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# PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED PROTECTION PLAN



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## Chapter I

# INTRODUCTION

### PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

Research shows that the health of a lake or stream is usually a direct reflection of the use and management of the land within its watershed and interventions are often necessary to maintain or improve the conditions of these resources (see Figure I-1). Located entirely within Waukesha County in southeastern Wisconsin (Map I-1), the Pewaukee River, together with its tributaries, and associated wetlands, provides a unique cold and warm-water system that is in fair to good health despite significant urbanization in the watershed. The purpose of this plan is to provide a framework to enable communities in the area to work together with a common goal—to *protect and improve the land and water resources of the Pewaukee River watershed.*

This watershed protection plan focuses on what can be done to continue to *protect* the existing high-quality resources from human impacts and *prevent* future water pollution or resource degradation from occurring. This plan complements other existing programs and ongoing management actions in the Pewaukee River watershed and represents the continuing commitments of government agencies, municipalities, and citizens to diligent land use planning and natural resource protection. This plan presents recommendations for appropriate and feasible watershed management measures for enhancing and preserving the water quality of the Pewaukee River and for providing the public with opportunities for safe and enjoyable recreation within the Pewaukee River watershed.

Figure I-1

#### WORKING TO RESTORE FISHERIES HABITAT WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER: 2012

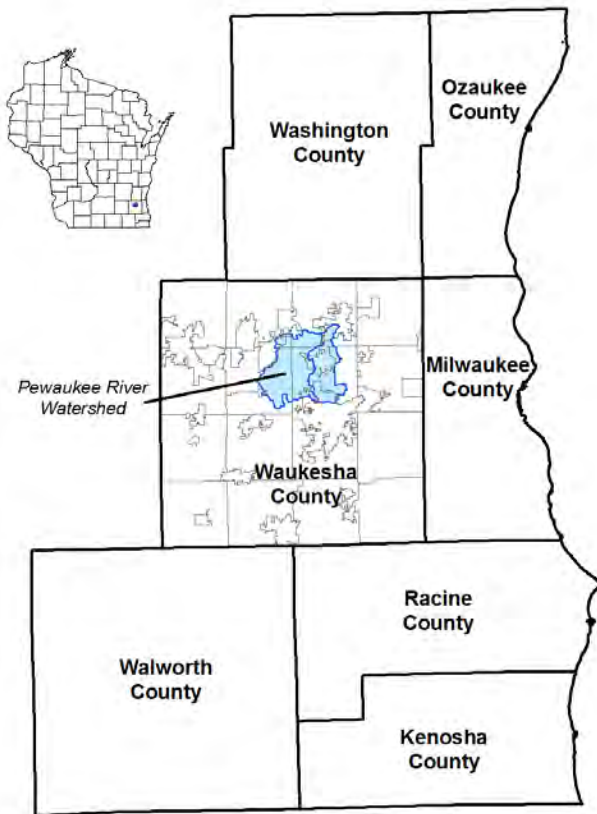


This photo shows members of the *Pewaukee River Partnership (PRP)*, Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District, and a local group of local sixth graders actively working to restore a section of the Pewaukee River to a more appropriate stream width and depth, or “natural” conditions. This is just one of several projects conducted by the PRP to protect the River and its landscape. See Chapter V for more details on past and existing projects.

Source: Thomas Koepp, Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District, and SEWRPC.

Map I-1

LOCATION OF THE PEWAUKEE RIVER  
WATERSHED STUDY AREA



Source: SEWRPC.

gents, significant trash and debris accumulations, and public health impacts, all of which can be seen in the photographs included in the Milwaukee River series. It is important to note that this series pre-dates the clean water act amendments to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the numerous subsequent, significant efforts to improve water quality in the Pewaukee River watershed, including the abandonment of the Village of Pewaukee wastewater treatment plant and connection of the Pewaukee sanitary sewer service areas to the Fox River Water Pollution Control Facility or the City of Waukesha wastewater treatment plant, consistent with the recommendations of the 1979 Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) regional water quality management plan;<sup>3</sup> connection of certain areas in the western part of the watershed to the Delafield-

The Pewaukee River watershed Protection Plan is designed to assist State and local units of government, nongovernmental organizations, businesses, and citizens in developing strategies that will benefit the natural assets of the River system and protect sensitive habitats within the watershed. By using the strategies outlined in this plan, results will be achieved that enrich and preserve the natural environment. In addition, carefully planned urban development can create and maintain open space, groundwater recharge areas, and wildlife corridors for the benefit of the Pewaukee River, the residents of the watershed, and its visitors. This protection plan should serve as a practical guide for the management of water quality within the Pewaukee River watershed and for the management of the land surfaces that drain directly and indirectly to the streams and lake in the watershed.

## BACKGROUND

In 1966, the Milwaukee Journal featured the Pewaukee River in its Pulitzer Prize winning series “The Spreading Menace”.<sup>1</sup> The first installment of this three part series featured the River, as shown in Figure I-2. Much like other watersheds throughout the State, communities within the Pewaukee River watershed had inadequate sanitary sewerage facilities to deal with expanding populations and increasing urbanization. The resultant environmental consequences were highlighted in the Milwaukee Journal series that chronicled the inadequate treatment of human waste or “a cascade of sewage,”<sup>2</sup> discharges of untreated industrial effluents, major fish kills, massive algal blooms, foaming rivers full of leftover deter-

<sup>1</sup>The Milwaukee Journal, Picture Journal, “The Spreading Menace,” Sunday, April 17, 1966.

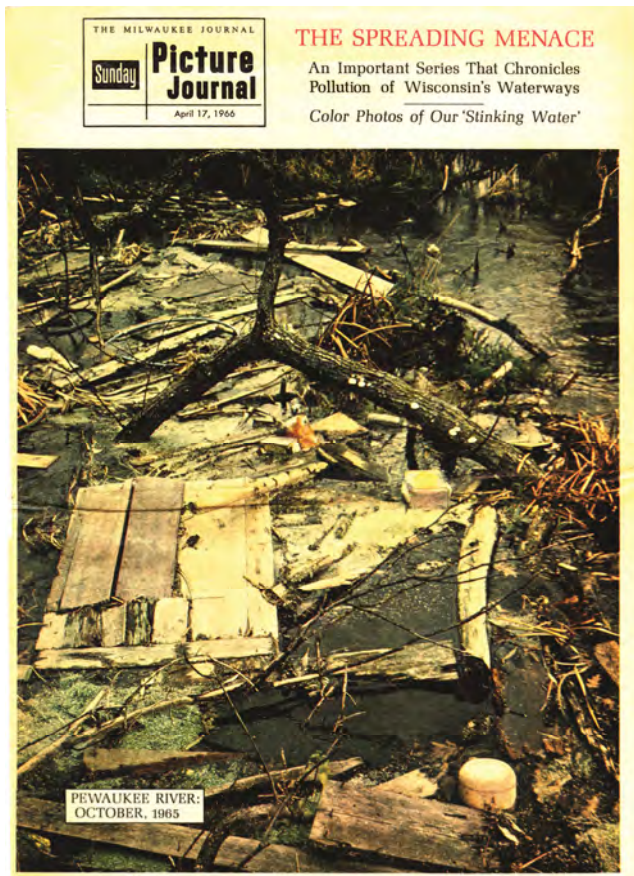
<sup>2</sup>Ibid., page 6.

<sup>3</sup>SEWRPC Planning Report No. 30, A Regional Water Quality Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin—2000, Volume Three, Recommended Plan, June 1979.



Figure I-2

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL ARTICLE



The state of Wisconsin and the Nation as a whole were at an historic tipping point in 1966 where water resources degradation provided clear evidence that "our effluent society" has outstripped the ability of aquatic systems to assimilate our wastes, resulting in a "septic tank suburbia" where "dilution obviously is no longer a really adequate solution to pollution....Little wonder then that conservationists call some rivers 'open sewers'."

Source: *The Milwaukee Journal, Sunday, April 17, 1966, and SEWRPC.*

<sup>4</sup>Ibid., page 12.

<sup>5</sup>*SEWRPC Planning Report No. 30, A Regional Water Quality Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin: 2000, Volume Two, Alternative Plans, February 1979; SEWRPC Memorandum Report No. 93, A Regional Water Quality Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin: An Update and Status Report, March 1995; Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Publication PUBL-WR-366-94, Nonpoint Source Control Plan for the Upper Fox River Priority Watershed Project, June 1994; Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District, An Aquatic Plant Management Plan for Pewaukee Lake, Wisconsin, January 1992; SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 58, A Water Quality Management Plan for Pewaukee Lake, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, March 1984; SEWRPC Memorandum Report No. 56, A Lakefront Recreational Use and Waterway Protection Plan for the Village of Pewaukee, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, March 1996; Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Pewaukee Lake, Waukesha County: Long-Term Trend Lake, 1986, 1986; Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Pewaukee Lake, Waukesha County: Long-Term Trend Lake, 1987, 1987; E.R. Schumacher, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Fish Management Report No. 131, Creel Survey on Pewaukee and Nagawicka Lakes, Waukesha County, Summer 1982, February 1987; and, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Pewaukee Lake Sensitive Area Study, June 1994.*

Hartland Water Pollution Control Commission wastewater treatment plant; the issuance of discharge permits to municipalities for control of stormwater runoff in the watershed pursuant to the 1987 amendment to the Federal Clean Water Act, the banning of leaded gasoline, the promotion of phosphorus free detergents, and restrictions on the use of fertilizers containing phosphorus. This series helped place water quality concerns on the legislative agenda and contributed to the passage of more stringent point source pollution controls in the State. Even at this stage in our history, there was a clear understanding of the potential loss of recreational value both in terms of resources and cash value to "a billion dollar [in 1966 money] business in the Badger state".<sup>4</sup>

The Pewaukee River was featured on the cover of the Milwaukee Journal series as shown in Figure I-2 and illustrated significant water quality impairments due to excessive loading of human effluent, trash, and debris. The Village of Pewaukee wastewater treatment plant did not provide adequate treatment relative to the assimilative capacity of the Pewaukee River. Foaming detergents were common downstream of the treatment plant discharge point and significant amounts of trash and debris were commonplace in this River system. All of these impairments, which degraded water quality in both the River and Pewaukee Lake, significantly affected human use and enjoyment of the water resources.

These major impairments have largely been addressed through a number of planning efforts, legislative initiatives, and remedial programs at the State, regional, county, and local planning levels.<sup>5</sup> Local concern over the state of the Lake and River resulted in the

provision of public sanitary sewer service to the urban lands within the watershed, beginning in 1930 within what is now the Village of Pewaukee, and continuing through 1979 when all lakeshore properties were provided with public sanitary sewerage service. Provision of sewerage services was aided by the formation, in 1944, of the Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District, under Section 60.70 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*. Wastewater from the Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District service area is treated at the Fox River Water Pollution Control Center sewage-treatment facility and discharged to the Fox (Illinois) River. By the mid-1990s, the Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District had assumed public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district powers and the Pewaukee River Partnership had been created as a vehicle for improvement projects and public awareness throughout the watershed.

### **Watershed Location and Current Status**

The Pewaukee River and its tributaries are a unique water resource located in portions of the Cities of Delafield, Pewaukee, and Waukesha, the Village of Pewaukee, portions of the Villages of Hartland and Sussex, and portions of the Towns of Delafield, Lisbon, and Merton (see Map I-2). The Pewaukee River system includes the 2,493-acre through-flow natural drainage Pewaukee Lake and several other tributaries including Coco Creek, Meadowbrook Creek, Zion Creek, Audley Creek, as well as numerous smaller unnamed tributaries. The system supports a variety of fishes, mussels, and other aquatic organisms, including 10 State-listed threatened and endangered species and 13 species of special concern. The system is sustained by groundwater recharge, seepage from wetlands and moraines, and precipitation runoff from about a 38-square-mile watershed. The Pewaukee River is a headwater tributary to the Fox River and their confluence is located in the City of Waukesha. The Fox River is a 199-mile-long tributary to the Illinois River within the Mississippi River basin in the States of Wisconsin and Illinois.

The Pewaukee River watershed has been divided into two *subwatersheds* for this plan to assist in evaluating land use, water quality, biological community, and instream habitat conditions: the *Lake* subwatershed and the *River* subwatershed. The Lake subwatershed is comprised of Pewaukee Lake and all the lands that drain to it, as well as all the lands that drain to that portion of the Pewaukee River that are located upstream of the Pewaukee Lake dam; the River subwatershed is comprised of that portion of the Pewaukee River located downstream of the dam as well as all the lands that drain to that portion. The Lake subwatershed is directly tributary to the main stem of the Pewaukee River and is a significant component of the entire Pewaukee River watershed system. Map I-2 also shows the extent of the approximately 14 miles of stream that were surveyed under this study.

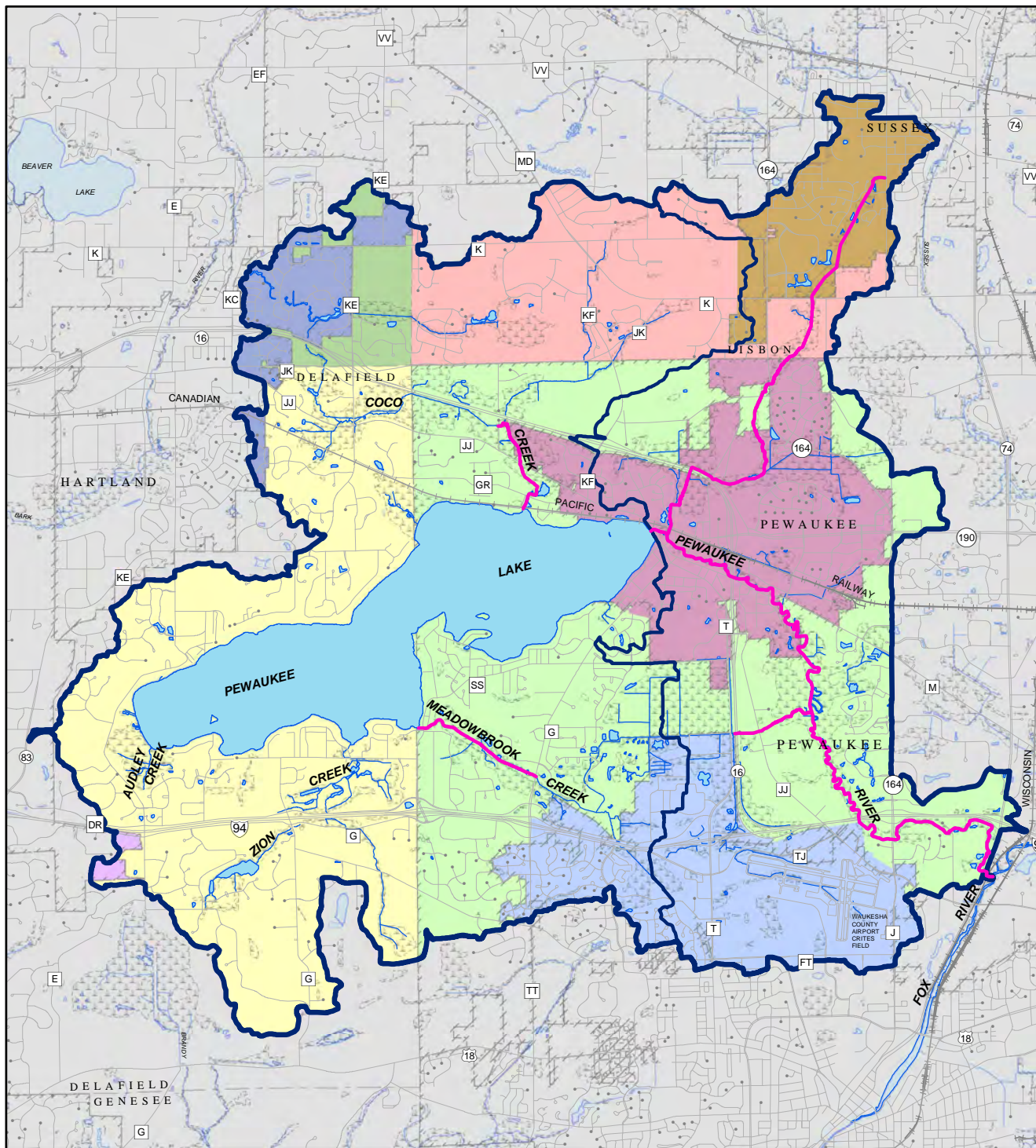
Based upon the results of a recent recreational use survey developed as part of this planning process, it seems that it is this Lake and River combination that establishes both the human connection and the unique mix of recreational values this river system has to offer (see Figure I-3). Despite a fairly high amount of urban development within the watershed, the majority of the stream and adjacent riparian corridors continue to exhibit a rural character which provides recreational opportunities within and adjacent to the River system. Utilized for fishing, hunting, boating, water skiing, wading, canoeing, kayaking, wildlife watching, and scenic viewing, the River provides ecological and recreational benefits for adjacent landowners and other users. Public recreational access opportunities are provided through boating access sites on Pewaukee Lake and public parks and other facilities adjacent to the lake and river system.















The Pewaukee River system also has unique aesthetic and ecological values and has the potential to be a more diverse aquatic ecosystem within the urbanizing portion of the Southeastern Wisconsin Region within which it is located. The majority of the Pewaukee River system is generally classified as a warmwater fish community, but Coco Creek has been designated as a potential Class II brown trout fishery for its entire length to its confluence with Pewaukee Lake. Pewaukee Lake itself has a highly managed muskellunge fishery for which it is well known and attracts anglers from both Wisconsin and Illinois. However, recent introductions of nonnative species such as Eurasian Water Milfoil, zebra mussels, purple loosestrife, and *Phragmites* threaten the biological integrity of this system.



Map I-2

CIVIL DIVISIONS AND SURFACE WATER RESOURCES WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2012



- |   |                   |   |                     |   |                       |
|---|-------------------|---|---------------------|---|-----------------------|
|  | CITY OF DELAFIELD |  | TOWN OF MERTON      |  | SURFACE WATER         |
|  | CITY OF PEWAUKEE  |  | VILLAGE OF HARTLAND |  | STREAM SURVEYED       |
|  | CITY OF WAUKESHA  |  | VILLAGE OF PEWAUKEE |  | STREAM                |
|  | TOWN OF DELAFIELD |  | VILLAGE OF SUSSEX   |  | WATERSHED BOUNDARY    |
|  | TOWN OF LISBON    |   |                     |  | SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY |

Source: SEWRPC.

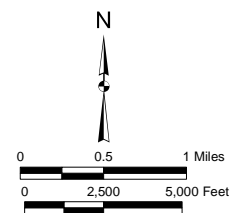
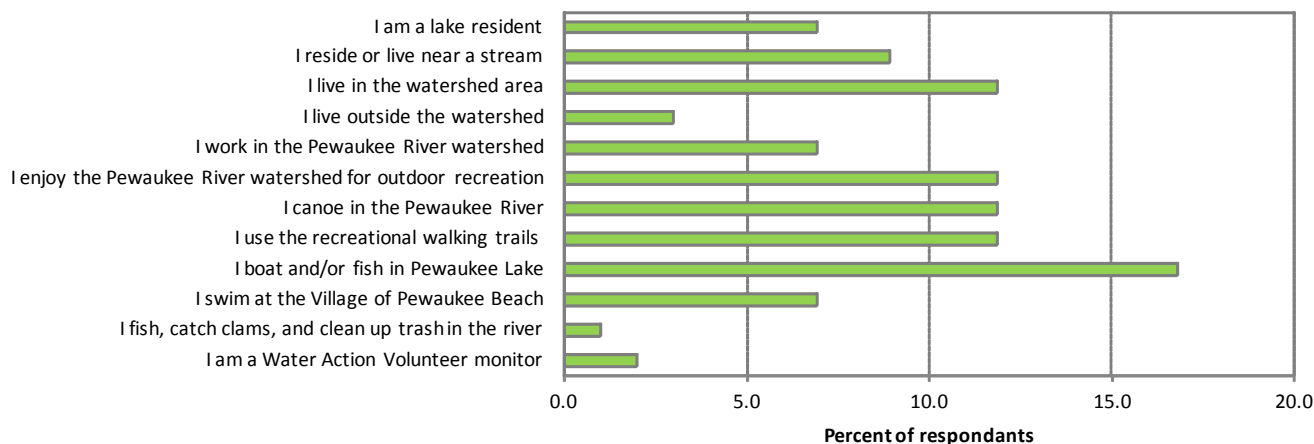


Figure I-3

**WHAT IS YOUR CONNECTION TO THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED?**



NOTE: The answers to this question were obtained from attendees of the public informational meeting as part of the formulation of the Pewaukee River Watershed Protection Plan dated April 1, 2011.

Source: SEWRPC.

The attributes that make the Pewaukee River and its watershed so unique within the Southeastern Wisconsin Region are the same attributes that attract new residents, businesses, and supporting infrastructure to the watershed. This increasing urban development in recent years has led to conversion of agricultural and open lands to residential lands with increased impervious area and volumes of stormwater runoff, increased demands for groundwater, and increased demands on the recreational opportunities throughout the river system. Such demands have raised concerns about the effects on the hydrological and ecological integrity of this water system. These concerns, combined with the need to protect and preserve the ecology and water quality of Pewaukee Lake, led to the development of a second edition comprehensive lake management plan that set forth priority actions to protect and preserve the ecology and water quality of Pewaukee Lake.<sup>6</sup> While these plans have led to the implementation of actions by the Pewaukee Lake Sanitary District and municipalities that have addressed the immediate concerns relating to the Lake itself, ongoing concern over the state of the River linking the lake has remained. These concerns led to the formation of the Pewaukee River Partnership as a means of focusing attention on the entire hydrologic system.

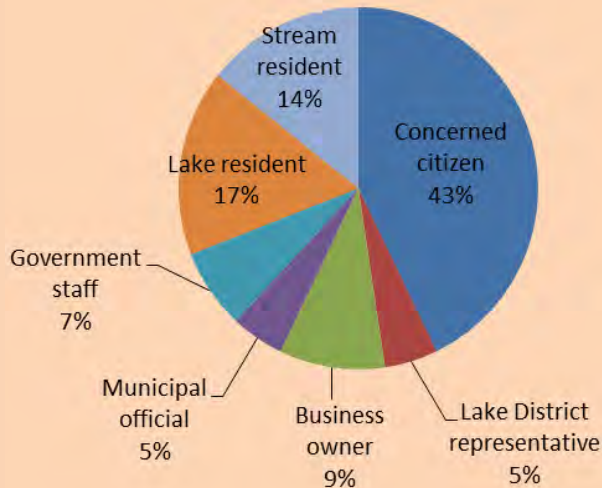
## PLANNING PROCESS

The Pewaukee River Partnership received Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) grant funding through the Chapter NR 195 River Planning and Management Grant Program with additional financial support from Waukesha County to complete a Protection Plan for the Pewaukee River watershed. This planning effort was conducted cooperatively and involved the WDNR, Waukesha County, Pewaukee Lake Sanitary District, City and Village of Pewaukee, the City of Waukesha, Town of Brookfield, Town of Delafield, Town of Lisbon, Town of Waukesha, the Village of Sussex, and SEWRPC.

<sup>6</sup>SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 58, op. cit.; SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 58, 2nd Edition, A Lake Management Plan for Pewaukee Lake, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, May 2003.

Figure I-4

**BREAKDOWN OF WORK GROUP MEMBERS  
CONTRIBUTING TO THE FORMULATION OF THE  
PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED PROTECTION  
PLAN: 2011 THROUGH 2012**



The composition of the work group demonstrates that the **greatest assets** to protect and improve the Pewaukee River **have been and continue to be the dedicated people** (individuals, organizations, and agency staff) **that live and/or work within the watershed.**

Source: SEWRPC.

SEWRPC has prepared this plan on behalf of the Pewaukee River Partnership in cooperation with representatives from the *ad hoc* Pewaukee River Watershed Protection Plan Advisory Group. The Advisory Group was comprised of self-nominated individuals representing a range of stake holders with interests in the Pewaukee River watershed who volunteered their time to meet and review portions of the plan. The Advisory Group represents the diversity of interests and perspectives that affect the watershed, including businesses, stream and lake residents, and County and local government staff as shown in Figure I-4. During 2011 and 2012, participants in the Advisory Group either attended one or more of the several meetings or provided electronic mail correspondence to define issues, develop goals, and establish recommendations that would help manage local community growth while protecting the natural resources in the Pewaukee River watershed. It is important to note that the plan goals, which were based upon the feedback provided by the Advisory Group, form the foundation for generating and evaluating the alternative and recommended plans, and for establishing a sound framework within which to implement the recommendations.

The Watershed Team and Advisory Group developed the following general goals for the plan:

- Protect and improve wildlife, land, surface water, and groundwater resources
- Minimize impacts of land development by controlling both nonpoint agricultural and urban runoff pollution and flooding
- Build partnerships and inform the public to promote protection and safe recreational use of natural resources

This plan elaborates on each of these planning goals by outlining more specific objectives and action items recommended to accomplish the goals. These objectives and management measures also benefited from discussions with Advisory Group members throughout the planning process. There were four major/key findings, five emerging threats/issues of concern, and five key opportunities that were identified through this planning process and listed below (no order of importance implied by position in the list).

**Major Findings**

- Water quality in the River is dependent upon water quality in the Lake.
- Water quantity in the River and Lake is dependent upon both surface runoff and groundwater discharge.
- Recreational uses of the Lake and River are linked and interrelated.
- Volunteer water quality monitoring programs in the Lake and Stream were invaluable for understanding this system.

## Emerging Threats

- The River and Lake are highly vulnerable to drought as experienced in the summer 2012 and illustrate the need to protect groundwater recharge areas throughout the watershed for existing and planned land uses.
- Riparian buffer lands adjacent to the waterways are necessary to protect water quality and wildlife, but these protections are most vulnerable within and among small headwater tributaries throughout the watershed as well as along Pewaukee Lake.
- Existing and planned urban growth can limit groundwater recharge, in the absence of mitigation measures, and could negatively impact both water quality and water quantity.
- Agricultural land use practices could be improved to reduce nutrient and sediment loads to the River.
- The amount of trash and debris within this river system degrades water quality, aesthetics, and recreational value.
- Stream channelization and road crossings have limited the quality and quantity of instream fisheries habitat.

## Opportunities

- To better integrate land-based and water-based recreation to improve access to and quality of recreational experiences
- To protect existing riparian buffer width and longitudinal connectivity, and expand them where feasible, to improve water quality, minimize streambank erosion, and protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat
- To enhance groundwater recharge by protecting critical sites with high and very high groundwater recharge potential<sup>7</sup> through appropriate zoning, purchase, and land management measures
- To implement mitigation measures to protect water quality and groundwater recharge through application of green infrastructure, stormwater treatment practices, and community coordination mechanisms
- To improve the fishery by enhancement of fish passage, protection of potential spawning areas in River/tributaries and Lake, and protection of the land-water interface through preservation of surface and groundwater linkages

This plan forms a logical complement to the management actions that have been implemented on the land and water resources throughout the Pewaukee River watershed, and represents an ongoing commitment by the Pewaukee River Partnership, municipalities, and citizens to sound environmental planning. This plan is also consistent with the implementation of the Waukesha County Land and Water Resource Management Plan goals of protecting and improving the natural resources within the County by applying a watershed based protection planning approach.<sup>8</sup> It is important to note that the watershed management approach has recently been adopted by

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<sup>7</sup>Such sites are identified on Map 127 on page 716 of SEWRPC Planning Report No. 52, A Regional Water Supply Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin, December 2010

<sup>8</sup>Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use-Land Resources Division, Waukesha County Land and Water Resources Management Plan: 2006-2010, March 2006; Waukesha County, A Comprehensive Development Plan for Waukesha County, February 2009.



the State of Minnesota's Department of Natural Resources as the major statewide strategic guidance for the protection of fishes and their habitats.<sup>9</sup>

## PLAN FORMAT AND ORGANIZATION

This document incorporates land, groundwater, and stream management data and analyses compiled from the following sources: the WDNR Priority Watershed Project and State of the Basin Reports;<sup>10</sup> the SEWRPC regional land use and water supply plans, various technical reports completed by engineering and scientific consulting firms; and, County and local government Comprehensive Management Plans. In addition, this plan incorporates water quality, physical habitat, biological data and land use information collected by the WDNR, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey (WGNHS), Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use, volunteer Lake and stream (Water Actions Volunteer) monitors, and SEWRPC.

This report is divided into six chapters. Following this initial introductory chapter, the second chapter presents information on the natural and man-made features of the watershed, including a description of the natural resource base and environmentally sensitive areas, land use data, and population demographics. Chapter III briefly describes State and local plans, regulations, and programs that are related to this watershed protection plan. Chapter IV summarizes the physical conditions of the stream system, existing surface water quality, and habitat and biological conditions in the Pewaukee River watershed. Chapters V and VI include the goals, objectives, alternative and recommended plan elements, and implementation steps to address the identified issues and concerns of the watershed. These chapters contain recommendations regarding outreach and education, methods of program performance review, and plan implementation.

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<sup>9</sup>*State of Minnesota, Department of Natural Resources, Section of Fisheries, Fish Habitat Plan: A Strategic Guidance Document, 2013.* [http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/fish\\_wildlife/fisheries/habitat/2013\\_fishhabitatplan.pdf](http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/fish_wildlife/fisheries/habitat/2013_fishhabitatplan.pdf)

<sup>10</sup>*Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Publication No. PUBL-WT-701-2002, The State of the Southeast Fox River Basin, February 2002.*

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## Chapter II

# NATURAL AND CONSTRUCTED FEATURES OF THE WATERSHED

### INTRODUCTION

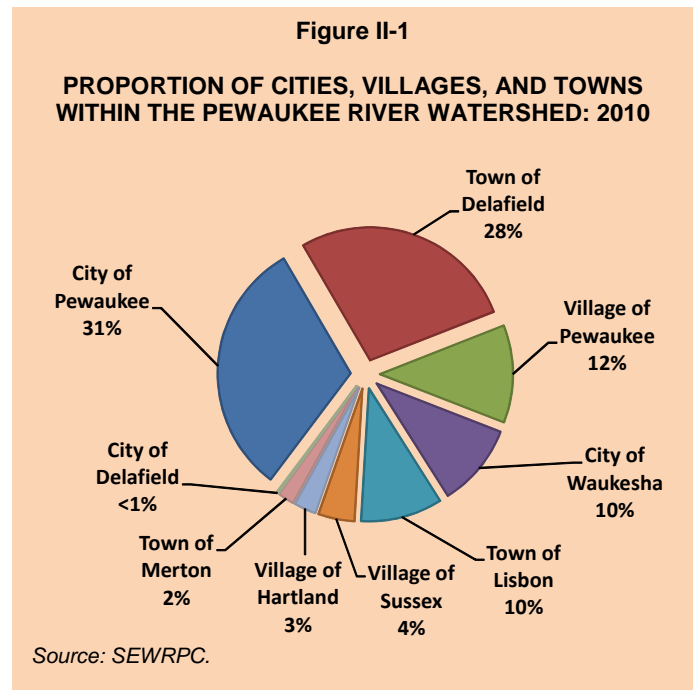
Information on the natural and constructed features of a study area is essential to sound planning for water quality, stormwater and floodland management. Watershed topography and local hydrology influence rates and volumes of runoff, affecting instream water quality, the composition of plant and fish communities, and flooding conditions. Water pollution problems and their solutions are primarily a function of the human activities within a watershed, and of the ability of the natural resource base to sustain those activities. Streams and lakes are susceptible to water quality degradation due to human activities which can interfere with desired water uses, and which are often difficult and costly to correct. Accordingly, the land uses and population levels in the watershed are important considerations in stream and lake water quality management.

### LAND USE

Soil erosion problems, water pollution problems, recreational use conflicts, and the risk of damage to the environment, as well as the ultimate means for abatement of these problems, are primarily a function of human activities within the Pewaukee River watershed, and of the ability of the underlying natural resource base to sustain those activities. This becomes especially significant in areas that are in close proximity to lakes, wetlands, and streams.

#### Civil Divisions

Superimposed on the watershed boundary is a pattern of local political boundaries. As shown on Map I-1 in Chapter I of this report, the watershed lies in north central Waukesha County. A total of nine civil divisions lie wholly or partially within the Pewaukee River watershed, as shown on Map I-2 in Chapter I of this report and listed in Figure II-1. Geographic boundaries of the civil divisions are an important factor which must be considered in the watershed protection plan since the civil divisions form the basic foundation of the public decision making framework within which intergovernmental, environmental, and



developmental problems must be addressed. The governmental units within the Pewaukee River watershed include the entire Village of Pewaukee, portions of the Villages of Hartland and Sussex; portions of the Towns of Delafield, Lisbon, and Merton; and portions of the Cities of Delafield, Pewaukee, and Waukesha. The City of Pewaukee and Town of Delafield, combined, comprise nearly 60 percent of the areal extent of Pewaukee River watershed, as shown in Figure II-1. The City of Waukesha, Town of Lisbon, and Village of Pewaukee each generally account for about ten percent of the watershed, or an additional combined 32 percent of the watershed. The remaining four municipalities (City of Delafield, Town of Merton, and Villages of Hartland and Sussex) together comprise a little less than ten percent of the watershed.

### **Historical Urban Growth**

The types, intensity, and spatial distribution of land uses within the Pewaukee River watershed are important elements in natural resource management. In this regard, the current and planned future land use patterns, placed in the context of the historical development of the area, are important considerations in developing and implementing this plan. Historical urban growth within the Pewaukee River watershed is summarized on Map II-1. Much of the early growth (pre-1900) in the watershed centered around the downtown area of the Village of Pewaukee.<sup>1</sup> Between 1900 and 1950, most of the growth was focused around the Pewaukee Lake shoreline. Starting after 1950 and extending until 1980, a post-war housing boom occurred throughout the entire watershed, probably spurred on by the construction of IH94 and STH 16. A lull in urban development occurred from 1980 to 1990, where urban growth dropped from about 2,200 acres in the preceding decade to less than half of that, or about 1,050 acres. After that slow period, urban growth increased from 1990 to 2000 to the highest recorded, or nearly 2,550 acres, which is consistent with the population and housing trends discussed below. Growth once again decreased to about 1,340 acres in the most current period from 2000 to 2010. Despite these ups and downs over time, urban growth also showed two distinct patterns. First, the earliest growth that began around the perimeter of Pewaukee Lake continues to emanate from the Lake and expand outward. Second, growth is expanding around the perimeter of the watershed boundary from the outlying cities, towns, and villages.

More than 50 percent of the urban growth within the Pewaukee River watershed has occurred within the Lake subwatershed. But, this would be expected, given that the Lake subwatershed is twice the size of the River subwatershed. Despite this urban growth, the Pewaukee River watershed is still predominantly in rural land uses (see “Existing and Planned Land Use” subsection below for more details).

### **Population and Households**

Growth in population and numbers of households from 1960 to 2010 in the Pewaukee River watershed is shown in Figure II-2. The resident population grew from about 11,400 to 33,725 individuals and number of households from about 2,900 to 13,760 from 1960 through 2010. During that time period the PR subwatershed comprised about 41 percent of both the population and number of households within the entire watershed. The greatest increase in population occurred between 1990 and 2000, which was then followed by the smallest increase between 2000 and 2010. The greatest household increases occurred between 1970 to 1980 and 1990 to 2000. It is also interesting to note that rates of growth in the number of households within the PR subwatershed were greater than in the PL subwatershed for every time period except for 2000 to 2010, which also was associated with a slight decrease in population size for that area.

Based upon the adopted regional land use plan, the population in the Pewaukee River watershed is projected to increase through the year 2035 by about 24 percent, while the numbers of resident households in the watershed are projected to increase by about 21 percent.<sup>2</sup>

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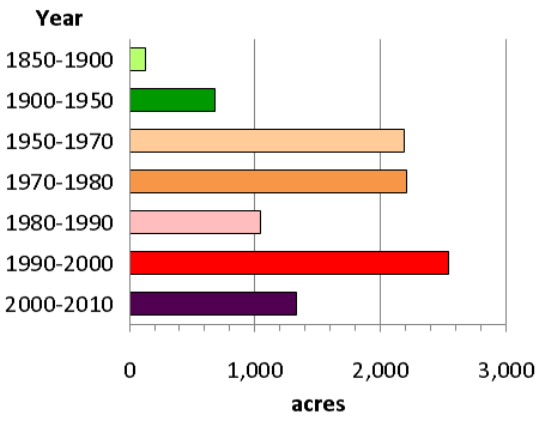
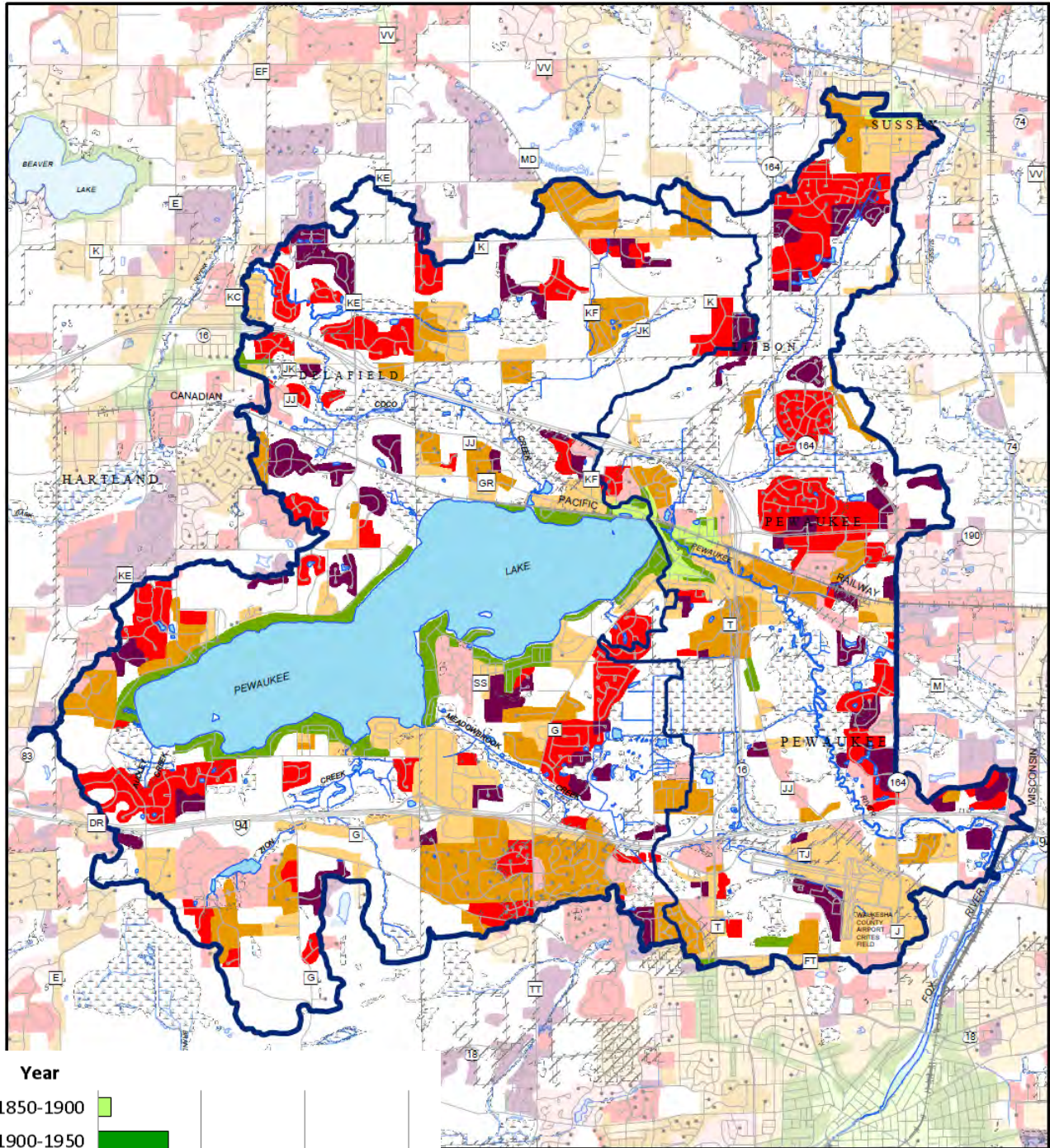
<sup>1</sup>*Information and resources on the history of Pewaukee is provided on the Pewaukee Areas Historical Society website at <http://www.pewaukeehistory.org/>*

<sup>2</sup>*SEWRPC Planning Report No. 48, A Regional Land Use Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin: 2035, June 2006.*



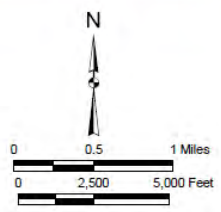
Map II-1

HISTORICAL URBAN GROWTH WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 1850-2010



- SURFACE WATER
- STREAM
- WATERSHED BOUNDARY
- SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY

Colors outside the watershed boundary are reduced in intensity to show the adjacent extent and distribution of each legend category.

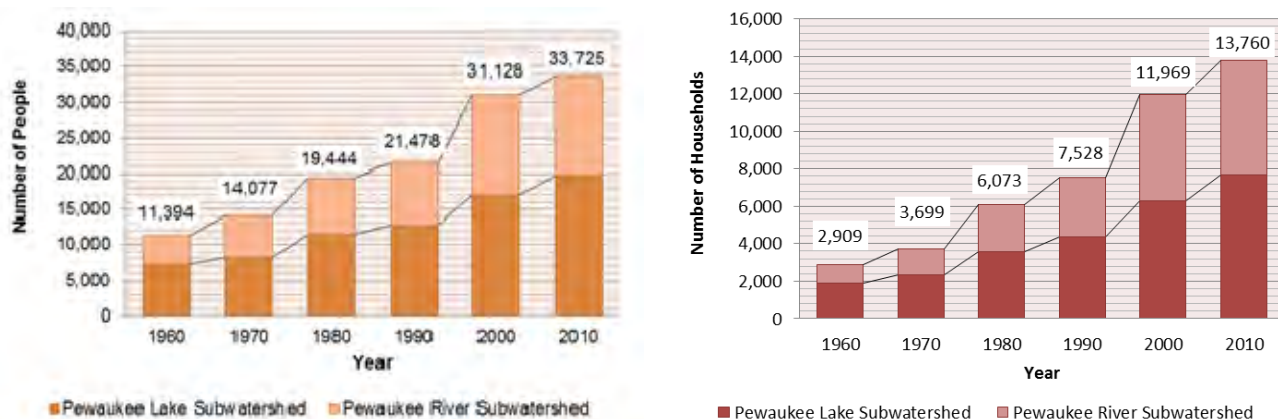


Source: SEWRPC.

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Figure II-2

**POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLDS AMONG SUBWATERSHEDS  
WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 1960-2010**



NOTE: Watershed areas approximated by whole U.S. Public Land Survey quarter sections.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census and SEWRPC.

**Existing and Planned Land Use**

This section characterizes existing land use conditions for the entire Pewaukee River watershed, as well as the PL and PR subwatersheds, for the year 2010, and examines changes anticipated to occur through planned year 2035 conditions. More detailed breakdowns of the existing and planned land use for each subwatershed can be found in Appendix A.

**Urban Land Use**

In 2010, as indicated in Table II-1 and on Map II-2, urban land uses—which include residential; commercial; industrial; governmental and institutional; transportation, communication, utilities; and recreational lands—encompassed nearly 49 percent of the total watershed area. Residential land uses comprised the largest urban land use, covering about 6,207 acres, or about 25 percent, of the total watershed. However, as shown in Map II-2 and Figure II-3, most of the residential development, or about 19 percent, is located within the Lake subwatershed compared to about six percent in the River subwatershed. In contrast, nearly all of the industrial, commercial, and governmental and institutional lands are located within the River subwatershed. Transportation, communication, and utilities are nearly evenly split among each of the two subwatersheds at about seven percent each, which comprises the second largest urban land use category in the entire watershed. In terms of recreational lands, there are nearly 830 acres comprised of golf courses, parks with picnic areas and baseball diamonds, and trail systems (see Recreational Use section in Chapter IV of this report for more details).

Under planned 2035 land use conditions, about 15,482 acres, or 64 percent, of the watershed, are anticipated to be in urban land uses. Residential development is anticipated to comprise about 45 percent of the increase in urban land use between 2010 and 2035 as shown in Table II-1 and on Map II-3. Twenty-seven percent of the increase in urban land use is planned to occur in the PL subwatershed and 18 percent is anticipated to occur in the Pewaukee River subwatershed (see Appendix-A). The remaining 55 percent of the increase in urban land between 2010 and 2035 is planned to be in commercial, industrial, governmental, transportation, or recreational uses. Map II-3 shows the future growth of these types of development is planned to occur primarily along IH 94 and STH 16. As indicated in Table II-1, a corresponding decrease of more than 3,500 acres of agricultural and open lands and 124 acres of woodlands is planned to occur.

Table II-1

LAND USE IN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2010-2035<sup>a,b</sup>

Category <sup>c</sup>	2010		2035		Change: 2010-2035	
	Acres	Percent of Total	Acres	Percent of Total	Acres	Percent
Urban						
Residential .....	6,207	25.4	7,819	32.1	1,612	26.0
Commercial .....	623	2.6	973	4.0	350	56.2
Industrial.....	387	1.6	675	2.8	288	74.4
Governmental and Institutional .....	476	1.9	770	3.2	294	61.8
Transportation, Communication and Utilities .....	3,330	13.7	4,168	17.1	838	25.2
Extractive.....	--	--	9	<0.1	9	>100
Recreational .....	828	3.4	1,068	4.4	240	29.0
Subtotal	11,851	48.6	15,482	63.6	3,631	30.6
Rural						
Agricultural and Open Lands <sup>d</sup> .....	5,798	23.8	2,291	9.4	-3,507	-60.5
Wetlands <sup>e</sup> .....	2,798	11.5	2,798	11.5	0	0.0
Woodlands .....	1,294	5.3	1,170	4.8	-124	-9.6
Water.....	2,639	10.8	2,639	10.7	0	0
Subtotal	12,529	51.4	8,898	36.4	-3,631	-29.0
Total	24,380	100.0	24,380	100.0	0	--

<sup>a</sup>As approximated by whole U.S. Public Land Survey one-quarter sections.

<sup>b</sup>As part of the regional land use inventory for the year 2000, the delineation of existing land use was referenced to real property boundary information not available for prior inventories. This change, which is also reflected in the 2010 inventory, increases the precision of the land use inventory and makes it more usable to public agencies and private interests throughout the Region. As a result of the change, however, year 2000 and later land use inventory data are not strictly comparable with data from the 1990 and prior inventories. At the county and regional level, the most significant effect of the change is to increase the transportation, communication, and utilities category, the result of the use of narrower estimated right-of-ways in prior inventories. The treatment of streets and highways generally diminishes the area of adjacent land uses traversed by those streets and highways in the 2000 land use inventory relative to prior inventories.

<sup>c</sup>Off-street parking of more than 10 spaces is included with the associated land use.

<sup>d</sup>It is important to note that farmed wetlands are included with the Agricultural and Open Lands category for the year 2010. However, if farmed wetland is adjacent to Primary Environmental Corridor (PEC) lands, it is included with the PEC lands category for the year 2035 planned land use, which would represent part of the reduction in the Agricultural and Open Lands category.

<sup>e</sup>As part of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Wisconsin Wetland Inventory (WWI) beginning in the year 2005, the wetlands were mapped to a much finer scale and greater level of detail (more wetland categories) than prior inventories. This change increased the accuracy and precision of wetland mapping throughout the Region. As a result of the change, however, year 2010 wetland inventory data are not comparable with data from the year 2000 and prior inventories. At the county and Regional level, the most significant effect of the change is that more, smaller wetlands were able to be delineated, which lead to an overall increase in the number and total acreage of wetlands. At the local scale of this study, the most significant wetland area increases were due to an increase in the number of wetlands, farmed wetlands reverting back to wetlands due to inactivity/abandonment of agricultural cultivation activities, and expansion of boundaries within pre-existing wetland areas. However, there was also significant loss of wetland due to urban development, primarily related to residential housing and roadway construction.

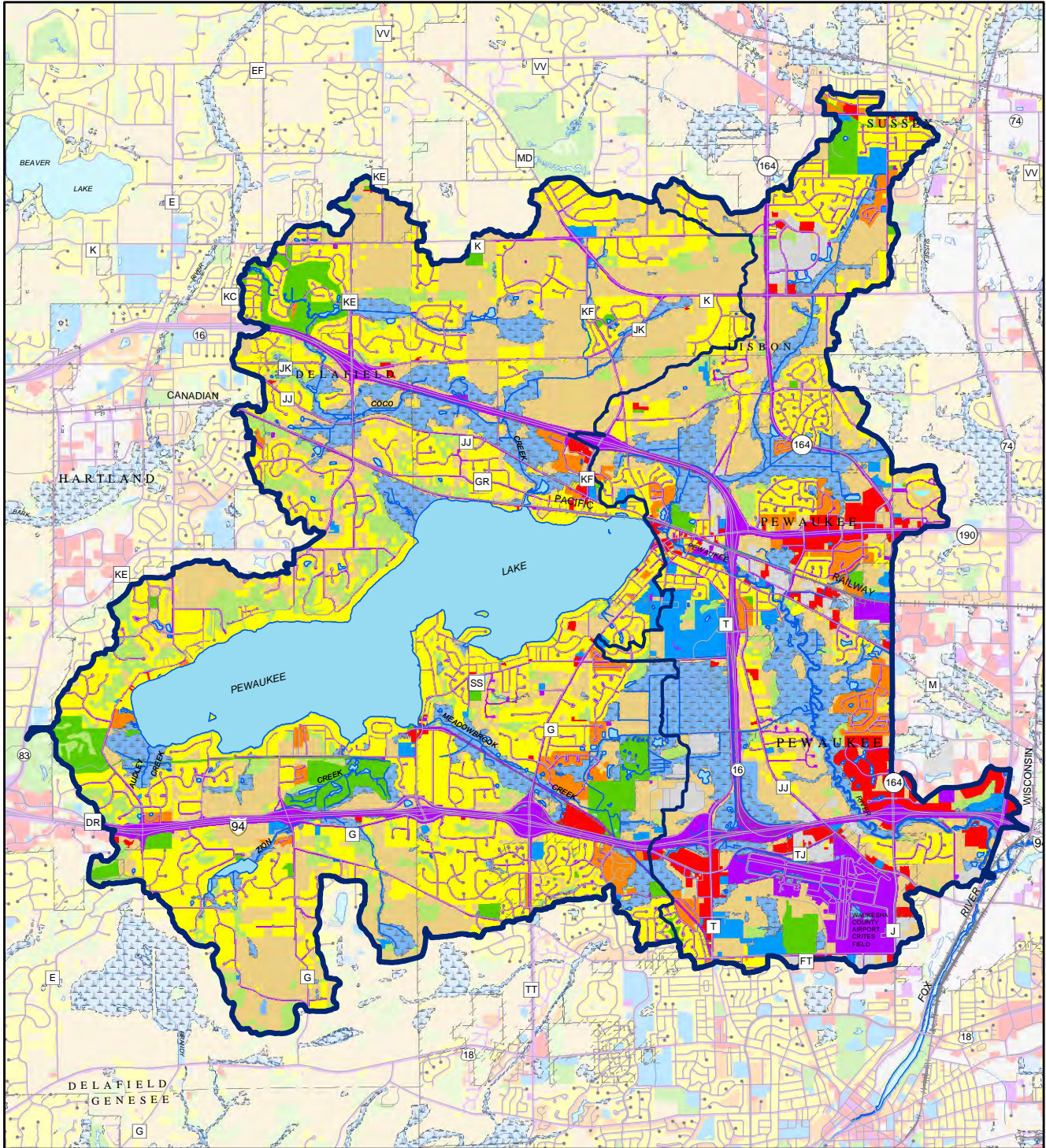
Source: SEWRPC.

Adopted sanitary sewer service areas are shown on Map II-4. These sewer service areas have been delineated through a local sewer service area planning process. As part of this process, the community concerned, assisted by SEWRPC, determines a precise sewer service area boundary consistent with local land use plans and development objectives. Sewer service area plans include detailed maps of environmentally significant areas within the sewer service area. Following adoption of the plan by the designated management agency for the wastewater treatment plant, local sewer service area plans are considered for adoption by SEWRPC as a formal amendment to the regional water quality management plan. The Commission then forwards the plans to the WDNR for approval.



Map II-2

EXISTING LAND USE WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2010










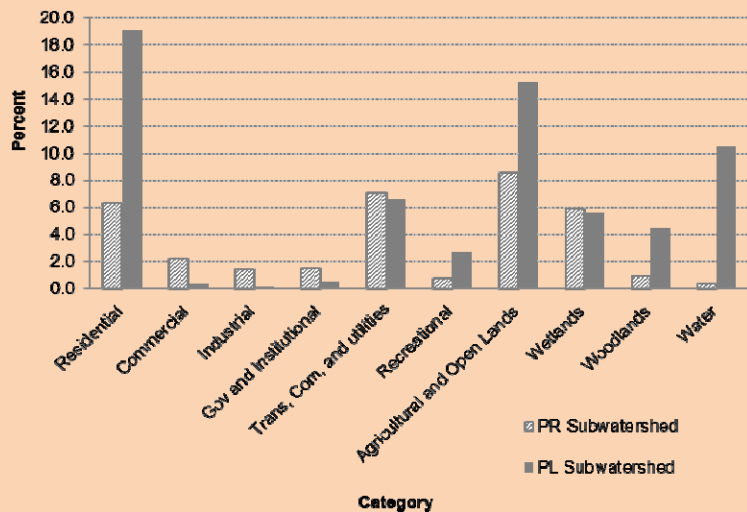
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|  | SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL                     |  | RECREATION                                 |   | STREAM                |
|  | MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL                      |  | WETLANDS                                   |   | WATERSHED BOUNDARY    |
|  | COMMERCIAL                                    |  | WOODLANDS                                  |   | SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY |
|  | INDUSTRIAL                                    |  | SURFACE WATER                              | Colors outside the watershed boundary are reduced in intensity to show the adjacent extent and distribution of each legend category. |                       |
|  | TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, AND UTILITIES |  | AGRICULTURAL, UNUSED, AND OTHER OPEN LANDS | <p>Source: SEWRPC.</p>                          |                       |
|  | GOVERNMENT AND INSTITUTIONAL                  |  | EXTRACTIVE AND LANDFILL                    |  |                       |



Figure II-3

PROPORTION OF LAND USE AMONG THE PEWAUKEE RIVER (PR) AND PEWAUKEE LAKE (PL) SUBWATERSHEDS WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2010



Source: SEWRPC.

There are no wastewater treatment plants within the Pewaukee River watershed. The closest sewage treatment plant is located outside of the watershed in the Village of Sussex. Sewer service areas have been adopted for most of the watershed area except for parts of the Towns of Delafield, Lisbon and Merton and a portion of the City of Pewaukee.

**Rural Land Use**

As shown in Table II-1, in 2010, rural lands—consisting of woodlands, wetlands, surface water, agricultural croplands and other open lands—comprised about 51 percent of the total land area of the Pewaukee River watershed. Agricultural and other open land uses were the largest rural land use in the watershed, encompassing nearly 24 percent of the total land area. Agricultural land use is divided between active cropland and other

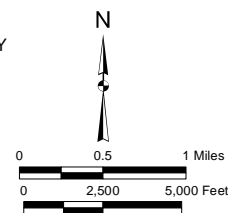
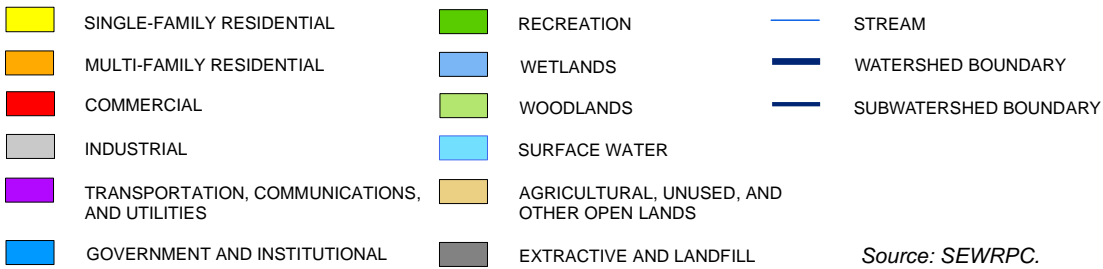
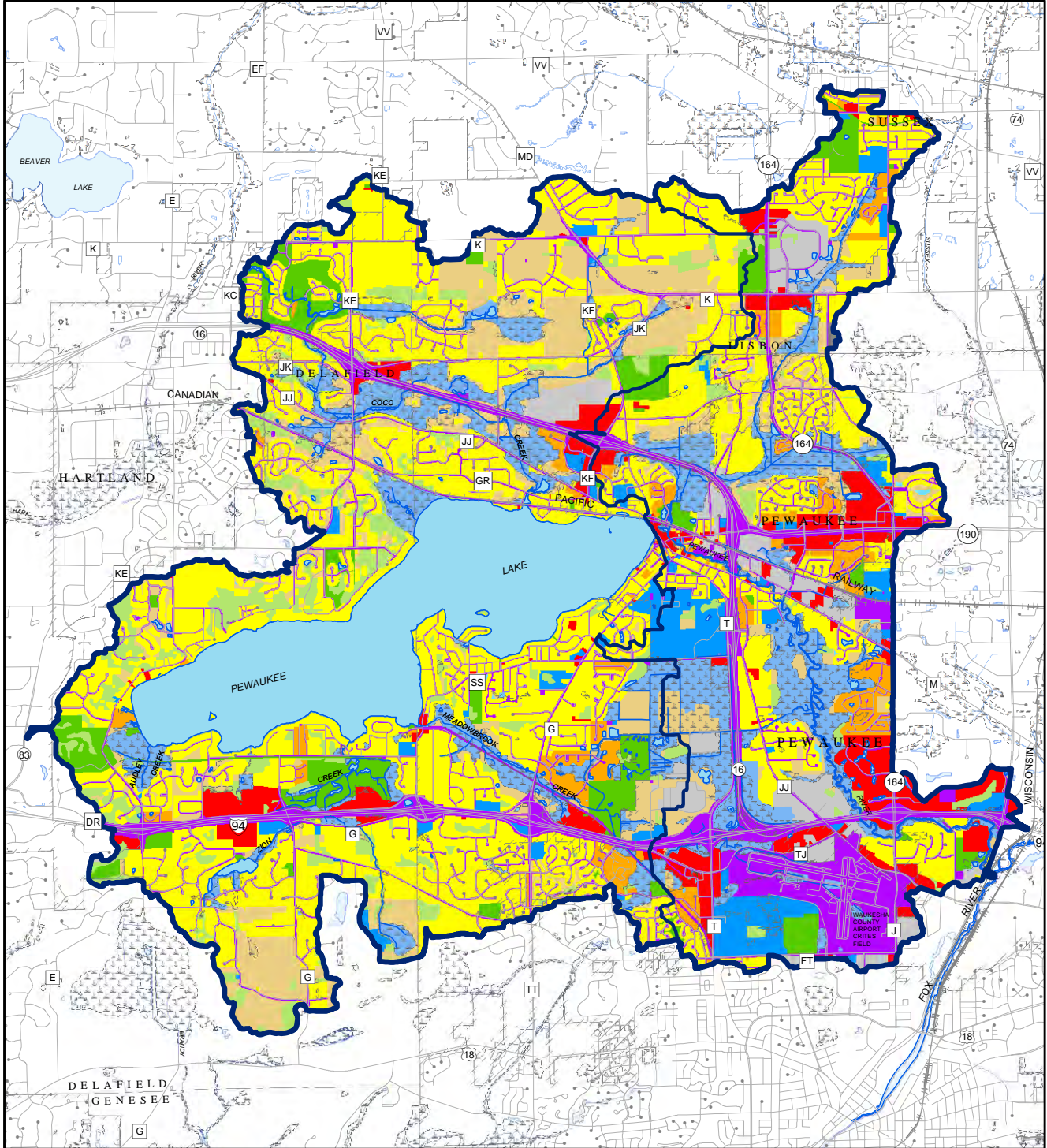
open lands, which includes farm buildings, pastures, grasslands that have not succeeded to wetland or woodland communities, and lands adjacent to cropland, such as treelines and hedgerows. For the agricultural and open lands present within the watershed during 2010, approximately 5,190 acres or 90 percent of the soils are considered most suitable for agricultural uses (i.e., “prime” agricultural lands or “soils of statewide importance” as shown on Map II-5). The category of agricultural land that meets the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) definition of “prime” agricultural soils includes those lands that would meet the prime classification if artificially drained or protected from flooding. These lands include approximately 3,800 acres, or 66 percent of the watershed. A second category includes agricultural land that does not meet the Federal definition of prime agricultural soils, but is classified by the State as being “soils of statewide importance.” These lands include 1,391 acres, or 24 percent of the watershed land area.<sup>3</sup> The third category, shown on Map II-5, includes other lands that do not meet either the State or Federal definitions, and primarily includes fields with slopes greater than 12 percent. This category contains 607 acres, or 10 percent of the remaining agricultural and other lands. In summary, the PL subwatershed contains nearly twice the amount of agricultural and open lands and the majority of the highest soils for agriculture purposes compared to the PR subwatershed.

Historically, before European settlement in the mid 1800s, the landscape within the Pewaukee River watershed consisted largely of oak savanna (oak opening), a transitional habitat between forest and grassland containing prairie grasses and forbs beneath widely spaced trees, primarily Bur oaks. Other natural habitats in the watershed included oak forest, open wetlands, maple-basswood forest, lowland hardwoods, and conifer swamp. The extent of these natural habitat types in the Pewaukee River watershed, derived from the original land survey records, is shown on Map II-5A.

<sup>3</sup>In the Pewaukee River watershed, the agricultural lands placed in the second category do not meet the Federal definition primarily because of steep slopes (6 to 12 percent) and poor drainage (water table at zero to three foot depth). However, with the application of soil conservation or drainage practices, these soils have proven to be very productive in Wisconsin.

Map II-3

PLANNED LAND USE WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2035

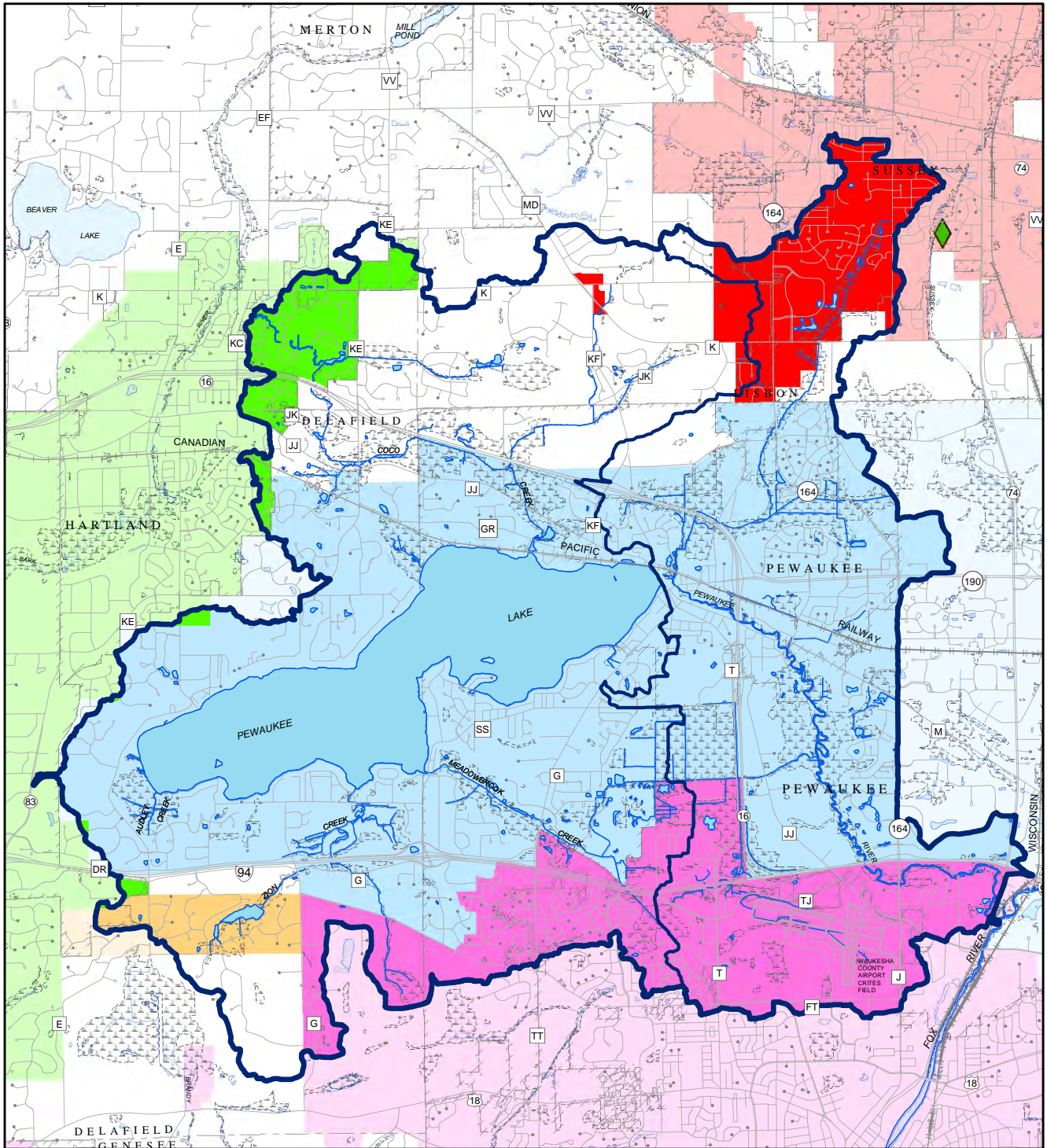


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Map II-4

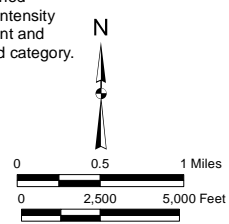
ADOPTED SANITARY SEWER SERVICE AREAS WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2009



- CITY OF WAUKESHA
- CITY OF WAUKESHA OR FOX RIVER WATER POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION
- DELAFIELD-HARTLAND WATER POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION
- FOX RIVER WATER POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION
- VILLAGE OF SUSSEX
- EXISTING TREATMENT PLANTS: DECEMBER 2010
- SURFACE WATER
- STREAM
- WATERSHED BOUNDARY
- SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY

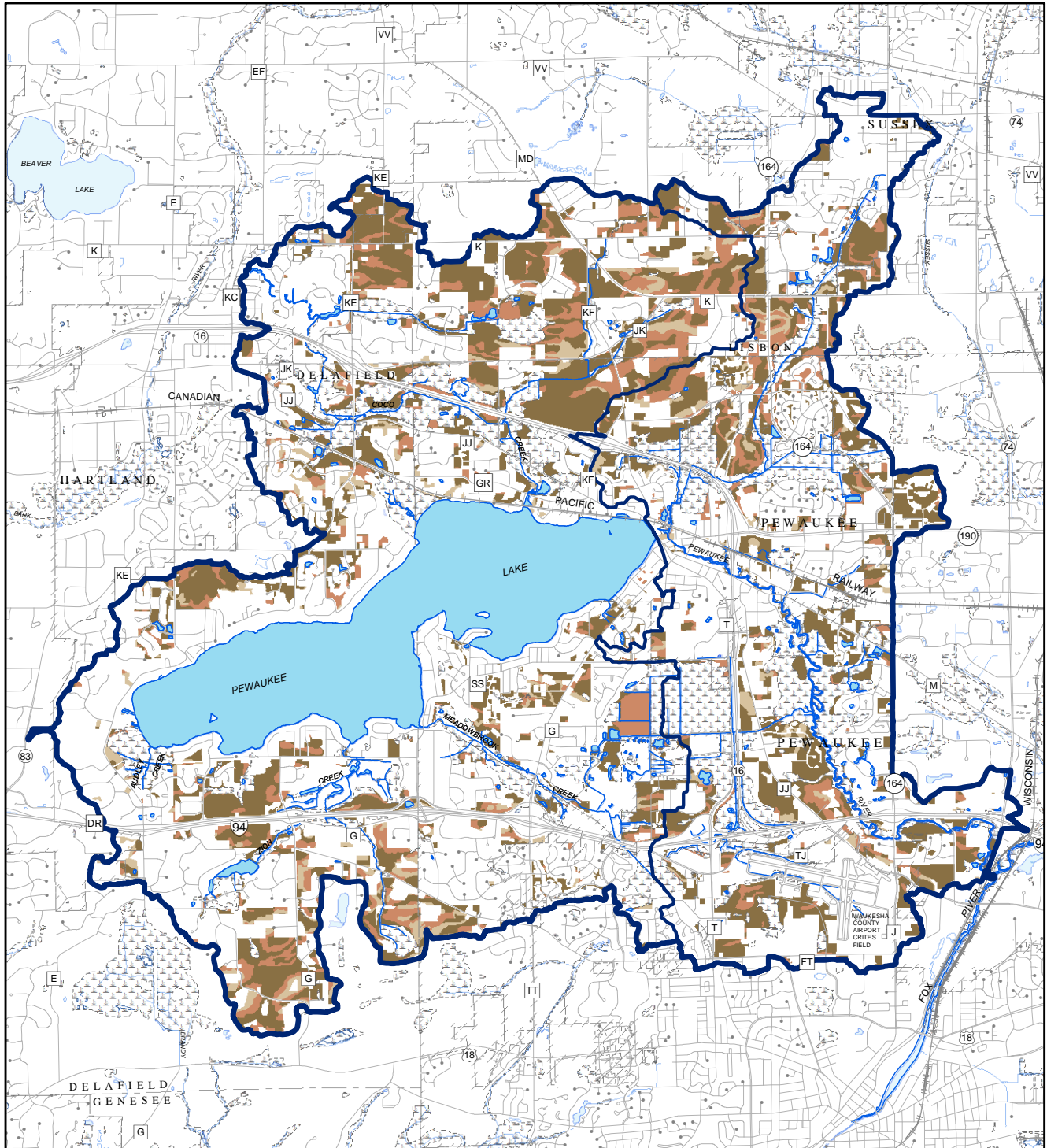
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





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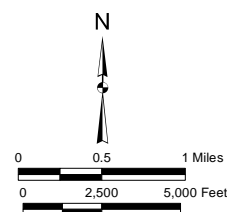
Map II-5

FEDERAL AND STATE SOIL CLASSIFICATIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL AND OPEN LAND USES  
WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2010



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|---|--|---|-----------------------|
|  | NRCS PRIME AGRICULTURAL SOILS GROUP<br>(INCLUDES PRIME IF DRAINED OR<br>PROTECTED FROM FLOODING) |  | SURFACE WATER         |
|  | SOILS OF STATEWIDE IMPORTANCE<br>(NOT IN NRCS PRIME GROUP)                                       |  | STREAM                |
|  | OTHER AGRICULTURAL LANDS<br>(NOT MEETING STATE OR<br>FEDERAL CATEGORIES)                         |  | WATERSHED BOUNDARY    |
|   |  |  | SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY |

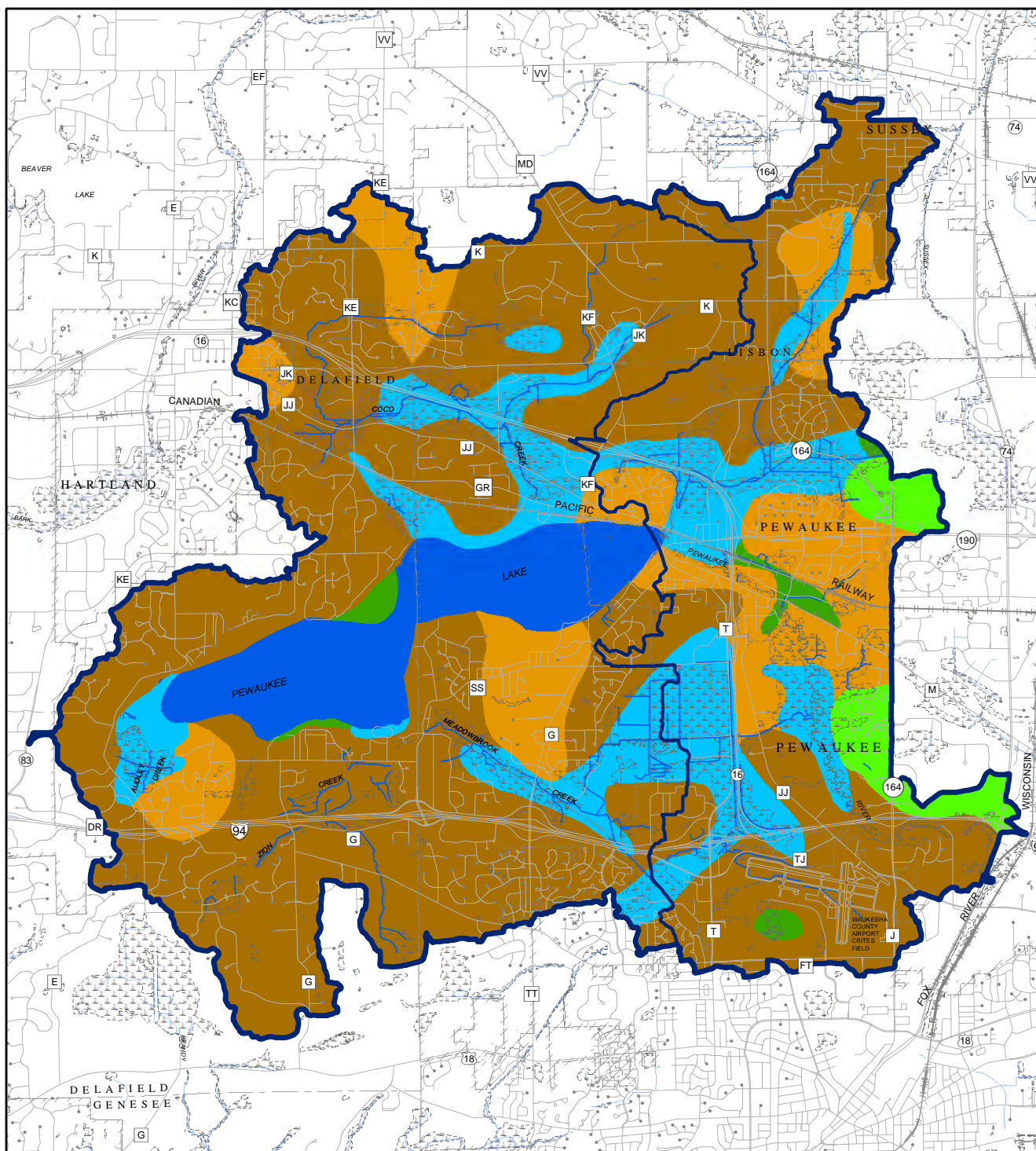
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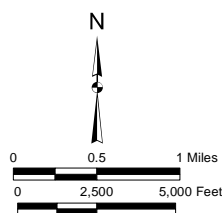


Map II-5A

PRE-SETTLEMENT VEGETATION WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 1836



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|---|-------------------------|---|---------------------|---|-----------------------|
|  | OAK SAVANNA             |  | CONIFER SWAMP       |  | WATERSHED BOUNDARY    |
|  | OAK FOREST              |  | WETLANDS            |  | SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY |
|  | MAPLE BASSWOOD FOREST   |  | LAKE, RIVER, STREAM |   |                       |
|  | LOWLAND HARDWOOD FOREST |   |                     |   |                       |



Source: SEWRPC.

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Following European settlement, large portions of the landscape were converted to agricultural use. Natural vegetation was cleared to make way for crops. Efforts were made to open up wetlands to cultivation through ditching and draining of wet soils. Steeply sloped lands that were spared the plow were often opened up to grazing by livestock. This land conversion had significant consequences on water quality, water quantity, and wildlife habitat. For example, water quality has been compromised through increases in erosion leading to siltation of surface waters. Natural waterways have been dredged and straightened to facilitate rapid runoff bypassing natural functions of adjacent wetlands including absorbing flood waters.

By 1940, agricultural land was the most dominant land use and comprised over 70 percent of the total watershed area, based on the historical urban growth data and historical aerial photographs. Comparing this to the area of agricultural land in the year 2010, there has been a loss of nearly 11,300 acres. This agricultural land has been largely converted into urban land uses, primarily residential, but also transportation. The construction of IH 94 and of STH 16 subsequent to 1950 contributed to the development of residential land uses in the watershed. This second major phase of land conversion has led to other water quality and quantity-related issues. For instance, the substantial increase in impervious surfaces has altered the infiltration rates throughout the watershed. However, comparison of 1941 aerial photographs to the year 2010 aerial photographs shows that a significant portion of the agricultural land has reverted back to woodland and wetland throughout large areas of the watershed. This reversion is especially evident along the riverine corridors, as shown in Figures II-4, II-5, and II-6 (see also Riparian Management Practices subsection below). This has served to de-fragment and expand the environmental corridors that are currently present, and substantiating the ability of the landscape to shift from a “disturbed” condition to a more “natural” condition.

Between 2010 and 2035, rural land uses in the watershed are anticipated to continue to decrease by more than 60 percent or 3,500 acres, as indicated in Table II-1. The majority of this loss is anticipated to be from the conversion of agricultural croplands and other open lands to urban lands for residential, commercial, and industrial uses. Woodlands also are anticipated to experience a loss of about 124 acres during this period due to planned urban development as suggested by the current zoning ordinances within the watershed (see Table II-1). Wetlands and woodlands are primarily located adjacent to the Pewaukee River, Coco Creek, Meadowbrook Creek, Zion Creek, Audley Creek, and the tributaries associated with these streams. These lands are considered to be largely Class I and II wildlife habitat areas. In addition, the majority of this wildlife habitat is located within the primary and secondary environmental corridors adjacent to the river system. Other significant portions of wildlife habitat are located within isolated natural resource areas located throughout the basin. For more details on habitat see the Natural Resource Base-Related Elements section below.

## CLIMATE

*“Wisconsin’s climate is changing,<sup>4</sup> and our water resources are changing, too. Many aspects of our water resources respond to climate and can serve as indicators of climate change at various temporal and spatial scales. Analysis of historical data shows that water resources are intimately linked to local and regional climate conditions. Long-term records of lake water levels, lake ice duration, groundwater levels, and stream baseflow are correlated with long-term trends in atmospheric temperature and precipitation.”<sup>5</sup>*

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<sup>4</sup>C.J. Kucharik, S.P. Serbin, S. Vavrus, E.J. Hopkins, and M.M. Motew, “Patterns of climate change across Wisconsin from 1950 to 2006,” *Physical Geography*, Vol. 31(1), 2010.

<sup>5</sup>*Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts (WICCI)*, Wisconsin’s Changing Climate: Impacts and Adaptation, Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, February 2011.

Figure II-4

COMPARISON OF LAND USE NEAR PEWAUKEE RIVER IN 1941 VERSUS 2010



Source: SEWRPC.

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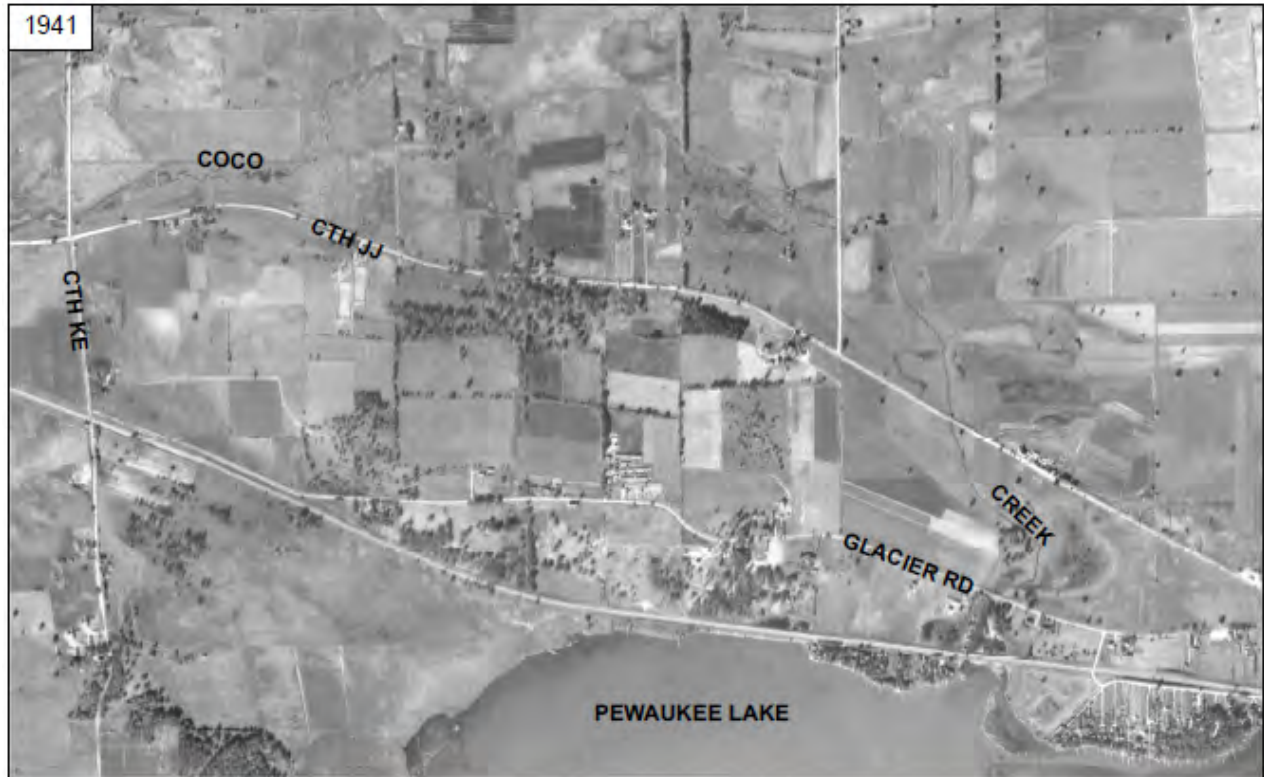


Source: SEWRPC.



Figure II-5

COMPARISON OF LAND USE NEAR THE PEWAUKEE RIVER  
UPSTREAM OF PEWAUKEE LAKE WITHIN COCO CREEK 1941 VERSUS 2010



Source: SEWRPC.



Figure II-6

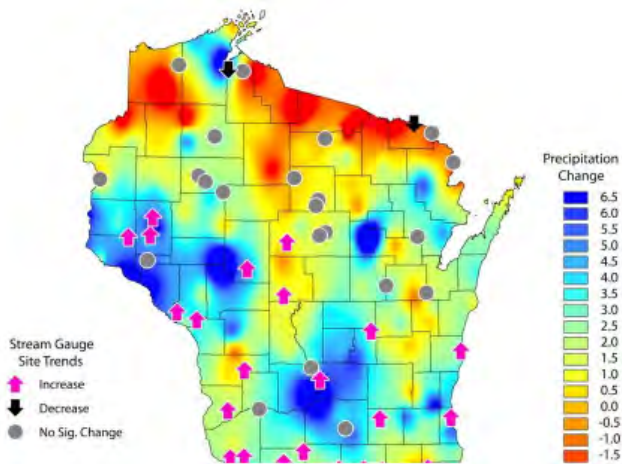
COMPARISON OF LAND USE NEAR THE PEWAUKEE RIVER  
UPSTREAM OF PEWAUKEE LAKE WITHIN MEADOWBROOK CREEK 1941 VERSUS 2010



Source: SEWRPC.

Figure II-7

**RIVER BASEFLOW TRENDS AND PRECIPITATION CHANGE IN WISCONSIN: 1950-2006**

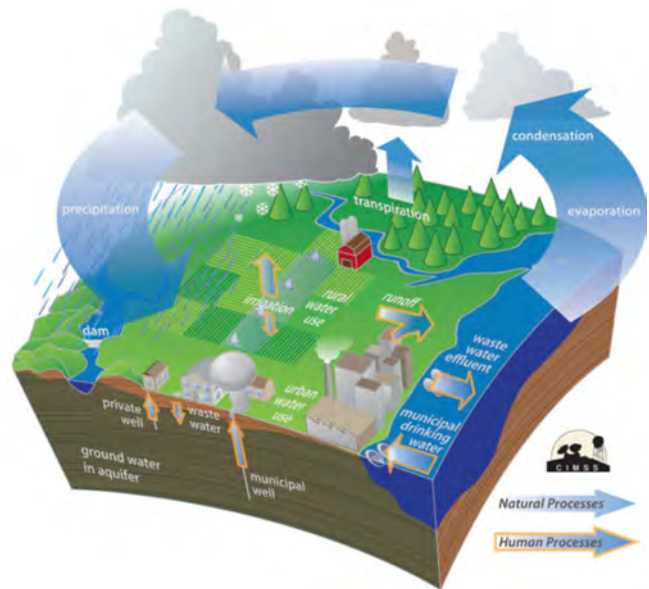


From 1950-2006, Wisconsin as a whole has become wetter, with an increase in annual precipitation of 3.1 inches. This observed increase in annual precipitation has primarily occurred in southern and western Wisconsin, while northern Wisconsin has experienced some drying. The southern and western regions of the State show increases in baseflow, corresponding to the areas with greatest precipitation increases.

Source: Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts Water Resources Working Group and SEWRPC.

Figure II-8

**HYDROLOGICAL CYCLE OF WATER MOVEMENT**



This schematic shows how human processes associated with land use development affect the natural processes of how water moves through its different states of the hydrological cycle. Water returns to the atmosphere through evaporation (process by which water is changed from liquid to vapor), sublimation (direct evaporation by snow and ice), and transpiration (process by which plants give off water vapor through their leaves).

Source: Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts Water Resources Working Group and SEWRPC.

The Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts (WICCI) has concluded that future climate projections will affect the State of Wisconsin’s water resources in both quantity and quality.<sup>6</sup> However, they also found clear evidence from analysis of past trends and probable future climate projections that there will be different hydrological responses to climate change in different geographic regions of the State (see Figure II-7). The differences reflect local variations in land use, soil type and surface deposits, groundwater characteristics, and runoff and seepage responses to precipitation, which illustrates the importance of including the existing and future conditions of these characteristics as part of the watershed protection plan strategy. Climate change seems to be altering the availability of water (volume), the distribution of rainfall over time, and whether precipitation falls as rain or snow, each of which affects water’s movement through a water cycle. As shown in Figure II-8 most of the water entering the landscape arrives as precipitation (rain and snowfall) that falls directly on waterbodies, runs off the land surface and enters streams, river, wetlands, and lakes or percolates through the soil, recharging groundwater that flows underground and re-emerges as springs into lakes, wetlands, and streams. Even in the absence of climate change, when one part of the system is affected, all other parts are affected. For example, overdrafting the shallow groundwater for agricultural crops can lead to a reduction or complete loss in discharge of a local stream (see the Groundwater Resources subsection below). More importantly, climate change exposes the vulnerabilities of water available within a given community, and this vulnerability is proportional to how much humans have altered how water moves through the water cycle. This vulnerability becomes particularly evident during periods of prolonged drought conditions.

<sup>6</sup>Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts (WICCI), 2011.



The WICCI Water Resources Working Group (WRWG) incorporated WICCI's 1980-2055 projections for temperature, precipitation (including occurrence of events), and changes in snowfall to guide their evaluation of potential impacts to hydrologic processes and resources.<sup>7</sup> This team of experts prioritized the highest potential climate change impacts on water resources and proposed adaptation strategies to address those impacts across the State of Wisconsin (see below). It is important to note the WRWG developed several goals that guided the development of the adaptation strategies for local communities as well:<sup>8</sup>

***Minimize threats to public health and safety by anticipating and managing for extreme events-floods and droughts.***

*We cannot know when and where the next flooding event will occur or be able to forecast drought conditions beyond a few months, but we do know that these extreme events may become more frequent in Wisconsin in the face of climate change. More effective planning and preparing for extreme events is an adaptation priority.*

***Increase resiliency of aquatic ecosystems to buffer the impacts of future climate changes by restoring or simulating natural processes, ensuring adequate habitat availability, and limiting human impacts on resources.***

*A more extreme and variable climate (both temperature and precipitation) may mean a shift in how we manage aquatic ecosystems. We need to try to adapt to the changes rather than try to resist them. Examples include managing water levels to mimic pre-development conditions at dams and other water level structures, limiting groundwater and surface water withdrawals, restoring or reconnecting floodplains and wetlands, and maintaining or providing migration corridors for fish and other aquatic organisms.*

***Stabilize future variations in water quantity and availability by managing water as an integrated resource, keeping water “local” and supporting sustainable and efficient water use.***

*Many of our water management decisions are made under separate rules, statutory authorities, administrative frameworks, and even different government entities. This can lead to conflicting and inconsistent outcomes. In the face of climate change, the more we can do to integrate these decisions at the appropriate geographic scale, the better adapted and ready for change we will be. In addition, treating our water as a finite resource and knowing that supply will not always match demand will allow for more sustainable water use in the future.*

***Maintain, improve, or restore water quality under a changing climate regime by promoting actions to reduce nutrient and sediment loading.***

*Water quality initiatives will need to be redoubled under a changing climate in order to minimize worse-case scenarios such as fish kills, harmful blue-green algae blooms, or mobilization of sediments and nutrients and to prevent exacerbation of existing problems.*

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<sup>7</sup>The Water Resources Working Group (WRWG) included 25 members representing the Federal government, State government, the University of Wisconsin System, the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, and the Wisconsin Wetlands Association. Members were considered experts in the fields of aquatic biology, hydrology, hydrogeology, limnology, engineering, and wetland ecology in Wisconsin. Over the course of a year, the group convened to discuss current climate-related water resources research, potential climate change impacts, possible adaptation strategies, and future research and monitoring needs across the entire State of Wisconsin. For more details on climate change, impacts, adaptation, and resources visit <http://www.wicci.wisc.edu/water-resources-working-group.php>.

<sup>8</sup>Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts, February 2011, op. cit.



The main climate drivers (i.e., factors that may change or impact the resource) identified by the WRWG are large rainfall events, water availability, and warming temperatures. Subsequently, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has developed a much more comprehensive list of 26 climate indicators, which are subdivided among five categories that include: greenhouse gases; weather and climate; oceans; snow and ice; and, society and ecosystems.<sup>9</sup> A summary of the key points is provided in Appendix B in this report. That summary presents compelling evidence that many fundamental measures of climate in the United States are changing and having real effects on the human communities, which supports similar trends in Wisconsin as discussed above. All of these physical, chemical, and biological impacts are anticipated to affect food webs and ultimately, the status of Wisconsin's rich water and fishery resources and communities that depend upon them. In many cases, these impacts will call for policy changes. Therefore, the following list represents the first, consensus-based attempt to develop water resources responses to climate change in Wisconsin. The impacts, in italics, are followed by adaptation strategies that were taken from the WRWG Executive Summary in the 2011 WICCI report.

***Increased flooding will have impacts on urban infrastructure and agricultural land, especially in low-lying areas and large watersheds.***

- Identify, map, and prioritize Potentially Restorable Wetlands (PRWs) in floodplain areas.
- Restore prior-converted wetlands in upland areas to provide storage and filtration, and to mitigate storm flows and nutrient loading downstream.
- Develop both long-term and short term changes to community infrastructure.

***Increased frequency of harmful blue-green algal blooms due to nutrient rich runoff, lake stratification, and changes in water levels.***

- Increase monitoring of inland beaches and develop better prediction tools for blue-green algal toxins and associated water quality in order to improve predictive capacity.
- Develop statewide standards for blue-green algal toxins and take appropriate action to protect public health.

***Conflicting water use concerns based on increased demand for groundwater extraction due to variable precipitation projections and warmer growing season temperatures.***

- Encourage large water users to locate in areas with adequate and sustainable water sources including large rivers or the Great Lakes.
- Encourage rural and urban water conservation through incentives and regulation.
- Promote integrated water management by planning water use based on long term projections of supply and demand and tied to land use and economic growth forecasts.<sup>10</sup>

***Changes in seepage lake levels due to variable precipitation, recharge, increased evapotranspiration (ET). There are additional implications for water chemistry, habitat, and shorelines.***

- Enhance and restore shoreline habitat (coarse wood, littoral and riparian vegetation, bioengineered erosion control) to withstand variations in water levels.

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<sup>9</sup>USEPA, Climate Change Indicators in the United States, 2012, online: [climateindicators@epa.gov](mailto:climateindicators@epa.gov)

<sup>10</sup>Such an approach has already been developed for southeastern Wisconsin as documented in SEWRPC Planning Report No. 52, A Regional Water Supply Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin, December 2010.

- In headwater areas or near watershed divides, enhance infiltration by reducing impervious surfaces in urban/riparian areas and changing land management practices.
- Change planning and zoning criteria for lakeshore development to account for changes in water levels.
- Adjust and modify expectations and uses of lakes, especially seepage lakes; recognize that some lakes are not suited for all uses.

***Increased sediment and nutrient loading to surface waters during earlier and more intense spring runoff events.***

- Resize manure storage facilities, wastewater facilities, stormwater drains, and infrastructure to accommodate increased storm flows to protect water quality.
- Reverse the loss of wetlands, restore prior-converted wetlands to provide storage and filtration by mitigating storm flows and nutrient loading.
- Protect recharge/infiltration areas and riparian buffers to reduce overland flow of polluted runoff.
- Incorporate water management strategies based on climate projections into farm-based nutrient management plans.

***Increased spread of aquatic invasive species due to changes in hydrology, water temperatures, and warmer winter condition.*** The WICCI WRWG did not develop adaptation strategies for this impact, but recognized that such strategies would be developed and refined in the future.

In addition to these impacts and adaptation strategies, WICCI’s Coldwater Fish & Fisheries Working Group conducted a statewide fisheries vulnerability assessment and adaptation strategy to lessen the impact of climate change.<sup>11</sup> This group of experts identified environmental management activities as the foundation of their adaptation strategy to offset the impacts of rising air temperatures and changes in precipitation and flow in streams associated with climate change. These activities include land, riparian, and water management and stream restoration to protect coldwater and warmwater habitats and fish populations throughout Wisconsin. These activities and associated recommendations are summarized below:

**Land management and land use is key** to the protection and restoration of stream and lake ecosystems and associated fishery communities (see the “Runoff from Urban Development and Impervious Surfaces” and “Runoff from Agricultural Development” subsections below):

- Reduce existing or limit creation of additional impervious surfaces and utilize best management practices where applicable.
- Protect environmentally sensitive lands.
- Utilize best management practices in agricultural and urban lands to reduce nonpoint source runoff pollution in riparian and upland areas of the watershed.

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<sup>11</sup>Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts (WICCI), *Coldwater Fish and Fisheries Working Group Report, December 2010.*

**Riparian (land next to water) Management is critical** to stream management and protection. This area is the interface between a stream and land in its watershed and includes the streambank and land adjacent to the stream. These areas serve many functions from nutrient reduction to flood mitigation to erosion protection to shading (see Riparian Management **Practices** subsection below for more details).

- Riparian buffer width and continuity should be protected and expanded to protect water quality and fisheries.
- Encourage practices that promote infiltration of precipitation and recharge of groundwater inputs to streams and lakes to offset effects of climate change.

**Water Management**-adequate groundwater resources will be critical to maintain high quality coldwater and warmwater streams threatened by a warming climate, and the direction of changes in precipitation will play a central role in water availability. Prolonged drought conditions, will cause added stress to many over-utilized groundwater sources and may compound the effects of climatic warming on streams.<sup>12</sup>

- Groundwater recharge areas should be identified and protected to help sustain adequate baseflows to streams and water levels in lakes.
- Protection from groundwater pumping that reduces the water table is also essential and it is recommend that continued enforcement and strengthening the laws governing groundwater use will be critical to protecting streams and associated fisheries impacted by climate change.

**Stream restoration is a critical part of stream management** in Wisconsin and generally involves the re-establishment of aquatic functions and related biological, chemical, and physical characteristics of streams that would have occurred prior to disturbance. Habitat restoration work has been successful at improving fish population numbers and size structure. Restoration may take many forms—narrow or deepen channels, which may help to maintain or further cool stream during summer; eroding streambanks can be re-sloped and revegetated to increase cover and shading to reduce water temperatures; streams can be reconnected to floodplains to dissipate energy from floods and reduce streambank erosion, which protects stream temperature and water quality; instream pool and riffle habitats and/or re-meandering can be reconstructed to increase habitats for spawning and provide protective deep water resting areas during low flow summer conditions; dams or other obstructions can be removed to both reduce thermal heating effects of the backwater to protect water temperatures as well as improve stream connectivity and access to spawning sites and ability to escape low-discharge conditions.

In summary, these activities related to land, riparian, and water management and stream restoration to protect fisheries habitat and fish populations throughout Wisconsin collectively help to protect and improve the resiliency of aquatic ecosystems to buffer the impacts of future climate changes by restoring or simulating natural processes, ensuring adequate habitat availability, and limiting human impacts on resources.

### **Local Climate Changes**

In an effort to determine actual temperature and precipitation conditions for the project area, long-term average annual and seasonal air temperature and total precipitation values were derived from official National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) records for the weather recording station at Waukesha, Wisconsin. Due to its relative proximity to the project area, the records of this station may be considered typical of the entire watershed.

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<sup>12</sup>*Both of the following recommendations by the WICCI Coldwater Fish & Fisheries Working Group are consistent with the recommendations set forth in the SEWRPC regional water supply plan, and that plan includes a systems-level identification of groundwater recharge areas throughout the Southeastern Wisconsin Region.*

The Wisconsin State Climatology Office calculated a long-term annual average temperature of 46.5 degrees Fahrenheit (°F) and total precipitation of 31.79 inches from years 1895-2007 for the Southeast Wisconsin climate division, which was a composite of multiple stations in this region of the State of Wisconsin. A climate division has been defined by the National Climatic Data Center to be an area of the State that has relatively uniform climate characteristics using data from stations that record both temperature and precipitation. These regions, which were created in 1950, correspond to the Crop Reporting Districts of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and typically have boundaries corresponding to county and State boundaries, except in mountainous states where topographic features are used to determine the boundaries. The Southeast climate division is one of 9 separate divisions in the State of Wisconsin.

The Wisconsin State Climatology Office further determined the long-term total precipitation and average temperatures for each season for southeastern Wisconsin for available data from 1895 to present. Seasonal total precipitation values include: Spring (March through May) 8.47 inches from 1895-2008; summer (June through August) 10.78 inches from 1895-2008; fall (September through November) 8.0 inches from 1895-2009; and 4.57 inches for winter (begins in December of previous year through February) from 1895-2005. Average temperatures for each season for Southeast Wisconsin were determined as follows: Spring (March through May) 44.7 F from 1895-2008; summer (June through August) 69.1 F from 1895-2008; fall (September through November) 50.0 F from 1895-2010; and 22.4 F in winter (begins in December of previous year through February) from 1895-2005.

Seasonal average temperature and total precipitation were calculated for the Waukesha Station (station closest to the Pewaukee River watershed) for the period of record from 1950 through 2012 in the same seasonal breakdowns as discussed above for southeastern Wisconsin. The seasonal average temperatures of the Waukesha station were subtracted from the Southeast Wisconsin seasonal derived long-term average temperature and total precipitation in order to obtain departures from normal for this one station.

Normal conditions for the Waukesha station for average temperature and total precipitation were defined as being within an additional plus or minus 2°F and two inches of total precipitation for each seasonal total precipitation and average temperature, respectively. For example, any total precipitations in the spring season ranging from 6.47 to 10.47 inches were considered normal and replaced by a zero for purposes of graphing as shown in Figure II-9. Similarly, average temperatures for the spring season ranging from 42.7 to 46.7°F were considered normal and replaced by a zero for purposes of graphing.

### **Pre- vs. Post-1980**

For purposes of this analysis, the 1950–1980 record was considered a base time period to compare with more recent changes in temperature and precipitation in this study between the years 1981-2012. This base period is consistent with previous studies at regional, national, and world scales.<sup>13</sup>

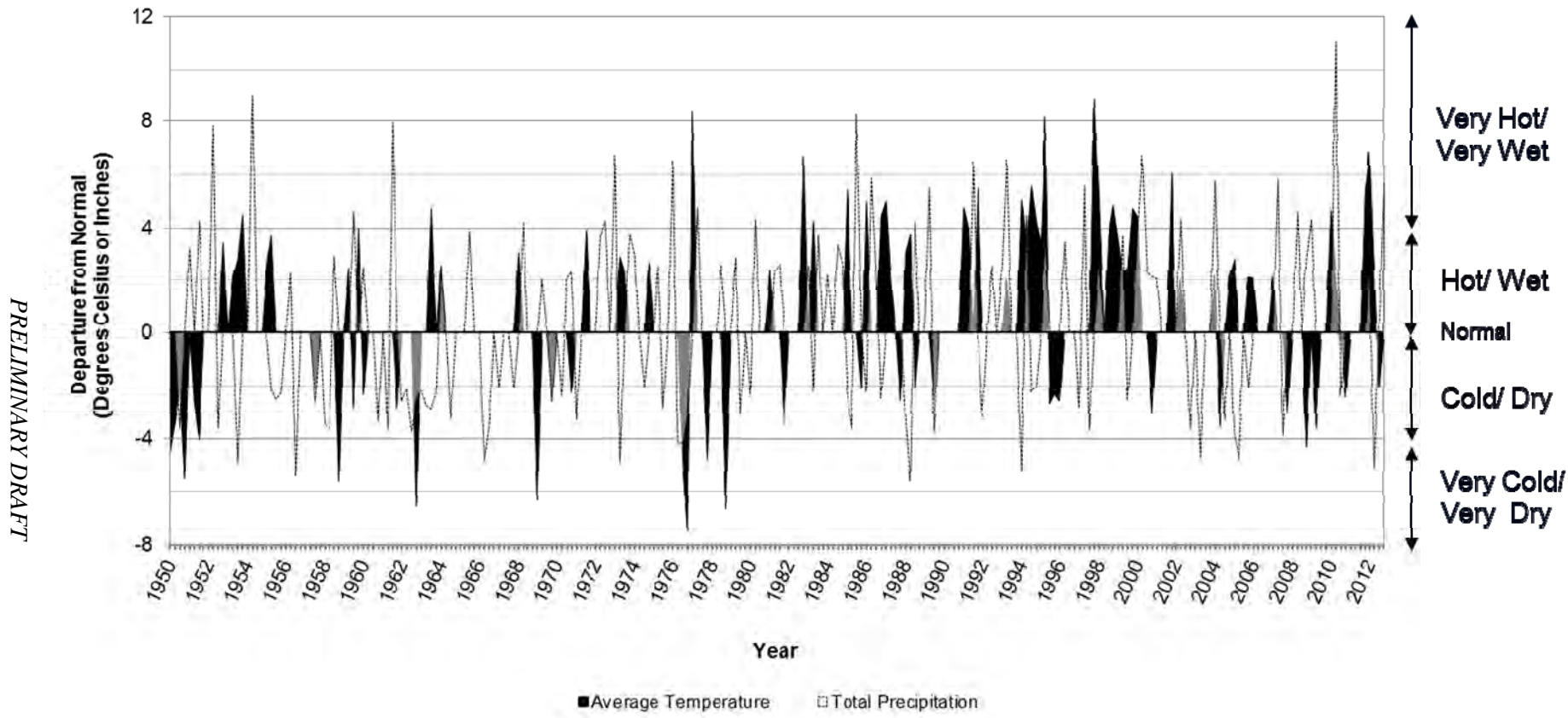
The mean annual air temperature and total precipitation at Waukesha increased from 46.6 to 47.5°F and from 32.0 to 34.1 inches between pre-1980 and post-1980 years, respectively. Figure II-9 shows that variability in average temperature and total precipitation is unpredictably high from season to season and year to year. Figure II-9 distinguishes warm versus cold as well as wet versus dry seasons among years, based upon the derived departures from normal. Based upon the resulting classifications, it is easy to see that there was a much higher proportion of warmer seasons among years post-1980, indicating that the past 32 years have been relatively warmer than the preceding years in the 63-year period of record. For example, 42 of the seasons between 1980 and

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<sup>13</sup>James Hansena, Makiko Satoa, and Reto Ruedy, “Perception of climate change,” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, Vol. 109 No. 37, E2415-E2423, September, 2012. [www.pnas.org/cgi/doi/10.1073/pnas.1205276109](http://www.pnas.org/cgi/doi/10.1073/pnas.1205276109)

Figure II-9

**CALCULATED SEASONAL DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL IN AVERAGE TEMPERATURE AND TOTAL PRECIPITATION IN WAUKESHA COUNTY, WISCONSIN: 1950-2012**



NOTE: Data courtesy of NOAA National Climate Data Center for the Waukesha station in southeast Wisconsin. Data for the most recent year only includes up to spring season of 2012. Winter season begins in December of year indicated. Shaded grey areas indicate overlay between temperature and precipitation.

Source: Wisconsin State Climatology Office is affiliated with the Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1225 W. Dayton St., Madison, WI 53706, URL is <http://www.aos.wisc.edu/~sco/>; National Oceanic Atmospheric Association (2012), National Climatic Data Center, National Weather Service Milwaukee/Sullivan Wisconsin, Annual Climatological Data Publications, URL is <http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/land-based-station-data/data-publications>; and, SEWRPC.

2008, or about 33 percent of the period, were classified as hot to very-hot compared to 16 of the seasons between 1950 and 1980, or about 13 percent of that period of record. Similarly, there was a higher proportion of wet seasons in the post-1980 period when about 28 percent were classified as wet to very wet. Each of the four seasons changes in temperature and precipitation pre- versus post- 1980 were further summarized in Appendix C. Similar to Figure II-9, Appendix C shows that each season, except fall, is much warmer (i.e., contains a higher proportion of warmer categories) post-1980 compared to pre-1980. In contrast, total precipitation increases post-1980 seem to mostly be occurring in the fall and winter seasons, with only slight increases in the spring and summer seasons. This demonstrates that the Pewaukee River watershed is experiencing the same general shift to wetter and warmer conditions over the period of record as observed in other areas of the State of Wisconsin.<sup>14</sup>

Hence, these climatic conditions are drivers of water quality conditions within the Pewaukee River system and are important considerations for the protection of surface water and groundwater quality as future development occurs in this watershed. For example, higher air temperatures, which warm water and land surfaces, when combined with periods of decreased precipitation during the summer, can negatively affect surface water dissolved oxygen concentrations (see the “Effects of Urbanization and Agriculture on Instream Biological Communities” subsection below). Low dissolved oxygen concentrations are a major concern during the summer months. Even short periods of time when dissolved oxygen concentrations fall below 5.0 mg/l can cause significant decreases in the abundance and diversity of the aquatic organisms in streams. In addition, warmer and wetter winter seasons also can affect aquatic health and recreation. Winter temperatures are a major determinant of nonnative aquatic plant growth in lakes and streams in the Midwest. Warmer winters can provide advantages to nonnative species. For example, continued growth of Eurasian water milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) under the ice or early emergence following spring ice-out contributes to the degradation of the native aquatic plant community, impairment of water uses, and increased management costs and/or user conflicts. Warmer winters also may provide opportunities for colonization by other nonnative plant species, such as Hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*) and fishes, among others (see Nonnative/Invasive Species section in Chapter IV of this report). Warmer winters also may result in decreased winter recreational opportunities, limiting ice fishing and snowmobiling due to unsafe or variable ice conditions, and/or increased flooding.

In addition to these changes, there are a couple of interesting changes in precipitation that seem to be occurring in the post-1980 versus the pre-1980 time period. Specifically, as shown in Figure II-10, there is a much stronger relationship between post-1980 annual precipitation in the summer and fall seasons, than existed prior to 1980. This seems to indicate that total precipitation within a particular year is largely determined by the amounts of precipitation in the spring season. In other words, if the total amount of precipitation in the spring is lower than normal then it is very likely that total precipitation for that particular year will also be lower than normal. A second pattern also seems to have developed between summer and fall precipitation. As for the first relationship above, there is no statistically significant relationship between summer and fall precipitation prior to 1980. However, post-1980 there is a strong inverse relationship in precipitation between the summer and fall seasons, which indicates that when summers are dryer than normal the following fall will tend to be wetter than normal. This relationship may prove to be a helpful tool in terms of planning for future projects, assuming that this relationship will continue to be a strong one in the future.

In general, the years 2011 and 2012, during which this project was conducted, were characterized by normal to below-average precipitation levels and above-normal temperatures. Most of the year in 2011, namely spring, summer, and fall, was characterized as within normal levels of total precipitation and average temperatures. In contrast, the winter of 2011 to 2012 had temperatures well above normal by 5.43°F and although this winter was also considered to have normal total precipitation, there were well below normal levels of precipitation

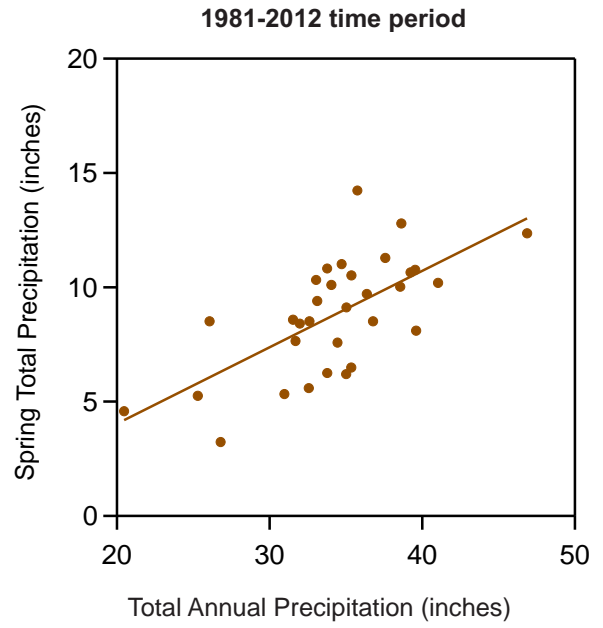
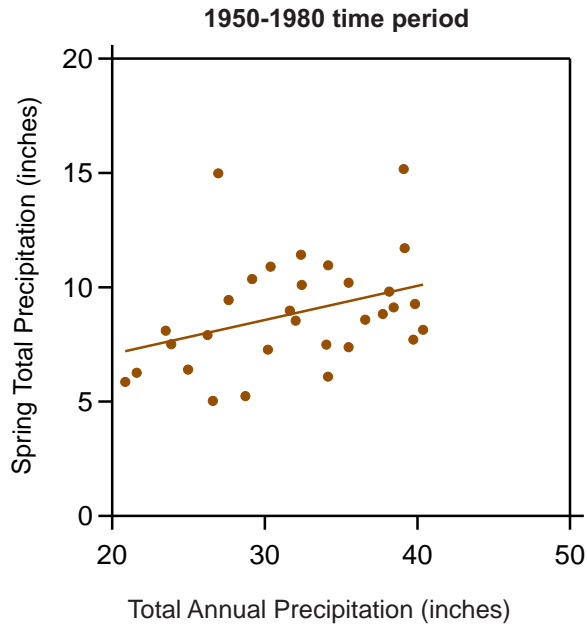
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<sup>14</sup>Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters (WASAL), *Waters of Wisconsin: The Future of Our Aquatic Ecosystems and Resources*, Madison, Wisconsin, 2003.

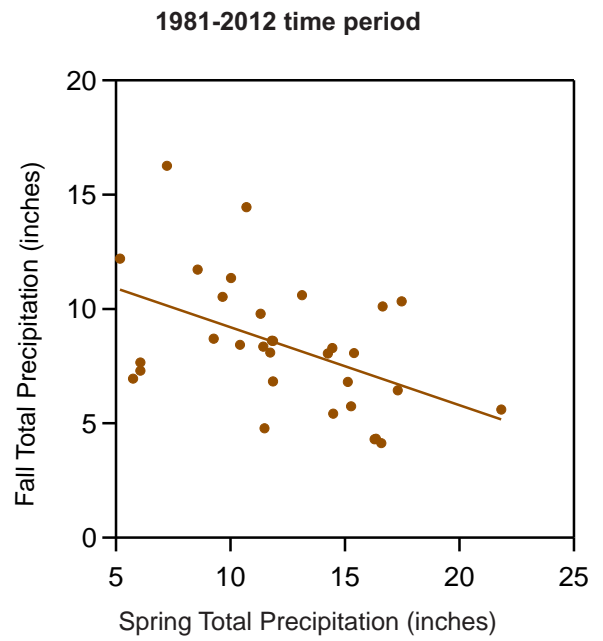
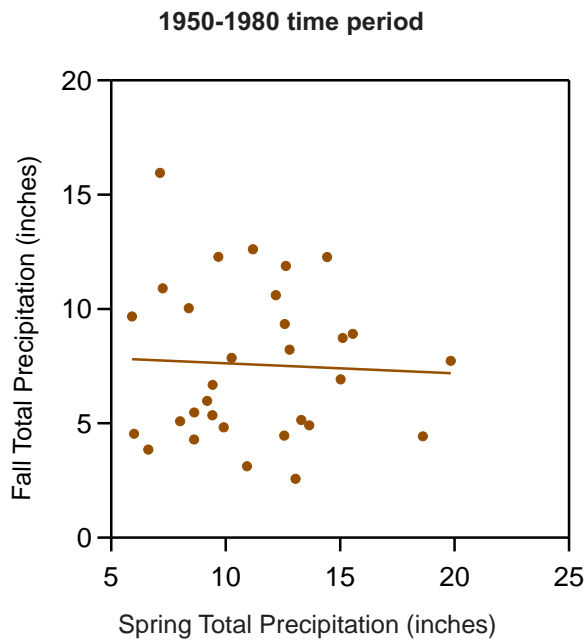
Figure II-10

PRE- VERSUS POST-1980 CHANGES IN SEASONAL TOTAL PRECIPITATION  
AT THE NOAA WAUKESHA WEATHER RECORDING STATION: 1950-2012

Spring Total Precipitation



Fall Versus Summer Total Precipitation



Source: NOAA and SEWRPC.

as snowfall. That winter was followed by the warmest March on record for the U.S. and State of Wisconsin.<sup>15</sup> Wisconsin temperatures rose 15 to 30°F above normal on most of the days between the 6th and 28th. Maximum air temperatures during the month peaked in the lower to mid-80s on the 20th and 21st across the southern two-thirds of the State. This increase had a significant impact on water temperatures both locally throughout the Pewaukee River and Fox River as well as the Great Lakes region as shown in Figure II-11. The water temperature of each of the Great Lakes increased by about 3 to 5 degrees Celsius (°C), (6.4 to 9.0°F), which is incredible given the huge volumes of water each lake contains. Snowfall was well below normal, and there was no snow in southern Wisconsin after March 8th. Trees, flowers, shrubs, bushes and fruit orchards bloomed early and this period of unseasonably high temperatures also favored excessive growth of Eurasian Water Milfoil, an invasive aquatic plant, in lakes throughout southeastern Wisconsin. Overall, the average monthly temperatures were 13 to 16°F above normal. This early warm-up was then followed up with a very hot July that was tied for the fourth warmest on record in Wisconsin, which was then followed up by a summer-fall drought that ended about mid-October.<sup>16</sup> This caused streamflow levels within the Pewaukee River system to be well below normal during the period of this study, which has important implications concerning the water quality and biological assessments that were summarized in Chapter IV of this report.

## **GEOLOGY AND PHYSIOGRAPHY**

The topographic elevations in the Pewaukee River watershed shown on Map II-6 range from approximately 750 feet above National Geodetic Vertical Datum, 1929 adjustment (NGVD 29) along the lower two-thirds of the Pewaukee River and near the confluence of Pewaukee River with the Fox River in the southeastern portion of the watershed, up to over 1,125 feet above NGVD 29 in the northern and southwestern portions of the watershed, a variation of about 375 feet. Most of the high points in the watershed are located along the Inter-Lobate Kettle Moraine along the northern, western, and southern edges of the watershed surrounding Pewaukee Lake. The Inter-Lobate Kettle Moraine is one of the major physiographic and topographic features in the watershed and is part of much larger glacial landform features that were formed more than 10,000 years ago.<sup>17</sup>

Land slopes within the watershed range from less than 1 percent to greater than 20 percent. However, significant portions of the Pewaukee River watershed contain slopes exceeding 12 percent, with many such areas being located along the Kettle Moraine. About 2 percent of the total land area of the watershed has slopes of 20 percent or greater. About 7 percent of the total land area has slopes of between 13 and 19 percent. Poorly planned hillside development in these areas can lead to severe construction and post-construction erosion problems, and high maintenance costs associated with public infrastructure. Steeply sloped agricultural lands may make the operation of agricultural equipment difficult or even hazardous, while development or cultivation of steeply sloped lands is likely to result in erosion and sedimentation that negatively impact surface water quality. However, the majority of the watershed, or approximately 77 percent, has slopes of less than 6 percent.

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<sup>15</sup>*National Weather Service, 2012 Wisconsin Yearly Weather Summary, National and Oceanic Atmospheric Association.*

<sup>16</sup>*A drought emergency was declared for Waukesha County during the summer of 2012, News Release No. 0250.12; July 25, 2012, <http://usda.gov>, <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/archive.html>; U.S. Drought Monitor Archives, <http://water.weather.gov/precip/>; NOAA Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service website.*

<sup>17</sup>*Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use-Land Resources Division, Waukesha County Land and Water Resources Management Plan: 2006-2010, March 2006.*

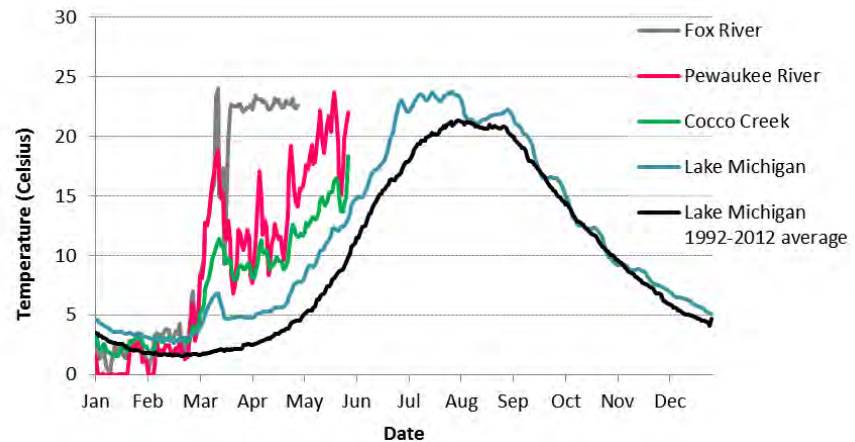
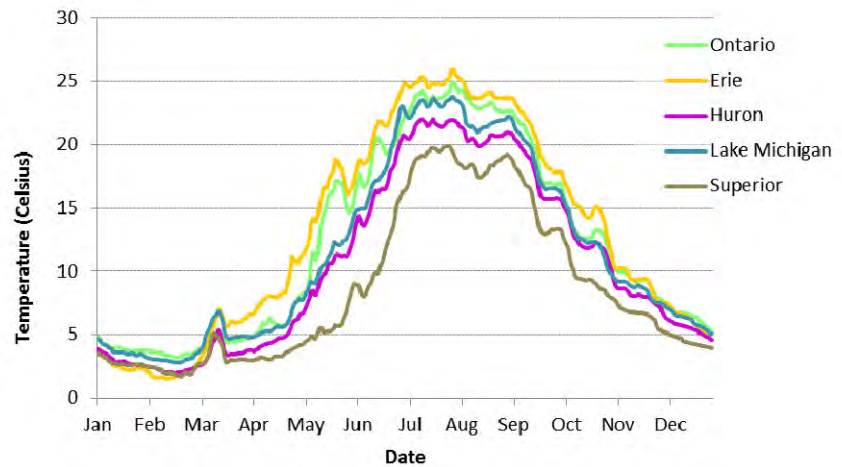
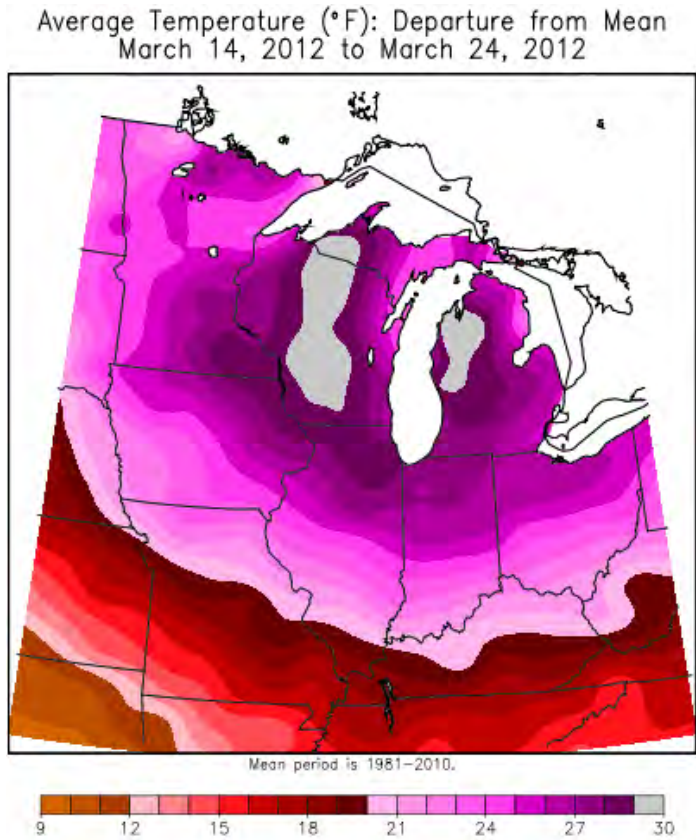


Figure II-11

AVERAGE DAILY AIR AND WATER TEMPERATURES IN THE MIDWEST, GREAT LAKES, UPPER FOX RIVER, AND PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2012

The March early warming signature was observed across multiples scales throughout the Great Lakes region with nearly every waterbody peaking simultaneously on March

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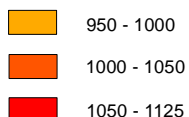
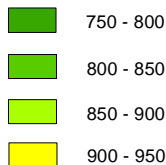
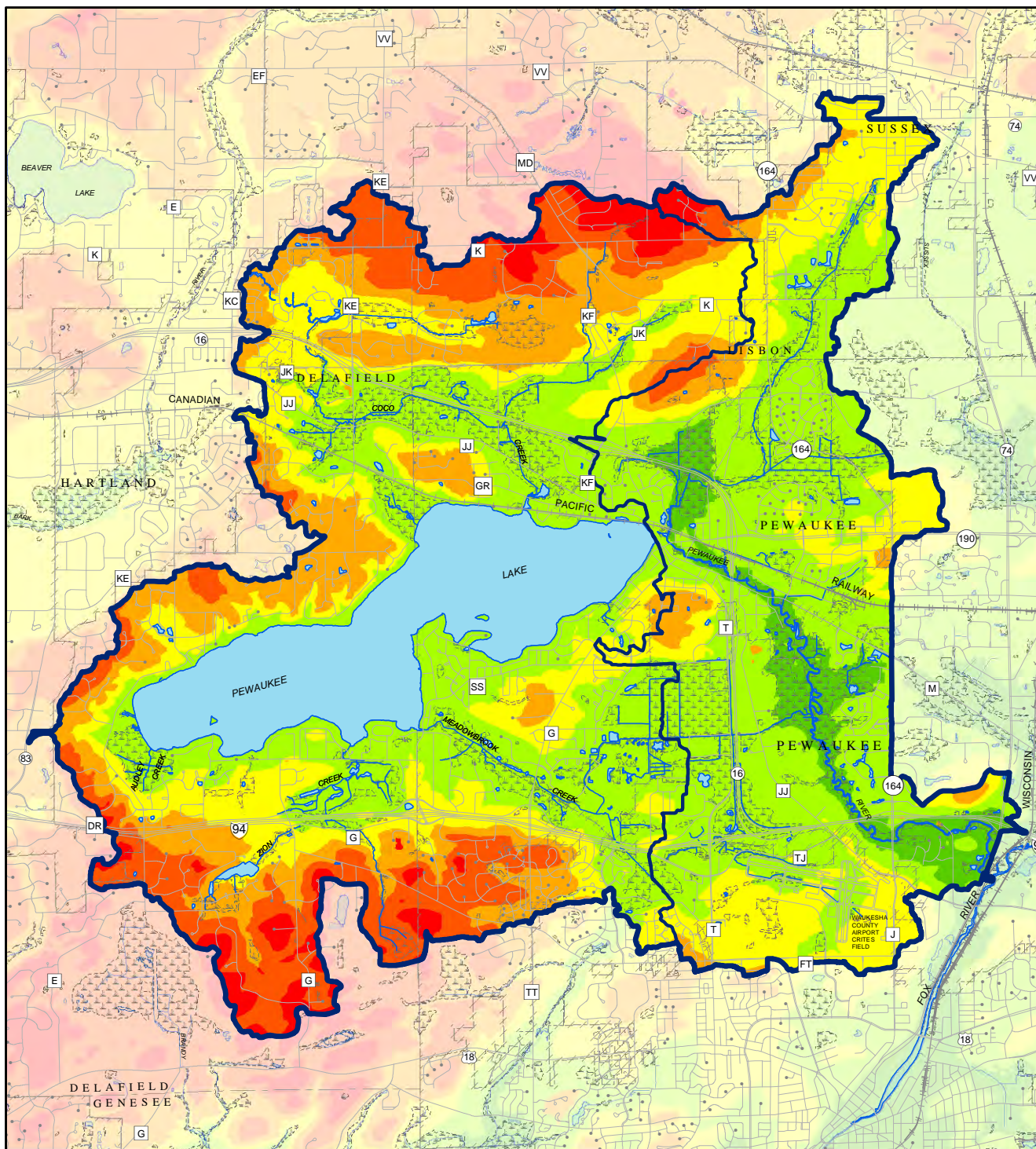
NOTE: 2012 was the warmest year ever recorded in the contiguous lower 48 states according to NOAA, since 1895.

Source: *Midwestern Regional Climate Center, Illinois State Water Survey, Prairie Research Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory (GLERL) <http://coastwatch.glerl.noaa.gov/statistic/statistic.html>, NOAA, and SEWRPC.*

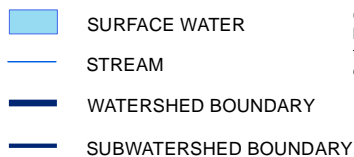


Map II-6

TOPOGRAPHIC AND PHYSIOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED

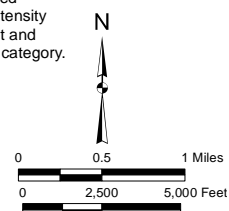


ELEVATION IN FEET  
ABOVE NATIONAL  
GEODETIC VERTICAL  
DATUM, 1929  
ADJUSTMENT



Colors outside the watershed boundary are reduced in intensity to show the adjacent extent and distribution of each legend category.

Source: SEWRPC.



## **Bedrock Geology**

The bedrock and surface deposits overlying the bedrock directly and indirectly affect the quantity and quality of surface water and groundwater in the Pewaukee River watershed, which is underlain by Niagara limestone (dolomite bedrock) that typically is located between 25 and 50 feet below the ground surface. However, there are some areas in the watershed where the bedrock is at the ground surface and visible as bedrock outcrops. The northeastern portion of the Pewaukee River watershed in the Village of Sussex and a portion of the Town of Lisbon has the shallowest bedrock at between 0 and 25 feet depth below the ground surface. Rock outcrops are most prevalent in this area, but can also be found in other portions of the watershed where the bedrock occurs at between 25 and 50 feet depth below the ground surface. Hence, there are three limestone quarries within or adjacent to the Pewaukee River watershed that include both the Vulcan Materials and Halquist Stone Companies in Sussex in the northeast and the Waukesha Lime & Stone Company just outside the southeast portion of the watershed along the Fox River.

The northern, western, and southern portions of the watershed contain the southern unit of the Inter-Lobate Kettle Moraine, which forms one of the dominant topographic features of the watershed and limits of the watershed boundary. The depth to bedrock roughly corresponds to the increases in elevation in these areas. The Kettle Moraine, which is oriented in a generally northeast-southwest direction across western Washington, Waukesha, and Walworth Counties, is a complex system of kames, or crudely stratified conical hills; kettle holes formed by glacial ice blocks that became separated from the ice mass, creating depressions and small lakes as the meltwater deposited material around the ice blocks; and eskers, long, narrow ridges of drift deposited in abandoned drainageways. The remainder of the watershed is covered by a variety of glacial landforms and features, including various types of moraines, drumlins, and outwash plains. The water from within the glacial sand and gravel deposits that characterize this landscape supplies the shallow wells and springs that occur within the watershed.

Fissures in the Niagara dolomite create water storages that are frequently tapped by moderately deep wells for water supply purposes. Underlying the Niagara dolomite is a relatively impervious layer of Maquoketa shale. In some pre-Pleistocene valleys in the western portions of Waukesha County, however, the Niagara dolomite is absent and the uppermost bedrock unit is the Maquoketa shale. Beneath the Maquoketa shale are dolomite and sandstone formations that constitute the “deep sandstone aquifer.” This aquifer, however, is relatively unimportant in terms of its influence on the surface water resources of the County, since it does not intersect the surface drainage pattern (see the Groundwater Resources subsection below for more information). The general orientation of the aquifers within southeastern Wisconsin is shown in Figure II-12, which is a cross-sectional view of the bedrock and surficial deposits.<sup>18</sup>

## **SOILS**

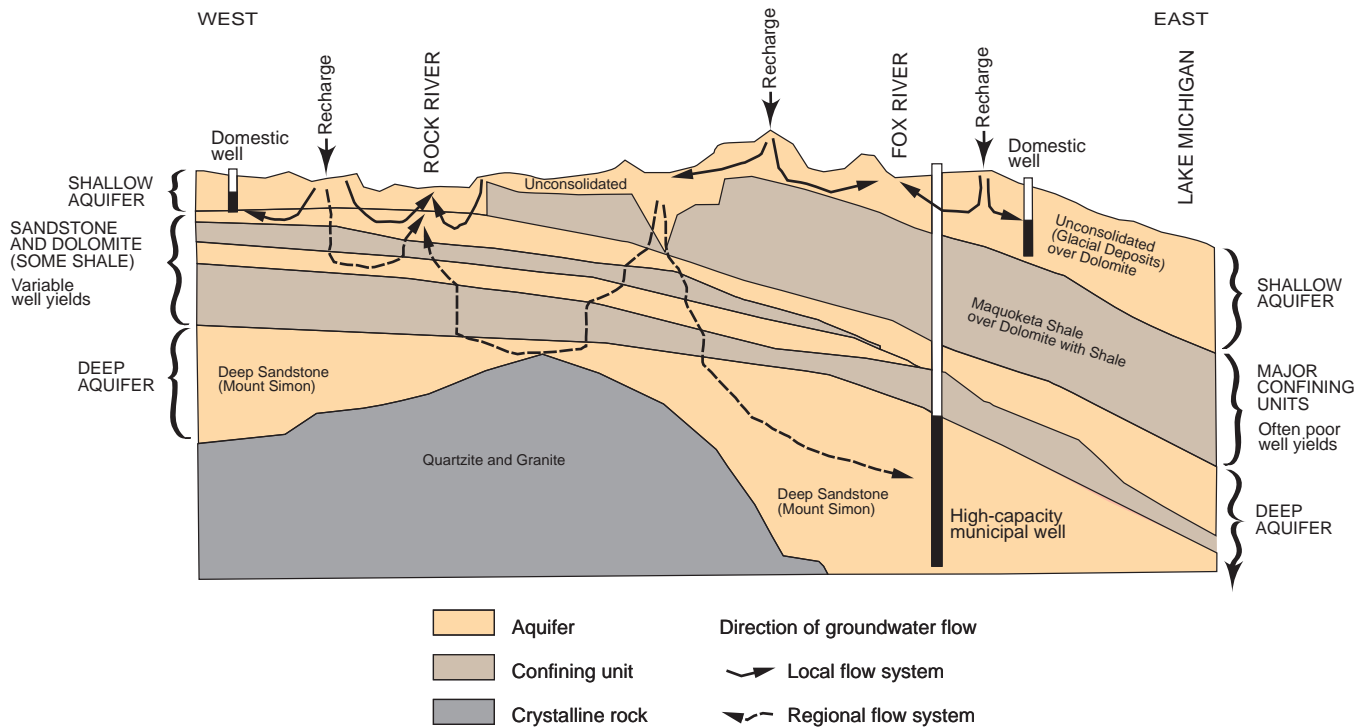
The glaciers deposited a wide variety of soil-forming materials and sculpted many different landforms that influence soil type and stream hydrology in the Southeastern Wisconsin Region. Soil type, along with land slope, land use, and vegetative cover, are important factors determining the rate, amount, and quality of stormwater runoff and, consequently, stream and lake water quality. Soil texture and soil particle structure influence the permeability, infiltration rate, and erodibility of soils. Land slopes are important determinants of stormwater runoff velocities and, therefore, significantly influence the susceptibility of soils to erosion. The erosivity of the runoff can be moderated or modified by vegetation.

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<sup>18</sup>SEWRPC Technical Report No. 37, Groundwater Resources of Southeastern Wisconsin, June 2002.

Figure II-12

HYDROGEOLOGIC SECTION THROUGH SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN



Source: U.S. Geological Survey, University of Wisconsin-Extension, and SEWRPC.

There is only one main type of soil classification that constitutes the soil mantle within the Pewaukee River watershed, which is glacial in origin. This soil type can be further classified into four soil associations based upon the NRCS detailed soil survey of the region in 1971 that are summarized below:<sup>19</sup>

- Hochheim-Theresa association is comprised of well-drained soils that have a subsoil of clay loam and silty clay loam that was formed in thin loess and loam glacial till, on ground moraines.
- Pella, moderately shallow variant-Knowles association is comprised of poorly drained and well-drained soils that have a subsoil of silty clay loam or clay loam that is moderately shallow over dolomite bedrock.
- Fox-Casco association is comprised of well-drained soils that have a subsoil of clay loam. This association is moderately deep over sand and gravel and can be found on outwash plains and stream terraces.
- Rodman-Casco association is comprised of excessively- to well-drained soils that have a subsoil of clay loam and gravelly sandy loam. This association is shallow over gravel and sand.

<sup>19</sup>SEWRPC Planning Report No. 8, Soils of Southeastern Wisconsin, June 1966; see also U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service, Soil Survey of Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties, Wisconsin, July 1971.

These soils generally range from poorly drained, organic soils to well drained, mineral soils. More specifically, the Hochheim-Theresa Association blankets 93.9 percent of the watershed, whereas the Pella, moderately shallow variant-Knowles Association covers 5.4 percent of the watershed. The Pella-Knowles association occurs where the bedrock is shallow in the northeastern portion of the watershed, and also in a small area associated with Zion Creek in the southwestern portion of the watershed. Minor portions of Rodman-Casco Association and of Fox-Casco Association cover 0.6 percent and 0.1 percent of the watershed, respectively.

Using the regional soil survey, these soils can be further subdivided into four main hydrologic groups; well-drained soils, moderately-drained soils, poorly-drained soils, and very poorly-drained soils. Due to the large proportion of the Pewaukee River watershed being comprised of the well-drained Hochheim-Theresa soil association, it is not surprising that this watershed contains about 68 percent moderately-drained to well-drained soils. This result is consistent with the high to very high permeability along with moderate to very high groundwater recharge potential rankings of soils within this watershed.<sup>20</sup>

## **WATER RESOURCES**

The Pewaukee River watershed covers about 38 square miles (about 24,380 acres). It is one of several subwatersheds that comprise the Upper Fox River watershed and it represents about 4 percent of the land area of that basin. The problems or threats facing the water resources of the Pewaukee River watershed are similar to those facing the Fox River; namely, potential excessive nutrient input, runoff from croplands and urban lands, introductions of pesticides and herbicides, filling of wetlands, extreme fluctuations of stream flow or low flow, temperature extremes, low dissolved oxygen, loss of fish and macroinvertebrate habitat, and barriers to fish and aquatic organism migration.<sup>21</sup>

### **Surface Water Resources**

The Pewaukee River is approximately 11 miles in length, extending from its headwaters in the Village of Sussex to its confluence with the Fox River in the City of Pewaukee (see Map I-2 in Chapter I of this report). The Pewaukee River watershed contains several perennial tributaries, the longest being Coco Creek at about five miles in length. The other perennial tributaries include Meadow Brook, Zion Creek, and Audley Creek. Pewaukee Lake and its associated subwatershed area is technically and functionally a tributary to the Pewaukee River. The mainstem of the Pewaukee River provides a wealth of opportunity for canoeing, kayaking, fishing, and bird watching, as well as scientific study among other uses. Coco Creek is a Class II trout stream.

The only lake within the Pewaukee River watershed is Pewaukee Lake, an impounded lake which is 2,446 acres in area and is the largest lake within Waukesha County. Hence, Pewaukee Lake provides some of the highest-quality boating and other lake-related recreation in the Southeastern Wisconsin Region, including a quality musky fishery. This mixture of high quality lake and stream systems and associated recreational benefits has provided the unique framework from which the local communities have grown and thrived within the Pewaukee River watershed.

### ***Runoff from Urban Development and Impervious Surfaces***

As indicated above, urban land use in the Pewaukee River watershed is expected to increase between the present and 2035. In the absence of planning, such urbanization can create negative impacts on streams and lakes. Urbanization itself is not the main factor driving the degradation of the local waterbodies. Lakes and streams can survive and even flourish in urban settings with appropriate measures to control the impacts of urbanization. The

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<sup>20</sup>*SEWRPC Technical Report No. 47, Groundwater Recharge in Southeastern Wisconsin Estimated by a GIS-Based Water Balance Model, July 2008.*

<sup>21</sup>*Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Publication No. PUBL-WT-701-2002, The State of the Southeast Fox River Basin, February 2002.*



**Table II-2**

**APPROXIMATE PERCENTAGE OF  
CONNECTED IMPERVIOUS SURFACES  
CREATED BY URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

Type of Urban Development	Impervious Surface (percent)
Suburban-Density Residential.....	10-15
Low-Density Residential.....	20-25
Medium-Density Residential .....	25-30
High-Density Residential.....	30-50
Governmental and Institutional .....	40-75
Industrial.....	70-80
Commercial.....	85-95

Source: Natural Resources Conservation Service and SEWRPC.

main factors leading to the degradation of urban waterbodies include: the creation of large areas of connected impervious surfaces, the lack of adequate stormwater management facilities to control the quantity and quality of runoff, the proximity of development to waterbodies, loss of natural areas, and inadequate construction site erosion controls. These factors increase the potential for the occurrence of the negative water quality/quantity effects associated with urbanization. Good land use planning, creative site design, and the application of best management practices for construction site erosion control and post-construction stormwater management can greatly reduce the potential for urban development to negatively affect the surrounding environment.

Industrial and commercial land uses generally have significantly more impervious area than residential land uses, while smaller residential lots generally have proportionately more impervious surface than larger residential lots. Table II-2 lists the approximate amounts of impervious surface created by residential, industrial, and commercial development. Although commercial and industrial developments generally have a larger percentage of impervious surface, lawns, which are the single largest use of the land area in residential developments, show some similarities to impervious surfaces. When lawns are compared to woodlands and cropland, they are found to contain less soil pore space (up to 15 percent less than cropland and 24 percent less than woodland), reducing their ability to infiltrate water. In many instances, considerable soil compaction occurs during grading of the home sites, significantly reducing the perviousness of lawns. Compared to turf grass, native grasses, forbs, and sedges have significantly deeper root systems, which loosen the soil and create flow channels that increase infiltration capacity. Also, owing to excessive application of fertilizers and pesticides, urban lawns typically produce higher unit loads of nutrients and pesticide than do croplands.<sup>22 23</sup> When new commercial or residential developments are built near a stream, the area of driveways, rooftops, sidewalks, and lawns increases; the area of native plant growths and undisturbed soils decrease; and, the ability of the shoreland area to perform its natural functions (flood control, pollutant removal, wildlife habitat, and aesthetic beauty) is diminished. In the absence of mitigating measures, urbanization impacts the watershed not only by altering the ratio between stormwater runoff and groundwater recharge, but also through changing stream hydrology (i.e., increasing stormwater runoff volumes and peak flows and altering the baseflow regime). These changes are exacerbated by altering the seasonal thermal regimes in these flowing water systems and changing other characteristics of the streams, such as channel morphology, water quality/quantity, and biological diversity.

When urban development increases, the ratio of impervious surface area in a watershed to water surface area increases proportionately to the decrease in the amount of pervious surface area. For this reason alone, many researchers throughout the United States, including researchers at the WDNR, report that the amount of *connected* impervious surface is the best indicator of the level of urbanization in a watershed.<sup>24</sup> Connected impervious

<sup>22</sup>Center for Watershed Protection, Impacts of Impervious Cover on Aquatic Systems, *Watershed Protection Research Monograph No. 1*, March 2003, p. 7.

<sup>23</sup>2009 Wisconsin Act 9 created Section 94.643 of the Wisconsin Statutes which places restrictions on the use and sale of fertilizer containing phosphorus as well as on the use and sale of other turf fertilizers. Over time, it is anticipated that those restrictions on phosphorus in fertilizer will result in reduced loads of phosphorus in runoff from lawns.

<sup>24</sup>L. Wang, J. Lyons, P. Kanehl, and R. Bannerman, "Impacts of Urbanization on Stream Habitat and Fish across Multiple Spatial Scales," *Environmental Management*, Vol. 28, 2001, pp. 255-266.

surfaces have a direct hydraulic connection to a stormwater drainage system, and, ultimately, to a stream. The studies mentioned above have found that relatively low levels of urbanization, 8 to 12 percent connected impervious surface, can cause subtle changes in physical (increased temperature and turbidity) and chemical properties (reduced dissolved oxygen and increased pollutant levels) of a stream, leading to a decline in the biological integrity of the stream. For example, each 1 percent increase in watershed imperviousness can lead to an increase in water temperature of nearly 2.5°F.<sup>25</sup> While this temperature increase may appear to be small in magnitude, this small increase can have significant impacts on fish, such as trout and other biological communities that have a low tolerance to temperature fluctuations or very specific thermal ranges within which they flourish.

In the absence of mitigating measures, one of the consequences of urban development is the increase in the amount of stormwater that runs off the land surface rather than infiltrating into the groundwater system. A parking lot or driveway produces much more runoff than an undisturbed prairie or agricultural hay field. Furthermore, runoff traveling over the surface of a parking lot or driveway will pick up heavy metals, bacteria, pathogens, and other pollutants which otherwise might be removed as the stormwater is filtered through vegetation or infiltrated into the surface aquifer. Runoff traveling over such impervious surfaces bypasses the filtering action of the soil particles, soil microbes, and vegetation present above (stems and leaves) and below (roots) the soil surface. In addition, the location of the impervious surfaces determines the degree of direct impact they will have on a stream. There is a greater impact from impervious surfaces located close to a stream—due to the fact that less time and distance exists wherein the polluted runoff can be naturally treated before entering into the stream. A study of 47 watersheds in southeastern Wisconsin indicated that one acre of impervious surface located near a stream could have the same negative effect on aquatic communities as 10 acres of impervious surface located farther away from the stream.<sup>26</sup>

Because urban lands located adjacent to a stream have a greater impact on the biological community, an assumption might be made that riparian buffer strips located along the streambank could absorb some of the negative runoff effects attributed to urbanization. While riparian buffers do have a mitigating effect, streambank buffers may not be the complete answer to urban stormwater impacts within the watershed since most urban stormwater is delivered directly to the stream via storm sewers or engineered channels and enters the stream without passing through the buffer zone. Riparian buffers need to be combined with other management practices, such as infiltration facilities, detention basins, and grass swales, in order to adequately mitigate the effects of urban stormwater runoff. Combining practices into such a “treatment train” can provide a much higher level of pollutant removal, than single, stand-alone practices could achieve. In this regard, it is important to note that stormwater and erosion control treatment practices vary in their function, which in turn influences their level of effectiveness. Their location on the landscape, as well as their construction and maintenance, greatly influences their level of pollutant removal.

Researchers, evaluating 134 sites on 103 streams throughout the State of Wisconsin, have found that the amount of urban land use upstream of their sample sites had a negative relationship with the biotic integrity scores at the sites.<sup>27</sup> There appeared to be a threshold of about 10 percent directly connected impervious cover in the areas

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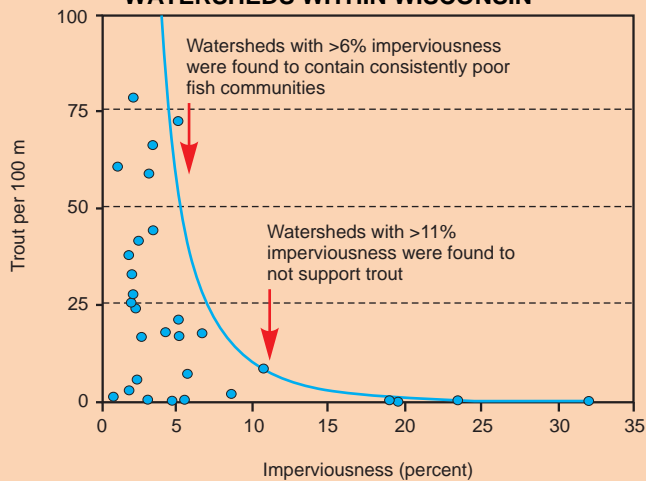
<sup>25</sup>L. Wang, J. Lyons, and P. Kanehl, “Impacts of Urban Land Cover on Trout Streams in Wisconsin and Minnesota,” *Transactions of the American Fisheries Society*, Vol. 132, 2003, pp. 825-839.

<sup>26</sup>L. Wang, J. Lyons, P. Kanehl, and R. Bannerman, “Impacts of Urbanization on Stream Habitat and Fish across Multiple Spatial Scales,” *Environmental Management*, Vol. 28, 2001, pp. 255-266.

<sup>27</sup>L. Wang, J. Lyons, P. Kanehl, and R. Gatti, “Influences of Watershed Land Use on Habitat Quality and Biotic Integrity in Wisconsin Streams,” *Fisheries*, Volume 22, 1997.

Figure II-13

**TROUT ABUNDANCE PER 100 METERS OF LINEAR STREAM DISTANCE AND PERCENT IMPERVIOUS SURFACES AMONG COLDWATER STREAM WATERSHEDS WITHIN WISCONSIN**



Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

tributary to the streams, beyond which Index of Biotic Integrity (IBI) scores declined dramatically.<sup>28</sup> The IBI is a measure of the quality of the fishery community and combines elements, such as abundance, diversity (number of different species), tolerance (ability of a species to tolerate pollution), feeding or trophic classifications (e.g., top carnivores, or fish that feed on other fish, vertebrates, or large aquatic insects), and healthy appearance (e.g., no deformities, eroded fins, lesions). Fish IBI scores were found to be good to excellent below this threshold, but were consistently rated as poor to fair above this threshold. The researchers also found that habitat scores were not closely associated with degraded fish community attributes in the studied streams. Wisconsin researchers also found that the number of trout per 100 meters in coldwater streams dramatically decreased at a threshold of 6 percent imperviousness, and that no trout were observed in coldwater streams in watersheds with greater than 11 percent imperviousness (see Figure II-13).<sup>29</sup>

Wang and others studied 47 small streams in 43 watersheds in southeastern Wisconsin to retrospectively analyze fisheries and land use data acquired between 1970 and 1990.<sup>30</sup> Historical changes in land uses were determined from data provided by SEWRPC and the changes in the fishery were evaluated over the two decades. Streams that were already extensively urbanized as of 1970 had fish communities characterized as highly tolerant with low species richness.<sup>31</sup> As these areas urbanized even further, the fish communities changed little since they were already considered to be degraded. In contrast, stream sites that had little urbanization (characterized by connected imperviousness) in 1970, but which were urbanizing by 1990, showed decreases in the quality of the fish community. This study further supported the finding that major differences occurred in the fisheries at the 10 percent connected impervious cover threshold, with poorer fisheries quality generally being reported for stream sites above this threshold. In addition, other studies in different eco-regions and using various techniques have supported these findings, suggesting that, as watersheds become highly urban, aquatic diversity becomes degraded.<sup>32</sup> In addition to increases in the amount of impervious land cover that are associated with urbanization,

<sup>28</sup>Directly connected impervious area is area that discharges directly to the stormwater drainage system without the potential for infiltration through discharge to pervious surfaces or facilities specifically designed to infiltrate runoff.

<sup>29</sup>Personal communication, L. Wang, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

<sup>30</sup>L. Wang, J. Lyons, P. Kanehl, R. Bannerman, and E. Emmons, "Watershed Urbanization and Changes In Fish Communities In Southeastern Wisconsin Streams," Journal of the American Water Resources Association, Volume 36, No. 5, 2000.

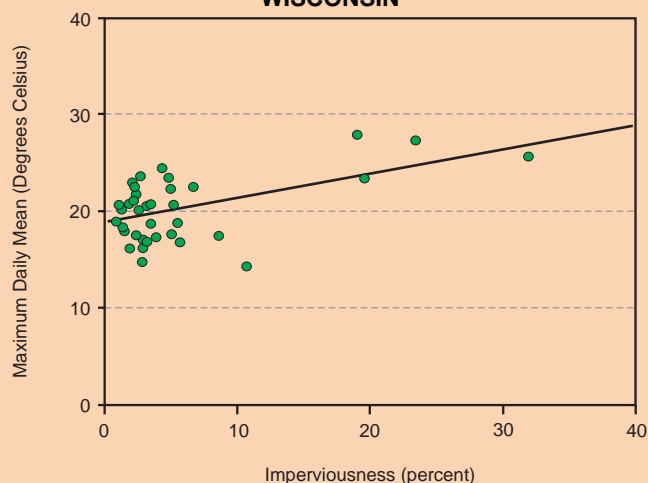
<sup>31</sup>Highly tolerant fishes can survive under degraded conditions, particularly low dissolved oxygen and high temperatures. More detail on tolerance and characterization of the fishery community in this watershed is provided in Chapter IV of this report.

<sup>32</sup>Center for Watershed Protection, op. cit.



Figure II-14

**MAXIMUM DAILY WATER TEMPERATURES AND PERCENT IMPERVIOUS SURFACES AMONG COLDWATER STREAM WATERSHEDS WITHIN WISCONSIN**



Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Table II-3

**OVERALL ESTIMATED PERCENT CONNECTED IMPERVIOUS SURFACE FOR THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED**

Watershed	2010	2035
Pewaukee River Subwatershed	23.0	31.2
Pewaukee Lake Subwatershed	10.4	14.3
Total Watershed	14.8	20.2

Source: SEWRPC.

As noted above, the amount of imperviousness in a watershed that is directly connected to the stormwater drainage system can be used as a surrogate for evaluating the combined impacts of urbanization in the absence of mitigation. The Pewaukee River watershed overall had about 49 percent urban land use in 2010, which corresponds to approximately 14.8 percent directly connected imperviousness in the watershed; this is anticipated to increase to more than 20 percent by the year 2035 (see Table II-3). That level of imperviousness is well above the threshold level of 6 to 11 percent at which negative biological impacts can be expected to occur in coldwater streams (see Figures II-13 and II-14). The PL subwatershed had about 29.4 percent urban land use in 2010, which corresponds to 10.4 percent directly connected imperviousness in the watershed. This is essentially at the threshold level at which negative biological impacts could be expected to occur. The planned 2035 development in the PL subwatershed is expected to exceed that threshold with an estimated 14.3 percent connected impervious surface area. In contrast, the PR subwatershed has already greatly exceeded the 11 percent threshold at which negative biological impacts could be expected to occur. The PR subwatershed is currently estimated to contain

urban development has often been accompanied by the alteration or loss of wetlands; disturbance or reduction in the size of riparian corridors; stream channel modification, including straightening and lining with concrete; and occasional spills of hazardous materials. All of these factors contribute to degradation of fish communities and of aquatic diversity.

A further important concern related to urban development is thermal pollution. Thermal pollution results when stormwater flows over heated surfaces, such as roads, rooftops, and parking lots, before entering a stream. The main consequence of thermal pollution is oxygen depletion, because warm water cannot hold as much oxygen as cold water. As these oxygen-deficit events increase, the aquatic organisms living in the stream become more stressed, leading to decreased growth and reproduction, migration out of the system, and, in extreme cases, death of the aquatic organisms. Rainfall events that occur during the warmer summer months are more stressful to fish and other water dwelling organisms than rainfall at other times of the year, due to runoff being heated as it flows over sun-warmed impervious surfaces. When coupled with the chronic affects of reduced infiltration on baseflows to streams, these events can lead to significantly elevated temperatures in the flowing water systems. There is a direct relation between a coldwater stream’s maximum daily water temperatures and the percentage of impervious surface (i.e., urban development) in the watershed (see Figure II-14). Coldwater fish, such as brown trout, survive best in water temperatures less than 20°C. Temperatures a few degrees below the lethal limit of 25°C can still cause significant stress, eventually leading to illness, infection, and death.<sup>33</sup>

<sup>33</sup>G.S. Becker, *Fishes of Wisconsin*, University of Wisconsin Press, 1983.

23 percent directly connected impervious surface in 2010 and is planned to exceed 31 percent by year 2035 (see Table II-3). This amount of development has often been associated with significant degradation of aquatic resources in other streams within southeastern Wisconsin.

This would suggest that the Pewaukee River subwatershed may exceed the threshold of being able to support a high quality warmwater fish community and that the PL subwatershed, which currently supports a Class II trout stream (Coco Creek), may exceed the threshold of being able to support a coldwater trout community. Local stormwater management practices affecting runoff volume and quality are key to mitigating the consequences of development, one of which is the preservation of substantial riparian buffers (see Riparian Management Practices subsection below).

### ***Runoff from Agricultural Development***

In addition to the urban impacts discussed above, certain types of rural land use can also have negative impacts on riverine systems. For example, researchers in Wisconsin have found that the amount of agricultural land use upstream of sample sites had a negative relationship with biotic integrity scores. There appeared to be a threshold of about 50 percent agricultural land use, above which IBI scores declined dramatically.<sup>34</sup> A separate study looking at the effects of multi-scale environmental characteristics on the biota in agricultural streams in eastern Wisconsin demonstrated a strong negative correlation between fisheries IBI scores and increased proportions of agricultural land, ranging from 0 to 80 percent of the land surface within the studied watersheds, which indicates that, as the percentage of agricultural land increases, the resultant fishery community decreases in abundance and diversity.<sup>35</sup>

Over 70 percent of the Pewaukee River watershed was estimated to be in agricultural land use in 1950. As of 2010, agricultural land comprised about 24 percent of the land surface area within the watershed. The decline has been principally due to the conversion of agricultural land into residential subdivisions. The history of high agricultural land use combined with channel straightening or channelization that occurred in many creeks and streams throughout the Pewaukee River watershed has likely caused declines in fishery abundance and diversity as a result (see Stream Reaches and Habitat Conditions sections in Chapter IV of this report for more details). It is important to note that although agricultural land use has been reduced, there are still significant concerns related to sediment and nutrient loading into the waterways of the Pewaukee River system from agricultural practices (see below).

### ***Riparian Management Practices***

The studies of the effects of agricultural land use on biotic integrity scores indicated a positive relationship between the fisheries IBI and increased agricultural riparian buffer vegetation width. This implies that, by analogy, the impacts of increased urban land use may also be mitigated by an increased width of riparian buffer, which, in turn, will act to protect the stream aquatic biota. A follow-up study investigating the influence of watershed-, riparian corridor-, and reach-scale characteristics on aquatic biota in agricultural watersheds found that the type(s) of land use within the watershed, the presence of riparian corridors, and the degree of fragmentation of vegetation were the most important variables influencing fish and macroinvertebrate abundance

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<sup>34</sup>L. Wang, J. Lyons, P. Kanehl, and R. Gatti, "Influences of Watershed Land Use on Habitat Quality and Biotic Integrity in Wisconsin Streams," *op cit*.

<sup>35</sup>F. Fitzpatrick, B. Scudder, B. Lenz, and D. Sullivan, "Effects of Multi-Scale Environmental Characteristics on Agricultural Stream Biota in Eastern Wisconsin," *Journal of the American Water Resources Association*, Volume 37, No. 6, 2001.

and diversity.<sup>36</sup> In addition, upland best management practices (BMPs)—such as barnyard runoff controls, manure storage, contour plowing, and reduced tillage, when combined with riparian BMPs—such as streambank fencing, streambank sloping, and limited streambank riprapping, significantly improved overall stream habitat quality, bank stability, instream cover for fishes, and fish abundance and diversity.<sup>37</sup> Improvements were most pronounced at sites with riparian BMPs. At sites with limited upland BMPs installed, there were few improvements in water temperature or in the quality of fish community.

Around lakes, where development generally has a more urban character, stormwater management and runoff controls—such as the application of stormwater infiltration practices, onsite detention/retention of stormwater, adoption of good shoredscaping measures, and shoreland management practices—offer similar benefits.<sup>38</sup> Wetlands adjacent to lakes and streams help enhance water quality conditions, while preserving desirable open space characteristics for residents to participate in a wide range of resource-oriented recreational activities. Protection of shoreland wetlands also helps to avoid the creation of new environmental and developmental problems as urbanization proceeds within the watershed. In parallel with such protection and preservation, the use of natural and native vegetation as shoreline protection is required pursuant to Chapter NR 328 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code* as best practice along lake shorelines where such measures are feasible. Recent studies of the potential impact of riparian landscaping activities on nutrient loadings to lakes in southeastern Wisconsin have suggested that urban residential lands can contribute up to twice the mass of phosphorus to a lake when subjected to an active program of urban lawn care than similar lands managed in a more natural fashion.<sup>39</sup> The application of agrochemicals to such lands, in excess of the plant requirements, therefore, results in enhanced nutrient loading directly to the adjacent waterbodies. To this end, the State of Wisconsin has promulgated guidance for turf nutrient management targeted at residential lands, parks, and high use areas, such as golf courses and parks.<sup>40</sup>

In addition to the protection of water quality, riparian buffers simultaneously protect wildlife including both aquatic and terrestrial habitats. Buffer zones adjacent to waterbodies such as lakes, rivers, and wetlands minimize the impacts of human activities on the landscape and contribute to recreation, aesthetics, and quality of life (see riparian buffer booklet in Appendix D). Riparian buffers are unique ecosystems that are exceptionally rich in biodiversity since they function as core habitat and travel corridors for many wildlife species including birds, fishes, amphibians, insects, reptiles, and plants. Fishery quality observed throughout the Pewaukee River watershed ranges from fair to excellent. This difference in quality can be attributed to a number of factors

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<sup>36</sup>J. Stewart, L. Wang, J. Lyons, J. Horwath, and R. Bannerman, “Influence of Watershed, Riparian Corridor, and Reach Scale Characteristics on Aquatic Biota in Agricultural Watersheds,” *Journal of the American Water Resources Association*, Volume 37, No. 6, 2001.

<sup>37</sup>L. Wang, J. Lyons, and P. Kanehl, “Effects of Watershed Best Management Practices on Habitat and Fish in Wisconsin’s Streams,” *Journal of the American Water Resources Association*, Volume 38, No. 3, 2002.

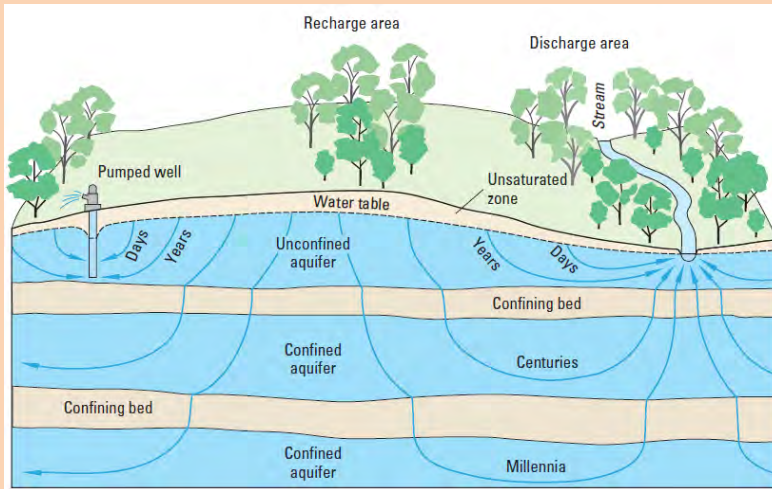
<sup>38</sup>See *University of Wisconsin-Extension, Publication No. GWQ045, Storm Water Basins: Using Natural Landscaping for Water Quality and Esthetics, 2005.*

<sup>39</sup>*U.S. Geological Survey Water-Resources Investigations Report No. 02-4130, Effects of Lawn Fertilizer on Nutrient Concentration in Runoff from Lakeshore Lawns, Lauderdale Lakes, Wisconsin, July 2002.*

<sup>40</sup>*Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Technical Standard No. 1100, Turf Nutrient Management, 2006; 2009 Wisconsin Act 9 created Section 94.643 of the Wisconsin Statutes which placed restrictions on the use and sale of fertilizer containing phosphorus as well as on the use and sale of other turf fertilizers, codifying in part the recommended land management measures set forth in Technical Standard No. 1100.*

Figure II-15

**GROUNDWATER FLOW PATHS IN A MULTI-AQUIFER GROUNDWATER SYSTEM**



Groundwater flows from recharge areas at the water table to discharge locations at the stream and well. The residence time of groundwater can range from days to centuries to millennia.

Source: U.S. Geological Survey and SEWRPC.

including: position within the watershed and changes in instream channel features including discharge, groundwater inputs, substrates, and gradient; land use changes and limited measures to mitigate the adverse effects of land uses;<sup>41</sup> and extent of riparian buffers protecting lakes and streams (see Chapter IV of this report).

**Groundwater Resources**

Groundwater not only sustains lake levels and wetlands and provides the perennial base flow of streams, but it is also a major source of water supply. In general, there is an adequate supply of groundwater within the Region to support the growing population, agriculture, commerce, and a viable and diverse industry. However, overproduction and water shortages may occur in areas of concentrated development and intensive water demand. The amount, recharge, movement, and discharge of groundwater is controlled by several factors, including: precipitation; topography;

drainage; land use; soil; and, the lithology and water-bearing properties of rock units. Recharge to groundwater is derived almost entirely from precipitation. All of the communities within the Pewaukee River watershed are dependent on groundwater for a potable water supply and for other commercial and industrial uses. Groundwater resources, thus, constitute an extremely valuable element of the natural resource base within the Pewaukee River watershed. The continued growth of population and industry within the watershed necessitates the wise development and management of groundwater resources. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) has released a new report that presents concepts and tools to help water managers and others understand the effects of groundwater pumping on surface water (see below).<sup>42</sup> Much of the following information in this subsection is derived from that report.

Although the benefits of groundwater development are many, groundwater pumping can reduce the flow of water in connected streams and rivers—a process called streamflow depletion by wells.<sup>43</sup> As illustrated in Figure II-15,

<sup>41</sup>The standards and requirements of Chapter NR 151 “Runoff Management,” and Chapter NR 216, “Storm Water Discharge Permits,” of the Wisconsin Administrative Code are intended to mitigate the impacts of existing and new urban development and agricultural activities on surface water resources through control of peak flows in the channel-forming range, promotion of increased baseflow through infiltration of stormwater runoff, and reduction in sediment loads to streams and lakes. The implementation of those rules is intended to mitigate, or improve, water quality and instream/inlake habitat conditions.

<sup>42</sup>Barlow, P.M., and Leake, S.A., Streamflow depletion by wells—Understanding and managing the effects of groundwater pumping on streamflow, U.S. Geological Survey Circular 1376, 2012, see website at <http://pubs.usgs.gov/circ/1376/>

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**"Streamflow depletion caused by pumping is an important water-resource management issue across the nation because of the adverse effects that reduced flows can have on aquatic ecosystems, the availability of surface water, and the quality and aesthetic value of streams and rivers."**

Source: Paul Barlow, USGS hydrologist, Press Release, "How Does Groundwater Pumping Affect Streamflow?," November 16, 2012.

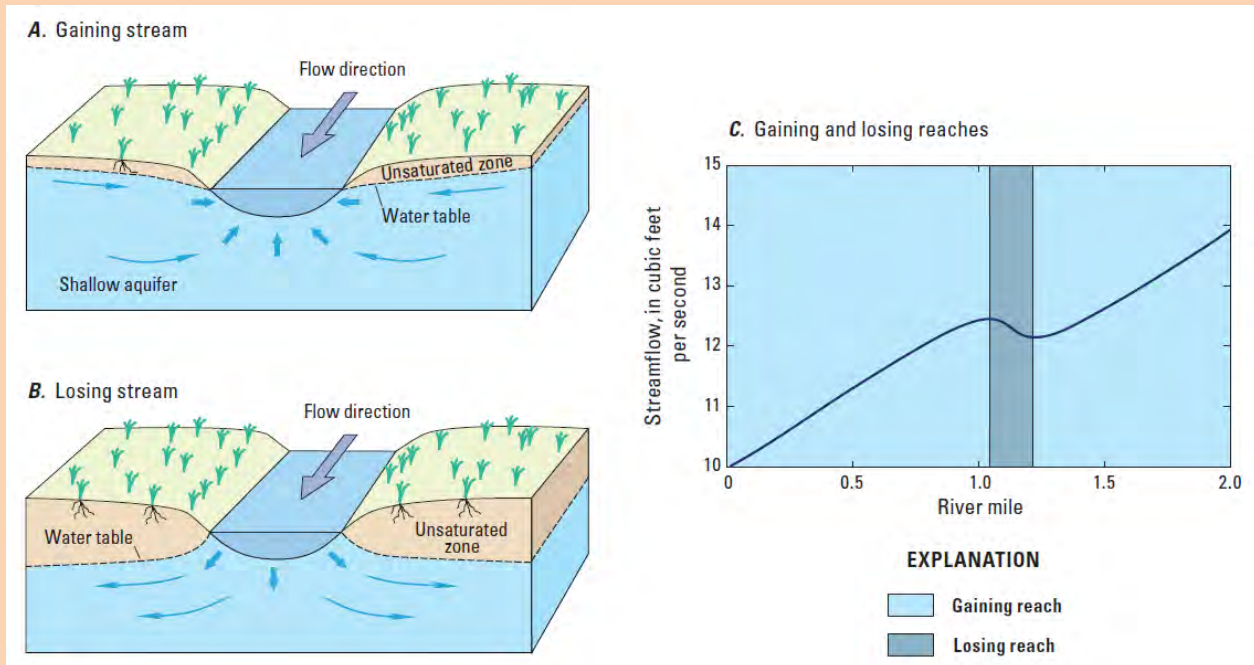
groundwater and surface water systems are connected. The sources of water to streams are generally recognized to result from four processes that include: 1) precipitation that falls directly onto a stream, which is a relatively small component of total streamflow; 2) surface runoff (or overland flow) that travels over the land surface to a stream channel; 3) interflow (or subsurface storm flow) that moves through the upper soil layers to a stream channel; and 4) groundwater discharge, which is commonly referred to as base flow. Surface runoff and interflow are important during storm events, and their contributions typically are combined into a single term called the direct-runoff component of

streamflow.<sup>44</sup> Groundwater on the other hand is most important for sustaining the flow of a stream during periods between storms and during dry times of the year and is often a substantial component of the total flow of a stream.

As shown in Figure II-16, a stream gains water where groundwater is discharged into the stream through saturated streambed and streambank sediments, or permeable bedrock adjacent to the stream, wherever the altitude of the water table is greater than the altitude of the stream surface (see Figure II-16A). Conversely, a stream loses water

Figure II-16

**GROUNDWATER AND STREAMFLOW INTERACTIONS: CONNECTED STREAM REACHES**



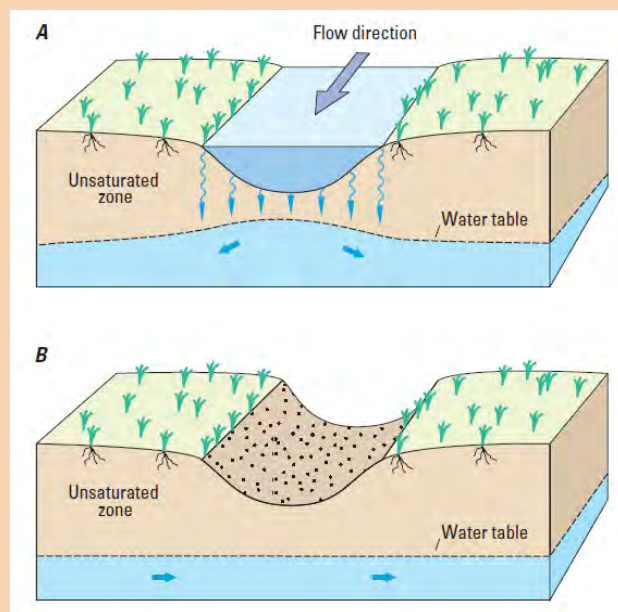
Stream reaches connected with the adjoining groundwater elevation can exhibit gaining or losing conditions: A, Gaining stream reaches receive water from the groundwater system, whereas, B, losing reaches lose water to the groundwater system. C, Streamflow increases along the gaining reaches of a river and streamflow decreases along the losing reaches of a river when there is no direct surface-water runoff to the river.

Source: U.S. Geological Survey and SEWRPC.

<sup>44</sup>Barlow and Leake, 2012; Linsley, R.K., Jr., Kohler, M.A., and Paulhus, J.L.H., *Hydrology for engineers (3d ed.)*: New York, McGraw-Hill, 508 p. 1982.

Figure II-17

**GROUNDWATER AND STREAMFLOW INTERACTIONS:  
DISCONNECTED STREAM REACHES**



Disconnected stream reaches are separated from the groundwater system by an unsaturated zone. In A, streamflow is a source of recharge to the underlying groundwater system, but in B, streamflow and groundwater recharge have ceased and the streambed is dry.

Source: U.S. Geological Survey and SEWRPC.

wherever streamflow seeps into the underlying groundwater system wherever the elevation or altitude of the stream surface is greater than the altitude of the adjoining water table (see Figure II-16B). Groundwater seeps and springs were observed and mapped throughout the Pewaukee River system (see the Hydrology/Groundwater/Precipitation section in Chapter IV of this report). Stream reaches that receive groundwater discharge are called *gaining reaches* and those that lose water to the underlying aquifer are called *losing reaches*. The rate at which water flows between a stream and its adjoining aquifer depends on the hydraulic gradient between the two waterbodies and also on the hydraulic conductivity of geologic materials that may be located at the groundwater/surface-water interface. A clay-lined streambed, for example, will tend to reduce the rate of flow between a stream and aquifer compared to a sandy or gravelly streambed. The graph in Figure II-16 illustrates the effects of gaining and losing conditions on streamflow during a period of no direct surface-water runoff to a river. The graph shows that the rate of streamflow increases along gaining reaches and decreases along losing reaches. The graph also demonstrates that a stream can have both gaining and losing reaches simultaneously and this certainly has been observed within the Pewaukee River system.

Moreover, because precipitation rates, pumping rates, and other hydrologic stresses vary with time, it is

possible for a particular stream reach to switch from a gaining to a losing condition or from a losing to a gaining condition from one period of time to the next. Losing reaches occur under conditions in which the underlying sediments are fully saturated, as shown in Figure II-16B, or under conditions in which the sediments are unsaturated, as shown in Figure II-17A. A losing stream reach that is underlain by an unsaturated zone is said to be disconnected from the underlying aquifer.<sup>45</sup> Some stream reaches are ephemeral (that is, they periodically become dry), and, as a consequence, flows between the stream and underlying aquifer may periodically cease (see Figure II-17B). For example, during the drought conditions in the summer through fall of 2012 several small tributaries stopped discharging water to the Pewaukee River.

The amount of precipitation and snowmelt that infiltrates at any location depends mainly on the permeability of the overlying soils, bedrock or other surface materials, including man-made surfaces. As development occurs, stormwater management practices can be installed that encourage infiltration of runoff. However, it is important to note that such practices have generally not been required to be installed prior to 1990 in this watershed; so much of the urban development was not constructed to promote such infiltration (see Stormwater section in Chapter III of this report). To be effective, these practices need to be located on soils with permeable subsoils and adequate groundwater separation to allow infiltration, but minimize the potential for groundwater contamination. This is described in more detail in Chapter V. Most of the precipitation that does infiltrate (either naturally or

<sup>45</sup>Winter, T.C., Harvey, J.W., Franke, O.L., and Alley, W.M., Ground water and surface water—A single resource, U.S. Geological Survey Circular 1139, 1998.

through a stormwater management practice) will generally only migrate within the shallow aquifer system and may discharge in a nearby wetland or stream system. This process helps support base flows, wetland vegetation, and wildlife habitat in these water resources. Therefore, as is the case for surface waters (lakes and streams), the quality of groundwater resources is clearly linked to the health and well-being of the biological communities (including humans) inhabiting those waters and their surrounding watersheds.<sup>46</sup>

Due to the connection and complex interactions between surface and groundwater, managing the effects of streamflow depletion by wells is challenging, particularly because of the significant time delays that often occur between when pumping begins and when the effects of that pumping are realized in nearby streams. There could be other local factors that control the timing, rates, and locations of streamflow depletion, as well. Nonetheless, there are several important considerations managers should keep in mind when trying to understand the relationship between streamflow and groundwater pumping:<sup>47</sup>

- Individual wells may have little effect on streamflow depletion, but small effects of many wells pumping within a basin can combine to produce substantial effects on streamflow and aquatic habitats.
- Basinwide groundwater development typically occurs over a period of several decades, and the resulting cumulative effects on streamflow depletion may not be fully realized for years.
- Streamflow depletion continues for some time after pumping stops because it takes time for a groundwater system to recover from the previous pumping stress. In some aquifers, maximum rates of streamflow depletion may occur long after pumping stops, and full recovery of the groundwater system may take decades to centuries.
- Streamflow depletion can affect water quality in the stream or in the aquifer. For example, in many areas, groundwater discharge cools stream temperatures in the summer and warms stream temperatures in the winter, providing a suitable year-round habitat for fish. Reductions in groundwater discharge to streams caused by pumping can degrade habitat by warming stream temperatures during the summer and cooling stream temperatures during the winter.
- The major factors that affect the timing of streamflow depletion are the distance from the well to the stream and the properties and geologic structure of the aquifer.
- Sustainable rates of groundwater pumping near streams do not depend on the rates at which groundwater systems are naturally replenished (or recharged), but on the total flow rates of the streams and the amount of reduced streamflow that a community or regulatory authority is willing to accept.

These considerations illustrate the need to develop an interdisciplinary approach to manage surface and groundwater resources jointly to better understand and protect these resources within the Pewaukee River watershed.

### **Groundwater Modeling**

A water supply system plan was recently developed by SEWRPC for the Southeastern Wisconsin Region to provide a sound framework for local water supply planning in the context of existing and planned future development within the Region in a manner consistent with the protection and wise use of the ground and surface

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<sup>46</sup>David Hambright, "Golden Algae & The Health of Oklahoma Lakes," *LAKELINE*, Volume 32(3), Fall 2012.

<sup>47</sup>Barlow and Leake, 2012.

water natural resources base.<sup>48</sup> That plan is the third component of the SEWRPC regional water supply planning program. The other two elements were the development of basic groundwater inventories<sup>49</sup> and the development of the regional groundwater model.<sup>50</sup>

In general, the regional aquifer simulation model was developed to enable characterization of water levels in the deep and shallow aquifers under historical, current, and planned conditions; to evaluate the effects of different groundwater management alternatives on surface water resources; and to provide a framework within which more-detailed “inset” models could be developed to investigate site-specific groundwater-related questions, including the possible effects of high capacity wells on surface water resources. The model provides the capability of addressing the following questions:

- How does the quantity of water being removed from an aquifer by wells relate to that aquifer’s supply?
- How much have humans altered the groundwater system?
- What effect does human alteration of the groundwater system have on surface waters?

In the deep aquifer, water levels have declined hundreds of feet since the 1800s as shown in Figure II-18A. In much of the Region, including the Pewaukee River watershed, water movement from the shallow sand and gravel and dolomite aquifer into the deep sandstone aquifer is limited by the Maquoketa shale, which forms a relatively impermeable barrier between the two aquifers. As a result, the rates of groundwater recharge to the deep aquifer are much less than the rates that water is being extracted by pumping. The drawdowns of the deep aquifer are indicative of a water budget deficit and are the combined result of pumping throughout southeastern Wisconsin as well as northeastern Illinois. In contrast, drawdowns in the shallow aquifer throughout the Region are much smaller (see Figure II-18B) despite the fact that nearly twice the amount of water is being extracted from it compared to the deep aquifer. The reason for the lower drawdowns is that the shallow aquifer is unconfined in most places. It receives direct recharge from precipitation and is also linked directly to surface waterbodies as illustrated in Figure II-15 above. Under natural conditions, most recharge to the shallow aquifer flows through the aquifer and discharges to surface waterbodies as baseflow. Pumping from the shallow aquifer for water supply purposes can reduce the natural groundwater discharge, intercepting it before it reaches surface waterbodies and then, after it has been treated, discharging it to those few rivers that receive wastewater effluent. It is even possible for pumping to reverse the natural groundwater discharge and induce water to flow out of surface waters and into the shallow aquifer. As a consequence, groundwater deficits in the shallow aquifer often do not manifest themselves as large drawdowns. Their effect, instead, is to reduce groundwater baseflow such as described above. In fact, in Figure II-18B, the large drawdowns all occur where the shallow aquifer is semi-confined by clay-rich glacial till. Clay particles are very small and tightly layered severely limiting water movement, which is why they are often used to line ponds to prevent water seepage out of them.

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<sup>48</sup>SEWRPC Planning Report No. 52, A Regional Water Supply Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin, December 2010.

<sup>49</sup>SEWRPC Technical Report No. 37, Groundwater Resources of Southeastern Wisconsin, June 2002.

<sup>50</sup>SEWRPC Technical Report No. 41, A Regional Aquifer Simulation Model for Southeastern Wisconsin, June 2005.

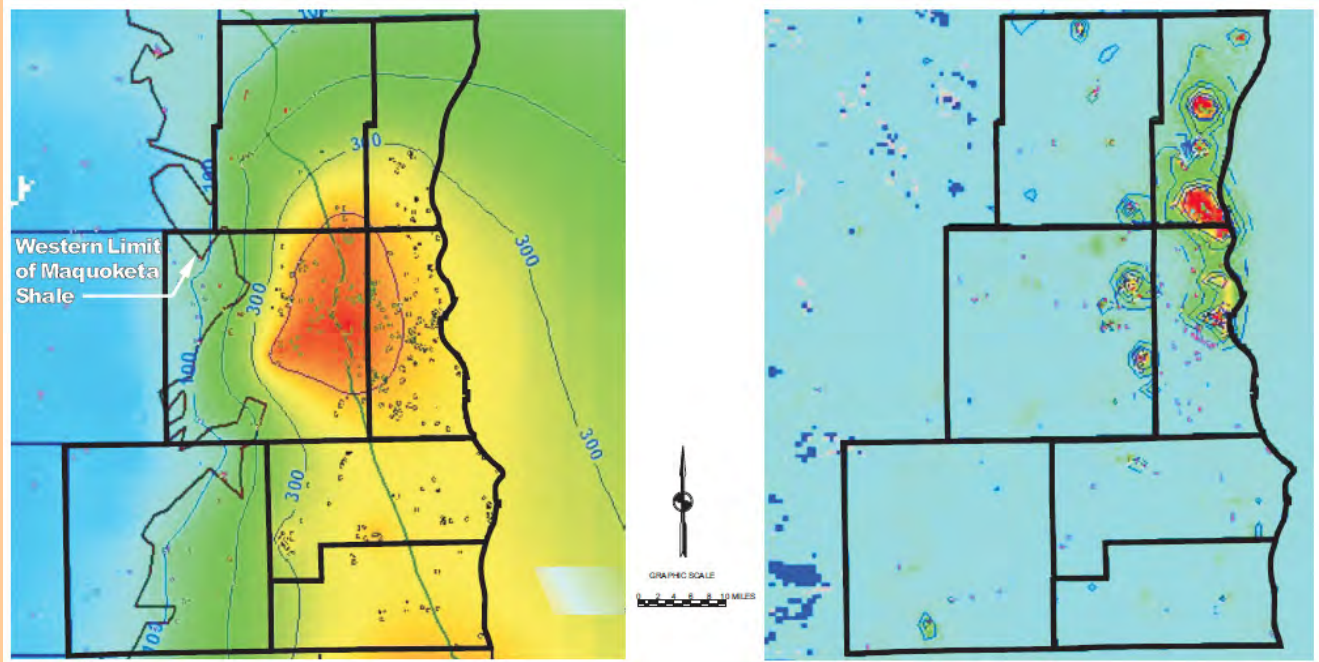


Figure II-18

**SIMULATED GROUNDWATER DRAWDOWNS FOR THE SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGION  
BETWEEN 1860 AND 2000**

Figure A-Deep Aquifer- the red zones shows areas where the drawdowns are greater than 400 feet.

Figure B-Shallow Aquifer- the red zones are areas where drawdowns are greater than 50 feet.



Source: U.S. Geological Survey and Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey, SEWRPC Technical Report No. 46, *Groundwater Budget Indices and Their Use in Assessing Water Supply Plans for Southeastern Wisconsin*, February 2010.

It is important to note that although the resolution of the regional groundwater models was considered sufficient and valid to compare differences in impacts resulting from alternative plans, it may not be sufficiently fine to predict site-specific impacts, or to resolve differences in impacts between surface water or groundwater features that are in close proximity to one another. Because the average grid cell size of the groundwater simulation model is over one-quarter square mile (about 2,500 feet on a side), the results, or output, from this regional modeling effort are not applicable for determining the impact of groundwater withdrawal on a site-specific basis. In other words, this regional model cannot specifically be used for local level groundwater supply planning purposes for the Pewaukee River watershed, because this area is too small. An evaluation of an area such as the Pewaukee River watershed would require a refinement of the model by the inclusion of more-detailed hydrogeologic data and a refinement of the model cell size.<sup>51</sup>

<sup>51</sup>The regional scale groundwater model has been specifically designed with a telescoping feature which allows for application to more-detailed investigation on specific geographic locations using more-refined inset models.

One of the most accessible and effective tools that was developed as part of the water supply planning effort, is the groundwater recharge potential map that was derived from a soil-water balance recharge model developed for the Southeastern Wisconsin Region.<sup>52</sup> Understanding recharge and its distribution is key to making informed land use decisions so that the groundwater needs of society and the environment can continue to be met. Unlike the regional model discussed above, this model contains a significantly reduced spatial grid size (about 100 feet on a side) that can actually be used for local level groundwater planning purposes. Therefore, these model results are generally applicable to the Pewaukee River watershed for identifying and protecting recharge areas that contribute most to baseflow of the lakes, streams, springs, and wetlands in the watershed, which is important to the goals of sustainable groundwater use and a healthy natural environment. Groundwater recharge potential was divided into four main categories defined as: low, moderate, high, and very high. Any areas that were not defined were placed into a fifth category as undefined. These undefined areas are most often associated with groundwater discharge, which is why they tend to be located adjacent to streams as shown on Map II-7. Much of the Pewaukee River watershed can be considered to have moderate groundwater recharge potential (about 10,024 acres, or about 41 percent of the entire watershed area), as shown on Map II-7. About 20 percent of the watershed was undefined and about nine percent of the watershed was identified as having low recharge potential. The remaining nearly 29 percent of the watershed contains high and very high recharge potential. More importantly, the majority of the high and very high recharge lands are located within the Lake subwatershed or about 21 percent as compared to less than 9 percent in the River subwatershed.

In addition to the groundwater recharge potential tool summarized above, an entirely new fine-scale groundwater/surface water flow model has recently been constructed and calibrated to evaluate groundwater-flow patterns in the shallow aquifer system within the Upper Fox River watershed in southeastern Wisconsin.<sup>53</sup> As shown in Figure II-19 the entire Pewaukee River watershed lies within the nearfield and farfield boundary conditions of the groundwater-surface water model. Unlike the regional model discussed above, this new model contains a significantly reduced grid size (about 125 feet on a side) that can actually be used for site-specific local level groundwater planning purposes. Therefore, these model results are generally applicable to the Pewaukee River watershed for quantifying fine-scale groundwater/surface water interactions in the shallow aquifer, defining sources and sinks of groundwater including recharge, boundary fluxes, interactions with surface water, and discharge to wells and quarries. Details of the major findings from this model can be found in the Hydrology/Groundwater/Precipitation section in Chapter IV of this report.

## **NATURAL RESOURCE BASE RELATED ELEMENTS**

Many important interlocking and interacting relationships occur between living organisms and their environment. The destruction or deterioration of any one element may lead to a chain reaction of deterioration and destruction among the others. The drainage of wetlands, for example, may have far-reaching effects. Such drainage may destroy fish spawning grounds, wildlife habitat, groundwater recharge areas, and natural filtration and floodwater storage areas. The resulting deterioration of surface water quality may, in turn, lead to a deterioration of the quality of the groundwater. Groundwater serves as a source of domestic, municipal, and industrial water supply and provides low flows in rivers and streams. The destruction of woodland and other upland cover types, which may have taken a century or more to develop, may result in soil erosion and stream siltation and in more rapid runoff and increased flooding, as well as destruction of wildlife habitat. Although the effects of any one of these environmental changes in isolation may not be overwhelming, the combined effects may lead eventually to the

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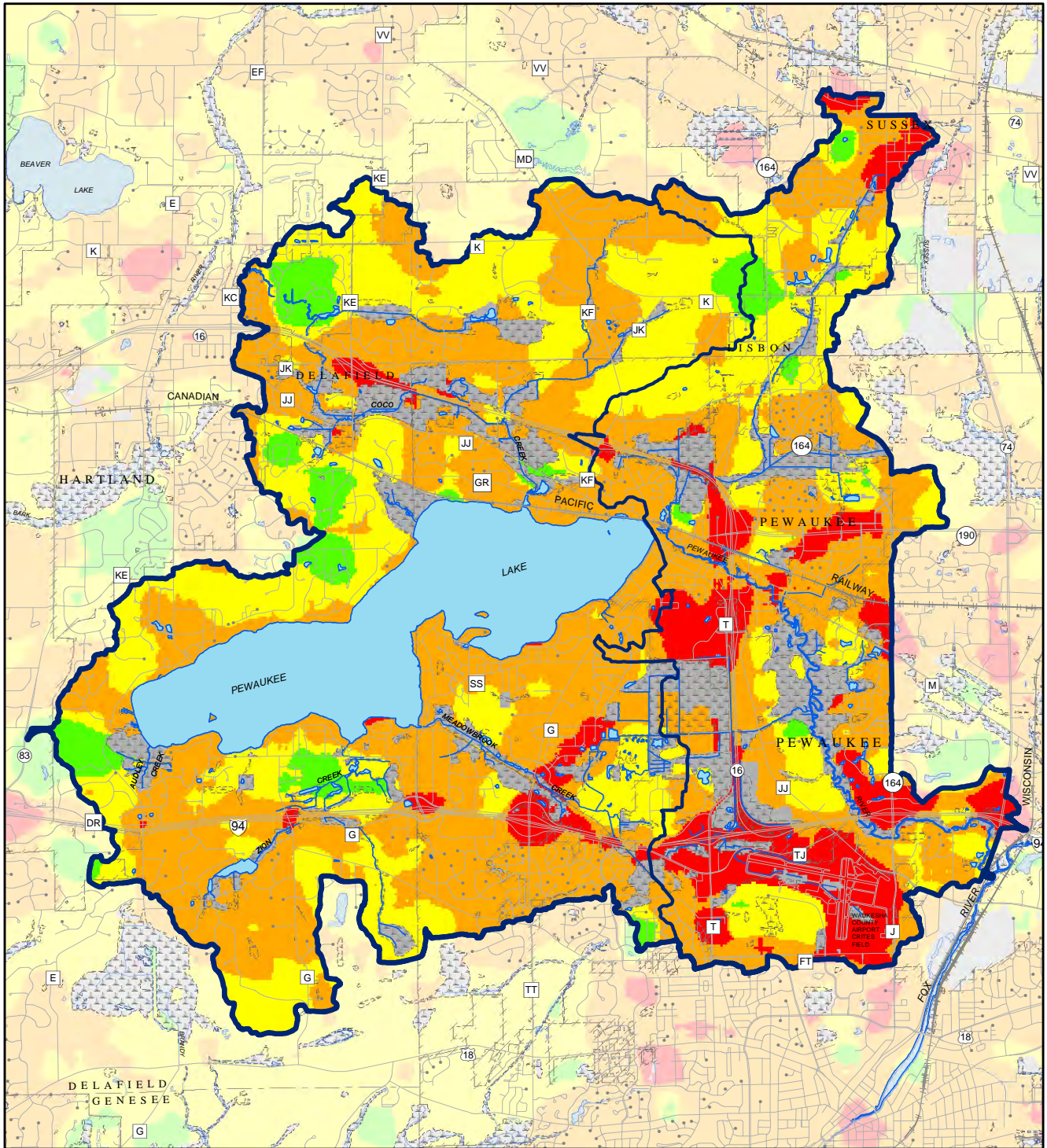
<sup>52</sup>*SEWRPC Technical Report No. 47, Groundwater Recharge in Southeastern Wisconsin Estimated by a GIS-Based Water-Balance Model, July 2008.*

<sup>53</sup>*D.T. Feinstein, M.N. Fienen, J.L. Kennedy, C.A. Buchwald, and M.M. Greenwood, "Development and application of a groundwater/surface-water flow model using MODFLOW-NWT for the Upper Fox River Basin, southeastern Wisconsin," U.S. Geological Survey Scientific Investigations Report 2012-5108, 2012, 124 pages.*



Map II-7

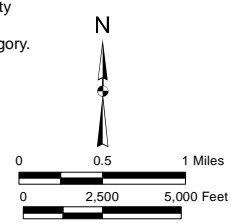
ESTIMATES OF GROUNDWATER RECHARGE POTENTIAL WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED



- LOW
- MODERATE
- HIGH
- VERY HIGH
- UNDEFINED

- SURFACE WATER
- STREAM
- WATERSHED BOUNDARY
- SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY

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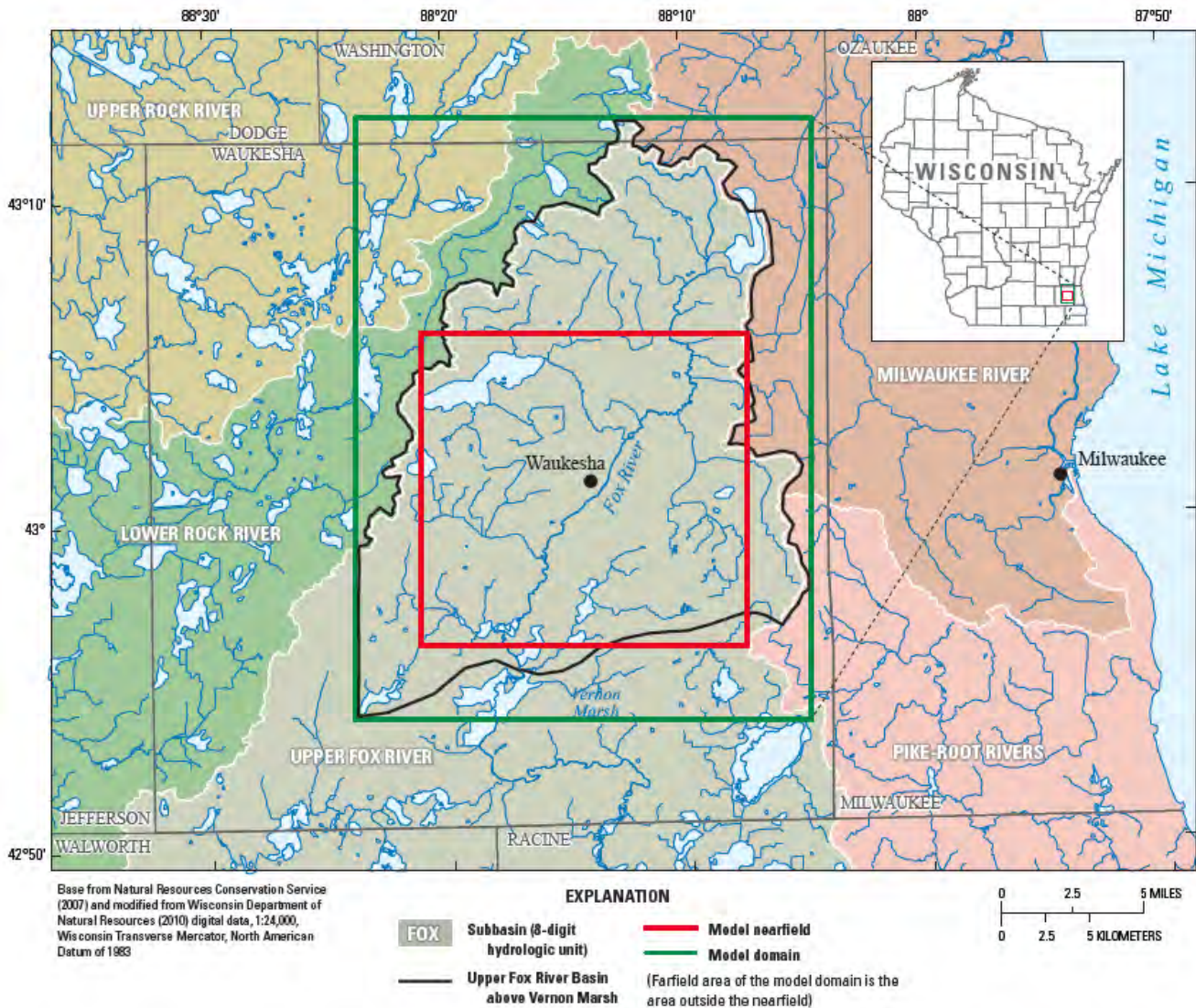
Source: Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey and SEWRPC.

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Figure II-19

STUDY AREA LIMITS FOR THE UPPER FOX RIVER BASIN, MODEL DOMAIN AND MODEL NEARFIELD AREAS



Source: U.S. Geological Survey and SEWRPC.

deterioration of the underlying and supporting natural resource base, and of the overall quality of the environment for life. The need to protect and preserve the environmental corridors within the watershed area thus becomes apparent.

**Primary Environmental Corridors**

Primary environmental corridors (PEC) include a wide variety of important resource and resource-related elements; by definition, they are at least 400 acres in size, two miles in length, and 200 feet in width.<sup>54</sup> PEC encompassed about 5,883 acres, or about 25 percent of the Pewaukee River watershed, in 2010. These PECs

<sup>54</sup>SEWRPC Planning Report No. 42, A Regional Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Protection and Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin, September 1997.



represent a composite of the best remaining elements of the natural resource base, and contain almost all of the best remaining woodlands, wetlands, and wildlife habitat areas in the watershed. PECs in the watershed are shown on Map II-8. Although Pewaukee Lake is typically shown as open water, it is also important to note that the lakes, rivers and streams and the associated shorelands, including Pewaukee Lake, are in fact PECs, which is why they are shown that way on Map II-8. In other words, the Lake and its associated shorelands are part of the highest quality natural resources within the Pewaukee River watershed, which is why the management of the nearshore areas is so vitally important to protect and maintain the quality and integrity of this resource (see Appendix D).

### **Secondary Environmental Corridors**

Secondary environmental corridors (SEC) generally connect with the primary environmental corridors and are at least 100 acres in size and one-mile long. In 2010, secondary environmental corridors encompassed about 567 acres, or just over 2 percent of the watershed. Secondary environmental corridors also contain a variety of resource elements, often remnant resources from primary environmental corridors which have been developed for intensive urban or agriculture purposes. Secondary environmental corridors facilitate surface water drainage, maintain pockets of natural resource features, and provide corridors for the movement of wildlife, as well as for the movement and dispersal of seeds for a variety of plant species. Secondary environmental corridors in the Pewaukee River watershed are shown on Map II-8.

### **Isolated Natural Resource Areas**

Smaller concentrations of natural resource features that have been separated physically from the environmental corridors by intensive urban or agricultural land uses have also been identified. These natural resource areas, which are at least five acres in size, are referred to as isolated natural resource areas. Widely scattered throughout the watershed, isolated natural resource areas included about 694 acres, or about 3 percent, of the total study area in 2010. Isolated natural resource areas in the watershed are shown on Map II-8.

### **Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Sites**

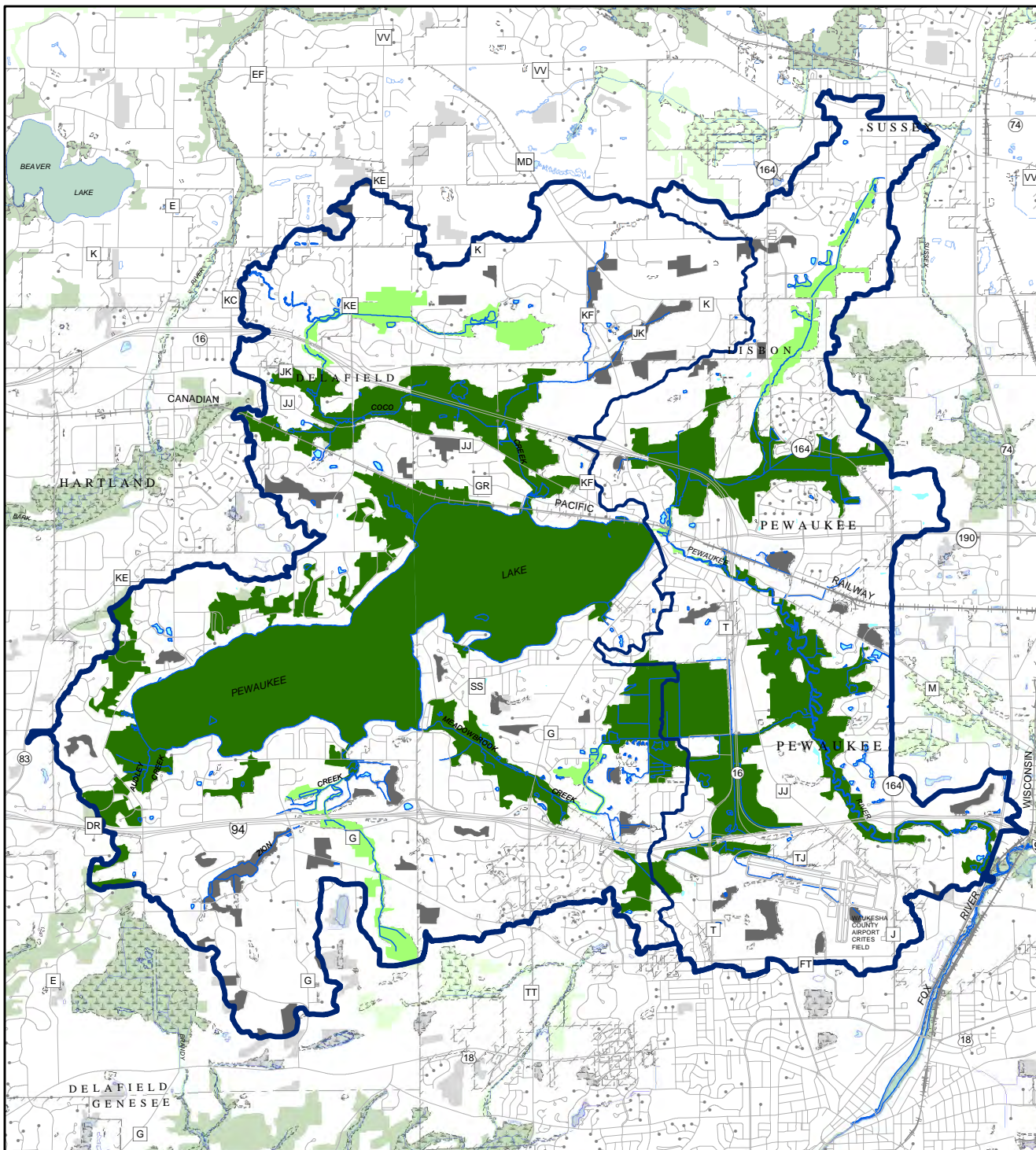
Natural areas, as defined by the Wisconsin Natural Areas Preservation Council, are tracts of land or water so little modified by human activity, or sufficiently recovered from the effects of such activity, that they contain intact native plant and animal communities believed to be representative of the pre-European settlement landscape (see Map II-5A, Pre-Settlement Vegetation within the Pewaukee River Watershed: 1836). Natural areas are generally comprised of wetland or upland vegetation communities and/or complex combinations of both these fundamental ecosystem units (see the Wetlands and Uplands subsections below). In fact, some of the highest quality natural areas within the Southeastern Wisconsin Region are wetland complexes that have maintained adequate or undisturbed linkages (i.e., landscape connectivity) between the upland-wetland habitats, which is consistent with research findings in other areas of the Midwest.<sup>55</sup> Natural areas have been identified for the seven-county Southeastern Wisconsin Region in SEWRPC Planning Report No. 42, “*A Regional Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Protection and Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin*,” published in September 1997, and amended in 2008 and 2010. This plan was developed to assist Federal, State, and local units and agencies of government, and nongovernmental organizations, in making environmentally sound land use decisions including acquisition of priority properties, management of public lands, and location of development in appropriate localities that will protect and preserve the natural resource base of the Region. Waukesha County uses this document to guide land use decisions.








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<sup>55</sup>O. Attum, Y.M. Lee, J.H. Roe, and B.A. Kingsbury, “Wetland complexes and upland-wetland linkages: landscape effects on the distribution of rare and common wetland reptiles,” *Journal of Zoology*, Vol. 275, 2008, pages 245-251.

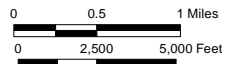
Map II-8

**ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDORS WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2005 and 2010**  
 (Note: Town 0718 and 0719 are 2010 Corridors, Town 0819 and 0820 are 2005 Corridors)



- |   |                                  |   |                       |
|---|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
|  | PRIMARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR   |  | SURFACE WATER         |
|  | SECONDARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR |  | STREAM                |
|  | ISOLATED NATURAL RESOURCE AREA   |  | WATERSHED BOUNDARY    |
|   |                                  |  | SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY |

Colors outside the watershed boundary are reduced in intensity to show the adjacent extent and distribution of each legend category.



Source: SEWRPC.

The identified natural areas were classified into the following three categories:

1. Natural area of statewide or greater significance (NA-1);
2. Natural area of countywide or regional significance (NA-2); or
3. Natural area of local significance (NA-3).

Classification of an area into one of these three categories was based upon consideration of several factors, including the diversity of plant and animal species and community types present; the structure and integrity of the native plant or animal community; the extent of disturbance by human activity, such as logging, grazing, water level changes, and pollution; the frequency of occurrence within the Region of the plant and animal communities present; the occurrence of unique natural features within the area; the size of the area; and the educational value. The Pewaukee River watershed contains one natural area of countywide or regional significance (NA-2) and seven natural areas of local significance (NA-3). Most of the natural areas are wetlands associated with the tributaries of the Pewaukee River, largely within the Pewaukee Lake subwatershed. The natural areas and critical species habitats identified in the Pewaukee River watershed are shown on Map II-9 and inventoried in Tables II-4 and II-5.

Critical species are defined as those species of plants and animals that are designated by the State of Wisconsin to be endangered, threatened, or of special concern. Three critical species habitats occur in the Pewaukee River watershed. Such species known to occur in the watershed are listed in Table II-6.

### ***Wetlands***

Historically, wetlands were largely viewed as wastelands, presenting obstacles to agricultural production and development. Private interests as well as governmental institutions supported the transformation of wetlands into desired uses through large-scale draining and filling of wetland areas. This misunderstanding of the importance of wetlands led to dramatic wetland losses until scientific research revealed the value of wetlands. Wetlands are incredibly productive and biologically diverse ecosystems.<sup>56</sup> Wetlands are most known for their variety of plant life from submergent (plants growing underwater) species including algae to floating pond lilies to emergent cattails and bulrush to woody tamaracks, as just a few examples. Species of both aquatic and terrestrial wildlife communities that have been found to rely on, or are associated with, wetlands for at least part of their lives include: crustaceans, mollusks, and other aquatic insect larvae and adults; fishes, including forage fish and important gamefish species like trout, northern pike, and largemouth bass; amphibians; reptiles; mammals including deer; and resident bird species like turkey and migrants like sandhill or whooping cranes. Thus, wetlands help maintain biologically diverse communities of ecological and economic value.

In addition to maintaining biodiversity, wetlands provide a host of additional services that includes storing floodwaters; filtering pollutants; improving water quality; protecting groundwater aquifers; serving as sinks, sources, or transformers of materials; and providing recreation sites for boating and fishing, just to name a few.<sup>57</sup> This early recognition of the value and importance of wetlands has led to the creation of rules and regulations to

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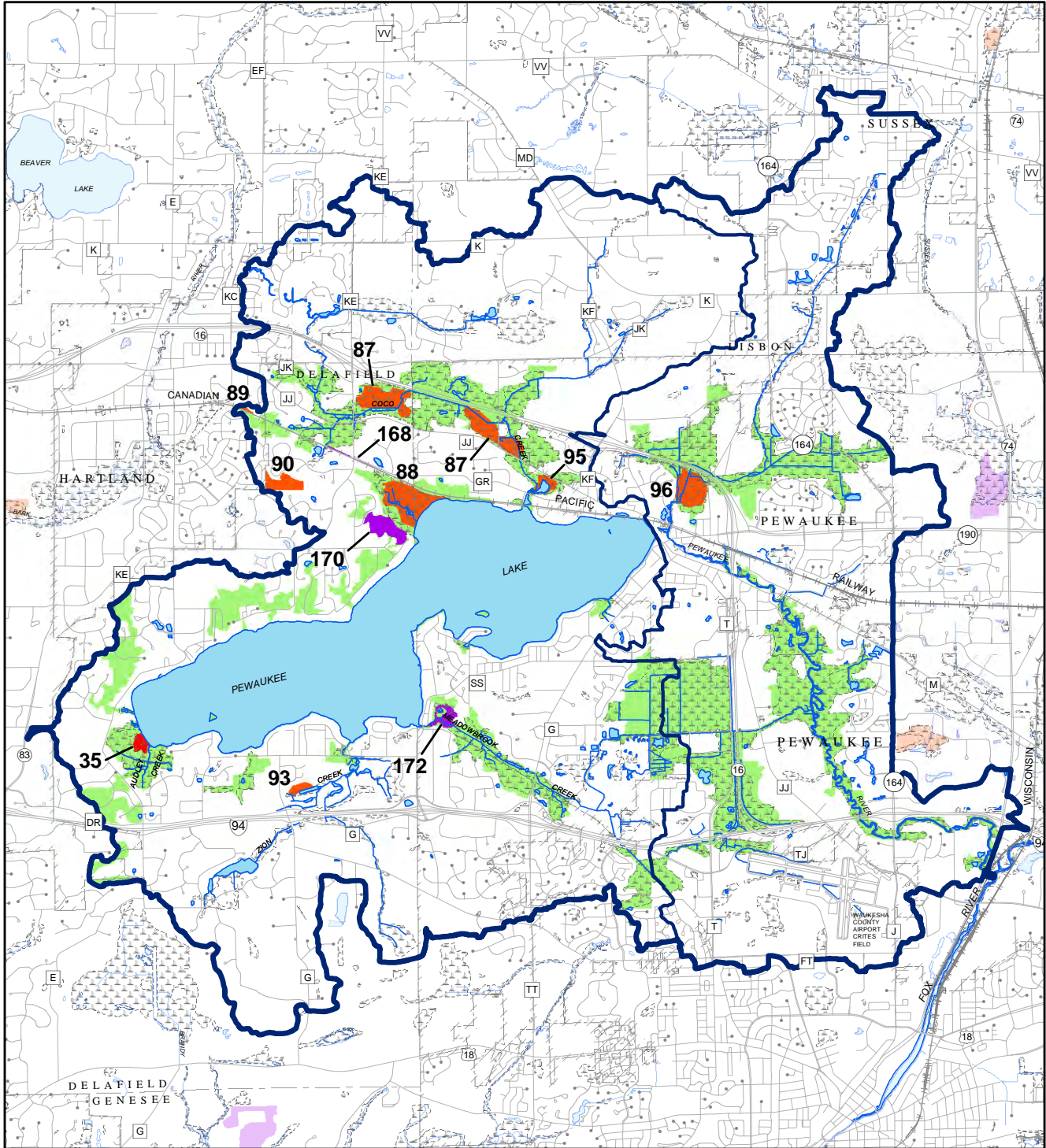
<sup>56</sup>J.A. Cherry, "Ecology of Wetland Ecosystems: Water, Substrate, and Life," *Nature Education Knowledge*, Volume 3(10):16, 2012, <http://www.nature.com/scitable/knowledge/library/ecology-of-wetland-ecosystems-water-substrate-and-17059765>

<sup>57</sup>Marsden Jacob Associates, Literature Review of the Economic Value of Ecosystem Services that Wetlands Provide, *Final Report prepared for the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, September 2012; The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands*, [http://www.ramsar.org/cda/en/ramsar-july13-homeindex/main/ramsar/1%5E26239\\_4000\\_0\\_\\_](http://www.ramsar.org/cda/en/ramsar-july13-homeindex/main/ramsar/1%5E26239_4000_0__)



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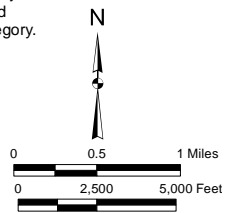
KNOWN NATURAL AREAS AND CRITICAL SPECIES HABITAT SITES  
WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2005



- NATURAL AREA OF STATEWIDE OR GREATER SIGNIFICANCE (NA-1)
- NATURAL AREA OF COUNTYWIDE OR REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE (NA-2)
- NATURAL AREA OF LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE (NA-3)
- CRITICAL SPECIES HABITAT SITE
- PRIMARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR

- 88** IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (SEE TABLES II-6 AND II-7)
- SURFACE WATER
- STREAM
- WATERSHED BOUNDARY
- SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY

Colors outside the watershed boundary are reduced in intensity to show the adjacent extent and distribution of each legend category.



Source: SEWRPC.



**Table II-4**

**NATURAL AREAS IN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED**

Number on Map II-9	Name	Type of Area	Ownership	Location	Acres Owned	Acres Proposed to Be Acquired	Total Acres	Proposed Acquisition Agency
35	Pewaukee Lake Access Fen	NA-2	Waukesha County	Town of Delafield	10	0	10	Existing County ownership
87	Capital Drive Sedge Meadow and Wet Prairie	NA-3	Pewaukee Lake Sanitary District, City of Pewaukee, and private	City of Delafield; City of Pewaukee	21	69	90	Pewaukee Lake Sanitary District
88	Pewaukee Lake Wetland	NA-3	Private	City of Pewaukee; Town of Delafield	0	65	65	Pewaukee Lake Sanitary District
89	Hartland Railroad Prairie	NA-3	Private	Village of Hartland	0	4	4	Village of Hartland
90	Prairie Wind Farm Woods	NA-3	Private	Town of Delafield	0	22	22	Private Conservancy Organization
93	Golf Cliff Ridge and Woods	NA-3	Private	Town of Delafield	0	8	8	Private Conservancy Organization
95	Pewaukee Sedge Meadow	NA-3	Private	City of Pewaukee	0	13	13	Pewaukee Lake Sanitary District
96	Pewaukee Park Sedge Meadow	NA-3	Private	Village of Pewaukee	0	42	42	Village of Pewaukee

Source: SEWRPC.

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Table II-5

**CRITICAL SPECIES HABITAT SITES LOCATED OUTSIDE OF NATURAL AREAS IN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED**

Number on Map II-9	Site Description	Acres	Classification	Status
168	Jungbluth Road Railroad Prairie	2	Plant	Threatened/Special Concern
170	Taylor Road Woods	30	Plant	Special Concern
172	Meadowbrook Prairie	16	Plant	Threatened

Source: SEWRPC.

Table II-6

**ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES AND SPECIES OF SPECIAL CONCERN IN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2012**

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status under the U.S. Endangered Species Act	Wisconsin Status
Crustacea Ellipse Round Pigtoe	<i>Venustaconcha ellipsiformis</i> <i>Pleurobema sintoxia</i>	Not listed Not listed	Threatened Special concern
Fish Lake Chubsucker ..... Pugnose Shiner.....	<i>Erimyzon sucetta</i> <i>Notropis anogenus</i>	Not listed Not listed	Special concern Threatened
Reptiles and Amphibians Butler's Garter Snake ..... Blanchard's Cricket Frog ..... Blanding's Turtle ..... Bullfrog .....	<i>Thamnophis butleri</i> <i>Acris crepitans blanchardi</i> <i>Emydoidea blandingii</i> <i>Rana catesbeiana</i>	Not listed Not listed Not listed Not listed	Threatened Endangered Threatened Special concern
Birds Black-Crowned Night-Heron ..... Cerulean Warbler .....	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i> <i>Dendroica cerulea</i>	Not listed Not listed	Special concern/migrant <sup>a</sup> Threatened
Plants American Gromwell ..... Autumn Coral-Root ..... Beaked Spikerush ..... Butternut..... Hairy Beardtongue ..... Hooker's Orchid ..... Kentucky Coffee-Tree ..... Lesser Fringed Gentian..... Ohio Goldenrod..... Prairie White-Fringed Orchid..... Small White Lady's-Slipper ..... Wafer-Ash ..... Yellow Gentian .....	<i>Lithospermum latifolium</i> <i>Corallorhiza odontorhiza</i> <i>Eleocharis rostellata</i> <i>Juglans cinerea</i> <i>Penstemon hirsutus</i> <i>Platanthera hookeri</i> <i>Gymnocladus dioicus</i> <i>Gentianopsis procera</i> <i>Solidago ohioensis</i> <i>Platanthera leucophaea</i> <i>Cypripedium candidum</i> <i>Ptelea trifoliata</i> <i>Gentiana alba</i>	Not listed Not listed Not listed Not listed Not listed Not listed Not listed Not listed Not listed Federally threatened Not listed Not listed Not listed	Special concern Special concern Threatened Special concern Special concern Special concern Special concern Special concern Endangered Threatened Special concern Threatened

<sup>a</sup>M =Migrant (i.e. fully protected by Federal and State laws under the Migratory Bird Act).

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Wisconsin State Herbarium, and SEWRPC.

protect wetlands around the world, nationally (i.e., the Federal Clean Water Act of 1972), by the State of Wisconsin, and by local units of government (see Chapter III for more details). Most recently, the US Army Corp of Engineers and USEPA, in coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, WD NR, and SEWRPC have updated the delineation of wetlands in areas of special natural resource interest for the entire regional area to protect these areas and their associated critical species habitats (see Advanced Delineation and Identification (ADID) wetlands section in Chapter III of this report).<sup>58</sup> These efforts are designed to protect or conserve wetlands and the ecosystem services they provide.

The term “ecosystem services” refers to any of the benefits that ecosystems—both natural and semi-natural—provide to humans.<sup>59</sup> For example, researchers have determined that the economic value of the various functions or services provided by wetland ecosystems exceeded that provided by any other system including lakes, streams, forests, and grasslands and was second only to that provided by coastal estuaries.<sup>60</sup> The benefits of ecosystem services or function are broken down or classified by their relative abilities to provide goods and services that satisfy human needs,<sup>61</sup> either directly or indirectly such as shown for wetland ecosystems in Figure II-20. Wetlands provide a wealth of ecosystem services and that society stands to gain a great deal from wetland conservation. Therefore, it is essential to incorporate wetland conservation and restoration targets as part of this plan to guide management and policy decisions regarding the use and preservation of such ecosystems.

As indicated on Map II-2 and quantified in Table II-1, wetlands in the Pewaukee River watershed are mainly associated with the perennial and intermittent streams and total approximately 2,800 acres, or about 11.5 percent of the watershed area. Hence, they are essentially transitional areas, so wetlands often possess characteristics of both aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems while at the same time possess features unique unto themselves.

For regulatory purposes, the State of Wisconsin defines wetlands as areas where water is at, near, or above the land surface long enough to be capable of supporting aquatic or hydrophytic vegetation and which has soils indicative of wet conditions. Three specific characteristics of wetlands are evaluated when a wetland determination is made including:<sup>64</sup>

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<sup>58</sup>*Pursuant to Section NR 103.04(4) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, wetlands in areas of special natural resources interest includes those wetlands both within the boundary of designated areas of special natural resource interest and those wetlands which are in proximity to or have a direct hydrologic connection to such designated areas, which include Advanced Delineation and Identification study (ADID) areas. See SEWRPC Planning Report No 42, Amendment to the Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Protection and Management Plan for the Southeastern Wisconsin Region, December 2010.* <http://www.sewrpc.org/SEWRPCFiles/Publications/pr/pr-042-natural-areas-crit-species-habitat-amendment.pdf?>

<sup>59</sup>*Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, Ecosystem services and human well-being: Wetlands and Water, Synthesis. Report to the Ramsar Convention. Washington, DC: World Resources Institute. 2005. Online:* <http://millenniumassessment.org/en/Global.html>

<sup>60</sup>R.W. Costanzo, et al., “The value of the world's ecosystem services and natural capita,” *Nature*, Vol. 387, 1997, pages 253-260.

<sup>61</sup>RDS. de Groot, M.A. Wilson, and RAM. Bauman's, “A typology for the classification, description and valuation of ecosystem functions, goods and services,” *Ecological Economics*, Vol. 41, 2000, pages 393-408. <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0921800902000897>

Figure II-20

**RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ECOSYSTEM SERVICES PROVIDED BY NATURAL AND CREATED WETLANDS AND THEIR VALUE IN DECISION MAKING<sup>1</sup>**

Service	Examples of Goods and Services Derived	Estimated value (1994 US \$/ac <sup>1</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>a</sup>
<b>REGULATION SERVICES</b>		
<b>Water quality</b>		
<b>Erosion control and sediment retention</b>	Sediment filtration and storage capabilities that prevent downstream migration of sediment and improve downstream water quality.	NA
<b>Waste treatment</b>	Reduction of excess nutrient, organic, and metal loadings reduced through microbial degradation and/or sorption to improve water quality. Reduction of runoff temperature via shading and water's heat capacity.	1,690
<b>Nutrient cycling</b>	Reduction of nitrogen and phosphorus concentrations through denitrification and biological uptake.	NA
<b>Hydrologic regulation</b>	Moderation of the rate, volume, and frequency of surface runoff to provide flood and storm surge protection.	1,860
<b>Climate regulation</b>		
<b>Greenhouse gas regulation</b>	Maintenance of air quality and CO <sub>2</sub> /CH <sub>4</sub> balance (through C sequestration); regulation of gases also influences climate effects.	54
<b>Microclimate regulation</b>	Maintenance of a favorable climate (such as temperature, precipitation) for human habitation, health, and cultivation.	NA
<b>Soil formation</b>	Building of land surface through the accumulation of organic material in wetlands.	NA
<b>HABITAT SERVICES</b>		
<b>Refugia</b>	Maintenance of biological and genetic diversity through provision of suitable habitat for resident or migratory plant and animal species. Includes the maintenance of populations of commercially harvested species and biological pest control services. This diversity forms the basis of many other ecosystem services.	123
<b>PRODUCTION SERVICES</b>		
<b>Food production</b>	Production of fish, game, fruits for small-scale hunting/gathering or aquaculture.	104
<b>Raw materials</b>	Production of trees, peat, and other biomass appropriate for lumber, fuel, or fodder.	43
<b>INFORMATION SERVICES</b>		
<b>Recreation</b>	Provision of opportunities for hunting, bird-watching, hiking, or other recreational uses.	232
<b>Cultural</b>	Provision of opportunities for noncommercial uses, including the use of wetlands for school excursions/education and for scientific research. Aesthetic, artistic, and spiritual values are also included.	357

<sup>1</sup>Adapted from Costanza et al., 1997, and de Groot, 2006)

<sup>a</sup>Value estimates for each service taken from Costanza et al. (1997). A listing of NA for individual services indicates that a formal valuation of this service had not yet been conducted.

Ecosystem services are products of the structure (for example, plant and animal community composition) and processes (such as nutrient cycling and decomposition) that characterize an ecosystem such as a wetland. These services also include food and raw material provision, air and water purification, biodiversity maintenance, and aesthetic and other cultural benefits to humans. These services can be attributed economic, social, and ecological values. Ideally, the inherent value of these services will guide management and policy decisions regarding the use and preservation of ecosystems.

Source: Trisha L. Moore, William F. Hunt III, Urban Waterways: Stormwater Wetlands and Ecosystem Services, North Carolina Cooperative Extension, 2011; Adapted from de Groot 2002 de Groot, R.S., Wilson, M.A., and Boumans, R.M., "A typology for the classification, description and valuation of ecosystem functions, goods and services," *Ecological Economics* 41: 393-408, 2002.



- Hydrology that results in wet or flooded soils;
- Soils that are dominated by anaerobic (without oxygen, literally means living without air and is what produces the noxious smell) processes; and
- Rooted vascular plants, that are adapted to life in flooded, anaerobic environments.

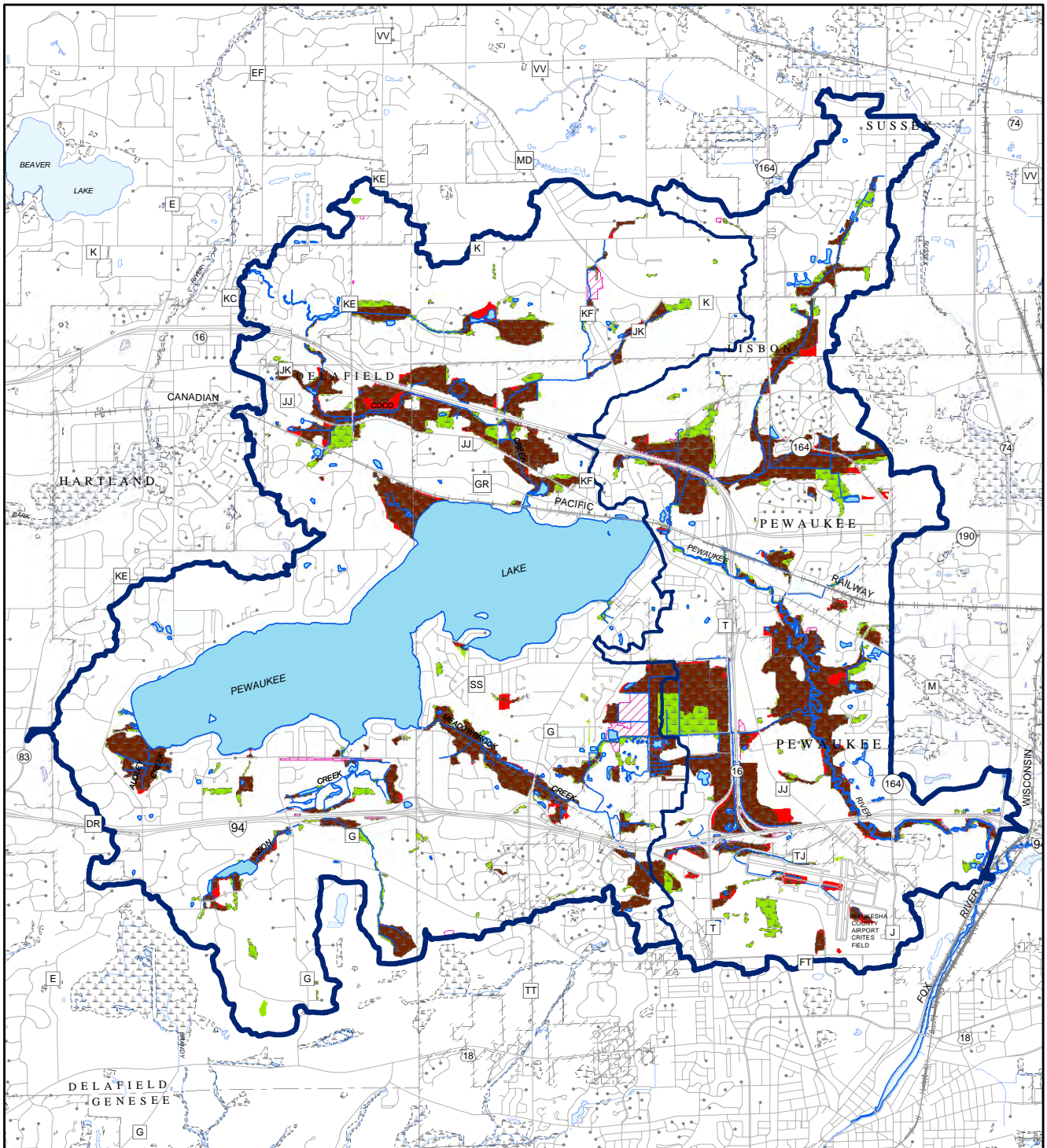
It is important to note that these elements are the reason why wetlands pose severe limitations for urban development. In general, these limitations are related to the high water table, and the high compressibility and instability, low bearing capacity, and high shrink-swell potential of wetland soils. These limitations may result in flooding, wet basements, unstable foundations, failing pavements, and failing sanitary sewer and water lines. There are significant and costly onsite preparation and maintenance costs associated with the development of wetland soils, particularly in connection with roads, foundations, and public utilities.

As part of the WDNR Wisconsin Wetland Inventory (WWI), beginning in the year 2005, the wetlands were mapped to a much finer scale and greater level of detail (more wetland categories) than under prior inventories. This change increased the accuracy and precision of mapped wetland boundaries throughout the Region. As a result of the changes to the mapping approach, however, year 2010 wetland inventory data are not comparable to data from the year 2000 and prior inventories. At the county and regional level, the most significant effect of the change is that more, smaller wetlands were able to be delineated, which led to an overall increase in the number and total acreage of wetlands. At the local scale of this study, there was an increase of nearly 590 acres of wetland that were mostly due to an increase in the number of wetlands, historical wetlands converted to agricultural use through ditching and draining now reverting back to wetlands due to inactivity/abandonment of agricultural cultivation activities, and expansion of boundaries within pre-existing wetland areas as shown in Map II-10. However, there was also significant loss of over 200 acres of wetland due to urban development, primarily related to residential housing and roadway construction. Map II-10 also shows that there are nearly 90 acres of existing farmed wetland that currently exist within the Pewaukee River watershed. These areas contain significant potential as easily restorable areas to convert back to wetland in the future. In summary, despite the wetland losses compared to the year 2000, there were substantial wetland gains that accounted for an increase of about 1.5 percent in wetland acres throughout the watershed. Although wetlands naturally change over time, the gains in wetland acreage within this watershed are more related to the changes in how they are mapped. These more accurate maps and associated mapping techniques will be far more effective in identifying and preserving wetlands for the future.

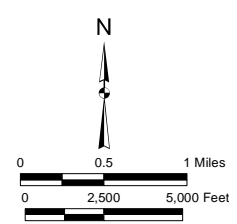
Map II-11 shows that there are several unique types of wetland communities within the Pewaukee River watershed that include; aquatic bed (submerged aquatic vegetation in less than six feet of water depth), emergent/wet meadow (herbaceous plants that stand above the surface of the water or soil), scrub/shrub (woody plants less than 20 feet tall), forested (woody plants greater than 20 feet tall). There is also one additional category of farmed wetlands, which are technically still in agricultural use (see below), but are being mapped as part of this new inventory. Most surprising, although it may seem counterintuitive, more than 50 percent or 1,293 acres of Pewaukee Lake is functionally a submerged wetland. Although the aquatic bed is technically considered open water (i.e., the water elevation is below the ordinary high water mark), it contains the single largest contiguous wetland within the Pewaukee River watershed, which provides an estimated value of nearly \$5.8 million (1994 dollars, see Figure II-20). This ability to estimate values of ecosystem services could be very useful in the future per year in regulation, habitat, production, and information services. This further demonstrates the vital importance of this waterbody both ecologically and economically. In addition, 2,798 acres of wetland (not including farmed wetland) is primarily wooded, with about 65 percent being combined scrub/shrub (44 percent) and forested (21 percent) wetland and the remaining 35 percent being emergent/wet meadow. This total acreage is estimated to provide an estimated value of about \$12.5 million dollars per year in ecosystem services, in addition to the aquatic bed wetlands. In conclusion, these wetlands combined are estimated to provide about \$18.3 million annually in ecosystem services, demonstrating that public citizens and local municipalities are gaining a wealth of ecosystem services from these existing wetlands that have been protected within this watershed.

Map II-10

WETLAND LOSSES AND GAINS WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2000-2010

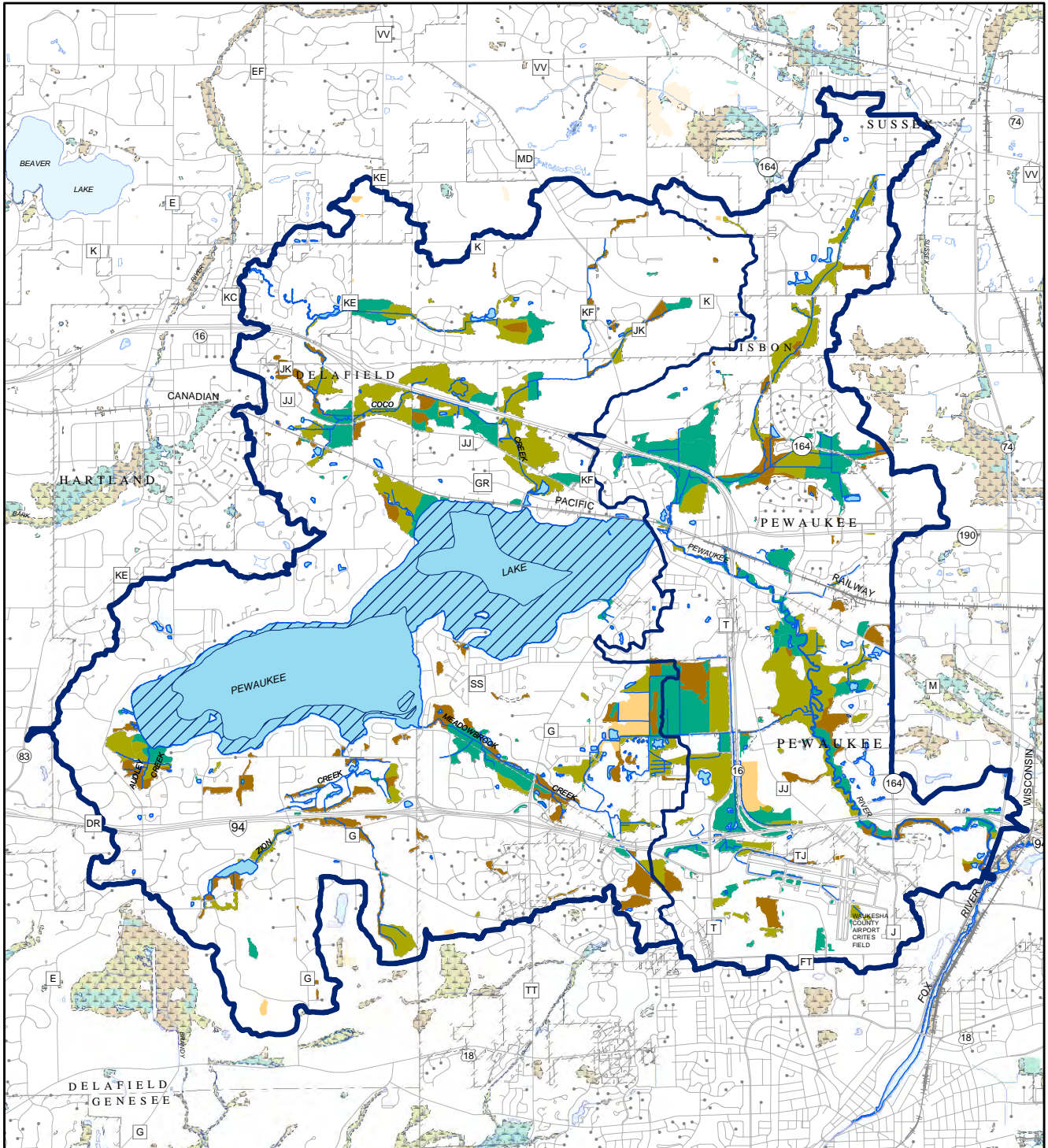











- 2000 and 2010 Wetlands (2290 acres)
- 2000 Wetlands - Loss (206 acres)
- 2010 Wetlands - Gain (587 acres)
- Farmed Wetlands (84 acres)
- SURFACE WATER
- STREAM
- WATERSHED BOUNDARY
- SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY



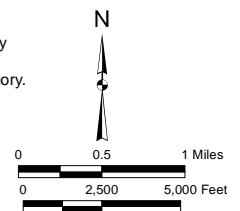
Source: SEWRPC.

WETLAND COVER TYPES WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2010



- |   |   |
|---|---|
|  EMERGENT WET MEADOW |  DEEP WATER LAKE       |
|  FARMED WETLAND      |  STREAM                |
|  FORESTED WETLAND    |  WATERSHED BOUNDARY    |
|  SCRUB/SHRUB WETLAND |  SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY |
|  AQUATIC BED         |   |

Colors outside the watershed boundary are reduced in intensity to show the adjacent extent and distribution of each legend category.



Source: SEWRPC.



## *Uplands*

Upland habitat is basically natural areas that are not defined as wetland. These areas are usually higher in elevation than wetlands and located outside wetlands further away from open water, and so they are not as wet as wetland. For example, as shown on Map II-12 the upland areas within the Pewaukee River watershed are generally located outside of the transitional wetland areas. However, in reality there are many exceptions to this gross attempt to classify uplands that can be seen even within the Pewaukee River watershed. Upland can sometimes be very difficult to distinguish from wetland, because these features form broad and complex mosaics or combinations across the landscape. It is precisely this combination and linkages between these unique community types that provides the critical habitats to sustain healthy and diverse aquatic and terrestrial wildlife.

Historically, much of the upland within the Pewaukee River watershed as of 1836 was dominated by upland forest, primarily oak, which was cleared for agricultural crops followed by urban development.<sup>62</sup> As can be seen in the 1941 aerial photos (see Figures II-4 to II-6), there were very few trees on the landscape after nearly 100 years of clear-cutting. In contrast, from 1941 to the present there has been significant regrowth of deciduous forested lands throughout the watershed, which accounts for nearly 50 percent of all the upland lands identified in the 2005 WWI and nearly all of the upland forested woodlands that account for about 1,300 acres or 5 percent of the watershed area, as shown on Map II-12. The remaining upland cover types include about 25 percent grassland and a nearly equal amount of brush (small diameter trees less than 20 feet in height), which is indicative of a much more open vegetation landscape than in the past. In some cases this grassland is being managed as active pasture land, and is likely enrolled in the USDA Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) or equivalent program (see Chapter III for more details), and/or is in the middle of some type of crop rotation. There also were small portions of conifer and mixed (combinations of some or all of the others) upland communities.

Like wetlands ecosystems as described above, upland habitats also provide a variety of ecosystem services. Although researchers have determined that the economic value of these various functions or services that are provided by the upland forests and grasslands are not as great as the values for wetland ecosystems, these areas were still determined to provide important services worth protecting.<sup>63</sup> More specifically, uplands provide these critical services : production of food, livestock, and crops; groundwater recharge and water quality; flood risk prevention; air quality; soil conservation; wildlife management potential through provision of critical breeding, nesting, resting, and feeding grounds and refuge from predators for many species of upland game and nongame species; recreation, tourism, and education. Therefore, it is important to incorporate upland conservation and restoration targets as part of this plan to guide management and policy decisions regarding the use and preservation of such ecosystems.

Another important contrast between upland and wetland is that the upland soils generally pose much less limitations for urban development. In general, uplands have a lower water table, lower compressibility and greater soil stability, greater bearing capacity, and lower shrink-swell potential than wetland soils. These conditions usually result in less flooding, dry basements, more stable foundations, more stable pavements, and less failure of sanitary sewer and water lines. Therefore, there are significantly less costs associated with onsite preparation and maintenance with the development of upland soils, particularly in connection with roads, foundations, and public utilities, which makes these areas highly desirable for urban development.

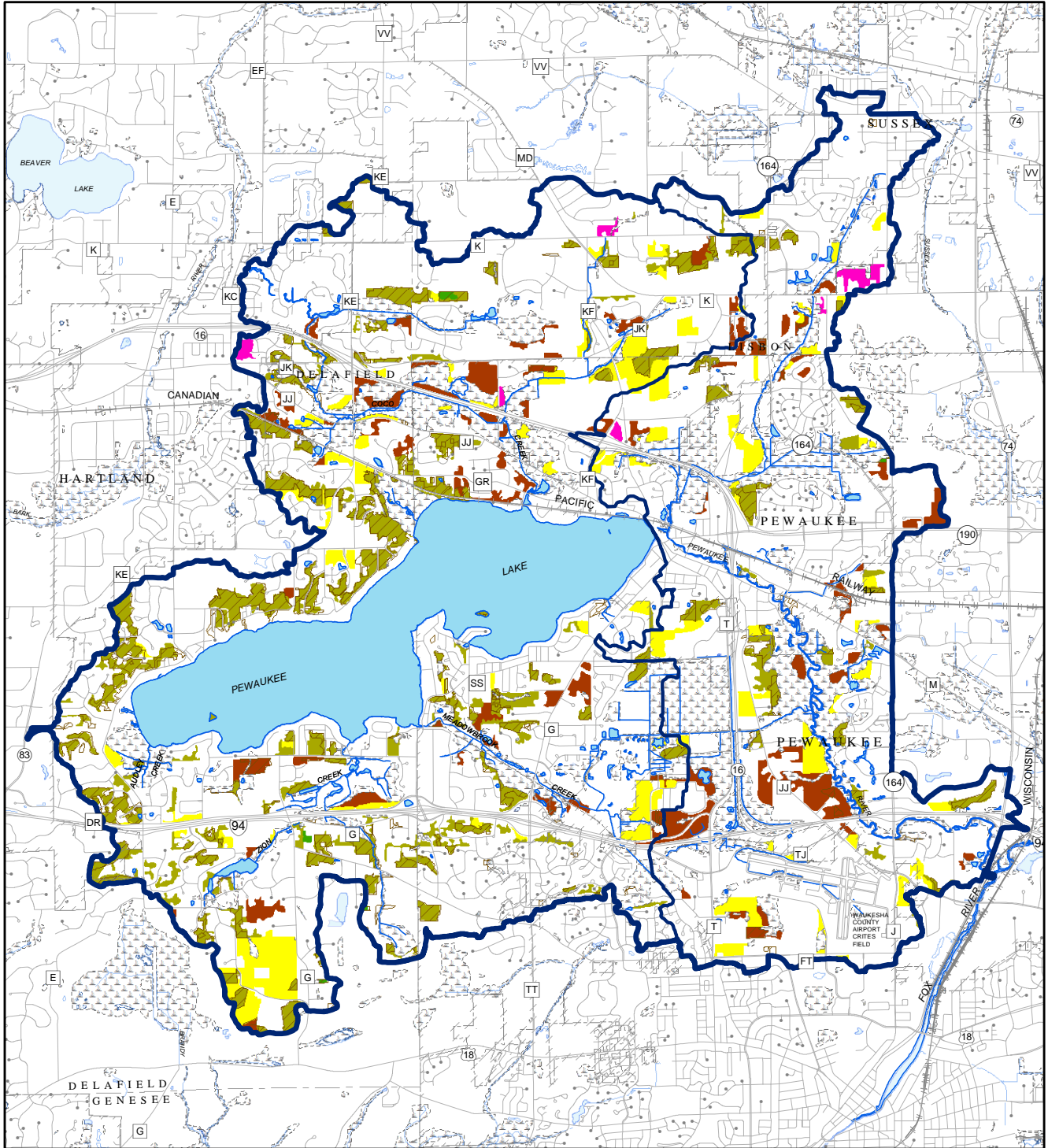
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<sup>62</sup>*SEWRPC Planning Report No. 42*, op. cit.

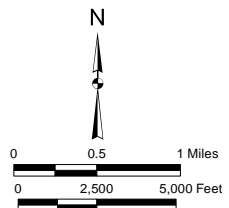
<sup>63</sup>*R.W. Costanza, et al., "The value of the world's ecosystem services and natural capital," Nature, Volume 387, 1997, pp. 253–260.*



UPLAND COVER TYPES WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2005



- |   |                       |   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|
|  | BRUSH                 |  | SURFACE WATER         |
|  | CONIFER               |  | STREAM                |
|  | DECIDUOUS             |  | WATERSHED BOUNDARY    |
|  | GRASSLAND             |  | SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY |
|  | MIXED AREA            |   |                       |
|  | WOODLANDS (YEAR 2010) |   |                       |



Source: SEWRPC.

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## Chapter III

# RELATED PLANS, REGULATIONS, AND PROGRAMS

### RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PLANS

The Pewaukee River Watershed Protection Plan is built upon preceding planning and resource management efforts, linking regional- and watershed-level plans with local level planning. This plan, therefore, will provide an integrated framework within which future efforts to protect the land and water resources within the Pewaukee River watershed can occur. This planning effort contributes to the environmentally sound management of these valuable resources in a coordinated manner compatible with watershedwide needs and resource management programs. One of the first steps to be undertaken in the watershed planning process is the inventory, collation, and review of the recommendations of relevant, previously prepared reports and plans.

These plans include recommendations and programs which address the interconnectedness of the natural resources of this watershed with those of the cities, towns, villages, and county within the watershed, and which focus on the immediacy and importance of natural resources at the community level. The plans that were collated and reviewed for input into this current planning program were generally most relevant to actions being or potentially being undertaken by Waukesha County. In addition, selected plans prepared at the local level, including development plans, land use plans, park and open space plans, and water quality management plans, were considered. These plans and reports, which are described below, are listed in Table III-1 and provide the basis for developing an integrated scheme for the sustainable management of the natural resources of the Pewaukee River watershed through the coordinated efforts of State, County, and local governments, special-purpose units of government, and community groups.

#### Land Use Plans

The areawide concerns which necessitate a regional planning effort in southeastern Wisconsin have their source in changing populations—size, composition, and distribution—and in the attendant urban development occurring within the Region. These areawide problems and issues include: stormwater management and flooding; air and water pollution; increased demand for park and outdoor recreation facilities; the need to provide for adequate sewerage and water supply facilities; traffic congestion; and, underlying all of the foregoing, rapidly changing land use development. The year 2035 comprehensive regional land use plan, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) Planning Report (PR) No. 48, provides an adopted framework for coordinating and guiding growth and development within the multijurisdictional urbanizing Region (see Table III-1). A summary of the existing and planned land use conditions within the Pewaukee River watershed is set forth in Chapter II of this report. Within this planning umbrella, special-purpose plans provide more detail on specific issues of concern facing the County and local governments. These include stormwater, wastewater, and environmental management plans which are briefly described below.

Table III-1

LIST OF MANAGEMENT PLANS RELEVANT TO THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED

Plan Type	Community	Plan and Date of Publication
Land Use	Regional	SEWRPC Planning Report No. 48, <i>A Regional Land Use Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin: 2035</i> , June 2006
	Waukesha County	SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 209, <i>A Development Plan for Waukesha County, Wisconsin</i> , August 1996
	Village of Sussex	SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 216, <i>A Land Use Plan for Waukesha county, Wisconsin</i> , December 1997
	Village of Hartland	SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 254, <i>A Master Plan for the Village of Hartland: 2020, Waukesha County</i> , December 2004
	Town and Village of Pewaukee	SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 76, <i>A Land Use Plan for the Town and Village of Pewaukee: 2000</i> , December 1982
Stormwater and Drainage	Village of Sussex	SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 89, <i>A Stormwater Management Plan for the Village of Sussex, Waukesha County, Wisconsin</i> , October 1983
Sanitary Sewer	City of Delafield	SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 127, <i>Sanitary Sewer Service Area for the City of Delafield and the Village of Nashotah and Environs, Waukesha County, Wisconsin</i> , November 1992
	City (Town) of Pewaukee and Village of Pewaukee	SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No 113, <i>Sanitary Sewer Service Area for the Town of Pewaukee Sanitary District No. 3, Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District, and Village of Pewaukee, Waukesha County, Wisconsin</i> , June 1985
	City of Waukesha	SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 100 Second Edition, <i>Sanitary Sewer Service Area for the City of Waukesha and Environs, Waukesha County, Wisconsin</i> , March 1999
	Village of Hartland	SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No.93, <i>Sanitary Sewer Service Area for the Village of Hartland, Waukesha County, Wisconsin</i> , April 1985
	Village of Sussex	SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 84, Second Edition, <i>Sanitary Sewer Service Area for the Village of Sussex, Waukesha County, Wisconsin</i> , September 1994
Environmental	Regional	SEWRPC Planning Report No. 30, <i>A Regional Water Quality Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin—2000</i> , September 1978
		SEWRPC Memorandum Report No. 93, <i>A Regional Water Quality Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin: An Update and Status Report</i> , March 1995
		SEWRPC Planning Report No. 42, <i>A Regional Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Protection and Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin</i> , September 1997
		SEWRPC Amendment to the <i>Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Protection and Management Plan for the Southeastern Wisconsin Region</i> , December 2010
		SEWRPC Planning Report No. 5, <i>The Natural Resources of Southeastern Wisconsin</i> , June 1963
		SEWRPC Planning Report No. 8, <i>The Soils of Southeastern Wisconsin</i> , June 1966
		SEWRPC Technical Report No. 47, <i>Groundwater Recharge in Southeastern Wisconsin Estimated by a GIS-Based Water Balance Model</i> , July 2008
		SEWRPC Memorandum Report No. 188, <i>Troy Bedrock Valley Aquifer Model, Waukesha and Walworth Counties, Wisconsin</i> , November 2009
	Waukesha County	Waukesha County Department of Parks & Land Use-Land Resources Division, <i>Waukesha County Land and Water Resource Management Plan 2012 Update</i> , (This plan is also available for viewing and downloading at: <a href="http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/landandwaterplan/">www.waukeshacounty.gov/landandwaterplan/</a> .)
		SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 156, <i>Waukesha County Animal Waste Management Plan</i> , August 1987
		SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 159, <i>Waukesha County Agricultural Soil Erosion Control Plan</i> , June 1988
		SEWRPC Memorandum Report No. 145, <i>Lake and Stream Resources Classification Project for Waukesha County, Wisconsin: 2000</i> , November 2005
	Watershed	SEWRPC Planning Report No. 12, <i>A Comprehensive Plan for the Fox River Watershed, Volume One, Inventory Findings and Forecasts</i> , April 1969



**Table III-1 (continued)**

Plan Type	Community	Plan and Date of Publication
Park and Open Space	Regional	SEWRPC Planning Report No. 27, <i>A Regional Park and Open Space Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin: 2000</i> , November 1977
	Waukesha County	SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 137, <i>A Park and Open Space Plan for Waukesha County</i> , December 1989
	City of Waukesha	SEWRPC Community Assistance Report No. 77, <i>A Wetland Protection and Management Plan for the City of Waukesha and Environs</i> , February 1983
	City of Waukesha and Town of Pewaukee	SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 197, <i>A Wildlife Management Plan for the General Electric Company, Medical Systems Group, Lands, City of Waukesha and Town of Pewaukee, Waukesha County, Wisconsin</i> , June 1991
	Town and Village of Pewaukee	SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 42, <i>A Park and Open Space Plan for the Town and Village of Pewaukee, Waukesha County, Wisconsin</i> , October 1980
Lake Planning	Pewaukee Lake	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Lake Use Report No. FX-2, <i>Pewaukee Lake, Waukesha County, Wisconsin</i> , 1970
		SEWRPC Memorandum Report No. 56, <i>A Lakefront Recreational Use and Waterway Protection Plan for the Village of Pewaukee</i> , March 1996
		SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 58, Second Edition, <i>A Lake Management Plan for Pewaukee Lake, Waukesha County, Wisconsin</i> , May 2003
		Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District, <i>An Aquatic Plant Management Plan for Pewaukee Lake, Wisconsin</i> , January 1992
		Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, <i>Pewaukee Lake, Waukesha County: Long-Term Trend Lake, 1986, 1986</i>
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		Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, <i>Pewaukee Lake Sensitive Area Study</i> , June 1994
		E. R. Schumacher, <i>Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Fish Management Report No. 131, Creel Survey on Pewaukee and Nagawicka Lakes, Waukesha County, Summer 1982, February 1987</i>
Floodland Management	Village of Pewaukee	SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 9, Second Edition, <i>Floodland Information Report for the Pewaukee River, Village of Pewaukee, Waukesha County, Wisconsin</i> , March 1985
		SEWRPC Community Assistance Report No. 14, <i>Floodland Management Plan for the Village of Pewaukee</i> , February 1978
	Village of Sussex	SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 11, <i>Floodland Information Report for Sussex Creek and Willow Springs Creek</i> , March 1977

Source: SEWRPC.

***Smart Growth Plans***

In 1999 the Wisconsin Legislature enacted a new comprehensive planning law, set forth in Section 66.1001 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*. The new requirements supplement earlier provisions in the *Statutes* for the preparation of county development plans (Section 59.69(3) of the *Statutes*) and local master plans (Section 62.23 of the *Statutes*). The new requirements, which are often referred to as the “Smart Growth” law, provide a new framework for the development, adoption, and implementation of comprehensive plans in Wisconsin. The law includes a “consistency” requirement, whereby zoning, subdivision, and official mapping ordinances adopted and enforced by counties, cities, villages, and towns must be consistent with the comprehensive plan adopted by the county or local unit of government. Under the comprehensive planning law (Section 66.1001(3) of the *Statutes*), the consistency requirement took effect on January 1, 2010. Waukesha County in cooperation with the cities,

towns, and villages recently completed comprehensive land use plans in February 2009.<sup>1</sup> This plan provides an overall framework and point of departure for county and local planning efforts and is considered a refinement of the SEWRPC regional land use plan.

### **Stormwater Management Plans**

With the adoption of Chapter NR 216, “Storm Water Discharge Permits,” of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*, stormwater planning and management has taken on greater significance as described in the Regulatory Standards section below. This enhanced awareness was further strengthened with the promulgation of Chapter NR 151, “Runoff Management,” and related provisions that set forth specific performance standards for stormwater management that must be met from urban-, nonurban-, and transportation-related land uses.

### **Sanitary Sewer Service Area Plans**

The provision of public sanitary sewer service to appropriate densities of urban development within the Southeastern Wisconsin Region is a fundamental principle of the adopted regional water quality management plan. The regional water quality management plan, described below, provides the planning framework within which the need for sanitary sewerage services can be assessed and evaluated. Currently, the Pewaukee River watershed contains portions of four sanitary sewer service areas and is centered on the Fox River Water Pollution Control Commission’s sewer service area which largely serves the City and Village of Pewaukee and a portion of the City of Waukesha. Lands associated with the southern most portion of the watershed are served by the City of Waukesha. The Village of Sussex and the Delafield Hartland Water Pollution Control Commission provide service to portions of the northeast and western-most areas of the watershed, respectively. The sanitary sewer serviced areas are documented in the SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report (CAPR) Nos. 84, 93, 100, 113, and 127 (see Table III-1). These areas are shown on Map II-4 in Chapter II of this report.

### **Environmental Management Plans**

#### ***Regional Water Quality Management Plan***

SEWRPC is the designated water quality planning agency for southeastern Wisconsin, pursuant to Section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (P.L. 92-500), also known as the “Clean Water Act.” In 1979, the initial regional water quality management plan for southeastern Wisconsin, with a design year of 2000, was formally adopted as SEWRPC PR No. 30 (see Table III-1). A status report on implementation of that plan was provided in SEWRPC Memorandum Report (MR) No. 93, published in 1995.

Under the adopted plan, the regional water quality management plan may be refined through the preparation and adoption of specific lake and stream management plans, such as this watershed protection plan.

#### ***Fox River Basin Water Quality Plan***

As the State agency tasked with water resources management, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) prepares basin-level plans that guide the application of State resources to the major drainage basins across the State. The basin plan for the Fox River basin is set forth in WDNR Publication No. WT-701-01, *The State of the Southeast Fox River Basin*, published in 2002. This plan identified nine priority issues affecting the basin’s water resources, including the need to acquire basic inventory data on the state-of-the-basin; the impacts of land use changes on the water resources of the basin; the impacts of land use changes on the terrestrial resources of the basin; the need for consideration of groundwater recharge and quality; and the provision of recreational use opportunities. Of particular relevance to the Pewaukee River watershed are recommendations that implement Federal Phase I and Phase II stormwater permitting requirements for moderate- to large-size municipalities, and which promote compliance within municipalities with construction site erosion control ordinance requirements. In

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<sup>1</sup>*Waukesha County Department of Park and Land Use, A Comprehensive Development Plan for Waukesha County, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, February 2009.*

addition, recommendations relating to protection and enhancement of trout streams and coldwater fisheries, implementation of 100-foot-wide buffer zones along streamcourses and protection of high-value habitat within the basin complement actions recommended in this watershed protection plan.

### ***County Land and Water Resource Management Plan***

The 1997 revisions to Chapter 92 of the *Wisconsin Statutes* required each county to develop a multi-year Land and Water Resource Management (LWRM) plan to address both rural and urban nonpoint source pollution problems. Chapter ATCP 50 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code* contains details of the planning requirements.

The Waukesha County LWRM Plan 2006-2010 was approved by the Waukesha County Board and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) in March of 2006 and updated in 2012. This is a third generation plan, intended to be an update to the initial LWRM plan which was adopted by the Waukesha County Board in February 1999. The LWRM plan outlines the conservation program priorities for the Waukesha County Parks and Land Use, Land Resources Division (LRD) for the next five years.

As shown in Table III-1, other countywide plans developed by SEWRPC regarding environment-related topics, include: animal waste management (CAPR No. 156), agricultural soil erosion (CAPR No. 159) and lake and stream resources classification (MR No. 145).

### ***Park and Open Space Plans***

The park and open space plans focus on the terrestrial resources and provision of public access to these resources. As with land use planning in general, county- and local-level park and open space planning is conducted within the framework of the Regional Park and Open Space Plan, initially published as SEWRPC PR No. 27 in 1977, with a design year of 2000. This plan was refined in the Waukesha County Park and Open Space Plan, published in 1989, as SEWRPC CAPR No. 137, and in the 1996 Waukesha County Development Plan (SEWRPC CAPR No. 209). A 2004 amendment to the Waukesha County Development Plan incorporated a greenway corridor concept, with guidelines for trail preservation and buffer zones. The principal park and open space sites within the Pewaukee River watershed are the Waukesha County Pewaukee Lake Access portion of Naga-waukee Park and portions of the Lake Country Trail system. The location of existing parkland as of year 2010 in the watershed is shown on Map II-2 in Chapter II of this report under the “recreation” land use category.

### ***Lake Management Plans***

The Wisconsin Legislature has identified seven areas related to the development and protection of water resources and their attendant watersheds, as the basis for evaluating the sensitivity of lakes and streams to human influences. Section 281.69(5)(b) of the *Wisconsin Statutes* defines these characteristics in terms of the size, depth, and shape of the waterbody; the size of the watershed; the quality of the water; the potential for recreational use; the potential for land development; the potential for nonpoint source pollution; and, the type and size of the fish and wildlife populations in and around the waterbody. These attributes allow lakes and streams to be categorized into groups of varying sensitivities to human influences. A comprehensive lake management plan has been prepared for Pewaukee Lake within the Pewaukee River basin as listed in Table III-1. This plan addresses both current and forecast water quality concerns facing the lake and the aquatic plant management portion of the plan focuses on issues of concern to Pewaukee Lake and the Lake community, in the context of its drainage basin. As such, this plan forms an important contribution to this overall watershed planning effort.

## **WATER USE OBJECTIVES AND WATER QUALITY STANDARDS**

Water quality standards are the basis for protecting and regulating the quality of surface waters. The standards implement portions of the Federal Clean Water Act by specifying the designated uses of waterbodies and setting water quality criteria to protect those uses. The standards also contain policies to protect high quality waters and to protect waters from being further degraded. Water quality standards are established to sustain public health and public enjoyment of waters and for the propagation and protection of fish, aquatic organisms, and other wildlife.

Water quality standards consist of three elements: designated uses, water quality criteria, and anti-degradation policy. These are set forth in Chapters NR 102, “Water Quality Standards for Wisconsin Surface Waters,” NR 103, “Water Quality Standards for Wetlands,” NR 104, “Uses and Designated Standards and Secondary Values,” NR 105, “Surface Water Quality Criteria for Toxic Substances,” and NR 207, “Water Quality Antidegradation,” of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*. Under these chapters, Pewaukee Lake, Pewaukee River, Meadow Brook, and Audley Creek are classified as meeting the standards for warm water sport fish.<sup>2</sup> Coco Creek is classified as meeting the standards for coldwater sport fish. These surface waterbodies are fully compliant with the fishable and swimmable water use goals set for the waters of the United States in the Federal Clean Water Act. However, Zion Creek has been classified “limited aquatic life” due to low dissolved oxygen levels, elevated temperatures, and degraded habitat conditions. The water use objectives established for the waters of the Pewaukee River watershed are shown on Map III-1. The levels of pollution control needed to achieve the established water use objectives were initially identified in the SEWRPC Fox River watershed study and the regional water quality management plan,<sup>3</sup> and were refined in the Fox River watershed state-of-the-basin report.<sup>4</sup> These plans contained consistent recommendations on the levels of nonpoint source pollution controls needed to achieve water use objectives for the waterbodies within the Pewaukee River watershed.

The entire Coco Creek, beginning at CTH JJ (just upstream of Pewaukee Lake), has been designated by the WDNR as having the potential to support a Class I and Class II brown trout fishery.<sup>5</sup> A Class I trout stream is characterized as a high-quality trout water that has sufficient natural reproduction to sustain the native or naturalized populations. Consequently, streams of this category do not require stocking of hatchery raised trout. A Class II trout stream may have some natural trout reproduction, but not enough to utilize available food and space. Consequently, stocking is generally required to sustain a desirable sport fishery. In this regard, it should be noted that brown trout have been collected by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources staff from Coco Creek as recently as July 2011 (see **fisheries** section in Chapter IV of this report).

The applicable water quality criteria for all water uses designated in the Pewaukee River watershed are set forth in Tables III-2 and III-3. Table III-2 shows the applicable water quality criteria for all designated uses for five water quality parameters—dissolved oxygen concentration, pH, fecal coliform bacteria concentration, total phosphorus concentration, and chloride concentration. It also shows the water quality criterion for temperature that applies to limited aquatic life communities. Table III-3 shows the water quality criteria for temperature for those streams that have a seven-day, 10-percent probability low flow (7Q10)<sup>6</sup> of less than 200 cubic feet per second (cfs). The 7Q10 of all of the streams in the Pewaukee River watershed is less than 200 cfs.

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<sup>2</sup>*Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Publication No. PUBL-FH-806-2002, Wisconsin Trout Streams, April 2002.*

<sup>3</sup>*SEWRPC Planning Report No. 12, A Comprehensive Plan for the Fox River Watershed, Volume One, Inventory Findings and Forecasts, April 1969, and Volume Two, Alternative Plans and Recommended Plan, February 1970, as amended; and SEWRPC Planning Report No. 30, A Regional Water Quality Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin—2000, Volume One, Inventory Findings, September 1978, Volume Two, Alternative Plans, February 1979, and Volume Three, Recommended Plan, June 1979, as amended; SEWRPC Memorandum Report No. 93, A Regional Water Quality Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin: An Update and Status Report, March 1995.*

<sup>4</sup>*Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Publication No. PUBL-WT-701-01, The State of the Southeast Fox River Basin, February 2002.*

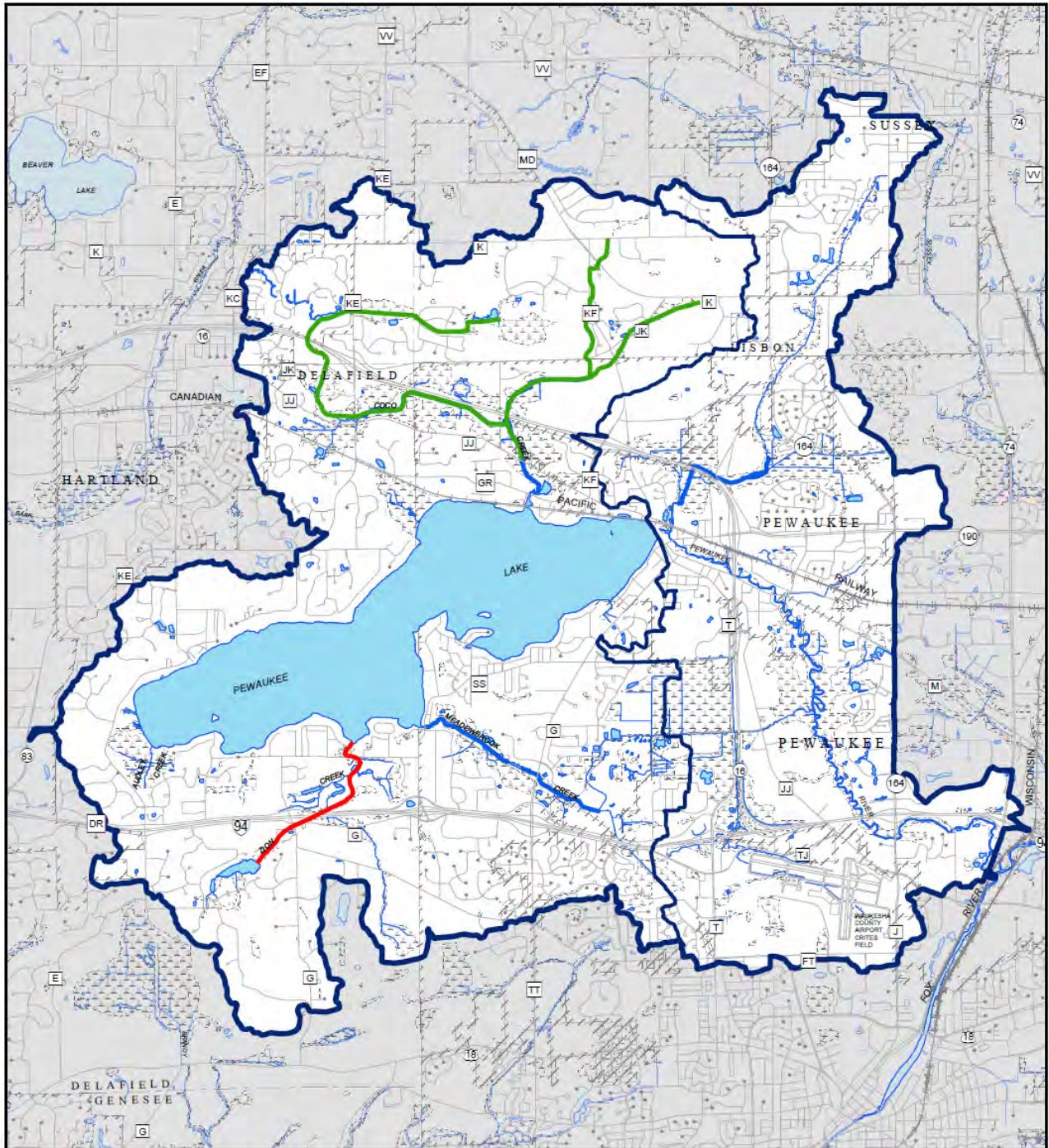
<sup>5</sup>*Ibid.*

<sup>6</sup>*Seven-day consecutive low flow with an annual probability of occurrence of 10 percent.*

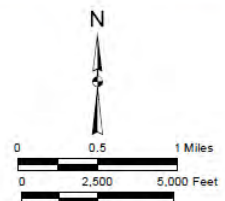


Map III-1

**CURRENT REGULATORY WATER USE CLASSIFICATIONS FOR SURFACE WATERS WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED**



- SURFACE WATER
- WATERSHED BOUNDARY
- SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY
- COLDWATER COMMUNITY
- LIMITED AQUATIC LIFE
- WARMWATER FISH AND AQUATIC LIFE



Source: SEWRPC.

Table III-2

**APPLICABLE REGULATORY WATER QUALITY CRITERIA FOR WATERBODIES  
WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED PROTECTION PLAN STUDY AREA**

Water Quality Parameter	Designated Use Category <sup>a</sup>						Source	
	Coldwater Community	Warmwater Fish and Aquatic Life	Limited Forage Fish Community (variance category)	Special Variance Category A <sup>b</sup>	Special Variance Category B <sup>c</sup>	Limited Aquatic Life (variance category)		
Temperature (°F)	See Table III-3						86.0	NR 102 Subchapter II
Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l)	6.0 minimum 7.0 minimum during spawning	5.0 minimum	3.0 minimum	2.0 minimum	2.0 minimum	1.0 minimum	NR 102.04(4) NR 104.04(3) NR 104.06(2)	
pH Range (S.U.)	6.0-9.0	6.0-9.0	6.0-9.0	6.0-9.0	6.0-9.0	6.0-9.0	NR 102.04(4) <sup>d</sup> NR 104.04(3)	
Fecal Coliform Bacteria (MFFCC)	--	--	--	--	--	--	NR 102.04(5) NR 104.06(2)	
Geometric Mean	200	200	200	1,000	1,000	200		
Maximum	400	400	400	2,000	--	400		
Total Phosphorus (mg/l)	--	--	--	--	--	--	NR 102.06(3)	
Designated Streams <sup>e</sup>	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	NR 102.06(4)	
Other Streams	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	--	NR 102.06(5) NR 102.06(6)	
Chloride (mg/l)	--	--	--	--	--	--	NR 105.05(2)	
Acute Toxicity <sup>f</sup>	757	757	757	757	757	757	NR 105.06(5)	
Chronic Toxicity <sup>g</sup>	395	395	395	395	395	395		

<sup>a</sup>NR 102.04(1) All surface waters shall meet the following conditions at all times and under all flow conditions: substances that will cause objectionable deposits on the shore or in the bed of a body of water, floating or submerged debris, oil, scum or other material, and materials producing color, odor, taste or unsightliness shall not be present in such amounts as to interfere with public rights in waters of the State. Substance in concentrations or combinations which are toxic or harmful to humans shall not be present in amounts found to be of public health significance, nor shall substances be present in amounts which are acutely harmful to animal, plant, or aquatic life.

<sup>b</sup>As set forth in Chapter NR 104.06(2)(a) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code.

<sup>c</sup>As set forth in Chapter NR 104.06(2)(b) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code.

<sup>d</sup>The pH shall be within the stated range with no change greater than 0.5 unit outside the estimated natural seasonal maximum and minimum.

<sup>e</sup>Designated in Chapter NR 102.06(3)(a) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code. There are no designated streams in the Pewaukee River watershed.

<sup>f</sup>The acute toxicity criterion is the maximum daily concentration of a substance which ensures adequate protection of sensitive species of aquatic life from the acute toxicity of that substance and will adequately protect the designated fish and aquatic life use of the surface water if not exceeded more than once every three years.

<sup>g</sup>The chronic toxicity criterion is the maximum four-day concentration of a substance which ensures adequate protection of sensitive species of aquatic life from the chronic toxicity of that substance and will adequately protect the designated fish and aquatic life use of the surface water if not exceeded more than once every three years.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and SEWRPC.

In addition to the numerical criteria presented in the tables, there are narrative standards which apply to all waters. All surface waters must meet certain conditions at all times and under all flow conditions. Chapter NR 102 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code* states that practices attributable to municipal, commercial, domestic, agricultural, land development or other activities shall be controlled so that all waters including the mixing zone and the effluent channel shall not degrade water quality of any substance or method to a level that would interfere with public rights in the waters of the State.

The State of Wisconsin has not promulgated numerical water quality criteria for some water quality constituents. Examples of this include total suspended solids, turbidity, and total nitrogen.

Table III-3

**AMBIENT, SUBLETHAL, AND ACUTE WATER QUALITY CRITERIA FOR TEMPERATURE (DEGREES CELSIUS) AMONG DESIGNATED USES FOR SMALL STREAMS<sup>a</sup>**

Month	Designated Use Category and Associated Temperature Criterion <sup>b</sup>								
	Cold Water Communities			Warmwater Sportfish or Forage Fish Communities			Limited Forage Fish Communities		
	Ambient	Sublethal	Acute	Ambient	Sublethal	Acute	Ambient	Sublethal	Acute
January	1.7	8.3	20.0	0.6	9.4	24.4	2.8	12.2	25.6
February	2.2	8.3	20.0	1.1	10.0	24.4	3.9	12.2	26.1
March	3.9	10.6	20.6	3.3	11.1	25.0	6.1	13.9	26.7
April	8.3	13.9	21.1	8.9	12.8	26.1	10.0	17.2	27.2
May	13.3	17.2	22.2	14.4	18.3	27.8	15.0	21.1	28.9
June	16.7	19.4	22.2	18.9	24.4	28.9	17.8	25.0	29.4
July	17.8	19.4	22.8	20.6	27.2	29.4	20.6	27.2	30.0
August	17.2	18.3	22.8	19.4	27.2	28.9	20.0	26.1	30.0
September	13.9	15.6	22.2	15.6	22.8	27.8	17.2	22.8	29.4
October	9.4	11.7	21.1	10.0	16.1	26.7	12.8	17.2	28.3
November	5.0	8.9	20.6	4.4	9.4	25.0	7.8	12.2	26.7
December	2.8	8.3	20.6	1.7	9.4	24.4	4.4	12.2	26.1

<sup>a</sup>As set forth in Section NR 102.25 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, small streams are waters with unidirectional 7Q10 flows less than 200 cubic feet per second. The 7Q10 flow is the seven-day consecutive low flow with a 10 percent annual probability of occurrence (10-year recurrence interval).

<sup>b</sup>The ambient, sublethal, and acute water quality temperature criterion specified for any calendar month shall be applied simultaneously to establish the protection needed for each identified fish and other aquatic life use. The sublethal criteria are to be applied as the mean daily maximum temperature over a calendar week. The acute criteria are to be applied as the daily maximum temperatures. The ambient temperature is used to calculate the corresponding acute and sublethal criteria and for determining effluent limitations in discharge permits under the Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and SEWRPC.

Since contaminants can and do accumulate in fishes, the WDNR in consultation with the State Department of Health Services provides annual updates for fish consumption advisories for all waters within the State. Fish are a healthy part of a well-balanced diet, but it is important to know where fish come from and the species or type of fish being eaten. These consumption advisories were developed to protect people’s health while reducing their exposure to environmental contaminants and are available online along with a search tool to locate specific advisories for each county.<sup>7</sup> There are no special or more stringent advisories for Pewaukee River or Lake than are covered by general statewide advice.

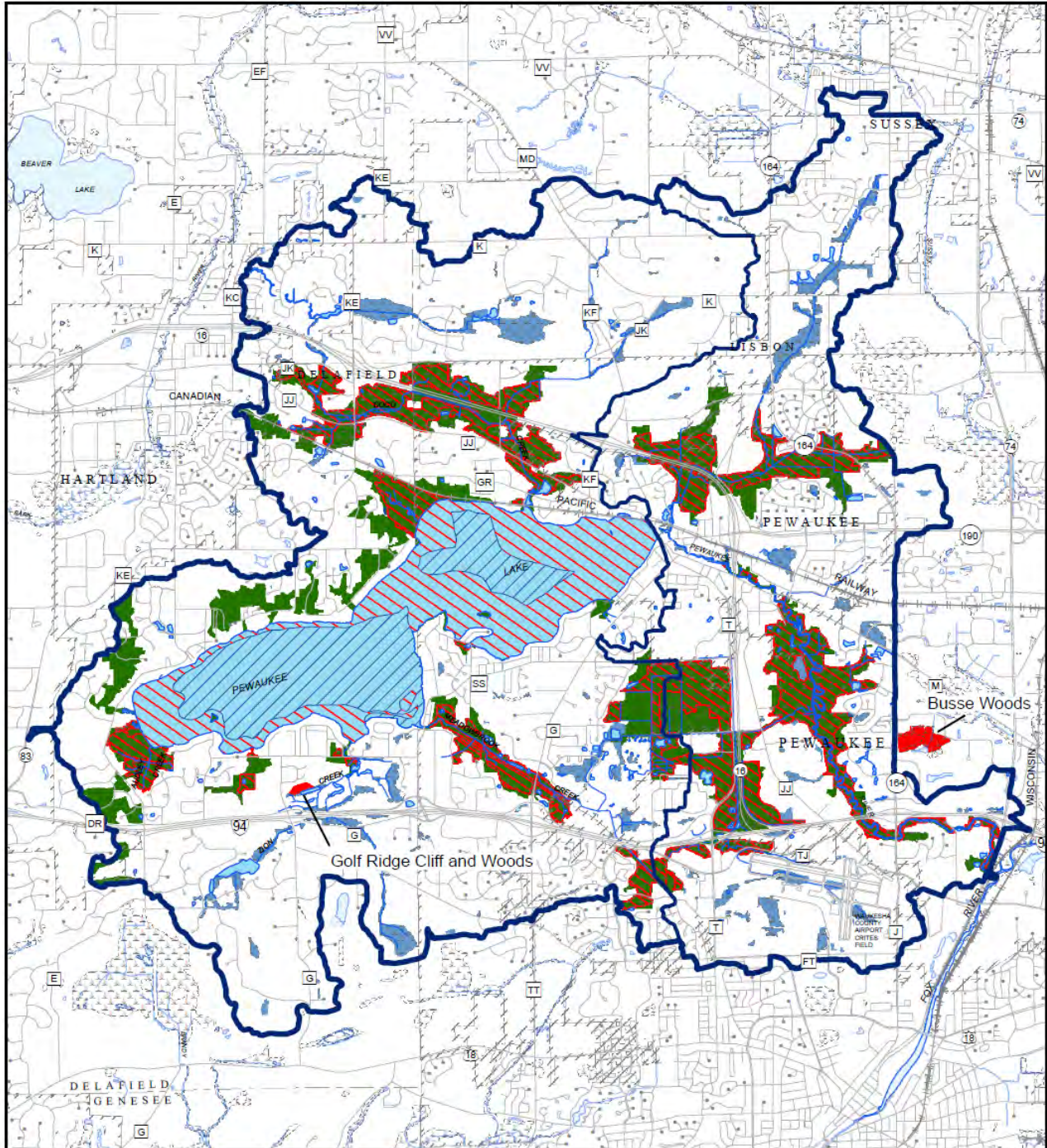
For the purpose of anti-degradation policy to prevent the lowering of existing water quality, the WDNR has classified some waters of the State as designated Outstanding or Exceptional Resource Waters or designated wetlands of special natural resource interest in Chapter NR 102 and Chapter NR 103 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, respectively. Although there are no designated Outstanding or Exceptional Resource Waters in the Pewaukee River watershed, there are substantial amounts of designated wetlands of special natural resource interest or about 3,140 acres of Advanced Delineation and Identification (ADID) wetlands as shown on Map III-2.









<sup>7</sup>WDNR, *Choose Wisely: A Health Guide for Eating Fish in Wisconsin*, 2013. Online <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/documents/consumption/FishAdvisoryWebLow2013.pdf>



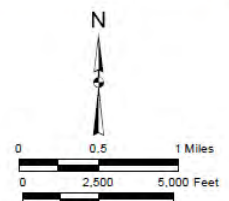
Map III-2

ACID WATERS (LAKES, STREAMS, AND WETLANDS) AND  
NON-ACID WETLANDS WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2010



- |   |                                |   |                       |
|---|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
|  | ACID WETLANDS                  |  | SURFACE WATER         |
|  | ACID NATURAL AREAS             |  | STREAM                |
|  | ACID LAKES OR PONDS            |  | WATERSHED BOUNDARY    |
|  | PRIMARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR |  | SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY |
|  | OTHER WETLANDS                 |   |                       |

Source: SEWRPC.





These ADID wetlands in southeastern Wisconsin “include lakes, streams, and wetlands” located in the 2005 primary environmental corridors and in some cases wetlands located within natural areas that are located outside the primary environmental corridors (see Map III-2).<sup>8</sup> Presently, the ADID wetlands and related waters in and adjacent to navigable interstate waters provide the only Federal regulatory mechanism which may be used to protect wetland natural areas, critical species habitats, and related aquatic habitats.

## STATE REGULATORY STANDARDS

Through 1997 Wisconsin Act 27, the State Legislature required the WDNR and DATCP to develop performance standards for controlling nonpoint source pollution from agricultural and nonagricultural land and from transportation facilities.<sup>9</sup> The performance standards are set forth in Chapter NR 151, “Runoff Management,” of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*, which became effective on October 1, 2002, and was revised in July 2004.<sup>10</sup>

### *Agricultural Land Performance Standards*

Performance standards relate to three areas of agriculture: cropland soil erosion control, manure management, and nutrient management. The agricultural performance standards are:

- Soil erosion rates on all cropland must be maintained at or below “T” (Tolerable Soil Loss).
- Starting in 2005, for high-priority areas, such as impaired or exceptional waters, and 2008 for all other areas, application of manure or other nutrients to croplands must be done in accordance with a nutrient management plan, designed to meet State standards for limiting the entry of nutrients into groundwater or surface water resources.
- Clean water runoff must be diverted away from contacting feedlots, manure storage facilities, and barnyards in water quality management areas (areas within 300 feet of a stream, 1,000 feet from a lake, or areas susceptible to groundwater contamination).
- All new or substantially altered manure storage facilities must meet current engineering design standards to prevent surface or groundwater pollution.

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<sup>8</sup>*Under the Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines of the Clean Water, the Corps and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, working in coordination with other Federal Agencies and the States, may identify certain wetlands and other waters that are generally unsuitable for the discharge of dredge and fill materials. Under these guidelines the Federal agencies have developed the Advanced Identification of Disposal Areas (ADID) in wetlands program (40 CFR 230.80). This program is an advisory procedure intended to add predictability to the Section 404 wetland permitting process and better account for the impacts of wetland losses from multiple projects within a geographic area.*

<sup>9</sup>*The State performance standards are set forth in the Chapter NR 151, “Runoff Management,” of the Wisconsin Administrative Code. Additional code chapters that are related to the State nonpoint source pollution control program include: Chapter NR 152, “Model Ordinances for Construction Site Erosion Control and Storm Water Management;” Chapter NR 153, “Runoff Management Grant Program;” Chapter NR 154, “Best Management Practices, Technical Standards and Cost-Share Conditions;” Chapter NR 155, “Urban Nonpoint Source Water Pollution Abatement and Storm Water Management Grant Program;” and Chapter ATCP 50, “Soil and Water Resource Management.” Those chapters of the Wisconsin Administrative Code became effective in October 2002. Chapter NR 120, “Priority Watershed and Priority Lake Program,” and Chapter NR 243, “Animal Feeding Operations,” were repealed and recreated in October 2002.*

<sup>10</sup>*As of the date of publication of this report, the WDNR was in the process of promulgating revisions to the agricultural and nonagricultural standards of Chapter NR 151.*

The manure management prohibitions are:

- No direct runoff from animal feedlots to “waters of the State.”
- No overflowing manure storage facilities.
- No unconfined manure piles in shoreland areas (areas within 300 feet of a stream, 1,000 feet from lakes).
- No unlimited livestock access to “waters of the State” where the livestock prevent sustaining an adequate vegetative cover.

In general, for land that does not meet the NR 151 standards and that was cropped or enrolled in the U.S. Department of Agriculture Conservation Reserve or Conservation Reserve Enhancement Programs as of October 1, 2002, agricultural performance standards are only required to be met if cost-sharing funds are available. Existing cropland that met the standards as of October 1, 2002, must continue to meet the standards. New cropland must meet the standards, regardless of whether cost-share funds are available.

Chapter NR 243, “Animal Feeding Operations,” of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code* sets forth rules for concentrated animal feeding operations and other animal feeding operations for the purpose of controlling the discharge of pollutants to waters of the State. Concentrated animal feeding operations are defined as livestock and poultry operations with more than 1,000 animal units. Animal units are calculated for each different type and size class of livestock and poultry. For example, facilities with 1,000 beef cattle, 700 milking cows, or 200,000 chickens each would be considered to have the equivalent of 1,000 animal units. All concentrated animal feeding operations and certain types of other animal feeding operations must obtain Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permits. In general, animal feeding operations are defined as feedlots or facilities, other than pastures, where animals are fed for a total of 45 days in any 12-month period.

#### ***Nonagricultural (urban) Land Performance Standards***

The nonagricultural performance standards set forth in Chapter NR 151 encompass two major types of land development. The first includes standards for areas of new development and redevelopment, and the second includes standards for existing developed urban areas. The performance standards address the following areas:

- Construction sites for new development and redevelopment,
- Post-construction stormwater runoff for new development and redevelopment,
- Developed urban areas, and
- Nonmunicipal property fertilizing.

Chapter NR 151 requires that municipalities with WPDES stormwater discharge permits, as required under Chapter NR 216, reduce the amount of total suspended solids in stormwater runoff from areas of existing development that is in place as of October 2004 to the maximum extent practicable, according to the following standards:

- By March 10, 2008, the NR 151 standards call for a 20 percent reduction, and
- By October 1, 2013, the standards call for a 40 percent reduction.<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>11</sup>*The revisions to NR 151 that were being promulgated, but had not been adopted as of the date of this report, establish a procedure to extend the compliance period for up to 10 years if a permittee can adequately document an inability to meet the standard.*

Also, permitted municipalities must implement the following: 1) public information and education programs relative to specific aspects of nonpoint source pollution control; 2) municipal programs for collection and management of leaf and grass clippings; and, 3) site-specific programs for application of lawn and garden fertilizers on municipally controlled properties with over five acres of pervious surface. Under the requirements of Chapter NR 151, by March 10, 2008, incorporated municipalities with average population densities of 1,000 people or more per square mile that are not required to obtain municipal stormwater discharge permits must have implemented those same three programs.

In addition, regardless of whether or not a municipality is required to have a stormwater discharge permit under Chapter NR 216, Chapter NR 151 requires that all construction sites that have one acre or more of land disturbance must achieve an 80 percent reduction in the sediment load generated by the site.<sup>12</sup> With certain limited exceptions, those sites required to have construction erosion control permits must also have post-development stormwater management practices to reduce the total suspended solids load from the site by 80 percent for new development, 40 percent for redevelopment, and 40 percent for infill development occurring prior to October 1, 2012. After October 1, 2012, infill development will be required to achieve an 80 percent reduction. If it can be demonstrated that the solids reduction standard cannot be met for a specific site, total suspended solids must be controlled to the maximum extent practicable.

Section NR 151.12 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code* requires infiltration of post-development runoff from areas developed on or after October 1, 2004, subject to specific exclusions and exemptions as set forth in Sections 151.12(5)(c)5 and 151.12(5)(c)6, respectively. In residential areas, either 90 percent of the annual predevelopment infiltration volume or 25 percent of the post-development runoff volume from a two-year recurrence interval, 24-hour storm, is required to be infiltrated. However, no more than 1 percent of the area of the project site is required to be used as effective infiltration area. In commercial, industrial and institutional areas, 60 percent of the annual predevelopment infiltration volume or 10 percent of the post-development runoff volume from a two-year recurrence interval, 24-hour storm, is required to be infiltrated. In this case, no more than 2 percent of the project site is required to be used as effective infiltration area.<sup>13</sup>

#### **Transportation Facility Performance Standards**

Transportation facility performance standards that are set forth in Chapter NR 151 and in Chapter TRANS 401, “Construction Site Erosion Control and Storm Water Management Procedures for Department Actions,” of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code* cover the following areas:

- Construction sites,
- Post-construction phase, and
- Developed urban areas.

The standards of TRANS 401 are applicable to Wisconsin Department of Transportation projects.

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<sup>12</sup>*The NR 151 revisions that are being promulgated substitute a maximum discharge of five tons per acre per year for the 80 percent construction erosion control standard for sites of one acre or more and add prescriptive standards for construction sites of less than one acre.*

<sup>13</sup>*The revisions to NR 151 that were being promulgated, but had not been adopted as of the date of this report, eliminate the option to infiltrate 25 percent of post-development runoff from a two-year, 24-hour storm and substitute 90 percent, 75 percent, and 60 percent infiltration volume standards based on low, moderate, and high imperviousness definitions, respectively.*

## **Municipal Stormwater Discharge Permits**

The 1987 amendments to the Federal Clean Water Act established a Federal program for permitting stormwater discharges. The State of Wisconsin obtained certification from the USEPA which enabled the State to administer the stormwater discharge permitting program as an extension of the existing WPDES program. Section 283.33 of the *Statutes*, which provides authority for the issuance of stormwater discharge permits by the State, was enacted in 1993. The administrative rules for the State stormwater discharge permit program are set forth in Chapter NR 216 of the *Administrative Code*, which took effect on November 1, 1994, was most recently repealed and replaced effective August 1, 2004.

In general, the following entities are required to obtain discharge permits under Chapter NR 216:

1. An owner or operator of a municipal separate storm sewer system serving an incorporated area with a population of 100,000 or more
2. An owner or operator of a municipal separate storm sewer system notified by WDNR prior to August 1, 2004, that they must obtain a permit.
3. An owner or operator of a municipal separate storm sewer system located within an urbanized area as defined by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.
4. An owner or operator of a municipal separate storm sewer system serving a population of 10,000 or more in a municipality with a population density of 1,000 persons or more per square mile as determined by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.
5. Industries identified in Section NR 216.21.<sup>14</sup>
6. Construction sites, except those associated with agricultural land uses, those for commercial buildings regulated by Chapters Comm 50 through 64 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*,<sup>15,16</sup> and Wisconsin Department of Transportation projects which are subject to the liaison cooperative agreement between the WDNR and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

An MS4 municipal stormwater discharge permit to discharge all portions of the municipal separate storm sewer system to waters of the State was issued October 30, 2009, to members of the Upper Fox River Watershed Group, which includes the Cities of Pewaukee and Waukesha, Towns of Delafield and Lisbon, Villages of Pewaukee and Sussex within the Pewaukee River watershed. The Towns of Brookfield and Waukesha also were included in the Upper Fox River Watershed Group, but these are outside the project watershed and were not considered further in this report. The permit specifically addresses Pewaukee Lake, the Pewaukee River, and Zion Creek and their

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<sup>14</sup>*Depending on the type of industry, a statewide general permit or an individual permit may be issued. A holder of a general or an individual permit must prepare and implement a stormwater pollution prevention plan. The requirements for such a plan are set forth in Section NR 216.27.*

<sup>15</sup>*Chapter Comm 50.115 describes procedures to be followed regarding filing a notice of intent for coverage under a WPDES General Permit for stormwater discharges associated with construction activities.*

<sup>16</sup>*Construction of one- and two-family dwellings is generally regulated by the Wisconsin Department of Commerce. Chapter Comm 21.125 sets forth erosion control procedures for construction of one- and two-family dwellings. Owners of properties on which such dwellings are to be constructed would only have to apply for a permit under Chapter NR 216 if the land-disturbing activities associated with the development involved the disturbance of one or more acres.*



associated surface and ground waters. The Upper Fox River Watershed Group's permit sets forth conditions under which stormwaters may be discharged to waters of the State for purposes of achieving the water quality standards contained in chapters NR 102 through 105 and NR 140 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code* through October 29, 2014.

These designated MS4 communities are required to reduce the urban pollutants entering the local waterways via their storm sewer system by implementing programs, such as: construction site and long-term stormwater control; illicit discharge screenings; information and education programs about stormwater to the general public, developers, and internal staff; improving municipal "good housekeeping" practices, including winter road management programs, public works yard inspections, inventorying and maintaining existing stormwater facilities; including mapping their systems. Each of the municipalities required to submit an annual report for each calendar year summarizing and evaluating the various programs being implemented and to determine where improvements and cost effective changes should be made.

In cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Waukesha County, Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District, and SEWRPC staffs, storm sewer system inventory information was obtained from each of the MS4 municipalities as well as Waukesha County records, and combined into a composite map for the entire watershed (see Map III-3). Although there are no specific mapping standards (i.e. formatting, labeling, coordinate system, etc.), each of these communities is required to provide detailed and accurate inventories in a digital geographic information systems (GIS) software format for the following elements summarized below:

- Identification of all known municipal storm sewer system outfalls discharging to waters of the State or other municipal separate storm sewer system including minor and major outfalls (36 inches in diameter).<sup>17</sup>
- Location and permit number of any known discharge to the municipal separate storm sewer system that has been issued WPDES permit coverage by the WDNR.
- Location of structural stormwater facilities including detention basins, infiltration basins, and other manufactured treatment devices.
- Identification of publicly owned park, recreational areas, and other open lands.
- Location of municipal garages, storage areas and other public works facilities.
- Identification of streets.

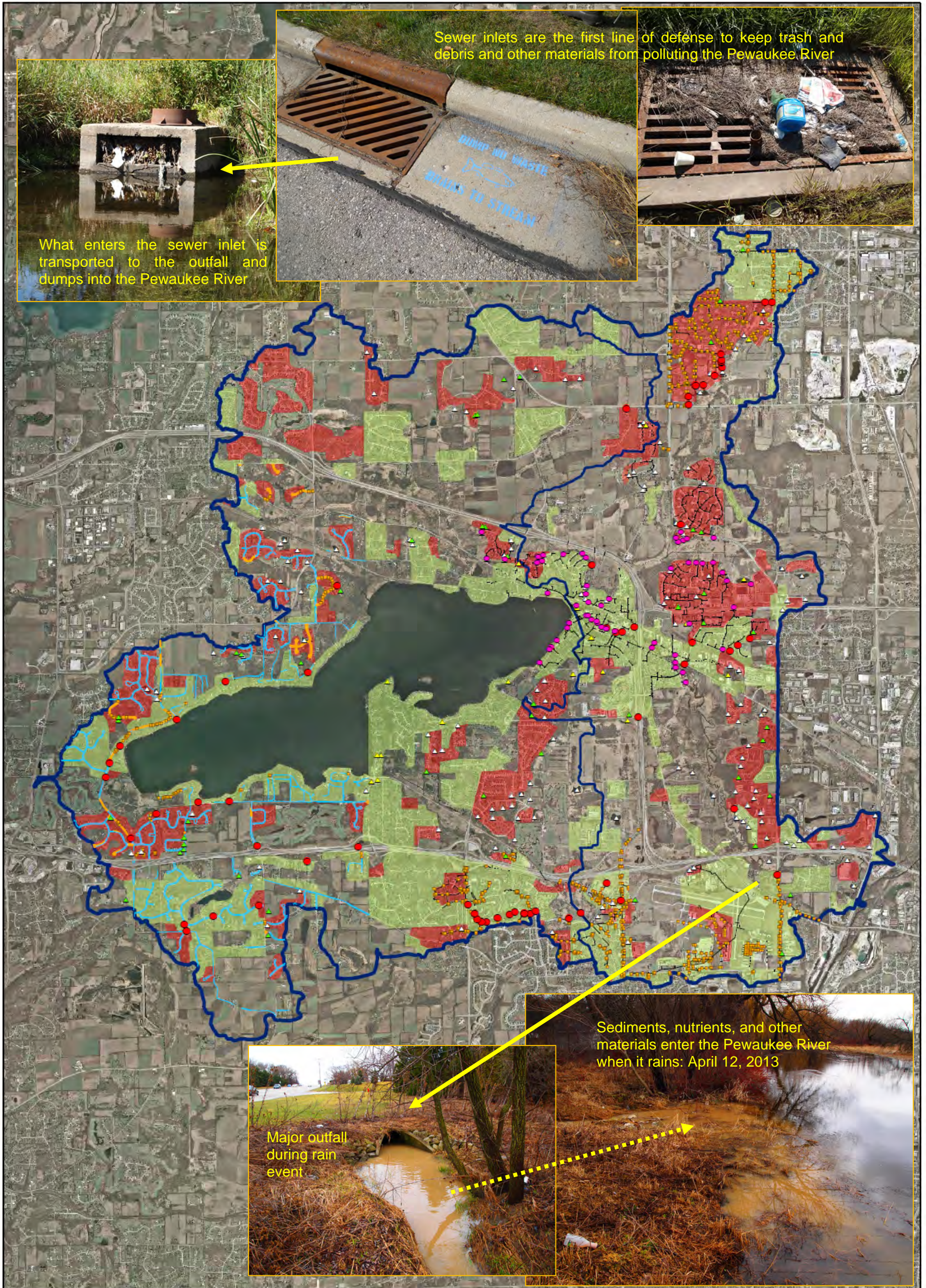
It is important to note that Map III-3 was developed more to show consistency of the stormwater information throughout the watershed as reported in 2011 and not to show every element of the stormwater infrastructure in each community. If interested in specifics, the reader is encouraged to look at individual reports for each community as documented in Table III-1 above.

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<sup>17</sup>*Major outfall means a municipal separate storm sewer outfall that meets one of the following criteria: 1) a single pipe with an inside diameter of 36 inches or more or equivalent conveyance (cross sectional area of 1,018 square inches) which is associated with a drainage area of more than 50 acres, or 2) A MS4 that receives stormwater runoff from lands zoned for industrial activity or from other lands with industrial activity that is associated with a drainage area of two acres or more.*



STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEMS WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED IN PRE VERSUS POST1990 URBAN LAND DEVELOPMENT: 2012



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|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| PRE - 1990 URBAN GROWTH  | STORM SEWER INLETS     | WET STORM WATER BASINS | SURFACE WATER         |
| POST - 1990 URBAN GROWTH | MINOR OUTFALLS         | OTHER STORM WATER BMP  | STREAM                |
|                          | MAJOR OUTFALLS         | STORM SEWER            | WATERSHED BOUNDARY    |
|                          | DRY STORM WATER BASINS | SWALE DRAINAGE         | SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY |
|                          |                        | CURB AND GUTTER        |                       |

Source: City of Pewaukee, AECOM; City of Waukesha, GRAEF; Town of Delafield, R.A. Smith National, Inc.; Town of Lisbon, Strand Associates, Inc.; Village of Pewaukee, Stantec; Village of Sussex, Ruekert & Mielke, Inc.; Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District, Waukesha County, and SEWRPC.

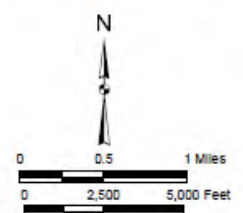




Table III-4

**STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM INVENTORY SUMMARY AMONG MS4 COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2010-2011**

Community	Storm Drainage System Category					
	Sewer Inlets	Outfalls		Best Management Practices (BMP)		
		Minor	Major	Dry Basin	Wet Basin	Other
City of Pewaukee.....	26	94	18	4	11	0
City of Waukesha.....	659	88	4	11	62	7
Town of Delafield.....	121	20	18	16	25	0
Town of Lisbon.....	11	74	1	4	9	0
Village of Pewaukee.....	Not-reported	56	10	15	15	32
Village of Sussex.....	445	29	14	3	12	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,262</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>45</b>

Source: City of Pewaukee, AECOM; City of Waukesha, GRAEF; Town of Delafield, R.A. Smith National, Inc.; Town of Lisbon, Strand Associates, Inc.; Village of Pewaukee, STANTEC; Village of Sussex, Ruekert & Mielke, Inc.; Waukesha County PLU - Land Resources Division; and SEWRPC.

Since each of the MS4 communities had different digital formats and categories, these GIS data files were integrated to the extent practicable by Waukesha County staff into the main categories that include major outfalls, minor outfalls, storm sewers and stormwater BMPs (wet basins, dry basins, and other) as shown on Map III-3 and in Table III-4 (see Appendix E for specific details). The other BMP category includes such practices as sediment traps, infiltration trenches, stormceptors (prefabricated, underground device that separates oils, grease, and sediment from stormwater runoff from parking lots or streets), and rain gardens. Based upon this inventory data there are a total of 65 major outfalls, 361 minor outfalls, 53 dry basins, 134 wet basins, and 45 other BMPs within the Pewaukee River watershed. The storm sewer lines shown on the Map III-3 includes both culverts and gravity mains. In addition, some communities also mapped the sewer inlets, curb and gutter, and swale information, which helps to better understand how stormwater is routed across the landscape within portions of the watershed. This data was projected over the total extent of urban lands pre versus post 1990, because this is an important time when stormwater rules and practices began to be implemented. Hence, nearly all of the stormwater BMPs on the landscape reside within the urban lands developed after 1990, although there are notable exceptions particularly within the Village of Pewaukee.

Consequently, prior to 1990, most of the stormwater BMPs consisted of storm sewers, curb and gutter, and swales. In contrast, post1990, BMPs continue to utilize the aforementioned practices, but wet and dry stormwater detention basins have become an essential treatment practice for urban development. Nearly 200 of these wet and dry basins have been constructed since about 1990 and more continue to be constructed with each new development throughout the watershed such as shown in Map III-3 and Figure III-1. These basins can be wet or dry and are designed to capture the stormwater runoff water and release it at a reduced rate to allow the total suspended solids particles, nutrients, and associated materials to settle out. (add figure to stormwater bmp effectiveness). All the stormwater is diverted into these basins prior to discharging into the surface water of the Lake or local tributaries and streams within the Pewaukee River system.

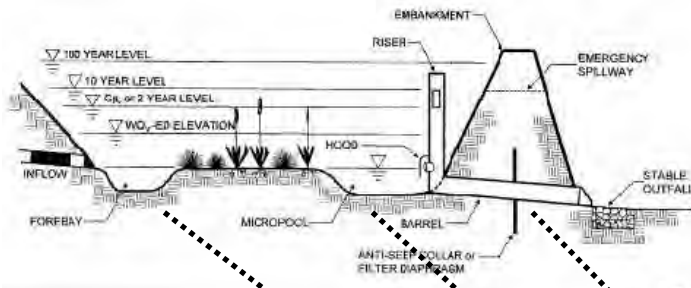
Urban nonpoint performance standards focus on controlling erosion from construction sites, managing post-construction runoff from parking lots, streets, buildings and other impervious areas, maximizing infiltration, maintaining vegetative buffers between impervious surfaces and water resources, and preventing polluted runoff through better land management. These standards are implemented through the county (and local) stormwater and

Figure III-1

**STORMWATER DETENTION WET BASIN DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED AND PERCENT POLLUTANT REMOVAL EFFECTIVENESS: 2012**

Wet basin schematic profile

Reported percent pollutant removal rates for wet basins



Pollutant	25th Percentile	Median	75th Percentile
Total suspended solids	54	78	90
Total phosphorus	39	49	76
Total nitrogen	16	32	40
Nitrate	12	28	66
Metals	25	48	71
Bacteria	48	70	92



Stormwater detention basins are designed and constructed as part of the associated development to manage both water volume and remove pollutants through settling and biological uptake before discharging into the surface waters of the Pewaukee River system.

Source: USEPA National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES); © 2013 Microsoft Corporation, Pictometry Bird's Eye © 2012 MDA Geospatial Services; and SEWRPC.

erosion control ordinances for new development projects, and MS4 stormwater discharge permits for existing urban areas. Both of these methods rely on an effective information and education program that targets developers, engineers, contractors, municipal staff and the general public. To that end, Waukesha County has executed intergovernmental agreements with 25 local communities to implement a comprehensive stormwater education program to help communities meet this part of the MS4 permit mandate. In a rapidly developing area like Waukesha County, implementing the urban nonpoint performance standards represents the single largest workload for the Land Resources Division.<sup>18</sup>

<sup>18</sup>Waukesha County Department of Parks & Land Use-Land Resources Division, Waukesha County Land and Water Resource Management Plan 2012 Update.



## **Buffer Standards**

Riparian buffers help to slow the velocity of water, allowing the settling of suspended soil particles, infiltration of runoff and soluble pollutants, adsorption of pollutants on soil and plant surfaces, and uptake of soluble pollutants by plants. When the administrative rules for redesign of the State nonpoint source pollution control program were being developed in 2000 and 2001, there was disagreement about what role vegetative buffers should have in the performance standards. In order for the rest of the administrative rules to move forward, the WDNR agreed to remove the buffer language from the draft rules and revisit the issue at a later date. The Wisconsin Buffer Initiative, led by the University of Wisconsin, was assigned the duty to conduct additional research on the topic and make recommendations for implementation. When the WDNR adopts a buffer standard for NR 151, the Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use plans to incorporate it into local program efforts and revise annual work plans as necessary. Until that time, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) technical standards will be applied through voluntary programs. At present, voluntary programs, such as the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), set minimum buffer widths based on program goals and technical standards.

There are no communities in the Pewaukee River watershed that require or provide incentives for vegetated shoreland buffers within the shoreland zone or adjacent to wetlands. Primary environmental corridors (PEC), secondary environmental corridors (SEC), and isolated natural resource areas defined by SEWRPC in the regional natural areas and critical species habitat plan are preserved in the Waukesha County ordinance.

It is important to note that nonagricultural performance standards set forth in Section NR 151.12 (post-construction performance standard for new development and redevelopment) also generally require impervious area setbacks of 50 feet from streams, lakes, and wetlands. This setback distance is increased to 75 feet to protect Chapter NR 102-designated Outstanding or Exceptional Resource Waters or Chapter NR 103-designated wetlands of special natural resource interest, which includes Advanced Delineation and Identification (ADID) wetlands as discussed above and are shown on Map III-2. Reduced setbacks from less susceptible wetlands and drainage channels of not less than 10 feet may be allowed.

## **Dam Regulation**

Dams have a significant impact on water quality, wildlife, public safety, water rights issues, and land use in Wisconsin. Under Chapter 31 of the Wisconsin Statutes, which was created in 1917 under the Water Power Law, the WDNR has authority to regulate the location, construction, permitting, safety, operation, and maintenance of dams and bridges affecting a navigable body of water. Chapter 31 also addresses alteration or repair of dams, dam transfer and removal, and water level and flow control.

Administrative rules governing dam design and construction standards are set forth in Chapter NR 333 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*. Chapter NR 335 covers the administration of the Municipal Dam Repair and Removal Grant Program and Chapter NR 330 provides standards for warning signs and portages for dams.

## ***Spillway Capacity Requirements***

The WDNR approved a failure analysis of the Pewaukee Dam in January 2005 and classified the dam as a high hazard dam. As the owner of the dam on Pewaukee Lake, the Village of Pewaukee adopted the dam failure floodplain in November 2008. Based on the high hazard rating, *Wisconsin Administrative Code* NR 333 requires that the Pewaukee Dam total spillway capacities be capable of passing the 1000-year flood event without overtopping the dam. The Village then conducted an analysis of alternative to address the existing dam capacity, proposed modifications to provide the minimum hydraulic capacity, associated hydraulic and hydrologic calculations, and cost estimates for construction of the dam modifications.<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>19</sup>R.A. Smith National, *Design Report: Pewaukee Dam Modifications (Project No. 1090029)*, Prepared for Village of Pewaukee, Wisconsin, March 24, 2010.

**Figure III-2**

**PEWAUKEE LAKE DAM OUTFALL**

Pre-Construction



During-Construction: October 18, 2010



Post-Construction: August 15, 2011



Source: Charlie Shong and SEWRPC.

Based upon the results of the dam modification study, the dam spillway was reconstructed in the fall of 2010 (see Figure III-2). The most notable features of the new spillway include replacing the downstream culverts with two box culvert outlet structures and replacing the old surface water spillway gate with a bottom draw gate that draws water from about four feet below the surface of Pewaukee Lake. In addition, the Village was required to increase the frequency of dam inspections, which are now conducted every two years. The reconstruction of this dam have not changed the required operating elevations of Pewaukee Lake, so the summer water level is not to exceed 852.80 National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) from May 1 to October 1 and winter level is not to exceed 852.20 (NGVD). Although there is no mandatory provision to maintain a minimum level of baseflow discharge at this outlet to sustain the Pewaukee River ecosystem downstream, the Village does keep the gate open at least 0.5 inch so that there is flow into the river.<sup>20</sup> They also monitor the outlet and remove any debris particularly aquatic plants to maintain unobstructed flows through the spillway. This was particularly important in 2012 during the very dry conditions that were associated with high aquatic plant abundance and densities in Pewaukee Lake.

**COUNTY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAND USE REGULATIONS**

The comprehensive zoning ordinance represents one of the most important and significant tools available to local units of government in directing the proper use of lands within their area of jurisdiction. Local zoning regulations include general, or comprehensive, zoning regulations and special-purpose regulations governing floodland and shoreland areas. General zoning and special-purpose zoning regulations may be adopted as a single ordinance or as separate ordinances; they may or may not be contained in the same document. Any analysis of locally proposed land uses must take into consideration the provisions of both general and special-purpose zoning. As already noted, the watershed includes portions of the City of Delafield, City of Pewaukee, City of Waukesha, and the Villages of Hartland, Pewaukee, and Sussex; and the Towns of Delafield, Lisbon, and Merton within Waukesha County. The ordinances administered by these units of government are summarized in Table III-5 and described in more detail below.

<sup>20</sup>Personal Communication, David White, Engineer, Village of Pewaukee, August 2013.

Table III-5

LAND USE REGULATIONS WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED BY CIVIL DIVISION: 2010

Community	Type of Ordinance				
	General Zoning	Floodland Zoning	Shoreland or Shoreland-Wetland Zoning	Subdivision Control	Erosion Control and Stormwater Management
Waukesha County .....	Adopted	Adopted	Adopted and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources approved	Floodland and shoreland only	Adopted
City of Delafield .....	Adopted	Adopted	Adopted	Adopted	Adopted
City of Pewaukee.....	Adopted	Adopted	Adopted	Adopted	Other <sup>a</sup>
City of Waukesha .....	Adopted	Adopted	Adopted	Adopted	Adopted
Village of Hartland .....	Adopted	Adopted	Adopted	Adopted	Adopted
Village of Pewaukee .....	Adopted	Adopted	Adopted	Adopted	County ordinance
Village of Sussex .....	Adopted	Adopted	Adopted	Adopted	Adopted
Town of Delafield.....	Adopted	County ordinance	County ordinance	Adopted	County ordinance
Town of Lisbon .....	Adopted	County ordinance	County ordinance	Adopted	County ordinance
Town of Merton.....	Adopted	County ordinance	County ordinance	Adopted	County ordinance

<sup>a</sup>Erosion control and stormwater management standards are built into other ordinances.

Source: SEWRPC.

**General Zoning**

Villages in Wisconsin are granted comprehensive, or general, zoning powers under Section 61.35 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*. Counties are granted general zoning powers within their unincorporated areas under Section 59.69 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*. However, a county zoning ordinance becomes effective only in those towns that ratify the county ordinance. Towns that have not adopted a county zoning ordinance may adopt village powers, and subsequently utilize the village zoning authority conferred in Section 62.23, subject, however, to county board approval where a general-purpose county zoning ordinance exists. Alternatively, a town may adopt a zoning ordinance under Section 60.61 of the *Wisconsin Statutes* where a general-purpose county zoning ordinance has not been adopted, but only after the county board fails to adopt a county ordinance at the petition of the governing body of the town concerned. General zoning is in effect in all communities within the Pewaukee River watershed.

Zoning is a tool used to regulate the use of land in Waukesha County in a manner that serves to promote the general welfare of its citizens, the quality of the environment, and the conservation of its resources, as well as implement a land use plan. Zoning is the delineation of areas or zones into specific districts which provides uniform regulations and requirements that govern the use, placement, spacing, and size of land and buildings. The Planning and Zoning Division of the Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use administers the zoning maps and the zoning ordinance for portions of the unincorporated areas of Waukesha County. The Basic Zoning Code applies to the Towns of Delafield, Lisbon, and Merton. The code is designed to provide standards for land development to provide for adequate sanitation, drainage, safety, convenience of access, the preservation and promotion of the environment, property values, and general attractiveness.

**Floodland Zoning**

Section 87.30 of the *Wisconsin Statutes* requires that villages and counties, with respect to their unincorporated areas, adopt floodland zoning to preserve the floodwater conveyance and storage capacity of floodplain areas and to prevent the location of new flood-damage-prone development in flood hazard areas. The minimum standards which such ordinances must meet are set forth in Chapter NR 116, “Wisconsin’s Floodplain Management Program,” of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*. The required regulations govern filling and development within a regulatory floodplain, which is defined as the area which has a 1 percent annual probability of being inundated.

The 1-percent-annual-probability (100-year recurrence interval) floodplains within the Pewaukee River watershed are shown on Map III-4. Under Chapter NR 116, local floodland zoning regulations must prohibit nearly all forms of development within the floodway, which is that portion of the floodplain required to convey the 1-percent-annual-probability peak flood flow. Local regulations must also restrict filling and development within the flood fringe, which is that portion of the floodplain located outside the floodway that would be covered by floodwater during the 1-percent-annual-probability flood. Allowing the filling and development of the flood fringe area, however, reduces the floodwater storage capacity of the natural floodplain, and may, thereby, increase downstream flood flows and stages. Map III-1 shows two types of flood fringe labeled Zone A that distinguish whether the extent of the flood fringe area was based upon a determined elevation versus areas where the flood fringe was estimated and does not contain a specific elevation. This difference generally reflects the amount of information available when these areas were mapped in 2008 and the majority of these areas are associated with the small headwater tributary streams particularly on Coco Creek and Meadowbrook Creek.

The Waukesha County ordinances related to shoreland and floodland protection recognize existing uses and structures and regulates them in accordance with sound floodplain management practices while protecting the overall water quality of stream systems. These ordinances are intended to: 1) regulate and diminish the proliferation of nonconforming structures and uses in floodplain areas; 2) regulate reconstruction, remodeling, conversion and repair of such nonconforming structures with the overall intent of lessening the public responsibilities attendant to the continued and expanded development of land and structures which are inherently incompatible with natural floodplains; and, 3) lessen the potential danger to life, safety, health, and welfare of persons whose lands are subject to the hazards of floods. Floodland zoning is in place for all the towns in Waukesha County (see Table III-5). The Cities of Delafield, Pewaukee, and Waukesha, and the Villages of Hartland, Pewaukee, and Sussex have all adopted their own floodland ordinances.

### **Shoreland Regulation**

Shoreland zoning regulations play an important role in protecting water resources. Under Section 59.692 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*, within their unincorporated areas, counties in Wisconsin are required to adopt zoning regulations within statutorily defined shoreland areas, which are defined as those lands within 1,000 feet of a navigable lake, pond, or flowage; 300 feet of a navigable stream; or to the landward side of the floodplain, whichever distance is greater.<sup>21</sup>

Minimum standards for county shoreland zoning ordinances are set forth in Chapter NR 115, “Wisconsin’s Shoreland Management Program,” of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*.<sup>22</sup> Chapter NR 115 sets forth minimum requirements regarding lot sizes and building setbacks; restrictions on cutting of trees and shrubbery; and restrictions on filling, grading, lagooning, dredging, ditching, and excavating that must be incorporated into county shoreland zoning regulations. Because these are minimum requirements, counties may enact more restrictive ordinance provisions as are appropriate. In addition, Chapter NR 115 requires that counties place all wetlands five acres or larger and within the statutory shoreland zoning jurisdiction area into a wetland conservancy zoning district to ensure their preservation after completion of appropriate wetland inventories by the WDNR. However, the rules regarding minimum lot sizes, building setbacks, and cutting of trees and shrubbery established in Chapter NR 115 for counties do not apply to cities and villages, except for newly annexed areas. Minimum standards for village shoreland-wetland zoning ordinances are set forth in Chapter NR 117, “Wisconsin’s City and Village Shoreland-Wetland Protection Program,” of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*.

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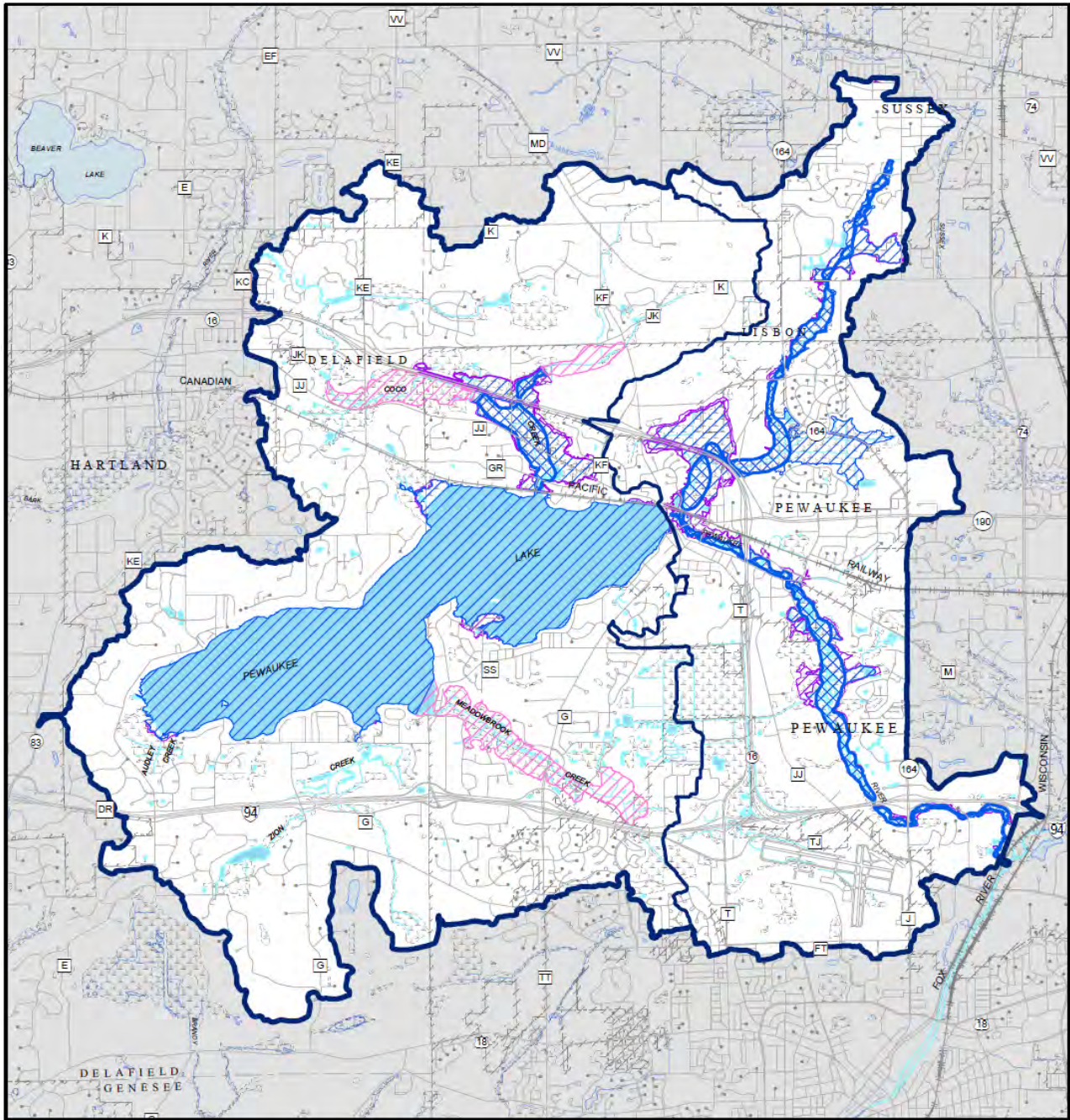
<sup>21</sup>*Definitive determination of navigability and location of the ordinary high water mark on a case-by-case basis is the responsibility of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.*








<sup>22</sup>*As of June 2009, a refined Chapter NR 115 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code was approved by the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board. These refinements, in part, provided for limitation of impervious surface areas in the shoreland zone.*

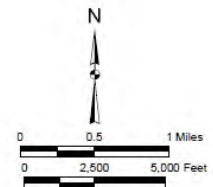


Map III-4

FLOODPLAINS WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED



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|---|--|---|-----------------------|
|  | ONE-PERCENT-ANNUAL-PROBABILITY FLOODPLAINS ZONE AE FLOODWAY (BASE FLOOD ELEVATION DETERMINED); FEMA 2008     |  | SURFACE WATER         |
|  | ONE-PERCENT-ANNUAL-PROBABILITY FLOODPLAINS ZONE A FLOODFRINGE (BASE FLOOD ELEVATION DETERMINED); FEMA 2008   |  | WATERSHED BOUNDARY    |
|  | ONE-PERCENT-ANNUAL-PROBABILITY FLOODPLAINS ZONE A FLOODFRINGE (BASE FLOOD ELEVATION UNDETERMINED); FEMA 2008 |  | SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY |
|  | 0.2-PERCENT-ANNUAL-PROBABILITY FLOODPLAINS (500-YEAR RECURRENCE INTERVAL); FEMA 2008                         |   |                       |



Source: FEMA and SEWRPC.

The basis for identification of wetlands to be protected under Chapters NR 115 and NR 117 is the Wisconsin Wetlands Inventory. Mandated by the State Legislature in 1978, that inventory resulted in the preparation of wetland maps covering each U.S. Public Land Survey township in the State. The inventory was completed for counties in southeastern Wisconsin in 1982 with the wetlands being delineated by the SEWRPC on its 1980, one-inch-equals-2,000-foot-scale aerial photography. SEWRPC staff, working in conjunction with the WDNR, recently completed updating that wetland inventory based on interpretation of 2005 color digital orthophotography and field verification of selected wetland boundaries (see Wetlands section in Chapter II of this report for specific details).

County shoreland zoning ordinances are in effect in all unincorporated areas of Waukesha County. All of the incorporated municipalities within the Pewaukee River watershed have adopted shoreland-wetland zoning ordinances.

### ***Shoreland Zoning Regulations in Annexed Lands***

According to Section 59.692(7)(a) of the *Wisconsin Statutes*, county shoreland zoning regulations remain in effect in areas which are annexed by a city or village after May 7, 1982, or for a town which incorporates as a city or village after April 30, 1994, unless the ordinance requirements of the annexing or incorporating city or village are at least as stringent as those of the county. The only exception to this condition is if, after annexation, the annexing municipality requests the county to amend the county ordinance to delete or modify provisions that establish specified land uses or requirements associated with those uses. In such a situation, stipulations regarding land uses or requirements may be amended by the county.

### ***Regulatory Programs for Wetlands***

The determination of permissible, or potentially permissible, activities in wetlands within the Pewaukee River watershed may involve shoreland-wetland regulations as administered by the counties, cities, and villages, all under the oversight of the WDNR, pursuant to authorities set forth in Chapter 30 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*. Wetland water quality standards are set forth in Chapter NR 103, "Wetland Water Quality Standards," of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*. The procedures and criteria for the application, processing, and review of State water quality certifications are set forth in Chapter NR 299, "Water Quality Certification." Chapter NR 103 applies to the discharge of dredged or fill materials to wetlands, among other provisions. These regulations are administered by the WDNR and in some cases jointly by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USCOE) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) pursuant to Section 404 of the Federal Clean Water Act. As a result of the January 9, 2001, ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court in the matter of *Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*, No. 99-1178 ("SWANCC") certain isolated, nonnavigable, intrastate wetlands/waters are not under USCOE regulatory jurisdiction. However, such wetlands may be regulated under complementary State regulations. In addition to the State standards noted above, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) implements policies and programs regarding wetland protection and preservation that benefit farmers and the environment.

The minimum developable lot sizes for parcels that include wetlands are regulated by the various jurisdictions that have general zoning authority within the watershed in Waukesha County. For development adjacent to statutory wetlands, the Waukesha County ordinance specifies a minimum setback. There is currently no specified limit on the maximum area of impervious surface for development adjacent to statutory wetlands.

### ***Subdivision Regulations***

Chapter 236 of the *Wisconsin Statutes* requires the preparation of a subdivision plat whenever five or more lots of 1.5 acres or less in area are created either at one time or by successive divisions within a period of five years. The *Wisconsin Statutes* set forth requirements for surveying lots and streets, for plat review and approval by State and local agencies, and for recording approved plats. Section 236.45 of the *Wisconsin Statutes* allows any city, village, town, or county that has established a planning agency to adopt a land division ordinance, provided the local ordinance is at least as restrictive as the State platting requirements. Local land division ordinances may include the review of other land divisions not defined as "subdivisions" under Chapter 236, such as when fewer than five lots are created or when lots larger than 1.5 acres are created.

In accordance with Chapter 236 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*, the subdivision regulatory powers of counties are confined to unincorporated areas. City and village subdivision control ordinances may be applied to extraterritorial areas, as well as to their incorporated areas.<sup>23</sup> Counties have approval authority in the unincorporated areas and objecting authority in the incorporated areas. It is possible for both a county and a town to have concurrent jurisdiction over land divisions in unincorporated areas, or for a city or village to have concurrent jurisdiction with a town and county in the city and village extraterritorial plat approval areas. In the case of overlapping jurisdiction, the most restrictive requirements apply. Each community within the Pewaukee River watershed has adopted its own subdivision ordinance. The subdivision control ordinances adopted and administered by Waukesha County apply only to the unincorporated statutory shoreland areas of the County. Further, the Waukesha County Storm Water Management and Erosion Control Ordinance also contains certain cross-compliance provisions that directly affect the subdivision plat review and approval process in all unincorporated areas.

### **Construction Site Erosion Control and Stormwater Management Ordinances**

Stormwater management and erosion control ordinances help minimize water pollution, flooding, and other negative impacts of urbanization on downstream water resources (lakes, streams, wetlands, and groundwater) and property owners, both during and after construction activities. These ordinances are an important tool for accomplishing watershed protection goals because they apply to the whole watershed, not just a certain distance from the water resource.

The *Wisconsin Statutes* grant authority to counties (Section 59.693), villages (Section 61.653), and towns (Section 60.627) in Wisconsin to adopt ordinances for the prevention of erosion from construction sites and the management of stormwater runoff, which generally apply to new development from lands within their jurisdictions. A county ordinance would apply to all unincorporated areas and newly annexed lands, unless the annexing city or village enforces an ordinance at least as restrictive as the county ordinance. Towns may adopt village powers pursuant to Section 60.10 of the *Wisconsin Statutes* and subsequently utilize the authority conferred on villages to adopt their own erosion control and stormwater management ordinances. Pursuant to Section 60.627 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*, Town construction site erosion control and stormwater management zoning requirements adopted under this section supersede county ordinances.

In the mid-1990s Waukesha County, through the Storm Water Advisory Committee, helped develop a State model ordinance for post-construction stormwater management, which was later merged into a single ordinance for erosion control and stormwater management. The County adopted the merged ordinance in 1998 and many local communities followed.

Starting in August 2004, the LRD worked with the Waukesha County Storm Water Advisory Committee over the period of seven months to rewrite the county ordinance to reflect the new performance standards and address a number of other implementation issues identified by the LRD. In March of 2005, the Waukesha County Board adopted Chapter 14, Article VIII, “Storm Water Management and Erosion Control Ordinance of the Waukesha County Code.”<sup>24</sup> Enforcement of this ordinance currently represents the largest workload for the LRD. It should

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<sup>23</sup>*Under Section 236.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the extraterritorial plat approval jurisdiction is the area within three miles of the corporate limits of a first-, second-, or third-class city and within 1.5 miles of a fourth-class city or a village. The Cities of Pewaukee and Waukesha have extraterritorial zoning that applies within three miles and the City of Delafield and Villages of Hartland, Pewaukee, and Sussex have extraterritorial zoning that applies within 1.5 miles of each of these municipalities within the Pewaukee River watershed.*

<sup>24</sup>*A copy of the ordinance is available on the LRD’s web page at: [http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/uploadedFiles/Media/PDF/Parks\\_and\\_Land\\_Use/Land\\_Conservation/Stormwater/Index\\_Docs/Final%202005%20Storm%20Water%20Ordinance%20-%20Waukesha%20Co%20Web%20Version.pdf](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/uploadedFiles/Media/PDF/Parks_and_Land_Use/Land_Conservation/Stormwater/Index_Docs/Final%202005%20Storm%20Water%20Ordinance%20-%20Waukesha%20Co%20Web%20Version.pdf).*

be noted that local erosion control ordinances do not apply to single-family home construction as these are regulated under Chapter Comm 21 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*. Chapter Comm 21 supersedes all local ordinances. In June 2006, the LRD applied for status as an “authorized local program” by the WDNR under the provisions of NR 216.415 for regulating stormwater discharges from new construction sites within the jurisdiction of the County ordinance. This streamlines the regulatory framework that land developers, contractors, and the County must work within to secure the necessary permits before beginning development or road projects.

Under the County ordinance, there are a series of triggers that require a Storm Water Permit from the LRD. “Land disturbing activities” of a certain size require the preparation of an *erosion control plan* to reduce soil erosion and sedimentation during the construction and landscaping phases of a development. “Land development activities” generally result in the addition of impervious surfaces to the land (i.e., rooftops and pavement of at least one-half acre in size), which requires the preparation of a *stormwater management plan* to control post-construction stormwater runoff. Erosion control plans and stormwater management plans both require a Storm Water Permit. The ordinance establishes a series of technical design standards aimed to maintain predevelopment runoff patterns, peak flows, infiltration, water quality and the general hydrology of the site. While these standards may vary slightly between communities, the general intent and resulting best management practices on the landscape are usually similar.

Because stormwater management planning has a significant effect on onsite planning and land divisions, several provisions have been incorporated into the County ordinance to better coordinate stormwater planning with these other planning processes. One requires a “Preliminary Review Letter” from the LRD before certain zoning decisions or preliminary plat approval can be completed by the Planning and Zoning Division. Another requires a “Certification of Compliance” with the ordinance from the LRD before a Plat or Certified Survey Map can be approved for recording with the County Register of Deeds. These provisions have proved invaluable in avoiding conflicts between regulatory review processes and in promoting environmentally sound site planning for new developments.

#### ***Erosion Control for One- and Two-Family Dwelling Construction***

Since the early 1990s, the Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code, set forth in Chapter Comm 21 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*, has included erosion control requirements for one- and two-family homes that apply statewide. Specific construction site and erosion control requirements for unincorporated areas of Waukesha County have been promulgated under Chapter 14, Parks and Land Use, of the *County Code of Ordinances*.

#### ***Building Regulations***

Waukesha County has incorporated several standards into their stormwater ordinance that are intended to prevent basement wetness and flooding in newly developed areas, even if they are outside of zoned floodplains. For buildings designed for human occupation, these standards address flooding from surface water and wetness caused by groundwater seepage. For surface water, the standards use the peak water surface elevation produced by a 100-year, 24-hour design storm as a benchmark, requiring a 50-foot horizontal setback and a minimum two-foot vertical separation from this elevation to the ground surface at the lowest exposed portion of the building. For groundwater, the standards generally do not allow these buildings on hydric soils and require a minimum one-foot vertical separation between the seasonal high groundwater table and the proposed basement floor surface. These standards apply to all the unincorporated areas of the County. Requiring buildings to meet these standards helps protect the large investments of local homebuyers, while avoiding potential nuisance drainage issues and costly publicly funded solutions in the future. These restrictions have also become more important in recent years as the living spaces of homes are often extended to a finished lower level.

#### ***Stormwater Facility Operation and Maintenance***

As stormwater facilities become more complex, they will require more attention by the end users. This is especially true for infiltration practices. Establishing an ongoing operation and maintenance program is critical to successful stormwater management. Waukesha County has developed a stormwater facility database that serves as a repository of design, construction, and maintenance information for stormwater best management practices



under County jurisdiction. This database is being populated with new projects as they are permitted under the County ordinance. In addition, a process has been developed to populate the database with historical information about previously permitted projects. This database is also accessible to municipal engineers around the County and will serve as a source of information for the continued maintenance of stormwater facilities into the future.

Stormwater management maintenance agreements are now required through all local stormwater ordinances. These agreements include a detailed maintenance plan for each stormwater management practice and describe the owner's obligations for implementation. The agreements usually authorize the local community to enforce the maintenance provisions, using their special assessment powers if needed to ensure the work is done. Detailed as-built documentation is often recorded as an exhibit in the agreement to serve as a reference for future maintenance work. Documentation of inspections and maintenance activities are usually required to be submitted to the local community before a permit is closed and a financial assurance is released.

Most communities check stormwater facilities at the time of initial construction to establish conformance with permit requirements. However, the long-term maintenance of stormwater management practices is often the responsibility of private landowners. Consequently, many communities do not have proactive inspection programs, but may react to citizen complaints. Waukesha County has started to include a limited inspection service for existing stormwater practices through intergovernmental agreements with towns. Pursuant to Chapters NR 151 and NR 216 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*, the WDNR may require a landowner to maintain stormwater management practices.

## **Special Units of Government**

### ***Stormwater Utility Districts***

Section 66.0827 of the *Wisconsin Statutes* permits towns, villages, and cities of the third and fourth class to establish utility districts for a number of municipal improvement functions. Funds for the provision of services within the district which are not paid for through special assessments are provided by levying a tax upon all property within the district. The establishment of utility districts requires a majority vote in towns and a three-fourths vote in villages. Prior to establishing such a district, the local governing bodies are required to hold a formal public hearing. The establishment of stormwater utility districts has become more common in recent years as a mechanism to implement stormwater management practices pursuant to Chapter NR 216 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*. Such districts install and maintain stormwater conveyance and management systems typically within subdivisions or other portions of municipalities where such services are required. To date, there are no known utility districts established in the Pewaukee River watershed.

### ***Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District***

General oversight of the Pewaukee Lake management activities currently is provided by the Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District with the advisory input from the City and Village of Pewaukee, and Town of Delafield. The Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District is a Chapter 60, *Wisconsin Statutes*, town sanitary district serving the Town of Delafield, and providing contract services to the City of Pewaukee. The Sanitary District provides lake management services including aquatic plant harvesting and shoreline cleanup for the Town of Delafield and for the City of Pewaukee. The District also purchases and manages land to protect water quality for Pewaukee Lake. For example, the District recently obtained \$200,000 grant from the WDNR combined with \$72,000 of their own funds this past March 2013, which enabled them to purchase and protect 26 acres of wetland and 6 acres of upland within the Pewaukee River watershed.<sup>25</sup>

In addition, the Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District also owns and maintains the sanitary sewer system around Pewaukee Lake. All effluent from that system, however, is transported to the City of Brookfield for treatment. The sanitary sewer service area (see Map II-4 in Chapter II of this report) includes a portion of the City of Pewaukee where the Sanitary District owns the sanitary sewer lines and pump stations.

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<sup>25</sup>Melissa Graham, *Living Reporter/Focus*, "Grant Preserves Pewaukee Wetland," March 5, 2013.

### ***Public Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation Districts***

In order to maintain, protect, and improve the water quality of a lake and manage its watershed in an environmentally sound manner, the Wisconsin Legislature has authorized the creation of Public Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation Districts under Subchapter IV of Chapter 33 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*.<sup>26</sup> Similar to town sanitary districts, lake districts can be established by orders or resolutions adopted by a town, village, or county in response to the petition of the landowners within the boundary of the proposed district. Lake management districts are governmental bodies, and as such, have strictly defined boundaries. Lake districts have limited powers outside of their lake management functions.

The Pewaukee Lake Sanitary District is the only public inland lake management district in the Pewaukee River watershed. This organization depends on the cooperation of general purpose units of government to address many of the jurisdictional issues that affect the use of the lake.

### ***Nonprofit Conservation Organizations***

In addition to governmental organizations, voluntary community organizations often participate in resource management projects. While they lack governmental authority, and both membership and payment of dues are voluntary, many of these nonprofit conservation organizations (NCOs) are influential in sustaining public interest in resource management issues and provide an important mechanism for public informational programming and involvement in communities. Many NCOs are incorporated under Chapter 181 of the *Wisconsin Statutes* and many are registered charitable organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code. Several such organizations exist in the Pewaukee River watershed. In addition, incorporated lake or stream associations, meeting specific criteria established by the WDNR, may be eligible for cost-share grant funds under the lake or stream management and protection grant programs described below. For example, the Pewaukee River Partnership, which has led the effort in developing this planning study, is an NCO.

These organizations depend on the cooperation of general purpose units of government to address many of the jurisdictional issues that affect the use of the lake, and perform an important advocacy role in the basin. In addition, these organizations perform a vital role in community-based educational and informational programming, as discussed below.

## **RELATED CONSERVATION PROGRAMS**

Coordination with Federal, State, regional, and local agencies is paramount to the protection of the land and water resources of the Pewaukee River watershed. The conservation programs mentioned below are vital to the successful implementation of this plan. The positive integration of programs and funding sources administered by the county and their cooperating agencies do the most toward accomplishing these goals.

### **Federal Programs**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA NRCS) has several programs directed at agricultural producers to alleviate cropland erosion, and to protect natural resources, as well as provide a financial incentive. The programs available to local producers and landowners are presented in Table III-6 and summarized below. There are four programs that help to reduce erosion, protect wildlife habitat, restore wetlands, and improve water quality. All programs involve cost-share assistance from the Federal government, provided the landowner follows the prescribed practices of each program.

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<sup>26</sup>*University of Wisconsin-Extension Publication No. G3818, People of the Lakes: A Guide for Wisconsin Lake Organizations: Lake Associations and Lake Districts, 11th Edition, 2006.*

Table III-6

## CHARACTERISTICS OF USDA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Program	Contract Length	Sign-Up Period	Cost-Share	Rental or Tillage Payments	Practices Suitable for Program	Amount of Land
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)/Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)	10, 15 years or as perpetual easements	Continuous or once a year	50 percent	A specified dollar amount per acre based upon soil type	Permanent pasture, buffer strips, grassed waterways, windbreaks, trees	Small sensitive areas along stream corridors to large tracts of land
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	Five to 10 years	Twice a year	Up to 75 percent	No till practices only, with a 50-acre maximum	Livestock waste management, erosion and sediment control, habitat improvement, groundwater protection	Designed for the whole farm, not just small areas of the farm
Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)	10 years	Continuous	Up to 75 percent	- -	Instream structures for fish habitat, prairie restoration, wildlife travel lanes, wetland scrapes	Site- and species-specific, small to large areas, five-acre minimum
Wetland Reserve Program (WRP)	10 years, or 30 years and permanent easements	Continuous	Up to 100 percent	- -	Wetland restoration	20-acre minimum

Source: U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service and SEWRPC.

### ***Conservation Reserve Program***

The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and related State Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) are voluntary programs for agricultural landowners that provide annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland. The CRP goal is to reduce soil erosion, protect the nation's ability to produce food and fiber, reduce sedimentation in streams and lakes, improve water quality, establish wildlife habitat, and enhance forest and wetland resources. It encourages farmers to convert highly erodible cropland or other environmentally sensitive acreage to vegetative cover, such as a prairie compatible noninvasive forage mix, wildlife plantings, trees, filter strips, or riparian buffers. Farmers receive an annual rental payment for the term of the multi-year contract based on the agriculture rental value of the land, and up to 50 percent Federal cost-sharing is provided to establish vegetative cover practices. The program is administered by the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), with technical assistance provided by the NRCS. The NRCS works with landowners to develop their application, and to plan, design, and install the conservation practices on the land.

### ***Environmental Quality Incentives Program***

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary conservation program that supports the production of agriculture and environmental quality as compatible goals. Through EQIP, farmers may receive financial and technical help with structural and management conservation practices on agricultural land. EQIP offers contracts for practice implementation for periods ranging from five to 10 years, and it pays up to 75 percent of the costs of eligible conservation practices. Incentive payments and cost-share payments may also be made to encourage a farmer to adopt land management practices, such as nutrient management, manure management, integrated pest management, or wildlife habitat management.

### ***Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program***

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) is a voluntary program for people who want to develop or improve wildlife habitat on private lands. It provides both technical assistance and up to 75 percent Federal cost-sharing to help establish and improve wildlife habitat. Landowners agree to work with NRCS to prepare and implement a wildlife habitat development plan which describes the landowner's goals for improving wildlife habitat, includes a list of practices and a schedule for installing them, and details the steps necessary to maintain the habitat for the life of the cost-share agreement. The WHIP emphasizes reestablishment of declining species and habitats, including prairie chickens, meadowlarks, sharp-tailed grouse, Karner blue butterfly, smallmouth bass, blue-winged teal, and many other species of grassland birds, reptiles, insects, and small mammals. Some of the opportunities that exist are installing instream structures to provide fish habitat, restore prairie and oak savannahs, and brush management and control of invasive species.

Cost-shared practices include burning, seeding, and brush management of prairies, grasslands, and savannah; instream structures and bank stabilization in streams; and timber stand improvement and brush management on woodlots. Federal or State wildlife agencies or private organizations may provide additional funding or expertise to help complete a project. Contracts normally last a minimum of five years from the date the contract is signed and cost-sharing does not exceed \$10,000. Eligible lands must be a minimum of five acres of agricultural or nonagricultural land, woodlots, pasture land, streambanks, and shorelands. Lands currently enrolled in other conservation programs are not eligible to participate in WHIP.

### ***Wetlands Reserve Program***

The Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) is another voluntary program designed to restore and protect wetlands on private property. It is an opportunity for landowners to receive financial incentives to restore wetlands that have been drained for agricultural purposes. Landowners who choose to participate in WRP may sell a conservation easement or enter into a cost-share restoration agreement with USDA to restore and protect wetlands. The landowner voluntarily limits future use of the land, yet retains private ownership. The landowner and NRCS develop a plan for the restoration and maintenance of the wetland. This program offers landowners three options; permanent easements, 30-year easements, and restoration cost-share agreements of a minimum 10-year duration.

## **State Programs**

### ***Farmland Preservation Program***

The DATCP and the Wisconsin Department of Revenue oversee the Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) across the State. This program allows agricultural landowners who meet certain eligibility requirements to file for tax credits. As a condition of receiving the tax credits, the land for which the credits are to be received must be farmed in accordance with soil and water conservation standards developed by counties and approved by the State of Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Board. A farm plan for each landowner and farm involved is usually developed by the County or NRCS and ensures that through tillage practices, crop rotations, or other appropriate conservation practices that soil erosion is being effectively reduced to at or below tolerable soil loss rates. Landowners who are found to be in noncompliance with the law must come into compliance with the rules, or become ineligible to participate in the program.

### ***Targeted Runoff Management Grant Program***

To help control polluted runoff from both agricultural and urban sites, Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) grants awarded under Chapter NR 151 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code* are directed at high-priority resource problems. Eligibility is limited to local units of government, special purpose districts (i.e., school or stormwater utility districts), tribal commissions, and regional planning agencies. Governmental units can be granted up to 70 percent of eligible project costs for various (urban or rural) best management practices (BMPs), up to a cap of \$150,000. Property purchases (from willing sellers only), granted at 50 percent of WDNR-approved appraised value, can be included in the \$150,000 grant amount. Rural easements, funded at 75 percent of the WDNR-appraised value, can also be included in the \$150,000 grant cap. Projects are executed by units of government under grant agreements with the WDNR. For rural BMPs (i.e., barnyard relocation, manure storage, etc.), units of



government (e.g., county land conservation departments) execute the projects under contracts held on behalf of county residents. Funds are disbursed on a reimbursement basis, payable upon completion of the project, at the conclusion of the two-year grant period.

### **Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Planning Program**

Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Planning Program (UNPS&SW) grant funds awarded under Chapter NR 155 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code* are used to control polluted runoff in urban project areas. Funds are awarded for either planning or construction projects. The grant period is two years. Projects funded through this grant program are site-specific, serve areas generally smaller in size than a subwatershed, and are targeted at identified high-priority problems. An “urban project area” must meet one of these criteria:

- An area with a residential population density of at least 1,000 people per square mile;
- Lands in either commercial or industrial use;
- A portion of a privately owned industrial site not covered by a WPDES permit issued under Chapter NR 216 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*; or,
- A municipally owned industrial site (regardless of Chapter NR 216 permit requirements).

UNPS&SW planning grants can be used to pay for a variety of technical assistance activities. Eligible planning and technical assistance activities, such as stormwater management planning, related information and education activities, and ordinance and utility development and enforcement, are cost-shared at 70 percent. Eligible UNPS&SW construction grant costs may include the costs of such projects as stormwater detention ponds, filtration and infiltration practices, streambank stabilization, and shoreline stabilization. Eligible costs are cost-shared at 50 percent, up to a maximum of \$150,000. Additional cost-share reimbursements may be available for project design, land acquisition, and permanent easements costs, with the approval of WDNR regional staff.

### **Soil and Water Resource Management Program**

The current Chapter ATCP 50, “Soil and Water Resource Management Program,” became effective on October 1, 2002, and was most recently revised in October, 2004. The administrative rule relates specifically to agricultural management programs and it establishes requirements and/or standards for:

- Soil and water conservation on farms;
- County soil and water programs, including land and water resource management plans;
- Grants to counties to support county conservation staff;
- Cost-share grants to landowners for implementation of conservation practices;
- Design certifications by soil and water professionals;
- Local regulations and ordinances; and,
- Cost-share practice eligibility and design, construction, and maintenance.

### **Lake Management Planning and Protection Grant Programs**

Lake management planning projects may be eligible for a 75 percent cost-share grant, up to \$10,000 State-share under the Chapter NR 190 Lake Management Planning Grant Program, with implementation projects being eligible for a 50 percent cost-share grant under the Chapter NR 191 Lake Protection Grant Program. Lake management planning projects are further divided into small-scale projects of up to \$3,500 and larger-scale

projects of up to \$10,000 State-share. The former are designed primarily to support lake water quality monitoring projects, although other planning activities are also eligible for funding.

Chapter NR 191 lake protection activities related to land acquisition and implementation of remedial measures identified in a WDNR-approved lake management plan may receive up to \$200,000 in State cost-share funding, while ordinance development projects and diagnostic feasibility studies may be cost shared up to \$100,000. These grants are available to local units of government, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation districts, lake sanitary districts, and qualified lake associations. In addition, counties are eligible to apply for funding to develop and implement local land and water management programs that are targeted to specific classes of lakes in response to various development and recreational use pressures. Grant awards may fund up to 75 percent of eligible project costs, not to exceed \$50,000.

Additional funding for specific land acquisition activities may be available through the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program, created by the Wisconsin Legislature in 1989 and authorized under Chapters NR 50/51 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*, to preserve valuable natural areas and wildlife habitat, protect water quality and fisheries, and expand opportunities for outdoor recreation. Similarly, the Recreational Boating Facilities Grant program, authorized under Chapter NR 7 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*, can provide additional funds for public recreational boating access, access site improvements, Eurasian water milfoil control, and establishment and/or marking of navigational channels, among other activities.

#### ***River Planning and Protection Grant Program***

In a like manner to the lake grant programs, the Chapter NR 195 River Planning and Protection Grant program supports efforts of local governments to develop and implement river (and stream) management practices designed to minimize or mitigate human impacts on flowing water systems. Grant awards are made on a 75 percent cost-share basis to eligible units of government in amounts up to \$10,000 for planning projects and \$50,000 for management projects. Property acquisition, implementation of best management practices, and educational and informational programming are eligible projects under this program.

#### ***Aquatic Invasive Species Grant Program***

The Chapter NR 198 Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant awards may not exceed 75 percent of the project cost. Maximum grant awards depend upon the type of project being executed, with education, prevention and planning projects being limited to a maximum award of \$150,000. Watercraft inspection program projects, conducted within this grant category, are limited to a State share of \$4,000 annually for each public boat launch facility, with the total project cost-share amount being less than or equal to the 75 percent State share. Early detection and response projects, conducted under this grant program, are limited to a maximum award of \$20,000, and established population control projects to a maximum State share amount of \$200,000. Education, prevention and planning projects can be funded as small-scale projects of up to \$50,000 State cost-share or larger-scale projects of greater than \$50,000 State cost-share.

#### **Community Information and Education Programs**

Community involvement and educational outreach is a key element of preserving the ecologically significant areas within the Pewaukee River watershed. There are several active organizations within the watershed including: the Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District, land conservancy organizations, and citizen monitoring groups.

#### ***Monitoring and Evaluation Programs***

Monitoring and evaluation program efforts are important to ensure program effectiveness and accountability in the expenditure of public funds. Measuring progress for nonpoint pollution control programs has been identified as a serious challenge in several State legislative audits since the late 1980s. Past program efforts have focused on tracking best management practices installed to control nonpoint pollution and associated expenditures involved. Actually measuring changes in water quality is the best way to track progress, but can be expensive. In addition, because of the high number of variables involved in monitoring water quality, it is often difficult to interpret the data. One solution to this problem is to encourage volunteer citizen monitoring.

### *Citizen Stream Monitors*

For several years, groups like the Water Action Volunteers (WAV) have held training sessions to teach interested citizens how to monitor streams for temperature, turbidity, dissolved oxygen, stream flow, and how to conduct biotic index and habitat assessments. The data collected is entered into an internet accessible database that will be useful for monitoring future trends in stream condition. There are eleven WAV monitoring locations in the Pewaukee River watershed, which has been monitored since around 2005 through 2007. (see Water Quality section in chapter IV of this report for more details).

### *Citizen Lake Monitoring Network*

Wisconsin's Self-Help Lake Monitoring Program began in 1986 as one component of the WDNR Lake Management Program. The program is now included within the Citizen Lake Monitoring Network (CLMN) administered by the University of Wisconsin-Extension (UWEX) Lakes Partnership team. The CLMN is a data collection program implemented on approximately 1,000 of Wisconsin's 15,000 lakes which serves as a citizen education program about lakes in general. Each volunteer learns about his or her own lake(s) by collecting water quality data. These data are focused on Secchi-disk transparency measurements, although the expanded program includes data collection necessary to support determination of Trophic State Indices (TSI values)—the expanded program includes the collection of water samples for total phosphorus and chlorophyll-*a* analysis, which is conducted by the State Laboratory of Hygiene (SLOH), as well as collection of temperature and dissolved oxygen concentration profiles. The data from both the basic and expanded programs are summarized in a detailed report provided to the volunteers at the end of each sampling season.

The Program was designed around a set of objectives designed to teach citizen volunteers about lake water quality sampling techniques along with some concepts of basic limnology, and to increase their understanding of their study lakes. Data are collected over time and analyzed for normal and seasonal variations and long-term trends, and are intended to help lake organizations and communities in making sound lake management decisions. Pewaukee Lakes is included in the Self-Help monitoring program.

### ***Informational and Educational Programs***

Various citizen-based organizations take an active interest in the Pewaukee River basin. These groups address a number of concerns facing the basin and its communities, both natural and human, through both informational programming and management activities. Activities focus on both the terrestrial and aquatic resources of the basin.

With respect to the terrestrial and wetland resources of the Pewaukee River basin, the Waukesha County Land Trust and Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District currently are working to preserve rare, threatened, and endangered species in and around Pewaukee Lake through partnerships with landowners and other interested stakeholders. The Waukesha County Environmental Action League (WEAL) helps to protect the natural resources of Waukesha County through local advocacy, public informational programs, newsletters, and the WEAL website. WEAL provides up-to-date information on environmental issues to: the general public; teachers; county, city, and village officials; and State legislators. As previously mentioned in the Municipal Stormwater Discharge Permits section above, each of the MS4 communities within the Pewaukee River watershed works with Waukesha County staff to implement their information and education programs, which are targeted specifically for developers, engineers, contractors, municipal staff and the general public.

The Waukesha County Land Conservancy is a nonprofit, tax-exempt, nongovernmental conservation land trust whose goal is to protect natural resources through partnerships with private and public landowners. It is managed by a volunteer board of directors made up of local citizens who have a shared vision for preserving their communities' natural heritage. The Land Conservancy works in partnership with landowners and communities to permanently conserve natural resources.

Since its origin in 1992, the Waukesha County Land Conservancy has worked to preserve and manage environmentally significant lands in Waukesha County. With the assistance of professional biologists, naturalists and other land professionals, the Land Conservancy is working to protect the most environmentally significant remaining natural areas for the public benefit.

The goals of the Land Conservancy are achieved through:

- Establishing conservation easements,
- Accepting land donations,
- Purchasing land, and
- Working with public or private entities to protect environmentally sensitive sites.

Finally, the Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District supports a range of educational and informational programming activities in their annual and periodic meetings as well as in executing their more active lake management functions.

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## Chapter IV

# BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF INVENTORY FINDINGS

### INTRODUCTION

The health of a stream system is a direct reflection of its watershed. More specifically, changes in land and water use in a river basin affect the physical or chemical properties within a stream, which in turn affects water quality, habitat, and resident biological communities. Since stream health is often reduced due to multiple physical and chemical factors, this chapter attempts to integrate multiple potential factors—and their possible interactions—where practicable, because understanding how these multiple factors influence biological communities is essential in developing effective management strategies aimed at restoring stream health.

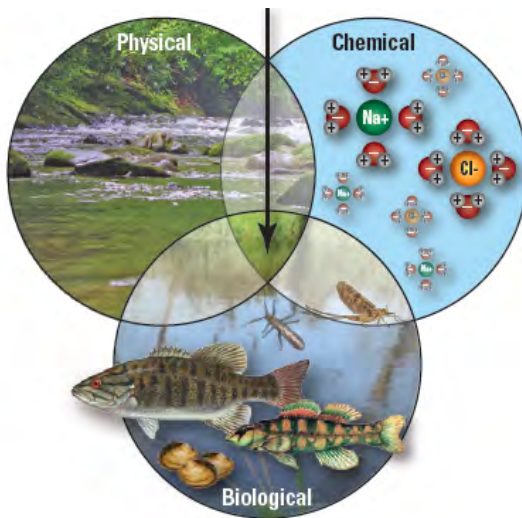
The condition of biological communities—which are collections of aquatic organisms—provides a direct measure of stream health. Hence, stream health is a result of the interaction of its physical, chemical, and biological components (see Figure IV-1). Reduced stream health is often associated with human induced changes to the physical and chemical properties of streams. Therefore, this chapter reports on how land and water management activities within the Pewaukee River watershed have influenced the physical, chemical, and biological properties of this stream system.

This chapter presents an inventory and analysis of the surface waters and related features of the Pewaukee River watershed. Included is qualitative and quantitative information pertaining to 1) Physical Conditions-historical trends and current status of instream habitat quality within the Pewaukee River system; 2) Chemical Conditions-historical trends and potential limitations to water quality and fishery resources; and 3) Biological Conditions-fishes and other aquatic organisms and wildlife characteristics of the Pewaukee River, where possible.

This chapter is based upon a combination of physical, chemical, and biological data collected for a variety of purposes and programs that include baseline monitoring by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), the National Water Quality Assessment (NAWQA) by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), research projects by local universities, Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District, Waukesha County and other local municipalities, Pewaukee River Partnership members, and citizen volunteers (i.e. Water Action Volunteers), and SEWRPC.

Figure IV-1

### ECOLOGICAL STREAM HEALTH



This simple diagram shows that a stream's ecological health (or "stream health") is the result of the interaction of its biological, physical, and chemical components. Stream health is intact if (1) its biological communities (such as algae, macroinvertebrates, and fish) are similar to what is expected in streams under minimal human influence and (2) the stream's physical attributes (such as streamflow) and chemical attributes (such as salinity or dissolved oxygen) are within the bounds of natural variation.

Source: Modified from D.M. Carlisle and others, *The quality of our Nation's waters—Ecological health in the Nation's streams, 1993–2005: U.S. Geological Survey Circular 1391, 120 p.*, <http://pubs.usgs.gov/circ/1391/>, 2013, and SEWRPC.

- Efforts to understand the causes of reduced stream health should consider the possible effects of nutrients and pesticides, in addition to modified flows, particularly in agricultural and urban settings.

More specifically, the land- and water-use activities associated with agricultural and urban land uses have been demonstrated to influence the hydrological, chemical, and physical factors of the streams, which are briefly described below and illustrated in Figure IV-2.<sup>2</sup>

#### **Hydrological Impacts**

The natural timing, variability, and magnitudes of streamflow influence many of the key physical, chemical, and biological characteristics and processes of a healthy stream system. For example, recurring high flows from seasonal rainfall or snowmelt shape the basic structure of a river and its physical habitats, which in turn influences

#### **Environmental Factors Influenced by Agriculture and Urban Land Use**

USGS scientists recently found that stream health was reduced at the vast majority of streams assessed in agricultural and urban areas across the nation.<sup>1</sup> In these areas, at least one of the three aquatic biological communities (algae, macroinvertebrates, and fish) was altered at 83 percent of the streams assessed. In contrast, nearly one in five streams in agricultural and urban areas were in relatively good health, signaling that it is possible to maintain stream health in watersheds with substantial land and water-use development. Therefore, these researchers found that the degree of ecological health within a stream system was directly related to the degree of human induced changes in streamflow characteristics and water quality (nutrients and pesticides). There were several major findings and important implications of this study that include:

- The presence of healthy streams in watersheds with substantial human influence indicates that it is possible to maintain and restore healthy stream ecosystems.
- Water quality is not independent of water quantity because flows are a fundamental part of stream health. Because flows are modified in so many streams and rivers, there are many opportunities to enhance stream health with targeted adjustments to flow management.

<sup>1</sup>D.M. Carlisle and others, *The quality of our Nation's waters—Ecological health in the Nation's streams, 1993-2005: U.S. Geological Survey Circular 1391, 2013* (available online at: <http://pubs.usgs.gov/circ/1391/>).

<sup>2</sup>Ibid.

Figure IV-2

**ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE DYNAMIC COMPONENTS OF NATURAL, AGRICULTURAL, AND URBAN STREAM ECOSYSTEMS**

NATURAL STREAM ECOSYSTEM



AGRICULTURAL STREAM ECOSYSTEM



URBAN STREAM ECOSYSTEM



Source: Illustrations by Frank Ippolito/www.productionpost.com. Modified from D.M. Carlisle and others, The quality of our Nation's waters—Ecological health in the Nation's streams, 1993–2005: U.S. Geological Survey Circular 1391, 120 p., <http://pubs.usgs.gov/circ/1391/>, 2013, and SEWRPC.

the types of aquatic organisms that can thrive. For many aquatic organisms, low flows impose basic constraints on the availability and suitability of habitat, such as the amount of the stream bottom that is actually submerged. The life cycles of many aquatic organisms are highly synchronized with the variation and timing of natural streamflows. For example, the reproductive period of some species like northern pike is triggered by the onset of spring runoff.

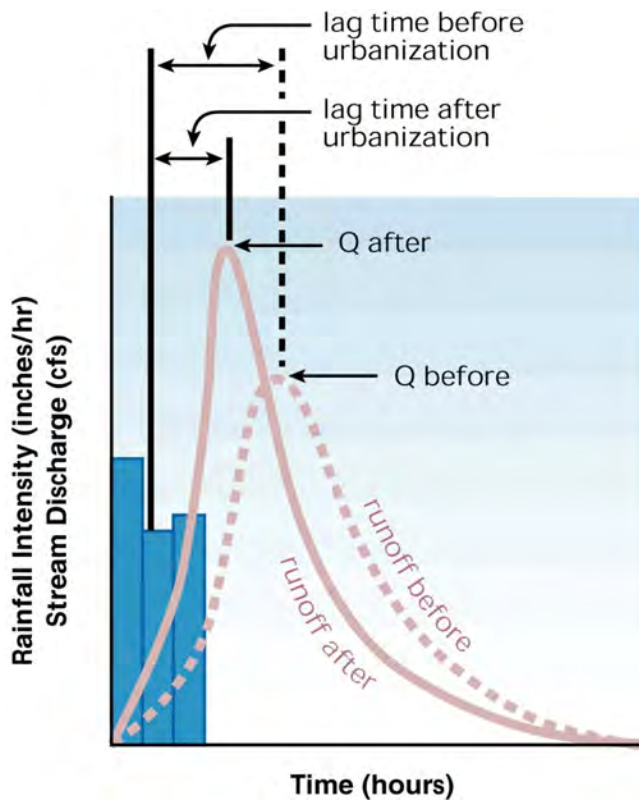
In general human activities in agricultural settings alter the natural flow regime of streams and rivers through 1) subsurface drain tiles, which lower the water table and quickly route water to nearby streams; 2) ditches and straightening of headwater streams; and 3) irrigation, which supplements available water for crops. These changes can result in more rapid runoff, reduced streamflows during dry periods, and increased transport of sediments and pollutants. However, since there is a diversity of agricultural practices (see Figure IV-2 Agricultural Stream), the impacts to stream ecosystems can be highly variable.

Human activities in an urban setting change the movement of water in a watershed through increased impervious surfaces, such as pavement for roadways and parking lots, as well as buildings, which restrict the infiltration of precipitation into the groundwater system combined with construction of artificial drainage systems (e.g. storm drains) that quickly moves runoff to the stream (see Figure IV-2 Urban Stream). So, these impervious surfaces can lead to increased storm runoff and higher and more variable peak streamflows, which scour the streambed or banks and degrade the stream channel. Whereas, reduced infiltration to groundwater can lead to diminished streamflows during dry periods, particularly in stream systems where groundwater is the main source of streamflow. In addition, larger population sizes in urban areas require greater demand or water withdrawal for public water supply, as well as industrial and commercial uses, which can also affect the natural flow regime of stream systems.

More specifically, recent research has shown that average flow magnitude, high flow magnitude, high flow event frequency, high flow duration, and rate of change of stream cross-sectional area were the hydrological variables most consistently associated with changes in algal, invertebrate, and fish commu-

Figure IV-3

**A COMPARISON OF HYDROGRAPHS BEFORE AND AFTER URBANIZATION**



Source: Federal Interagency Stream Restoration Working Group (FISRWG), Stream Corridor Restoration: Principles, Processes, and Practices, October 1998.

nities.<sup>3</sup> As detailed in Chapter II of this report, the amounts of urban development within the watershed are at high enough levels to potentially be negatively affecting water quality and water quantity and they are projected to increase. Therefore, the hydrology of this urbanizing stream system within the Pewaukee River watershed is a major determinant of stream dynamics and is a vital component of habitat for fishes and other organisms (see Figure IV-3).

To some degree, impervious surface impacts can be mitigated through implementation of traditional stormwater management practices and emerging green infrastructure technologies, such as pervious pavement, green roofs, rain gardens, bioretention, and infiltration facilities. Traditional stormwater management practices seek to manage runoff using a variety of measures, including detention, retention, and conveyance. Emerging technologies, in contrast, differ from traditional stormwater practices in that they seek to better mimic the disposition of precipitation on an undisturbed landscape by retaining and infiltrating stormwater onsite. There are a number of nontraditional, emerging low impact development (LID) technologies that have been implemented throughout the Southeastern Wisconsin Region, including disconnecting downspouts; installing rain barrels, green roofs, and rain gardens; and constructing biofiltration swales in parking lots and along roadways. Experience has shown that these emerging technologies can be effective. For example, recent research has demonstrated that bioretention systems can work in clayey soils with proper sizing, remain effective in the winter, and contribute significantly to groundwater recharge, especially when such facilities utilize native prairie plants.<sup>4</sup>

Location of impervious surfaces also determines the degree of direct impact they will have upon a stream. There is a greater impact from impervious surfaces located closer to a stream, due to the fact that there is less time and distance for the polluted runoff to be naturally treated before entering the stream. A study of 47 watersheds in southeastern Wisconsin found that one acre of impervious surface located near a stream could have the same

<sup>3</sup>Personal Communication, Dr. Jeffrey J. Steuer, U.S. Geological Survey.

<sup>4</sup>Roger Bannerman, WDNR and partners; Menasha biofiltration retention research project, Middleton, WI, 2008; N.J. LeFevre, J.D. Davidson, and G.L. Oberts, Bioretention of Simulated Snowmelt: Cold Climate Performance and Design Criteria, Water Environment Research Foundation (WERF), 2008; William R. Selbig and Nicholas Balster, Evaluation of Turf Grass and Prairie Vegetated Rain Gardens in a Clay and Sand Soil: Madison, Wisconsin, Water Years 2004-2008, In cooperation with the City of Madison and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Geological Survey Scientific Investigations Report, in draft.



negative effect on aquatic communities as 10 acres of impervious surface located further away from the stream.<sup>5</sup> Because urban lands located adjacent to streams have a greater impact on the biological community, an assumption might be made that riparian buffer strips located along the stream could absorb the negative runoff effects attributed to urbanization. Yet, riparian buffers may not be the complete answer since most urban stormwater is delivered directly to the stream via a storm sewer or engineered channel and, therefore, enters the stream without first being filtered by the buffer. Riparian buffers need to be combined with other management practices, such as detention basins, grass swales, and infiltration facilities, in order to adequately mitigate the effects of urban stormwater runoff. Combining practices into such a “treatment train” can provide a much higher level of pollutant removal, than can single, stand-alone practices. Stormwater and erosion treatment practices vary in their function, which in turn influences their level of effectiveness. Location of a practice on the landscape, as well as proper construction and continued maintenance, greatly influences the level of pollutant removal.

An additional artifact of urbanization is the intentional and unintentional accumulation of trash and debris in waterways and associated riparian lands. These accumulations of trash are unsightly and can cause physical and/or chemical (i.e., toxic) damage to aquatic and terrestrial wildlife. Sometimes debris can accumulate to such an extent that it may limit recreation and the passage of aquatic organisms and/or cause streambank erosion.

### ***Chemical Impacts***

The unique water chemistry requirements and tolerances of aquatic species help to define their natural abundance in a given stream, as well as their geographic distribution. Many naturally occurring chemical substances in streams and rivers are necessary for normal growth, development, and reproduction of biological communities. For example, sufficient dissolved oxygen in water is necessary for normal respiration. Dissolved oxygen concentrations in streams and rivers is determined, in part, by physical aeration processes that are influenced by the slope and depth of the stream, as well as the water temperature. Similarly, small amounts of nutrients (nitrogen, phosphorus, and silica) are necessary for normal growth of aquatic plants.

Human activities often contribute additional amounts of these naturally occurring substances, as well as other synthetic (manmade) chemicals to streams from point and nonpoint sources. Runoff from agricultural lands (Agricultural Stream) may contain 1) sediment from soil erosion on tilled lands; 2) nutrients from the application of fertilizer and manure; 3) chloride and other salts from irrigation return flows; 4) pesticides used in the past and present to control insects, weeds, rodents, bacteria, or other unwanted organisms; and 5) other synthetic compounds used for varying purposes along with their degradates. Runoff from urban lands (Urban Stream) may contain 1) sediment from construction activities; 2) nutrients and pesticides applied to lawns and recreational areas; and 3) petroleum compounds, trace metals, and deicing salts from roads and parking lots. Point sources include municipal and industrial wastewater effluent that, depending on the sources of wastewater and level of treatment, may contain different amounts of nutrients and other contaminants.

### ***Physical Impacts***

Physical habitat includes factors, such as streambed substrates, water temperature, and large debris from stream-side vegetation. Streambed substrates include the rocks, sediments, and submerged woody material in a stream. Streambed sediments may range in size and composition from large rocks to sand and silt that reflect the local geology. These substrates are important because they provide living space for many stream organisms. Stable substrates, such as cobbles and boulders, protect organisms from being washed downstream during high flows and, thus, generally support greater biological diversity than do less stable substrates, such as sand and silt. Water temperature is crucial to aquatic organisms because it directly influences their metabolism, respiration, feeding rate, growth, and reproduction. Most aquatic species have an optimal temperature range for growth and reproduction. Thus, their natural spatial and temporal distributions are largely determined by regional differences

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<sup>5</sup>L. Wang, J. Lyons, P. Kanehl, and R. Bannerman, “Impacts of Urbanization on Stream Habitat and Fish Across Multiple Spatial Scales,” *Environmental Management*, Volume 28, 2001, pages 255-266.

in climate and elevation along with more local effects from riparian (stream corridor) shading and groundwater influence. Water temperature also influences many chemical processes, such as the solubility of oxygen in water. The riparian zone is the land adjacent to the stream inhabited by plant and animal communities that rely on periodic or continual nourishment from the stream. The size and character of riparian zones are important to biological communities because these have a major influence on the amount of shelter and food available to aquatic organisms and the amount of sunlight reaching the stream through the tree canopy, which influences water temperature and the amount of energy available for photosynthesis. Riparian zones also influence the amount and quality of runoff that reaches the stream.

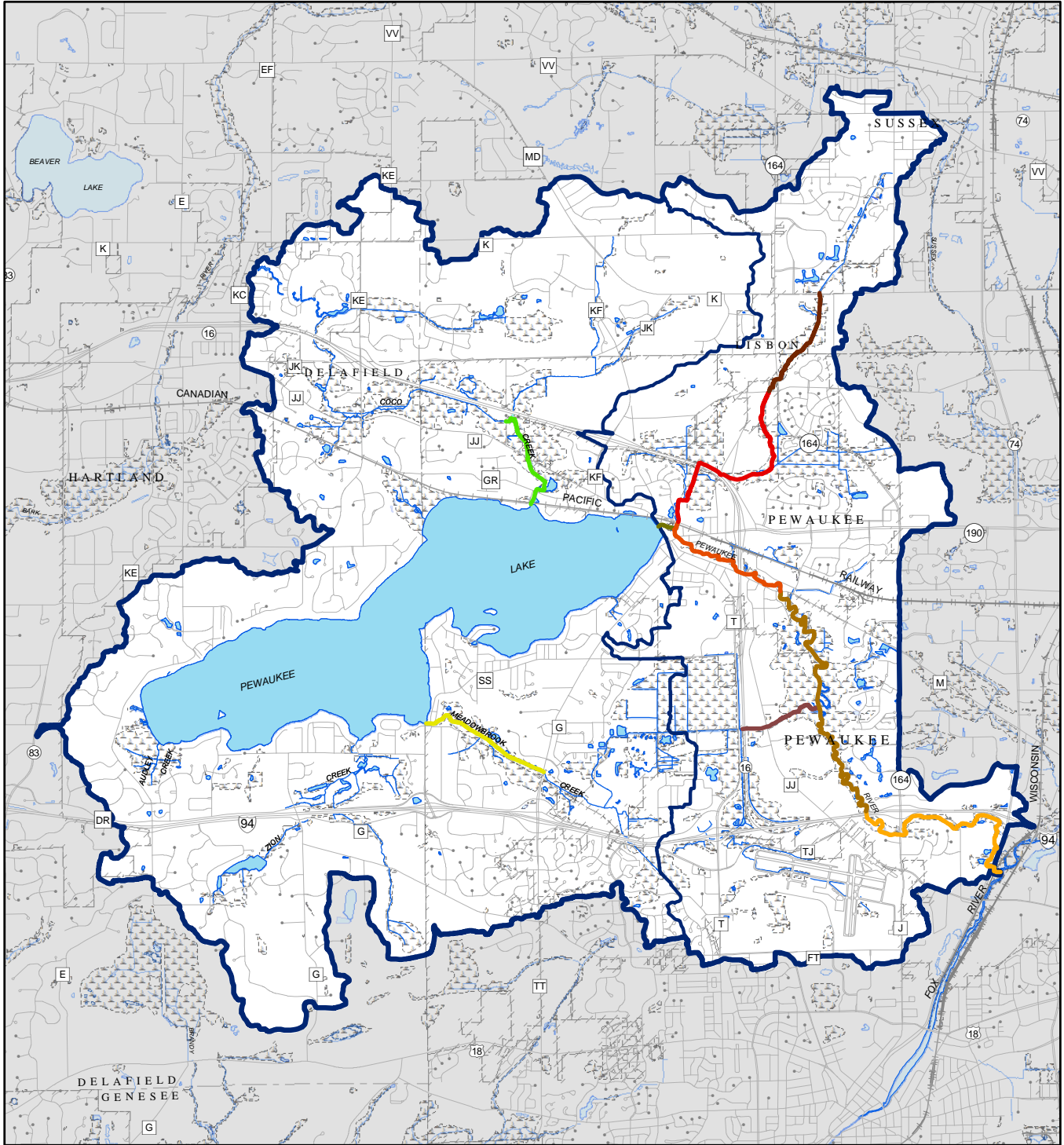
Land uses that affect streamflow, sediment availability, or riparian vegetation can alter physical habitats in streams. Some agricultural practices (see Figure IV-2 Agricultural Stream), such as conventional tillage near streambanks and drainage modifications, lead to increased sediment erosion, channelization, or removal of riparian vegetation. Increased sediment from erosion can fill crevices between rocks, which reduces living space for many stream organisms. As watersheds urbanize (see Figure IV-2 Urban Stream), some segments of streams are cleared, ditched, and straightened to facilitate drainage and the movement of floodwaters. These modifications increase stream velocity during storms, which can transport large amounts of sediment, scour stream channels, and remove woody debris and other natural structures that provide habitats for stream organisms. In addition, culverts and ditches can be barriers to aquatic organisms that need to migrate throughout the stream network. Humans can alter natural stream temperature through changes in the amount and density of the canopy provided by riparian trees. In some extreme cases, streams through urban areas are routed through conduits and completely buried.

### **Pewaukee River Drainage Network**

Water from rainfall and snowmelt flows into streams by one of two pathways: 1) either directly flowing overland as surface water runoff or 2) infiltrating into the soil surface, recharging the groundwater, and eventually reaching streams as baseflow. Ephemeral, or intermittent, streams generally flow only during the wet season or during large rainfall events. Perennial streams that flow year-round are primarily sustained by groundwater during dry periods. The surface water stream network within the Pewaukee River watershed is shown on Map IV-1. There are eight assessment areas identified within this watershed. In addition, the Pewaukee River was further divided into five discrete reaches, which were established based on a number of considerations in the system that include gradient, sinuosity, dams, bridge and culvert crossings, and physical instream characteristics. An additional four reaches identified in this watershed include, Coco Creek, Meadow Brook, CTH JJ tributary, and the Pewaukee Lake outlet (see Map IV-1 and Table IV-1). These reaches and assessment areas form the basis for the summary statistics and recommendations in this report.

Viewed from above, the network of water channels that form a river system typically displays a branch-like pattern as shown in Figure IV-4. A stream channel that flows into a larger channel is called a tributary of that channel. The entire area drained by a single river system is termed a drainage basin, or watershed. Stream size increases in the downstream direction as more and more tributary segments enter the main channel. A classification system based on the position of a stream within the network of tributaries, called stream order, was developed by Robert E. Horton and later modified by Arthur Strahler. In general, the lower stream order numbers correspond to the smallest headwater tributaries and are shown as the Order 1 or first-order streams as represented within the Pewaukee River watershed in Figure IV-4. Second-order streams (Order 2) are those that have only first-order streams as tributaries, and so on (see Figure IV-4). As water travels from headwater streams toward the mouth of larger rivers, streams gradually increase their width and depth and the amount of water they discharge also increases. It is important to note that over 80 percent of the total length of Earth's rivers and streams are headwater streams (first- and second-order) and the Pewaukee River shows the same type of pattern. Although Pewaukee Lake is not a stream, it is technically a tributary to Pewaukee River. If the dam was not constructed, Pewaukee Lake would be considered a third order stream, which is why it is labeled that way in Figure IV-4. The Pewaukee Lake Outlet combines with the Pewaukee River to form a fourth order stream, which remains that way for the remainder of its length to its confluence with the Fox River.

STREAM REACHES SURVEYED WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2012



PEWAUKEE RIVER MAINSTEM:

- PEWAUKEE 1
- PEWAUKEE 2
- PEWAUKEE 3
- PEWAUKEE 4
- PEWAUKEE 5

TRIBUTARIES:

- CTH JJ TRIBUTARY
- PEWAUKEE LAKE OUTLET
- COCO CREEK
- MEADOWBROOK CREEK

- SURFACE WATER
- STREAM (NOT SURVEYED)
- WATERSHED BOUNDARY
- SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY

Source: SEWRPC.

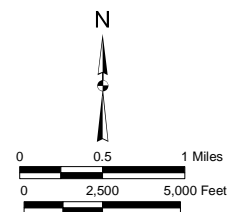


Table IV-1

**PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF MAINSTEM STREAM REACHES  
WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 1941 AND 2010**

Stream Reach <sup>a</sup>	Reach Length (miles)		Sinuosity		Minimum Elevation (feet above NGVD29)	Maximum Elevation (feet above NGVD29)	Slope (percent)
	1941	2010	1941	2010			
Pewaukee River							
Pewaukee 1 .....	2.44	2.18	1.37	1.23	811.8	835.6	0.207
Pewaukee 2 .....	3.41	3.16	1.68	1.56	835.6	841.1	0.033
Pewaukee 3 .....	1.48	1.34	1.33	1.20	841.1	843.8	0.038
Pewaukee 4 .....	2.28	2.03	1.25	1.10	843.8	854.9	0.104
Pewaukee 5 .....	2.30	2.31	1.10	1.10	854.9	877.5	0.318
Pewaukee Lake Tributaries							
Coco Creek .....	4.27	3.86	1.18	1.13	--	--	--
Meadowbrook Creek.....	2.64	3.26	1.05	1.26	--	--	--

NOTE: Reach length and sinuosity represents Coco Creek up to 0.24 mile past STH 16 for both 1941 and 2010. Reach length and sinuosity represents Meadowbrook Creek up to 0.35 mile past Milkweed Lane for both 1941 and 2010.

<sup>a</sup>See Map IV-1 for locations of surveyed portions of stream reaches.

Source: SEWRPC.

Pewaukee Lake and its associated dam interrupt the continuity of physical, chemical, and biological aspects of the river system.<sup>6</sup> In other words, dams are often viewed as an interruption within the context of the normal continuum of characteristics from upstream to downstream within a natural stream system.<sup>7</sup> For example, significant warming of surface waters within Pewaukee Lake can cause significant warming of waters discharging into the Pewaukee River in subsequent reaches downstream of the Lake outlet. However, it is important to note that the deeper areas of the lake also offer vast thermal refuges (i.e., cooler water temperatures) which have diverse high-quality habitats and spawning areas. In addition, the lake serves as the focal point of recreation within the Pewaukee River watershed.

To better understand stream systems and what shapes their conditions, it is important to understand the effects of both spatial and temporal scales. Streams can be theoretically subdivided into a continuum of habitat sensitivity to disturbance and recovery time as shown in Figure IV-5.<sup>8</sup> Microhabitats, such as a handful-sized patch of gravel, are most susceptible to disturbance and river systems and watersheds are least susceptible. Furthermore, events that affect smaller-scale habitat characteristics may not affect larger-scale system characteristics, whereas large disturbances can directly influence smaller-scale features of streams. For example, on a small spatial scale,

<sup>6</sup>J.V. Ward, and J.A. Stanford. "The serial discontinuity concept of lotic ecosystems," In *Dynamics of Lotic Ecosystems* (T.D. Fontaine and S.M. Bartell, editors), Ann Arbor Science Publishers, Ann Arbor, MI, 1983, pages 29-42.

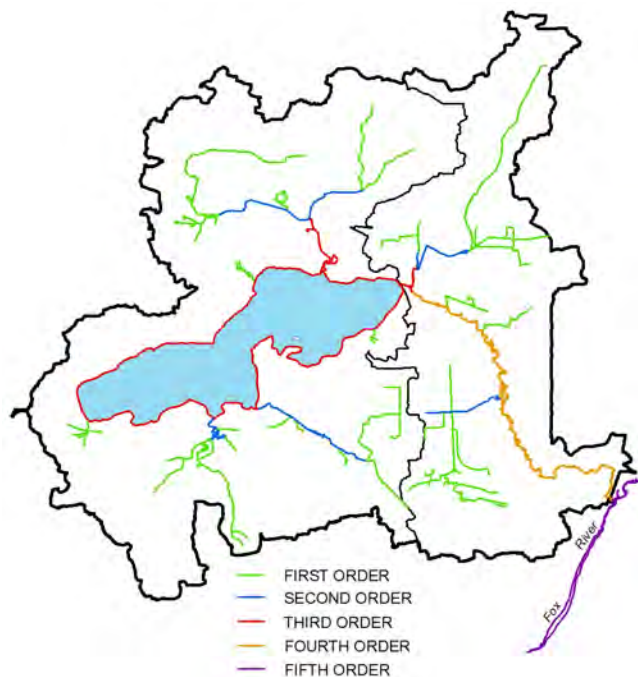
<sup>7</sup>R.L. Vannote, G.W. Minshall, K.W. Cummings, J.R. Sedell, and C.E. Cushing, "The River Continuum Concept," *Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences*, Volume 37, 1980, pages 130-137.

<sup>8</sup>C.A. Frissell, et al., "A Hierarchical Framework for Stream Classification: Viewing Streams in a Watershed Context," *Journal of Environmental Management*, Volume 10, 1986, pages 199-214.



Figure IV-4

**STREAM NETWORK PATTERN  
APPLIED TO THE PEWAUKEE RIVER BASED  
ON HORTON'S CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM**



Source: Modified from Oliver S. Owen and others, Natural Resource Conservation: Management for a Sustainable Future, and SEWRPC.

(Coco Creek, Meadowbrook Creek, Zion Creek, and Audley Creek) act as tributaries to the Pewaukee River. This connection to Pewaukee Lake is somewhat interrupted by the dam outlet which controls Pewaukee Lake water levels. While fish and other aquatic life are at times able to travel through the lake outlet into the river (particularly since it was reconstructed to be a bottom draw gate) it is difficult if not impossible for fish to migrate from the Pewaukee River into Pewaukee Lake. The abundant presence of the invasive zebra mussel in stretches of the Pewaukee River that approach the Pewaukee Lake outlet demonstrates the impact the lake can have on the river. However, it is important to note that the lake does support a high-quality sportfishery and serves as a focal point of recreation within the Pewaukee River watershed.

deposition at one habitat site may be accompanied by scouring at another site nearby, but the reach or segment containing the habitat sites does not appear to change significantly. In contrast, a large-scale disturbance, such as a debris flood, is initiated at the segment level and reflected in all lower levels of the hierarchy (reach, habitat, microhabitat). Similarly, on a temporal scale, siltation of microhabitats may disturb the biotic community over the short term. However, if the disturbance is of limited scope and intensity, the system may recover quickly to pre-disturbance levels.<sup>9</sup>

The most important fundamental aspects of stream systems are 1) that the entire fluvial system is a continuously integrated series of physical gradients in which the downstream areas are longitudinally linked and dependent upon the upstream areas; and 2) that streams are intimately connected to their adjacent terrestrial setting, that is, the land-stream interaction is crucial to the functioning of stream ecosystem processes and this connectivity does not diminish in importance with stream size. In this regard, land uses have a significant impact on stream channel conditions and associated biological responses.<sup>10</sup>

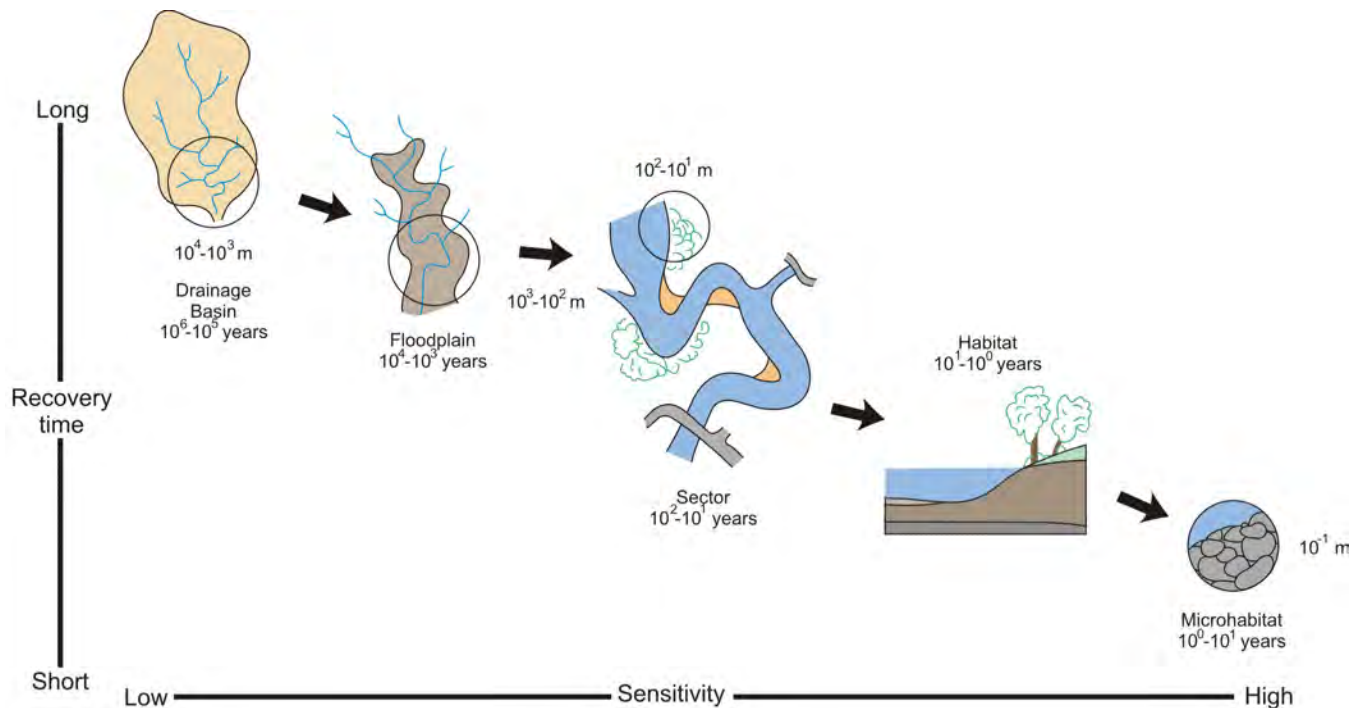
As previously mentioned, the Pewaukee River system is somewhat unique in that Pewaukee Lake drains into the river through a controlled outlet, rather than the river flowing through the lake as is often the case. In this sense, Pewaukee Lake, along with its tributaries

<sup>9</sup>G.J. Niemi, et al., "An Overview of Case Studies on Recovery of Aquatic Systems From Disturbance," *Journal of Environmental Management*, Volume 14, 1990, pages 571-587.

<sup>10</sup>Lizhu Wang, et al., "Influences of Watershed Land Use on Habitat Quality and Biotic Integrity in Wisconsin Streams," *Fisheries*, Volume 22, Number 6, June 1997; Jana S. Stewart, et al., "Influences of Watershed, Riparian-Corridor, and Reach-Scale Characteristics on Aquatic Biota in Agricultural Watersheds," *Journal of the American Water Resources Association*, Volume 37, Number 6, December 2001; Faith A. Fitzpatrick, et al., "Effects of Multi-Scale Environmental Characteristics on Agricultural Stream Biota in Eastern Wisconsin," *Journal of the American Water Resources Association*, Volume 37, Number 6, December 2001.

Figure IV-5

**RELATION BETWEEN RECOVERY TIME AND SENSITIVITY TO DISTURBANCE FOR DIFFERENT HIERARCHICAL SPATIAL SCALES ASSOCIATED WITH STREAM SYSTEMS**



Source: C.A. Frissell and others, "A Hierarchical Framework for Stream Habitat Classification: Viewing Streams in a Watershed Context," Environmental Management, Vol. 10, and SEWRPC.

## PHYSICAL CONDITIONS

SEWRPC staff conducted field inventories from March through May 2012 to quantitatively and qualitatively characterize the physical characteristics of the Pewaukee River watershed. Although a severe drought did occur in the summer of 2012, this survey preceded the timing of the drought by a couple of months, so the discharges at the time of this survey were considered to be within a normal range for this stream system. Both quantitative and qualitative measures were largely based upon the WDNR Baseline Monitoring protocols for instream fisheries habitat assessment.<sup>11</sup> A total of 406 cross sections surveys were obtained throughout the watershed and the number of transects ranged from 16 to 27 transects per mile, depending on the reach sampled as shown in Table IV-2 (see Appendix F). An additional 159 maximum water depths were recorded in pool habitats to assess number and quality in order to supplement information between cross sections where the full complement of data was collected. Physical parameters that were measured include water and sediment depth, substrate composition,

<sup>11</sup>WDNR, *Guidelines for Evaluating Habitat of Wadable Streams*, Bureau of Fisheries Management and Habitat Protection, Monitoring and Data Assessment Section, Revised June 2000; Timothy Simonson, John Lyons, and Paul Kanehl, "Guidelines for Evaluating Fish Habitat in Wisconsin Streams," General Technical Report NC-164, 1995; and Lihzu Wang, "Development and Evaluation of a Habitat Rating System for Low-Gradient Wisconsin Streams," North American Journal of Fisheries Management, Volume 18, 1998.

Table IV-2

**PHYSICAL HABITAT CHARACTERISTICS OF STREAM REACHES WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2012**

Parameters	River Reach <sup>a</sup>								
	Pewaukee 1	Pewaukee 2	Pewaukee 3	Pewaukee 4	Pewaukee 5	CTH JJ Tributary <sup>b</sup>	Pewaukee Lake Outlet	Coco Creek <sup>b</sup>	Meadowbrook Creek <sup>b</sup>
<b>Transects</b>									
Number of Transects .....	40	50	26	43	25	20	4	19	20
Transects (number per mile).....	18	16	18	19	24	27	--	19	17
<b>Habitat</b>									
<b>Composition</b>									
Number of Pools per Mile .....	13.8	12.0	14.9	19.7	8.4	33.3	6.7	1.0	2.6
Number of Riffles per Mile .....	6.0	0.6	1.5	3.0	9.4	8.0	13.3	2.0	0
Pool/Riffle Ratio .....	2.3	20.0	9.9	6.6	0.9	4.2	0.5	0.5	--
Average Width (feet).....	29.0	29.2	29.9	13.8	5.3	8.3	78.5	10.1	24.5
Standard Deviation .....	8.2	7.9	12.2	8.1	2.5	2.9	57.0	6.9	9.8
<b>Depth</b>									
Average Pool Depth (feet).....	2.8	2.9	2.3	2.0	1.1	2.2	1.2	2.4	1.7
Standard Deviation .....	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.2	1.1	0.0	0.6	0.8
Residual Pool Depth (feet) .....	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.3	0.7	1.7	0.76	2.0	2.1
Standard Deviation .....	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.2	1.2	--	0.6	1.1
Average Riffle Depth (feet).....	1.1	1.1	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	--
Standard Deviation .....	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	--
Average Run Depth (feet) .....	1.5	1.2	1.2	1.0	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.3	1.0
Standard Deviation .....	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.3
<b>Substrate</b>									
<b>Flocculent Sediment Depth</b>									
Average Depth (feet) .....	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.9
Maximum Depth (feet) .....	2.2	2.1	1.8	2.4	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.9	3.8
<b>Composition<sup>c</sup></b>									
Muck (percent).....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Clay(percent) .....	0	6	1	26	7	3	0	4	11
Peat (percent).....	0	14	0	5	0	4	0	2	0
Silt (percent) .....	10	46	29	46	25	23	23	30	55
Sand (percent).....	25	13	33	7	14	25	34	33	18
Gravel (percent).....	30	11	23	8	12	23	25	23	11
Cobble (percent).....	27	7	10	6	20	16	12	6	1
Boulder (percent).....	8	3	4	2	11	6	6	2	0
Bedrock (percent).....	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0

PRELIMINARY DRAFT

Table IV-2 (continued)

Parameters	River Reach <sup>a</sup>								
	Pewaukee 1	Pewaukee 2	Pewaukee 3	Pewaukee 4	Pewaukee 5	CTH JJ Tributary <sup>b</sup>	Pewaukee Lake Outlet	Coco Creek <sup>b</sup>	Meadowbrook Creek <sup>b</sup>
Cover									
Undercut Banks									
Deep (percent >1.0 feet) .....	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Moderate (percent >0.5 and ≤1.0 feet) .....	9	4	0	0	6	3	0	10	0
Shallow (percent <0.5 feet) .....	18	2	0	0	6	0	0	3	10
None (percent).....	69	93	100	100	88	97	100	87	90
Amount of Cover									
High Abundance (percent) .....	20.0	8.0	8.0	30.2	20.0	35.0	0.0	10.5	30.0
Moderate Abundance (percent).....	57.5	42.0	64.0	37.2	76.0	55.0	75.0	36.8	50.0
Low Abundance (percent) .....	22.5	50.0	28.0	32.6	4.0	10.0	25.0	52.6	20.0
None (percent).....	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Woody Debris									
High Abundance (percent) .....	10.0	4.0	8.0	4.7	4.0	25.0	0.0	10.5	0.0
Moderate Abundance (percent).....	32.5	32.0	24.0	27.9	32.0	45.0	50.0	26.3	25.0
Low Abundance (percent) .....	50.0	58.0	64.0	51.2	60.0	30.0	50.0	52.6	70.0
None (percent).....	7.5	6.0	4.0	16.3	4.0	0.0	0.0	10.5	5.0
Macrophytes									
High Abundance (percent) .....	0.0	4.0	0.0	18.6	8.0	5.0	0.0	5.3	30.0
Moderate Abundance (percent).....	0.0	24.0	4.0	18.6	0.0	5.0	25.0	10.5	30.0
Low Abundance (percent) .....	10.0	26.0	88.0	48.8	60.0	50.0	75.0	47.4	40.0
None (percent).....	90.0	46.0	8.0	14.0	32.0	40.0	0.0	36.8	0.0
Algae									
High Abundance (percent) .....	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Moderate Abundance (percent).....	0.0	4.0	24.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	25.0	10.5	20.0
Low Abundance (percent) .....	42.5	32.0	48.0	23.3	36.0	35.0	75.0	26.3	35.0
None (percent).....	57.5	64.0	28.0	74.4	64.0	65.0	0.0	63.2	45.0
Shading									
High Abundance (percent) .....	27.5	2.0	4.0	11.6	28.0	40.0	0.0	31.6	10.0
Moderate Abundance (percent).....	22.5	8.0	24.0	14.0	20.0	15.0	50.0	15.8	10.0
Low Abundance (percent) .....	45.0	32.0	52.0	20.9	20.0	15.0	25.0	21.1	45.0
None (percent).....	5.0	58.0	20.0	53.5	32.0	30.0	25.0	31.6	35.0
Obstructions									
Weir/Beaver Dams (total number) .....	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Debris Jams (total number) .....	5	4	0	5	14	16	0	3	1
Road/Railway Crossings (total number) .....	6	1	5	4	12	3	0	8	4
Subtotal	11	6	5	9	27	19	0	11	7



Table IV-2 (continued)

Parameters	River Reach <sup>a</sup>								
	Pewaukee 1	Pewaukee 2	Pewaukee 3	Pewaukee 4	Pewaukee 5	CTH JJ Tributary <sup>b</sup>	Pewaukee Lake Outlet	Coco Creek <sup>b</sup>	Meadowbrook Creek <sup>b</sup>
Obstructions (continued)									
Reach Length Assessed (miles).....	2.18	3.16	1.34	2.03	2.31	1.2	0.06	5.48	3.5
Total Obstructions (number per mile) ....	5.0	1.9	3.7	4.4	11.7	15.8	--	2.0	2.0
Trash Sites (total number) .....	12	34	35	17	6	16	1	1	7
Trash-Tires (total number) .....	2	14	8	1	2	8	1	0	1
Stormwater Outlet Pipes (number) .....	8	4	16	7	1	1	0	0	0
Tributary Inlets (number) .....	1	26	5	5	2	3	0	1	4
Groundwater Springs/Seepage (number).....	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Qualitative Habitat Environmental Index (QHEI) Rating									
QHEI Score Range (minimum-maximum) .....	55-81	51-83	48-72	50-80	49-76	55-77	49-63	42-66	37-51
QHEI Quality Range (minimum-maximum) .....	Fair-excellent	Fair-excellent	Fair-good	Fair-excellent	Fair-excellent	Fair-excellent	Fair-good	Fair-good	Poor-fair

<sup>a</sup>The numbers in parentheses indicate sample size.

<sup>b</sup>Only the lower portion or about one mile was assessed for the CTH JJ Tributary, Coco Creek, and Meadowbrook Creek systems.

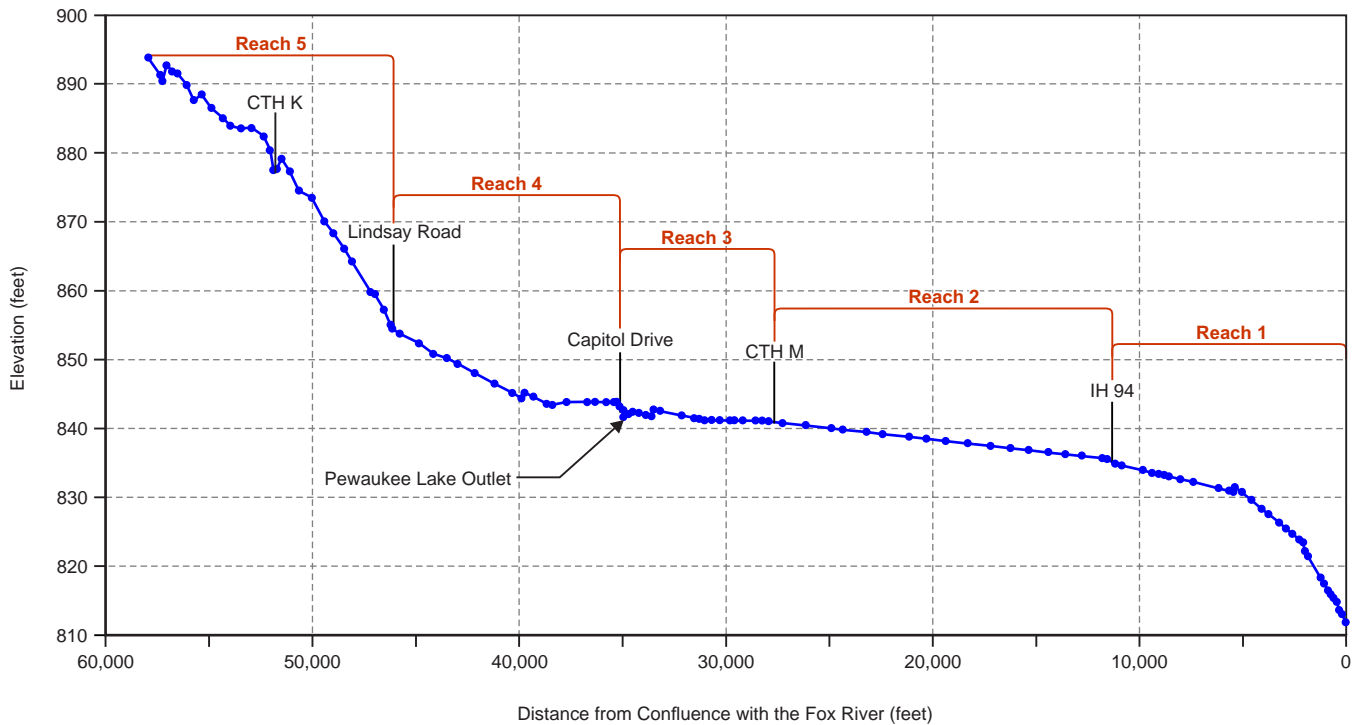
<sup>c</sup>Based on generalized evaluation of substrate composition at each transect.

Source: SEWRPC.

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Figure IV-6

APPROXIMATE NORMAL WATER SURFACE ELEVATION PROFILES  
BY STREAM REACH IN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2005



NOTE: Data were obtained from the 2005 Waukesha County digital terrain model. In cases where the water surface elevation appears to increase from upstream to downstream, the plotted elevation may actually represent a localized land surface feature. These plots are intended to provide a general representation of stream slopes.

Source: SEWRPC.

undercut bank, bank slopes, and channel width. The remaining cover parameters were each qualitatively estimated as none, low, moderate, and high percent abundances based upon categories as defined in the Qualitative Habitat Evaluation Index (QHEI) methodology.<sup>12</sup>

### Slope and Sinuosity

Stream characteristics, such as slope, length, and sinuosity are determined by a combination of geological history (i.e., glaciation) and human intervention (i.e., lake impoundments and channelization). Based upon this information, it was determined that there were five distinct stream reaches in the Pewaukee River as set forth on Map IV-1 and Figure IV-6. In addition, several of the major tributaries to Pewaukee Lake and River that include Coco Creek, Meadowbrook Creek, Pewaukee Lake Outlet, and CTH JJ tributary were also assessed as part of this project (see Map IV-1). The extent of the physical data collected within the Pewaukee River and other reaches within this watershed as part of this study is shown on Map IV-1.

<sup>12</sup>Edward T. Rankin, *The Quality Habitat Evaluation Index [QHEI]: Rationale, Methods, and Application*, State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, November 1989.

Healthy streams naturally meander or migrate across a landscape over time. Sinuosity is a measure of how much a stream meanders and is defined as the ratio of channel length between two points on a channel to the straight-line distance between the same two points. Sinuosity or channel pattern can range from straight to a winding pattern, or meandering. Channelized or sections of streams that have been straightened typically have low sinuosity or a number closer to one. Stream reaches within the Pewaukee River had sinuosities that range from 1.10 to 1.56 in 2010 as shown in Table IV-1, and include both channelized and nonchannelized segments. Comparison of the 1941 versus 2010 stream alignments as shown on Map IV-2 shows that this system, while already channelized in many reaches, were more sinuous in 1941 with sinuosities ranging from 1.10 to 1.68. Much of the loss in sinuosity occurred prior to 1941 from ditching or channel straightening to accommodate agricultural development. In contrast, post 1941 to 2010 ditching occurred to accommodate interstate and highway development as seen in the series of insets shown on Map IV-2. Streams are transport systems for water and sediment and are continually eroding and depositing sediments, which causes the stream to migrate. When the amount of sediment load coming into a stream is equal to what is being transported downstream—and stream widths, depths, and length remain consistent over time—it is common to refer to that stream as being in a state of “dynamic equilibrium.” In other words the stream retains its physical dimensions (equilibrium), but those physical features are shifted, or migrate, over time (dynamic). For example, it is not uncommon for a low-gradient stream in Southeastern Wisconsin to migrate more than one foot within a single year. Reaches that were not channelized particularly Pewaukee-2 still exhibit healthy meanders that have migrated only slightly over the nearly seventy years between aerial photographs that were examined as shown on Map IV-2 (see Inset 1A). These comparisons combined with onsite survey observations that generally indicated fairly stable streambeds and streambanks indicate that the Pewaukee River seems to be in a state of dynamic equilibrium. However, it is important to note that the Pewaukee River is well connected to the floodplain and this floodplain, particularly within reach Pewaukee-2, is fairly extensive. This connection is critical and helps to protect the streambed and streambanks within the Pewaukee River by allowing flood flows to dissipate into the floodplain and reduce water velocities that would cause erosion while at the same time allowing sediments and other pollutants to be deposited into the floodplain. In addition, the extensive floodplain and/or riparian buffer allows for the river system to naturally make adjustments to changes in discharge and sediment loads. It is also important to note that the extent of meandering increases with the area tributary to the stream reach, so as tributary area increases so does the width of the meander belt (see Appendix D).

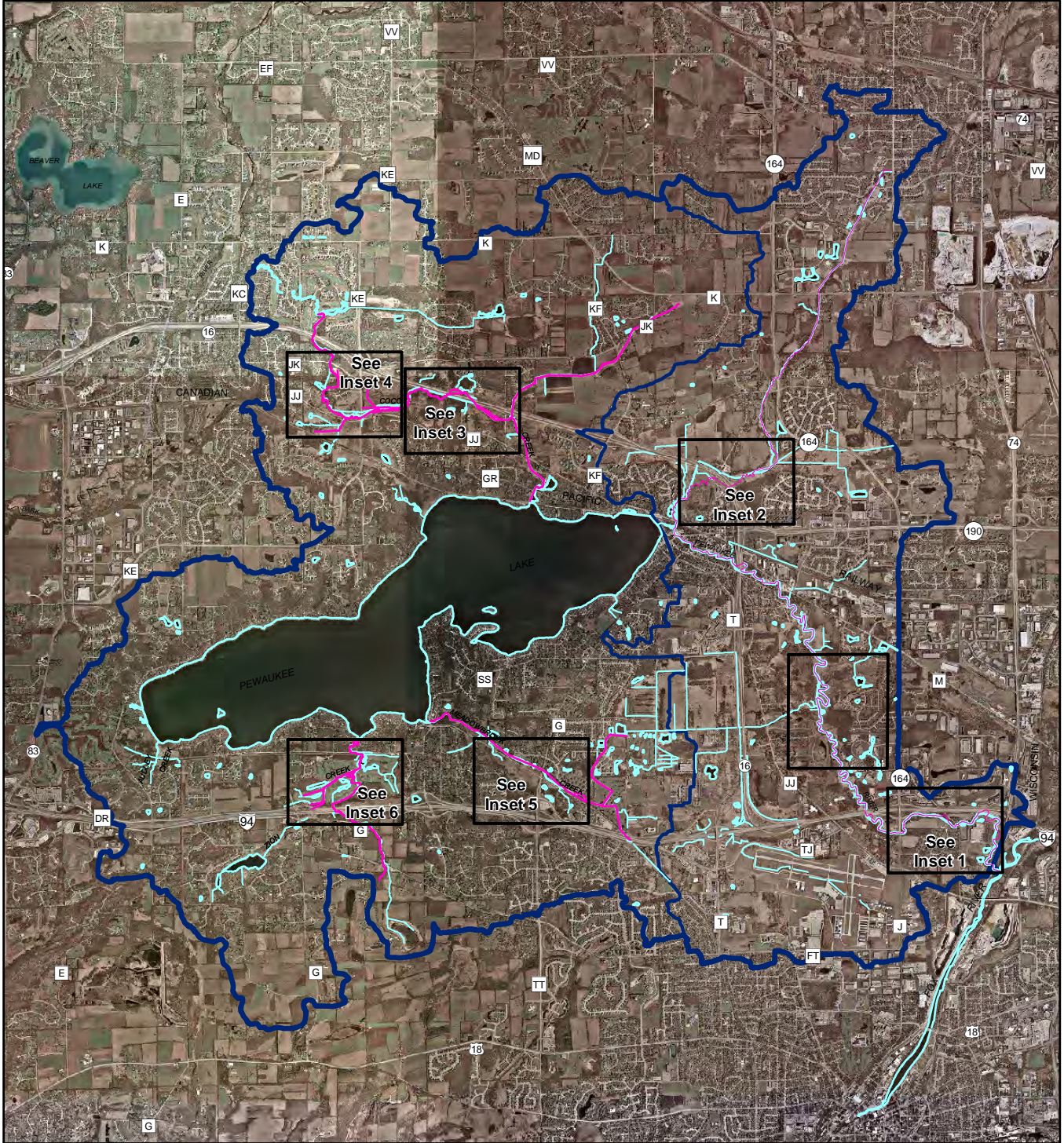
The longitudinal slope of a channel is the ratio of elevation change between two points on the channel to the length of the channel between the same two points. Slope is an indicator of stream energy or power. The lower the slope, the lower the energy, and the slower the water flows. Stream slopes within mountainous stream systems are typically greater than 10 percent. However, slopes within the Pewaukee River reaches are more indicative of lowland streams found in Southeastern Wisconsin and do not exceed 1 percent, as shown in Table IV-1. Elevation profiles for each stream reach are shown in Figure IV-6.





In general, reaches Pewaukee-1 and Pewaukee-5 have the greatest slopes in the Pewaukee River (see Figure IV-6 and Table IV-1). These higher sloped reaches also contain the greatest proportions of larger substrates, including sands, gravels, cobbles, and boulders compared to the other reaches, which are dominated by sand and organic substrates, such as silt and peat (see Table IV-2 and Figure IV-7). The Pewaukee-5 reach contains stretches of exposed bedrock which is typically found beneath a shallow layer silty clay loam soils in the Pella-moderately shallow variant-Knowles soil association found throughout the reach as discussed in Chapter II of this report. Relatively high slopes throughout this reach have allowed much of the shallow silty clay loam to be transported downstream, exposing the bedrock. The Pewaukee-2 and Pewaukee-3 reaches have a very gentle slope of 0.033 and 0.038 percent, respectively, which is also associated with decreased water velocities. As expected, the substrates in these reaches are dominated by clay and organic substrates, such as silt and peat and also contain higher flocculent sediment depths compared to the other reaches.



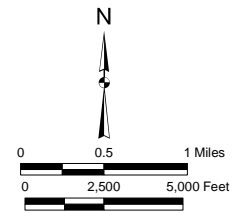
Map IV-2

STREAM ALIGNMENTS WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 1941 AND 2010



-  1941 STREAM LINES
-  2010 STREAM LINES
-  WATERSHED BOUNDARY
-  SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY

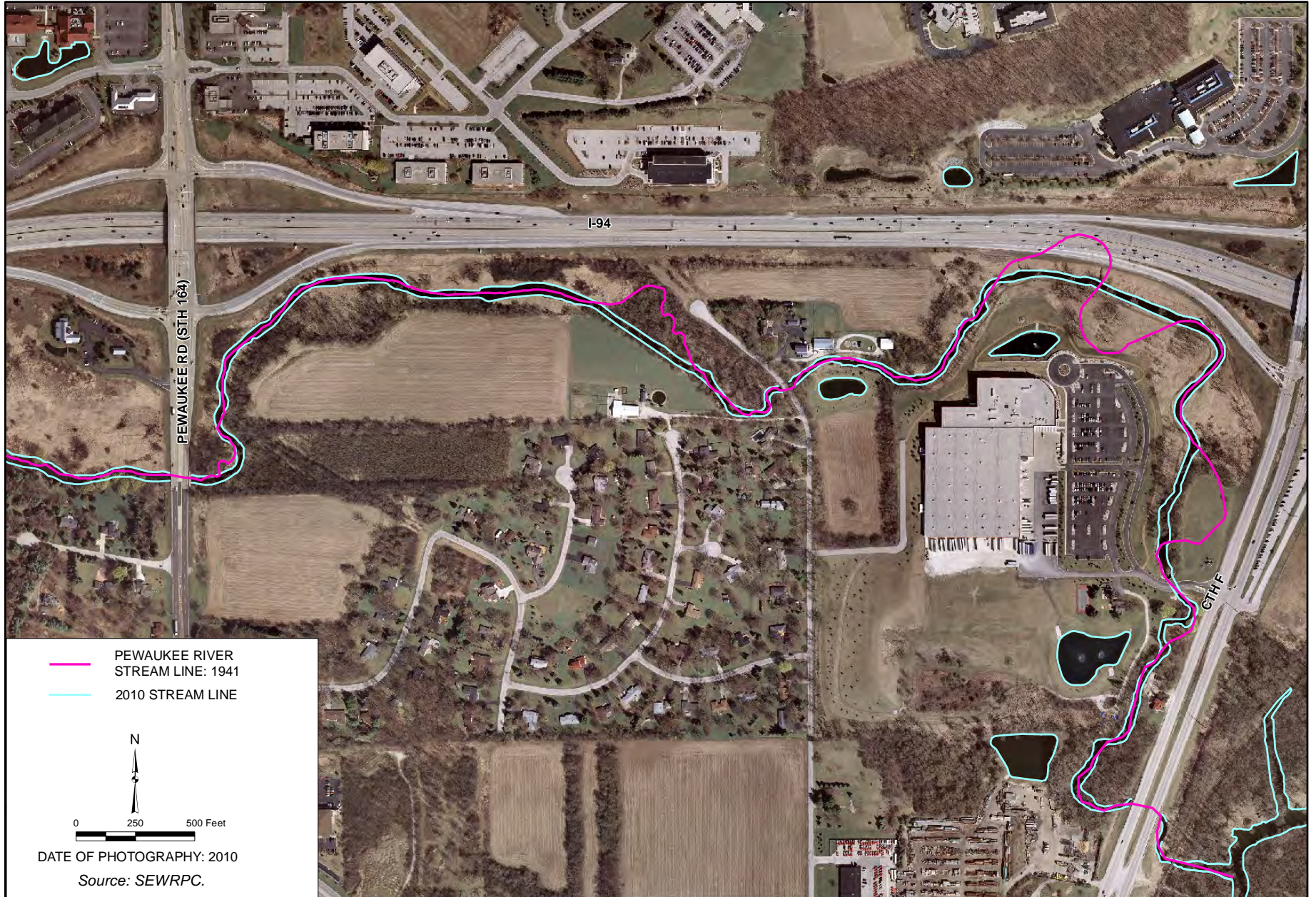
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Inset 1 to Map IV-2

STREAM ALIGNMENTS WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 1941 AND 2010



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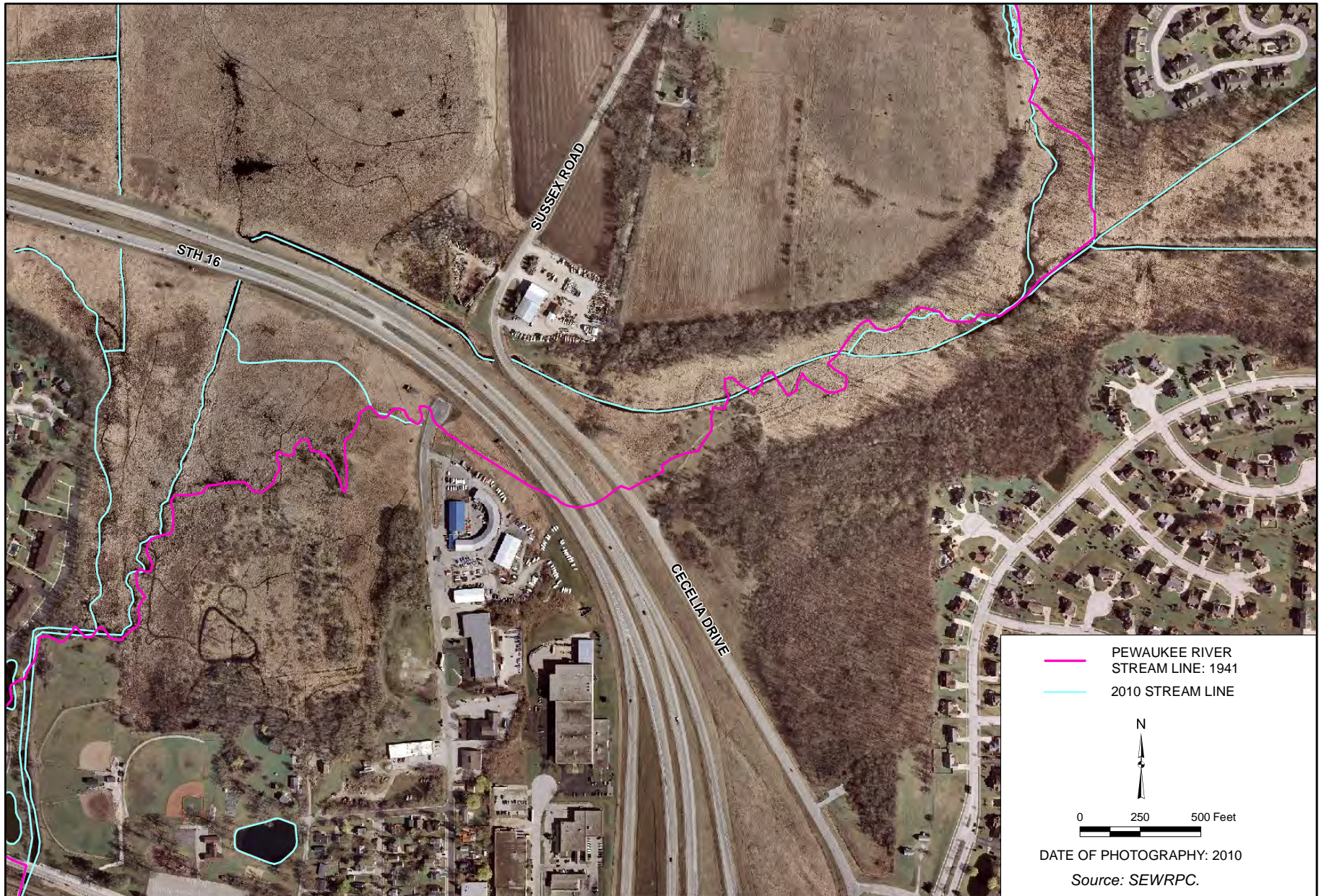
STREAM ALIGNMENTS WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 1941 AND 2010





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STREAM ALIGNMENTS WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 1941 AND 2010



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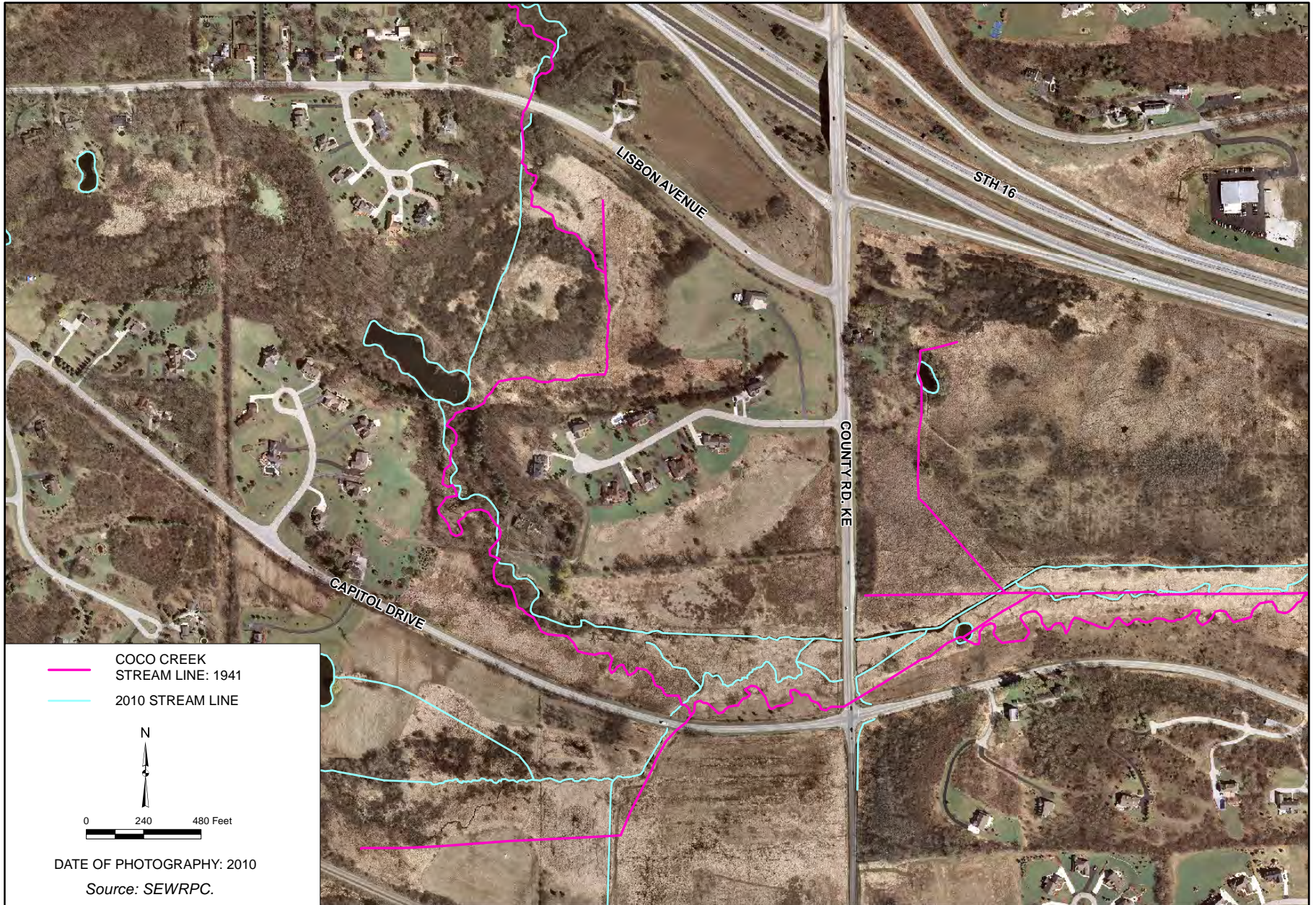
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STREAM ALIGNMENTS WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 1941 AND 2010



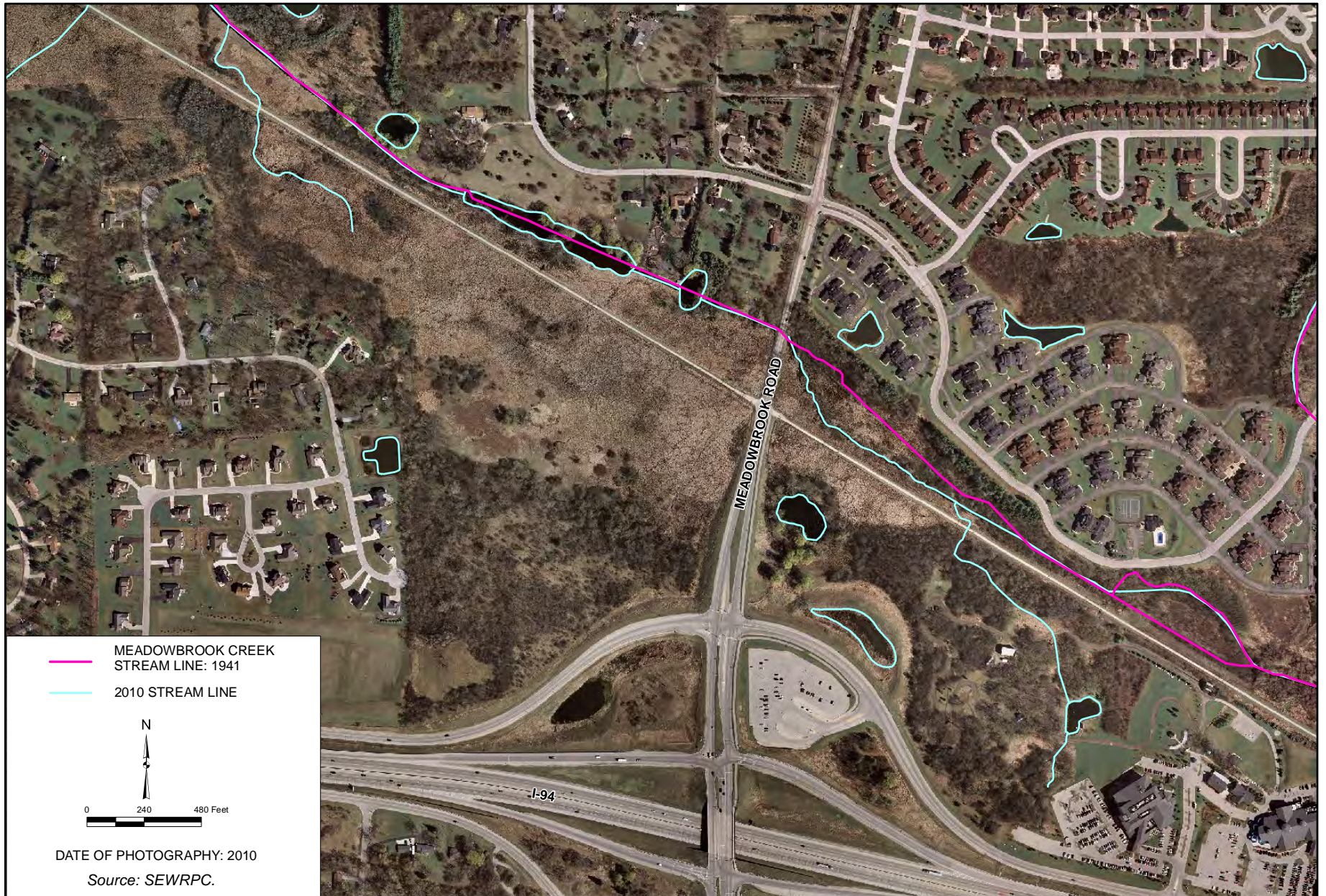
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Inset 5 to Map IV-2

STREAM ALIGNMENTS WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 1941 AND 2010

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Inset 6 to Map IV-2

STREAM ALIGNMENTS WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 1941 AND 2010

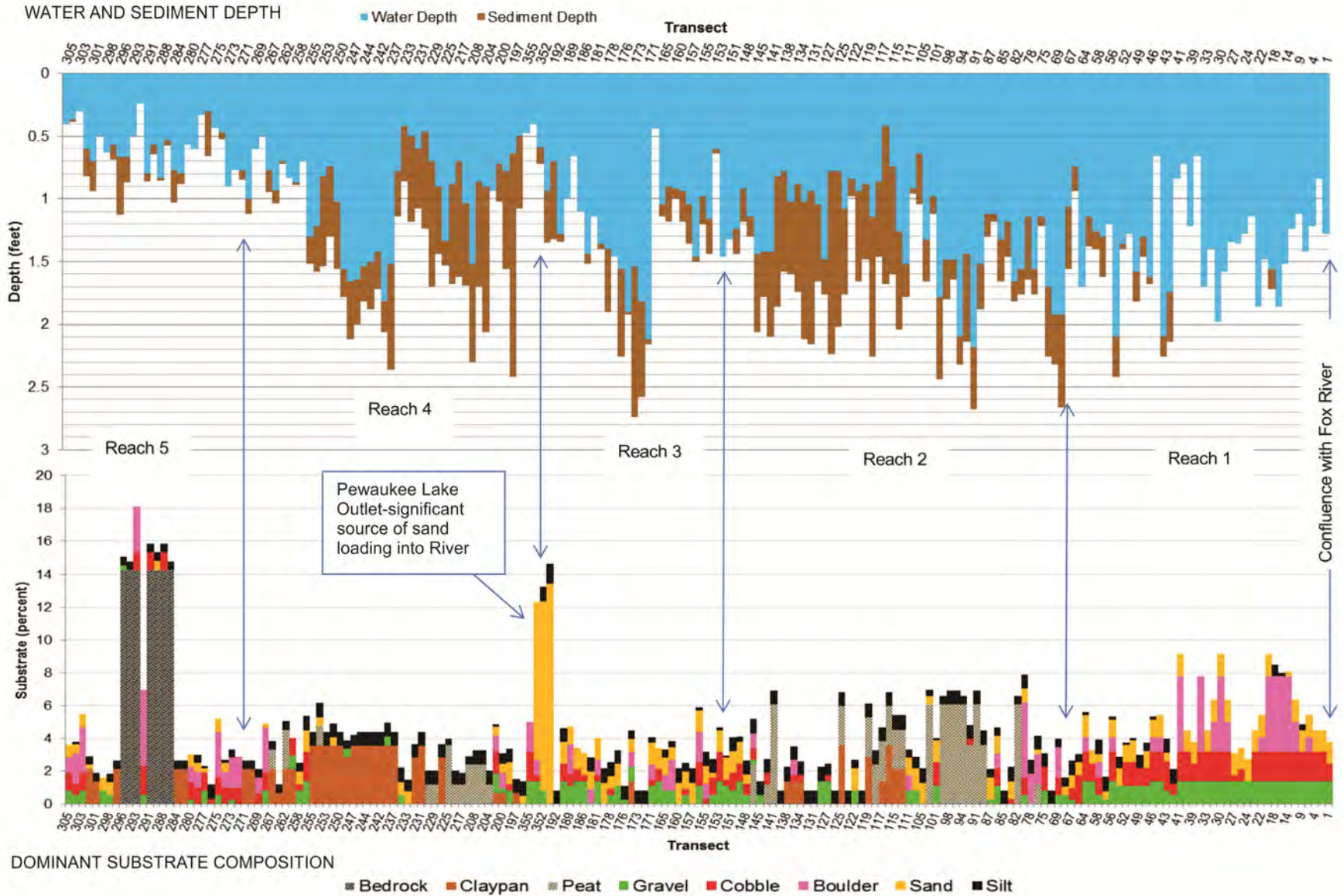


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Figure IV-7

MEAN WATER DEPTH, FLOCCULENT SEDIMENT DEPTH, AND DOMINANT SUBSTRATE COMPOSITION WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER: 2012



PRELIMINARY DRAFT

Source: SEWRPC.



### ***Channelization***

Straightening meandering stream channels or “channelization” was once a widely used and accepted technique in agricultural management. The U.S. Department of Agriculture National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) (formerly Soil Conservation Service) cost shared such activities up to the early 1970s within southeastern Wisconsin.<sup>13</sup> The objectives of channelization were to reduce floods by conveying stormwater runoff more rapidly, to facilitate drainage of low-lying agricultural land, and to allow more efficient farming in rectangular fields. In many cases channelization was accompanied with the installation of drain tiles within the farm fields to better facilitate water movement off of the field. Through channelization and installation of drain tiles, farmers attempted to protect their crops by increasing the velocity of water moving downstream and the rate at which water drained away from their land. In order to facilitate drainage many channelized reaches are often dredged much deeper and wider than the pre-existing stream channel to increase the storage capacity, which tends to produce areas that are characterized by slow moving, stagnant waterways. Many channelized reaches become long straight pools or areas of sediment deposition. Because the velocities within these reaches are too low to carry suspended materials, sediment particles settle out and accumulate. This is why many channelized reaches contain uniformly deep, flocculent, organic sediments. Channelization can also lead to instream hydraulic changes that can decrease or interfere with the connection between the channel and overbank areas during floods. This may result in reduced filtering of nonpoint source pollutants by riparian area vegetation and soils, as well as increased erosion of the banks. Channelization can lead to increased water temperature, due to the loss of riparian vegetation, and it can alter instream sedimentation rates and paths of sediment erosion, transport, and deposition. For example, the most heavily channelized sections of stream assessed in this study contained some of the greatest amounts of flocculent sediment deposition, particularly Meadowbrook Creek and Pewaukee-5 reaches. In addition to the loss of stream length, channel straightening causes a major decrease in the number of pool and riffle structures within the stream system. Pool-riffle sequences are often found in meandering streams, where pools occur at meander bends and riffles at crossover stretches.<sup>14</sup> Therefore, channelization activities, as traditionally accomplished without mitigating features, generally lead to a diminished suitability of instream and riparian habitat for fish and wildlife.

A comparison of aerial photographs from 1941 to 2010 indicates that nearly one stream-mile has been lost in the mainstem reaches of the Pewaukee River, but much more has been lost in the tributaries, including Coco Creek, Meadowbrook Creek, and Zion Creek (see Table IV-1 and Map IV-2). The actual distance of stream channel lost from the pre-settlement period is likely significantly greater, but because of a lack of aerial photography data prior to 1941, it is unknown where the original stream channel was located. Examination of the 1941 aerial photographs indicates that large sections of the streams within the watershed had already been straightened to facilitate the intense agricultural use of the land. Most of the remaining channelization that occurred after 1941 was to accommodate the construction of highways and local roads. This is particularly the case for reaches Pewaukee-1, where sections of the stream were channelized to accommodate the construction of IH 94 (see Inset 1 to Map IV-2), and Pewaukee-4, where the stream was straightened during construction of STH 16 (see Inset 2 to Map IV-2). Stretches of Coco Creek were also channelized during construction of STH 16, as well as for the expansion of local roadways (see Inset 3 and Inset 4 to Map IV-2). The Pewaukee-2 reach showed relatively little change over time, with any difference in this reach related to the natural meandering of the stream system. The Pewaukee-3 reach also showed little change from 1941 to 2010, however, it can be assumed that the stream had been channelized prior to 1941 to facilitate the development of the downtown area of the Village of Pewaukee. The Pewaukee-5 reach is the headwaters of the Pewaukee River and is intermittent throughout the year. A large portion of Pewaukee-5 was channelized before 1941 to allow for more efficient drainage of farm fields. Meadowbrook Creek was also channelized prior to 1941, most likely to allow for the draining of fields for cultivation. Later aerial photographs indicate that a series of inline ponds on Meadowbrook Creek were constructed sometime between 1963 and 1970. These ponds are still present today.

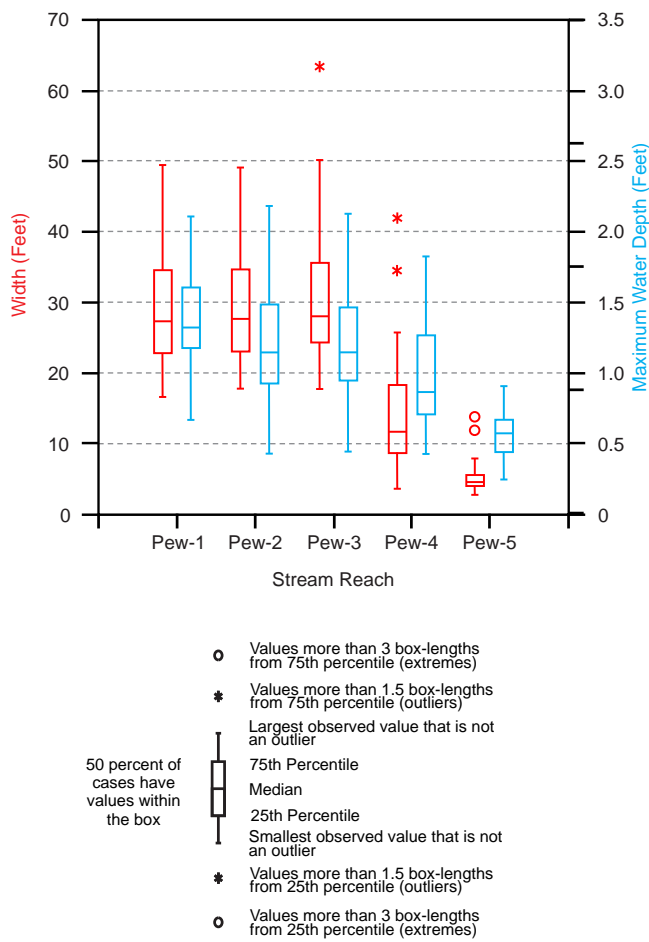
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<sup>13</sup>*Personal Communication, Gene Nimmer, NRCS engineer.*

<sup>14</sup>*N.D. Gordon, et al., Stream Hydrology, John Wiley and Sons, April 1993, page 318.*

Figure IV-8

**STREAM WIDTH AND MEAN DEPTH  
AMONG REACHES IN THE PEWAUKEE  
RIVER WATERSHED: 2012**



Source: SEWRPC.

reach along with gravel and cobble substrates. However, STH 16 seems to be causing a backwater effect upstream of this structure, which is associated with the greatest amount of flocculent sediment deposition within this reach. Pewaukee-2 can best be described as a low gradient-wetland complex and so it is not surprising that this reach is dominated by organic silt, peat, and the deepest flocculent sediments within the entire river system. In contrast to Pewaukee-2, Pewaukee-1 is dominated by the largest substrates on the river system, including gravel, cobble, and boulder with some sand substrates. Not surprisingly, average and maximum depths of flocculent sediment, which were loose sediments that SEWRPC staff could easily push a survey rod through, were closely associated with the presence of organic silt and peat substrates as shown in Table IV-2 and in Figure IV-7. Organic substrates are easily erodible, which is why the deepest areas within the Pewaukee River are comprised mostly of organic sediments.

The Pewaukee Lake Outlet is the most significant tributary to the Pewaukee River, which generally accounts for about 75 percent of the baseflow discharge of the Pewaukee River system. The Outlet is relatively short, so discharges only need to travel less than 500 feet before they merge into the Pewaukee River. As detailed in Chapter II of this report, the Pewaukee Lake dam outfall has recently been reconstructed in the fall of 2010 to a

**Stream Reach Dynamics**

There is a general increase in mean stream width and water depth among reaches in the Pewaukee River from upstream to downstream from Pewaukee-5 to Pewaukee-1 as shown in Figure IV-8. This figure shows increases in average width from less than 10 feet in the Pewaukee-5 reach to 15 feet in the Pewaukee-4 reach and to about 30 feet in the most downstream Pewaukee-3 through Pewaukee-1 reaches. It also shows that depths increase from about 0.5 foot to more than 2.0 feet. The abrupt increase or doubling in both width and depth starting at Pewaukee-3 is caused by the inflow from the Pewaukee Lake Outlet, which enters at the upstream end of this reach.

Although there is general pattern of increasing width and depth from upstream to downstream, there are some important disruptions in this pattern primarily due to several road crossings that have important implications to changes in water depth, flocculent sediment depth and substrate types as shown in Figure IV-7. Sand substrates do not dominate within the headwater reaches Pewaukee-4 or -5. Pewaukee-5 is dominated by gravel, cobble, and boulder substrates and flows over an outcropping of bedrock. Pewaukee-4 is dominated by claypan in the upper portion and peat in the lower portion of this reach and both these areas contain a significant amount of silt and flocculent sediments. It seems that there is a significant backwater effect at both Cecilia Drive and Capital Drive creating greater water and flocculent sediment depths upstream of each of these structures as shown in Figure IV-7. In contrast, it seems that there are substantial amounts of sand substrates that are entering the Pewaukee River from the Pewaukee Lake Outlet, which is likely the cause for sand substrates comprising a large portion of the Pewaukee-3

Figure IV-9

PEWAUKEE LAKE OUTLET CHANNEL CONDITIONS: 2012

UPPER PORTION



LOWER PORTION (AGGRADING CHANNEL)



Source: SEWRPC.

bottom draw gate, which draws water from about four feet below the water surface of Pewaukee Lake. Since the eastern shoreline of Pewaukee Lake contains significant amounts of sand, this is the only source for where the sand could come from. The streambed and streambanks are well armored with a mixture of gravel, cobble, and small boulders for the first approximately 200 feet downstream of the dam as shown in Figure IV-9. Although this upper 200 foot section is stable, it contains relatively limited instream water depths and habitat for fish and aquatic organisms. After about 200 feet the channel width dramatically increases from about 30 feet to more than 120 feet wide for the remaining length or about 300 feet of the outlet channel to the confluence with the Pewaukee River. So, the Pewaukee Lake Outlet essentially loses the characteristics of a stream and becomes more like an impounded pond within the lower portion of this reach. This increase in width causes the water velocities to decrease significantly, which forces sediments to deposit in this area, because water velocities do not have enough energy to transport them downstream. Hence, this entire lower section has become aggraded. Aggradation involves the raising of the streambed elevation, an increase in width/depth ratio, and a corresponding reduction in both size and transport rate of bedload (i.e. sand depositing in the channel). Over-bank flows occur more frequently with less-than-high-water events, because the streambanks in this area are too far apart. So, this situation is resulting in excess sand deposition in this aggrading section of the river. It is important to note that the Pewaukee River Partnership is aware of this problem and has been actively trying to reconstruct a more appropriately sized channel in this area using brush bundles, which can be seen in Figure IV-9, but this treatment has not been effective to date. The cause of aggradation is an increase in upstream sediment load from the Lake and the sediment size exceeds the transport capacity of the channel. Hence, the aggradation is a result of instability caused by over-widening of the channel with a resultant decrease in stream power and shear stress, but this can be addressed with the proper treatment. For example, several projects in the State of Illinois have successfully used an off-bank rock toe/floodplain terrace stream restoration treatment to mitigate an aggraded channel condition as shown in Figure IV-10. This type of treatment simultaneously allows for the recreation of a



Figure IV-10

OFF-BANK ROCK TOE/FLOODPLAIN TERRACE STREAM RESTORATION TREATMENT



Source: *Living Waters Consultants, Inc., www.LivingWatersConsultants.com, 1 South 132 Summit Ave., Suite 304 • Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181, and SEWRPC.*

more appropriate stream width and depth to improve stream channel conveyance, as well as stable floodplain terrace where excess sediments can deposit and promote vegetative growth. Vegetation can and should be planted to further help stabilize sediments outside of the Off-Bank Rock Toe, such as illustrated in Figure IV-10. With time this treatment has been shown to improve water temperatures, instream habitat, and fishery abundances. In essence, this would emulate what the efforts using the brush bundles, except the stone will be more effective in maintaining a stable bank and terrace area for deposition. However, it is important to note that depending on the actual slopes, discharges, and water velocities at this site, it may necessary to incorporate a riffle grade control structure or other treatment to ensure that it remains stable over time. In addition, the stone also should be sized large enough so that is will not be easily dismantled.

The sediment supply and adverse effects on beneficial uses can be very high, depending on the corresponding adjustments of the channel. An example of the aggradation occurring in this reach is shown in Figure IV-9. The obvious decline of fish habitat, elevated stream temperatures and loss of biological function in this aggrading environment are negative consequences associated with this area and are a cause for concern in the Pewaukee River. Continued aggradation could lead to channel avulsion (complete abandonment and initiation of a new channel) and continued transport of sand loads into the Pewaukee River. Although sand is a natural substrate within the Pewaukee River, too much sand load can lead to smothering of the gravel, cobble, and boulder substrates that would degrade the fishery and aquatic life within this system.

### **Habitat Quality**

The amount, quality, and diversity of available instream fisheries habitat range from fair to excellent within the Pewaukee River watershed based upon results of the QHEI that incorporates all of the dimensions described below and shown in Table IV-2. The Pewaukee-1, -2, -4, and -5 reaches contained the highest quality habitat with QHEI scores that ranged from fair to excellent. The Pewaukee-3 reach and Pewaukee Lake Outlet QHEI scores ranged from fair to good, mostly due to the combination of channelization and limited riparian buffers within a highly urban area. Although only the lower portion or about one mile was assessed for Meadowbrook Creek, Coco Creek, and the CTH JJ Tributary systems, these reaches contained QHEI scores that ranged from poor-fair, fair-good, and fair-excellent, respectively. It is important to note that the lowest habitat scores in all cases were associated with the modified sections of streams that were highly channelized. Although the stream continues to recover from the past channelization, it is clear that the channelized segments continue to limit habitat quality and will not likely recover on their own without more intensive intervention.

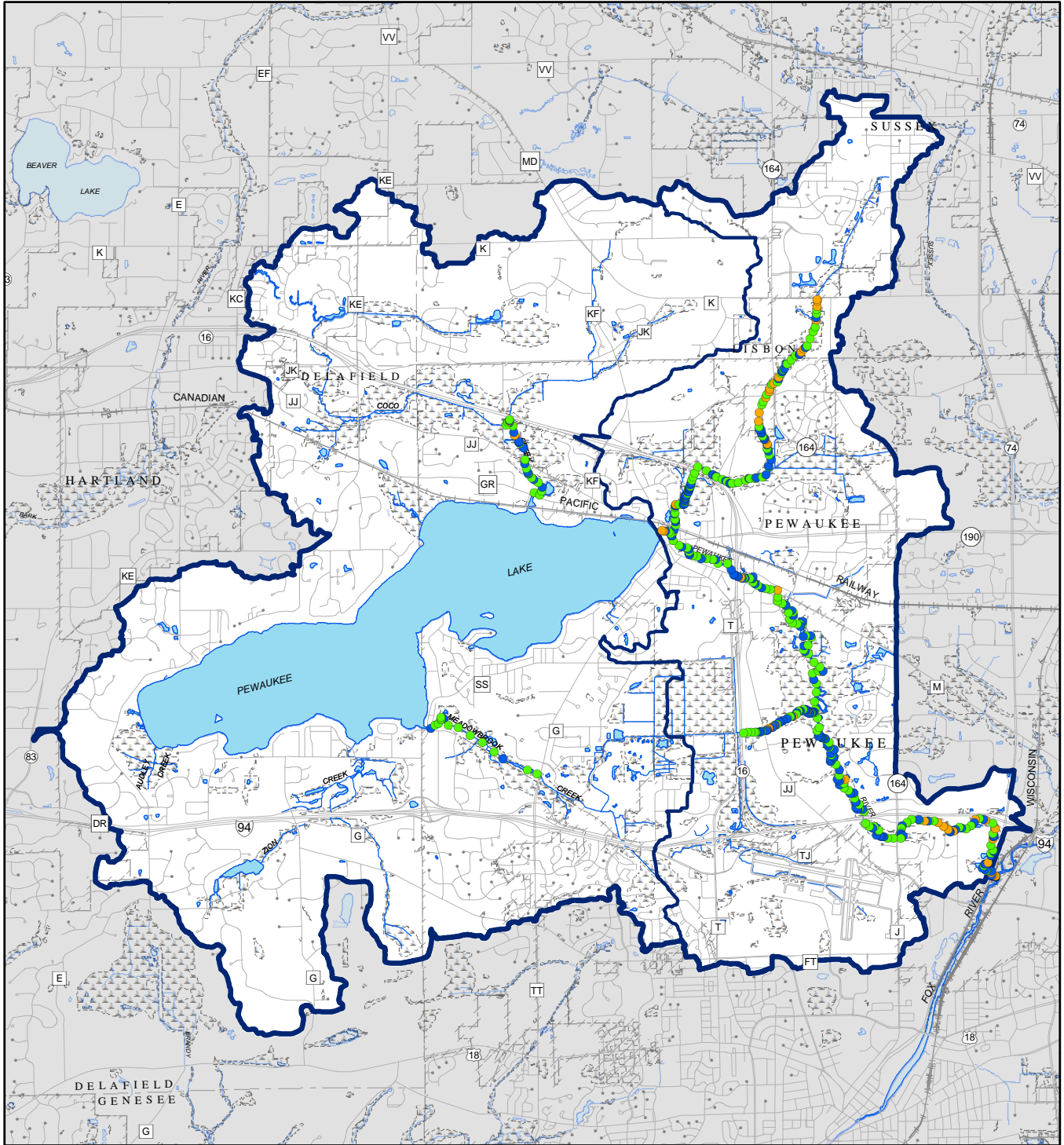
The overall distribution of instream habitat types as characterized by pools (deep water and slower water velocities), riffles (shallow water, large substrates, and higher water velocities), and runs (intermediate depth and water velocities) are shown on Map IV-3. Pool, riffle, and run habitat units are the fundamental instream features upon which the entire QHEI is based to determine overall habitat quality within the Pewaukee River watershed. The quality of habitat scores within the QHEI is predicated upon the presence and distribution of these discrete habitat types and their associated cover types, such as woody debris, undercut banks, boulders and other substrates, submergent and emergent macrophyte vegetation, and overhanging riparian vegetation. As shown in Table IV-2 and Map IV-3 the diversity of the pool and riffle structure (i.e., number of pools compared to the number of riffles) is very poor in the middle reaches (Pewaukee-2,-3, and -4) of the Pewaukee River. In fact, there were only two riffles found in each of the Pewaukee-2 and -3 reaches. Thus, riffle habitat availability is limited within these reaches. In contrast, the pool and riffle distribution is more balanced in the upstream Pewaukee-5 and downstream Pewaukee-1 reaches of the watershed.

In addition, several high-quality riffles were observed in the CTH JJ Tributary. Although this tributary does not provide as much discharge to the Pewaukee River compared to the Pewaukee Lake Outlet, it is a perennial tributary that was observed to be discharging throughout the drought of 2012. The mean width for this tributary was 8.3 feet and mean depths ranged from about 0.5 foot to more than 2.0 feet for the lower portion of this system to the confluence with the Pewaukee River. Figure IV-11 shows the relationship between water depth, sediment depth, and dominant substrate changes that show major changes or shifts in one or more of these physical characteristics due to past stream channelization in the upper portion of this reach where flocculent sediments accumulate. However, the lower section of this reach, downstream of the CTH JJ road crossing, contain a high proportion of gravel and cobble and in some cases boulder substrates, which were associated with the highest QHEI scores.

The general lack of riffle habitats within the middle reaches of the Pewaukee River is due to these areas being dominated by organic peat and silt substrates and deep pool and run habitats. Since riffle habitats are important spawning and feeding areas for many native fish species, the numbers and distribution of riffle habitats can affect fish species distribution. Therefore, maintaining access to the existing riffle habitats throughout the Pewaukee River system will be the key to protecting and enhancing the native fishery. For example, although the

Map IV-3

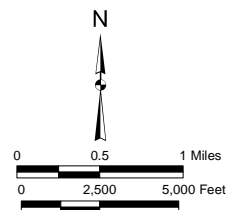
AQUATIC HABITAT TYPES SURVEYED WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2012



- POOL
- RIFFLE
- RUN

- SURFACE WATER
- STREAM
- WATERSHED BOUNDARY
- SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY

NOTE: See Maps F-1 through F-8 and Table F-1 through F-3 for more details on instream habitat.



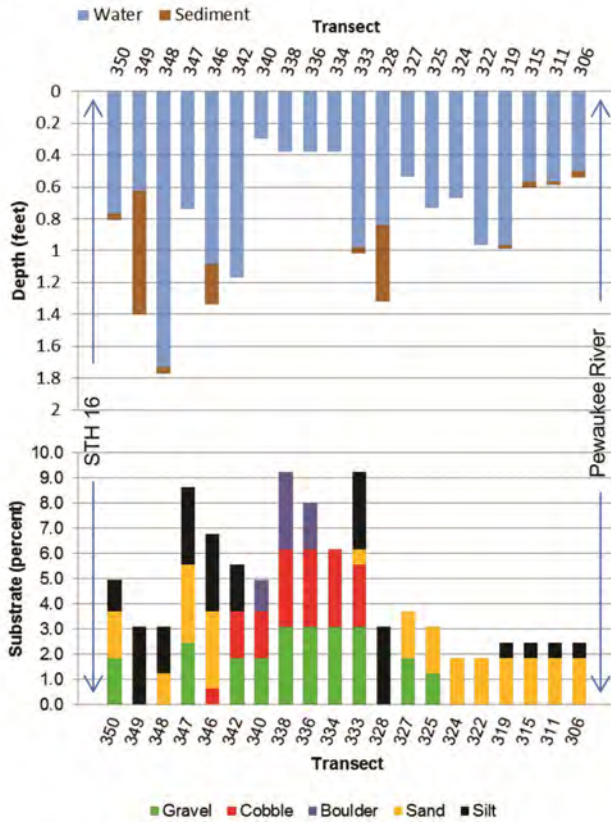
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Figure IV-11

**MEAN WATER DEPTH, FLOCCULENT SEDIMENT DEPTH, AND DOMINANT SUBSTRATE COMPOSITION WITHIN THE HWY JJ TRIBUTARY: 2012**

WATER AND SEDIMENT DEPTH



DOMINANT SUBSTRATE COMPOSITION

Source: SEWRPC.

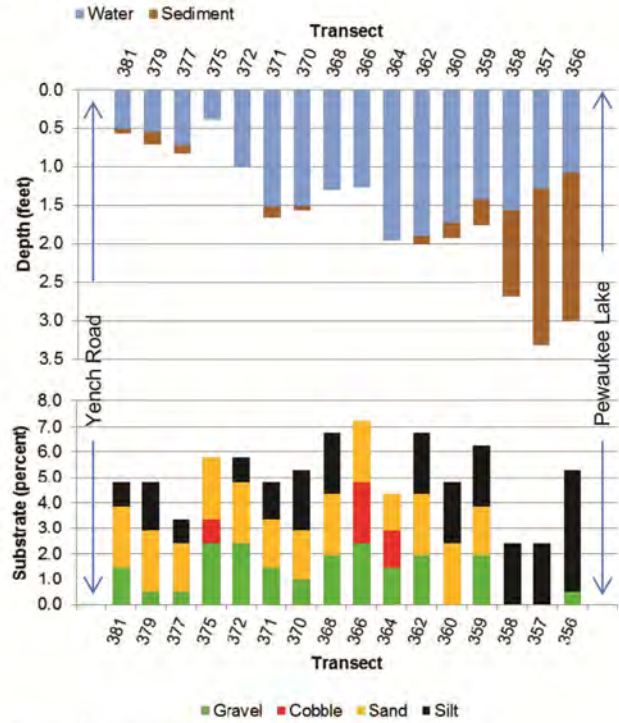
Pewaukee-2 reach has limited riffle habitats, it is connected to the CTH JJ Tributary that contains several riffle habitats. So, maintaining connections between the mainstem of the Pewaukee River to tributaries and access to key habitats is the key to protecting and maintaining a more diverse fishery.

In terms of the tributaries to Pewaukee Lake, no riffles were present in Meadowbrook Creek and only two were observed in Coco Creek. However, it is possible that there are riffle habitats further upstream of both Coco Creek and Meadowbrook Creek. The lower reaches of both of these tributaries have mean water depths that range from about one to two feet and have a good connection to Pewaukee Lake. However, while Coco Creek contains an average width of 10.1 feet and dominated by sand and gravel substrates (see Figure IV-12), Meadowbrook Creek is nearly twice as wide with an average width of 24.5 feet and is dominated by silt substrates (see Figure IV-13). Although both of these tributaries have been heavily channelized since long before 1941, Coco Creek contains a much better relationship between width and depth and overall habitat quality than Meadowbrook Creek, despite also having a subwatershed that is more than double the size of Meadowbrook Creek’s subwatershed. Figure IV-13 shows that the flocculent sediment depths within this portion of the system range from about one to two feet over harder substrates, such as claypan or sand and gravel. These excessively wide and deep features associated with the lower portion of Meadowbrook Creek are likely the result of overly aggressive channel deepening and widening during the time of channelization. Therefore, despite the chance to recover from the effects of

Figure IV-12

**MEAN WATER DEPTH, FLOCCULENT SEDIMENT DEPTH, AND DOMINANT SUBSTRATE COMPOSITION WITHIN THE LOWER REACH OF COCO CREEK: 2012**

WATER AND SEDIMENT DEPTH

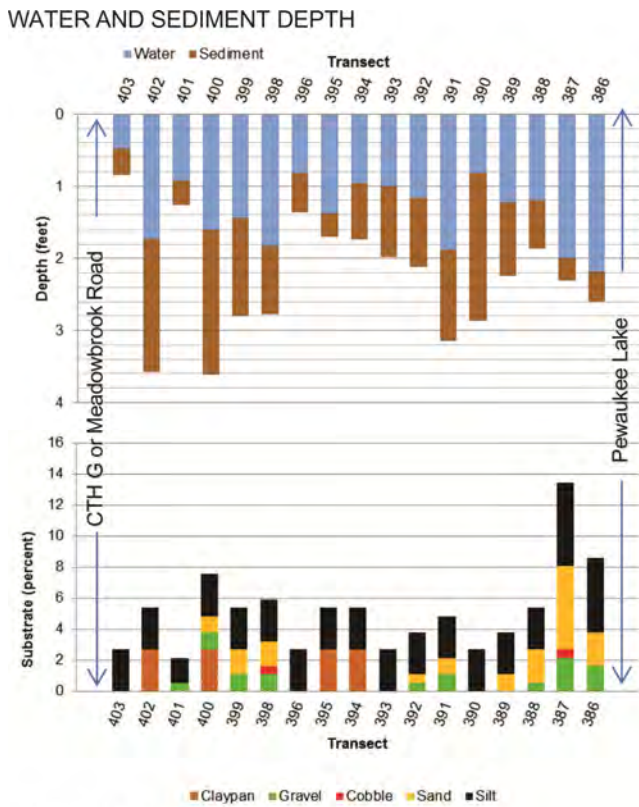


DOMINANT SUBSTRATE COMPOSITION

Source: SEWRPC.

Figure IV-13

**MEAN WATER DEPTH, FLOCCULENT SEDIMENT DEPTH, AND DOMINANT SUBSTRATE COMPOSITION WITHIN THE LOWER REACH OF MEADOWBROOK CREEK: 2012**



**DOMINANT SUBSTRATE COMPOSITION**

Source: SEWRPC.

streams, especially for larger fish, because their greater depth offers protection from predators, provides feeding areas, and provides refuge from high temperatures in the summer and cold temperatures in the winter. As shown in Figure IV-14, pool habitats are deepest within the two lowest Pewaukee-1 and -2 reaches, with more than 25 percent of the pools in these areas greater than three feet. The remaining three reaches contain pool depths that in general are much less than three feet in depth. Pools are often monitored to follow the effects of enhancement projects and natural stream processes, but variations of water depth with discharge can complicate assessment of changes in the depth and volume of pools. To subtract the effect of discharge on depth of pools, residual depth can be measured. Residual depth is the difference in water depth or bed elevation between a pool and the downstream water depth or bed elevation of the riffle crest (upstream edge of the riffle).<sup>15</sup> This residual dimension represents extreme low flow conditions, which often determine the capacity of streams to produce fish, especially during summer months when water temperatures are highest.

channelization for the past at least 72 years, Meadowbrook Creek continues to remain highly impaired. This is strong evidence that Meadowbrook Creek will never recover from the effects of the channelization, which is not that uncommon in low gradient stream systems, without intervention. In other words, it took heavy excavation equipment to channelize Meadowbrook Creek, so it will also require excavation equipment to recreate a more natural meandering stream with appropriate width and depth and pool and riffle habitats.

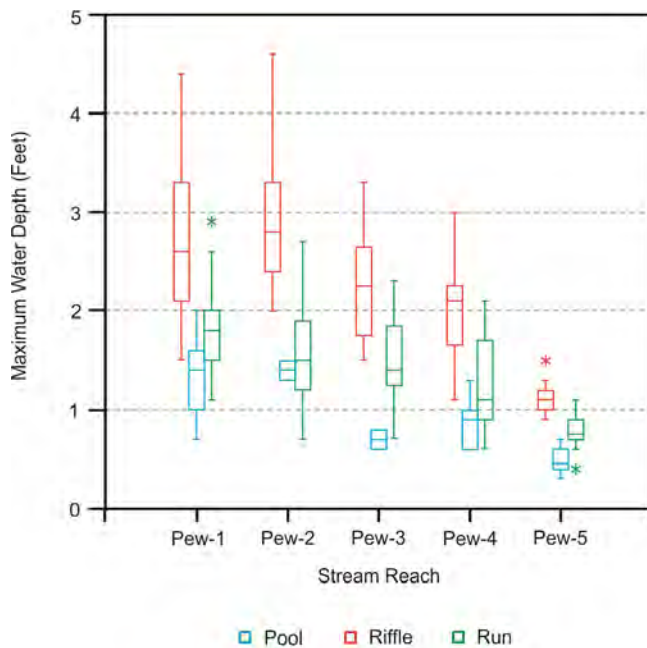
The maximum depth of pool, riffle, and run habitats also change from headwater areas to the confluence of the Fox River as shown in Figure IV-14. These differences indicate that although nominally the same types of habitat areas, the pools, riffles, and runs in the upper portions of the watershed effectively form smaller habitat areas than the corresponding habitat areas in the lower reaches of the watershed. These differences can affect and determine the biological community type, abundance, and distribution present within distinct hydrologic reaches, which, in effect, can result in significant differences in species composition within each of the reaches. The upstream reaches naturally contain a lower abundance and diversity of fishes compared to the downstream reaches, because these reaches contain less water volume. However, it is also important to note that these upstream areas provide vital spawning habitats for the sustained quality and productivity of the entire fishery within the Pewaukee River watershed.

Pool habitats are the opposite of riffle habitats, but they are also important components of fish habitat in

<sup>15</sup>Thomas E. Lisle, Using "residual depths" to monitor pool depths independently of discharge, Research Note PSW-394, Berkeley California, Pacific Southwest Forest and Range Experiment Station, Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, December 1987.

Figure IV-14

**MAXIMUM WATER DEPTH AMONG HABITAT TYPES AND REACHES IN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2012**

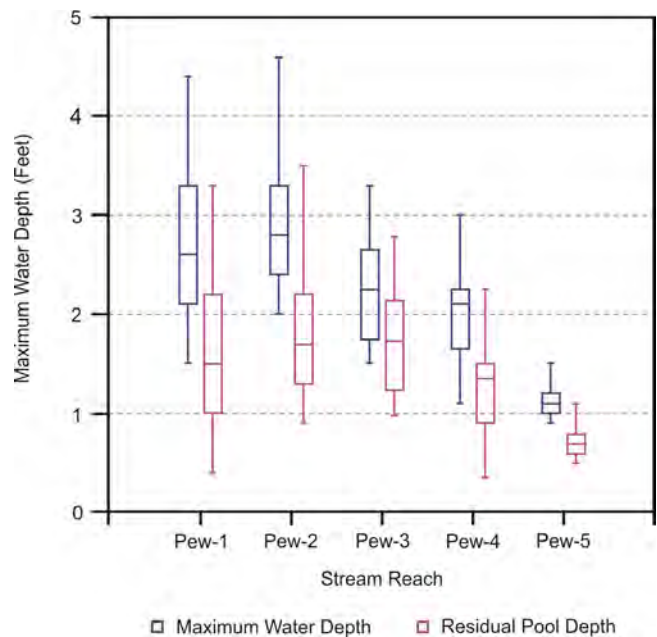


NOTE: See Figure IV-8 for description of symbols.

Source: SEWRPC.

Figure IV-15

**RESIDUAL POOL DEPTH AMONG REACHES IN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2012**



NOTE: See Figure IV-8 for description of symbols.

Source: SEWRPC.

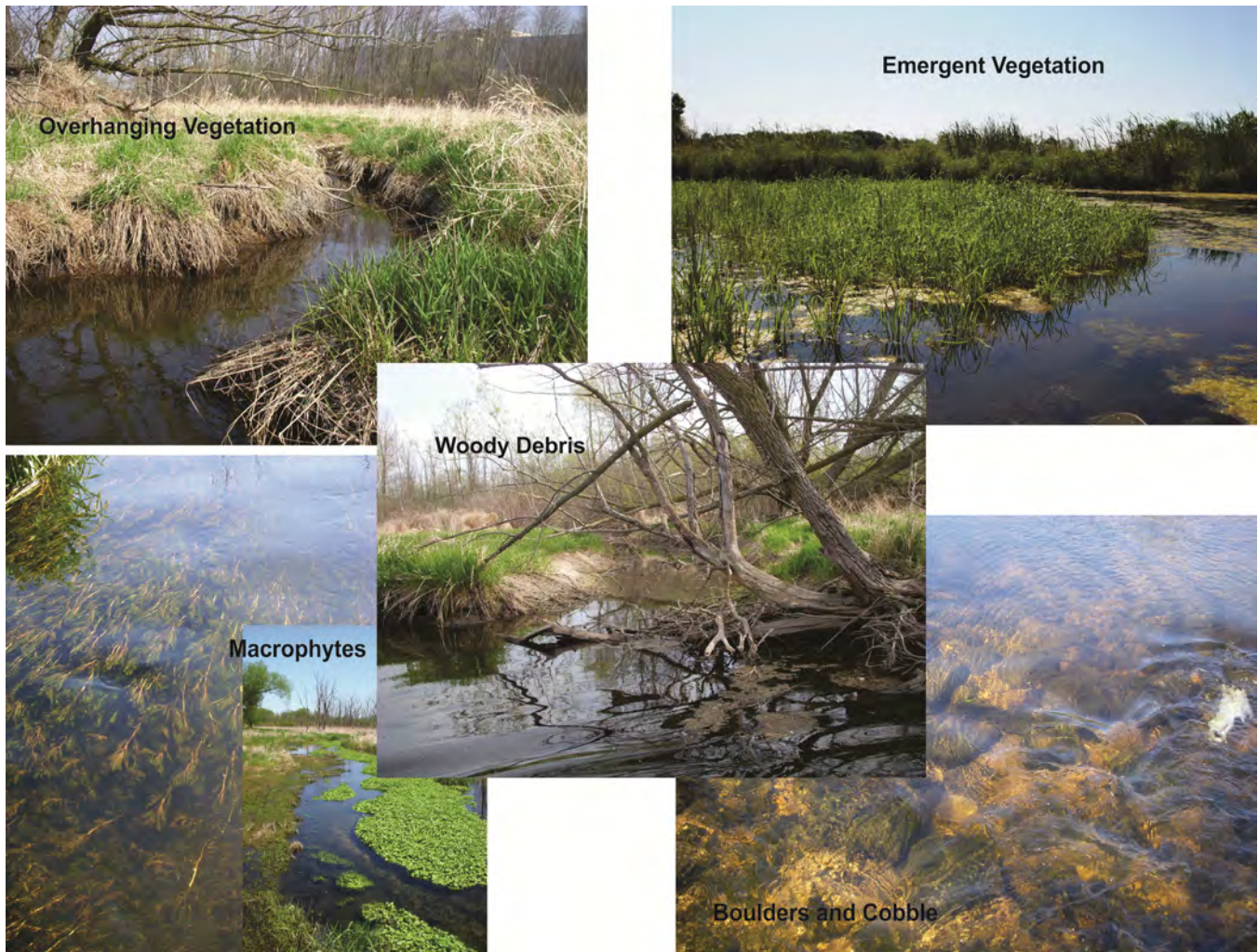
Residual pool depth was calculated by reaches in the Pewaukee River by subtracting the average water depths of all riffles within a reach from the maximum pool depth recorded within each individual pool. As shown in Figure IV-15, residual pool depths were highest within the Pewaukee-1 through -3 reaches with more than 25 percent of the residual pool depths greater than 2.0 feet and a small percentage of residual pools within Pewaukee-1 and -2 even exceed 3.0 feet. So, fish communities have access to a greater number and distribution of deepwater areas during low flow conditions compared to the other reaches in Pewaukee River. These lower reaches also have the added benefit of being connected with the Fox River, which provides a potential avenue of protection if water levels get too low or stream temperatures get too high within these areas of the Pewaukee River. This connection also promotes maintenance of fish species abundance and diversity by providing access to many miles of additional habitats and large populations of diverse fish species to reproduce in and/or recolonize the Pewaukee River, as well as to provide genetic diversity through access to larger population sizes. In contrast, the Pewaukee-4 and -5 reaches contains the lowest residual pool depths compared to all other areas inventoried within the watershed (see Figure IV-15). This indicates that this section of stream would in general not contain many areas with depths greater than one foot and in most cases much less than one foot of depth under low flow conditions.

In addition to water width and depth, which are major determinants of pool, riffle, and run habitat quality scores as discussed above, the QHEI scores can be further enhanced by the presence of one or more of the following features: 1) fallen trees or wood branches (woody debris), 2) undercut banks, 3) boulders and other substrates, 4) submergent and emergent macrophyte vegetation, and 5) overhanging riparian vegetation, as shown in Figure IV-16. In general, the Pewaukee River was comprised of 4 to 50 percent low abundance of cover, 37 to 76 percent moderate abundance of cover, and 8 to 30 percent had high abundance of cover types as shown in Table IV-2.



Figure IV-16

EXAMPLES OF INSTREAM COVER WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2012



Source: SEWRPC.

Boulders are considered to be one of the highest quality substrates in terms of providing good cover for fishes. However, all substrate types and their composition are important and contribute to overall habitat quality. Table IV-2 and Figure IV-7 show that there is a high diversity of substrates among reaches within the Pewaukee River watershed from smaller organic silt and peat to sand and gravel to larger cobbles and boulders. For more detail on substrate diversity refer to the Stream Reach Dynamics section above.

The type and amounts of riparian vegetation are significant drivers of the types and amounts of instream cover which include woody debris, overhanging vegetation, shading, algae, and macrophytes. Instream large and small woody debris is an important component of stream ecosystems that provides essential food and habitat for aquatic organisms. Woody debris can affect channel morphology and form pools; retain organic matter, gravel, and sediment; influence invertebrate abundance; and provide cover and velocity refuge for fish.<sup>16</sup> Woody debris is

<sup>16</sup>B. Mossop and M.J. Bradford, *Importance of large woody debris for juvenile Chinook salmon habitat in small boreal forest streams in the upper Yukon River basin, Canada*, Canadian Journal of Forestry Resources, Volume 35, 2004, pages 1955-1966.



Figure IV-17

**EXAMPLE OF EXCESSIVE AQUATIC PLANT GROWTH  
WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2012**



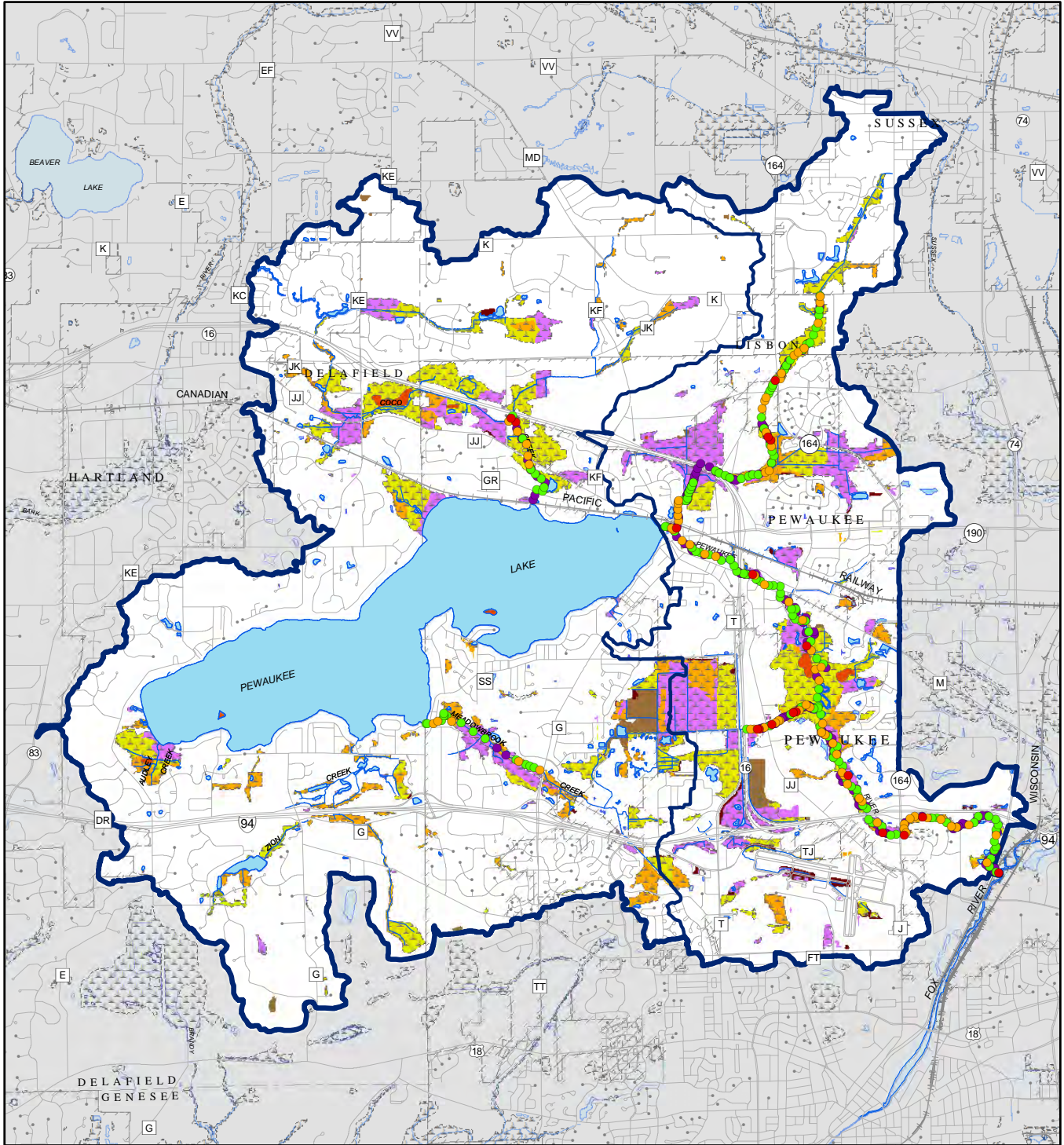
Source: SEWRPC.

very prevalent throughout the entire Pewaukee River system as shown on Map IV-4, which contained concentrations that ranged from 25 to 80 percent of moderate to high abundance of woody debris (see Table IV-2). Woody debris can sometimes excessively accumulate in some areas, causing debris jams that can function like a dam and may cause significant disruption in the stream sediment dynamics and can lead to localized flooding and bank stability problems. Given the overall high amount of wood within the river network, it is not surprising that there were a total of 48 debris jams that were located throughout the Pewaukee River watershed in every reach except for Pewaukee-3. The highest amount of debris jams were observed in the CTH JJ Tributary and Pewaukee-5 reaches. The most significant or problem debris jams and/or associated with streambank erosion were observed in multiple locations among the CTH JJ Tributary and Pewaukee-1, -2, and -5 reaches. Debris jams, particularly at road crossings, may inhibit fish movement to feeding and spawning areas, which was often observed at Structures 2 at CTH F and 4 at Busse Road (see Table G-1), which can lead to decreased reproductive success (see Stream Crossings and Dams section below). Therefore, it is important to periodically monitor these woody debris accumulations and either partially remove them or completely remove them, as well as address any streambank erosion issues, where appropriate.



Map IV-4

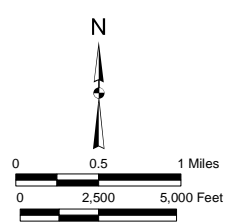
QUALITATIVE DISTRIBUTION OF WOODY DEBRIS WITHIN STREAMS  
SURVEYED IN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2012



- NONE (0 PERCENT)
- LOW (LESS THAN 25 PERCENT)
- MODERATE (25 PERCENT - 75 PERCENT)
- HIGH (GREATER THAN 75 PERCENT)

- EMERGENT WET MEADOW
- FILLED/DRAINED WETLAND
- FLATS/UNVEGATED WET SOIL
- FORESTED WETLAND
- SCRUB/SHRUB
- UPLAND

- SURFACE WATER
- STREAM
- WATERSHED BOUNDARY
- SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY



Source: SEWRPC.



Similarly, the high proportions of wooded riparian areas in most of the reaches throughout the watershed contain a high amount of shading and these stream reaches have low percentages of algae and macrophytes, except for Pewaukee-4 and Meadowbrook Creek. In addition, the open canopy near the downtown Village of Pewaukee area at the upper portion of the Pewaukee-3 reach can develop excessive aquatic plant growth problems as shown in Figure IV-17.

Riparian zone and floodplain quality is another important dimension included within the QHEI scoring criteria to assess instream habitat quality. More specifically, greater extent or width of riparian (stream side) vegetation is associated with a greater quality and higher score for this feature. Riparian buffers greater than 50 meters (approximately 164 feet) from each streambank are necessary to obtain the highest scores for this dimension of the index. Riparian buffers are discussed more thoroughly in the Riparian Corridor Conditions section below, but, in general, riparian buffer width and floodplain quality range from poor to excellent within the Pewaukee River system. For example, the riparian buffer areas within the watershed have been significantly impacted particularly within the Pewaukee-1, Pewaukee-3, and lower portions of the Pewaukee-4 reaches, which is the primary reason that the cross sections within these areas contain the lowest QHEI scores within the entire Pewaukee River system. In contrast, the most extensive and highest quality floodplain area is within the Pewaukee-2 reach, which allows high discharge events to dissipate across the landscape providing protection from flooding in other areas of the watershed and reducing water velocities providing protection from streambed and streambank erosion.

Although undercut banks are related to streambank stability, these are also areas of overhead protection for fishes and are ranked as an important habitat quality feature. The energy of flowing water in a stream is dissipated along the stream length by frictional resistance of the bed and banks and meanders, turbulence, streambank and bed erosion, and sediment resuspension. In general, increased urbanization may be expected to result in increased streamflow rates and volumes, with potential increases in streambank erosion and bottom scour. Streambank erosion destroys aquatic habitat, spawning, and feeding areas; contributes to downstream water quality degradation by releasing sediments to the water; and provides material for subsequent sedimentation downstream, which, in turn, covers valuable benthic habitats, impedes navigation, and fills wetlands. These effects may potentially be mitigated by sound land use planning combined with utilization of proper stormwater management practices. Results indicate that undercut banks and streambank erosion are occurring in several areas particularly Pewaukee-3 and Pewaukee-1 reaches. The majority of undercut banks observed generally ranged from 0.5 to 1.0 foot in depth, but several sites within the Pewaukee-1 reach exceeded 1.0 foot in depth. The greatest percent of undercut banks and the deepest undercuts were located within the Pewaukee-1 reach, which contains the greatest slope and highest energy to scour undercut banks. It is also important to note that majority of the upper portion of the Pewaukee-3 reach within the urbanized areas is largely protected or armored with stone or cement or bricks. This seems to indicate streambank erosion has been and continues to be an issue within this reach that private residents, businesses, and local municipalities have addressed in one way or another. For example, the Pewaukee River Partnership have been actively improving the downtown Village of Pewaukee area from the Pewaukee Lake Outlet and River to Clark Street by armoring the streambanks with stone, debrushing shorelines of nuisance plants, and installing brush bundles, since the 1990s (see Figure IV-18). However, there is evidence of failing retaining walls, particularly just north and south of Oakton Bridge as shown in Figure IV-19.

### ***Trash and Tires***

Although the accumulation of trash and debris is not part of the QHEI scores as summarized above, these materials degrade the aesthetics of the river system and can cause physical and/or chemical (i.e., toxic) damage to aquatic and terrestrial wildlife. Therefore, Commission staff recorded and mapped the significant trash and debris that was encountered during the comprehensive survey conducted in the spring of 2012 as shown on Map IV-5 with specific details in Appendix F, Maps F-9 through F-16 and Table F-4. The majority of trash was observed within the Pewaukee River, the CTH JJ tributary, and some portions of Coco Creek and Meadowbrook Creek. Nearly 30 automobile tires were found in the Pewaukee River, which made up the largest portion of trash found among the areas surveyed (see Map IV-5). Other types of trash included old wash machine parts, clothes, grocery bags, plastic bottles, and various construction materials.

Figure IV-18

STREAMBANK STABILIZATION PROJECT NORTH OF OAKTON BRIDGE: 1990

BEFORE PROJECT



POST PROJECT



Source: Charlie Shong, Pewaukee River Partnership.

***Stream Crossings and Dams***

Bridges and culverts can affect stream widths, water and sediment depths, velocities, and substrates. These structures also have the potential to pose physical and/or hydrological barriers to fisheries and other aquatic organisms. Therefore, SEWRPC staff has conducted an inventory of 50 structures throughout the Pewaukee River watershed summarized in Appendix G that includes a description and photograph (see Figure G-1), location map (see Map G-1), condition, as well as a fish passage and navigation hazard rating (see Table G-1). Based upon this assessment conducted in 2012 the majority of the structures were identified to be passable, but 16 structures were considered partial barriers and two were complete barriers to passage. Several of these structures that have fish passage issues were also considered navigation hazards, which is addressed in the Recreational Conditions section below.

Eight of the structures rated as partial barriers and one complete barrier were located within the Pewaukee River that included structure numbers and associated River Miles (RM) of 2 (RM 0.11), 8 (RM 5.83), 11 (RM 6.68), 14 (RM 7.54), 18 (RM 8.62), 20 (RM 8.74), 21 (RM 8.91), 25 (RM 9.59), and 27 (RM 9.79). Number 18 is a drop



Figure IV-19

STREAMBANK CONDITIONS DOWNSTREAM AND UPSTREAM OF OAKTON BRIDGE: 2012

DOWNSTREAM

EAST BANK (LOOKING DOWNSTREAM)



WEST BANK (LOOKING DOWNSTREAM)



UPSTREAM

WEST BANK (LOOKING WEST)



WEST BANK (LOOKING WEST)

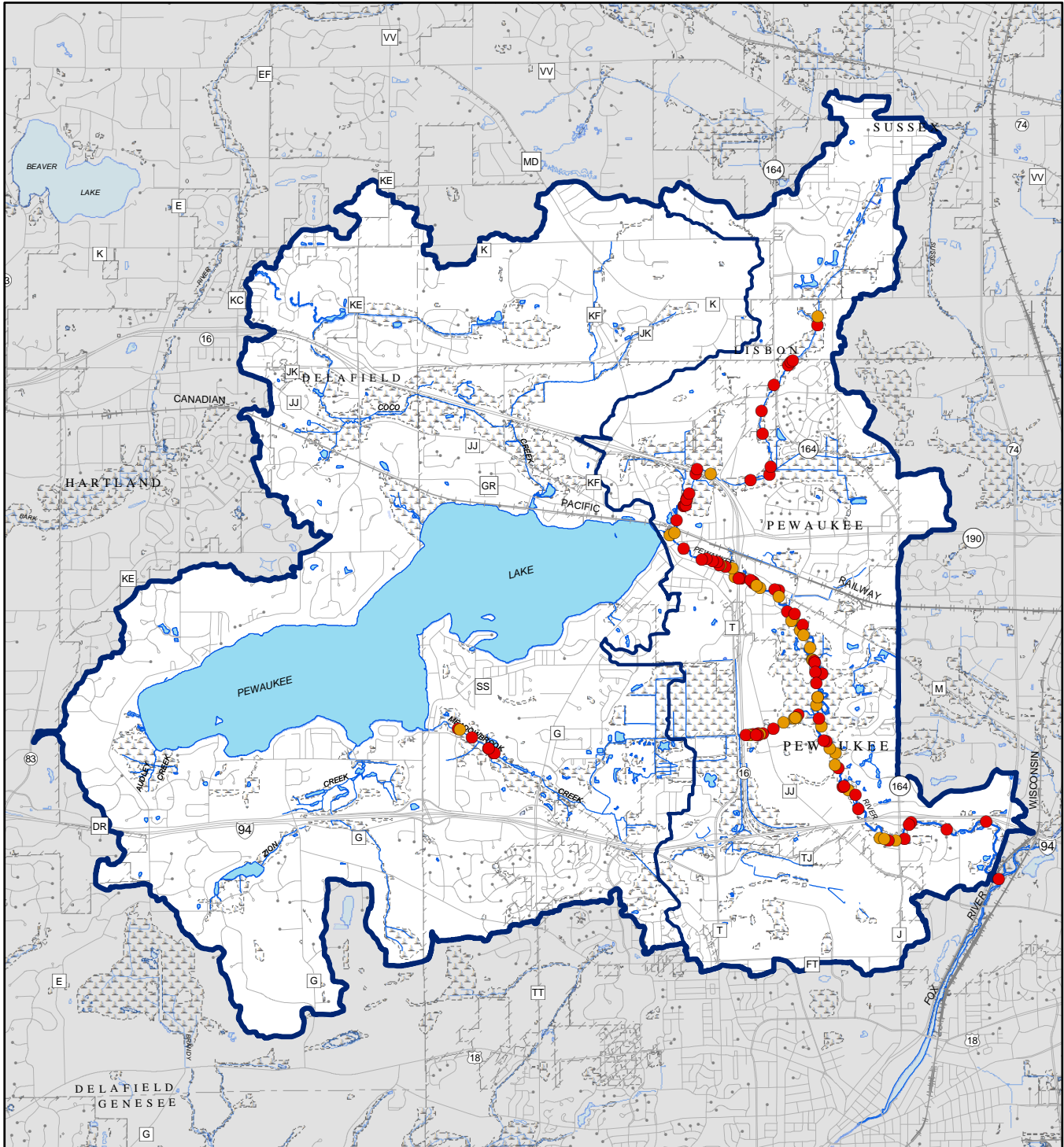


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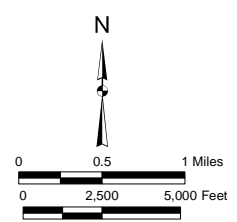
Map IV-5

TIRES AND OTHER TRASH OBSERVED WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2012



- LOCATION OF TIRES IN STREAM
- LOCATION OF OTHER TRASH IN STREAM
- SURFACE WATER
- STREAM
- PEWAUKEE RIVER TOTAL DRAINAGE AREA
- PEWAUKEE RIVER DIRECT DRAINAGE AREA

NOTE: See Appendix Map F-9 through Map F-16 for a more detailed look at trash, debris jams, beaver dams, and streambank erosion in each stream reach surveyed



Source: SEWRPC.

structure that is acting just like a dam at RM 8.62 and this is a complete barrier to fish passage. Structure numbers 8, 20, 21, 25, and 27 are only considered to be limiting fish passage under low flow conditions, due to inadequate water depths. Although structures 8 and 11 are bridges and are well elevated above the Pewaukee River, the limited depths at these structures are due to a high amount of large stone that was placed on the streambed and streambanks underneath these bridges. This stone is causing a significant backwater effect under low flow conditions that creates ponding and sediment deposition upstream of these structures (see Figure IV-7). Although this is certainly acting like a dam, the water depths at this structure are likely only limiting fish passage during low flow periods, so this was only considered a partial barrier to fish passage. Hence, this crossing illustrates why it is important to be vigilant in the design construction and/or reconstruction of roadway crossings, which can have unintended consequences to aquatic communities. This also is a good example of why it is important to continue to monitor this and all road crossings periodically in order to ensure that they have not accumulated debris and become barriers to fish and other aquatic organisms. In contrast, the most downstream structure number 2 is limiting to passage due to high water velocities combined with the length of the culvert, which it make this structure difficult for passage during higher water discharge events.

Except for the one complete barrier on the Pewaukee Lake Outlet that is the dam impounding Pewaukee Lake, the remaining structures in the other areas of the Pewaukee River watershed were considered partial barriers to fish passage under low flow conditions. One partial barrier was located on the CTH JJ Tributary at structure number 29 (RM 0.53). Two partial barriers were identified on the Coco Creek at structure numbers 36 (RM 0.81) and 39 (RM 3.20). Two partial barriers also were located on the tributary to Coco Creek at structure numbers 41 (RM 0.04) and 42 (RM 1.34). Three partial barriers were observed on Meadowbrook Creek at structure numbers 44a (RM 1.45), 44b (RM 1.64), and 46 (RM 2.35). The description and recommend actions for each of these structures are listed in Table G-1.

Because of the number of culverts within the Pewaukee River watershed, their combined impact on fish communities could potentially be significant.<sup>17</sup> Culverts tend to have a destabilizing influence on stream morphology that can create selective barriers to fish migration because swimming abilities vary substantially among species and size-classes of fish affecting their ability to traverse the altered hydrological regime within the culverts.<sup>18</sup> Fish of all ages require freedom of movement to fulfill needs for feeding, growth, and spawning. Such needs generally cannot be found in only one particular area of a stream system. These movements may be upstream or downstream and occur over an extended period of time, especially in regard to feeding. In addition, before winter freeze-up, fish tend to move downstream to deeper pools for overwintering. Fry and juvenile fish also require access up and down the stream system while seeking rearing habitat for feeding and protection from predators. The recognition that fish populations are often adversely affected by culverts has resulted in numerous designs and guidelines that have been developed to allow for better fish passage and to help ensure a healthy sustainable fisheries community.<sup>19</sup>

#### *Beaver Activity*

Beavers can cut trees and alter environments to a greater extent than any other mammal except humans. Their ability to increase landscape heterogeneity by felling trees and constructing impoundments and canals goes beyond their immediate needs for food and shelter. They can dramatically alter nutrient cycles and food webs in

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<sup>17</sup>Thomas M. Slawski and Timothy J. Ehlinger, "Fish Habitat Improvement in Box Culverts: Management in the Dark?" North American Journal of Fisheries Management, Volume 18, 1998, pages 676-685.

<sup>18</sup>Stream Enhancement Research Committee, "Stream Enhancement Guide," Province of British of Columbia and the British Columbia Ministry of Environment, Vancouver, 1980.

<sup>19</sup>B.G. Dane, "A Review and Resolution of Fish Passage Problems at Culvert Sites in British Columbia", Canada Fisheries and Marine Sciences Technical Report 810, 1978. Chris Katopodis, "Introduction to Fishway Design," Freshwater Institute Central and Arctic Region Department of Fisheries and Oceans, January, 1992.

aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems by modifying hydrology and selectively removing riparian trees.<sup>20</sup> The activities of beavers in streams provide an example of a natural alteration to ecosystem structure and dynamics. Beaver activity may result in differing degrees of alterations that: 1) modify channel geomorphology and hydrology; 2) increase retention of sediment and organic matter; 3) create and maintain wetlands; 4) modify nutrient cycling and decomposition dynamics by wetting soils, altering the hydrologic regime, and creating anaerobic zones in soils and sediments; 5) modify the riparian zone, including the species composition and growth form of plants; 6) influence the character of water and materials transported downstream; and 7) modify instream aquatic habitat, which ultimately influences community composition (e.g., fish and macroinvertebrates) and diversity.<sup>21</sup>

Beaver dams are not permanent structures and without constant maintenance, the dams will be breached and blowouts will occur. In addition, dams are frequently abandoned when beavers move on to new areas, depending on food and habitat availability. There is no set time frame within which beavers inhabit areas and maintain dams. It has been documented that dams can be maintained over long periods of time, or used only seasonally. It is likely that, under normal conditions, beaver dams are obstructions for most fish species in terms of upstream passage. Most fish species can go downstream without problems; however, it is unknown how passable beaver dams are under high flow conditions.

Beaver dams have been shown to enhance fisheries over watershedwide scales. When beaver impound streams by building dams, they substantially alter stream hydraulics in ways that benefit many fish species.<sup>22</sup> Early research suggested that beaver dams might be detrimental to fish, primarily by hindering fish passage, and it has been demonstrated that beaver dams seasonally restrict movement of fishes.<sup>23</sup> Until recently, it was common for fish managers to remove beaver dams. However, more than 80 North American fishes have been documented in beaver ponds, including 48 species that commonly use these habitats, and the beaver ponds' overall benefit to numerous fishes has been well documented, causing managers to rethink the practice of removing beaver dams.<sup>24</sup> Therefore, this is a complicated and controversial issue, so decisions to remove beaver dams should be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

While there was notable beaver activity in terms of beaver chew and felled trees throughout the Pewaukee River system, only two actual beaver dams were observed on the Pewaukee River. The first was in Reach 2, and the second was in Reach 5. Meadowbrook Creek also contained two beaver dams.

Based on these observations it is probable that beaver dams are not likely to be significantly affecting the abundance and diversity of the fishery in Pewaukee River watershed during the time of this inventory, but they do have the potential to limit fish passage particularly northern pike trying to migrate into upstream tributaries to lay

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<sup>20</sup>A.M. Ray, et al., *Macrophyte succession in Minnesota Beaver Ponds*, Canadian Journal of Botany, Volume 79, 2001, pages 487-499.

<sup>21</sup>R.J. Naiman, J.M. Melillo, J.E. Hobbie, *Ecosystem alteration of boreal forest streams by Beaver (Castor canadensis)*, Ecology, Volume 67, 1986, pages 1254-1269.

<sup>22</sup>J.W. Snodgrass, and G.K. Meffe, *Influence of beavers on stream fish assemblages: effects of pond age and watershed position*, Ecology Volume 79, 1998, pages 926-942.

<sup>23</sup>I.J. Schlosser, *Dispersal, boundary processes, and trophic-level interactions in streams adjacent to beaver ponds*, Ecology, Volume 76, 1995, pages 908-925.

<sup>24</sup>M.M. Pollock, et al., *The importance of beaver ponds to coho salmon production in the Stillaguamish River Basin, Washington, USA*, North American Journal of Fisheries Management, Volume 24, 2004, pages 749-760.



their eggs. Therefore, it is important to continue to monitor beaver activity and take action where appropriate and those efforts should be particularly focused in the following locations: along migratory routes for northern pike spawning habitat, particularly Meadowbrook Creek and Coco Creek to the confluence with Pewaukee Lake; locations where structures may become threatened with flooding; and, where navigation can become obstructed, particularly at culverts and bridges.

### **Summary**

In summary the Pewaukee-1, -2, -4, and -5 reaches contained the highest quality habitat ranged from fair to excellent. The Pewaukee-3 reach and Pewaukee Lake Outlet scores ranged from fair to good, mostly due to the combination of channelization and limited riparian buffers within a highly urban area. Although only the lower portion or about one mile was assessed for Meadowbrook Creek, Coco Creek, and the CTH JJ Tributary systems, these reaches contained habitat scores that ranged from poor-fair, fair-good, and fair-excellent, respectively. However, this analysis does indicate that there have been a number of modifications to the Pewaukee River system and that there are opportunities to improve habitat quantity and quality throughout the watershed (see **Instream Restoration Priorities** section in Chapter VI of this report).

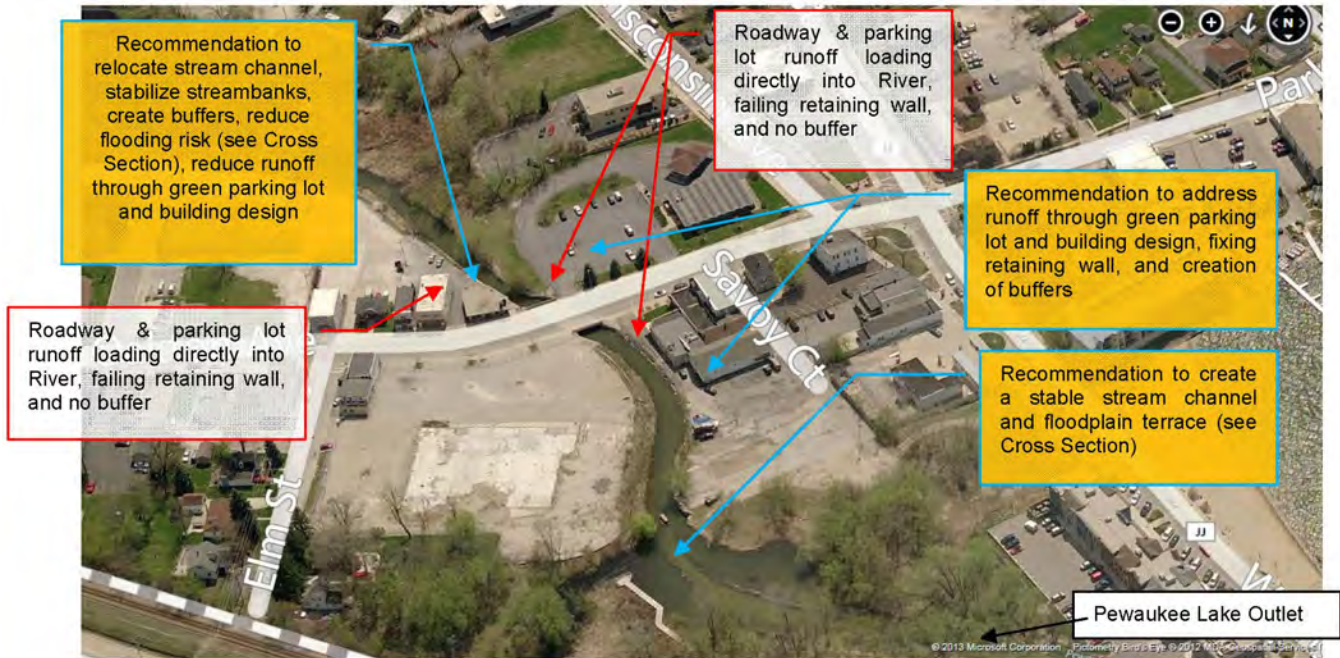
Channelization has been extensive throughout the Pewaukee River watershed and this is one of the major determinants of limited instream habitat and biological condition particularly in the headwaters of the Pewaukee River, as well as Coco Creek, Meadowbrook Creek, and the CTH JJ Tributary. In all cases despite more than 70 to 100 years to recover from post channelization, these reaches have not been able to redevelop more natural or appropriate sinuosities. Therefore, it is obvious that due to the low slopes or energies within this river system, the only way to restore stream function within this system is to physically reconstruct it. Reconstructing meanders or restoring a more natural sinuosity, particularly in low gradient systems like the Pewaukee River, is one of the most effective ways to restoring instream habitat and ability of this system to transport sediment and to function more like a healthy river system. In particular, the highest priority or best locations to restore stream function is where the pre-existing channel lengths that were cut off still exist. For example, there are several locations on the mainstem of the Pewaukee River in reach Pewaukee-2 that could easily be restored to flow back into the old channel with minimum effort and cost, as well as some more extensive reaches within Coco Creek as shown on Map IV-2 (see Insets 3 and 4). Even if the old stream channel has been buried or cannot be determined, there are many opportunities to restore or increase stream sinuosities and associated habitat and stream function within these channelized sections of stream.

It is recommended to address the aggradation problem within the Pewaukee Lake Outlet using an Off-Bank Rock Toe/Floodplain Terrace stream restoration treatment or some equivalent as illustrated in Figure IV-10 within the lower portion of this channel and the Pewaukee River downstream of the railway bridge to the abutments of the abandoned bridge footings. Provided the stone is sized properly to remain stable under the stress of the water velocities during extreme rainfall events, this type of treatment will simultaneously allow for the recreation of a more appropriate stream width and depth, as well as stable floodplain terrace where excess sediments can deposit and promote vegetative growth. Native vegetation can and should be planted to further help stabilize sediments outside of the Off-Bank Rock Toe, such as illustrated in Figure IV-10.

Streambank erosion does not seem to be an excessive problem throughout the majority of the Pewaukee River system, but streambank erosion and undercut banks are an issue particularly within Pewaukee-3 and Pewaukee-1 reaches. Therefore, any efforts to reduce stormwater runoff and decrease flashiness of the Pewaukee River throughout the watershed should be a high priority to protect streambank and streambed stability and water quality, as well as potentially reduce flooding within this system. The Pewaukee-3 and -1 reaches and their associated erosion sites should be monitored and addressed if they become worse. In particular, the failing retaining walls just north and south of Oakton Bridge should be a high priority to address, but as illustrated in Figure IV-20A and IV-20B these sites offer potential additional opportunities to reduce stormwater runoff and pollutant loads in this critical downtown Village of Pewaukee area through green parking lot and building design, and creation of buffers.

Figure IV-20A

**HIGH-PRIORITY PROBLEM AREAS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY, STREAMBANK STABILITY, SEDIMENT TRANSPORT, AND FISHERIES HABITAT WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2012**



Source: Google Maps and SEWRPC.

It is recommended that all of the trash and tires identified on Maps F-9 through F-16 in Appendix F be removed to improve the aesthetics and recreational experience of the Pewaukee River and to protect wildlife. In some cases trash is accumulating behind and/or integrated with woody debris jam obstructions, but these sites will likely require more effort to address (see obstructions section below).

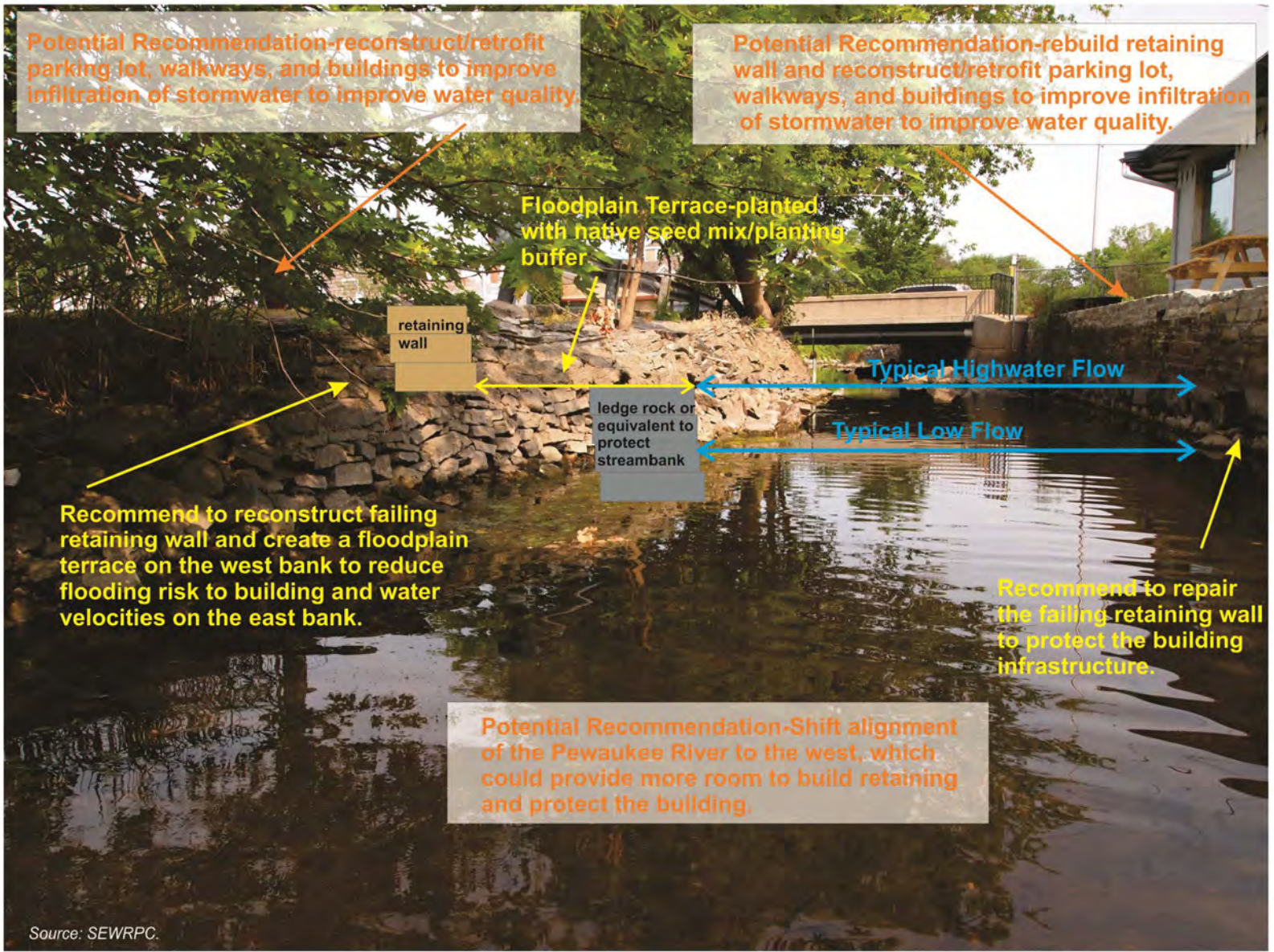
Problem woody debris jams should be removed either partially or completely, where appropriate on Maps F-9 through F-16 in Appendix F, particularly those associated with streambank erosion and/or trash and debris. It is recommended to periodically monitor these woody debris accumulations mapped throughout the Pewaukee River watershed and dismantle and/or remove them when they become a problem.

There were 17 structures that were considered to be partial barriers and one structure to be a complete barrier to fish passage throughout the Pewaukee River watershed that are recommended to either be removed, replaced, or retrofitted to restore fish passage to the extent practicable (see Table G-1). Structure number 18 (RM 8.62) is a complete barrier to fish passage and is a high priority to be removed. In terms of the remaining structures, priority for improving passage should be to restore connectivity and habitat quality between the Pewaukee River and the Fox River and between Coco Creek, Meadowbrook Creek, Zion Creek, and Audley Creek and Pewaukee Lake. It is also recommended that these structures, particularly the culverts that have more restrictive openings than bridges, be monitored periodically to in order to ensure that they have not accumulated debris and become barriers to fish and other aquatic organisms.



Figure IV-20B

TYPICAL CROSS SECTION TO ILLUSTRATE RECOMMENDATIONS AND POTENTIAL ALTERNATIVES DOWNSTREAM OF OAKTON BRIDGE: 2012



PRELIMINARY DRAFT



## HYDROLOGICAL CONDITIONS

### Modeled Groundwater and Surface Water Interactions

The Pewaukee River and its associated watershed is one of several main tributaries that comprise the surface-water network of the Upper Fox River that were recently modeled to evaluate groundwater-flow patterns in the shallow aquifer system within the Upper Fox River watershed in southeastern Wisconsin.<sup>25</sup> This section summarizes data and model results applicable to the Pewaukee River watershed for quantifying groundwater/surface water interactions in the shallow aquifer, defining sources and sinks of groundwater, including recharge, boundary fluxes, interactions with surface water, and discharge to wells and quarries. For example, one of the primary objectives of the Upper Fox River Basin model was to simulate base flow to the surface-water network, which included results for both Pewaukee Lake and Pewaukee River as summarized below.

### Water Sources and Withdrawals

It is important to note that there is no discharge from wastewater-treatment plants (WWTPs) anywhere within the Pewaukee River system, so the only sources for discharge to the Pewaukee Lake and Pewaukee River are solely from precipitation that percolates as recharge to the water table. Although there are no quarries within the boundaries of the Pewaukee River watershed, the contributing shallow groundwater areas that discharge into the quarry adjacent to Sussex Creek does extend into headwaters of Pewaukee River and is reducing the amount of groundwater discharge to this area of Pewaukee River.

In 2005, about 34 million gallons per day (Mgal/d) of groundwater were withdrawn for public, domestic, industrial, commercial, and agricultural uses in Waukesha County.<sup>26</sup> About 25 percent of that total is pumped by private domestic wells penetrating shallow aquifers, while the remaining 75 percent is extracted from high-capacity wells penetrating the shallow and deep aquifer systems primarily for public supply and industrial purposes. A high-capacity well is defined as withdrawing on average more than 0.1 Mgal/d. However, it was estimated that shallow aquifer pumping within the Upper Fox River model domain totaled about 6.7 Mgal/d, where the unconsolidated material and Silurian dolomite pumped at rates of 1.62 and 5.07 Mgal/d, respectively distributed among a total of 99 separate high-capacity wells. The greatest concentration of pumping in the model domain was from the dolomite wells in the eastern portion of the study area, which included the Pewaukee River watershed. In particular, there are a total of eight high-capacity wells located within the Pewaukee River watershed as of year 2005. One high-capacity well is pumping from an unconsolidated deposit layer and the remaining seven high-capacity wells are pumping from the Silurian dolomite layer. The model output shows the extent and location of the high-capacity pumping wells on the shallow aquifer are primarily located in the lower portions of the Pewaukee River watershed. Based upon the reported proportions of groundwater withdrawal in Waukesha County, it also is likely that private domestic wells located within the Pewaukee River watershed can account for at least 25 percent of the total local groundwater supply from the shallow aquifers. However, since the majority of domestic pumping is assumed to be returned to the shallow aquifer via mound and/or septic system infiltration, this element was not included in this modeling effort (see **groundwater recharge** section below for further details below).

### Groundwater Recharge

The most important source for groundwater in southeastern Wisconsin is natural recharge to the water table. Recharge is variable over time and space. The *temporal variation* is caused by climatic variability, or more specifically, the timing and intensity of precipitation and temperature. These variables affect the processes of

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<sup>25</sup>D.T. Feinstein, M.N. Fiene, J.L. Kennedy, C.A. Buchwald, and M.M. Greenwood, "Development and application of a groundwater/surface-water flow model using MODFLOW-NWT for the Upper Fox River Basin, Southeastern Wisconsin, U.S. Geological Survey Scientific Investigations Report 2012-5108, 2012, 124 pages.

<sup>26</sup>SEWRPC Planning Report No. 52, A Regional Water Supply Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin, December 2010.

runoff, infiltration, and evapotranspiration. In general, higher recharge rates are correlated to higher amounts of precipitation, but specific recharge rates can be highly variable depending on a number of additional factors, such as the antecedent soil moisture, amount of snow or timing of frozen soil conditions, strength and duration of rainfall, and the amount of evapotranspiration as controlled by temperature. The *spatial variation* of recharge depends on the land use, soil type, and land surface topography. This gives land use planning an important role in protecting recharge areas.

The Upper Fox River Basin model identified recharge rates for each of the 27 drainage subbasins within the model domain, which ranged from 1.6 inches per year to 9.5 inches per year. These rate differences are primarily due to differences in soil type and surface topography as a result of the glaciers. The resulting recharge rates for the three subbasins within the Pewaukee River watershed were identified to range between 2.6 to 3.9 inches per year, which is consistent with previous studies for this part of Waukesha County.<sup>27</sup> It is important to note that Pewaukee Lake was assigned of recharge of zero, because this Lake is a sink for groundwater, not a source for groundwater. These recharge rates are estimates of long-term average rates and not associated with any given year and as described above can be highly variable among seasons and years.

These rates are derived from the regional model development for Southeastern Wisconsin and are consistent with the GIS-Based water balance model for groundwater recharge potential as shown on Map II-7 in Chapter II of this report. However, in addition to geologic features the recharge potential Map II-7 also accounts for land use (specifically year 2000 existing land use), which can significantly affect recharge potential. Recharge potential in the developed areas of the watershed is primarily medium or low, while undeveloped areas have a recharge potential mostly of high and very high.

Urban development also increases the runoff potential of lands and nearly all of the new developments within the Pewaukee River watershed are required to route stormwater runoff away to surface waters and not allowed to recharge into the ground. These development conditions have the impact of reducing recharge to a much greater degree than if stormwater runoff were not routed away, and illustrate how land use changes can impact recharge potential.

Secondary to land in controlling recharge potential is the soil water storage. A low soil water storage allows infiltration to quickly pass through the soil and become recharge (e.g. large particles like sand and gravels) while a high soil water storage holds the water longer (e.g. organic silts or clays), making it more available for transpiration. Where the soil water storage is medium in the developed areas, the recharge potential is more likely to be low. Where the soil water storage is low, the recharge potential is medium. This model indicates that development coupled with a medium or high soil water storage will significantly reduce recharge in this area.<sup>28</sup>

Therefore, the best areas or the high and very high recharge areas within the Pewaukee River watershed are located in open grassy areas, such as parks and other open lands, woodlands, as well as upland areas with sparse development (primarily agricultural lands) and soils with low runoff potential and low water storage capacity. If that parkland or agricultural lands were removed and replaced with residential, commercial, and industrial development, it is likely that the recharge potential would decrease from high or very high to medium, which indicates the potential of land use planning for maintaining or protecting recharge potential within this watershed.<sup>29</sup>

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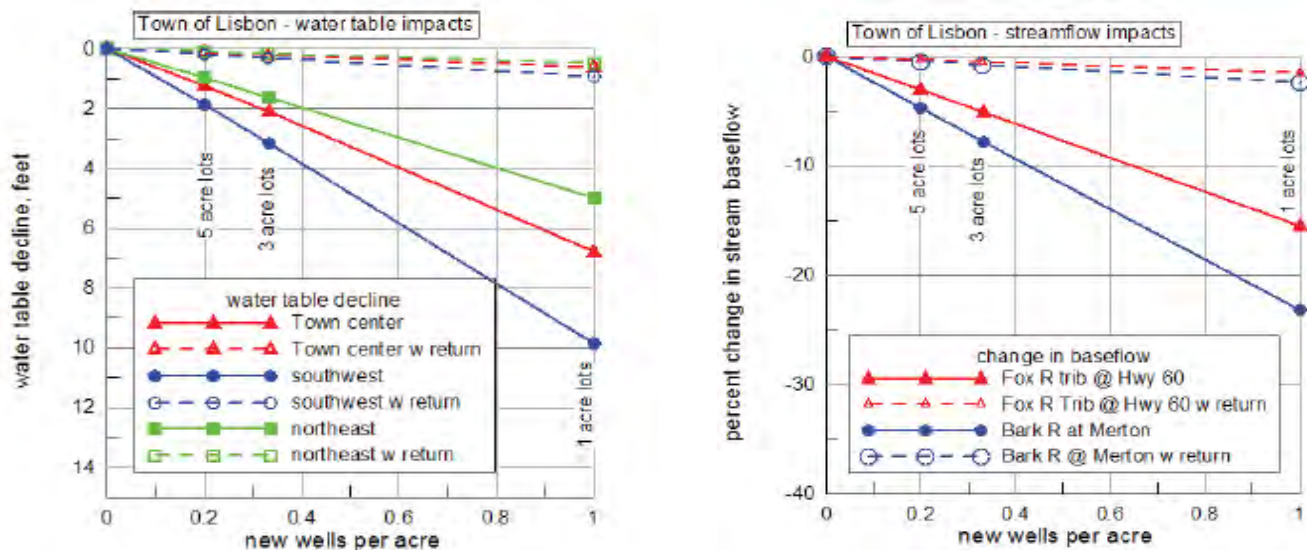
<sup>27</sup>SEWRPC Technical Report No. 48, Shallow Groundwater Quantity Sustainability Analysis Demonstration For The Southeastern Wisconsin Region, November 2009.

<sup>28</sup>SEWRPC Technical Report No. 47, Groundwater Recharge in Southeastern Wisconsin Estimated by a GIS-Based Water-Balance Model, July 2008.

<sup>29</sup>Ibid.

Figure IV-21

**SIMULATED WATER-TABLE DECLINE AND BASEFLOW CHANGES  
WITHIN THE TOWN OF LISBON DEMONSTRATION AREA FOR VARIOUS LOT DENSITIES**



In addition to reducing rates of groundwater recharge, urban developments also have the potential to reduce the amounts of local groundwater levels and baseflows in surface-waterbodies through the use of shallow aquifers (either Pleistocene sand and gravel or Silurian dolomite) by domestic wells for water supply. Wells developed in the shallow aquifers often provide sufficient yield, but can impact nearby surface-water resources and are generally more vulnerable to contamination than deeper bedrock wells. Communities tapping the shallow aquifer also face choices between using individual low-capacity household wells or developing a community water system with homeowners connecting to shallow but higher-capacity community wells. In some cases, these communities have an overall negative groundwater balance because sewage treatment plant effluent leaves the community via surface water. For example, a modeling simulation of shallow pumping was conducted for the Town the Lisbon to assess the potential relationship between development density (wells, homes, or water use per acre) and groundwater impacts, such as baseflow reduction and shallow aquifer drawdown.<sup>30</sup> The Town of Lisbon is just north of Pewaukee River watershed and is contained within the same glacial Pleistocene deposits called the New Berlin Member,<sup>31</sup> which provides a good level of confidence in the potential comparability of this modeling scenario to the Pewaukee River watershed.

In summary, the detailed development simulations in the Town the Lisbon show that dense single-family subdivisions developed with onsite wells have the potential to impact groundwater levels and surface water flows, if wastewater is not returned to the area of use. The magnitude of impacts depends on development density, the location of the development, and on the character of existing water resources. Not surprisingly, lot size, or density of wells, represents a critical control on groundwater impacts. Both drawdown and reductions in stream baseflows increase linearly as lot size decreases. Under the most aggressive development scenarios (0.5- or 1.0-acre lots, no return flow), simulated drawdowns beneath developed areas range from one to 10 feet, and baseflow reductions range from about 15 to 25 percent in nearby streams as shown in Figure IV-21. The reinfiltration of treated

<sup>30</sup>SEWRPC Technical Report No. 48, op. cit.

<sup>31</sup>K.M. Syverson, L. Clayton, J.W. Attig, and D.M. Mickelson, Lexicon of Pleistocene Stratiographic Units of Wisconsin: Wisconsin Geographical and Natural History Survey, Technical Report 1, 2011.



wastewater, or return flow, significantly mitigates the impacts of development on groundwater levels and baseflows. Assuming 90 percent wastewater return, simulated drawdowns under the most aggressive development scenarios (1.0-acre or smaller lots) decrease from five to 10 feet to less than one foot, and baseflow reductions decreased to less than 2.5 percent. In particular, small streams, springs, and wetlands are expected to be typically far more sensitive to local reductions in baseflow than are larger surface water features. In all cases, returning treated wastewater to the area of use largely mitigates these water quantity impacts. However, wastewater return flow might degrade local groundwater and surface water quality. It must be recognized that sustainability of groundwater use must be considered within the context of the impacts of such use on the surface water features potentially impacted. Such consideration and associated analyses requires consideration of site-specific factors, such as surface water type, functions, and use objectives.

As identified in the regional water supply plan about one third the Pewaukee River watershed is served by public or private water utilities, but there are significant portions of urban development that are using private domestic wells pumping from the shallow aquifer.<sup>32</sup> Since the majority of the Pewaukee River watershed is sewerage and/or plans to be sewerage as shown on Map II-4 in Chapter II of this report, these domestic wells combined with routing wastewater into sewers could potentially have significant negative impacts to the local groundwater levels and baseflows in the Pewaukee River. It is important to point out that the Upper Fox River Basin model can be used to investigate different development scenarios (e.g. adding or taking out high-capacity wells, domestic wells, etc.) to help communities make planned land use decisions to balance water supply needs and water quality needs within this watershed.<sup>33</sup>

### **Water Budgets**

It was calculated that the total base flow for the Upper Fox River Basin modeled network ranged from about 88.0 to 89 cubic feet per second at Vernon Marsh on the mainstem of the Fox River. About one half of this total base flow or about 42 to 45 cubic feet per second originates from among eight tributaries as shown in Table IV-3. Comparison among these major tributaries indicates that Pewaukee Lake and River provides the greatest amount of baseflow (between 10.6 to 11.3 cubic feet per second) or about 25 percent of the total contribution from the major tributaries or about 10 percent of the entire flow to the Upper Fox River network, which demonstrates the importance to this waterbody both locally and regionally within Southeastern Wisconsin.

In particular, Pewaukee Lake is a very unique component of this integrated surface water network of the Upper Fox River basin, which needed to be modeled separately to properly simulate lake levels in terms of lake geometry and the balance of inflow and outflow of water to the Pewaukee River. The models simulate the stage of the lake, which partly controls the rate of the surface-water outflow to the Pewaukee River. The spillway elevation was averaged to be about 852.35 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) between January 2007 and August 2009, which allowed development of a rating curve. This outflow from the Lake also depends on discharges from tributaries into the Lake (Coco Creek, Meadowbrook Creek, Zion Creek, and other small drainages), by groundwater discharge into the Lake, and by precipitation onto the Lake. The outflows from the Lake equal the inputs from the inflows minus what is lost to evaporation and some limited groundwater outflow. All of these terms are shown in Table IV-4 and are important to the overall lake water budget. Based upon this information it is possible to determine that Pewaukee Lake contributes a base flow of about 7.5 to 8.0 cubic feet per second, which comprises about 75 percent of the total discharge of the Pewaukee River (7.5-8.0 cfs divided by 10.6-11.3 cfs total Pewaukee Lake and River discharge). This output component is almost one-half of the increase in base flow estimated between the Watertown and Waukesha gauges or about 16 cubic feet per second as shown in Table IV-4. The remainder of this base flow comes from the Pewaukee River and other inflows directly to the

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<sup>32</sup>*SEWRPC Planning Report No. 52, op. cit., Volume One.*

<sup>33</sup>*D.T. Feinstein, et al. 2012-5108, these models are all public and archived with a data dictionary; URL: <http://pubs.usgs.gov/sir/2012/5108/index.html>, For additional information contact: Director, Wisconsin Water Science Center, U.S. Geological Survey, 8505 Research Way, Middleton, WI 53562, <http://wi.water.usgs.gov/>*

**Table IV-3**

**SIMULATED BASE FLOW WITHIN THE UPPER FOX RIVER BASIN**

Source	Fine-Favored Model (cubic feet per second)	Course-Favored Model (cubic feet per second)
Tributary Base Flow at Confluence with Fox River		
Fox Headwaters .....	2.1	2.1
Lannon Creek .....	1.2	1.2
Sussex Creek.....	5.6	5.8
Poplar Creek.....	2.5	2.9
Pewaukee Lake and Pewaukee River.....	10.6	11.3
Pebble Creek .....	5.9	6.0
Genesee Creek.....	7.1	7.0
Pebble Brook .....	7.6	8.0
Sum of Base Flow from Major Tributaries .....	42.5	44.1
Sum of Base Flow from Minor Tributaries.....	0.2	0.3
Sum of Tributary Flow to Fox River.....	42.7	44.5
Net Gain of Base Flow Along Main Trunk of Fox River.....	7.6	8.1
Contribution of Riparian Wetlands .....	3.7	3.4
Sum of Return Flow from Quarries .....	2.0	1.6
Added Flow from Wastewater Treatment Plants.....	31.9	31.9
Fox River Base Flow above Vernon Marsh.....	88.0	89.4

Source: U.S. Geological Survey.

**Table IV-4**

**SIMULATED STAGES AND WATER BUDGETS FOR PEWAUKEE LAKE**

Simulated Results	Fine-Favored Model	Course-Favored Model
Stage (feet) .....	852.820	852.833
Inflow (cubic feet per second)		
Precipitation .....	9.33	9.33
Groundwater Inflow .....	2.53	2.60
Surface Water Inflow.....	4.28	4.54
Total	16.13	16.47
Outflow (cubic feet per second)		
Evaporation.....	8.45	8.45
Groundwater Inflow .....	0.16	0.08
Surface Water Inflow.....	7.52	7.94
Total	16.13	16.47

Source: U.S. Geological Survey.

Fox River, which further demonstrates the importance of the Pewaukee River system to the Upper Fox River basin.

These modeled baseflows on the Pewaukee River are also in general agreement with the baseflow discharge measurements recorded on the Pewaukee River as part of the Water Action Volunteer monitoring. However, it is important to note the discharges on the Pewaukee River have often been recorded to be less than 5.0 cubic feet per second during the summer months, particularly during the drought of 2012, which indicates that discharges can be very limiting in this river system. In addition, the hypsographic curve developed for the Upper Fox River Basin model is no longer valid, because the dam outlet was changed from a surface discharge to a bottom draw gate. So, the relationship between the lake levels and the gate opening and resultant discharges downstream to the Pewaukee River need to be reestablished. For example, although the gate opening is maintained open at least 0.5 to provide at least some minimum baseflow discharge into the Pewaukee River during the summer, it is unknown what this discharge volume is in cubic feet per second.<sup>34</sup> In addition, although the dam gate has been periodically opened up to provide adequate discharges on the Pewaukee River for the annual “River Run” paddling event, there is no formal policy or provision to maintain discharges for recreational use or even what that minimum baseflow discharge would be. Although there are regulations requiring the maintenance of water levels on Pewaukee Lake, there are no such requirements to ensure adequate base flows on Pewaukee River. Therefore, the management and needs of the Lake will legally always supersede the needs of the River, based upon existing requirements. A growing body of scientific evidence also demonstrates that water management practices aimed at requiring some arbitrary “minimum” flows are inadequate to protect the structure and function of riverine systems.<sup>35</sup> Therefore, increasing numbers of scientists and managers agree that in order to protect freshwater biodiversity and maintain healthy rivers, it is vital to mimic components of natural flow variability which includes consideration of flow magnitude, frequency, timing, duration, rates of change and predictability of flow events, including floods and drought.<sup>36</sup> Hence, these relationships should be determined and a more dynamic management policy be pursued in order to better protect the biodiversity and maintain the goods and services that both the Pewaukee Lake and Pewaukee River systems provide.

Finally, the Upper Fox River model allows the ability to map areas where groundwater contributes as a source to surface water features and areas that contribute to sink discharges or extraction areas for wells and quarries as shown in Figure IV-22. The groundwater contributing basins tend to extend upgradient from the Upper Fox River surface watershed boundary from the west and fall short of the drainage boundary to the east, probably because of the tendency of groundwater to flow from west to east, especially in the Silurian. Quarries and wells divert groundwater from its natural surface-water sinks in selected areas and their locations and extent are shown in Figure IV-22. The calculated contributing groundwater basin areas, as well as sink areas for both Pewaukee Lake and Pewaukee River are shown in Figure IV-22. Although these simulated groundwater basins generally follow the surface watershed boundaries, there are some notable differences particularly concerning the Pewaukee Lake contributing basin that extends far beyond its surface watershed boundaries to the west and north. The important implication of these modeling results are that these areas are important contributing areas for protection and maintenance of groundwater recharge and base flows of both Pewaukee Lake and Pewaukee River.

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<sup>34</sup> *Personal Communication, Dave White, Engineer, Village of Pewaukee.*

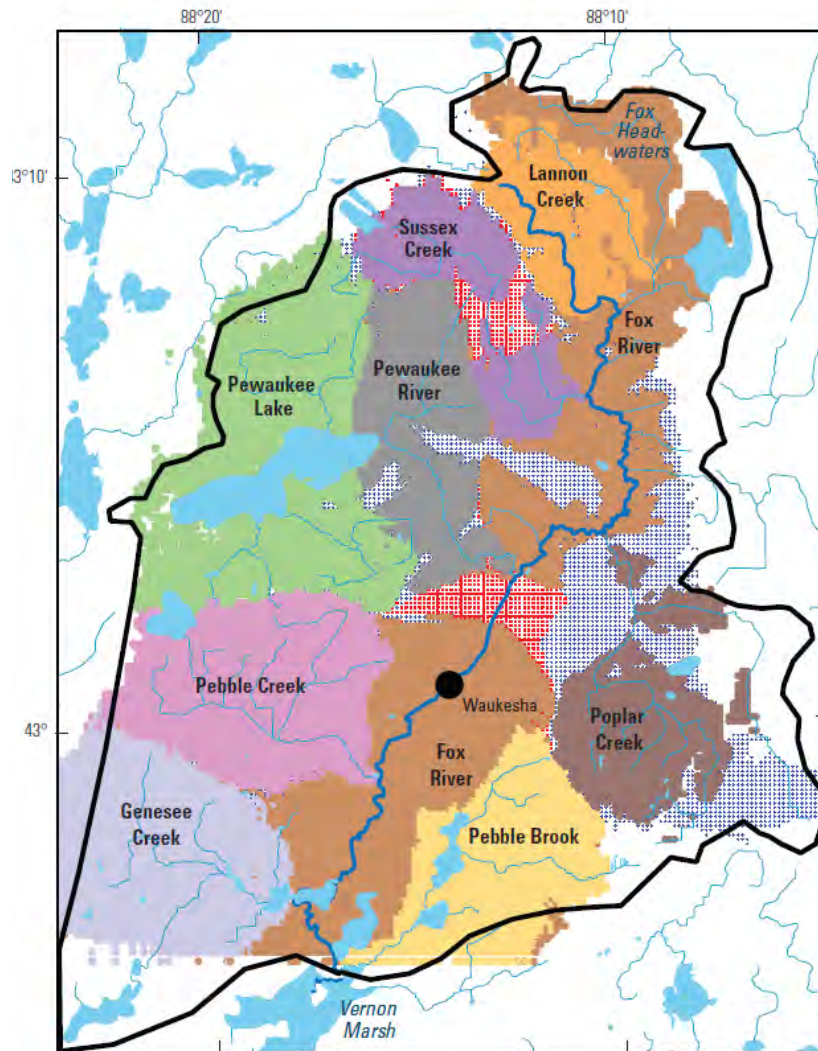
<sup>35</sup> *D.H. Lytle, and N.L. Poff, “Adaptation to natural flow regimes,” Trends in Ecology and Evolution, Volume 19, 2004, pages 94-100.*

<sup>36</sup> *A.H. Arthington, S.E. Bunn, N.L. Poff, and R.J. Naiman, :The challenge of providing environmental flow rules to sustain river ecosystems,” Ecological Applications, Volume 16, Number 4, 2006, pages 1311-1318.*

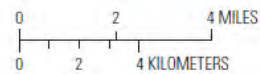


Figure IV-22







**SIMULATED GROUNDWATER BASINS ASSOCIATED WITH SURFACE WATER FEATURES, QUARRIES, AND HIGH-CAPACITY WELLS (COARSE FAVORED MODEL)**



Base modified from Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources digital data, 2010, 1:24,000, Wisconsin Transverse Mercator, North American Datum of 1983



**EXPLANATION**

-  Lake
-  Contributing areas to pumping wells
-  Contributing areas to quarries
-  Stream
-  Fox River
-  Fox River Basin upgradient of Vernon Marsh

Source: U.S. Geological Survey.

## Summary

In summary, the Pewaukee River streamflow is highly dependent upon groundwater discharge. Hence, it is also dependent upon recharge of the local shallow aquifer that ultimately discharges into the River. Recharge is variable over time and space and can range from less than an inch per year to more than 10 inches per year. This variation of recharge depends on land use, soil type, surface topography, and climatic variability with increasing recharge rates being associated with increasing precipitation rates.<sup>37</sup> Recharge is most easily altered by changing land use, which gives land use planning an important role in protecting recharge areas and the ecological health of the connected surface waters within the Pewaukee River watershed. Hence, the recently developed recharge potential Map II-7 in Chapter II of this report and contributing groundwater area in Figure IV-22 should both be used to help guide existing and planned land use decisions to protect sustained baseflow and ecological health of the Pewaukee River and surrounding communities.<sup>38</sup> In addition, it is also recommended that the municipalities within the Pewaukee River watershed utilize the Upper Fox River Basin model to help balance water demand for water supply and planned development versus environmentally sustainable flows and recreational use for the Pewaukee River. This will likely require development of a detailed stage-discharge relationship between Pewaukee Lake and River, including the function and operation of the bottom draw dam gate opening in order to develop better management strategies of the entire waterway systems.

## WATER QUALITY CONDITIONS

Water quality information summarized in this section includes data collected among 22 sampling sites throughout the Pewaukee River watershed as shown on Map IV-6 by the following agencies and programs that include the WDNR; Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District, Water Action Volunteers, and SEWRPC. The studies analyzed a range of different parameters over sampling periods ranging from a single sample or season, to a year, or multiple years (see Table IV-5). It is important to note that none of the water quality projects to date has been conducted to simultaneously assess both the lake and stream ecosystems within the Pewaukee River watershed. Rather, sampling projects have been targeted toward either the Lake or reach of stream and usually only sampled at only one site over time, with several recent exceptions where multiple sites were sampled simultaneously throughout the Pewaukee River system by the Water Action Volunteers.<sup>39</sup> Very few of the same water quality parameters were collected within and/or among lakes and streams consistently enough to be able to assess changes over time. For this study, dissolved oxygen, pH, total phosphorus, nitrite and nitrate nitrogen, chloride, and temperature parameters were used to assess water quality changes over time between Pewaukee Lake and streams within the Pewaukee River watershed. Given the limitations noted above, comparison between the Lake and streams was necessarily limited. Since the Pewaukee Lake period of record is the most complete, the deep water monitoring station can be used or considered as a baseline of comparison between the tributary streams flowing into the Lake and the Pewaukee River receiving discharges from the Lake. There is a significant dilution factor associated with the nutrient concentrations within Pewaukee Lake compared to the volumes of water with the river and there is a

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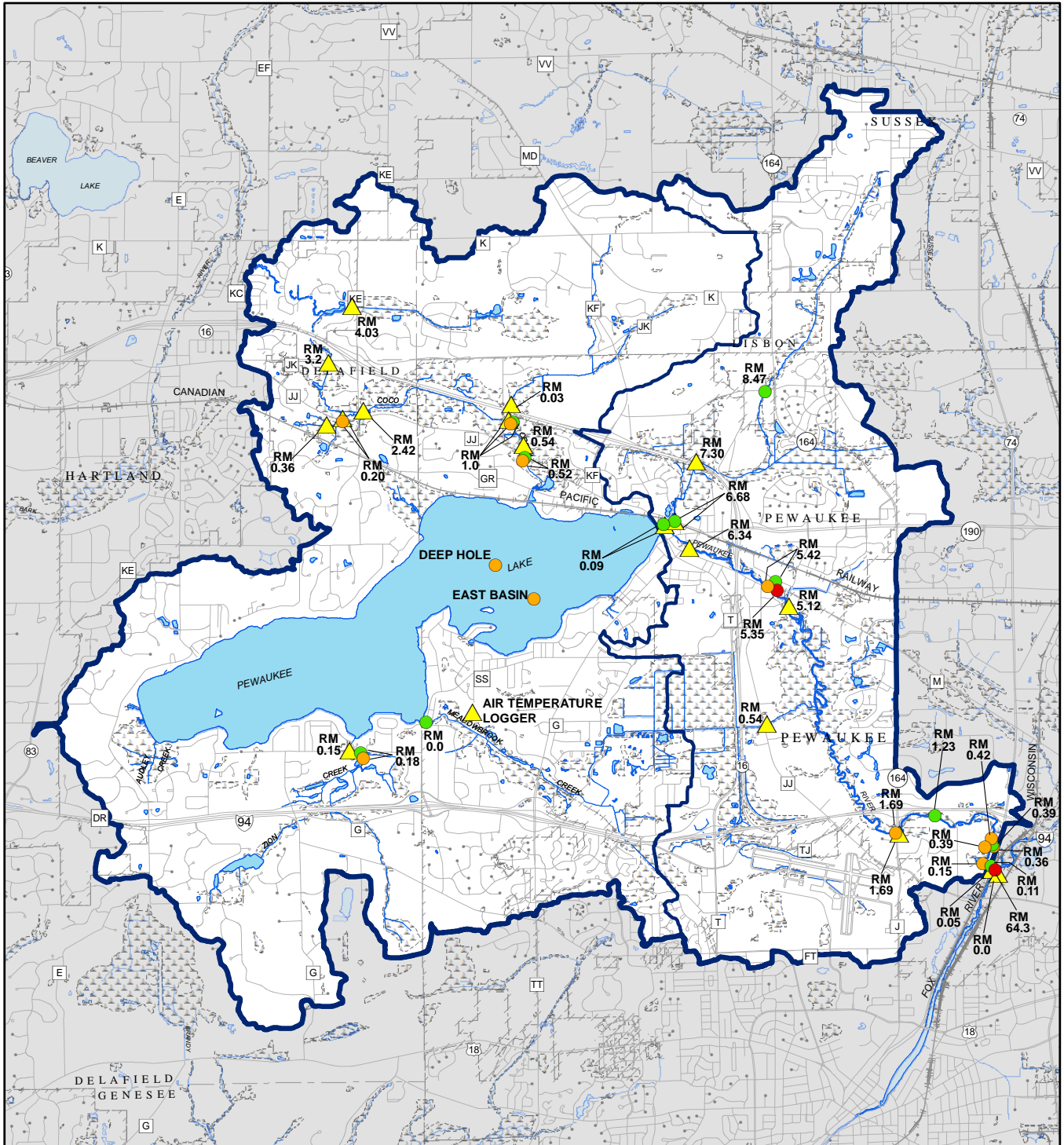
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Map IV-6

WATER QUALITY ASSESSMENT SITES AND TEMPERATURE LOGGER SITES WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED



- ▲ TEMPERATURE DATA LOGGER (See Table IV-6)
- WATER ACTION VOLUNTEERS WATER QUALITY (See Table IV-5)
- WDNR WATER QUALITY (See Table IV-5)
- HISTORIC WATER QUALITY STATIONS (See Table IV-5)

- SURFACE WATER
- STREAM
- WATERSHED BOUNDARY
- SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY

RM 5.35 RIVER MILE DESIGNATION (See Tables IV-5 and IV-6)

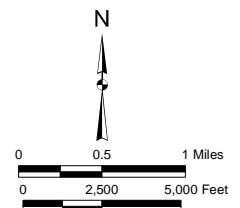




Table IV-5

## WATER QUALITY SAMPLING SITES WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 1964-2012

Stream	Stream Reach	Location	Source of Data	Site Identification	River Mile (see Map IV-6 )	Period of Record	
Fox River	Fox River	Fox River at Pewaukee confluence	SEWRPC TR-17	FX-6	64.3 <sup>a</sup>	1964-1975	
Pewaukee River	Pewaukee 1	Downstream of CTH F	Water Action Volunteers	683228	0.11	05/26/2005 to 07/2/2012	
		Upstream of CTH F	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources	683209	0.15	08/20/1990 to 09/19/1990	
		Upstream of CTH F	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources	10037747	0.36	06/26/2012 to 08/20/2012	
		Upstream of CTH F, near Steinhafel's	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources	10030439	0.39	01/31/2011 to 09/27/2011	
		Upstream of CTH F, near Steinhafel's	Water Action Volunteers	10030439	0.39	06/07/2007 to 06/07/2011	
		Upstream of Steinhafel's entrance	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources	10031806	0.42	11/29/2010 to 08/29/2011	
	Pewaukee 2	Wisconsin Avenue	Between Busse Road and Pewaukee Road	Water Action Volunteers	10010563	1.23	06/17/2005 to 07/02/2012
				Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources	10034288	1.69	08/29/2011
	Pewaukee 3	Wisconsin Avenue		SEWRPC TR-17	FX-5	5.35	1964-1975
	Pewaukee 4	Lindsey Road	Upstream of Wisconsin Avenue	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources	683311	5.42	08/20/1990 to 09/19/1990
Water Action Volunteers				683311	5.42	01/24/2006 to 07/31/2012	
Pewaukee 5	Lindsey Road	Downstream of Capitol Drive	Water Action Volunteers	10029788	6.68	06/14/2005 to 07/02/2012	
			Water Action Volunteers	10029789	8.47	05/24/2005 to 07/02/2012	
Pewaukee Lake Outlet	Pewaukee Lake outlet	150 feet downstream of Pewaukee Lake outlet	Water Action Volunteers	10029787	0.09	06/23/2005 to 07/02/2012	
Coco Creek	Coco Creek	At CTH JJ	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources	683315	0.52	04/17/1990 to 09/19/1990	
		At CTH JJ	Water Action Volunteers	683315	0.52	06/27/2005 to 07/02/2012	
		At Yench Road (75m upstream)	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources	10011876	1.0	05/23/2008 to 09/17/2008	
Coco Creek	Coco Creek	At Yench Road	Water Action Volunteers	10011876	1.0	08/28/2005 to 07/02/2012	
		Unnamed tributary to Coco Creek	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources	10030472	0.20	05/13/2009 to 09/09/2009	
Zion Creek	Zion Creek	At Oakton Avenue	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources	10029797	0.18	05/30/2012 to 07/23/2012	
		At Oakton Avenue	Water Action Volunteers	10029797	0.18	06/29/2000 to 07/02/2012	
Meadow Brook Creek	Meadow Brook Creek	At CTH SS	Water Action Volunteers	10030297	0.0	06/20/2005 to 07/02/2012	

<sup>a</sup>River mile for this site represents the distance from the former Wilmot Dam site in Kenosha County. The Wilmot Dam was removed in 1992.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Water Action Volunteers, and SEWRPC.

residence time of about two to three years within the Lake,<sup>40</sup> so comparisons and interpretations between the Lake and River need to keep this in mind. Therefore, comparisons between these waterbodies should focus less on actual concentration differences and more on relative rates or patterns of changes over time. There also are two stations, one on the Fox River just downstream of the confluence with the Pewaukee River, and one at RM 5.35 (Wisconsin Avenue) on Pewaukee River that contain a fairly intact historic baseline of data from 1964 to 1975. During this early time period waste water effluent was being discharged into the Pewaukee and Fox Rivers and private septic systems around Pewaukee Lake were also discharging into the Lake until the 1980s, so this can be considered a worst case scenario for comparison to more recent sampling dates between 2005 to 2012.

### **Dissolved Oxygen**

The minimum dissolved oxygen standards for both coldwater (trout) and warmwater streams, as set forth in Chapter NR 102 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*, are 6.0 and 5.0 mg/l, respectively. Minimum dissolved oxygen standards for coldwater streams are also designated to not be lower than 7.0 mg/l during the spawning season for trout species. Dissolved oxygen concentrations have a clear relationship with water temperature. Cold water can hold more dissolved oxygen than warmer water. As water becomes warmer it can hold less dissolved oxygen. If the water becomes too warm, dissolved oxygen levels may be suboptimal (i.e., less than 5.0 mg/l) for many species of fishes and other aquatic organisms. Because the warmest water temperatures occur in the summer, this is the most important time of the year for determining physiological limitations based on dissolved oxygen concentrations for aquatic organisms.

In general, dissolved oxygen concentration data were adequate to support a high-quality cold and warmwater fishery in the Pewaukee River watershed. For example, Coco Creek and its tributaries are achieving the coldwater standards and the majority of the remaining sites in the watershed are meeting the warmwater standard (Figure IV-23 Parts A, B, and C). In addition, although Zion Creek is classified as a *Limited Aquatic Life* (see Map III-1 in Chapter III of this report) that has a 1.0 mg/L minimum dissolved oxygen standard, the data show that this Creek is consistently achieving the 5.0 mg/L standard (see Figure IV-23 Part C), which is a tremendous improvement. Figure IV-23 Part A also shows that the Pewaukee River contained some very poor historic dissolved oxygen concentrations between 1964 through 1975 that rarely exceeded the 5.0 mg/L standard, which was even worse than the Fox River, but recent data indicates that these concentrations have greatly improved.

However, there are a few areas in the watershed that may have limited dissolved oxygen concentrations. For example, Meadowbrook Creek seems to consistently fall below 2.0 mg/l and almost never achieves the 5.0 mg/L standard during the summer months, which indicates that this system is very limiting to fish and other aquatic organisms. This area contains a high amount of organic matter, which likely has a high biological oxygen demand where oxygen is used up in the decomposition process. Decomposition of organic matter contained in this material, through chemical and especially biological processes, removes oxygen from the overlying water, lowering the dissolved oxygen concentration. In addition, there are couple of sites on the Pewaukee River, in the headwaters at RM 6.68 and downstream site at RM 1.23, that were consistently below the warmwater standard in the summer months in both 2007 and 2008 (see Figure IV-23 Part B). However, this seems to have improved since that time. Comparison of dissolved oxygen concentrations directly upstream versus downstream of the confluence of the Pewaukee Lake Outlet, seems to indicate that discharges from Pewaukee Lake are having a positive effect on dissolved oxygen concentrations in the Pewaukee River. For example, in 2007 and 2008, concentrations in the Pewaukee River downstream of the Pewaukee Lake Outlet were markedly improved (i.e. greater than 5.0 mg/L) than concentrations upstream of the Outlet (see Figure IV-23 Part D).

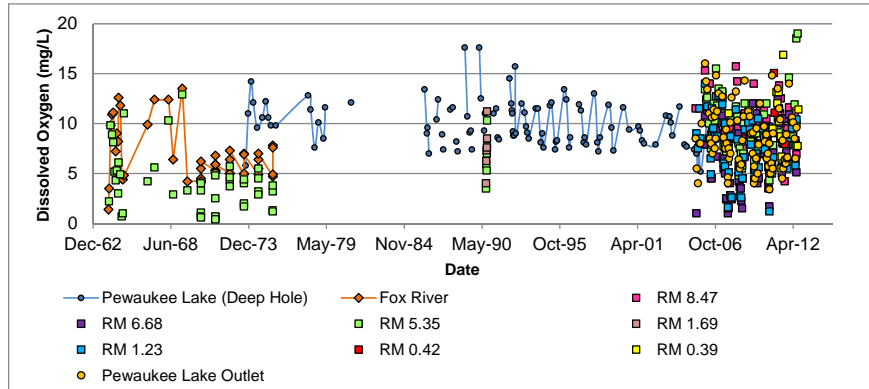
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<sup>40</sup>SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 58, 2nd Edition, A Lake Management Plan for Pewaukee Lake, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, May 2003.

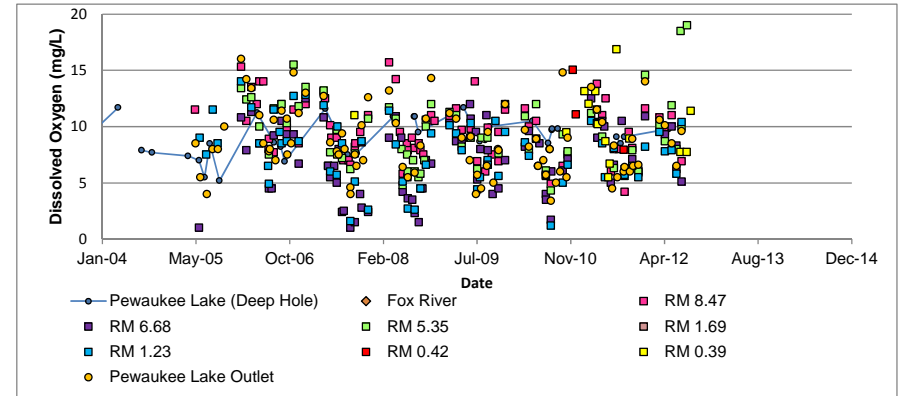
Figure IV-23

TOTAL DISSOLVED OXYGEN CONCENTRATIONS IN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 1964-2012

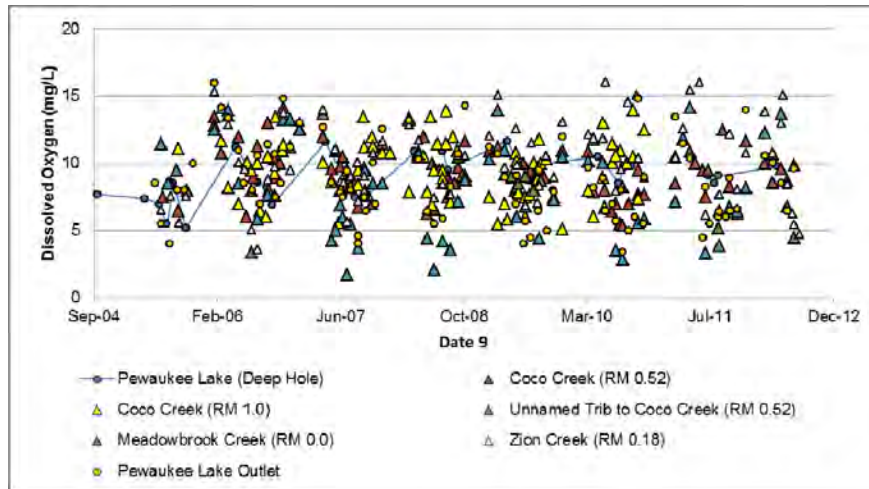
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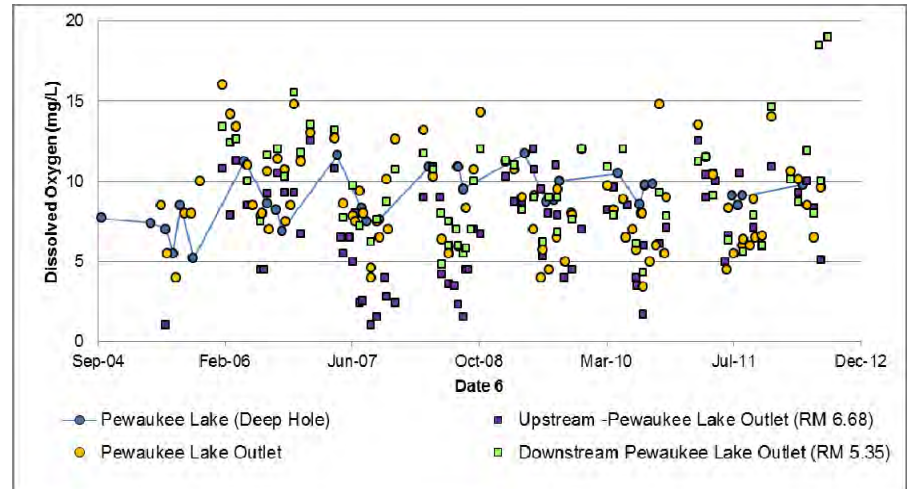
PART B-LAKE SURFACE VERSUS PEWAUKEE RIVER (2005 to 2012)



PART C-LAKE SURFACE VERSUS TRIBUTARIES (2005 to 2012)



PART D-LAKE OUTLET VERSUS PEWAUKEE RIVER (2005 to 2012)



NOTE: 140 percent saturation and higher can cause fish kills. A 15 mg/l dissolved oxygen concentration roughly translates to a saturation of approximately 150 percent at an average water temperature of 14 degrees Celsius.

Source: Water Action Volunteers, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and SEWRPC.



The data show strong seasonal patterns to the concentrations of dissolved oxygen in both the Lake and River systems (see Figure IV-23 Part A). The concentrations of dissolved oxygen are highest during the winter, decline through spring, and reach a minimum during the summer months. It then rises through the fall to reach maximum values in winter. This seasonal pattern is driven by changes in water temperature. The solubility of oxygen in water decreases with increasing temperature. In addition, the metabolic demands and oxygen requirements of most aquatic organisms, including bacteria, tend to increase with increasing temperature. Higher rates of bacterial decomposition when the water is warm may contribute to the declines in the concentration of dissolved oxygen observed during the summer. In addition to the reasons mentioned above, dissolved oxygen concentrations can also be affected by a variety of other factors, including the presence of aquatic plants, sunlight, turbulence in the water, and the amount and type of sediment.

The increases in concentrations of dissolved oxygen in the Pewaukee River represent a general improvement in water quality over time and the majority of samples indicate that the standard is being met, but there are often periods during the summer where the dissolved oxygen concentration is falling below the 5.0 mg/L standard. The periodic low levels of dissolved oxygen potentially indicate that the system could be vulnerable to organic pollution. Consequently, limiting agricultural runoff and maintenance of stormwater management systems that convey oxygen consuming substances are issues of concern.

### **pH**

The pH over the entire period of record across all stations and waterbodies generally ranged from about 7.5 to 8.5 standard units. The pH for Coco Creek ranged slightly lower from about 7.0 to 8.0 standard units (see Figure IV-24). However, concentrations within Pewaukee Lake did tend to be higher than 8.5 during the summer months. These increases in summer pH are associated with increased dissolved oxygen concentrations. This reflects the effect of photosynthesis on both of these parameters. During photosynthesis, algae and plants remove carbon dioxide from the water. This tends to raise the water's pH. At the same time, oxygen is released as a byproduct of the photosynthetic reactions. Summer and fall values of pH in Pewaukee Lake tend to be slightly lower than spring and winter values. In contrast, there were a few winter samples collected in 2011 on the downstream reach of the Pewaukee River at RM 0.39 and RM 0.42 that were unusually low at 6.15 and 6.4 standard units, respectively. It is unknown why such low values were observed, but it could be associated with stormwater runoff from an adjacent parking lot and/or roadway in this area.

In summary, pH concentrations were generally shown to remain the same during the time period examined from 1964 to 2012. However, some recent low pH values are a cause for concern and these and other sites throughout the Pewaukee River watershed should continue to be monitored.

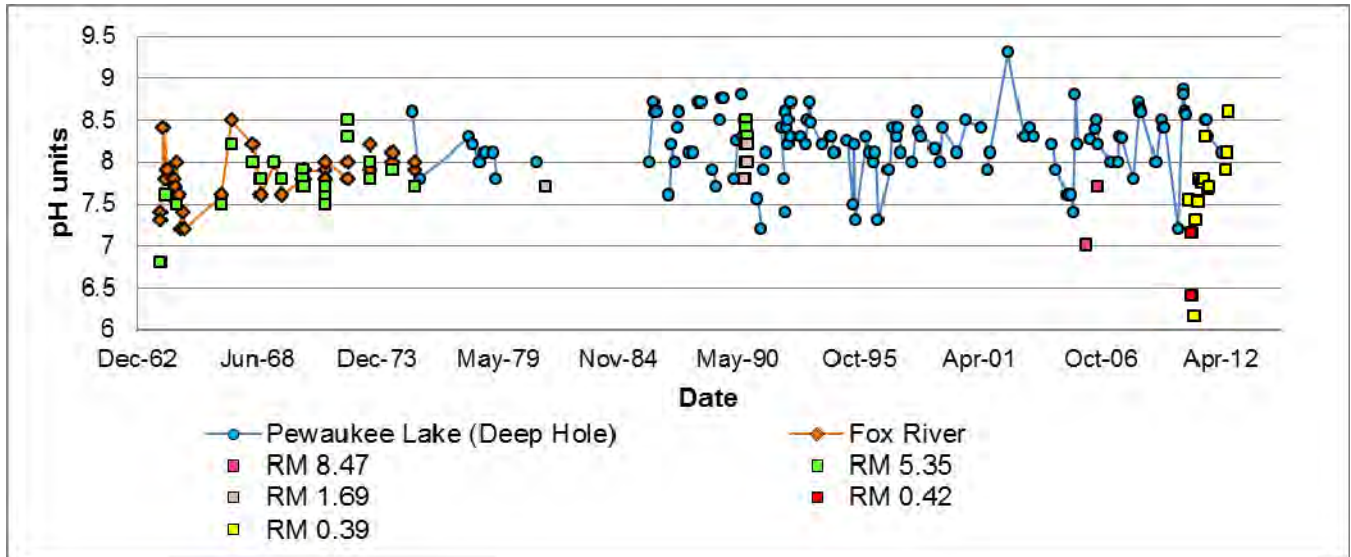
### **Chloride**

Historic comparison of chloride concentrations from 1964 to 1975 indicate that concentrations are greater and more variable within the Pewaukee River and Fox River compared to Pewaukee Lake. This is mostly likely due to sewage effluent inputs that included chlorination as part of its tertiary treatment prior to discharging. For example, within a 24-hour period on the Pewaukee River in August 1971 concentrations ranged from a minimum of 43 to a maximum of 153 mg/L. Although no additional chloride data has been collected on the Pewaukee River since 1975, chloride concentration have increased in Pewaukee Lake from about 30 mg/l in 1970s to about 80 mg/l in 1999, as shown in Figure IV-25. Therefore, chloride concentrations are likely increasing throughout the Pewaukee River and tributaries at an equal rate to the Lake as a minimum. This is consistent with the generally increasing trend in chloride concentrations in lakes within the Southeastern Wisconsin Region. Important sources of chlorides to lakes and streams in southeastern Wisconsin are anthropogenic in origin, and include salts used on streets and highways for winter snow and ice control, salts discharged from water softeners, and salts from sewage and animal wastes.

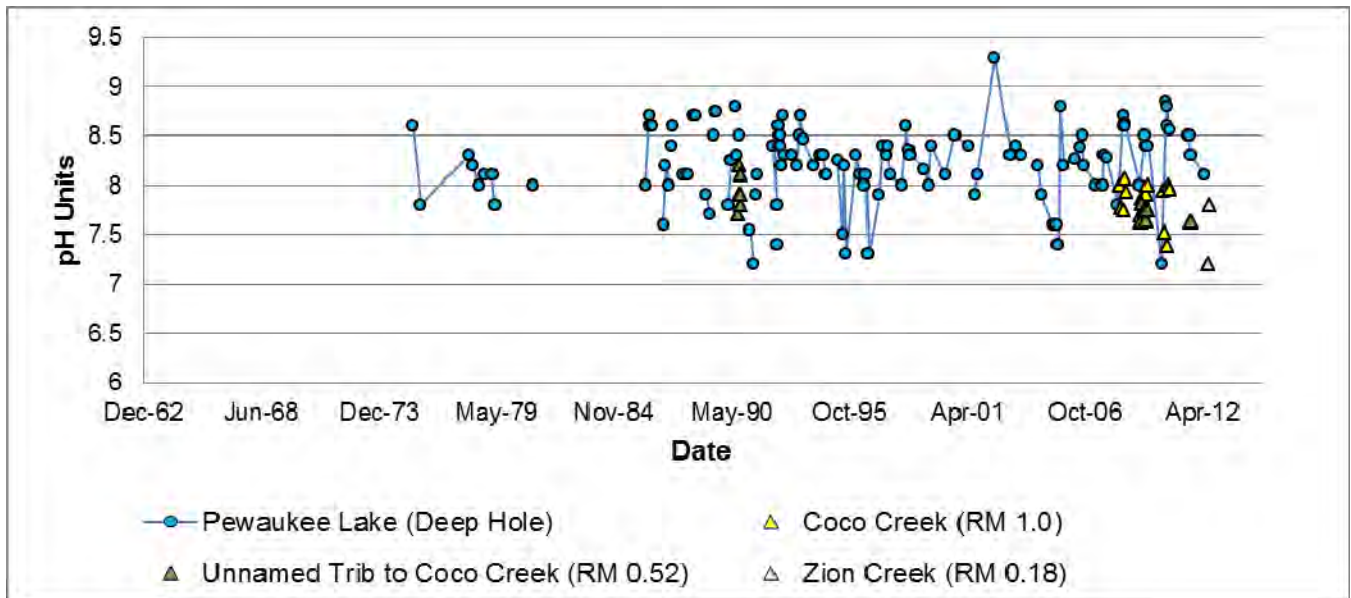
Figure IV-24

pH CONCENTRATIONS IN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 1964-2012

PEWAUKEE LAKE VERSUS PEWAUKEE RIVER AND FOX RIVER



PEWAUKEE LAKE VERSUS TRIBUTARIES



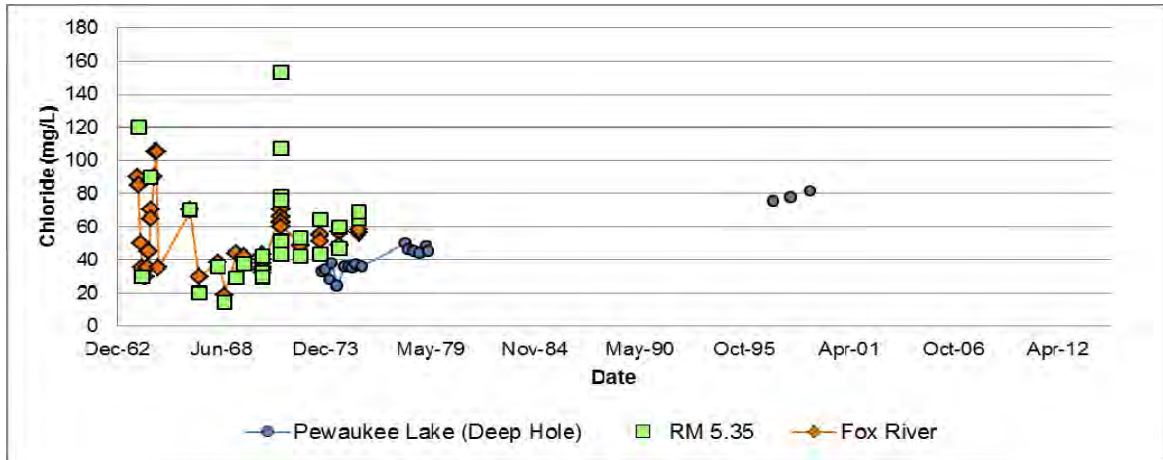
Source: Water Action Volunteers, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and SEWRPC.

The recent concentrations reported within Pewaukee Lake are well below the WDNR standards for chronic chloride contamination (i.e., 395 mg/l) to protect fish and aquatic life. However, the increasing trend in chloride concentration is alarming and represents a decline in water quality for the entire Pewaukee River system, so this is an important issue of concern.

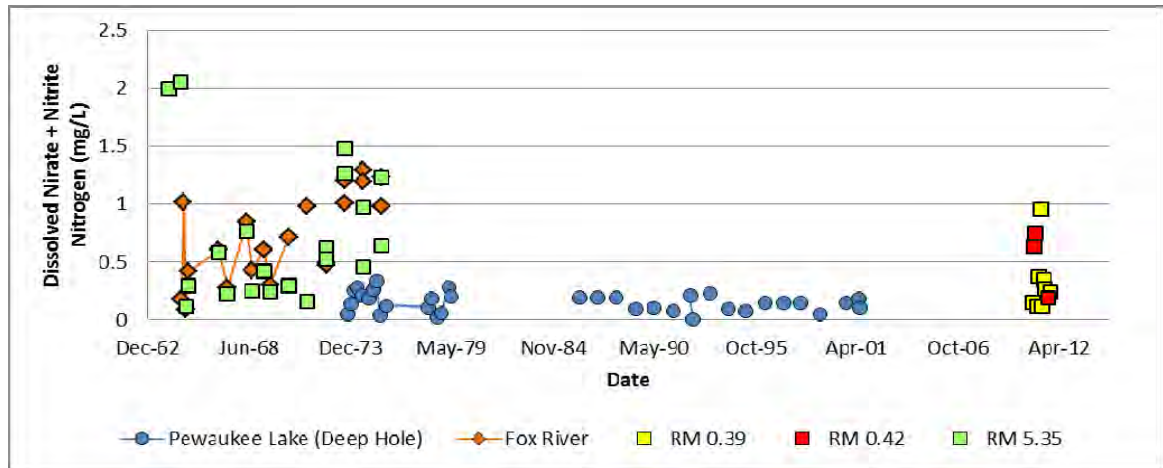
Figure IV-25

TOTAL CHLORIDE, NITROGEN, AND PHOSPHORUS CONCENTRATIONS IN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 1964-2012

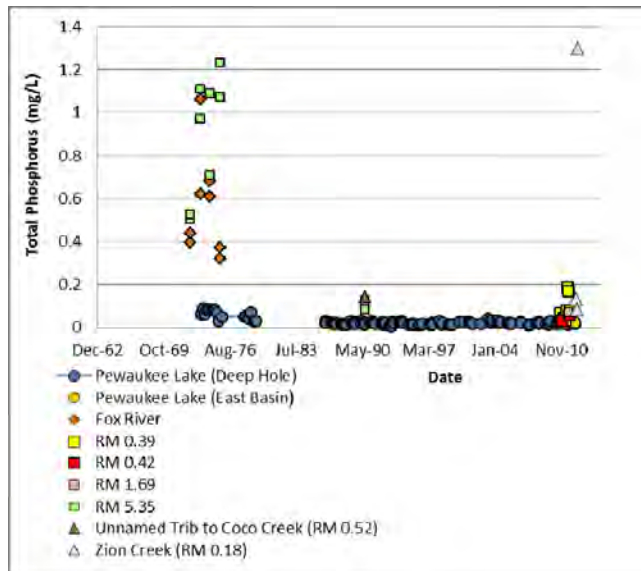
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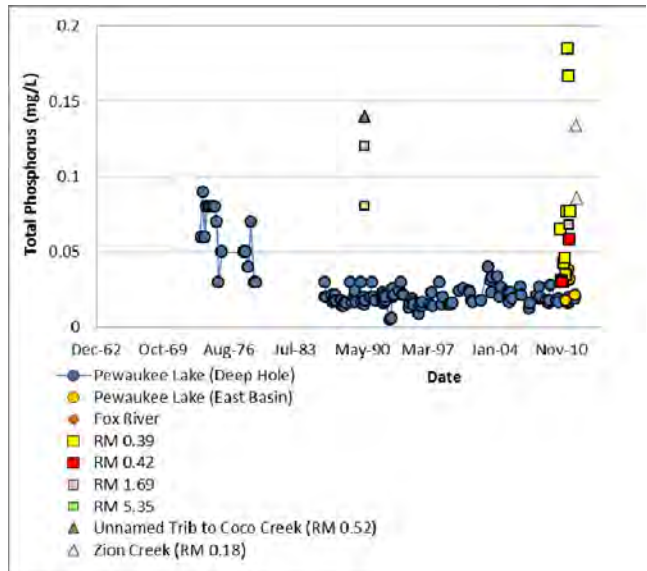
NITRATE-NITRITE NITROGEN



TOTAL PHOSPHORUS-FULL SCALE (0.0-1.4 mg/l)



TOTAL PHOSPHORUS-TRUNCATED SCALE (0.0-0.2 mg/l)



Source: Water Action Volunteers, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and SEWRPC.



### **Total Phosphorus**

Two forms of phosphorus are commonly sampled in surface waters: dissolved phosphorus and total phosphorus. Dissolved phosphorus represents the form that can be taken up and used for growth by algae and aquatic plants. Total phosphorus represents all the phosphorus contained in material dissolved or suspended within the water, including phosphorus contained in detritus and organisms.

Historic comparison of total phosphorus concentrations from 1964 to 1975 indicate that concentrations were greater and more variable within the Pewaukee River and Fox River compared to Pewaukee Lake. These historic concentrations at both locations consistently exceeded the planning standard of 0.1 mg/l recommended in the regional water quality management plan.<sup>41</sup> This is mostly likely due to sewage effluent inputs that contained high amounts of nutrients, however, the highest maximum recorded total phosphorus concentration of 1.3 mg/L was actually recorded on July 23, 2012, in Zion Creek. Although the number of samples is very limited, in addition to Zion Creek nearly every other station where data was collected, including Pewaukee River and Coco Creek showed at least one sample where total phosphorus concentrations exceeded the planning standard of 0.1 mg/l except for Pewaukee Lake (see Figure IV-25).

The incidences of elevated concentrations of total phosphorus at stations throughout the Pewaukee River are indicative that that phosphorus is a problem and is an important water quality issue throughout this watershed.

### **Nitrate-Nitrite Nitrogen**

Historic comparison of Nitrate-Nitrite concentrations from 1964 to 1975 indicate that concentrations were greater and more variable within the Pewaukee River and Fox River compared to Pewaukee Lake. These historic concentrations at both locations consistently exceeded 0.5 mg/l. Historic nitrate-nitrite concentrations were also elevated in Pewaukee Lake, this is mostly likely due to septic tank effluent inputs that contained high amounts of nutrients, but they never exceeded a concentration 0.5 mg/L. More recent nitrate-nitrite concentrations within the Lake are less than about 0.25 mg/L. Although there are fewer stations and samples of nitrogen data than collected for total phosphorus, the two downstream stations on the Pewaukee River do indicate that there are elevated concentrations of nitrate-nitrite nitrogen very similar to the increased concentrations of total phosphorus.

The incidences of elevated concentrations of nitrate-nitrite nitrogen in the Pewaukee River are indicative that nitrogen is a problem and is an important water quality issue in this watershed.

### **Water Temperature**

Table IV-6 and Map IV-6 describe the site locations, river miles, and collection dates for temperature data used to characterize trends in the Pewaukee River watershed from 2008 through 2011. SEWRPC staff deployed continuous monitoring devices at 23 locations to measure water temperatures and one additional site to monitor air temperatures from year 2010 to 2011. These devices were programmed to record temperature in hourly increments. Two of stations on the Coco Creek system had additional years of continuous hourly monitoring data. The Coco Creek station at RM 1.04 had additional data from years 2008 to 2010 and the Unnamed Tributary to Coco Creek station at RM 0.19 had additional data from year 2010.

Air temperatures are major determinants of water temperatures, which can be observed in the daily fluctuations that show the increase in temperature during the day and cooling at night (see Figure IV-26). Figure IV-26 also shows that the daily fluctuations and maximum temperatures overall are reduced in sections of stream with increased groundwater discharge, such as shown in reaches in Coco Creek compared to sites within Pewaukee River or other tributaries. This series of plots also show that water temperatures at a particular site are dependent upon both the current and preceding daily air temperature conditions. So, as daily temperatures increase over time, water temperatures within the streams tends to cumulatively get warmer too.

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<sup>41</sup>SEWRPC Memorandum Report No. 93, *A Regional Water Quality Management Plan Update for Southeastern Wisconsin*, March 1995.

Table IV-6

## WATER AND AIR TEMPERATURE SAMPLING SITES WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2008-2012

Stream	Stream Reach (see Map IV-1)	Location	River Mile (see Map IV-6)	Period of Record
Fox River	Fox River	Fox River at Pewaukee confluence	--	10/15/2010 to 05/07/2012
Pewaukee River	Pewaukee 1	Pewaukee River upstream of confluence with the Fox River	0.05	10/15/2010 to 06/05/2012
		Downstream of STH 164	1.69	10/15/2010 to 06/05/2012
	Pewaukee 2	Downstream of CTH M (Wisconsin Avenue)	5.12	10/15/2010 to 06/05/2012
	Pewaukee 3	Upstream of Clark Street	6.34	10/15/2010 to 06/05/2012
		Downstream of Capitol Drive	6.68	10/15/2010 to 06/05/2012
Pewaukee 4	Upstream of STH 16	7.30	10/15/2010 to 06/05/2012	
Highway JJ Tributary	CTH JJ Tributary	Downstream of CTH JJ	0.54	10/15/2010 to 06/05/2012
Pewaukee Lake Outlet	Pewaukee Lake outlet	150 feet downstream of dam outlet	0.09	10/15/2010 to 03/20/2012
Coco Creek	Coco Creek	Bristlecone Pines Golf Course	4.03	10/15/2010 to 06/05/2012
		Downstream of CTH JK (Lisbon Avenue)	3.20	10/15/2010 to 06/05/2012
		Downstream of CTH KE	2.42	10/15/2010 to 06/05/2012
		Upstream of Capitol Drive	0.54	10/15/2010 to 06/05/2012
		Upstream of Yench Road	1.00	05/23/2008 to 10/13/2010 and 10/15/2010 to 06/05/2012 <sup>a</sup>
Zion Creek	Zion Creek	At Oakton Avenue	0.15	10/15/2010 to 06/05/2012
Unnamed Tributary	Coco Creek 1	Downstream of STH 16	0.03	10/15/2010 to 06/05/2012
Unnamed Tributary	Coco Creek 2	Downstream of CTH JJ (Capitol Drive)	0.20	05/01/2010 to 10/13/2010 and 10/15/2010 to 06/05/2012 <sup>b</sup>
		Upstream of CTH JJ (Capital Drive)	0.36	10/15/2010 to 06/05/2012
Air Temperature Logger	Labeled on Map	Pewaukee Lake Sanitary District	--	10/15/2010 to 06/05/2012

<sup>a</sup>Temperature data was collected at this site by Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources from May 23, 2008 to October 13, 2010, and by SEWRPC from October 15, 2010 to June 5, 2012.

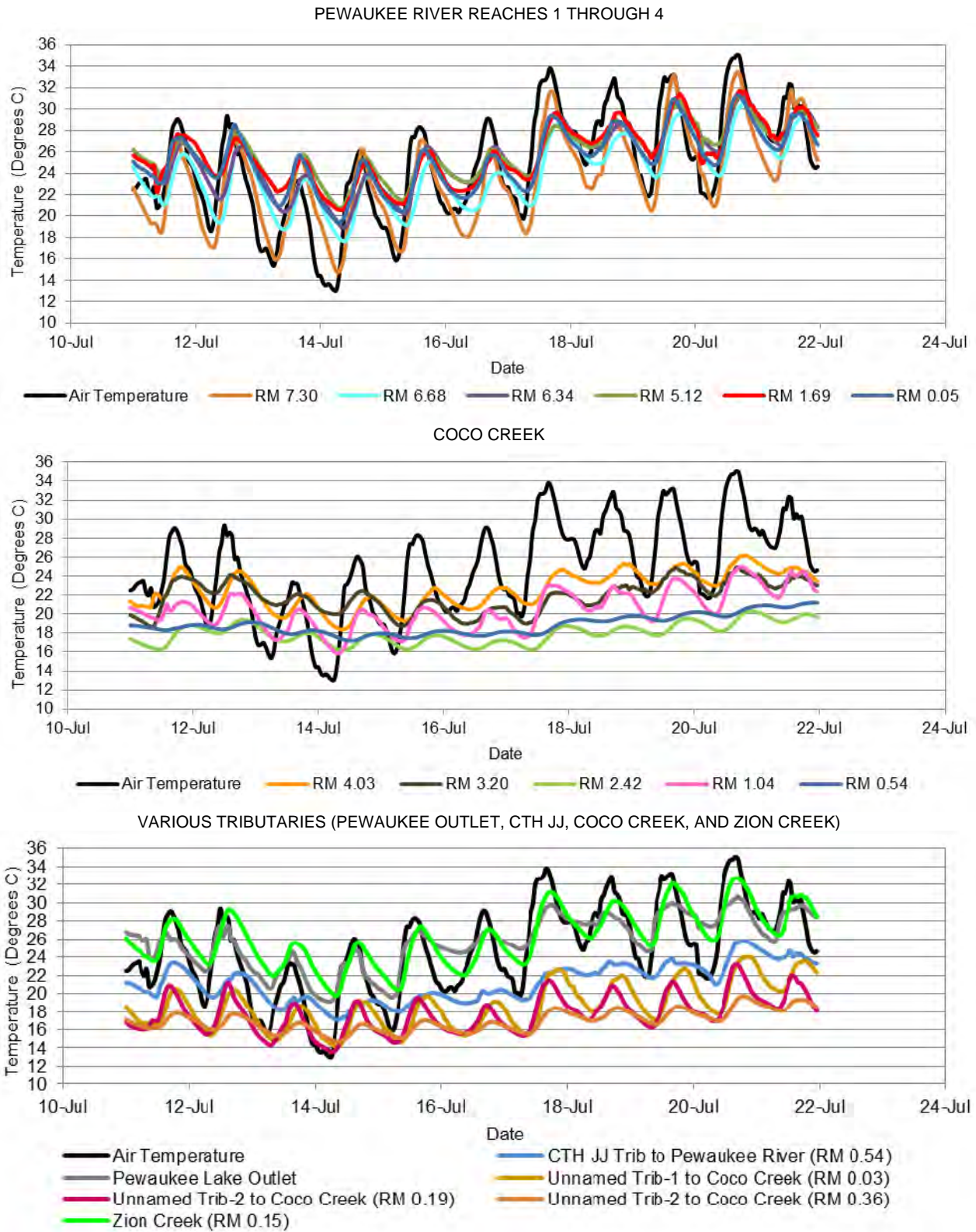
<sup>b</sup>Temperature data was collected at this site by Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources from May 1, 2010 to October 13, 2010 and by SEWRPC from October 15, 2010 to June 5, 2012.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Water Action Volunteers, and SEWRPC.

In general, reaches within the Pewaukee River, Zion Creek, and the Pewaukee Lake Outlet contained the warmest sites, in contrast, Coco Creek and CTH JJ Tributary contained the coldest sites. Although the sites on the Pewaukee River are very similar in minimum and maximum daily temperatures, there are important and subtle changes from upstream to downstream. For example, the most upstream site at RM 7.3 does achieve some of the warmest daily maximum temperatures during the day, but this site also cools down to the coldest minimum temperatures at night. This indicates that this site is receiving some groundwater inputs, but the small volumes of water in this portion of the stream are susceptible to heating during the day. Further evidence to support this observation is that the Water Action Volunteer site at Lindsey Road that is about a mile upstream of RM 7.3 was never recorded to exceed 26.8 degrees amongst summers from 2006 through 2012. This indicates that this site is

Figure IV-26

HOURLY WATER AND AIR TEMPERATURES AMONG SITES AND REACHES WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: JULY 12-22, 2011



Source: SEWRPC.



receiving groundwater inputs. There is also a significant reduction in the daily maximum temperatures between RM 7.3 to RM 6.68, and then there is a significant warming between RM 6.68 to RM 6.34. This warming can be due to number of factors that include inputs from the Pewaukee Lake Outlet channel, thermal heating from the ponding/backwater area at the confluence of Pewaukee River and the Pewaukee Lake Outlet, and a fairly open canopy and exposure to thermal heating in the downtown area of the Village of Pewaukee. The area between RM 6.34 to RM 5.12 seems to vary between increasing and decreasing maximum daily temperatures. Between RM 5.12 to RM 1.69 there is a consistent increase in maximum daily temperatures, which is consistent with the decreased slopes and slower water velocities in this wetland complex with an open canopy that together create conditions for increased heating in the summer. Then finally, between RM 1.69 to RM 0.05 maximum daily temperatures were variable, sometimes increasing and sometimes decreasing.

Due to the inability to recover the continuously recording temperature data logger at Meadowbrook Creek, it is not possible to compare the daily maximum temperatures of this system to other sites in the watershed. However, the samples collected by the Water Action Volunteers on this system indicate that the summer average temperatures from 2006 to 2012 was 22.4 degrees Celsius and the maximum temperature recorded at that site was 28.5 degrees Celsius. This would indicate that this system is likely receiving groundwater input that is keeping the temperatures reduced in this creek. This is supported by the cool headwater fishery classification (see fisheries section below), but more detailed temperature information would need to be collected to verify this.

As previously mentioned, Coco Creek is the only designated coldwater fishery within the Pewaukee River watershed and the remaining streams within the watershed are classified as warmwater streams (see Map III-1 in Chapter III of this report). Based upon the acute water quality criteria for temperature, coldwater streams should not exceed a daily maximum of 22.2 degrees Celsius in June or 22.8 degrees Celsius in July or August. Based upon this criteria the stations at RM 0.54 and RM 2.42 on the mainstem of Coco Creek and the Unnamed Tributary-2 at RM 0.36 meet this criteria 100 percent of the time. The remaining tributary sites to Coco Creek at RM 1.04 generally meet the coldwater criteria for the summer months more than 95 percent of the time. In addition, the mainstem site on Coco Creek at RM 1.04 met the coldwater criteria for the summer months between 75 percent to more than 95 percent of the time over a four year period from 2008 to 2011. In contrast, the two most upstream sites on the mainstem of Coco Creek at RM 3.20 and RM 4.03 only meet the summer month coldwater criteria about 50 percent of the time.

Brook trout and brown trout were recently found to not occur within streams where summer maximum daily water temperatures exceeded 27.6°C,<sup>42</sup> which is also consistent with the fisheries survey findings summarized below. Based upon these findings it is possible to assess the thermal trout tolerance for each site and year as shown in Figure IV-27, which indicates that every site and year sampled on the mainstem and tributary of Coco Creek can be considered as “trout” streams likely capable of supporting trout (i.e., water temperatures are within thermal tolerance ranges for trout), except for the most upstream site at RM 4.03.

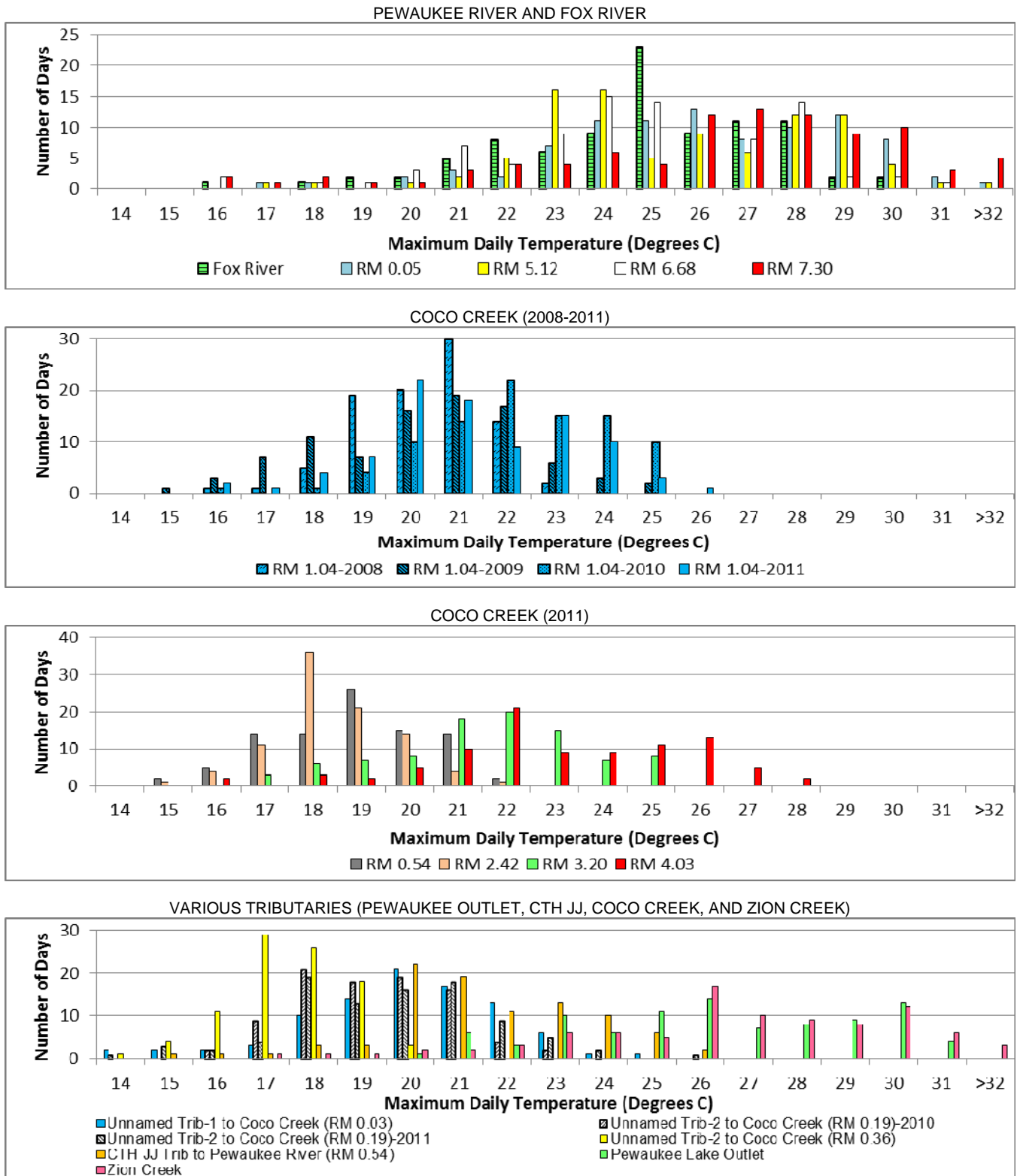
The acute water quality criteria for temperature in warmwater streams should not exceed a daily maximum of 28.9 degrees Celsius in June or August or 29.4 degrees Celsius in July. Based upon this criteria all the stations sampled within the mainstem of the Pewaukee River are generally meeting this summer month warmwater criteria between 80 percent and more than 95 percent of the time, whereas the Pewaukee Lake Outlet and Zion Creek are meeting the criteria about 75 percent of the time. Most surprising, not only is the CTH JJ Tributary meeting the warmwater criteria 100 percent of the time, this site never exceeded 26 degrees Celsius, which means it is technically capable of supporting a coldwater trout fishery, as described above.

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<sup>42</sup>K.E. Wehrly, L. Wang, and M. Mitro, “Field-Based Estimates of Thermal Tolerance Limits for Trout: Incorporating Exposure Time and Temperature Fluctuation,” *Transactions of the American Fisheries Society*, Volume 139, 2007, pages 365-374.

Figure IV-27

**SUMMER MAXIMUM DAILY WATER TEMPERATURES AMONG SAMPLING SITES WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2008-2011**



Source: SEWRPC.

Water temperature data collected indicated that Coco Creek would be capable of supporting a sustainable salmonid fishery. As summarized within the fisheries section below, brook trout are stocked within the Pewaukee River annually, but this species has not been documented to either have been collected or successfully reproduced within this subwatershed. It is possible that the temperatures greater than 20.0 and 25.0 °C within this system are causing suboptimal growth and/or stress that can lead to decreased energy reserves to actually reproduce.<sup>43</sup> Temperature may also be inappropriate to induce spawning and/or for development of eggs after they are deposited into the stream channel. However, spawning and/or overwinter habitats may also be limiting. Before such relationships could be definitively established, this would have to be evaluated by assessments of brook trout population abundance and growth, integrated with more temperature and habitat monitoring.

Water temperature data collected also indicated that the Pewaukee River and associated tributaries would be likely to support a sustainable warmwater fishery. However, nearly all of the sites within the Pewaukee River are exceeding the daily maximum acute warmwater criteria for some portion of the summer months, which indicates that temperatures are likely impacting the quality of the fishery in this river. This seems to be consistent the general limited abundance and diversity of fishes in this system as discussed below.

### **Other Considerations**

Urban development may increase the inputs of complex chemical mixtures typically found in runoff from impervious surfaces in residential and industrial areas. These mixtures may include pesticides, nutrients, and hydrocarbons that are known to have harmful biological effects to aquatic organisms. Although limited data exists for nutrients, they were shown to be impacting water quality in the Pewaukee River and tributaries. So, it is also very likely that other pollutants, including pesticides and other hydrocarbons are also loading into these streams, but no data exists for these constituents.

Stream crossings act as direct conduits for nonpoint source pollution, especially in terms of the road runoff. Stream crossings also bisect riparian corridors fragmenting the continuity of the corridor, which has also been shown to be associated with decreased water quality and biological diversity within watersheds. There are many crossings throughout the Pewaukee River, particularly reaches 1, 3, and 5, as well as the CTH JJ Tributary (see Map IV-1). Consequently, the water quality impacts of roadways on the stream as a result of direct inflow from road crossings and stormwater inflows from tributary areas can be inferred. For example, stormwater runoff is likely to be a major source of chloride,<sup>44</sup> concentrations of which have been shown to be increasing in every lake sampled throughout the Southeastern Wisconsin Region, as well as within Pewaukee Lake.<sup>45</sup>

Agricultural chemicals applied to fields can move to streams and groundwater: other sources of chemicals include irrigation water or waste from animal feeding operations. Nutrients-primarily nitrogen and phosphorus-in streams can exceed natural levels when fertilizer infiltrates through the soil or runs off the surface of the ground. Excess nutrients can cause nuisance growth of algae and aquatic plants, which when they die and decompose can lead to low oxygen levels downstream. Pesticides are applied to control insect damage and growth of weeds or fungus, but can also harm aquatic organisms when these runoff the fields. The unnamed tributary to Coco Creek and upper reaches of the Pewaukee River did show elevated levels of nutrients impacting water quality in these agriculture dominated areas of the watershed. So, it is also very likely that other pollutants, including pesticides and other chemicals related to agricultural management practices are also loading into these streams, but no data exists for these constituents.

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<sup>43</sup>George Becker, *Fishes of Wisconsin*, The University of Wisconsin Press, 1983.

<sup>44</sup>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, "What You Should Know About Safe Winter Roads and the Environment," EPA 901-F-05-020, September 2005.

<sup>45</sup>SEWRPC Technical Report No. 39, Water Quality Conditions and Sources of Pollution in the Greater Milwaukee Watersheds, November 2007.



### **Existing Stormwater Management Systems**

Installation and maintenance of appropriate stormwater BMPs are an important part of maintaining good water quality within the Pewaukee River watershed. Because they have been implemented over time, not all BMPs in the watershed were designed and constructed based on current technical standards. New BMPs in the watershed are designed based on current technical standards for stormwater management that include criteria intended to protect water quality. Older stormwater BMPs could have increased functionality for water quality improvement if modifications are made to bring them up to the current standards. Also, BMPs that promote infiltration of precipitation are important in the watershed for maintenance of stream baseflows and coldwater stream characteristics.

A variety of stormwater management features are located throughout the Pewaukee River watershed in the form of grassed swales, storm sewer inlets and outlets, curb and gutters, storm sewers, wet and dry detention basins and rain gardens as shown on Map III-3 in Chapter III of this report. It was determined that there were nearly 200 dry and wet detention basins that have been constructed throughout the Pewaukee River watershed. These structures attract wildlife and they could be managed to improve or expand habitat for wildlife within the Pewaukee River watershed. In addition, converting these mowed detention basins into native prairie and wetland natural areas can also greatly improve water quality: directly by discouraging geese and their associated feces from around the edge of the water; no need to fertilize or water these native plants that are adapted to Wisconsin climate conditions, reduction in fertilizers costs less and improves water quality (see Figure IV-28).

In terms of habitat potential to improve wildlife, location is very important, particularly in urbanized river systems, such as the Pewaukee. Therefore, the stormwater detention basins that are directly adjacent to or within the riparian corridor have the greatest potential for wildlife to access or use for organisms that need to migrate between the river and the detention basin or the lands within the corridor and the detention basin, such as a frog or salamander. Hence, any detention basin that is not separated by a roadway cutting off or limiting safe access to the river and its riparian corridor should be managed to improve habitat and water quality by converting these to native wetland and prairie natural areas. See Map VI-4 that shows the stormwater detention basins identified as a high priority for either whole or partial conversion to native wetland and prairie to enhance water quality and wildlife habitat in the Pewaukee River. In addition, it is also important to note that all detention basins are recommended to be converted or managed as native wetland and prairie habitat, as well. Since all of these stormwater detention basins drain directly to the surface waters of the Pewaukee River system, any reduction in the nutrients and herbicide applications is highly recommended.

SEWRPC staff found several pipes of various materials from PVC to corrugated metal to concrete that were not previously identified that outflow directly into the Pewaukee River. In other words, these structures were not included in the minor and major outfalls database provided by the MS4 communities with the Pewaukee River watershed as shown on Map III-3 in Chapter III of this report. It is possible that some of these structures were forgotten and it is also possible that some of these structures were disconnected or are no longer functioning. However, these various pipes that we identified along the mainstem of the Pewaukee River should be investigated further and either added to the existing stormwater database and/or removed or retrofitted, where appropriate.

There are three parking lots in the Village of Pewaukee that are draining directly into the Pewaukee River as shown in Figure IV-20A and B. These are high-priority sites to retrofit this runoff and establish a protective riparian buffer adjacent to the River.

Flooding has been reported to be an important issue within the Pewaukee River watershed, so it is recommended that the municipalities within the Coco Creek, Meadowbrook Creek, Audley Creek, and Zion Creek subwatersheds conduct floodplain hydraulic modeling to establish base flood or one-percent-annual-probability (100-year) elevations. This is recommended to occur prior to the development of this land in order to promote sound development outside of the floodplain and not increase the risk or incidence of flooding in the Pewaukee River watershed.

Figure IV-28

**EXAMPLES OF THE BENEFITS OF CONVERTING STORMWATER DETENTION BASINS WITH NATIVE VEGETATION IN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2012**



Source: Charlie Shong.

**Summary**

In summary, higher air temperatures lead to higher water temperatures, which have a major influence on fish and other ectothermic organisms in terms of their physiology, growth, and development, including reproduction in both lakes and streams within the Pewaukee River watershed.<sup>46</sup> High air temperatures which warm water and land

<sup>46</sup>W.M. Tonn, and J.J. Magnuson, "Patterns in the Species Composition and Richness of Fish Assemblages in Northern Wisconsin Lakes," *Ecology*, Volume 63, Number 4, 1982, pages 1149-1166; and G.W. Becker, *Fishes of Wisconsin*, University of Wisconsin Press, Madison, 1983.

surfaces, when combined with periods of decreased precipitation during the summer, can also negatively affect surface water dissolved oxygen concentrations. Hence, low dissolved oxygen concentrations are a major concern during the summer months, because even short periods of time where concentrations fall below 5.0 mg/l can cause significant decreases in the abundance and diversity of the aquatic organisms in lakes and streams. Figures II-9 through II-11 in Chapter II of this report show that the average temperature and precipitation can be highly variable from season to season and year to year, but both mean temperature and precipitation have been increasing. This is consistent with historical weather changes, as well as other indicators of warmer conditions, such as decreasing ice cover duration on lakes throughout the State of Wisconsin.<sup>47</sup> Fortunately, the Pewaukee River's discharge is supplemented by groundwater flow, which helps to mitigate temperature in critical summer periods, but this does not seem to be adequate on its own. As summarized above, discharge within the Pewaukee River watershed can be limiting and is highly dependent upon precipitation and groundwater recharge, which emphasizes that this system is vulnerable and the importance of protecting the quality and quantity of groundwater as future development occurs in this subwatershed.

In addition, it is also important to minimize the human stressors related to land development that have the potential to negatively affect stream hydrology and water temperatures within the Pewaukee River watershed in both agricultural and urban areas. In particular, reductions in groundwater recharge may shift the thermal balance between warmer surface waters and cooler groundwater toward warmer conditions and reduce water availability in general. Such a shift would have implications for the maintenance of warmwater and coldwater fish and aquatic communities in this system. While many of the factors controlling the quality of the aquatic environment in the Pewaukee River basin are limited by natural phenomena, human actions, such as maintaining or enhancing buffer widths, limiting road crossings, implementing stormwater management practices, limiting the spread of nonnative exotic invasive species, and protecting groundwater recharge can and should be considered as critical elements in preserving and protecting the quality of this system.

### **Riparian Corridor Conditions**

Healthy riparian corridors help to protect water quality, groundwater, fisheries and wildlife, and ecological resilience to invasive species, as well as reducing potential flooding of structures and harmful effects of climate change (see Appendix B).<sup>48</sup> The health of riparian corridors is largely dependent upon width (size) and continuity. Therefore, efforts to protect and expand the remaining riparian corridor width and continuity are the foundation for protecting and improving the fishery and recreation within the Pewaukee River watershed.

The provision of buffer strips along waterways represents an important intervention that addresses anthropogenic sources of contaminants, with even relatively small buffer strips providing a degree of environmental benefit, as suggested in Table IV-7 and Figure IV-29 and further discussed in Appendix D.<sup>49</sup> The Wisconsin Buffer Initiative (WBI) further developed two key concepts that are relevant to this plan: 1) riparian buffers are very effective in protecting water resources and 2) riparian buffers need to be a part of a larger conservation system to be most

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<sup>47</sup>J.J. Magnuson, J. Krohelski, K. Kunkel, and D. Robertson, "Wisconsin's Waters and Climate: Historical Changes and Possible Futures," In: Wisconsin's Waters: A Confluence of Perspectives, Transactions of the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, Volume 90, 2003.

<sup>48</sup>N.E. Seavy, et al., "Why Climate Change Make Riparian Restoration More Important than Ever: Recommendations for Practice and Research," Ecological Restoration, Volume 27, Number 3, September, 2009, pages 330-338; "Association of State Floodplain Managers, Natural and Beneficial Floodplain Functions: Floodplain Management—More Than Flood Loss Reduction, 2008," [www.floods.org/NewUrgent/Other.asp](http://www.floods.org/NewUrgent/Other.asp).

<sup>49</sup>Data were drawn from A. Desbonnet, P. Pogue, V. Lee, and N. Wolff, "Vegetated Buffers in the Coastal Zone – A Summary Review and Bibliography," CRC Technical Report No. 2064. Coastal Resources Center, University of Rhode Island, 1994.



Table IV-7

EFFECT OF BUFFER WIDTH ON CONTAMINANT REMOVAL

Buffer Width Categories (feet)	Contaminant Removal (percent) <sup>a</sup>				
	Sediment	Total Suspended Sediment	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrate-Nitrogen
1.5 to 25					
Mean .....	75	66	55	48	27
Range .....	37-91	31-87	0-95	2-99	0-68
Number of Studies .....	7	4	7	10	5
25 to 50					
Mean .....	78	65	48	49	23
Range .....	--	27-95	7-96	6-99	4-46
Number of Studies .....	1	6	10	10	4
50 to 75					
Mean .....	51	--	79	49	60
Range .....	45-90	--	62-97	0-99	--
Number of Studies .....	5	--	2	2	1
Greater than 75					
Mean .....	89	73	80	75	62
Range .....	55-99	23-97	31-99	29-99	--
Number of Studies .....	6	9	8	7	1

<sup>a</sup>The percent contaminant reductions in this table are limited to surface runoff concentrations.

Source: University of Rhode Island Sea Grant Program.

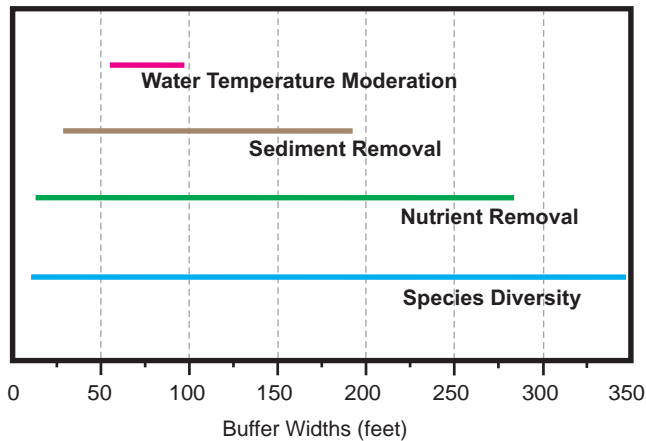
effective.<sup>50</sup> However, it is important to note that the WBI limited its assessment and recommendations solely to the protection of water quality, and did not consider the additional values and benefits of riparian buffers. Research clearly shows that riparian buffers can have many potential benefits, such as flood control, prevention of channel erosion, provision of fish and wildlife habitat, enhancement of environmental corridors, and water temperature moderation, among others (see Appendix D); however, the nature of the benefits and the extent to which the benefits are achieved is very site-specific. Consequently, the ranges in buffer width for each of the buffer functions shown in Figure IV-29 are large. Determining what buffer widths are needed should be based on what functions are desired, as well as site conditions. For example, based upon a number of studies of sediment removal, buffer widths ranging from about 25 to nearly 200 feet achieved removal efficiencies of between 33 and 92 percent, depending upon local site differences. Figure IV-29 shows that for any particular buffer width, for example 75 feet, the buffer can provide multiple benefits, ranging from water temperature moderation to enhancement of wildlife species diversity, as well as other benefits not shown in the figure, such as bank stabilization, which is an important concept in utilizing buffers for habitat protection (see Appendix D).

While it is clear from the literature that wider buffers can provide a greater range of values for aquatic systems, the need to balance human access and use with the environmental benefits to be achieved suggests that a 75-foot-wide riparian buffer provides a minimum width necessary to contribute to good water quality and a healthy aquatic ecosystem. In general, most pollutants are removed within a 75-foot buffer width. However, from an

<sup>50</sup>University of Wisconsin-Madison, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, The Wisconsin Buffer Initiative, December 2005.

Figure IV-29

**RANGE OF BUFFER WIDTHS FOR PROVIDING SPECIFIC BUFFER FUNCTIONS**



NOTE: Site-specific evaluations are required to determine the need for buffers and specific buffer characteristics.

Source: Adapted from A. J. Castelle and others, "Wetland and Stream Buffer Size Requirements-A Review," *Journal of Environmental Quality*, Vol. 23.

ecological point of view, 75-foot-wide buffers are inadequate for the protection and preservation of wildlife species. Riparian buffer strips greater than 75 feet in width provide significant additional physical protection of streamcourses, as a result of their function in intercepting sediment and other contaminants mobilized from the land surface as a result of natural and anthropogenic activities, and biological benefit, as a result of the habitat available within the shoreland and littoral areas associated with streams and lakes.<sup>51</sup>

For example, the highest-quality environmental corridors, natural areas, and vegetation communities are located within and adjacent to the riparian buffer network throughout the Pewaukee River watershed as shown on Map IV-7. In other words, the riparian buffers are a vital conservation tool that provides the connectivity among landscapes to improve the viability of wildlife populations within the habitats comprising the primary and secondary environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas.<sup>52</sup> The vegetation community quality for 28 sites were identified within the Pewaukee River watershed based upon the Floristic Quality Index (FQI),<sup>53</sup> a measure of plant species diversity and native community composition, and generally indicates that they range from poor to excellent as shown on Map IV-7. The highest FQI ratings in the excellent range are associated with the mouths of Audley Creek and a small, unnamed tributary west of Coco Creek, directly connected to Pewaukee Lake. The majority of the other sites range from poor to good, but it is important to note that all of these vegetation communities provide necessary habitat for a variety of wildlife.

As previously identified, healthy and sustained aquatic and terrestrial wildlife diversity is dependent upon an adequate riparian buffer width and habitat diversity. Specifically, recent research has found that the protection of wildlife species is determined by the preservation or protection of core habitat within riparian buffers ranging from minimum 400-foot to optimal 1,000-foot-wide buffers. These areas are essential for supporting multiple groups of organisms, including birds, amphibians, mammals, reptiles, and insects and their various life stages. Hence preservation of riparian buffers to widths of 1,000 feet or greater represents the optimal condition for the protection of wildlife in the Pewaukee River watershed. Map IV-8 also shows the major natural cover types both within and outside of the existing riparian buffers distributed throughout the Pewaukee River watershed. This inventory shows that the riparian buffers are comprised of a variety of wetland, shallow marsh, deep marsh,

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<sup>51</sup>See, for example, Brian M. Weigel, Edward E. Emmons, Jana S. Stewart, and Roger Bannerman, "Buffer Width and Continuity for Preserving Stream Health in Agricultural Landscapes," Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Research and Management Findings, Issue 56, December 2005.

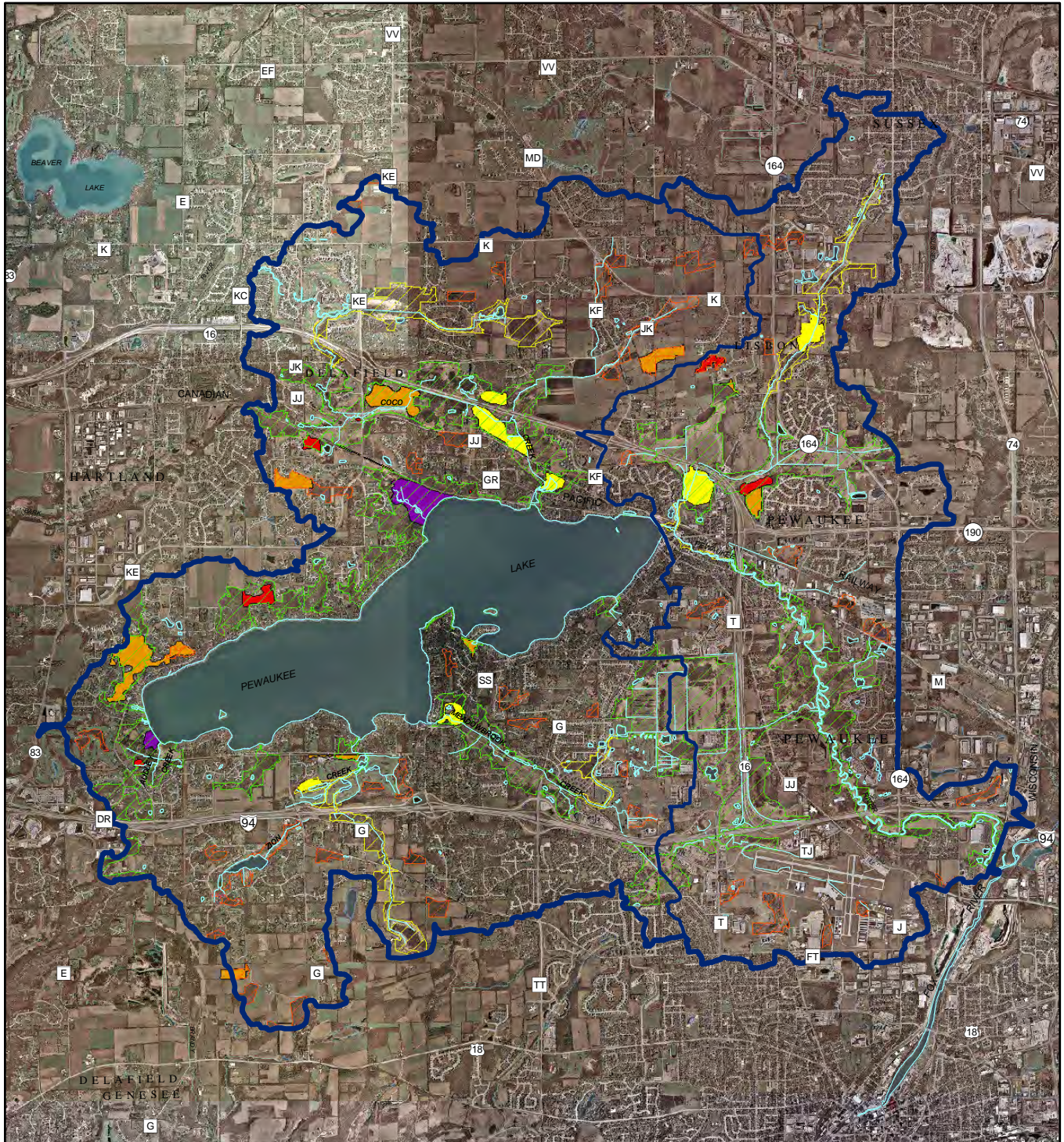
<sup>52</sup>Paul Beier and Reed F. Noss, "Do Habitat Corridors Provide Connectivity?," *Conservation Biology*, Volume 12, Number 6, December 1998.

<sup>53</sup>T. Bernthal, Development of a Floristic Quality Assessment Methodology for Wisconsin, *Final report to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region V*, June 2003.



Map IV-7

PLANT COMMUNITY CONDITIONS WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2012



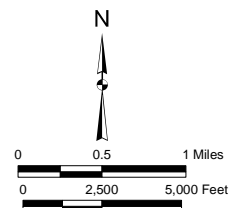
PLANT COMMUNITY FLORISTIC QUALITY INDEX (FQI)

- ≥50 EXCELLENT
- 40-49 VERY GOOD
- 30-39 GOOD
- 20-29 FAIR
- 10-19 POOR

- PRIMARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR
- SECONDARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR
- ISOLATED NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS

- SURFACE WATER
- WATERSHED BOUNDARY
- SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY

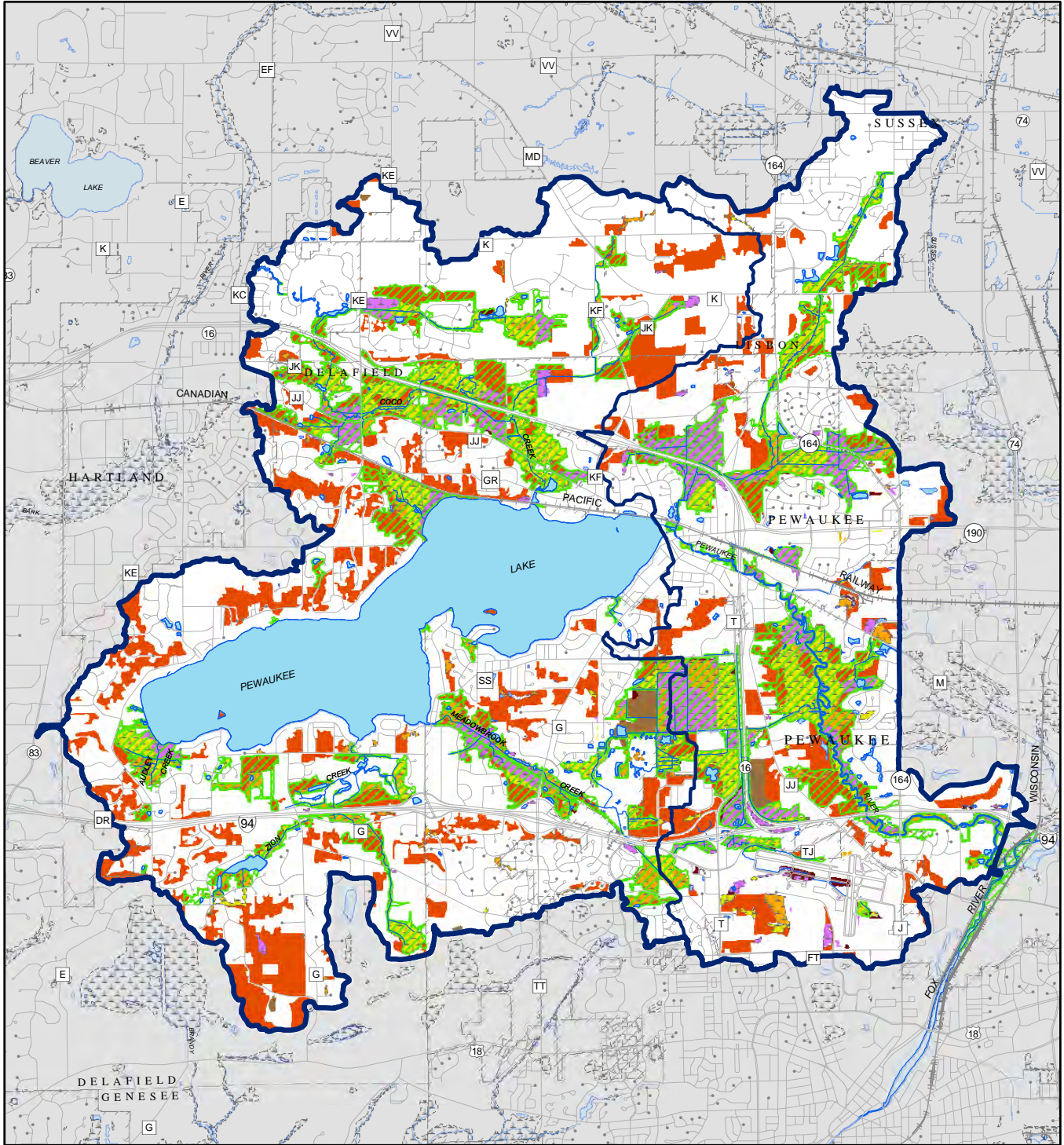
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Map IV-8

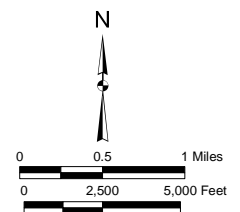
COVER TYPES AND RIPARIAN BUFFERS WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2010



WISCONSIN WETLAND INVENTORY CATEGORY:

- |   |                            |   |                  |   |                       |
|---|----------------------------|---|------------------|---|-----------------------|
|  | EMERGENT WET MEADOW        |  | UPLAND           |  | SURFACE WATER         |
|  | FILLED/DRAINED WETLAND     |  | RIPIARIAN BUFFER |  | STREAM                |
|  | FLATS/UNVEGETATED WET SOIL |   |                  |  | WATERSHED BOUNDARY    |
|  | FORESTED WETLAND           |   |                  |  | SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY |
|  | SCRUB/SHRUB                |   |                  |   |                       |

Source: SEWRPC.



prairie, grassland, shrubs, and forest vegetation communities. This combination and diversity of wetland and upland cover types with the riparian buffers is essential to support an abundant and diverse wildlife community throughout this watershed. Therefore, the protection and expansion of these wetland and upland complexes should be preserved for the maintenance of the vegetative community and associated wildlife species that they support.

### ***Existing and Potential Riparian Buffers***

Map IV-9 shows the current status of existing and potential riparian buffers at the 75 foot, 400 foot, and 1,000 foot widths along the Pewaukee River and its major tributary streams. Buffers on Map IV-9 were primarily developed from 2010 digital orthophotographs and the 2010 WDNR Wisconsin Wetland Inventory within the Pewaukee River watershed, as well as primary and secondary environmental corridors, and isolated natural resource area inventories. Polygons were created using geographic information system (GIS) techniques to delineate contiguous natural lands (i.e., nonurban and nonagricultural lands) comprised of wetland, woodland, and other open lands adjacent to waterbodies and comprise a total of about 3,735 acres, or about 17 percent, of the entire Pewaukee River watershed area. Map IV-9 also shows that there were eight subwatershed assessment areas identified to help breakdown and analyze riparian buffers throughout the watershed that include Audley Creek, Coco Creek, CTH JJ Tributary, Meadowbrook Creek, Pewaukee Lake, Pewaukee River Headwaters, Pewaukee River Mainstem, and Zion Creek. As shown in Figure IV-30 the most extensive existing buffers were found within the Coco Creek and Pewaukee-Mainstem areas that comprised nearly one half of all the buffers in the watershed or approximately 26 and 23 percent of the total buffer area, respectively as shown on Map IV-9. An additional approximately 35 percent of the total existing buffers are fairly equally distributed among the CTH JJ Tributary, Meadowbrook Creek, and Pewaukee-Headwaters assessment areas. The remaining 15 percent was comprised of the remaining three areas that include Zion Creek, Pewaukee Lake, and Audley Creek.

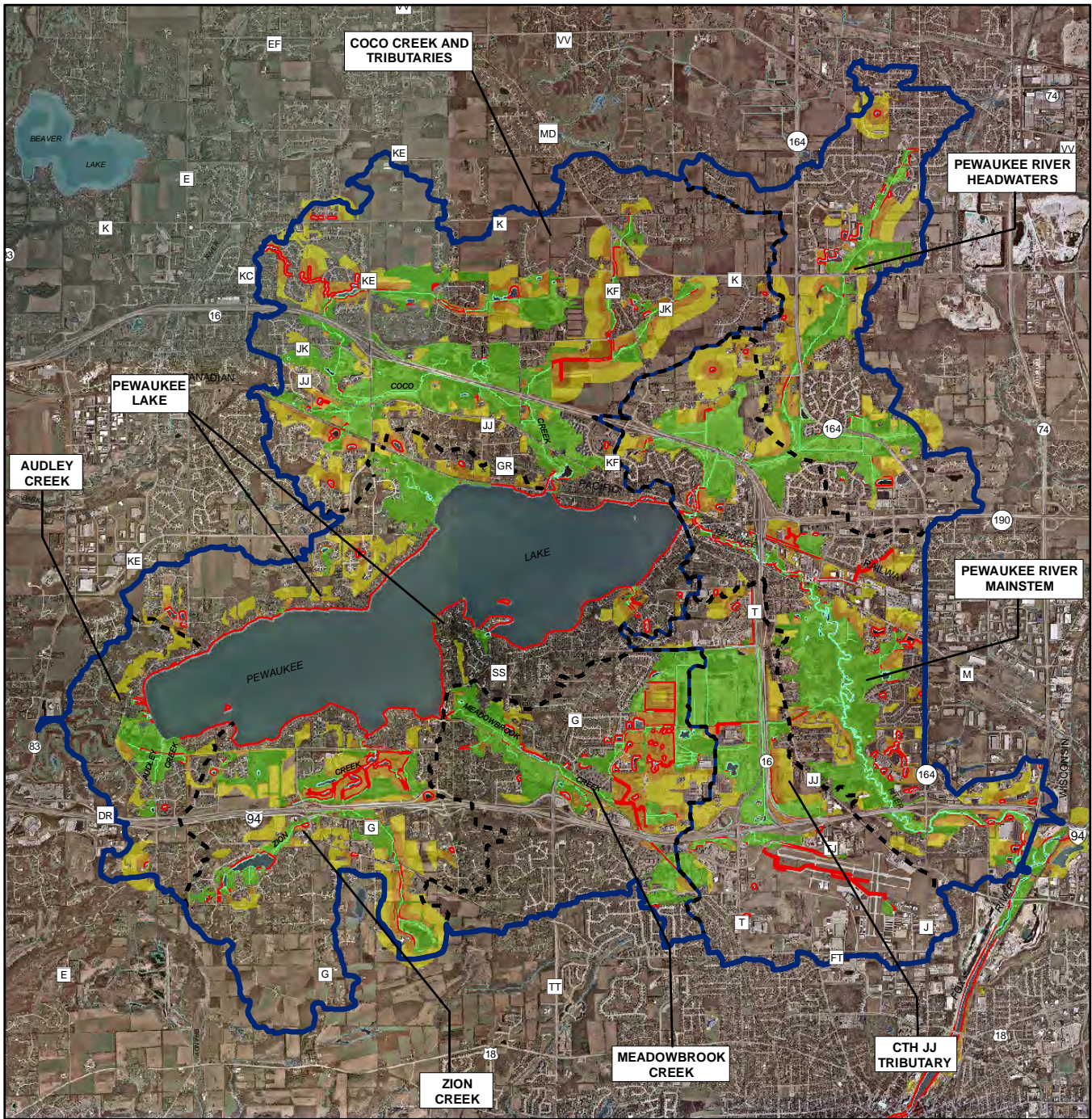
Comparison between the existing buffers versus the potential buffers at the 75 foot, 400 foot, and 1,000 foot widths throughout the Pewaukee River watershed indicates that the existing buffers contain some areas that exceed widths greater than 1,000 feet from the edge of the stream, which indicates they are providing significant water quality and wildlife protection (see Map IV-9). This is mostly due to the preponderance of wetlands abutting the streams. Nonetheless, there are a number of areas as shown on Map IV-9 where there have been encroachments into the riparian buffer to less than 400 feet (orange color) and 75 feet (red color) from the edge of the stream. In particular, the most significant encroachments into the riparian corridor within the 75 foot width are located around the perimeter of Pewaukee Lake and adjacent to Pewaukee River within the Village of Pewaukee. There are also several areas where the streams cross through agricultural land that also lack riparian buffers greater than 75 feet in width. Based upon this analysis Figure IV-30 shows that there is the potential to double the amount of riparian buffers throughout the watershed by about 3,811 acres. This also shows that areas with the greatest potential to establish buffers includes the Coco Creek, Pewaukee-Mainstem, and Zion Creek, but there are opportunities to expand buffer protections in each of the remaining assessment areas as indicated in Figure IV-30.

Although the existing and potential buffers have been established throughout the Pewaukee River watershed, it is important to recognize that some of these lands are more vulnerable to potential loss than others. For example, some of these buffer lands are protected through regulations and some are already in some form of public ownership and already protected. Therefore, riparian buffer lands that are not within one of the following criteria are considered to be vulnerable to potential loss over time and include: 1) open lands owned under public interest as shown on Map IV-10; 2) FEMA one-percent-annual-probability (100-year recurrence interval) regulatory floodway (AE Floodway Zone) as shown on Map III-4 in Chapter III of this report; or 3) Advanced Delineation and Identification (ADID) wetlands as shown on Map III-2 in Chapter III of this report. Approximately 19 percent of the lands within the riparian buffer areas are protected through public and private ownership. In addition, significant amounts of these riparian buffers are within the one-percent-annual-probability (100-year recurrence interval) regulatory floodway (i.e. AE Floodway Zone) and/or within designated ADID wetlands, which provides additional protection for these areas. Based upon these criteria it was then possible to distinguish protected existing riparian buffer lands from vulnerable existing riparian buffer lands. In addition, it was also possible to distinguish protected versus vulnerable potential riparian buffer lands at the 75 foot, 400 foot, and 1,000 foot



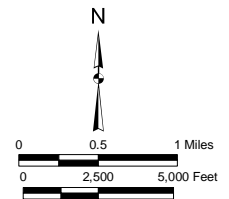
Map IV-9

EXISTING RIPARIAN BUFFER AND POTENTIAL BUFFER ZONES WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2010



- EXISTING RIPARIAN BUFFER
- 75 FEET MINIMUM RECOMMENDED BUFFER WIDTH
- 400 FEET MINIMUM CORE HABITAT WIDTH FOR WILDLIFE PROTECTION
- 1,000 FEET OPTIMAL CORE HABITAT WIDTH FOR WILDLIFE PROTECTION

- SURFACE WATER
- WATERSHED BOUNDARY
- SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY
- ASSESSMENT AREA BOUNDARY

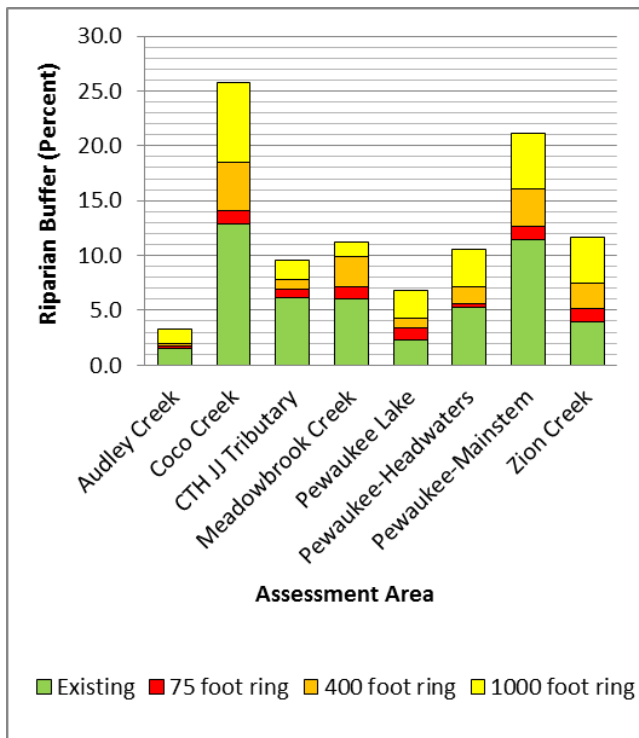


Source: SEWRPC.



Figure IV-30

**PERCENT EXISTING AND POTENTIAL BUFFERS  
AMONG ASSESSMENT AREAS WITHIN THE  
PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2010**



Source: SEWRPC.

summarized above provide the framework upon which to protect and improve water quality and wildlife within the Pewaukee River watershed. This framework can be achieved through a combination of strategies that include land acquisition, regulation, and implementing best management practices.

*Land Acquisition*

As summarized in Chapter II, not all of the corridors and associated natural areas are protected, so, it is recommended that the prioritization for acquisition of these lands (including PEC, SEC, and INRA, and NAs) should be based upon the following order of importance (in order from highest to lowest priority (see Map VI-5):

- 1) Vulnerable existing riparian buffer (protect what exists on the landscape);
- 2) Vulnerable potential riparian buffer lands up to 75 feet wide (minimum level of protection);
- 3) Vulnerable potential riparian buffer lands up to 400 feet wide (minimum wildlife protection); and
- 4) Vulnerable potential riparian buffer lands up to 1,000 feet wide (optimum wildlife protection).

In addition, special consideration for the acquisition of vulnerable riparian buffers should be given to locations designated as having high to very high groundwater recharge potential to protect groundwater recharge as shown on Map VI-3, as well as connecting and expanding wetland and upland habitat complexes to protect wildlife abundance and diversity. Furthermore, connecting the SEC land and multiple INRAs throughout the Pewaukee River watershed to the larger PEC areas, as well as building and expanding upon the existing protected lands, represents a sound approach to enhance the corridor system and wildlife areas within the watershed.

buffer width categories. Finally, the vulnerable existing and potential riparian buffer land acreages are summarized by assessment area and shown in Figure IV-31 and Map VI-1. Figure IV-31 indicates that the greatest extent of the vulnerable existing riparian buffers and vulnerable potential riparian buffers are located within the headwater areas in Coco Creek, Meadowbrook Creek, and Zion Creek. However, there are opportunities to protect vulnerable existing and potential buffers within every assessment area throughout the entire Pewaukee River watershed. In conclusion, these vulnerable acreages are recommended to be a high priority to protect to the extent practicable in order to preserve water quality, wildlife, and recreational opportunities in the Pewaukee River watershed and are mapped in greater detail on Maps VI-1, VI-3, and VI-5 in Chapter VI of this report.

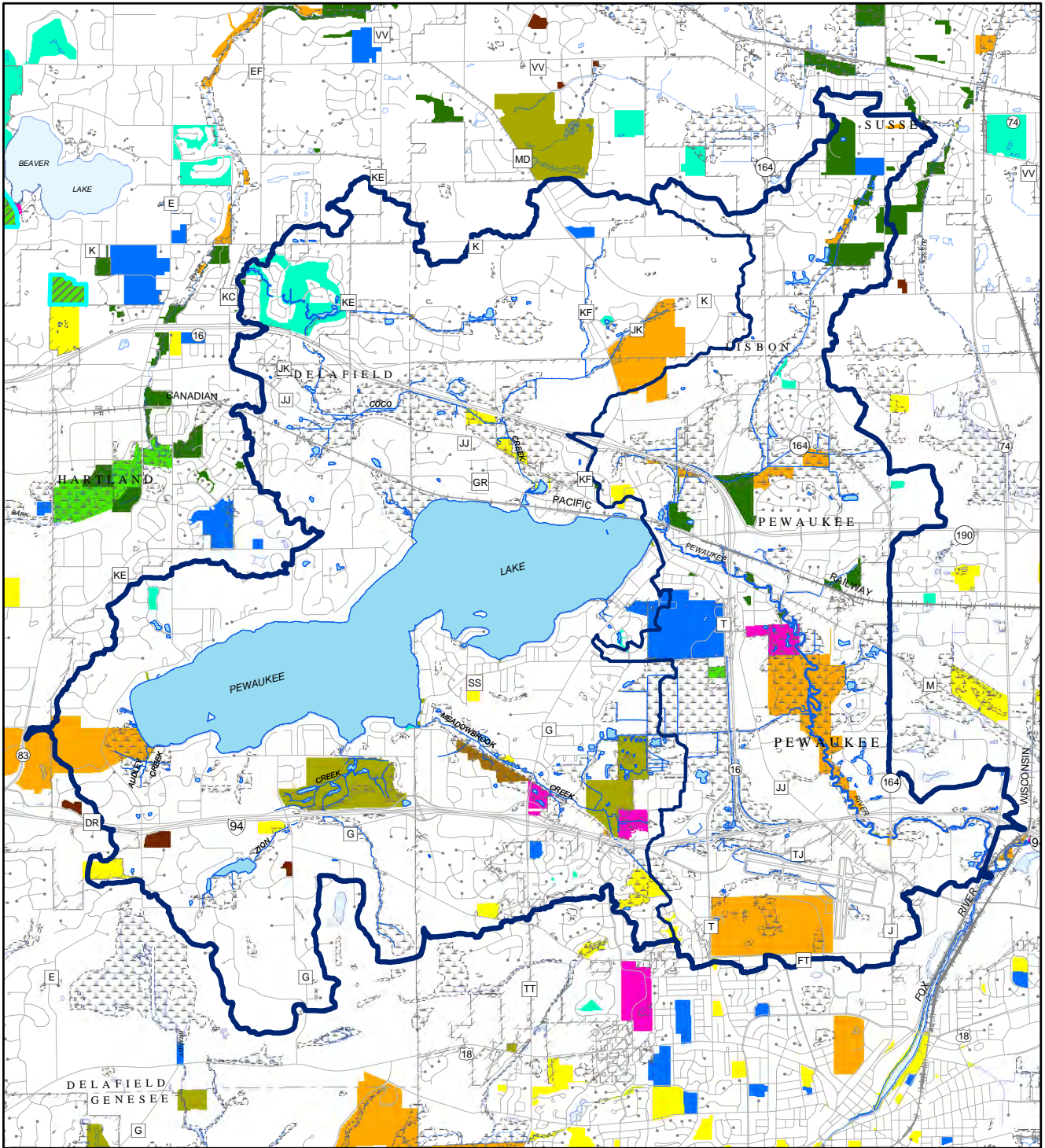
***Riparian Buffer Protection and Prioritization Strategies***















All riparian buffers provide some level of protection that is greater than if there were no buffer at all. However, wider buffers provide a greater number of functions (infiltration, temperature moderation, species diversity) than narrower buffers. Therefore, it is important that existing buffers be protected and expanded where possible.

It is recommended that the riparian buffer network out to the 75 foot, 400 foot, and 1,000 foot widths as

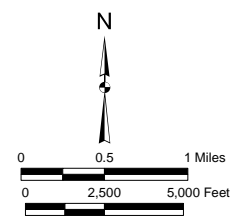
Map IV-10

OPEN SPACE LANDS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROTECTION WITHIN AND ADJACENT TO THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED



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|--|--|--|
|  County                           |  State  |  Surface Water         |
|  Non-Profit/Conservation          |  Town   |  Stream                |
|  Non-Profit/Conservation Easement |  Village  |  Watershed Boundary    |
|  Private - Not Open to the Public |  Commercial   |  Subwatershed Boundary |
|  Private - Open to the Public     |  Organizational: Schools, YMCAs, Camps (Scouts, etc.), Sport Clubs, Gun Clubs |  |

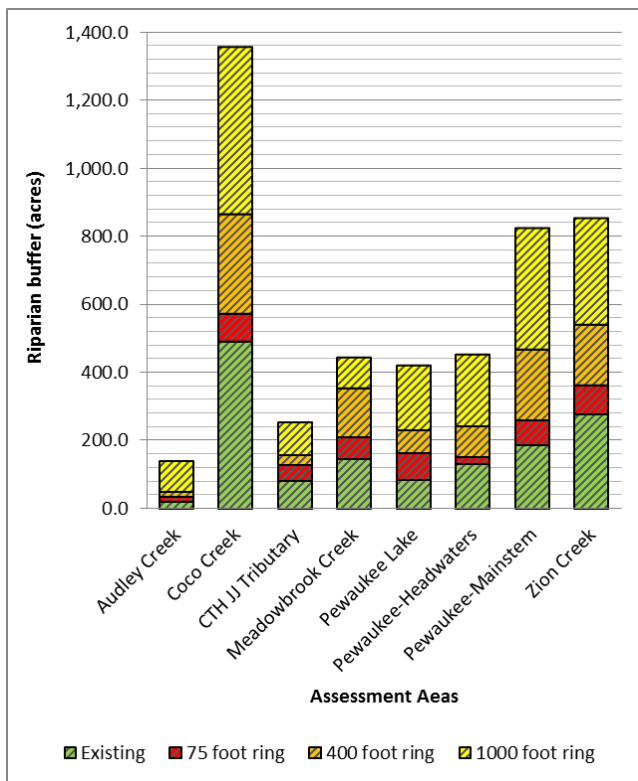
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Figure IV-31

**ACRES OF VULNERABLE EXISTING AND POTENTIAL BUFFERS AMONG ASSESSMENT AREAS WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2010**



Source: SEWRPC.

*Regulation*

Since primary environmental corridors have a greater level of land use protections compared to secondary corridors or isolated natural resource areas or designated natural areas, the regulatory strategy to expand protections for vulnerable existing and potential riparian buffers would be to increase the extent of primary environmental corridor designated lands within the Pewaukee River watershed.

In particular, the Coco Creek, Meadowbrook Creek, and Zion Creek subwatersheds contain areas that have the greatest opportunity to expand primary environmental corridor designated lands. However, this can only be accomplished after base flood elevations of the one-percent-annual-probability (100-year) floodplain were established through modeling were completed for each of these river systems, including their associated tributaries (see stormwater section above). Since primary environmental corridors are defined to include the one-percent-annual-probability (100-year) floodplain boundaries, these areas would necessarily have to expand the primary environmental corridor boundaries within these three areas upstream from Pewaukee Lake, which are currently mostly designated as secondary environmental corridor and/ or isolated natural resources areas. In addition, since wetlands located within primary environmental corridors are considered to be wetlands of natural resource interest or ADID wetlands, then these wetlands within each of these river systems would be protected from filling, and, thus, retain their riparian buffer functions.

*Best Management Practices*

Since a large portion of the vulnerable existing and potential riparian buffers are privately owned within urban and agricultural areas of the watershed, it is entirely up to the private landowner as to whether or not a buffer is established, trash is removed from the stream, or road salts are limited. In addition, although riparian buffers can be effective in mitigating the negative water quality effects attributed to urbanization and agricultural management practices, they cannot on their own address all of the pollutant problems associated with these land uses. Therefore, riparian buffers need to be combined with other management practices, such as infiltration facilities, detention basins, porous pavements, green roofs, and rain gardens, in order to mitigate the effects of urban stormwater runoff. In addition, riparian buffers need to be combined with other management practices, such as barnyard runoff controls, manure storage, contour plowing, constructing grassed waterways, and reduced tillage to mitigate the effects of agricultural runoff. Therefore, the recommended best management land use practices to improve and protect water quality in both urban and agricultural areas are an essential element for the protection of water quality and quantity and wildlife within the Pewaukee River watershed.

**Biological Conditions**

The quality of streams and rivers is often assessed with measures of the chemical or physical properties of water. However, a more comprehensive perspective is obtained if resident biological communities are also assessed. Guidelines to protect human health and aquatic life have been established for specific physical and chemical



properties of water and have become useful yardsticks with which to assess water quality. Biological communities provide additional crucial information because they live within streams for weeks to years and therefore integrate through time the effects of changes to their chemical or physical environment.<sup>54</sup>

In addition, biological communities are a direct measure of stream health—an indicator of the ability of a stream to support aquatic life. Thus, the condition of biological communities, integrated with key physical and chemical properties, provides a comprehensive assessment of stream health. The presence and abundance of species in a biological community are a function of the inherent requirements of each species for specific ranges of physical and chemical conditions. Therefore, when changes in land and water use in a river basin cause physical or chemical properties of streams to exceed their natural ranges, vulnerable aquatic species are eliminated, this ultimately reduces the biological condition and stream health.<sup>55</sup>

Aquatic and terrestrial wildlife communities have educational and aesthetic values, perform important functions in the ecological system, and are the basis for certain recreational activities. The location, extent, and quality of fishery and wildlife areas and the type of fish and wildlife characteristic of those areas are important determinants of the overall quality of the environment in the Pewaukee River watershed.

### **Fisheries Classification**

In Wisconsin, high-quality warmwater systems are characterized by many native species, including cyprinids, darters, suckers, sunfish, and percids that typically dominate the fish assemblage. Pollution intolerant species (species that are particularly sensitive to water pollution and habitat degradation) are also common in such high-quality warmwater systems.<sup>56</sup> Pollution tolerant fish species (species that are capable of persisting under a wide range of degraded conditions) are typically present, but they do not dominate the fish fauna of these systems. Insectivores (fish that feed primarily on small invertebrates) and top carnivores (fish that feed on other fish, vertebrates, or large invertebrates) are generally common. Omnivores (fish that feed on both plant and animal material) also are generally common, but do not dominate. Simple lithophilous spawners (species that lay their eggs directly on large substrate, such as clean gravel or cobble without building a nest or providing parental care for the eggs) are generally common.

The Pewaukee River system contains a variety of both warmwater and coldwater (Coco Creek) stream reaches (see the **Water Temperature** subsection above).<sup>57</sup> In contrast to warmwater streams, coldwater systems are characterized by few native species, with salmonids (trout) and cottids (sculpin) dominating, and they lack many of the taxonomic groups that are important in high-quality warmwater streams. An increase in fish species richness in coldwater fish assemblages often indicates environmental degradation. When degradation occurs, the small number of coldwater species is replaced by a larger number of more physiologically tolerant cool and warmwater species, which is the opposite of what tends to occur in warmwater fish assemblages.

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<sup>54</sup>*D.M. Carlisle and others, The Quality of Our Nation's Waters—Ecological Health in the Nation's Streams, 1993–2005: U.S. Geological Survey Circular 1391, 2013 (available online at: <http://pubs.usgs.gov/circ/1391/>).*

<sup>55</sup>*Ibid.*

<sup>56</sup>*John Lyons, "Using the Index of Biotic Integrity (IBI) to Measure Environmental Quality in Warmwater Streams of Wisconsin," United States Department of Agriculture, General Technical Report NC-149, 1992.*

<sup>57</sup>*John Lyons, "Development and Validation of an Index of Biotic Integrity for Coldwater Streams in Wisconsin," North American Journal of Fisheries Management, Volume 16, May 1996.*

Table IV-8

**PROPOSED WATER TEMPERATURE AND FLOW CRITERIA FOR DEFINING NATURAL STREAM BIOLOGICAL COMMUNITIES AND THE PROPOSED PRIMARY INDEX OF BIOTIC INTEGRITY (IBI) FOR BIOASSESSMENT**

Natural Community	Maximum Daily Mean Water Temperature (°F)	Annual 90 Percent Exceedence Flow (ft <sup>3</sup> /s)	Primary Index of Biotic Integrity
Ephemeral	Any	0.0	N/A
Macroinvertebrate	Any	0.0-0.03	Macroinvertebrate
Cold Headwater	<69.3	0.03 -1.0	Coldwater Fish
Cold Mainstem	<69.3	>1.0	Coldwater Fish
Cool (Cold-Transition) Headwater	69.3-72.5	0.03-3.0	Headwater Fish
Cool (Cold-Transition) Mainstem	69.3-72.5	>3.0	Cool-Cold Transition Fish
Cool (Warm-Transition) Headwater	72.6-76.3	0.03-3.0	Headwater Fish
Cool (Warm-Transition) Mainstem	72.6-76.3	>3.0	Cool-Warm Transition Fish
Warm Headwater	>76.3	0.03-3.0	Headwater Fish
Warm Mainstem	>76.3	3.0-110.0	Warmwater Fish
Warm River	>76.3	>110.0	River Fish

Source: *References for IBIs: Macroinvertebrate—Weigel 2003; Coldwater Fish—Lyons et al. 1996; Headwater Fish—Lyons 2006; Coolwater Fish—Lyons, in preparation; Warmwater Fish—Lyons 1992; River Fish—Lyons et al. 2001.*

A recent stream model has been developed by the WDNR to classify stream reaches into their biotic community by fish occurrence and abundance, as well as the ecological conditions that largely determine the biotic community (i.e., stream flow and water temperature).<sup>58</sup> Although this model has some limitations, it does provide an objective, standardized, and ecologically meaningful framework to classify streams.<sup>59</sup> The proposed natural community classification has eleven natural community classes as summarized in Table IV-8, which have unique physical and biological characteristics as summarized below:<sup>60</sup>

**Ephemeral**—Channels with water flow only after precipitation events (i.e., no base flow). No fish and few or no aquatic invertebrates are present.

**Macroinvertebrate**—Very small, almost always intermittent (i.e., ceases flow for part of the year, although water may remain in the channel) streams. Few or no fish are present, but a variety of aquatic invertebrates are common, at least seasonally.

<sup>58</sup>John Lyons, “Patterns in the species composition of fish assemblages among Wisconsin streams,” *Environmental Biology of Fishes Volume 45, 1996, pages 329-341.*

<sup>59</sup>John Lyons, “Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, An Overview of the Wisconsin Stream Model,” January 2007.

<sup>60</sup>John Lyons, “Proposed temperature and flow criteria for natural communities for flowing waters,” February 2008, updated October 2012.

Cold Headwater—Small, perennial streams with cold summer temperatures. Collectively, coldwater fishes are usually abundant (catch rate of >100 fish per 100 m of stream length sampled) to common (10-100 per 100 m), transitional fishes are common to absent, and warmwater fishes are absent. Because of the small size of the stream, trout populations consist almost exclusively of small fish (< five inches) with larger fish absent except perhaps during spawning periods.

Cold Mainstem—Moderate to large but still wadable perennial streams with cold summer temperatures. Coldwater fishes are abundant to common, transitional fishes are common to absent, and warmwater fishes are absent. The size of the stream is sufficient to support trout in a wide range of sizes.

Cool (Cold-Transition) Headwater—Small, usually perennial streams with cold to cool summer temperatures. Coldwater fishes are common to uncommon (<10 per 100 m), transitional fishes are abundant to common, and warmwater fishes are uncommon to absent. Headwater species are abundant to common, mainstem species are common to absent, and river species are absent.

Cool (Cold-Transition) Mainstem—Moderate to large but still wadable perennial streams with cold to cool summer temperatures. Coldwater fishes are common to uncommon, transitional fishes are abundant to common, and warmwater fishes are uncommon to absent. Headwater species are common to absent, mainstem species are abundant to common, and river species are common to absent.

Cool (Warm-Transition) Headwater—Small, sometimes intermittent streams with cool to warm summer temperatures. Coldwater fishes are uncommon to absent, transitional fishes are abundant to common, and warmwater fishes are common to uncommon. Headwater species are abundant to common, mainstem species are common to absent, and river species are absent.

Cool (Warm-Transition) Mainstem—Moderate to large but still wadable perennial streams with cool to warm summer temperatures. Coldwater fishes are uncommon to absent, transitional fishes are abundant to common, and warmwater fishes are common to uncommon. Headwater species are common to absent, mainstem species are abundant to common, and river species are common to absent.

Warm Headwater—Small, usually intermittent streams with warm summer temperatures. Coldwater fishes are absent, transitional fishes are common to uncommon, and warmwater fishes are abundant to common. Headwater species are abundant to common, mainstem species are common to absent, and river species are absent.

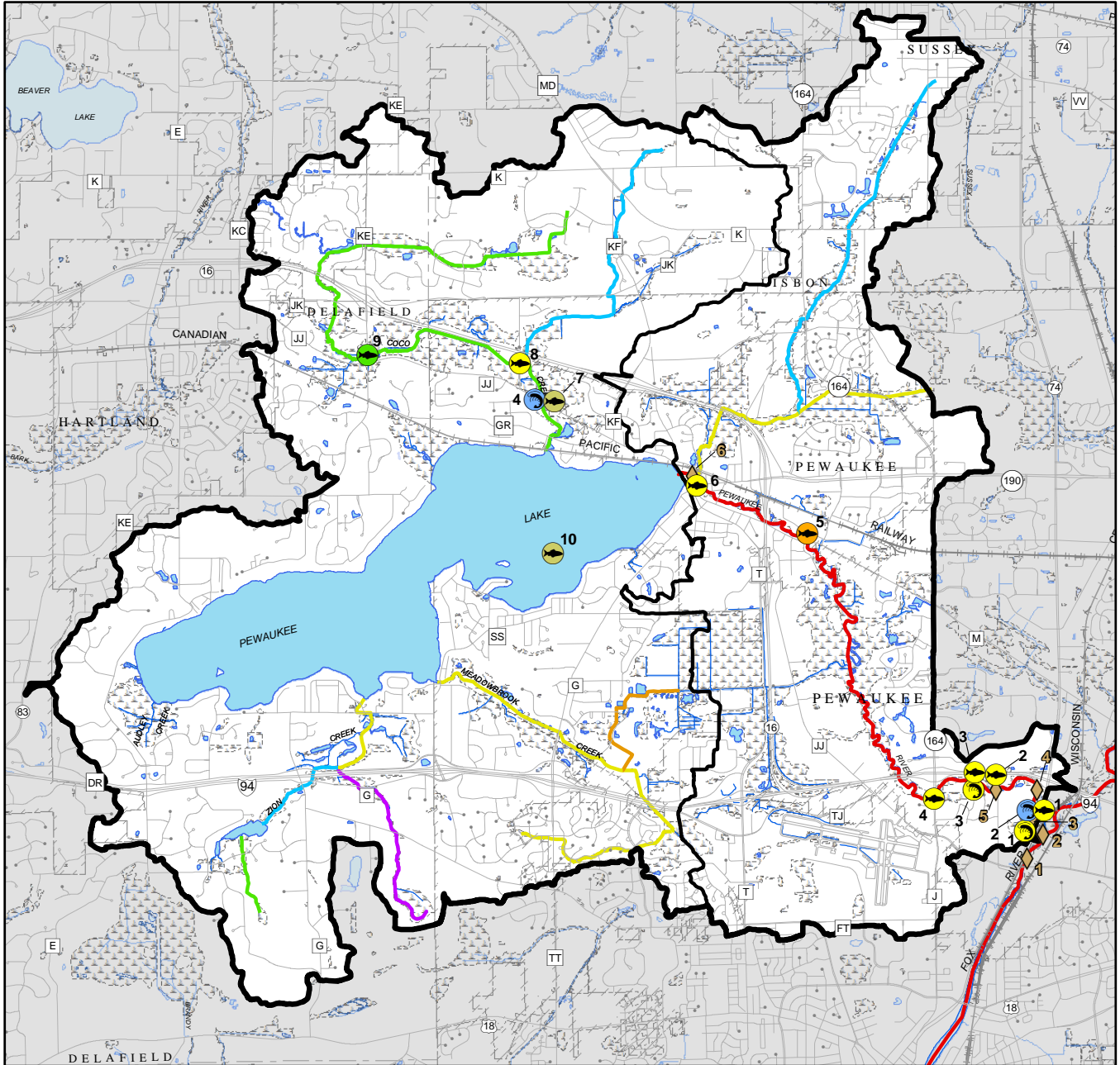
Warm Mainstem—Moderate to large but still wadable perennial streams with relatively warm summer temperatures. Coldwater fishes are absent, transitional fishes are common to uncommon, and warmwater fishes are abundant to common. Headwater species are common to absent, mainstem species are abundant to common, and river species are common to absent.

Warm Rivers—Nonwadable large to very large rivers with warm summer temperatures. Coldwater fishes are absent, transitional fishes are common to uncommon, and warmwater fishes are abundant to common. Headwater species are absent, mainstem species are common to uncommon, and river species are abundant to common.

Results of the stream model corroborate the coldwater classification on Coco Creek and warmwater fishery classifications on the mainstem of the Pewaukee River from the Pewaukee Lake Outlet to the confluence of the Fox River as shown on Map IV-11. However, this model also predicts the headwaters of Pewaukee River to be cool headwater that changes from a cold transitional to a warm transitional classification, which is generally supported by the water temperatures within this area. The cool headwater (cold transitional) classification was also predicted for the unnamed east branch of Coco Creek, which was also generally supported by water temperature data summarized above. Zion Creek was surprisingly classified as a cold headwater fishery to a cool headwater fishery. Although no temperature data are available the headwaters of this system, the temperatures from the lower reaches of this creek indicate that this is more appropriately classified as a warm headwater



**FISH, AQUATIC BUGS, AND MUSSEL SAMPLING LOCATIONS AND FISHERIES  
STREAM CLASSIFICATIONS WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED**



**FISH IBI RATING AND SITE ID (SEE TABLE IV-8)**

- GOOD
- FAIR
- POOR
- UNRATED

**AQUATIC BUGS HBI RATING AND SITE ID**

- GOOD TO VERY GOOD
- FAIR

**MUSSEL SAMPLING SITE AND SITE ID (SEE TABLE IV-11)**

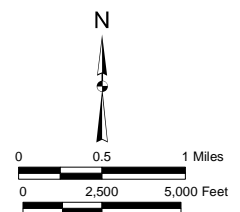
- MUSSEL SAMPLING SITE

**FISHERIES STREAM CLASSIFICATIONS (SEE TABLE IV-8)**

- COLD HEADWATER
- COOL (COLD TRANSITION) HEADWATER
- COOL (WARM TRANSITION) HEADWATER
- WARM HEADWATER
- WARM MAINSTEM
- MACROINVERTEBRATE

- SURFACE WATER
- UNCLASSIFIED STREAM
- WATERSHED BOUNDARY
- SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Wisconsin Lutheran College, and SEWRPC.



stream. In addition, the entire unnamed eastern branch of Zion Creek was ranked with a macroinvertebrate classification, which is probably appropriate, but no information exists to verify this classification. The stream model also predicted that Meadowbrook Creek transitions from a warm headwater to a cool headwater classification, but more information would need to be collected in order to verify these classifications.

Through calculation of the Index of Biotic Integrity (IBI), data on the fish community can provide insight into the overall health of the river ecosystem in this stretch. Fish catches can also reveal trends in the populations of rare and sport fish species. The overall goal of the monitoring is to better document the current status of this biologically unique piece of river and to provide an early warning of declines in environmental quality and fisheries associated with human development in the watershed. Due to the fundamental differences among warmwater, coolwater, and coldwater streams, a separate Index of Biotic Integrity was developed to assess the health of each of these types of streams.<sup>61</sup>

Based upon the fisheries assessments conducted between 1978 to present in the Pewaukee River it seems to generally have improved from a very poor-fair to a fair warmwater fishery among several sites within the Pewaukee-1 reach. It is also possible that the Pewaukee-3 reach has decreased in quality from a fair classification in 1978 to a poor ranking in 2012, but these fishery surveys were not collected at the same location and the Pewaukee River was experiencing a severe drought in the summer of 2012, which makes it difficult to interpret the results of this information. However, there was a second survey conducted in 2012 further downstream that achieved a fair warmwater classification. Therefore, this could mean that the Pewaukee-3 reach is either more degraded than the Pewaukee-1 reach or the Pewaukee-3 reach is more vulnerable to the impacts of decreased water levels and discharges and elevated temperatures caused by the drought than the Pewaukee-1 reach. There is not enough information to interpret this further and there are no other sites where fisheries data have been collected to make any other comparisons. For example, despite the apparent decrease in fishery quality in the Pewaukee-3 reach, this is the only site where spottail shiner, which is a warmwater fish species that is sensitive to stream degradation, has been recorded to be present in both the 2012 and the 1978 samples. Therefore, it is recommended that these same sites continued to be monitored and that more locations be sampled throughout the Pewaukee River to better determine the quality and diversity of the fishery in this system.

Coco Creek was sampled in 1999 and 2011 and shows that it achieved a fair-good cool-cold transition IBI ranking and very poor-fair coldwater IBI scores. Hence, this seems to indicate that Coco Creek has a cool to coldwater fish assemblage, except for the absence of brook trout in those samples. Since brook trout are the only native stream-dwelling salmonid in the State of Wisconsin, the presence and abundance of brook trout dramatically improves the coldwater IBI scores, which is why the coldwater IBI scores were so poor. This does not mean that brook trout are not present in this system, it just means that they were not present in the samples collected. The temperature data summarized above indicate that Coco Creek has a high probability to support salmonids. For example, brown trout were collected in the most recent date sampled in 2011. However, it is a cause for concern that not a single brook trout was observed in either of those surveys and it is recommended that more surveys be conducted to determine the abundance and distribution of brook trout in Coco Creek.

Although the fish IBI is useful for assessing environmental quality and biotic integrity in streams, it is most effective when used in combination with additional data on physical habitat, water quality, macroinvertebrates, and other biota when evaluating a site.<sup>62</sup> Hence, supplemental data for macroinvertebrates surveys conducted by the WDNR and Water Action Volunteer (WAV) are summarized below.

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<sup>61</sup> John Lyons, "Development and Validation of an Index of Biotic Integrity for Coldwater Streams in Wisconsin," North American Journal of Fisheries Management, Volume 16, May 1996.

<sup>62</sup> John Lyons, General Technical Report NC-149, op. cit.

### ***Fish Species Diversity***

A review of the fish data collected in the Pewaukee River between 1978 and 2012 indicates that the lower portions of Pewaukee River were found to have generally improved from seven to nine species per survey to about 14 to 15 species per survey in the more recent sample dates in 2011 and 2012 as shown in Table IV-9. The surveys indicate that this fishery contains a mixture of tolerant, intermediate, and fish species sensitive to pollution. The warmwater tolerant species assemblage includes green sunfish, yellow bullhead, black bullhead, common carp, and most recently a new record of bluntnose minnow. The warmwater intermediate assemblage includes hornyhead chub and common shiner species. However, the recent surveys included several more species that include bluegill, pumpkinseed, and largemouth bass, which are highly sought panfish and gamefish species by fisherman. Another good sign of a healthy fishery was the continued presence of spottail shiner in the Pewaukee-3 reach and rock bass in the downstream Pewaukee-1 reach, both of which are sensitive warmwater fish species. Two additional sensitive warmwater species were also observed in the most recent sampling in the downstream reach of the Pewaukee River that include rainbow darter and smallmouth bass, which is an excellent sign of a healthy warmwater fishery. In addition to these warmwater species, other transitional or coolwater species were found in the Pewaukee River that include: tolerant species-creek chub, central mudminnow, and white sucker; intermediate species-yellow perch, northern pike x muskellunge hybrid, and Johnny darter; and sensitive species-northern pike. The northern pike x muskellunge hybrid species are stocked in Pewaukee Lake, so this fish likely washed out of the Lake. In addition, numerous large adult carp were observed in the deepest areas of the Pewaukee-2 and Pewaukee-3 reaches during the time of the habitat surveys summarized above. SEWRPC staff also observed a northern pike in the CTH JJ Tributary.

A review of the fish data collected in Coco Creek between 2011 and 2012 indicates that the lower portions of Creek were found to have between seven to nine species per survey. As previously mentioned above, healthy coldwater streams are comprised of lower number of species compared to healthy warmwater streams, so this low number of species is a good sign for Coco Creek. The surveys also indicate that this fishery contains a mixture of warmwater tolerant, transitional or coolwater species, and one sensitive coldwater species. The warmwater tolerant and intermediate species include yellow bullhead, green sunfish, golden shiner, fathead minnow, bluntnose minnow, pumpkinseed, largemouth bass, bluegill, common shiner, and hornyhead chub. Yellow bullhead, green sunfish, pumpkinseed, bluegill, and largemouth bass species are not usually found in high-quality coldwater streams, but since these are found in high abundance in Pewaukee Lake it is not unusual for these species to migrate up into the lower reaches of Coco Creek. The transitional or coolwater species observed in Coco Creek include white sucker, creek chub, central mudminnow, and yellow perch. Finally, brown trout were the only coldwater sensitive species found in Coco Creek.

Pewaukee Lake contains the most diverse and abundant fish community within the Pewaukee River watershed, which has been observed to contain a warmwater assemblage of about 32 species and transitional or coolwater assemblage of about 13 species, including two designated species of special concern (banded killifish and lake chubsucker) and one threatened species (pugnose shiner) (see Table IV-9). Historic fisheries records from WDNR files indicate that northern pike, walleye, and muskellunge have been stocked almost annually within Pewaukee Lake since 1972. Recent WDNR comprehensive surveys targeting muskellunge, walleye, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike and panfish species from 2011 to 2012 in Pewaukee Lake are summarized below.<sup>63</sup>

- Muskellunge are not native to inland waters of Southeastern Wisconsin so their presence in Pewaukee Lake is the result of an intensive stocking program. Similarly, walleye and northern pike populations appear to be greatly affected by stocking practices in Pewaukee Lake.

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<sup>63</sup>*Benjamin Heussner, Steven Gospodarek, and Andrew Notbohm, WDNR Comprehensive Survey Report of Pewaukee Lake, Waukesha County (WBIC 772000), 2012.*



Table IV-9

FISH SPECIES COMPOSITION BY PHYSIOLOGICAL TOLERANCE AND REACH IN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 1964-2012

Species According to Their Relative Tolerance to Temperature	Stream Reach (see Map IV-1)											
	Pewaukee 1					Pewaukee 3		Coco Creek				Pewaukee Lake
	Site 1 <sup>a</sup>	Site 2		Site 3	Site 4	Site 5 <sup>b</sup>	Site 6	Site 7 <sup>c</sup>	Site 8		Site 9	Site 10
	2012	1978	1997	1997	2011	2012	1978	2006	1999	2011	2011	1964-2012
Coldwater												
Intermediate												
Brown Trout <sup>d</sup> .....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X	--
Transitional												
Sensitive												
Blackchin Shiner.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X
Blacknose Shiner.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X
Muskellunge.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X
Northern Pike.....	--	--	--	--	X	--	--	--	--	--	--	X
Pugnose Shiner <sup>e</sup> .....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X
Intermediate												
Johnny Darter.....	--	--	X	X	X	--	--	--	--	--	--	X
Northern Pike x Muskellunge.....	--	--	X	X	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X
Walleye.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X
Yellow Perch.....	X	--	--	--	X	--	X	--	X	X	X	X
Tolerant												
Brook Stickleback.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X
Central Mudminnow.....	--	--	--	--	--	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Creek Chub.....	--	--	X	X	--	--	--	--	X	--	--	X
White Sucker.....	X	X	X	X	X	--	--	--	X	X	X	X
Warmwater												
Sensitive												
Rainbow Darter.....	X	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Rock Bass.....	X	X	X	X	X	--	--	--	--	--	--	X
Smallmouth Bass.....	X	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X
Spottail Shiner.....	--	--	--	--	--	X	X	--	--	--	--	X
Intermediate												
Banded Killifish <sup>f</sup> .....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X
Bigmouth Shiner.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X
Black Crappie.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X
Bluegill.....	X	--	--	--	X	--	--	--	X	X	X	X
Bowfin.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X
Brook Silverside.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X
Brown Bullhead.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X
Common Shiner.....	X	X	X	X	X	--	--	--	X	--	--	X
Emerald Shiner.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X
Freshwater Drum.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X
Grass Pickerel.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X

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Table IV-9 (continued)

Species According to Their Relative Tolerance to Temperature	Stream Reach (see Map IV-1)											
	Pewaukee 1					Pewaukee 3		Coco Creek				Pewaukee Lake
	Site 1 <sup>a</sup>	Site 2		Site 3	Site 4	Site 5 <sup>b</sup>	Site 6	Site 7 <sup>c</sup>	Site 8		Site 9	Site 10
	2012	1978	1997	1997	2011	2012	1978	2006	1999	2011	2011	1964-2012
Warmwater (continued)												
Intermediate (continued)												
Hornyhead Chub.....	X	--	X	X	X	--	--	--	X	--	--	--
Lake Chubsucker <sup>f</sup> .....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X
Largemouth Bass.....	X	--	--	--	X	X	--	--	--	--	X	X
Longnose Gar.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X
Mimic Shiner.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X
Pumpkinseed.....	X	--	--	--	X	--	--	--	--	X	X	X
Spotfin Shiner.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X
Tadpole Madtom.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X
Warmouth.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X
White Bass.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X
White Crappie.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X
Tolerant												
Black Bullhead.....	X	X	--	--	X	X	X	--	--	--	--	X
Bluntnose Minnow.....	--	--	--	--	X	X	--	X	--	--	--	X
Common Carp.....	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	--	--	--	--	X
Fathead Minnow.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X	--	--	X
Golden Shiner.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X	--	X
Goldfish.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X
Green Sunfish.....	X	X	--	--	X	X	X	--	--	X	X	X
Yellow Bullhead.....	--	X	X	X	X	X	--	--	X	--	--	X
Total Number of Species	14	7	9	9	15	8	7	2	9	7	8	45
Warmwater IBI	Fair	Very poor	Fair	Fair	Fair	Poor	Fair	--	--	--	--	--
Cool-Cold Transition IBI	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Fair	Fair	Good	--
Coldwater IBI	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Very poor	Very poor	Fair	--

PRELIMINARY DRAFT

<sup>a</sup>A portion of this survey was done for gamefish only. Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, and Yellow Perch species were only collected during this portion of the survey and are included in the total number of species at this site. For purposes of calculating IBI scores, only species collected during the "all species" portion of the survey were included.

<sup>b</sup>A portion of this survey was done for gamefish only. Largemouth Bass were only collected during this portion of the survey and are included in the total number of species at this site. For purposes of calculating IBI scores, only species collected during the "all species" portion of the survey were included.

<sup>c</sup>Sampling at this site was for a study focused on minnow species. Other nonminnow species sampled at for this site were not recorded.

<sup>d</sup>This species is stocked by Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources fisheries management staff.

<sup>e</sup>Designated threatened species.

<sup>f</sup>Designated species of special concern.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Wisconsin Lutheran College, and SEWRPC.

- Stocking efforts have produced a muskellunge population density well above the Wisconsin statewide average. The 2011-2012 assessment resulted in a muskellunge population estimate of 0.62 fish per acre which is one-tenth of a fish per acre higher than the previous estimate performed during the 1998 comprehensive assessment. The current assessment indicates muskellunge size structure is fairly balanced with the vast majority of fish measuring 30-39 inches. Fish below 30 or over 40 inches were infrequently captured during the 2011-2012 assessment. The highlight of these fish was a 50.2 female muskellunge captured in 2012 that weighed over 40 pounds (pictured above). Muskellunge in Pewaukee Lake grow at a rate faster than the Wisconsin statewide average. Mortality for muskellunge was calculated to be 46.6 percent beginning at age five or, 33.5 inches. Although this length is below the 40-inch minimum for angler harvest, angling pressure could contribute to this mortality rate as a result of added stress during warm water months when musky are frequently targeted and susceptible to hooking mortality.
- Walleye populations in Pewaukee Lake have historically been low. Unfortunately, the 2011-2012 assessment showed little change as the number of adult walleye per acre was calculated to be 0.4 per surface acre. This estimate is lower than those of the 1998 and 1977 assessments and is likely a result of inconsistent stocking during the past decade. Average lengths, proportional stock density (PSD) and relative stock density (RSD) indicate a top heavy walleye size structure stemming from a majority of older fish in the system. According to the 2011-2012 assessment, walleye grow quickly until age six where growth appears to slow significantly. The estimated annual walleye mortality rate is 51 percent beginning at age six or 21.1 inches.
- Largemouth bass were captured with mild success during the spring 2011 portion of the two year comprehensive assessment. Average length and size structure has increased since the 1998 assessment but the largemouth in Pewaukee Lake are still of average size when compared to other Waukesha County lakes that have been surveyed recently. Like most species in Pewaukee Lake, largemouth bass grow at a rate that is faster than the Wisconsin statewide average.
- Smallmouth bass were also captured in spring of 2011 but catch rates were lower when compared to largemouth. Average size and size structure have increased since the 1998 assessment. Pewaukee Lake's smallmouth are some of the largest in Waukesha County. Over 70 percent were at or above the 14-inch minimum length limit for angler harvest and several fish between 18 to 21 inches were captured.
- Northern pike fyke netting catch was low, indicating a significant drop in northern numbers since the 1998 assessment. An absence of stocking is likely the culprit for this reduction of northern pike numbers although competition with muskellunge and a lack of spawning habitat may be contributing factors.
- Panfish were plentiful but size structures were small during the 2011-2012 assessment. Small panfish size structure and over-abundance is a common problem in lakes, such as Pewaukee that contain dense Eurasian water-milfoil beds. In addition to thick milfoil, angler selective harvest of larger panfish may also be a contributing factor.

Although not previously recorded, northern pike were observed to have migrated upstream from Pewaukee Lake to spawn in the unnamed eastern branch of Coco Creek, as well as upstream to the unnamed tributary in the headwaters of Meadowbrook Creek this past spring 2013. These observations indicate how good connection between the Lake and tributaries can facilitate production of northern pike in this system, so efforts should be geared towards protecting these native or naturalized spawning stocks to protect and enhance the natural reproduction of these populations.



## Mussels

Freshwater mussels are large bivalve (two-shelled) mollusks that live in the sediments of rivers, streams, and some lakes. Mussels are considered one of the most endangered families of animals in North America. These soft-bodied animals are enclosed by two shells made mostly of calcium and connected by a hinge. Mussels can typically be found anchored in the substrate, with only their siphons occasionally exposed. They typically favor sand, gravel, and cobble substrates. They play an important part in aquatic ecosystems by helping stabilize river bottoms; serving as natural water filters; providing excellent spawning habitat for fish; and serving as food for fish, birds, and some mammals. Live mussels and relic shells provide a relatively stable substrate in dynamic riverine environments for a variety of other macroinvertebrates, such as caddis flies and mayflies and for algae.

Mussels require moving water to provide incoming food and oxygen and to eliminate waste. They draw in water from which they filter fine organic matter, such as algae and detritus. A single mussel can filter several gallons of water per day, which means mussels can improve water quality by removing sediment and associated contaminants from water. Many species are slow growing and long-lived animals, surviving for as long as 100 years. Most mussel species are sessile, moving only short distances their entire life, maneuvering by way of a muscular fleshy foot extended from the shell. Movement is often triggered by changing water levels or other environmental conditions. During periods of stress (temperature extremes, drought, pollutants), many species will burrow deep into the sediment, sometimes surviving until the stressor has passed. Growth rings on mussel shells can determine their age; accumulating a defined line indicating a period of no growth, and these lines can be used to glean information about historical water quality and disturbance. Mussels serve as good indicators of ecosystem health because they are relatively long-lived and sessile, and depend on good water quality and physical habitat.

Mussels are viewed as important, sensitive indicators of changing environmental conditions. Water and sediment quality are important habitat criteria for mussels. Most species of freshwater mussels prefer clean running water with high oxygen content, and all species are susceptible to pollution, including pesticides, heavy metals, ammonia, and algal toxins. Mussels can be used to document changes in water quality over long periods of time since they are long-lived. Shells accumulate metals from both water and sediment, so testing heavy metal concentrations in shells can tell researchers when water in a given area was first contaminated. The presence or absence of a particular mussel species provides information about long-term water health. Because juvenile forms of mussels are more susceptible to pollution than the adult forms, finding juveniles with few adults nearby may indicate a newly colonized area. In general, having healthy diverse populations of mussels means the water quality is good.

The freshwater mussel has a unique life cycle, including a short parasitic stage attached to a fish.<sup>64</sup> Reproduction occurs when a male mussel releases sperm into the water column, which is siphoned into the female mussel to fertilize the eggs. Reproduction may be triggered by increasing water temperature and/or day length, and development and retention of larvae within the female may last from one to 10 months. Glochidia (immature mussels) are generally released from the female in spring and early summer (April to July). The glochidia (immature mussels) must attach to the gills of a fish to obtain nutrients from blood serum. Mussels need host fish to carry their young through the waterways in order for them to survive, grow, and disperse. Female mussels either release the glochidia into the water in a sac called a conglutinate (made to look like food for their host fish), wherein the glochidia can survive for only a short period of time without a fish host, or they have developed specific adaptations, including an enlarged mantle tissue flap that look like the prey organisms (worms, insect larva, small fish, or crayfish) which attract a fish host looking for food. When fish nip at these structures which resemble potential food items, the female releases glochidia into the water column that attach to the gills or fins of the fish host. As parasites, glochidia are dependent on fish for their nutrition at this stage in their life. Some

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<sup>64</sup>U.S. Geological Survey, "Ecological Status and Trends of the Upper Mississippi River System, 1998: A Report of the Long Term Resource Monitoring Program," April 1999, LTRMP 99-T001.

mussels may depend on only a single fish species, whereas others can parasitize many different fishes. The attachment of glochidia causes no problems for the host fish. After the glochidia take at least a two- to three-week ride on the fish as a benign parasite, they drop off and land in the bed of a new stretch of a stream, river, or lake where they may grow and stay for more than a half century. Mussels have a variety of fish host species, and can range in number from as little as one to as many as 35 for species found within the Pewaukee River watershed. Mussel characteristics and potential host fish species are shown in Table IV-10.

Exploitation, changing water quality, and invasive species all are threats to these invertebrates. Siltation, chemical pollution, loss of habitat through creation of impoundments, channelization or other stream modifications, predation, and impacts from invasive species are common factors responsible for the decline of freshwater mussels. Adult mussels are eaten by muskrats, otters, and raccoons; young mussels are eaten by ducks, wading birds, and fish. Historically, freshwater mussels were used by Native Americans as food, source materials for tools, and ornamental objects. They were also important commercially in modern society, beginning around the 1890s, when mussels were harvested and used in the manufacture of buttons for clothing.

Invasive species, such as zebra mussels pose a significant threat to native mussel populations for several reasons. Their reproduction is much simpler than other freshwater mussels because they do not require a fish host; rather, they develop as planktonic organisms called veligers that drift in the current until they become large enough to attach to the stream bottom or another object. Zebra mussels produce thousands of veligers and can reproduce several times per year. Zebra mussels have the ability to attach to the shells of native mussels, allowing them to directly interfere with successful reproduction in addition to competing for food. Other invasive mussel species include the Asian clam, and the quagga mussel, which will also compete with native mussels for habitat and food.

The Pewaukee River contains a diverse assemblage of mussels, with 14 species having been found, including the State of Wisconsin State-threatened ellipse (*Venustaconcha ellipsiformis*) and the State-special concern round pigtoe (*Pleurobema sintoxia*) (see Map IV-11, Table IV-11, and Figure IV-32). The sample survey site 2 at the Fox River downstream of the Pewaukee River confluence is the most diverse, containing 12 of the mussel species found within the watershed. A total of seven sites were surveyed within the watershed (see Table IV-11). Differences in the total number of species between the reaches can be attributed to several possible reasons, including the abundance and diversity of fish host species—places with a more diverse fishery have mussel populations that are equally diverse—and the total number of samples. The Pewaukee Lake outlet also may contain fewer species than other reaches due to its smaller overall size.

Currently, the WDNR Bureau of Endangered Resources is working with citizen scientists to create a new mussel monitoring program to update the data on mussel distribution statewide. Researchers are enlisting the help of volunteers by contracting with schools, nature centers, and interested individuals, and are providing training to conduct stream surveys under the auspices of the Mussel Monitoring Program of Wisconsin.<sup>65</sup> Volunteers wade in the water and walk stream banks looking for live and dead mussels. Live mussels are identified and photographed before they are returned to the stream. Empty shells and dead specimens are collected along with information and photos that are sent to the mussel monitoring program at the WDNR central office. Identifying mussels can sometimes be tricky; basic shape, color, size, and beak structure are all used to determine the species. As with most invertebrates, there is some overlap between species description and even sexual dimorphism.

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<sup>65</sup>Heather Kaarakka, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, “Several paths to build up mussels,” Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine, June 2010 (<http://dnr.wi.gov/wnrmag/2010/06/mussels.htm>).

Table IV-10

## CHARACTERISTICS OF MUSSEL SPECIES FOUND TO OCCUR WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED

Species	Maximum Size	Habitat	Potential Host Fish Species <sup>a</sup>	
			Occur in Pewaukee River	Not Found in Pewaukee River
Creepers <sup>b</sup>	Four inches	Creeks, small streams, and occasionally large rivers in mud, sand, and gravel	Rock bass, yellow bullhead, black bullhead, rainbow darter, johnny darter, green sunfish, pumpkinseed, bluegill, creek chub, common shiner, bluntnose minnow, central mudminnow, yellow perch, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass	Northern redbelly dace, burbot, walleye, channel catfish, central stoneroller, brook stickleback, fantail darter, Iowa darter, blackside darter, logperch, longear sunfish, white crappie, black crappie, spotfin shiner, sand shiner, fathead minnow, fathead minnow
Cylindrical Papershell	3.5 inches	Creeks and small streams, in sand and mud; common headwater species	White sucker, bluegill, common shiner, largemouth bass, bluntnose minnow	Sea lamprey, mottled sculpin, spotfin shiner brook stickleback, Iowa darter, blacknose shiner, fathead minnow, black crappie
Ellipse <sup>c</sup>	Three inches	Sand, gravel, and small cobble in small to large streams	Johnny darter, rainbow darter	Mottled sculpin, slimy sculpin, greenside darter, orange throat darter, brook stickleback, Iowa darter, blackside darter, fantail darter, greenside darter, orange throat darter, logperch
Fatmucket	Five inches	Small streams to large rivers, as well as ponds and lakes in silt, sand, and gravel	Smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, yellow perch, bluntnose minnow, bluegill, green sunfish, rock bass, white sucker, pumpkinseed, common shiner	White bass, sauger, walleye, striped shiner, tadpole madtom, white crappie, black crappie, sauger, walleye, longear sunfish, sand shiner, warmouth, striped shiner
Fluted Shell	Seven inches	Medium sized streams to large rivers in mud, sand, and gravel. Occasionally in smaller streams.	Largemouth bass, pumpkinseed, common carp, bluegill, creek chub	Banded darter, northern hogsucker, longnose dace, central stoneroller, goldfish
Giant Floater	10 inches	Small streams to large rivers, ponds to lakes; silt, sand, and gravel	- - <sup>d</sup>	- -
Lilliput	1.5 inches	Rivers, ponds, and lakes in mud, sand, or gravel	Bluegill, green sunfish	Orangespotted sunfish, warmouth, white crappie
Paper Pondshell	Four inches	Silt or fine-grained sediments in small streams, lakes, and large ponds. Very tolerant of fine silt, and/or still waters.	Creek chub, green sunfish, pumpkinseed, bluegill, largemouth bass, yellow perch, rock bass, bullfrog	Longear sunfish, warmouth, banded killifish, spotfin shiner, black crappie, northern leopard frog, tiger salamander
Plain Pocketbook <sup>b</sup>	Seven inches	Small streams to large rivers in stable, compacted mud, through stable sand or gravel	Green sunfish, bluegill, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, yellow perch	White crappie, tiger salamander, sauger, walleye
Round Pigtoe <sup>b,e</sup>	3-4 inches	Small to large streams in mud, sand, and gravel	Bluntnose minnow, bluegill	Northern redbelly dace, southern redbelly dace, spotfin shiner, central stoneroller
Spike	5.5 inches	Small stream to large rivers and occasionally in lakes; silt, sand, and gravel	- -	Gizzard shad, flathead catfish, white crappie, black crappie



**Table IV-10 (continued)**

Species	Maximum Size	Habitat	Potential Host Fish Species <sup>a</sup>	
			Occur in Pewaukee River	Not Found in Pewaukee River
Threeridge	Eight inches	Compacted mud, sandy or gravel areas of smaller streams to large rivers	Rock bass, northern pike, green sunfish, pumpkinseed, bluegill, largemouth bass, yellow perch	Shortnose gar, sauger, white bass, flathead catfish, warmouth, white crappie, black crappie
Wabash Pigtoe	Four inches	Creeks, small streams, and large rivers in mud, sand, and gravel	Bluegill	Silver shiner, white crappie, black crappie, creek chub
White Heelsplitter	Eight inches	Small streams to large rivers in mud, sand, and gravel	Common carp, green sunfish, largemouth bass	Gizzard shad, river redhorse, walleye, banded killifish, orangespotted sunfish, longnose gar, white crappie

<sup>a</sup>This information is adapted from "A Field Guide to the Freshwater Mussels of Chicago Wilderness" and can be found at [www.fieldmuseum.org](http://www.fieldmuseum.org).

<sup>b</sup>This species was found in the Fox River, just downstream of the confluence with the Pewaukee River.

<sup>c</sup>Designated threatened species.

<sup>d</sup>This mussel species is listed as having over 35 potential fish hosts that were not listed in the field guide referenced above.

<sup>e</sup>Designated species of special concern.

Source: SEWRPC.

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Table IV-11

## MUSSEL SPECIES BY REACH IN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2011

Species	Survey Location (see Map IV-16)						
	Fox River		Pewaukee 1			Pewaukee 3 and Pewaukee Lake Outlet	Coco Creek
	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3	Site 4	Site 5	Site 6	Site 7
	Fox River Upstream of Wonderland Tap	Fox River Downstream of Pewaukee River Confluence	Pewaukee River Downstream of Steinhafel's Driveway	Pewaukee River at Steinhafel's	Pewaukee River at Busse Road	Pewaukee River Downstream of Pewaukee Lake Outlet	Coco Creek at Yench Road
Creeper.....	--	1	--	--	--	--	--
Cylinder Paper Shells.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	5 (2)
Ellipse <sup>a</sup> .....	63 (1)	9	6	2	23	--	--
Fatmucket.....	17	6	--	3	--	--	--
Fluted Shell.....	18	50	--	2	1	--	--
Giant Floater.....	13 (1)	52	--	15 (4)	8 (1)	--	8 (6)
Lilliput.....	2	--	4	9	--	--	--
Paper Pondshell.....	--	1	--	--	--	--	--
Pocketbook.....	14	5	--	--	--	--	--
Round Pigtoe <sup>b</sup> .....	2	2	--	--	--	--	--
Spike.....	71	57	2	1	--	--	--
Threeridge.....	43	63	1	2	1	--	--
Wabash Pigtoe.....	7	15	--	1	2	--	--
White Heelsplitter.....	10 (4)	13 (24)	--	30 (10)	5	--	--
Zebra.....	--	--	--	4	8	Many	--
Total Number of Mussels	266	298	13	83	49	--	13
Total Number of Species	11	12	4	10	7	1	2

<sup>a</sup>Designated threatened species.

<sup>b</sup>Designated species of special concern.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and SEWRPC.

### Macroinvertebrates

The Hilsenhoff Biotic Index<sup>66</sup> (HBI) and percent EPT (percent of families comprised of Ephemeroptera, Plecoptera, and Trichoptera) were used to classify the macroinvertebrate and environmental quality using survey data from 1980 to 2010 in two locations in the Pewaukee River and one location in Coco Creek as shown on Map IV-11.

A total of seven macroinvertebrate surveys were conducted in the downstream reach of the Pewaukee River from 1980 to 2010. The site at CTH F (RM 0.11) was sampled two times in 1980 in the spring and fall, two times in 1990 in the spring, and one more time in 2010 in the fall and had corresponding HBI scores that ranged from poor-very poor, fair, and good-very good for each of these dates, respectively. Two samples were collected at Busse Road (RM 1.02) in 1997 in the fall and had HBI score that both ranked as Fair quality. Although we only have data for the most downstream reach of the Pewaukee River, it does seem to show that the macroinvertebrate

<sup>66</sup>William L. Hilsenhoff, Rapid Field Assessment of Organic Pollution with Family-Level Biotic Index, *University of Wisconsin- Madison, 1988.*

Figure IV-32

NATIVE MUSSEL SPECIES WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2012



Source: SEWRPC.

community quality has improved from 1980 to present and generally indicates that current macroinvertebrate diversity and abundances are indicative of fair to good-very good water quality in the Pewaukee River. These sites also showed a general improvement in the percent of Ephemeroptera, Plecoptera, and Trichoptera (EPT) genera from 19 to 29 percent to about 35 to 46 percent, which is another indication that there has been an improvement in the abundance and diversity of macroinvertebrates from 1980 to present.<sup>67</sup>

A total of three macroinvertebrate surveys were conducted in the downstream reach of Coco Creek from 1990 to 1997. The site at CTH JJ (RM 0.52) was sampled one time in the spring of 1980 and two times in the fall of 1997 and each had corresponding HBI scores that ranged from good-very good for each of these dates and samples. Although we only have data for the most downstream reach of Coco Creek, it does seem to generally indicate that current macroinvertebrate diversity and abundances are indicative of good-very good water quality in this Creek. These samples also showed that the percent of EPT genera ranged from about 43 to 67 percent, which is another indication that this downstream reach contained a healthy abundance and diversity of macroinvertebrates from 1990 to 1997.<sup>68</sup>

<sup>67</sup>M.T. Barbour, J. Gerritsen, B.D. Snyder, and J.B. Stribling, *Rapid Bioassessment Protocols for Use in Streams and Wadeable Rivers: Periphyton, Benthic Macroinvertebrates and Fish, Second Edition*, EPA 841-B-99-002, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Water, Washington, D.C., 1999.

<sup>68</sup>Ibid.



The WAV Biotic Index also was used to classify the macroinvertebrate and environmental quality of the stream system using survey data from 2005 to 2012 among five sites within the Pewaukee River watershed, two sites on Coco Creek, one site on Meadowbrook Creek, and one site on Zion Creek.<sup>69</sup> The Pewaukee sites from upstream to downstream contained the following biotic index scores: RM 8.74—fair to good; RM 6.68—poor to fair; RM 1.23—fair; and RM 0.11—fair to good; and the Pewaukee Lake Outlet RM 0.0—fair. These scores generally agree well with the WDNR HBI data above, but they also indicate that the middle reaches seem to have a less diverse macroinvertebrate community and associated decreased water quality compared to the upstream and downstream reaches.

The Coco Creek sites at RM 1.0 ranked as fair to good and RM 0.52 ranked as fair. The quality of these scores was significantly less than the HBI scores for Coco Creek summarized above, so this might indicate that this system has decreased in macroinvertebrate and water quality since 1997. Finally, the Zion Creek site showed that the biotic index ranged from poor to fair and the Meadowbrook Creek data show that this system is poor.

Wisconsin researchers have generally found that as the amount of human land disturbance increases, such as in the Pewaukee River watershed, the subsequent macroinvertebrate community diversity and abundance decreases, which is generally supported by the data in some areas of this watershed. In addition, the areas ranked with good scores indicates that there are good quality macroinvertebrates found in both the Pewaukee River and Coco Creek systems, which are likely a function of the integrity and continuity of riparian buffers greater than 75 feet adjacent to the streams (see Habitat and Riparian Corridor Conditions section below), which provides significant buffering capacity and helps reduce pollutant loadings and other human disturbances.

#### **Other Wildlife**

Although a quantitative field inventory of amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals was not conducted as a part of this study, a list of species observed during the field visits made for this project includes: whitetail deer, beaver, raccoon, opossum, squirrel, chipmunk, rabbit, green frog, Blanding's turtle, sandhill cranes, great blue herons, wild turkeys, and various songbirds (see Figure IV-33).

Bird surveys conducted from areas within and adjacent to the Pewaukee River watershed among years from 1995 through 2012 were conducted by several sources that include the Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas, The Great Backyard Bird Count, and the Wisconsin Society of Ornithology (WSO). Based upon these surveys the total bird species observed ranged from 40 to 76 species that included resident, migrant, and breeding bird species. Hence, the presence of these numerous and diverse bird species is consistent with the overall high quality of the riparian buffer areas within the Pewaukee River watershed and emphasizes the need for careful management of lands to protect shrubland and forest habitats for these species (see Appendix H).

#### **Exotic Invasive Species**

As previously mentioned, common carp, an exotic invasive species, have been found within the lower reaches of Pewaukee River and in Pewaukee Lake. Other exotic invasive species known to exist within the stream are the rusty crayfish and zebra mussel. Invasive aquatic plant species known to occur include Eurasian water milfoil and curly-leaf pondweed.

Nonaquatic invasive vegetation species include reed canary grass that is very dominant throughout the watershed, as shown on Map IV-12. Areas with phragmites infestations have also been located, and are shown on Map IV-12. Invasive terrestrial vegetation species found include: garlic mustard, European buckthorn, and purple loosestrife, which were found among the nonnative plants on streambanks and shoreland areas throughout the watershed (see Riparian Corridor Conditions section above.)

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<sup>69</sup>*Water Action Volunteer Biotic Index Monitoring*  
(<http://clean-water.uwex.edu/wav/monitoring/biotic/index.htm>).

Figure IV-33

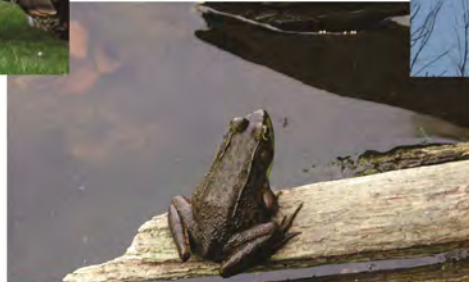
WILDLIFE SPECIES WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2012



Wild Turkey



Blue Heron Rookery  
(located near Simmons Woods)



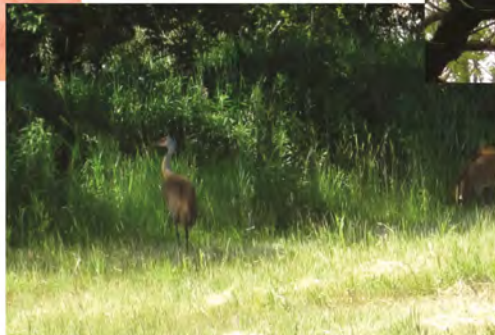
Green Frog



Eastern Garter Snake



Red-Tailed Hawk



Sandhill Crane



Great Blue Heron



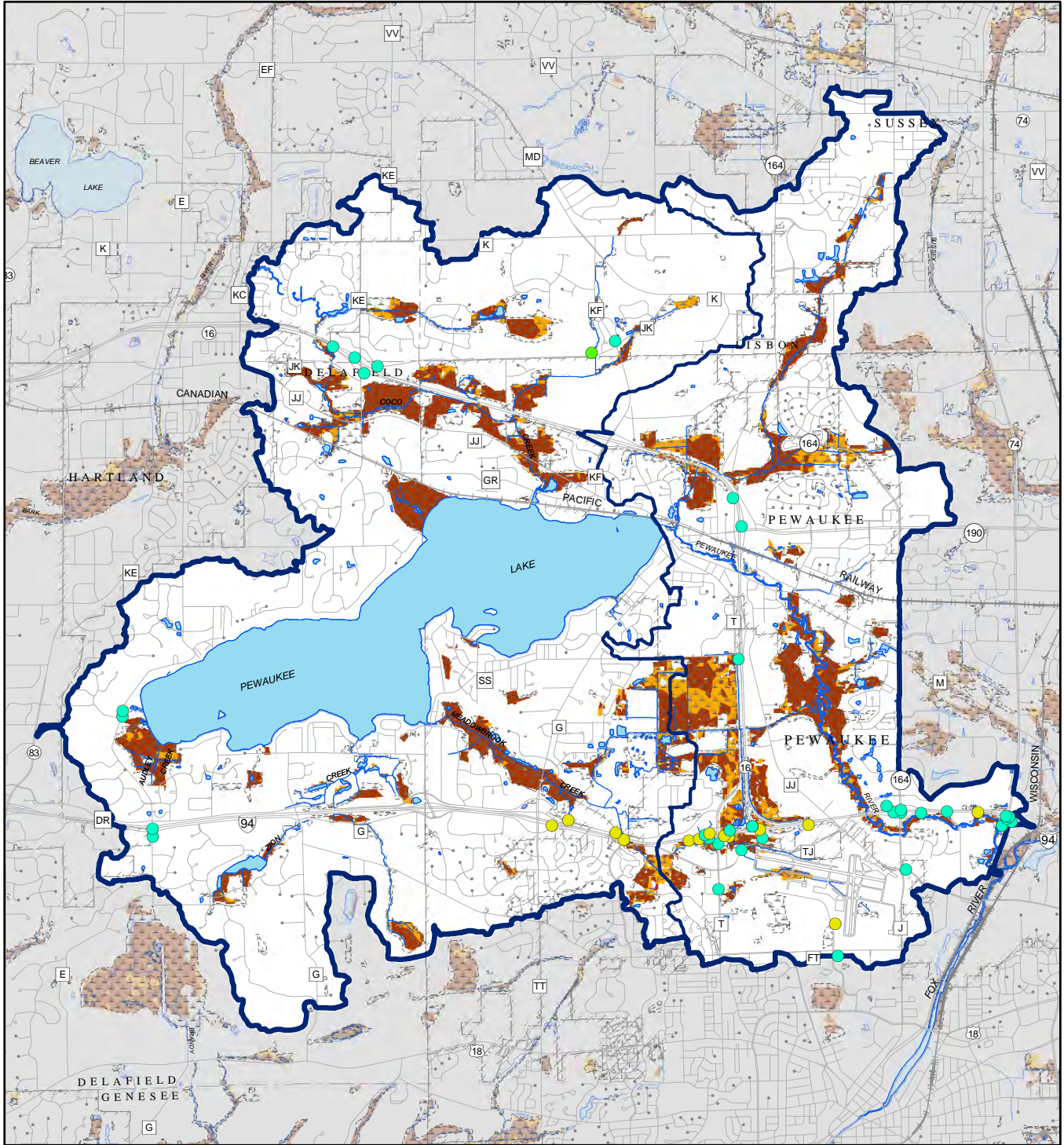
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail

Source: SEWRPC.



Map IV-12

**DISTRIBUTION OF EXOTIC INVASIVE REED CANARY GRASS, PHRAGMITES, JAPANESE KNOTWEED, AND TEASEL WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED**

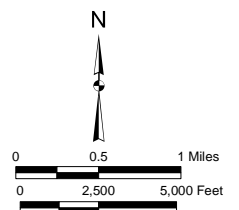


- WETLAND WITH LESS THAN 50 PERCENT OF REED CANARY GRASS COVER
- WETLAND WITH MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF REED CANARY GRASS COVER
- PHRAGMITES OBSERVED LOCATIONS
- JAPANESE KNOTWEED OBSERVED LOCATIONS
- TEASEL OBSERVED LOCATIONS

- SURFACE WATER
- STREAM
- WATERSHED BOUNDARY
- SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY

NOTES: Data for reed canary grass cover within wetlands is from 2006. Surveys for phragmites, Japanese knotweed, and teasel were updated in 2011.

Color outside the watershed boundary are reduced in intensity to show the adjacent extent and distribution of each legend category.



Source: Southeastern Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium, Inc., and SEWRPC.



The WDNR, Waukesha County, the Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District, and the Pewaukee River Partnership—have conducted a variety of management programs in concert with the local communities, to control these nonnative and invasive species within the watershed.

## **RECREATIONAL CONDITIONS**

The Pewaukee River and its associated tributary streams, including Pewaukee Lake form an important element of the natural resource base of the municipalities within the area. The location of these waterbodies within environmental corridors and open space areas provides an opportunity for people to utilize and enjoy these resources for recreational and aesthetic viewing purposes. Consequently, these resources can provide an essential avenue for relief of stressors among the human population and improve quality of life in neighborhoods throughout the area. Such water resources, and their associated recreational uses, also sustain industries associated with outfitting and support recreational and other uses of the natural environment, and, therefore, provide economic opportunities for the local communities. The Waukesha County Comprehensive Plan anticipates an increase in lands dedicated to recreational uses. Hence, recreational use is as important to the quality of life for residents as it is for the continued economic development for all the communities within this watershed.

As part of this planning effort, a recreational opportunity map showing locations of access points, parks, and viewing areas for bird watching, as well as walking and riding trails, parks, golf courses, and where to park throughout the Pewaukee River watershed (see Appendix I, Map I-1 and Table I-1). This map is designed to help potential users understand that there are numerous recreational opportunities within and adjacent to the Pewaukee River watershed. Increased recreational opportunities can lead to increased appreciation and ultimately stewardship of the water and land resources. For example, the local Kiwanis Club sponsors an annual “River Run” each spring which engages the entire local community, including businesses to come together and enjoy a canoe or kayak on the Pewaukee River. This event takes a lot of effort and it also promotes awareness of the ongoing efforts to protect and enhance recreation on this system. In addition, since safe recreational access was an important issue on this river, SEWRPC staff conducted a navigational hazards assessment on multiple structures on the Pewaukee River as summarized below.

### **Navigational Hazards**

Bridges and culverts can be significant hazards to navigate through in low flow conditions and be extremely dangerous in higher flow periods. These conditions are primarily due to the fact that road crossings were not necessarily designed to allow for the safe passage of watercrafts. Therefore, SEWRPC staff conducted an assessment of each of the structures on the Pewaukee River up to structure number 14 at Cecilia Drive, which was considered a reasonable limit to navigate under normal low flow conditions, to rate their ability to safely navigate a kayak or canoe through them as shown in Table G-1. The results of this assessment indicate that all of the structures on the Pewaukee River can be safely navigated under normal or low flow conditions, except structure numbers 12 at Capital Drive, 13 at STH 16, and 14 at Cecilia Drive (see Table G-1). At low flow conditions the underside of structures 12 and 13 are between two and three feet above the water surface, leaving no room to safely pass a canoe. Similarly, the sizes of the three culvert pipes of structure 14 make it impossible to navigate through even at the lowest of flow conditions. It is possible that structure 12 could be easily portaged with minimal construction for entry and exit landings, as well as additional road crossing safety features. Unfortunately, highway traffic speeds and culvert length make portaging structure 13 impossible, thus replacement of this structure with culverts that have sufficient height to safely pass a canoe would be the only option if recreational watercraft are to navigate this stretch. It is recommended that the three culvert pipes making up structure 14 be replaced with a single structure to accommodate adequate and safe navigation at both low flow and high flow conditions.

In addition, there are two structures, including number 1 (abandoned Canadian Pacific Railway bridge) and number 2 (culvert at CTH F), that are very dangerous to navigate under elevated or higher flow conditions. As a short-term solution, it is recommended that signage be posted in strategic locations along the Pewaukee to warn watercraft operators of the potential danger at these crossings. In addition, it is recommended that an access area be created for watercraft to safely exit the river upstream of the culvert at IH 94, because the only other closest

public access site to exit the Pewaukee River is several miles upstream. As a long-term solution, these structures should be replaced to allow for safe navigation in both lower and higher flow conditions, which should include the ability to safely escape or climb out of a structure in an emergency (see Recreational Development section in Chapter V of this report).

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## Chapter V

# WATERSHED ISSUES AND CONCERNS

### INTRODUCTION

There are a number of issues of concern that impact the water quality and recreational use of the Pewaukee River system. These issues were identified using the information highlighted in Chapters II through IV of this report, as well as through consultations with the Pewaukee River Partnership Inc., and the *ad hoc* Pewaukee River Protection Plan Advisory Group (as discussed in Chapter I of this report). In general, the majority of the issues of concern are related to the existing and forecasted changes in land use in the Pewaukee River watershed. More specifically, they relate to the potential effects of these land use changes on the hydrology, groundwater recharge, water quality (including temperature, habitat and bank stability) and aquatic and terrestrial wildlife community.

A primary consideration in the selection of issues of concern to be addressed was the degree to which those concerns could be mitigated by either structural or nonstructural measures that, functioning together as a watershed-based system, would be expected to achieve the agreed-upon water use objectives. It is also important to note that the Advisory Group understands that the Pewaukee River and its environment contain many assets, as shown in Figure V-1. Therefore, the goals, objectives and issues addressed in this report emphasize protecting and further enhancing this valuable resource.

This chapter discusses the issues of concern within the Basin, of which form the basis for the recommendations set forth in Chapter VI. These issues are discussed in this chapter within the context of major project goals which were identified by the Pewaukee River Watershed Protection Plan Advisory Group. These goals are as follows:

- Protect and improve wildlife, land, surface water and groundwater resources
- Minimize impacts of land development by controlling agricultural and urban runoff pollution and flooding
- Build partnerships and inform public to promote protection and use of natural resources

### **PROTECT AND IMPROVE WILDLIFE, LAND, SURFACE WATER, AND GROUNDWATER RESOURCES**

The most fundamental and basic element of this watershed protection plan is the land use element. The future distribution of urban and rural land uses will largely determine the character, magnitude and distribution of nonpoint sources of pollution and, ultimately, the quality of surface waters and the associated environment in the



Figure V-1

**PHYSICAL, CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, AND RECREATIONAL ASSETS OF THE PEWAUKEE RIVER SYSTEM**



**BIOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

- Generally good stream health and wildlife habitat
- Areas with both warmwater and coldwater fisheries
- Areas with diverse and abundant mussel populations
- Moderately abundant aquatic insect populations
- Highly abundant and diverse wildlife including a Blue Heron rookery located within the watershed
- Presence of threatened and endangered species as well as special areas of concern



**HIGH QUALITY AND DIVERSITY OF  
INSTREAM AND IN-LAKE HABITATS:**

- Good substrate and water depths
- Healthy aquatic vegetation
- Regions of woody cover
- Areas of high quality spawning habitat



Figure V-1 (continued)

**HIGH QUALITY AND DIVERSE RECREATIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

- Boating/Skiing
- Canoeing
- Hunting
- Fishing
- Wildlife viewing
- Golfing
- Biking
- Picnicking
- Public access



**PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

- Well connected floodplain in most areas
- Stable streambed and banks
- Many areas of extensive riparian buffers
- Significant amount of infiltration areas/  
groundwater recharge potential
- High groundwater discharge
- Areas with natural meanders-limited channelization/  
diversions

Source: Pewaukee River Watershed Protection Plan Advisory Group and SEWRPC.

Pewaukee River watershed. Consequently, the selection of a land use plan for the study area is the first and most basic step in synthesizing the water quality plan. The process for developing the planned land use data that forms the foundation for the land use element of the plan is described in Chapter II of this report.

## **Land Management Measures**

*Objective—Preserve and protect environmentally sensitive areas such as designated natural areas, wetlands, fish and wildlife habitat, riparian buffers, and primary and secondary environmental corridors.*

One of the most important tasks undertaken by the Commission as part of its regional planning effort is the identification and delineation of those areas of the Region that have high concentrations of natural, recreational, historic, aesthetic, and scenic resources and which, therefore, should be preserved and protected.<sup>1</sup> Such areas normally include one or more of the following seven natural resource elements: 1) lakes, rivers, and streams as well as the associated undeveloped shorelands and floodlands; 2) wetlands; 3) woodlands; 4) prairies; 5) wildlife habitat areas; 6) wet, poorly drained, and organic soils; and, 7) rugged terrain and high-relief topography. While these seven elements constitute integral parts of the natural resource base, there are five additional elements which, although not a part of the natural resource base *per se*, are closely related to, or centered on, that base and, therefore, are important considerations in identifying and delineating areas with scenic, recreational, and educational value. These additional elements are: 1) existing outdoor recreation sites; 2) potential outdoor recreation and related open space sites; 3) historic, archaeological and other cultural sites; 4) significant scenic areas and vistas; and, 5) natural and scientific areas.

The delineation of these 12 natural resource and natural resource-related elements on a map results in an essentially linear pattern of relatively narrow, elongated areas which have been termed "environmental corridors" by the Commission. Primary environmental corridors include a wide variety of the abovementioned important resource and resource-related elements and are at least 400 acres in size, two miles in length, and 200 feet in width. Secondary environmental corridors generally connect with the primary environmental corridors and are at least 100 acres in size and one mile long. In addition, smaller concentrations of natural resource features that have been separated physically from the environmental corridors by intensive urban or agricultural land uses have also been identified. These areas, which are at least five acres in size, are referred to as isolated natural resource areas.

Given the fact that these areas are particularly important to the watersheds health overall, the protection and further enhancement of these areas should be a crucial part of this plan. It is therefore important to point out that, because of the many interlocking and interacting relationships between living organisms and their environment, the destruction or deterioration of any one element of the total environment may lead to a chain reaction of deterioration and destruction among the others. The drainage of wetlands, for example, may have far-reaching effects, since such drainage may destroy fish spawning grounds, wildlife habitat, groundwater recharge, natural filtration and floodwater storage areas of interconnecting lake and stream systems. The resulting deterioration of surface water quality could then, in turn, lead to a deterioration of the quality of the groundwater which serves as a source of domestic, municipal and industrial water supply and provides base flows in rivers and streams. Similarly, the destruction of woodland cover, which may have taken a century or more to develop, may result in soil erosion and stream siltation and in more rapid runoff and increased flooding, as well as destruction of wildlife habitat. Although the effects of any one of these environmental changes may not in and of itself be significant, the combined effects may lead eventually to potentially permanent deterioration of the underlying and supporting natural resource base and of the overall quality of the environment. In short, the best course of action to protect

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<sup>1</sup>*The process of delineating environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas as areas encompassing concentrations of natural resource base features such as wetlands, woodlands, and wildlife habitat areas, along with the resulting configuration of environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas, is described in Chapter II of SEWRPC Planning Report No. 48, A Regional Land Use Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin: 2035, June 2006.*



the valuable resources contained in environmental corridors and natural resource areas is to prevent deterioration to the greatest extent possible.

As noted in Chapter II, the Pewaukee River watershed has been urbanizing rapidly since the 1950s indicating that protection, maintenance, and expansion of environmental sensitive areas within the watershed must become a priority. Partnerships between the WDNR, the Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District, and the cities, towns and villages will need to be formed in order to promote the protection and expansion of on behalf of the citizens of Wisconsin and others. Encouraging synergies between these various entities is an important issue of concern to be considered, as it will affect the ability and willingness of the entities to protect and preserve the Pewaukee River corridor and its associated ecosystems, for the benefit of the stakeholders living in and visiting the watershed.

### **Fisheries and Wildlife Enhancement**

*Objective—Protect lakes and streams to support a high quality sustainable coldwater and warmwater fishery and associated aquatic community, habitat, and water quality.*

#### ***Stream Corridor Management, and Fish and Wildlife Enhancement***

The maintenance and rehabilitation of the warmwater and coldwater sport fishery, key natural resources in the Pewaukee River System watershed, are important issues to be considered in this protection plan. As described in Chapter IV of this report, the Pewaukee River and Pewaukee Lake are capable of supporting warmwater sport fish and water recreation use objectives. Additionally, Coco Creek, located in the North of the Pewaukee River watershed, is generally capable of supporting coldwater sport fish and partial water recreation use objectives. Based upon analysis and review of historic and recent fisheries surveys, summarized in Chapter IV of this report, fishery conditions in the Pewaukee River System watershed demonstrate the ability to support both cold and warmwater fisheries that generally range from poor to good.

In order to best protect these resources, it should be noted that the watershed ecosystem is a continuum, including the stream, the lake, and the surrounding lands, which form the basic support system and structure for sustaining the wildlife, other natural resources and, most importantly, the local citizens who reside there. In order to sustain the ecology of the watershed, actions should focus on the key natural resource features located throughout the Pewaukee River watershed study area. Consequently, actions to preserve and enhance the interconnection between the watershed's ecosystems are important considerations. Such actions should focus on the restoration and management of habitats not only within the river and streams, but also within the lake and the entire watershed as a whole.

There are a number of issues that specifically affect the quality of the fisheries resource that are of concern and which should be considered in order to ensure the continued maintenance and future production of the fishery. These issues are related to existing and planned changes in land use, and the associated effects of those land use changes on stream hydrology, groundwater recharge and discharge, water quality (including temperature) and aquatic habitat quality. Actions taken to manage land use, nonpoint source pollution and stormwater runoff, together with environmental monitoring, complement and support actions necessary to sustain the fisheries and other aquatic life.

The Aquatic Organism recommendations set forth in Chapter VI were formulated as an outgrowth of the assessment of fish and aquatic life resources set forth in Chapters IV of this report. These recommendations are made to supplement or reinforce recommendations related to the control of urban and rural nonpoint sources of pollution, protection and maintenance of riparian buffers and the restoration or rehabilitation of aquatic organism passage at selected road crossings. Consideration of these actions would help to protect or reestablish a native warmwater and/or coldwater fishery where appropriate.

## **Groundwater Protection Measures**

*Objective—Preserve groundwater recharge areas and prevent groundwater contamination from stormwater infiltration practices.*

The groundwater contamination potential of shallow aquifers in the Southeastern Wisconsin Region was mapped under the regional groundwater management planning program. As the groundwater contamination potential in the Pewaukee River System watershed is considered to be predominantly moderate to high,<sup>2</sup> the groundwater contamination potential of the shallow aquifers is an issue to be considered in locating new development and/or redeveloping sites within the watershed.

Additionally, under the regional water supply planning process,<sup>3</sup> groundwater sustainability analyses were made for six selected demonstration areas, each selected to represent a range of hydrogeological conditions. The areas were analyzed to provide guidance on the number of individual household wells which could be sustained without significant impacts on the shallow groundwater aquifer system. The study was also developed with the intent that the analytical results could be applied to the evaluation of similar developments throughout the Region. The groundwater sustainability guidance developed through this planning program is something that should be considered by municipalities in this watershed when completing local land use plans and when evaluating the sustainability of proposed developments.

These concerns are reflected in the Waukesha County Land and Water Resources Management Plan,<sup>4</sup> which recognizes the need to protect groundwater recharge areas and minimize the impacts of stormwater-borne contaminants on groundwater, under Goal 3 of the plan. Consequently, consideration of groundwater protection and management remains an important issue in the Pewaukee River watershed.

## **MINIMIZE IMPACTS OF LAND DEVELOPMENT BY CONTROLLING AGRICULTURAL AND URBAN RUNOFF POLLUTION AND FLOODING**

All human activities upon the land surface result in some degree of mobilization of contaminants and modification of surface runoff patterns that can affect lakes and streams, their quality, and biotic condition. Many human activities can be mitigated to a large extent by the implementation of: sound planning; sanitary sewer service provisioning; utilization of appropriate nonpoint source pollution abatement measures; and the actions of an informed public. Each of these issues forms an important element to be considered, and are discussed further below.

### **Urban Land Use Planning and Zoning Measures**

*Objective—Develop policies and install practices that reduce urban nonpoint source water pollution and help achieve the recommended water use objectives and supporting water quality standards for surface waters.*

As noted above, a basic element of any water quality management effort is the promotion of sound land use development and management in the watershed. The type and location of future urban and rural land uses in the Pewaukee River watershed will determine, to a large degree: the character, magnitude, and distribution of

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<sup>2</sup>SEWRPC Technical Report No. 37, Groundwater Resources of Southeastern Wisconsin, June 2002. See especially Map 33 in Chapter VII of SEWRPC Technical Report No. 37.

<sup>3</sup>SEWRPC Planning Report No. 52, A Regional Water Supply Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin, December 2010.

<sup>4</sup>Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use, Waukesha County Land and Water Resource Management Plan: 2006-2012, March 2006.

nonpoint sources of pollution; the practicality of, as well as the need for, stormwater management; and, to some degree, the water quality of the streams of the watershed.

Chapter II of this report includes descriptions of the existing and planned land use patterns for the year 2000 and 2035 respectively, as well as the refined year 2035 land use projections, based upon the Waukesha County comprehensive plan and existing zoning regulations, within the Pewaukee River System watershed. The land use plan suggests that urban land uses, especially residential development, within the watershed would increase during this time period. Much of this residential development is likely to occur on agricultural lands. Within those areas, it is envisioned that there also will be some infilling of existing platted lots and some back lot development, as well as the redevelopment and reconstruction of existing residential properties. Recent surveillance indicates that this type of development is currently occurring in the Pewaukee River watershed. Accordingly, given the potential impact of lakefront and riparian development and redevelopment throughout the watershed, future development proposals are an issue of concern, which should be evaluated for potential impacts on the Pewaukee River system as proposals are advanced.

In addition, the adopted regional and local land use and water quality management plans set forth management measures directed at other urban and rural nonpoint source contaminants within the Pewaukee River watershed (see Table III-1 in Chapter III of this report for a list of applicable plans). Sediment and total phosphorus load reduction goals for the Pewaukee River watershed called for up to 40 percent reductions in urban nonpoint source pollution loads. Recent studies of the potential impact of riparian landscaping activities on nutrient loadings to waterbodies in southeastern Wisconsin have suggested that urban residential lands can contribute up to twice the mass of phosphorus to a lake when subjected to an active program of urban lawn care than similar lands managed in a more natural fashion.<sup>5</sup> For this reason, the State of Wisconsin has enacted limitations on the application of fertilizers containing phosphorus, pursuant to 2009 Wisconsin Act 9, and has taken action to limit runoff and sediment transport from urban areas and transportation corridors under Chapter NR 151 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*. The adopted Waukesha County Land and Water Resources Management Plan specifically incorporates recommendations under Goal 1 calling for control of urban runoff pollution and flooding. Consequently, the need to periodically review requirements for the control of nonpoint source pollution is an important issue to be considered.

### **Stormwater and Floodland Management Measures**

*Objective—Preserve floodwater storage areas and control the quantity of runoff from new urban development.*

The extent and placement of incremental urban development over the planning period is critical if the intensification of the existing, and the creation of new, flooding problems in the watershed are to be avoided. The legal requirements for, and extent and placement of, stormwater and flood control infrastructure directly affects the hydrologic and hydraulic behavior of the river within the watershed. In this respect, preservation of the primary environmental corridors is of particular importance and affects not only the hydrologic and hydraulic behavior of the stream system but also water quality conditions. Preservation of floodlands lying outside the environmental corridors in open uses is also critical, as is encouraging the use of floodland areas for outdoor recreational and open space activities. Hence, the improvement of stormwater management facilities, control of runoff from areas of future development, protection of wetlands, and the prevention of future development in floodprone areas are issues to be considered.

With respect to stormwater management, all of the municipalities have adopted stormwater management ordinances, as indicated in Table III-5 in Chapter III of this report. The Waukesha County ordinances reflect current best practices regarding the determination of stormwater flows and increased runoff volumes, mitigation

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<sup>5</sup>*U.S. Geological Survey Water-Resources Investigations Report No. 02-4130, Effects of Lawn Fertilizer on Nutrient Concentration in Runoff from Lakeshore Lawns, Lauderdale Lakes, Wisconsin, July 2002.*



of flooding potential and the control of contaminants from land use activities. Periodic review of these ordinances and their provisions, to ensure up-to-date maintenance, should be undertaken on a regular basis to facilitate control of urban-source contaminants that would likely be delivered to the Pewaukee River system and to minimize the impacts of urban runoff on the natural resources of the Pewaukee River watershed. This would be consistent with the provisions of Goal 2 of the Waukesha County Land and Water Resources Management Plan. Hence, management of runoff from urban areas is an issue to be considered.

### **Rural Land Use Planning and Zoning Measures**

*Objective—Preserve and protect environmentally sensitive areas such as designated natural areas, wetlands, fish and wildlife habitat, riparian buffers, and primary and secondary environmental corridors.*

The aforementioned Waukesha County comprehensive plan and the Waukesha County Land and Water Resources Management Plan promote the protection of agricultural lands within the Pewaukee River watershed. However, the applicable land use plans for the Pewaukee River watershed envision conversion of farmland, located in the vicinity of existing urban service areas, to urban uses. This development could be expected to result in the additional loss of farmland, and, hence, is an issue to be considered.

Encouraging the continuation of open land uses (such as parkland, conservation areas, open lands reserved as a result of cluster development or equivalent, and agricultural land) in the watershed was identified as one of the overall goals of this plan because such uses are considered to be “good” for the water resources. This is because open lands may allow rainfall and melting snow to more efficiently infiltrate through soil surface and recharge the shallow aquifer, thus maintaining stream baseflows and minimizing negative impacts downstream. This is in contrast to hardened urban surfaces—comprised of rooftops and roadways, for example—and compacted agricultural soils, where infiltration is limited and runoff from the land surface is proportionately greater contributing to increase nutrient and sediment loading.

### **Agricultural Pollution Control Measures**

*Objective—Promote the use of agricultural nonpoint pollution control practices to meet or exceed State and Federal standards.*

Chapter III of this report contains a review of the State and local nonpoint pollution control standards that apply to agricultural operations, principally contained in Chapters NR 151 and ATCP 50 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*. Details of how these performance standards will be implemented in Waukesha County are set forth in the Waukesha County Land and Water Resource Management Plan (2006-2012).

One of the State performance standards requires the maintenance of cropland soil erosion rates at or below tolerable—or “T”—values.<sup>6</sup> This could be accomplished through a combination of practices, including, but not limited to, expanded conservation tillage, contour farming, crop rotations, and grassed waterways. The applicable measures are usually determined by the development of individual farm conservation plans, consistent with the recommendations set forth in the NRCS Technical Guide and Conservation Planning Manual. It should be noted, however, that maintaining erosion rates at “T” values may not adequately protect water quality from sediment delivery. Consequently, agricultural nonpoint source control measures remain an issue to be considered.

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<sup>6</sup>“T-value” is the tolerable soil loss rate—the maximum level of soil erosion that will permit a high level of crop productivity to be sustained economically and indefinitely. T-values are published for each soil type by the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service in Chapter 2 of the Field Office Technical Guide. “Excessive” cropland erosion refers to erosion in excess of the tolerable rate, or T-value.

Buffers serve important water quality-related functions, including the removal of nonpoint source pollutants from both surface water and groundwater, reduction of instream water temperatures through shading of the stream channel, and maintenance of streambank stability, among others. In addition, riparian buffers provide habitat for a variety of aquatic and terrestrial wildlife and are essential components of environmental corridors. The riparian corridors form the nexus between the surface water and groundwater systems, including areas of groundwater discharge that coincide with the ability of streams to sustain economically important coldwater fish species, and with groundwater recharge areas that allow precipitation to infiltrate into the groundwater aquifers. While Waukesha County currently does not have a program for the establishment of riparian buffers, the County Land and Water Resources Management Plan recommends promoting buffers along all water resources for water quality, wildlife habitat, and groundwater recharge purposes, which is consistent with the Pewaukee River Watershed Advisory Group goal calling for control of agricultural runoff pollution.

Additionally, a literature review was recently conducted by SEWRPC as part of the update to the Regional Water Quality Management Plan to evaluate the effectiveness of riparian buffers in controlling nonpoint source pollution.<sup>7</sup> Based upon this review it was determined that a general buffer width of 75 feet is appropriate for water quality modeling purposes in terms of representing: 1) a reasonably high level of effectiveness for the control of nitrogen, phosphorus, and total suspended solids; 2) practicality of implementation; and, 3) consistency with regulatory requirements such as structural setbacks (see Appendix O, “Riparian Buffer Effectiveness Analysis,” in SEWRPC Planning Report No. 50). It is important to note that riparian buffers are only a single component of a comprehensive watershed management strategy, which would likely include other measures to control point and nonpoint sources of nutrients and sediments, protection of aquatic and terrestrial habitat and management of floodwaters. Nevertheless, the establishment and maintenance of riparian buffers as well as the application of buffer requirements in the Pewaukee River basin are major issues to be considered.

Chapters NR 151 and ATCP 50 also contain certain provisions relating to the control of barnyard runoff, manure storage, and the application of nutrients on cropland and pastures. Reductions in agricultural loadings may be anticipated on a case by case basis as a result of the implementation of the State administrative rule provisions. Hence, control of runoff from agricultural areas remains an issue to be considered.

## **BUILD PARTNERSHIPS AND INFORM PUBLIC TO PROMOTE PROTECTION AND USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

As part of the overall citizen informational and educational programming to be conducted in the Pewaukee River watershed, residents in, and visitors to, the watershed should be made aware of the value of the ecologically significant areas to the overall structure and functioning of the watershed ecosystems. Specifically, informational programming related to the protection of ecologically valuable areas in the watershed should focus on the need to maintain the integrity of riparian corridors, minimize the spread of nuisance aquatic species such as purple loosestrife, and utilize good urban housekeeping and yard care practices in order to mitigate and moderate the impacts of humans on this River system. Likewise, educational activities within the watershed’s school districts should make use of the proximity of this waterway and focus on the unique attributes of the River system within the Region, particularly since many areas of the watershed have been designated excellent habitat and water quality. In this regard, informational and educational programming is an issue to be considered.

Educational and informational brochures and pamphlets, of interest to homeowners and others, are available from the University of Wisconsin-Extension (UWEX), the WDNR, SEWRPC, and the County Land and Water Resources Division, and many Federal agencies. The informational content of these brochures could be provided to homeowners through local media, the Internet, direct distribution, and/or targeted library and civic center displays. Many of the ideas contained in these publications can be integrated into ongoing, larger-scale activities,

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<sup>7</sup>SEWRPC Planning Report No. 50, A Regional Water Quality Management Plan Update for the Greater Milwaukee Watersheds, December 2007.

such as anti-littering campaigns, recycling drives, and similar pro-environment activities. Within the school districts, much of the information contained in these publications could be used to supplement texts in environmental science, art, biology, and mathematics, among other subject areas. This is consistent with the recommendations set forth in the Waukesha County Land and Water Resource Management Plan related to monitoring water quality/flow of local streams and the lake, and, hence, is an issue to be considered. Specifically, informational and educational programming in three areas should be considered, as summarized below; namely, in school-based educational programming, in general community-based informational programming, and in specific informational programming in communities with municipal separate storm sewer (MS4) systems that are implementing State stormwater management permit requirements.

### **Targeted Educational Programming**

*Objective—Develop or expand land use and water quality information and education programs as needed to implement plan goals and objectives.*

Promotion of local support for environmentally sensitive and sustainable measures can be enhanced through targeted educational programming. School-based programs that could be further utilized within the Basin include participation in programs such as Project WET, Project WILD, and Project Learning Tree (PLT). Given the importance of children to the future sustainability of our water resources, as well as their potential for influencing family members, these types of educational programs need to be considered.

### **Community-Based Informational Programming**

*Objective—Continue cooperation among community organizations and municipalities, and develop public participation opportunities.*

Experience suggests that coordinating individual efforts is a valuable and useful element of an informational and educational program. Establishment of a stream-focused conservation organization can promote local support for river protection by providing a focal point for private residents, and an umbrella under which businesses and other nonprofit organizations may participate in a meaningful manner in stream protection activities. To this end, the Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District provide opportunities for public participation in decision-making processes, and have supported opportunities for shared decision-making such as the creation of citizen advisory committees, completion of memoranda of understanding with lake and river organizations within the Fox River basin, and support for rehabilitation activities that benefit all aspects of watershed management.

The Pewaukee River Partnership, Inc., established as a private, nonprofit watershed protection organization, continues to play a leading role in coordinating and garnering citizen and community participation in support of the implementation of stewardship activities to enhance the natural resources within the Pewaukee River Watershed.

### **Recreational Development**

*Objective—Promote, maintain, and expand safe recreational opportunities.*

The Pewaukee River and its associated tributary streams including Pewaukee Lake form an important element of the natural resource base of the municipalities within the area. The location of these waterbodies within environmental corridors and open space areas provides an opportunity for people to utilize and enjoy these resources for recreational and aesthetic viewing purposes. Consequently, these resources can provide an essential avenue for relief of stressors among the human population and improve quality of life in neighborhoods throughout the area. Such water resources, and their associated recreational uses, also sustain industries associated with outfitting and support recreational and other uses of the natural environment, and, therefore, provide economic opportunities for the local communities. The Waukesha County Comprehensive Plan anticipates an increase in lands dedicated to recreational uses. Hence, recreational use is an important issue to be considered.



## SUMMARY

A number of priority issues of concern facing the Pewaukee River, the lake and the streams within the watershed, and the resident communities have been identified. While these issues of concern generally fall within the three areas of concern initially identified by Working Group—namely: protect and improve wildlife, land, surface water and groundwater resources; minimize impacts of land development by controlling agricultural and urban runoff pollution and flooding; and building partnerships to inform the public to promote protection and use of natural resources—the foregoing analysis suggests that there are 10 areas of priority concern that should be addressed in order to preserve and protect the environmental quality, the ecological structure and integrity of the Pewaukee River watershed, as well as public health, safety, and quality of life. These 10 areas can be summarized as follows:

1. Preserve and protect environmentally sensitive areas such as designated natural areas, wetlands, fish and wildlife habitat, riparian buffers, and primary and secondary environmental corridors.
2. Protect the lake and streams to support a high quality sustainable coldwater and warmwater fishery and associated aquatic community, habitat, and water quality.
3. Preserve groundwater recharge areas and prevent groundwater contamination from stormwater infiltration practices.
4. Protect the system from the potential negative physical and biological impacts associated with climate change.
5. Develop policies and install practices that reduce urban nonpoint source water pollution and help achieve the recommended water use objectives and supporting water quality standards for surface waters.
6. Preserve floodwater storage areas and control the quantity of runoff from new urban development.
7. Promote the use of agricultural nonpoint pollution control practices to meet or exceed State and Federal standards.
8. Develop or expand land use and water quality information and education programs as needed to implement plan goals and objectives.
9. Continue cooperation among community organizations and municipalities, and develop public participation opportunities.
10. Promote, maintain and expand safe recreational opportunities.

Recommended priority actions to address these 11 elements are set forth in Chapter VI of this report.

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## Chapter VI

# RECOMMENDATIONS

### INTRODUCTION

This chapter provides project and management recommendations, as identified by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC), the Pewaukee River Partnership Inc. and the *ad hoc* Pewaukee River Watershed Protection Plan Advisory Group, which are meant to address the 10 priority concerns identified in Chapter V of this report. The recommendations are grouped and presented in the following categories:

1. Riparian Buffers;
2. Groundwater Recharge and Pollution;
3. Surface Hydrology
4. Water Supply and Demand;
5. Water Quality;
6. Wildlife;
7. Aquatic Organisms;
8. Recreational Opportunities;
9. Land Use Planning;
10. Monitoring and Information; and
11. Education.

Table VI-1, indicates recommendation category associated with each of the priority concerns identified in Chapter V of this report.

The recommendations set forth herein focus on those measures which are applicable to the stakeholders and agencies with jurisdiction within the Pewaukee River watershed. However, the general-purpose units of government within the Pewaukee River watershed—counties, villages, and towns—are specifically encouraged to adopt these recommendations and implement this protection plan, through local policies, practices, programs, and ordinances, where appropriate. In addition, many actions can be implemented by other stakeholders, including special purpose units of government, nonprofit conservation organizations, and individual citizens, as summarized in the “Roles and Responsibilities” subsection, at the end of this chapter.



Table VI-1

**CONNECTION BETWEEN IDENTIFIED ISSUES OF CONCERN AND THE RECOMMENDATION CATEGORIES**

Priority Concerns	Recommendation Category
Preserve and protect environmentally sensitive areas such as designated natural areas, wetlands, fish and wildlife habitat, riparian buffers, and primary and secondary environmental corridors	All
Protect the lake and streams to support a high quality sustainable coldwater and warmwater fishery and associated aquatic community, habitat, and water quality	Aquatic Organisms Surface Hydrology Riparian Corridors Groundwater Recharge Water Quality Land Use Planning
Preserve groundwater recharge areas and prevent groundwater contamination from stormwater infiltration practices	Groundwater Recharge and Pollution
Protect the system from the potential negative physical and biological impacts associated with climate change	All
Develop policies and install practices that reduce urban nonpoint source water pollution and help achieve the recommended water use objectives and supporting water quality standards for surface waters	Water Quality, Riparian Buffers, Groundwater Recharge
Preserve floodwater storage areas and control the quantity of runoff from new urban development	Surface Hydrology, Groundwater Recharge, Water Quality
Promote the use of agricultural nonpoint pollution control practices to meet or exceed State and Federal standards	Groundwater Pollution Water Quality
Develop or expand land use and water quality information and education programs as needed to implement plan goals and objectives	Education Monitoring and Information
Continue cooperation among community organizations and municipalities, and develop public participation opportunities	Education Monitoring and Information Recreation
Promote, maintain and expand safe recreational opportunities	Recreation

Source: SEWRPC.

It is also understood that certain level of prioritization of projects and programs will need to take place, particularly given the number of recommendations made in this protection plan. The “Prioritization of Projects” section of this chapter provides some basic guidance in this regard, while the “Cost Consideration and Funding Sources” section provides some guidance on the financial benefits of implementing these projects, as well as the kinds of funding sources that are available to help put the plan’s recommendations into action.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

In order to facilitate the identification of potential projects and pinpoint where the recommendations should be implemented, recommendation maps related to buffer region development, groundwater recharge protection, stormwater management improvement, aquatic habitat enhancement and recreational opportunities have been include with this chapter. These maps play an integral role in communicating the recommendations of this plan. As a result the recommendations laid out in this chapter will follow the following structure:

1. A brief summary of the recommendation category and the issues associated with that category;

2. An explanation of the targets associated with said issue;
3. An explanation of the recommendation map developed to guide the implementation of projects meant to address identified issues (i.e., Map VI-1 through Map VI-8 located at the end of this chapter); and
4. A list of recommended actions aimed at achieving each target.

It is important to note that the recommended actions, included as a subsection of each target, identify general recommendations for project types, while the maps indicate where exactly these projects should take place. Therefore, the two must be used in tandem in order to implement the recommendations of this plan. Each of the maps provide guidance on their interpretation in order to facilitate their use.

## **Riparian Buffers and Corridors**

### ***Issue and Targets***

Based upon the summary of the best available science, preservation and development of riparian buffers is a key to the existing and future economic, social and recreational wellbeing of the Pewaukee River watershed and the residents living within it. Riparian buffers protect water quality, groundwater, fisheries, wildlife and ecological resilience to invasive species, as well as reduce potential flooding of structures and harmful effects of climate change.<sup>1</sup> Given the acceptance of this fact, the question then becomes “How much is enough?”

We have attempted to answer this question through examining the literature (as discussed in Chapter IV and Appendix D of this report), and through regional observation. This analysis has resulted in riparian buffer targets which, when achieved, will vastly improve the water quality, fishery and recreation in the Pewaukee River. They are as follows:

**Target 1: Protect and expand riparian buffer regions to the greatest extent possible with a minimum 75 foot and optimum 1,000 foot width goal;**

The literature has revealed, that a 75-foot regulatory shoreland setback width can provide highly productive instream habitat and significant pollution reduction (as high as 75 percent in some regions). Additionally, it has shown that the protection of a 400-foot minimum and 900-foot optimum riparian buffer width has significant benefits to wildlife populations. Given this information, and the fact that current regulatory shoreline zone is 1,000 feet, as described in Chapter III of this report, it has been decided that the protection and expansion of riparian buffers to a 1,000 feet from the ordinary high water mark, or within the boundaries defined by floodplains or wetlands, whichever is greater, should be a major priority of this watershed.

**Target 2: Protect and expand riparian buffers to encompass a total of 30 percent of the land area within the watershed; and**

It was determined that an overall goal for total riparian cover should be developed in order to provide guidance on “How much riparian buffer is enough?” To develop this target, SEWRPC staff looked to previous riparian buffer evaluations that had been completed in the region in order to determine the total percentages found in watersheds with high water quality and excellent stream habitat (e.g., Mukwonago). This revealed a percentage of just under 30 percent, thereby leading to the target seen above.

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<sup>1</sup>*N.E. Seavy and others, “Why Climate Change Make Riparian Restoration More Important than Ever: Recommendations for Practice and Research,” Ecological Restoration, Volume 27(3): pages 330-338, September, 2009; “Association of State Floodplain Managers, Natural and Beneficial Floodplain Functions: Floodplain Management—More Than Flood Loss Reduction, 2008,” [www.floods.org/NewUrgent/Other.asp](http://www.floods.org/NewUrgent/Other.asp).*

According to our analysis, the Pewaukee River Watershed currently has buffer cover of around 17 percent. This means that the buffer development programs should aim to almost double the total amount of buffered regions. Although a more targeted approach (e.g., developing goals based on where development is located in subwatersheds) may be a more efficient approach to mitigating issues like pollution loading, it was decided that an overall watershed goal was more desirable because: 1) it allows for more flexibility in developing buffer regions in less developed areas, therefore making the goal more achievable; and 2) it provides more opportunities for expansion of existing buffer regions towards, and slightly beyond, the optimum “wildlife enhancement” width (i.e., 900 feet or above).

**Target 3: Protect and increase continuity and connectivity of riparian buffer regions.**

Fragmentation of riparian buffers by roads, railways, and utilities, combined with encroachment by development, impacts the structure and function of riparian corridors and their ability to adequately protect waterways and wildlife habitat. Stream crossings also tend to have a cumulative impact on the stream and associated lands, as well as an impact on the quality of water and the fishery. Therefore, it is important to reduce the linear fragmentation of the existing riparian buffers by either removing crossings where possible or at least not increasing the number of crossings of waterways within the Pewaukee River system, where practical. It is recognized, however, that police, fire protection, and emergency medical service access is an overriding consideration that must be applied in determining whether the objective of removing a crossing is feasible. This recommendation is only meant to apply to situations where more road crossings exist than are necessary to ensure adequate access for emergency services.

It is however important to note that the presence of a buffer is always better than the absence of one, even if only to prevent some pollution or allow for better aquatic habitat. Therefore, all efforts to develop buffered areas, regardless of width, is recommended within this plan.

***Recommendation Map***

To guide the accomplishment of the riparian buffer targets above, Map VI-1 has been provided at the end of this chapter as a tool for project identification. This map highlights the existing riparian buffers, as well as the areas where buffer regions could potentially be expanded to 75 feet, 400 feet, and 1,000 feet (i.e., land areas within the 1,000 foot ideal buffer region which are not designated as urban development). The map also identifies the existing buffer regions and potential buffer areas, within the 1,000 optimum width core, which are currently designated as “vulnerable”. Specifically, areas are designated as “vulnerable” when they are not located within one-percent-annual-probability regulatory floodplain boundary; are not designated as wetland or primary environmental corridor; and are not under protected ownership.

This map provides individuals attempting to implement this plan with guidance on land areas which should be prioritized for protection either through land purchases, easements and/or voluntary measures (i.e., vulnerable existing or potential buffer regions), as well as provides guidance as to where buffers could potentially be established throughout the watershed. Additionally, the map indicates the regions within the watershed where large buffer regions (i.e., greater than 75 feet width) may not be feasible, thereby indicating where other measures to protect the Pewaukee River ought to be implemented (e.g., buffers to the greatest extent possible, “green buildings”, rain gardens, etc.).

***Recommended Actions***

Though the recommendation map does provide the information necessary to begin really planning buffer protection and expansion projects, and in turn meet the three targets identified above, it is necessary to provide some guidance on the kinds of projects that are being recommended. Accordingly, the three targets are laid out below with their associated recommendations. Target 1 and 2 have been combined as many of the recommendations associated with these targets are the same.



**Recommended Actions for Riparian Target 1 and Target 2:** *(i.e., Protect and expand riparian buffer regions to the greatest extent possible with a minimum 75 foot and optimum 1,000 foot width goal; and. Protect and expand riparian buffers to encompass a total of 30 percent of the land area within the watershed).*

**A. Protection of existing buffer and potential regions and connections with emphasis on “Vulnerable” existing buffers** (see Map VI-1, Examples C and D).

- Land use regulation, public land acquisition via donation or purchase, establishment of conservation easements on critical lands and subsequent protection of existing buffers and potential buffer regions which have been identified as vulnerable, including:
  - Purchase of lands by governmental, nongovernmental, or private organization, or other private entities to expand buffers within the SEWRPC-delineated primary and secondary environmental corridors and isolated natural resources areas, especially along the River mainstem and tributary streams.
- Educational campaigns and general promotion of low impact use of existing buffer regions.
- Continue to limit development in SEWRPC-delineated primary environmental corridors and extend such limitations to secondary environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas.
- Consistent and effective application of the provisions in the existing regulatory framework provided by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit program for Wetland areas. These include State wetland regulations, shore land zoning requirements, and local zoning ordinances.
- Enforcement of local zoning regulations to discourage development within the one-percent-annual-probability floodplain.

**B. Maintain existing buffer regions** (see Map VI-1, Example A).

- Eradication of purple loosestrife and other nonnative invasive species, to the extent possible, through partnerships between communities, schools, volunteer groups, service organizations, and local governments, and through participation in the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) purple loosestrife beetle rearing program, (see Exotic Invasive Species section in Chapter IV of this report).
- Restore natural vegetation in buffer regions wherever needed.

**C. Development buffers wherever possible** (see Map VI-1, Example B) **with the goal of 1,000 foot width and 30 percent of land area being designated a protected buffer region.**

- Establish natural vegetation along perennial, intermittent, and ephemeral waterways in both urban and rural areas to the greatest extent possible up to a 1,000 foot width, preferably using native species, in accordance with WDNR and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) technical standards for filter strips and turf management to the extent applicable, and SEWRPC guidance for riparian buffers (see Appendix D), including:
  - Establishment of buffers on public lands, on lands purchased with donations or grant funds, or on private lands on which conservation easements are acquired, including public land resulting from recommended actions of this plan.

**D. Buffer development to greatest extent possible, as well as Best Management Practices (BMPs), in regions where there is low buffer potential** (see Map VI-1, Example E).

- Consideration of adopting and enforcing shoreland setback requirements in the watershed and continuation of active enforcement of construction site erosion control and stormwater management ordinances.
- Provision of informational materials to shoreland property owners on the benefits of buffer regions and BMPs (see Stormwater Management section), including instructions on how to proceed with their implementation.
- Incentive based programs meant to encourage the use of BMPs and buffer region development by shoreline property owners.

**Recommended Actions for Riparian Target 3:** (*i.e., Protect and increase continuity and connectivity of riparian buffer regions to provide pathways for wildlife and improve overall quality of the Pewaukee river system*).

**A. Establishment of connections and pathways to ensure connectivity and continuity in areas where buffer development is not feasible** (see Map VI-1: Areas where there are gaps between existing and/or potential buffers).

- Removal of abandoned or nonessential roads where appropriate.
- Educational or incentive based programs meant to encourage existing homes or businesses within the 1,000-foot zone to consider landscaping that would enhance wildlife by providing connections (see Appendix D) or lanes through the lots, as well as using native plants to provide cover and food for wildlife.
- Where possible, limit creation of new road crossings of the mainstem or tributaries within the Pewaukee River system.
- Preservation and expansion, to the extent possible, of small wetlands, woodlands, and prairies not identified as part of an environmental corridor or an isolated natural resource area and linking such features by providing corridors connected to larger natural areas, as determined in county and local plans.

## **Groundwater Recharge and Pollution**

### ***Issue and Targets***

Groundwater recharge plays an integral role within the Pewaukee River watershed. Specifically, it supplies water to the shallow aquifers within the watershed, which, in turn, provide the baseflow to the river. Baseflow is invaluable to maintaining the natural hydrology and the overall health of the river, particularly during the droughts and low flow conditions of which have been occurring more frequently over the past ten years. This reality indicates that the maintenance and improvement of groundwater recharge is a crucial part of any plan that hopes to maintain or improve the conditions in the Pewaukee River Watershed.

It is also important to note that, though infiltration into soils (*i.e.*, groundwater recharge) does provide some level of pollution reduction, shallow aquifers are still quite vulnerable to pollution in general. In particular, within the Pewaukee watershed, there are specific areas of concern within the high groundwater recharge areas, including: 1) golf courses and agricultural lands, as these areas could be potential sources of pollution due to over fertilization and pesticide use; and 2) urban and residential areas, as these areas could be potential sources of urban runoff

pollutants (e.g., gasoline, heavy metals, fertilizers and pesticides from lawn care, etc.) which can infiltrate the groundwater during rain events. This pollution needs to be prevented to the greatest extent possible as it contaminates the baseflow which enters the river and causes water quality reduction.

In order to assure the maintenance and improvement of groundwater recharge in the area, as well as reduce nonpoint source pollution of shallow aquifer, three major targets have been developed each with their own potential actions. They include:

**Target 1: Preserve groundwater recharge areas and shallow aquifer levels in accordance with the regional water supply plan and prevent the increases in pollution associated with future urban development, particularly in high recharge designated areas;**

Traditional urbanization increases the area of impervious surfaces which reduces infiltration rates into the shallow aquifer. This process then reduces the baseflows that are dependent on the shallow groundwater systems within the Pewaukee River system. This loss of baseflow leads to substantial loss in stream depth and volume, increased water temperatures, and increased potential for summer fish kills from low dissolved oxygen, as well as loss of the coldwater fishery. According to the 2035 planned land use data presented in Chapter II of this report, a significant amount of the future planned land use changes are located in regions that have been designated as having high and very high groundwater recharge potential (shown on Map VI-2 located at the end of this chapter). This target essentially seeks to prevent such occurrences by either preventing urban development in high groundwater recharge areas (favoring instead the creation of open space and buffer regions, followed by agriculture) or encouraging the use of Green technologies meant to maintain infiltration functions, if urban development in these regions does take place. This target will also have the added benefit of preventing the nonpoint source pollution associated with urban development from draining into the river.

**Target 2: Reduce the impact of current urban development on groundwater recharge and water quality; and**

Unfortunately, the amount of urban development within the Pewaukee watershed is currently at high enough levels to potentially be negatively affecting the water quality and water quantity in the Pewaukee River. However, implementing projects which seek to restore the natural flow patterns have the potential to mitigate these effects. This could involve a variety of measures, including better detention, retention, infiltration and filtration, each of which attempt to mimic the disposition of precipitation on an undisturbed landscape.

**Target 3: Prevent nonpoint source pollution from agricultural and recreational sources (e.g., golf courses) within the high groundwater recharge areas.**

Agricultural land use, as well as other land uses, like golf courses, has the potential to increase pollutant inputs into groundwater due to over-fertilization and pesticide use. This target seeks to promote nonpoint pollution control practices with the hopes of meeting or exceeding State and Federal Standards.

***Recommendation Map***

Map VI-3, provided at the end of this chapter, is meant to be used as a tool for project identification as it relates to groundwater recharge maintenance and reestablishment, as well as groundwater pollution reduction in the Pewaukee River watershed. The map highlights the high groundwater recharge potential areas and explains the kinds of projects which should be undertaken in these areas. The map also highlights the vulnerable buffer regions



in the Pewaukee area with the specific purpose of helping prioritize lands for purchase and/or protection. In particular, the areas that serve the dual purpose of protecting the river from pollution, as well as maintain groundwater recharge should be considered high priority for protection.

### ***Recommended Actions***

Again, the Map VI-3 is generally sufficient for identifying projects that should be completed in the Pewaukee River watershed to encourage good quality groundwater recharge. Further details on the nature of these projects and programs (and what they hope to achieve are shown below).

**Recommended Actions for Groundwater Target 1:** *(i.e., preserve groundwater recharge areas and shallow aquifer levels in accordance with the regional water supply plan and prevent the increases in pollution associated with future urban development, particularly in high recharge designated areas).*

- A. Prevent urban development in high groundwater recharge areas** (see Map VI-2: All development other than recreational located in the high groundwater recharge zone).
- The protection and preservation of groundwater recharge areas classified as having a high or very high recharge potential through conservation easements, land purchases or voluntary incentive based measures. Such protection should also incorporate preservation of environmental corridors, isolated natural resource areas, prime and other agricultural areas, and preservation of open lands that are associated with conservation developments and that facilitate recharge.
  - Consideration of groundwater conditions when locating buildings. This should include review of development proposals to avoid locating structures and other infrastructure in areas prone to flooding as a result of high groundwater levels;<sup>2</sup>
  - Consideration of groundwater impacts during the installation of sewer and water lines and other buried utilities which could intercept groundwater flows.
- B. Reduce the impacts of any future urban development** (see Map VI-3: Any new development which is undertaken in the high groundwater recharge area) **on groundwater recharge quality and quantity.**
- Review, and update as necessary, local and County land use regulations to require conservation development practices providing for the clustering of any new development within the watershed so as to minimize nonpoint source pollution impacts on groundwater and to also minimize potential reductions in groundwater recharge and resultant stream baseflow;
  - Maintenance of infiltration and recharge rates as close to existing rates as practicable by incorporating runoff management recommendations for enhancing infiltration using low-impact design standards in accordance with the regional water supply plan;<sup>3,4</sup> Some examples of infiltration techniques and low impact design include:

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<sup>2</sup>See the “Basement Wetness and Flooding Prevention Standards” applied under the Waukesha County Storm Water Management and Erosion Control Ordinance.

<sup>3</sup>SEWRPC Planning Report No. 52, A Regional Water Supply Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin, December 2010.

<sup>4</sup>SEWRPC Technical Report No. 48, Shallow Groundwater Quantity Sustainability Analysis Demonstration for the Southeastern Wisconsin Region, November 2009.

- Bioretention cells
  - Curb and gutter elimination
  - Grassed swales
  - Green parking design
  - Infiltration trenches
  - Inlet protection devices
  - Permeable pavement
  - Permeable pavers
  - Rain barrels and cisterns
  - Riparian buffers
  - Sand and organic filters
  - Soil amendments
  - Stormwater planters
  - Tree box filters
  - Vegetated filter strips
  - Vegetated roofs
- Protection of water resources when adding, improving, or upgrading urban infrastructure:
    - For planned road construction, ensure that adequate right-of-way land is purchased for the installation of state-of-the-art erosion control and post-construction stormwater management practices, without damaging adjacent sensitive areas;
    - For installation of sewer systems and other buried utilities, including proposed sanitary sewer extensions, ensure adequate erosion and sediment control techniques are used;
    - For all road, bridge and culvert construction or reconstruction, employ good planning and enforcement of erosion control and stormwater management practices; and
    - For collector streets and associated sidewalks and stormwater management systems, consider updating municipal design standards to reduce impervious surfaces and increase treatment of runoff through biofiltration and other practices.

**Recommended Action for Groundwater Target 2:** (*i.e., Reduce the impact of current urban development on groundwater recharge and water quality*)

- A. **Encourage infiltration techniques in currently installed urban development** (see Map VI-3, Example D).
  - Increase infiltration of urban runoff where it can be accomplished and where it can be achieved without degrading groundwater quality and promote post-development groundwater recharge by meeting or exceeding infiltration standards set forth in Chapter NR 151 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code* and local ordinances;

- Improvement of infiltration of rainfall and snowmelt through innovative BMPs that are associated with low-impact development, including bioretention and rain garden projects,<sup>5</sup> installation of rain barrels, etc.
- Retrofitting current urban development (e.g., disconnection of downspouts; installation of porous pavement, etc.) in order to ensure infiltration.
- Pollution entering the groundwater through infiltration should be considered in the design of infiltration facilities such as infiltration trenches, infiltration basins, bioretention facilities, rain gardens, and grassed swales and in the design of stormwater detention basins, especially in areas with a shallow depth to groundwater. The WDNR has developed post-construction stormwater management technical standards which include provisions intended to protect groundwater quality. It is recommended that these standards be applied in the design of stormwater management facilities.

**Recommended Action for Groundwater Target 3:** (i.e., *Prevent nonpoint source pollution from agricultural and recreational sources (e.g., golf courses) within the high groundwater recharge areas*).

**A. Implement pollution reduction measures in the agricultural areas and “areas of concern” located in the high groundwater recharge areas in the watershed** (see Map VI-3, Examples C and E).

- Evaluate remaining agricultural operations in the watershed for compliance with State standards for control of barnyard runoff, manure storage, and application of integrated nutrient and pest management practices, and undertake corrective measures; county and UWEX agricultural extension staff should work with landowners to secure cost-share funding required to install practices, such as those provided through the following NRCS programs:
  - Conservation Reserve Program (CRP);
  - Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP); and
  - Environmental Quality Improvement Program (EQIP);
- County staffs, UWEX agricultural extension staff, and NRCS staff should work with landowners to control cropland erosion by reviewing and refining as necessary conservation plans intended to control cropland erosion rates to levels that meet or exceed the State standards for nonpoint pollution runoff control.
- Consider agricultural drainage needs in any proposed practices for stream restoration, wetland restoration, nonpoint source pollution reduction, or flood control.

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<sup>5</sup>Roger Bannerman, WDNR and partners; Menasha biofiltration retention research project, Middleton, WI, 2008; N.J. LeFevre, J.D. Davidson, and G.L. Oberts, *Bioretention of Simulated Snowmelt: Cold Climate Performance and Design Criteria*, Water Environment Research Foundation (WERF), 2008; William R. Selbig and Nicholas Balster, *Evaluation of Turf Grass and Prairie Vegetated Rain Gardens in a Clay and Sand Soil: Madison, Wisconsin, Water Years 2004-2008*, In cooperation with the City of Madison and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, USGS Scientific Investigations Report, in draft.



## **Surface Hydrology**

### ***Issue and Targets***

Urban development brings with it significant changes in the landscape. These changes historically have included modification of the drainage pattern (primarily tributaries), hardening of surfaces, and alteration of groundwater infiltration, all of which can affect water quality and quantity. All of these changes generally increase the volume and rate of runoff from precipitation events. Historically, managing these increases in rates and volumes of runoff would often involve construction of storm sewer and/or open channel systems to convey stormwater as quickly and efficiently as possible to streams and ultimately to the Fox River. In recent years, however, flooding, water quality impairment, and environmental degradation have demonstrated the need for an alternative approach to stormwater management. Consequently, current stormwater management practices seek to manage runoff using a variety of measures, including detention, retention, infiltration, and filtration, better mimicking the disposition of precipitation on an undisturbed landscape.

Consequently, this protection plan includes recommendations related to stormwater management retrofitting, better land use planning and stream management in order to reduce the rates and volume of runoff, as well as reduce the effects that the high rates and volume of runoff has on the people that live in the watershed and on the river itself. To this end, two targets were developed, including:

#### **Target 1: Maintain natural flow regimes to protect adequate baseflows and prevent flashiness, stream erosion, and habitat degradation.**

Urbanization increases the area of impervious surfaces, which can lead to an increase in “flashiness” (or the rate at which flow responds to a precipitation event) This process subsequently affects streambank and streambed stability, increases pollutant loading, and changes sediment dynamics, which, in turn, degrade habitat availability and quality. Therefore, increased flashiness has been identified as a cause of degradation of aquatic communities. This target seeks to implement action which will reduce the “flashiness” and reduce the associated streambank erosion and pollution. This includes buffer installment (which slows down water, as well as anchors soil thereby preventing erosion), wetland restoration (which slows water down) and groundwater infiltration in urban areas.

#### **Target 2: Preserve floodwater storage areas, mitigate flow increases and floodwater storage losses, and reduce the amount of development in unmapped floodplain areas.**

The high-speed and high-volume runoff, associated with impervious cover, also leads to flooding, as the water from storm events enters the river system and flood plain more quickly than it would have in a natural system. As with the process of reducing “flashiness”, it is important to restore natural infiltration of precipitation into the groundwater system, as well as restore wetlands, as both of these measures will reduce the speed and potentially the volume of the water moving towards the river. Additionally, considering the risk associated with floodplain areas (particularly in terms of property damage), it is also important to assure the proper mapping and land use planning within regions that can be affected by these high volume flows. This target is therefore meant to reduce flooding, as well as reduce the effects of flooding on landowners.

### ***Recommendation Map***

The important component for restoring surface hydrology is the reduction of flashiness and flooding, which can be achieved through installation of buffers and improvement of infiltration in urban areas. Therefore, many of the recommendations included in the section are represented on Map VI-1 (see Examples B and C) and Map VI-3 (see Example D) which identify potential buffer regions and identify urban areas to implement infiltration techniques respectively.

### ***Recommended Actions***

Many of the recommendations necessary to meet the target of restoring surface hydrology are covered in the Riparian Targets 1 and 2, as well as Groundwater Targets 1 and 2. Therefore, it is recommended that these recommendations be emphasized when implementing this plan as they will serve dual purposes. Additionally, there are some recommendation which have not yet been covered. As summary of these recommendations, include:

#### **Recommended Actions for Hydrology Target 1: (i.e., Maintain and restore natural flow and landscape elements regimes to prevent flashiness, stream erosion, and habitat degradation).**

- A. Restore the natural surface hydrology by reducing impervious cover and associated runoff**
  - Implement recommendations associated with Groundwater Targets 1 and 2 addressing reduction of urban development and installation of infiltration techniques.
- B. Restore natural landscape elements which reduce the effects of flashiness and “slow down water.”**
  - Implement recommendations associated with Riparian Targets 1 and 2.
  - Expansion of wetland wherever possible including the reestablishment of prior converted agricultural lands.

#### **Recommended Actions for Surface Hydrology Target 2: (i.e., Preserve floodwater storage areas, mitigate flow increases and floodwater storage losses, and reduce the amount of development in unmapped floodplain areas).**

- A. Reduce the occurrence of flooding events.**
  - Implement Groundwater Targets 1 and 2.
  - Implement Riparian Targets 1 and 2.
  - Expand wetlands wherever possible to allow for the water to be spread over a larger undeveloped surface (see Map II-11 in Chapter II of this report to view current wetlands).
- B. Make efforts to better manage the effects of flooding and prevent associated damage.**
  - Use of SEWRPC regional rainfall frequency data and 2005 SEWRPC revised design storm temporal rainfall distributions in the calculation of flood elevations and the design of stormwater management infrastructure to more accurately reflect current conditions within the watershed and Southeastern Wisconsin Region;<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>6</sup>SEWRPC Technical Report No. 40, Rainfall Frequency in the Southeastern Wisconsin Region, April 2000. The 2005 temporal distribution was developed in conjunction with the WDNR and is being applied by WDNR for statewide floodplain management purposes. That distribution and the rainfall frequency data can be accessed at <http://www.sewrpc.org/rainfallfrequency/default.shtm>.

- When the results of an ongoing National Weather Service (NWS) rainfall-frequency study for the Midwestern United States<sup>7</sup> are available, that study will replace the current SEWRPC information. At that time, local stormwater management ordinances should be updated to call for use of rainfall and storm temporal distribution information developed under the NWS study;
- Development of new stormwater and floodland management facilities, or retrofitting of existing facilities as necessary, to minimize or prevent damage from inundation events up to, and including, the one-percent-annual-probability flood;
  - Development and maintenance of up-to-date inventories and maps to identify areas and structures at risk of flooding;
- Delineation of the one-percent-annual-probability floodplain wherever approximate floodplain boundaries are delineated in the watershed, including the headwaters of Coco Creek, Zion Creek and Meadow Brook Creek.
- Consistent with local floodplain zoning ordinances, continue to regulate filling and development within the floodplain, so that connectivity with the stream system can be maintained.

## **Water Supply and Demand**

### ***Issue and Targets***

Water supply withdrawals can affect surface water levels within lakes if wells are situated in proximity to surface waterbodies including lakes and streams. Therefore, water conservation measures; groundwater recharge protection and enhancement measures; and implementation of high-capacity well development siting, monitoring, and impact mitigation protocols, as is recommended in the SEWRPC regional water supply plan, are imperative to minimize water use conflicts and ecosystem impairment in the Pewaukee River watershed.<sup>8,9</sup>

Additionally, the projected increase in residential land use and population growth within the Pewaukee River watershed, as described in Chapter II of this plan (see Map II-3 in Chapter II of this report) will lead to an increased demand for water resources. Given that all of the water supplied within the Pewaukee Watershed is groundwater, and that the groundwater also supplies crucial baseflow to the Pewaukee River, this increased demand will need to be balanced with the ecological needs of the river. To accomplish this balance, it becomes increasingly apparent that both supply and demand based water supply management needs to be combined in order to meet both needs. Accordingly, the following targets were developed:

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<sup>7</sup>*National Weather Service, Precipitation Frequency Project for the Midwestern States, in progress.*

<sup>8</sup>*See State of Wisconsin Court of Appeals District II decision on appeal number 2008AP3170 dated June 16, 2010, which affirms that "...information from a scientist that the proposed well 'would cause adverse environmental impacts to the wetland and navigable surface waters of Lake Beulah'..." must be considered in the granting by the WDNR of municipal well permits.*

<sup>9</sup>*The groundwater model documented in SEWRPC Memorandum Report No. 188, Troy Bedrock Valley Aquifer Model—Waukesha and Walworth Counties, Wisconsin, November 2009, prepared by Ruckert & Mielke, Inc. for SEWRPC, provides a framework for such studies within the Pewaukee River watershed.*



**Target 1: Maintain and increase supply of groundwater wherever possible.**

In order to maintain and potentially increase supply of groundwater, the maintenance and potential increase of the groundwater recharge in the Pewaukee watershed will become crucial. This reaffirms the need to assure that groundwater recharge is both protected and expanded, and further enforces the importance of achieving the recommendations highlighted in the Groundwater Recharge and Pollution recommendations section above.

**Target 2: Reduce the demand for water through increasing awareness, encouraging/initiating conservation BMPs and better monitoring water use.**

In addition to protecting and enhancing groundwater recharge, which hopes to maintain and potentially increase the supply of groundwater, it is also important to curb the demand for water in order to offset the rise in population and water use over the next 25 years. This is often best regulated by price increases for water, however, as the political aversion to such an action is recognized this target also highlights educational and voluntary based measures which seek to meet this target.

***Recommendation Map***

The supply side of addressing this issue is maintaining and increasing groundwater recharge. Therefore, Map VI-3, provides guidance on where to implement these projects. The demand side of addressing this issue should be targeting individuals throughout the watershed, as all of the water supplied in the watershed is obtained from the groundwater, therefore a general map of the watershed can be used to plan projects related to this target.

***Recommended Actions***

In order to provide a better understanding of what is meant by increasing supply and reducing demand, and provide an idea of where to begin, the following recommendations are provided:

***Recommended Actions for Supply and Demand Target 1: (i.e., Maintain and increase supply of groundwater wherever possible).***

- Implement recommendation associated with Groundwater Recharge Targets 1 and 2.
- As recommended in the regional water supply plan, preparation of studies related to the siting of all new high-capacity wells, including analyses of potential, and subsequent monitoring of the actual impacts of such wells on the shallow aquifer, existing wells, and surface waters, should be conducted. The siting studies should be designed to develop the necessary understanding of the hydrogeological system associated with each candidate site and to assess the likelihood of impacts of proposed wells upon nearby existing wells and surface waterbodies. The studies should include identification of significant potential negative impacts, needed mitigative actions, or site location revisions. Water levels in the vicinity of new high-capacity wells in the shallow aquifer should be monitored before and after wells are constructed and placed into operation to establish a baseline including levels expected to be maintained in private wells and to develop performance and impact data during the test well phase of well development and during the subsequent operation of the well over time. This is a recommendation from the regional water supply plan.

***Recommended Actions for Supply and Demand Target 2: (i.e., Reduce the demand for water through increasing awareness, encouraging/initiating conservation BMPs and better monitoring water use).***

- Implement educational projects meant to inform Pewaukee watershed residents of conservation practices like rain barrels, low flow toilets and showerhead, etc. and encourage their implementation through incentive based programs and/or in-kind help.

- Implement a program meant to help the agricultural community reduce water consumption in the region and reduce water loss generally associated with irrigation practices.

## **Water Quality**

### ***Issue and Targets***

The overall water quality within the Pewaukee River watershed, as discussed in Chapter IV of this report, is generally good. However, specific constituents, such as pesticide metabolites and increasing chloride concentrations (from salt treatments on roads), indicate the potential vulnerability of this system to contamination. The major purpose of this section is to provide recommendations meant to reduce the amount of pollutants that contaminate the Pewaukee River system either through preventing the pollution from occurring at the source, or through improving the Pewaukee Watershed's ability to treat the pollutants through natural processes. To this end the following targets were developed:

#### **Target 1: Reduction of urban and agricultural pollution deposits within the Pewaukee River watershed through pollution control at the source.**

Pollution in the Pewaukee River watershed comes from two major sources: agricultural stormwater runoff and urban stormwater runoff. This target aims to reduce these pollutants at the source by either preventing the pollution from occurring in the first place or through collecting the pollutants prior to rain events, thereby preventing the pollution from entering the system to begin with.

#### **Target 2: Maintain, naturalize or eliminate currently installed stormwater management mechanisms, to help mimic the “natural system” wherever possible, in order to prevent pollution deposition.**

Various stormwater management mechanisms can lead to pollution inputs into the river if not managed or maintained using BMPs. Stormwater basins, for example, can be a source of pollution when they are treated with fertilizers and not maintained as a “natural system” (i.e., mowed extensively leading to erosion, treated with pesticides leading to chemical pollution, etc.). This target seeks to identify stormwater management systems which are potential sources of pollution and subsequently maintain, naturalize or eliminate those systems in order to prevent the associated pollution from entering the Pewaukee River.

#### **Target 3: Increase pollutant reduction ability of lands surrounding the Pewaukee River.**

Natural systems, specifically wetlands and buffer regions, are particularly efficient at reducing pollution deposited into surface water systems for similar reasons. They both slow water down and allow for pollutants and sediments to settle prior to entering river or lake systems. Additionally, they are both highly productive systems which play a role in using and converting pollutants to nonharmful byproducts, therefore further reducing the harmful effects stormwater runoff. It has been shown that a buffer region of 75 feet, for example, can cause a 75 percent reduction in pollution in some areas. This target seeks to both protect and increase the areas of the River which are protected by buffers and wetlands in order to reduce current pollution and future pollution that could result from planned land use changes.

### ***Recommendation Map***

The water quality first target may be guided by Map II-2 in Chapter II of this report, which indicates the current land uses in the watershed. This will help identify the urban and agricultural areas and therefore the areas which should be targeted for pollution reduction and collection programs. Additionally, Map VI-4, included at the end of this chapter, identifies stormwater management projects which have the potential to significantly contribute to pollution reduction in the Pewaukee River system. These projects relate to: better management of stormwater

detention basins through “re-naturalization” and elimination or monitoring of pipes draining to the Pewaukee river when possible. This map also highlights potential projects in the downtown area, which currently considered a “problem area” as it contributes a significant sediments and pollution to the Pewaukee River (see Chapter IV of this report for more details).

### ***Recommended Actions***

There are various components to water quality improvement projects which can be undertaken in the Pewaukee river watershed. These components are detailed below:

### **Recommended Actions for Water Quality Target 1: (i.e., Reduction of urban and agricultural pollution deposits within the Pewaukee River watershed through pollution control at the source).**

- A. Reduce nonpoint source pollution deposition in agricultural areas** (shown on Map II-2 in Chapter II of this report)
- Implementation of Groundwater Targets 1 and 3 which seek to target agricultural runoff to groundwater.
  - Management of stormwater runoff to meet, to the maximum extent practicable, the agricultural standards as established under Chapter NR 151, “Runoff Management,” of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*.
  - Implementation of educational programs meant to educate farmers on best management projects, the need for set-backs, good storage areas for manure, good tilling practices and the dangers of over fertilization and over use of pesticides. These programs should make every effort to target the bottom line for farmers: productivity.
- B. Reduce nonpoint source pollution deposition in urban areas** (shown on Map II-2 in Chapter II of this report)
- Implementation of the recommended actions highlighted within Groundwater Targets 1 and 3 to prevent groundwater pollution and the resulting contamination of baseflow.
  - Preparation of detailed regional stormwater management plans addressing areas where future urban development is planned and areas of existing development where controls need to be upgraded to protect and maintain the quality of the water resources of the Pewaukee River system;
  - Management of stormwater runoff to meet, to the maximum extent practicable, the nonagricultural standards for existing development, new development, and redevelopment as established under Chapter NR 151, “Runoff Management,” of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*.
  - Promotion of good urban land management and housekeeping practices under the public informational programs being conducted under the conditions of the municipal MS4 discharge permits. Such practices consist of fertilizer and pesticide use management, litter and pet waste controls, lawn watering, and management of leaf litter and yard waste.
  - Promotion of urban nonpoint source pollution abatement through local stormwater management ordinances and through meeting the conditions of the Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) discharge permits for all of the municipalities within the watershed. Stormwater management planning could be undertaken by municipalities to promote cost-effective urban nonpoint source pollution abatement.

- Reduction of chloride (salt) contamination resulting from road treatment and water softener discharge (an important emerging issue in southeastern Wisconsin). Stormwater and wastewater management practices do not treat or remove dissolved chloride in runoff. As a consequence, concentrations of dissolved chloride in both surface and ground waters are increasing, and, while these concentrations currently remain below those levels necessary to cause significant changes, special safeguards must be considered in order to avoid future adverse effects. Therefore, the following actions should also be considered:
  - Evaluation of existing road deicing and anti-icing programs with an emphasis on salt reduction;<sup>10</sup> establish new road deicing and anti-icing programs in communities that do not have programs; and promote optimal application of deicing agents on commercial, industrial, governmental and institutional, airport, and residential properties.
  - Identification of spring seeps, spring boils, and/or stream reaches with high chloride concentrations and target them for pilot programs;
  - Review of road salt/sand use and consider alternatives such as salting intersections only, use of salt brine, use of alternative anti-icing and deicing substances that do not contain chlorides, and sand-salt mixtures wherever practicable to limit the introduction of chloride to surface water and groundwater in the Pewaukee River watershed;
  - Consideration of the use of alternative measures to manage snow and ice, wherever possible, such as use of salt brine, use of alternative anti-icing and deicing substances that do not contain chlorides, and sand-salt mixtures, and alternative technologies for softening potable water, such as reverse osmosis filters.
- Promotion of urban nonpoint source pollution abatement through local stormwater management ordinances and through meeting the conditions of the Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) discharge permits for all of the municipalities within the watershed. Stormwater management planning could be undertaken by municipalities to promote cost-effective urban nonpoint source pollution abatement.
- Working cooperatively with area fueling and automotive service stations to decrease potentially contaminated runoff;
- Implementation of State turf management standards on all lands including public lands in accordance with requirements of municipal permits under Chapter NR 216 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*;

**Recommended Actions for Water Quality Target 2:** (*i.e., Maintain, naturalize or eliminate currently installed stormwater management mechanisms to help mimic the “natural system” wherever possible, in order to prevent pollution deposition in the Pewaukee river*).

- A. **Renaturalization of dry and wet stormwater retention basins to prevent the pollution associated with their mismanagement** (see Map VI 4, Wet and Dry Stormwater Basins). This will also have the benefit of establishing good wildlife habitat in addition to reducing pollution inputs to the river.

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<sup>10</sup>*Calcium chloride application could be reduced through implementing practices such as applying salt only at intersections, mixing salt with sand, and calibrating spreaders and also through substitution of less environmentally damaging anti-icing and deicing agents.*



- Re-establishment of native plants from identified priority stormwater detention basins and the elimination of invasive plants.
  - Prevention of mowing, fertilization and pesticide use these areas wherever possible.
  - Consideration of the formation of stormwater utility districts within local jurisdictions, and/or the adoption of an intergovernmental stormwater management entity, pursuant to Section 66.0301, *Wisconsin Statutes*, with responsibility for stormwater management throughout the Pewaukee River watershed, which would have authority to fund, implement, and maintain stormwater facilities and BMPs;
- B. Investigation and subsequent repair, removal or retrofitting of stream outfalls entering the river** (as indicated on Map VI-4, Stream Outfalls) **in order to reduce the direct runoff entering the river system.**
- Conduct a study investigating the source of the high-priority outfalls, identified on Map VI-4 at the end of this chapter, in order to determine which ones can be eliminated completely.
  - Repair leaking outfalls, as identified on Map VI-4.
- C. Completion of extensive retrofitting of identified downtown area** (see Map VI-4, Inset Box) **in order to prevent the extensive erosion that results from that area, as described in Chapter IV of this plan. These measures would include:**
- Improved parking lot design
  - Retrofitting of parking lot for better infiltration
  - Improvement of bank stability
  - Redevelopment of bank slopes
  - Retrofitting of parking lot
  - Reconstruction of failed retaining wall
  - Creation of buffers
  - Green building design wherever possible
  - Installation of a floodplain terrace (see Chapter IV for more details).
  - Use of BMPs, particularly as it relates to snow removal and salt application.

**Recommended Actions for Water Quality Target 3:** *(i.e., Increase pollutant reduction ability of lands surrounding the Pewaukee River).*

- Implement recommendations associated with Riparian Targets 1 through 3 to the greatest extent possible, targeting areas between sources of pollution and the river itself. For example:
  - Installation of 75-foot-wide minimum permanent vegetative buffers along perennial and intermittent streams where adjacent to cropland or livestock pastures.
- Restoration of undeveloped wetlands that were previously converted to agricultural uses. This could occur when lands are converted from rural to urban land uses, and funding can be obtained. Consideration should be given to reconnecting shorelands with floodplains, and maintaining groundwater recharge if this occurs.

## **Wildlife**

### ***Issue and Targets***

A healthy wildlife population, including deer, amphibians, birds, small mammals, etc. is the ultimate indication of a healthy watershed. This is largely due to the fact that wildlife populations require large, well connected natural areas, which are also associated with high water quality and good aquatic habitat. Additionally, the presence of a healthy wildlife population also presents recreational opportunities, including bird watching, hunting, nature trekking etc. which encourages land users to have healthy relationship with nature itself. In order to maintain and improve the wildlife populations in the Pewaukee Watershed, the following three targets have been developed, each with specific recommendations.

#### **Target 1: Preserve and expand wildlife habitat to the greatest extent possible.**

In order for wildlife to thrive, they must be habitat which can support that habitat. This target seeks to protect and expand wildlife habitat to the greatest extent possible in order to allow wildlife to thrive.

#### **Target 2: Reduce habitat fragmentation by preserving and further enhancing connections between buffer regions, open spaces, protected areas and natural areas.**

Fragmentation (i.e., breaking wildlife habitat into pieces so as to prevent the movement of wildlife from one natural area to another, often caused by road development) is the number one threat to wildlife populations in North America. This is due to loss of genetic diversity cause by limiting the variety of potential environments that wildlife can live in, road mortality and noise and vibration, created by roads, which interferes with the ability of reptiles, birds and mammals to communicate, detect prey and avoid predators. This targets seeks to mitigate this issue by maintaining and establishing connections between current and potential wildlife areas (buffer regions, open spaces, etc.), preventing new roads from being established and encouraging the reduction of roads wherever possible.

#### **Target 3: Implement best management practices to enhance wildlife health.**

In addition to habitat, there are also human practices which greatly threaten wildlife in general. This goal seeks to reduce this threat either through the implementation of Best BMPs.

### ***Recommendation Map***

As discussed in Chapters VI and V of this report, environmental corridor and natural area delineation is one of the most important tasks of which SEWRPC staff undertakes. These corridors identify the most pristine lands in the watershed and provide them with a certain level of legal protection from development (primary corridors receiving the most amount of protection and natural areas receiving the least). These areas are crucial to wildlife maintenance and enhancement due to their continuity, size and proximity to waterbodies. As a result, Map VI-5 is provided at the end of this chapter with purpose of guiding wildlife enhancement activities towards protecting, enhancing and connecting these precious resources. This map indicates the location of primary and secondary corridors, as well as isolated natural areas. It also indicates the vulnerable existing and potential buffer regions located in the watershed, which was added to provide guidance as to where buffer development and land purchase and easements should be focused, when attempting to enhance wildlife.

In general, the goal of the recommendations included on Map VI-5 are to protect and expand environmental corridors to the greatest extent possible while maximizing connections between isolated natural areas and the corridors themselves. Measures taken to carry out these recommendations will ultimately greatly benefit the wildlife in the Pewaukee River watershed.

### ***Recommended Actions***

As mentioned above, protection and expansion of environmental corridors and natural areas is an important part of wildlife enhancement. In addition, there are other recommended action which can help achieve this goal. All of these actions are highlighted below:

### **Recommended Actions for Wildlife Target 1: (i.e., *Preserve and expand wildlife habitat to the greatest extent possible*).**

- A. Protection of vulnerable buffer and potential buffer regions within the environmental corridors (see Map VI-5), as well as establishment of buffers wherever possible.**
- Implementation of Riparian Targets 1 through 3, specifically focusing on expansion of buffers to the 400 foot minimum width for wildlife and the 900 foot optimum width for wildlife, particularly when located within the delineated environmental corridors.
  - Implementation of recommendations in the Groundwater Targets 1 through 3 and Surface Hydrology Targets 1 through 2 in order to maintain or restore historical water regimes in streams.
  - Implementation of Water Quality Targets 1 through 3 in order to ensure healthy habitat in general.
  - Protection of vulnerable buffer and potential buffer regions within the environmental corridors through land purchase or voluntary programs
  - Certain wetland and woodland areas have been identified for acquisition in the adopted regional natural areas and critical species habitat protection and management plan.<sup>11</sup> Implementation of these recommendations, in addition to those set forth in the adopted park and open space plan for Waukesha County,<sup>12</sup> would complement the protection and preservation of environmentally sensitive lands.
  - Implement several hundred feel natural upland habitat adjacent to shoreline wetlands and streams.\

### **Recommended Actions for Wildlife Target 2: (i.e., *Reduce habitat fragmentation by preserving and further enhancing connections between buffer regions, open spaces, protected areas and natural areas*).**

- A. Establish connections between natural areas, environmental corridors and established buffers (see Map VI-5)**
- Implementation of recommended actions associated with Riparian Target 3.

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<sup>11</sup>SEWRPC Planning Report No. 42, A Regional Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Protection and Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin, September 1997.

<sup>12</sup>SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 137, A Park and Open Space Plan for Waukesha County, December 1989, as amended in 1996 (CAPR No. 209), and in 2009 in the 2035 Waukesha County Comprehensive Development Plan.

- Maintenance of connections between streams and overbank floodplains so as to continue to protect and preserve fish and wildlife habitat and water quality benefits, making use of open space lands, riparian corridors, and park lands in floodprone areas, as appropriate;
- Educational or incentive based programs meant to encourage existing homes or businesses within the 1,000-foot zone to consider landscaping that would enhance wildlife by providing connections (see Appendix D) or lanes through the lots, as well as using native plants to provide cover and food for wildlife.

**Recommended Actions for Wildlife Target 3:** (*i.e., Implement best management practices to enhance wildlife health*).

**A. Implementation of BMPs aimed at maintaining Wildlife either directly by implementing agencies on public and protected lands or through voluntary, educational, or incentive based programs.** Some of these BMPs include:

- ❖ Fence livestock to control access to rivers, streams, wetlands, and other waterbodies. Consider alternative watering sources or concentrate livestock watering and shading needs in a small area, leaving the majority of habitat intact.
- ❖ When using fertilizers, herbicides and insecticides on agricultural lands, lawns or golf courses, follow label directions and use the minimum amounts necessary and adequately buffer aquatic regions.
- ❖ Restore natural fire frequency, intensity, and seasonality to the extent possible. Where possible, favor fire over herbicides as a vegetation management tool, especially in drier upland ecosystems.
- ❖ Identify and protect embedded, adjacent, and sensitive habitat features such as seasonal wetlands, springs, caves, and rock outcroppings.
- ❖ Minimize soil disturbance (e.g., tire ruts, soil compaction) when using heavy equipment. Use low-pressure tires and limit equipment use to drier seasons or when ground is frozen.
- ❖ Meet or exceed State-recommended BMPs, including recommendations for Streamside Management Zones (SMZs).
- ❖ Incorporate missing habitat features back into the landscape. Loafing, basking, or escape structures may be absent. Consider strategically placing broken pieces of concrete pipe, plywood, downed trees, or rock, to provide more diverse habitat.
- ❖ Allow dead trees and other coarse woody materials to decompose naturally. After timber harvests, leave residue such as stumps, blowovers, logs, and dead standing snags.
- ❖ Formulate forest regeneration plans before harvesting activities start.
- ❖ Restore with native plant species from as local a source as possible. Implement management strategies to increase native flowering plants (which encourages healthy insect food base for amphibians) and prevent the introduction and spread of exotic species.



- ❖ Maintain a diversity of forest age classes, densities, and structures either within the same stand or among adjacent stands. Consider thinning, burning, and extended rotations to optimize the time herbaceous and shrub layer vegetation is available; consider a mosaic of smaller, adjacent patches of varying management regimes.
- ❖ Follow natural contours when designing and conducting timber sales.
- ❖ Leave large cull trees or patches of trees on harvested sites whenever practical.
- ❖ Use seasonal road closures to provide balance between species and habitat protection and maintaining traditional uses such as hunting and fishing.
- ❖ In areas managed for recreation, locate regularly used roads, trails, landings, and recreational facilities away from sensitive habitats, migration corridors, and transitional zones between adjacent habitats. Limit recreational access to as few points as is feasible.
- ❖ Avoid mowing wetlands, shorelines and ditches from mid-spring through mid-fall. When mowing fields, raise deck to a height of at least eight inches.
- ❖ Use of native species, wood chip berms , hay bales and staggered siltation fencing for erosion control in areas surrounding wetlands and terrestrial buffers.
- ❖ Avoid precision land leveling where possible (in order to allow for shallow depressional wetlands of which are primary breeding habitats for many amphibians).
- ❖ Avoid storage of silage, manure, salts and other contaminants near wetlands.
- ❖ Use of effective nutrient management (timing, amounts, mechanisms of spreading) including considering crop rotation and burning to add nutrients rather than use of chemicals.
- ❖ Avoid the use of plastic mesh netting.
- ❖ Do not kill wildlife in general, particularly amphibians and reptiles. An added benefit of this is potential predation (e.g., snakes feed on rodents and mice therefore helping with pest control on the farm).
- ❖ Spay and neuter cats and dogs and keep them indoor/under control (to prevent wildlife death).
- ❖ Control predator population increases (e.g., raccoons, foxes, etc.) in residential areas. These animals thrive in urban areas and then feed on birds, reptiles and amphibians, thereby reducing the wildlife population.
- ❖ Avoid introducing nonnative insects such as fire ants and flatworms by inspecting potted plants and landscaping materials.
- ❖ Use of curved, graduating road curbs over steep vertical ones in order to allow amphibians, reptiles and other small wildlife to climb off of the roads.
- ❖ Install a garden pool. If it is stocked with fish consider a minimal population of native fish.
- ❖ Create a compost pile in natural landscaping.

- Encourage agricultural landowners to enroll in Federal agricultural incentive programs such as the Conservation Reserve Program, the Wetland Reserve Program, the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program or the Landowner Incentive Program, which provide financial incentives to restore habitats.
- Investigate and consider the establishment of a Priority Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Area (PARCA).

## **Aquatic Organisms**

### ***Issue and Targets***

Aquatic organisms, including fish, mussels, insects, etc. are not only essential to maintaining aquatic health by assuring an ecological balance with the Pewaukee Lake, but are also the sources of extensive recreation (particularly as it relates to fisheries). In fact, recreational fishing is one of the more important economic activity within Pewaukee Lake and the streams of the Pewaukee River watershed. In general, in order to maintain these assets within the Pewaukee River it is important to ensure good aquatic habitat, as well as good water quality and quantity. In the interest of meeting this challenge, three targets were developed, including:

#### **Target 1: Protect and enhance fish and aquatic organism habitat throughout the Pewaukee River watershed.**

As aquatic organisms depend on aquatic habitat, it is very important to preserve and improve, aquatic habitat wherever possible. This includes maintaining and improving, to the extent practical, the physical, chemical, and hydrological characteristics within the Pewaukee River watershed, as well as the habitat integrity through preservation of riparian buffers; preservation and protection of spawning areas and riffles; and restoring streambeds and banks where appropriate.. As habitat among reaches and the connectedness of the stream system are improved over time, there will be improved aquatic organisms population and health overall. This target seeks to achieve this.

#### **Target 2. Maintain and restore fish and aquatic organism passage to the Fox River, Pewaukee Lake, and to the headwaters and tributaries in the Pewaukee River watershed.**

The maintenance and continuity of both the game fish species of economic importance and those species on which they depend is associated to a large degree with the protection and restoration of appropriate habitat. To this end, efforts to remove obstructions to fish migration along the mainstem and tributaries of the Pewaukee River are a key element to the long-term maintenance and protection of the fishery. These obstructions are primarily due to culverts at roadways. As structures are removed or retrofitted to promote fish passage over time, there will be improved access to the highest-quality habitat areas for feeding, rearing, and spawning, leading to restoration of a more sustainable fishery within the watershed.

#### **Target 3: Maintain and enhance a high-quality sustainable fishery.**

The Pewaukee River System contains some observed and potentially very good spawning and rearing areas for Northern Pike. Additionally, a recent study by WDNR has identified potentially productive Walleye spawning pond. This target seeks to maintain and expand where appropriate the most diverse and highest-quality aquatic communities within the Pewaukee River watershed (see Table VI-2) through protecting, maintaining and enhancing these areas to maximize fish populations within the Pewaukee River and lake.

Table VI-2

**FISH PASSAGE ASSESSMENT AT ROAD CROSSINGS, CALCULATED STREAM LENGTH  
BETWEEN STRUCTURES, AND BIOLOGICAL (FISH, INVERTEBRATES) AND HABITAT QUALITY  
DETERMINATIONS AMONG STREAM REACHES WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 1997-2012**

Stream Reach	River Mile	Fish Passage Obstruction	Structure Identification	Distance between Structures	Number of Springs/ Seeps	Number of Tributaries	Fish Spawning Sites/Riffles	Fisheries IBI Rating	Aquatic Bugs HBI Rating	Mussel Species Abundance <sup>a</sup>	Habitat Quality
Pewaukee 1	0.05	No	Abandoned Canadian Pacific Railway	0.05	0	0	2	--	--	--	Good-Excellent
				--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	0.11	Yes	CTH F	0.06	0	0	1	--	--	--	Good
				--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	0.39	No	Steinhafel's driveway	0.28	0	0	1	Fair	Fair-Very Good	Abundant	Good-Excellent
				--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	1.02	No	Busse Road	0.63	0	0	4	Fair	--	Abundant	Good-Excellent
				--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1.69	No	STH 164 (Pewaukee Road)	0.67	1	0	5	Fair	Fair	Abundant	Good-Excellent	
			--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2.16	No	I-94	0.47	0	0	0	Fair	--	--	--	Fair-Good
			--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	5.35	No	Wisconsin Avenue	3.19	0	24	2	--	--	--	Fair-Excellent
				--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 3	5.83	Yes	STH 16	0.48	0	2	2	Poor	--	--	Fair-Good
				--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	6.35	No	Clark Street	0.52	0	1	0	--	--	--	Fair-Good
				--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	6.55	No	Oakton Avenue	0.20	0	1	0	--	--	--	Good
				--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	6.68	Yes	Canadian Pacific Railway	0.13	0	0	0	Fair	--	--	--
			--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
6.69	No	Capital Drive	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	
Pewaukee 4	7.30	No	STH 16	0.61	--	1	1	--	--	--	Fair-Excellent
				--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	7.54	Yes	Cecilia Drive	0.24	0	1	0	--	--	--	Fair-Good
				--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
8.12	No	Private bridge 1	0.58	0	2	0	--	--	--	Good	
			--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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Table VI-2 (continued)

Stream Reach	River Mile	Fish Passage Obstruction	Structure Identification	Distance between Structures	Number of Springs/ Seeps	Number of Tributaries	Fish Spawning Sites/Riffles	Fisheries IBI Rating	Aquatic Bugs HBI Rating	Mussel Species Abundance <sup>a</sup>	Habitat Quality
Pewaukee 5	8.57	No		0.45	4	1	4	--	--	--	Good-Excellent
			Private bridge 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	8.62	No		0.05	0	0	0	--	--	--	--
			Private bridge 3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	8.62	Yes		0.00	0	0	0	--	--	--	--
			Private drop structure	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	8.65	No		0.03	0	0	0	--	--	--	Good
			Private bridge 4	--	0	0	0	--	--	--	--
	8.74	Yes		0.09	0	0	1	--	--	--	Good-Excellent
			Lindsey Road	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	8.91	Yes		0.17	0	0	3	--	--	--	Good-Excellent
			STH 164	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	9.29	No		0.38	0	1	1	--	--	--	Fair-Excellent
			Private bridge 5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	9.40	No		0.11	0	0	2	--	--	--	Good-Excellent
			Private bridge 6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
9.55	No		0.15	0	0	0	--	--	--	Fair-Good	
		Private bridge 7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
9.59	Yes		0.04	0	0	0	--	--	--	Good	
		Private culvert 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
9.63	No		0.04	0	1	1	--	--	--	Excellent	
		Private bridge 8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
9.79	Yes		0.16	0	0	0	--	--	--	Fair	
		Private culvert 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
9.81	No		0.02	0	0	3	--	--	--	Fair-Excellent	
		CTH K (Lisbon Road)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
HWY JJ Tributary	0.53	Yes		0.53	0	2	6	--	--	--	Fair-Excellent
			CTH JJ (Bluemound Road)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	0.72	No		0.19	0	1	0	--	--	--	Good
			STH 16	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
0.77	No		0.05	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
		CTH T	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Pewaukee Lake Outlet	0.06	Yes		0.06	0	0	2	--	--	--	Fair-Good
			Pewaukee Lake outlet	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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Table VI-2 (continued)

Stream Reach	River Mile	Fish Passage Obstruction	Structure Identification	Distance between Structures	Number of Springs/ Seeps	Number of Tributaries	Fish Spawning Sites/Riffles	Fisheries IBI Rating	Aquatic Bugs HBI Rating	Mussel Species Abundance <sup>a</sup>	Habitat Quality	
Coco Creek	0.00	No	Canadian Pacific Railway	0.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
				--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
	0.11	No	Glacier Road	0.11	0	0	0	--	--	--	Poor-Fair	
				--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
	0.52	No	CTH JJ	0.41	0	0	0	--	Good-Very Good	--	Fair-Good	
				--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
	0.81	Yes	Private culverts	0.29	0	0	1	--	--	--	Good	
				--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
	1.00	No	Yench Road	0.19	0	2	0	--	--	--	Good	
				--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
	2.43	No	CTH KE	1.43	--	--	--	--	Fair	--	Present	--
				--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
3.20	Yes	CTH JK (Lisbon Avenue)	0.77	--	--	--	--	Good	--	--	--	
			--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
3.56	No	STH 16	0.36	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
			--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
Tributary to Coco Creek	0.04	Yes	STH 16	0.04	0	--	1	--	--	--	Fair-Good	
				--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
	1.34	Yes	CTH KF	1.30	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Meadow Brook Creek	0.00	No	CTH SS	0.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
				--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
	1.11	No	CTH G	1.11	1	5	0	--	--	--	Poor-Fair	
				--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
	2.10	No	Fieldhack Drive	0.99	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
			--	--	--	--	--	--	--			
2.35	Yes	Milkweed Lane	0.25	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
Zion Creek	0.04	No	Louis Avenue	0.04	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
				--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
	0.19	No	Oakton Avenue	0.15	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	

<sup>a</sup>Mussel abundance data comes from surveys conducted in 2011. Surveys were only conducted at site specific locations and do not reflect the abundance of mussels through the entire river system.

Source: SEWRPC.

### ***Recommendation Map***

In order to facilitate the enhancement of aquatic organism populations, SEWRPC staff walked the major streams within the Pewaukee River System and identified potential projects which, when implemented, could greatly improve aquatic habitat in the system. These projects are identified on Map VI-6, located at the end of this chapter, and include: areas which are priority for protection (current fish spawning habitat and riffles); areas which require maintenance (debris jam removal projects); areas which require rehabilitation (severe and moderate sources of erosion); and areas which require retrofitting or structure removal (fish passage barriers). Additionally the map highlights projects in the downtown “problem area”, as discussed in Chapter IV of this plan and the Water Quality Section of this chapter. The materials which support the creation of this map are included in Appendices F and G of this report.

### ***Recommended Actions***

Though Map VI-6, is sufficient to communicate the recommended actions included in this plan, it is none the less important to provide a quick summary list of the recommendations included in the map, as shown below:

#### **Recommended Actions for Aquatic Organism Target 1: (*i.e., protect and enhance fish and aquatic organism habitat throughout the Pewaukee River watershed*).**

- Implementation of recommendations included in Riparian Targets 1 through 3.
- Implementation of recommendations included in Groundwater Targets 1 through 3.
- Implementation of recommendations included in Surface Hydrology Targets 1 and 2.
- Implementation of recommendation included in Water Quality Targets.
- Protection and expansion of existing highest-quality fishery and aquatic habitat within the Pewaukee River watershed as described in Chapter IV of this plan and shown in Table VI-2.
- Protection of identified riffles and spawning areas (see Map VI-6, Observed and Potential Northern Pike Spawning Areas and Potential Riffle Spawning Habitat).
- Restoration, enhancement, and/or rehabilitation of identified “problem” stream channels through re-meandering projects and stream bank rehabilitation (see Map VI-6, Example 3 and 4).
- Removal of trash and other debris from the stream channel and adjacent riparian areas where appropriate (see Map VI-5, Inset 2, for example).
- Restoration stabilization of failing streambanks thereby reducing the sediment deposits into the river and the associated water pollution (see Map VI-6, Moderate and Severe Streambank Erosion Sites).
- Expansion of riparian and instream clean-up efforts throughout the Pewaukee River system, such as those currently implemented by the Pewaukee River Partnership, Inc.

#### **Recommended Actions for Aquatic Organism Target 2: (*i.e., Maintain and restore fish and aquatic organism passage to the Fox River, Pewaukee Lake, and to the headwaters and tributaries in the Pewaukee River watershed*).**

- Development of plans for replacement and/or retrofitting obstructions at mainstem and tributary road crossings and implementation of improvements to aquatic organism passage over time as opportunities present themselves (e.g., structure failure, major blockage, or bridge reconstruction or replacement).

- Table VI-1 sets forth a list of the number of road crossings or obstructions for each sub-watershed within the Pewaukee River watershed and the relationship of those features to fish passage, stream length, habitat quality, and biological quality sample sites.
- These plans should be developed in partnership with the relevant municipality and County Highway Departments.
- Removal and/or retrofitting of obstructions identified on Map VI-6, accompanied by the restoration or recreation of habitat within the stream and riparian corridor as this is essential for resting, rearing, feeding and spawning of fishes and other organisms.
- To the extent practicable, design and implementation of stormwater management and conveyance facilities that avoid enclosure of tributary streams, especially those identified as having significant and valuable biological and recreational uses.
- Consideration of annual or biannual surveys on the Pewaukee River system to assess capabilities to maintain fish passage at road crossings (e.g., the accumulation of debris at the CTH NN bridge on Jericho Creek may create an obstruction to fish passage), and to identify where actions need to be taken to improve passage.
  - Actions to improve passage would have to be coordinated with the WDNR, County Highway Departments, local public works departments, and/or the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.
- Consideration of annual or biannual surveys on the Pewaukee River system to monitor beaver activity and address beaver dams that are obstructing aquatic organism passage, presenting impediments to navigation, or creating flooding conditions on a case by case basis as necessary.
- Removal of identified trash and debris build up within the stream channel (see Map VI-6, Moderate and Severe Debris Jams), particularly when it poses a threat to fish passage.

**Recommended Actions for Aquatic Organisms Target 3:** (*i.e., Maintain and enhance a high-quality sustainable fishery*).

- Development and implementation of plans for control and removal of nonnative species:
  - Continuation of carp eradication efforts on Pewaukee Lake and potential expansion of this effort to other lakes and mainstream reaches within the Pewaukee River system.
  - Reduction of Eurasian water milfoil and curly leaf pondweed infestations, during plant harvesting operations.
- Continuation of stocking warmwater and coldwater gamefish species to supplement and enhance the fishery in the lake and streams of the Pewaukee River system as appropriate. This includes the implementation of recommendations related to a Walleye spawning site, as identified by WDNR in the 2011-2012 Pewaukee Lake Comprehensive survey. These recommendations are meant to increase recruitment of stocked and naturally reproduced walleye, as well as increase overall adult abundance. The specifics of these recommendation include:
  - Implementation of a walleye stocking plan that involves increasing the small fingerling stocking rate from 35 to 100 per acre on an alternate year basis. In opposite, alternating years, stock large fingerling walleye at the current recommended rate of 10 per acre. Large fingerling

walleye stocking is known to provide greater recruitment but at a much higher cost per fish. This option would only be feasible if sponsored by alternative funding sources as the WDNR currently cannot fill these types of extended growth quotas due to increased demand and increased cost.

- Implementation of an experiment with holding small fingerling walleye in net pens, predator enclosures or rearing ponds connected to the lake to increase survival by allowing them adapt to the lake and put on much important growth without risk of predation. Specifically, there is a five acre pond just north of the east basin of the lake which could be utilized as a rearing pond.
- Monitoring of the walleye population for contribution of stocked versus naturally reproduced fish to each year class through OTC marking and fall electrofishing surveys.

## **Recreation**

### ***Issue and Targets***

The Pewaukee River, Pewaukee Lake and tributary streams, form an important element of the natural resource base of the watershed. The location of the River and tributary streams, within environmental corridors and open space areas, provide an opportunity for people to utilize and enjoy these resources for recreational and aesthetic viewing purposes. Consequently, these resources can provide an essential avenue for relief of urban stressors among the population and improve quality of life in local neighborhoods and the entire watershed. Such uses also sustain industries associated with outfitting and support recreational and other uses of the natural environment, thereby providing economic opportunities for the local communities.

Recreational activity also has the added benefit maximizing the investment of watershed residents in the health of the Pewaukee River through providing opportunities for residents to “build a relationship with the river”. This relationship can then influence residents and business owners to make an effort to implement BMPs and, in general, actively seek to maintain and/or improve the conditions of the river in which they enjoy recreating. This target aims to improve recreational opportunities and improve the recreational experience within the Pewaukee River in order to encourage people to build this relationship and ensure a culture which ultimately cares about the well-being of the river.

Accordingly, in the interest of maintaining and encouraging recreational activities, two targets were developed. They are as follows:

#### **Target 1: Improvement and expansion of recreational and associated educational opportunities.**

In general, the River, tributary streams and their associated parkways are in close proximity to other economic and cultural resources of the watershed. This provides opportunities for linking recreation by connecting these landscape features through an integrated system of roads, trails, paths, and waterways. As embodied in the regional park and open space plan, the county and local open space plans, the County land and water resource management plan, and the County comprehensive development plan, the objective of this target is to maintain and expand access to the water resources of the Pewaukee River watershed, as well as take advantage of the opportunities for education within those areas.

#### **Target 2: Ensure maintenance and improvement recreational safety.**

There are several safety hazards associated with recreational use of the Pewaukee river, both as it relates to human safety and the safety of the Pewaukee River itself (with relation to ecosystem health). This target is meant to manage the identified safety hazards through enforcement of regulations, reconstruction or elimination of safety hazards and potential signage. In general, this target is meant to ensure that recreation which is undertaken in the Pewaukee River is enjoyable without risking the integrity of the Pewaukee river system.



### ***Recommendation Map***

In order to facilitate the enhancement of recreation on the Pewaukee River, SEWRPC staff walked the river and identified major recreational hindrances and opportunities. These findings are summarized on Map VI-7 at the end of this chapter. This map includes recommendations related to: potential future bike and walking trails; potential walking bridges; potential access sites; navigational hazards; and potential signage sites. Additionally, the map identifies the lands in the region which are owned by the State, county and village in order to provide insight into who would need to be consulted when implementing a project in this region. The map also shows the FEMA 100 year floodplain, as these areas have some restrictions related to recreation that must be adhered to as described in *NR 116 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code*. Supporting material for this map is presented in Appendix F of this report.

### ***Recommended Actions***

All of the recommended actions related to recreational enhancement are included on Map VI-7. They are additionally listed below with short explanations:

### **Recommended Actions for Recreation Target 1: (i.e., Improvement and expansion of recreational and potential educational opportunities).**

- A. Installation of new trails and access sites** (see Map VI-7, Potential Access Sites and Potential Trail and Bike Routes)
- Installation of access site at River Mile (RM) 2.5 to provide further entrance and exit.
  - Installation of previously proposed Biking and Pedestrian Trails, as highlighted on Map VI-8 located at the end of this chapter, including:
    - The SEWRPC 2010 proposed on and off road bike and pedestrian trails.
    - The proposed city of Pewaukee bike plan on and off road trails.
  - Installation of new trails in the areas identified in this Plan (see Map VI-7), including:
    - A connected new limited use trail installed from the lake and following the River downstream and continuing to just beyond the potential new access point at RM 2.5.
    - A new bike trail installed just east of the river with a connection to the aforementioned proposed trail.
- B. Installation of signs meant to educate recreational river users. These should be installed at all current and potential access points to the lake and river** (see Map VI-7, Potential and Existing Access Points).
- Installation interpretive signs to identify habitat types, trails, canoeing and fishing access areas, and the general state of the watershed. These signs should also be maximized for educational purposes in order to communicate the issues in the River and how each individual person can contribute to the solution.

### **Recommended Actions for Recreation Target 2: (i.e., Ensure maintenance and improvement recreational safety).**

**A. Improve safety for recreational users** (see Map VI-7, Major and General Navigational Hazards).

- Where feasible, and subject to land access considerations related to the efficient movement of vehicles and trains and the provision of emergency services, consideration should be given to removal of bridges and other structures that pose hazards to recreational navigation (as identified on Map VI-7). Also consider removal of fences that impede navigation and create unsafe recreational conditions.
- With respect to the regulation and management of fishing, boating, and related land-based recreational opportunities offered in the Pewaukee River watershed, current levels of enforcement should be maintained and programs such as Operation Dry Water should be supported and expanded.<sup>13</sup>

**B. Prevent dangers associated with recreational use from affecting the river ecosystem.**

- Recreational boating access users should be made aware of the presence of the exotic invasive species Eurasian water milfoil, zebra mussel, and rusty crayfish, among others. Measures to do so could include:
  - Appropriate signage placed at public and private recreational boating sites, and supplemental materials on the control of invasive species should be made available to the public.
  - Materials provided to riparian householders by means of mail drops or distribution of informational materials at public buildings, such as municipal buildings and public libraries,
  - Material provided to nonriparian users by means of informational materials provided at the entrance to all municipal public recreational boating access sites.
- Installation and maintenance of bins for disposal of plant materials and other refuse, removed from watercraft using the public recreational boating access sites, at the public recreational boating access sites.
- Potential inspection of boating crafts during high volume seasons in order to prevent the introduction of invasive species.
- Continued monitoring and removal of trash and debris from streams and the lake.

**Land Use Planning**

*Issue and Targets*

As is visible when examining all of the issues and targets described above, the most fundamental and basic element of this protection plan is the land use element. The distribution of urban and rural land uses will largely determine the character, magnitude, and distribution of nonpoint sources of pollution and ultimately, the quality and quantity of the surface water and groundwater within the Pewaukee River watershed.

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<sup>13</sup>*Operation Dry Water is a joint law enforcement program to prevent boat operators from driving while under the influence of alcohol. This is a national program that is conducted in partnership with WDNR wardens, municipal boat patrols, the National Association of State Boating Administrators and the U.S. Coast Guard (see [www.operationdrywater.org](http://www.operationdrywater.org)).*

Considering the effect that land use decisions have on the status of the Pewaukee River, it was determined that there should be recommendations related to regulating: land use changes; setback distances; buffer region development; and BMPs, in order to maximize the effect one action can have of the entire watershed and the Pewaukee River in general. In short, the recommendations included in this section attempt to create an enabling legal environment within the Pewaukee River (i.e., a legal environment which encourages and even potentially mandates the implementation of all of the recommendations discussed above).

In order to achieve this “enabling environment”, three targets were developed. They are as follows:

**Target 1: Implementation of currently developed plans related to land use and environmental management within the Pewaukee River System.**

As discussed in Chapter III of this plan, there have been several plans which have been developed related to land use planning, water supply and environmental management in the Pewaukee River Watershed region. This target seeks to highlight which of these plans ought to be fully implemented in order to assure the health and wellbeing of the Pewaukee River.

**Target 2: Continued and improved implementation of current regulations which serve help meet the targets listed in this chapter.**

There are various regulations and zoning laws currently in place which prevent, limit or restrict urban development and agricultural uses in specific areas of the Pewaukee River. This target seeks to assure that these regulations are maintained and properly implemented.

**Target 3: The introduction of a new regulatory framework which seeks to protect, preserve and enhance the Pewaukee River System.**

In addition to the regulations and plans that are currently in place, there are also potential mechanisms and planning processes which could implemented or investigated that could greatly facilitate the accomplishment of the targets included above. This target is meant to encourage the investigation and potential implementation of some of these potential mechanisms.

***Recommendation Maps***

As these recommendations will hopefully be applied on a municipal or full watershed basis, the most useful map to look at would likely be the civil division map (see Map I-2 in Chapter I of this report). This can give you an idea of which entities should be consulted when attempting to install new regulations to different regions. In addition, it could also be useful to consult with the “Roles and Responsibilities” section of this chapter, to gain an idea of what the role of a municipality is versus the county or the State.

***Recommended Actions***

Many of the recommended actions included as a part of this section would require a favorable political climate in order for implementation to be possible (which may or may not be the current reality). However, the recommendations were included as a part of this plan in order to either reaffirm current regulatory structures and plans or to begin the discussion of measures which could ultimately solve many of the problems in the Pewaukee watershed, if properly implemented. The recommendations are as follows:

***Recommended Actions for Land Use Planning Target 1: (i.e., Implementation of currently developed plans related to land use and environmental management within the Pewaukee River System).***

- Integration of the Pewaukee River Watershed Protection Plan recommendations into regional and local level development plans, including an updated comprehensive watershed management plan for the Fox River basin;<sup>14</sup>
- Observe and implement the conservation and development guidelines set forth in regional, county, and local land use and comprehensive plans, and the county land and water resource management plans, to protect environmentally sensitive lands as recommended in the regional natural areas and critical species habitat protection and management plan;

**Recommended Actions for Land Use Planning Target 2:** (*i.e., Continued and improved implementation of current regulations which serve help meet the targets listed prior to this section*).

- Limiting development within the SEWRPC-delineated primary and secondary environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas, and promote connection of fragmented ecologically valuable lands by: connecting environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas with other larger corridors and natural areas where and when possible.
- Updating and improved implementation of zoning standards to ensure preservation of targeted lands including:
  - Protection and enhancement of wetland areas through ordinance enforcement, appropriate zoning, development of setbacks and runoff management measures by requiring minimum 75-foot wetland setbacks for all proposed impervious surfaces or site grading;<sup>15</sup>

**Recommended Actions for Land Use Planning Target 3:** (*i.e., The introduction of a new regulatory frameworks which seeks to protect, preserve and enhance the Pewaukee River System*).

- Implementation of a “Pewaukee River Overlay Zoning District”, by Waukesha County and the concerned towns and villages. This Zoning District would designate zones along the stream corridors of the Pewaukee River for protection and would ideally extend the corridors 1,000 feet from significant streams and lakes or to the outer limit of the existing primary environmental corridor, whichever is greater. Within that zoning district, specific requirements would be established regarding existing and new urban and suburban development and agricultural lands. Things to consider when discussing this recommendation include:
  - Much of the land in this zone would include SEWRPC-delineated environmental corridor lands, SEWRPC-identified natural areas and critical species habitat, regulatory floodplains, shoreland wetlands, shoreland areas, drainageways, steeply sloped lands, and important uplands including prairie, woodlands, and other open lands. All, or portions of, these lands are currently

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<sup>14</sup>The Fox River watershed study is documented in SEWRPC Planning Report No. 12, A Comprehensive Plan for the Fox River Watershed; *Volume One*, Inventory Findings and Forecasts; *Volume Two*, Alternative Plans and Recommended Plan, February 1970. See also WDNR, Publication No. PUBL-WT-701-02, The State of the Southeast Fox River Basin, February 2002.

<sup>15</sup>Chapter NR 151, Runoff Management, of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, currently requires protective zones adjacent to wetlands ranging from 10 to 75 feet in width, depending on the quality of the wetland. Proposed revisions to NR 151 call for expanding the protective zone to 50 feet in certain cases. Thus, the overall recommendation of this watershed protection plan, in some cases, is more stringent than the existing or proposed requirements of NR 151.



included within conservancy zoning districts within which new development is already restricted. Consequently, implementation of the recommendation would be likely to have a minimal impact on existing development outside of the developed lake shore areas.

- Within the lake shore areas, rigorous enforcement of the regulatory 75-foot shoreland setback is recommended.
- Consideration should be given to encouraging the placement of vegetated riparian buffers within these lake shore areas as part of the implementation of this overlay zoning district.
- Similar approaches have been adopted in the Village of Fontana on Geneva Lake through their environmental corridor overlay districts and the City of Milwaukee through their Milwaukee River Greenway Overlay Zone.
- This recommendation could be enabled by the formation of an intergovernmental task force meant to consider issues that would need to be addressed in establishing a “Pewaukee River Overlay Zoning District” who would make recommendations to the units of government with zoning authority. Some issues that could be considered include:
  - The streams along which the district would be established
  - A method for optimizing the extent of undeveloped riparian buffers meet multiple water quality and habitat objectives
  - The restrictions, if any, that would be imposed on existing development
  - Logistics of how such a district can be accomplished without imposing an unnecessary financial burden on residents and other landowners within the district
  - The requirement would apply to agricultural lands
  - The types and sizes of new development that would be permitted
  - Required characteristics of new development (e.g., clustering, green infrastructure)
  - Required stormwater management approaches
  - Building setbacks from water features would be established within the 1,000-foot zone
  - What limits would there be on removal of vegetation and trees
- Consideration of applying land use planning and regulatory tools to preserve productive farmland and agricultural businesses, while minimizing land use conflicts with urban areas. This could include:
  - Exclusive agricultural or farmland preservation zoning which can be used to preserve farmland in agricultural-related uses. Traditionally, a key feature of such zoning in the Region and throughout the State is a requirement for a minimum parcel size of 35 acres, although that provision is no longer part of the State’s definition of farmland preservation zoning. Changes in the State Farmland Preservation Law enacted as part of the 2009-2011 State budget bill essentially require counties in Wisconsin to update their farmland preservation plans and farmland preservation zoning. That legislation also modified the minimum standards for

certifiable farmland preservation zoning (see *Wisconsin Statutes*, Chapter 91). Farmland preservation zoning is the primary means through which farmers become eligible for State farmland preservation tax credits.

- Review of this watershed protection plan by the general-purpose units of government—Waukesha County; the Villages of Hartland, Pewaukee, and Sussex; the Towns of Delafield, Lisbon, and Merton; and the Cities of Delafield, Pewaukee, and Waukesha—and consideration of incorporating pertinent recommendations into their “Smart Growth” comprehensive multi-jurisdictional and other local level plans;<sup>16</sup>
- Develop boundary agreements between communities to jointly protect environmentally sensitive lands.<sup>17</sup>
- Implementation of the recommendations in Surface Water Target 2 which relates to floodplain mapping in order to potentially meet the criteria necessary to get the Coco creek, Meadowbrook creek and Zion creek designated as primary environmental corridors, therefore affording them better regulatory protection from development.
- Potentially developing a stormwater management plan for the downtown area identified on Map VI-4 and Map VI-6. As discussed in the Surface Hydrology Target 1 and Water Quality Target 3, this plan should focus on the use of green technologies like green roofs, porous pavement, rain gardens, rain barrels, etc. for the purpose of restoring the natural hydrology of the Pewaukee River system in that area.

## **Monitoring and Information**

### ***Issue and Targets***

Monitoring and information collection programs, though ineffective if not completed in tandem with management efforts, are invaluable at helping planners, local officials and community members better understand what is taking place within the Pewaukee River watershed. These kinds of programs can also provide a general idea of where management efforts should focus, can help better target management programs, can help determine project feasibility and can help monitor the success of management projects. In order to achieve the monitoring and information needs of the Pewaukee River watershed, the following four targets were developed:

#### **Target 1: Maintain and enhance current water quality and quantity monitoring programs.**

It is critical to determine whether water quality and biological communities are being improved or degraded. It is therefore important to establish the physical conditions of the streams and associated corridor lands, so that the response of those streams and lands to land use changes can be determined. Accordingly, this target seeks maintain and expand existing monitoring efforts and research whenever possible.

#### **Target 2: Collect information necessary to effectively target management efforts.**

In addition to in general stream and lake water quality and quantity data, there is also extensive targeted data collection that can take place to better direct management efforts. For example, by monitoring chloride concentrations in major outfalls draining into the lake, we can pinpoint

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<sup>16</sup>See *SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 209*, op. cit.

<sup>17</sup>*Ibid.*; See also *SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 288*, op. cit.; *SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 209*, op. cit.

where the highest chloride concentrations are located and target the area draining to that outfall for a salt reduction program. However, this information is not yet collected in most cases and so this target seeks to gain this information through targeted monitoring and research programs.

**Target 3: Collect logistical information required to effectively implement the recommendations of this plan.**

There is a great deal of information related to project design and cost, legal structures, zoning laws, political will etc. which can greatly affect the effectiveness and feasibility of any proposed project. Knowing this, in some cases, the recommendation set forth in this plan may be deemed unfeasible due to a variety of reasons. This target seeks to gain the information required to determine project feasibility and thereby help determine which projects can be implemented immediately and which project require further consideration.

**Target 4: Develop and monitor “performance indicators” for each project/target that is undertaken as a part of this plan.**

Any project planning project that is undertaken should be designed with a level of monitoring in mind. Though many often think of in stream and in lake monitoring as the ultimate way of gauging whether or not a project is working, as was discussed in Target 1 of this section, in reality, it may not be possible to see the effects of project for several years (depending on the project length and residence time in the waterbody). This is especially true in lakes, as residence times (the average time it takes from the moment a molecule of water enters a lake system to when it flows) can vary from less than 2 years to over 50 years depending on depth, mixing and flow. As a result, though a project may be working to greatly improve the future water quality of a waterbody, the visible effects of the project (e.g., water clarity, nutrient reduction, etc.) may not be immediately transparent. This target seeks to develop “performance indicators” which will indicate progress even in the initial phases of a project.

**Target 5: Monitoring and communication of all of the environmental projects being implemented in the Pewaukee River watershed**

It is important to keep track of all the projects that are undertaken in the Pewaukee River watershed as a result of the implementation of this plan. This will avoid repetition of efforts and ensure that all efforts are maximized to effect change. This target seeks to ensure this monitoring and its subsequent communication to policy makers, funding agencies and community members.

***Recommendation Maps***

Many of the recommendations in this section apply to the entire region, therefore all of the maps included in this chapter (see Map VI-1 through Map VI-7) would be sufficient to indicate the areas that should be targeted.

***Recommended Actions***

The following are the recommended actions related to monitoring and information:

**Recommended Action for Monitoring and Information Target 1: (i.e., Maintain and enhance current water quality and quantity monitoring programs).**

**A. Maintenance of current monitoring actions**

- Maintain current inventories on riparian buffer conditions and widths throughout the watersheds and expand riparian buffer inventories within tributaries not assessed.

- Continued of coordination of terrestrial monitoring, sampling schedules, and sharing of data and results among government agencies, nongovernment agencies, citizen monitoring, and research institutions.
- Continue monitoring nonnative invasive species such as buckthorn, gypsy moth, emerald ash borer, and purple loosestrife, among other species identified or that may be identified in Chapter NR 40 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*.
- Continuation and expansion of citizen- and student-supported monitoring efforts and maintenance of inventories for fish passage, habitat, aquatic organisms, and water quality.
  - Such efforts should be supported and integrated into the data collection and analysis process associated with the professional programs (WDNR etc.).
  - These programs form a vehicle for ongoing data collection that frequently extend beyond the specific project period, and can contribute both to enhanced civic awareness and to the education of youth.

**B. Expansion and improvement of current monitoring efforts.**

- Monitoring of fish and macroinvertebrate populations in order to periodically evaluate the effectiveness of the lake and stream protection program, and to provide for early detection of, and response to, potential nonnative invasive species in the River and Lake;
- Expansion of terrestrial monitoring. Specifically such monitoring would include periodic bird counts, transect sampling of upland habitat, and species counts of vegetation, invertebrates (butterflies, beetles, etc.), mammals, amphibians, and reptiles when possible.
- Adoption of a common quality assurances and quality control procedures amongst all implementing agencies completing monitoring, including:
  - Standardized monitoring programs, including agency programs such as the WDNR baseline monitoring program and the UWEX and other citizen-based monitoring programs.
  - Common use of the WDNR Surface Water Integrated Monitoring System (SWIMS).
- As this Plan is implemented, liaison with the ongoing WDNR and U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) monitoring programs is recommended, and modification of these programs is suggested so they can provide site-specific information on potential priority project areas within the Pewaukee River watershed. Where appropriate, these programs should include:
  - Collection, dissemination and analysis of data on a range of parameters, including physical (stream morphological and hydrological data), chemical, and biological (fisheries and invertebrate population data) parameters, both before and after interventions.
- Identification and development of new monitoring sites in cooperation with citizen and other monitoring programs and sharing of knowledge with stakeholders.



Table VI-3

TARGETED MONITORING AND RESEARCH EXAMPLES FOR EACH RECOMMENDATION CATEGORY

Recommendation Category	Targeted Monitoring and Research Program Examples
Riparian Buffers	Expand riparian buffer inventories within tributaries not assessed to better direct protection and maintenance efforts
Groundwater and Surface Hydrology	Continue working towards understanding the interactions between groundwater, surface water, and wetlands in order to sustain conjunctive use of this hydrologic system, to minimize water use conflicts, and to ensure adequate allocation and quality of water to sustain the integrity of the coldwater and warmwater aquatic communities. This will help identify areas where Best Management Practice programs should be targeted
Water Supply and Demand	Collect information about where the highest use of water in the watershed takes place in order to better target conservation measures towards high volume users
Water Quality	Monitor the outfalls identified in Map VI-4 for chloride and nutrient concentrations as well as determine the land area that each one services. This will help target pollutant reduction programs
Wildlife	Conduct wildlife species surveys and vegetation surveys to identify high-value riparian buffer and/or environmental corridor lands throughout the Pewaukee River watershed (e.g., conduct inventories within isolated natural resource areas). These areas would then become the focus of protection and reconnection with possible additional corridor lands
Aquatic Organisms	Exploration of unexplored reaches (e.g., Zion Creek) in order to identify areas for protection and rehabilitation
Land Use Planning	Conduct FEMA floodplain mapping in Zion, Meadowbrook and Coco Creek to better understand where development should be restricted
Education	Complete an investigation of the political officials or groups that should be targeted for educational campaigns (e.g., developers who are currently looking to develop in the Pewaukee Region, political officials who are making development decisions, etc.)

Source: SEWRPC.

**Recommended Actions for Monitoring and Information Target 2: (i.e., Collect information necessary to effectively target management efforts).**

In order to better illustrate how targeted monitoring and research programs can help better direct projects and programs ensuring more “bang for your buck”, examples are given for each recommendation category in Table VI-3.

- In addition to the information required above, it is recommended that a periodic review of the plan recommendations and the effectiveness of management measures be undertaken on a five-to 10-year cycle. This would help evaluate effectiveness and determine where funds should be spent in the future. Such a review should require the following actions:
  - Continuation of cooperation among agencies and organizations involved in implementing the necessary measures identified in the Pewaukee River Watershed Protection Plan, and refinement of these plans as necessary and appropriate based upon the outcomes of the implemented actions;

- Evaluation of site-specific management measures such as fish habitat and streambank stability treatments in the Pewaukee River using both quantitative and qualitative indicators;
  - Modification of existing, and development of new, management measures as necessary and appropriate based upon the monitoring and assessment program findings; and,
  - Refinement of the river protection plan based upon both a qualitative and quantitative assessment of progress toward plan implementation.
- A comprehensive monitoring and evaluation plan should be developed and implemented for the Pewaukee River watershed to assess the effectiveness and adequacy of existing and proposed watershed management measures and alternative strategies against adopted goals, objectives, and recommended actions. A comprehensive monitoring and evaluation plan should include:
    - Establishment of long-term biological monitoring goals and objectives for the watershed;
    - Continued gathering of accurate data for long-term study of stream and lake health;
    - Continued coordination of sampling efforts between organizations;
    - Communication of monitoring results to stakeholders; and,
    - Qualitative and quantitative assessment of actions.

**Recommended Actions for Monitoring and Information Target 3:** *(i.e., Collect logistical information required to effectively implement recommendations).*

- Determine the feasibility of proposed projects in terms of cost, political will, implementing agencies, presence of information, time line, etc. This could be done through:
  - Brainstorming meetings and/or with relevant stakeholders and experts
  - Literature reviews.
  - Hiring a consult to cost out and design projects.

**Recommended Actions for Monitoring and Information Target 4:** *(i.e., Develop and monitor “performance indicators” for each project/target that is undertaken as a part of this plan).*

To better illustrate what these performance indicators could look like, Table VI-4 was developed. It provides some examples of potential indicators for the recommendation categories discussed in this chapter.

**Recommended Actions for Monitoring and Information Target 5:** *(i.e., Monitoring and communication of all of the environmental projects being implemented in the Pewaukee River watershed).*

- Develop and implement of a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation plan for the Pewaukee River watershed in order to assess the degree to which proposed watershed management measures meet the objectives of this protection plan.
- Maintenance of a geographic information system database of existing projects to monitor and improve water quality. For example, riparian buffer width changes through purchase or easements or other types of agreements.

Table VI-4

PERFORMANCE INDICATOR EXAMPLES FOR EACH RECOMMENDATION CATEGORY

Recommendation Category	Potential Performance Indicators
Riparian Buffers	The total acreage of land converted into buffer regions
	The total acreage of lands purchased for protection
Groundwater Recharge and Pollution	Numbers of infiltration facilities installed, drainage area controlled by regenerative stormwater practices that achieve quality and quantity control, area of permeable paving materials installed, acres of wetland and upland restored, area of low-impact development
	Number of rain gardens or rain barrels installed and downspouts disconnected, green roofs installed
Surface Hydrology	Total number of parking lots retrofitted to porous pavement
	Number of floodplain mapping projects initiated
Water Supply and Demand	Number of rain barrels installed
	Amount of residents who attend educational workshops
Water Quality	Number of communities implementing road salt reduction programs; reduction in amount of road salt applied by municipalities
	Number of farmers implementing best management practices related to pesticide application
Wildlife	Number of unused roads converted back to wildlife habitat
	Number of wildlife connections installed through residential properties
Aquatic Organisms	Number of river reaches targeted for debris jams removal
	Number of failed stream banks restored
Recreation	Number or signs installed throughout the Pewaukee River
	Number of proposed trailways initiated
Land Use Planning	Number of new development which include “green building designs”
Monitoring and Information	Number monitoring procedures added to the current community monitoring program (e.g. chloride, heavy metals, etc.)
Education and Institutional Strengthening	Number of schools which include educational materials related to the Pewaukee River

Source: SEWRPC.

- Maintenance of a database which tracks all of the project implemented in the Pewaukee River Watershed which meet the recommendations of this plan.
- Maintenance of a website to communicate the implementation of this plan.

**Education**

***Issue and Target***

In addition to the numerous recommended actions and potential projects identified above, there are many actions that can be undertaken which seek to help citizens, political officials, NGO’s, business owners etc. understand what watershed management means, its importance and how they can help. Actions which seek to improve this understanding can help create an “enabling environment”, meaning that these actions make everyone more open to the implementation of the recommendations included in this plan. These actions should be targeted either to

inspire action or to decrease resistance depending on what is needed. Three targets were established to achieve this goal. They are as follows:

**Target 1: Implementation of educational and communication programs targeting community members and river users.**

Community members and river users both have the ability to severely degrade or improve the conditions within the Pewaukee Watershed. These individuals need to be targeted when attempting to reduce the impacts of recreational use, as well as increase the implementation of BMPs in terms of pollution control and infiltration. Additionally, community members and river users can be an effective pool to collect volunteers for monitoring and implementation of projects. This target seeks to influence these individuals to invest in the Pewaukee river through the implementation of BMPs or through volunteer work.

**Target 2: Implementation of educational and communications programs targeting business owners, developers and farmers.**

Business owners, developed and farmers are major sources of pollution and potentially reduced groundwater infiltration within the Pewaukee River watershed. This target seeks to reduce resistance to efforts meant to protect the natural features of the Pewaukee watershed from farmers developers and business owners. Additionally, this target hopes to spur action from these individuals with the implementation of BMPs (i.e., reduced fertilizer use, green building, etc.).

**Target 3: Implementation of educational and communication programs targeting political officials and implementing agencies.**

The recommendations of this plan are not of much use if the various implementing agencies in the Pewaukee River Watershed are unaware of the recommendation included within it. Additionally, many political officials, who could greatly influence the achievement of the recommendations in this plan, may be uneducated on issues related to river management, thereby reducing the likelihood that they would endorse the recommendations. This target seeks to both disseminate the information contained in this plan, as well as educate political officials about rivers in general so as to improve the chances for implementation of the plan.

***Recommendation Map***

Like the recommendations presented in the monitoring section, many of these recommendations would apply to the entire watershed. Therefore any of the recommendation maps (see Map VI-1 through Map VI-7) can be used to identify regions for targeting.

***Recommended Actions***

The recommended actions associate with education are listed and briefly explained below:

**Recommended Action for Education Target 1: (i.e., Implementation of educational and communication programs targeting community members and river users).**

- Continue promoting informational and educational activities intended to draw attention to the water resources in the Pewaukee River watershed, including activities such as: a) storm drain informational marking; b) volunteer stream water quality monitoring; c) distributing information on proper management of materials that may cause water pollution from sources such as automobiles, pets, household hazardous wastes, and household practices; d) promoting beneficial onsite reuse of composted leaves and grass clippings, and proper use of lawn and garden fertilizers and pesticides; and, e) promoting infiltration practices for residential stormwater runoff, such as “rain gardens.”



- Continuation by the Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District of their public awareness campaigns and citizen participation that contribute to an informed citizenry within the watershed, including provision of information not only of lake-interest but also relating to the streams of the watershed, in the lake district newsletters, meetings, and other media outlets;
- Continues implementation of programs meant to inform and educate the public on invasive species issues.
- Encourage inclusion of river-oriented curricula in local schools. Promote river monitoring and storm drain informational marking in cooperation with community organizations such as the Pewaukee River Partnership, Inc.
- Create and erect signage identifying watershed boundaries or stream crossings on local roadways with appropriate permission to communicate watershed issues/value (as recommended in Recreation Target 1).
- Develop and distribute newsletters at municipal buildings and public libraries. Also consider distributing recycled paper placemats containing river access points and activities of interest, to local restaurants.
- Sponsor a poster, photograph, essay, or video contest to promote awareness and protections of the Pewaukee River and its watershed. Solicit prizes and support from community businesses and/or service organizations.
- Identify activities appropriate to community youth and service organizations and share these with the leadership of these groups (e.g., Eagle Scout projects, community garden projects)
- Promote synergies with existing community activities and organizations such as recycling and public health, among others. Develop partnerships with the Wisconsin Department of Tourism and local tourism outlets and offices to promote river-oriented outdoor recreation. Partner with local businesses (e.g., bike shops, canoe liveries, ice cream parlors).
- Develop a “River Day” annual event to promote awareness of the ongoing efforts to protect and enhance fisheries and recreation. Encourage public access television stations to develop, obtain, and screen programs related to the natural history of the specific rivers.
- Compile an oral and/or photographic history of the rivers in partnership with county historical societies. Sponsor a river-oriented display in community centers and libraries, focused on local neighborhoods.

**Recommended Action for Education Target 2:** *(i.e., Implementation of educational and communications programs targeting business owners, developers and farmers).*

- Promotion and encouragement, through meetings educational outreach, of the use of green infrastructure, monitoring implementation and effectiveness of such practices, and maintenance of practices as required
- Encouragement of business owner participation in awareness campaigns, including:
  - Using grocery bags, posters and place mats printed with an awareness message;
  - Placement of revolving displays;

- Employee education on waste minimization and recycling;
- Using natural landscaping and stormwater management in yards and parking areas.
- Encouragement of participation of builders and developers in:
  - Workshops on special and alternative design considerations supporting the preservation of the streams in the Pewaukee River watershed; use of erosion control and construction site stormwater management practices; and, environmentally friendly building, landscaping and conservation development practices (green building);
  - Informing clients about the process of making positive environmental choices with respect to remodeling, rebuilding, and constructing homes and other premises;
  - Preserving green space, use of natural landscaping, and good housekeeping practices.
- Implementation of awareness campaigns aimed at reducing tillage practices which increase erosion, over fertilization and pesticide use by farmers. This could be done using workshops and other educational venues (e.g., town meeting).
- Consider establishment of demonstration projects on private properties.

**Recommended Actions for Education Target 3:** *(i.e., Implementation of educational and communication programs targeting political officials and implementing agencies).*

- Making effort to provide input to municipal plan commissions on land use decisions affecting the Pewaukee River.
- Maintain contact with State, county and local elected officials and inform them of concerns regarding protection of the Rivers and associated tributaries.
- Consider introduction of a program such as the Rock River Coalition “Send your Legislator Down the River” awareness program.
- Share inventory information with counties, municipalities, WDNR, and SEWRPC to incorporate into planning documents.
- Encouragement of participation of local government in:
  - Informational programming using workshops, informational packets, etc.;
  - Developing stewardship activities for watershed residents;
  - Minimizing and managing solid and hazardous waste;
  - Managing stormwater and preventing water pollution;
  - Street sweeping and leaf collection programs;
  - Using alternative salts and deicers, and snow removal;
  - Storm sewer and catch basin maintenance;

- Naturalized highway and roadway plantings/maintenance.
- Encourage implementation of demonstration projects or sustainable landscaping in public parks.

## IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS

### Funding and Cost Considerations

#### *Cost Considerations*

A major concern in the implementation of any river protection plan is that of cost. Much of the cost associated with this plan relates to the manner in which development occurs in the watershed. Implementation of the recommended plan would entail capital expenditures for the implementation of stormwater management and water quality management measures within the watershed and along the lands riparian to the Pewaukee River and its tributaries. A New Hampshire study on the economic values of surface waters concluded that, even though the initial development costs to provide environmental protection features beyond what may typically be required may be slightly higher, these costs are generally viewed favorably by landowners and the community in general, since they contribute to preserving the ambience of the area—with commensurate benefit to property values and quality of life.<sup>18</sup>

Typically environmentally-targeted recommendations, such as those included in this watershed protection plan, have minimal impact on the amount of construction activity within the affected area and have been shown, in one New Jersey case study, to have little effect on the local tax base.<sup>19</sup> There may be additional upfront costs for developers, but they may be able to recover some of those additional costs by selling lots at a higher price. A Chesapeake Bay study of the effects of implementing environmental protection measures developed through watershed planning found that land values for developed land can increase by as much as 10 percent, and the value of vacant land by as much as 20 percent, as a result of the protection measures.<sup>20</sup> That Chesapeake Bay study notes that, “residents benefited from the knowledge that public actions were taken to protect the environmental amenity in which they had already invested.”

Other studies focusing strictly on stream corridors indicate that properties located adjacent to a stream buffer can increase in value by more than 30 percent due to the “sense of place” created by water, green space, and forested natural areas.<sup>21</sup> People associated with this study expressed a greater willingness to pay more to live near these protected natural resources. Additionally, by taking a proactive stance and installing stream buffers before pollutants degrade water quality, generally less money will need to be spent in the future on potentially costly remedial efforts. When these buffers also contain the entire one-percent-annual-probability (100-year recurrence interval) floodplain, they are a very cost-effective form of flood damage mitigation, both for communities and individual property owners.

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<sup>18</sup>*Lisa Shapiro and Heidi Kroll, A Study of the Economic Values of the Surface Waters of New Hampshire: Phase I Report, Preliminary Assessment of the Existing Literature, Data, and Methodological Approaches to Estimating the Economic Value of Surface Water, August 2001; Phase II Report, Estimates of Select Economic Values of New Hampshire Lakes, Rivers, Streams and Ponds, June 2003.*

<sup>19</sup>*W.P. Beaton, “The Impact of Regional Land Use Controls on Property Values: the Case of the New Jersey Pinelands,” Land Economics, Volume 67, No. 2, pages 172-194, 1991.*

<sup>20</sup>*W.P. Beaton, The Cost of Government Regulations, Volume 2, A Baseline Study for the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area, Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission, Annapolis, MD, 216 pages, 1988.*

<sup>21</sup>*Mark R. Correl, Jane H. Lillydahl, and Larry D. Singell, “The Effects of Greenbelts on Residential Property Values: Some Findings on the Political Economy of Open Space,” Land Economics, Volume 54, No. 2, 1978.*

### ***Funding Sources***

Funding for watershed management measures may be available as cost-share funding through:

1. The Chapter NR 50/51 Stewardship Grant Program,
2. The Chapter NR 120 Nonpoint Pollution Abatement Program in the form of Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) and Urban Nonpoint Source Water Pollution Abatement and Storm Water Management grants,
3. The Chapter NR 153/NR 154 Runoff Management Programs, and
4. The Chapter NR 195 River Protection Grant Program. Under Chapter NR 120.

### **Roles of Organizations**

In addition to cost considerations, it is important to know what entities need to be included when implementing different projects. The recommendation proposing the “Pewaukee River Overlay Zoning District”, for example would require consultation with various entities including municipalities and potentially the county. Additionally, projects to retrofit properties to “green technologies” would require permits that could be implemented by various entities. This section seeks to provide you with an idea of what the role of the various entities are, so that the implementing agency or the agencies which require consultation can be determined.

### ***Role of Waukesha County***

The suggested lead agency for implementation of the watershed protection plan is the County in which the watershed is located. For Waukesha County, the lead agency would be the Department of Parks and Land Use, Land Resources Division (LRD). In general, this agency continues to provide a coordinating role in cooperation with the appropriate local government units and State agencies. Specifically, the agency has oversight of shoreland, floodland, and shoreland/wetland zoning in unincorporated areas within the watershed.

The agency also regulates the installation and maintenance of all private onsite wastewater treatment systems and stormwater management facilities for new development in unincorporated areas. In addition, the department has compiled, updated, and administered the implementation of the county land and water resources management plan,<sup>22</sup> which, together with the wetland regulations and the shoreland and floodland zoning functions, has immediate relevance to the Pewaukee River watershed and its development. The county has an additional direct role in the management of the Pewaukee River and its tributaries through its informational and educational programming that is undertaken on a countywide basis.

### ***Roles of Municipalities***

Sound land management is an integral part of the maintenance and protection of the Pewaukee River watershed and its natural resources. While many of these practices can be implemented by individual property owners, community-level action is predicated on the adoption and implementation of land use, stormwater management, and park and open space plans supported by appropriate zoning requirements. Many municipalities within the watershed have existing plans and ordinances in place, as described in Chapter III of this plan. Nevertheless, such plans and ordinances should be reviewed and periodically updated to ensure conformance with current best management practices and technologies. Consequently, it is recommended that local municipalities within the Pewaukee River watershed develop, update, and implement land use, park and open space, and stormwater management plans consistent with the recommendations contained in this plan.

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<sup>22</sup>See *Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use, Waukesha County Land and Water Resource Management Plan: 2006-2012, March 2006.*



### ***Role of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources***

The WDNR is dedicated to the preservation, protection, effective management, and maintenance of Wisconsin's natural resources. It is responsible for implementing the laws of the State and, where applicable, the laws of the Federal government that protect and enhance the natural resources of the State. It is the agency charged with coordinating the many disciplines and programs necessary to protect the environment and to provide a full range of outdoor recreational opportunities for Wisconsin citizens and visitors. Part of the WDNR strategic plan is to work together with the public, organizations, and officials to provide Wisconsin with healthy, sustainable ecosystems. That mission is consistent with WDNR participation in the Pewaukee River Protection Plan Advisory Group.

WDNR staff serves a variety of functions from: legal enforcement (including community and construction site stormwater runoff under Chapters NR 151, "Runoff Management," and NR 216, "Storm Water Discharge Permits," of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*; agricultural performance standards under Chapter NR 151; control of nonnative species under Chapter NR 40; angling under Chapter NR 20; recreational boating under Chapter NR 7; and review of local implementation of wetland regulations and shoreland and floodplain zoning ordinances under Chapter 30 of the *Wisconsin Statutes* and associated section of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*) to science-based management of waste, air, land, and water resources.

With respect to the Pewaukee River, the WDNR staff is a critical and important partner for the implementation of policies and actions summarized in this plan, as well as the monitoring and evaluation of the Pewaukee River watershed to help ensure the sustained protection and improvement of this resource. The WDNR fisheries biologist is charged with protecting and managing the fishery, other aquatic biota, and their habitats. The WDNR wildlife biologist has similar responsibilities with regard to terrestrial wildlife. In addition, WDNR property managers have responsibility for WDNR properties located within the watershed, including those located adjacent to the Pewaukee River Parkway. WDNR conservation wardens enforce State laws and regulations, especially those related to recreational boating, fishing, and hunting.

The WDNR water management specialist has responsibility for wetland regulations and shoreland zoning issues, while the WDNR water regulation and zoning engineer works cooperatively with the water management specialist and has specific responsibility for floodlands and dam safety issues. It is important to note that one or more of the recommended measures, particularly actions associated with any instream work, may require State permits administered by the WDNR staff prior to implementation. The WDNR water resources management specialist can provide assistance in lake and river management and planning and water quality management, while the WDNR financial assistance specialist and natural resources program specialist can advise on grants and related financial matters.

The WDNR staff also is responsible for a variety of other services that include: analyzing data, formulating and implementing management plans; assessing aquatic habitat; developing and implementing stream habitat mitigation, improvement, or restoration plans; and reviewing permit applications. To this end, WDNR research scientists conduct site-specific assessments and investigations into specific issues of concern; in the case of the Pewaukee River system, WDNR researchers have conducted investigations into Walleye populations, among other topics.

WDNR staff can assist communities and individuals with contacts in other State agencies, including the UWEX lakes partnership, among others. Through cooperative programs with Federal agencies, the WDNR staff also forms an important link to the resources provided through agencies, such as the NRCS, USGS, and Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), among others, who have responsibilities for, and administer grant programs with respect to, agriculture, data acquisition and research, and goose management, respectively.

### ***Role of the Public Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation Districts***

Public inland lake protection and rehabilitation districts, or lake districts (or lake management districts), are special purpose units of government with responsibility for undertaking a program of protection and rehabilitation of a public lake. These districts can be created by municipalities, or by petition of landowners, pursuant to the

process set forth in Chapter 33 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*. In the Pewaukee River watershed, there is the Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District. It is self-governed by a board of commissioners and has its own staff.

There is one lake management district in the Pewaukee River watershed. It has developed a lake management plan which includes an aquatic plant management element, as noted in Chapter III of this plan. Aquatic plant management forms a major service provided by the lake district, as well as the maintenance of informational and educational programming and the WDNR Citizen Lake Monitoring Network program. Additionally, the district has undertaken an active conservation program which includes land purchase of wetlands adjacent to streams.

### ***Role of the Nongovernmental Sector***

The nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) within the Pewaukee River watershed include the Pewaukee River Partnership, Inc. This NGOs is an active partner with the local governments and lake management districts in providing informational programming to the Pewaukee River communities, conducting public lectures, field days, and environmental management activities throughout the watershed.

### **Prioritization of Recommendations**

There are a great deal of recommendations described within this chapter. The inevitable question that therefore follows is “Where to begin?” This is a difficult question to answer as many of recommendations provided in this chapter, require “opportunity”, which may or may not present itself. Land purchase and protection, for example, which was a major recommendation throughout this plan, requires the opportunity to purchase lands from landowners who are willing to sell. Since these opportunities may not always be available, it is important to capitalize on them whenever possible.

However, throughout this plan, SEWRPC staff has attempted to provide some guidance on the “prioritization of projects” particularly within the “recommendation maps” (i.e., Map VI-1, Map VI-3, Map VI-4, Map VI-5, Map VI-6 and Map VI-7) which each indicate high priority areas for management as it relates to each recommendation category. Additionally, emphasis should be placed on management efforts which contribute to the most amount of targets. In particular, the accomplishment of the riparian buffer, groundwater recharge and/or water quality targets, as described in this chapter, would contribute the most to meeting all of the other targets including good recreation, increased aquatic organism populations, wildlife enhancement and restoration of surface water hydrology. Therefore these three targets should be focused on whenever possible.

It is also important to note that the installation of new regulatory frameworks (e.g., mandatory “green building techniques” in new developments) is often difficult to accomplish, yet can contribute a great deal to accomplishing all of the targets within this plan, at a faster rate. Therefore any opportunities to make these recommendations legally binding should take priority when available.

Finally, a further consideration is feasibility. Some of the recommendation provided, particularly on Map VI-4 and Map VI-6, contain projects which can be completed with minimal costs in terms of time or money (e.g., debris jam removal). These projects therefore should also take priority, as they can be conducted quickly, and with little political resistance, and can potentially greatly improve fish passage and water quality.

In general though, the answer to the question to “Where to begin?” is really dependent on where the implementing agency’s/person’s priorities lie. If fisheries are the main concern, the implementation of the aquatic organism targets should take priority. If the concern is water quantity during droughts, then the groundwater recharge projects would likely take priority. Though this may seem a very subjective prioritization scheme, it was chosen because, in reality, all of the different recommendation highlighted in this plan contribute to several different goals, therefore any action to implement this plan is a good one.

So in short just get to work wherever possible in order to make a contribution to the improvement of the Pewaukee River and its watershed.

## **SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION**

The protection strategy in this plan is primarily based on preserving and enhancing existing resources through a combination of regulatory measures, restoration project measures and continued informational and outreach programming. These elements are necessary to help balance the needs of the Pewaukee River, as well as accommodate the expected increases in development pressures in the future.

The future protection of the Pewaukee River watershed will depend upon the continued vigilance, cooperation, and partnership among the State and regional agencies, Counties, municipalities, the Pewaukee Lake Management District, nongovernmental organizations like the Pewaukee Lake Protection Inc. and citizen stewardship to implement measures recommended within this plan. These recommended measures in turn will provide the water quality and habitat protection necessary to maintain conditions in the watershed suitable for the maintenance of the natural beauty and ambience of the River and its ecosystems, as well as the enjoyment of its human population today and in the future.

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PROPOSED PRIORITY RIPARIAN BUFFER PROTECTION AREAS WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2010

LANDS UNDER SOME FORM OF PROTECTION (NOT CROSS HATCHED):

EXISTING RIPARIAN BUFFER  
(Delineated by SEWRPC Staff Using 2010 Aerial Photography)

75-FOOT MINIMUM RECOMMENDED BUFFER WIDTH

400-FOOT MINIMUM CORE HABITAT WIDTH FOR WILDLIFE PROTECTION

1,000-FOOT OPTIMAL CORE HABITAT WIDTH FOR WILDLIFE PROTECTION AND CONSISTENT WITH THE REGULATORY SHORELAND ZONE

PRIORITY LANDS TO PROTECT (CROSS HATCHED):

EXISTING RIPARIAN BUFFER

75-FOOT MINIMUM RECOMMENDED BUFFER WIDTH

400-FOOT MINIMUM CORE HABITAT WIDTH FOR WILDLIFE PROTECTION

1,000-FOOT OPTIMAL CORE HABITAT WIDTH FOR WILDLIFE PROTECTION AND CONSISTENT WITH THE REGULATORY SHORELAND ZONE

WATERSHED BOUNDARY

SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY

BUFFER ASSESSMENT AREA BOUNDARY

INTERPRETATION/MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS:

AREAS THAT CURRENTLY PROTECT THE WATERWAY SYSTEM FROM SURFACE WATER POLLUTION AND ARE UNDER SOME FORM OF PROTECTION FROM DEVELOPMENT.\* SEE 'A' BELOW FOR AN EXAMPLE.

AREAS FOR RIPARIAN BUFFER EXPANSION WHICH ARE UNDER SOME FORM OF PROTECTION FROM DEVELOPMENT.\* SEE 'B' BELOW FOR EXAMPLES.

AREAS THAT CURRENTLY PROTECT THE WATERWAY SYSTEM FROM SURFACE WATER POLLUTION BUT HAVE A HIGH VULNERABILITY TO DEVELOPMENT. THESE ARE **HIGH PRIORITY** AREAS FOR PURCHASE AND/OR PROTECTION. SEE 'C' BELOW FOR AN EXAMPLE.

AREAS FOR RIPARIAN BUFFER EXPANSION WHICH HAVE A HIGH VULNERABILITY TO DEVELOPMENT. THESE ARE **HIGH PRIORITY** AREAS FOR PURCHASE AND/OR PROTECTION. SEE 'D' BELOW FOR AN EXAMPLE.

NOTE: AREAS WITH LIMITED EXISTING AND POTENTIAL RIPARIAN BUFFER REGIONS REQUIRE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION. SEE 'E' BELOW FOR AN EXAMPLE.

\*For the purpose of this analysis, forms of protection include: FEMA 100 Year Floodway zone, ADID wetlands, and open space land under public interest ownership

**GOAL: TO PROTECT AND FURTHER DEVELOP BUFFER REGIONS WHEREVER POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH AN OVERALL WATERSHED GOAL OF 30% BUFFERED REGIONS**

**NOTE: HIGHEST PRIORITY SHOULD BE PLACED ON AREAS WHERE VULNERABLE EXISTING AND VULNERABLE POTENTIAL BUFFER REGIONS EXIST.**

**D -- VULNERABLE POTENTIAL BUFFER REGIONS (I.E. RED, YELLOW, AND ORANGE WITH CROSSHATCH)**

- HIGH priority for purchase and/or protection.
- Priority for riparian buffer development in order to reach overall watershed goal.

**B -- PROTECTED POTENTIAL BUFFER EXPANSION REGIONS (I.E. RED, ORANGE, AND YELLOW WITH NO CROSSHATCH)**

- Priority for riparian buffer development in order to reach overall watershed goal.

**E -- MINIMAL EXISTING OR POTENTIAL RIPARIAN BUFFER (I.E. RED AREAS WITH AND WITHOUT CROSSHATCH)**

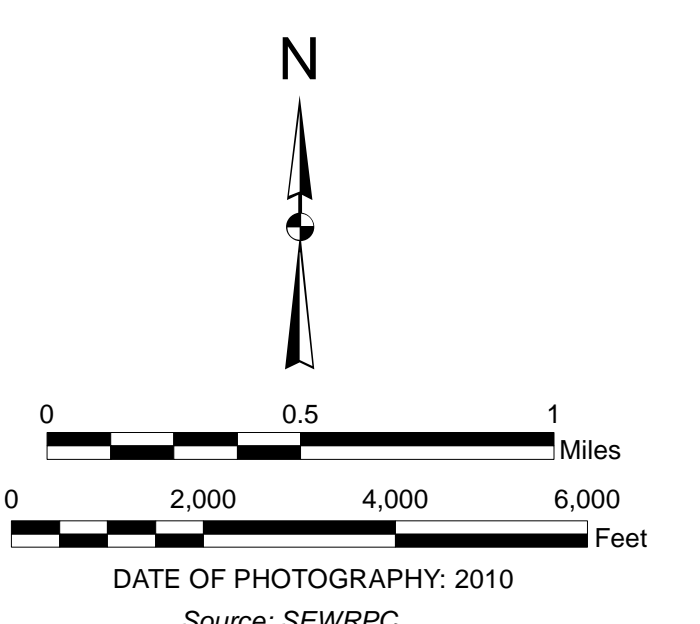
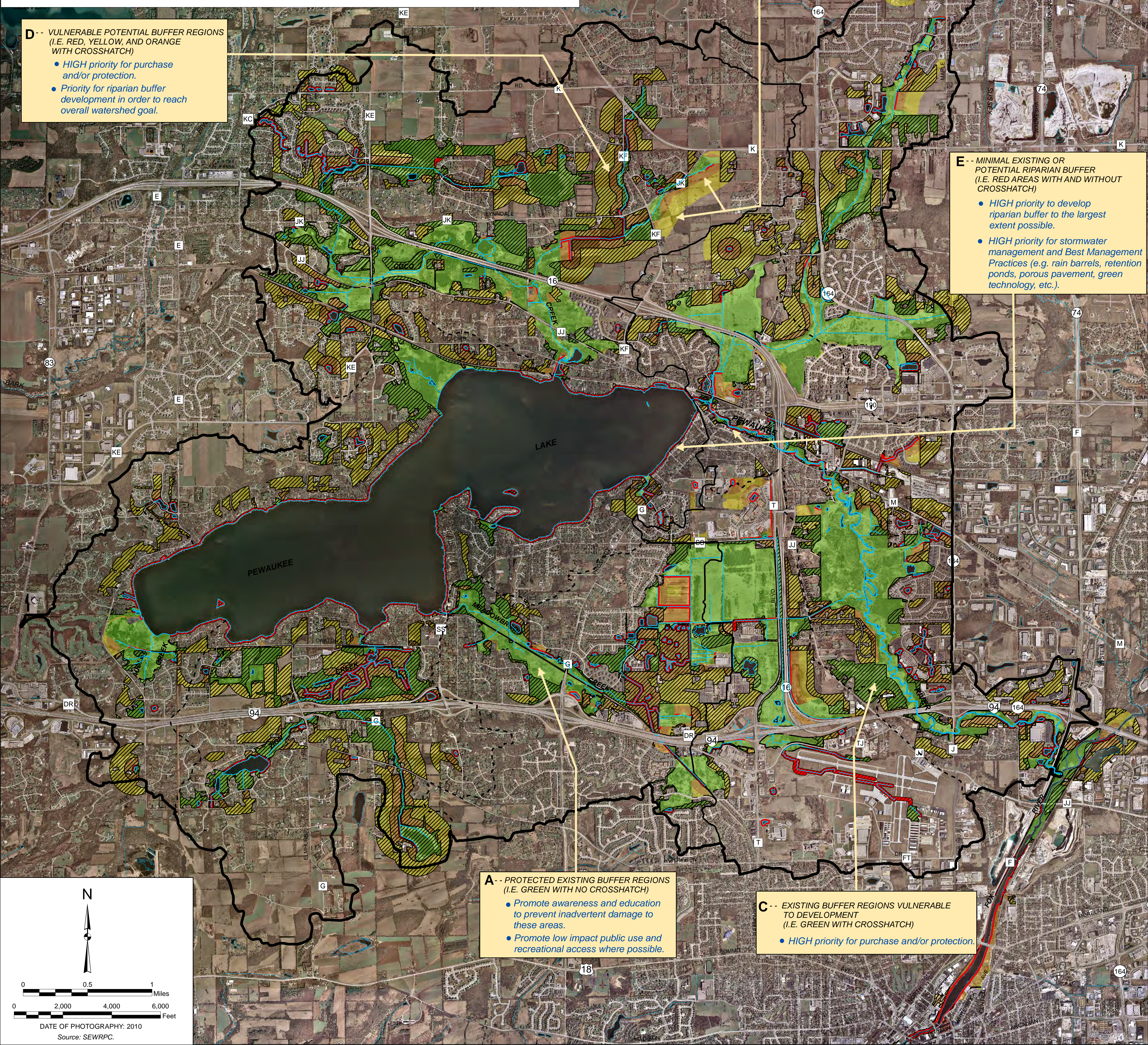
- HIGH priority to develop riparian buffer to the largest extent possible.
- HIGH priority for stormwater management and Best Management Practices (e.g. rain barrels, retention ponds, porous pavement, green technology, etc.).

**A -- PROTECTED EXISTING BUFFER REGIONS (I.E. GREEN WITH NO CROSSHATCH)**

- Promote awareness and education to prevent inadvertent damage to these areas.
- Promote low impact public use and recreational access where possible.

**C -- EXISTING BUFFER REGIONS VULNERABLE TO DEVELOPMENT (I.E. GREEN WITH CROSSHATCH)**

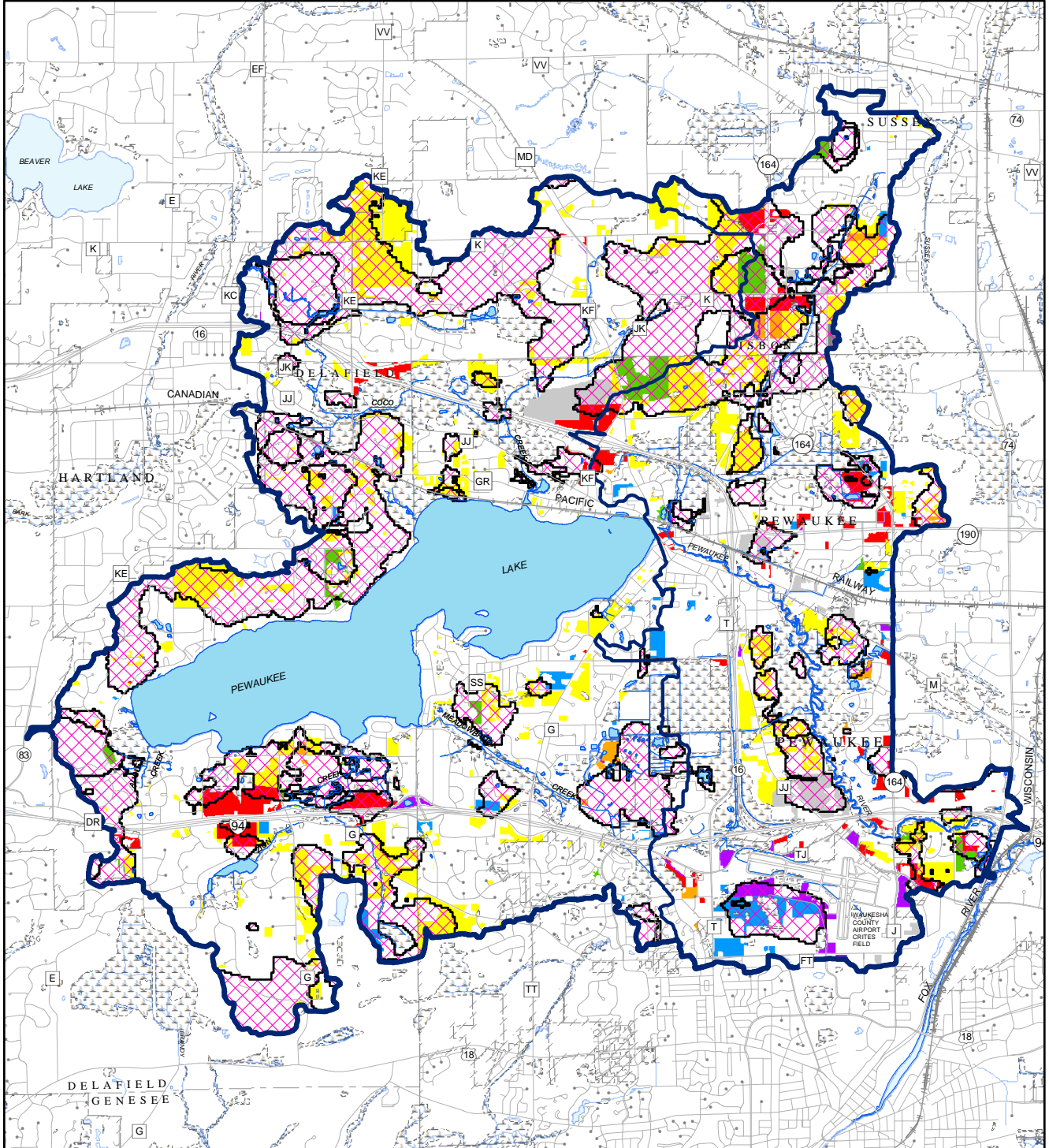
- HIGH priority for purchase and/or protection.


















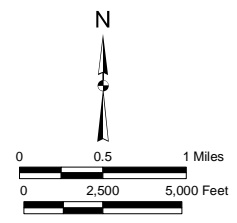
Map VI-2

**2010 AGRICULTURAL, OPEN LANDS, AND WOODLANDS LOST TO 2035 URBAN PLANNED LAND USE AND HIGH GROUNDWATER RECHARGE AREAS WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED**



- |   |   |   |                         |  |   |
|---|---|---|-------------------------|--|---|
|  | SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL                     |  | RECREATION              |  | HIGH AND VERY HIGH GROUNDWATER RECHARGE POTENTIAL |
|  | MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL                      |  | SURFACE WATER           |  |   |
|  | COMMERCIAL                                    |  | EXTRACTIVE AND LANDFILL |  |   |
|  | INDUSTRIAL                                    |  | STREAM                  |  |   |
|  | TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, AND UTILITIES |  | WATERSHED BOUNDARY      |  |   |
|  | GOVERNMENT AND INSTITUTIONAL                  |  | SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY   |  |   |

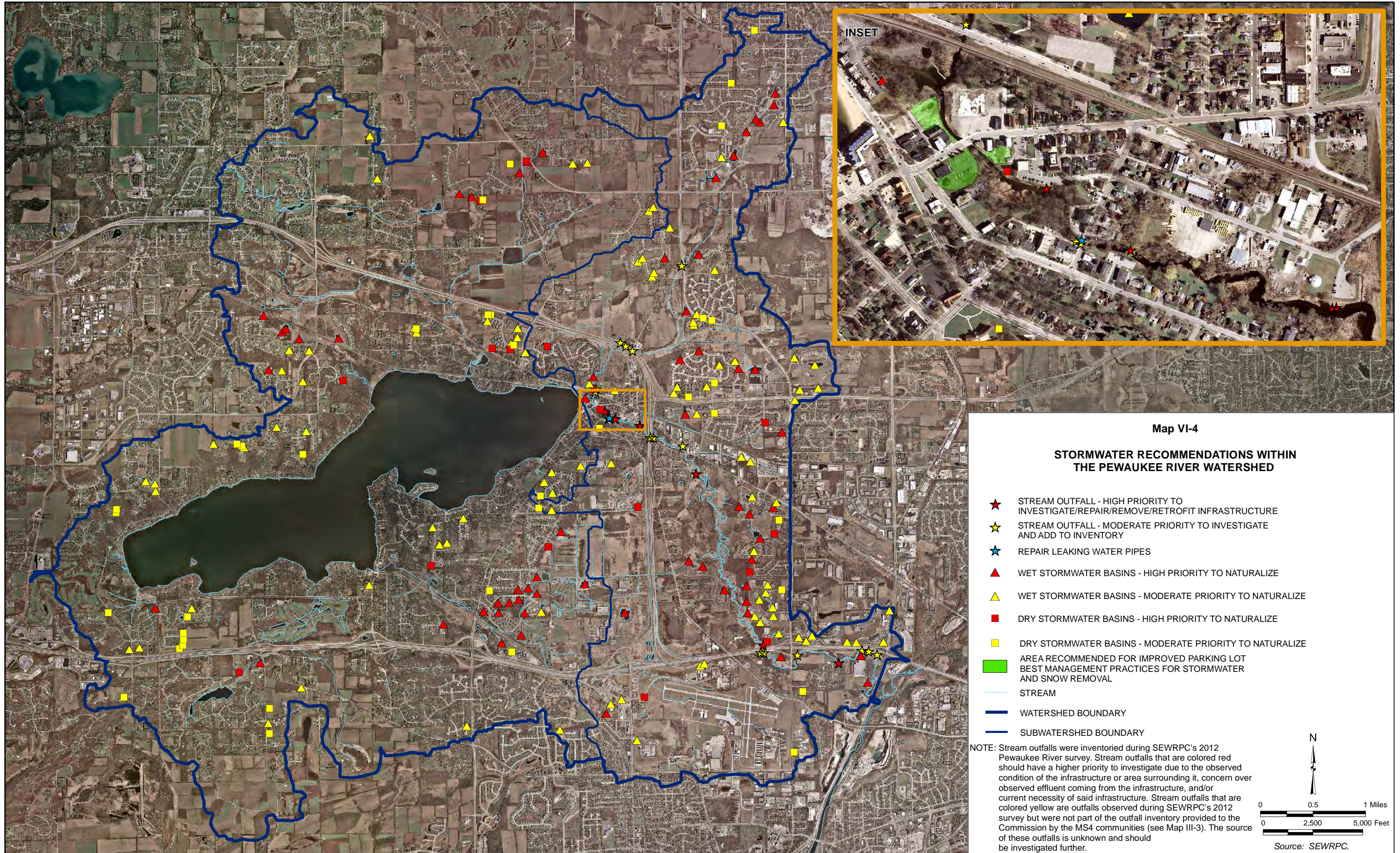
Source: SEWRPC.











Map VI-4

**STORMWATER RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED**

- ★ STREAM OUTFALL - HIGH PRIORITY TO INVESTIGATE/REPAIR/REMOVE/RETROFIT INFRASTRUCTURE
- ★ STREAM OUTFALL - MODERATE PRIORITY TO INVESTIGATE AND ADD TO INVENTORY
- ★ REPAIR LEAKING WATER PIPES
- ▲ WET STORMWATER BASINS - HIGH PRIORITY TO NATURALIZE
- ▲ WET STORMWATER BASINS - MODERATE PRIORITY TO NATURALIZE
- DRY STORMWATER BASINS - HIGH PRIORITY TO NATURALIZE
- DRY STORMWATER BASINS - MODERATE PRIORITY TO NATURALIZE
- AREA RECOMMENDED FOR IMPROVED PARKING LOT BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR STORMWATER AND SNOW REMOVAL
- STREAM
- WATERSHED BOUNDARY
- SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY

NOTE: Stream outfalls were inventoried during SEWRPC's 2012 Pewaukee River survey. Stream outfalls that are colored red should have a higher priority to investigate due to the observed condition of the infrastructure or area surrounding it, concern over observed effluent coming from the infrastructure, and/or current necessity of said infrastructure. Stream outfalls that are colored yellow are outfalls observed during SEWRPC's 2012 survey but were not part of the outfall inventory provided to the Commission by the MS4 communities (see Map III-3). The source of these outfalls is unknown and should be investigated further.

N

0 0.5 1 Miles

0 2,500 5,000 Feet

Source: SEWRPC.



PROPOSED PRIORITY RIPARIAN BUFFER PROTECTION AREAS AND ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDORS WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED

**GOAL: TO PROTECT AND EXPAND ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDORS TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE.**

*(SEE CHAPTER VI OF THIS PLAN FOR MORE DETAILS ON ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR RELATED PROJECTS)*

**PRIORITY LANDS TO PROTECT**

- EXISTING RIPARIAN BUFFER
- 75-FOOT MINIMUM RECOMMENDED BUFFER WIDTH
- 400-FOOT MINIMUM CORE HABITAT WIDTH FOR WILDLIFE PROTECTION
- 1,000-FOOT OPTIMAL CORE HABITAT WIDTH FOR WILDLIFE PROTECTION

**ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDORS**

- PRIMARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR
- SECONDARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR
- ISOLATED NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS

**MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS:**

- WHEN SHOWN UNDERNEATH A BLUE OR RED CROSSHATCH, THIS INDICATES A **HIGH PRIORITY** AREA FOR PURCHASE AND/OR PROTECTION AS THESE ARE VULNERABLE AREAS WHICH NOT ONLY PROTECT THE SURFACE WATER BUT ALSO PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF THE RIVER SYSTEM IN GENERAL. SEE 'A' BELOW FOR AN EXAMPLE.
- WHEN SHOWN UNDERNEATH A BLUE OR RED CROSSHATCH, THIS INDICATES A **HIGH PRIORITY** AREA FOR RIPARIAN BUFFER DEVELOPMENT, AS WELL AS PURCHASE AND/OR PROTECTION, AS THEY ARE VULNERABLE AREAS WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO THE INTEGRITY OF THE RIVER SYSTEM IN GENERAL AND HAVE POTENTIAL TO ENHANCE WATER QUALITY AND WILDLIFE HABITAT (IF A RIPARIAN BUFFER REGION IS DEVELOPED). SEE 'B' BELOW FOR EXAMPLES.
- AREAS THAT ARE INVALUABLE TO THE INTEGRITY OF THIS RIVER SYSTEM AND CURRENTLY HAVE A CERTAIN LEVEL OF PROTECTION.
- AREAS THAT ARE INVALUABLE TO THE INTEGRITY OF THIS RIVER SYSTEM YET ARE NOT CURRENTLY DESIGNATED PRIMARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDORS AND THEREFORE DO NOT HAVE THE PROTECTION ASSOCIATED WITH THIS DESIGNATION. THESE AREAS ARE HIGH PRIORITY FOR PURCHASE AND PROTECTION AS WELL AS PRIORITY FOR FURTHER EFFORTS SEEKING TO HAVE THEM INCLUDED WITHIN THE PRIMARY CORRIDOR SYSTEM. SEE 1, 2, AND 3 FOR EXAMPLES AND EXPLANATION.
- NATURAL AREAS WHICH HAVE LESS PROTECTION THAN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDORS. THESE AREAS, PARTICULARLY WHEN CONNECTED WITH POTENTIAL BUFFER REGIONS, WOULD HIGHLY BENEFIT FROM PROTECTION IN GENERAL AS WELL AS PROJECTS MEANT TO CONNECT THESE "ISOLATED REGIONS" TO EACH OTHER AND TO THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY CORRIDORS (THEREFORE LEADING THEM TO MORE COMPREHENSIVE PROTECTIVE MEASURES). SEE 'C' BELOW FOR EXAMPLES.

**BOUNDARIES:**

- WATERSHED BOUNDARY
- SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY
- BUFFER ASSESSMENT AREA BOUNDARY

**C-- PINK CROSSHATCH (I.E. ISOLATED NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS)**

- Priority for projects meant to connect these areas to the primary or secondary environmental corridors through land purchases and conversion to riparian buffer.

**A-- BLUE OR RED CROSSHATCH (I.E. PRIMARY OR SECONDARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR) OVER GREEN (I.E. VULNERABLE EXISTING RIPARIAN BUFFER AREAS).**

- Priority for purchase and/or protection.

**B-- BLUE OR RED CROSSHATCH (I.E. PRIMARY OR SECONDARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR) OVER RED, ORANGE, OR YELLOW (I.E. VULNERABLE POTENTIAL RIPARIAN BUFFER AREAS).**

- Priority for riparian buffer area development through land purchase and subsequent planting or through voluntary measures.

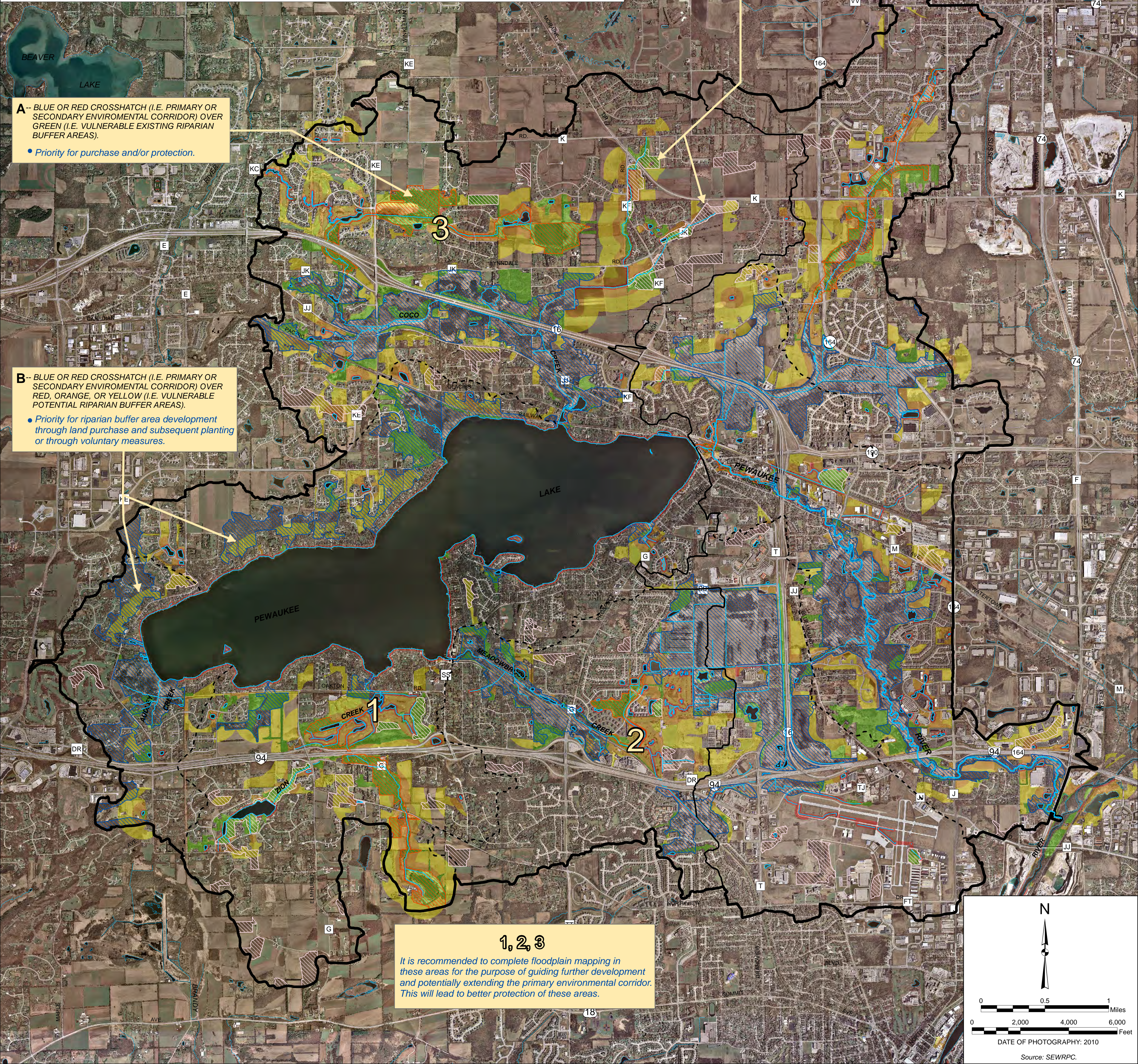
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*It is recommended to complete floodplain mapping in these areas for the purpose of guiding further development and potentially extending the primary environmental corridor. This will lead to better protection of these areas.*

N

0 0.5 1 Miles  
0 2,000 4,000 6,000 Feet

DATE OF PHOTOGRAPHY: 2010  
Source: SEWRPC.





PROPOSED AQUATIC HABITAT RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2010

GOAL: PRESERVE AND ENHANCE AQUATIC HABITAT IN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED

**MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS:**

- OBSERVED NORTHERN PIKE SPAWNING AREAS → PRIORITY FOR PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT WITH A FOCUS ON CONNECTIVITY.
- POTENTIAL NORTHERN PIKE SPAWNING AND REARING AREAS → SPECIAL RECOMMENDATIONS (SEE CHAPTER VI).
- POTENTIAL WALLEYE REARING POND → SPECIAL RECOMMENDATIONS (SEE CHAPTER VI).
- POINTS OF INTERESTS → VARIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS (SEE BOX 1-4).
- PARTIAL BARRIER FOR FISH PASSAGE → PRIORITY FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND/OR GENERAL MAINTENANCE. (SEE TABLE G-1)
- COMPLETE BARRIER FOR FISH PASSAGE → PRIORITY FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND/OR GENERAL MAINTENANCE. (SEE TABLE G-1)
- Moderate Debris Jam → PRIORITY FOR MONITORING AND POTENTIAL REMOVAL.
- Severe Debris Jam → PRIORITY FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL.
- Moderate Streambank Erosion Site → PRIORITY FOR STREAMBANK STABILIZATION.
- Severe Streambank Erosion Site → PRIORITY FOR STREAMBANK STABILIZATION.
- POTENTIAL RIFFLE SPAWNING HABITAT → PRIORITY FOR PROTECTION.

MEANDERING/NATURAL STREAM BED

RECOMMENDED BACKFILL AREAS OR CHANNEL BLOCK

STREAM

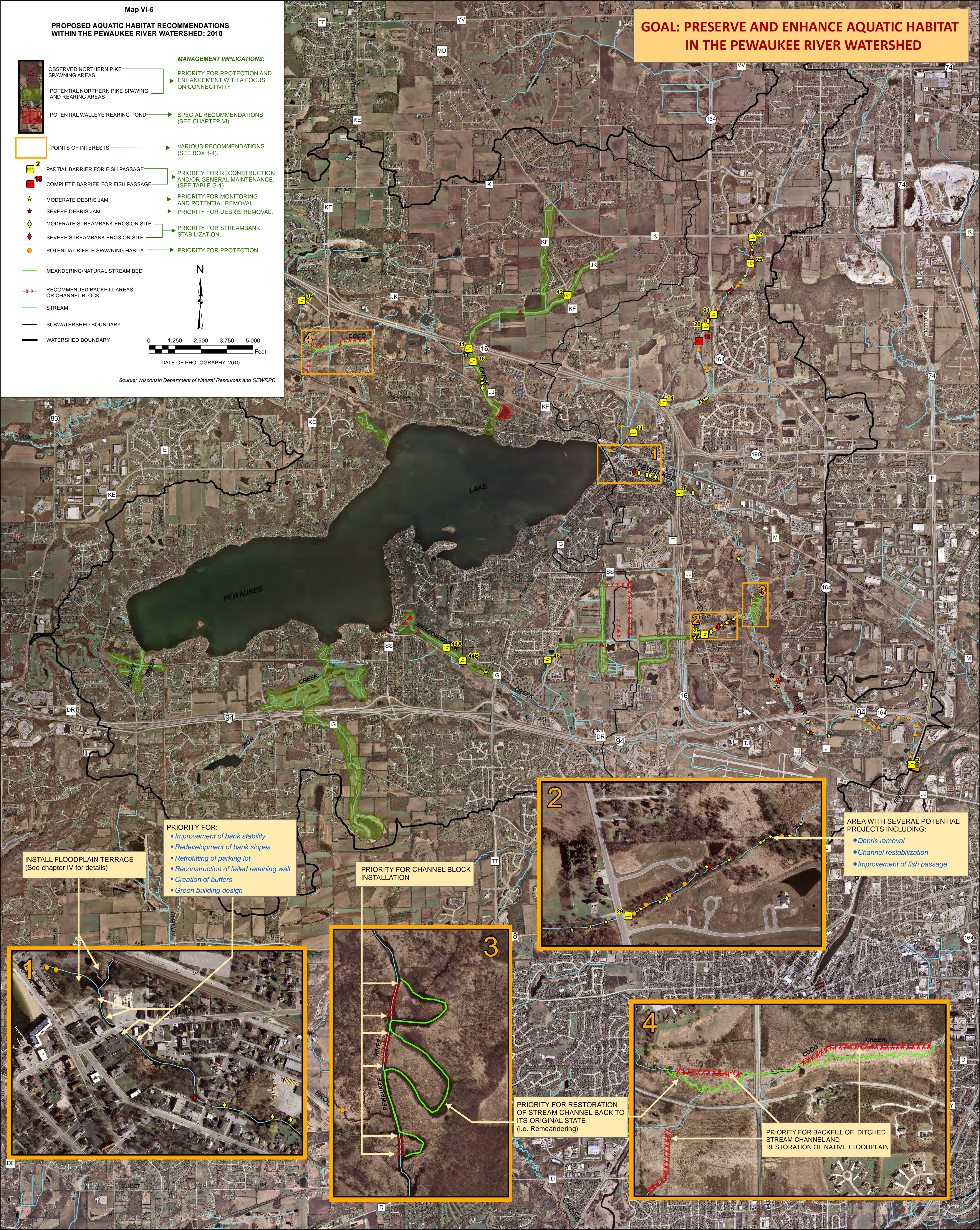
SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY

WATERSHED BOUNDARY

0 1,250 2,500 3,750 5,000 Feet

DATE OF PHOTOGRAPHY: 2010

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and SEWRPC



**PRIORITY FOR:**

- Improvement of bank stability
- Redevelopment of bank slopes
- Retrofitting of parking lot
- Reconstruction of failed retaining wall
- Creation of buffers
- Green building design

INSTALL FLOODPLAIN TERRACE  
(See chapter IV for details)

PRIORITY FOR CHANNEL BLOCK INSTALLATION

AREA WITH SEVERAL POTENTIAL PROJECTS INCLUDING:

- Debris removal
- Channel restabilization
- Improvement of fish passage

PRIORITY FOR RESTORATION OF STREAM CHANNEL BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL STATE (i.e. Remeandering)

PRIORITY FOR BACKFILL OF DITCHED STREAM CHANNEL AND RESTORATION OF NATIVE FLOODPLAIN



**GOAL: IMPROVE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY ALONG THE PEWAUKEE RIVER**

Map VI-7

**EXISTING AND POTENTIAL RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ALONG THE PEWAUKEE RIVER**

- MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS:**
- EXISTING BOARDWALK → PRIORITY FOR MAINTENANCE.
  - EXISTING TRAIL → PRIORITY FOR MAINTENANCE.
  - POTENTIAL TRAIL → PRIORITY FOR TRAIL CREATION.
  - POTENTIAL BIKE ROUTE (TO LAKE COUNTY TRAIL) → PRIORITY FOR TRAIL CREATION.
  - CANOE ROUTE
  - EXISTING ACCESS SITE → HIGH PRIORITY FOR SIGN INSTALLATION (EDUCATION AND/OR HAZARD WARNINGS).
  - POTENTIAL ACCESS SITE → HIGH PRIORITY FOR ACCESS SITE CONSTRUCTION AND SIGN INSTALLATION. SEE 'A' FOR AN EXAMPLE.
  - MAJOR NAVIGATIONAL HAZARD (SEE TABLE G-1) → HIGH PRIORITY SITES FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND/OR HAZARD SIGNS. SEE 'B' FOR AN EXAMPLE.
  - GENERAL NAVIGATIONAL HAZARD (HIGH FLOW ONLY) (SEE TABLE G-1) → HIGH PRIORITY SITES FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND/OR HAZARD SIGNS. SEE 'B' FOR AN EXAMPLE.
  - POTENTIAL WALKING BRIDGE → PRIORITY FOR BRIDGE DEVELOPMENT.
  - PARCEL BOUNDARY
  - STATE OWNED
  - COUNTY OWNED → INDICATES ENTITY THAT SHOULD BE CONTACTED TO PROCEED WITH PROJECT IN THIS AREA.
  - VILLAGE OWNED
  - FEMA 100 YEAR FLOODWAY → INDICATES AREAS WITH RESTRICTIONS ON TRAIL TYPES. SEE 'C' FOR AN EXAMPLE.
  - FEMA 100 YEAR FLOODFRINGE

**C - POTENTIAL TRAILS WITHIN THE FLOODWAY OR FLOODFRINGE**

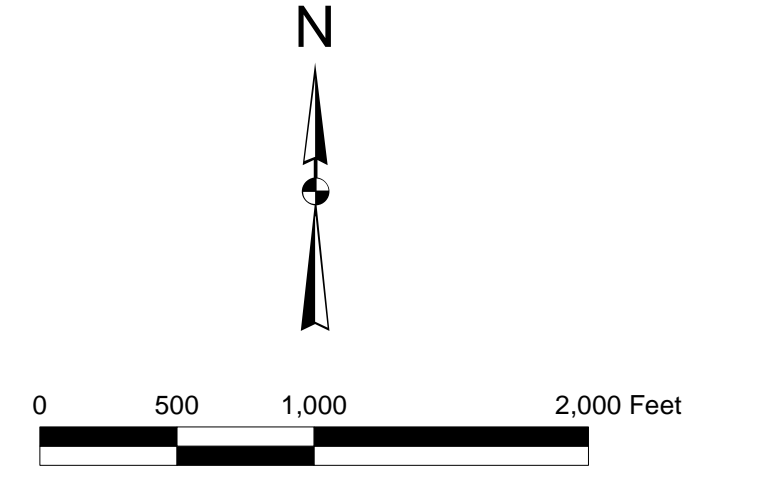
- Priority for trail development in accordance with the restrictions which apply to this region (See chapter VI for details)

**A - POTENTIAL ACCESS SITE UPSTREAM FROM MAJOR NAVIGATIONAL HAZARD**

- Priority for access site development
- HIGH priority for warning signs which indicate water levels and subsequent risk of downstream navigational hazards.

**B - MAJOR NAVIGATIONAL HAZARD**

- HIGH priority for signage
- HIGH priority for reconstruction

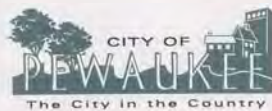
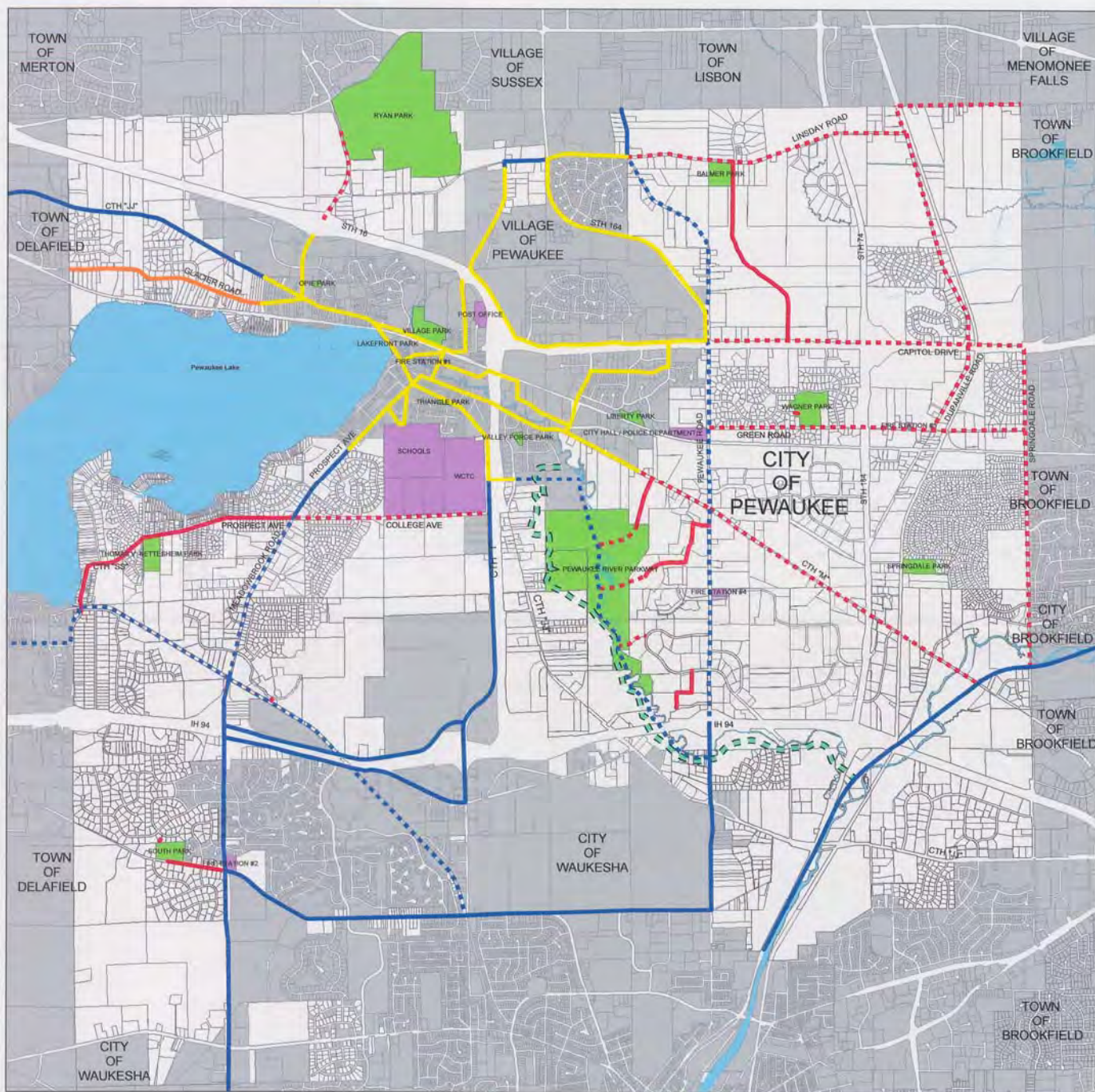


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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITY PLAN: 2003



2003 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Plan

- Yellow line Village of Pewaukee Bike Plan
- Blue line SEWRPC 2010 Bike & Pedestrian Plan On Road Facility
- Red line Proposed City of Pewaukee Bike Plan On Road Facility
- Dashed red line Proposed City of Pewaukee Bike Plan Off Road Facility
- Solid red line Proposed City of Pewaukee Bike Plan Alternata
- Green line Proposed Waukesha County Greenway Corridor
- Purple line City/School Building
- Blue dashed line Park/Railway
- Grey line City of Pewaukee
- Dark grey line Adjacent Municipality

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## **APPENDICES**



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## **Appendix A**

# **2010 AND 2035 LAND USE BY SUBWATERSHED**

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Table A-1

LAND USE IN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER SUBWATERSHED: 2010-2035<sup>a,b</sup>

Category <sup>c</sup>	2010		2035		Change: 2010-2035	
	Acres	Percent of Total	Acres	Percent of Total	Acres	Percent
Urban						
Residential .....	1,548	6.3	2,184	9.0	636	41.1
Commercial .....	534	2.2	709	3.0	175	32.8
Industrial.....	349	1.4	539	2.2	190	54.4
Governmental and Institutional .....	359	1.5	563	2.3	204	56.8
Transportation, Communication and Utilities .....	1,718	7.1	2,117	8.7	399	23.2
Extractive.....	--	--	9	<0.1	9	>100
Recreational .....	178	0.7	282	1.2	104	58.4
Subtotal	4,686	19.2	6,403	26.3	1,717	36.6
Rural						
Agricultural and Open Lands.....	2,079	8.5	410	1.7	-1,669	-80.3
Wetlands <sup>d,e</sup> .....	1,438	5.9	1,438	5.9	0	0
Woodlands .....	207	0.9	159	0.6	-48	-23.2
Water.....	92	0.4	92	0.4	0	0
Subtotal	3,816	15.7	2,099	8.6	-1,717	-45.0
Total	8,502	34.9	8,502	34.9	0	--

<sup>a</sup>As approximated by whole U.S. Public Land Survey one-quarter sections.

<sup>b</sup>As part of the regional land use inventory for the year 2000, the delineation of existing land use was referenced to real property boundary information not available for prior inventories. This change, which is also reflected in the 2010 inventory, increases the precision of the land use inventory and makes it more usable to public agencies and private interests throughout the Region. As a result of the change, however, year 2000 and later land use inventory data are not strictly comparable with data from the 1990 and prior inventories. At the county and regional level, the most significant effect of the change is to increase the transportation, communication, and utilities category, the result of the use of narrower estimated right-of-ways in prior inventories. The treatment of streets and highways generally diminishes the area of adjacent land uses traversed by those streets and highways in the 2000 land use inventory relative to prior inventories.

<sup>c</sup>Off-street parking of more than 10 spaces are included with the associated land use.

<sup>d</sup>It is important to note that farmed wetlands are included with the Agricultural and Open Lands category for the year 2010. However, if farmed wetland is adjacent to Primary Environmental Corridor (PEC) lands, it is included with the PEC lands category for the year 2035 planned land use, which would represent part of the reduction in the Agricultural and Open Lands category.

<sup>e</sup>As part of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Wisconsin Wetland Inventory (WWI) beginning in the year 2005, the wetlands were mapped to a much finer scale and greater level of detail (more wetland categories) than prior inventories. This change increased the accuracy and precision of wetland mapping throughout the Region. As a result of the change, however, year 2010 wetland inventory data are not comparable with data from the year 2000 and prior inventories. At the county and Regional level, the most significant effect of the change is that more, smaller wetlands were able to be delineated, which lead to an overall increase in the number and total acreage of wetlands. At the local scale of this study, the most significant wetland area increases were due to an increase in the number of wetlands, farmed wetlands reverting back to wetlands due to inactivity/abandonment of agricultural cultivation activities, and expansion of boundaries within pre-existing wetland areas. However, there was also significant loss of wetland due to urban development, primarily related residential housing and roadway construction.

Source: SEWRPC.



Table A-2

LAND USE IN THE PEWAUKEE LAKE SUBWATERSHED: 2010-2035<sup>a,b</sup>

Category <sup>c</sup>	2010		2035		Change: 2010-2035	
	Acres	Percent of Total	Acres	Percent of Total	Acres	Percent
Urban						
Residential .....	4,659	19.1	5,635	23.1	976	20.0
Commercial .....	89	0.4	264	1.1	175	196.6
Industrial.....	38	0.1	136	0.6	98	257.9
Governmental and Institutional .....	117	0.5	207	0.8	90	76.9
Transportation, Communication and Utilities .....	1,612	6.6	2,051	8.4	439	27.2
Extractive.....	--	--	--	--	--	--
Recreational .....	650	2.7	786	3.2	136	20.9
Subtotal	7,165	29.4	9,079	37.2	1,914	26.7
Rural						
Agricultural and Open Lands.....	3,719	15.2	1,881	7.7	-1,838	-49.4
Wetlands <sup>d,e</sup> .....	1,360	5.6	1,360	5.6	0	0
Woodlands .....	1,087	4.5	1,011	4.1	-76	-7.0
Water.....	2,547	10.4	2,547	10.5	0	0
Subtotal	8,713	35.7	6,799	27.9	-1,914	-22.0
Total	15,878	65.1	15,878	65.1	0	--

<sup>a</sup>As approximated by whole U.S. Public Land Survey one-quarter sections.

<sup>b</sup>As part of the regional land use inventory for the year 2000, the delineation of existing land use was referenced to real property boundary information not available for prior inventories. This change, which is also reflected in the 2010 inventory, increases the precision of the land use inventory and makes it more usable to public agencies and private interests throughout the Region. As a result of the change, however, year 2000 and later land use inventory data are not strictly comparable with data from the 1990 and prior inventories. At the county and regional level, the most significant effect of the change is to increase the transportation, communication, and utilities category, the result of the use of narrower estimated right-of-ways in prior inventories. The treatment of streets and highways generally diminishes the area of adjacent land uses traversed by those streets and highways in the 2000 land use inventory relative to prior inventories.

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## **Appendix B**

# **USEPA CLIMATE INDICATORS BROCHURE: 2012**

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# Climate Change Indicators in the United States, 2012

**E**PA's *Climate Change Indicators in the United States, 2012*, presents compelling evidence that many fundamental measures of climate in the United States are changing. Temperatures are rising, snow and rainfall patterns are shifting, and more extreme climate events—like heavy rainstorms and record-high temperatures—are already affecting society and ecosystems. Similar changes are occurring around the world. EPA's report presents 26 indicators, which are organized into the five categories listed at right.

## Observed Changes



### Greenhouse Gases:

Greenhouse gas emissions are increasing as a result of people's activities. Consequently, average concentrations of these heat-trapping gases in the atmosphere are also increasing.



### Weather and Climate:

Average U.S. and global temperatures are increasing. Other attributes of weather and climate, such as precipitation, drought, and tropical cyclone activity, are changing.



### Oceans:

The oceans are getting warmer. Sea levels are rising around the world, and the oceans are becoming more acidic.



### Snow and Ice:

The extent of Arctic sea ice is declining. Glaciers in the United States and around the world are generally shrinking, while snowfall and snow cover in the United States have decreased overall.



### Society and Ecosystems:

Ragweed pollen season is lengthening, as is the growing season for crops. Winter habitats of bird species have shifted northward as temperatures have risen.



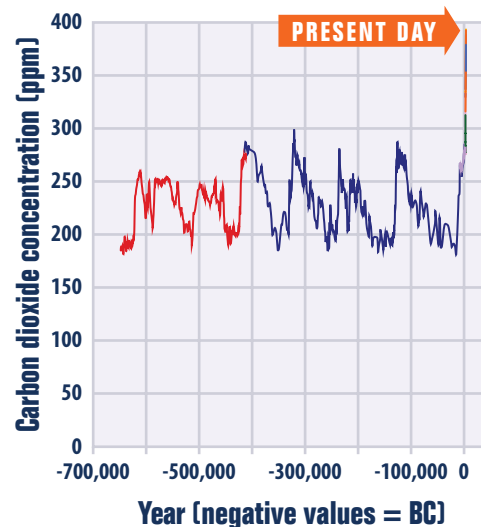


## Atmospheric Concentrations of Greenhouse Gases

Before the industrial era began in the late 1700s, global carbon dioxide concentrations in the atmosphere measured approximately 280 parts per million (ppm). Concentrations have risen steadily since then, reaching 391 ppm in 2011—a 40 percent increase. Current global atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide are unprecedented compared with the past 650,000 years.

## Global Atmospheric Concentrations of Carbon Dioxide Over Time

~650,000 years ago to present

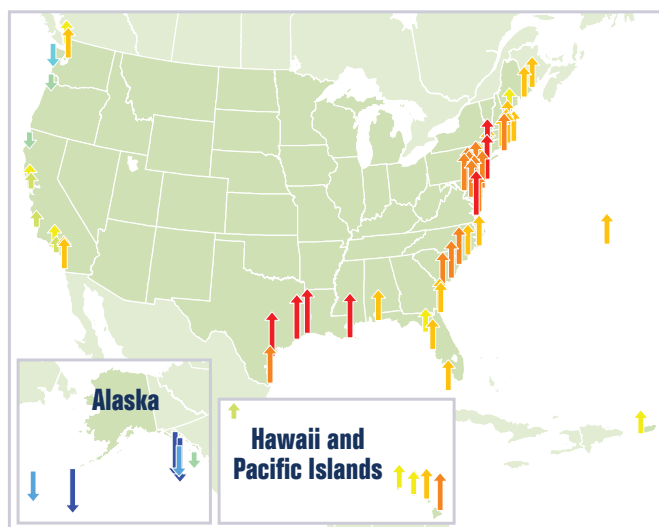


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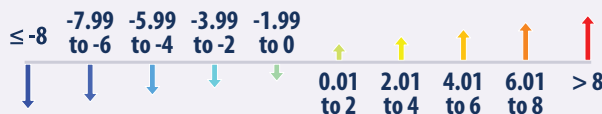
## Sea Level

As temperatures rise, seawater warms up and expands, and ice melts. This raises sea level worldwide. Sea level rose relative to the land along much of the U.S. coastline between 1960 and 2011, particularly along the Mid-Atlantic and Gulf Coasts. Some parts of the Gulf Coast have registered a relative sea level rise of more than 8 inches since 1960.

## Relative Sea Level Change Along U.S. Coasts, 1960–2011



Relative sea level change (inches):



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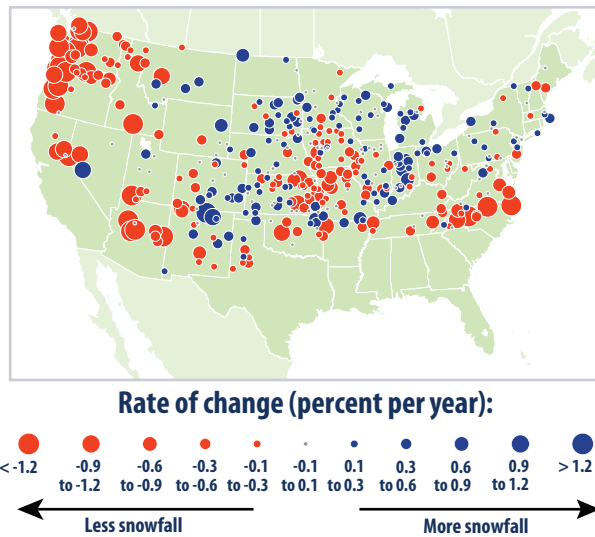


# Indicator Highlights

## Snowfall

With warming temperatures and changing weather patterns, snowfall amounts have decreased in many parts of the country (as indicated by the red circles on the map), with 57 percent of weather stations showing a decline. The Pacific Northwest has seen the largest consistent decline in snowfall, but some regions have experienced modest increases, including areas near the Great Lakes.

**Change in Total Snowfall in the Contiguous 48 States, 1930–2007**



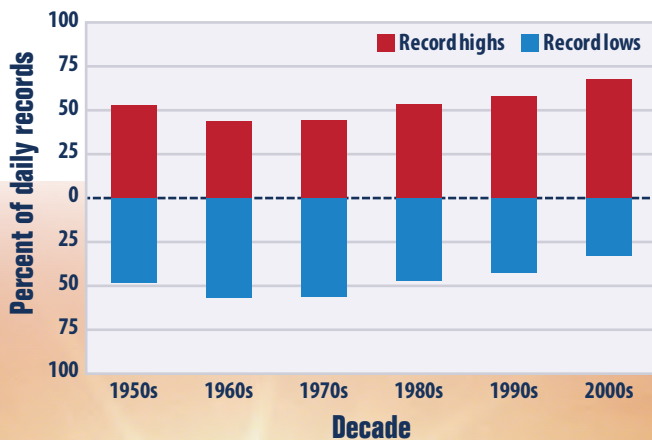
Data source: Kunkel et al., 2009



## High and Low Temperatures

Since the 1970s, record-setting daily high temperatures have become more common than record lows across the United States. The most recent decade had twice as many record highs as record lows.

**Record Daily High and Low Temperatures in the Contiguous 48 States, 1950–2009**

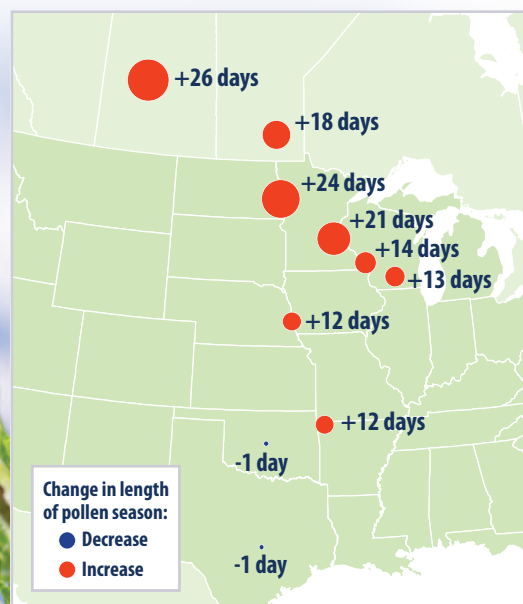


Data source: Meehl et al., 2009

## Ragweed Pollen Season

The length of the ragweed pollen season is closely related to the timing of the first fall frost, which is occurring later than it used to in northern areas. Since 1995, the ragweed pollen season has grown longer at eight of the 10 locations studied. The red circles represent a longer pollen season, with larger circles indicating larger changes.

**Change in Ragweed Pollen Season, 1995–2011**



Data source: Ziska et al., 2012



# 2012 Climate Indicators

## Greenhouse Gases

U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions  
Global Greenhouse Gas Emissions  
Atmospheric Concentrations of Greenhouse Gases  
Climate Forcing

## Weather and Climate

U.S. and Global Temperature  
High and Low Temperatures  
U.S. and Global Precipitation  
Heavy Precipitation  
Drought  
Tropical Cyclone Activity

## Oceans

Ocean Heat  
Sea Surface Temperature  
Sea Level  
Ocean Acidity

## Snow and Ice

Arctic Sea Ice  
Glaciers  
Lake Ice  
Snowfall  
Snow Cover  
Snowpack

## Society and Ecosystems

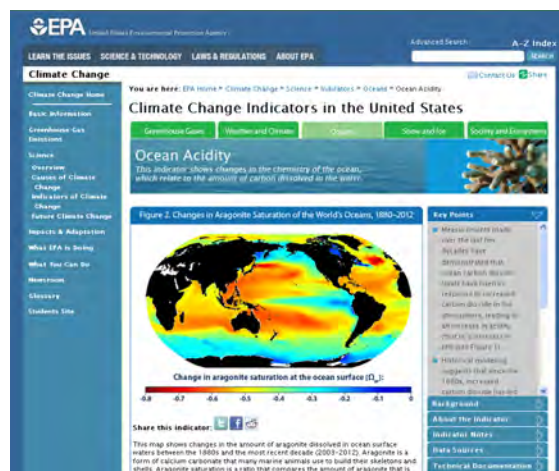
Streamflow  
Ragweed Pollen Season  
Length of Growing Season  
Leaf and Bloom Dates  
Bird Wintering Ranges  
Heat-Related Deaths

# Access the 2012 Report Online

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For each of the 26 indicators, the report presents graphics depicting changes over time, key points about what the graphics show, background on how the indicator relates to climate change, and information about how the indicator was developed.

The website also features technical documentation that provides additional details about each indicator. Visitors to the website can share report content through social media outlets like Facebook and Twitter.



A print version of the report is available by request or for download from the website.

### U.S. and Global Precipitation

This indicator describes trends in average precipitation for the United States and the world.

**Background**  
Precipitation can have wide-ranging effects on human well-being and ecosystems. Rainfall, sleet, and the amount of snowpack on the ground affect the amount of water available for drinking, irrigation, and industry and can also determine when crops are planted and when they are harvested. Changes in precipitation can disrupt a wide range of natural processes, particularly if these changes occur more quickly than plants and animals can adapt.

**About the Indicator**  
This indicator examines U.S. and global precipitation trends from 1981 to the present, based on rainfall and snowfall measurements from land-based weather stations worldwide. This indicator shows annual average precipitation for different regions compared with the average precipitation from 1981 to 2000. These measurements are presented in terms of percent change compared with the baseline. Annual averages are calculated for each weather station. Annual totals are calculated for each weather station. Annual totals have been determined by dividing the country into the world into a grid, averaging the data for all weather stations within each cell of the grid, and then averaging the grid cells together (see Figures 1 and 2).

**Figure 1. Precipitation in the Contiguous 48 States, 1981–2011**  
This figure shows the total annual amount of precipitation in the contiguous 48 states that changed over 2011. The graph uses the 1981 to 2000 average as a baseline for comparing. Choosing a different baseline period would not change the shape of the data over time.

**Figure 2. Precipitation Worldwide, 1981–2011**  
This figure shows the total annual amount of precipitation over land worldwide that changed over 2011. The graph uses the 1981 to 2000 average as a baseline for comparing. Choosing a different baseline period would not change the shape of the data over time.

**Figure 3. Rate of Precipitation Change in the United States, 1981–2011**  
This figure shows the rate of change in total annual precipitation in different parts of the United States since the early 20<sup>th</sup> century (using 1981 as the contiguous 48 state, 1981 to 1980, and 1981 to 1980).

**Key Points**

- On average, total annual precipitation has increased over land areas in the United States and worldwide (see Figures 1 and 2). Since 1981, global precipitation has increased at an average rate of 2.3 percent per century, while precipitation in the contiguous 48 states has increased at a rate of 5.4 percent per century.
- Some parts of the United States have experienced greater increases in precipitation than others. A few areas with the highest and parts of the Southwest have seen a decrease in precipitation (see Figure 3).

**Indicator Notes**  
Data from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century are sometimes less precise because there were fewer stations collecting measurements in the area. To ensure the overall trends and results, the data have been adjusted where possible to account for any biases that might be introduced by station moves, changes in measurement instruments, and other changes.

**Data Sources**  
The data for this indicator were provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Climate Data Center, which maintains a large and complete archive of climate data online at [www.ncdc.noaa.gov/metadata/data/Global\\_U.S.](http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/metadata/data/Global_U.S.) and regional precipitation amounts were calculated based on monthly values from a network of long-term monitoring stations.

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## Appendix C

# **AVERAGE TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION BY SEASON PRE- VS. POST-1980**

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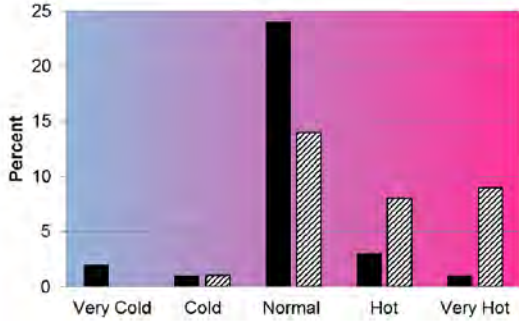


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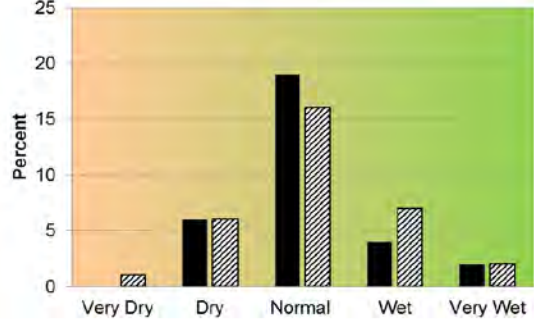
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SEASONAL AVERAGE TEMPERATURE AND TOTAL PRECIPITATION DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL AT THE NOAA WAUKESHA WEATHER RECORDING STATION: 1950-1980 VS 1981-2012

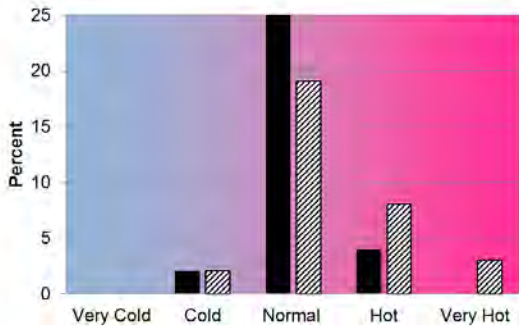
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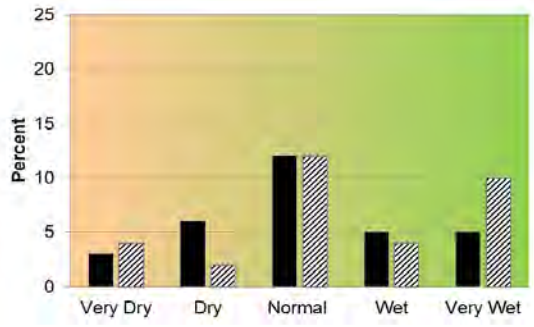
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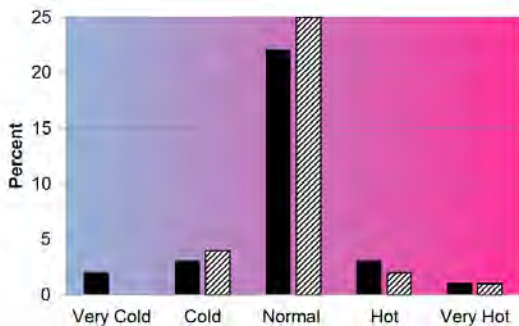
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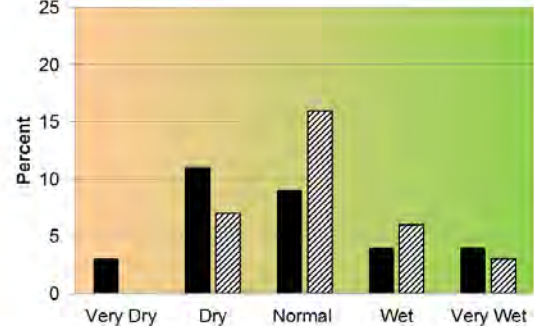
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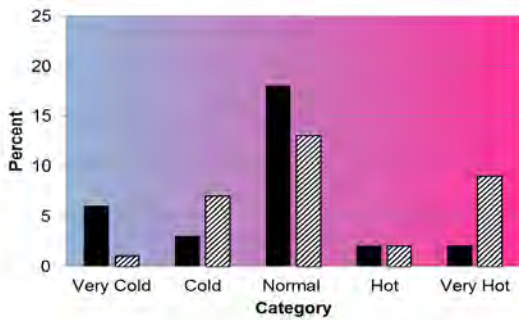
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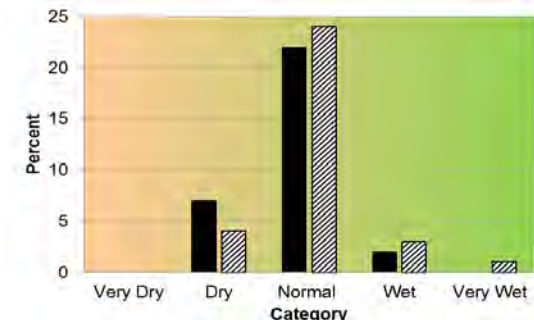
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**Appendix D**

**SEWRPC BOOKLET  
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# Managing the Water's Edge

## *Making Natural Connections*



### Problem Statement:

Despite significant research related to buffers, there remains no consensus as to what constitutes optimal riparian buffer design or proper buffer width for effective pollutant removal, water quality protection, prevention of channel erosion, provision of fish and wildlife habitat, enhancement of environmental corridors, augmentation of stream baseflow, and water temperature moderation.



**Our purpose in this document is to help protect and restore water quality, wildlife, recreational opportunities, and scenic beauty.**

This material was prepared in part with funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Great Lakes National Program Office provided through CMAP, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning.

## Introduction

Perhaps no part of the landscape offers more variety and valuable functions than the natural areas bordering our streams and other waters.

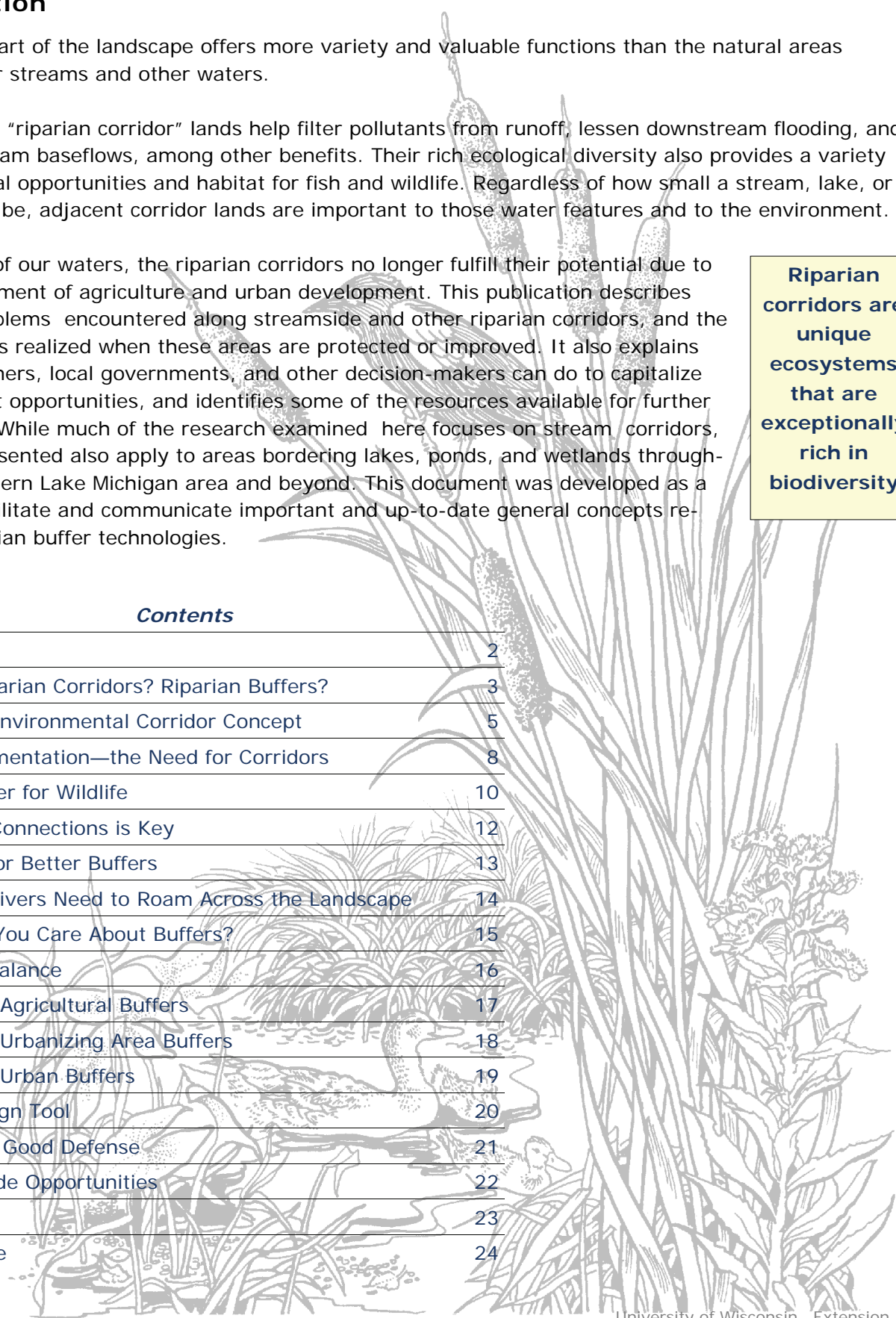
These unique “riparian corridor” lands help filter pollutants from runoff, lessen downstream flooding, and maintain stream baseflows, among other benefits. Their rich ecological diversity also provides a variety of recreational opportunities and habitat for fish and wildlife. Regardless of how small a stream, lake, or wetland may be, adjacent corridor lands are important to those water features and to the environment.

Along many of our waters, the riparian corridors no longer fulfill their potential due to the encroachment of agriculture and urban development. This publication describes common problems encountered along streamside and other riparian corridors, and the many benefits realized when these areas are protected or improved. It also explains what landowners, local governments, and other decision-makers can do to capitalize on waterfront opportunities, and identifies some of the resources available for further information. While much of the research examined here focuses on stream corridors, the ideas presented also apply to areas bordering lakes, ponds, and wetlands throughout the southern Lake Michigan area and beyond. This document was developed as a means to facilitate and communicate important and up-to-date general concepts related to riparian buffer technologies.

**Riparian corridors are unique ecosystems that are exceptionally rich in biodiversity**

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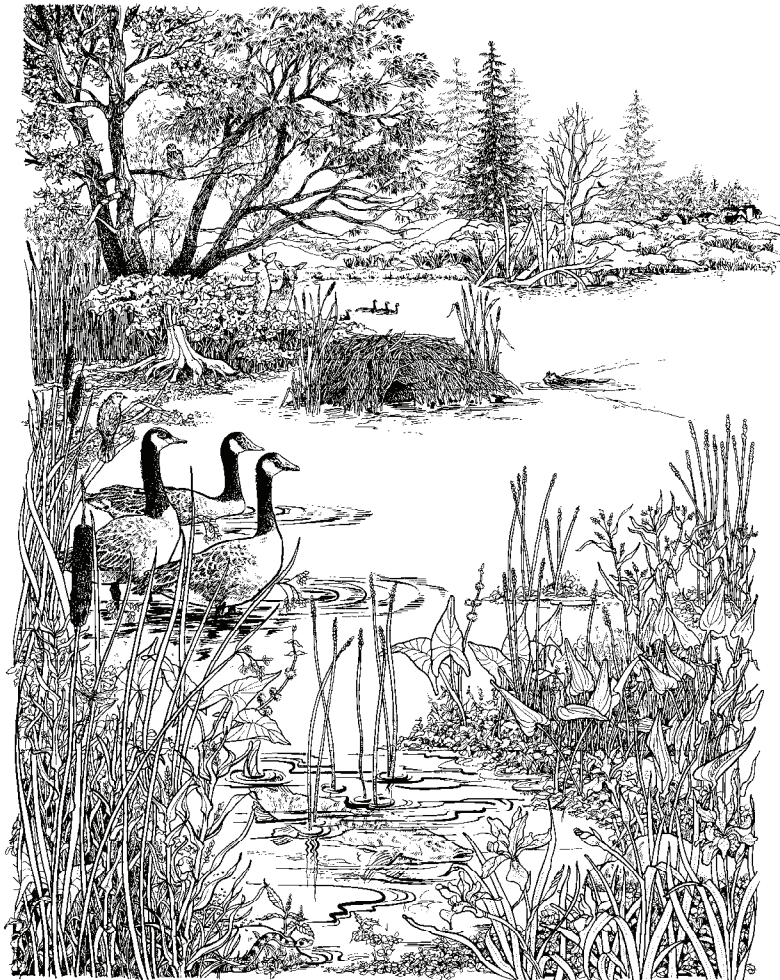


## What Are Riparian Corridors? Riparian Buffer Zones?

The word **riparian** comes from the Latin word *ripa*, which means **bank**. However, in this document we use riparian in a much broader sense and refer to land adjoining any water body including ponds, lakes, streams, and wetlands. This term has two additional distinct meanings that refer to 1) the “natural or relatively undisturbed” corridor lands adjacent to a water body inclusive of both wetland and upland flora and fauna and 2) a buffer zone or corridor lands in need of protection to

“buffer” the effects of human impacts such as agriculture and residential development.

The word **buffer** literally means something that cushions against the shock of something else (noun), or to lessen or cushion that shock (verb). Other useful definitions reveal that a buffer can be something that serves to separate features, or that is capable of neutralizing something, like filtering pollutants from stormwater runoff. Essentially, buffers and buffering help protect against adverse effects.



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Riparian buffers are zones adjacent to waterbodies such as lakes, rivers, and wetlands that simultaneously protect water quality and wildlife, including both aquatic and terrestrial habitat. These zones minimize the impacts of human activities on the landscape and contribute to recreation, aesthetics, and quality of life. **This document summarizes how to maximize both water quality protection and conservation of aquatic and terrestrial wildlife populations using buffers.**

Riparian buffer zones function as core habitat as well as travel corridors for many wildlife species.



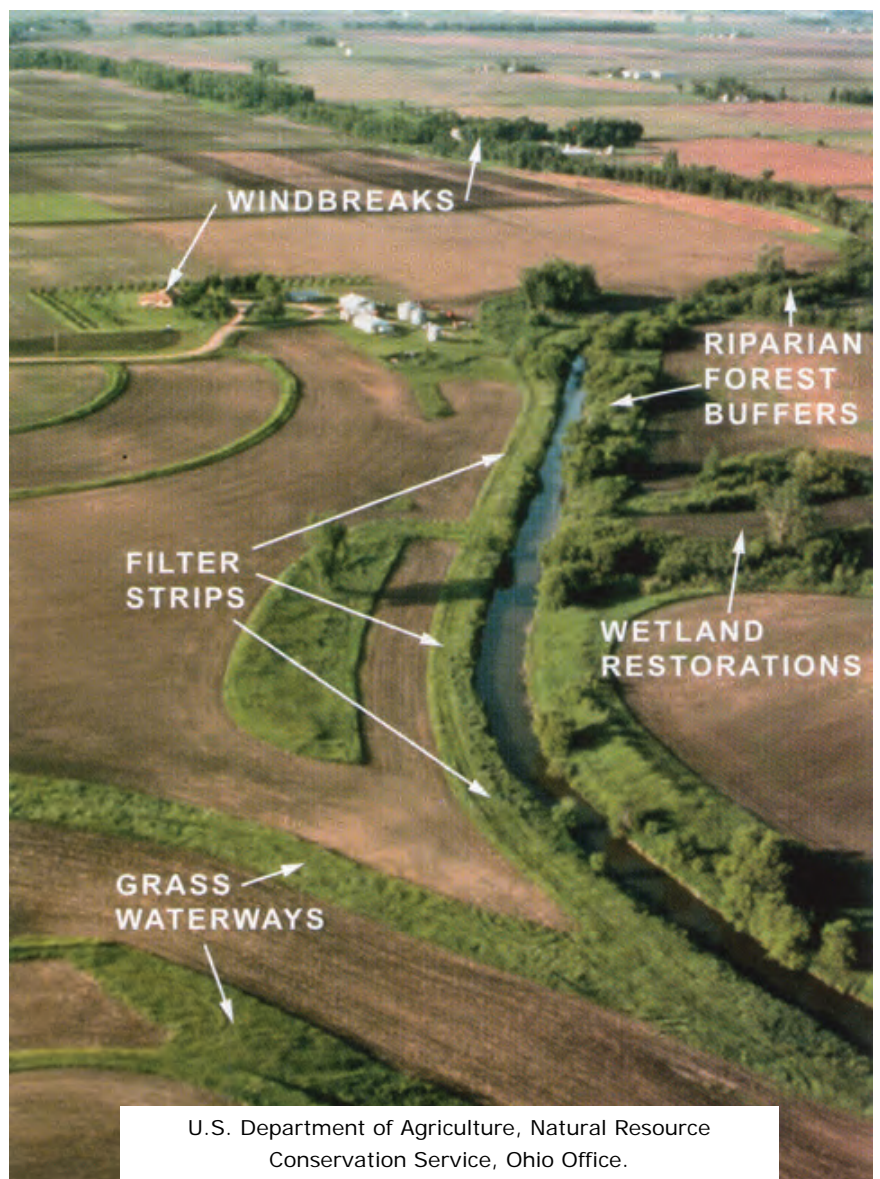


## What Are Riparian Corridors? Riparian Buffer Zones?

Buffers **can** include a range of complex vegetation structure, soils, food sources, cover, and water features that offer a variety of habitats contributing to diversity and abundance of wildlife such as mammals, frogs, amphibians, insects, and birds. Buffers can consist of a variety of canopy layers and cover types including ephemeral (temporary-wet for only part of year) wetlands/seasonal ponds/spring pools, shallow marshes, deep marshes, wetland meadows, wetland mixed forests, grasslands, shrubs, forests, and/or prairies. Riparian zones are areas of transition between aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems, and they can potentially offer numerous benefits to wildlife and people such as pollution reduction and recreation.

**In the water resources literature, riparian buffers are referred to in a number of different ways.** Depending on the focus and the intended function of a buffer, or a buffer-related feature, buffers may be referred to as stream corridors, critical transition zones, riparian management areas, riparian management zones, floodplains, or green infrastructure.

It is important to note that within an agricultural context, the term buffer is used more generally to describe filtering best management practices most often at the water's edge. Other practices which can be interrelated may also sometimes be called buffers. These include grassed waterways, contour buffer strips, wind breaks, field border, shelterbelts, windbreaks, living snow fence, or filter strips. These practices may or may not be adjacent to a waterway as illustrated in the photo to the right. For example, a grassed waterway is designed to filter sediment and reduce erosion and may connect to a riparian buffer. These more limited-purpose practices may link to multipurpose buffers, but by themselves, they are not adequate to provide the multiple functions of a riparian buffer as defined here.



U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Ohio Office.

### Beyond the Environmental Corridor Concept

The term “environmental corridors” (also known as “green infrastructure”) refers to an interconnected green space network of natural areas and features, public lands, and other open spaces that provide natural resource value. Environmental corridor planning is a process that promotes a systematic and strategic approach to land conservation and encourages land use planning and practices that are good for both nature and people. It provides a framework to guide future growth, land development, and land conservation decisions in appropriate areas to protect both community and natural resource assets.

Environmental corridors are an essential planning tool for protecting the most important remaining natural resource features in Southeastern Wisconsin and elsewhere. Since development of the environmental corridor concept, there have been significant advancements in landscape ecology that have furthered understanding of the spatial and habitat needs of multiple groups of organisms. In addition, advancements in pollutant removal practices, stormwater control, and agriculture have increased our understanding of the effectiveness and limitations of environmental corridors. In protecting water quality and providing aquatic and terrestrial habitat, there is a need to better integrate new technologies through their application within riparian buffers.



SEWRPC has embraced and applied the environmental corridor concept developed by Philip Lewis (Professor Emeritus of Landscape Architecture at the University of Wisconsin-Madison) since 1966 with the publication of its first regional land use plan. Since then, SEWRPC has refined and detailed the mapping of environmental corridors, enabling the corridors to be incorporated directly into regional, county, and community plans and to be reflected in regulatory measures. The preservation of environmental corridors remains one of the most important recommendations of the regional plan. Corridor preservation has now been embraced by numerous county and local units of government as well as by State and Federal agencies. The environmental corridor concept conceived by Lewis has become an important part of the planning and development culture in Southeastern Wisconsin.



## Beyond the Environmental Corridor Concept

Environmental corridors are divided into the following three categories.

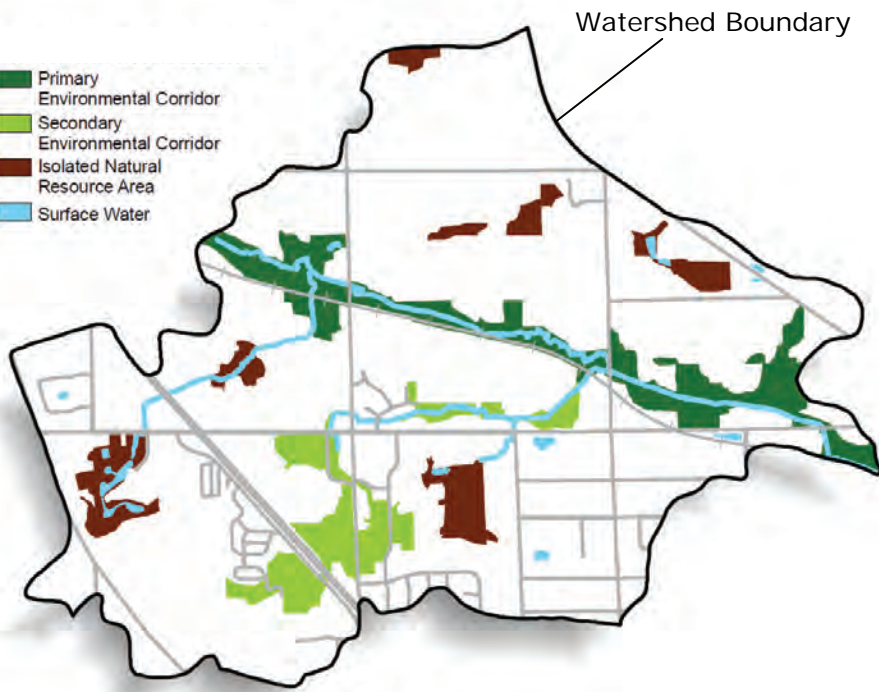
- **Primary environmental corridors** contain concentrations of our most significant natural resources. They are at least 400 acres in size, at least two miles long, and at least 200 feet wide.
- **Secondary environmental corridors** contain significant but smaller concentrations of natural resources. They are at least 100 acres in size and at least one mile long, unless serving to link primary corridors.
- **Isolated natural resource areas** contain significant remaining resources that are not connected to environmental corridors. They are at least five acres in size and at least 200 feet wide.



### Key Features of Environmental Corridors

- Lakes, rivers, and streams
- Undeveloped shorelands and floodlands
- Wetlands
- Woodlands
- Prairie remnants
- Wildlife habitat
- Rugged terrain and steep slopes
- Unique landforms or geological formations
- Unfarmed poorly drained and organic soils
- Existing outdoor recreation sites
- Potential outdoor recreation sites
- Significant open spaces
- Historical sites and structures
- Outstanding scenic areas and vistas

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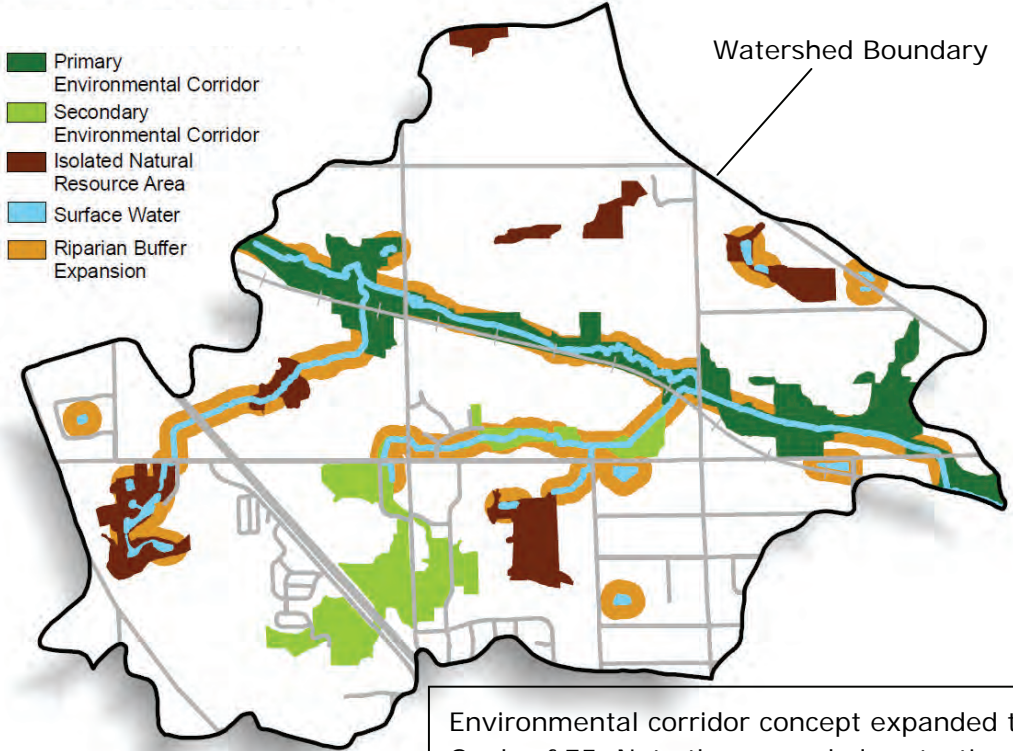


The Minimum Goals of **75** within a Watershed

**75%** minimum of total stream length should be naturally vegetated to protect the functional integrity of the water resources. (Environment Canada, How Much Habitat is Enough? A Framework for Guiding Habitat Rehabilitation in Great lakes Areas of Concern, Second Edition, 2004)

**75 foot** wide minimum riparian buffers from the top edge of each stream bank should be naturally vegetated to protect water quality and wildlife. (SEWRPC Planning Report No 50, A Regional Water Quality Management Plan for the Greater Milwaukee Watersheds, December 2007)

Example of how the environmental corridor concept is applied on the landscape. For more information see "Plan on It!" series **Environmental Corridors: Lifelines of the Natural Resource Base** at <http://www.sewrpc.org/SEWRPC/LandUse/EnvironmentalCorridors.htm>



Environmental corridor concept expanded to achieve the Goals of 75. Note the expanded protection in addition to the connection of other previously isolated areas.



## Habitat Fragmentation—The Need for Corridors

Southeastern Wisconsin is a complex mosaic of agricultural and urban development. Agricultural lands originally dominated the landscape and remain a major land use. However, such lands continue to be converted to urban uses. Both of these dominant land uses fragment the landscape by creating islands or isolated pockets of wetland, woodland, and other natural lands available for wildlife preservation and recreation. By recognizing this fragmentation of the landscape, we can begin to mitigate these impacts.

**New developments should incorporate water quality and wildlife enhancement or improvement objectives** as design criteria by looking at the potential for creating linkages with adjoining lands and water features.

**At the time of conversion of agricultural lands to urban uses, there are opportunities to re-create and expand riparian buffers and environmental corridors** reconnecting uplands and waterways and restoring ecological integrity and scenic beauty locally and regionally. For example, placement of roads and other infrastructure across stream systems could be limited so as to maximize continuity of the riparian buffers. This can translate into significant cost savings in terms of reduced road maintenance, reduced salt application, and limited bridge or culvert maintenance and replacements. This simple practice not only saves the community significant amounts of money, but also improves and protects quality of life. Where necessary road crossings do occur, they can be designed to provide for safe fish and wildlife passage.



**Overland travel routes for wildlife are often unavailable, discontinuous, or life endangering within the highly fragmented landscapes of Southeastern Wisconsin and elsewhere.**

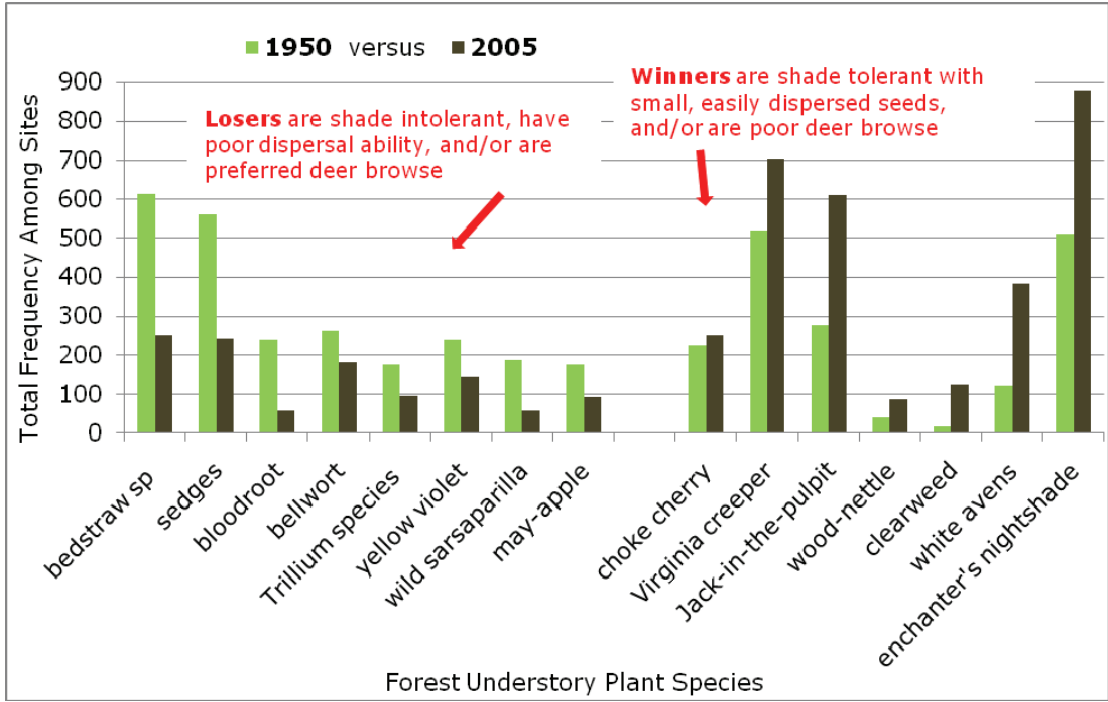


State Threatened Species: Blanding's turtle



### Habitat Fragmentation—The Need for Corridors

Forest understory plant species abundance among stands throughout Southern Wisconsin



**Forest fragmentation has led to significant plant species loss within Southern Wisconsin**

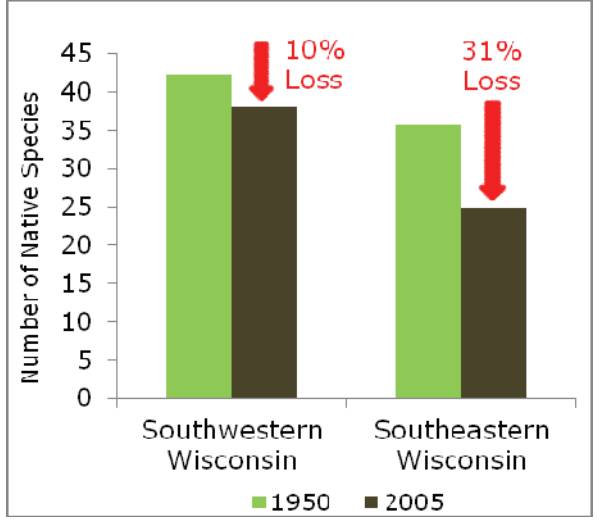
*(Adapted from David Rogers and others, 2008, Shifts in Southern Wisconsin Forest Canopy and Understory Richness, Composition, and Heterogeneity, Ecology, 89 (9): 2482-2492)*

**"...these results confirm the idea that large intact habitat patches and landscapes better sustain native species diversity. It also shows that people are a really important part of the system and their actions play an increasingly important role in shaping patterns of native species diversity and community composition. Put together, it is clear that one of the best and most cost effective actions we can take toward safeguarding native diversity of all types is to protect, enhance and create corridors that link patches of natural habitat."**  
 Dr. David Rogers, Professor of Biology at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside

Since the 1950s, forests have increasingly become more fragmented by land development, both agricultural and urban, and associated roads and infrastructure, which have caused these forests to become isolated "islands of green" on the landscape. In particular, there has been significant loss of forest understory plant species over time (shrubs, grasses, and herbs covering the forest floor.) It is important to note that **these forests lost species diversity even when they were protected as parks or natural areas.**

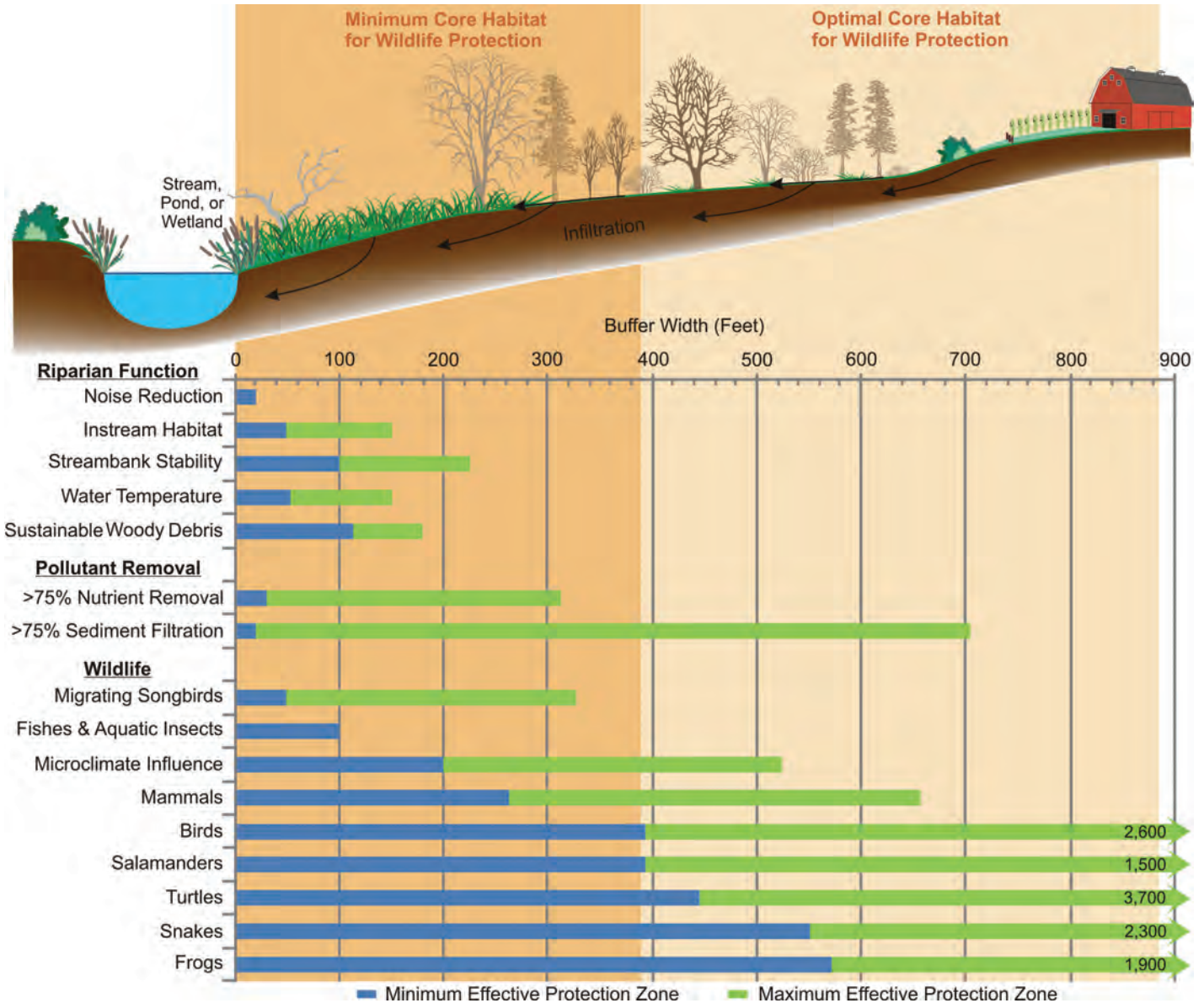
One major factor responsible for this decline in forest plant diversity is

that routes for native plants to re-colonize isolated forest islands are largely cut-off within fragmented landscapes. For example, the less fragmented landscapes in Southwestern Wisconsin lost fewer species than the more fragmented stands in Southeastern Wisconsin. In addition, the larger-sized forests and forests with greater connections to surrounding forest lands lost fewer species than smaller forests in fragmented landscapes.



**Wider is Better for Wildlife**

**Why?** Because buffer size is the engine that drives important natural functions like food availability and quality, access to water, habitat variety, protection from predators, reproductive or resting areas, corridors to safely move when necessary, and help in maintaining the health of species' gene pools to prevent isolation and perhaps extinction.



**One riparian buffer size does not fit all conditions or needs.** There are many riparian buffer functions and the ability to effectively fulfill those functions is largely dependent on width. Determining what buffer widths are needed should be based on what functions are desired as well as site conditions. For example, as shown above, water temperature protection generally does not require as wide a buffer as provision of habitat for wildlife. Based on the needs of wildlife species found in Wisconsin, the minimum core habitat buffer width is about 400 feet and the optimal width for sustaining the majority of wildlife species is about 900 feet. Hence, the value of large undisturbed parcels along waterways which are part of, and linked to, an environmental corridor system. The minimum effective buffer width distances are based on data reported in the scientific literature and the quality of available habitats within the context of those studies.

**Wider is Better for Wildlife**

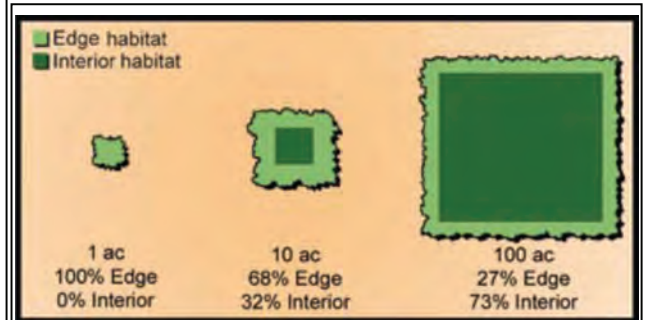
Wildlife habitat needs change within and among species. **Minimum Core Habitat and Optimum Core Habitat distances were developed from numerous studies to help provide guidance for biologically meaningful buffers to conserve wildlife biodiversity.** These studies documented distances needed for a variety of biological (life history) needs to sustain healthy populations such as breeding, nesting, rearing young, foraging/feeding, perching (for birds), basking (for turtles), and overwintering/dormancy/hibernating. These life history needs require different types of habitat and distances from water, for example, one study found that Blanding's turtles needed approximately 60-foot-wide buffers for basking, 375 feet for overwintering, and up to 1,200 feet for nesting to bury their clutches of eggs. Some species of birds like the Blacked-capped chickadee or white breasted nuthatch only need about 50 feet of buffer, while others like the wood duck or great blue



Although *Ambystoma* salamanders require standing water for egg laying and juvenile development, most other times of the year they can be found more than 400 feet from water foraging for food.

Wisconsin Species	Minimum Core Habitat (feet)	Optimum Core Habitat (feet)	Number of Studies
Frogs	571	1,043	9
Salamanders	394	705	14
Snakes	551	997	5
Turtles	446	889	27
Birds	394	787	45
Mammals	263	No data	11
Fishes and Aquatic Insects	100	No data	11
Mean	388	885	

heron require 700-800 feet for nesting. Therefore, **understanding habitat needs for wildlife species is an important consideration in designing riparian buffers.**



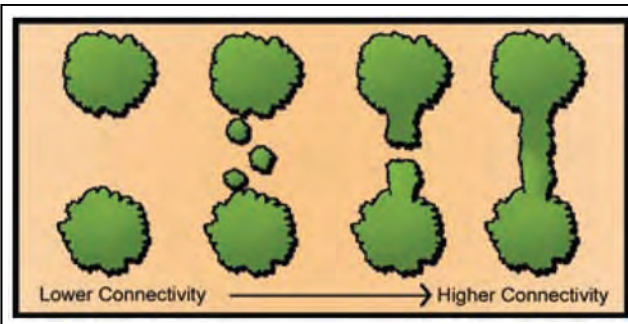
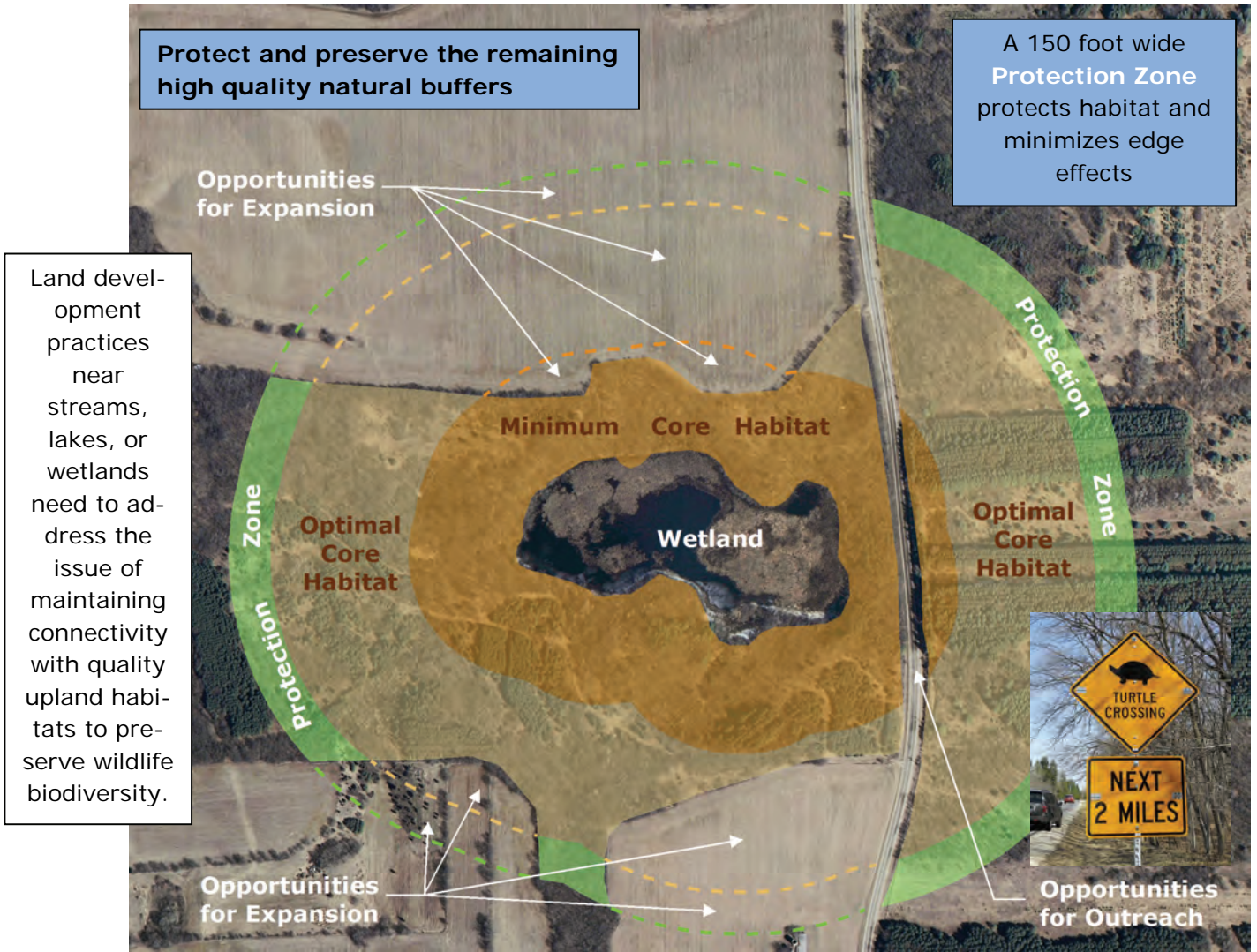
This approach was adapted from *R.D. Semlitsch and J.R. Bodie, 2003, Biological Criteria for Buffer Zones around Wetlands and Riparian Habitats for Amphibian and Reptiles, Conservation Biology, 17(5):1219-1228.* These values are based upon studies examining species found in Wisconsin and represent mean linear distances extending outward from the edge of an aquatic habitat. The Minimum Core Habitat and Optimum Core Habitat reported values are based upon the mean minimum and mean maximum distances recorded, respectively. Due to a low number of studies for snake species, the recommended distances for snakes are based upon values reported by *Semlitsch and Bodie.*

**"Large patches typically conserve a greater variety and quality of habitats, resulting in higher species diversity and abundance."** Larger patches contain greater amounts of interior habitat and less edge effects, which benefits interior species, by providing safety from parasitism, disease, and invasive species. (Bentrup, G. 2008. *Conservation buffers: design guidelines for buffers, corridors, and greenways.* Gen. Tech. Rep. SRS-109. Asheville, NC: Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Southern Research Station)



**Maintaining Connections is Key**

Like humans, all forms of wildlife require access to clean water. Emerging research has increasingly shown that, in addition to water, more and more species such as amphibians and reptiles cannot persist without landscape connectivity between quality wetland and upland habitats. Good connectivity to upland terrestrial habitats is essential for the persistence of healthy sustainable populations, because these areas provide vital feeding, overwintering, and nesting habitats found nowhere else. Therefore, both aquatic and terrestrial habitats are essential for the preservation of biodiversity and they should ideally be managed together as a unit.



Increasing connectivity among quality natural landscapes (wetlands, woodlands, prairies) can benefit biodiversity by providing access to other areas of habitat, increasing gene flow and population viability, enabling recolonization of patches, and providing habitat (Bentrop 2008).

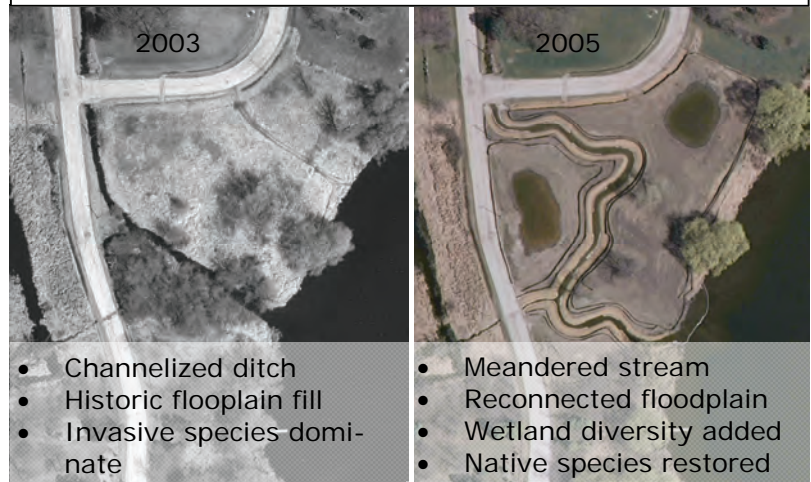
## Basic Rules to Better Buffers

Protecting the integrity of native species in the region is an objective shared by many communities. The natural environment is an essential component of our existence and contributes to defining our communities and neighborhoods. Conservation design and open space development patterns in urbanizing areas and farm conservation programs in rural areas have begun to address the importance of maintaining and restoring riparian buffers and connectivity among corridors.

**How wide should the buffer be?** Unfortunately, there is no one-size-fits all buffer width adequate to protect water quality, wildlife habitat, and human needs. Therefore, the answer to this question depends upon the predetermined needs of the landowner and community objectives or goals.

As riparian corridors become very wide, their pollutant removal (buffering) effectiveness may reach a point of diminishing returns compared to the investment involved. However, the prospects for species diversity in the corridor keep increasing with buffer width. For a number of reasons, 400- to 800-foot-wide buffers are not practical along all lakes, streams, and wetlands within Southeastern Wisconsin. Therefore, communities should develop guidelines that remain flexible to site-specific needs to achieve the most benefits for water resources and wildlife as is practical.

There are opportunities to improve buffer functions to improve water quality and wildlife habitat, even in urban situations

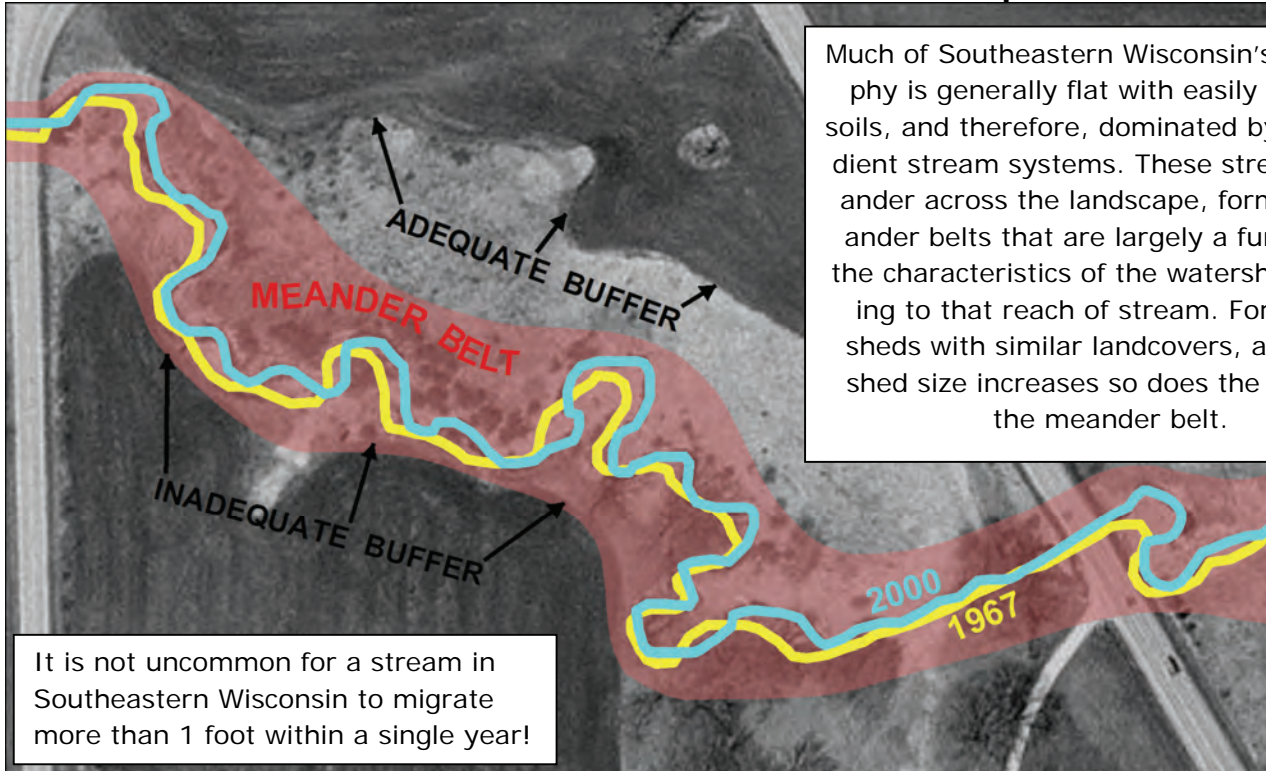


### Key considerations to better buffers/corridors:

- Wider buffers are better than narrow buffers for water quality and wildlife functions
- Continuous corridors are better than fragmented corridors for wildlife
- Natural linkages should be maintained or restored
- Linkages should not stop at political boundaries
- Two or more corridor linkages are better than one
- Structurally diverse corridors (e.g., diverse plant structure or community types, upland and wetland complexes, soil types, topography, and surficial geology) are better than corridors with simple structures
- Both local and regional spatial and temporal scales should be considered in establishing buffers
- Corridors should be located along dispersal and migration routes
- Corridors should be located and expanded around rare, threatened, or endangered species
- Quality habitat should be provided in a buffer whenever possible
- Disturbance (e.g. excavation or clear cutting vegetation) of corridors should be minimized during adjacent land use development
- Native species diversity should be promoted through plantings and active management
- Non-native species invasions should be actively managed by applying practices to preserve native species
- Fragmentation of corridors should be reduced by limiting the number of crossings of a creek or river where appropriate
- Restoration or rehabilitation of hydrological function, streambank stability, instream habitat, and/or floodplain connectivity should be considered within corridors.
- Restoration or retrofitting of road and railway crossings promotes passage of aquatic organisms



Creeks and Rivers Need to Roam Across the Landscape



Much of Southeastern Wisconsin's topography is generally flat with easily erodible soils, and therefore, dominated by low gradient stream systems. These streams meander across the landscape, forming meander belts that are largely a function of the characteristics of the watershed draining to that reach of stream. For watersheds with similar landcovers, as watershed size increases so does the width of the meander belt.

It is not uncommon for a stream in Southeastern Wisconsin to migrate more than 1 foot within a single year!

**Healthy streams naturally meander or migrate across a landscape over time.** Streams are transport systems for water and sediment and are continually eroding and depositing sediments, which causes the stream to migrate. When the amount of sediment load coming into a stream is equal to what is being transported downstream—and stream widths, depths, and length remain consistent over time—it is common to refer to that stream as being in a state of **“dynamic equilibrium.”** In other words the stream retains its physical dimensions (equilibrium), but those physical features are shifted, or migrate, over time (dynamic).

**Room to Roam**  
Riparian buffer widths should take into account the amount of area that a stream needs to be able to self-adjust and maintain itself in a state of dynamic equilibrium. ... These are generally greater than any minimum width needed to protect for pollutant removal alone.



**Streams are highly sensitive, and they respond to changes** in the amounts of water and sediment draining to them, which are affected by changing land use conditions. For example, streams can respond to increased discharges of water by increased scour (erosion) of bed and banks that leads to an increase in stream width and depth—or “degradation.” Conversely, streams can respond to increased sedimentation (deposition) that leads to a decrease in channel width and depth—or “aggradation.”



## Why Should You Care About Buffers?

### Economic Benefits:

- Increased value of riparian property
- Reduced lawn mowing time and expense
- Increased shade to reduce building cooling costs
- Natural flood mitigation protection for structures or crops
- Pollution mitigation (reduced nutrient and contaminant loading)
- Increased infiltration and groundwater recharge
- Prevented loss of property (land or structures) through erosion
- Greater human and ecological health through biodiversity



### Recreational Benefits:

- Increased quality of the canoeing/kayaking experience
- Improved fishing and hunting quality by improving habitat
- Improved bird watching/wildlife viewing quality and opportunities
- Increased potential for expansion of trails for hiking and bicycling
- Opportunities made available for youth and others to locally reconnect with nature

**Riparian buffers make sense and are profitable monetarily, recreationally, and aesthetically!**

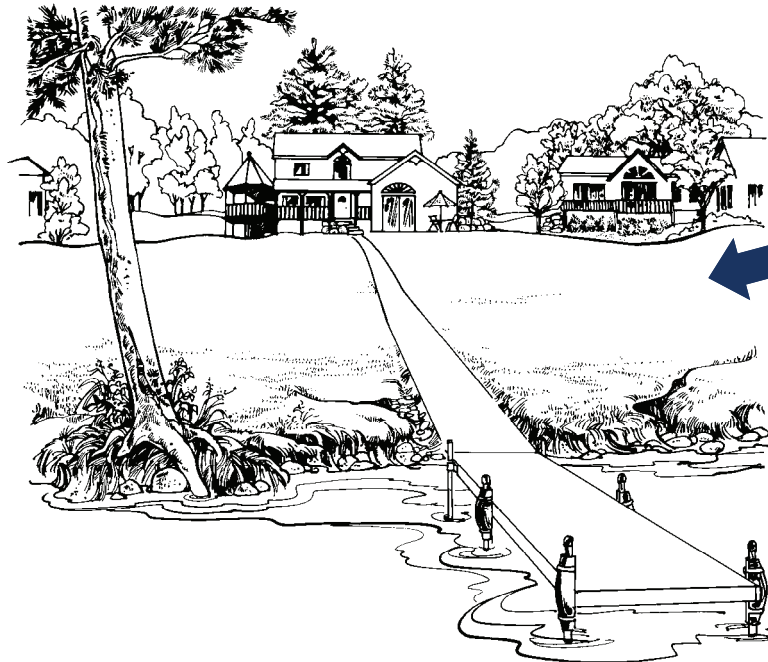
### Social Benefits:

- Increased privacy
- Educational opportunities for outdoor awareness
- Improved quality of life at home and work
- Preserved open space/balanced character of a community
- Focal point for community pride and group activities
- Visual diversity
- Noise reduction





A Matter of Balance



Although neatly trimmed grass lawns are popular, these offer limited benefits for water quality or wildlife habitat. A single house near a waterbody may not seem like a "big deal," but the cumulative effects of many houses can negatively impact streams, lakes, and wetlands.

**All the lands within Southeastern Wisconsin ultimately flow into either the Mississippi River or the Great Lakes systems. The cumulative effects of agriculture and urban development in the absence of mitigative measures, ultimately affects water quality in those systems.** Much of this development causes increases in water runoff from the land into wetlands, ponds, and streams. This runoff transports water, sediments, nutrients, and

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other pollutants into our waterways that can lead to a number of problems, including flooding that can cause crop loss or building damage; unsightly and/or toxic algae blooms; increased turbidity; damage to aquatic organisms from reduced dissolved oxygen, lethal temperatures, and/or concentrations of pollutants; and loss of habitat.

Riparian buffers are one of the most effective tools available for defending our waterways. Riparian buffers can be best thought of as forming a living, self-sustainable protective shield. This shield protects investments in the land and all things on it as well as our quality of life locally, regionally, and, ultimately, nationally. Combined with stormwater management, environmentally friendly yard care, effective wastewater treatment, conservation farming methods, and appropriate use of fertilizers and other agrichemicals, **riparian buffers complete the set of actions that we can take to minimize impacts to our shared water resources.**

Lakeshore buffers can take many forms, which require a balancing act between lake viewing, access, and scenic beauty. Lakeshore buffers can be integrated into a landscaping design that complements both the structural development and a lakeside lifestyle. Judicious placement of access ways and shoreline protection structures, and preservation or reestablishment of native vegetation, can enhance and sustain our use of the environment.



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**Case Study—Agricultural Buffers**

Agricultural nonpoint source pollution runoff continues to pose a threat to water quality and aquatic ecosystems within Wisconsin and elsewhere. In an effort to address this problem, the Wisconsin Buffer Initiative was formed with the goal of designing a buffer implementation program to achieve science-based, cost-effective, water quality improvements (report available online at <http://www.soils.wisc.edu/extension/nonpoint/wbi.php>).

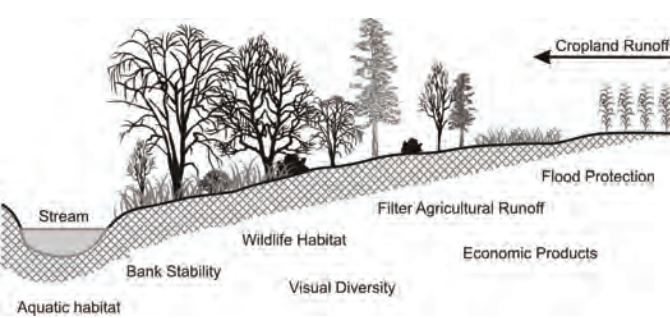
While it is true that riparian buffers alone may not always be able to reduce nutrient and sediment loading from agricultural lands, WBI researchers found that **"...riparian buffers are capable of reducing large percentages of the phosphorus and sediment that are currently being carried by Wisconsin streams. Even in watersheds with extremely high loads (top 10%), an average of about 70% of the sediment and phosphorus can be reduced through buffer implementation."** (Diebel, M.J. and others, 2009, *Landscape planning for agricultural nonpoint source pollution reduction III: Assessing Phosphorus and sediment reduction potential, Environmental Management, 43:69-83.*)

Federal and state natural resource agencies have long recognized the need to apply a wide range of Best Management Practices on agricultural lands to improve stream water quality. Although there are many tools available in the toolbox to reduce pollutant runoff from agricultural lands, such as crop rotations, nutrient and manure management, conservation tillage, and contour plowing, riparian buffers are one of the most effective tools to accomplish this task. Their multiple benefits and inter-connectedness from upstream to downstream make riparian buffers a choice with watershed-wide benefits.

**Challenge:**  
 Buffers may take land out of cultivated crop production and require additional cost to install and maintain. Cost sharing, paid easements, and purchase of easements or development rights may sometimes be available to offset costs.


**Benefits:**  
 Buffers may offset costs by producing perennial crops such as hay, lumber, fiber, nuts, fruits, and berries. In addition, they provide visual diversity on the landscape, help maintain long-term crop productivity, and help support healthier fish populations for local enjoyment.

Determine what benefits are needed.



The USDA in *Agroforestry Notes* (AF Note-4, January 1997) outlines a four step process for designing riparian buffers for Agricultural lands:

- 1-Determine what buffers functions are needed
- 2-Identify the best types of vegetation to provide the needed benefits
- 3-Determine the minimum acceptable buffer width to achieve desired benefits
- 4-Develop an installation and maintenance plan



Drain tiles can bypass infiltration and filtration of pollutants by providing a direct pathway to the water and "around" a buffer. This is important to consider in design of a buffer system which integrates with other agricultural practices.



## Case Study—Urbanizing Area Buffers

When development occurs near a water-body, the area in driveways, rooftops, sidewalks, and lawns increases, while native plants and undisturbed soils decrease. As a result, the ability of the shoreland area to perform its natural functions (flood control, pollutant removal, wildlife habitat, and aesthetic beauty) is decreased. In the absence of mitigating measures, one the consequences of urban development is an increase in the amount of stormwater, which runs off the land instead of infiltrating into the ground. Therefore, **urbanization impacts the watershed, not only by reducing groundwater recharge, but also by changing stream hydrology** through increased stormwater runoff volumes and peak flows. This means less water is available to sustain the baseflow regime. The urban environment also contains increased numbers of pollutants and generates greater pollutant concentrations and loads than any other land use. This reflects the higher density of the human population and associated activities, which demand measures to protect the urban water system.

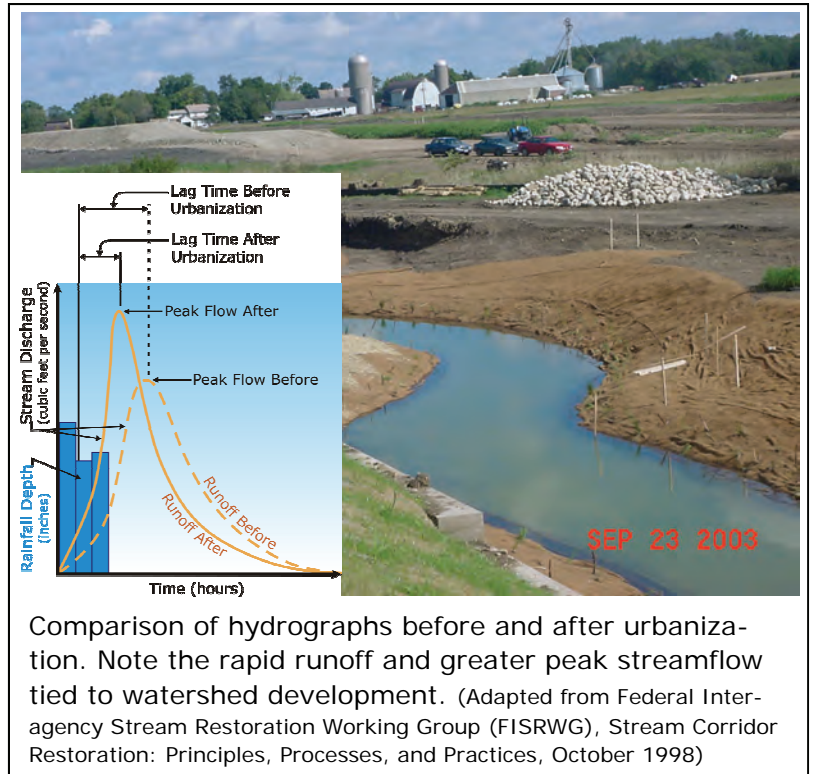
Mitigation of urban impacts may be as simple as not mowing along a stream corridor or changing land management and yard care practices, or as complex as changing zoning ordinances or widening riparian corridors through buyouts.

**Challenge:**

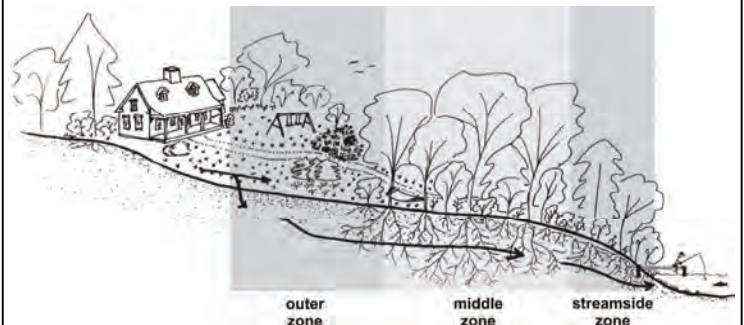
**Urban development requires balancing flood protection, water quality protection, and the economic viability of the development.**

**Opportunities:**

Buffers may offset costs by providing adequate space for providing long-term water quantity and water quality protection. In addition, they provide visual diversity on the landscape, wildlife habitat and connectedness, and help maintain property values.



### Anatomy of an urban riparian buffer



**The most effective urban buffers have three zones:**

**Outer Zone**-Transition area between the intact buffer and nearest permanent structure to capture sediment and absorb runoff.

**Middle Zone**-Area from top of bank to edge of lawn that is composed of natural vegetation that provides wildlife habitat as well as improved filtration and infiltration of pollutants.

**Streamside Zone**-Area from the water's edge to the top of the bank or uplands that provides critical connection between water, wetland, and upland habitats for wildlife as well as protect streams from bank erosion

*(Fact sheet No. 6 Urban Buffer in the series Riparian Buffers for Northern New Jersey)*

**Case Study—Urban Buffers**

**Placement of riparian buffers in established urban areas is a challenge that requires new and innovative approaches.** In these areas, historical development along water courses limits options and requires balancing flood management protection versus water quality and environmental protection needs. Consequently, some municipalities have begun to recognize the connections between these objectives and are introducing programs to remove flood-prone structures and culverts from the stream corridors and allow recreation of the stream, restoring floodplains, and improving both the quality of life and the environment.

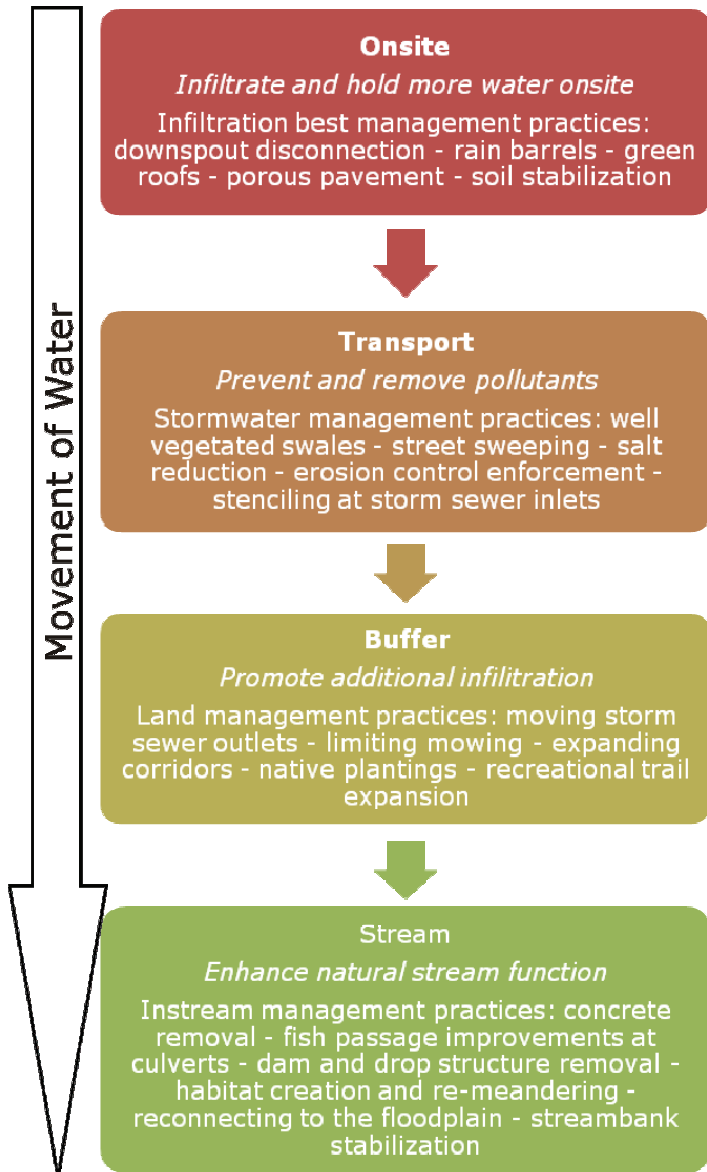


In urban settings it may be necessary to limit pollution and water runoff before it reaches the buffer.

**Challenge:**  
 There are many potential constraints to establishing, expanding, and/or managing riparian buffers within an urban landscape. Two major constraints to establishment of urban buffers include:

- 1) **Limited or confined space to establish buffers** due to encroachment by structures such as buildings, roadways, and/or sewer infrastructure;
- 2) **Fragmentation of the landscape** by road and railway crossings of creeks and rivers that disrupt the linear connectedness of buffers, limiting their ability to provide quality wildlife habitat.

Much traditional stormwater infrastructure intercepts runoff and diverts it directly into creeks and rivers, bypassing any benefits of buffers to infiltrate or filter pollutants. This is important to consider in design of a buffer system for urban waterways, which begin in yards, curbsides, and construction sites, that are figuratively as close to streams as the nearest storm sewer inlet.



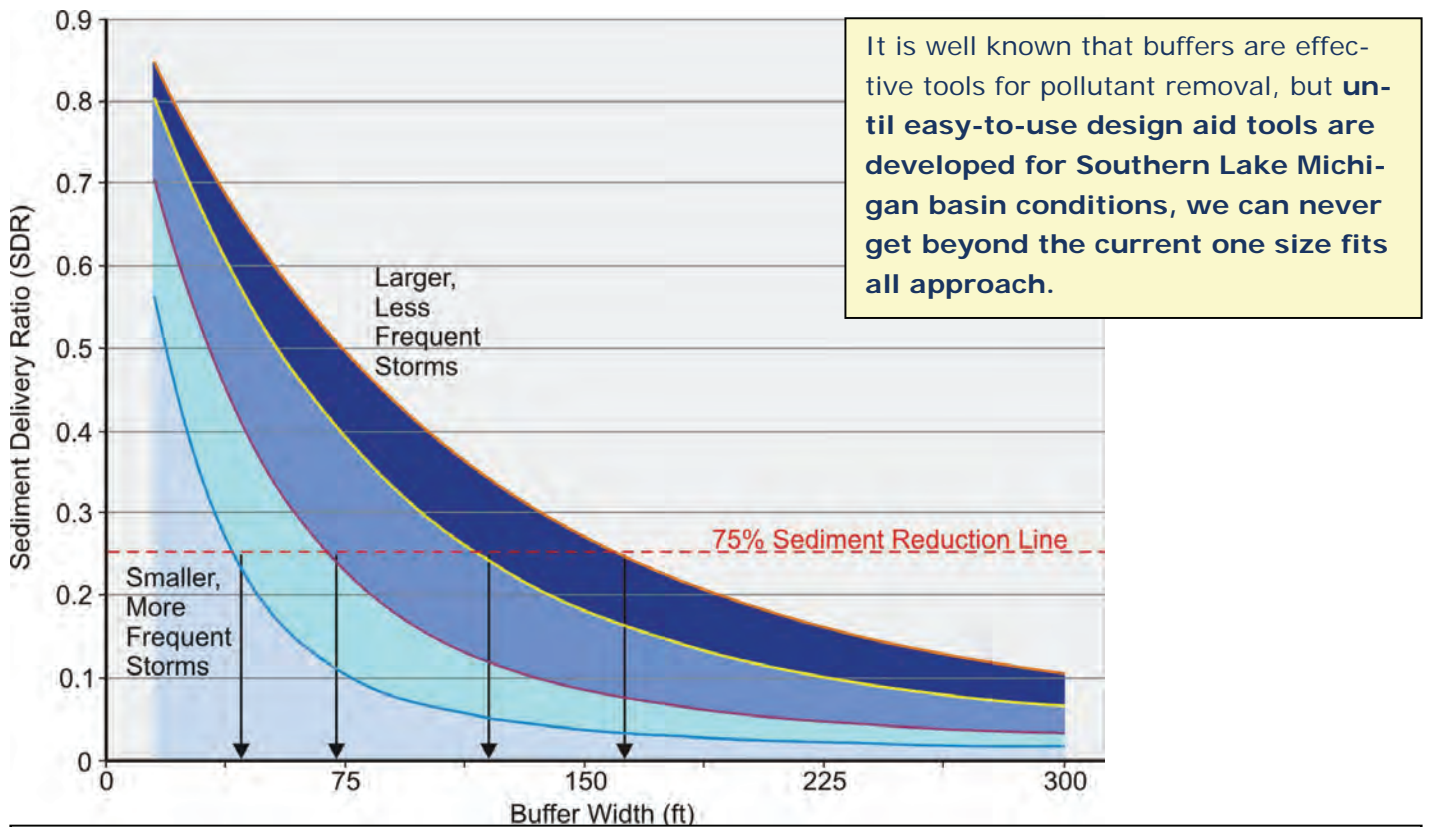


### A Buffer Design Tool

Design aids are needed to help municipalities, property owners, and others take the "guesswork" out of determining adequate buffer widths for the purpose of water resource quality protection. While there are various complex mathematical models that can be used to estimate sediment and nutrient removal efficiencies, they are not easily applied by the people who need them including homeowners, farmers, businesses and developers.

To fill this gap, design aid tools are being developed using factors such as slope, soils, field length, incoming pollutant concentrations, and vegetation to allow the user to identify and test realistic buffer widths with respect to the desired percent pollutant load reduction and storm characteristics. By developing a set of relationships among factors that determine buffer effectiveness, the width of buffer needed to meet specific goals can be identified.

In the example below, 50-foot-wide buffers are necessary to achieve 75 % sediment removal during small, low intensity storms, while buffers more than 150 feet wide are necessary to achieve the same sediment reduction during more severe storms. Based on this information, decision-makers have the option of fitting a desired level of sediment removal into the context of their specific conditions. Under most conditions, a 75-foot width will provide a minimum level of protection for a variety of needs (SEWRPC PR No. 50, Appendix O.)



This generalized graph depicts an example of model output for an optimal buffer width to achieve a 75% sediment reduction for a range of soil and slope, vegetation, and storm conditions characteristic of North Carolina. (Adapted from Muñoz-Carpena R., Parsons J.E.. 2005. VFSMOD-W: Vegetative Filter Strips Hydrology and Sediment Transport Modeling System v.2.x. Homestead, FL: University of Florida. <http://carpena.ifas.ufl.edu/vfsmod/citations.shtml> )

## Buffers Are A Good Defense

Today's natural resources are under threat. These threats are immediate as in the case of chemical accidents or manure spills, and chronic as in the case of stormwater pollution carrying everything from eroded soil, to fertilizer nutrients, to millions of drips from automobiles and other sources across the landscape. Non-native species have invaded, and continue to invade, key ecosystems and have caused the loss of native species and degradation of their habitats to the detriment of our use of important resources.

A more subtle, but growing, concern is the case of stresses on the environment resulting from climate change. Buffers present an opportunity for natural systems to adapt to such changes by providing the space to implement protective measures while also serving human needs. **Because riparian buffers maintain an important part of the landscape in a natural condition, they offer opportunities for communities to adjust to our changing world.**

Well-managed riparian buffers are a good defense against these threats. In combination with environmental corridors, buffers maintain a sustainable reserve and diversity of habitats, plant and animal populations, and genetic diversity of organisms, all of which contribute to the long-term preservation of the landscape. Where they are of sufficient size and connectivity, riparian buffers act as reservoirs of resources that resist the changes that could lead to loss of species.

***"Riparian ecosystems are naturally resilient, provide linear habitat connectivity, link aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems, and create thermal refugia for wildlife: all characteristics that can contribute to ecological adaptation to climate change."***

*(N. E. Seavy and others, Why Climate Change Makes Riparian Restoration More Important Than Ever: Recommendations for Practice and Research, 2009, Ecological Restoration 27(3): 330-338)*



**Refuge or protection from increased water temperatures as provided by natural buffers is important for the preservation of native cold-water, cool-water, and warm-water fishes and their associated communities.**





Buffers Provide Opportunities



River, lake, and wetland systems and their associated riparian lands form an important element of the natural resource base, create opportunities for recreation, and contribute to attractive and well-balanced communities. These resources can provide an essential avenue for relief of stress among the population and improve quality of life in both urban and rural areas. Such uses also sustain industries associated with outfitting and supporting recreational and other uses of the natural environment, providing economic opportunities. Increasing access and assuring safe use of these areas enhances public awareness and commitment to natural resources. Research has shown that property values are higher adjoining riparian corridors, and that such natural features are among the most appreciated and well-supported parts of the landscape for protection.



**We demand a lot from our riparian buffers!**  
Sustaining this range of uses requires our commitment to protect and maintain them.



## Summary

The following guidance suggestions highlight key points to improve riparian corridor management and create a more sustainable environment.

**Riparian corridors or buffers along our waters may contain varied features,** but all are best preserved or designed to perform multiple important functions.

**Care about buffers because of their many benefits.** Riparian buffers make sense and are profitable monetarily, recreationally, aesthetically, as well as environmentally.

**Enhance the environmental corridor concept.** Environmental corridors are special resources which deserve protection. They serve many key riparian corridor functions, but in some cases, could also benefit from additional buffering.

**Avoid habitat fragmentation of riparian corridors.** It is important to preserve and link key resource areas, making natural connections and avoiding habitat gaps.

**Employ the adage “wider is better” for buffer protection.** While relatively narrow riparian buffers may be effective as filters for certain pollutants, that water quality function along with infiltration of precipitation and runoff and the provision of habitat for a host of species will be improved by expanding buffer width where feasible.

**Allow creeks and rivers room to roam across the landscape.** Streams are dynamic and should be buffered adequately to allow for natural movement over time while avoiding problems associated with such movement.

**Consider and evaluate buffers as a matter of balance.** Riparian buffers are a living, self-sustainable shield that can help balance active use of water and adjoining resources with environmental protection.

**Agricultural buffers can provide many benefits.** Riparian buffers in agricultural settings generally work well, are cost-effective, and can provide multiple benefits, including possibly serving as areas to raise certain crops.

**Urban buffers should be preserved and properly managed.** Though often space-constrained and fragmented, urban buffers are important remnants of the natural system. Opportunities to establish or expand buffers should be considered, where feasible, complemented by good stormwater management, landscaping, and local ordinances, including erosion controls.

**A buffer design tool is needed and should be developed.** Southeastern Wisconsin and the Southern Lake Michigan Basin would benefit from development of a specific design tool to address the water quality function of buffers. Such a tool would improve on the currently available general guidance on dimensions and species composition.

**Buffers are a good defense.** Combined with environmental corridors, riparian buffers offer a good line of defense against changes which can negatively impact natural resources and the landscape.



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## MORE TO COME

Future editions in a riparian buffer planning series are being explored with the intent of focusing on key elements of this critical land and water interface. Topics may include:

- Information sharing and development of ordinances to integrate riparian buffers into existing land management plans and programs
- Integration of stormwater management practices and riparian buffer best management practices
- Application of buffers within highly constrained urban corridors with and without brownfield development
- Installation of buffers within rural or agricultural lands being converted to urban uses
- Utilization of buffers in agricultural areas and associated drainage systems
- Integration of riparian buffers into environmental corridors to support resources preservation, recreation and aesthetic uses
- Preservation of stream courses and drainageways to minimize maintenance and promote protection of infrastructure
- Guidance for retrofitting, replacement, or removal of infrastructure such as dams and road crossings, to balance transportation, recreation, aesthetic, property value, and environmental considerations.
- Protection of groundwater recharge and discharge areas
- Protection of high quality, sensitive coastal areas, including preservation of recreational potential

## MORE INFORMATION

This booklet can be found at <http://www.sewrpc.org/SEWRPC/Environment.htm> . Please visit the website for more information, periodic updates, and a list of complementary publications.

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## Appendix E

# DOCUMENTATION FOR DIGITAL STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM DATASETS AMONG MS4 COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED

### MS4 DATASETS WITH WATERSHED-WIDE COVERAGE

#### Storm Water Best Management Practices (BMP)

Village of Sussex StormPonds (polygons) was converted into point features by using ESRI ArcMap Feature to Point tool. The points were renamed VSussexStormPonds. The points were categorized by PondType, where “Dry” = dry, “Infiltration” = dry, “Raingarden” = dry and null = other;

City of Pewaukee Ponds\_BMPs\_2010 (points) was categorized by Type, where “Bioret” = dry, “CB” = other, “Dry” = dry, “Infilt” = dry, “Stmceptr” = other, “Unk\_Pond” = other, “Wet” = wet and “Wetland” = wet;

Village of Pewaukee Ponds 2010 SLAMM (polygons) was converted into point features by using ESRI ArcMap Features to Point tool. The points were renamed VPewaukeePonds. The points were categorized by DNR\_Status, where “Dry” = dry, “Model” = wet, “Natural” = wet, “No LTM Agreement” = wet, “Too New” = wet and “Too Shallow” = Dry;

Town of Delafield Pond (polygons) was converted into point features by using ESRI ArcMap Feature to Point tool. The points were renamed TDeLafieldPonds. The points were categorized by Detention where “Dry” = dry and “wet” = wet. Mapped storm water BMPs that were already in the County’s BMP inventory were removed from the Town’s dataset;

The Town of Lisbon uses the County’s BMP database, so this information is provided through Waukesha County’s Storm\_Water\_BMPs (see below).

City of Waukesha storm water management BMPs was mapped from the City of Waukesha NR 216 Annual Report for the Year 2010, AECOM 2011 where the coordinates of BMPs in the report were plotted as an event theme. The determination of wet, dry or other was done by Waukesha County staff based upon site conditions and aerial photo review.

Waukesha County Storm\_Water\_BMPs (points) were categorized by BMPFacilityTypeDesc where “Constructed Wetland” = wet, “Dry Detention Basin” = dry, “Grassed Swale” = dry, “Infiltration Basin” = dry, “Infiltration Trench/Structure” = dry, “Kettle” = dry, “Permanent Sediment Trap” = wet, “Rain Garden” = dry and “Wet Detention Basin” = wet.



## **Storm Pipes**

Documentation for merging the storm water system storm pipes for the MS4 community datasets using ESRI ArcMap:

City of Waukesha – **StormGravityMain**  
Town of Delafield – **GreaterThan24\_Sewer, GreaterThan36\_Sewer, SewerOutside & Sewer36\_Outside**  
Town of Lisbon – **st\_culvert and st\_sewer**  
Village of Pewaukee – **stormpipedata2007**  
Village of Sussex – **StormPipes**  
City of Pewaukee – **StormSewersApprox2010**  
Waukesha County – **County\_Storm\_Pipes**

## **Major Outfalls**

Documentation for merging the storm water system major outfalls for the MS4 community datasets using ESRI ArcMap:

Waukesha County: County\_Major\_Outfalls  
City of Pewaukee: StormSystemOutfalls2010 (definition query for Type = Major)  
Village of Sussex: StormStructures (definition query for StructType = OFM)  
Town of Lisbon: Outfalls (definition query for Type = Major)  
Town of Delafield: Major\_Outfall (definition query for Type = Major)  
City of Waukesha: StormDischargePoint (definition query for OutfallTyp = MAJOR)  
Village of Pewaukee: Outfalls (definition query for Maj\_Min = Major Outfall)

### ***Outfalls were created by merging the datasets listed below:***

Waukesha County: County DPLUoutlets  
City of Pewaukee: StormSystemOutfalls2010 (definition query for Type not equal to Major)  
City of Waukesha: StormDischargePoint (definition query for OutfallTyp not equal to MAJOR)  
Town of Delafield: Storm\_Points (definition query for Type = Coutfall or outfall)  
Town of Lisbon: Outfalls (definition query for Type = Minor)  
Village of Pewaukee: Outfalls (definition query for Maj\_Min = Minor Outfall)  
Village of Sussex: StormStructures (definition query for StructType = OF)

## **Waukesha County stormwater and erosion control plan Digital Submittal requirements:**

In addition to a paper copy, provide site map items in a digital format georeferenced to the State Plane Coordinate System, Wisconsin South Zone, NAD 27, NGVD 29. Preferred formats include ESRI Geodatabase or AutoCAD.dxf.

With regard to storm water BMPs, the County database includes the following attributes: BMPNumber, ProjectName, BMPFacilityTypeDesc, BMPDescription, BMPDrainageArea, BMPMaintainedBy, MunicipalityDesc, BMPQuarterSection, BMPSection, BMPTownshipID, Watershed, Subwatershed, BMPCertificationPENAME, BMPCertificationCompany, BMPCertificationDate, BMPInServiceDate, BMPStatusDesc, LastBMPInspectionDate, DocumentNumbers, GEONorthing, GEOEasting, BMPNextPlannedInspectionDate.

## **MS4 DATASETS WITHOUT WATERSHEDWIDE COVERAGE (SEWER INLETS, CULVERTS & STREET DRAINAGE)**

### **City of Waukesha Inlets**

StormInlets.shp  
StormCatchBasin.shp

**Village of Sussex Inlets and Culverts**

StormStructures.shp

Inlets – StrucType = “CB” or “IN”

Culverts – StrucType = “EOP”

**Town of Delafield Inlets and Culverts**

StormSystem Feature Dataset, Storm\_Points Feature Class

Culverts –TYPE = 'CULVERT'

Inlets – TYPE = 'CB'

**Village of Pewaukee Swales**

Final SLAMM Analysis Map to SEWRPC.mpk

Swale

**Town of Delafield Street Drainage**

Curb\_Gutter\_Drainage.shp

Swale\_Drainage.shp

Undeveloped\_Roadside.shp

**Town of Lisbon Curb and Gutter**

Curb and Gutter.shp

*Source: City of Pewaukee, AECOM; City of Waukesha, GRAEF; Town of Delafield, R.A. Smith National, Inc.; Town of Lisbon, Strand Associates, Inc.; Village of Pewaukee, STANTEC; Village of Sussex, Ruekert & Mielke, Inc.; Waukesha County PLU -- Land Resources Division; and SEWRPC.*

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## **Appendix F**

# **INSTREAM HABITAT INVENTORY AMONG REACHES WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2012**

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Table F-1

QUANTITATIVE INSTREAM COVER CHARACTERISTICS AMONG HABITAT TYPES WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2012

Reach	Survey ID <sup>a</sup> (see Maps F-1 through F-8)	River Mile	Sample Date	Longitude <sup>b</sup>	Latitude <sup>b</sup>	Habitat Type	Water Velocity	Amount of Cover (rank)	Woody Debris (rank)	Macrophytes (rank)	Algae (rank)	Shading (rank)
Pewaukee 1	1	--	21-Mar-12	2478640.0864	384688.8740	Riffle	Fast	3	3	0	0	3
Pewaukee 1	2	--	21-Mar-12	2478520.7379	384732.7312	Riffle	Fast	3	1	0	0	1
Pewaukee 1	3	--	21-Mar-12	2478444.24000	384738.085882	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	4	--	21-Mar-12	2478451.6334	384832.2661	Riffle	Fast	2	0	0	0	1
Pewaukee 1	5	--	21-Mar-12	2478458.103160	384898.345076	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	6	--	21-Mar-12	2478229.7919	384953.5517	Run	Fast	3	1	0	1	3
Pewaukee 1	7	--	21-Mar-12	2478185.197210	384969.984697	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	8	--	21-Mar-12	2478056.877590	385049.888408	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	9	--	21-Mar-12	2478128.2301	385142.1405	Run	Fast	3	2	0	1	2
Pewaukee 1	10	--	21-Mar-12	2478160.735980	385203.491448	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	11	--	21-Mar-12	2478179.655230	385228.340479	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	12	--	21-Mar-12	2478295.4289	385299.6979	Riffle	Fast	2	1	0	1	3
Pewaukee 1	13	--	21-Mar-12	2478429.071730	385605.623845	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	14	--	21-Mar-12	2478439.4513	385704.6660	Run	Fast	2	1	0	1	1
Pewaukee 1	15	--	21-Mar-12	2478564.116730	385786.663510	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	16	--	22-Mar-12	2478551.761770	385823.495457	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	17	--	22-Mar-12	2478529.0404	385829.5771	Run	Fast	2	1	0	1	1
Pewaukee 1	18	--	22-Mar-12	2478440.5500	386069.0445	Run	Moderate	2	1	0	1	2
Pewaukee 1	19	--	22-Mar-12	2478523.0843	386347.1352	Riffle	Fast	3	2	0	1	3
Pewaukee 1	20	--	22-Mar-12	2478540.124330	386433.305589	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	21	--	22-Mar-12	2478571.373280	386470.613585	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	22	--	22-Mar-12	2478529.3071	386585.4562	Run	Moderate	1	1	0	1	1
Pewaukee 1	23	--	22-Mar-12	2478618.7101	386782.3265	Riffle	Fast	1	1	0	1	1
Pewaukee 1	24	--	22-Mar-12	2478499.6421	387024.6190	Run	Moderate	1	1	1	0	1
Pewaukee 1	25	--	22-Mar-12	2478200.7799	387157.1788	Riffle	Fast	2	1	0	0	1
Pewaukee 1	26	--	22-Mar-12	2478116.951940	387197.640018	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	27	--	22-Mar-12	2477917.7955	387219.4982	Run	Fast	2	0	0	0	1
Pewaukee 1	28	--	22-Mar-12	2477737.4179	387189.1374	Riffle	Fast	2	1	0	0	1
Pewaukee 1	29	--	22-Mar-12	2477680.996450	387049.661640	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	30	--	22-Mar-12	2477558.8327	386918.1284	Run	Moderate	2	1	0	1	2
Pewaukee 1	31	--	22-Mar-12	2477329.6825	386784.3676	Run	Moderate	2	2	0	1	3
Pewaukee 1	32	--	22-Mar-12	2477143.161240	386830.487209	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	33	--	22-Mar-12	2477032.573535	386853.402190	Run	Fast	2	0	0	1	1
Pewaukee 1	34	--	22-Mar-12	2476874.733630	386751.747209	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	35	--	28-Mar-12	2476782.173440	386712.150176	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	36	--	28-Mar-12	2476770.7991	386682.2979	Riffle	Fast	2	2	0	1	3
Pewaukee 1	37	--	28-Mar-12	2476643.508370	386632.002698	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	38	--	28-Mar-12	2476592.702370	386686.558363	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	39	--	28-Mar-12	2476544.0588	386750.0225	Riffle	Fast	2	2	0	1	3
Pewaukee 1	40	--	28-Mar-12	2476328.4247	386897.8926	Riffle	Moderate	2	1	0	0	3
Pewaukee 1	41	--	28-Mar-12	2476092.5134	387053.0606	Riffle	Moderate	2	2	0	1	3
Pewaukee 1	42	--	28-Mar-12	2475915.8225	387122.8698	Run	Slow	1	1	1	0	0
Pewaukee 1	43	--	28-Mar-12	2475678.6071	387131.4351	Run	Slow	1	1	0	1	1

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Table F-1 (continued)

Reach	Survey ID <sup>a</sup> (see Maps F-1 through F-8)	River Mile	Sample Date	Longitude <sup>b</sup>	Latitude <sup>b</sup>	Habitat Type	Water Velocity	Amount of Cover (rank)	Woody Debris (rank)	Macrophytes (rank)	Algae (rank)	Shading (rank)
Pewaukee 1	44	--	28-Mar-12	2475623.30240	387122.95348	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	45	--	28-Mar-12	2475494.6750	387133.0755	Riffle	Fast	2	2	0	1	2
Pewaukee 1	46	--	28-Mar-12	2475263.7664	387150.8242	Run	Moderate	3	3	0	0	2
Pewaukee 1	47	--	28-Mar-12	2475236.999700	387179.589201	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	48	--	28-Mar-12	2474918.5279	387179.7998	Run	Slow	2	2	0	0	1
Pewaukee 1	49	--	28-Mar-12	2474712.7002	387060.5255	Run	Slow	2	2	0	0	2
Pewaukee 1	50	--	28-Mar-12	2474507.957190	386917.594647	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	51	--	28-Mar-12	2474473.4382	386811.5634	Run	Slow	2	2	0	0	2
Pewaukee 1	52	--	28-Mar-12	2474454.2949	386629.6825	Run	Slow	2	2	0	0	1
Pewaukee 1	53	--	28-Mar-12	2474452.573770	386585.189143	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	54	--	28-Mar-12	2474484.586830	386506.759182	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	55	--	28-Mar-12	2474546.5444	386459.7964	Pool	Slow	2	2	0	0	1
Pewaukee 1	56	--	28-Mar-12	2474457.1801	386354.0964	Run	Moderate	3	3	0	0	3
Pewaukee 1	57	--	29-Mar-12	2474099.5404	386375.5482	Run	Slow	1	1	0	0	2
Pewaukee 1	58	--	29-Mar-12	2473860.8479	386350.0344	Run	Slow	1	1	0	0	3
Pewaukee 1	59	--	29-Mar-12	2473694.227190	386418.515264	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	60	--	29-Mar-12	2473599.650280	386442.936147	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	61	--	29-Mar-12	2473517.5825	386461.8816	Pool	Slow	3	3	0	0	2
Pewaukee 1	62	--	29-Mar-12	2473365.049050	386526.569838	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	63	--	29-Mar-12	2473446.419620	386681.780486	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	64	--	29-Mar-12	2473477.5902	386716.7283	Run	Slow	2	1	0	0	1
Pewaukee 1	65	--	29-Mar-12	2473269.6585	386907.0461	Run	Slow	2	2	1	0	1
Pewaukee 1	66	--	29-Mar-12	2473200.883360	386818.320239	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	67	--	29-Mar-12	2473058.2091	386907.5425	Run	Slow	1	1	1	0	1
Pewaukee 1	68	--	29-Mar-12	2472887.9257	387043.2365	Run	Slow	1	1	0	0	0
Pewaukee 2	69	--	2-Apr-12	387532.2227	387532.2227	Run	Slow	1	1	1	1	2
Pewaukee 2	70	--	2-Apr-12	2472762.336670	387647.815627	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	71	--	2-Apr-12	2472623.2917	387681.3231	Run	Slow	1	1	1	0	0
Pewaukee 2	72	--	2-Apr-12	2472546.079230	387644.912090	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	73	--	2-Apr-12	2472516.065180	387653.779854	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	74	--	2-Apr-12	2472444.083370	387716.302367	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	75	--	2-Apr-12	2472592.7835	387857.2315	Run	Slow	2	2	1	1	1
Pewaukee 2	76	--	2-Apr-12	2472459.1932	387977.0535	Run	Slow	2	2	0	1	1
Pewaukee 2	77	--	2-Apr-12	2472441.572550	387966.808099	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	78	--	3-Apr-12	2472400.4512	388139.2513	Run	Slow	1	1	0	0	0
Pewaukee 2	79	--	3-Apr-12	2472376.0979	388336.6788	Run	Slow	2	1	0	0	2
Pewaukee 2	80	--	3-Apr-12	2472348.859150	388394.404357	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	81	--	3-Apr-12	2472215.833500	388347.221052	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	82	--	3-Apr-12	2472120.4554	388508.2463	Run	Slow	1	1	0	0	0
Pewaukee 2	83	--	3-Apr-12	2471943.3918	388607.3190	Run	Slow	2	2	1	0	1
Pewaukee 2	84	--	3-Apr-12	2471741.618240	388722.096615	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	85	--	3-Apr-12	2471915.2157	388787.6490	Run	Slow	1	1	1	0	0
Pewaukee 2	86	--	3-Apr-12	2471979.7231	388979.4990	Riffle	Moderate	3	3	0	0	3
Pewaukee 2	87	--	3-Apr-12	2471788.3475	388986.3887	Riffle	Moderate	2	2	0	0	0
Pewaukee 2	88	--	3-Apr-12	2471728.851860	388908.191715	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--

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Pewaukee 2	89	--	3-Apr-12	2471634.669960	388963.186028	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	90	--	3-Apr-12	2471707.7863	389131.5981	Run	Slow	2	2	0	0	0
Pewaukee 2	91	--	3-Apr-12	2471731.6284	389405.7334	Pool	Slow	1	1	0	0	2
Pewaukee 2	92	--	3-Apr-12	2471565.9601	389621.1339	Run	Slow	1	1	1	0	0
Pewaukee 2	93	--	4-Apr-12	2471338.489120	389763.820910	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	94	--	4-Apr-12	2471325.7490	389781.3635	Pool	Slow	1	1	0	0	0
Pewaukee 2	95	--	4-Apr-12	2471329.217490	389884.320012	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	96	--	4-Apr-12	2471477.0433	389923.2589	Pool	Slow	2	2	0	0	1
Pewaukee 2	97	--	4-Apr-12	2471470.107300	389979.945477	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	98	--	4-Apr-12	2471368.6839	390056.6678	Run	Slow	1	1	0	0	0
Pewaukee 2	99	--	4-Apr-12	2471341.302110	390126.673202	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	100	--	4-Apr-12	2471494.4632	390288.1335	Pool	Slow	1	1	0	0	0
Pewaukee 2	101	--	4-Apr-12	2471295.4607	390411.4965	Run	Moderate	2	2	0	1	1
Pewaukee 2	102	--	4-Apr-12	2471238.750480	390429.487557	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	103	--	4-Apr-12	2471184.556030	390531.925344	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	104	--	4-Apr-12	2471259.9036	390613.7920	Run	Slow	1	0	0	0	0
Pewaukee 2	105	--	4-Apr-12	2471101.8695	390726.2586	Run	Moderate	1	1	0	0	0
Pewaukee 2	106	--	4-Apr-12	2471088.710420	390779.576424	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	107	--	4-Apr-12	2470961.6237	390807.1128	Run	Moderate	2	2	1	0	1
Pewaukee 2	108	--	4-Apr-12	2470940.380990	390802.905446	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	109	--	4-Apr-12	2470918.545740	390838.498222	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	110	--	5-Apr-12	2470854.734510	390891.388208	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	111	--	5-Apr-12	2470807.9869	390889.7304	Run	Moderate	2	2	0	0	1
Pewaukee 2	112	--	5-Apr-12	2470785.340950	390890.444312	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	113	--	5-Apr-12	2469991.575480	395760.913902	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	114	--	5-Apr-12	2470733.7220	391118.2513	Run	Moderate	1	1	0	0	0
Pewaukee 2	115	--	5-Apr-12	2470835.9665	391269.5548	Run	Slow	1	2	0	0	1
Pewaukee 2	116	--	5-Apr-12	2470759.7934	391688.2757	Run	Slow	1	1	0	0	0
Pewaukee 2	117	--	2-May-12	2470657.7900	392066.5479	Run	Moderate	1	1	0	1	0
Pewaukee 2	118	--	2-May-12	2470617.0444	392424.7838	Run	Moderate	1	1	0	1	0
Pewaukee 2	119	--	2-May-12	2470691.1892	392818.8453	Run	Moderate	1	1	1	1	0
Pewaukee 2	120	--	2-May-12	2470693.9648	393211.4256	Run	Moderate	2	2	1	1	0
Pewaukee 2	121	--	1-May-12	2470574.244590	393382.030209	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	122	--	1-May-12	2470516.1614	393655.2918	Run	Moderate	3	2	3	0	1
Pewaukee 2	123	--	1-May-12	2470795.0201	393770.6026	Run	Slow	3	2	2	0	1
Pewaukee 2	124	--	1-May-12	2470997.682720	393758.839822	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	125	--	1-May-12	2470875.1672	393933.3572	Run	Slow	1	1			0
Pewaukee 2	126	--	1-May-12	2470606.1051	394152.9637	Run	Slow	2	1	1	0	0
Pewaukee 2	127	--	1-May-12	2470344.7008	394524.8796	Run	Slow	2	2	2	0	1
Pewaukee 2	128	--	1-May-12	2470208.974650	394638.004731	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	129	--	1-May-12	2470147.2094	394717.7670	Run	Moderate	3	3	2	0	1
Pewaukee 2	130	--	1-May-12	2470156.127970	394880.026556	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	131	--	1-May-12	2470335.7831	394913.3962	Run	Moderate	2	1	2	0	0
Pewaukee 2	132	--	1-May-12	2470457.034850	395341.417366	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	133	--	1-May-12	2470480.4639	395248.6977	Run	Slow	1	0	1	0	0

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Pewaukee 2	134	--	1-May-12	2470237.4910	395339.7487	Run	Slow	1	1	1	0	0
Pewaukee 2	135	--	1-May-12	2470124.114580	395295.251776	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	136	--	1-May-12	2470087.5536	395806.9683	Run	Slow	1	1	0	0	1
Pewaukee 2	137	--	1-May-12	2470098.611350	395964.599518	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	138	--	1-May-12	2469975.1408	395854.9859	Run	Slow	2	2	2	1	0
Pewaukee 2	139	--	1-May-12	2469991.575480	395760.913902	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	140	--	1-May-12	2469864.2831	395837.7678	Run	Slow	2	1	2	1	0
Pewaukee 2	141	--	12-Apr-12	2469653.0424	395891.8917	Run	Slow	2	1	2	1	0
Pewaukee 2	142	--	12-Apr-12	2469521.0702	396057.1105	Run	Slow	2	1	2	1	0
Pewaukee 2	143	--	12-Apr-12	2469658.681460	396214.166605	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	144	--	12-Apr-12	2469685.385800	396243.787608	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	145	--	12-Apr-12	2469663.1470	396374.2834	Run	Slow	2	1	2	1	0
Pewaukee 2	146	--	12-Apr-12	2469616.172357	396430.196028	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	147	--	12-Apr-12	2469469.1799	396361.5174	Run	Slow	2	1	3	2	0
Pewaukee 2	148	--	13-Apr-12	2469359.1309	396648.4151	Run	Slow	2	2	2	2	1
Pewaukee 2	149	--	13-Apr-12	2469348.426500	396688.676482	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	150	--	13-Apr-12	2469192.7014	396768.4496	Run	Slow	1	0	2	1	1
Pewaukee 2	151	--	13-Apr-12	2468973.5746	396859.3864	Run	Slow	1	1	2	1	1
Pewaukee 2	152	--	13-Apr-12	2468994.4285	397047.7174	Run	Slow	1	1	1	1	2
Pewaukee 3	153	--	13-Apr-12	2468984.5033	397358.4767	Riffle	Moderate	2	1	1	1	1
Pewaukee 3	154	--	13-Apr-12	2468677.4311	397381.8122	Run	Slow	2	1	1	2	1
Pewaukee 3	155	--	13-Apr-12	2468469.7901	397397.6429	Run	Slow	2	1	1	1	2
Pewaukee 3	156	--	13-Apr-12	2468269.3056	397438.6520	Pool	Slow	2	2	1	2	2
Pewaukee 3	157	--	17-Apr-12	2468101.0510	397564.9812	Run	Slow	2	1	1	0	1
Pewaukee 3	158	--	17-Apr-12	2467989.645100	397613.671352	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 3	159	--	17-Apr-12	2467913.0596	397681.0577	Run	Moderate	2	1	2	1	0
Pewaukee 3	160	--	17-Apr-12	2467860.4049	397824.6965	Run	Slow	2	2	1	0	1
Pewaukee 3	161	--	17-Apr-12	2467879.316580	397856.386417	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 3	162	--	17-Apr-12	2467887.370700	397930.438763	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 3	163	--	17-Apr-12	2467754.6735	397878.4904	Run	Moderate	3	3	1	1	2
Pewaukee 3	164	--	17-Apr-12	2467559.930730	397862.789620	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 3	165	--	17-Apr-12	2467495.3561	397874.4530	Run	Slow	1	1	1	1	1
Pewaukee 3	166	--	17-Apr-12	2467411.542580	397885.009720	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 3	167	--	17-Apr-12	2467353.8944	397900.7597	Riffle	Moderate	2	1	1	1	1
Pewaukee 3	168	--	17-Apr-12	2467411.542580	397885.009720	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 3	169	--	17-Apr-12	2467194.370110	397966.869136	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 3	170	--	17-Apr-12	2467078.113460	398013.230920	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 3	171	--	17-Apr-12	2467044.8724	398030.3497	Pool	Slow	1	1	1	1	0
Pewaukee 3	172	--	17-Apr-12	2466939.5908	398246.5559	Pool	Slow	1	1	1	2	0
Pewaukee 3	173	--	17-Apr-12	2466771.7578	398528.9267	Run	Slow	1	1	1	1	0
Pewaukee 3	174	--	17-Apr-12	2466358.8603	398521.8690	Run	Slow	2	1	1	0	2
Pewaukee 3	175	--	18-Apr-12	2466235.235880	398696.660983	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 3	176	--	18-Apr-12	2466114.6977	398692.0035	Run	Slow	2	2	1	1	1
Pewaukee 3	177	--	18-Apr-12	2465838.1284	398741.2495	Run	Slow	1	1	1	0	1

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Pewaukee 3	178	--	18-Apr-12	2465651.1701	398779.9692	Run	Slow	2	2	1	0	3
Pewaukee 3	179	--	18-Apr-12	2465603.203020	398748.472560	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 3	180	--	18-Apr-12	2465436.4182	398853.0045	Run	Slow	1	1	0	0	2
Pewaukee 3	181	--	18-Apr-12	2465252.2109	398876.9041	Run	Moderate	1	1	1	2	1
Pewaukee 3	182	--	18-Apr-12	2465101.851330	398917.858048	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 3	183	--	18-Apr-12	2465059.563030	398983.341512	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 3	184	--	18-Apr-12	2465071.8504	399052.4099	Run	Slow	2	1	1	2	1
Pewaukee 3	185	--	18-Apr-12	2465054.422290	399154.440580	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 3	186	--	18-Apr-12	2464981.4365	399202.4198	Run	Slow	2	2	1	1	1
Pewaukee 3	187	--	18-Apr-12	2464744.097780	399251.553574	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 3	188	--	18-Apr-12	2464635.3204	399348.8365	Run	Moderate	2	2	1	1	1
Pewaukee 3	189	--	23-Apr-12	2464378.1750	399545.6662	Run	Moderate	2	0	1	2	0
Pewaukee 3	190	--	23-Apr-12	2464315.2410	399772.2412	Pool	Moderate	2	1	1	1	1
Pewaukee 3	191	--	23-Apr-12	2464300.617700	399771.050567	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 3	192	--	23-Apr-12	2464376.7307	399910.3846	Run	Moderate	3	3	0	0	2
Pewaukee 3	193	--	23-Apr-12	2464404.701150	400002.939539	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	194	--	23-Apr-12	2464480.0107	400235.3298	Run	Slow	2	2	1	0	1
Pewaukee 4	195	--	23-Apr-12	2464473.505150	400370.098910	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	196	--	23-Apr-12	2464462.559630	400437.552843	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	197	--	23-Apr-12	2464445.2273	400484.6777	Run	Slow	2	2	1	0	2
Pewaukee 4	198	--	23-Apr-12	2464435.631540	400735.374426	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	199	--	23-Apr-12	2464438.2660	400745.5125	Run	Slow	2	2	0	0	3
Pewaukee 4	200	--	24-Apr-12	2464455.8615	401009.0576	Run	Moderate	2	2	0	0	2
Pewaukee 4	201	--	24-Apr-12	2464464.868680	401062.473181	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	202	--	24-Apr-12	2464482.803030	401108.958652	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	203	--	24-Apr-12	2464476.4408	401141.2745	Riffle	Fast	3	2	1	1	3
Pewaukee 4	204	--	24-Apr-12	2464611.1594	401150.3785	Run	Moderate	1	1	0	0	1
Pewaukee 4	205	--	24-Apr-12	2464801.5905	401147.0150	Run	Moderate	1	1	1	0	1
Pewaukee 4	206	--	24-Apr-12	2464825.354180	401143.690210	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	207	--	24-Apr-12	2464864.711060	401176.595000	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	208	--	24-Apr-12	2464879.1749	401262.7005	Run	Slow	1	1	0	0	0
Pewaukee 4	209	--	24-Apr-12	2464884.843890	401319.316499	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	210	--	24-Apr-12	2464852.148420	401348.242951	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	211	--	24-Apr-12	2464869.299630	401397.763849	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	212	--	24-Apr-12	2464902.490840	401406.279252	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	213	--	24-Apr-12	2464909.24542	401473.21645	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	214	--	24-Apr-12	2464914.0932	401499.5360	Run	Moderate	1	1	1	0	0
Pewaukee 4	215	--	24-Apr-12	2464910.301520	401514.917486	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	216	--	24-Apr-12	2464944.854600	401544.054895	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	217	--	24-Apr-12	2465003.2577	401638.5321	Run	Moderate	1	1	1	0	0
Pewaukee 4	218	--	24-Apr-12	2465016.009640	401685.274757	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	219	--	24-Apr-12	2465029.037170	401683.497529	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	220	--	24-Apr-12	2465055.5378	401775.4429	Run	Moderate	1	1	1	0	0
Pewaukee 4	221	--	24-Apr-12	2465072.269040	401798.831616	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--

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Pewaukee 4	222	--	24-Apr-12	2465080.609250	401812.329949	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	223	--	24-Apr-12	2465087.208970	401858.758006	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	224	--	24-Apr-12	2465098.794910	401888.517461	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	225	--	24-Apr-12	2465124.0718	401934.8796	Run	Moderate	1	1	1	0	0
Pewaukee 4	226	--	24-Apr-12	2465132.652120	401987.280386	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	227	--	24-Apr-12	2465163.422400	402074.182116	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	228	--	24-Apr-12	2465195.4483	402213.5142	Run	Slow	1	0	1	0	0
Pewaukee 4	229	--	24-Apr-12	2465247.9416	402347.3748	Run	Slow	1	0	1	0	0
Pewaukee 4	230	--	24-Apr-12	2465315.6813	402552.3570	Run	Slow	1	0	1	0	0
Pewaukee 4	231	--	3-May-12	402794.7578	402794.7578	Run	Slow	1	0	1	0	0
Pewaukee 4	232	--	3-May-12	2465845.4201	402632.2666	Run	Slow	1	0	1	0	0
Pewaukee 4	233	--	3-May-12	2466121.9251	402464.0606	Run	Moderate	1	1	1	0	0
Pewaukee 4	234	--	3-May-12	2466119.987090	402446.361161	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	235	--	3-May-12	2466259.561620	402395.408179	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	236	--	3-May-12	2466281.1400	402348.8948	Run	Moderate	1	1	1	0	1
Pewaukee 4	237	--	9-May-12	2466533.3849	402248.6342	Run	Moderate	2	1	2	1	0
Pewaukee 4	238	--	9-May-12	2466699.678520	402179.48702	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	239	--	9-May-12	2466747.7700	402140.4960	Run	Moderate	2	1	2	1	1
Pewaukee 4	240	--	9-May-12	2466859.362250	402094.585618	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	241	--	9-May-12	2466943.532690	402082.292336	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	242	--	9-May-12	2466989.3394	402071.1198	Run	Moderate	3	0	3	1	0
Pewaukee 4	243	--	9-May-12	2467250.3864	402100.2733	Run	Moderate	3	1	3	1	0
Pewaukee 4	244	--	9-May-12	2467571.9442	402209.4420	Run	Moderate	3	1	3	1	0
Pewaukee 4	245	--	9-May-12	2467720.372010	402288.459902	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	246	--	9-May-12	2467753.8441	402296.3441	Run	Moderate	3	1	3	0	0
Pewaukee 4	247	--	10-May-12	2468013.7261	402297.6449	Run	Moderate	3	1	3	0	0
Pewaukee 4	248	--	10-May-12	2468042.467170	402307.905729	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	249	--	10-May-12	2468320.0486	402380.2865	Run	Moderate	3	2	3	0	0
Pewaukee 4	250	--	10-May-12	2468483.7406	402447.8044	Pool	Moderate	3	2	2	0	2
Pewaukee 4	251	--	10-May-12	2468594.3588	402801.7423	Run	Moderate	3	1	3	2	0
Pewaukee 4	252	--	10-May-12	2468601.891250	402827.995240	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	253	--	10-May-12	2468706.8107	403112.9396	Pool	Moderate	2	1	2	1	0
Pewaukee 4	254	--	10-May-12	2468612.4703	403336.2144	Run	Moderate	2	1	2	0	0
Pewaukee 4	255	--	10-May-12	2468582.6554	403520.8187	Pool	Moderate	3	2	3	0	1
Pewaukee 4	256	--	11-May-12	2468528.3832	403603.4035	Run	Slow	2	1	2	1	1
Pewaukee 4	257	--	11-May-12	2468528.028860	403758.679731	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	258	--	11-May-12	2468550.7700	403817.7049	Riffle	Moderate	3	3	1	0	3
Pewaukee 4	259	--	11-May-12	2468438.9109	403968.0737	Riffle	Fast	3	3	1	0	3
Pewaukee 4	260	--	11-May-12	2468406.503840	404031.133910	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	261	--	11-May-12	2468394.760100	404111.521873	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	262	--	11-May-12	2468340.0483	404166.0785	Run	Moderate	2	2	1	0	3
Pewaukee 4	263	--	11-May-12	2468274.719660	404309.205861	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	264	--	11-May-12	2468259.7545	404343.6001	Pool	Moderate	3	1	2	0	2
Pewaukee 4	265	--	11-May-12	2468253.651790	404423.071119	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	266	--	11-May-12	2468189.907820	404466.345310	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--

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Pewaukee 4	267	--	11-May-12	2468164.4318	404561.9383	Run	Moderate	2	0	2	0	0
Pewaukee 4	268	--	11-May-12	2468136.9936	404828.5477	Riffle	Fast	2	1	0	1	2
Pewaukee 4	269	--	11-May-12	2468179.1480	405194.4570	Riffle	Fast	2	2	0	1	1
Pewaukee 4	270	--	11-May-12	2468293.0644	405553.7785	Run	Moderate	2	2	1	0	1
Pewaukee 4	271	--	11-May-12	2468356.9196	405699.9272	Run	Moderate	2	2	1	0	2
Pewaukee 4	272	--	11-May-12	2468460.7737	405875.3340	Riffle	Fast	2	1	1	0	0
Pewaukee 5	273	--	14-May-12	2468511.3278	406015.0610	Run	Moderate	2	1	1	1	0
Pewaukee 5	274	--	14-May-12	2468620.1671	406142.8137	Riffle	Moderate	2	1	1	1	0
Pewaukee 5	275	--	14-May-12	2468643.4650	406257.1275	Riffle	Fast	2	1	1	1	3
Pewaukee 5	276	--	14-May-12	2468741.9723	406467.2557	Run	Slow	3	3	0	0	3
Pewaukee 5	277	--	14-May-12	2468808.9925	406492.4676	Riffle	Moderate	2	1	1	1	1
Pewaukee 5	278	--	14-May-12	2468982.6303	406541.3156	Run	Moderate	2	2	1	0	1
Pewaukee 5	279	--	14-May-12	2469044.079340	406722.707923	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 5	280	--	14-May-12	2469034.9872	406770.6117	Riffle	Moderate	2	2	0	1	3
Pewaukee 5	281	--	14-May-12	2469159.8065	406948.3590	Run	Moderate	2	1	1	0	0
Pewaukee 5	282	--	14-May-12	2469184.493100	407011.395666	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 5	283	--	14-May-12	2469214.640350	407061.992350	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 5	284	--	14-May-12	2469250.1747	407109.6730	Run	Moderate	2	1	0	1	0
Pewaukee 5	285	--	14-May-12	2469287.930560	407156.149970	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 5	286	--	14-May-12	2469367.610190	407345.444539	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 5	287	--	14-May-12	2469408.5550	407352.1148	Run	Moderate	2	1	0	0	1
Pewaukee 5	288	--	14-May-12	2469590.7492	407545.8306	Run	Moderate	2	2	0	0	0
Pewaukee 5	289	--	14-May-12	2469786.1028	407720.6065	Run	Moderate	2	2	0	0	2
Pewaukee 5	290	--	16-May-12	2469944.825900	407788.213995	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 5	291	--	16-May-12	2469965.1169	407809.1769	Pool	Moderate	2	1	1	0	1
Pewaukee 5	292	--	16-May-12	2470036.9986	407895.5173	Riffle	Fast	2	2	0	1	2
Pewaukee 5	293	--	16-May-12	2470142.8294	408036.6298	Riffle	Fast	2	1	1	0	2
Pewaukee 5	294	--	16-May-12	2470219.502190	408081.574956	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 5	295	--	16-May-12	2470297.7189	408137.1287	Run	Moderate	2	1	1	0	0
Pewaukee 5	296	--	16-May-12	2470436.9804	408476.1270	Run	Moderate	3	1	0	1	0
Pewaukee 5	297	--	16-May-12	2470561.5356	408795.6877	Run	Moderate	2	1	1	0	1
Pewaukee 5	298	--	16-May-12	2470653.6870	409003.0954	Run	Moderate	3	2	1	0	3
Pewaukee 5	299	--	16-May-12	2470695.2348	409315.7703	Riffle	Fast	3	1	3	0	2
Pewaukee 5	300	--	16-May-12	2470696.401170	409430.045357	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 5	301	--	16-May-12	2470715.9684	409584.6750	Run	Slow	2	1	1	0	0
Pewaukee 5	302	--	16-May-12	2470723.2512	409748.4578	Run	Slow	1	0	1	1	2
Pewaukee 5	303	--	16-May-12	2470739.0904	409901.6300	Riffle	Fast	2	2	1	0	3
Pewaukee 5	304	--	16-May-12	2470750.8312	410151.9281	Riffle	Moderate	2	2	1	0	3
Pewaukee 5	305	--	16-May-12	2470726.8217	410221.2104	Riffle	Fast	3	1	3	0	3
HWY JJ Tributary	306	--	9-Apr-12	2470648.0955	391960.2191	Run	Moderate	1	1	0	0	0
HWY JJ Tributary	307	--	9-Apr-12	2470592.469620	391972.642607	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	308	--	9-Apr-12	2470535.883120	391963.719725	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	309	--	9-Apr-12	2470512.258490	391959.951360	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	310	--	9-Apr-12	2470515.703690	391942.241093	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--

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HWY JJ Tributary	311	--	9-Apr-12	2470469.7691	391922.1729	Run	Moderate	1	1	0	0	0
HWY JJ Tributary	312	--	9-Apr-12	2470433.072630	391916.783467	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	313	--	9-Apr-12	2470385.371930	391917.825788	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	314	--	9-Apr-12	2470312.917680	391956.937258	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	315	--	9-Apr-12	2470291.6113	391999.3588	Riffle	Fast	2	2	0	0	0
HWY JJ Tributary	316	--	9-Apr-12	2470252.269840	392023.795720	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	317	--	9-Apr-12	2470232.685560	392073.803494	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	318	--	9-Apr-12	2470214.699050	392074.554149	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	319	--	9-Apr-12	2470117.6910	392093.5282	Run	Moderate	2	2	1	0	0
HWY JJ Tributary	320	--	9-Apr-12	2470003.934700	392016.298688	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	321	--	9-Apr-12	2469925.195360	392028.360344	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	322	--	9-Apr-12	2469918.9516	392007.8177	Run	Moderate	2	1	1	0	0
HWY JJ Tributary	323	--	9-Apr-12	2469837.429130	391937.254227	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	324	--	9-Apr-12	2469811.0158	391867.0615	Run	Moderate	2	2	1	0	3
HWY JJ Tributary	325	--	9-Apr-12	2469678.7461	391785.8054	Riffle	Moderate	3	3	1	0	2
HWY JJ Tributary	326	--	9-Apr-12	2469606.552300	391784.926119	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	327	--	9-Apr-12	2469550.4514	391770.0557	Run	Moderate	3	3	1	0	1
HWY JJ Tributary	328	--	9-Apr-12	2469432.9381	391691.1898	Run	Slow	3	1	3	0	1
HWY JJ Tributary	329	--	9-Apr-12	2469395.308300	391670.445377	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	330	--	9-Apr-12	2469225.311260	391595.396971	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	331	--	9-Apr-12	2469114.218310	391539.310141	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	332	--	9-Apr-12	2469053.392970	391517.710446	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	333	--	9-Apr-12	2468953.6487	391436.6253	Run	Moderate	2	2	0	0	3
HWY JJ Tributary	334	--	11-Apr-12	2468900.8910	391406.4866	Riffle	Moderate	2	2	0	1	3
HWY JJ Tributary	335	--	11-Apr-12	2468867.430420	391377.089008	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	336	--	11-Apr-12	2468776.8696	391314.1666	Riffle	Moderate	3	2	1	1	3
HWY JJ Tributary	337	--	11-Apr-12	2468745.299430	391289.697779	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	338	--	11-Apr-12	2468592.1423	391238.2008	Riffle	Fast	3	3	0	1	2
HWY JJ Tributary	339	--	11-Apr-12	2468535.505880	391197.467977	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	340	--	11-Apr-12	2468498.8117	391168.3716	Riffle	Fast	2	1	1	1	2
HWY JJ Tributary	341	--	11-Apr-12	2468482.953170	391154.349296	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	342	--	11-Apr-12	2468275.5520	391100.6762	Run	Slow	2	2	1	1	1
HWY JJ Tributary	343	--	11-Apr-12	2468240.598990	391104.859894	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	344	--	11-Apr-12	2468199.068240	391073.493159	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	345	--	11-Apr-12	2468095.137670	391060.250403	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	346	--	11-Apr-12	2468036.3264	391052.6287	Run	Slow	3	3	0	0	3
HWY JJ Tributary	347	--	11-Apr-12	2467963.0362	391053.7186	Run	Slow	3	3	0	1	3
HWY JJ Tributary	348	--	11-Apr-12	2467812.6133	391054.2911	Run	Slow	2	2	1	1	3
HWY JJ Tributary	349	--	11-Apr-12	2467664.0155	391050.1930	Run	Slow	2	2	1	0	3
HWY JJ Tributary	350	--	11-Apr-12	2467483.3489	391045.3361	Run	Moderate	2	1	2	0	0
Pewaukee Lake Outlet	351	--	23-Apr-12	2464258.3022	399858.5392	Run	Moderate	2	2	1	1	0
Pewaukee Lake Outlet	352	--	23-Apr-12	2464174.3568	399925.2675	Run	Moderate	2	2	2	1	1
Pewaukee Lake Outlet	353	--	23-Apr-12	2464020.486698	399954.573494	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee Lake Outlet	354	--	23-Apr-12	2464009.4969	399978.9406	Riffle	Moderate	1	1	1	1	2
Pewaukee Lake Outlet	355	--	23-Apr-12	2463937.5220	400006.5950	Riffle	Moderate	2	1	1	2	2

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Coco Creek	356	--	23-May-12	--	--	Pond	Slow	2	0	3	1	0
Coco Creek	357	--	23-May-12	--	--	Pond	Slow	1	0	1	2	1
Coco Creek	358	--	23-May-12	2458212.6512	401642.8848	Run	Slow	2	1	1	2	1
Coco Creek	359	--	23-May-12	2458468.5818	401572.0352	Run	Slow	1	1	1	1	3
Coco Creek	360	--	23-May-12	2458531.6266	401726.2960	Run	Slow	1	1	0	1	0
Coco Creek	361	--	23-May-12	2458577.117340	401920.649286	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Coco Creek	362	--	23-May-12	2458407.0465	402102.7772	Run	Slow	1	1	1	1	0
Coco Creek	363	--	24-May-12	2458203.369070	402238.901930	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Coco Creek	364	--	24-May-12	2458127.2449	402308.9920	Run	Slow	1	1	1	1	0
Coco Creek	365	--	24-May-12	2457968.428260	402496.210143	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Coco Creek	366	--	24-May-12	2457954.9447	402523.4637	Run	Slow	1	1	0	0	0
Coco Creek	367	--	24-May-12	2457937.657000	402564.877985	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Coco Creek	368	--	24-May-12	2457875.9337	402755.7766	Run	Slow	2	2	1	0	3
Coco Creek	369	--	24-May-12	2457794.596260	402941.201379	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Coco Creek	370	--	24-May-12	2457811.2386	403135.9995	Run	Slow	2	2	0	0	1
Coco Creek	371	--	24-May-12	2457755.9812	403632.4369	Pool	Slow	2	2	0	0	1
Coco Creek	372	--	24-May-12	2457593.4126	403863.3406	Run	Moderate	1	1	1	0	0
Coco Creek	373	--	24-May-12	2457546.370380	403898.030830	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Coco Creek	374	--	24-May-12	2457556.785710	403930.572760	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Coco Creek	375	--	24-May-12	2457350.7618	404205.0456	Riffle	Fast	2	2	0	0	3
Coco Creek	376	--	24-May-12	2457323.147070	404338.252719	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Coco Creek	377	--	24-May-12	2457281.2157	404608.3591	Run	Moderate	3	3	0	0	3
Coco Creek	378	--	24-May-12	2457112.287920	404761.279432	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Coco Creek	379	--	24-May-12	2457073.3999	404778.4795	Run	Moderate	3	3	2	0	3
Coco Creek	380	--	25-May-12	2457052.424190	404771.695093	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Coco Creek	381	--	25-May-12	2456968.4916	404646.5566	Run	Moderate	2	2	2	0	2
Tributary To Coco Creek	382	--	24-May-12	2457061.919250	404794.560861	Run	Moderate	1	1	0	0	2
Tributary To Coco Creek	383	--	24-May-12	2457121.201280	404813.530639	Riffle	Fast	1	1	0	0	3
Tributary To Coco Creek	384	--	25-May-12	2457135.105780	404846.326178	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tributary To Coco Creek	385	--	25-May-12	2457137.778020	404881.949794	Run	Slow	1	1	0	0	2
Meadowbrook	386	--	22-May-12	2453324.6511	391273.0121	Estuary	Slow	2	1	2	0	0
Meadowbrook	387	--	22-May-12	2453377.6829	391282.9199	Estuary	Slow	2	1	2	0	0
Meadowbrook	388	--	22-May-12	2453634.0186	391253.1194	Pool	Slow	3	2	3	0	1
Meadowbrook	389	--	22-May-12	2453839.6255	391390.8619	Run	Slow	2	2	2	1	3
Meadowbrook	390	--	22-May-12	2453995.4762	391436.8432	Run	Slow	2	1	2	2	2
Meadowbrook	391	--	22-May-12	2454226.5571	391646.8867	Pool	Slow	3	1	3	2	1
Meadowbrook	392	--	17-May-12	2454432.5246	391401.8088	Run	Slow	2	2	2	0	1
Meadowbrook	393	--	17-May-12	2454860.1851	391291.0577	Run	Slow	3	1	3	0	1
Meadowbrook	394	--	17-May-12	2455400.8150	390918.4659	Run	Slow	3	1	3	1	1
Meadowbrook	395	--	17-May-12	2455935.0239	390625.0187	Run	Slow	3	1	3	1	0
Meadowbrook	396	--	22-May-12	2456450.1150	390218.8361	Run	Slow	3	0	3	2	0
Meadowbrook	397	--	22-May-12	2456846.646387	389896.495841	Deep pool	--	--	--	--	--	--
Meadowbrook	398	--	22-May-12	2457290.5146	389687.4277	Pond	Slow	1	1	1	1	1
Meadowbrook	399	--	22-May-12	2457410.0327	389617.5535	Pond	Slow	2	2	1	1	1

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Meadowbrook	400	--	22-May-12	2457716.5718	389463.0617	Pond	Slow	1	1	1	1	1
Meadowbrook	401	--	22-May-12	2457909.0901	389393.3728	Run	Slow	2	1	1	0	0
Meadowbrook	402	--	22-May-12	2458105.8286	389328.7266	Pond	Slow	1	1	1	2	1
Meadowbrook	403	--	22-May-12	2458340.5282	389220.4316	Run	Slow	2	2	1	0	3
Tributary to Meadowbrook	404	--	18-May-12	2454109.615770	391625.588183	Run	Slow	2	1	0	0	0
Tributary to Meadowbrook	405	--	18-May-12	2454104.897280	391643.857832	Run	Slow	2	1	1	1	0
Tributary to Meadowbrook	406	--	18-May-12	2454103.203380	391731.302867	Run	Moderate	1	1	1	0	2

NOTE: Instream cover variable rank numbers are defined as follows: 0 = None or Nearly Absent (< 5.0 percent), 1 = Low Abundance (5 to 25 percent), 2 = Moderate Abundance (25 to 75 percent), and 4 = High Abundance (greater than 75 percent).

<sup>a</sup>Cross-section surveys were not conducted in every pool habitat location, however maximum pool depths were recorded.

<sup>b</sup>These coordinates are in North American Datum (NAD) 1927 State Plane Wisconsin South Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 4803.

Source: SEWRPC.

Table F-2

QUANTITATIVE STREAMBANK AND BANKFULL CHARACTERISTICS AMONG HABITAT TYPES WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2012

Reach	Survey ID <sup>a</sup> (see Maps F-1 through F-8)	Left Bank				Right Bank				Bankfull							
		Length (feet)	Height (feet)	Slope	Undercut (feet)	Length (feet)	Height (feet)	Slope	Undercut (feet)	Width (feet)	Depth-1 (feet)	Depth-2 (feet)	Depth-3 (feet)	Depth-4 (feet)	Depth-5 (feet)	Mean Depth (feet)	Maximum Depth (feet)
Pewaukee 1	1	2.8	1.5	0.54	--	1.7	1.7	01.00	--	43.2	2.5	2.4	2.0	2.7	2.2	2.40	2.7
Pewaukee 1	2	0.9	1.3	1.44	0.2	1.4	2.1	1.50	0.2	27.1	1.7	1.9	1.9	2.2	2.1	2.00	2.2
Pewaukee 1	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	4	1.1	1.5	1.36	--	0.8	2.0	2.50	1.5	20.5	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.10	2.3
Pewaukee 1	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	6	1.1	1.5	1.36	--	0.8	2.0	2.50	1.5	20.5	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.10	2.3
Pewaukee 1	7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	9	0.5	2.1	4.20	0.4	2.7	1.3	0.48	--	41.7	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.5	1.2	1.70	2.0
Pewaukee 1	10	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	11	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	12	0.9	2.1	2.33	0.5	5.5	2.3	0.42	--	34.1	2.4	2.1	2.2	2.5	2.6	2.40	2.6
Pewaukee 1	13	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	14	1.4	0.9	0.64	--	1.2	2.4	2.00	0.3	19.3	1.9	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.30	2.6
Pewaukee 1	15	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	16	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	17	1.2	1.8	1.50	--	4.7	2.8	0.60	--	28.2	3.3	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.40	3.5
Pewaukee 1	18	2.8	1.5	0.54	--	3.1	2.5	0.81	1.0	44.3	2.3	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.60	2.7
Pewaukee 1	19	0.5	3.4	6.80	2.0	4.6	3.0	0.65	--	24.7	4.3	4.3	4.0	3.7	3.6	4.00	4.3
Pewaukee 1	20	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	21	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	22	0.7	2.6	3.71	0.4	1.5	1.9	1.27	0.2	23.3	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.70	2.8
Pewaukee 1	23	1.2	1.7	1.42	0.3	1.7	2.4	1.41	0.5	29.1	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.8	2.1	1.80	2.1
Pewaukee 1	24	1.8	2.0	1.11	--	1.9	2.1	1.11	--	38.0	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.10	2.2
Pewaukee 1	25	0.9	1.6	1.78	--	0.6	1.7	2.83	0.1	27.2	1.8	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.90	2.0
Pewaukee 1	26	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	27	1.4	2.0	1.43	--	1.2	2.1	1.75	0.5	25.3	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.30	2.3
Pewaukee 1	28	1.7	1.1	0.65	--	0.4	2.5	6.25	2.0	19.3	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.7	2.40	2.7
Pewaukee 1	29	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	30	0.6	2.3	3.83	--	0.8	1.8	2.25	0.7	29.6	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.60	2.8
Pewaukee 1	31	1.4	1.7	1.21	--	2.0	1.7	0.85	--	40.1	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.1	2.00	2.2
Pewaukee 1	32	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	33	1.0	1.1	1.10	--	1.2	1.6	1.33	--	20.4	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.3	2.20	2.5
Pewaukee 1	34	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	35	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	36	1.4	1.1	0.79	--	2.4	1.4	0.58	--	21.6	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.50	1.5
Pewaukee 1	37	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	38	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	39	2.2	1.9	0.86	--	1.3	1.5	1.15	0.6	33.7	2.9	3.1	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.60	3.1

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Table F-2 (continued)

Reach	Survey ID <sup>a</sup> (see Maps F-1 through F-8)	Left Bank				Right Bank				Bankfull							
		Length (feet)	Height (feet)	Slope	Undercut (feet)	Length (feet)	Height (feet)	Slope	Undercut (feet)	Width (feet)	Depth-1 (feet)	Depth-2 (feet)	Depth-3 (feet)	Depth-4 (feet)	Depth-5 (feet)	Mean Depth (feet)	Maximum Depth (feet)
Pewaukee 1	40	1.4	1.1	0.79	--	1.0	1.1	1.10	0.2	28.4	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.60	1.6
Pewaukee 1	41	1.3	0.8	0.62	--	2.3	1.1	0.48	--	29.5	1.4	1.4	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.60	1.8
Pewaukee 1	42	1.9	1.6	0.84	--	0.6	1.8	3.00	0.2	51.4	2.0	2.1	2.5	3.0	2.7	2.50	3.0
Pewaukee 1	43	1.3	1.6	1.23	--	2.2	1.3	0.59	--	49.4	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.5	1.9	2.60	2.9
Pewaukee 1	44	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	45	0.6	1.1	1.83	--	0.9	1.6	1.78	--	31.3	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.6	1.30	1.6
Pewaukee 1	46	0.9	1.9	2.11	--	1.6	1.6	1.00	--	30.5	2.2	2.2	2.7	2.8	2.4	2.50	2.8
Pewaukee 1	47	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	48	2.7	1.6	0.59	--	1.1	2.1	1.91	--	37.2	2.1	2.4	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.50	2.7
Pewaukee 1	49	1.6	2.0	1.25	--	1.1	1.5	1.36	--	33.3	3.0	3.0	2.8	3.0	2.3	2.80	3.0
Pewaukee 1	50	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	51	1.4	1.4	1.00	--	0.9	2.6	2.89	--	26.2	1.9	2.2	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.40	2.8
Pewaukee 1	52	3.5	1.5	0.43	--	1.5	1.9	1.27	--	30.1	2.4	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.70	2.8
Pewaukee 1	53	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	54	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	55	0.4	3.2	8.00	0.8	1.7	1.4	0.82	--	21.6	3.7	3.6	3.2	3.2	2.2	3.20	3.7
Pewaukee 1	56	3.8	2.0	0.53	--	3.5	2.1	0.60	--	31.2	2.8	2.9	2.8	3.0	3.0	2.90	3.0
Pewaukee 1	57	5.5	1.5	0.27	--	1.8	1.5	0.83	--	43.9	1.6	1.7	2.2	2.7	2.8	2.20	2.8
Pewaukee 1	58	1.3	1.7	1.31	--	3.1	1.4	0.45	--	37.8	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.30	2.5
Pewaukee 1	59	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	60	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	61	3.4	1.9	0.56	--	3.0	41.6	13.87	0.3	41.6	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.9	2.50	2.9
Pewaukee 1	62	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	63	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	64	1.4	2.7	1.93	--	2.0	1.9	0.95	--	27.4	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.20	3.4
Pewaukee 1	65	1.0	1.8	1.80	0.4	1.4	2.4	1.71	0.3	34.2	1.9	1.8	2.0	2.3	2.4	2.10	2.4
Pewaukee 1	66	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 1	67	3.2	1.5	0.47	--	4.3	2.0	0.47	--	53.4	1.8	2.4	2.8	2.8	2.2	2.40	2.8
Pewaukee 1	68	0.6	2.6	4.33	--	2.9	1.5	0.52	--	34.3	3.6	3.8	3.8	2.6	2.0	3.20	3.8
Pewaukee 2	69	3.3	1.2	0.36	--	0.8	1.6	2.00	--	30.8	2.0	3.4	3.7	3.3	2.5	3.00	3.7
Pewaukee 2	70	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	71	0.4	1.5	3.75	--	1.1	1.5	1.36	--	31.6	2.7	2.9	3.2	3.1	2.9	3.00	3.2
Pewaukee 2	72	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	73	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	74	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	75	2.6	1.2	0.46	--	0.5	2.2	4.40	0.5	22.7	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.10	2.3
Pewaukee 2	76	1.8	1.8	1.00	--	5.0	2.0	0.40	--	33.2	3.5	3.8	3.4	2.9	2.6	3.20	3.8
Pewaukee 2	77	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	78	2.0	1.5	0.75	--	1.0	2.0	2.00	--	37.2	1.8	2.0	2.4	2.8	2.8	2.40	2.8
Pewaukee 2	79	3.0	1.7	0.57	--	1.9	1.7	0.89	--	31.8	2.6	2.9	3.2	3.1	2.9	2.90	3.2
Pewaukee 2	80	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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Table F-2 (continued)

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		Length (feet)	Height (feet)	Slope	Undercut (feet)	Length (feet)	Height (feet)	Slope	Undercut (feet)	Width (feet)	Depth-1 (feet)	Depth-2 (feet)	Depth-3 (feet)	Depth-4 (feet)	Depth-5 (feet)	Mean Depth (feet)	Maximum Depth (feet)
Pewaukee 2	81	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	82	7.9	1.6	0.20	--	2.8	2.6	0.93	--	33.5	2.1	2.7	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.00	3.5
Pewaukee 2	83	1.8	1.9	1.06	--	3.3	1.8	0.55	--	25.4	3.1	3.1	2.7	3.0	2.3	2.80	3.1
Pewaukee 2	84	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	85	2.7	2.3	0.85	--	0.5	2.4	4.80	--	30.9	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.8	3.0	2.70	3.0
Pewaukee 2	86	1.9	1.9	1.00	--	0.8	2.0	2.50	--	25.7	2.7	2.8	2.7	3.0	2.9	2.80	3.0
Pewaukee 2	87	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	88	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	89	0.6	2.2	3.67	--	1.7	2.0	1.18	--	25.3	2.6	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.9	2.50	2.9
Pewaukee 2	90	2.4	2.1	0.88	--	1.6	2.0	1.25	--	28.9	2.7	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.1	3.10	3.3
Pewaukee 2	91	4.5	1.8	0.40	--	0.5	2.8	5.60	0.4	23.2	2.8	3.8	4.0	4.5	3.9	3.80	4.5
Pewaukee 2	92	2.5	1.8	0.72	--	2.4	2.1	0.87	--	33.2	2.3	2.3	3.3	3.5	3.3	2.90	3.5
Pewaukee 2	93	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	94	0.5	2.5	5.00	--	2.9	1.9	0.66	--	21.7	3.9	4.4	3.9	3.3	2.8	3.70	4.4
Pewaukee 2	95	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	96	3.0	1.7	0.57	--	0.9	2.9	3.22	1.2	26.3	2.2	2.8	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.10	3.6
Pewaukee 2	97	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	98	0.7	2.3	3.29	--	1.6	2.1	1.31	--	24.4	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.1	2.5	3.10	3.5
Pewaukee 2	99	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	100	3.5	2.0	0.57	--	1.0	2.5	2.50	--	24.5	3.1	3.3	3.8	3.7	3.2	3.40	3.8
Pewaukee 2	101	0.8	2.4	3.00	0.5	4.4	2.0	0.45	--	23.7	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.2	2.80	3.0
Pewaukee 2	102	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	103	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	104	4.1	2.0	0.49	--	1.6	2.0	1.25	--	25.2	2.3	2.8	3.6	3.6	3.2	3.10	3.6
Pewaukee 2	105	5.1	1.8	0.35	--	0.8	1.8	2.25	--	35.9	1.9	1.6	1.7	2.1	2.5	2.00	2.5
Pewaukee 2	106	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	107	1.0	2.6	2.60	--	6.6	1.9	0.29	--	25.2	3.0	2.8	2.5	2.3	2.1	2.50	3.0
Pewaukee 2	108	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	109	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	110	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	111	3.3	2.5	0.76	--	1.3	2.4	1.85	--	30.2	3.6	4.1	3.9	3.5	3.0	3.60	4.1
Pewaukee 2	112	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	113	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	114	1.9	2.4	1.26	--	1.7	1.3	0.76	--	32.8	3.0	3.5	3.5	2.7	2.8	3.10	3.5
Pewaukee 2	115	2.4	2.2	0.92	--	3.1	2.4	0.77	--	42.5	2.2	2.1	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.40	2.8
Pewaukee 2	116	3.5	1.5	0.43	--	3.5	1.4	0.40	--	47.2	1.4	1.3	1.6	1.6	1.3	1.40	1.6
Pewaukee 2	117	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	118	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	119	0.4	1.5	3.75	--	1.3	1.2	0.92	--	45.2	0.6	1.7	2.0	1.8	1.5	1.50	2.0
Pewaukee 2	120	0.7	1.5	2.14	--	0.9	1.8	2.00	--	39.6	0.9	0.8	1.6	1.9	2.5	1.50	2.5
Pewaukee 2	121	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	122	1.3	2.6	2.00	--	2.6	2.0	0.77	--	31.0	2.0	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.40	2.5

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Reach	Survey ID <sup>a</sup> (see Maps F-1 through F-8)	Left Bank				Right Bank				Bankfull							
		Length (feet)	Height (feet)	Slope	Undercut (feet)	Length (feet)	Height (feet)	Slope	Undercut (feet)	Width (feet)	Depth-1 (feet)	Depth-2 (feet)	Depth-3 (feet)	Depth-4 (feet)	Depth-5 (feet)	Mean Depth (feet)	Maximum Depth (feet)
Pewaukee 2	123	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	124	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	125	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	126	2.2	2.2	1.00	--	0.9	1.8	2.00	--	35.8	2.4	2.1	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.40	2.5
Pewaukee 2	127	1.6	1.4	0.88	--	0.3	2.2	7.33	--	28.2	2.4	2.5	2.5	3.0	3.1	2.70	3.1
Pewaukee 2	128	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	129	3.4	1.2	0.35	--	1.0	2.0	2.00	0.8	30.2	1.9	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.10	2.2
Pewaukee 2	130	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	131	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	132	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	133	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	134	11.2	1.3	0.12	--	11.5	1.3	0.11	--	71.2	1.5	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.70	1.8
Pewaukee 2	135	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	136	10.1	1.0	0.10	--	13.5	1.1	0.08	--	66.6	1.5	1.8	2.1	1.7	1.7	1.80	2.1
Pewaukee 2	137	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	138	2.9	1.4	0.48	--	19.6	1.4	0.07	--	69.4	1.5	1.6	1.9	2.3	1.7	1.80	2.3
Pewaukee 2	139	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	140	3.9	1.6	0.41	--	12.1	1.6	0.13	--	50.5	2.3	2.4	2.2	1.9	1.8	2.10	2.4
Pewaukee 2	141	0.8	1.5	1.88	--	3.8	1.4	0.37	--	42.6	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.3	2.0	2.50	2.9
Pewaukee 2	142	2.1	1.2	0.57	--	2.1	1.4	0.67	--	32.3	2.2	2.6	2.6	2.1	1.7	2.20	2.6
Pewaukee 2	143	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	144	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	145	5.9	1.4	0.24	--	0.8	1.6	2.00	--	35.5	1.7	2.0	2.6	3.2	2.4	2.40	3.2
Pewaukee 2	146	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	147	0.3	1.8	6.00	--	4.0	1.4	0.35	--	28.2	2.5	2.4	2.4	1.9	1.7	2.20	2.5
Pewaukee 2	148	5.0	1.5	0.30	--	1.6	1.7	1.06	--	44.1	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.20	2.4
Pewaukee 2	149	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 2	150	3.1	2.8	0.90	--	2.1	1.8	0.86	--	24.9	3.2	3.4	3.3	2.8	2.3	3.00	3.4
Pewaukee 2	151	2.0	1.3	0.65	--	2.4	1.5	0.62	--	32.7	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.40	2.5
Pewaukee 2	152	1.7	1.3	0.76	--	1.3	1.9	1.46	--	28.4	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.5	2.50	2.8
Pewaukee 3	153	2.4	1.9	0.79	--	2.4	1.9	0.79	--	29.6	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.30	2.3
Pewaukee 3	154	3.6	2.0	0.56	--	2.9	1.7	0.59	--	38.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	3.0	2.7	2.70	3.0
Pewaukee 3	155	3.8	2.1	0.55	--	2.2	2.1	0.95	--	33.8	3.0	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.5	2.80	3.0
Pewaukee 3	156	0.9	1.9	2.11	--	1.7	1.8	1.06	--	25.3	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.1	2.7	2.90	3.1
Pewaukee 3	157	2.5	1.6	0.64	--	5.6	1.9	0.34	--	34.1	2.5	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.0	2.50	2.8
Pewaukee 3	158	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 3	159	4.3	2.5	0.58	--	2.9	25.3	8.72	--	25.3	3.2	3.3	3.0	2.6	2.5	2.90	3.3
Pewaukee 3	160	5.1	2.5	0.49	--	8.4	2.5	0.30	--	34.8	3.0	3.3	3.1	3.2	2.8	3.10	3.3
Pewaukee 3	161	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 3	162	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 3	163	6.1	1.9	0.31	--	2.0	2.2	1.10	--	32.7	2.2	2.5	3.0	3.2	2.8	2.70	3.2

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Table F-2 (continued)

Reach	Survey ID <sup>a</sup> (see Maps F-1 through F-8)	Left Bank				Right Bank				Bankfull							
		Length (feet)	Height (feet)	Slope	Undercut (feet)	Length (feet)	Height (feet)	Slope	Undercut (feet)	Width (feet)	Depth-1 (feet)	Depth-2 (feet)	Depth-3 (feet)	Depth-4 (feet)	Depth-5 (feet)	Mean Depth (feet)	Maximum Depth (feet)
Pewaukee 3	164	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 3	165	2.5	1.6	0.64	--	3.9	2.0	0.51	--	31.6	2.3	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.2	2.50	2.8
Pewaukee 3	166	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 3	167	0.8	2.0	2.50	--	6.7	2.0	0.30	--	31.8	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.10	2.2
Pewaukee 3	168	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 3	169	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 3	170	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 3	171	0.9	1.4	1.56	--	0.8	1.6	2.00	--	24.1	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.0	2.6	3.20	3.6
Pewaukee 3	172	0.4	1.7	4.25	--	0.6	1.6	2.67	--	46.6	2.0	2.7	3.2	2.4	1.7	2.40	3.2
Pewaukee 3	173	0.4	1.4	3.50	--	0.9	1.6	1.78	--	64.5	2.2	2.8	2.7	2.2	1.8	2.30	2.8
Pewaukee 3	174	1.9	1.2	0.63	--	0.9	1.6	1.78	--	40.3	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.3	2.2	2.80	3.1
Pewaukee 3	175	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 3	176	0.4	2.1	5.25	--	1.2	1.6	1.33	--	51.2	2.5	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.50	2.6
Pewaukee 3	177	1.7	1.6	0.94	--	1.5	1.8	1.20	--	40.1	2.2	2.4	2.8	3.4	3.0	2.80	3.4
Pewaukee 3	178	1.3	1.7	1.31	--	3.6	1.6	0.44	--	55.1	2.9	3.2	2.2	1.8	2.0	2.40	3.2
Pewaukee 3	179	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 3	180	5.1	2.1	0.41	--	2.7	2.0	0.74	--	43.4	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.80	2.9
Pewaukee 3	181	4.9	2.4	0.49	--	2.4	2.1	0.88	--	36.3	3.1	3.1	2.9	2.6	2.3	2.80	3.1
Pewaukee 3	182	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 3	183	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 3	184	2.2	1.4	0.64	--	4.8	1.8	0.38	--	34.7	2.0	2.5	2.8	3.3	2.8	2.70	3.3
Pewaukee 3	185	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 3	186	6.3	1.8	0.29	--	4.0	1.9	0.48	--	43.8	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.60	2.6
Pewaukee 3	187	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 3	188	2.8	1.7	0.61	--	2.8	2.0	0.71	--	30.6	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.10	2.2
Pewaukee 3	189	1.1	1.8	1.64	--	1.9	1.6	0.84	--	20.7	2.3	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.3	2.50	2.8
Pewaukee 3	190	1.3	1.3	1.00	--	2.1	1.6	0.76	--	28.6	2.5	2.7	2.4	1.3	1.4	2.10	2.7
Pewaukee 3	191	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 3	192	2.6	1.2	0.46	--	5.9	1.7	0.29	--	37.4	1.4	1.4	1.8	2.0	1.8	1.70	2.0
Pewaukee 3	193	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	194	2.9	1.5	0.52	--	3.9	1.8	0.46	--	41.2	1.5	1.6	2.2	1.8	2.1	1.80	2.2
Pewaukee 4	195	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	196	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	197	1.0	1.5	1.50	--	3.9	30.6	7.85	--	30.6	1.6	1.7	2.1	2.1	1.8	1.90	2.1
Pewaukee 4	198	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	199	0.9	1.4	1.56	--	3.3	1.6	0.48	--	22.2	1.5	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.00	2.2
Pewaukee 4	200	2.3	1.2	0.52	--	2.0	1.3	0.65	--	46.3	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.8	1.4	1.50	1.8
Pewaukee 4	201	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	202	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	203	3.0	1.1	0.37	--	3.0	1.9	0.63	--	16.1	1.3	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.2	1.90	2.2
Pewaukee 4	204	5.1	1.6	0.31	--	3.7	1.6	0.43	--	26.4	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.2	2.20	2.4

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Reach	Survey ID <sup>a</sup> (see Maps F-1 through F-8)	Left Bank				Right Bank				Bankfull							
		Length (feet)	Height (feet)	Slope	Undercut (feet)	Length (feet)	Height (feet)	Slope	Undercut (feet)	Width (feet)	Depth-1 (feet)	Depth-2 (feet)	Depth-3 (feet)	Depth-4 (feet)	Depth-5 (feet)	Mean Depth (feet)	Maximum Depth (feet)
Pewaukee 4	205	2.1	0.4	0.19	--	0.9	1.5	1.67	--	16.1	0.7	0.9	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.10	1.4
Pewaukee 4	206	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	207	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	208	0.5	1.1	2.20	--	0.5	1.2	2.40	--	10.1	1.5	2.2	2.7	2.4	1.6	2.10	2.7
Pewaukee 4	209	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	210	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	211	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	212	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	213	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	214	0.8	1.2	1.50	--	0.8	1.1	1.38	--	10.5	2.0	1.6	1.6	--	--	1.70	2.0
Pewaukee 4	215	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	216	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	217	0.4	1.0	2.50	--	0.8	0.9	1.13	--	13.1	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.40	1.5
Pewaukee 4	218	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	219	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	220	1.0	1.4	1.40	--	1.0	0.7	0.70	--	13.1	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.3	1.0	1.50	1.8
Pewaukee 4	221	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	222	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	223	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	224	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	225	1.0	1.7	1.70	--	0.9	1.7	1.89	--	9.2	2.6	2.5	2.1	--	--	2.40	2.6
Pewaukee 4	226	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	227	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	228	0.7	1.2	1.71	--	0.5	1.2	2.40	--	11.4	1.4	1.9	2.2	2.2	1.7	1.90	2.2
Pewaukee 4	229	1.3	1.9	1.46	--	0.5	2.1	4.20	--	15.8	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.20	2.3
Pewaukee 4	230	1.2	1.7	1.42	--	3.3	1.7	0.52	--	26.3	2.0	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.7	1.70	2.0
Pewaukee 4	231	0.7	0.9	1.29	--	0.8	1.3	1.63	--	25.2	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.30	1.4
Pewaukee 4	232	0.9	1.0	1.11	--	2.4	1.2	0.50	--	27.6	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.20	1.6
Pewaukee 4	233	0.8	1.0	1.25	--	0.9	1.2	1.33	--	20.8	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.20	1.3
Pewaukee 4	234	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	235	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	236	0.5	1.8	3.60	--	1.1	1.5	1.36	--	17.1	1.7	1.8	2.1	2.2	1.8	1.90	2.2
Pewaukee 4	237	2.1	1.7	0.81	--	2.8	1.4	0.50	--	19.1	1.8	2.1	2.3	2.4	1.6	2.00	2.4
Pewaukee 4	238	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	239	0.4	2.2	5.50	--	1.4	2.3	1.64	--	12.5	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.40	2.6
Pewaukee 4	240	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	241	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	242	0.5	1.8	3.60	--	3.2	1.5	0.47	--	15.7	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.0	1.7	1.90	2.2
Pewaukee 4	243	1.5	1.3	0.87	--	2.2	1.5	0.68	--	17.7	1.6	1.7	1.9	1.9	1.6	1.70	1.9
Pewaukee 4	244	0.8	2.2	2.75	--	2.2	1.2	0.55	--	15.2	2.2	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.90	2.2
Pewaukee 4	245	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	246	1.0	1.5	1.50	--	1.8	1.7	0.94	--	12.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.1	1.90	2.1

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Table F-2 (continued)

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		Length (feet)	Height (feet)	Slope	Undercut (feet)	Length (feet)	Height (feet)	Slope	Undercut (feet)	Width (feet)	Depth-1 (feet)	Depth-2 (feet)	Depth-3 (feet)	Depth-4 (feet)	Depth-5 (feet)	Mean Depth (feet)	Maximum Depth (feet)
Pewaukee 4	247	1.8	2.1	1.17	--	0.8	1.7	2.13	--	13.3	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.6	1.9	2.20	2.6
Pewaukee 4	248	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	249	2.2	1.5	0.68	--	1.0	1.2	1.20	--	12.4	2.0	2.1	1.7	1.9	1.7	1.90	2.1
Pewaukee 4	250	0.7	1.1	1.57	--	2.2	0.7	0.32	--	22.3	1.3	1.5	1.4	0.9	0.6	1.10	1.5
Pewaukee 4	251	3.9	1.3	0.33	--	2.7	0.8	0.30	--	23.8	1.7	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.20	1.7
Pewaukee 4	252	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	253	2.7	1.1	0.41	--	1.4	1.1	0.79	--	25.9	1.2	1.3	2.1	1.3	1.0	1.40	2.1
Pewaukee 4	254	0.5	1.3	2.60	--	0.6	2.0	3.33	--	11.2	1.6	1.6	2.0	2.2	2.1	1.90	2.2
Pewaukee 4	255	1.1	1.5	1.36	--	1.5	1.3	0.87	--	11.5	2.0	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.70	2.0
Pewaukee 4	256	5.6	0.7	0.13	--	1.5	1.1	0.73	--	30.8	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.00	1.3
Pewaukee 4	257	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	258	1.7	1.6	0.94	--	1.6	1.2	0.75	--	8.1	1.7	1.8	1.5	--	--	1.70	1.8
Pewaukee 4	259	1.2	1.0	0.83	--	0.7	1.0	1.43	--	5.1	1.4	1.5	1.3	--	--	1.40	1.5
Pewaukee 4	260	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	261	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	262	0.7	0.6	0.86	--	0.7	0.9	1.29	--	7.4	1.1	1.3	1.2	--	--	1.20	1.3
Pewaukee 4	263	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	264	0.5	0.6	1.20	--	0.7	1.1	1.57	--	5.6	1.0	1.3	1.4	--	--	1.20	1.4
Pewaukee 4	265	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	266	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 4	267	0.3	1.6	5.33	--	0.9	0.9	1.00	--	4.9	1.4	1.3	1.1	--	--	1.30	1.4
Pewaukee 4	268	0.7	1.3	1.86	--	0.6	1.6	2.67	--	6.2	1.6	1.4	1.6	--	--	1.50	1.6
Pewaukee 4	269	0.8	0.9	1.13	--	1.4	0.9	0.64	--	9.2	1.4	1.5	1.5	--	--	1.50	1.5
Pewaukee 4	270	0.6	1.1	1.83	--	1.6	1.0	0.63	--	7.2	1.5	1.7	1.2	--	--	1.50	1.7
Pewaukee 4	271	0.6	0.8	1.33	--	0.8	1.0	1.25	--	5.6	1.2	1.3	1.3	--	--	1.30	1.3
Pewaukee 4	272	0.4	1.8	4.50	--	0.5	1.9	3.80	--	5.4	1.7	1.9	2.0	--	--	1.90	2.0
Pewaukee 5	273	1.4	2.1	1.50	--	0.5	1.6	3.20	--	5.1	1.9	2.0	1.9	--	--	1.90	2.0
Pewaukee 5	274	1.0	1.2	1.20	--	0.7	1.8	2.57	0.6	5.2	1.5	1.7	1.7	--	--	1.60	1.7
Pewaukee 5	275	0.5	0.8	1.60	--	1.1	1.0	0.91	--	6.4	1.0	1.0	1.1	--	--	1.00	1.1
Pewaukee 5	276	1.2	0.7	0.58	--	6.0	0.9	0.15	--	19.2	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.9	1.00	1.1
Pewaukee 5	277	0.3	1.2	4.00	0.4	0.7	1.0	1.43	--	7.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	--	--	1.20	1.2
Pewaukee 5	278	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 5	279	0.5	0.9	1.80	--	1.8	0.9	0.50	--	6.7	1.2	1.1	1.3	--	--	1.20	1.3
Pewaukee 5	280	0.7	1.0	1.43	--	1.2	0.8	0.67	--	7.3	1.4	1.2	1.2	--	--	1.30	1.4
Pewaukee 5	281	0.3	1.5	5.00	--	0.9	1.0	1.11	--	4.7	1.7	1.6	1.3	--	--	1.50	1.7
Pewaukee 5	282	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 5	283	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 5	284	0.6	1.5	2.50	--	0.4	1.7	4.25	0.3	4.7	1.6	1.8	2.1	--	--	1.80	2.1
Pewaukee 5	285	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 5	286	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 5	287	0.1	1.5	15.00	0.3	0.5	1.3	2.60	--	5.3	1.6	1.5	1.4	--	--	1.50	1.6

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Table F-2 (continued)

Reach	Survey ID <sup>a</sup> (see Maps F-1 through F-8)	Left Bank				Right Bank				Bankfull							
		Length (feet)	Height (feet)	Slope	Undercut (feet)	Length (feet)	Height (feet)	Slope	Undercut (feet)	Width (feet)	Depth-1 (feet)	Depth-2 (feet)	Depth-3 (feet)	Depth-4 (feet)	Depth-5 (feet)	Mean Depth (feet)	Maximum Depth (feet)
Pewaukee 5	288	0.2	1.6	8.00	0.7	0.5	1.1	2.20	--	5.0	1.7	1.6	1.3	--	--	1.50	1.7
Pewaukee 5	289	0.3	0.8	2.67	--	0.3	1.1	3.67	--	4.6	1.0	1.3	1.4	--	--	1.20	1.4
Pewaukee 5	290	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 5	291	0.3	1.2	4.00	--	0.7	1.4	2.00	0.3	5.7	1.4	1.7	1.7	--	--	1.60	1.7
Pewaukee 5	292	2.3	1.1	0.48	--	1.0	1.2	1.20	--	17.2	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.20	1.3
Pewaukee 5	293	0.8	0.8	1.00	--	1.0	0.7	0.70	--	6.6	1.0	1.0	1.0	--	--	1.00	1.0
Pewaukee 5	294	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 5	295	0.4	1.0	2.50	--	0.6	1.3	2.17	--	5.2	1.3	1.7	1.5	--	--	1.50	1.7
Pewaukee 5	296	0.2	1.8	9.00	--	0.5	1.6	3.20	--	4.2	1.7	1.9	1.6	--	--	1.70	1.9
Pewaukee 5	297	0.6	1.9	3.17	--	0.9	1.8	2.00	--	5.3	2.3	2.5	2.2	--	--	2.30	2.5
Pewaukee 5	298	1.8	1.9	1.06	--	1.8	1.6	0.89	--	6.6	2.2	2.2	2.1	--	--	2.20	2.2
Pewaukee 5	299	0.6	1.1	1.83	--	2.0	1.0	0.50	--	5.5	1.5	1.7	1.3	--	--	1.50	1.7
Pewaukee 5	300	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee 5	301	0.4	1.5	3.75	--	0.4	1.6	4.00	0.5	4.8	1.7	1.9	1.8	--	--	1.80	1.9
Pewaukee 5	302	1.1	1.4	1.27	--	1.5	1.3	0.87	--	8.3	1.8	1.9	1.9	--	--	1.90	1.9
Pewaukee 5	303	0.8	1.0	1.25	--	2.4	1.0	0.42	--	11.0	1.3	1.5	1.3	--	--	1.40	1.5
Pewaukee 5	304	1.1	1.5	1.36	--	2.5	1.6	0.64	--	10.8	1.7	1.9	1.8	--	--	1.80	1.9
Pewaukee 5	305	0.1	1.0	10.00	--	0.4	1.0	2.50	--	6.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	--	--	1.20	1.2
HWY JJ Tributary	306	8.2	1.7	0.21	--	4.2	1.6	0.38	--	18.8	2.0	2.1	1.9	--	--	2.00	2.1
HWY JJ Tributary	307	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	308	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	309	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	310	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	311	3.8	1.8	0.47	--	1.2	1.7	1.42	--	10.4	2.0	2.3	2.1	--	--	2.10	2.3
HWY JJ Tributary	312	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	313	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	314	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	315	1.3	1.5	1.15	--	0.9	1.9	2.11	--	6.3	2.0	2.1	2.1	--	--	2.10	2.1
HWY JJ Tributary	316	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	317	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	318	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	319	0.7	1.3	1.86	--	1.2	1.1	0.92	--	6.4	1.7	1.9	2.1	--	--	1.90	2.1
HWY JJ Tributary	320	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	321	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	322	0.4	2.2	5.50	0.7	1.9	2.3	1.21	--	5.9	2.4	2.5	2.5	--	--	2.50	2.5
HWY JJ Tributary	323	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	324	1.5	1.7	1.13	--	0.9	1.9	2.11	--	7.1	2.0	2.3	2.2	--	--	2.20	2.3
HWY JJ Tributary	325	1.0	1.5	1.50	--	1.2	1.9	1.58	--	9.6	2.0	2.0	2.1	--	--	2.00	2.1
HWY JJ Tributary	326	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	327	0.9	1.8	2.00	--	1.6	1.8	1.13	--	10.2	2.3	2.3	2.1	--	--	2.20	2.3
HWY JJ Tributary	328	1.2	2.0	1.67	--	1.4	2.4	1.71	--	12.8	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.30	2.3

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Table F-2 (continued)

Reach	Survey ID <sup>a</sup> (see Maps F-1 through F-8)	Left Bank				Right Bank				Bankfull							
		Length (feet)	Height (feet)	Slope	Undercut (feet)	Length (feet)	Height (feet)	Slope	Undercut (feet)	Width (feet)	Depth-1 (feet)	Depth-2 (feet)	Depth-3 (feet)	Depth-4 (feet)	Depth-5 (feet)	Mean Depth (feet)	Maximum Depth (feet)
HWY JJ Tributary	329	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	330	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	331	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	332	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	333	1.2	2.0	1.67	--	1.2	1.9	1.58	--	13.1	3.0	2.9	2.6	2.5	2.2	2.60	3.0
HWY JJ Tributary	334	1.7	1.1	0.65	--	1.4	1.3	0.93	--	17.6	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.7	1.50	1.7
HWY JJ Tributary	335	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	336	1.3	0.9	0.69	--	1.1	0.9	0.82	--	14.0	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.20	1.5
HWY JJ Tributary	337	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	338	2.9	1.0	0.34	--	1.9	1.2	0.63	--	14.7	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.30	1.4
HWY JJ Tributary	339	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	340	0.6	1.4	2.33	--	3.0	1.3	0.43	--	11.5	1.4	1.5	1.6	--	--	1.50	1.6
HWY JJ Tributary	341	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	342	0.6	1.9	3.17	--	0.9	1.7	1.89	--	11.0	2.5	2.5	2.3	--	--	2.40	2.5
HWY JJ Tributary	343	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	344	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	345	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
HWY JJ Tributary	346	1.3	1.7	1.31	--	3.7	2.3	0.62	--	15.6	2.3	2.9	3.3	3.2	2.7	2.90	3.3
HWY JJ Tributary	347	0.6	1.5	2.50	--	3.0	1.8	0.60	--	12.3	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.20	2.4
HWY JJ Tributary	348	0.7	2.5	3.57	--	1.4	2.6	1.86	--	9.3	4.0	4.0	3.9	--	--	4.00	4.0
HWY JJ Tributary	349	2.4	2.5	1.04	--	2.1	2.6	1.24	--	16.4	2.9	2.1	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.70	2.9
HWY JJ Tributary	350	0.7	1.7	2.43	--	2.2	1.8	0.82	--	11.3	2.4	2.4	2.2	--	--	2.30	2.4
Pewaukee Lake Outlet	351	--	--	--	--	0.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.0
Pewaukee Lake Outlet	352	--	--	--	--	0.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.0
Pewaukee Lake Outlet	353	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pewaukee Lake Outlet	354	3.5	1.4	.40	--	7.0	1.4	0.20	--	38.2	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.9	1.50	1.9
Pewaukee Lake Outlet	355	9.3	1.6	.17	--	6.1	1.9	0.31	--	46.1	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.9	2.4	1.80	2.4
Coco Creek	356	--	--	--	--	0.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.0
Coco Creek	357	--	--	--	--	0.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.0
Coco Creek	358	--	--	--	--	0.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.0
Coco Creek	359	--	--	--	--	0.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.0
Coco Creek	360	0.2	2.1	10.50	--	0.6	1.7	2.83	--	25.8	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.0	2.40	2.7
Coco Creek	361	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Coco Creek	362	0.5	1.8	3.60	--	0.8	1.5	1.88	--	18.8	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.9	1.9	2.60	2.9
Coco Creek	363	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Coco Creek	364	0.5	1.5	3.00	0.8	0.5	13.6	27.20	0.4	13.6	2.5	2.6	3.2	3.2	2.5	2.80	3.2
Coco Creek	365	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Coco Creek	366	0.4	1.7	4.25	0.7	0.5	1.9	3.80	0.5	12.1	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.00	2.1
Coco Creek	367	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Coco Creek	368	0.4	1.4	3.50	--	0.0	1.1	--	--	17.0	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.20	2.3
Coco Creek	369	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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Table F-2 (continued)

Reach	Survey ID <sup>a</sup> (see Maps F-1 through F-8)	Left Bank				Right Bank				Bankfull							
		Length (feet)	Height (feet)	Slope	Undercut (feet)	Length (feet)	Height (feet)	Slope	Undercut (feet)	Width (feet)	Depth-1 (feet)	Depth-2 (feet)	Depth-3 (feet)	Depth-4 (feet)	Depth-5 (feet)	Mean Depth (feet)	Maximum Depth (feet)
Coco Creek	370	0.3	1.1	3.67	--	0.6	1.1	1.83	--	15.2	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.7	2.1	2.40	2.7
Coco Creek	371	0.5	1.7	3.40	--	0.8	2.1	2.63	0.5	11.8	2.2	2.7	3.0	2.9	2.6	2.70	3.0
Coco Creek	372	0.3	2.0	6.67	--	1.2	1.5	1.25	--	11.4	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.30	2.4
Coco Creek	373	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Coco Creek	374	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Coco Creek	375	2.2	2.1	0.95	--	3.6	2.1	0.58	--	18.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.30	2.3
Coco Creek	376	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Coco Creek	377	1.7	2.2	1.29	--	2.3	2.0	0.87	--	16.2	2.6	2.5	2.9	3.0	2.5	2.70	3.0
Coco Creek	378	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Coco Creek	379	0.7	1.7	2.43	--	1.4	1.7	1.21	--	20.1	1.9	1.9	1.7	2.1	2.6	2.00	2.6
Coco Creek	380	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Coco Creek	381	1.2	1.4	1.17	--	2.4	1.2	0.50	--	17.5	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.60	1.7
Tributary to Coco Creek	382	0.6	1.1	1.83	--	0.6	1.2	2.0	--	5.7	1.6	1.6	1.4	--	--	1.53	1.6
Tributary to Coco Creek	383	1.2	1.1	0.92	--	1.5	1.3	0.87	--	3.6	1.3	1.3	1.2	--	--	1.27	1.3
Tributary to Coco Creek	384	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tributary to Coco Creek	385	0.4	1.7	4.25	--	0.7	1.5	2.14	--	8.6	2.4	2.7	2.5	--	--	2.53	2.7
Meadowbrook	386	--	--	--	--	0.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.0
Meadowbrook	387	--	--	--	--	0.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.0
Meadowbrook	388	0.0	2.2	--	--	1.4	1.3	0.93	--	47.5	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.3	1.8	2.10	2.3
Meadowbrook	389	1.8	0.9	0.50	--	6.9	1.0	0.14	--	35.6	2.2	2.6	2.1	1.6	1.2	1.90	2.6
Meadowbrook	390	--	--	--	--	0.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.0
Meadowbrook	391	--	--	--	--	0.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.0
Meadowbrook	392	0.4	1.5	3.75	--	1.2	1.8	1.50	--	24.5	1.7	2.0	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.10	2.4
Meadowbrook	393	0.3	1.2	4.0	--	1.6	1.0	0.62	--	28.5	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.60	1.7
Meadowbrook	394	0.4	1.0	2.50	--	0.8	1.0	1.25	--	34.4	1.2	1.5	1.4	1.2	1.0	1.30	1.5
Meadowbrook	395	0.3	1.5	5.0	--	0.4	1.3	3.25	--	18.9	1.7	1.9	2.1	2.1	1.8	1.90	2.1
Meadowbrook	396	0.3	1.6	5.33	--	1.4	1.3	0.93	--	16.7	1.8	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.80	2.0
Meadowbrook	397	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Meadowbrook	398	--	--	--	--	0.0	--	--	0.8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.0
Meadowbrook	399	--	--	--	0.2	0.0	--	--	0.8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.0
Meadowbrook	400	--	--	--	--	0.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.0
Meadowbrook	401	0.3	1.6	5.33	0.2	0.7	1.6	2.29	--	21.4	1.8	2.0	2.5	2.5	2.2	2.20	2.5
Meadowbrook	402	--	--	--	--	0.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.0
Meadowbrook	403	2.1	1.2	0.57	--	2.1	1.0	0.48	--	15.3	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.40	1.5
Tributary to Meadowbrook	404	0.4	1.0	2.50	--	0.5	1.2	2.40	--	2.7	1.3	1.4	1.4	--	--	1.37	1.4
Tributary to Meadowbrook	405	0.2	1.1	5.50	--	0.5	10.9	21.80	--	10.3	1.0	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.06	1.2
Tributary to Meadowbrook	406	0.7	1.7	2.43	--	4.5	0.8	0.18	--	4.6	0.9	1.0	0.9	--	--	0.93	1.0

<sup>a</sup>Cross-section surveys were not conducted in every pool habitat location, however maximum pool depths were recorded.

Source: SEWRPC.

Table F-3

QUANTITATIVE INSTREAM LOW FLOW CHARACTERISTICS AMONG HABITAT TYPES WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2012

Reach	Survey ID <sup>a</sup> (see Maps F-1 through F-8)	Low Flow												
		Width (feet)	Depth-1 (feet)	Depth-2 (feet)	Depth-3 (feet)	Depth-4 (feet)	Depth-5 (feet)	Depth-6 (feet)	Depth-7 (feet)	Depth-8 (feet)	Depth-9 (feet)	Water Depth-10 (feet)	Mean Depth (feet)	Maximum Depth (feet)
Pewaukee 1	1	39.4	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.7	1.1	--	--	--	--	--	1.30	1.7
Pewaukee 1	2	25.3	0.5	0.8	0.9	1.1	0.9	--	--	--	--	--	0.80	1.1
Pewaukee 1	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.9
Pewaukee 1	4	19.2	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.4	--	--	--	--	--	1.20	1.4
Pewaukee 1	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.9
Pewaukee 1	6	22.0	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.8	1.5	--	--	--	--	--	1.40	1.8
Pewaukee 1	7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2
Pewaukee 1	8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.3
Pewaukee 1	9	38.6	1.4	1.5	1.3	0.9	1.2	--	--	--	--	--	1.30	1.5
Pewaukee 1	10	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2
Pewaukee 1	11	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.9
Pewaukee 1	12	29.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.4	1.3	--	--	--	--	--	1.20	1.4
Pewaukee 1	13	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.5
Pewaukee 1	14	16.6	1.1	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.8	--	--	--	--	--	1.50	1.8
Pewaukee 1	15	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.8
Pewaukee 1	16	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
Pewaukee 1	17	22.1	1.8	1.8	2.0	1.8	1.9	--	--	--	--	--	1.90	2.0
Pewaukee 1	18	38.8	1.3	1.7	1.5	1.7	1.6	--	--	--	--	--	1.60	1.7
Pewaukee 1	19	21.2	2.0	1.9	1.5	1.1	0.9	--	--	--	--	--	1.50	2.0
Pewaukee 1	20	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.2
Pewaukee 1	21	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.5
Pewaukee 1	22	21.6	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.0	1.8	--	--	--	--	--	1.90	2.0
Pewaukee 1	23	26.7	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	--	--	--	--	--	1.10	1.3
Pewaukee 1	24	35.6	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	--	--	--	--	--	1.30	1.3
Pewaukee 1	25	23.5	1.2	1.1	1.4	1.6	1.5	--	--	--	--	--	1.40	1.6
Pewaukee 1	26	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.3
Pewaukee 1	27	23.4	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	--	--	--	--	--	1.30	1.4
Pewaukee 1	28	17.2	1.2	1.4	1.7	1.8	1.8	--	--	--	--	--	1.60	1.8
Pewaukee 1	29	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.8
Pewaukee 1	30	27.9	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.8	--	--	--	--	--	2.00	2.1
Pewaukee 1	31	37.9	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.8	1.5	--	--	--	--	--	1.40	1.8
Pewaukee 1	32	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2
Pewaukee 1	33	18.8	1.4	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.3	--	--	--	--	--	1.80	2.3
Pewaukee 1	34	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.2
Pewaukee 1	35	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.1
Pewaukee 1	36	18.8	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	0.70	0.7
Pewaukee 1	37	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.3
Pewaukee 1	38	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2
Pewaukee 1	39	30.5	1.3	1.6	1.1	1.1	1.0	--	--	--	--	--	1.20	1.6
Pewaukee 1	40	25.9	6.0	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	1.80	6.0
Pewaukee 1	41	25.8	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.0	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	0.80	1.0
Pewaukee 1	42	49.4	0.9	1.1	1.5	2.3	2.9	--	--	--	--	--	1.70	2.9

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		Width (feet)	Depth-1 (feet)	Depth-2 (feet)	Depth-3 (feet)	Depth-4 (feet)	Depth-5 (feet)	Depth-6 (feet)	Depth-7 (feet)	Depth-8 (feet)	Depth-9 (feet)	Water Depth-10 (feet)	Mean Depth (feet)	Maximum Depth (feet)
Pewaukee 1	43	46.7	2.6	2.5	2.4	1.8	1.2	--	--	--	--	--	2.10	2.6
Pewaukee 1	44	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.4
Pewaukee 1	45	30.0	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	0.70	0.7
Pewaukee 1	46	28.5	1.3	1.5	1.9	2.0	1.4	--	--	--	--	--	1.60	2.0
Pewaukee 1	47	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.5
Pewaukee 1	48	33.5	0.8	1.2	1.5	1.6	1.4	--	--	--	--	--	1.30	1.6
Pewaukee 1	49	31.0	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.9	1.1	--	--	--	--	--	1.60	1.9
Pewaukee 1	50	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.7
Pewaukee 1	51	24.3	0.8	1.1	1.5	1.5	1.5	--	--	--	--	--	1.30	1.5
Pewaukee 1	52	25.4	1.2	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.3	--	--	--	--	--	1.40	1.5
Pewaukee 1	53	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
Pewaukee 1	54	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.1
Pewaukee 1	55	20.2	2.5	2.5	2.2	2.2	1.1	--	--	--	--	--	2.10	2.5
Pewaukee 1	56	24.3	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.1	--	--	--	--	--	1.20	1.3
Pewaukee 1	57	37.3	0.5	0.8	1.4	1.9	1.9	--	--	--	--	--	1.30	1.9
Pewaukee 1	58	33.5	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.1	0.9	--	--	--	--	--	1.30	1.5
Pewaukee 1	59	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2
Pewaukee 1	60	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.5
Pewaukee 1	61	35.5	0.7	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.5	--	--	--	--	--	1.10	1.5
Pewaukee 1	62	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.1
Pewaukee 1	63	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.7
Pewaukee 1	64	23.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.5	--	--	--	--	--	1.70	1.8
Pewaukee 1	65	32.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.1	1.1	--	--	--	--	--	0.70	1.1
Pewaukee 1	66	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.7
Pewaukee 1	67	45.7	0.5	1.1	1.5	1.5	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	1.10	1.5
Pewaukee 1	68	31.2	2.2	2.5	2.6	1.5	0.8	--	--	--	--	--	1.90	2.6
Pewaukee 2	69	26.7	1.0	2.4	2.7	2.2	1.3	--	--	--	--	--	1.90	2.7
Pewaukee 2	70	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.5
Pewaukee 2	71	30.3	1.3	1.7	2.0	1.9	1.6	--	--	--	--	--	1.70	2.0
Pewaukee 2	72	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.2
Pewaukee 2	73	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.7
Pewaukee 2	74	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.9
Pewaukee 2	75	19.8	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.3	--	--	--	--	--	1.10	1.3
Pewaukee 2	76	26.5	1.8	2.2	1.8	1.2	0.8	--	--	--	--	--	1.60	2.2
Pewaukee 2	77	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.5
Pewaukee 2	78	34.6	0.5	0.9	1.3	1.6	1.4	--	--	--	--	--	1.10	1.6
Pewaukee 2	79	26.6	1.2	1.6	1.9	1.7	1.4	--	--	--	--	--	1.60	1.9
Pewaukee 2	80	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.5
Pewaukee 2	81	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.1
Pewaukee 2	82	23.0	0.7	1.3	2.2	2.1	2.0	--	--	--	--	--	1.70	2.2
Pewaukee 2	83	20.1	1.3	1.4	1.1	1.4	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	1.20	1.4
Pewaukee 2	84	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.8
Pewaukee 2	85	27.6	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.6	--	--	--	--	--	1.30	1.6
Pewaukee 2	86	22.8	1.0	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.1	--	--	--	--	--	1.10	1.3
Pewaukee 2	87	23.3	1.2	0.7	1.0	1.2	1.5	--	--	--	--	--	1.10	1.5

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Pewaukee 2	88	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.5
Pewaukee 2	89	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.3
Pewaukee 2	90	25.4	0.9	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.6	--	--	--	--	--	1.50	1.8
Pewaukee 2	91	18.8	1.2	2.2	2.4	2.9	2.2	--	--	--	--	--	2.20	2.9
Pewaukee 2	92	28.9	0.8	0.9	1.7	2.0	1.8	--	--	--	--	--	1.40	2.0
Pewaukee 2	93	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.5
Pewaukee 2	94	18.9	2.3	2.8	2.4	1.8	1.2	--	--	--	--	--	2.10	2.8
Pewaukee 2	95	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.6
Pewaukee 2	96	22.9	0.7	1.3	2.0	1.7	1.7	--	--	--	--	--	1.50	2.0
Pewaukee 2	97	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.5
Pewaukee 2	98	22.7	1.5	1.9	1.7	1.5	0.8	--	--	--	--	--	1.50	1.9
Pewaukee 2	99	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
Pewaukee 2	100	20.4	1.4	1.6	2.2	2.1	1.6	--	--	--	--	--	1.80	2.2
Pewaukee 2	101	18.8	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.0	0.4	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	1.2
Pewaukee 2	102	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2
Pewaukee 2	103	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.4
Pewaukee 2	104	19.7	0.5	1.1	1.9	1.8	1.3	--	--	--	--	--	1.30	1.9
Pewaukee 2	105	30.8	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.8	1.1	--	--	--	--	--	0.60	1.1
Pewaukee 2	106	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.8
Pewaukee 2	107	17.8	1.4	1.3	1.0	0.6	0.3	--	--	--	--	--	0.90	1.4
Pewaukee 2	108	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
Pewaukee 2	109	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.2
Pewaukee 2	110	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.1
Pewaukee 2	111	25.1	1.3	2.0	1.9	1.5	0.9	--	--	--	--	--	1.50	2.0
Pewaukee 2	112	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.5
Pewaukee 2	113	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
Pewaukee 2	114	28.8	1.0	1.6	1.7	1.0	1.0	--	--	--	--	--	1.30	1.7
Pewaukee 2	115	37.2	0.4	0.5	1.3	0.9	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	0.70	1.3
Pewaukee 2	116	41.1	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.2	--	--	--	--	--	0.40	0.7
Pewaukee 2	117	42.0	0.7	0.8	1.1	1.0	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	0.90	1.1
Pewaukee 2	118	34.3	0.8	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.0	--	--	--	--	--	1.10	1.4
Pewaukee 2	119	43.5	0.8	0.8	1.2	1.0	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	0.90	1.2
Pewaukee 2	120	38.0	0.2	0.4	1.1	1.3	1.7	--	--	--	--	--	0.90	1.7
Pewaukee 2	121	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.8
Pewaukee 2	122	27.7	0.5	0.9	1.1	1.0	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	0.80	1.1
Pewaukee 2	123	24.8	0.6	1.1	1.5	1.4	0.8	--	--	--	--	--	1.10	1.5
Pewaukee 2	124	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.2
Pewaukee 2	125	28.5	1.0	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.3	--	--	--	--	--	0.80	1.1
Pewaukee 2	126	33.2	0.5	0.4	0.9	1.1	1.0	--	--	--	--	--	0.80	1.1
Pewaukee 2	127	26.5	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.7	1.7	--	--	--	--	--	1.50	1.7
Pewaukee 2	128	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.3
Pewaukee 2	129	26.3	0.8	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.9	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	1.2
Pewaukee 2	130	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.5
Pewaukee 2	131	39.7	0.7	1.1	1.1	1.3	0.5	--	--	--	--	--	0.90	1.3
Pewaukee 2	132	33.1	0.5	0.7	1.4	1.4	1.1	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	1.4

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Pewaukee 2	133	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.7
Pewaukee 2	134	49.1	0.6	1.0	1.2	0.9	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	0.90	1.2
Pewaukee 2	135	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.1
Pewaukee 2	136	43.4	0.7	1.1	1.4	1.1	0.8	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	1.4
Pewaukee 2	137	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.2
Pewaukee 2	138	47.4	0.3	0.6	0.9	1.4	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	0.80	1.4
Pewaukee 2	139	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.4
Pewaukee 2	140	34.7	0.9	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.5	--	--	--	--	--	0.80	1.1
Pewaukee 2	141	37.9	1.6	1.9	1.5	1.3	0.8	--	--	--	--	--	1.40	1.9
Pewaukee 2	142	28.0	1.5	1.9	1.8	1.2	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	1.40	1.9
Pewaukee 2	143	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
Pewaukee 2	144	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
Pewaukee 2	145	28.9	0.6	1.1	1.7	2.3	1.5	--	--	--	--	--	1.40	2.3
Pewaukee 2	146	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.5
Pewaukee 2	147	24.4	1.5	1.5	1.4	0.8	0.5	--	--	--	--	--	1.10	1.5
Pewaukee 2	148	37.5	0.7	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.8	--	--	--	--	--	0.90	1.1
Pewaukee 2	149	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2
Pewaukee 2	150	20.0	1.3	1.6	1.6	1.1	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	1.20	1.6
Pewaukee 2	151	28.3	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.0	--	--	--	--	--	1.30	1.5
Pewaukee 2	152	25.4	1.2	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.3	--	--	--	--	--	1.50	1.7
Pewaukee 3	153	25.0	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	0.60	0.8
Pewaukee 3	154	31.7	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.6	1.2	--	--	--	--	--	1.20	1.6
Pewaukee 3	155	28.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	1.1
Pewaukee 3	156	22.7	1.2	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.2	--	--	--	--	--	1.50	1.7
Pewaukee 3	157	26.0	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.0	0.4	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	1.4
Pewaukee 3	158	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.8
Pewaukee 3	159	18.7	1.2	1.3	1.0	0.7	0.5	--	--	--	--	--	0.90	1.3
Pewaukee 3	160	21.7	0.7	1.2	1.0	1.1	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	0.90	1.2
Pewaukee 3	161	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.7
Pewaukee 3	162	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.2
Pewaukee 3	163	24.0	0.4	0.7	1.2	1.3	0.9	--	--	--	--	--	0.90	1.3
Pewaukee 3	164	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.5
Pewaukee 3	165	25.5	0.9	1.2	1.3	1.2	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	1.3
Pewaukee 3	166	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.7
Pewaukee 3	167	24.3	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.4	--	--	--	--	--	0.40	0.6
Pewaukee 3	168	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.2
Pewaukee 3	169	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.4
Pewaukee 3	170	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.3
Pewaukee 3	171	22.6	2.4	2.6	2.3	1.9	1.4	--	--	--	--	--	2.10	2.6
Pewaukee 3	172	45.8	1.3	2.3	2.6	1.8	1.1	--	--	--	--	--	1.80	2.6
Pewaukee 3	173	63.4	1.4	2.0	2.0	1.5	0.8	--	--	--	--	--	1.50	2.0
Pewaukee 3	174	37.5	2.2	2.2	2.3	1.5	1.3	--	--	--	--	--	1.90	2.3
Pewaukee 3	175	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.9
Pewaukee 3	176	49.9	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.3	--	--	--	--	--	1.60	1.7
Pewaukee 3	177	36.8	0.9	1.2	1.7	2.1	1.4	--	--	--	--	--	1.50	2.1

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Pewaukee 3	178	50.2	1.7	2.2	1.3	0.9	0.9	--	--	--	--	--	1.40	2.2
Pewaukee 3	179	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.5
Pewaukee 3	180	35.6	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.1	--	--	--	--	--	1.40	1.5
Pewaukee 3	181	29.6	1.5	1.6	1.3	0.9	0.4	--	--	--	--	--	1.10	1.6
Pewaukee 3	182	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.1
Pewaukee 3	183	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
Pewaukee 3	184	28.5	0.8	1.3	1.6	2.0	1.5	--	--	--	--	--	1.40	2.0
Pewaukee 3	185	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.8
Pewaukee 3	186	34.6	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	0.9	--	--	--	--	--	1.10	1.2
Pewaukee 3	187	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.9
Pewaukee 3	188	24.4	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	0.70	0.7
Pewaukee 3	189	17.7	0.7	1.2	1.3	1.0	0.8	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	1.3
Pewaukee 3	190	25.2	1.4	1.6	1.3	1.1	1.0	--	--	--	--	--	1.30	1.6
Pewaukee 3	191	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.3
Pewaukee 3	192	28.5	0.5	0.5	0.9	1.0	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	0.70	1.0
Pewaukee 3	193	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.7
Pewaukee 4	194	34.4	0.2	0.3	0.9	0.5	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	0.50	0.9
Pewaukee 4	195	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.1
Pewaukee 4	196	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.3
Pewaukee 4	197	25.7	0.3	0.5	0.9	0.9	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	0.60	0.9
Pewaukee 4	198	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.6
Pewaukee 4	199	18.2	0.4	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	0.80	1.0
Pewaukee 4	200	41.9	0.8	0.6	0.7	1.0	0.5	--	--	--	--	--	0.70	1.0
Pewaukee 4	201	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.8
Pewaukee 4	202	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.3
Pewaukee 4	203	10.4	0.3	0.8	1.1	1.2	1.3	--	--	--	--	--	0.90	1.3
Pewaukee 4	204	18.4	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.8	--	--	--	--	--	0.90	1.1
Pewaukee 4	205	13.8	0.5	0.6	1.0	1.2	1.0	--	--	--	--	--	0.90	1.2
Pewaukee 4	206	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.2
Pewaukee 4	207	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.2
Pewaukee 4	208	9.7	0.9	1.6	2.1	1.9	1.1	--	--	--	--	--	1.50	2.1
Pewaukee 4	209	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2
Pewaukee 4	210	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.2
Pewaukee 4	211	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.2
Pewaukee 4	212	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.9
Pewaukee 4	213	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.1
Pewaukee 4	214	9.3	1.3	0.9	0.9	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	1.3
Pewaukee 4	215	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.2
Pewaukee 4	216	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.3
Pewaukee 4	217	12.1	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	--	--	--	--	--	0.70	0.8
Pewaukee 4	218	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.2
Pewaukee 4	219	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.9
Pewaukee 4	220	11.4	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.4	--	--	--	--	--	0.90	1.1
Pewaukee 4	221	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2
Pewaukee 4	222	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.4

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Table F-3 (continued)

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		Width (feet)	Depth-1 (feet)	Depth-2 (feet)	Depth-3 (feet)	Depth-4 (feet)	Depth-5 (feet)	Depth-6 (feet)	Depth-7 (feet)	Depth-8 (feet)	Depth-9 (feet)	Water Depth-10 (feet)	Mean Depth (feet)	Maximum Depth (feet)
Pewaukee 4	223	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.2
Pewaukee 4	224	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.2
Pewaukee 4	225	8.1	1.6	1.4	1.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.30	1.6
Pewaukee 4	226	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.4
Pewaukee 4	227	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2
Pewaukee 4	228	10.3	0.4	1.0	1.2	1.2	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	0.90	1.2
Pewaukee 4	229	14.0	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	0.70	0.8
Pewaukee 4	230	22.1	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.2	--	--	--	--	--	0.50	0.8
Pewaukee 4	231	23.9	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.4	--	--	--	--	--	0.60	0.8
Pewaukee 4	232	24.5	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	--	--	--	--	--	0.50	0.9
Pewaukee 4	233	19.2	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.2	--	--	--	--	--	0.40	0.6
Pewaukee 4	234	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.7
Pewaukee 4	235	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.2
Pewaukee 4	236	15.7	0.5	0.7	1.0	1.1	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	0.80	1.1
Pewaukee 4	237	14.5	1.2	1.6	1.8	1.9	1.1	--	--	--	--	--	1.50	1.9
Pewaukee 4	238	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.6
Pewaukee 4	239	11.0	1.5	1.8	1.8	2.0	2.0	--	--	--	--	--	1.80	2.0
Pewaukee 4	240	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.5
Pewaukee 4	241	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
Pewaukee 4	242	13.8	1.2	1.5	1.7	1.5	1.2	--	--	--	--	--	1.40	1.7
Pewaukee 4	243	14.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.3	--	--	--	--	--	1.50	1.7
Pewaukee 4	244	12.5	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.2	--	--	--	--	--	1.50	1.8
Pewaukee 4	245	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.5
Pewaukee 4	246	10.3	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.8	--	--	--	--	--	1.60	1.8
Pewaukee 4	247	11.6	1.5	1.7	1.8	2.0	1.3	--	--	--	--	--	1.70	2.0
Pewaukee 4	248	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
Pewaukee 4	249	9.1	1.6	1.8	1.4	1.6	1.4	--	--	--	--	--	1.60	1.8
Pewaukee 4	250	19.8	1.0	1.2	1.4	0.9	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	1.4
Pewaukee 4	251	16.6	1.2	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.5	--	--	--	--	--	0.70	1.2
Pewaukee 4	252	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.6
Pewaukee 4	253	21.4	0.6	0.7	1.6	0.7	0.5	--	--	--	--	--	0.80	1.6
Pewaukee 4	254	10.0	0.9	0.9	1.3	1.6	1.4	--	--	--	--	--	1.20	1.6
Pewaukee 4	255	9.4	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.2	--	--	--	--	--	1.30	1.5
Pewaukee 4	256	22.7	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.9	0.9	--	--	--	--	--	0.70	0.9
Pewaukee 4	257	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.8
Pewaukee 4	258	5.8	0.9	1.0	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.90	1.0
Pewaukee 4	259	3.6	0.9	0.9	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.80	0.9
Pewaukee 4	260	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.4
Pewaukee 4	261	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.3
Pewaukee 4	262	6.3	0.6	0.8	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.70	0.8
Pewaukee 4	263	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.4
Pewaukee 4	264	4.8	0.7	1.0	1.1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.90	1.1
Pewaukee 4	265	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.4
Pewaukee 4	266	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.7
Pewaukee 4	267	4.2	0.9	0.8	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.80	0.9

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Table F-3 (continued)

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		Width (feet)	Depth-1 (feet)	Depth-2 (feet)	Depth-3 (feet)	Depth-4 (feet)	Depth-5 (feet)	Depth-6 (feet)	Depth-7 (feet)	Depth-8 (feet)	Depth-9 (feet)	Water Depth-10 (feet)	Mean Depth (feet)	Maximum Depth (feet)
Pewaukee 4	268	5.0	0.6	0.4	0.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.50	0.6
Pewaukee 4	269	7.1	0.6	0.6	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.60	0.6
Pewaukee 4	270	5.8	1.0	1.3	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	1.3
Pewaukee 4	271	4.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.80	0.8
Pewaukee 4	272	4.4	0.6	0.8	0.9	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.80	0.9
Pewaukee 5	273	4.4	0.9	0.9	0.9	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.90	0.9
Pewaukee 5	274	3.6	0.3	0.5	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.50	0.6
Pewaukee 5	275	4.9	0.4	0.4	0.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.40	0.5
Pewaukee 5	276	11.9	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.1	--	--	--	--	--	0.30	0.4
Pewaukee 5	277	6.1	0.4	0.3	0.3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.30	0.4
Pewaukee 5	278	4.5	0.6	0.5	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.60	0.7
Pewaukee 5	279	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.9
Pewaukee 5	280	5.4	0.7	0.5	0.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.60	0.7
Pewaukee 5	281	3.6	0.9	0.9	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.80	0.9
Pewaukee 5	282	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.1
Pewaukee 5	283	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.1
Pewaukee 5	284	3.8	0.5	0.7	1.1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.80	1.1
Pewaukee 5	285	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.3
Pewaukee 5	286	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.5
Pewaukee 5	287	4.8	0.6	0.6	0.4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.50	0.6
Pewaukee 5	288	4.2	1.0	0.9	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.80	1.0
Pewaukee 5	289	4.4	0.4	0.6	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.60	0.7
Pewaukee 5	290	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.2
Pewaukee 5	291	4.8	0.6	0.9	0.9	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.80	0.9
Pewaukee 5	292	13.8	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	--	--	--	--	--	0.20	0.3
Pewaukee 5	293	5.1	0.5	0.5	0.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.50	0.5
Pewaukee 5	294	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
Pewaukee 5	295	4.1	0.4	0.9	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.70	0.9
Pewaukee 5	296	3.6	0.6	0.8	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.70	0.8
Pewaukee 5	297	3.9	0.5	0.7	0.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.60	0.7
Pewaukee 5	298	3.2	0.6	0.7	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.60	0.7
Pewaukee 5	299	2.7	0.5	0.7	0.3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.50	0.7
Pewaukee 5	300	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
Pewaukee 5	301	4.2	0.6	0.8	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.70	0.8
Pewaukee 5	302	5.7	0.5	0.7	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.60	0.7
Pewaukee 5	303	7.8	0.3	0.4	0.2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.30	0.4
Pewaukee 5	304	7.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.40	0.4
Pewaukee 5	305	5.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.40	0.4
HWY JJ Tributary	306	5.6	0.5	0.6	0.4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.50	0.6
HWY JJ Tributary	307	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.1
HWY JJ Tributary	308	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
HWY JJ Tributary	309	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.6
HWY JJ Tributary	310	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.2
HWY JJ Tributary	311	5.2	0.4	0.7	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.60	0.7

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HWY JJ Tributary	312	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.3
HWY JJ Tributary	313	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.5
HWY JJ Tributary	314	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.3
HWY JJ Tributary	315	4.2	0.5	0.6	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.60	0.6
HWY JJ Tributary	316	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.8
HWY JJ Tributary	317	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.9
HWY JJ Tributary	318	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2
HWY JJ Tributary	319	4.7	0.8	0.9	1.2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	1.2
HWY JJ Tributary	320	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.6
HWY JJ Tributary	321	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.6
HWY JJ Tributary	322	3.4	0.9	1.0	1.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	1.0
HWY JJ Tributary	323	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.8
HWY JJ Tributary	324	5.1	0.4	0.8	0.8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.70	0.8
HWY JJ Tributary	325	7.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.70	0.8
HWY JJ Tributary	326	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.4
HWY JJ Tributary	327	7.8	0.6	0.6	0.4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.50	0.6
HWY JJ Tributary	328	10.4	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.8	--	--	--	--	--	0.80	0.9
HWY JJ Tributary	329	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.7
HWY JJ Tributary	330	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.8
HWY JJ Tributary	331	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.1
HWY JJ Tributary	332	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.1
HWY JJ Tributary	333	11.0	1.3	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	1.3
HWY JJ Tributary	334	14.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	--	--	--	--	--	0.40	0.5
HWY JJ Tributary	335	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.4
HWY JJ Tributary	336	11.6	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	0.40	0.7
HWY JJ Tributary	337	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.6
HWY JJ Tributary	338	9.9	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	--	--	--	--	--	0.40	0.5
HWY JJ Tributary	339	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.6
HWY JJ Tributary	340	8.4	0.2	0.4	0.3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.30	0.4
HWY JJ Tributary	341	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.2
HWY JJ Tributary	342	9.9	1.2	1.2	1.1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.20	1.2
HWY JJ Tributary	343	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.8
HWY JJ Tributary	344	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.8
HWY JJ Tributary	345	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5
HWY JJ Tributary	346	10.8	0.6	1.2	1.5	1.3	0.8	--	--	--	--	--	1.10	1.5
HWY JJ Tributary	347	8.7	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	0.70	0.9
HWY JJ Tributary	348	7.4	1.8	1.8	1.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.70	1.8
HWY JJ Tributary	349	12.2	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	0.60	0.8
HWY JJ Tributary	350	8.3	0.9	0.8	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.80	0.9
Pewaukee Lake Outlet	351	132.8	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.7	1.2	0.9	1.2	1.5	1.0	0.7	0.90	1.5
Pewaukee Lake Outlet	352	122.7	0.4	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.60	0.9
Pewaukee Lake Outlet	353	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.2
Pewaukee Lake Outlet	354	27.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	--	--	--	--	--	0.40	0.5
Pewaukee Lake Outlet	355	31.2	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.5	1.0	--	--	--	--	--	0.50	1.0

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Table F-3 (continued)

Reach	Survey ID <sup>a</sup> (see Maps F-1 through F-8)	Low Flow												
		Width (feet)	Depth-1 (feet)	Depth-2 (feet)	Depth-3 (feet)	Depth-4 (feet)	Depth-5 (feet)	Depth-6 (feet)	Depth-7 (feet)	Depth-8 (feet)	Depth-9 (feet)	Water Depth-10 (feet)	Mean Depth (feet)	Maximum Depth (feet)
Coco Creek	356	--	1.2	2.2	1.6	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.5	1.10	2.2
Coco Creek	357	--	1.7	2.3	1.3	0.5	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	1.30	2.3
Coco Creek	358	--	1.0	1.6	2.3	1.8	1.1	--	--	--	--	--	1.60	2.3
Coco Creek	359	--	0.6	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.4	--	--	--	--	--	1.40	1.8
Coco Creek	360	25.0	1.4	1.7	2.0	2.1	1.4	--	--	--	--	--	1.70	2.1
Coco Creek	361	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
Coco Creek	362	17.5	2.1	2.3	2.0	2.1	1.0	--	--	--	--	--	1.90	2.3
Coco Creek	363	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.2
Coco Creek	364	12.6	1.7	1.8	2.4	2.3	1.6	--	--	--	--	--	2.00	2.4
Coco Creek	365	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.9
Coco Creek	366	11.4	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2	--	--	--	--	--	1.30	1.3
Coco Creek	367	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.2
Coco Creek	368	16.7	1.2	1.5	1.5	1.2	1.1	--	--	--	--	--	1.30	1.5
Coco Creek	369	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.4
Coco Creek	370	14.3	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.8	1.2	--	--	--	--	--	1.50	1.8
Coco Creek	371	10.7	1.0	1.6	1.9	1.7	1.4	--	--	--	--	--	1.50	1.9
Coco Creek	372	9.9	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.9	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	1.1
Coco Creek	373	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.6
Coco Creek	374	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
Coco Creek	375	12.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	--	--	--	--	--	0.40	0.4
Coco Creek	376	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.5
Coco Creek	377	12.5	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	0.70	1.0
Coco Creek	378	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.1
Coco Creek	379	17.7	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.6	1.0	--	--	--	--	--	0.50	1.0
Coco Creek	380	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.8
Coco Creek	381	13.8	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4	--	--	--	--	--	0.50	0.6
Tributary to Coco Creek	382	5.7	0.5	0.5	0.3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.43	0.50
Tributary to Coco Creek	383	3.6	0.3	0.3	0.1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.23	0.30
Tributary to Coco Creek	384	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2
Tributary to Coco Creek	385	8.6	1.5	1.9	1.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.70	1.90
Meadowbrook	386	--	1.3	1.5	2.7	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.3	1.4	2.20	2.7
Meadowbrook	387	--	1.1	1.3	2.0	2.2	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.0	1.0	2.00	2.7
Meadowbrook	388	45.9	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.4	0.9	--	--	--	--	--	1.20	1.4
Meadowbrook	389	26.8	1.5	1.9	1.4	0.9	0.4	--	--	--	--	--	1.20	1.9
Meadowbrook	390	--	0.6	0.7	0.7	1.4	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	0.80	1.4
Meadowbrook	391	--	1.0	1.7	3.5	2.2	1.0	--	--	--	--	--	1.90	3.5
Meadowbrook	392	23.2	0.7	1.1	1.3	1.5	1.2	--	--	--	--	--	1.20	1.5
Meadowbrook	393	26.7	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.9	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	1.1
Meadowbrook	394	33.2	1.0	1.2	1.1	0.8	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	1.2
Meadowbrook	395	18.3	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.2	--	--	--	--	--	1.40	1.6
Meadowbrook	396	15.2	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	0.80	1.0
Meadowbrook	397	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.2
Meadowbrook	398	--	1.3	1.8	2.2	2.1	1.7	--	--	--	--	--	1.80	2.2
Meadowbrook	399	--	0.7	1.4	1.8	2.0	1.3	--	--	--	--	--	1.40	2.0

PRELIMINARY DRAFT



Table F-3 (continued)

Reach	Survey ID <sup>a</sup> (see Maps F-1 through F-8)	Low Flow												
		Width (feet)	Depth-1 (feet)	Depth-2 (feet)	Depth-3 (feet)	Depth-4 (feet)	Depth-5 (feet)	Depth-6 (feet)	Depth-7 (feet)	Depth-8 (feet)	Depth-9 (feet)	Water Depth-10 (feet)	Mean Depth (feet)	Maximum Depth (feet)
Meadowbrook	400	--	1.2	2.1	2.0	1.7	1.0	--	--	--	--	--	1.60	2.1
Meadowbrook	401	20.5	0.5	0.8	1.3	1.2	0.8	--	--	--	--	--	0.90	1.3
Meadowbrook	402	--	1.4	2.5	2.1	1.6	1.0	--	--	--	--	--	1.70	2.5
Meadowbrook	403	10.9	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	--	--	--	--	--	0.50	0.6
Tributary to Meadowbrook	404	2.7	0.5	0.5	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.53	0.6
Tributary to Meadowbrook	405	10.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	--	--	--	--	--	0.30	0.4
Tributary to Meadowbrook	406	4.6	0.2	0.3	0.2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.23	0.3

NOTE: The number of points at which water depths were measured within a cross-section was dependent upon stream width. In general, if wetted width was less than 10 feet, only three points per transect were taken; for widths ranging from 10 to 75 feet, five to 10 points per transect were taken; and where width was greater than 75 feet, 10 points were taken.

<sup>a</sup>Cross-section surveys were not conducted in every pool habitat location, however maximum pool depths were recorded.

Source: SEWRPC.

**Table F-4**

**TRASH OBSERVED IN STREAMS WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2012**

Stream Reach	Map Identification Number (see Map F-9 through F-16)	Longitude <sup>a</sup>	Latitude <sup>a</sup>	Description
Pewaukee 1	1	2478669.37308	384664.14082	Hub cap and radio
	2	2478116.95194	387197.640018	Saucer sled
	3	2476396.55151	386870.654124	Laundry basket
	4	2474815.79778	387167.222428	Plastic 5 gallon bucket, near right streambank
	5	2474712.70022	387060.525463	Metal stove top and tire
	6	2474524.9168	386432.537874	Toilet seat
	7	2474128.21878	386353.792953	Tire, center of stream channel
	8	2473809.28602	386357.188615	Lawn chair cushion
	9	2473627.27556	386449.574585	Tire, near right streambank
	10	2473427.96788	386489.099113	Wheel rim, center of stream channel
Pewaukee 2	11	2472485.80408	387776.830461	Metal drum lid and other metal scraps
	12	2472348.85915	388394.404357	Metal drum, barbed wire fencing rolls on right streambank
	13	2472040.6452	388606.20249	Tire, center of stream channel
	14	2471802.29003	388745.902342	Plastic garbage can, on right streambank
	15	2471846.53666	388771.712001	Casserole dish, left side of channel; five gallon bucket, right side of channel
	16	2471608.07881	389571.822606	Two unidentified metal objects
	17	2471463.30154	389692.696708	Tire, left side of stream channel
	18	2471469.88584	390250.976431	Tire, center of stream channel
	19	2471229.31513	390463.450088	Tire, center of stream channel
	20	2471081.67468	390742.393427	Bathtub, center of stream channel
	21	2470961.62373	390807.112786	Plastic oil pan
	22	2470836.58954	391426.809381	Tire, center of stream channel
	23	2470742.67601	391777.323772	Wood pallet
	24	2470627.37014	392338.957163	Tire, center of stream channel; Blue sled, left streambank
	25	2470685.24174	392692.064069	Kiddie pool, center of stream channel
	26	2470686.19285	392713.180496	Tire, center of stream channel
	27	2470640.43376	393343.370509	Plastic kiddie pool, right side of stream channel
	28	2470571.55168	393807.59235	Piece of plastic pool, old bridge debris, left streambank
	29	2470886.96345	393757.875257	Plastic garbage can, left side of stream channel
	30	2470564.6324	394202.049566	Fiberglass tub
	31	2470532.99237	394293.689474	Pallet and five-gallon bucket, right streambank
	32	2470463.62539	394347.046323	Tire, left side of stream channel
	33	2470437.90267	394381.245074	Tire, left side of stream channel
	34	2470345.1522	394897.243714	Tire, left side of stream channel
	35	2470071.57532	395425.137343	Tire, center of stream channel
	36	2470018.19616	395896.380495	Rubbermaid tub and five-gallon bucket, left streambank
	37	2469912.36566	395634.484037	Tire, center of stream channel
	38	2469521.07018	396057.110488	Two road signs
	39	2469602.91713	396181.702431	Tire and part of failed wooden pier
	40	2469663.147	396374.28341	Kiddie pool
	41	2469342.64042	396489.146042	Sign and sign pole, center of stream channel



**Table F-4 (continued)**

<b>Stream Reach</b>	<b>Map Identification Number (see Map F-9 through F-16)</b>	<b>Longitude<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Latitude<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Description</b>
Pewaukee 3	42	2468984.47087	397138.226946	Tire at inlet of Wisconsin Ave. bridge
	43	2468980.59029	397427.330845	Small metal trough and push lawnmower
	44	2468789.26194	397452.517146	Street sign and boot
	45	2468148.51027	397526.898231	Tire tread, center of stream channel; Orange barrel base, left streambank
	46	2467987.38253	397615.111166	Tire and pallet
	47	2467885.53802	397712.717085	Metal watering can
	48	2467850.93179	397735.09204	Jar, bowl, beer bottles
	49	2467831.85932	397818.84417	Wire basket
	50	2467721.11808	397877.571086	Trash can lid
	51	2467295.98047	397922.675983	Tire, center of stream channel
	52	2467278.54941	397922.92303	Metal culvert wingwall and orange cone
	53	2467209.4252	397925.108393	Orange construction barrel base
	54	2467151.70813	397972.941302	Orange construction barrel base
	55	2467044.58104	398024.99566	Large semi tire, center of stream channel
	56	2466919.44678	398409.397122	Tire, right side of stream channel
	57	2466625.0435	398475.710966	Large metal plate and cylinder, center of stream channel
	58	2466404.46093	398531.594384	Tire and plastic bucket, center of stream channel
	59	2466347.99418	398522.038957	Plastic sled, right side of stream channel
	60	2466247.37857	398667.674493	Fishing net and basket, center of stream channel
	61	2466057.67882	398697.10324	Tarp, right side of stream channel
	62	2465783.81519	398805.474414	Large cardboard boxes, right side of stream channel
	63	2465574.76082	398767.618847	Ski pole and metal rake
	64	2464768.21125	399266.904594	Two five-gallon buckets, right streambank
	65	2464362.90465	399951.593185	Two tires, left side of stream channel; Rubber hose, right side of stream channel
Pewaukee 4	66	2464466.03305	400522.265928	Rubber bin lid, left side of stream channel
	67	2464769.53769	401146.163958	"Danger" snowmobile sign
	68	2464808.89424	401154.501868	"Stay on Trail or Stay Home" snowmobile sign
	69	2464864.71106	401176.595	Deicing salt bag
	70	2464902.49084	401406.279252	Deicing salt bag
	71	2464907.73984	401432.69849	Rain gutter
	72	2464927.24866	401525.933868	Tarps and large bag
	73	2465016.00964	401685.274757	Deicing salt bags
	74	2465308.56614	402569.134538	Black garbage bag with styrofoam
	75	2465359.07031	402783.289621	Plastic planting pot
	76	2465962.73413	402570.613537	Tire, left side of stream channel
	77	2467720.37201	402288.459902	Wood pallet
	78	2468560.58589	402509.126128	Wood pallet
	79	2468616.5031	402870.010576	Wood pallet
	80	2468259.35617	404324.310489	Large plastic planting pot
	81	2468214.1499	405329.485644	Plastic planting pot

**Table F-4 (continued)**

<b>Stream Reach</b>	<b>Map Identification Number (see Map F-9 through F-16)</b>	<b>Longitude<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Latitude<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Description</b>
Pewaukee 5	82	2468755.16522	406477.678886	Wood pallet
	83	2469387.97793	407344.681745	Metal patio end table
	84	2469490.4026	407481.96067	Wood planks/failed footbridge
	85	2469586.59302	407547.60588	Wood door
	86	2470674.14695	409103.906901	Wood pallet/ failed bridge
	87	2470690.73025	409486.547868	Two tires
CTH JJ Tributary	88	2467511.92033	391050.488284	Wood pallet
	89	2467636.67271	391043.050306	Tire in debris jam
	90	2467720.10988	391049.598194	Tire in debris jam
	91	2467838.60767	391071.183124	Tire
	92	2467963.03623	391053.718592	Tire, left side of stream channel
	93	2468036.32644	391052.628699	Plastic planting pot
	94	2468063.63051	391093.568578	Trash collecting behind fallen tree
	95	2468148.60377	391062.105715	Tire and styrofoam bait bucket in debris jam
	96	2468271.2469	391108.255885	Wooden plank
	97	2468726.45038	391286.826066	Bed sheet and bag
	98	2469180.41896	391591.761807	Coke bottles and bubble wrap (txs17)
	99	2469649.9049	391779.6676	Large tire
	100	2469710.64592	391796.713825	Tire
	101	2469740.66423	391792.640015	Tire
102	2469840.09579	391921.328734	Garage door panel	
Pewaukee Lake Outlet	103	2464166.72919	399866.744273	Tire
Meadowbrook Creek	104	2454827.19406	391294.905118	Orange construction barrel base
	105	2454910.16798	391249.542676	Tire, right side of stream channel
	106	2455430.63216	390923.077777	Large piece of aluminum siding
	107	2456158.36528	390449.826427	Wood pallet
	108	2456175.7724	390440.474412	Large sheet of aluminum siding
	109	2456393.04034	390253.054183	Large sheet of siding and wood pallet
	110	2456432.88147	390236.451526	Metal fence/gate

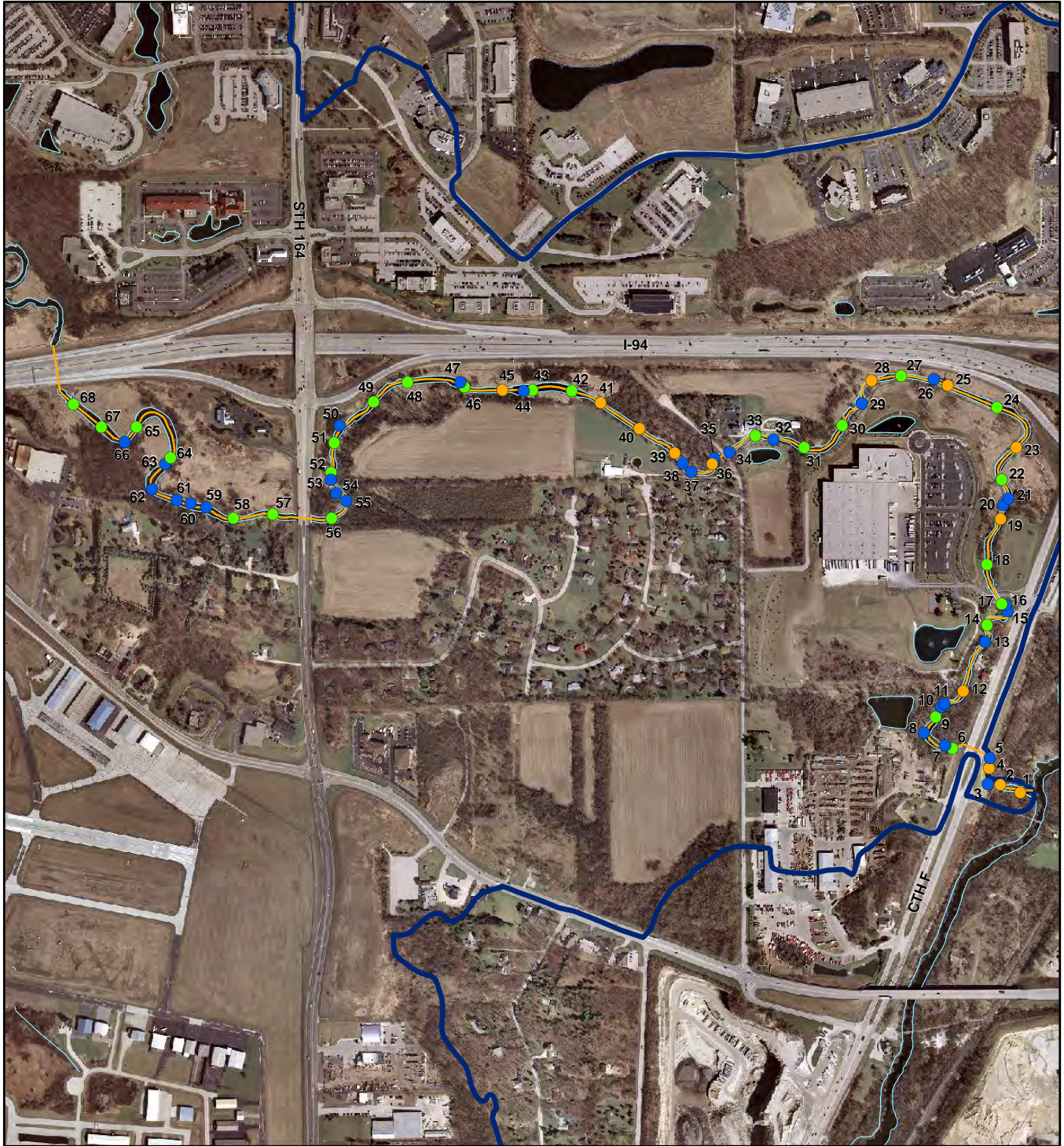
NOTE: Right and left streambank are always described based on the orientation of looking upstream.

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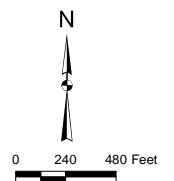


Map F-1

AQUATIC HABITAT TYPE WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE 1 STREAM REACH: 2012



- POOL
- RIFFLE
- RUN
- 68 SURVEY ID (SEE TABLE F-1 THROUGH F-3)
- PEWAUKEE 1 STREAM REACH
- SURFACE WATER
- SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY

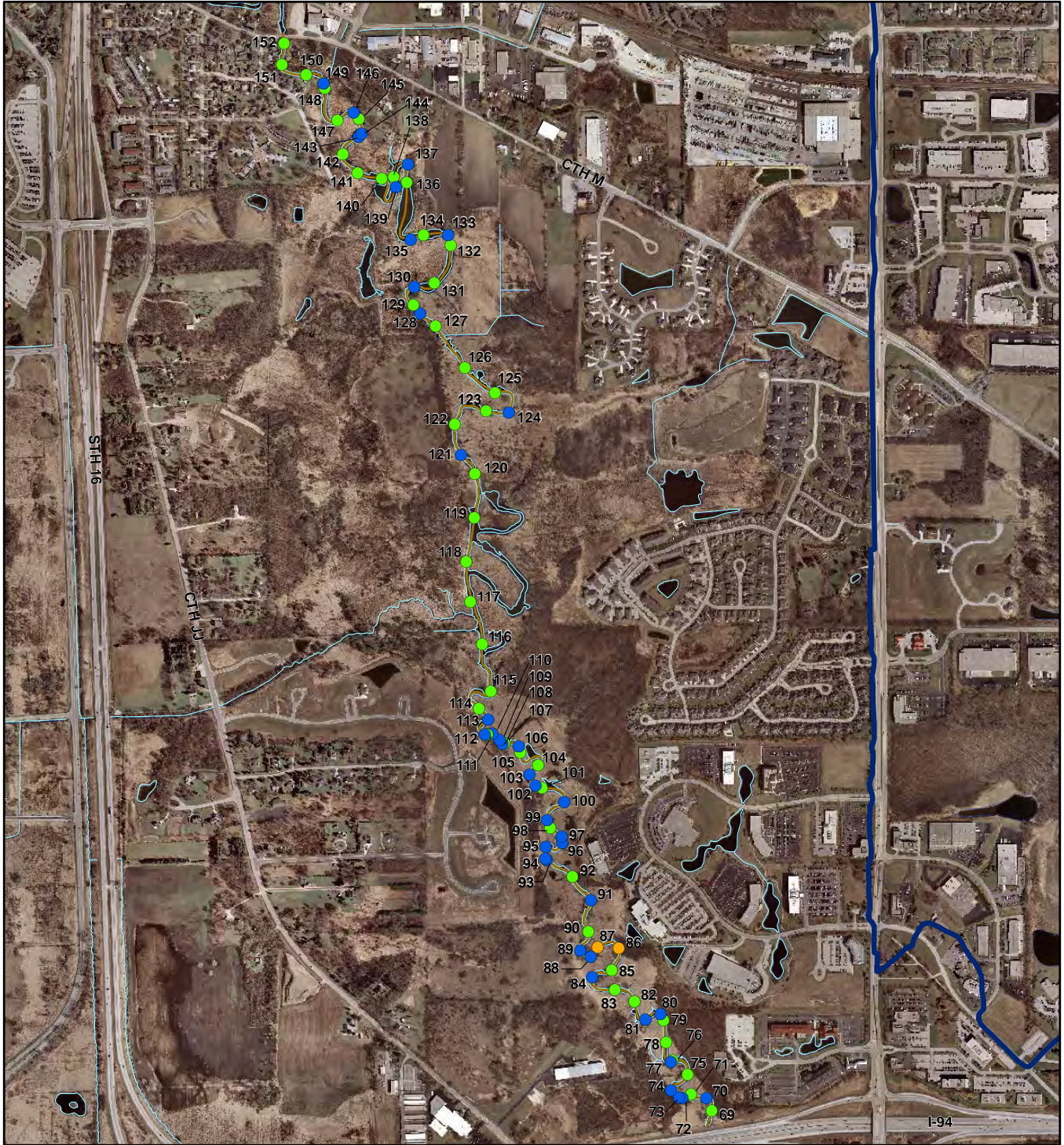


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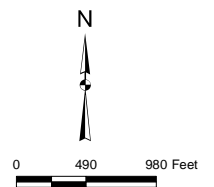
AQUATIC HABITAT TYPE WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE 2 STREAM REACH: 2012



- POOL
- RIFFLE
- RUN
- PEWAUKEE 2 STREAM REACH
- SURFACE WATER
- WATERSHED BOUNDARY

152 SURVEY ID (SEE TABLE F-1 THROUGH F-3)

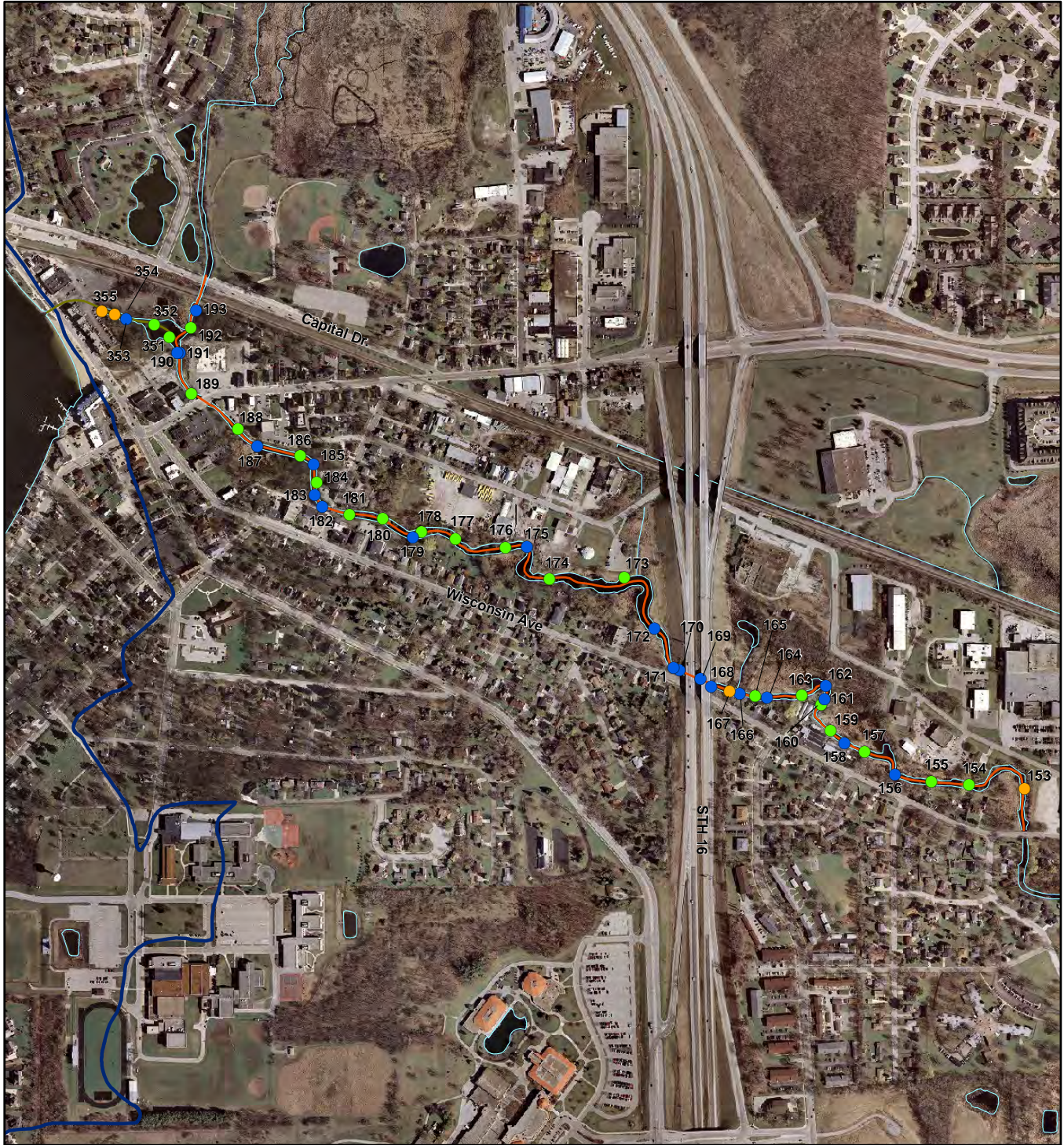
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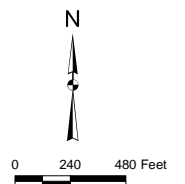
Map F-3

AQUATIC HABITAT TYPE WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE 3 AND PEWAUKEE LAKE OUTLET STREAM REACHES: 2012



- POOL
- RIFFLE
- RUN
- 193 SURVEY ID (SEE TABLE F-1 THROUGH F-3)
- PEWAUKEE 3 STREAM REACH
- PEWAUKEE LAKE OUTLET STREAM REACH
- SURFACE WATER
- SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY

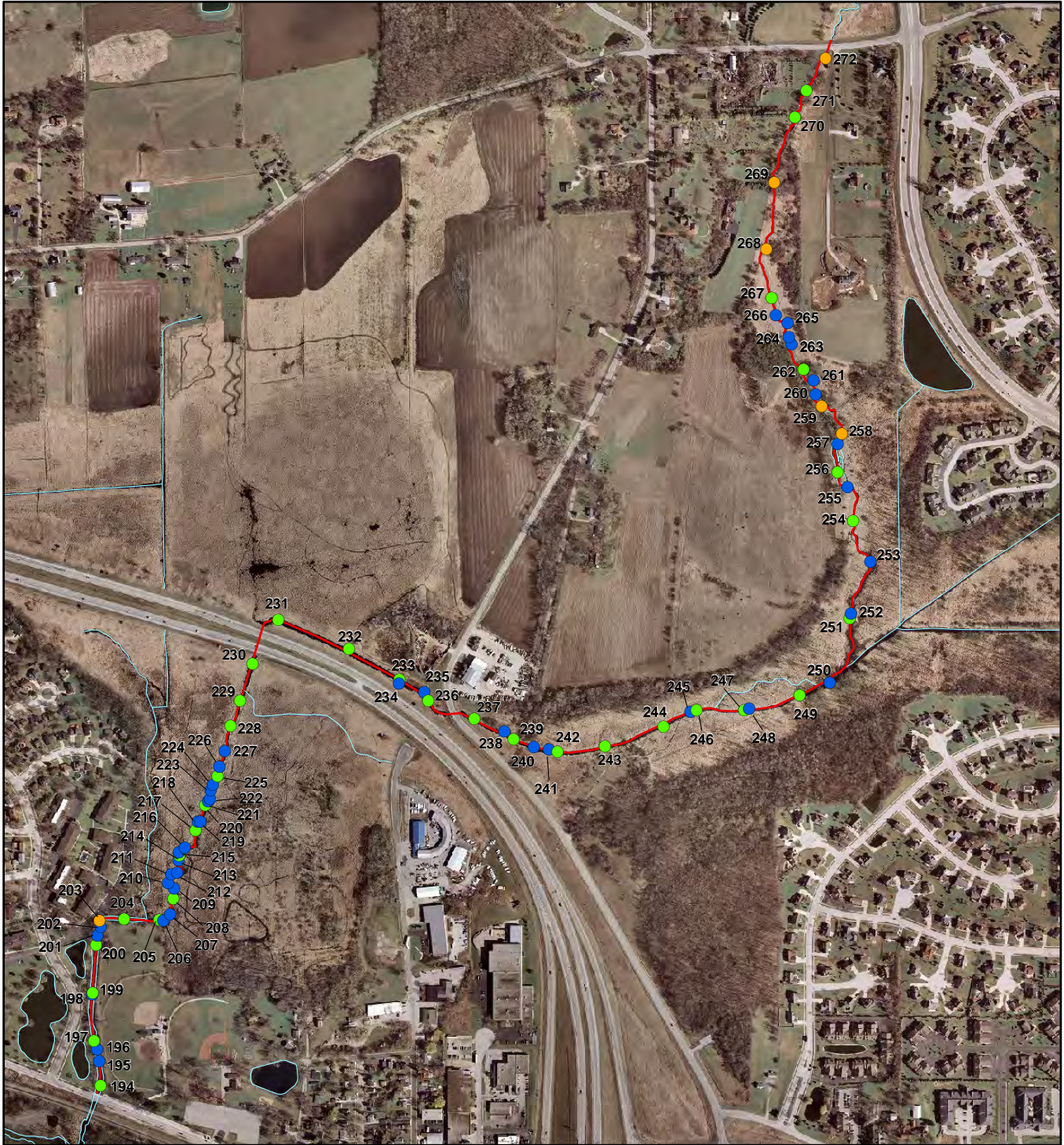
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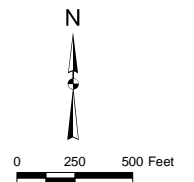
Map F-4

AQUATIC HABITAT TYPE WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE 4 STREAM REACH: 2012



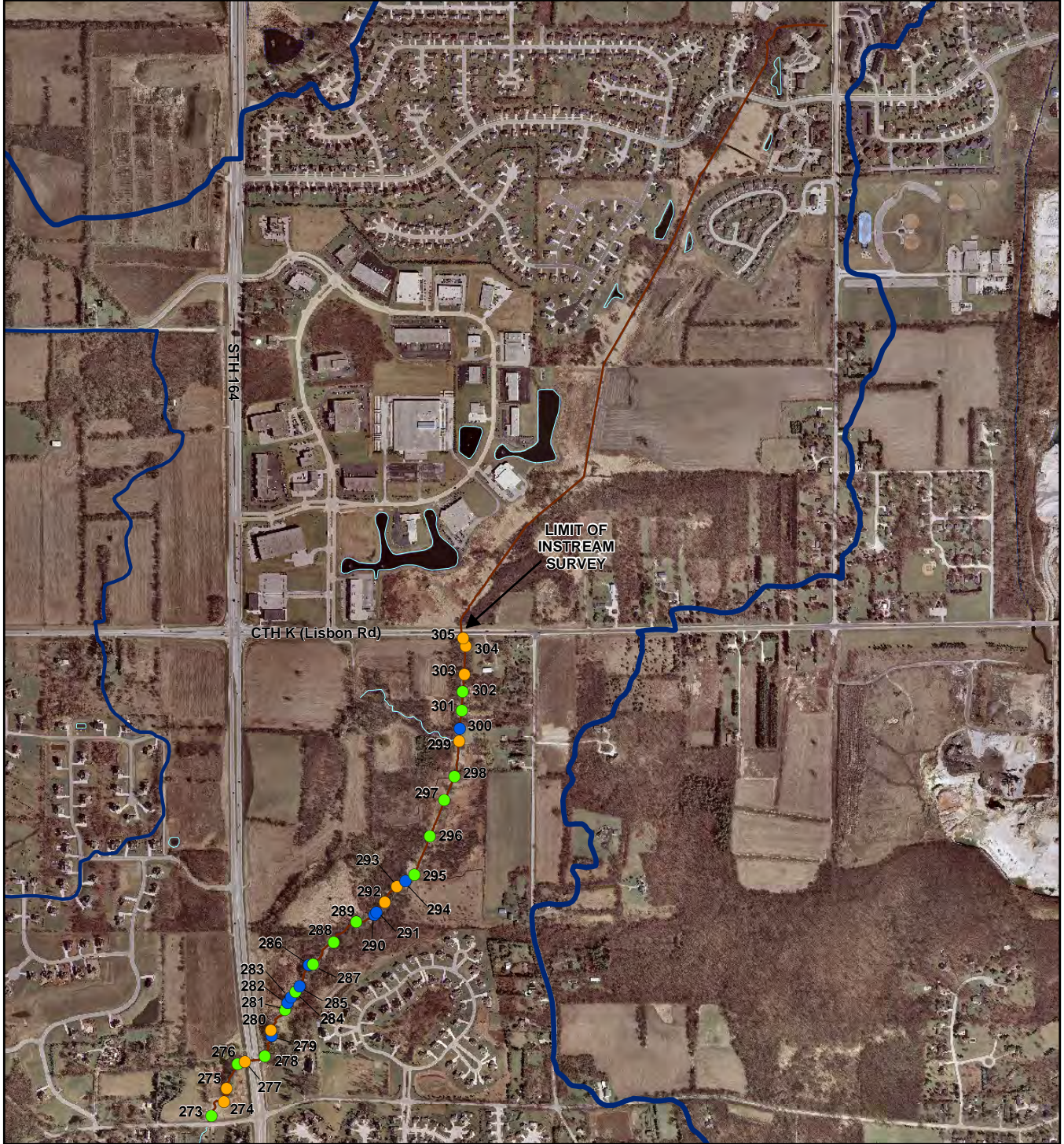
- POOL
- RIFFLE
- RUN
- 272 SURVEY ID (SEE TABLE F-1 THROUGH F-3)

- PEWAUKEE 5 STREAM REACH
- SURFACE WATER





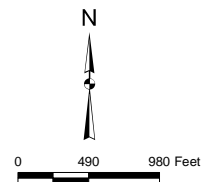
AQUATIC HABITAT TYPE WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE 5 STREAM REACH: 2012



- POOL
- RIFFLE
- RUN
- 305** SURVEY ID (SEE TABLE F-1 THROUGH F-3)

- PEWAUKEE 5 STREAM REACH
- SURFACE WATER
- WATERSHED BOUNDARY
- SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY

NOTE: The Pewaukee 5 stream reach was not surveyed for physical habitat conditions upstream of County Highway K.



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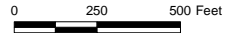
Map F-6

AQUATIC HABITAT TYPE WITHIN THE CTH JJ TRIBUTARY STREAM REACH: 2012



- POOL
- RIFFLE
- RUN
- 350 SURVEY ID (SEE TABLE F-1 THROUGH F-3)

- CTH JJ TRIBUTARY REACH
- SURFACE WATER



Source: SEWRPC.

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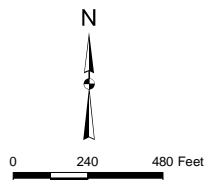
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AQUATIC HABITAT TYPE WITHIN THE COCO CREEK STREAM REACH: 2012



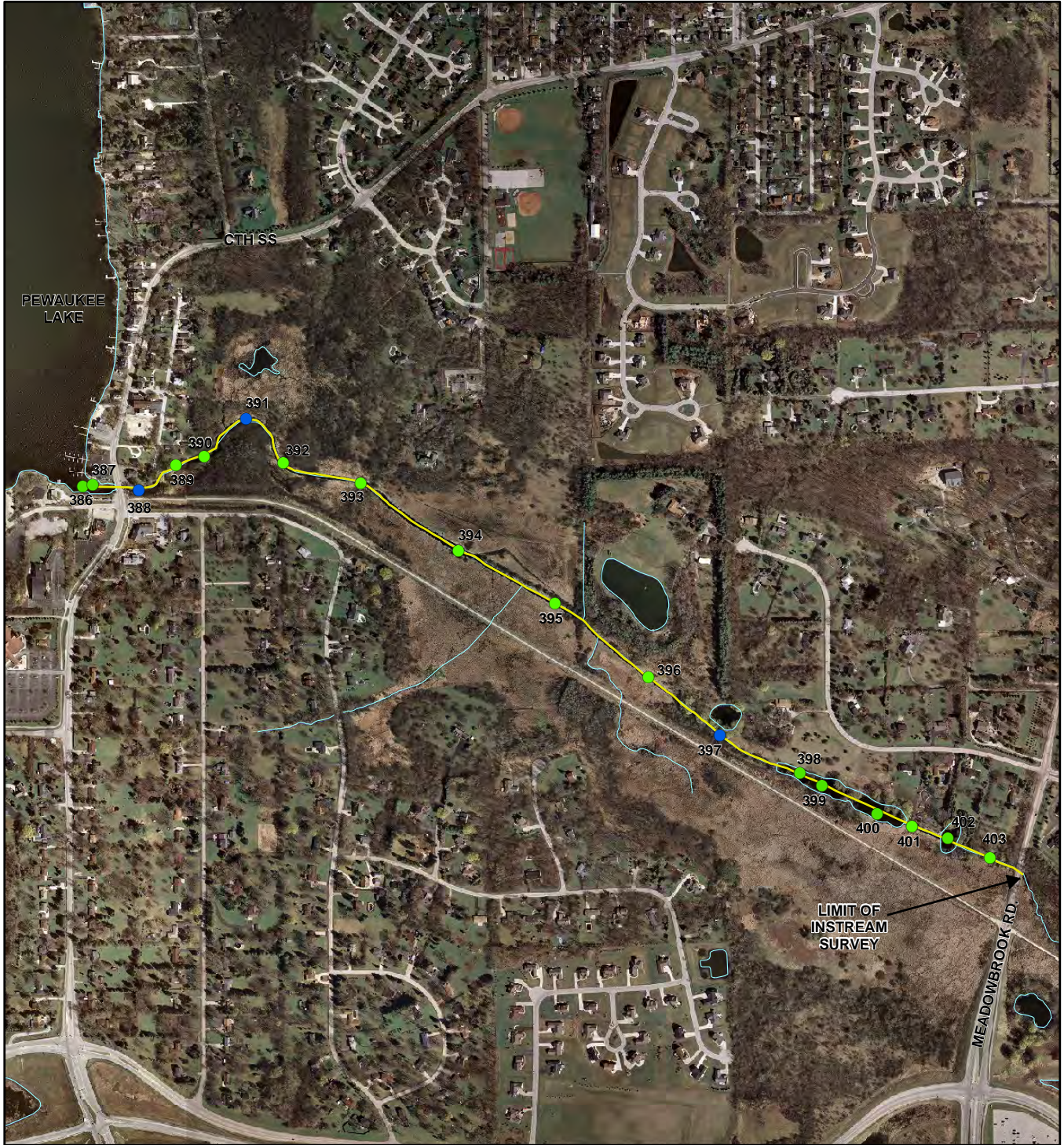
- POOL
  - RIFFLE
  - RUN
  - COCO CREEK STREAM REACH
  - SURFACE WATER
- 385 SURVEY ID (SEE TABLE F-1 THROUGH F-3)

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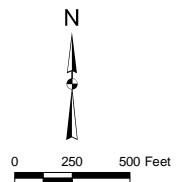


AQUATIC HABITAT TYPE WITHIN THE MEADOWBROOK CREEK STREAM REACH: 2012



- POOL
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  - RUN
  - MEADOWBROOK CREEK STREAM REACH
  - SURFACE WATER
- 403 SURVEY ID (SEE TABLE F-1 THROUGH F-3)

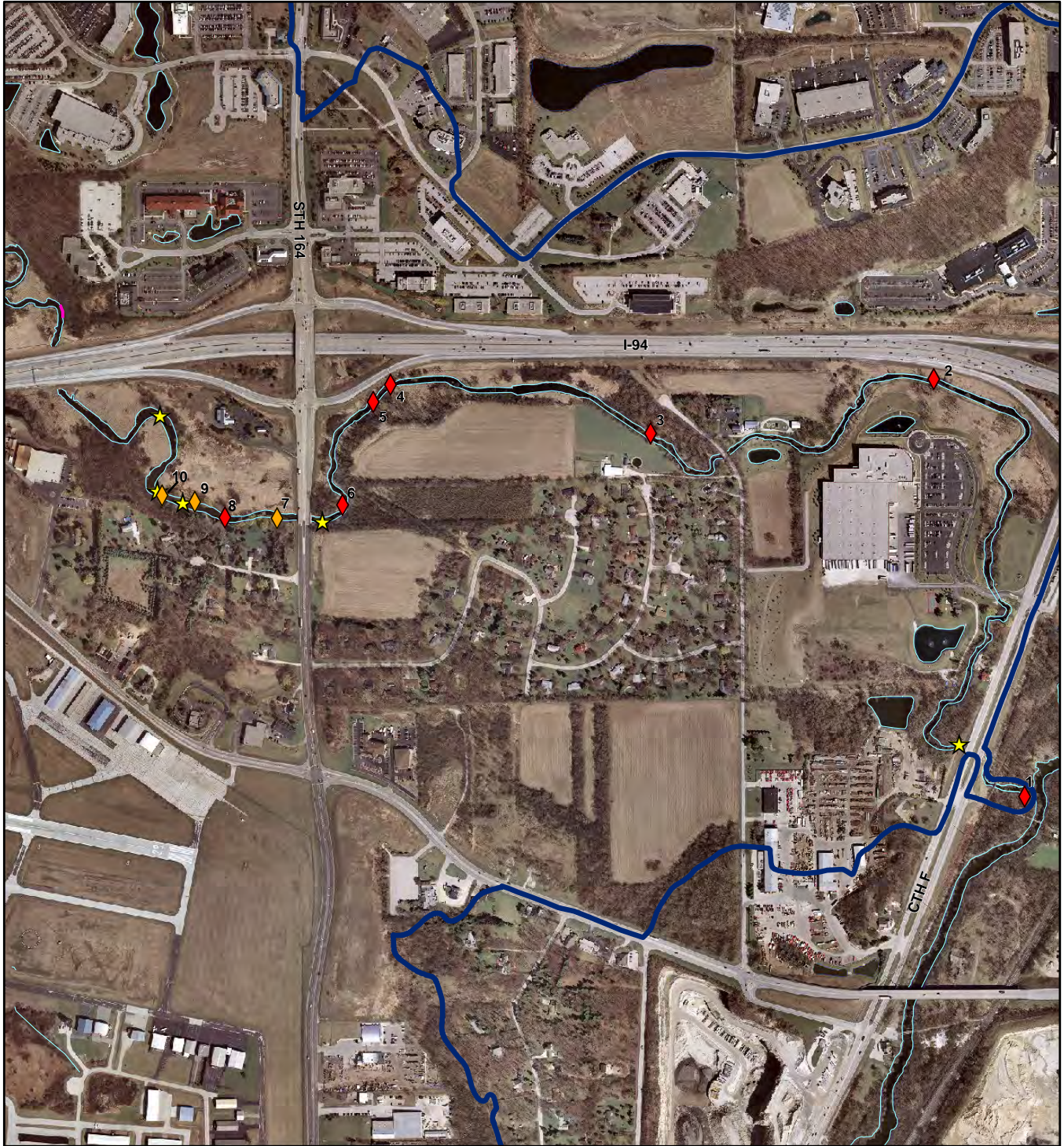
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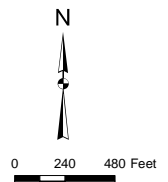
Map F-9

TRASH, DEBRIS JAMS, BEAVER DAMS, AND STREAMBANK EROSION WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE 1 STREAM REACH: 2012



- 9 LOCATION OF TIRES IN STREAM (SEE TABLE F-4)
- 1 LOCATION OF OTHER TRASH IN STREAM (SEE TABLE F-4)
- DEBRIS JAM
- BEAVER DAM

- SURFACE WATER
- SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY
- STREAMBANK EROSION



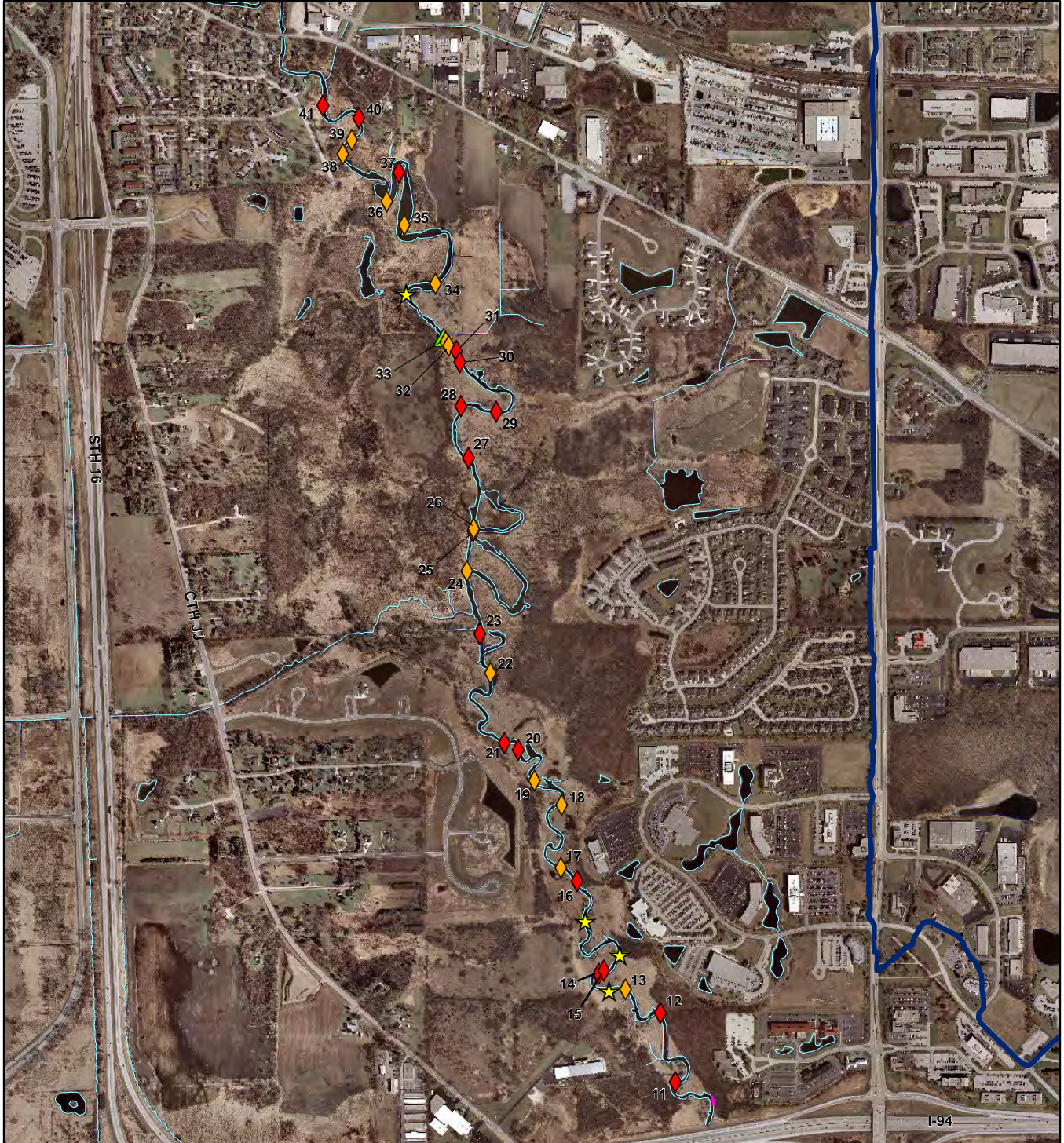
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Map F-10

TRASH, DEBRIS JAMS, BEAVER DAMS, AND STREAMBANK EROSION  
WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE 2 STREAM REACH: 2012



- ◆ 13 LOCATION OF TIRES IN STREAM (SEE TABLE F-4)
- ◆ 11 LOCATION OF OTHER TRASH IN STREAM (SEE TABLE F-4)
- ★ DEBRIS JAM
- ▲ BEAVER DAM

- SURFACE WATER
- WATERSHED BOUNDARY
- STREAMBANK EROSION



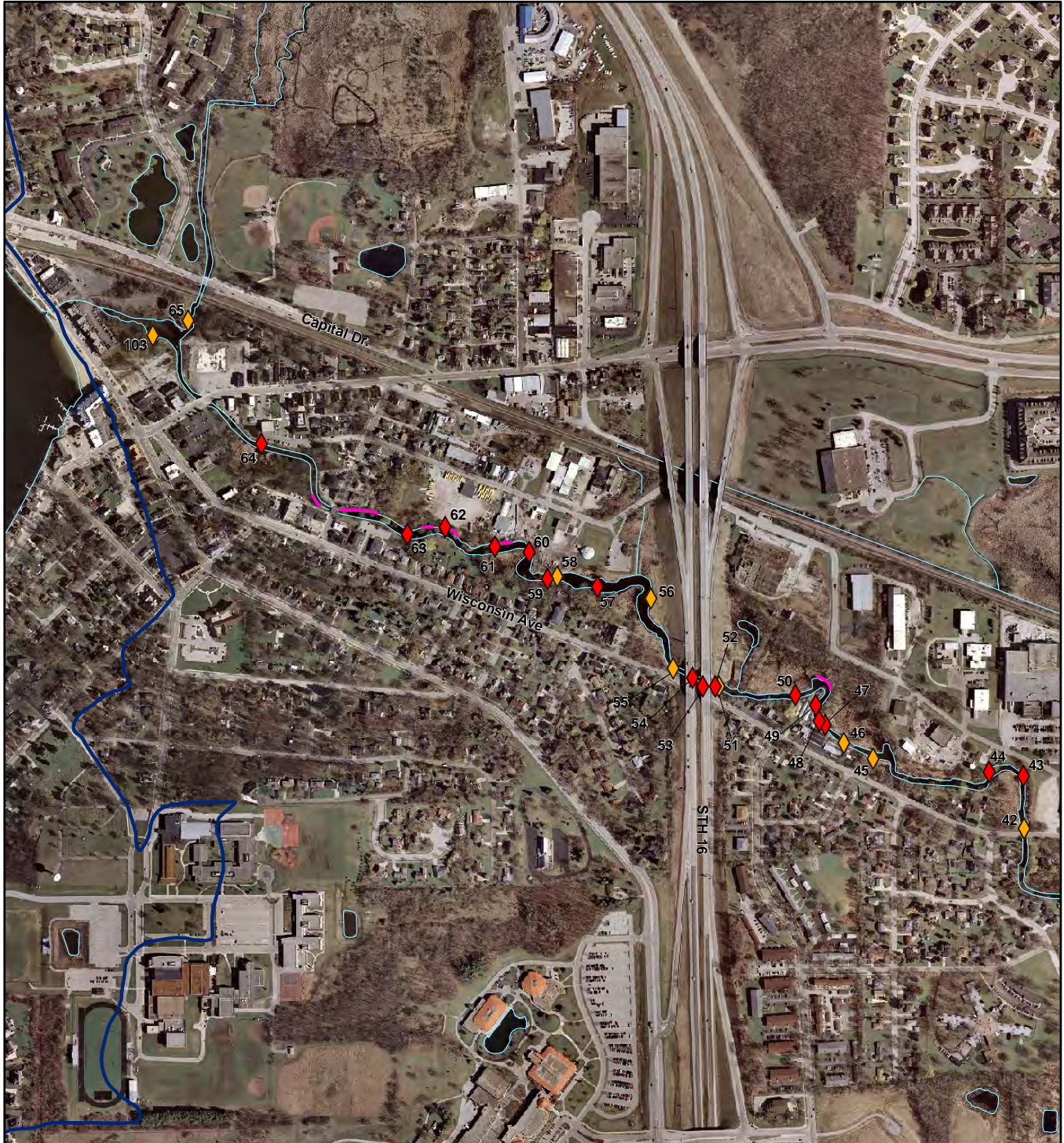
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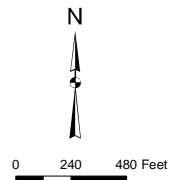


TRASH, DEBRIS JAMS, BEAVER DAMS, AND STREAMBANK EROSION WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE 3 STREAM REACH AND PEWAUKEE LAKE OUTLET: 2012



- ◆ 42 LOCATION OF TIRES IN STREAM (SEE TABLE F-4)
- ◆ 43 LOCATION OF OTHER TRASH IN STREAM (SEE TABLE F-4)
- ★ DEBRIS JAM
- ▲ BEAVER DAM

- SURFACE WATER
- SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY
- STREAMBANK EROSION



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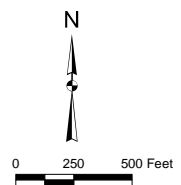


**TRASH, DEBRIS JAMS, BEAVER DAMS, AND STREAMBANK EROSION WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE 4 STREAM REACH: 2012**



- ◆ 76 LOCATION OF TIRES IN STREAM (SEE TABLE F-4)
- ◆ 66 LOCATION OF OTHER TRASH IN STREAM (SEE TABLE F-4)
- ★ DEBRIS JAM
- ▲ BEAVER DAM

- SURFACE WATER
- STREAMBANK EROSION



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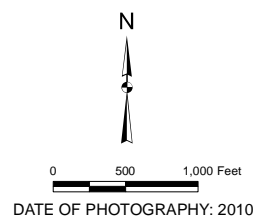
TRASH, DEBRIS JAMS, BEAVER DAMS, AND STREAMBANK EROSION WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE 5 STREAM REACH: 2012



- 87 LOCATION OF TIRES IN STREAM (SEE TABLE F-4)
- 82 LOCATION OF OTHER TRASH IN STREAM (SEE TABLE F-4)
- ★ DEBRIS JAM
- ▲ BEAVER DAM

- SURFACE WATER
- WATERSHED BOUNDARY
- SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY
- STREAMBANK EROSION

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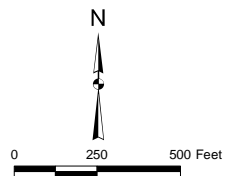
TRASH, DEBRIS JAMS, BEAVER DAMS, AND STREAMBANK EROSION WITHIN  
THE CTH JJ TRIBUTARY STREAM REACH: 2012



- ◆ 89 LOCATION OF TIRES IN STREAM (SEE TABLE F-4)
- ◆ 88 LOCATION OF OTHER TRASH IN STREAM (SEE TABLE F-4)
- ★ DEBRIS JAM
- ▲ BEAVER DAM

- SURFACE WATER
- STREAMBANK EROSION

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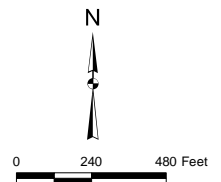


TRASH, DEBRIS JAMS, BEAVER DAMS, AND STREAMBANK EROSION WITHIN THE COCO CREEK STREAM REACH: 2012



-  89 LOCATION OF TIRES IN STREAM (SEE TABLE F-4)
-  88 LOCATION OF OTHER TRASH IN STREAM (SEE TABLE F-4)
-  DEBRIS JAM
-  BEAVER DAM

-  SURFACE WATER
-  STREAMBANK EROSION

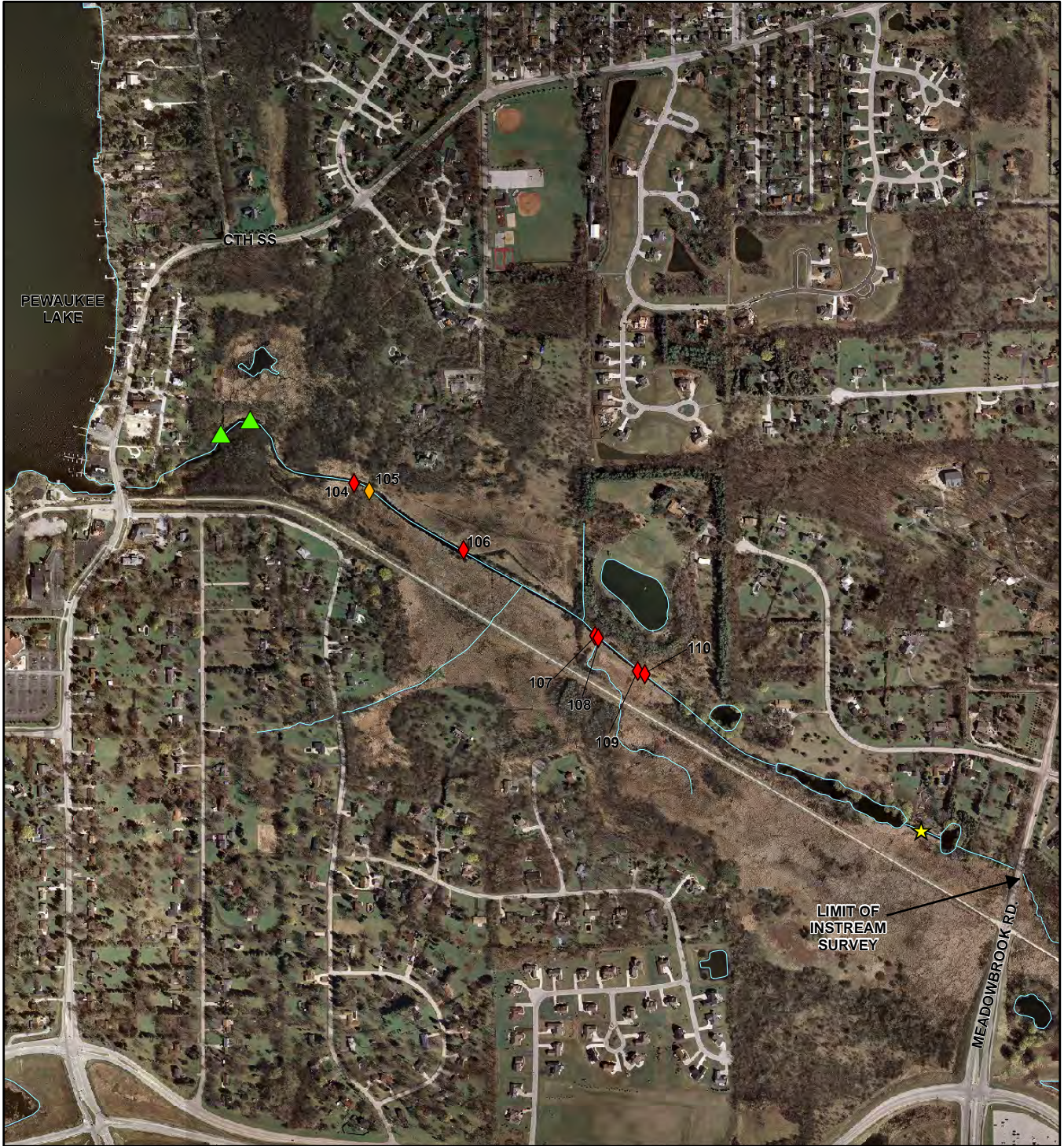


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TRASH, DEBRIS JAMS, BEAVER DAMS, AND STREAMBANK EROSION WITHIN THE MEADOWBROOK CREEK STREAM REACH: 2012



- ◆ 105 LOCATION OF TIRES IN STREAM (SEE TABLE F-4)
- ◆ 104 LOCATION OF OTHER TRASH IN STREAM (SEE TABLE F-4)
- ★ DEBRIS JAM
- ▲ BEAVER DAM

- SURFACE WATER
- STREAMBANK EROSION

LIMIT OF INSTREAM SURVEY



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**Appendix G**

**STREAM CROSSING DESCRIPTION,  
LOCATION, CONDITION, FISH PASSAGE, AND  
NAVIGATION RATING ASSESSMENT WITHIN THE  
PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2012**

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Table G-1

STRUCTURE DESCRIPTION, LOCATION, CONDITION, FISH PASSAGE AND NAVIGATION RATING  
ASSESSMENT WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2012

Stream Reach	Structure Number on Map G-1 and Figure G-1	Description	Road Crossing	River Mile	Culvert/Bridge Length (feet)	Ditch Erosion	General Condition	Limiting Water Depth (feet)	Embedded Depth (feet)	Priority Rating and Recommendation Summary for Site			
										Fish Passage Rating	Recommended Actions	Navigation Hazard	Recommended Actions
Pewaukee 1	1	Metal/concrete/wood bridge with abutments	Abandoned Canadian Pacific Railway	0.05	8.6	Moderate	Fair	0.8	--	Passable	Erosion control	Yes, during high flows	Replace and increase structure height to improve safety
	2	Two 10-foot-wide, 5.7-foot-high concrete box culverts	CTH F	0.11	144.0	Minor	Good	0.3	0.0	Partial barrier at high flows	Retrofit to reduce water velocities and provide resting areas	Yes, during high flows	Replace and increase structure height to improve safety
	3	Concrete open bottom arch culvert	Steinhafel's driveway	0.39	72.6	Stable	Good	0.6	--	Passable	None	No	None
	4	Two 11-foot-wide, seven-foot-high corrugated metal pipe arch culverts	Busse Road	1.02	32.0	Stable	Partially rusted through on bottom of pipes, Lannon stone headwall failing in areas	1.2	0.1	Passable	General maintenance	No	General maintenance
	5	Concrete bridge with abutments	STH 164 (Pewaukee Road)	1.69	85.0	Stable	Fair	1.1	--	Passable	None	No	None
	6	One 22.6-foot-wide, eight-foot-high concrete box culvert. Interior of culvert split into two cells	IH 94	2.16	265.0	Stable	Fair	2.0	1.0	Passable	None	Yes, during high flows	Replace and increase structure height to improve safety, consider signage warning
Pewaukee 2	7	Concrete bridge with abutments	Wisconsin Avenue	5.35	42.3	Stable	Top concrete span is crumbling on upstream and downstream ends, abutments and wingwalls in fair condition	0.8	--	Passable	General maintenance	No	General maintenance
Pewaukee 3	8	Two concrete span bridges with abutments and side slopes	STH 16	5.83	170.0	Stable	Good	--	--	Partial barrier at low flows	Remove or reconstruct rock weir	No	None
	9	Concrete bridge with abutments	Clark Street	6.35	50.0	Minor	Good	0.9	--	Passable	General maintenance (leaking pvc pipe running through structure)	No	None

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Table G-1 (continued)

Stream Reach	Structure Number on Map G-1 and Figure G-1	Description	Road Crossing	River Mile	Culvert/Bridge Length (feet)	Ditch Erosion	General Condition	Limiting Water Depth (feet)	Embedded Depth (feet)	Priority Rating and Recommendation Summary for Site			
										Fish Passage Rating	Recommended Actions	Navigation Hazard	Recommended Actions
Pewaukee 3 (continued)	10	Concrete bridge with abutments	Oakton Avenue	6.55	68.0	Stable	Good	1.2	--	Passable	General maintenance needed on upstream and downstream Lannon stone headwalls	No	None
	11	Metal and concrete bridge with abutments	Canadian Pacific Railway	6.68	41.0	Minor	Fair	0.6	--	Partial barrier at low flows	Remove or reconstruct rock weir	No	None
	12	Concrete bridge with abutments	Capital Drive	6.69	44.0	Stable	Good	0.6	--	Passable	None	Yes, during low and high flow	Replace and increase structure height to improve safety,
Pewaukee 4	13	Two 9.6-foot-wide, five-foot-high concrete box culverts	STH 16	7.30	166.0	Stable	Good	0.8	1.1	Passable	None	Yes, during low and high flow	Replace and increase structure height to improve safety,
	14	Three 5.5-foot-wide, 3.2-foot-high concrete ellipse culverts	Cecilia Drive	7.54	75.0	Minor	Fair	1.6	1.0	Partial barrier	Debris removal, beaver dam removal, replace culverts with more appropriate capacity	Yes, during low and high flow	Replace and increase structure height to improve safety,
	15	Wood plank bridge	Private bridge 1	8.12	--	--	Poor	--	--	Passable	None	N/A	N/A
Pewaukee 5	16	Wood plank bridge	Private bridge 2	8.57	--	--	Fair	--	--	Passable	None	N/A	N/A
	17	Wood plank bridge	Private bridge 3	8.62	--	--	Fair	--	--	Passable	None	N/A	N/A
	18	Cinder block and Lannon stone drop structure	Private drop structure	8.62	--	--	Fair	--	--	Complete barrier	Remove drop structure	N/A	N/A
	19	Wood plank bridge	Private bridge 4	8.65	--	--	Failed	--	--	Passable	Remove or replace	N/A	N/A
	20	Two five-foot-wide, 3.4-foot-high corrugated metal pipe arch culverts	Lindsey Road	8.74	56.0	Stable	Fair	0.2	0.0	Partial barrier at low flows	Retrofit (upstream apron) or replace	N/A	N/A
	21	Two concrete bridges with abutments	STH 164	8.91	100.0	Stable	Good	0.4	--	Partial barrier at low flows	Reconstruct a more appropriate channel width to increase water depths	N/A	N/A
	22	Wood plank bridge	Private bridge 5	9.29	6.9	Stable	Fair	0.7	--	Passable	None	N/A	N/A
	23	Wood plank bridge	Private bridge 6	9.40	6.9	Stable	Fair	0.6	--	Passable	None	N/A	N/A
	24	Wood plank bridge	Private bridge 7	9.55	6.2	Stable	Fair	0.6	--	Passable	None	N/A	N/A
	25	One four-foot-diameter round concrete culvert	Private culvert 1	9.59	--	--	Good	0.1	0.0	Partial barrier at low flows	Remove or replace	N/A	N/A

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Table G-1 (continued)

Stream Reach	Structure Number on Map G-1 and Figure G-1	Description	Road Crossing	River Mile	Culvert/Bridge Length (feet)	Ditch Erosion	General Condition	Limiting Water Depth (feet)	Embedded Depth (feet)	Priority Rating and Recommendation Summary for Site			
										Fish Passage Rating	Recommended Actions	Navigation Hazard	Recommended Actions
Pewaukee 5 (continued)	26	Metal/wood plank bridge	Private bridge 8	9.63	9.0	Stable	Fair	0.3	--	Passable	None	N/A	N/A
	27	One three-foot-diameter round corrugated metal culvert	Private culvert 2	9.79	--	--	Rusted through	0.2	0.3	Partial barrier at low flows	Remove or replace	N/A	N/A
	28	One two-foot-diameter; two three-foot-diameter round corrugated metal culverts	CTH K (Lisbon Road)	9.81	80.0	Minor	Fair	0.4	0.0	Passable	Debris removal, general maintenance	N/A	N/A
CTH JJ Tributary	29	One 10-foot-wide, eight-foot-high concrete box culvert	CTH JJ (Blue mound Road)	0.53	117.0	Stable	Good	0.1	0.0	Partial barrier at low flows	Remove or reconstruct rock cascade	N/A	N/A
	30	One 9.6-foot-wide, seven-foot-high corrugated metal pipe arch culvert	STH 16	0.72	148.0	Minor	Partially rusted through at bottom of culvert	0.3	0.2	Passable	General maintenance	N/A	N/A
	31	One 9.0-foot-wide, 6.6-foot-high corrugated metal pipe arch culvert	CTH T	0.77	115.5	Stable	Partially rusted through at bottom of culvert, wingwall failing	0.1	0.0	Passable	General maintenance	N/A	N/A
Pewaukee Lake Outlet	32	Two six-foot-wide, four-foot-high concrete box culverts	Pewaukee Lake outlet/dam	0.06	321.0	Stable	Good	N/A	0.0	Complete barrier to upstream migration	General maintenance to ensure discharge to Pewaukee River	N/A	N/A
Coco Creek	33	Metal and concrete bridge with abutments	Canadian Pacific Railway	0.00	40.9	Minor	Fair	3.3	--	Passable	None	No	No
	34	Concrete bridge with abutments	Glacier Road	0.11	36.5	Stable	Good	2.6	--	Passable	None	No	No
	35	Three seven-foot-wide, 4.7-foot-high corrugated metal pipe arch culverts	CTH JJ	0.52	46.0	Minor	Lannon stone wall surrounding culvert is failing	0.3	0.4	Passable	Debris removal, general maintenance	N/A	N/A
	36	One three-foot-diameter; one four-foot-diameter round corrugated metal culverts	Private culverts	0.81	14.0	Stable	Fair	0.4	0.0	Partial barrier at low flows	Remove	N/A	N/A
	37	One 5.6-foot-wide, 3.2-foot-high; one 5.6-foot-wide, two-foot-high corrugated metal pipe arch culverts	Yench Road	1.00	34.0	Stable	Lannon stone wall surrounding culvert is failing	1.0	0.5	Passable	General maintenance on structure headwall	N/A	N/A
	38	One eight-foot-wide, four-foot-high concrete box culvert	CTH KE	2.43	48.0	Stable	Good	1.0	1.5	Passable	None	N/A	N/A
	39	One 12.4-foot-wide, six-foot-high concrete box culvert	CTH JK (Lisbon Avenue)	3.20	84.6	Stable	Good	0.2	0.0	Partial barrier at low flows	Remove or reconstruct rock weir	N/A	N/A
	40	Two eight-foot-wide, six-foot-high concrete box culverts	STH 16	3.56	298.0	Stable	Good	0.2	0.0	Passable	Debris removal at inlet	N/A	N/A

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Table G-1 (continued)

Stream Reach	Structure Number on Map G-1 and Figure G-1	Description	Road Crossing	River Mile	Culvert/Bridge Length (feet)	Ditch Erosion	General Condition	Limiting Water Depth (feet)	Embedded Depth (feet)	Priority Rating and Recommendation Summary for Site			
										Fish Passage Rating	Recommended Actions	Navigation Hazard	Recommended Actions
Tributary to Coco Creek	41	Four five-foot-diameter round concrete culverts	STH 16	0.04	200.0	Stable	Good	1.6	0.6	Partial barrier	Replace culverts with more appropriate capacity	N/A	N/A
	42	Two four-foot-diameter round corrugated metal culverts	CTH KF	1.34	94.0	Minor	Fair	0.2	0.2	Partial barrier at low flows	Remove boulder/cobble pile at inlet	N/A	N/A
Meadowbrook Creek	43	One 10-foot-wide, seven-foot-high corrugated metal pipe arch culvert	CTH SS	0.00	38.0	Moderate	Fair	1.6	0.0	Passable	General maintenance, erosion control at inlet	N/A	N/A
	44	One 5.3-foot-wide, 5.9-foot-high ellipse corrugated metal culvert	CTH G	1.11	58.7.0	Minor	Spancrete wall surrounding culvert is failing	3.0	0.1	Passable	General maintenance, debris clearing downstream of outlet	N/A	N/A
	44a	Man-made weir made of riprap and cobble	Man-made weir	1.45	--	--	--	--	--	Partial barrier at low flows	Removal	N/A	N/A
	44b	Man-made weir made of riprap and cobble	Man-made weir	1.64	--	--	--	--	--	Partial barrier at low flows	Removal	N/A	N/A
	45	One 10-foot-wide, six-foot-high concrete box culvert	Fieldhack Drive	2.10	65.0	Stable	Good	0.3	0.9	Passable	General maintenance, debris removal upstream	N/A	N/A
	46	One 10-foot-wide, six-foot-high concrete box culvert	Milkweed Lane	2.35	65.0	Minor	Good	0.1	0.2	Partial barrier at low flows	Erosion control at inlet	N/A	N/A
Zion Creek	47	Two six-foot-wide, 4.8-foot-high corrugated metal pipe arch culverts	Louis Avenue	0.04	35.7	Minor	Fair	1.7	0.5	Passable	Erosion control at inlet	N/A	N/A
	48	One eight-foot-wide, five-foot-high concrete box culvert	Oakton Avenue	0.19	52.6	Stable	Good	0.3	0.0	Passable	Monitor condition of adjacent Lannon stone walls	N/A	N/A

NOTE: The yellow and red colors indicate moderate and high priority ratings or problems to address fish passage and navigation hazards in the watershed.

Source: SEWRPC.

**Figure G-1**

**STREAM CROSSINGS AND DAM LOCATIONS WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2012**

1- ABANDONED RAILROAD  
PEWAUKEE RIVER (RM 0.05)



2- CTH F  
PEWAUKEE RIVER (RM 0.11)



3- STEINHAFEL'S DRIVEWAY  
PEWAUKEE RIVER (RM 0.39)



4- BUSSE ROAD  
PEWAUKEE RIVER (RM 1.02)



5- STH 164 (PEWAUKEE ROAD)  
PEWAUKEE RIVER (RM 1.69)



6- I-94  
PEWAUKEE RIVER (RM 2.16)



7- WISCONSIN AVENUE  
PEWAUKEE RIVER (RM 5.35)



8- STH 16  
PEWAUKEE RIVER (RM 5.83)



9- CLARK STREET  
PEWAUKEE RIVER (RM 6.35)



10- OAKTON AVENUE  
PEWAUKEE RIVER (RM 6.55)



11- CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY  
PEWAUKEE RIVER (RM 6.68)



12- CAPITOL DRIVE  
PEWAUKEE RIVER (RM 6.69)





**Figure G-1 (continued)**

13- STH 16  
PEWAUKEE RIVER (RM 7.30)



14- CECILIA DRIVE  
PEWAUKEE RIVER (RM 7.54)



15- PRIVATE BRIDGE 1  
PEWAUKEE RIVER (RM 8.12)



16-PRIVATE BRIDGE 2  
PEWAUKEE RIVER (RM 8.57)



17- PRIVATE BRIDGE 3  
PEWAUKEE RIVER (RM 8.62)



18- PRIVATE DROP STRUCTURE  
PEWAUKEE RIVER (RM 8.62)



19- PRIVATE BRIDGE 4  
PEWAUKEE RIVER (RM 8.65)



20-LINDSEY ROAD  
PEWAUKEE RIVER (RM 8.74)



21- STH 164 (PEWAUKEE ROAD)  
PEWAUKEE RIVER (RM 8.91)



22- PRIVATE BRIDGE 5  
PEWAUKEE RIVER (RM 9.29)



23- PRIVATE BRIDGE 6  
PEWAUKEE RIVER (RM 9.40)



24- PRIVATE BRIDGE 7  
PEWAUKEE RIVER (RM 9.55)





**Figure G-1 (continued)**

25- PRIVATE CULVERT 1  
PEWAUKEE RIVER (RM 9.59 )



26-PRIVATE BRIDGE 8  
PEWAUKEE RIVER (RM 9.63)



27- PRIVATE CULVERT 2  
PEWAUKEE RIVER (RM 9.79)



28- CTH K (LISBON ROAD)  
PEWAUKEE RIVER (RM 9.81)



29- CTH JJ (BLUEMOUND ROAD)  
CTH JJ TRIBUTARY (RM 0.53)



30- STH 16  
CTH JJ TRIBUTARY (RM 0.72)



31- CTH T  
CTH JJ TRIBUTARY (RM 0.77)



32- PEWAUKEE LAKE OUTLET  
PEWAUKEE LAKE OUTLET (RM 0.09)



33- CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY  
COCO CREEK (RM 0.00)



34- GLACIER ROAD  
COCO CREEK (RM 0.11)



35- CTH JJ  
COCO CREEK (RM 0.52)



36- PRIVATE CULVERTS  
COCO CREEK (RM 0.81)





**Figure G-1 (continued)**

37- YENCH ROAD  
COCO CREEK (RM 1.00)



38- CTH KE  
COCO CREEK (RM 2.43)



39- CTH JK (LISBON AVENUE)  
COCO CREEK (RM 3.20)



40- STH 16  
COCO CREEK (RM 3.56)



41- STH 16  
COCO CREEK TRIBUTARY (RM 0.04)



42- CTH KF (RYAN ROAD)  
COCO CREEK TRIBUTARY (RM 1.34)



43- CTH SS  
MEADOWBROOK (RM 0.00)



44- CTH G  
MEADOWBROOK (RM 1.11)



45- FIELDHACK DRIVE  
MEADOWBROOK (RM 2.10)



46- MILKWEED LANE  
MEADOWBROOK (RM 2.35)



47- LOUIS AVENUE  
ZION CREEK (RM 0.04)



48- OAKTON AVENUE  
ZION CREEK (RM 0.19)

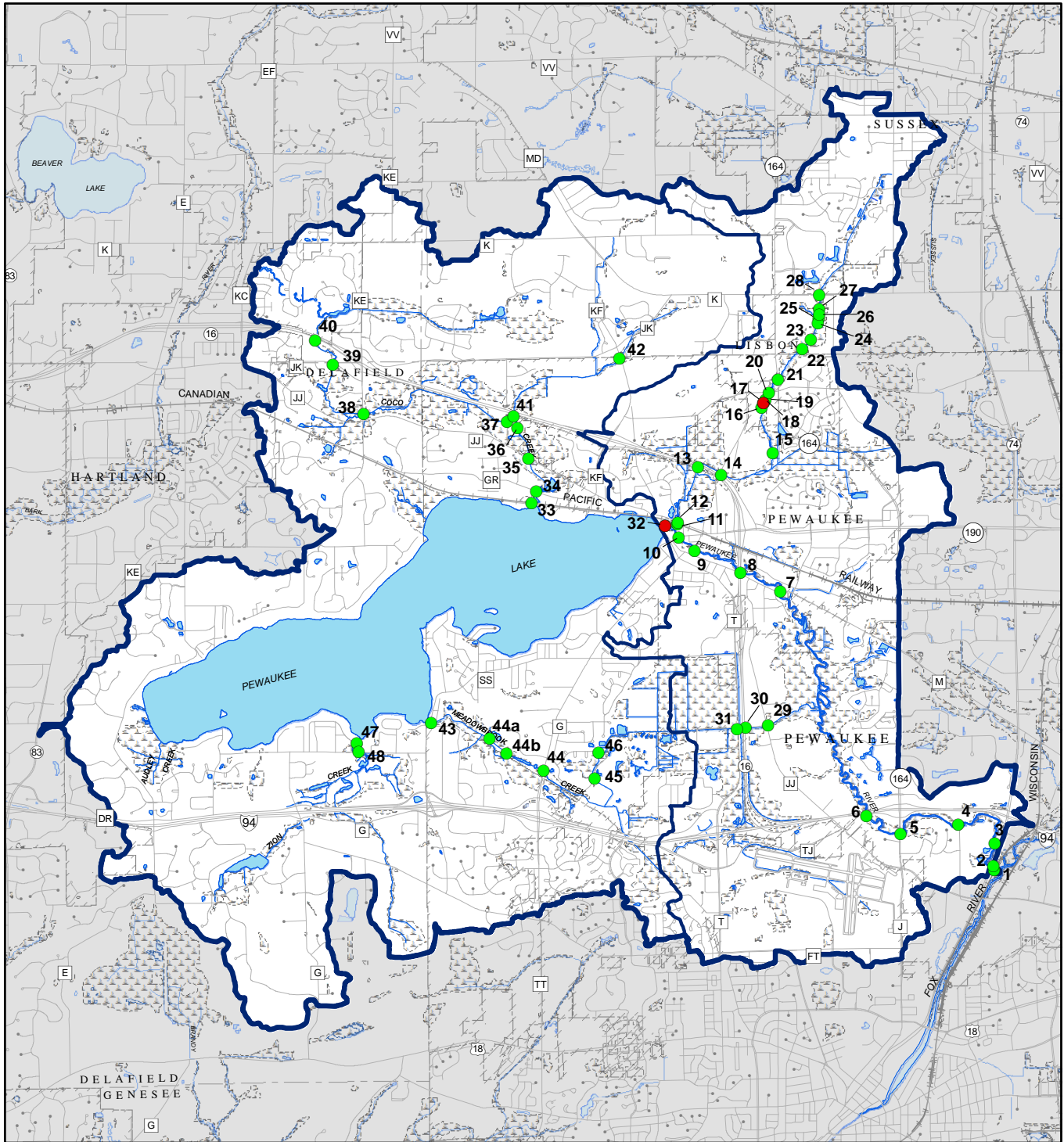


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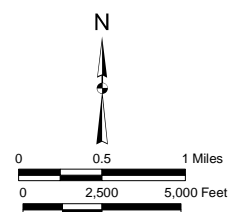


Map G-1

STREAM CROSSINGS AND DAMS WITHIN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED: 2012



- STREAM CROSSING
- DAM/DROP STRUCTURE
- 15** STREAM CROSSING DESIGNATION (See Table G-1)
- SURFACE WATER
- STREAM
- PEWAUKEE RIVER TOTAL DRAINAGE AREA
- PEWAUKEE RIVER DIRECT DRAINAGE AREA



Source: SEWRPC.



# CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES FOR STREAM CROSSINGS TO ALLOW FISH PASSAGE AND MAINTAIN STREAM STABILITY WITHIN THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE STUDY AREA

## TYPES OF CROSSINGS

- The number of stream crossings should be minimized.
- If a crossing is necessary, structures that maintain to the extent possible the existing streambed and bank conditions are preferable; therefore, bridges spanning streams are preferable to other structures.
- If a culvert is necessary, open bottom structures are preferable to closed bottom structures.
- If a closed bottom culvert is necessary, box culverts, elliptical, or pipe arch culverts are preferable to round pipe culverts, because round pipes generally reduce stream width to a much larger degree than the aforementioned structures, causing long term upstream and downstream passage limitations (see physical considerations below).

## BIOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS<sup>1</sup>

- Contact the area WDNR fisheries manager prior to design.<sup>2</sup>
- Species of fish present (coldwater, warmwater, threatened, endangered, species of special concern).
- Life stages to potentially be impacted (e.g., egg development within substrates should be avoided).
- Migration timing of affected species/ life stages (e.g., adult spawning times should be avoided).

## PHYSICAL CONSIDERATIONS<sup>3</sup>

It is important to note that in order to achieve the minimum physical criteria outlined below, the culvert(s) will need to be oversized as part of the design to ensure adequate long-term fish passage as well as the ability to pass the design period rainfall event.

It is understood that it may not be possible to achieve some of the minimum passage criteria below based upon specific on-site conditions or constraints, however, the closer the designed and completed culvert can meet these criteria the better the long-term passage and overall sustainability of the fishery will be achieved in this region.

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<sup>1</sup>*British Columbia Ministry of Forests, Fish-stream crossing guidebook, For. Prac. Br., Min. For., <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/tasb/legsregs/fpc/FPCGUIDE/Guidetoc.htm>, Victoria, B.C. Forest Practices Code of British Columbia guidebook, 2002.*

<sup>2</sup>*UW-Extension and WDNR, Fish Friendly Culverts, 2002.*

<sup>3</sup>*Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Habitat and Lands Program, Environmental Engineering Division, Fish Passage Design at Road Culverts: A Design Manual for Fish Passage at Road Crossings, Washington, March 3, 1999.*

## COMPARISON OF UNDERSIZED AND ADEQUATELY SIZED AND PLACED CULVERTS



Undersized culvert.



Properly sized and placed culverts.

Source: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

### Provide Adequate Depth

- Slope—Culvert should be installed with a slope that matches the riffle slope as measured in the thalweg<sup>4</sup> (see Minnesota DNR guidelines<sup>5</sup>)
- Water Depth—Depths should maintain the determined thalweg depth at any point within the culvert during low flow periods (see Minnesota DNR guidelines).
- Installation Below Grade—The culvert should be installed so that the bottom of the structure is buried to a depth equal to 1/6th the bankfull width of the stream (up to two feet) below the natural grade line elevation of the stream bottom (see Minnesota DNR guidelines). The culvert should then be filled to stream grade with natural substrates. The substrates should consist of a variety of gravel ranging from one to four inches in diameter and either mixed with nonuniformly laid riprap or uniformly placed alternate riprap baffles, large enough to be stable during the culvert design discharge, which will ensure stability of substrates during high flow events.

### Provide Adequate Width

- Width—Culvert width shall match the bankfull width (minimum) of the existing channel.
- Offsetting Multiple Culverts—The number culverts used should be minimized. However, if multiple culverts are necessary, it is recommended that the culvert inverts be offset vertically and only one culvert be designed to provide passage during low flow conditions and the additional culverts be used to pass the higher flow events (see figure above). Therefore, the low flow culvert will be the only culvert, in a series of two or more culverts, designed to provide fish passage during low flows and shall meet the physical requirements of passage above.

<sup>4</sup>The thalweg is the lowest point of the streambed.

<sup>5</sup>Minnesota DNR, *Best Practices for Meeting DNR General Public Waters Work Permit GP 2004-0001*, March 2006.



**Provide Adequate Resting Areas**

- Length—Culverts that exceed more than 75 feet in length need to provide additional resting areas (e.g., installation of baffles or weirs) within the culvert to facilitate passage.<sup>6</sup>

**Inlet and Outlet Protection**

- Align the culvert with the existing stream alignment (e.g., 90 degree bends at the inlet or outlet should be avoided, even though this will increase culvert length, see Minnesota DNR guidelines).
- The low flow culvert should be centered on the thalweg of the channel to ensure adequate depths inside the culvert.
- Provide grade control where there is potential for head-cuts that could degrade the channel.
- It may be necessary to install riprap protection on the outside bank below the outlet to reduce bank erosion during high flow events.

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<sup>6</sup>Thomas Slawski and Timothy Ehlinger, “Habitat Improvement in Box Culverts: Management in the Dark?,” *North American Journal of Fisheries Management*, Volume 18:676-685, 1998.

# Road/Stream Crossing Inspection Data Sheet



Site ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Observer(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

GPS coordinates (lat/long.) \_\_\_\_\_ OR T/R \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 \_\_\_\_\_

Road Name \_\_\_\_\_ Road Number \_\_\_\_\_ Structure ID \_\_\_\_\_

Stream Name \_\_\_\_\_ Road type \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ Private \_\_\_\_\_ Federal \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Land Use In Surrounding Area: (circle all that apply)  
 Forest \_\_\_\_\_ Wetland \_\_\_\_\_ Open/Field \_\_\_\_\_ Pasture \_\_\_\_\_ Cultivated \_\_\_\_\_ Urban \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments about location (milepost, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Road Surface (circle all that apply) Paved \_\_\_\_\_ Gravel \_\_\_\_\_ Native \_\_\_\_\_ Road Width \_\_\_\_\_ ft. with shoulders \_\_\_\_\_ ft.

Erosion of road near crossing? Y N Is there a trash rack or beaver prevention structure? Y N  
 (if YES, also fill out Section F)

Evidence of crossing blow-out? Y N Evidence of beaver activity? Y N

Structure Type (circle one) Culvert \_\_\_\_\_ Bridge \_\_\_\_\_ Ford \_\_\_\_\_ No Structure \_\_\_\_\_

## A. Crossing Characteristics:

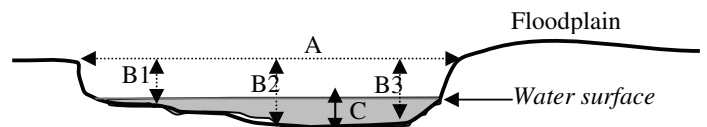
		Inlet/Upstream			Outlet/Downstream			Comments/Notes	
		vegetation	armor	other	vegetation	armor	other		
<b>Embankment or Side Slopes</b> (not applicable to Fords)	Protection								
	Erosion (if Y, fill out Section F)	Y	N		Y	N			
<b>Channel</b>	Aligned	Y	N		Y	N			
	Pool present	Y	N		Y	N			
	Pool scour width		ft.			ft.			
	Pool water depth (max.)		ft.			ft.			
	Protection		armor	other	none		armor	other	none
<b>Ditch</b>	Present	Y	N		Y	N			
	Protection		vegetation	armor	other		vegetation	armor	other
	Connected to stream	Y	N		Y	N			
	Erosion (if Y, fill out Section F)	Y	N		Y	N			

## B. Stream Measurements (See standard procedure in instruction sheet):

A: Bankfull Width \_\_\_\_\_ feet

B: Bankfull Depth (left to right facing downstream)  
 B1: \_\_\_\_\_ feet B2: \_\_\_\_\_ feet B3: \_\_\_\_\_ feet

C: Water depth \_\_\_\_\_ feet



Cross-section of stream channel

Flow conditions: overbank \_\_\_\_\_ at bankfull \_\_\_\_\_ below bankfull \_\_\_\_\_ very low \_\_\_\_\_ none \_\_\_\_\_

Fish present? Y N



**C. Photos:** (At a minimum take photos of the structure inlet and outlet and upstream and downstream conditions). Record photo number and camera number if applicable (example: Photo 6 or Camera 1 Photo 6).

Inlet \_\_\_\_\_ Upstream \_\_\_\_\_  
 Outlet \_\_\_\_\_ Downstream \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Photos** (as needed to identify issues). Provide location and/or description of issue:

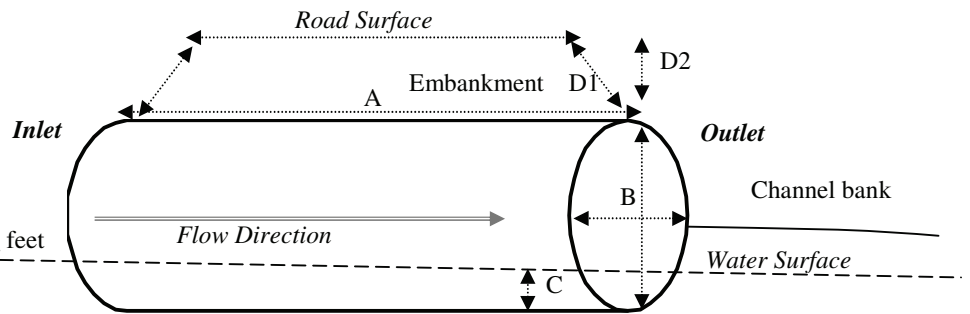
Location \_\_\_\_\_ Photo Number (and camera number if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Location \_\_\_\_\_ Photo Number (and camera number if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Culvert Characteristics** (For multiple culverts fill out table below.)

<b>Culvert Shape</b> (circle one)	<b>Culvert Material</b>	<b>Condition of Structure</b> (check all that apply)
<input type="radio"/> Round	Metal	General condition: new good fair poor
<input type="checkbox"/> Square/Rectangle	Concrete	Plugged ___% where? inlet outlet in pipe
<input type="checkbox"/> Open Bottom Square/Rectangle	Plastic	Crushed ___% where? inlet outlet in pipe
<input type="checkbox"/> Open Bottom Arch	Wood	Rusted through <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Pipe Arch		Condition comments: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Ellipse		

**Culvert Measurements:**

A: Culvert Length \_\_\_\_\_ feet  
 B: Culvert Height \_\_\_\_\_ feet  
 Culvert Width \_\_\_\_\_ feet  
 C: Depth of water in structure: \_\_\_\_\_ feet  
 D: Embankment:



**Inlet:** D1 \_\_\_\_\_ feet D2 \_\_\_\_\_ feet      **Outlet:** D1 \_\_\_\_\_ feet D2 \_\_\_\_\_ feet

Culvert Rise (top of culvert to stream bed): **Inlet Rise:** \_\_\_\_\_ ft      **Outlet Rise:** \_\_\_\_\_ ft

Inlet/Outlet Characteristics:      **Inlet Drop:** \_\_\_\_\_ ft      **Outlet Perch:** \_\_\_\_\_ ft

**Inlet Type:** Projecting Headwall Wingwalls Mitered Apron Other  
**Outlet Type:** Projecting Headwall Wingwalls Mitered Apron Other

**Substrate:** Y N Match Stream? Y N

**Multiple Culverts:** NOTE: (number multiple culverts from left to right facing downstream. Fill in sections above for culvert # 1 and use this table for remaining culverts)

Culvert #	Shape/ Material	Length	Height	Width	Rise inlet/outlet	Depth of water in structure	Inlet drop	Outlet perch	Condition
2									
3									
4									

**E. Bridge Characteristics** (For multiple cells see below):

**Bridge Type** (# from diagram) \_\_\_\_\_

**Bridge Surface Material:**

Wood                      Open decking? Y   N  
 Concrete                Asphalt  
 Metal                     other \_\_\_\_\_

**Bridge Measurements:**

A: Span \_\_\_\_\_ feet    Width (parallel to stream) \_\_\_\_\_ feet

B: Bottom of beam to water surface \_\_\_\_\_ feet

B1: Bridge Rise (bottom of beam to stream bed) \_\_\_\_\_ feet

C: Stream width \_\_\_\_\_ feet

D: Bottom of beam to top of embankment \_\_\_\_\_ feet

E: Side Slopes (facing downstream):

**Left bank:** E1 \_\_\_\_\_ feet    E2 \_\_\_\_\_ feet    **Right Bank:** E1 \_\_\_\_\_ feet    E2 \_\_\_\_\_ feet

Present at inlet (circle all that apply):    Wingwalls    Apron    Other \_\_\_\_\_

Present at outlet (circle all that apply):    Wingwalls    Apron    Other \_\_\_\_\_

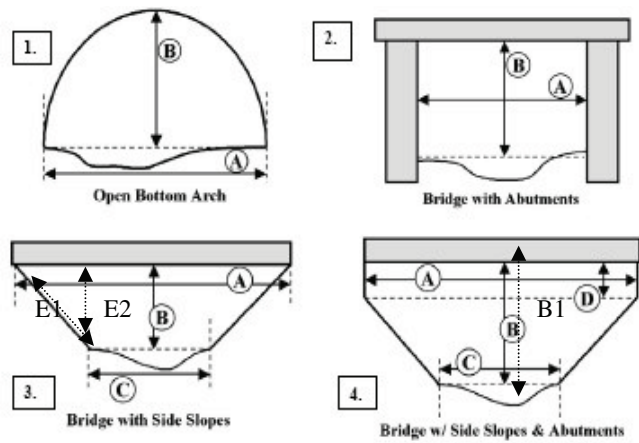
**Condition of Structure:** Deteriorating **Y or N**

If yes, where (check all that apply)?     Abutments     Decking     Wingwalls     Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Multiple Bridge Cells**

NOTE: (number multiple bridge cells (usually separated by abutments) from left to right facing downstream. Fill in sections above for bridge cell # 1 and use this section for remaining cells)

Bridge Cell #	A (ft.)	B (ft.)	B1 (ft.)
2			
3			
4			





**F. Erosion Properties** – (fill out all that apply, add other locations in blank rows. Other locations to note may include prominent erosion along stream banks within 50’ of crossing.)

Location of Erosion	Erosion Dimensions (feet)			Material Eroded (clay, silt, sand, gravel, loam, sandy loam, OR gravelly loam)	Erosion Reaching Stream? (Y/N)	Comments
	Length	Width	Depth			
Road approach (left, facing downstream)						
Road approach (right, facing down stream)						
Ditch(s) (upstream side of road)						
Ditch(s) (downstream side of road)						
Road over crossing (or bridge deck)						
Culvert inlet embankment						
Culvert outlet embankment						
Bridge Side slopes (left, facing downstream)						
Bridge Side slopes (right, facing down stream)						

If erosion occurs on the approaches or in the ditches, is there opportunity (room) to install road drainage measures?  
Y      N

**G. Site Sketches** (Identify road crossing, stream, flow direction, issues, and location and direction of photos):



**Comments:** (Provide additional information such as invasive plants present, spillways present, etc)

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## Appendix H

# BIRDS KNOWN OR LIKELY TO OCCUR IN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED

PRELIMINARY DRAFT

Scientific (family) and Common Name	Scientific Name	Year-Round Observations	Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas			The Great Backyard Bird Count		Wisconsin Society of Ornithology (WSO)		Federal and State
		Waukesha County	Sussex Quad	Hartland Quad	Waukesha Quad	Hartland	Waukesha	Abundance	Status	Status
<i>Podicipedidae</i> Pied-Billed Grebe.....	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	B, M	--	--	--	--	X	Common	--	--
<i>Ardeidae</i> Great Blue Heron..... Green Heron.....	<i>Ardea herodias</i> <i>Butorides striatus</i>	B, M B, M	X X	-- X	X --	-- --	X --	Common Common	SC --	SC --
<i>Anatidae</i> Mute Swan..... Snow Goose..... Canada Goose..... Wood Duck..... Mallard..... Blue-Winged Teal..... Common Goldeneye..... Hooded Merganser..... Common Merganser.....	<i>Cygnus olor</i> <i>Chen caerulescens</i> <i>Branta canadensis</i> <i>Aix sponsa</i> <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i> <i>Anas discors</i> <i>Bucephala clangula</i> <i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i> <i>Mergus merganser</i>	B, R, W M B, M, R, W B, M B, R B, M M, W B, M M, W	-- -- X X X -- -- -- --	X -- X X X X -- -- --	-- -- X X X -- -- -- --	-- -- X -- X -- -- -- --	X -- X -- X -- -- -- X	Uncommon Uncommon Common Common Common Common Common Common Common	-- -- -- -- -- SGCN SC -- --	Alien -- -- -- -- -- -- SC -- SC
<i>Accipitridae</i> Bald Eagle..... Cooper's Hawk..... Sharp-Shinned Hawk..... Northern Harrier..... Broad-Winged Hawk..... Red-Tailed Hawk..... Northern Goshawk..... Red-shouldered Hawk..... Rough Legged Hawk.....	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i> <i>Accipiter cooperii</i> <i>Accipiter striatus</i> <i>Circus cyaneus</i> <i>Buteo platypterus</i> <i>Buteo jamaicensis</i> <i>Accipiter gentiles</i> <i>Buteo lineatus</i> <i>Buteo lagopus</i>	M B, R B, M, R B, R B, M B, R R B, M, R M, W	-- X -- -- -- X -- -- --	-- X -- -- -- X -- X --	-- X -- -- -- X -- -- --	-- X -- X -- X -- -- --	X X X X -- X -- -- X	Common Common Common Common Common Common Uncommon Uncommon Common	SGCN, SC -- -- SGCN -- -- SGCN, SC SGCN, THR --	SC, FTHR -- -- SC -- -- SC STHR --
<i>Falconidae</i> American Kestrel.....	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	B, R	X	--	X	--	--	Common	--	--
<i>Phasianidae</i> Wild Turkey..... Grey Partridge..... Ring-Necked Pheasant.....	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i> <i>Perdix perdix</i> <i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	B, R R B, R	X -- X	X -- X	-- -- Probable <sup>a</sup>	X -- X	X -- X	Common Uncommon Common	-- -- --	-- Alien Alien

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<i>Rallidae</i>										
Virginia Rail.....	<i>Rallus limicola</i>	B, M	--	--	X	--	--	Common	--	--
Common Moorhen.....	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	B, M	--	Probable <sup>a</sup>	--	--	--	--	--	SC
<i>Gruidae</i>										
Sandhill Crane.....	<i>Grus canadensis</i>	B	Probable <sup>a</sup>	--	X	X	X	Common	--	--
<i>Charadriidae</i>										
Killdeer.....	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	B, M	X	X	X	--	--	Common	--	--
<i>Scolopacidae</i>										
Spotted Sandpiper.....	<i>Actitis macularia</i>	B, M	--	--	Probable <sup>a</sup>	--	--	Common	--	--
American Woodcock.....	<i>Scolopax minor</i>	B, M	X	X	Probable <sup>a</sup>	--	--	Common	SGCN	--
<i>Laridae</i>										
Ring-Billed Gull.....	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	R	--	--	--	X	X	Common	--	--
Herring Gull.....	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	R	--	--	--	--	X	Common	--	--
<i>Columbidae</i>										
Rock Dove.....	<i>Columba livia</i>	B, R	X	X	X	X	X	Common	--	Alien
Mourning Dove.....	<i>Zenaidura macroura</i>	B, R	X	X	X	X	X	Common	--	--
<i>Strigidae</i>										
Eastern Screech Owl.....	<i>Otus asio</i>	B, R	X	X	X	--	X	Common	--	--
Great Horned Owl.....	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	B, R	X	X	X	X	X	Common	--	--
Snowy Owl.....	<i>Nyctea scandiaca</i>	W, M	--	--	--	--	X	Uncommon	--	--
Barred Owl.....	<i>Strix varia</i>	B, R	--	Probable <sup>a</sup>	--	--	--	Common	--	--
Short-Eared Owl.....	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	R, PB	--	--	--	--	--	Uncommon	SGCN, SC	SC
Northern Saw-Whet Owl.....	<i>Aegolius acadicus</i>	Bp, M, R	--	--	Probable <sup>a</sup>	--	--	Common	--	--
<i>Caprimulgidae</i>										
Common Nighthawk.....	<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	B, M	--	--	X	--	--	Common	SC	--
<i>Apodidae</i>										
Chimney Swift.....	<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>	B, M	X	X	X	--	--	Common	--	--
<i>Trochilidae</i>										
Ruby-Throated Hummingbird.....	<i>Archilochus colubris</i>	B, M	X	X	X	--	--	Common	--	--
<i>Alcedinidae</i>										
Belted Kingfisher.....	<i>Ceryle alcyon</i>	B, M	X	--	X	X	X	Common	--	--

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<i>Picidae</i>										
Red Bellied Woodpecker .....	<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>	B, R	X	X	X	X	X	Common	--	--
Downy Woodpecker.....	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>	B, R	X	X	X	X	X	Common	--	--
Hairy Woodpecker.....	<i>Picoides villosus</i>	B, R	X	X	X	X	X	Common	--	--
Pileated Woodpecker.....	<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>	B, R	--	--	--	--	--	Common	--	--
Northern Flicker .....	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	B, M, R	X	X	X	X	X	Common	--	--
<i>Tyrannidae</i>										
Eastern Wood-Pewee.....	<i>Contopus virens</i>	B, M	X	X	Probable <sup>a</sup>	--	--	Common	--	--
Yellow-Bellied Flycatcher.....	<i>Empidonax flaviventris</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	Common	--	--
Acadian Flycatcher .....	<i>Empidonax virescens</i>	B, M	X	--	--	--	--	Uncommon	SGCN	STHR
Alder Flycatcher.....	<i>Empidonax alnorum</i>	Bp, M	--	--	Probable <sup>a</sup>	--	--	Common	--	--
Willow Flycatcher.....	<i>Empidonax traillii</i>	B, M	X	X	--	--	--	Common	SGCN	--
Least Flycatcher .....	<i>Empidonax minimus</i>	B, M	X	Probable <sup>a</sup>	--	--	--	Common	SGCN	--
Eastern Phoebe.....	<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>	B, M	X	X	X	--	--	Casual/ accidental; not regular	--	--
Great Crested Flycatcher.....	<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>	B, M	X	X	Probable <sup>a</sup>	--	--	Common	--	--
Eastern Kingbird.....	<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>	B, M	X	X	X	--	--	Common	--	--
<i>Alaudidae</i>										
Horned Lark.....	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	Bp, M, R	Probable <sup>a</sup>	--	--	--	X	Common	--	--
<i>Hirundinidae</i>										
Purple Martin .....	<i>Progne subis</i>	B, M	--	X	--	--	--	Common	SC	--
Tree Swallow .....	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	B, M	X	X	X	--	--	Common	--	--
Northern Rough-Winged Swallow.....	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	B, M	X	X	--	--	--	Common	--	--
Cliff Swallow .....	<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>	B, M	X	X	--	--	--	Common	--	--
Barn Swallow .....	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	B, M	X	X	X	--	--	Common	--	--
<i>Corvidae</i>										
Blue Jay .....	<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	B, R	X	X	X	X	X	Common	--	--
American Crow .....	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	B, R	X	X	X	X	X	Common	--	--
Common Raven.....	<i>Corvus corax</i>	R	--	--	--	--	--	Common	--	--
<i>Paridae</i>										
Tufted Titmouse.....	<i>Baeolophus bicolor</i>	B, R	--	--	--	X	X	Common	--	--
Black-Capped Chickadee .....	<i>Parus atricapillus</i>	B, R	X	X	X	X	X	Common	--	--

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<i>Sittidae</i>										
Red-Breasted Nuthatch .....	<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	B, R	--	--	--	X	X	Common	--	--
White-Breasted Nuthatch.....	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	B, R	X	X	X	X	X	Common	--	--
<i>Certhiidae</i>										
Brown Creeper.....	<i>Certhia americana</i>	B, M	X	--	--	X	--	Common	--	--
<i>Troglodytidae</i>										
Carolina Wren.....	<i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i>	--	--	--	--	--	X	Uncommon	--	--
House Wren.....	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	B, M	X	X	X	--	--	Common	--	--
Winter Wren.....	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	M	--	--	--	--	--	Common	--	--
Sedge Wren.....	<i>Cistothorus platensis</i>	B, M	--	--	--	--	--	Common	--	--
Marsh Wren.....	<i>Cistothorus palustris</i>	B, M	--	--	Probable <sup>a</sup>	--	--	Common	--	--
<i>Sylviidae</i>										
Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher.....	<i>Polioptila caerulea</i>	B, M	X	X	X	--	--	Common	--	--
<i>Turdidae</i>										
Eastern Bluebird.....	<i>Sialia sialis</i>	B, M	X	X	X	X	--	Common	--	--
Veery.....	<i>Catharus fuscescens</i>	B, M	--	X	--	--	--	Common	SGCN	--
Wood Thrush.....	<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	B, M	X	X	--	--	--	Common	SGCN	--
American Robin.....	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	B, M	X	X	X	X	X	Common	--	--
<i>Mimidae</i>										
Gray Catbird.....	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	B, M	X	X	X	--	--	Common	--	--
Brown Thrasher.....	<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>	B, M	--	X	X	--	--	Common	--	--
<i>Bombycillidae</i>										
Bohemian Waxwing.....	<i>Bombycilla garrulus</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	Uncommon	--	--
Cedar Waxwing.....	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	B, M, R	X	X	X	X	X	Common	--	--
<i>Sturnidae</i>										
European Starling.....	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	B, R	X	X	X	X	X	Common	--	Alien
<i>Vireonidae</i>										
Yellow-Throated Vireo.....	<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>	B, M	Probable <sup>a</sup>	--	--	--	--	Common	SC	--
Blue-Headed Vireo.....	<i>Vireo solitarius</i>	B	--	--	--	--	--	Common	--	--
Warbling Vireo.....	<i>Vireo gilvus</i>	B, M	X	Probable <sup>a</sup>	Probable <sup>a</sup>	--	--	Common	--	--
Red-Eyed Vireo.....	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	B, M	X	X	Probable <sup>a</sup>	--	--	Common	--	--
Philadelphia Vireo.....	<i>Vireo philadelphicus</i>	M	--	--	--	--	--	Common	SC	--

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Appendix H (continued)

PRELIMINARY DRAFT

Scientific (family) and Common Name	Scientific Name	Year-Round Observations	Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas			The Great Backyard Bird Count		Wisconsin Society of Ornithology (WSO)		Federal and State
		Waukesha County	Sussex Quad	Hartland Quad	Waukesha Quad	Hartland	Waukesha	Abundance	Status	Status
<i>Parulidae</i>										
Blue-Winged Warbler.....	<i>Vermivora pinus</i>	B	X	X	--	--	--	Common	SGCN	--
Yellow Warbler.....	<i>Dendroica petechia</i>	B, M	X	X	Probable <sup>a</sup>	--	--	Common	--	--
Chestnut-Sided Warbler .....	<i>Dendroica pensylvanica</i>	B, M	X	--	--	--	--	Common	--	--
American Redstart.....	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	B, M	X	--	--	--	--	Common	--	--
Prothonotary Warbler.....	<i>Protonotaria citrea</i>	Bp, M	--	Probable <sup>a</sup>	--	--	--	Common	SGCN, SC	SC
Ovenbird.....	<i>Seiurus aurocapillus</i>	B, M	X	X	--	--	--	Common	--	--
Common Yellowthroat .....	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	B, M	X	X	Probable <sup>a</sup>	--	--	Common	--	--
<i>Thraupidae</i>										
Scarlet Tanager .....	<i>Piranga olivacea</i>	B, M	Probable <sup>a</sup>	X	--	--	--	Common	--	--
<i>Cardinalidae</i>										
Dickcissel.....	<i>Spiza americana</i>	B, M	--	--	--	--	--	Common	SGCN	SC
Northern Cardinal .....	<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>	B, R	X	X	X	X	X	Common	--	--
Rose-Breasted Grosbeak .....	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	B, M	X	X	X	--	--	Common	--	--
Indigo Bunting.....	<i>Passerina cyanea</i>	B, M	X	X	Probable <sup>a</sup>	--	--	Common	--	--
<i>Emberizidae</i>										
Eastern Towhee.....	<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>	B, M	X	X	X	--	--	Common	--	--
American Tree Sparrow.....	<i>Spizella arborea</i>	M, M	--	--	--	X	X	Common	--	--
Clay-Colored Sparrow .....	<i>Spizella pallida</i>	M	--	--	--	--	--	Common	--	--
Chipping Sparrow .....	<i>Spizella passerina</i>	B, M	X	X	X	--	--	Common	--	--
Field Sparrow.....	<i>Spizella pusilla</i>	B, M	X	X	Probable <sup>a</sup>	--	--	Common	SGCN	--
Savannah Sparrow .....	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	B, M	X	X	X	--	--	Common	--	--
Henslow's Sparrow .....	<i>Ammodramus henslowii</i>	Bp, M	--	Probable <sup>a</sup>	--	--	--	Uncommon	SGCN, THR	STHR
Fox Sparrow .....	<i>Passerella iliaca</i>	M	--	--	--	--	--	Common	--	--
Song Sparrow .....	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	B, M, R	X	X	X	--	X	Common	--	--
Swamp Sparrow .....	<i>Melospiza georgiana</i>	B, M	X	X	--	--	X	Common	--	--
White-Throated Sparrow.....	<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	M, R	--	--	--	X	--	Common	--	--
White-Crowned Sparrow.....	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	M	--	--	--	--	X	Common	--	--
Lark Sparrow .....	<i>Chondestes grammacus</i>	M	--	--	--	--	X	Common	SGCN	SC
Dark-Eyed Junco .....	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>	M, W	--	--	--	X	--	Common	--	--
<i>Icteridae</i>										
Bobolink.....	<i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i>	B, M	X	--	Probable <sup>a</sup>	--	--	Common	SGCN	--
Red-Winged Blackbird.....	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	B, M, R	X	X	X	X	X	Common	--	--
Eastern Meadowlark.....	<i>Sturnella magna</i>	B, M	X	X	Probable <sup>a</sup>	--	--	Common	SGCN	--
Common Grackle.....	<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>	B, M, R	X	X	X	--	X	Common	--	--
Brown-Headed Cowbird.....	<i>Molothrus ater</i>	B, M, R	X	X	X	--	--	Common	--	--
Orchard Oriole.....	<i>Icterus spurius</i>	Bp, M	--	--	--	--	--	Common	--	SC
Northern (Baltimore) Oriole.....	<i>Icterus galbula</i>	B, M	X	X	X	--	--	Common	--	--

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<i>Fringillidae</i>										
Purple Finch.....	<i>Carpodacus purpureus</i>	R	--	--	--	X	X	Common	--	--
House Finch.....	<i>Carpodacus mexicanus</i>	B, R	X	X	X	X	X	Common	--	--
Pine Siskin.....	<i>Carduelis pinus</i>	B, M, R, W	--	--	X	X	X	Common	--	SC
American Goldfinch.....	<i>Carduelis tristis</i>	B, R, W	X	X	X	X	X	Common	--	--
White-Winged Crossbill.....	<i>Loxia leucoptera</i>	M, R, W	--	--	--	--	X	Uncommon	--	--
<i>Passeridae</i>										
House Sparrow.....	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	B, R, W	X	X	X	X	X	Common	--	Alien
<b>Total Number of Species</b>		--	73	70	52	40	53	--	--	--
<b>Total Number of Species, Including Probable Species</b>		--	77	76	68	40	53	--	--	--

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<sup>a</sup>Probable = Multiple singing or territorial birds detected within a block on one day; Birds observed in and around nesting habitats during breeding seasons; Singing male observed at same location on at least two occasions for seven or more days; Defensive breeding activity observed; Courtship behavior observed between a pair of birds; Bird is observed visiting the same likely nest site repeatedly, but cannot be considered confirmed due to cavity nesters or shrub nesting species that fly into the same thicket and disappear on several occasions; Confirmed habitant due to cavity nesters or for a shrub-nesting species; Agitated behavior or anxiety calls from adults observed; Nest building by wrens or excavations of cavities by woodpeckers observed.

Source: Samuel D. Robbins, Jr., Wisconsin Birdlife, Population & Distribution, Past and Present, 1991; John E. Bielefeldt, Racine County Naturalist; Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; National Audubon Society; Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas; Stanley Temple, John Cary and Robert Rolley, Wisconsin Birds, A Seasonal and Geographical Guide, Second Edition, 1997; Tory Peterson, Peterson Field Guides, Eastern Birds, 1980; The Great Backyard Bird Count is led by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society, with Canadian partner Bird Studies Canada and sponsorship from Wild Birds Unlimited. <http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/whycount.html>. 1998-2012; Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas is led by University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and Wisconsin Society for Ornithology. <http://www.uwgb.edu/birds/wbba/data/quadlist.asp>. 1995-2000. Wisconsin Society for Ornithology checklist is led by the Classification Committee of the American Ornithologists' Union, William P. Mueller, WSO Education Chair, as well as the Records Committee of the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology. <http://wsobirds.org/files/Records/Checklist/Checklist-09122012.pdf>. 2012.

## **Appendix I**

# **OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN AND NEAR THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED**

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Table I-1

## OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED

Recreational Activity	Location	Fee	Description/Features
<b>Parks</b>			
1. Iron Wood Golf Course	W270 N6166 Moraine Drive Sussex, WI	Yes	18-hole course. Includes a club house, golf carts, full-length driving range, and two putting greens
2. Armory Park	W237 N5930 Maple Avenue Sussex, WI	No	28 acres, includes volleyball courts, soccer fields, basketball courts, baseball diamonds, nature trails, restrooms and shelter accommodations. Open daily: sunrise to 9 p.m.
3. Village Park	W244 N6067 Weaver Drive Sussex, WI	No	75 acres, baseball diamonds, sledding hills, nature trails, playground, picnic area, tennis and volleyball courts, disc golf course, restrooms and shelter accommodations. Open daily: sunrise to 11 p.m.
4. Melinda Weaver Park	W239 N6046 Maple Avenue Sussex, WI	No	Two acres, basketball and tennis courts. Open daily: sunrise to 9 p.m. Free parking on street
5. Ryan Park	Off CTH KF/Ryan Road and Lynndale Road	No	Roughly 200 acres, dog trails, horse trails, hiking trails. Parking is available
6. Richard J. Opie Park	450 West Street. Just north of Pewaukee Lake	No	Picnic area, basketball court and playground. Building to rent out is available
7. Village Beach/Lake Front Park	222 W. Wisconsin Street. Downtown Pewaukee, WI. Right on Pewaukee Lake	No	ADA accessible, nature areas, picnic area, restrooms and shelter available. Summer months allow for swimming at the beach
8. Pewaukee Village Park	325 Capitol Drive. Downtown Pewaukee, WI	No	ADA accessible, baseball, softball fields, tennis, volleyball and basketball courts, picnic area, nature trails, shelter and restrooms. Parking is available
9. Liberty Park	440 Concord Road, Pewaukee, WI	No	Softball, soccer and baseball fields, as well as tennis, volleyball and basketball courts. Picnic area, playground and portable toilets. Parking is available
10. Valley Forge Park	206 Morris Street, Pewaukee WI	No	Baseball and softball fields, basketball court, playground and portable toilets
11. Peffer Park	330 Main Street, Pewaukee, WI	No	Playground and picnic area
12. Pebble Valley Park	2565 Pebble Valley Road Waukesha, WI	No	38 acres, baseball field, basketball courts, picnic area and playground
13. South Park	N5 W27300 Northview Road Pewaukee, WI	No	ADA accessible, baseball, softball and soccer fields, along with basketball, volleyball and tennis courts. Picnic area, playground, and restrooms available
14. Willow Run Golf Course	N12 W26506 Golf Road Pewaukee, WI	Yes	18-hole, par 71 course with driving range, putting and chipping greens. Pro shop and restaurant conveniently located on the course, as well
15. West Park/Nettesheim Park	N26 W27497 Prospect Avenue Pewaukee, WI. between Ash Street and Oak Street	No	ADA accessible, baseball and softball fields, basketball and tennis courts, volleyball court, picnic area, playground, soccer field as well as restrooms and shelter. Parking is available
16. Sports Commons	Corner of Maple Avenue and Silvermail Road, Pewaukee, WI	No	Baseball and softball fields, playground, skate park and pavilion available
17. Elmhurst Park	Elmhurst Road. (CTH G). Just south of IH 94. Delafield, WI	No	5.5 acres, jogging path, picnic tables, shelter, and playground
18. Western Lakes Golf Course	W287 N1963 Oakton Road Pewaukee, WI	Yes	18-hole championship course. Offers golf carts, golf shop, practice facility, driving range, practice bunker, and chipping greens
19. Naga-Waukee Park/Golf course	Park: 651 STH 83, Hartland, WI Golf Course: STH 83 and CTH E	Yes	This park spans the land between Nagawicka Lake and Pewaukee Lake. Includes camping, boating, swimming, fishing, picnic areas, and Ice Age nature trails. Golf course is an 18-hole championship course with three sets of Tees for all skill levels. Park open daily: sunrise to 10 p.m.



Table I-1 (continued)

Recreational Activity	Location	Fee	Description/Features
<b>Parks (continued)</b>			
20. Bristlecone Pines	1500 E Arlene Drive Hartland, WI	Yes	World-class course. 7,006-yard, 18-hole golf course
21. Joliet Park	1010 Dona Road, Hartland, WI	No	1.6 acres, one softball field, playground and picnic facility
22. Simmons Woods	889 Cecilia Drive Pewaukee, WI	No	50 acres, includes beautiful nature trails, picnic area, portable toilets, and shelter. Parking is available
23. Frame Park	701 E. Moreland Boulevard Waukesha, WI	No	Picnic areas, paved trails, playground, and rental accommodations for use along the Fox River. Open daily: sunrise to sunset
24. Barstow Plaza	210 NW Barstow Street Waukesha, WI	No	Adjacent to Frame Park, along the Fox River
<b>Boat Launches</b>			
1. Pewaukee Lake Boat Ramp at Naga-Waukee Park	Located in Naga-Waukee Park, west end of Pewaukee Lake	Yes	Paved ramp, ADA accessible, restrooms available, boarding dock
2. Conselor's West Boat Access/Sports Dock Bar and Grill	W278 N2345 Prospect Avenue Pewaukee, WI	Yes	Paved boat ramp and boarding dock. No personal watercraft
3. City of Pewaukee Boat Launch	End of Lakeview Boulevard, north of CTH SS	Yes	Paved ramp, ADA accessible, and restrooms
4. Boehm's Boat and Bait	W270 N2807 Elm Avenue Pewaukee, WI. South shoreline of Pewaukee Lake	Yes	Private paved ramp
5. Smokey's Bait Shop	129 Park Avenue Pewaukee, WI	Yes	Paved ramp. Boat, canoe, and kayak rentals. Slips available for yearly rental
<b>Hiking/Biking Trails</b>			
A. Bugline Trail	Trailhead in Menomonee Falls, WI, adjacent to post office. Trail runs through Sussex, WI	No	12-mile-long recreational trail. Crushed Lannon stone and dirt path that runs through forest, residential, farmland and prairie areas. Wheelchair accessible, allows biking, horseback riding, and walking
B. Simmons Woods Trail	889 Cecilia Drive Pewaukee, WI	No	1.5-mile trail looping through Simmons Woods includes an 800-foot handicapped-accessible boardwalk through wetland
C. Existing Paths along Pewaukee River	Just off Capitol Drive and River Street in downtown Pewaukee, WI	No	Walking trails that allow for quiet scenic views along the Pewaukee River
D. Lake County Recreational Trail	Trailhead in Cushing Park, off STH 83 in Delafield, WI	No	Eight-mile crushed limestone and paved trail that runs between Landsberg trailhead and Cushing Park, Delafield. Allows bikers, hikers, and joggers. Intersects with Ice Age trail just west of STH 83
E. Bikeway Route in Hartland, WI.	Runs from Cardinal Lane to E. Capitol Drive Hartland, WI	No	Paved bike route runs through downtown Hartland, Wisconsin
F. Ice Age Trail, Hartland Segment	Foxwood Drive to Centennial Park, Hartland WI	No	Ice Age trail traces the terrain that was along the glacier's edge in Wisconsin. The trail shown on this map is the Hartland Segment- a 6.9-mile, mostly paved trail. Visit <a href="http://www.iceagetrail.org">www.iceagetrail.org</a> for more trail information
G. Fox River Trail	Trailhead starts 701 E. Moreland Boulevard Waukesha, WI	No	Six-mile paved trail that runs through the City of Waukesha along the Fox River. Starts in Frame Park and continues south to CTH H in Fox River Park
H. Bike Route	Bike Route runs along County Road TT- from Lake County Recreation Trail to STH 18	No	2.5-mile bike route on CTH TT down to STH 18. May be difficult to navigate around I-94 and CTH TT on and off ramps.

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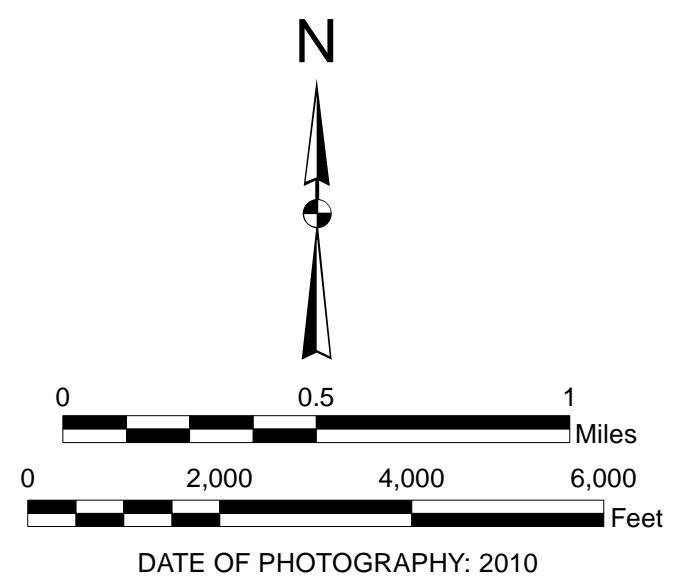
Recreational Activity	Location	Fee	Description/Features
<b>Boardwalks</b>			
1. Simmons Woods	889 Cecilia Drive Pewaukee, WI	No	800-foot wheelchair-accessible boardwalk which runs through Simmons Woods wetland. Educational exhibits describing local geology, wildlife, historic Pewaukee River characteristics, and more
2. Pewaukee River Boardwalk	Off Hickory Street in Pewaukee, WI	No	Boardwalk that skirts through a nicely wooded area along the Pewaukee River
3. Pewaukee Lake Outlet Boardwalk	Off Wisconsin Avenue in downtown Pewaukee, WI	No	Boardwalk located in downtown Pewaukee off Wisconsin Avenue along the confluence of the Pewaukee Lake outlet and the Pewaukee River
<b>Fishing</b>			
1. Lakefront Pier	Off Wisconsin Avenue Pewaukee, WI	No	Accessible fishing pier east end of Pewaukee Lake
2. Frame Park	Frame Park, Waukesha, WI	No	Shore fishing in Frame Park, downtown City of Waukesha
3. City of Pewaukee Boat Launch Pier	End of Lakeview Boulevard North of CTH SS	No	Fishing pier located right near the boat launch, along south shore of Pewaukee Lake
<b>Canoe Route</b>			
Pewaukee River	Downtown Pewaukee to the Fox River	No	Canoe almost six miles from downtown Pewaukee through beautiful wetland areas providing excellent wildlife viewing. Canoe all the way to Frame Park on the Fox River
<b>Wildlife Viewing</b>			
Blue Heron Rookery	Simmons Woods Boardwalk	No	Every summer Great Blue Herons like to nests high in tall trees with their young. A dense population, or colony, of Blue Herons and their nests can be viewed while walking along the Simmons Woods boardwalk

Source: City of Pewaukee, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, University of Wisconsin-Extension, and SEWRPC.



OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES NEAR THE PEWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED

- A EXISTING HIKING/BIKING TRAIL
- 2 EXISTING BOARDWALK
- CANOE ROUTE
- STREAM
- BARSTOW DAM
- 2 ACCESSIBLE FISHING PIER
- ✕ 6 NAVIGATION HAZARD DURING LOW AND HIGH FLOWS (SEE TABLE G-1)
- ✕ 2 NAVIGATION HAZARD DURING HIGH FLOWS (SEE TABLE G-1)
- EXISTING ACCESS SITE
- ⚓ 3 BOAT ACCESS TO LAKE
- 2 RECREATIONAL AREA
- 🦅 BLUE HERON ROOKERY
- WATERSHED BOUNDARY
- SUBWATERSHED BOUNDARY



NOTE: Details about numbered and lettered recreational sites can be found in Table I-1

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