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## Introduction

### *Project Background and Overview*

The Great Lakes Basin Riparian Opportunity Assessment began April 1, 2015 and spanned one year. The New York Natural Heritage Program (NYNHP) of the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY ESF) completed this project for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (NYS DEC) Great Lakes Watershed Program. The goal of the project was to strategically identify and prioritize sites for implementation in DEC's Trees for Tribes program (<http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/77710.html>), which enlists the help of volunteers to plant native trees and shrubs in riparian buffers of streams to improve wildlife habitat, water quality, climate resiliency, and to provide flood protection during storm events. While this was the primary goal of our assessment, we maintained additional goals of riparian protection as well as other restoration efforts. This assessment directly supports multiple goals and actions included in New York's Interim Great Lakes Action Agenda ([http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/regions\\_pdf/glaai.pdf](http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/regions_pdf/glaai.pdf)) and advances an ecosystem-based management approach to riparian restoration and protection work in the Basin by promoting strategic, science-based decision-making to achieve multiple benefits.

We, therefore, did not design the products to offer a stand-alone single prioritization of sites for specific restoration work. Rather, the products offer a suite of tools that conservation practitioners, watershed stakeholders, and others can use to inform their decisions about where to perform riparian restoration and protection work in their region. Finally, site-specific knowledge is imperative and field validation is a necessary step before actual implementation of conservation actions.

### *Study Area*

The project study area consisted of the Great Lakes Basin in New York State. We included all sub-watersheds and catchments falling within the following HUC 6's or sub-regions: Eastern Lake Erie, South Western Lake Ontario, South Eastern Lake Ontario, Oswego, North Eastern Lake Ontario, and St. Lawrence (Figure 1). The Great Lakes basin represents a portion of 20% of the Earth's fresh surface water held within the interconnected Great Lakes system. By analyzing the riparian areas within this region, we created robust conservation and restoration tools to help prioritize riparian plantings to improve water quality and protect water resources for the Basin.



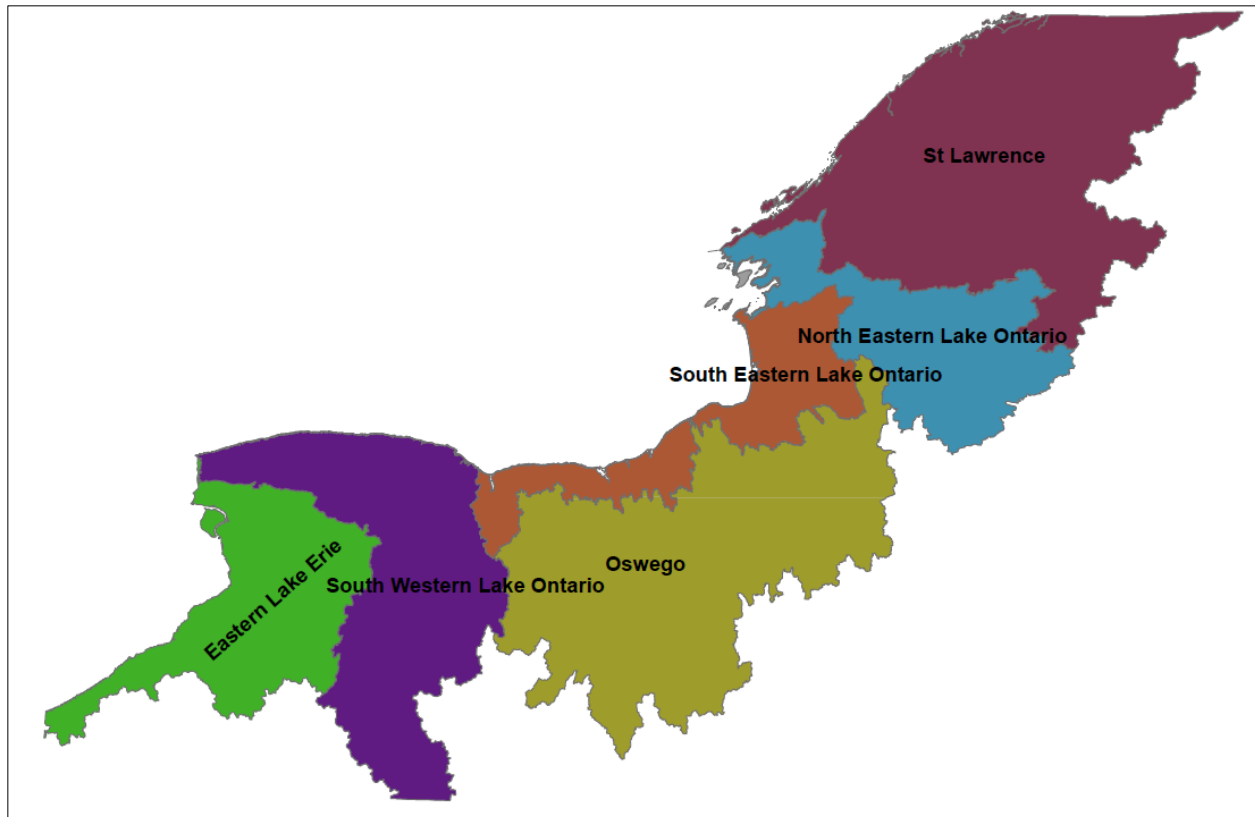


Figure 1. Project study area, the Great Lakes Basin within New York State. The six sub-basins labeled and indicated in different colors.

### *Project Steering Committee*

We assembled a project steering committee to review and provide feedback on the methodology and interim results of this project. The committee was made up of NYS DEC staff as well as partner agencies and organizations with expertise in restoration and protection. All project steering committee members provided critical input at each stage of the development process. We met three times during the course of the project to review our methods and results from our sub-watershed and catchment analyses. Committee members included Shannon Dougherty, Emily Sheridan, Jennifer Dunn (NYS DEC Great Lakes Watershed Program), Sarah Walsh, Jeffrey Mapes (NYS DEC Division of Lands and Forests), Beth Roessler (NYS DEC Hudson River Estuary Program and Cornell University), Tracey Tomajer, Fred Henson (NYS DEC Division of Fish, Wildlife, & Marine Resources), Brian Duffy (NYS DEC Division of Water), Stevie Adams (Central and Western NY Chapter of The Nature Conservancy), Victor DiGiacomo, Gabriella Spitzer (NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets), and Greg McGee (SUNY ESF).

### *Project Details*

In a landscape, the riparian zone has a large influence on water quality within, and downstream from, its adjacent streams, lakes, wetlands, and other water bodies (Brinson *et al.*

2002). Thus, maintaining or improving riparian areas in order to filter sediment, accumulate excess nutrients, and perform other important hydrologic, geomorphic, and biological functions is important for maintaining and improving the health of our inland water bodies. Identifying locations most important for riparian area improvements or maintenance, however, requires an understanding of the relative condition of sub-basin and riparian zones throughout an area of interest.

The first project task was to complete a literature review and to develop a methodology to assess the condition of areas within the Great Lakes Basin. We researched methods for delineating a riparian zone in our study area, appropriate habitat condition indicators to include in our analysis, how habitat indicators should be assembled, and which stratification units or scales were appropriate to use for this application. We then drafted a methodology for the project steering committee's review. With the committee's feedback, we revised the methods, detailed below, and began our assessment.

For this assessment, we decided to work at two scales or levels to allow for work within a watershed, to get a broad look watershed-wide and also at a more refined local level, and to highlight condition of lotic habitats at the stream level as well as relative condition of streams within a larger area. The first level of analysis was at the sub-watershed, or HUC 12 unit. At this scale, we developed a suite of indicators for relative ecological health and ecological stress within the sub-watershed (Table 1). Indicators included brook trout locations, a stream invertebrate health metric called Biological Assessment Profile, rare species locations, floodplain complex locations, presence within large forested areas, presence within a functional river network, the amount of canopy cover, and the amount of natural land cover. Indicators for ecological stress included the DEC priority waterbody list, high runoff areas, high erosion areas, dam storage ratio, impervious surface, and the Landscape Condition Assessment metric (a synthesis layer of many other stressors, Feldmann and Howard 2013).

Table 1. Ecological Health and Ecological Stress indicators used in our assessment.

Ecological Health Indicators	Ecological Stress Indicators
Canopy Cover	Landscape Condition Assessment
Natural Cover	Impervious Surface
Matrix Forest Blocks	Erosion Index
Floodplain Complexes	Topographic Wetness Index
Presence of Rare Taxa	Priority Waterbody Inventory
Presence of Brook trout	Dam Storage Ratio
Biological Assessment Profile	

We describe these indicators in more detail in the methods section below and Appendix A. Indicators are summarized so that practitioners can quickly grasp the sub-watersheds currently predicted as having higher or lower overall stream condition. Such a ranking does not necessarily determine the amount of action needed; however, it helps practitioners understand the likely type of action most applicable within each basin (such as restoration or protection).

The second level of the assessment was intended to help prioritize where *within* a sub-watershed to improve or maintain the riparian zone. At this level, we created catchments – very

small watersheds the size of each high-resolution stream segment. We prioritized catchments based on the condition of indicators within each catchment and within its riparian zones. Again, this type of stream condition ranking will improve our understanding of the types of actions most appropriate for specific riparian areas, but does not necessarily exclude certain areas for potential future actions.

The assessment products are available in three formats: PDFs, an ArcGIS geodatabase, and an online data visualization tool. Users can approach these products with a specific conservation goal in mind and utilize certain aspects of the data (e.g., one or both scales of analysis, individual indicator scores or overall summary scores, etc.), depending on their goal, to help arrive at a prioritization scheme for their work. To assist you, case studies, or scenarios, have been examined in the discussion section below to offer examples of how this dataset may be used to answer specific questions. We further suggest all users read and understand the methods below to assist you in determining how best to use our tools.

## **Methods**

### *Units of Analysis*

#### **Sub-Watershed**

Analysis was carried out for two units of scale, the larger being the sub-watershed, and the finer scale being the catchment. Sub-watersheds were defined according to the National Hydrography Dataset (NHD) Watershed Boundary Dataset's HUC 12 units; each HUC 12 represented one sub-watershed. There are 687 sub-watersheds within the Great Lakes Basin, averaging 100 sq km in size.

#### **Catchments**

The catchment level analysis describes habitat quality at a much smaller scale than the sub-watershed level features. Each sub-watershed was divided into smaller units, which were scored similarly to the sub-watersheds. These scores reflect the quality of habitat within each catchment, to aid in prioritizing work at a smaller scale. Currently, the NHD does not provide catchment polygons that correspond to the High Resolution streams data, so we created our own for the purpose of this analysis. Catchment boundaries were based on a 10m digital elevation model and the high resolution streams, using the ArcHydro toolset. One catchment was created for every stream reach and there are over 50,000 catchments in the study area, averaging 1 sq km in size. Stream reach was defined using the NHD assigned "ReachCode" in the polyline feature class. The area defined by the catchment is the area which drains into each reach. For details on the ArcHydro work flow and parameters used to create the catchments, see Appendix B.

### *Riparian Buffer Delineation*

To specifically assess the quality of habitat within the riparian zone, the boundaries of the riparian zone needed to be defined. We chose to use a variable width riparian buffer. Variable width buffers take into account surrounding hydrology and can provide a more accurate

delineation of riparian habitat than the more commonly used fixed width buffers (Lee *et al.* 2004, Polyakov *et al.* 2005), although they take longer to create.

We created a riparian buffer for qualifying streams in the National Hydrography Dataset (high-resolution NHD,

Figure 2). This riparian boundary was defined using the Riparian Buffer Delineation Model (Abood *et al.* 2012), an ArcGIS compatible tool that calculates the riparian boundary based on digital elevation data, a streams layer, a wetland layer, and an estimate of the 50 year flood height in the area. The 50 year flood height for each sub-watershed was estimated based on annual flow data and field measurements from gages within the Great Lakes Basin, acquired from the US Geological Survey's Surface-Water data points for the Nation, as well as additional data from the USGS Stream Stats service. For all scores and indicators described as "riparian," source data were first clipped to just those areas within the boundaries of the riparian layer. For full descriptions of methods and parameters involved in creating the riparian buffers, see Appendix B.

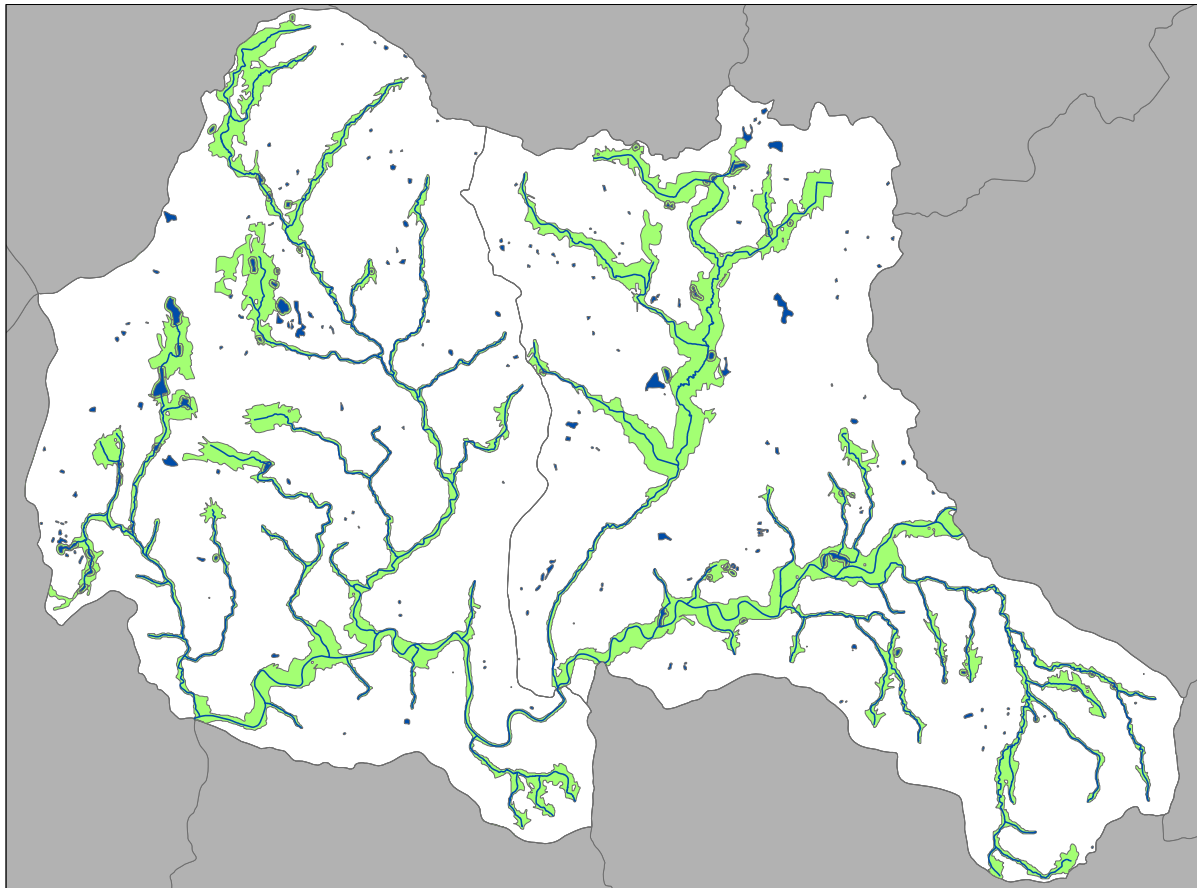


Figure 2. Example of two sub-watersheds with streams in blue and the variable width riparian buffer delineated in green.

### *Habitat Indicators*

When designing the model, the selection of indicator variables was focused on those aspects of habitat quality which could most directly inform the optimal placement of vegetative

riparian buffers (Figure 3). We chose to present a suite of indicators to accommodate a range of conservation priorities instead of a single comprehensive score tuned for a specific purpose. Restoring riparian buffer habitat can be used to improve several aspects of stream health, and a partner interested in using buffers to shade streams for trout habitat may need to focus on a different set of riparian areas than a partner interested in ameliorating the impact of upland agriculture. Through creating a suite of indicators, we are able to meet the needs of multiple stakeholders who are interested in using this assessment to maintain and restore riparian areas.

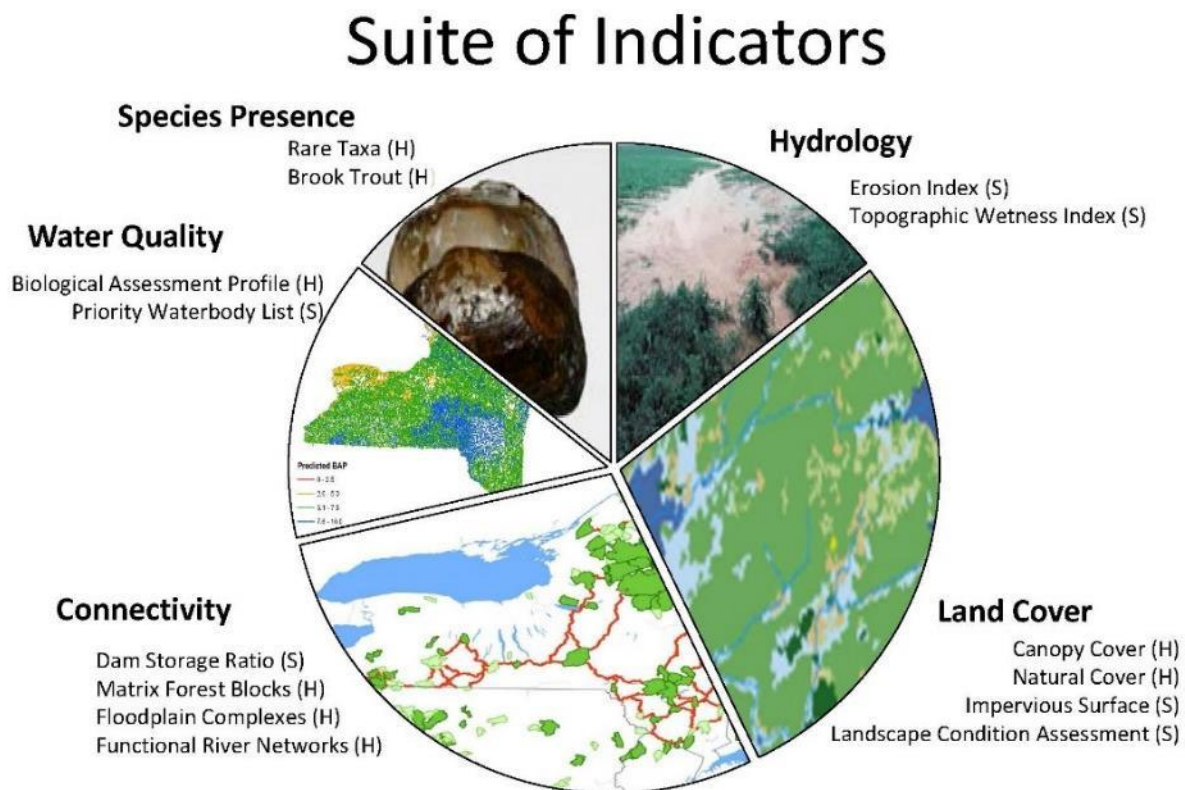


Figure 3. Set of ecological indicators used in assessment. “H” indicates an ecological health indicator, “S” indicates an ecological stress indicator.

Indicator scores were aggregated at the level of the sub-watershed and the catchment to create the raw score. Aggregation methods for each indicator varied slightly depending on the source data (Table 2) and complete methods are presented in Appendix and B. All raw scores can also be found in the ArcGIS feature class.



Table 2. Habitat Indicators and Aggregation Methods. For each indicator (Indicator Name), the following are listed: Indicator Quality group (ES = Ecological Stress, EH = Ecological Health), where the indicator was Applied (R = at the Riparian Zone only, B = both Watershed/Catchment wide and Riparian Zone), the Data Type of the indicator (CR = continuous raster, BR = Binary raster, PT = point values, PY = polygon, LI = line), and the Aggregation Method. For more detailed information about the development and sources for each indicator, see Appendix A.

Indicator Name	Quality	Applied	Data Type	Aggregation Method
Landscape Condition Assessment	ES	B	CR	Avg. value for cells in unit
Canopy Cover	EH	B	CR	Avg. value for cells in unit
Natural Cover	EH	B	BR	% Natural cover *
Impervious Surface	ES	R	CR	Avg. value for cells in unit
Erosion Index	ES	R	CR	Avg. value for cells in unit
Wetness Index	ES	R	CR	Avg. value for cells in unit
Dam Storage Ratio	ES	R	PT	Sum of values falling in unit
Floodplain Complexes	EH	B	PY	Proportion of unit area composed of Floodplain Complex
Matrix Forest Blocks	EH	B	PY	Proportion of unit area composed of Forest Blocks
Functional River Networks	EH	R	LI	Sum of total length of functional river network in unit
WI/PWL Status	ES	R	LI	Proportion of total stream length**
Eastern Brook Trout	EH	B	PY	Sum of patch area per unit
Biological Assessment Profile	EH	R	LI	Avg. value for cells in unit
Rare Taxa Presence	EH	R	PT	Count of rare species in unit

\* The NLCD classes included in this group are listed in Appendix A. \*\*Calculated as the proportion of the total stream length in the unit (sub-watershed or catchment) classified as Impaired, Threatened, or with Minor Impacts.

## Scoring

The results of this analysis are presented as a set of scores for each area, which vary in specificity and focus.

### Raw and Normalized Scores

Raw scores were calculated for all indicators in the same manner at the sub-watershed and catchment scales. Scores were normalized before calculating composite values like the Ecological Health, Stress, and Comprehensive scores to account for the different scales of the individual indicator raw scores. All normalized scores ranged from 0-1. Scores presented in the PDFs and online data explorer all represent normalized values. (Raw scores for all indicators are available in the ArcGIS geodatabase, where a user could recalculate metrics based on a different methodology, if desired).

At the sub-watershed scale, raw score values were normalized relative to the scores of all other sub-watersheds in the Great Lakes Basin. Sub-watersheds with similar scores represent similar quality habitat. Two sub-watersheds that both have a Comprehensive score of 0.9, for example, both represent high quality habitat.

At the catchment scale, we normalized raw catchment score values relative to the scores of other catchments within the same sub-watershed. When interpreting these data, it is important to consider that the catchments are scored relative to the other catchments in the sub-watershed. This means that all sub-watersheds will have red and blue catchments, which reflect the best and worst quality habitat within that sub-watershed. However, this is not an indicator of absolute habitat quality. Catchments in different sub-watersheds with the same score do not necessarily contain the same quality habitat. A catchment with a score of 0.25 in a very healthy sub-watershed may, in fact, represent overall better quality habitat than a catchment with a score of 1 in a sub-watershed with very high stress scores.

### Composite Scores: Ecological Health, Ecological Stress, and Comprehensive Score

The Comprehensive score describes the results at the most general level; it takes into account the contributions of every indicator, and allows for fast and simple identification of the best and worst habitats. Sub-watersheds and catchments with high comprehensive scores represent habitats with low levels of ecological stress and several positive indicators of ecological health. Areas with low comprehensive scores represent habitat with poor health and high stress. The Comprehensive score was calculated by first separately combining the normalized scores of all 8 ecological health and 6 ecological stress indicators into the Ecological Health and Ecological Stress scores. These scores were normalized to range in value from 0-1, and the Comprehensive score was calculated as the difference between the Ecological Health and Ecological Stress scores.

### Indicator Scores

The most specific scores provided are the indicator scores, one for each habitat indicator (described in the section above). Indicator scores allow for visualization of very specific aspects of the data, e.g., “canopy cover in the riparian zone”. Raw scores for each indicator are available in the ArcGIS geodatabase. For details on how raw scores were aggregated, see Table 2. Normalized scores, that all range in value from 0-1, are presented in the PDFs and online data explorer.

### Themes

At the catchment scale of analysis, several scores were developed that addressed specific questions of conservation concern. Some of these “theme” scores were combinations of sub-sets of our existing indicators, while a few required the input of additional data. The purpose of the theme scores is to provide information that is more comprehensive than that available from any single habitat indicator and more specific than the Comprehensive score.

Water Quality: The focus of the Water Quality Theme was to highlight locations where riparian protection or restoration activities could support water quality by using metrics both within the stream buffer and the stream catchment. Indicators used include impervious surface, Landscape Condition Assessment (LCA), natural cover (see Appendix B for classes included), wetness index, erosion index, Biodiversity Assessment Profile (BAP), the New York State Protected Waterbodies List (PWL), canopy cover, and floodplain complexes. All were weighted heavily except for canopy cover and floodplain complexes, which were weighted lightly.

Connectivity: The purpose of the connectivity theme is to support stream corridor connectivity and identify areas along streams with unlogged forest tracks and those areas within riparian buffers with gaps in forest cover where planting trees could increase connectivity. We provide this theme with the caveat that any restoration efforts with the primary goal of improving connectivity or identifying critical gaps would benefit highly from further analyses of forest fragmentation and this type of analysis was outside the scope of this project. What we provide here is an indirect indicator of low scoring riparian areas within sub-watersheds with existing good riparian connectivity; possibly locations where restoring the riparian zone of low scoring catchments may eliminate gaps hindering connectivity.

Stream Temperature: The purpose of the Stream Temperature theme is to help identify areas where stream temperature might be decreased by planting trees in the riparian zone. Increasing the canopy cover along streams would make the habitat more suitable for cold-water fish and improve connectivity among already forested, cold-water segments. We used all ecological health and stress indicators within the riparian buffers of streams, but we weighted brook trout, BAP, and canopy cover more heavily than all other indicators.

Runoff Risk: The purpose of the Runoff Risk theme is to identify areas with potential erosion hotspots that occur on land-use classes with soils likely to contribute to excessive runoff that may be addressed by riparian buffers. We used the erosion index indicator and overlaid this with specific land cover classes from both the 2011 NLCD and the CropScape dataset (USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service 2014) to determine areas with non-natural or agricultural cover with high erosion potential that could benefit from planting. For more details on the specific categories used from these datasets, see Appendix B.

Wetland Resiliency: The purpose of the Wetland Resiliency theme is to identify those areas along streams with greater flood capacity due to the presence of intact wetland habitat. We compared the riparian buffers to the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) dataset and estimated the relative contribution of wetlands to the area of buffer. The least resilient basins would be those with fewer wetlands in the riparian zone. Conversely, the most resilient basins would be those with the highest proportion of wetlands in the stream corridor.

Details on the formulas and precise weighting schemes involved in all score calculations can be found in Appendix B.

## Filters

At the catchment scale, we also wanted to provide a simple screening method to allow users to quickly identify areas which meet specific criteria. These filters aren't like other scores in that they are not stress or health indicators nor do they reflect habitat quality. They are simply used to identify if a catchment is in one of two states, urban or agricultural.

Urban Areas Filter: We classified catchments in Urban Areas if they intersected with Urbanized Area Polygons or Urban Clusters as defined by the 2010 Census.

Agricultural Areas Filter: Catchments were classified in Agricultural Areas if their riparian zone was composed of more than 25% agricultural land use (Pasture/Hay [NLCD type 81] or Cultivated Crops [type 82]) according to the National Land Cover Dataset (NLCD, U.S. Geological Survey 2011).

## Prioritization

The products of the assessment allow for several approaches to prioritizing restoration and preservation activities.

### Prioritizing by a single score

Locations can be ranked according to their Comprehensive score, or the score of the habitat indicator of interest. Those locations with the lowest comprehensive score or high score for an ecological stress indicator represent areas that may benefit the most from restoration activities. Locations with the highest comprehensive score, or the highest scores for ecological health indicators, will represent locations that may benefit from preservation.

### Prioritizing by multiple scores

Using plots is one method for prioritization based on multiple criteria (Norton *et al.* 2009), which provides more information than comparing the ranks of a single indicator of interest (Figure 4). This method provides a different kind of assessment from prioritizing the composite index, which incorporates all indicators. Plotting two indices, like Ecological Health and Ecological Stress, against each other allows for the distinction between watersheds with good health and low stress (pristine), poor health and high stress (high need for restoration, although potentially low chance of success); and the intermediate classes of good health and high stress (good habitat at high risk) and poor health and low risk (moderately valuable habitat). This is especially useful for prioritizing areas of overall moderate habitat quality.

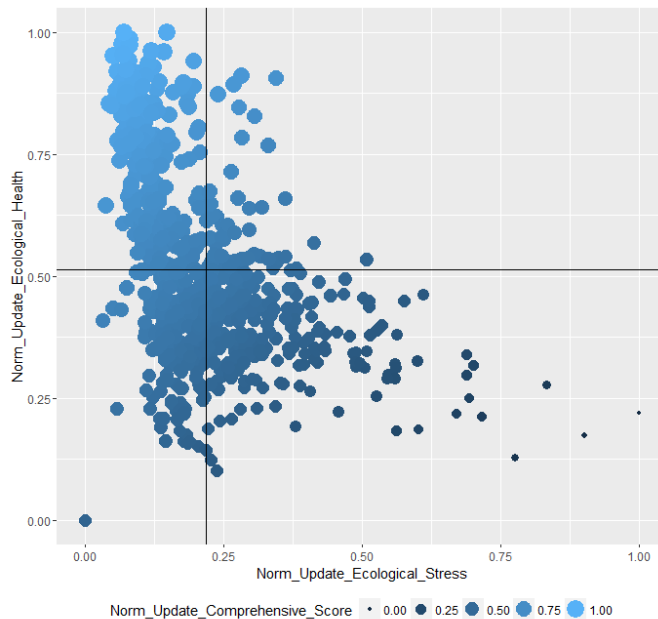


Figure 4. An example of comparing multiple criteria through visualization in a plot. Hecomponre, the Ecological Stress and Ecological Health scores are compared on the X and Y axes, while the Comprehensive score is displayed via dot color and size.

## Results

Our products are all available to download from the project website ([nynhp.org/treesfortribsgl](http://nynhp.org/treesfortribsgl)), where the final results are available in three formats: PDFs, an ArcGIS geodatabase, and a link to the online data explorer.

### *PDF Results*

Size limitations prevent providing the full set of results as a single PDF document to interested parties, so they have been divided by unit of analysis into two separate downloadable PDFs; one PDF containing the Sub-watershed results and one containing the Catchment level results. When accessing the PDFs, please be sure to download the document to your computer (and view it in Acrobat Reader) rather than view it in your browser, which is often the default. Within each PDF, maps displaying the results can be accessed as attached files. Each PDF opens with a primary document, which provides a written description of the contents of each map file and how to access them.

#### Sub-watersheds

Our analysis completed at the sub-watershed scale is available in “Sub-watershed\_Scores.pdf”. The overall ranking of each sub-watershed within the Great Lakes Basin in New York is provided in the Comprehensive Results Map. This map includes locator layers such as New York County boundaries and names and HUC 6 (Sub-region) boundaries. The initial view when opening the map displays the Comprehensive scores for the entire basin, with predicted poorest condition (red) to predicted highest condition (blue) sub-watersheds displayed. In addition, overall Ecological Stress scores (summary scores for all ecological stress indicators) and overall Ecological Health scores are layers within this map. All layers in each PDF map have the ability to be turned on and off.

The Component Scores map within the sub-watershed PDF contains calculated scores for each of our Ecological Health and Stress scores that went into the above analysis. Layers are displayed with a color ramp with the actual scores printed within the sub-watershed, as a separate layer that can be turned on and off. Again, HUC 6 and New York County boundaries and names are available layers in this map in addition to a color scheme and actual score layer for each of the 14 habitat indicators included in our assessment.

#### Catchments

The catchment-level analysis is available in “Catchment\_Scores.pdf”. Because of the fine scale of the catchment analysis, it was necessary to divide the study area into smaller sub-regions for displaying results in PDF files. This PDF includes six attached maps, one for each sub-region. To review the catchment analysis in a sub-region of choice, simply double-click on the corresponding map.

Reference or locator layers, such as County and HUC 12 boundaries, are available in each of these maps. Filter layers for urban and agricultural areas are available for the fine-scale analysis, as a way to identify and prioritize opportunities for collaboration and overlap with other urban or agricultural restoration efforts. When a filter layer is selected, all catchments that do not qualify will be turned gray. You can then turn on any score layer, and you will only see the values of catchments which meet the criteria described below.



Overall Comprehensive scores, Ecological Health scores, and Ecological Stress scores are also available as layers in the “composite scores” folder within each sub-region map. Remember, catchment level scoring is also scaled to range from 0-1, but this time *within each sub-watershed*. Therefore, catchments of equivalent color in different sub-watersheds may have different scores, so scorings should only be compared within sub-watersheds. Catchment colors for all indicators correspond to quantiles; those catchments whose scores fell into the lowest quantile (0-20) are colored red, while catchments falling into the highest quantile (80-100<sup>th</sup> percentile) are colored blue. It is important to remember when viewing the catchments that quantiles assign equal numbers of catchments to each class, so that all sub-watersheds will have blue catchments and red catchments, and equal numbers of blue catchments and red catchments, regardless of how pristine the habitat may be. The scores are meant to allow users to compare catchment scores relative to others *within the same area* and do not represent absolute values.

Theme layers for water quality, connectivity, stream temperature, wetland resiliency, and runoff risk are available as layers in each of the sub-region maps at the catchment level. Details on the scoring of these themes are found in the methods section and Appendix B.

### *ArcGIS Geodatabase*

For users with access to GIS software, the results of our analysis are also available as ArcGIS feature classes. A file geodatabase containing two feature classes, one for the sub-watershed level results, and one for the catchment level results, is available at our website.

#### Sub-Watersheds

The sub-watershed feature class (“Sub-Watersheds”) contains polygons for all sub-watersheds in the Great Lakes Basin. The attribute table contains scores for all indicators used in the analysis, both raw scores (field name: “Raw\_Indicator\_Name”) and normalized scores (field name: “Norm\_Indicator\_Name”), as well as the Ecological Health, Ecological Stress, and Comprehensive scores.

#### Catchments

The catchment feature class (“Catchments”) contains the catchment polygons and their associated scores. In addition to the same raw and normalized scores found in the sub-watershed feature class, the attribute table associated with the catchment feature class contains a third set of scores for all indicators, with field names that begin “Quant\_Indicator\_Name”. The values in these fields represent the percentile score of that catchment relative to the other catchments in its sub-watershed, and these values were used purely as a way to assign symbology to catchments for display purposes. Displaying the results within each sub-watershed by quantile is useful for comparing relative habitat quality, but is not possible to visualize in ArcGIS without first assigning the percentile scores. This step was not necessary when displaying the sub-watershed level scores because those scores did not need to be subdivided. Unlike the raw and normalized scores, quantile scores were not used in any calculations for theme scores or other composite scores, like Ecological Health or Comprehensive score. We provide them in the attribute table

for users who wish to re-create the same symbology seen in the PDFs, but any further analysis should be based on the raw or normalized score values.

### Layers

For users wishing to re-create the symbology of the PDF maps using the feature classes, a folder called Layers is available. Within the folder are layer files for the sub-watershed and catchment feature classes that will display the data using the same color schemes available in the PDFs. It is important to remember that the geodatabase needs to be downloaded as well, or layer files without data will not display properly.

### *Data Explorer*

It is very important that users have the opportunity to explore patterns in the wide array of data developed through this project. To maximize the effectiveness of data exploration and make it as accessible as possible, a tool was created, which allows users to visualize and prioritize locations using our data and nothing more than a web browser. In our experience, any newer version of common web browsers will offer you functionality with this application. The Data Explorer, found online at [http://lab.nynhp.org/trees\\_tribs\\_gl/data\\_explorer](http://lab.nynhp.org/trees_tribs_gl/data_explorer), allows users to prioritize sub-watersheds using multiple indicators, visualize those locations, and interact with a sortable data table to explore the full set of scores from the analysis (Figure 5). The application is based on the same data that is available in the attribute table attached to the ArcGIS feature class, but allows for visualization and prioritization to take place in a way that isn't possible using ArcGIS alone.

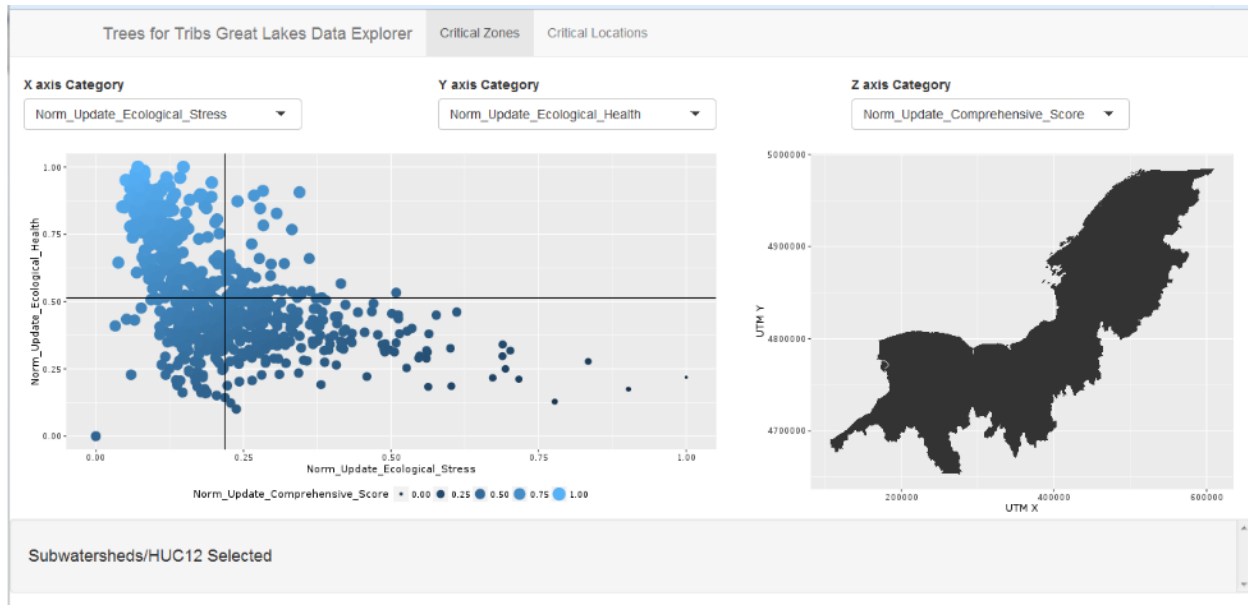


Figure 5. Trees for Tribes Great Lakes Data Explorer. Initial view upon opening. Vertical lines in the graph on the left represent the mean value for the Ecological Stress score among all 687 sub-watersheds. The horizontal line represents the mean Ecological Health score.

#### Prioritizing with Two Indicators:

The data explorer allows users to plot the scores for all sub-watersheds, using any indicator for the X and Y axis. The choice of indicators is available in drop down menus at the top of the screen. The default setting upon start-up will allow the user to compare the overall Ecological Health and Ecological Stress scores. The vertical and horizontal lines in the plot indicate the mean value for the X and Y axis variables, respectively. They divide the plot into quadrants, which allows you to focus on different sets of points based on your conservation goals. If your project is more targeted towards preserving habitat that is currently in great shape, you might examine the watersheds represented by the points in the upper left of the graph: these are areas that have high scores for health and low scores for stress. Points that fall in the lower right of the graph are the most stressed watersheds with the lowest scores for ecological health. These points represent habitats in dire need of restoration work. However, because they are likely experiencing multiple stressors, restoring them could be a significant challenge; one that riparian buffers alone may not address. Points in the lower left quadrant represent sub-watershed experiencing less stress, but scoring poorly for ecological health. Riparian restoration projects focused on sub-watersheds in this portion of the chart could be aimed at improving the below-average Ecological Health scores by planting native trees and plants in the riparian zone.

In any quadrant, sub-watersheds represented by points falling towards the middle of the graph, where the axes cross, score about average. While restoration may not be as urgent as in the extremes of the chart, these may be sounder investments because they face relatively fewer challenges. The ability to distinguish between the different classes of the vast numbers of watersheds “in the middle” is one advantage of using the data explorer over a single indicator prioritization method, like the PDFs, or sorting through the attribute table in the geodatabase.

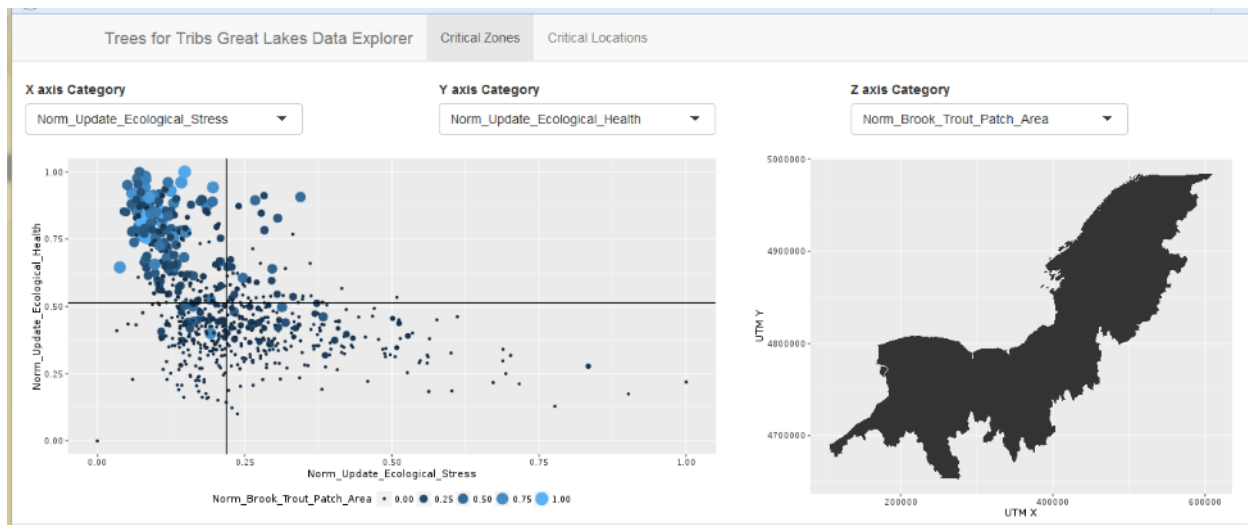


Figure 6. Data Explorer with default X and Y axis, with point size (Z axis) proportional to the presence of Brook Trout.

### Prioritization Using Three Indicators:

The user can also select a third indicator, the Z axis, which will change the size of the points. Using the default X and Y axis and selecting an indicator from the Z axis allows you to quickly prioritize locations based on their overall health, as described above, while allowing you to quickly see locations that may be closely related to your area of interest (in this example, improving habitat for Brook Trout, Figure 6).

### Interacting with Data:

The plot is interactive, so dragging your cursor over a set of points will select them in the graph. When points are selected, their corresponding sub-watersheds will be highlighted in red on the map to the right, and their associated scores and data will appear in the table at the bottom of the screen (Figure 7). Clicking on a sub-watershed will select its information in the table and will highlight the point in the table on the left (Figure 8).

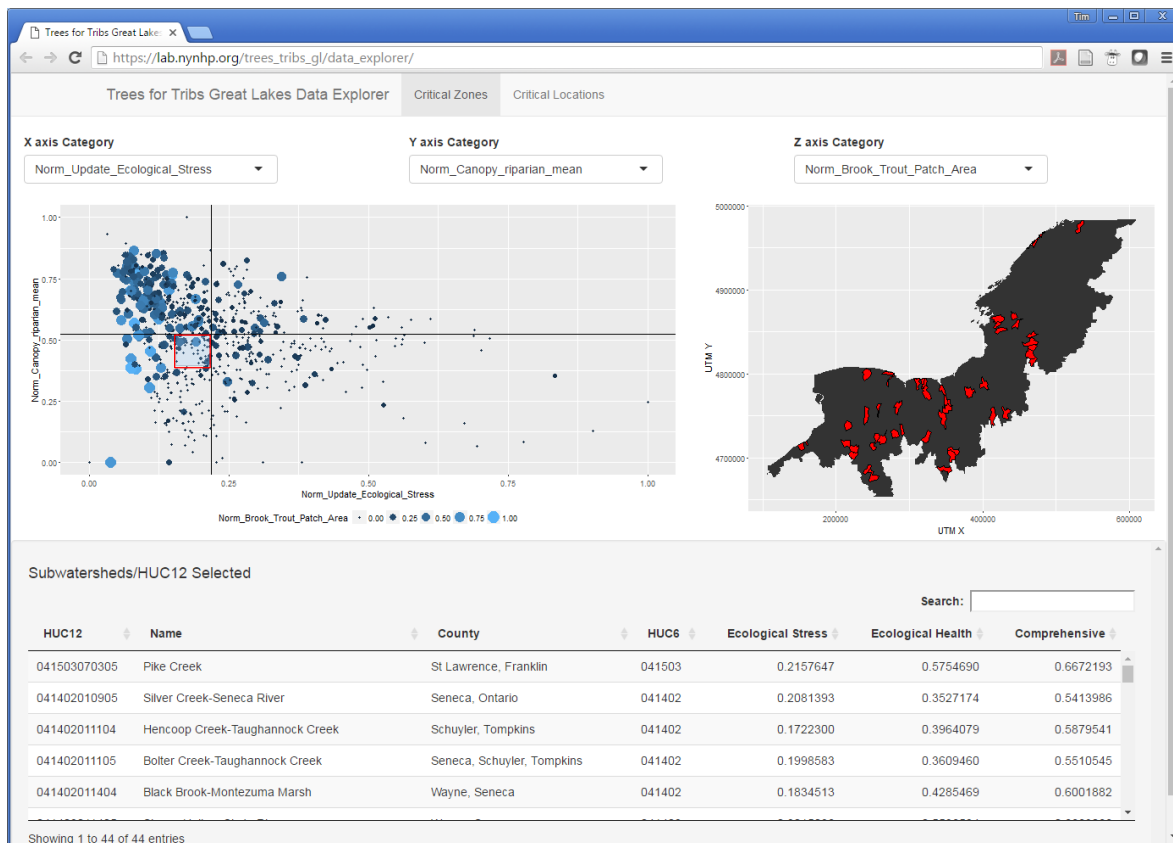


Figure 7. The data explorer with some relatively low stress, poor health sub-watersheds selected (red box- The box is highlighted red for emphasis here. Actual highlighting tool is blue). The sub-watersheds are highlighted in red and their information becomes searchable and sortable in the table below. Clicking on a sub-watershed on the map will highlight its data in the table, as well as highlight the point on the plot at the left.



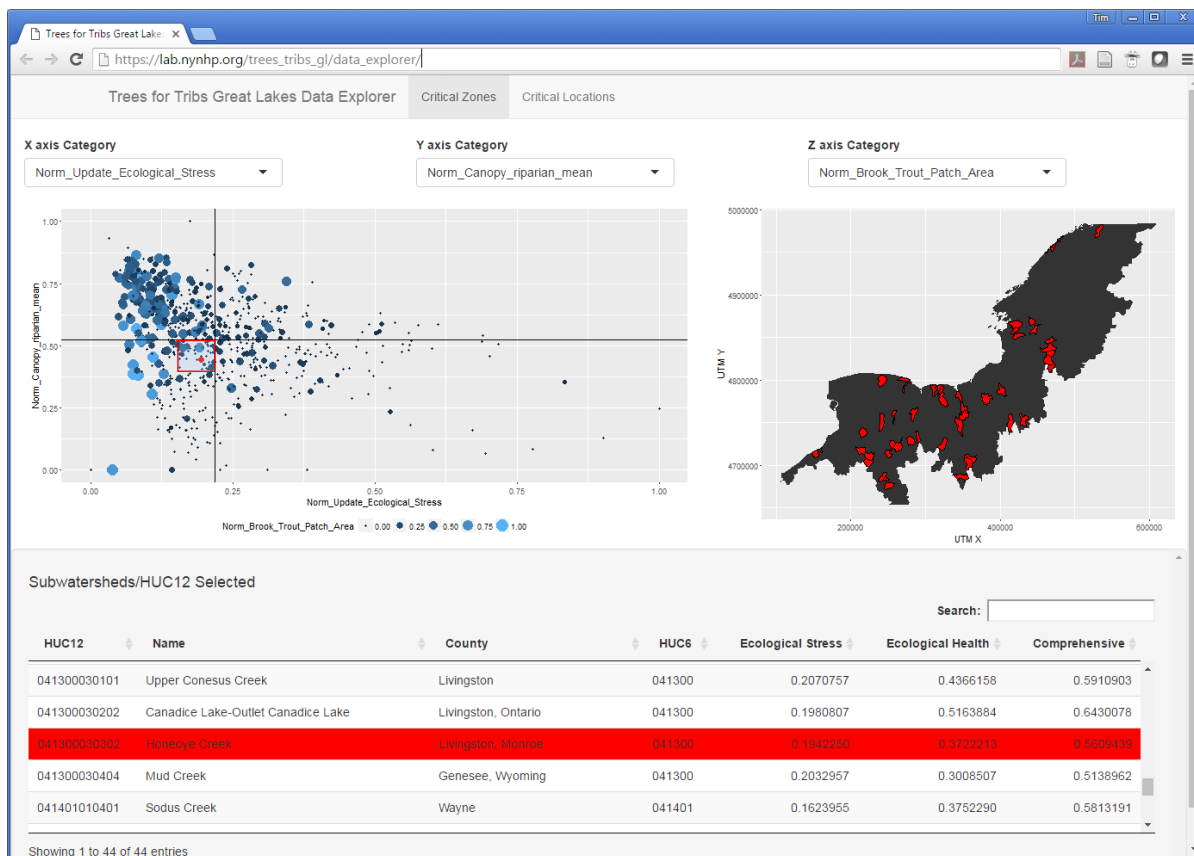


Figure 8. The data explorer with a sub-watershed selected. Clicking on a sub-watershed will select its information in the table below and will highlight the point in the table on the left.

## Discussion

We designed our project to provide an objective procedure of site selection for protection and restoration activities. Using our products for strategic planning for programs, such as the Trees for Tribs (Goal 5.10 in the Agenda below), will help ensure the success of such programs. In addition, we envision our products furthering several goals of New York's Interim Great Lakes Basin Action Agenda. More specifically, these products could be used to help identify priority areas for riparian buffer restoration and protection in the Great Lakes Basin (goals 2.8, 5.8, 8.2), areas for improving stream corridor connectivity (if improving canopy cover is a goal for targets identified, goal 5.6), and places to expand green infrastructure in flood-prone areas (goal 7.11).

Undoubtedly, users will approach our dataset with specific goals in mind and may only utilize certain aspects of the data, depending on their goal, to help arrive at a prioritization scheme for their work. It is important to keep in mind that depending on a user's goal or question, other datasets and spatial data layers may be necessary to identify priority areas. Therefore, we do not intend our dataset as a stand-alone product, but rather another suite of tools that can be helpful when making conservation decisions. To assist users, below we present

specific examples or case studies, to demonstrate how our dataset can be used to answer specific questions and to support site prioritization in riparian zones.

### *Data Uses*

While all the products from this project are available in GIS format, these examples are targeted towards non-GIS users and thus utilize the PDF products and publically available online resources. All of these examples could also be applied using the GIS data in a GIS environment.

**It is important to emphasize that in all scenarios and all uses of these products that any areas targeted must be checked with field visits in order to verify their condition and suitability for management actions.**

#### Scenario 1. Improve riparian zone condition in poor scoring sites

You are given the goal of finding a location for improving stream condition by increasing natural vegetation in the stream's riparian zone. You can target any stream in the basin; how do you choose? In this scenario, we will look for sub-watersheds scoring more poorly than others nearby assuming that this condition might offer the most success and highest return for a riparian restoration project.

##### Step 1.1. Assess condition of sub-watersheds

Use the “Sub-watershed\_Scores.pdf” document for this step. This PDF is available as a download from the project's website ([nynhp.org/treesfortribsgl](http://nynhp.org/treesfortribsgl)). Be sure to download the document to your computer (and view it in Acrobat Reader) rather than view it in your browser, which is often the default. When opened in Acrobat Reader, you should see two attached map files as well as the primary document giving a written description of the contents of each file (Figure 9).

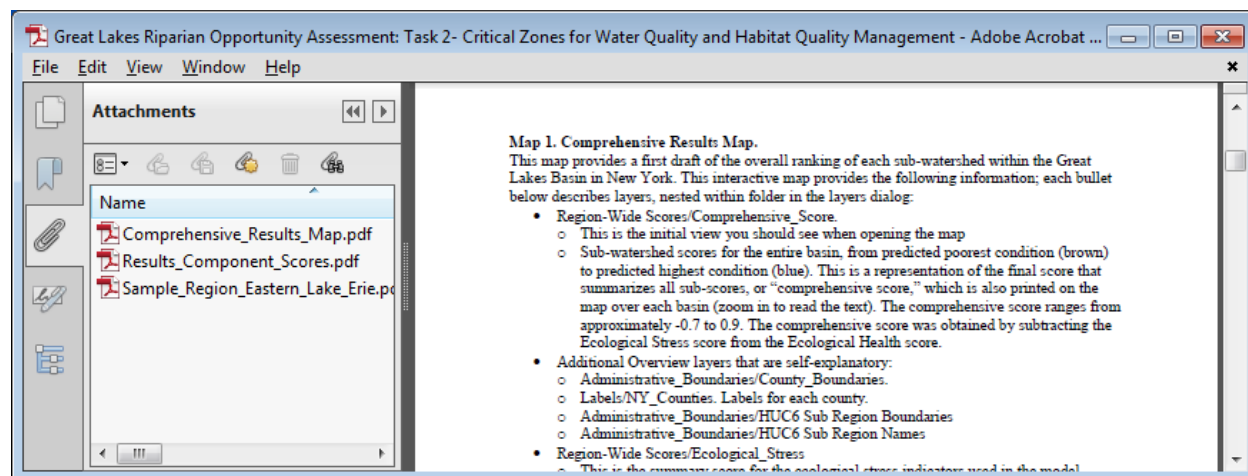


Figure 9. Initial view of the Sub-watershed\_Scores.pdf document. Note the attached files (maps) in the left panel.

Within the *Sub-watershed\_Scores* PDF (Figure 9), open the PDF named *Comprehensive\_Results\_Map.pdf*. The default display for this map is the Comprehensive score of sub-watersheds (Figure 10). This is a final score that incorporates both the health indicators

and stressor indicators that we calculated for each sub-watershed and is described in more detail in the methods and results sections of this report, above.

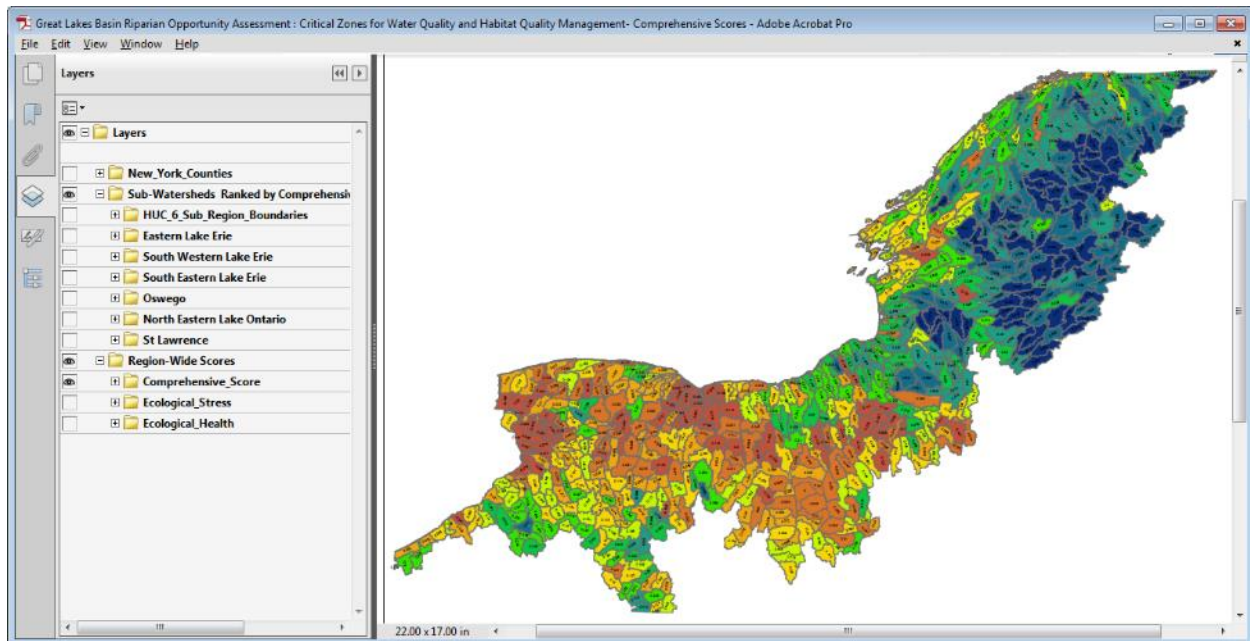


Figure 10. The default view of the Comprehensive Results map, with the folders expanded in the left panel to list the different layers.

Our goal in this scenario is to look throughout the entire basin for lower scoring sub-watersheds, which can be achieved by reviewing the Comprehensive score. The overall stress and health scores can also be viewed at this scale to help interpretation of the Comprehensive score. Looking at the Comprehensive scores for this exercise, we highlight a few low scoring sub-watersheds in the North Eastern Lake Ontario Sub-basin (Figure 11).

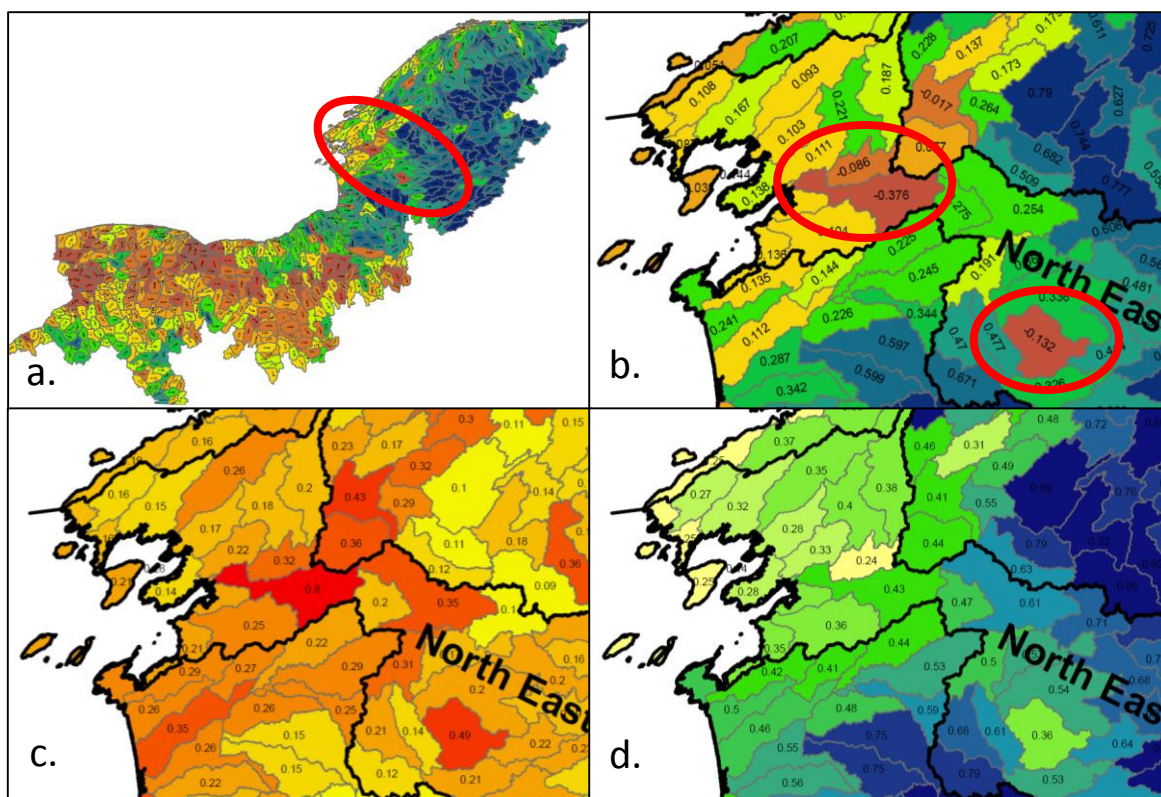


Figure 11. Evaluating scores for sub-watersheds. (a.) The focal area for the rest of the panels. (b.) Three sub-watersheds stand out as low scoring in the North Eastern Lake Ontario Sub-Basin. (c.) the Ecological Stress scoring. (d.) The Ecological Health Scoring.

These three sub-watersheds stand out in the sub-basin, two have relatively high stress scores (11c), and the third has a lower health score than the others (11d). For illustrative purposes, we'll focus on the sub-watershed with the lower health score (0.24 in 11d).

To help understand patterns among sub-watersheds and assist in deciding which sub-watersheds to focus on, examine the individual habitat indicator scores to determine what is impacting habitat health and thus impacting the sub-watersheds low health score or high stress score. These are found in the other attached PDF map, named "Component\_Scores\_Map.pdf", and are described in Table 2.

### Step 1.2. Compare relative rankings of catchments

Once one or more sub-watersheds have been chosen for further examination, the next step is to look at how scoring changes within a single watershed. The second PDF download, named "Catchment\_Scores.pdf", provides the information for this purpose. As before, this document contains text describing the data in additional PDFs attached to the primary document (Figure 12). Scorings in the Catchment Scores maps should only be compared within sub-watershed.

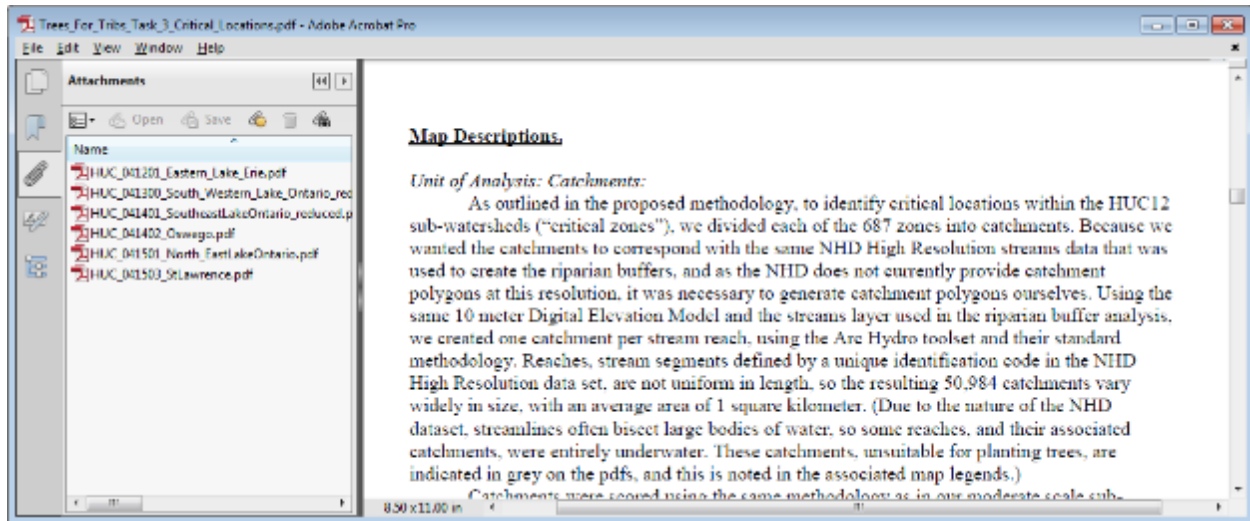


Figure 12. The initial view of the Catchment Scores document, with attached maps shown in the left panel, one map for each sub-basin.

For this scenario, we will open the map for North East Lake Ontario (HUC\_041501\_North\_EastLakeOntario.pdf), and turn on the sub-watershed (HUC 12) boundaries to locate the sub-watersheds of interest (Figure 13). An important point to note about this new map is that it also depicts Health, Stress, and Comprehensive scores, but, in this case, these scores are applied to the catchment *and* the scaling of these scores are now scaled to range from 0-1 *within each sub-watershed*. This means that catchments of equivalent color in different sub-watersheds may have different scores. It also means that variation can be depicted within each sub-watershed, which is exactly the goal of this map.

Zooming in to our sub-watershed of interest (right-click -> marquee zoom in Acrobat Reader) shows lower scoring catchments on the eastern edge of this sub-watershed (Figure 14), particularly with the Comprehensive and Health scores (panels a and b). The water quality theme (panel d) also shows one of the eastern catchments as scoring poorly.



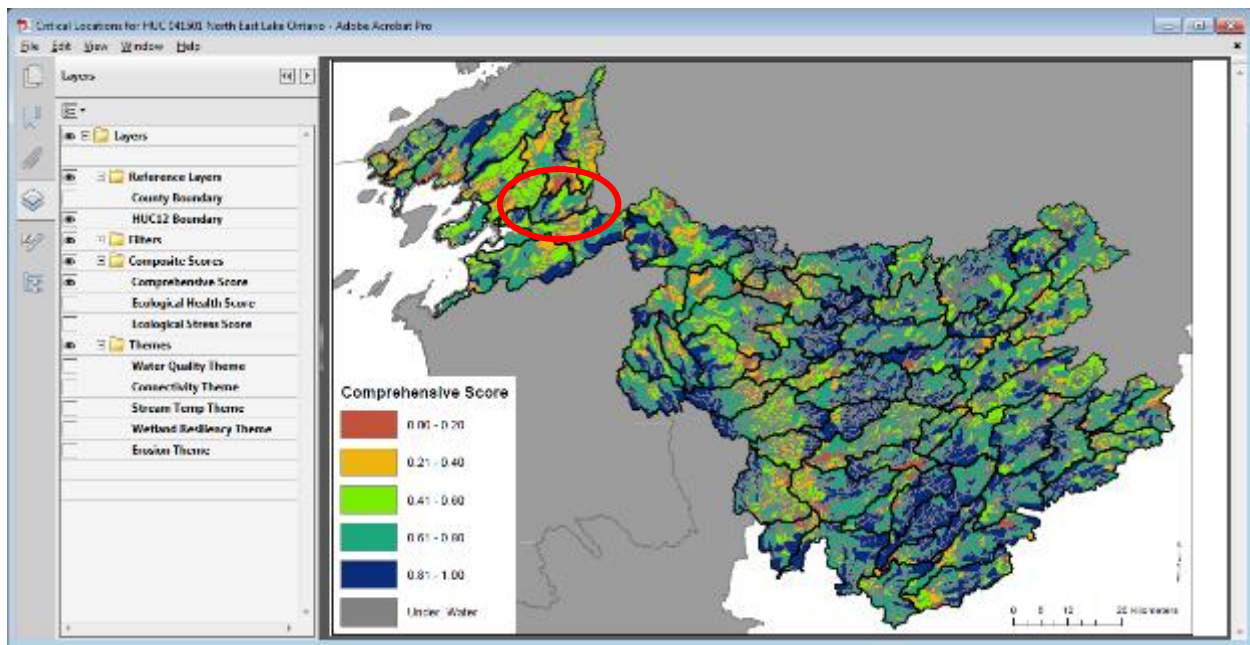


Figure 13. Catchment rankings for the North East Lake Ontario sub-basin. Sub-watershed (HUC 12) boundaries are turned on and many of the folders in the left panel have been expanded to show what layers are available for this map. The circled sub-watershed is the one targeted for further assessment in Step 1.1.

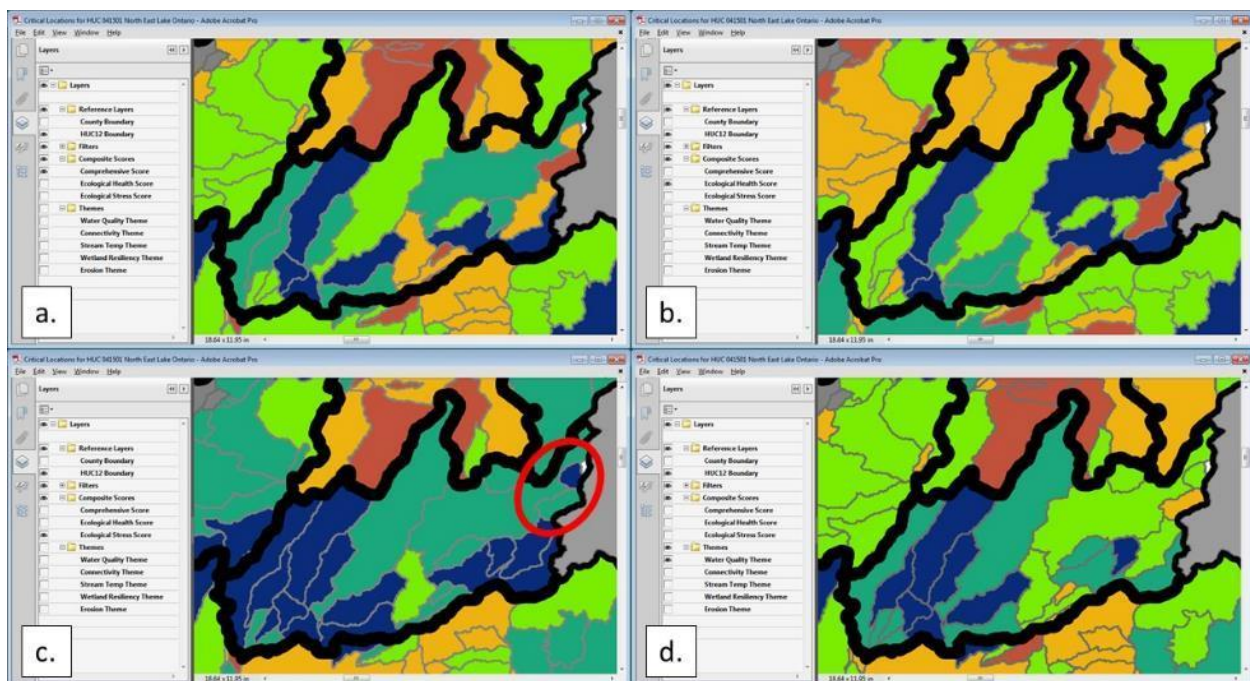


Figure 14. The relative variation in catchment scores within our sub-watershed of interest. (a) Comprehensive score, (b) Ecological Health score, (c) Ecological Stress score, and (d) Water Quality Theme. The two catchments discussed in the text are circled in (c).

The catchments along the eastern edge, then, *might* be good candidates for riparian restoration or management projects. Streams in these catchments are likely to have little natural habitat within their riparian zone (poor health metrics), but also have low development pressure or other stressors (scores relatively high in stress metrics).

A quick way to confirm this initial assessment would be to view the exact location with aerial imagery. One source that provides aerial imagery and watershed boundaries online is the national map viewer, available at [viewer.nationalmap.gov/viewer/](https://viewer.nationalmap.gov/viewer/).

## Scenario 2. Identify sites comparing health and stress measures interactively

Another outcome of this project is an online tool that permits users to make score to score comparisons in order to identify patterns and potentially focus on restoring areas that might be more likely to succeed based on comparisons among scores. For example, a site receiving a relatively low stress score, and also a relatively low health score, may be easier to restore and maintain than a site with a low health score, but with a higher stress score.

### Step 2.1. Compare scores interactively

The Trees for Tribes Great Lakes Data Explorer is located at [https://lab.nynhp.org/trees\\_tribs\\_gl/data\\_explorer/](https://lab.nynhp.org/trees_tribs_gl/data_explorer/). An initial view of the webpage is shown in Figure 15. The important items to note about this page are the plot of three scores on the left hand panel (X axis, Y axis, and dot size and color as the Z axis), the map of the basin on the right-hand panel, and, after some are selected, a table below both of these panels listing selected sub-watersheds. Future versions of this Data Explorer will also incorporate catchments.

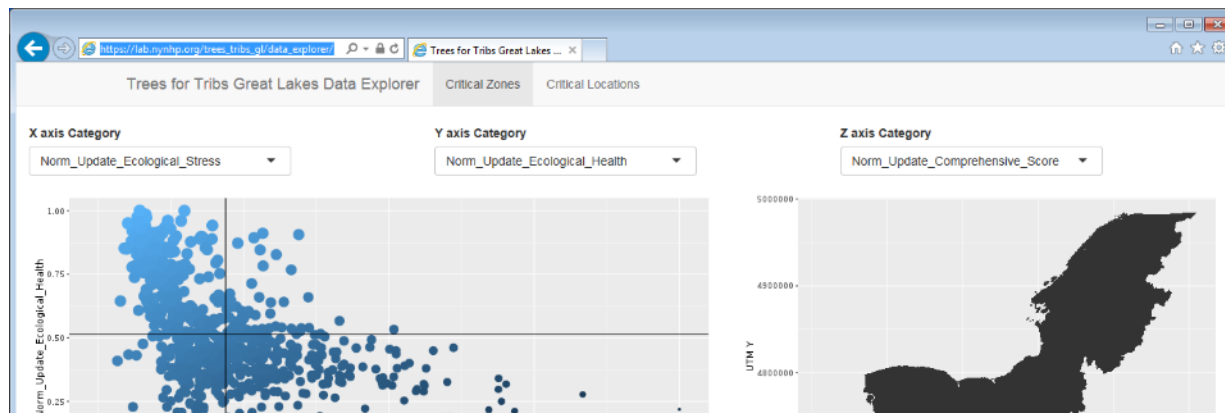


Figure 15. The initial view for the Data Explorer.

Drop-down fields above these panels allow users to change the metrics viewed in the plot, but for this example we will stick to comparing Ecological Stress to Ecological Health on the primary (X and Y) axes. Note - in the plot the two black lines show the mean (average) score for each axis.

### Step 2.2. Selecting sub-watersheds for further exploration

In this case, we are interested in the low-scoring sites for *both* ecological health and ecological stress measures. This scenario might be interpreted as sites that are more likely to succeed in restoration efforts because the current measured stressors are relatively low. The sub-

watersheds under this condition would be those located in the lower left quadrant of the plot. A few of these points can be selected by dragging a box over them. The selected points are represented by sub-watersheds that are then highlighted in the map on the right, and a list of those sub-watersheds appears below (Figure 16). Clicking on one of these sub-watersheds on the map then highlights this sub-watershed in the list below the map. This information can, in turn, be used to find the sub-watershed in the catchment PDF, on the national map viewer, or in GIS.

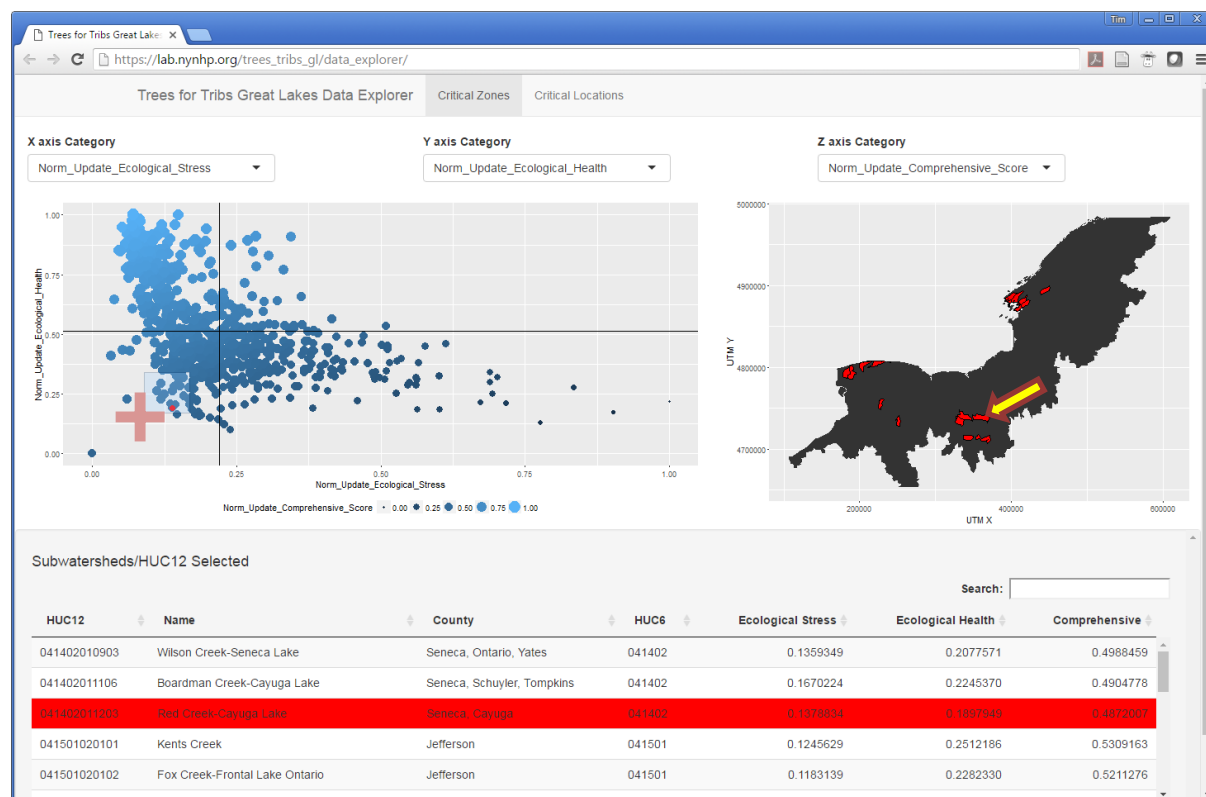


Figure 16. Selecting points in the left-hand panel (depicted with yellow cross), results in the selected sub-watersheds being highlighted on the map in the right-hand panel and listed below. Clicking on one of the selected sub-watersheds on the map (yellow arrow) highlights that specific sub-watershed in the list at the bottom.

### *Limitations and assumptions*

We recognize that the suite of habitat indicators included in our analysis was by no means comprehensive to all indicators that could prove important to documenting health or stress on an aquatic system. The Steering Committee refined this list throughout the beginning phases of the project, and we feel the list is representative of indicating important aspects of stream condition necessary for restoration and protection goals using an ecosystem based management approach.

Due to the timeframe and scope of our project, our data-gathering efforts were largely limited to data sources that were already prepared and available for the entire Great Lakes Basin, and that could be used to derive indicator scores at the sub-watershed and catchment scales.

While some of these indicators may be naturally correlated, those included in the final analysis were selected because they represent sufficiently distinct habitat features relevant to evaluating the health of the riparian zone. In one case, we dropped a potential water quality indicator because it was both highly correlated with another water quality indicator used in the assessment, the BAP, and because the two essentially describe the same particular habitat feature.

We anticipate, as practitioners begin to use these products, suggestions of additional indicators to include in the assessment. Ideally, we would periodically revisit the assessment so that such improvements, as well as new information on the current suite of indicators, can be included in future versions of this assessment. Further advancements could be made with indicator datasets available in the Northeast and these should also be assessed for their inclusion in future iterations.

We further recognize that the accuracy of our compiled Ecological Health, Ecological Stress, and Comprehensive scores are dependent upon the quality of the input data. While we believe all of our sources and input data are of high quality, we recognize that through use of this dataset and source datasets, as with any, errors may be revealed. We hope to have the opportunity to correct these in future versions as well.

Certain indicators, such as BAP, used predictive modeling to derive water quality metric values for previously unsampled streams. Thus, while over 1,700 stream samples were used to model the BAP score, and the model of BAP to stream environmental conditions was relatively robust (White et al. 2011), the only way this project could apply data such as these was to use the modeled dataset of predicted BAP scores. Having datasets such as this accessible greatly increases their use and applicability, but also introduces extra uncertainty. This also applies to the National Land Cover Dataset (NLCD), which is a model of land cover types based on satellite imagery and other similar datasets.

Indicator scores are displayed as static values for sub-watersheds and catchments. The analysis does not show the resulting impact of a particular restorative or protective action, but can highlight places where such actions could have the most impact, depending on conservation goals. Therefore, the specific impact of a particular restoration or protection effort is not calculated or provided as one of our products.

The lowest ranked sub-watersheds and catchments should not be interpreted as “bad”, and the reasons for a lower ranking can be revealed when looking at component indicator scores and other spatial data layers, such as aerial photography. Those areas scoring as poorer health, or higher stress, are relative ranks to other sub-watersheds and catchments in the basin, but may have ecological benefit or other value not detected by our analysis. In addition, we did not include any social, economic, or feasibility (including plant-ability) indicators in this analysis. These factors will need to be weighed with our dataset when making decisions about where to work.

Lastly, as aforementioned, these products are designed to be used in addition to other spatial data layers and information available to practitioners rather than as a stand-alone toolkit. The Steering Committee suggested the following additional data could be used with these products to help address specific project prioritization goals. This list is not comprehensive: Invasive species data, forest species data, public and protected lands, landowner property boundaries, FEMA flood data, drinking water municipalities/watersheds, and environmental justice underserved communities. Finally, site-specific knowledge is imperative and field validation will be a necessary step before actual implementation of conservation actions.

## Conclusion and Next Steps

In this project, we provide the Great Lakes Watershed Program of NYS DEC and other partners with maps detailing summary scores for ecological health, stress indicators and overall comprehensive scores for each sub-watershed and catchment in the Great Lakes basin. This information is accessible to users through the PDF maps and geodatabase (<http://nynhp.org/treesfortribsgl>). In addition, we provide a Data Explorer, an online prioritization tool, to help users visualize indicators score distributions of their choice. These products were designed to provide an objective procedure of site selection for protection and restoration activities, to be used in conjunction with other information and tools available to conservation practitioners. This report outlines the methodology, describes the products, and walks potential users through various scenarios and examples of how to use these products to answer specific conservation questions.

In addition to being used by NYS DEC's Trees for Tribs program, the data products feed nicely into many other goals identified in New York's Great Lakes Basin Interim Action Agenda, including the identification of priority areas for riparian buffer restoration and protection (goals 2.8, 5.8, 8.2), areas for improving stream corridor connectivity (goal 5.6), and areas to expand green infrastructure in flood-prone areas (goal 7.11). We anticipate that the results of this project will help inform the strategic allocation of limited conservation resources for a variety of partner organizations and promote ecosystem based management approaches to restoration work.

There is great benefit to completing the above analyses in other watersheds in the state and we received additional funding from DEC's Trees for Tribs program to perform a statewide analysis beginning in April 2016. For this statewide effort, the work completed in the Great Lakes basin will be replicated, joining the two products together, and creating a single, consistent dataset for all of New York State. We will be proceeding under advisement of a Steering Committee, with whom we will explore modifications and improvements to the analysis.

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## **Appendix A. Habitat Indicators: Descriptions, Data Sources, and Raw Score Calculations**

### **LANDSCAPE CONDITION INDICATORS**

**Landscape Condition Assessment (LCA)** [Both watershed/catchment-wide and in riparian zone]:

*Ecological Stress.* The extent, quality, and distribution of alterations to the landscape surrounding a stream have profound impacts on the health of the habitat (Klein 1979). Runoff from agriculture can cause dangerous levels of sediments, nitrates, and phosphates to flow into rivers. The Landscape Condition Assessment (LCA) incorporates a suite of landscape stressors which describe the distribution and abundance of transportation, urban, industrial, and agricultural land use (Feldmann and Howard 2013). Areas with higher LCA scores correspond with more ecologically stressful landscapes. We calculated the average LCA score for each unit of evaluation.

**Impervious Surface\*** [riparian zone]

*Ecological Stress.* Impervious surfaces, like roads and other paved areas, increase the speed and amount of runoff because water cannot be adsorbed into the soil. As such, they are an important indicator of ecological stress. We used the mean value of the Percent Impervious Surface product from the NLCD to score each unit.

\*Note: In our original methodology, impervious surface was not included as an indicator because it is also used in the calculation of the Landscape Condition Assessment. Upon inspection, the two indices were not strongly correlated due to other contributors to the LCA, and impervious surface was considered by the committee to be of great enough importance to be included as a separate indicator.

**Canopy Cover** [Both watershed/catchment-wide and in riparian zone]:

*Ecological Health.* Streamside forests provide important ecosystem functions, protecting water quality by blocking pollutants, sequestering carbon, and metabolizing organic matter. Unforested streams experience higher maximum summer water temperatures than those under the shade of a full canopy (Sweeney and Newbold 2014). Streams with healthy canopy cover and low temperatures provide excellent habitat for trout (Barton *et al.* 1985). Distribution of areas with low canopy cover indicate areas where the addition of a vegetative buffer may have significant impacts on stream temperature. We used the tree canopy cover dataset from the National Land Cover Dataset (U.S. Geological Survey 2011) and calculated mean percent cover for each unit of evaluation.

**Natural Cover** [Both watershed/catchment-wide and in riparian zone]:

*Ecological Health.* All vegetation, not just forest, can potentially protect water quality by intercepting sediment from disturbances in the watershed (Dosskey *et al.* 2010). This indicator describes the proportion of the landscape composed of non-crop, non-impervious surface land use classes, but not necessarily forest. We extracted the following natural class types from the National Land Cover Dataset (U.S. Geological Survey 2011) and divided the area of natural land cover by total unit area to get percent natural cover for each unit of evaluation: Deciduous Forest (41), Evergreen Forest (42), Mixed Forest (43), Scrub/shrub (52), Grassland/herbaceous (71),

Woody Wetlands (90), Emergent Wetlands (95). Thus, the following NLCD class types were excluded: Open Water (11); Developed, Open Space, Low Intensity, Medium Intensity, High Intensity (21, 22, 23, 24); Barren Land (31), Pasture/Hay (81), Cultivated Crops (82).

## HYDROLOGIC CONDITION INDICATORS

### **Topographic Wetness Index (TWI): [riparian]**

*Ecological Stress.* For the reduction of sediment and the amelioration of runoff, buffers will be most successful at slowing the speed of surface runoff when they are placed in areas where water collects from a large upslope area and moves across the riparian zone as a distributed flow, like a sheet. This wetness index targets these areas by identifying grid cells that both receive runoff waters from large upslope areas and have low slopes. Calculated as  $W = \ln(A_s / \tan \beta)$ , where  $A_s$  is the upslope contributing area and  $B$  is the slope. We calculated the TWI using a 10 m DEM in ArcGIS. After calculating flow accumulation ("flow\_auc" and degree slope ("slope"), a twi raster was created using the formula:  
$$twi = \arcpy.sa.Ln((flow\_auc * 100.0) / (\arcpy.sa.Tan(slope) * 1.0))$$

### **Erosion: [riparian]**

*Ecological Stress.* The Erosion indicator highlights cells that receive runoff waters from large upslope contributing areas and have steep slopes, at greater risk for erosion adjacent to the stream bank (Tomer *et al.* 2003). We weighted the erosion indices by soil erosivity, giving highest scores to areas with both soil types prone to erosion and hydrologic features with a high potential for erosion. We calculated the erosion raster from a 10 m DEM similar to how we created the topographic wetness index. After calculating flow accumulation ("flow\_auc" and degree slope ("slope"), an erosion raster was created using the formula:

$$erosion\_index = \arcpy.sa.Power(flow\_auc * 10.0 / 22.1, 0.4) * \arcpy.sa.Power((\arcpy.sa.Sin(slope * 0.01745) / 0.09), 1.4) * 1.4$$

We used the Soil Erosion Hazard class in the New York SSURGO data to get a rough indication of potential erosion hazards due to erodibility. The erosion raster was multiplied by the Soil Erosion Class to get the final erosion score.

## RIPARIAN HABITAT CONNECTIVITY INDICATORS

### **Dam Storage Ratio\*: [riparian]**

*Ecological Stress.* Streams and rivers naturally meander, and progressive cycles of flooding lead to riparian habitat heterogeneity, making these areas of high diversity. Flow regulation can limit these flooding events. Without the disturbance cycle caused by flooding, there is a reduction in the input of nutrients and soil deposition, and upland species that otherwise would have been held in check by inundation of the shoreline, can begin to dominate, leading to a riparian zone indistinguishable from upland habitat. In addition to reduced diversity, these species are not adapted to flooding, making these areas potentially vulnerable to flooding risks from extreme weather related to climate change (Pringle 2001). We used dam storage ratio as an indicator of potential impacts on connectivity due to the presence and size of dams. Dam storage ratio estimates calculated by White *et al.* (2011) were joined to a table of existing dams

in the GLB. This provided us with dam storage ratio information for 256 dams. The score was the sum of the storage ratio capacities for all dams in the unit.

\*Note: In the original methodology for the project, we used total dam count instead of dam storage ratio. It allowed us to include data on the locations of more dams, but we lacked any qualitative information on dam size. The dam storage ratio was suggested as a better way to assess the relative impact of dams on the riparian zone.

#### **Functional River Networks:** [riparian]

*Ecological Health.* Another method for estimating stream connectivity, the Functional River Network, describes stream units which are unbroken by dams. This is a measure of longitudinal connectivity along streams, allowing for movement of organisms, water, sediment, and organic materials (Smith *et al.* 2008). The sum total length in kilometers of streams in the unit that were a part of a functional river network was used as the raw score (White *et al.* 2011).

#### **Matrix Forest Blocks:** [Both watershed/catchment-wide and in riparian zone]:

*Ecological Health.* The connectivity of vegetation is an indicator of habitat health. Forest blocks describe units of contiguous forest, and riparian zones with a higher proportion of area composed of part of a forest block are likely to have better connectivity, and be more resilient to disturbance (Shandas and Alberti 2009). We divided total area of MFB in the unit by total unit area to get the proportion of area covered by matrix forest blocks as the raw score.

#### **Floodplain Complexes** [Both watershed/catchment-wide and in riparian zone]:

*Ecological Health.* Floodplain complexes describe the connectivity of all wetland habitat, not just forest, and provide an indicator of vegetative connectivity independent of large tracts of forest. We obtained floodplain complex data from The Nature Conservancy (2016), and calculated the proportion of area for each unit covered by Floodplain Complexes in the same manner as for Matrix Forest Blocks.

### **WATER QUALITY INDICATORS**

#### **WI/PWL status:** Impaired, Minor Impacts, or Threatened: [riparian]

*Ecological Stress.* The New York Waterbody Inventory/Priority Waterbodies List is a statewide compilation of water quality information that assesses overall water quality and sources of water quality impairment. Waters classified as “Impaired,” “Waters with Minor Impacts,” and “Threatened” are prioritized for intervention and restoration. “Impaired” waters have frequent and persistent water quality conditions which prevent, limit, or discourage the use of the waterbody. Waterbodies with “Minor Impacts” are considered stressed and have documented water quality impacts less severe than impaired waters. “Threatened” waters have no existing water quality problems but are included in the Priority Waterbodies List due to land use changes in the watershed that are known or strongly suspected to threaten water quality.

To combine these data into a single score, we calculated the proportion of stream length falling into each category and then calculated a cumulative watershed water quality score by weighting the scores for each category by the severity of the implied level of stream impairment: “Impaired” scores were multiplied by 4, “Minor Impacts” scores were multiplied by 2, and

“Threatened” scores multiplied by 1. (This assumption implies that “Impaired” waters should contribute twice as much to the impairment score as waters with “Minor Impacts,” and waters with Minor Impacts should contribute twice as much as Threatened Waters.) These weighted scores were summed to create the final score.

### **Predicted Biological Assessment Profile (BAP)\* [riparian]**

*Ecological Health.* Greater richness in certain macroinvertebrate communities is usually an indicator of good water quality and ecosystem health. The Biological Assessment Profile (BAP) is an overall water quality impact score calculated by the NYS DEC’s Stream Biomonitoring Unit from their sample data, obtained by plotting biological index values from five water quality indices (NYSDEC 2010). Predicted BAP values were modeled as part of the NYS Freshwater Blueprint Project (White *et al.* 2011) and were incorporated as an indicator into this analysis. The predicted BAP score for each stream segment was weighted by the length of the segment, and the sum of the weighted scores was divided by the total length of evaluated streams in the watershed, to produce an average score per kilometer of stream for each unit.

\*Note: In our original methodology, we also included another product from the Freshwater Blueprint, the EPT (Ephemeroptera (mayflies), Plecoptera (stoneflies), Tricoptera (caddisflies)) richness, a stream invertebrate water quality metric. However, because the EPT was highly correlated with the BAP, we decided to only include the BAP in the final analysis.

## **BIOLOGICAL CONDITION**

### **Eastern Brook Trout Habitat Patches [riparian]**

*Ecological Health.* The confirmed presence of Eastern Brook Trout serves both as an indicator of healthy stream habitat, as well as a parameter of special interest for many potential partners whose work is focused on preserving cold-water fisheries. The brook trout occupied patches were obtained from the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture Catchment Level Assessment (2015) which may be viewed in its entirety here:

[http://ecosheds.org:8080/geoserver/www/Web\\_Map\\_Viewer.html](http://ecosheds.org:8080/geoserver/www/Web_Map_Viewer.html). The sum of the areas of all patches occupied by brook trout within the unit constituted its raw score. Brook trout presence was inferred upstream from confirmed samples based on a set of logical rules and barrier dataset. We can provide a citation to lead the reader to those details online.

### **Rare taxa presence: [riparian]**

*Ecological Health.* The presence within the riparian zone of rare taxa can be an indicator of a more functionally intact ecosystem. This indicator takes into account the presence of rare species throughout the riparian zone, not just invertebrates. The count of species with Element Occurrence records (New York Natural Heritage Program 2016) within the unit constituted its raw score.

## Appendix B. Analytical Methods

### *Unit of Analysis*

#### Sub-Watersheds

Sub-watershed boundaries were defined using the HUC 12 unit from the National Hydrology Dataset's Watershed Boundary Dataset. It is available, along with the high resolution (1:24,000 scale) NHDFlowline data that we used in our analysis, here:

<http://nhd.usgs.gov/data.html>

#### Catchments

We calculated catchments for the Great Lakes Basin using a 10 meter DEM and the ArcHydro tool set for ArcGIS. We defined streams using the high resolution NHDFlowlines. Before processing, to ensure creation of one catchment per reach, we used the "UnsplitLines tool" to dissolve all segments with the same ReachCode into a single feature. We then converted this feature class to a raster using the "Polyline To Raster Tool". Streams were "burned in" to the digital elevation model using the "DEM Reconditioning Tool" in ArcHydro; with the unsplit polyline class, a 5 cell stream buffer, a 10 unit smooth drop and a 1000 unit sharp drop. We filled this reconditioned raster using "Fill Sinks" to remove anomalies that occurred during the reconditioning step. We used the reconditioned, filled raster as input in the ArcHydro "Flow Direction Tool". We then used the rasterized stream layer and the flow direction raster as inputs in the "Catchment Grid Delineation Tool," which assigned the same value to all cells that drain into the same stream segment, resulting in a raster of catchments. We used the "Raster To Polygon Tool" to convert the raster into catchment polygons to be used in the analysis.

There is no standard length for a reach in the NHD High Resolution dataset, they can range in size from a few meters to a few kilometers; as a result, the catchments that drain into these reaches all vary considerably in size, much more so than the sub-watersheds.

Because of the fine scale of the DEM, memory limits prevented running this process on the whole of the Great Lakes Basin at once. We divided the area based on HUC 6 sub-regions. An unanticipated consequence of this was that due to differences in the scale of our elevation model and the scale at which the HUC 6 boundaries were defined, there are pieces of catchments along the borders between HUC 6s where no catchment was defined. They appear as white space in the ArcGIS feature class. These are likely areas that, despite falling within the boundaries of the HUC 6, didn't drain into the area we were processing at the time, so ArcHydro assigned it no value. In future versions of the assessment, we hope to fill these gaps.

## Riparian Buffer Delineation

We utilized the Riparian Buffer Delineation Tool, created by Sinan Abood, to define the riparian boundary. You can request a copy of the tool here:

[http://www.sfi.mtu.edu/muses/GIS\\_Riparian.htm](http://www.sfi.mtu.edu/muses/GIS_Riparian.htm). The riparian boundary is defined based on input which includes: a 10 meter Digital Elevation model, a streams layer derived from NHDFlowlines, a lakes layer, a value for the 50 year flood height, a maximum transect length, and a wetlands layer. The tool is available as an ArcGIS toolbox, an example of the interface is shown in Figure 17.



Figure 17. Riparian Buffer Delineation Tool Interface. We used version 2.3.



### *Calculating 50 Year Flood Height for Gages in the Great Lakes Basin:*

The Riparian Buffer Delineation Tool defines the riparian zone as the area within the 50 year floodplain. This requires an estimate of the 50 year flood height for each area of interest. Estimating the 50 year flood height for each sub-watershed in our study area required gathering flow data about streams throughout the Great Lakes Basin (GLB). The methods in Abood (2012) describe how to estimate the 50 year flood height from the annual flow data and field measurements available for gaged sites. These data are available from the US Geological Survey's Surface-Water for the Nation web interface: <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/sw>.

We downloaded the annual flow data and field measurements for 58 gages in the Great Lakes Basin and calculated the estimated 50 year flood heights. They are available in Table 3.

### *Gathering Data on Stream Flow and Channel Width at Ungaged Sites:*

Because of the limited availability of gage data in the GLB, for many sub-watersheds, there was not a gage nearby. Assigning a 50 year flood height based on flow dynamics at the nearest gage, which could be relatively far away, perhaps on a much larger river than any that flows through that sub-watershed, would not likely reflect the flooding dynamics of that area well.

While a complete set of annual and field measurement data were not available for all 687 sub-watersheds, we were able to collect simple measures of stream size and flow using the USGS StreamStats service. StreamStats provides estimates of flow rates and channel width at ungaged sites throughout the region. StreamStats service can be found here: <http://water.usgs.gov/osw/streamstats/>.

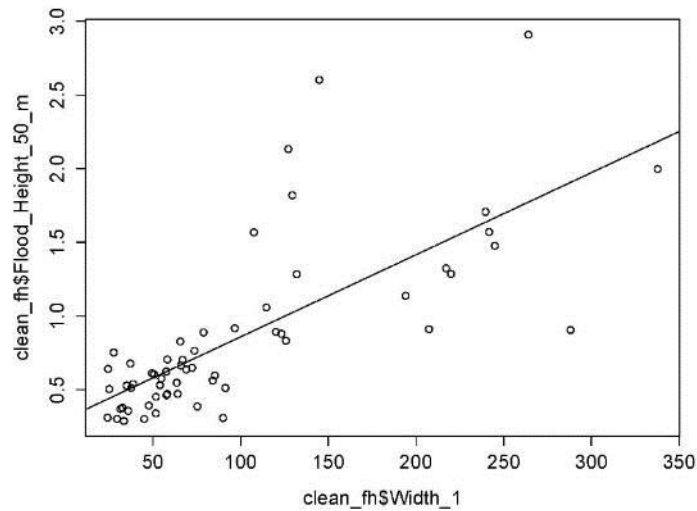
We generated 10 random points on streams in each sub-watershed, and submitted those points to StreamStats. We were returned data on 6669 points, which describe many estimates of flow rates and channel attributes, including the bankfull width.

### *Estimating Floodheight from Bankfull Width:*

We calculated the 50 year flood height for the gaged stations in the GLB and used the results to plot the relationship between 50 year flood height and 1 year flood event channel width.

This relationship was necessary because the kind of annual data and field measurements associated with the gaged data are not available for the stream stats points. In order to leverage the additional information the stream stats points provide us about the distribution of stream size in the region, we needed a way to estimate the 50 year flood height from one of the metrics Stream Stats provides.

Bankfull width was a stream metric delivered by Stream Stats that was most consistently populated for stream points submitted. It represents the stream channel width that contains the flow associated with 1.5 year flood events. From the gage data, we could estimate the relationship between the 50 year flood height and the 1 year channel width for the 50 gages in the area (Figure 18).



$$y = 0.0055717 * x + 0.3016949$$

Figure 18. Plot of 1 year channel width against estimated 50 year flood height based on annual flow data and field measurement for 59 gages in the Great Lakes Basin.

We used the equation of the best fit line to then estimate the 50 year flood height for each Stream Stats point by plugging in the bankfull width value for “x” to get an estimate of 50 year flood height. The estimated flood heights ranged in value from 0.3 to 3.3 meters.

#### *Assigning 50 Year Flood Height Value to HUC 12:*

Because the Riparian Buffer Delineation Tool currently uses only a single 50 year flood height to describe an area, we needed to assign a single flood height to each HUC 12 before we could run the tool. We did this using the set of points we had generated for StreamStats and their associated 50 year flood height estimates which we had calculated above. We subdivided the points based on HUC 8 (sub-regions). This was necessary to ensure each sub-set of points was sufficiently large so that it contained points that described flood heights for streams of varying size, while also ensuring that the flood heights were taken from streams in a sufficiently similar area (we wouldn’t want the flow dynamics of the Genesee to be used to estimate floodplains in the Black River Basin).

Sub-dividing the points allowed us to see the range of estimated flood heights from the random points we had submitted. These came from streams of varying size. We chose to assign a flood height to a HUC 12 based on the size of the largest stream in the sub-watershed. To estimate relative stream size, we used the StreamOrder function in ArcGIS on the rasterized stream layer. Strahler stream order assigns stream order based on position in a network: the “tips,” or headwaters receive a value of 1, and values increase as branches merge together. The highest order stream in our study area had an order of 10.

From the points in each sub-region, we calculated the 0 (min), 25th, 50<sup>th</sup> (mean), 75th, 90th, and 100 (max) percentile of estimated flood heights (Table 3). HUC 12s were assigned a

flood height based on the highest order of stream contained in the HUC 12. The maximum stream order possible varied by sub-region, according to their position in the basin. So for HUC 8's further upstream, the largest stream order was 7, while downstream sub-regions had a maximum stream order of 10. Based on the maximum stream order of the HUC 12 and the maximum stream order of the HUC 8, each HUC 12 was assigned a flood height based on the distribution of estimated 50 year flood heights in its sub-region.

Table 3. Rubric for Assigning 50 Year Flood Heights to HUC 12 Sub-Watersheds based on Stream Order

Highest Stream Order in HUC 12						
Highest Stream Order in HUC 8	10	9	8	7	6	5 and under
10	MAX	90th	75th	MEAN	25th	MIN
9		MAX	90th	MEAN	25th	MIN
8			MAX	MEAN	25th	MIN
7				MAX	Mean	MIN

MAX= Maximum of Observed 50 Year Flood Heights from StreamStats Points Within the Same HUC 8

90th= 90th percentile of 50 Year Flood Heights from StreamStats Points Within the Same HUC 8

75th= 75th percentile of 50 Year Flood Heights from StreamStats Points Within the Same HUC 8

MEAN= MEAN of Observed 50 Year Flood Heights from StreamStats Points Within the Same HUC 8

25th= 25th percentile of 50 Year Flood Heights from StreamStats Points Within the Same HUC 8

MIN= Minimum of Observed 50 Year Flood Heights from StreamStats Points Within the Same HUC 8

The assigned flood heights for each HUC 12 can be found in Appendix C.

This method involves considerable estimation and extrapolation; however, we considered it the best compromise possible given the nature of the available data, the size of our study area, and the ultimate purpose for the riparian zone we use them to define. It is important to stress that the estimated flood height values have not been verified. **We provide them here to give as much information and transparency as possible about the development of the riparian buffer layer, but they should not be used for other purposes.**

#### *Stream, Wetland, and Lake Selection for Riparian Buffer Delineation Tool:*

The NHDFlowlines include some stream segments for waterbodies we considered unsuitable for modeling the riparian zone, such as pipelines and aqueducts. When running the tool, we included only streams with the following "Ftype" codes from the NHDFlowlines data set: Stream/River (460), Coastline (566), Connector (334), and Artificial Path (558).

The Riparian Buffer Delineation Tool takes several additional input layers to describe the riparian zone. We included a wetlands layer from the National Wetland Inventory, including all polygons which were classified as "Riverine", "Freshwater Emergent Wetland", and "Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland". Whenever the buffer estimated by the tool intersects an existing wetland polygon, the buffer is expanded to incorporate the entire wetland polygon.

All lakes were supplied as a separate polygon class.

### *Running the Riparian Buffer Delineation Tool:*

We used a filled, 10 meter digital elevation model, which we subset by HUC 12 as our DEM source. We also subset our streams, lakes, and wetlands layers by HUC 12, and a feature class containing a single HUC 12 polygon was used as the Watershed boundary. We set a sampling distance of 200 meters for the transect vector and assigned 50 year flood heights according to the values in Table 3. We used the recommended lake buffer distance of 30.48 for most lakes and ponds.

The tool was run once for each HUC 12 in the GLB and the resulting polygons were merged to create the riparian zone layer.

### *Scoring*

#### *Raw and Normalized Scores*

Before we could combine scores for individual indicators, we first normalized them. This made it easier to properly work with indicators with raw scores on different scales. We normalized scores using the formula:

$$\text{Normalized}(x) = a + \frac{(x - A)(b - a)}{B - A}$$

Where: A is the minimum raw score value, and B is the maximum raw score value.

We normalized all scores so they ranged in value from 0-1, so a=0 and b=1.

So for all raw scores, x, the new value =  $\text{Normalized}(x) = \frac{x - \text{minimum Raw Score}}{\text{Raw score range}}$

This method does not change the distribution of scores, only scales them so that they have the same maximum and minimum.

For sub-watersheds, values of 0 and 1 represent the lowest and highest quality habitat in the Great Lakes Basin. Normalization was based on the values of all 687 HUC 12s.

For catchments, values of 0 and 1 represent the lowest and highest quality habitat in the sub-watershed. Catchment scores were sub-divided based on their HUC 12, and that subset was normalized only relative to each other. So 687 separate normalizations, which means that values of 1 in separate HUC 12s do not represent similar raw score values.

#### *Composite Scores: Ecological Health, Ecological Stress, and Comprehensive*

To calculate the Ecological Health score, we added together the normalized scores for all Ecological Health indicators.

To calculate the Ecological Stress score, we added together the normalized scores for all Ecological Stress indicators.

The Comprehensive score = Normalized Ecological Health score - Normalized Ecological Stress score. It had a potential minimum of -1 and a potential maximum value of 1. This was normalized to also range from 0-1 for easier plotting on the online data explorer.

### *Theme Scores*

Theme scores were only calculated at the catchment level, because they addressed smaller scale variations and would have been essentially meaningless if aggregated to the level of the sub-watershed. When a theme involved combining multiple pre-existing scores, we used a weighting scheme in which moderately weighted variables counted twice as much as lightly weighted variables, and heavily weighted variables counted twice as much as moderately weighted variables.

“Lightly” weighted variables were multiplied by 1

“Moderately” weighted were multiplied by 2

“Heavily” weighed variables were multiplied by 4

Stress indicators were all multiplied by -1

“Riparian” refers to indicators that were only scored within the riparian zones. “Catchment” refers to scores that incorporated the entire catchment area.

### **Water Quality Theme:**

- ***Water Quality Theme Score*** =  $(-4) * \{ \text{Impervious Surface (riparian)} + \text{LCA (catchment)} + \text{LCA(riparian)} + \text{TWI} + \text{Erosion} + \text{PWI Water Stress Score} \} + 4 * \{ \text{Natural Cover(riparian)} + \text{BAP} \} + 2 * \{ \text{Natural Cover (catchment)} \} + 1 * \{ \text{Canopy Cover (riparian)} + \text{Canopy Cover (catchment)} + \text{Floodplain Complex(riparian)} + \text{Floodplain Complex (catchment)} \}$

Scores ranged in value from -20 to 13. Normalized scores are presented and range from 0-1.

### **Connectivity Theme:**

We first identified qualifying sub-watersheds: Those with high existing riparian connectivity and a few gaps, based on mean riparian canopy cover scores. The mean riparian canopy score for the catchments in all 687 sub-watersheds was 47%, with a standard deviation of 14%, so we selected only sub-watersheds with mean riparian canopy scores of 61% or higher (greater than 1 standard deviation above the mean) that had at least one catchment with a mean riparian canopy score of less than 25%.

We excluded catchments where greater than 50% of the riparian zone was classified as “Open Water” (according to the National Land Cover Dataset). This reduced the likelihood that gaps were due to the presence of ponds, which planting trees would not ameliorate). After also removing catchments that were entirely under lakes, the resulting dataset used for this part of the analysis was 48,349 catchments.

The upper cutoff value was high enough to identify higher quality sub-watersheds and low enough that it did not limit the qualifying sub-watersheds to solely those found in the Adirondacks. The lower value of 35% was used to identify sub-watersheds with at least 1 catchment with a gap (area of low canopy cover).

Within the qualifying sub-watersheds, we selected those catchments with mean riparian canopy cover of 35% or less. Catchments that did not qualify are classified as “Excluded” and colored grey. Qualifying catchments are scored according to their riparian canopy cover score, red representing lower canopy cover, blue representing higher. Because of the cutoff, normalized

scores that appear range in value from 0 to 0.25, the higher the score, the higher the existing canopy coverage. It should be emphasized that any catchment that isn't grey, or "excluded", has already qualified as a potential connectivity gap, the colors are included to provide a little additional information.

Because of the nature of this theme, not all sub-watersheds qualified, and not all catchments are scored. 448 catchments within 77 sub-watersheds qualified.

### Stream Temperature Theme:

#### ***Stream Temperature Theme Score***

$$= 4 * \{ \text{Canopy Cover(riparian)} + \text{Functional River Network} + \text{BAP} \\ + \text{Brook Trout} + \text{Floodplain Complex(riparian)} \\ + \text{Forest Matrix Block (riparian)} + \text{Natural Cover(riparian)} \} \\ + (-1) \\ * \{ \text{LCA(riparian)} + \text{Impervious Surface (riparian)} + \text{Erosion} \\ + \text{TWI} + \text{PWI Water Stress Score} + \text{Dam Storage Ratio} \}$$

Raw scores ranged from -4 to 13. Normalized scores are presented, and range from 0-1

### Wetland Resiliency Theme:

We computed the area of the riparian buffer for each catchment, and the area of riparian buffer for each catchment that intersected a wetland in the NWI. The ratio of wetland riparian area to buffer area constituted the raw score.

### Runoff Risk Theme:

Using the National Land Cover Dataset, we extracted the developed classes (Developed, Open Space [21]; Developed, Low Intensity [22]; Developed, Medium Intensity [23]; Developed, High Intensity [24]) and the Barren (31) class). From the CropScape 2014 dataset (USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service 2014), we extracted all the classes indicating cover types that suggested regular tilling (Table 4). Classes not used from the CropScape dataset include orchards, more perennial cover crops (clover/wildflowers, sod, and switchgrass), and classes not occurring in New York State. All the extracted raster cells were merged and assigned a value of 1; the remaining cells were assigned a value of 0. We multiplied this binary layer by the Erosion indicator, which resulted in a range of values for erosion risk that highlights catchments with both high erosion risk and land use likely to contribute to runoff within the riparian zone. (As a reminder, the values for the Erosion indicator are only calculated inside the riparian buffer).

Table 4. CropScape cover types used in the Runoff Risk Theme.

Alfalfa	Millet	Speltz	Dbl Crop Barley/Corn
Asparagus	Mustard	Spring Wheat	Dbl Crop Barley/Soybeans
Barley	Oats	Squash	Dbl Crop Corn/Soybeans
Broccoli	Onions	Strawberries	Dbl Crop Oats/Corn
Buckwheat	Other Crops	Sugarbeets	Dbl Crop Soybeans/Oats



Cabbage	Peas	Sunflower	Dbl Crop WinWht/Corn
Carrots	Peppers	Sweet Corn	Dbl Crop WinWht/Soybeans
Cauliflower	Potatoes	Tomatoes	Fallow/Idle Cropland
Corn	Pumpkins	Triticale	Misc Veggies & Fruits
Cucumbers	Radishes	Turnips	Other Hay/Non Alfalfa
Dry Beans	Rye	Vetch	Pop or Orn Corn
Flaxseed	Sorghum	Watermelons	
Herbs	Soybeans	Winter Wheat	

### *Filters*

**Urban Areas:** We used the 2010 Census designated Urbanized Areas or Urban Clusters data, available from <https://www.census.gov/geo/maps-data/>. Any catchment which intersected an urban area or urban cluster polygon will still appear when this filter is selected. In the attribute table they are given a value of “1”. All other catchments appear in grey in the PDFs and have an attribute table value of “0”.

**Agricultural Areas:** Any catchment that has greater than 25% of the area of its riparian buffer covered by crops or pasture according to the NLCD was considered “In Agriculture”.

### Appendix C. Flood Height by Sub-watershed (HUC 12)

HUC 12 ID	HUC 12 Name	HUC 8	MAX Stream Order HUC 12	MAX Stream Order HUC 8	50 yr. Estimated Flood Height (m)
041201010101	Silver Creek	04120101	6	8	0.479711
041201010102	Walnut Creek-Frontal Lake Erie	04120101	8	8	1.53304
041201010201	Beaver Creek-Frontal Lake Erie	04120101	8	8	1.53304
041201010202	Scott Creek-Frontal Lake Erie	04120101	5	8	0.383042
041201010203	Canadaway Creek	04120101	6	8	0.479711
041201010204	Little Canadaway Creek-Frontal Lake Erie	04120101	6	8	0.479711
041201010301	Slippery Rock Creek-Frontal Lake Erie	04120101	6	8	0.479711
041201010302	Bournes Creek-Frontal Lake Erie	04120101	5	8	0.383042
041201010303	Chautauqua Creek	04120101	7	8	0.579723
041201010401	Freelings Creek-Frontal Lake Erie	04120101	7	8	0.579723
041201010402	Twentymile Creek	04120101	7	8	0.579723
041201010403	Sixteenmile Creek-Frontal Lake Erie	04120101	6	8	0.479711
041201020101	Clear Creek	04120102	6	8	0.479711
041201020102	Headwaters Cattaraugus Creek	04120102	7	8	0.579723
041201020103	Headwaters Elton Creek	04120102	6	8	0.479711
041201020104	Lime Lake Outlet	04120102	7	8	0.579723
041201020105	Elton Creek	04120102	7	8	0.579723
041201020106	Hosmer Brook-Cattaraugus Creek	04120102	8	8	1.53304
041201020107	Dresser Creek-Cattaraugus Creek	04120102	8	8	1.53304
041201020108	Buttermilk Creek	04120102	7	8	0.579723
041201020109	Spring Brook-Cattaraugus Creek	04120102	8	8	1.53304
041201020201	Connoisarauley Creek	04120102	8	8	1.53304
041201020202	Spooner Creek-Cattaraugus Creek	04120102	8	8	1.53304
041201020203	Mansfield Creek	04120102	6	8	0.479711
041201020204	Headwaters South Branch Cattaraugus Creek	04120102	7	8	0.579723

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041201020205	South Branch Cattaraugus Creek	04120102	7	8	0.579723
041201020206	Waterman Brook-Cattaraugus Creek	04120102	8	8	1.53304
041201020207	North Branch Clear Creek	04120102	6	8	0.479711
041201020208	Clear Creek	04120102	7	8	0.579723
041201020209	Thatcher Brook-Cattaraugus Creek	04120102	8	8	1.53304
041201020210	Big Indian Creek-Cattaraugus Creek	04120102	8	8	1.53304
041201030101	Headwaters Cayuga Creek	04120103	6	8	0.396414
041201030102	Upper Cayuga Creek	04120103	6	8	0.396414
041201030103	Little Buffalo Creek	04120103	7	8	0.516927
041201030104	Middle Cayuga Creek	04120103	7	8	0.516927
041201030105	Lower Cayuga Creek	04120103	7	8	0.516927
041201030201	Headwaters Buffalo Creek	04120103	6	8	0.396414
041201030202	Beaver Meadow Creek-Buffalo Creek	04120103	7	8	0.516927
041201030203	Hunter Creek	04120103	5	8	0.308228
041201030204	Sheldon Creek-Buffalo Creek	04120103	7	8	0.516927
041201030205	Pond Brook-Buffalo Creek	04120103	7	8	0.516927
041201030206	Buffalo Creek	04120103	7	8	0.516927
041201030301	Sprague Brook-West Branch Cazenovia Creek	04120103	6	8	0.396414
041201030302	Headwaters East Branch Cazenovia Creek	04120103	6	8	0.396414
041201030303	West Branch Cazenovia Creek	04120103	7	8	0.516927
041201030304	East Branch Cazenovia Creek	04120103	7	8	0.516927
041201030305	Cazenovia Creek	04120103	7	8	0.516927
041201030306	Buffalo River-Frontal Lake Erie	04120103	8	8	1.28789
041201030401	Smoke Creek	04120103	7	8	0.516927
041201030402	Rush Creek-Frontal Lake Erie	04120103	5	8	0.308228
041201030501	Headwaters Eighteenmile Creek	04120103	6	8	0.396414
041201030502	Upper Eighteenmile Creek	04120103	6	8	0.396414
041201030503	Headwaters South Branch Eighteenmile Creek	04120103	6	8	0.396414

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041201030504	South Branch Eighteenmile Creek	04120103	6	8	0.396414
041201030505	Middle Eighteenmile Creek	04120103	7	8	0.516927
041201030506	Lower Eighteenmile Creek	04120103	7	8	0.516927
041201030601	Little Sister Creek-Frontal Lake Erie	04120103	6	8	0.396414
041201030602	Headwaters Big Sister Creek	04120103	7	8	0.516927
041201030603	Big Sister Creek	04120103	7	8	0.516927
041201030604	Delaware Creek-Frontal Lake Erie	04120103	7	8	0.516927
041201040101	East Fork Tonawanda Creek-Tonawanda Creek	04120104	7	9	0.508126
041201040102	Stony Brook-Tonawanda Creek	04120104	7	9	0.508126
041201040103	Crow Creek-Tonawanda Creek	04120104	7	9	0.508126
041201040104	Baker Brook-Tonawanda Creek	04120104	7	9	0.508126
041201040105	Little Tonawanda Creek	04120104	6	9	0.448231
041201040106	Village of Alexander-Tonawanda Creek	04120104	7	9	0.508126
041201040107	City of Batavia-Tonawanda Creek	04120104	7	9	0.508126
041201040108	Bowen Creek-Tonawanda Creek	04120104	7	9	0.508126
041201040201	Upper Murder Creek	04120104	6	9	0.448231
041201040202	Middle Murder Creek	04120104	7	9	0.508126
041201040203	Lower Murder Creek	04120104	8	9	1.0288
041201040301	Galloway Swamp-Tonawanda Creek	04120104	8	9	1.0288
041201040302	Black Creek-Tonawanda Creek	04120104	8	9	1.0288
041201040303	Beeman Creek	04120104	6	9	0.448231
041201040304	Whitney Creek-Mud Creek	04120104	6	9	0.448231
041201040305	Mud Creek	04120104	7	9	0.508126
041201040306	Saint Stephens Church-Tonawanda Creek	04120104	8	9	1.0288
041201040401	Elevenmile Creek	04120104	5	9	0.310148
041201040402	Spring Creek-Ellicott Creek	04120104	6	9	0.448231
041201040403	Hamlet of Peters Corners-Ellicott Creek	04120104	7	9	0.508126
041201040404	Village of Williamsburg-Ellicott Creek	04120104	7	9	0.508126

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041201040405	Town of Amherst-Ellicott Creek	04120104	7	9	0.508126
041201040406	Ellicott Creek	04120104	7	9	0.508126
041201040501	Got Creek	04120104	7	9	0.508126
041201040502	Headwaters Ransom Creek	04120104	7	9	0.508126
041201040503	Ransom Creek	04120104	7	9	0.508126
041201040504	Bull Creek	04120104	6	9	0.448231
041201040505	Bear Ridge-Tonawanda Creek	04120104	8	9	1.0288
041201040601	Twomile Creek-Niagara River	04120104	8	9	1.0288
041201040602	Grand Island-Niagara River	04120104	7	9	0.508126
041201040603	Cayuga Creek	04120104	7	9	0.508126
041201040604	City of North Tonawanda-Niagara River	04120104	9	9	1.2990299
041201040605	Niagara Falls-Niagara River	04120104	9	9	1.2990299
041300010101	Round Pond Creek-Frontal Lake Ontario	04130001	9	9	1.2990299
041300010102	Larkin Creek-Frontal Lake Ontario	04130001	7	9	0.508126
041300010103	Northrup Creek-Frontal Lake Ontario	04130001	9	9	1.2990299
041300010201	Salmon Creek	04130001	7	9	0.508126
041300010202	Brockport Creek-Otis Creek	04130001	6	9	0.448231
041300010203	Moorman Creek	04130001	7	9	0.508126
041300010204	West Creek	04130001	7	9	0.508126
041300010205	Salmon Creek-Frontal Lake Ontario	04130001	9	9	1.2990299
041300010206	Cowsucker Creek-Frontal Lake Ontario	04130001	9	9	1.2990299
041300010301	West Branch Sandy Creek	04130001	6	9	0.448231
041300010302	East Branch Sandy Creek-Sandy Creek	04130001	6	9	0.448231
041300010303	Sandy Creek	04130001	6	9	0.448231
041300010304	Yanty Creek-Frontal Lake Ontario	04130001	9	9	1.2990299
041300010305	Bald Eagle Creek-Frontal Lake Ontario	04130001	7	9	0.508126
041300010401	Headwaters Oak Orchard Creek	04130001	7	9	0.508126
041300010402	Brinningstool Creek-Oak Orchard Creek	04130001	8	9	1.0288

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041300010403	Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge-Oak Orchard Creek	04130001	8	9	1.0288
041300010404	Fish Creek	04130001	6	9	0.448231
041300010405	Glenwood Lake-Oak Orchard Creek	04130001	8	9	1.0288
041300010406	Otter Creek	04130001	8	9	1.0288
041300010407	Town of Knowlesville-Oak Orchard Creek	04130001	8	9	1.0288
041300010408	Outlet Oak Orchard Creek	04130001	8	9	1.0288
041300010501	Jeddo Creek	04130001	8	9	1.0288
041300010502	Upper Johnson Creek	04130001	7	9	0.508126
041300010503	Middle Johnson Creek	04130001	8	9	1.0288
041300010504	Lower Johnson Creek-Frontal Lake Ontario	04130001	8	9	1.0288
041300010601	Marsh Creek-Frontal Lake Ontario	04130001	9	9	1.2990299
041300010602	Golden Hill Creek	04130001	6	9	0.448231
041300010603	Keg Creek-Frontal Lake Ontario	04130001	6	9	0.448231
041300010701	Headwaters East Branch Eighteenmile Creek	04130001	6	9	0.448231
041300010702	East Branch Eighteenmile Creek	04130001	6	9	0.448231
041300010703	Headwaters Eighteenmile Creek	04130001	7	9	0.508126
041300010704	Eighteenmile Creek	04130001	7	9	0.508126
041300010801	Hopkins Creek-Frontal Lake Ontario	04130001	7	9	0.508126
041300010802	East Branch Twelvemile Creek-Frontal Lake Ontario	04130001	6	9	0.448231
041300010901	Twelvemile Creek	04130001	7	9	0.508126
041300010902	Fourmile Creek-Frontal Lake Ontario	04130001	9	9	1.2990299
041300020101	Middle Branch Genesee River	04130002	6	9	0.444052
041300020102	West Branch Genesee River	04130002	6	9	0.444052
041300020103	Headwaters Genesee River	04130002	7	9	0.525678
041300020201	Upper Dyke Creek	04130002	6	9	0.444052
041300020202	Middle Dyke Creek	04130002	7	9	0.525678
041300020203	Lower Dyke Creek	04130002	8	9	1.13467



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041300020301	Marsh Creek	04130002	7	9	0.525678
041300020302	Cryder Creek	04130002	8	9	1.13467
041300020303	Marsh Creek-Genesee River	04130002	8	9	1.13467
041300020304	Chenunda Creek	04130002	6	9	0.444052
041300020305	Ford Brook-Genesee River	04130002	8	9	1.13467
041300020401	Black Creek-Angelica Creek	04130002	7	9	0.525678
041300020402	Baker Creek	04130002	6	9	0.444052
041300020403	Angelica Creek	04130002	7	9	0.525678
041300020501	Vandermark Creek	04130002	6	9	0.444052
041300020502	Knight Creek	04130002	6	9	0.444052
041300020503	Brimmer Brook-Genesee River	04130002	8	9	1.13467
041300020504	Phillips Creek	04130002	6	9	0.444052
041300020505	West Branch Van Campen Creek	04130002	6	9	0.444052
041300020506	Van Campen Creek	04130002	6	9	0.444052
041300020507	Gordon Brook-Genesee River	04130002	8	9	1.13467
041300020601	Black Creek-Genesee River	04130002	6	9	0.444052
041300020602	White Creek-Genesee River	04130002	8	9	1.13467
041300020603	Headwaters Caneadea Creek	04130002	6	9	0.444052
041300020604	Caneadea Creek	04130002	7	9	0.525678
041300020605	Crawford Creek-Genesee River	04130002	8	9	1.13467
041300020701	Trout Brook	04130002	6	9	0.444052
041300020702	Headwaters Wiscoy Creek	04130002	6	9	0.444052
041300020703	Headwaters East Koy Creek	04130002	6	9	0.444052
041300020704	East Koy Creek	04130002	6	9	0.444052
041300020705	Wiscoy Creek	04130002	7	9	0.525678
041300020801	Cold Creek	04130002	7	9	0.525678
041300020802	Shongo Creek-Genesee River	04130002	8	9	1.13467
041300020803	Rush Creek	04130002	7	9	0.525678

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041300020804	Village of Fillmore-Genesee River	04130002	8	9	1.13467
041300020901	Headwaters Canaseraga Creek	04130002	6	9	0.444052
041300020902	Sugar Creek	04130002	5	9	0.338914
041300020903	Bennett Creek-Canaseraga Creek	04130002	7	9	0.525678
041300020904	Mill Creek	04130002	7	9	0.525678
041300020905	Stony Brook-Canaseraga Creek	04130002	7	9	0.525678
041300020906	Bradner Creek	04130002	8	9	1.13467
041300020907	Twomile Creek	04130002	8	9	1.13467
041300020908	Mud Creek-Canaseraga Creek	04130002	8	9	1.13467
041300020909	Headwaters Keshequa Creek	04130002	7	9	0.525678
041300020910	Keshequa Creek	04130002	7	9	0.525678
041300020911	Canaseraga Creek	04130002	9	9	2.0344901
041300021001	Hamlet of Portageville-Genesee River	04130002	8	9	1.13467
041300021002	Wolf Creek-Genesee River	04130002	8	9	1.13467
041300021003	Eastover Brook-Genesee River	04130002	8	9	1.13467
041300021004	Silver Lake	04130002	6	9	0.444052
041300021005	Outlet Silver Lake-Genesee River	04130002	9	9	2.0344901
041300030101	Upper Conesus Creek	04130003	7	9	0.496426
041300030102	Middle Conesus Creek	04130003	7	9	0.496426
041300030103	Lower Conesus Creek	04130003	7	9	0.496426
041300030201	Honeoye Inlet	04130003	5	9	0.350057
041300030202	Canadice Lake-Outlet Canadice Lake	04130003	7	9	0.496426
041300030203	Hemlock Lake	04130003	7	9	0.496426
041300030204	Outlet Hemlock Lake	04130003	7	9	0.496426
041300030205	Honeoye Lake-Honeoye Creek	04130003	8	9	1.0343699
041300030206	Bebee Creek-Honeoye Creek	04130003	8	9	1.0343699
041300030301	Spring Brook-Honeoye Creek	04130003	8	9	1.0343699
041300030302	Honeoye Creek	04130003	8	9	1.0343699

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041300030401	Headwaters Oatka Creek	04130003	7	9	0.496426
041300030402	Pearl Creek-Oakta Creek	04130003	7	9	0.496426
041300030403	White Creek-Oatka Creek	04130003	7	9	0.496426
041300030404	Mud Creek	04130003	6	9	0.441545
041300030405	City of Le Roy-Oatka Creek	04130003	7	9	0.496426
041300030406	Oatka Creek	04130003	7	9	0.496426
041300030501	Beards Creek	04130003	7	9	0.496426
041300030502	Jaycox Creek-Genesee River	04130003	9	9	2.60232
041300030503	Browns Creek-Genesee River	04130003	9	9	2.60232
041300030504	Christie Creek-Genesee River	04130003	9	9	2.60232
041300030505	Dugan Creek-Genesee River	04130003	9	9	2.60232
041300030601	Spring Creek	04130003	6	9	0.441545
041300030602	Headwaters Black Creek	04130003	7	9	0.496426
041300030603	Robins Brook-Black Creek	04130003	7	9	0.496426
041300030604	Hotel Creek-Black Creek	04130003	7	9	0.496426
041300030605	Mill Creek-Black Creek	04130003	7	9	0.496426
041300030606	Black Creek	04130003	7	9	0.496426
041300030701	Little Black Creek	04130003	9	9	2.60232
041300030702	Red Creek	04130003	6	9	0.441545
041300030703	Town of Gates-Genesee River	04130003	9	9	2.60232
041300030704	Genesee River	04130003	9	9	2.60232
041401010101	Rice Creek-Frontal Lake Ontario	04140101	6	7	0.48584
041401010102	Eightmile Creek-Frontal Lake Ontario	04140101	6	7	0.48584
041401010103	Ninemile Creek	04140101	6	7	0.48584
041401010201	Sterling Valley Creek	04140101	6	7	0.48584
041401010202	Headwaters Sterling Creek	04140101	6	7	0.48584
041401010203	Sterling Creek	04140101	7	7	0.886723
041401010204	Blind Sodus Creek-Frontal Lake Ontario	04140101	7	7	0.886723

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041401010205	Red Creek-Frontal Lake Ontario	04140101	6	7	0.48584
041401010301	Wolcott Creek-Frontal Lake Ontario	04140101	6	7	0.48584
041401010302	Mudge Creek-Frontal Lake Ontario	04140101	6	7	0.48584
041401010401	Sodus Creek	04140101	6	7	0.48584
041401010402	Sodus Bay-Frontal Lake Ontario	04140101	6	7	0.48584
041401010501	Headwaters Salmon Creek	04140101	6	7	0.48584
041401010502	Salmon Creek	04140101	6	7	0.48584
041401010503	Mink Creek-Frontal Lake Ontario	04140101	6	7	0.48584
041401010601	Town of Williamson-Frontal Lake Ontario	04140101	6	7	0.48584
041401010602	Bear Creek	04140101	6	7	0.48584
041401010603	Mill Creek-Frontal Lake Ontario	04140101	7	7	0.886723
041401010604	Fourmile Creek	04140101	6	7	0.48584
041401010701	Headwaters Irondequoit Creek	04140101	7	7	0.886723
041401010702	Railroad Mills-Frontal Lake Ontario	04140101	7	7	0.886723
041401010703	Allen Creek	04140101	6	7	0.48584
041401010704	Thomas Creek-Irondequoit Creek	04140101	7	7	0.886723
041401010705	Irondequoit Creek	04140101	7	7	0.886723
041401010706	Irondequoit Bay-Frontal Lake Ontario	04140101	7	7	0.886723
041401020101	Headwaters Stony Creek	04140102	6	8	0.541835
041401020102	Stony Creek	04140102	6	8	0.541835
041401020103	Little Stony Creek-Frontal Lake Ontario	04140102	6	8	0.541835
041401020201	Raystone Creek	04140102	7	8	0.626247
041401020202	Headwaters South Sandy Creek	04140102	7	8	0.626247
041401020203	South Sandy Creek	04140102	7	8	0.626247
041401020301	Gulf Stream	04140102	6	8	0.541835
041401020302	North Branch Sandy Creek	04140102	7	8	0.626247
041401020303	Headwaters Sandy Creek	04140102	7	8	0.626247
041401020304	Fish Creek-Sandy Creek	04140102	8	8	1.20988

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041401020305	Sandy Creek	04140102	8	8	1.20988
041401020401	Skinner Creek	04140102	6	8	0.541835
041401020402	Lindsey Creek	04140102	6	8	0.541835
041401020403	Little Sandy Creek	04140102	6	8	0.541835
041401020404	North Pond-Frontal Lake Ontario	04140102	7	8	0.626247
041401020405	Deer Creek	04140102	6	8	0.541835
041401020501	Headwaters Mad River	04140102	6	8	0.541835
041401020502	Mad River	04140102	6	8	0.541835
041401020503	Mill Stream	04140102	6	8	0.541835
041401020504	North Branch Salmon River	04140102	7	8	0.626247
041401020601	Headwaters Salmon River	04140102	7	8	0.626247
041401020602	Prince Brook-Salmon River	04140102	7	8	0.626247
041401020701	Beaverdam Brook	04140102	6	8	0.541835
041401020702	Salmon River Reservoir-Salmon River	04140102	8	8	1.20988
041401020703	Trout Brook	04140102	6	8	0.541835
041401020704	Orwell Creek-Salmon River	04140102	7	8	0.626247
041401020705	Salmon River	04140102	7	8	0.626247
041401020801	Headwaters Grindstone Creek	04140102	7	8	0.626247
041401020802	Grindstone Creek	04140102	7	8	0.626247
041401020803	Sage Creek-Frontal Lake Ontario	04140102	6	8	0.541835
041401020901	North Branch Little Salmon River	04140102	7	8	0.626247
041401020902	South Branch Little Salmon River	04140102	6	8	0.541835
041401020903	Little Salmon River	04140102	7	8	0.626247
041401021001	Butterfly Creek-Frontal Lake Ontario	04140102	8	8	1.20988
041401021002	Catfish Creek	04140102	8	8	1.20988
041401021003	Otter Branch-Frontal Lake Ontario	04140102	8	8	1.20988
041401021004	Wine Creek-Frontal Lake Ontario	04140102	6	8	0.541835
041402010101	Upper Mud Creek	04140201	6	10	0.400314

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041402010102	Middle Mud Creek	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402010103	Lower Mud Creek	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402010201	Naples Creek	04140201	8	10	0.6505
041402010202	West River	04140201	8	10	0.6505
041402010203	Bristol Springs-Canadaigua Lake	04140201	8	10	0.6505
041402010204	Deep Run-Canadaigua Lake	04140201	8	10	0.6505
041402010205	Sucker Brook-Canadaigua Lake	04140201	8	10	0.6505
041402010301	Upper Flint Creek	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402010302	Middle Flint Creek	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402010303	Lower Flint Creek	04140201	8	10	0.6505
041402010401	Upper Canadaigua Outlet	04140201	8	10	0.6505
041402010402	Black Brook	04140201	6	10	0.400314
041402010403	Middle Canadaigua Outlet	04140201	8	10	0.6505
041402010404	Lower Canadaigua Outlet	04140201	8	10	0.6505
041402010501	Red Creek	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402010502	Red Creek-Ganargua Creek	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402010503	Butternut Run-Ganargua Creek	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402010504	Military Run-Erie Canal	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402010601	Headwaters Catherine Creek	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402010602	Sleeper Creek-Catherine Creek	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402010603	Seneca Lake Inlet	04140201	8	10	0.6505
041402010701	Sugar Creek	04140201	6	10	0.400314
041402010702	West Branch Keuka Lake	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402010703	Keuka Inlet	04140201	6	10	0.400314
041402010704	South Branch Keuka Lake	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402010705	East Branch Keuka Lake	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402010706	Keuka Lake Outlet	04140201	8	10	0.6505
041402010801	Hector Falls Creek-Seneca Lake	04140201	8	10	0.6505

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041402010802	Big Stream	04140201	8	10	0.6505
041402010803	Rock Stream-Seneca Lake	04140201	8	10	0.6505
041402010804	Breakneck Creek-Seneca Lake	04140201	8	10	0.6505
041402010805	Indian Run-Seneca Lake	04140201	8	10	0.6505
041402010806	Mill Creek-Seneca Lake	04140201	8	10	0.6505
041402010807	Indian Creek-Seneca Lake	04140201	8	10	0.6505
041402010901	Kashong Creek	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402010902	Wilcox Creek-Seneca Lake	04140201	8	10	0.6505
041402010903	Wilson Creek-Seneca Lake	04140201	8	10	0.6505
041402010904	Castle Creek-Seneca Lake	04140201	9	10	0.86778
041402010905	Silver Creek-Seneca River	04140201	9	10	0.86778
041402010906	Sucker Brook-Seneca River	04140201	9	10	0.86778
041402011001	Upper Fall Creek	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402011002	Middle Fall Creek	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402011003	Headwaters Virgil Creek	04140201	6	10	0.400314
041402011004	Egypt Creek-Virgil Creek	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402011005	Lower Fall Creek	04140201	8	10	0.6505
041402011006	Upper Cayuga Inlet	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402011007	Enfield Creek	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402011008	Middle Cayuga Inlet	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402011009	Headwaters Sixmile Creek	04140201	6	10	0.400314
041402011010	Lower Cayuga Inlet	04140201	8	10	0.6505
041402011101	Big Salmon Creek	04140201	6	10	0.400314
041402011102	Salmon Creek	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402011103	Willow Creek-Cayuga Lake	04140201	8	10	0.6505
041402011104	Hencoop Creek-Taughannock Creek	04140201	6	10	0.400314
041402011105	Bolter Creek-Taughannock Creek	04140201	8	10	0.6505
041402011106	Boardman Creek-Cayuga Lake	04140201	8	10	0.6505



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041402011107	Lively Run-Cayuga Lake	04140201	8	10	0.6505
041402011201	Shelldrake Creek-Cayuga Lake	04140201	8	10	0.6505
041402011202	Paines Creek-Cayuga Lake	04140201	8	10	0.6505
041402011203	Red Creek-Cayuga Lake	04140201	8	10	0.6505
041402011204	Yawger Creek	04140201	6	10	0.400314
041402011205	Demont Creek-Cayuga Lake	04140201	9	10	0.86778
041402011301	Headwaters Owasco Inlet	04140201	6	10	0.400314
041402011302	Mill Creek	04140201	6	10	0.400314
041402011303	Hemlock Creek-Owasco Inlet	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402011304	Dutch Hollow Brook	04140201	6	10	0.400314
041402011305	Owasco Lake	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402011306	Owasco Outlet	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402011401	Pond Brook	04140201	6	10	0.400314
041402011402	Black Brook	04140201	6	10	0.400314
041402011403	Melvin Brook-Clyde River	04140201	8	10	0.6505
041402011404	Black Brook-Montezuma Marsh	04140201	9	10	0.86778
041402011405	Sleepy Hollow-Clyde River	04140201	9	10	0.86778
041402011406	Crane Brook	04140201	10	10	1.99753
041402011407	Kipp Island-Seneca River	04140201	10	10	1.99753
041402011408	Black Creek	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402011409	Howland Island-Seneca River	04140201	10	10	1.99753
041402011501	Otisco Lake	04140201	6	10	0.400314
041402011502	Tyler Hollow-Ninemile Creek	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402011503	Geddes Brook-Ninemile Creek	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402011504	Headwaters Onondaga Creek	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402011505	West Branch Onondaga Creek	04140201	6	10	0.400314
041402011506	Hemlock Creek-Onondaga Creek	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402011507	Furnace Brook-Onondaga Creek	04140201	7	10	0.493361

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041402011508	Ley Creek Branches	04140201	6	10	0.400314
041402011509	Onondaga Lake	04140201	8	10	0.6505
041402011601	Putnam Brook	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402011602	Cold Spring Brook	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402011603	Muskrat Creek	04140201	6	10	0.400314
041402011604	Grout Brook-Skaneateles Lake	04140201	6	10	0.400314
041402011605	Outlet Skaneateles Lake	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402011606	Skaneateles Creek	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402011607	Stark Pond - Seneca River	04140201	10	10	1.99753
041402011608	Carpenters Brook	04140201	6	10	0.400314
041402011609	Dead Creek	04140201	7	10	0.493361
041402011610	Cross Lake-Seneca River	04140201	10	10	1.99753
041402011611	Crooked Brook-Seneca River	04140201	10	10	1.99753
041402020101	Alder Creek	04140202	6	10	0.429008
041402020102	Headwaters East Branch Fish Creek	04140202	7	10	0.575923
041402020103	Point Rock Creek	04140202	6	10	0.429008
041402020104	Mud Brook-East Branch Fish Creek	04140202	7	10	0.575923
041402020105	Florence Creek	04140202	5	10	0.343037
041402020106	Fall Brook-East Branch Fish Creek	04140202	7	10	0.575923
041402020107	East Branch Fish Creek	04140202	7	10	0.575923
041402020201	Headwaters Mad River	04140202	8	10	0.721523
041402020202	Upper West Branch Fish Creek	04140202	6	10	0.429008
041402020203	Mad River	04140202	8	10	0.721523
041402020204	Middle West Branch Fish Creek	04140202	6	10	0.429008
041402020205	Little River	04140202	7	10	0.575923
041402020206	Lower West Branch Fish Creek	04140202	8	10	0.721523
041402020301	Canada Creek	04140202	6	10	0.429008
041402020302	Headwaters Wood Creek	04140202	7	10	0.575923

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041402020303	Stony Creek	04140202	6	10	0.429008
041402020304	Fish Creek	04140202	8	10	0.721523
041402020305	Wood Creek	04140202	8	10	0.721523
041402020401	Headwaters Oneida Creek	04140202	6	10	0.429008
041402020402	Sconondoa Creek	04140202	7	10	0.575923
041402020403	Taylor Creek-Oneida Creek	04140202	7	10	0.575923
041402020404	Oneida Creek	04140202	7	10	0.575923
041402020501	Upper Cowaselon Creek	04140202	6	10	0.429008
041402020502	Middle Cowaselon Creek	04140202	7	10	0.575923
041402020503	Lower Cowaselon Creek	04140202	7	10	0.575923
041402020504	Canaseraga Creek	04140202	7	10	0.575923
041402020601	Upper Limestone Creek	04140202	7	10	0.575923
041402020602	West Branch Limestone Creek	04140202	7	10	0.575923
041402020603	Middle Limestone Creek	04140202	7	10	0.575923
041402020604	Headwaters Butternut Creek	04140202	6	10	0.429008
041402020605	Butternut Creek	04140202	7	10	0.575923
041402020606	Lower Limestone Creek	04140202	8	10	0.721523
041402020701	Headwaters Chittenango Creek	04140202	6	10	0.429008
041402020702	Cazenovia Lake-Chittenango Creek	04140202	7	10	0.575923
041402020703	Brinkerhoff Hill-Chittenango Creek	04140202	7	10	0.575923
041402020704	Pools Brook-Chittenango Creek	04140202	8	10	0.721523
041402020705	Chittenango Creek	04140202	8	10	0.721523
041402020801	Hall Brook-Frontal Oneida Lake	04140202	8	10	0.721523
041402020802	Black Creek-Frontal Oneida Lake	04140202	7	10	0.575923
041402020803	Scriba Creek	04140202	7	10	0.575923
041402020804	Threemile Creek-Frontal Oneida Lake	04140202	6	10	0.429008
041402020805	Big Bay Creek	04140202	6	10	0.429008
041402020806	Little Bay Creek-Frontal Oneida Lake	04140202	6	10	0.429008

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041402020807	Mead Creek-Frontal Oneida Lake	04140202	8	10	0.721523
041402020808	Oneida Lake	04140202	9	10	0.931297
041402020901	Caughdenoy Creek	04140202	6	10	0.429008
041402020902	Mud Creek	04140202	6	10	0.429008
041402020903	Sixmile Creek	04140202	6	10	0.429008
041402020904	Fish Creek	04140202	6	10	0.429008
041402020905	Oneida River	04140202	10	10	1.99549
041402030101	Ox Creek	04140203	7	10	1.8189501
041402030102	Village of Phoenix-Oswego River	04140203	10	10	3.2992699
041402030103	Waterhouse Creek-Oswego River	04140203	10	10	3.2992699
041402030201	Lake Neatahwanta	04140203	6	10	0.564679
041402030202	Headwaters Black Creek	04140203	6	10	0.564679
041402030203	Black Creek	04140203	7	10	1.8189501
041402030204	Oswego River	04140203	10	10	3.2992699
041501010101	North Branch Black River-Black River	04150101	6	9	0.47776
041501010102	Twin Lakes Stream-Black River	04150101	7	9	0.598667
041501010103	Little Black Creek	04150101	7	9	0.598667
041501010104	Pine Creek-Black River	04150101	8	9	1.13745
041501010201	Bear Creek	04150101	7	9	0.598667
041501010202	Little Woodhull Creek	04150101	6	9	0.47776
041501010203	Stonybrook Creek-Woodhull Creek	04150101	7	9	0.598667
041501010301	Cummings Creek	04150101	7	9	0.598667
041501010302	East Kent Creek-Black River	04150101	8	9	1.13745
041501010303	Sugar River	04150101	6	9	0.47776
041501010304	Moose Creek-Sugar River	04150101	7	9	0.598667
041501010305	Fall Brook-Black River	04150101	8	9	1.13745
041501010401	Bradley Brook-South Branch Moose River	04150101	6	9	0.47776
041501010402	Otter Brook	04150101	6	9	0.47776

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041501010403	Sumner Stream	04150101	6	9	0.47776
041501010404	Indian River	04150101	7	9	0.598667
041501010405	Red River-South Branch Moose River	04150101	8	9	1.13745
041501010406	Limekiln Creek-South Branch Moose River	04150101	8	9	1.13745
041501010407	Nicks Creek-South Branch Moose River	04150101	8	9	1.13745
041501010501	Constable Creek-North Branch Moose River	04150101	7	9	0.598667
041501010502	Lake Rondaxe-North Branch Moose River	04150101	7	9	0.598667
041501010503	Fulton Chain Lakes-Middle Branch Moose River	04150101	7	9	0.598667
041501010504	Okara Lakes-Middle Branch Moose River	04150101	8	9	1.13745
041501010601	Twin Sister Creek-Moose River	04150101	9	9	1.83948
041501010602	Pine Creek-Moose River	04150101	9	9	1.83948
041501010701	Upper Independence River	04150101	6	9	0.47776
041501010702	Middle Independence River	04150101	7	9	0.598667
041501010703	Lower Independence River	04150101	7	9	0.598667
041501010801	Mill Creek-Black River	04150101	9	9	1.83948
041501010802	Fish Creek	04150101	6	9	0.47776
041501010803	Big Otter Lake-Otter Creek	04150101	7	9	0.598667
041501010804	Otter Creek	04150101	7	9	0.598667
041501010805	Whetstone Creek-Black River	04150101	9	9	1.83948
041501010806	Roaring Brook-Black River	04150101	9	9	1.83948
041501010901	Mill Creek	04150101	7	9	0.598667
041501010902	Harvey Creek-Black River	04150101	9	9	1.83948
041501010903	Crystal Creek	04150101	9	9	1.83948
041501010904	Capidon Creek-Black River	04150101	9	9	1.83948
041501011001	Shingle Shanty Brook-Beaver River	04150101	7	9	0.598667
041501011002	Alder Creek-Beaver River	04150101	7	9	0.598667
041501011003	Terror Lake	04150101	6	9	0.47776
041501011004	Twitchell Creek	04150101	6	9	0.47776

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041501011005	Beaver River-Stillwater Reservoir	04150101	7	9	0.598667
041501011101	Beaver Lake-Beaver River	04150101	7	9	0.598667
041501011102	Alder Creek	04150101	6	9	0.47776
041501011103	Balsam Creek-Beaver River	04150101	7	9	0.598667
041501011104	Murmur Creek	04150101	6	9	0.47776
041501011105	Black Creek-Beaver River	04150101	9	9	1.83948
041501011201	Upper Deer River	04150101	6	9	0.47776
041501011202	Mud Creek	04150101	7	9	0.598667
041501011203	Middle Deer River	04150101	7	9	0.598667
041501011204	Lower Deer River	04150101	7	9	0.598667
041501011301	Swiss Creek	04150101	6	9	0.47776
041501011302	Stony Creek-Black River	04150101	9	9	1.83948
041501011401	Pleasant Lake-Black River	04150101	9	9	1.83948
041501011402	White Creek	04150101	6	9	0.47776
041501011403	Philomel Creek	04150101	6	9	0.47776
041501011404	Kelsey Creek-Black River	04150101	9	9	1.83948
041501020101	Kents Creek	04150102	6	9	0.501719
041501020102	Fox Creek-Frontal Lake Ontario	04150102	4	9	0.440987
041501020103	Three Mile Creek-Frontal Lake Ontario	04150102	0	9	0.440987
041501020201	Chaumont River	04150102	6	9	0.501719
041501020202	Horse Creek-Frontal Lake Ontario	04150102	6	9	0.501719
041501020203	Sherwin Creek-Frontal Lake Ontario	04150102	9	9	1.57043
041501020301	Upper Perch River	04150102	7	9	0.59393
041501020302	Middle Perch River	04150102	7	9	0.59393
041501020303	Lower Perch River	04150102	7	9	0.59393
041501020401	Mill Creek	04150102	7	9	0.59393
041501020402	Muskellunge Creek-Frontal Lake Ontario	04150102	7	9	0.59393
041503010101	French Creek	04150301	7	9	0.59393

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041503010102	Wheeler Creek-Frontal Saint Lawrence River	04150301	0	9	0.440987
041503010103	Mullet Creek	04150301	6	9	0.501719
041503010104	Cranberry Creek-Frontal Saint Lawrence River	04150301	6	9	0.501719
041503010105	Crooked Creek-Frontal Saint Lawrence River	04150301	6	9	0.501719
041503010106	Chippewa Creek	04150301	6	9	0.501719
041503010107	City of Morristown-Frontal Saint Lawrence River	04150301	7	9	0.59393
041503010201	Tibbits Creek	04150301	6	9	0.501719
041503010203	Little Sucker Brook-Sucker Brook	04150301	7	9	0.59393
041503010204	Brandy Brook	04150301	6	9	0.501719
041503010205	Coles Creek-Frontal Saint Lawrence River	04150301	9	9	1.57043
041503010301	Dodge Creek-Frontal Saint Lawrence River	04150301	5	9	0.440987
041503010302	Raquette Creek-Frontal Saint Lawrence River	04150301	3	9	0.440987
041503020101	Robinson River-Oswegatchie River	04150302	7	9	0.59393
041503020102	Buck Brook-Oswegatchie River	04150302	7	9	0.59393
041503020103	Cranberry Lake-Oswegatchie River	04150302	8	9	1.31296
041503020201	Tamarack Creek	04150302	6	9	0.501719
041503020202	Upper Little River	04150302	6	9	0.501719
041503020203	Lower Little River	04150302	7	9	0.59393
041503020301	Sand Lake Outlet-Middle Branch Oswegatchie River	04150302	6	9	0.501719
041503020302	Wolf Creek-Middle Branch Oswegatchie River	04150302	6	9	0.501719
041503020303	Fish Creek	04150302	6	9	0.501719
041503020304	Browns Creek-Middle Branch Oswegatchie River	04150302	7	9	0.59393
041503020401	Headwaters West Branch Oswegatchie River	04150302	6	9	0.501719
041503020402	Blanchard Creek-West Branch Oswegatchie River	04150302	6	9	0.501719
041503020501	Jenny Creek	04150302	6	9	0.501719
041503020502	Big Creek	04150302	7	9	0.59393



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041503020503	Meadow Brook-West Branch Oswegatchie River	04150302	8	9	1.31296
041503020504	West Branch Oswegatchie River	04150302	9	9	1.57043
041503020601	Peavine Creek-Oswegatchie River	04150302	8	9	1.31296
041503020602	Stammer Creek	04150302	6	9	0.501719
041503020603	Welch Creek-Oswegatchie River	04150302	8	9	1.31296
041503020604	Pork Creek-Oswegatchie River	04150302	9	9	1.57043
041503020701	Sawyer Creek	04150302	7	9	0.59393
041503020702	Hawkins Creek-Matoom Creek	04150302	7	9	0.59393
041503020801	Turnpike Creek-Oswegatchie River	04150302	9	9	1.57043
041503020802	Malterna Creek-Oswegatchie River	04150302	9	9	1.57043
041503020803	Boland Creek	04150302	7	9	0.59393
041503020804	Vrooman Creek-Oswegatchie River	04150302	9	9	1.57043
041503020901	Anderson Creek-Oswegatchie River	04150302	9	9	1.57043
041503020902	Indian Creek	04150302	7	9	0.59393
041503020903	Beaver Creek	04150302	7	9	0.59393
041503020904	Barter Creek-Oswegatchie River	04150302	9	9	1.57043
041503021001	Town of Flackville-Lisbon Creek	04150302	9	9	1.57043
041503021002	Village of Heuvelton-Oswegatchie River	04150302	9	9	1.57043
041503021003	Oswegatchie River	04150302	9	9	1.57043
041503030101	Weatherhead Creek-Indian River	04150303	6	9	0.501719
041503030102	Bonaparte Creek	04150303	6	9	0.501719
041503030103	Blanchard Creek-Indian River	04150303	7	9	0.59393
041503030201	Rockwell Creek-Indian River	04150303	7	9	0.59393
041503030202	West Branch Black Creek	04150303	6	9	0.501719
041503030203	Buck Creek-Black Creek	04150303	7	9	0.59393
041503030204	Beaver Meadows Creek-Black Creek	04150303	7	9	0.59393
041503030205	Hunter Creek-Indian River	04150303	7	9	0.59393
041503030301	West Creek	04150303	6	9	0.501719

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041503030302	Otter Creek	04150303	6	9	0.501719
041503030303	Trout Brook-Indian River	04150303	8	9	1.31296
041503030401	Soapstone Creek-Indian River	04150303	8	9	1.31296
041503030402	Muskellunge Lake-Indian River	04150303	8	9	1.31296
041503030403	Bostwick Creek-Indian River	04150303	8	9	1.31296
041503030501	Jewett Creek	04150303	7	9	0.59393
041503030502	Butterfield Lake-Black Creek	04150303	6	9	0.501719
041503030503	Birch Creek	04150303	7	9	0.59393
041503030504	Fish Creek	04150303	7	9	0.59393
041503030505	Black Creek-Black Lake	04150303	9	9	1.57043
041503040101	Dead Creek	04150304	6	9	0.501719
041503040102	Massawepie Lake-South Branch Grass River	04150304	7	9	0.59393
041503040201	Pleasant Lake Stream-Middle Branch Grass River	04150304	6	9	0.501719
041503040202	South Branch Grass River	04150304	7	9	0.59393
041503040203	North Branch Grass River	04150304	7	9	0.59393
041503040204	Deerskin Creek-Middle Branch Grass River	04150304	8	9	1.31296
041503040301	Grannis Brook	04150304	6	9	0.501719
041503040302	Van Rensselaer Creek-Little River	04150304	7	9	0.59393
041503040303	Tracy Brook-Little River	04150304	7	9	0.59393
041503040401	Tanner Creek	04150304	6	9	0.501719
041503040402	Elm Creek	04150304	7	9	0.59393
041503040403	Plumb Brook-Grass River	04150304	8	9	1.31296
041503040404	Nettle Creek	04150304	6	9	0.501719
041503040405	Line Creek	04150304	6	9	0.501719
041503040406	Harrison Creek-Grass River	04150304	8	9	1.31296
041503040501	Town of Madrid-Grass River	04150304	8	9	1.31296
041503040502	McConnell Creek-Grass River	04150304	9	9	1.57043
041503050101	South Inlet	04150305	7	8	0.559108

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041503050102	Marion River	04150305	7	8	0.559108
041503050103	Raquette Lake	04150305	8	8	2.1331601
041503050104	Moose Pond	04150305	6	8	0.478875
041503050105	Forked Lake-Raquette River	04150305	8	8	2.1331601
041503050201	Upper Cold River	04150305	7	8	0.559108
041503050202	Ermine Brook-Moose Creek	04150305	6	8	0.478875
041503050203	Lower Cold River	04150305	8	8	2.1331601
041503050301	Salmon River	04150305	6	8	0.478875
041503050302	Big Brook	04150305	7	8	0.559108
041503050303	Raquette River-Long Lake	04150305	8	8	2.1331601
041503050401	Moose Creek	04150305	6	8	0.478875
041503050402	Stony Creek	04150305	6	8	0.478875
041503050403	Palmer Brook-Raquette River	04150305	8	8	2.1331601
041503050404	Follensby Pond-Raquette River	04150305	8	8	2.1331601
041503050405	Bog Stream	04150305	6	8	0.478875
041503050406	Round Lake Stream	04150305	7	8	0.559108
041503050407	Bog River	04150305	7	8	0.559108
041503050408	Wolf Pond	04150305	6	8	0.478875
041503050409	Jenkins Brook-Tupper Lake	04150305	8	8	2.1331601
041503050501	Dead Creek	04150305	6	8	0.478875
041503050502	Mountain Brook-Raquette River	04150305	8	8	2.1331601
041503050503	Willis Brook-Jordan River	04150305	7	8	0.559108
041503050504	Potter Brook-Jordan River	04150305	7	8	0.559108
041503050505	Ellis Brook-Raquette River	04150305	8	8	2.1331601
041503050506	Joe Indian Inlet	04150305	6	8	0.478875
041503050507	Cold Brook-Raquette River	04150305	8	8	2.1331601
041503050601	Cold Brook	04150305	8	8	2.1331601
041503050602	Dead Creek-Raquette River	04150305	8	8	2.1331601

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041503050603	Parkhurst Brook	04150305	6	8	0.478875
041503050604	Stafford Brook-Raquette River	04150305	8	8	2.1331601
041503050701	Upper Trout Brook	04150305	6	8	0.478875
041503050702	Lower Trout Brook	04150305	8	8	2.1331601
041503050703	Village of Potsdam-Raquette River	04150305	8	8	2.1331601
041503050704	Plum Brook	04150305	8	8	2.1331601
041503050705	Squeak Brook	04150305	8	8	2.1331601
041503050706	Hutchins Creek-Raquette River	04150305	8	8	2.1331601
041503060101	Hays Brook	04150306	6	9	0.48389
041503060102	Osgood River	04150306	7	9	0.662741
041503060103	Pleasant Brook-East Branch Saint Regis River	04150306	7	9	0.662741
041503060201	Windfall Brook-West Branch Saint Regis River	04150306	7	9	0.662741
041503060202	Long Pond Outlet	04150306	7	9	0.662741
041503060203	Black Brook-West Branch Saint Regis River	04150306	7	9	0.662741
041503060204	Stony Brook	04150306	8	9	1.12909
041503060205	Alder Meadow Brook-West Branch Saint Regis River	04150306	8	9	1.12909
041503060206	Dan Wright Brook-Trout Brook	04150306	7	9	0.662741
041503060207	Tucker Brook-West Branch Saint Regis River	04150306	9	9	1.26003
041503060301	Mile Brook-Deer River	04150306	6	9	0.48389
041503060302	Trout Brook	04150306	7	9	0.662741
041503060303	Kingston Brook-Deer River	04150306	7	9	0.662741
041503060304	Lawrence Brook	04150306	7	9	0.662741
041503060305	Redwater Brook-Deer River	04150306	8	9	1.12909
041503060401	Headwaters Saint Regis River	04150306	6	9	0.48389
041503060402	Quebec Brook-Saint Regis River	04150306	6	9	0.48389
041503060403	Goose Pond Brook-Saint Regis River	04150306	7	9	0.662741
041503060404	Lake Ozonia Outlet	04150306	6	9	0.48389
041503060405	Long Pond-Saint Regis River	04150306	8	9	1.12909

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041503060406	Hopkinton Brook	04150306	6	9	0.48389
041503060407	Miller Brook-Saint Regis River	04150306	8	9	1.12909
041503060408	Bell Brook-Saint Regis River	04150306	9	9	1.26003
041503060409	Town of Hogansburg-Saint Regis River	04150306	9	9	1.26003
041503070101	Hatch Brook	04150307	7	8	0.65104
041503070102	Ingraham Stream-Salmon River	04150307	7	8	0.65104
041503070103	Duane Stream	04150307	6	8	0.602288
041503070104	Winslow Brook-Salmon River	04150307	8	8	1.21545
041503070201	Headwaters Little Salmon River	04150307	5	8	0.459374
041503070202	East Branch Little Salmon River	04150307	6	8	0.602288
041503070203	Develin Brook-Little Salmon River	04150307	7	8	0.65104
041503070204	Farrington Brook	04150307	6	8	0.602288
041503070205	Town of Bombay-Little Salmon River	04150307	7	8	0.65104
041503070301	Branch Brook	04150307	6	8	0.602288
041503070302	Plum Brook-Salmon River	04150307	8	8	1.21545
041503070303	East Branch Deer Creek	04150307	6	8	0.602288
041503070304	West Branch Deer Creek	04150307	7	8	0.65104
041503070305	Pike Creek	04150307	6	8	0.602288
041503070306	Town of Fort Covington-Salmon River	04150307	8	8	1.21545
041503080101	Middle Kiln Brook	04150308	6	8	0.476089
041503080102	Separator Brook	04150308	7	8	0.516484
041503080103	Mountain Pond Stream-Upper Chateaugay Lake	04150308	8	8	0.975871
041503080104	Bailey Brook-Chateaugay River	04150308	8	8	0.975871
041503080201	Marble River	04150308	7	8	0.516484
041503080202	Hinchinbrook Brook	04150308	6	8	0.476089
041503080203	Collins Brook	04150308	6	8	0.476089
041503080204	Allen Brook-Chateaugay River	04150308	8	8	0.975871
041503080205	Beaver Pond Brook-Chateaugay River	04150308	6	8	0.476089

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041503080301	Collins Brook-Trout River	04150308	7	8	0.516484
041503080302	Little Trout River	04150308	6	8	0.476089
041503080303	Briggs Creek	04150308	6	8	0.476089
041503080304	Town of Trout River-Trout River	04150308	7	8	0.516484
041503080401	Crystal Creek	04150308	7	8	0.516484
041503080402	Taylor Brook-English River	04150308	7	8	0.516484
041503080403	Allen Brook	04150308	5	8	0.374127
041503080404	Kellas Creek-English River	04150308	7	8	0.516484
041503080501	Ruisseau Noir	04150308	5	8	0.374127
041503080502	Riviere aux Outardes Est	04150308	4	8	0.374127
041503080503	Riviere aux Outardes	04150308	4	8	0.374127