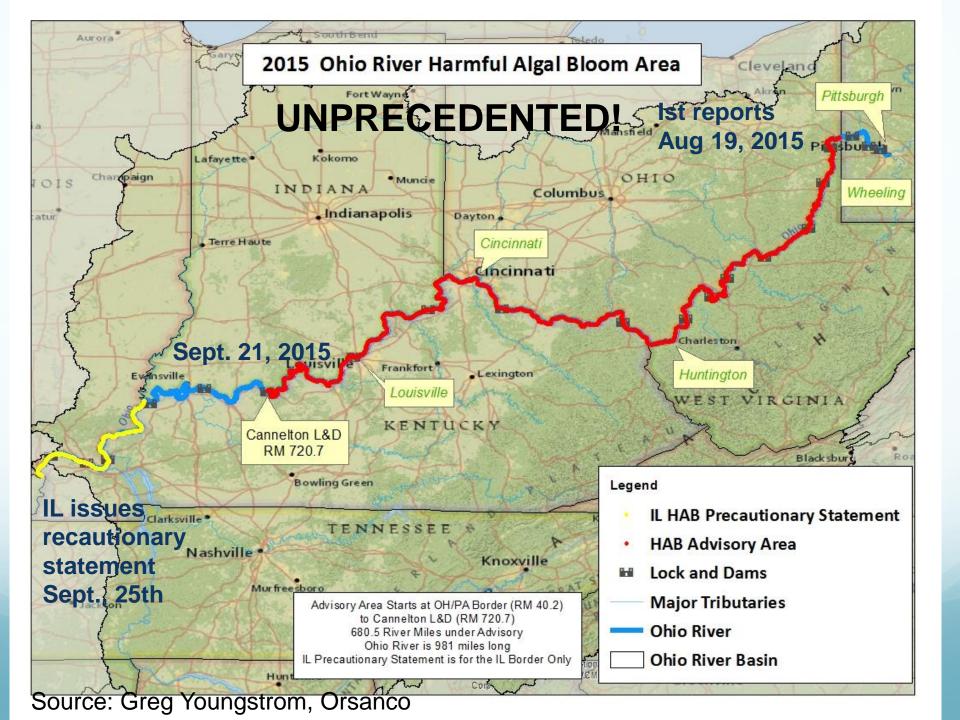


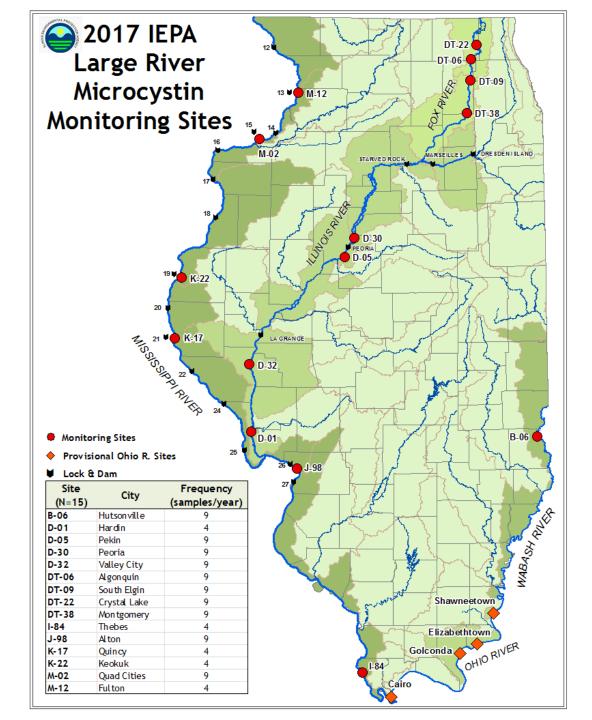
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"Next Steps" Summary (NMC March 14, 2017)

Summarize today's action items



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- Future topics for the June 6, 2017 meeting?
- > Other (TBD)





Next NMC Meetings

June 6, 2017 (C/U)
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