

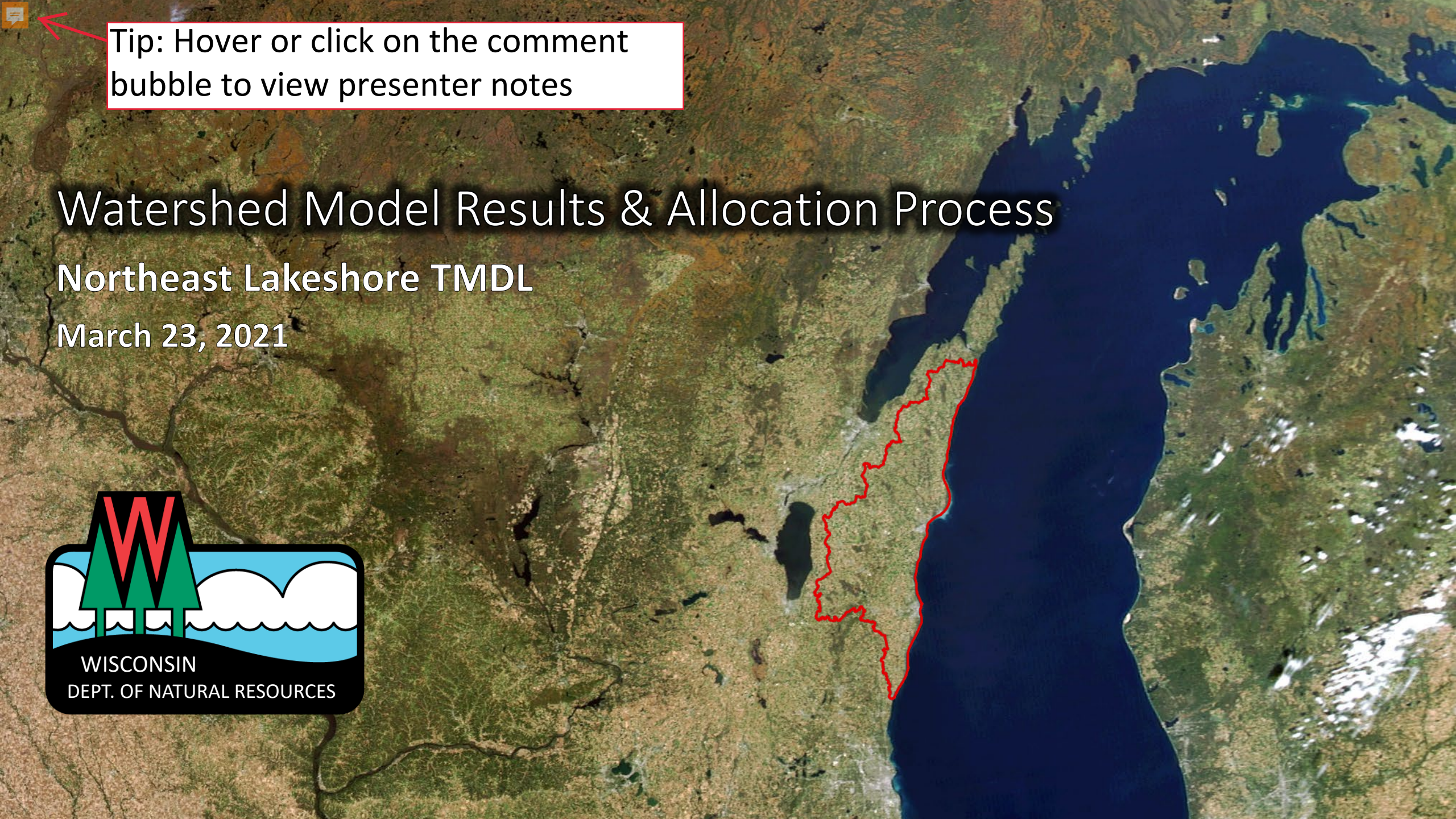


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Watershed Model Results & Allocation Process

Northeast Lakeshore TMDL

March 23, 2021



Comment Period

Watershed Model Report

Prepared by The Cadmus Group
through an EPA contract

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NE Lakeshore TMDL webpage

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Comment Period	Topic
October 2020 (past)	Watershed Model Report <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Overview2. Model Setup
March 24 – April 16	Watershed Model Report <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Calibration and Validation Approach4. Calibration and Validation Data5. Calibration and Validation Results6. Discussion of Calibration and Validation7. Summary of Model Results8. References
Anticipated Summer 2021	Draft Allocations





Project Background



Background

Study area

Covers nearly 2,000 square miles
Includes many major river basins

2020 Impaired Stream Segments

TP: 73

TSS: 3

TP & TSS: 3

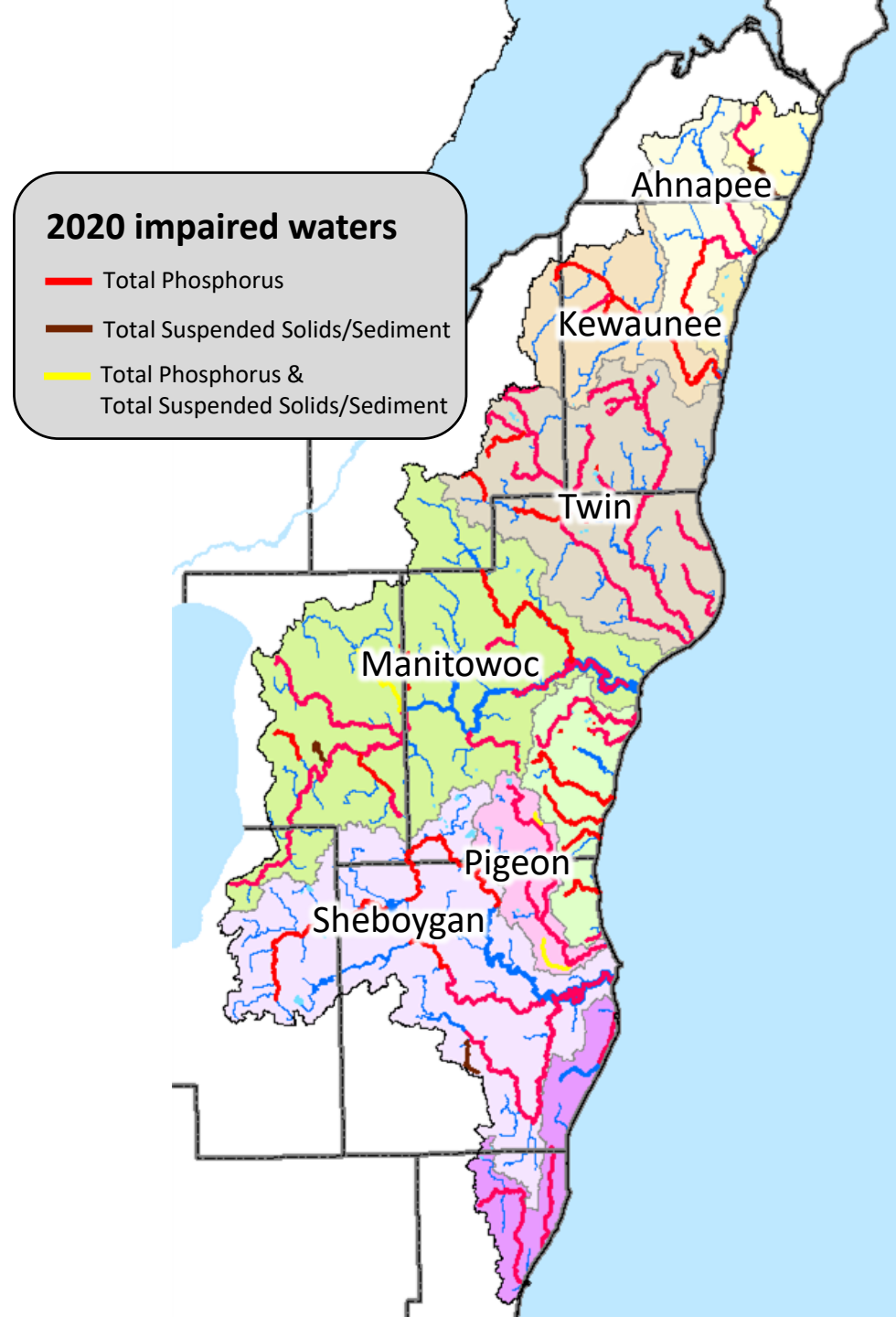
Impaired Lakes

TP: 13

Addresses phosphorus and sediment impaired waters

Focused on waters draining to Lake Michigan, but not Lake Michigan

Funding from WI legislature in 2017



Watershed Complexity

Pollutants come from many sources



Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)

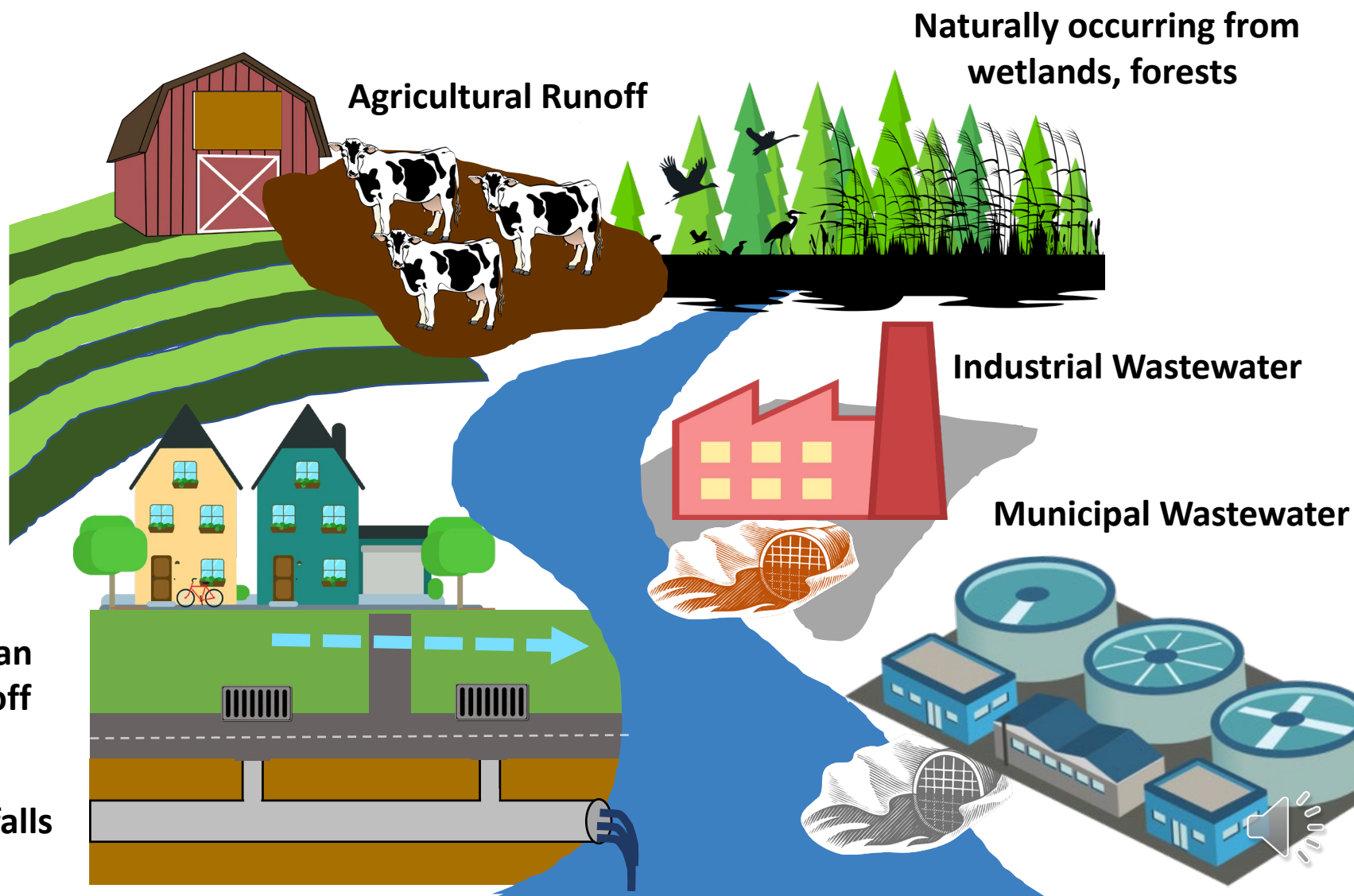
A framework for watershed restoration

TMDLs address pollution from many different sources

TMDLs address pollution in surface waters, not groundwater

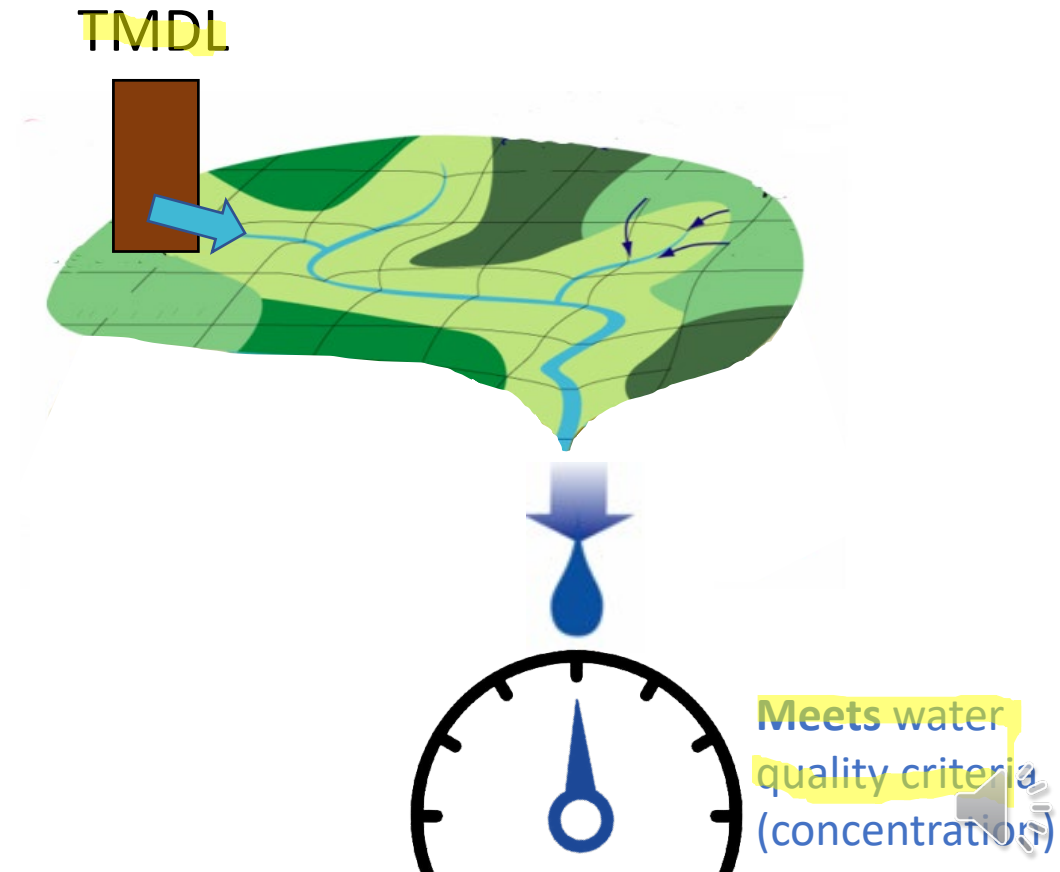
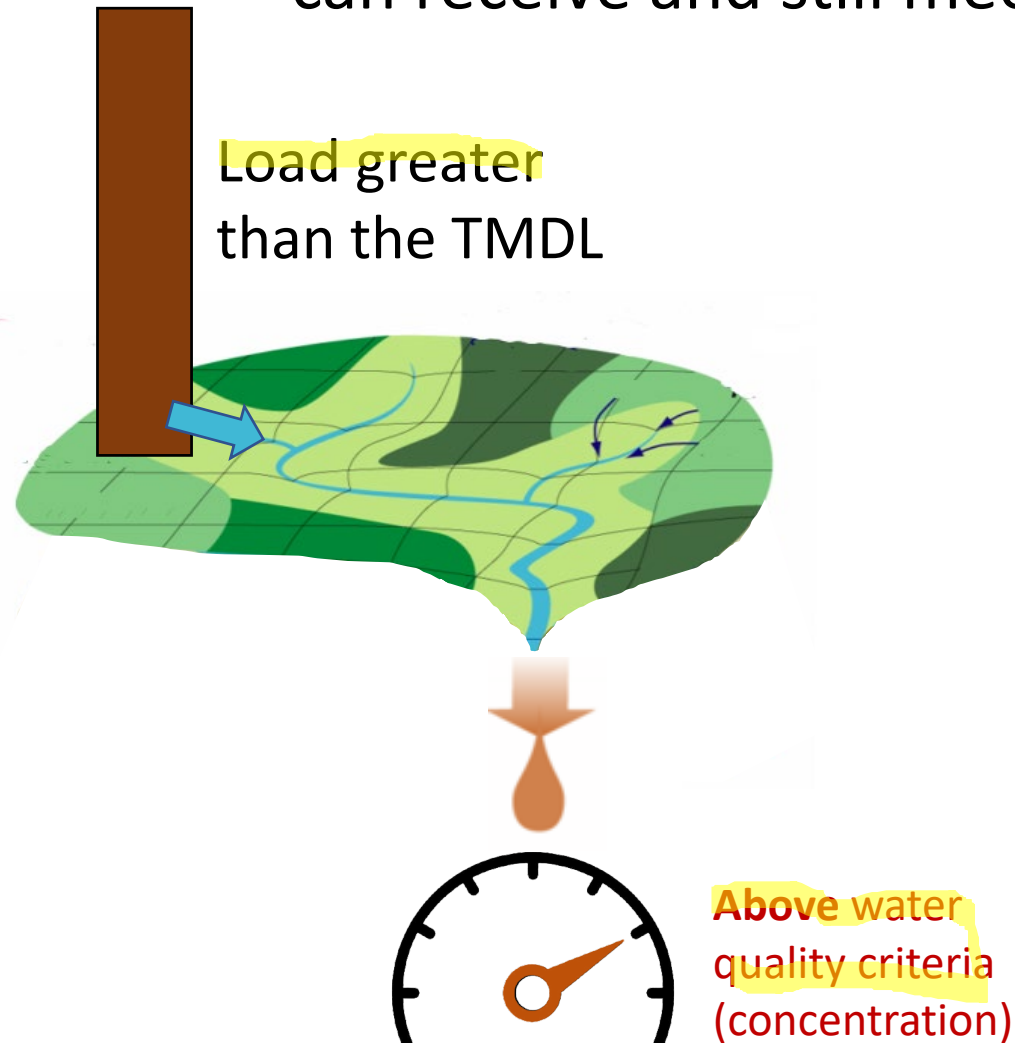
Unpermitted urban stormwater runoff

Permitted urban stormwater outfalls (MS4)



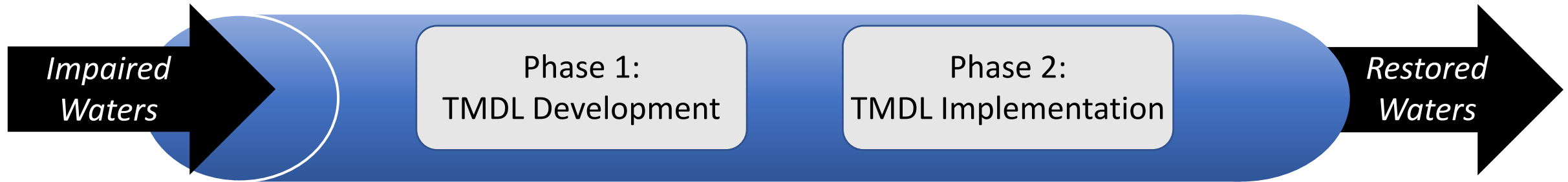
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Estimates the ***amount*** of pollutant a waterbody can receive and still meet water quality standards.



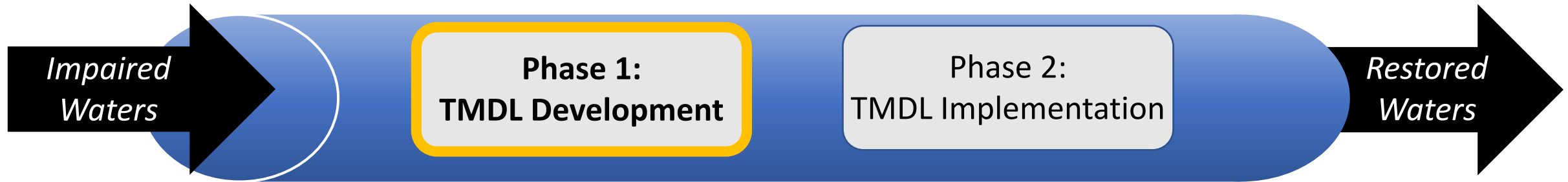


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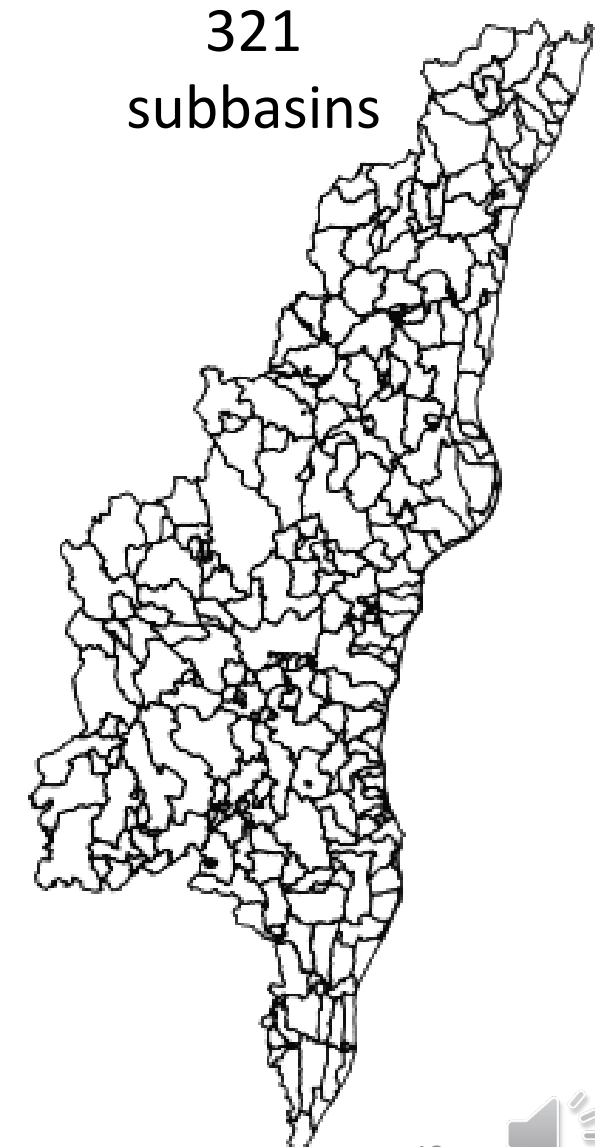
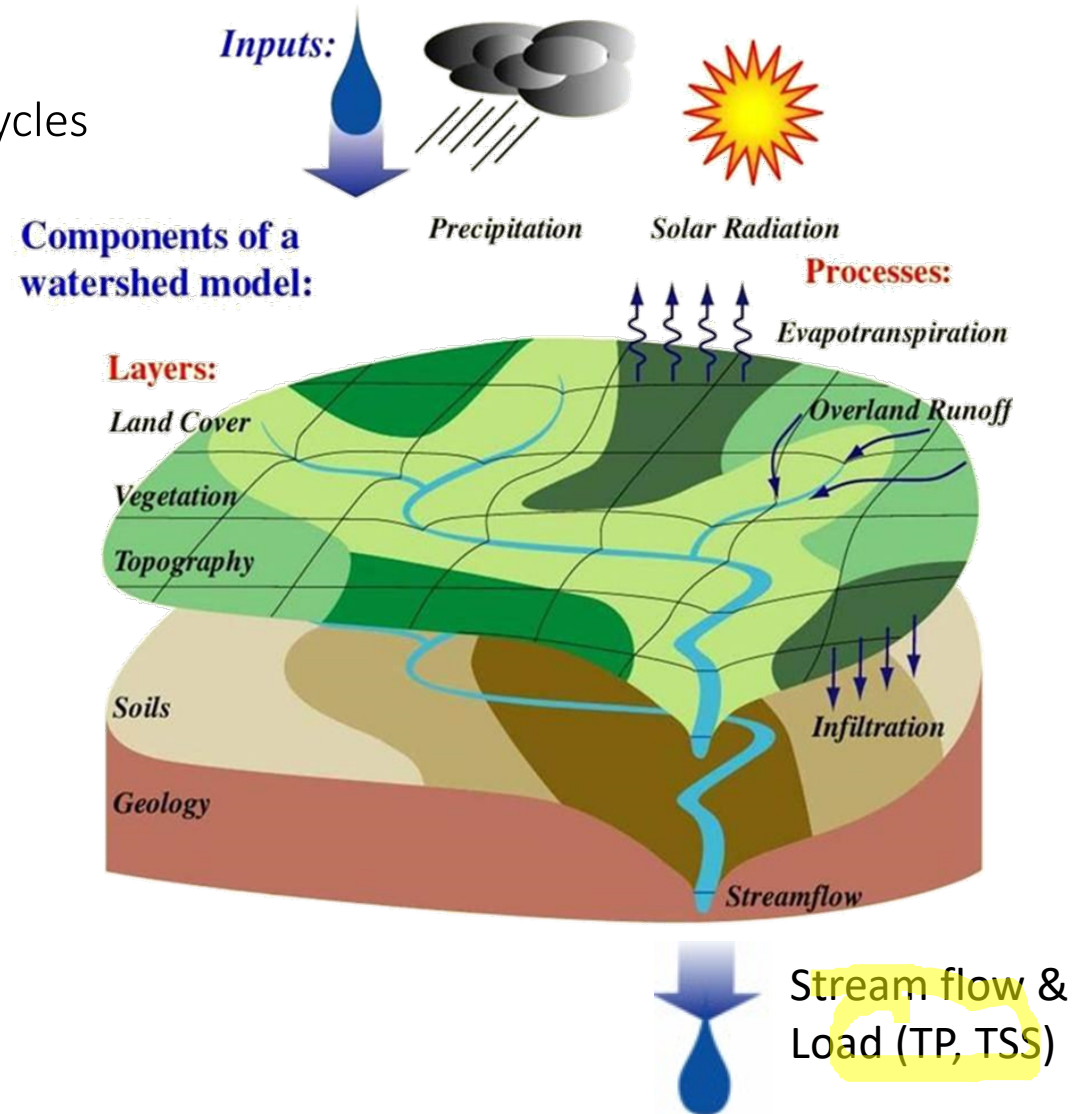
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SWAT Watershed Model

Soil and Water Assessment Tool

Simulates hydrologic and nutrient cycles each day, in each subbasin, based on the data inputs



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Climate
Precipitation, Temp



Agricultural Land Management



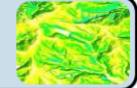
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Soils
Type and Attributes



Topography
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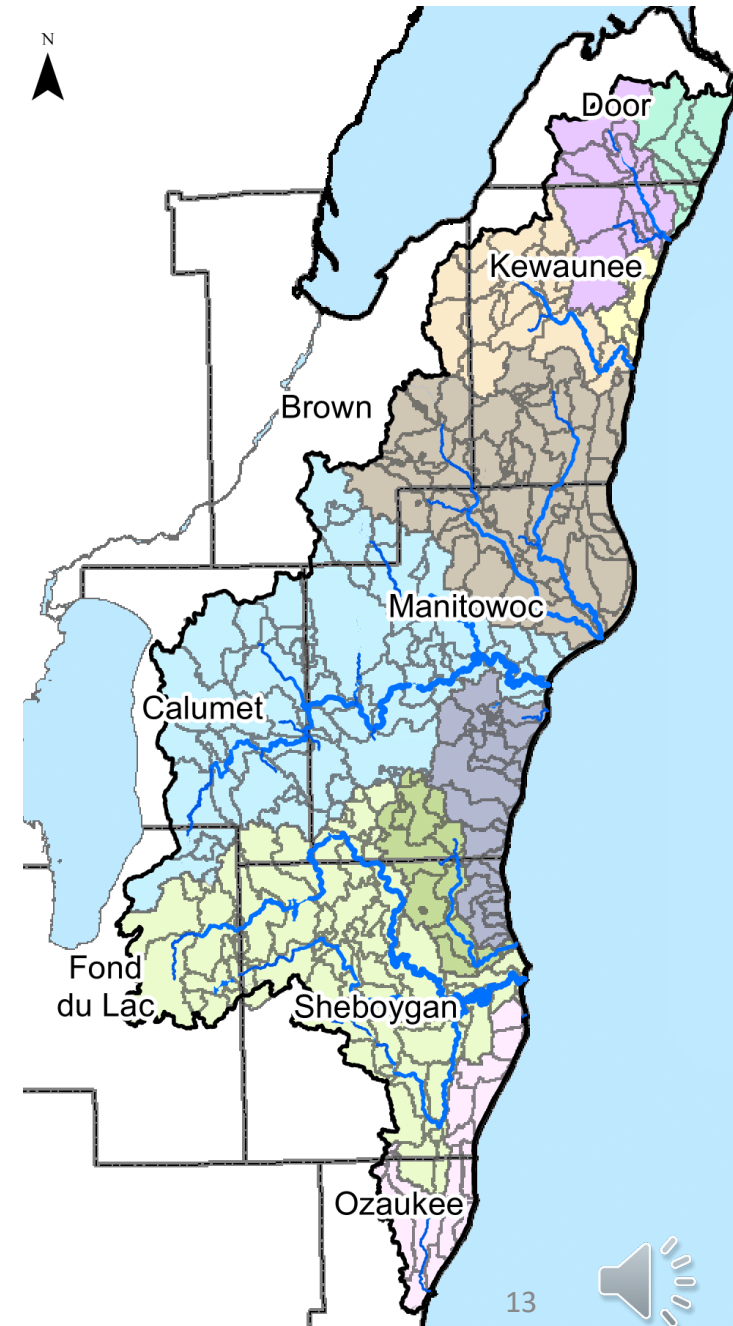
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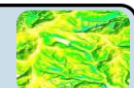
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2008 – 2019 Conditions

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Webinar 2

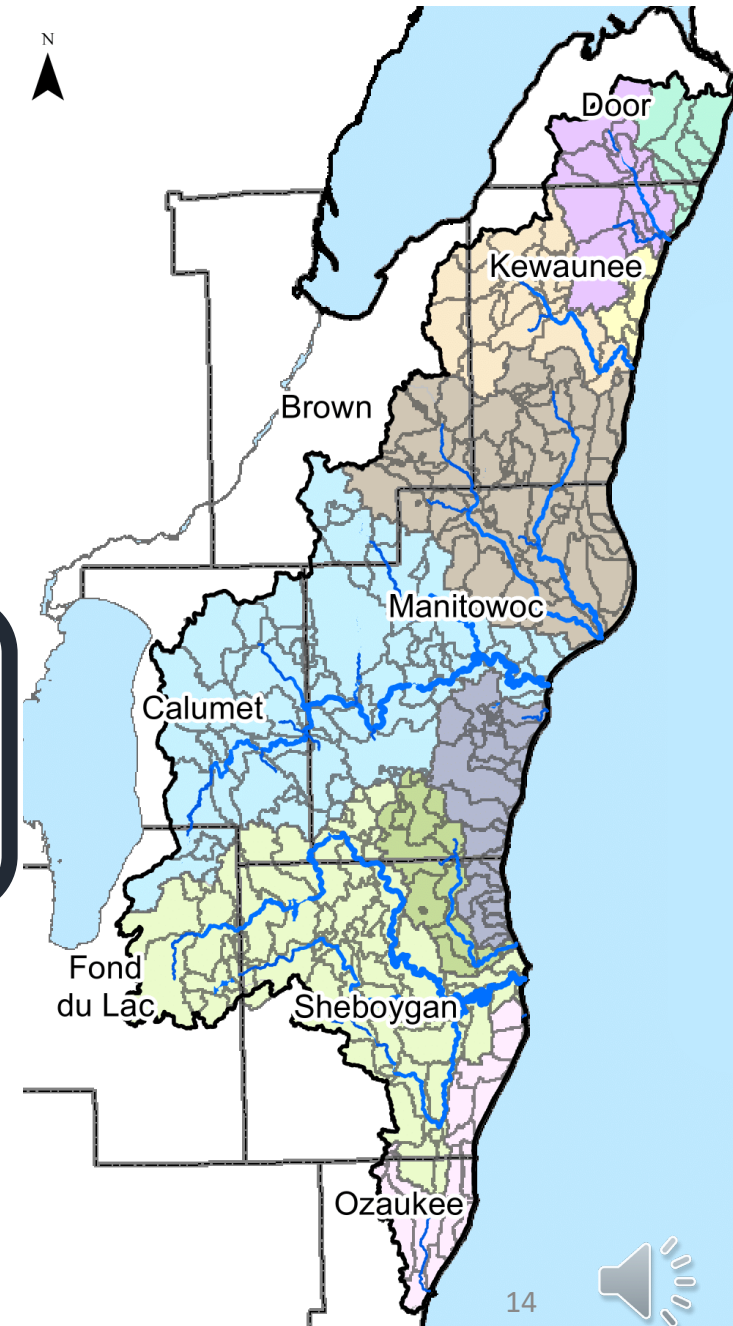
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Baseline Load Results Summary





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SWAT modeled results

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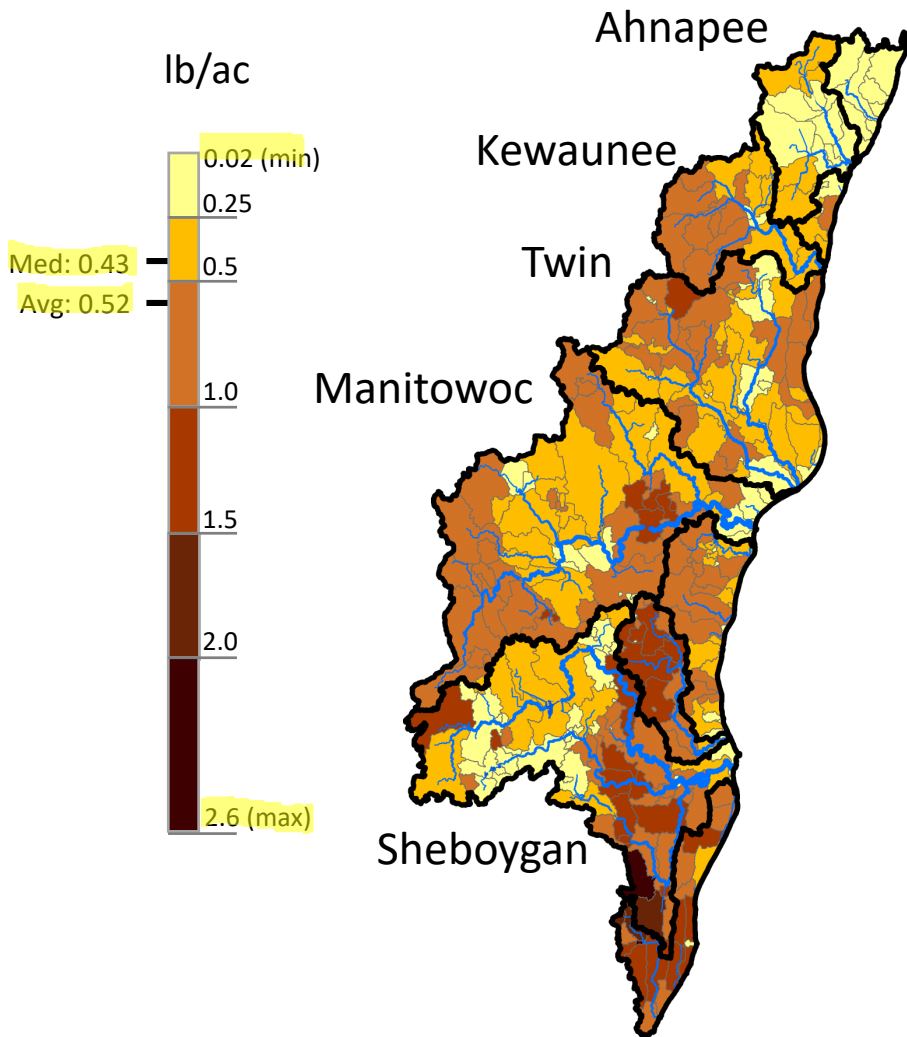




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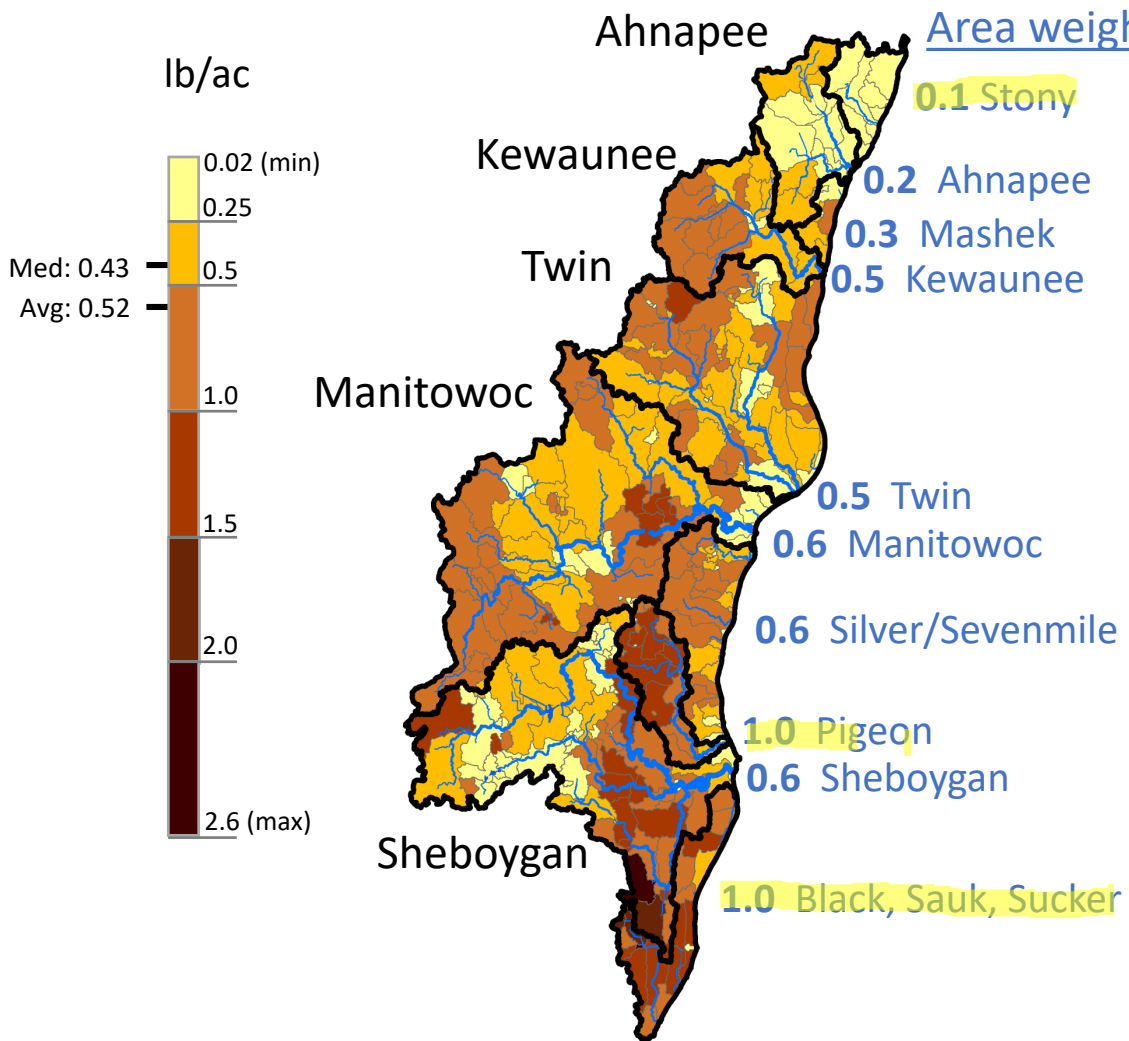




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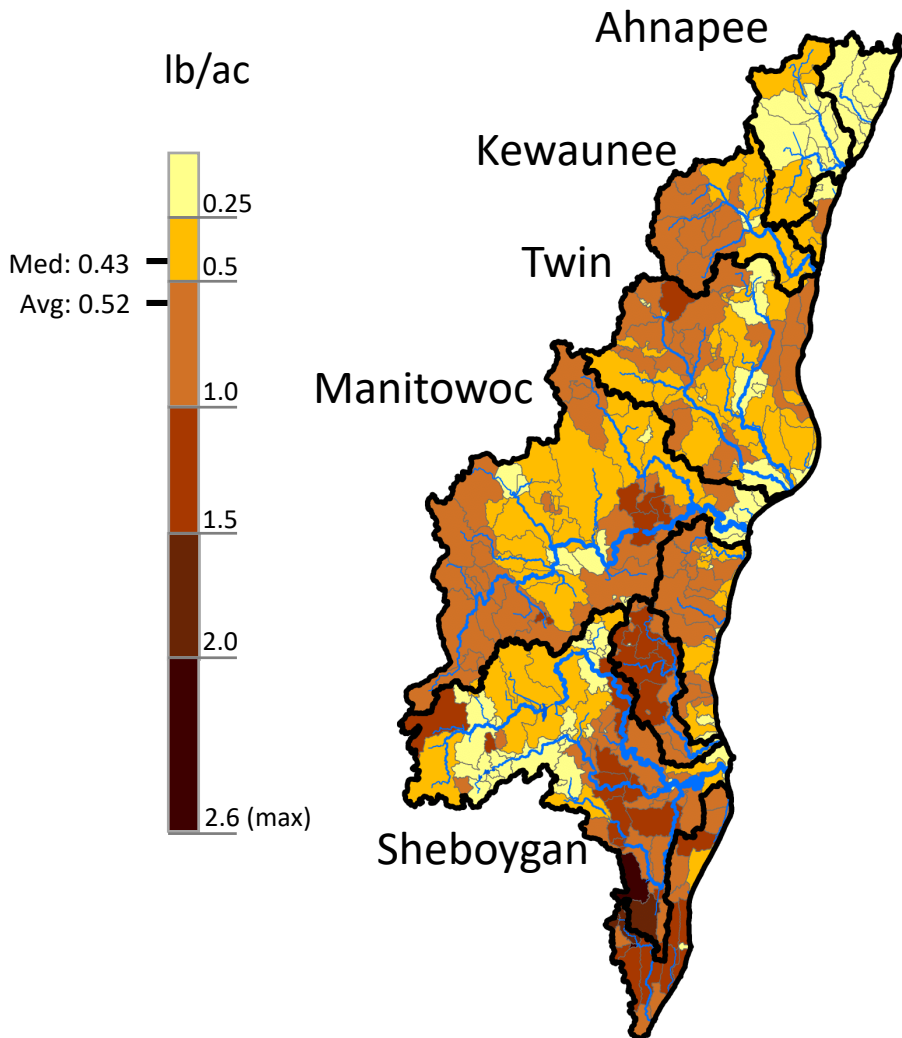




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Spatial variability generally explained by land cover

Natural Areas



Agricultural Areas

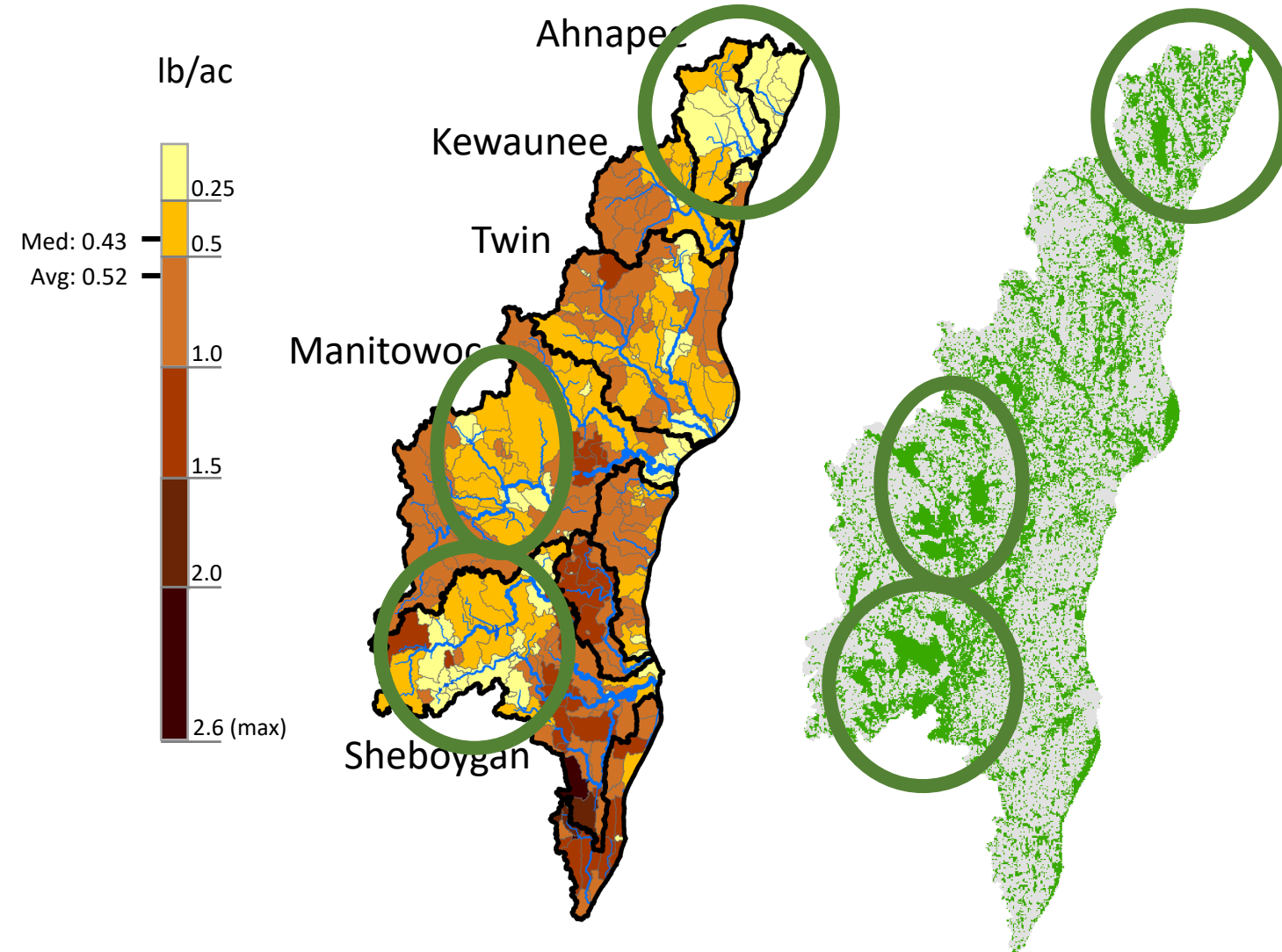




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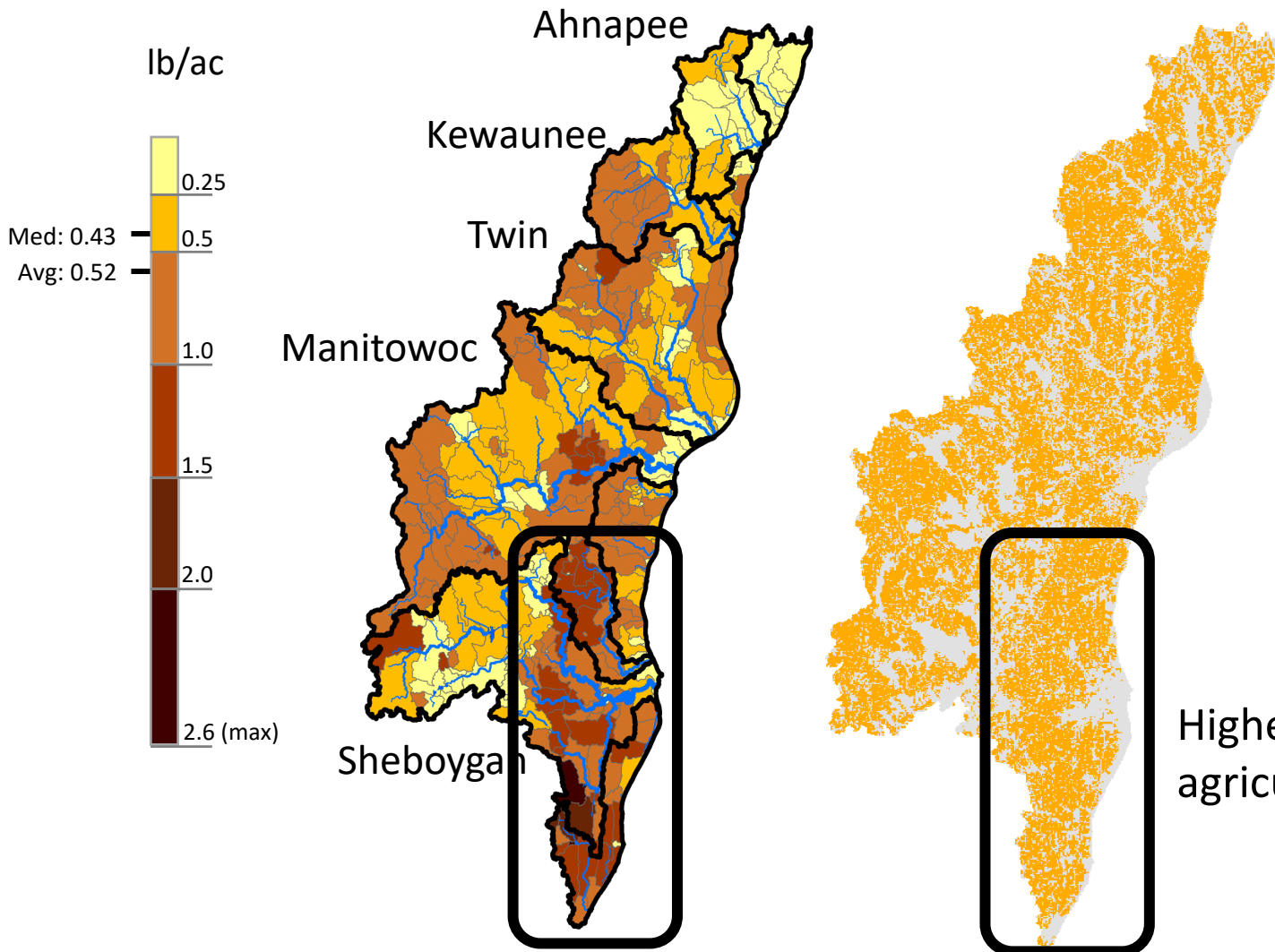




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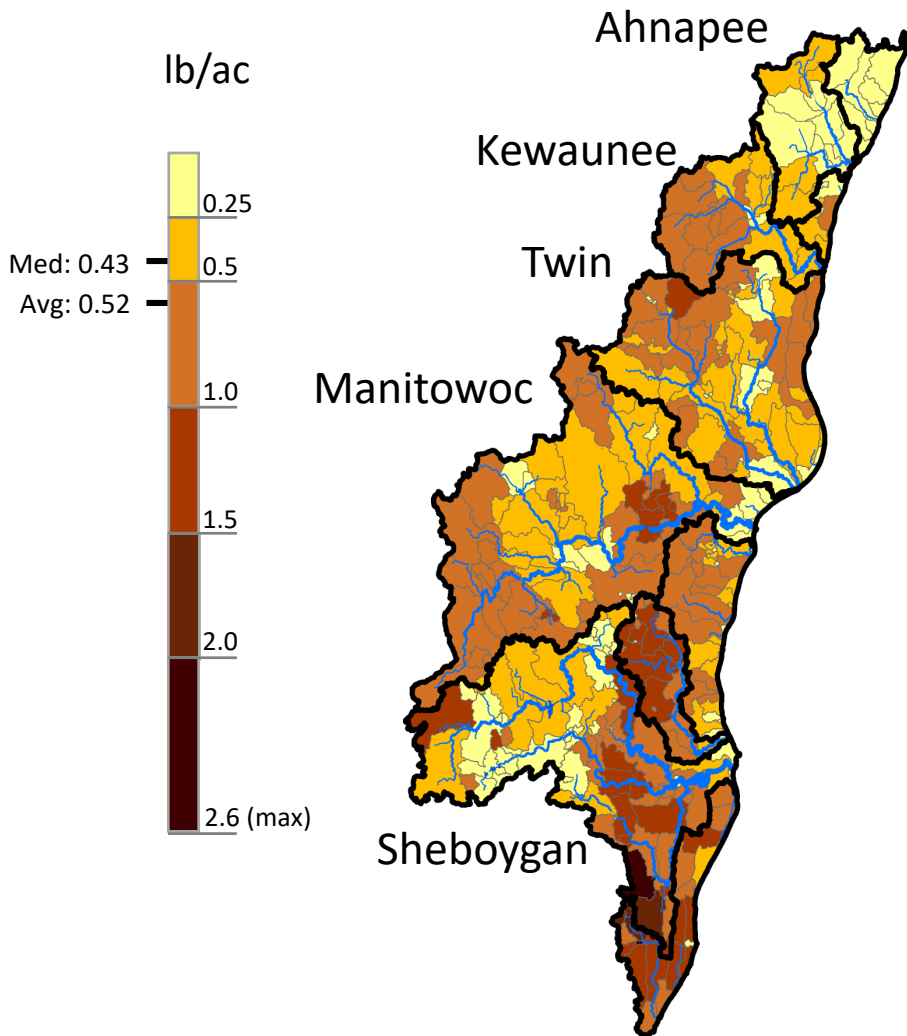
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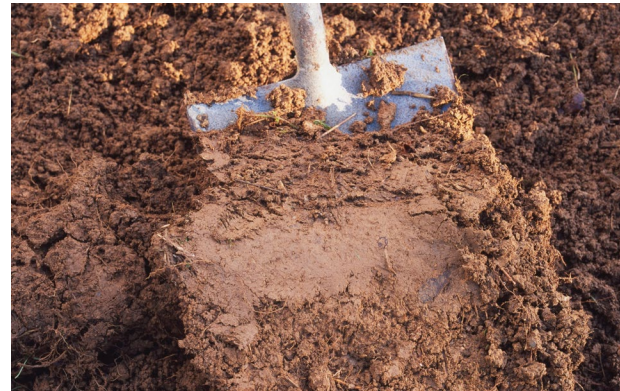
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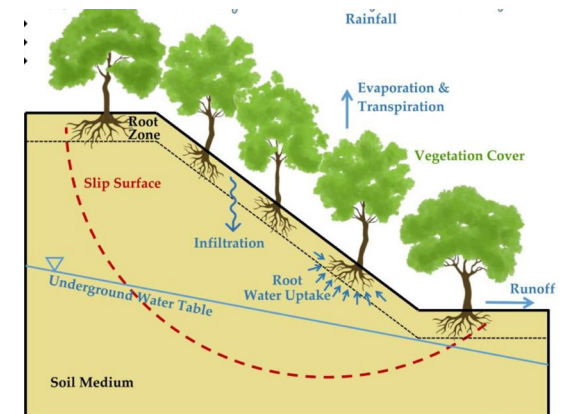


Soil type and slope also helps explain the variability of rates

Soils with less infiltration (more runoff)



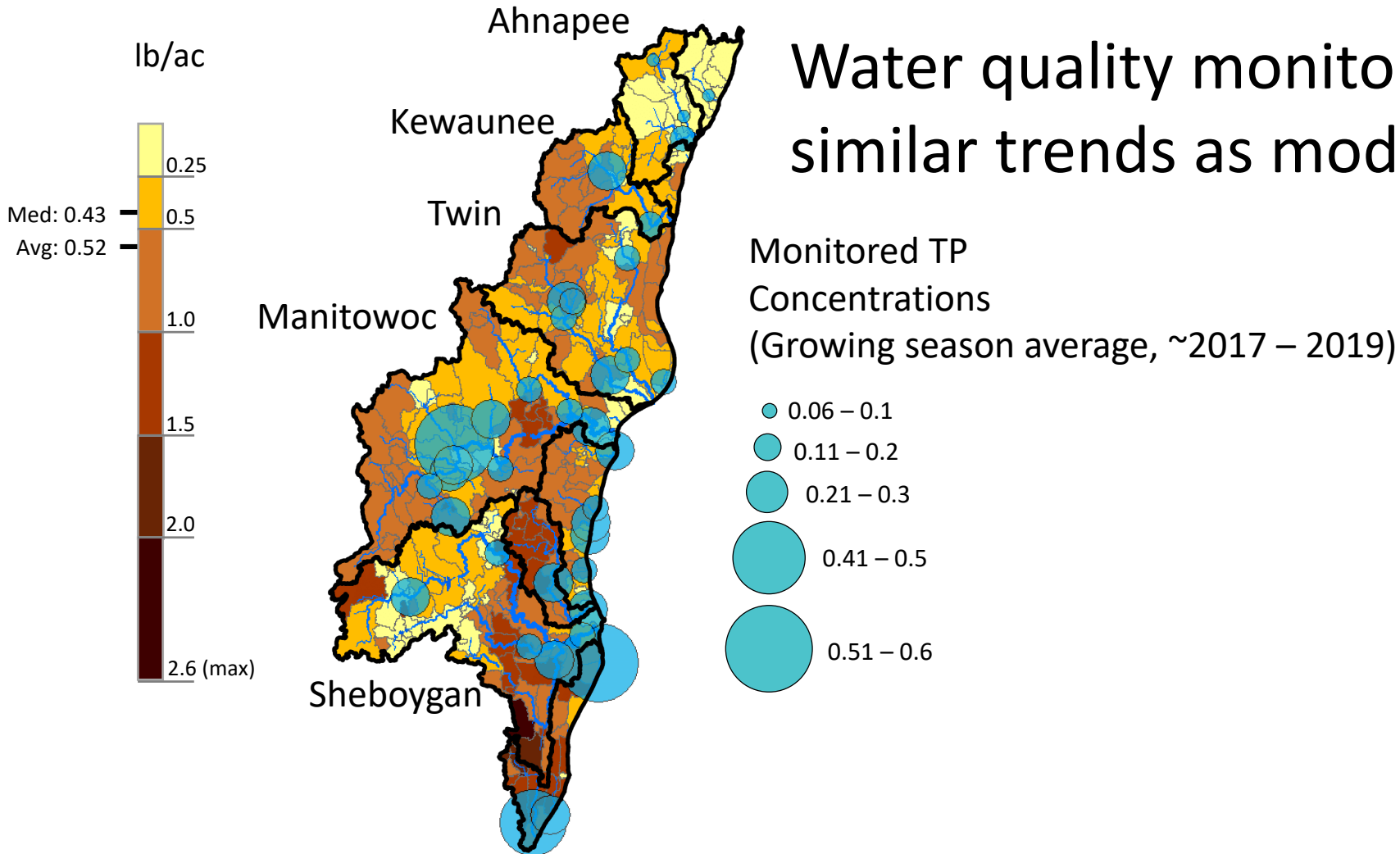
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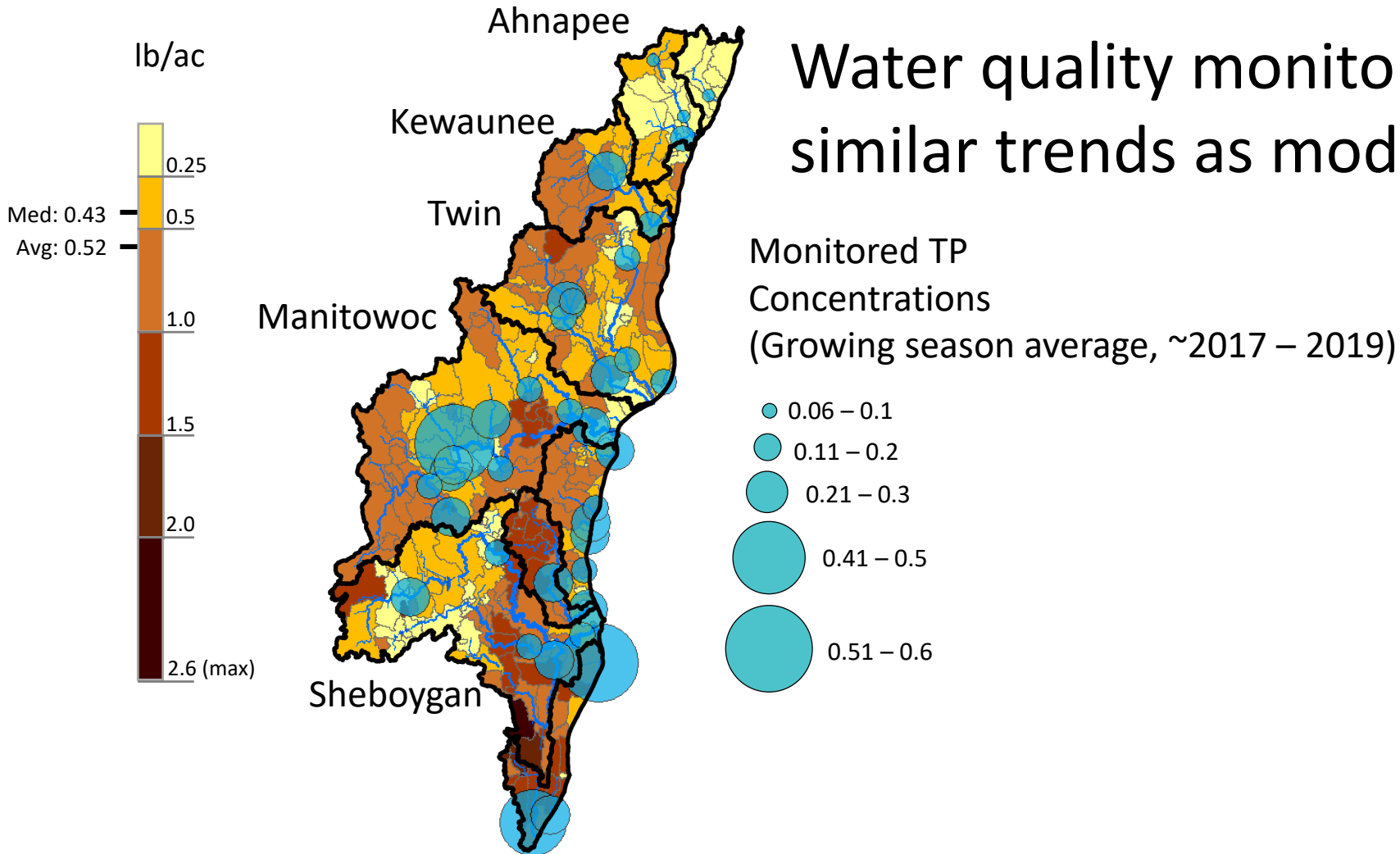
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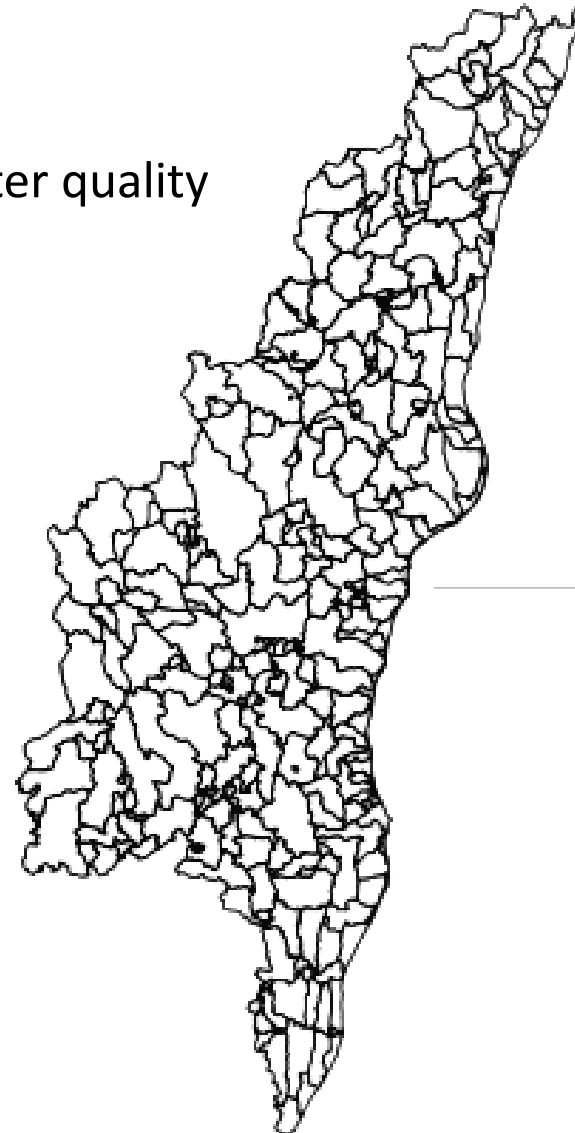


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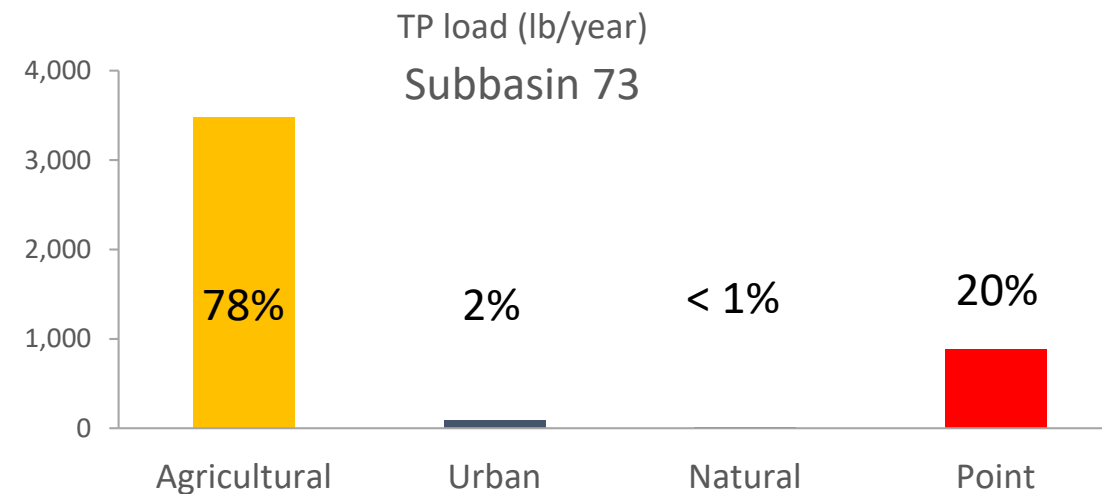
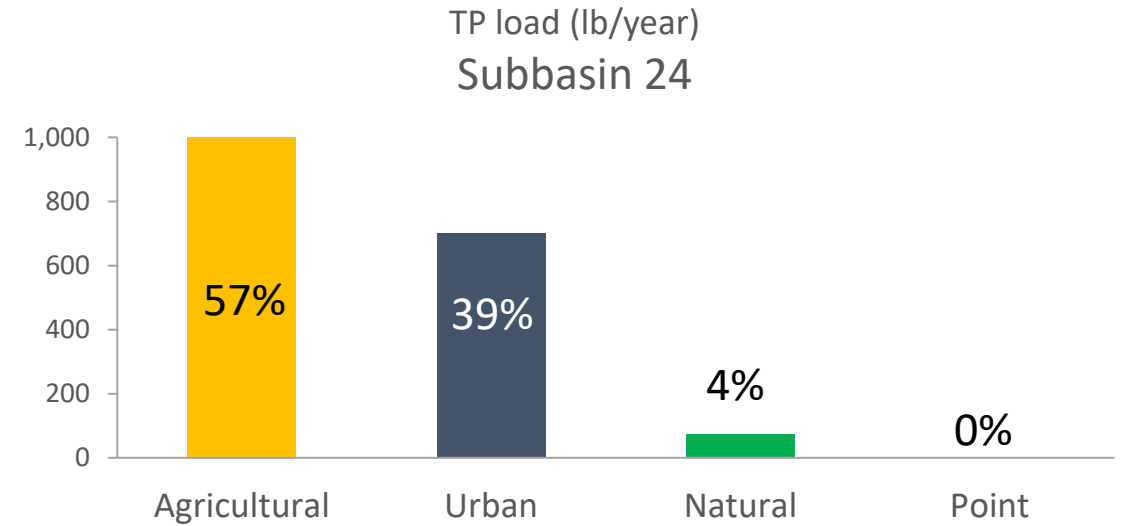
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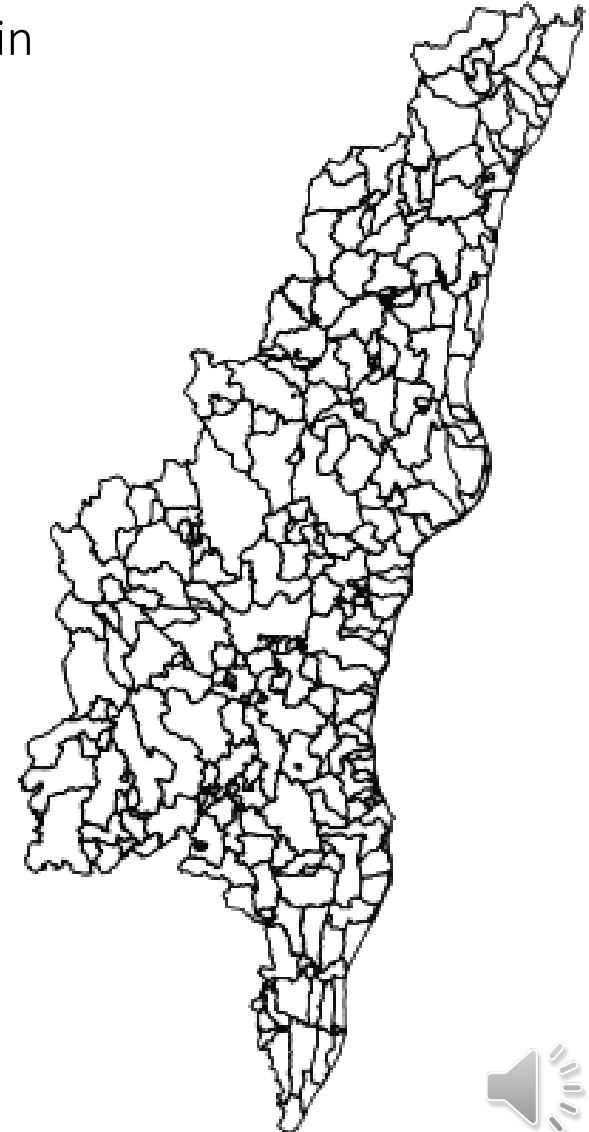


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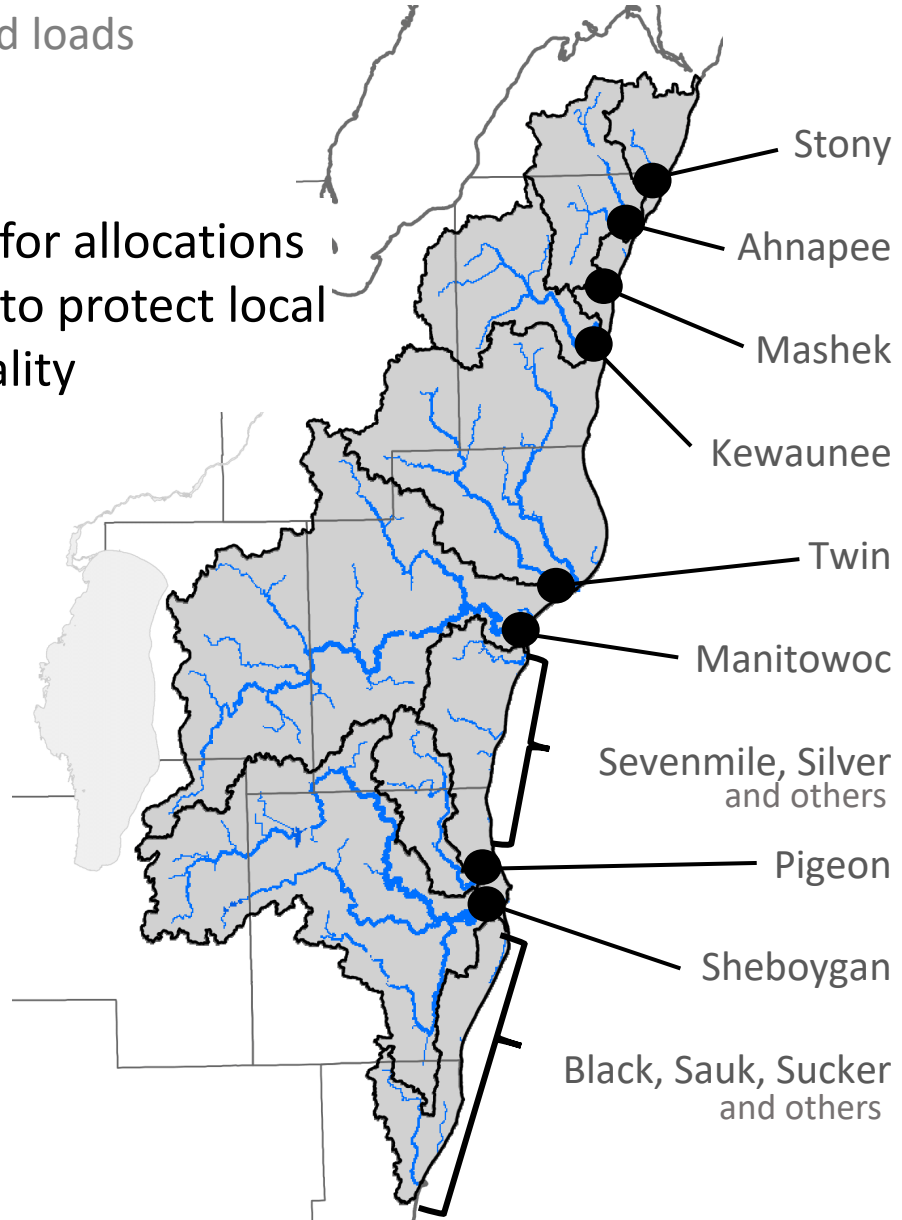


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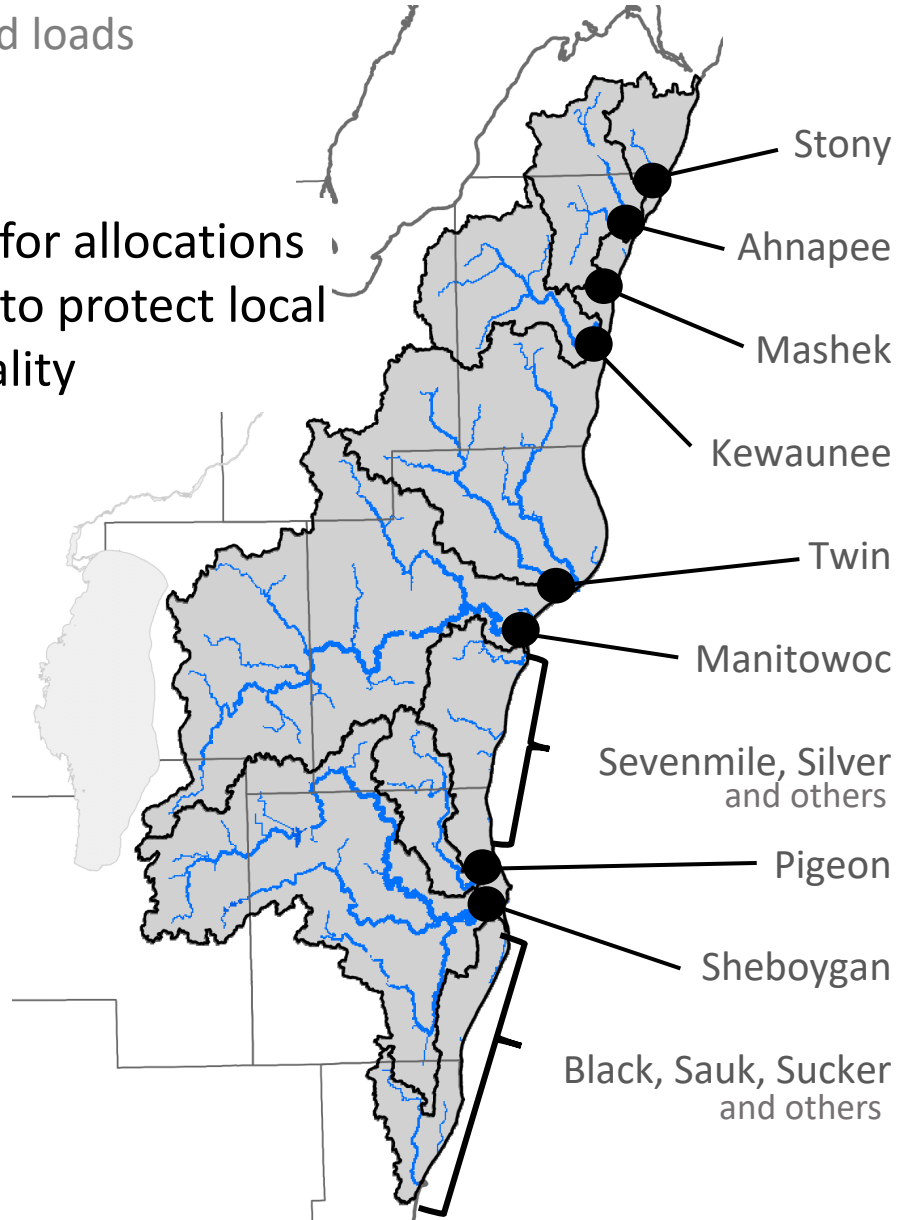


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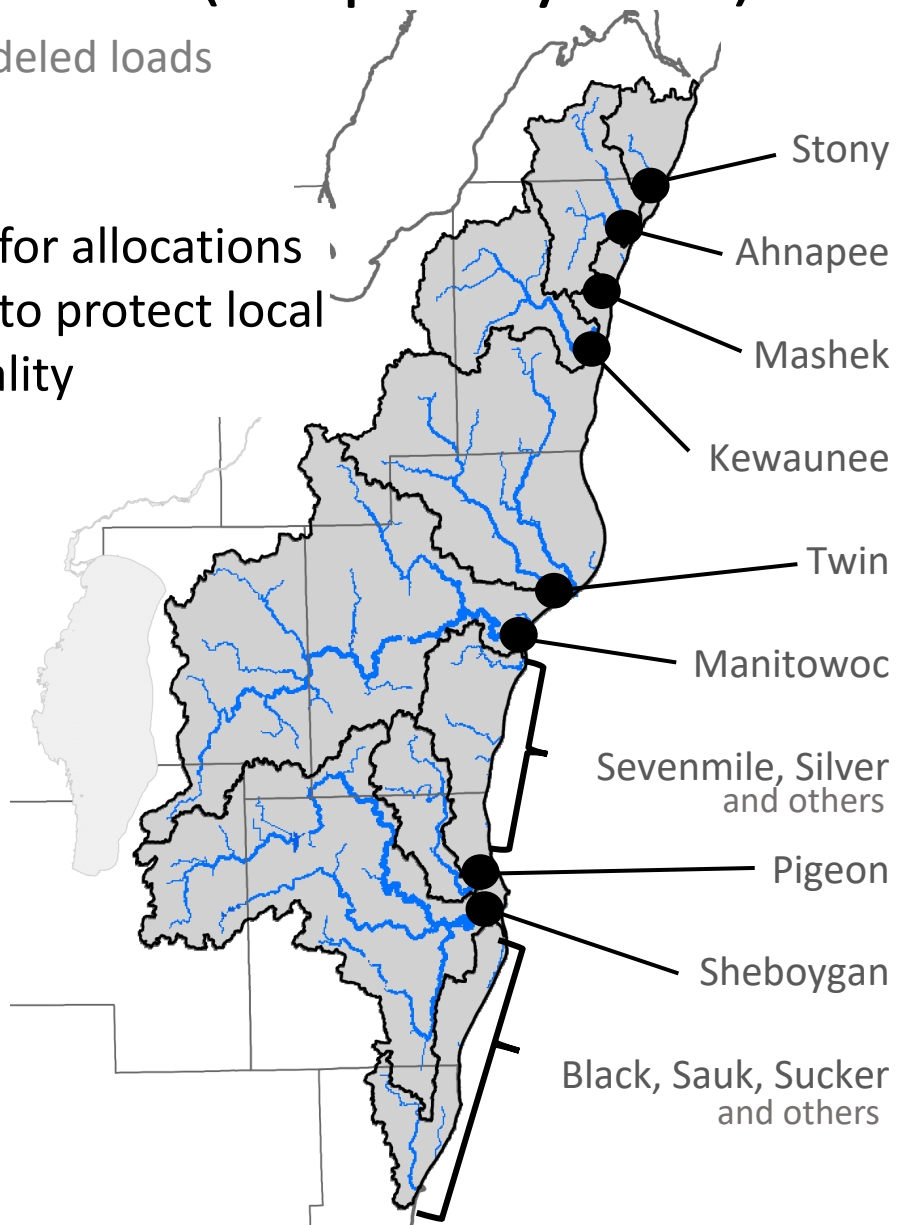


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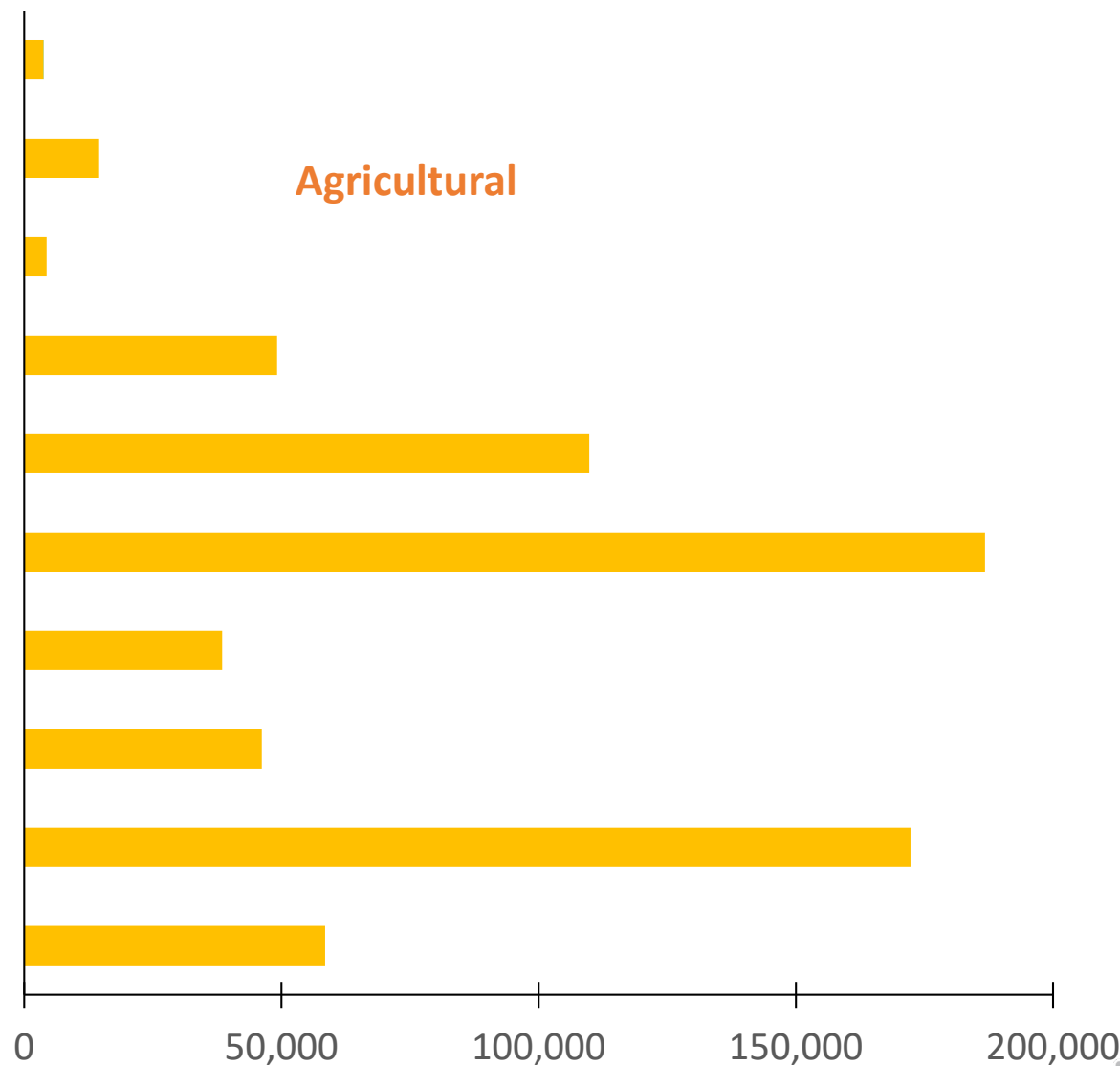
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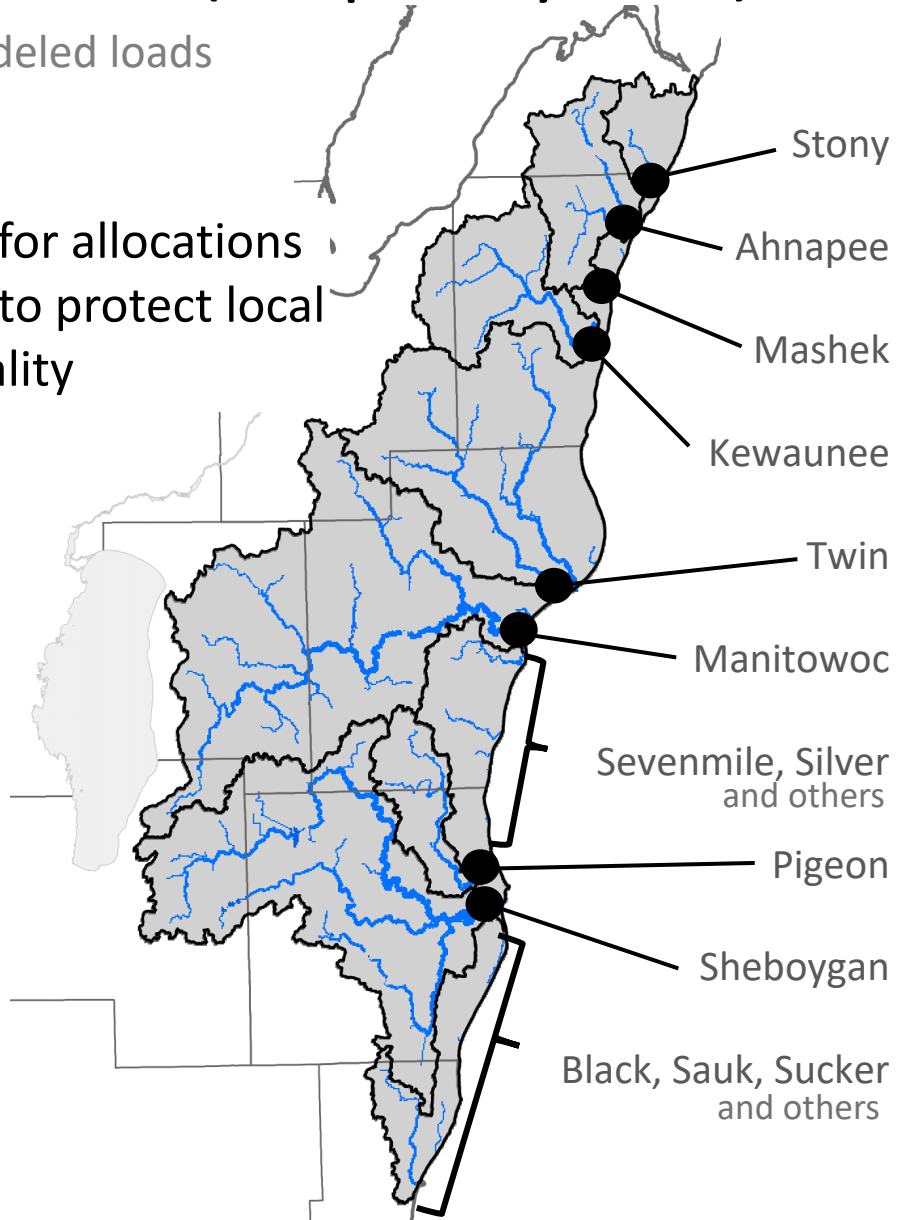


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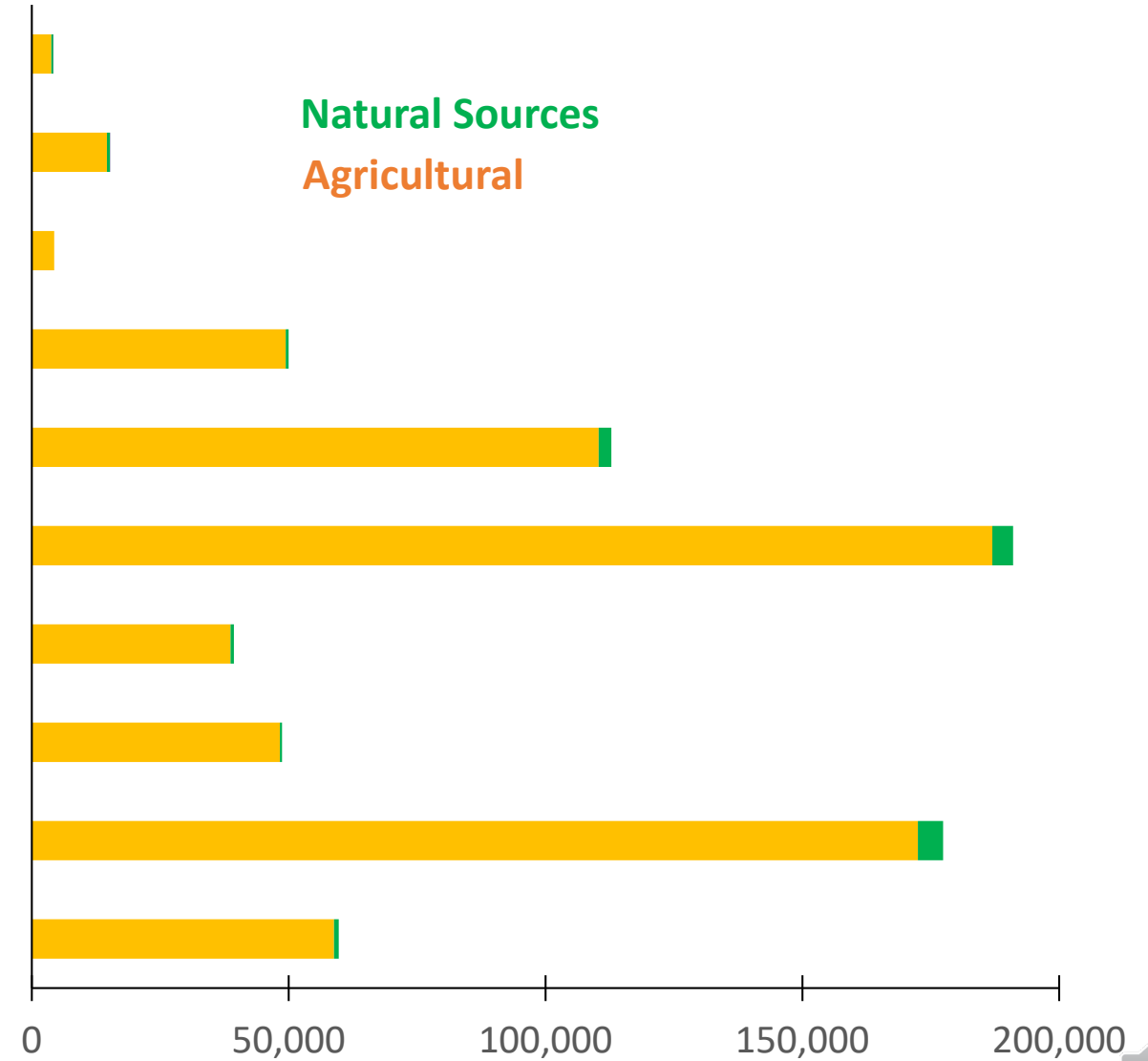
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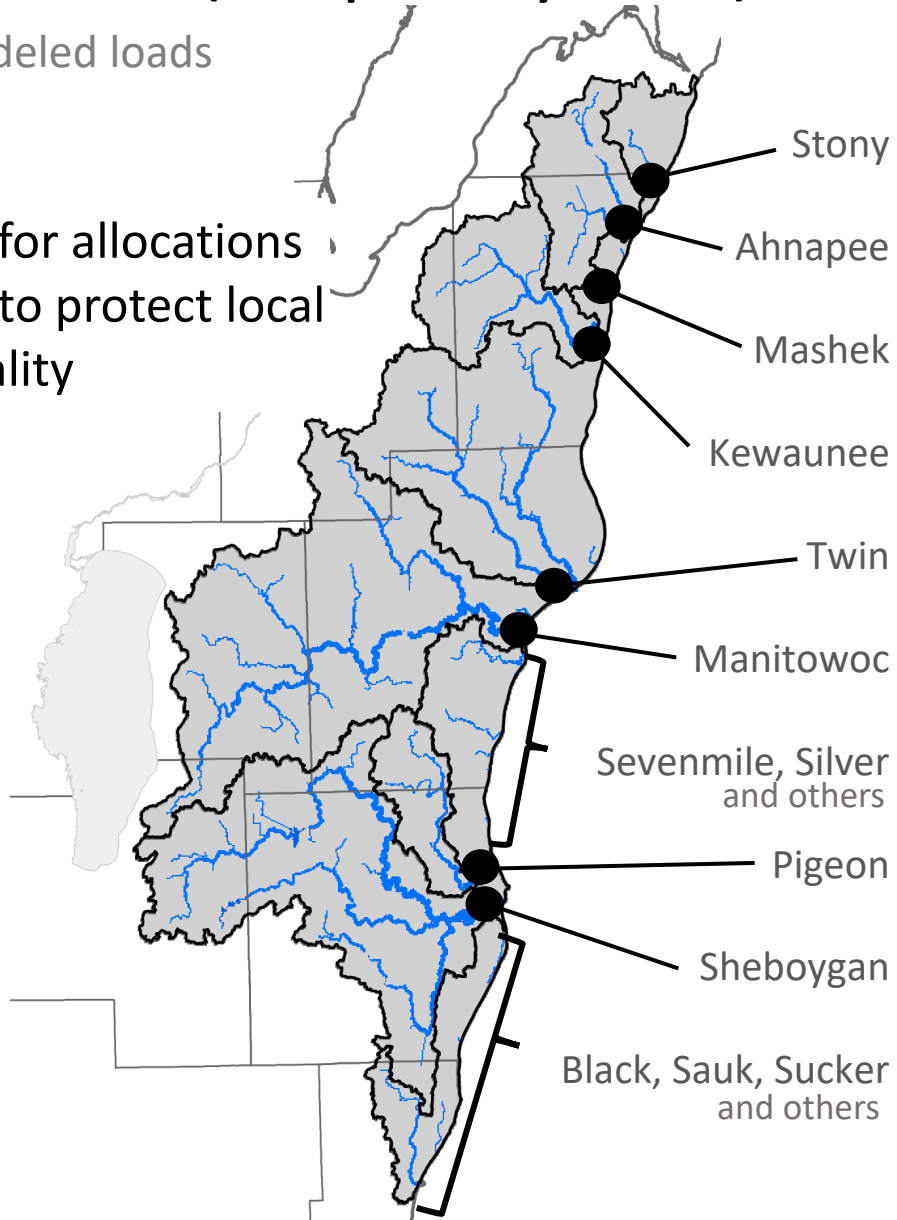


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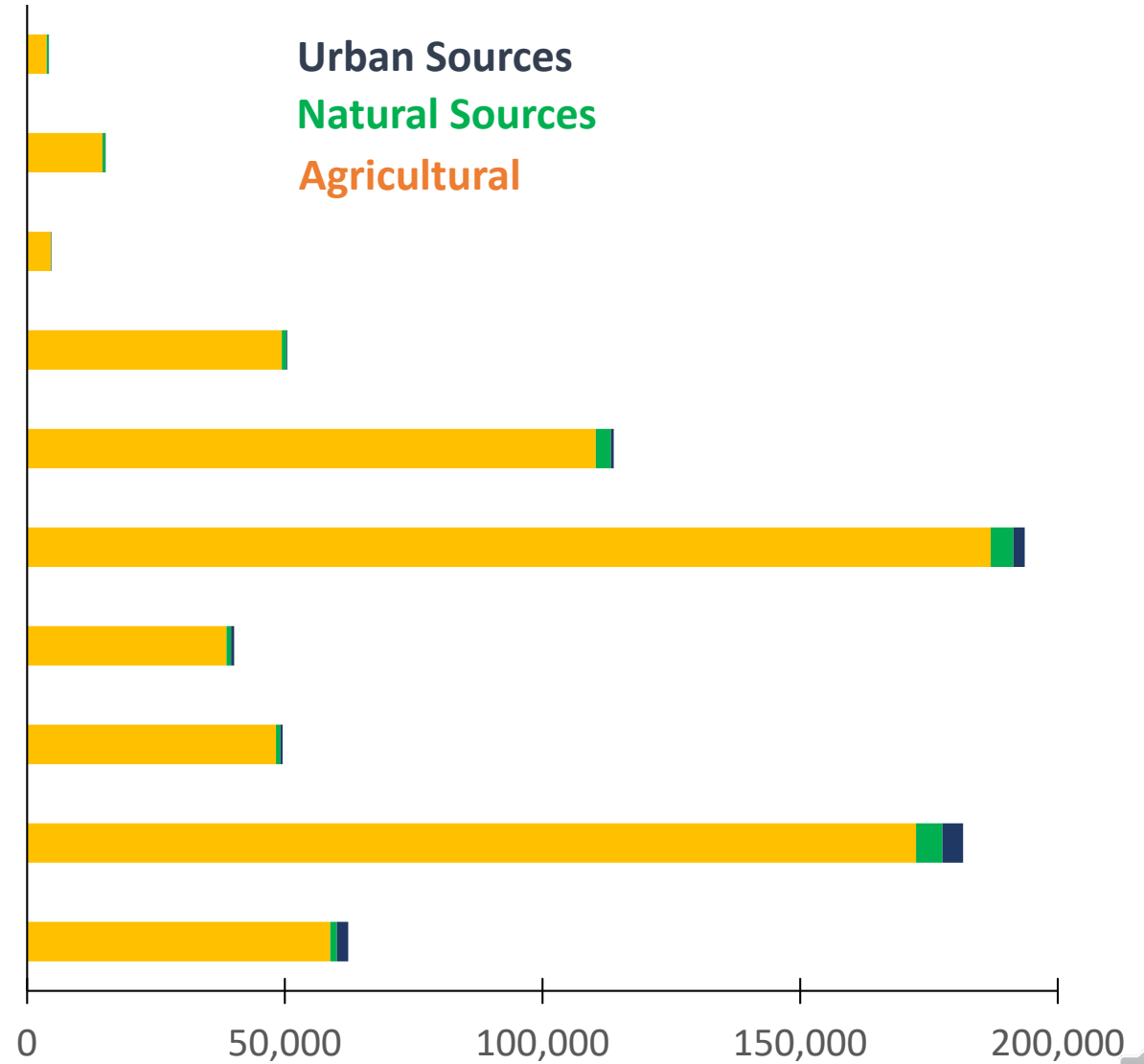
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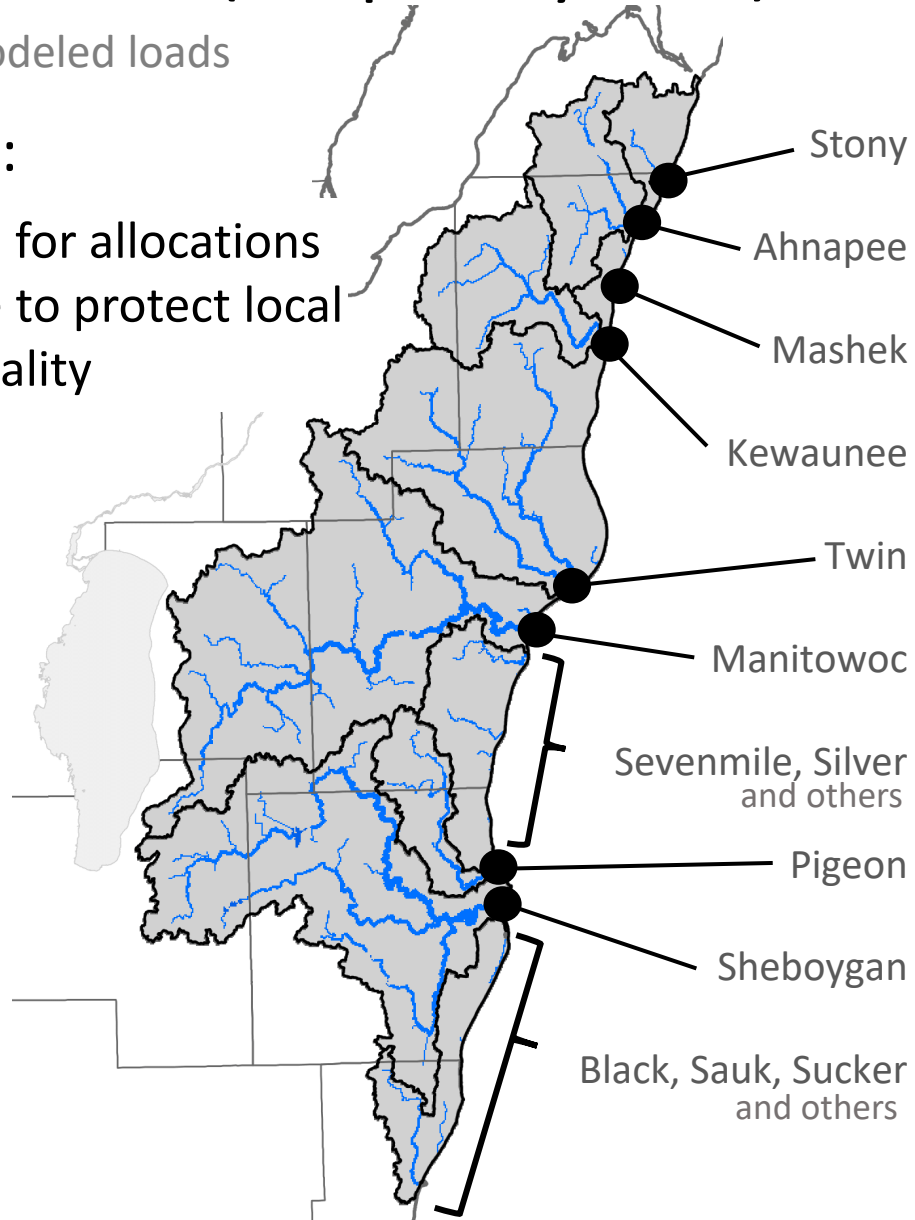


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Scale: Major drainage basins

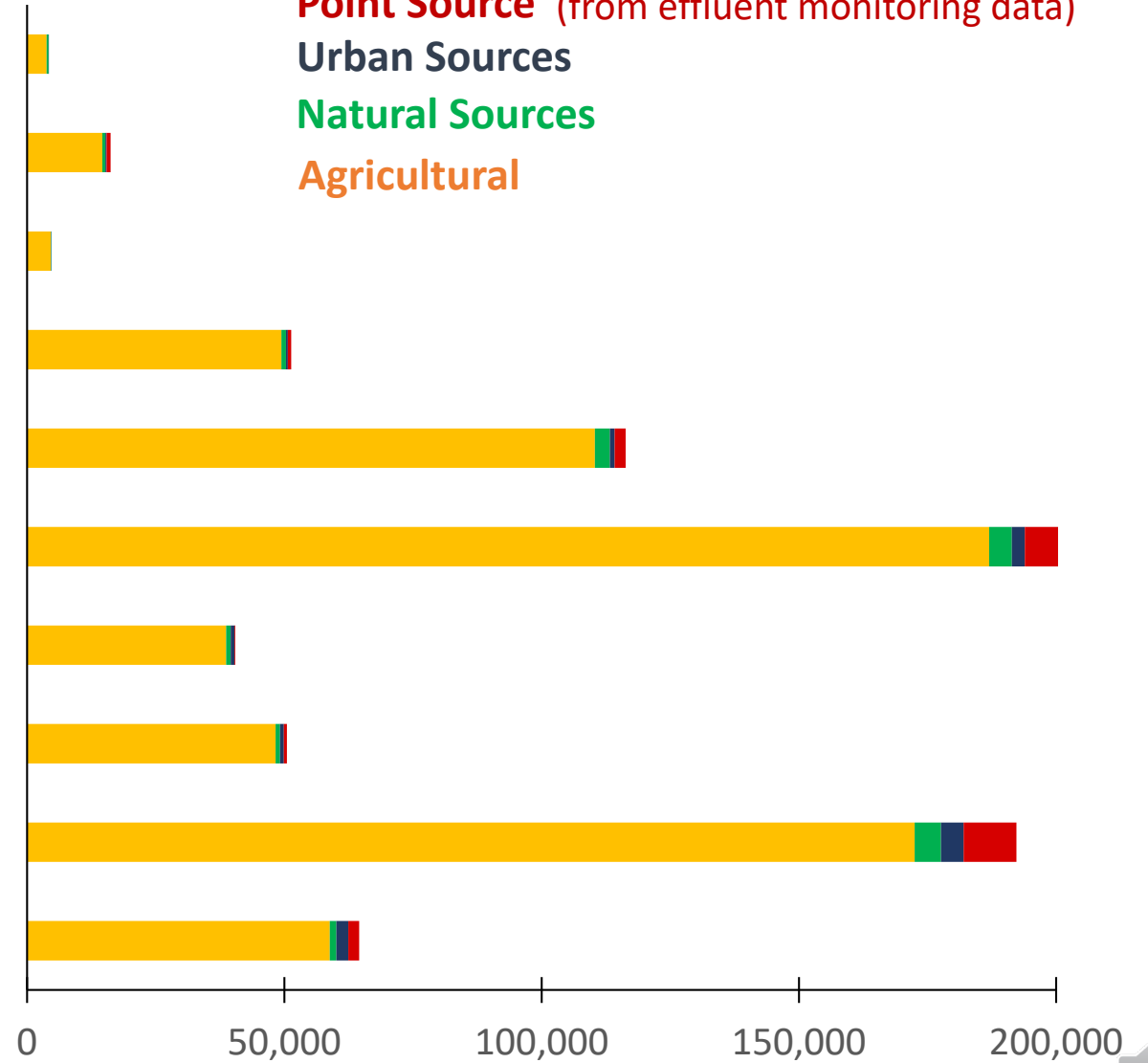
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Point Source (from effluent monitoring data)

Urban Sources

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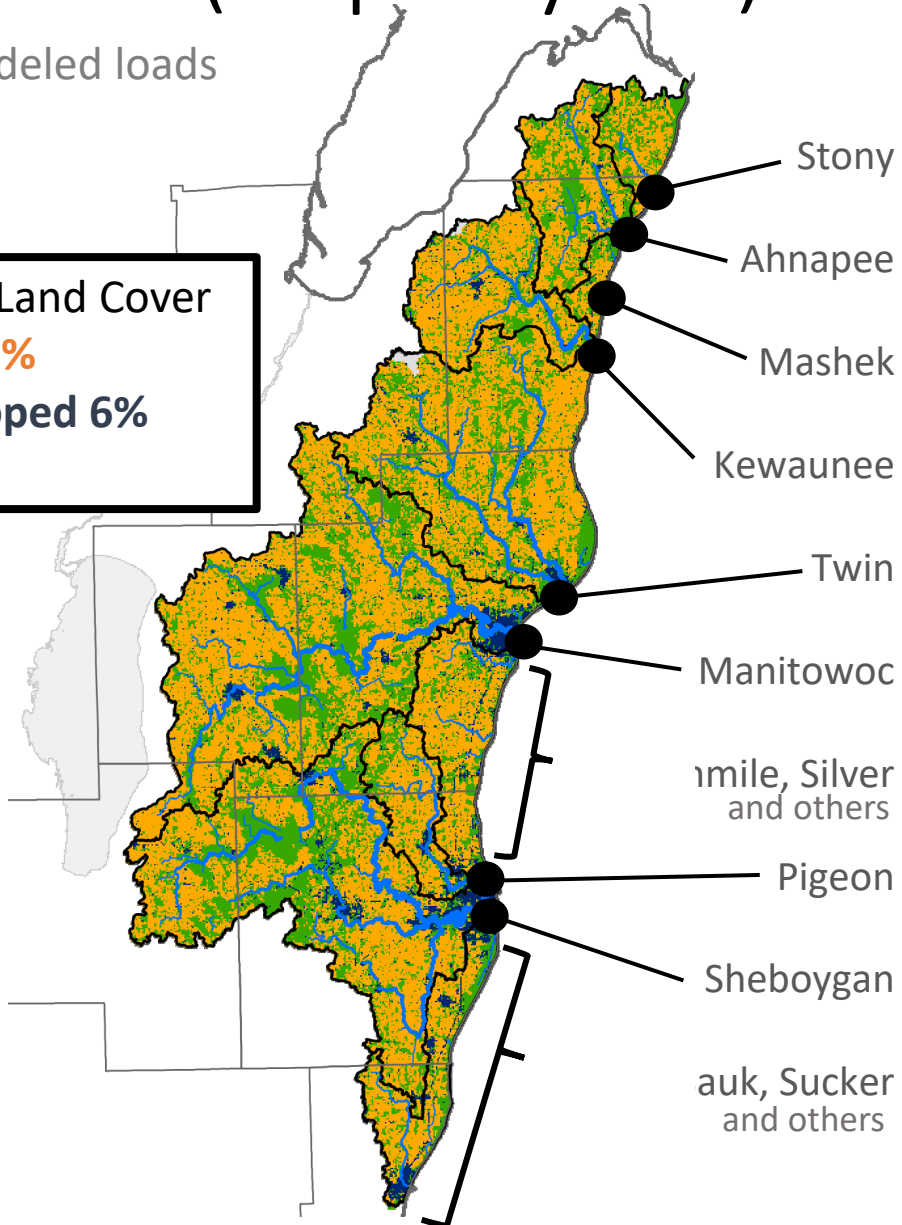
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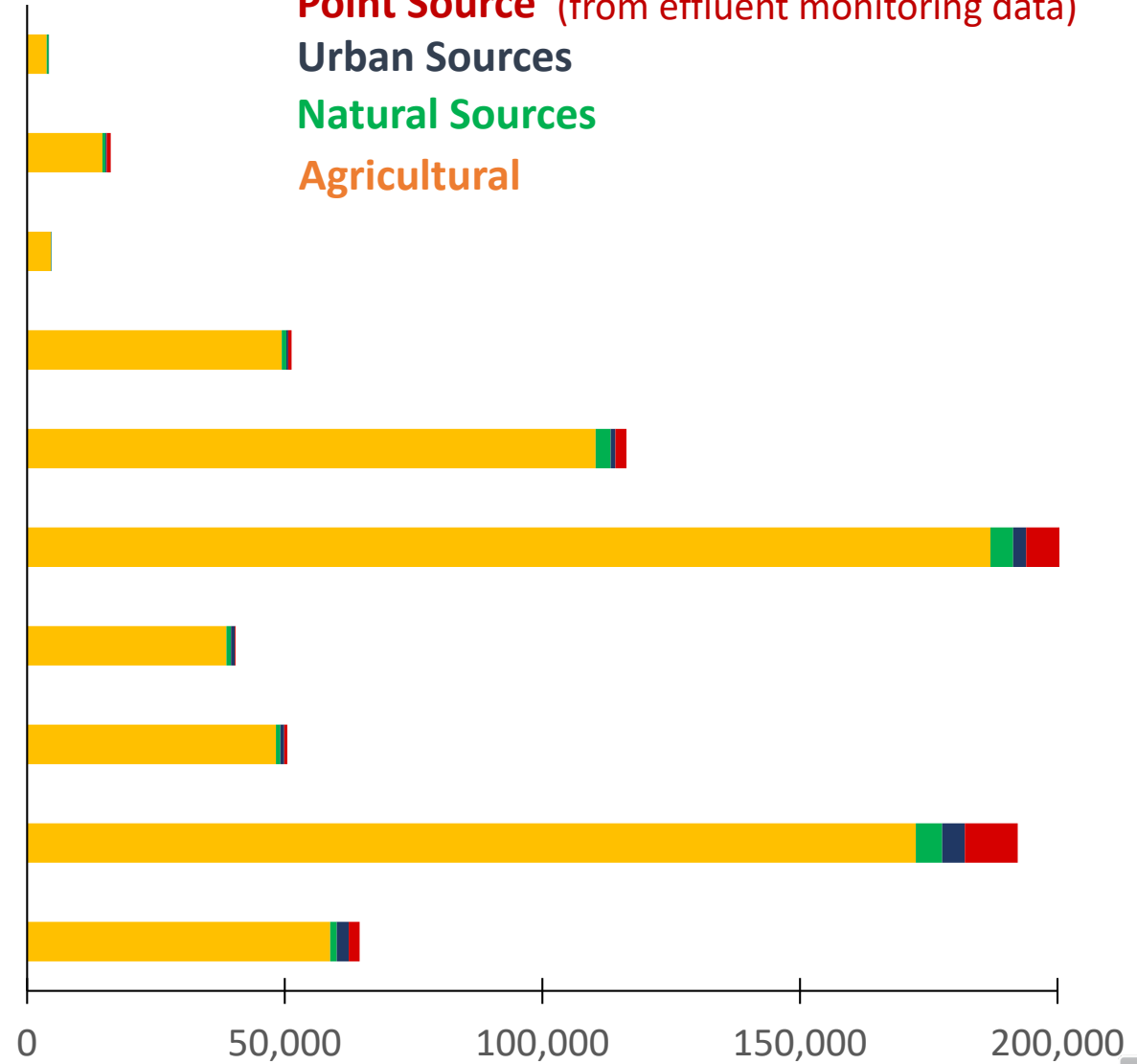
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NE Lakeshore Land Cover
Agriculture 60%
Urban/Developed 6%
Natural 34%



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Summary: Total Phosphorus

Variability in TP rates generally explained by variations in land cover, soils, and slope

Subbasin scale, used for allocations:

Relative contributions varied among sources (ag, urban, point source)

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Agricultural sources are predominant, as is agricultural land cover





TSS Rate (lb/ac)

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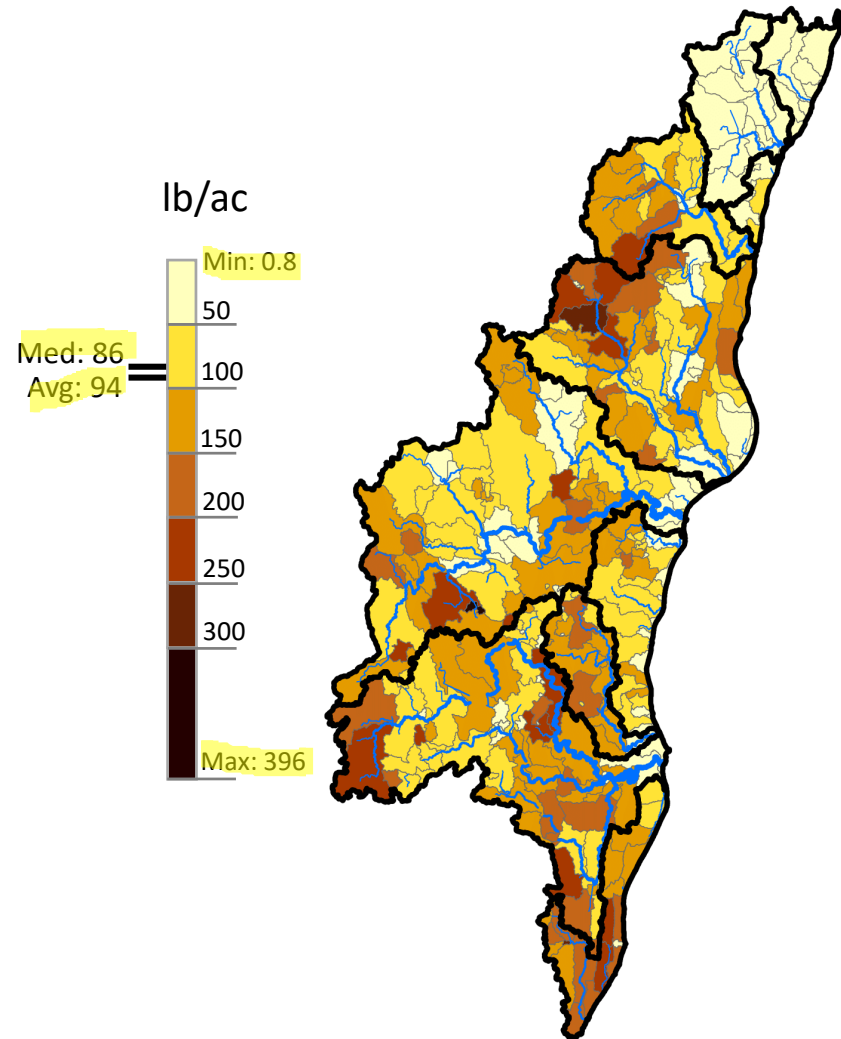




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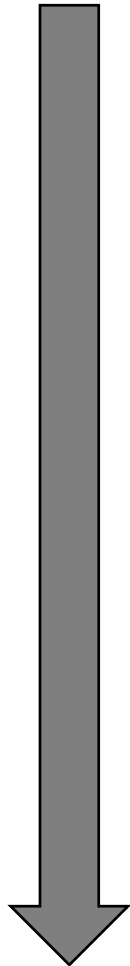
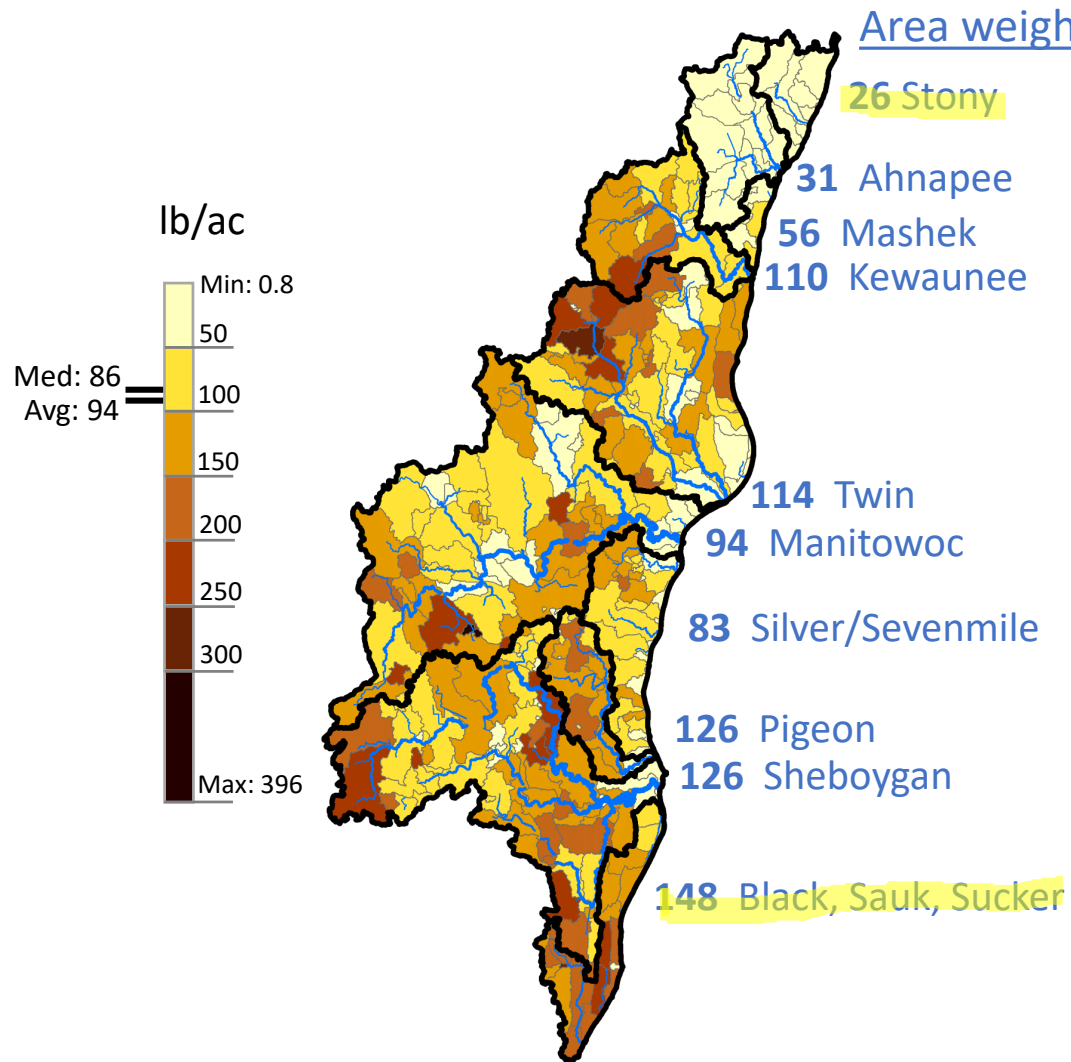




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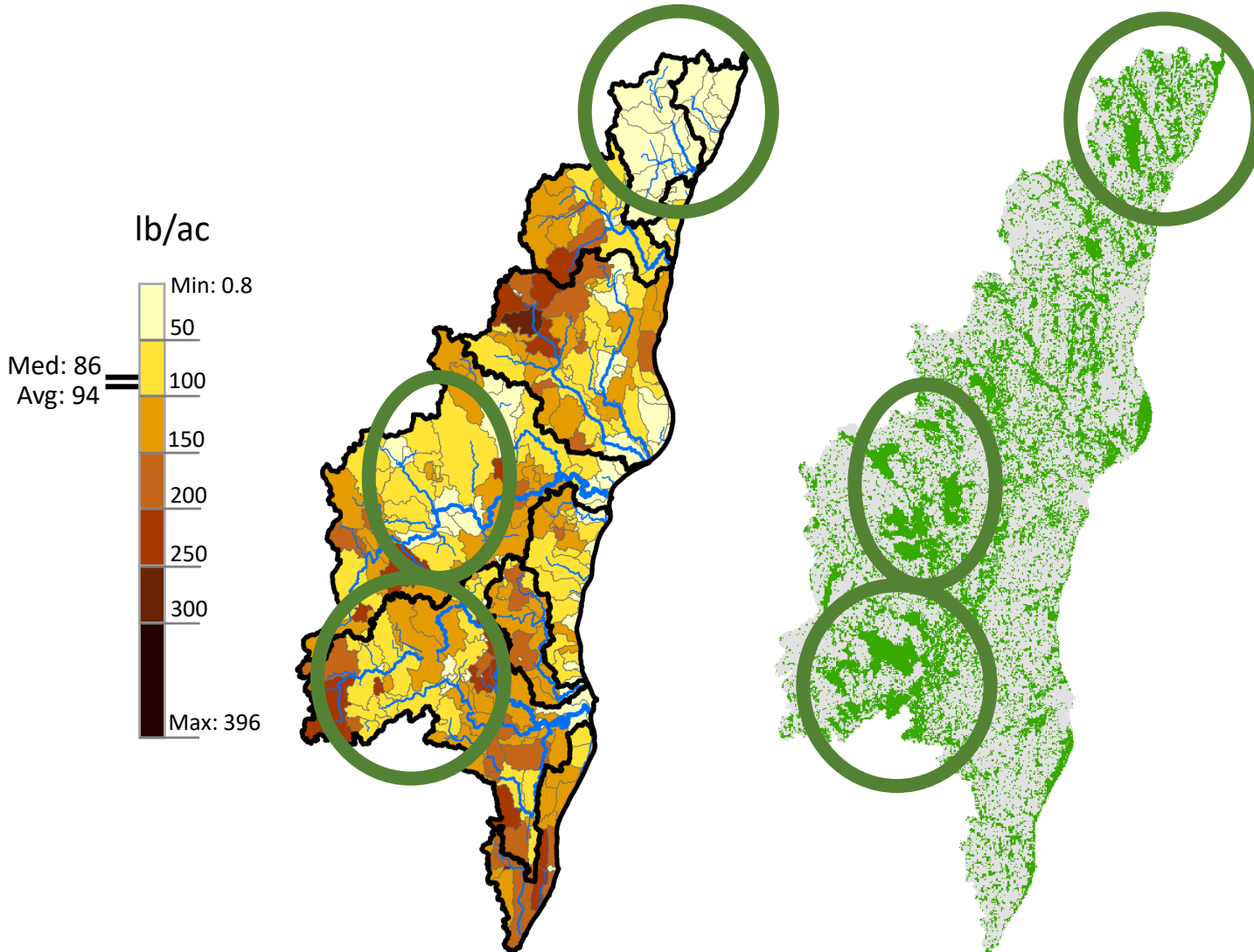




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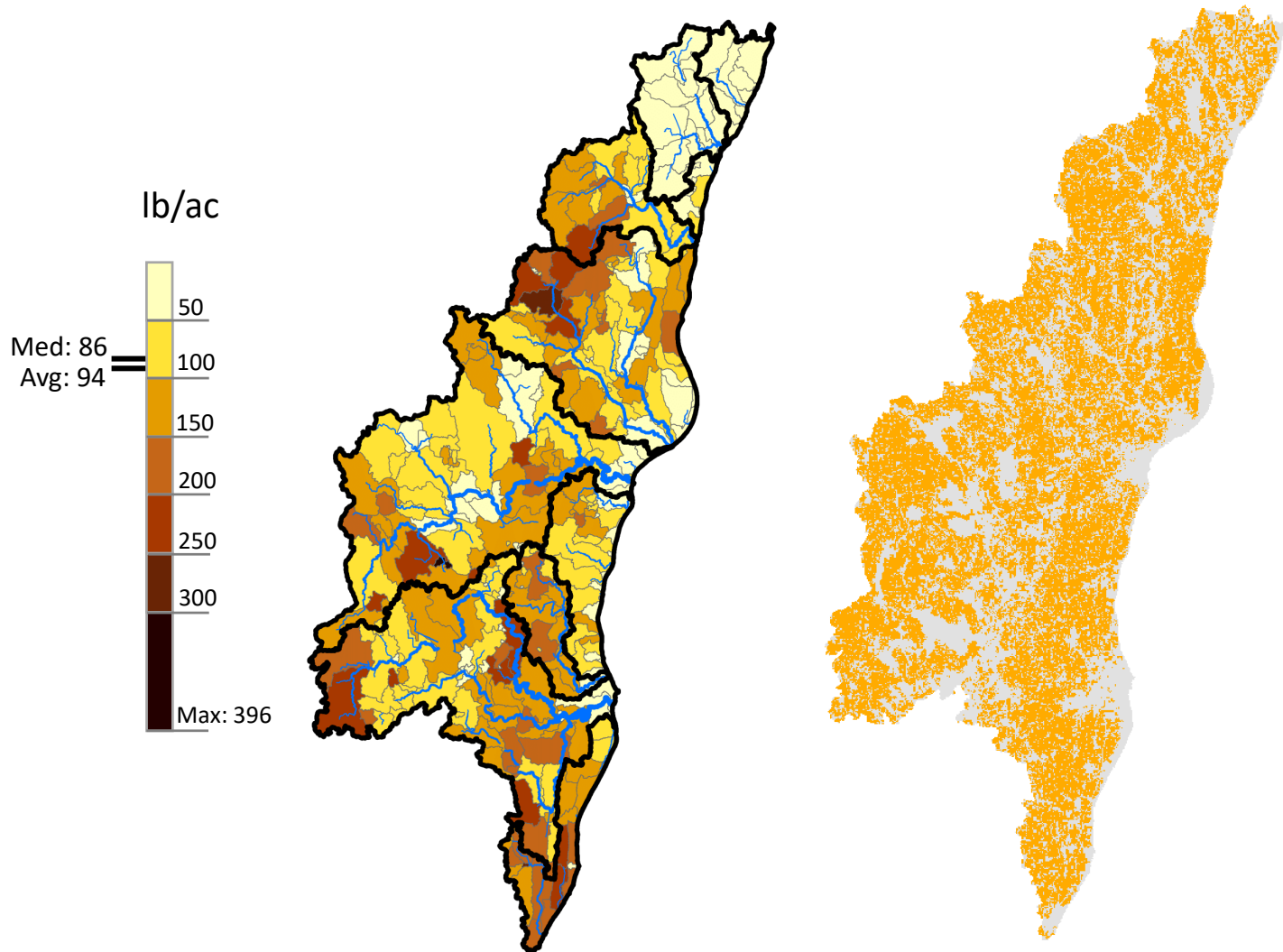




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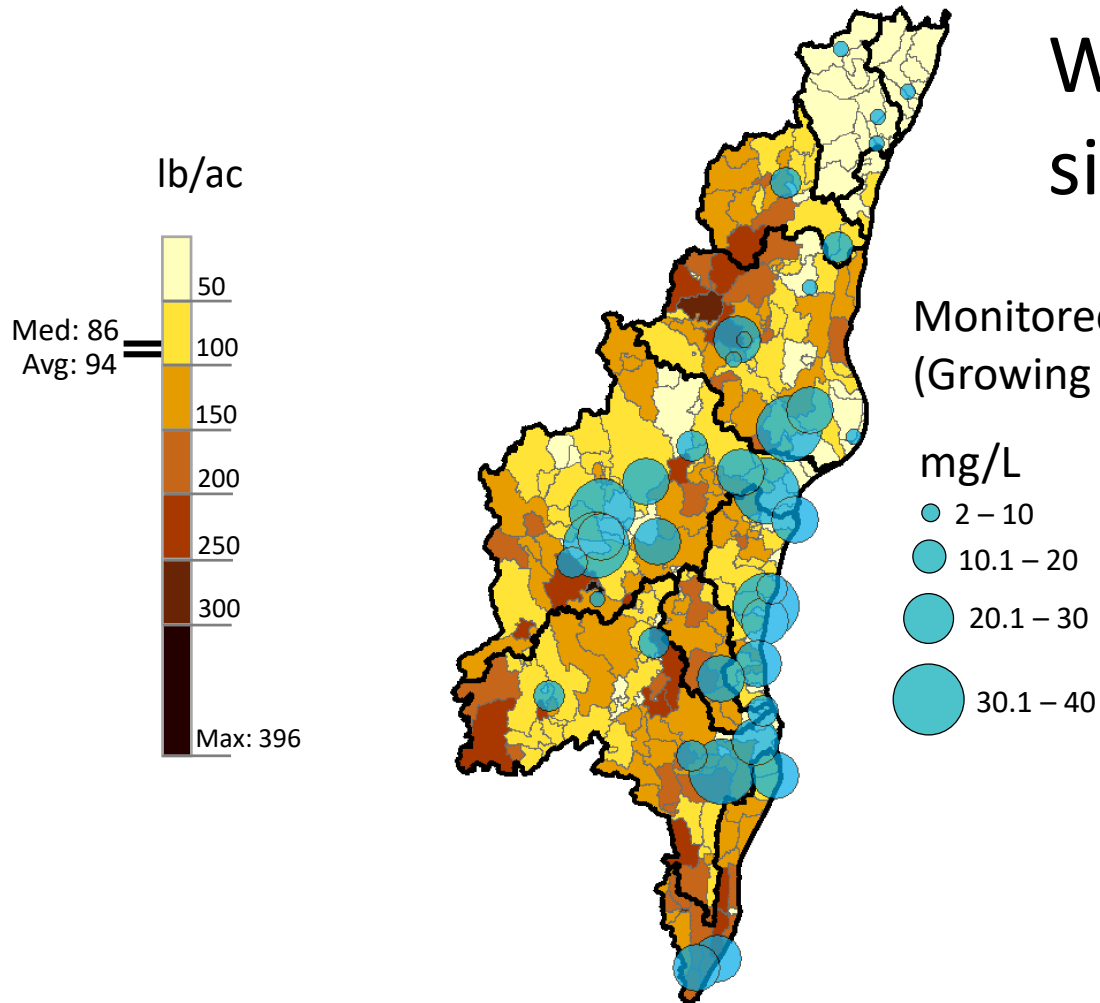


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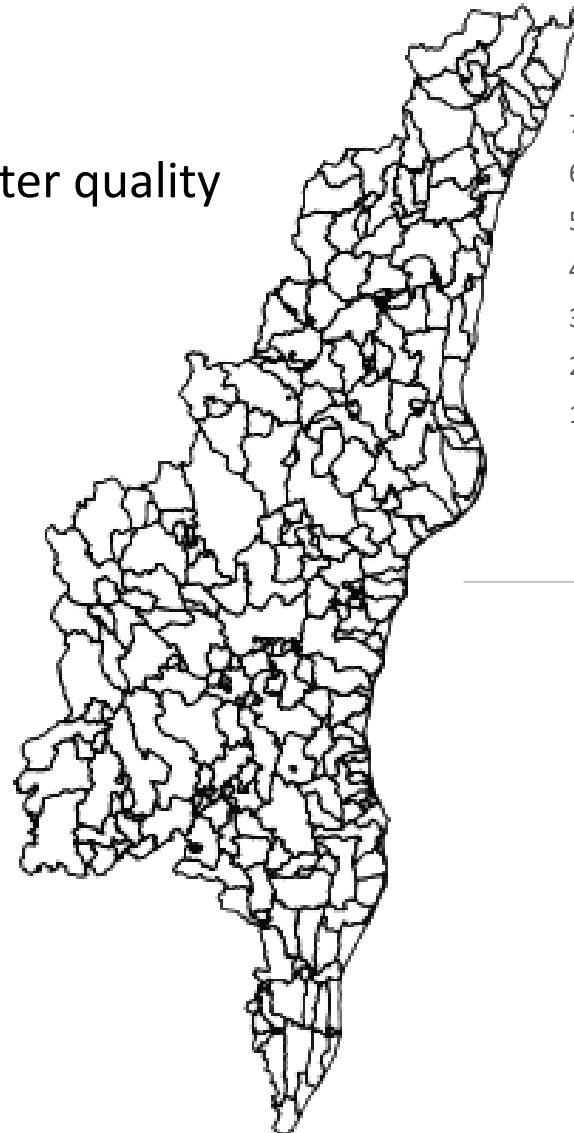


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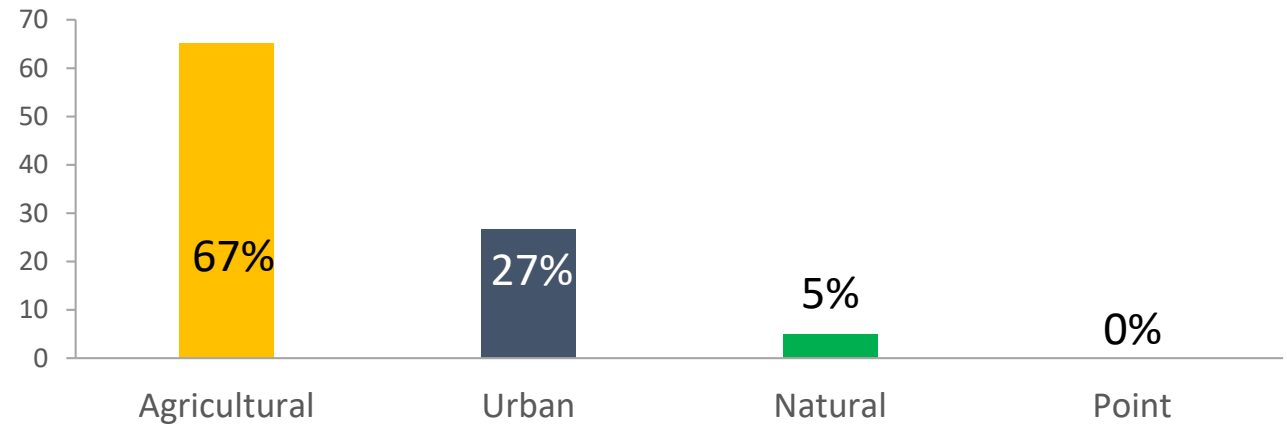
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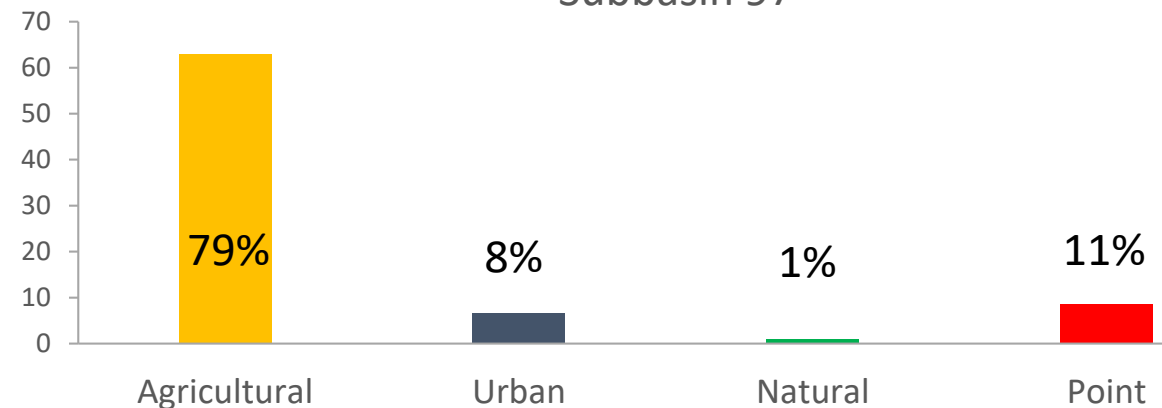


Sources contributions vary among subbasins

TSS load (ton/year)
Subbasin 24



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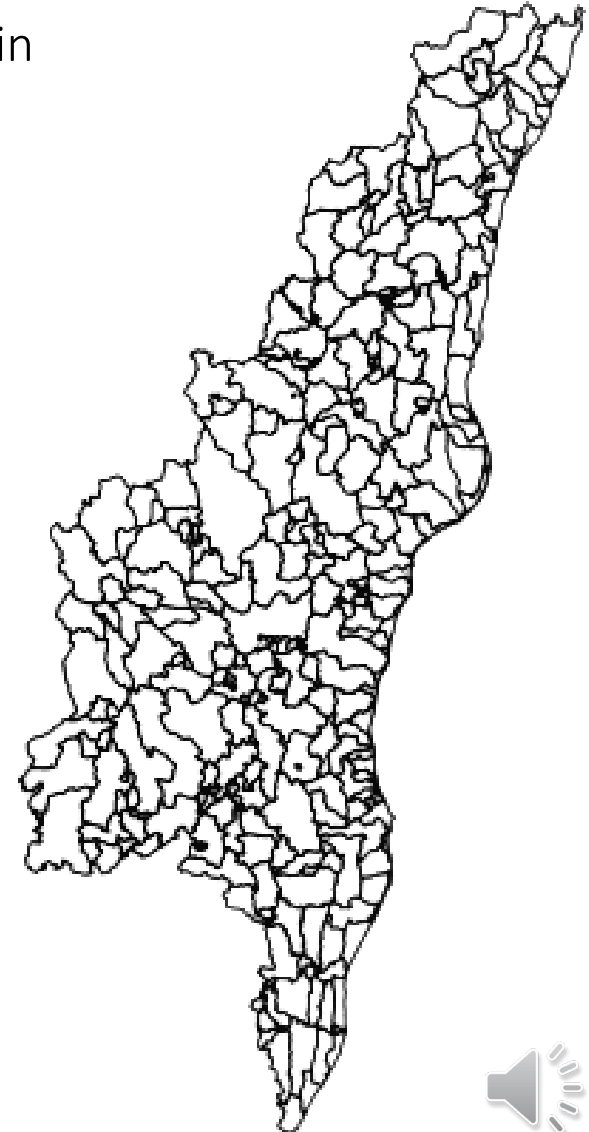


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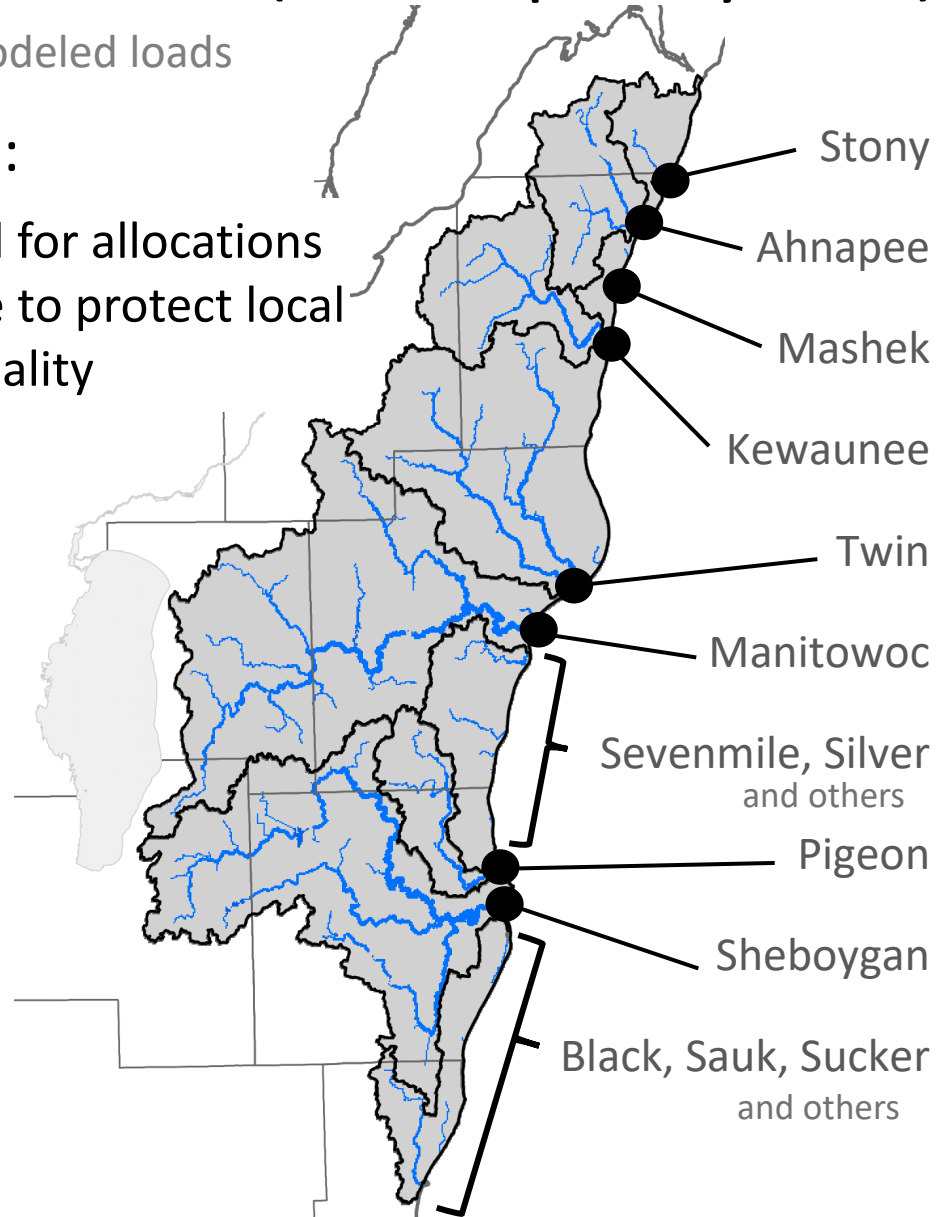


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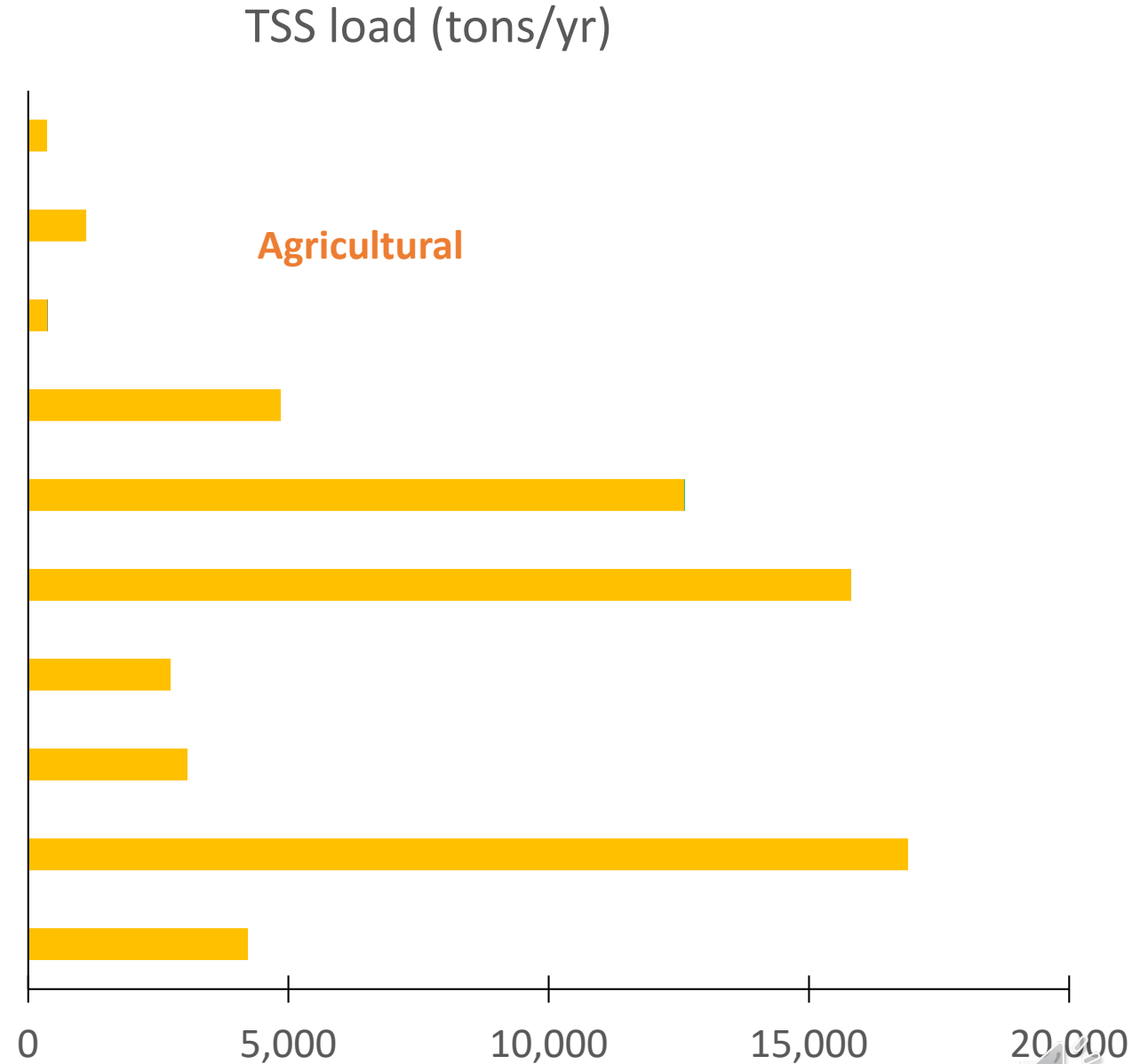
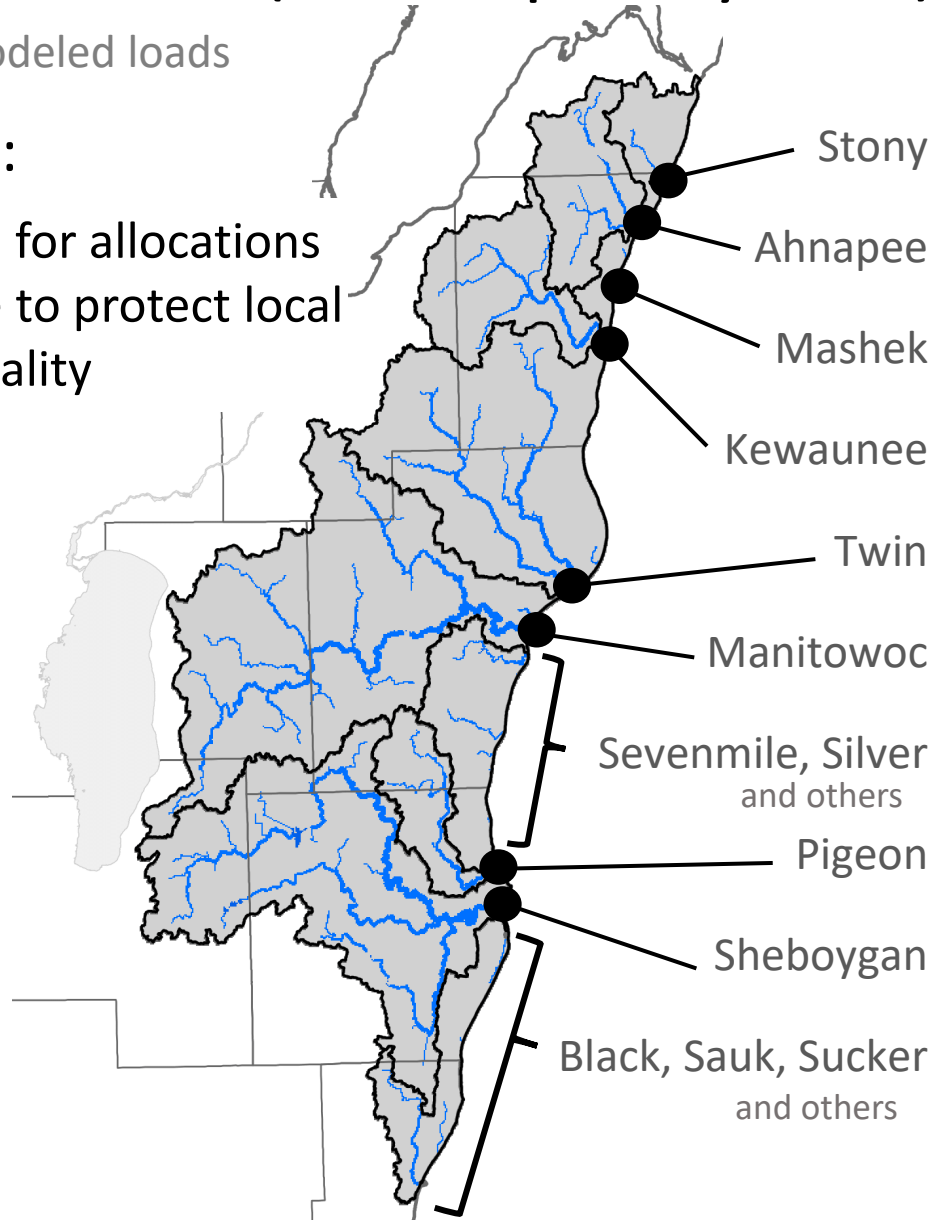


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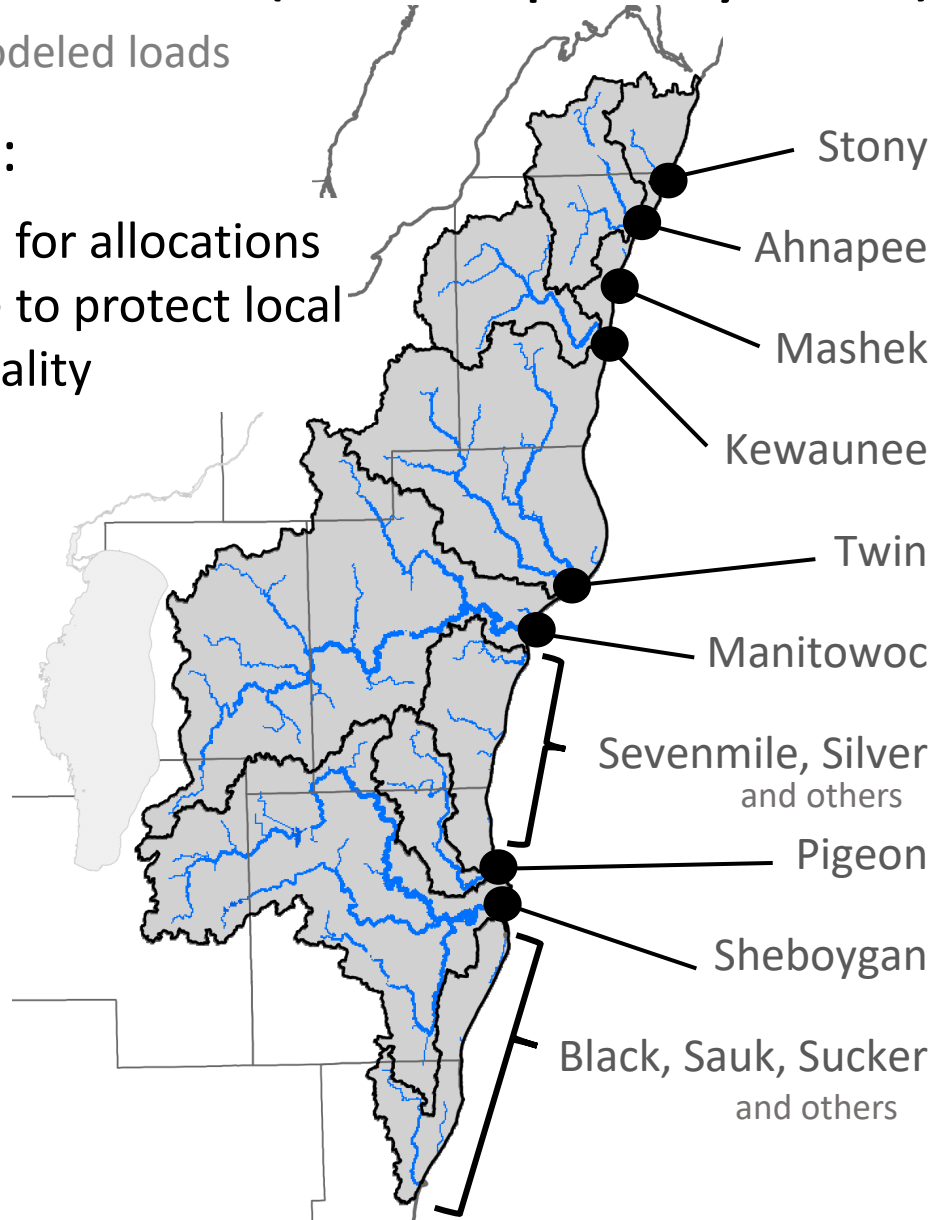


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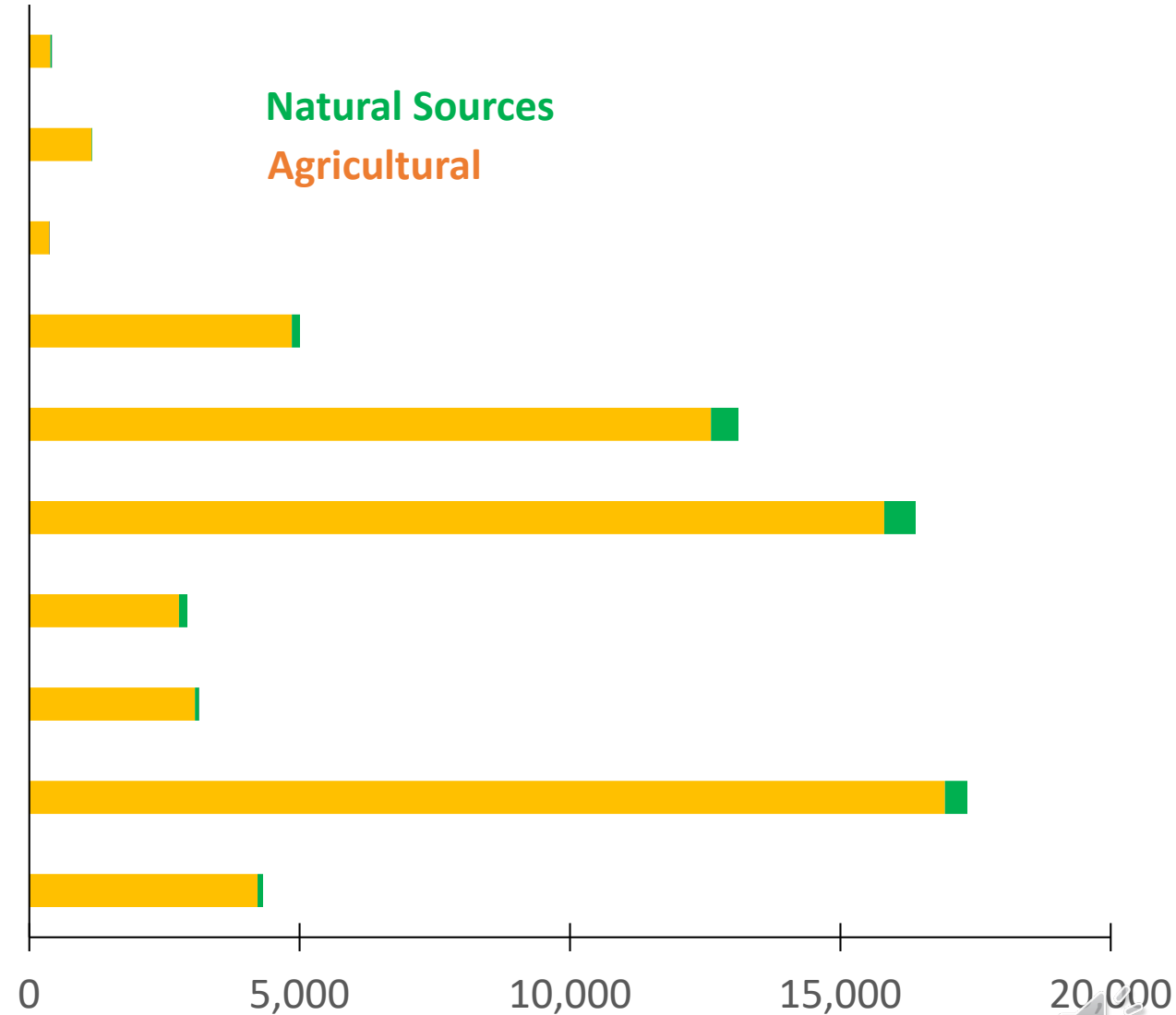
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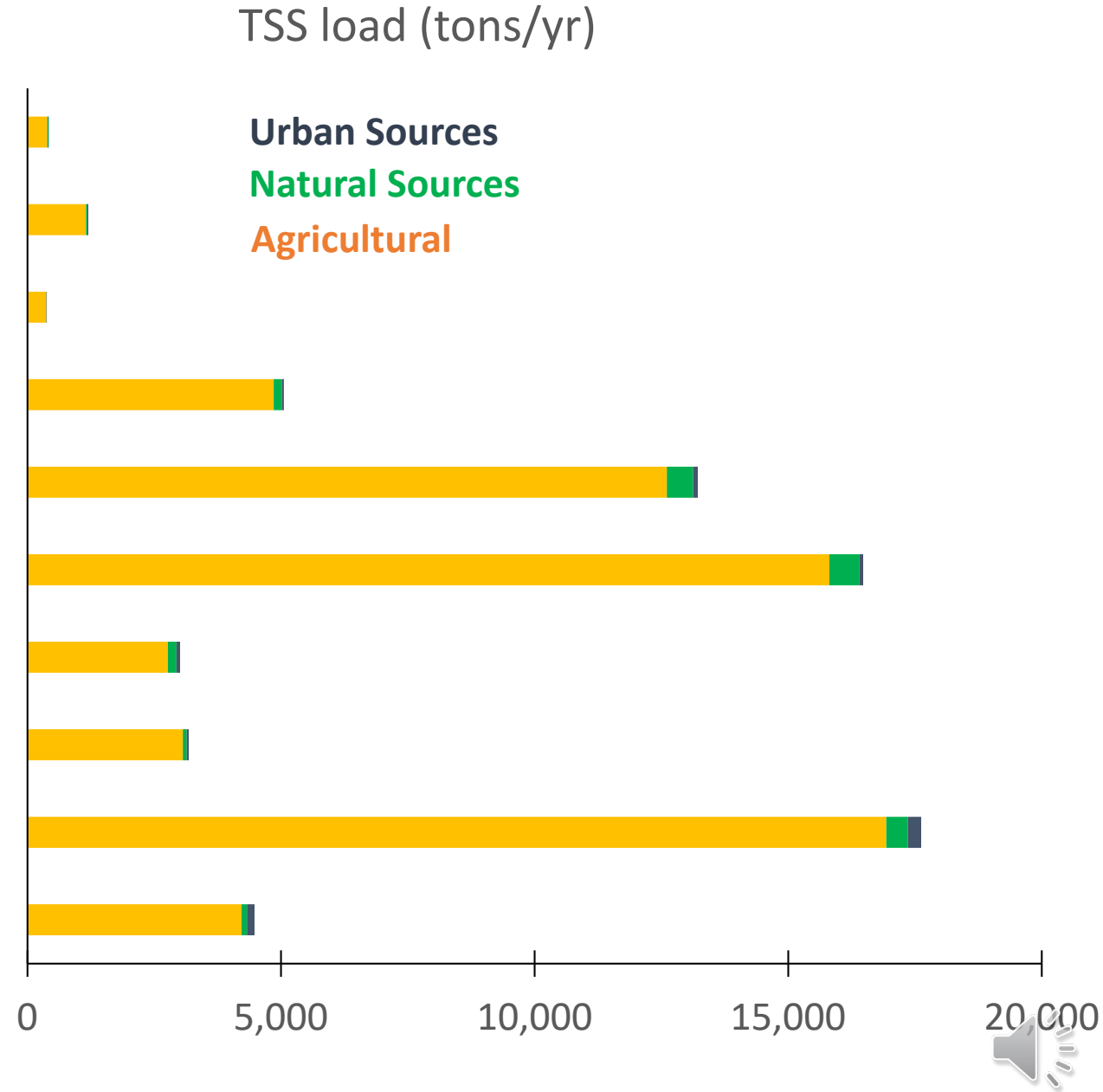
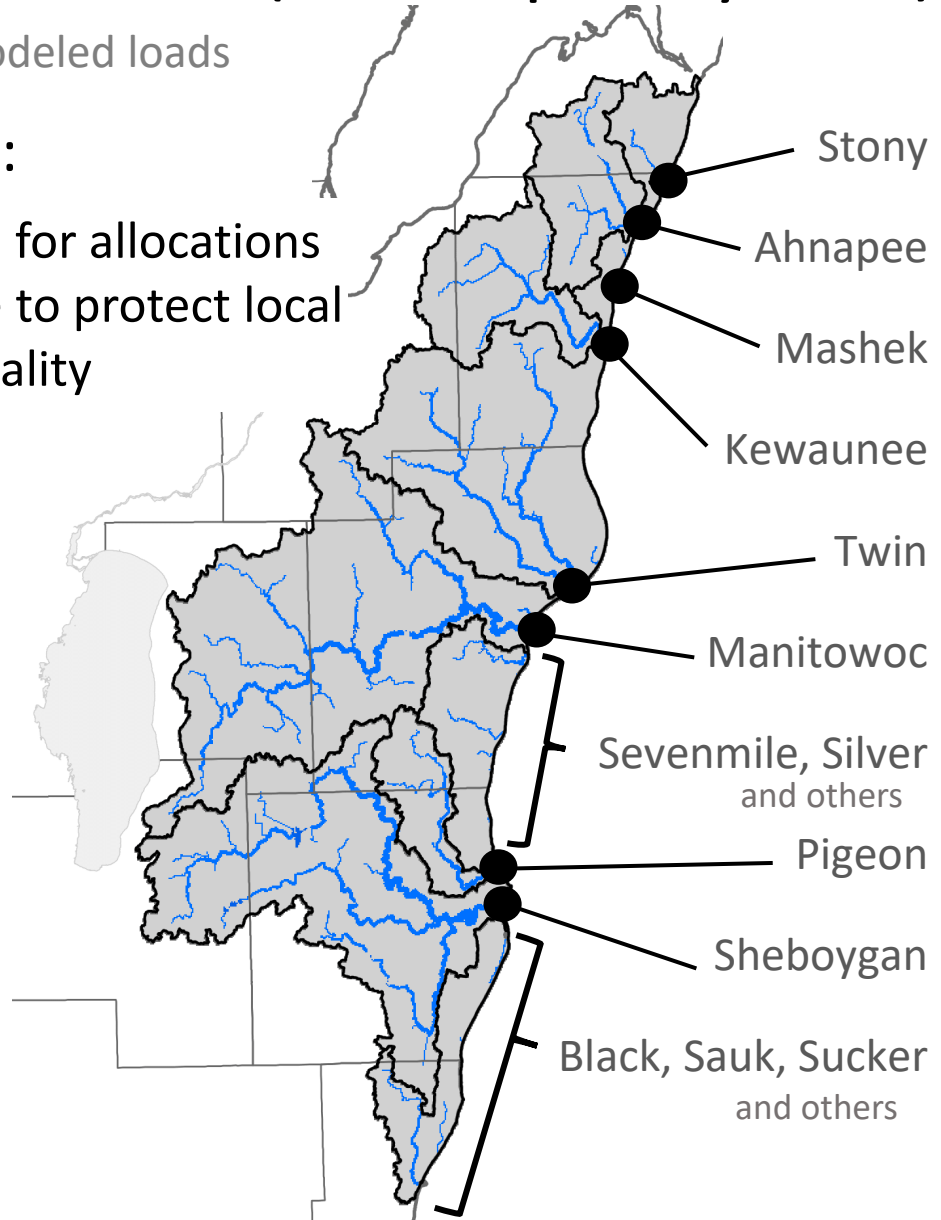


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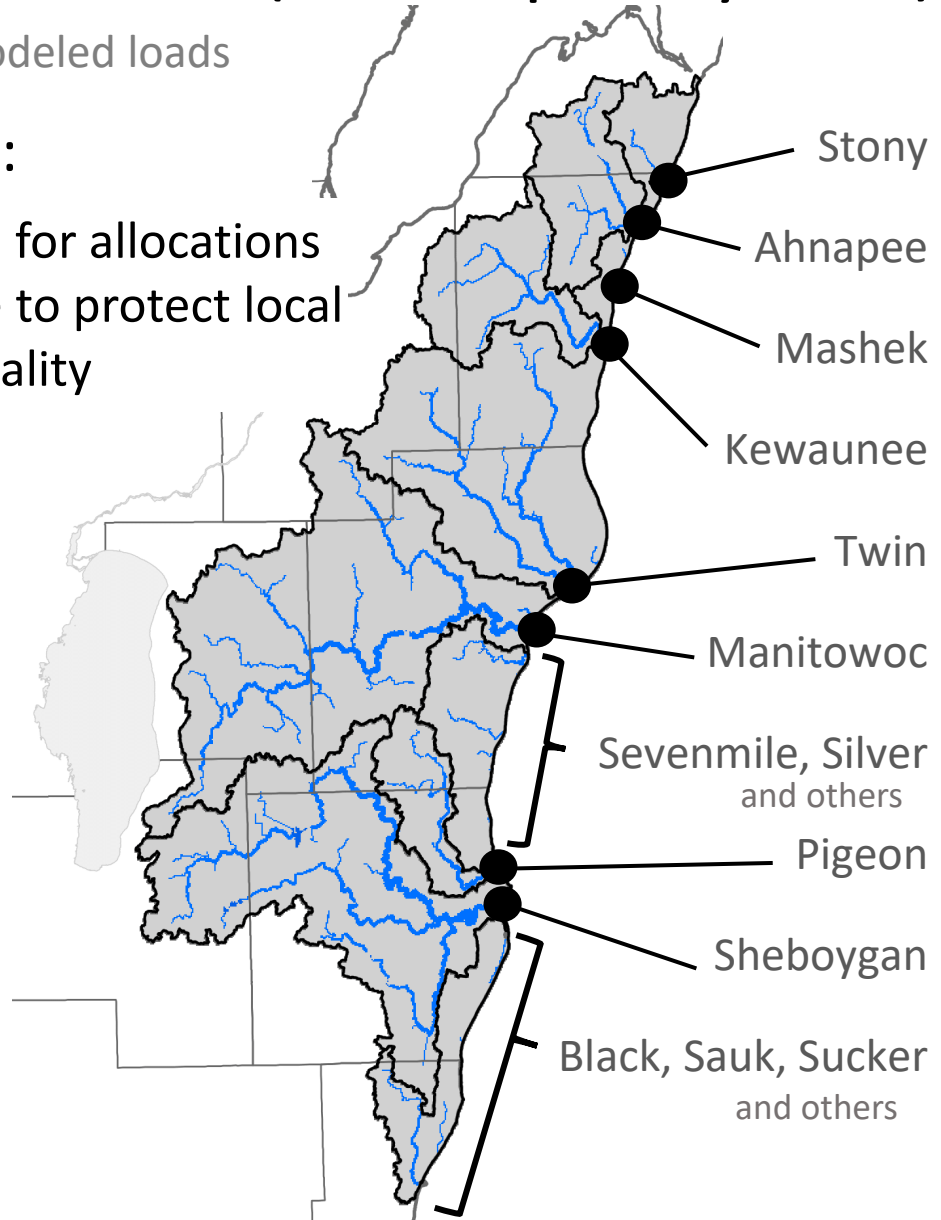


TSS Load (tons per year)

SWAT modeled loads

Basin Scale:

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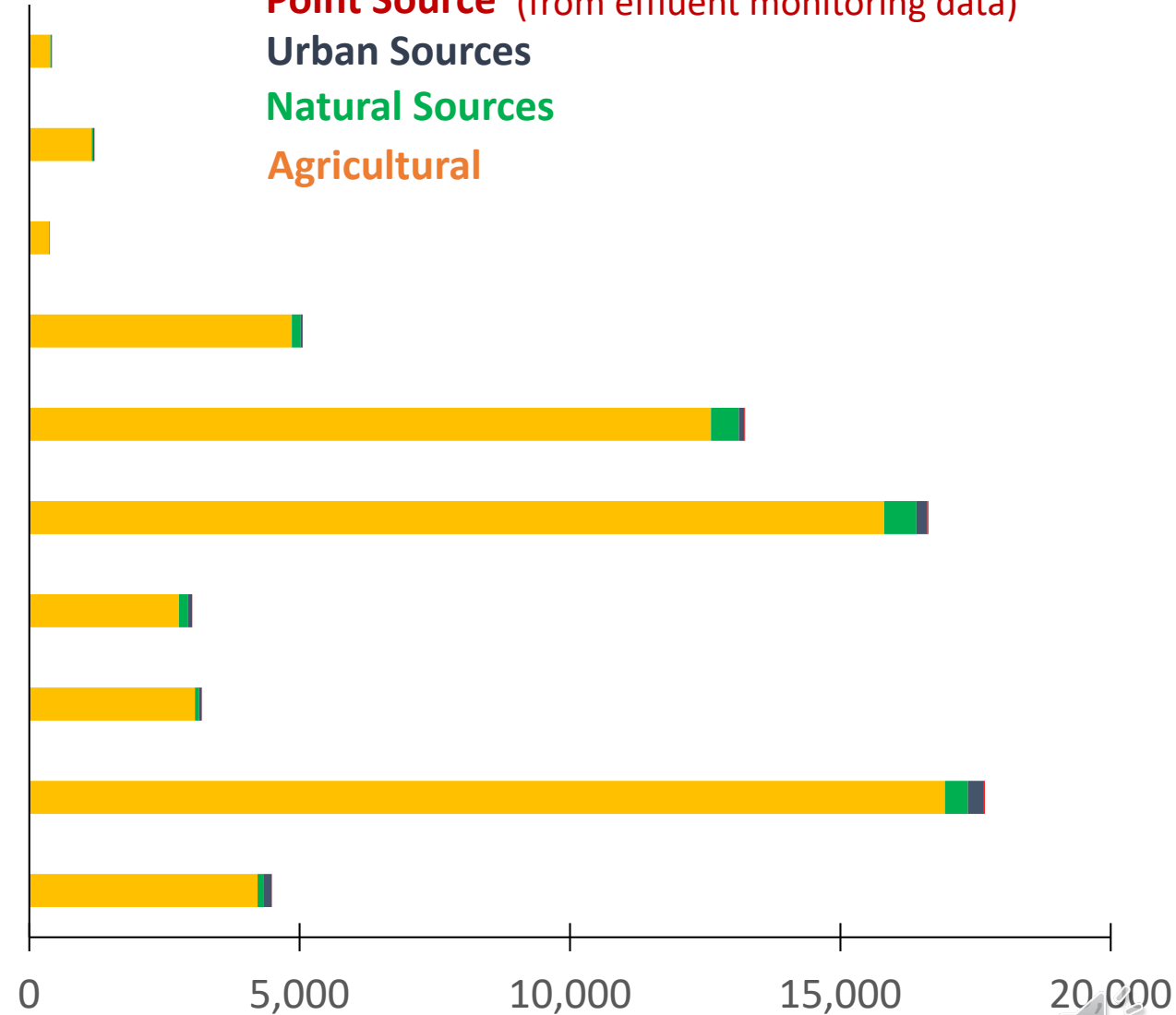
TSS load (tons/yr)

Point Source (from effluent monitoring data)

Urban Sources

Natural Sources

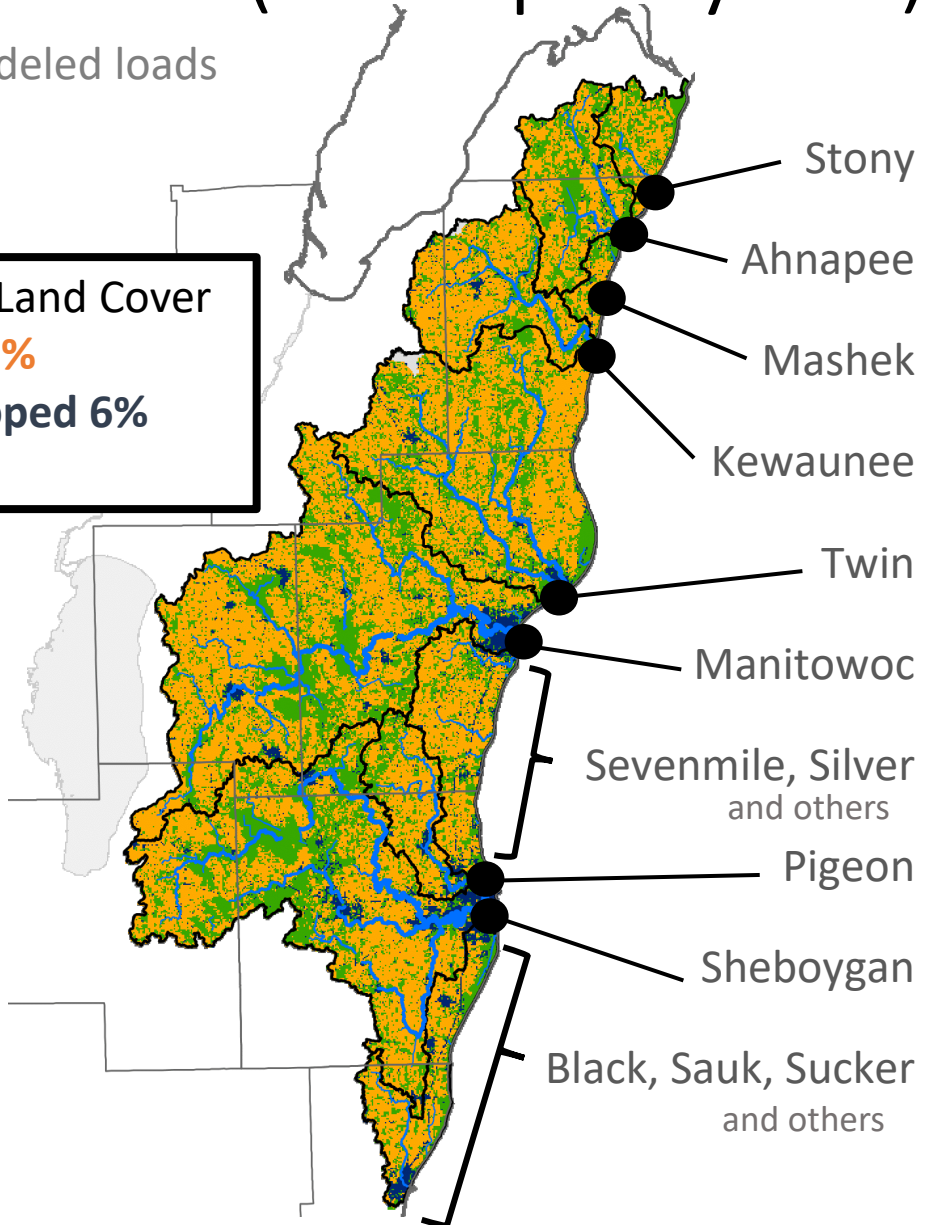
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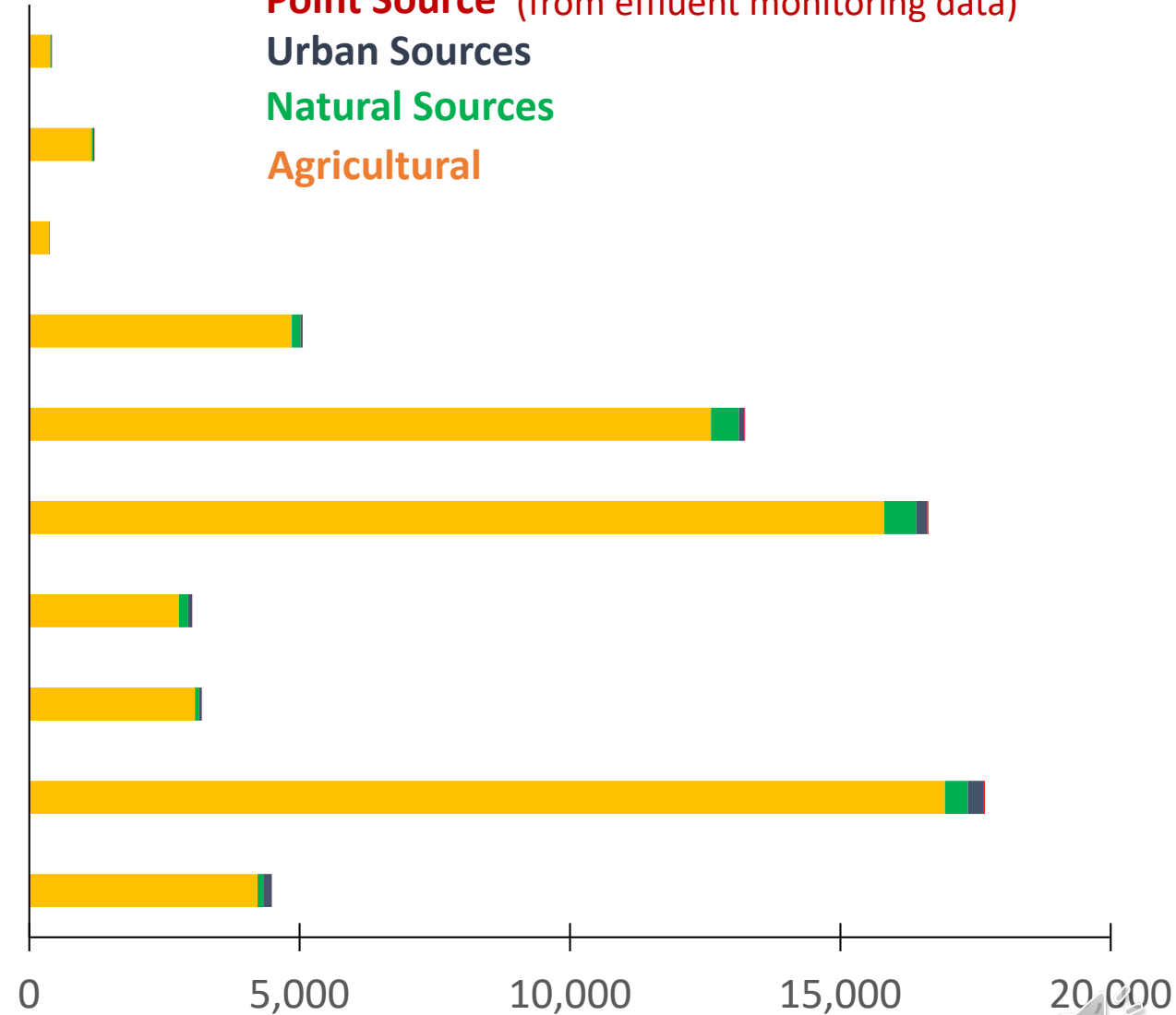
SWAT modeled loads

NE Lakeshore Land Cover
Agriculture 60%
Urban/Developed 6%
Natural 34%



TSS load (tons/yr)

Point Source (from effluent monitoring data)
Urban Sources
Natural Sources
Agricultural



Summary: Total Suspended Solids

Variability in TSS rates generally explained by variations land cover, soils, and slope

Subbasin scale, used for allocations:

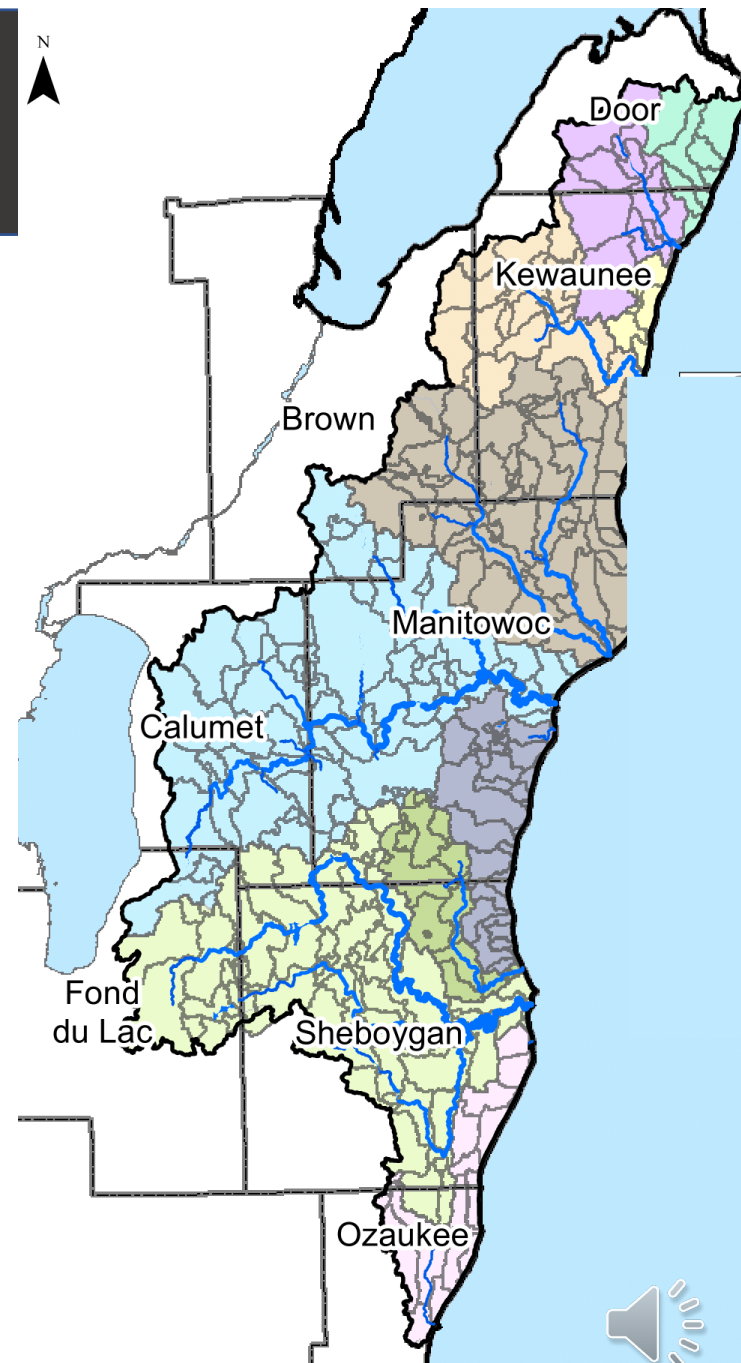
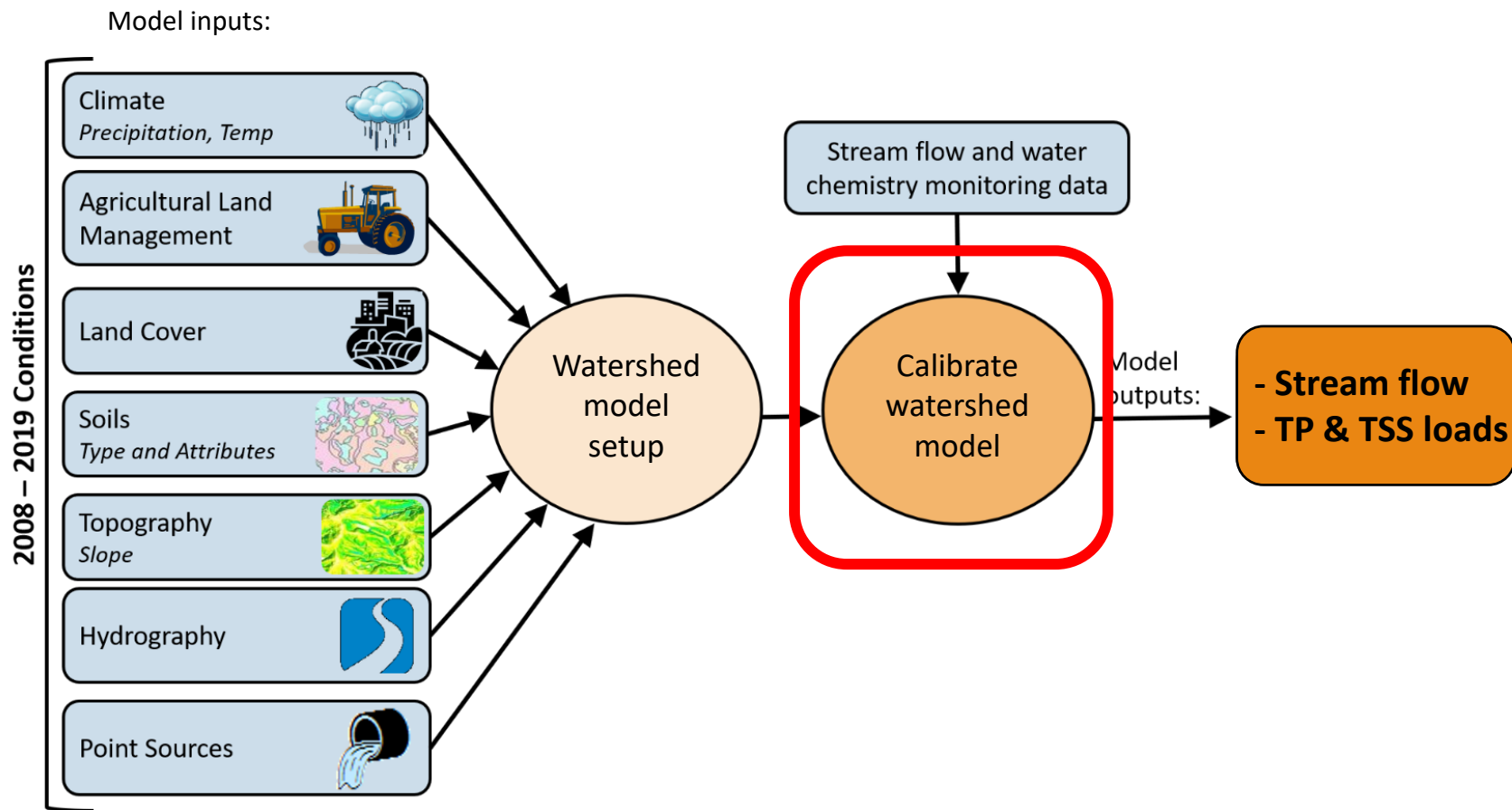
Relative contributions varied among sources (ag, urban, point source)

Basin scale:

Agricultural sources were predominant, as is agricultural land cover



Calibration and Validation



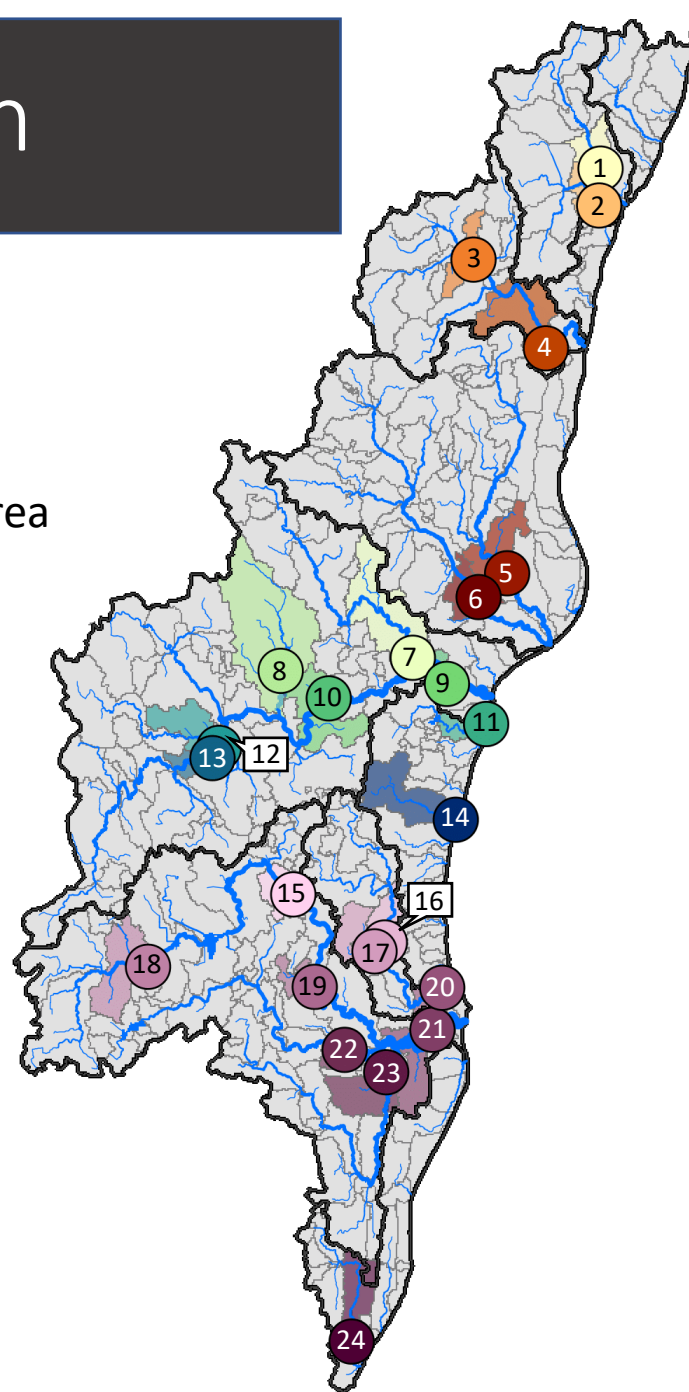
Calibration and Validation

Sites

- 22 sites used for calibration or validation
- Captured stream flow from 84% of the TMDL area
- 2 monitoring sites not used
 - Mud Creek
 - Killsnake at Lemke

Objective

- Improve the agreement of modeled outputs and real-world measurements
- Increases confidence in model estimates in subbasins without monitoring data



Kewaunee model basin

1. Ahnapee at CTY J
2. Silver Creek at Willow Dr
3. Kewaunee at Hillside Rd
4. Kewaunee near Kewaunee (USGS)
5. East Twin at Steiners Corners Rd
6. West Twin at CTH V

Manitowoc model basin

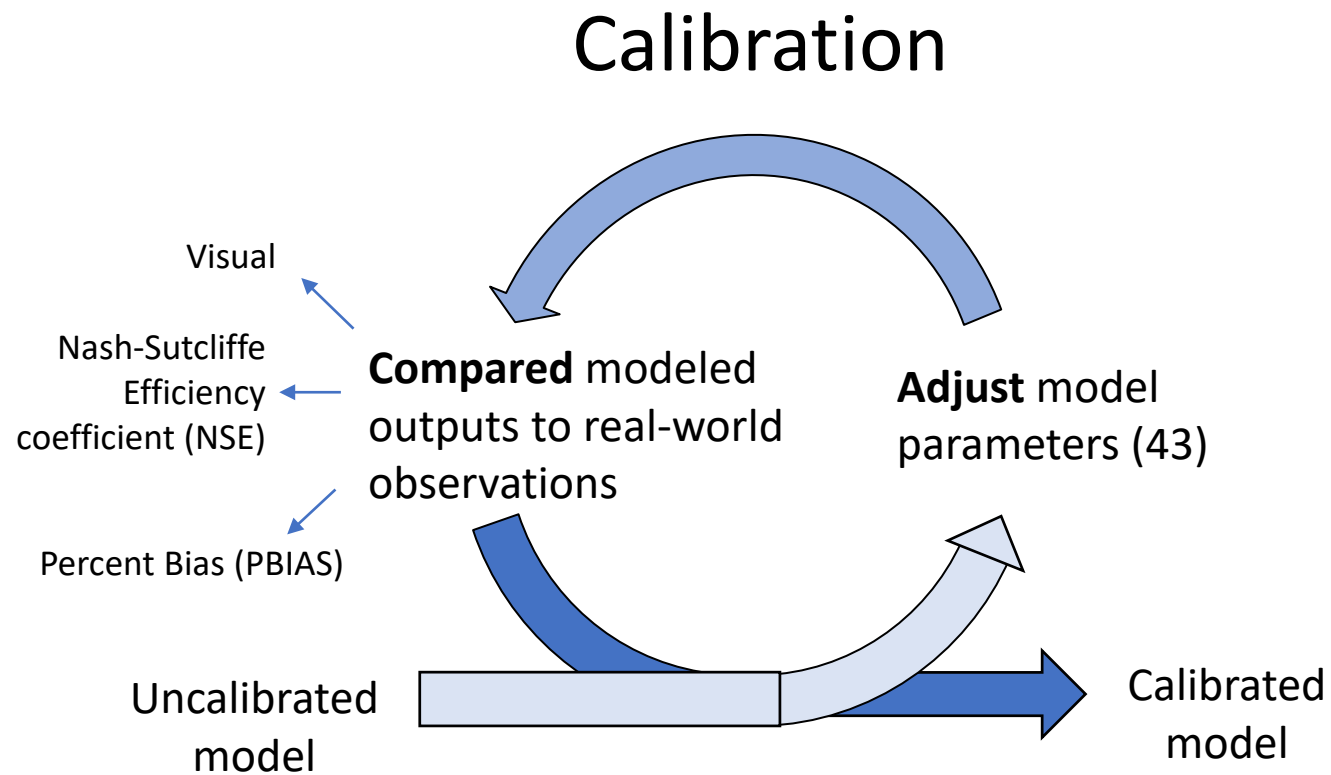
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8. Mud Creek at Hilltop Rd
9. Manitowoc in Manitowoc (USGS)
10. Manitowoc River at Leist Rd
11. Silver Creek at CTH LS
12. Killsnake at Lemke Rd
13. Manitowoc South Branch at Lemke Rd
14. Point Creek at Centerville Rd

Sheboygan model basin

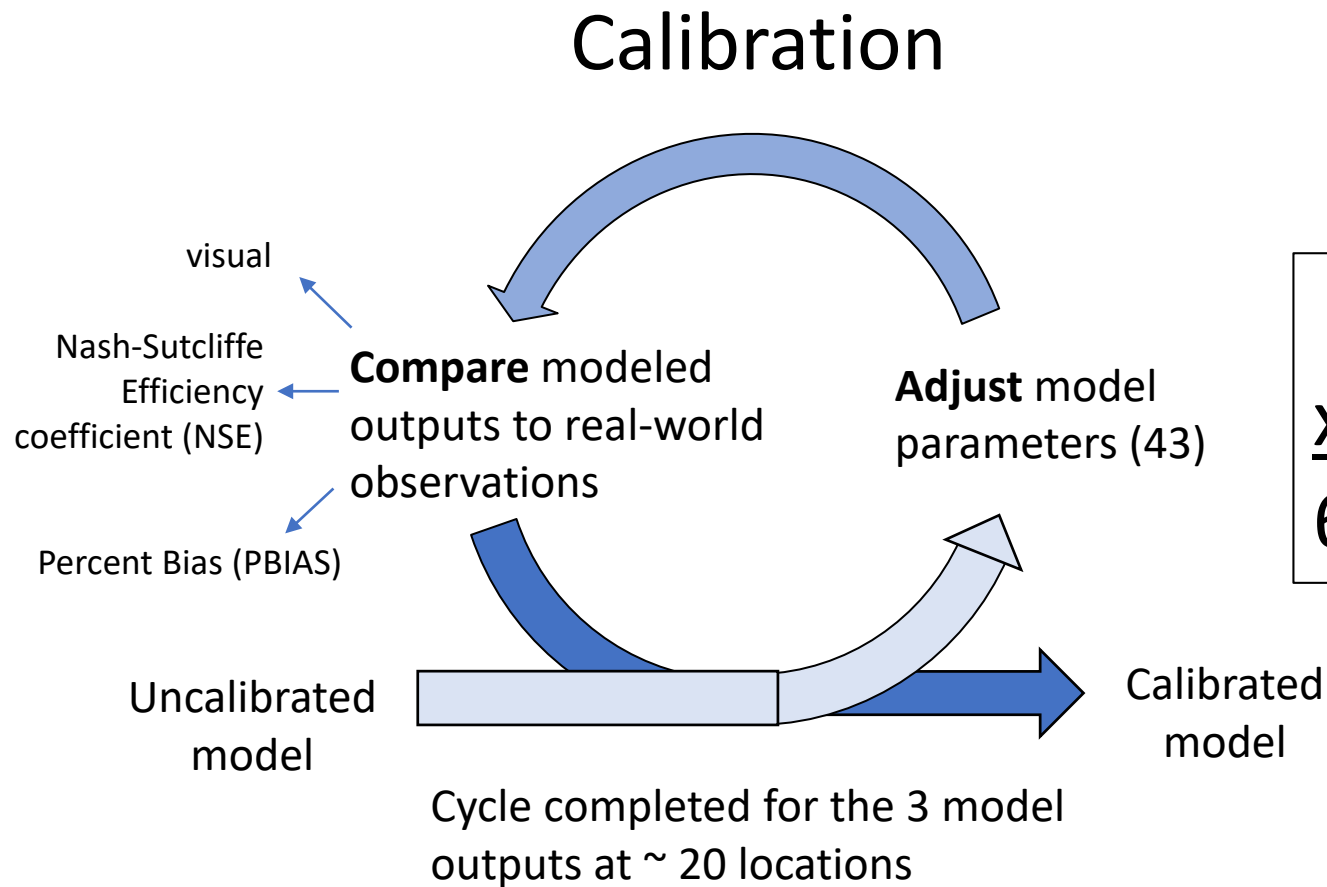
15. Sheboygan at Hwy 57
16. Pigeon at CTH A and River Rd
17. Fisher Creek at Howards Grove (USGS)
18. Sheboygan at Palm Tree Rd
19. Otter Creek near Plymouth (USGS)
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21. Sheboygan at Sheboygan (USGS)
22. Mullet at Sumac Rd
23. Onion River at Ourtown
24. Sauk at Mink Ranch Rd



Calibration and Validation Process



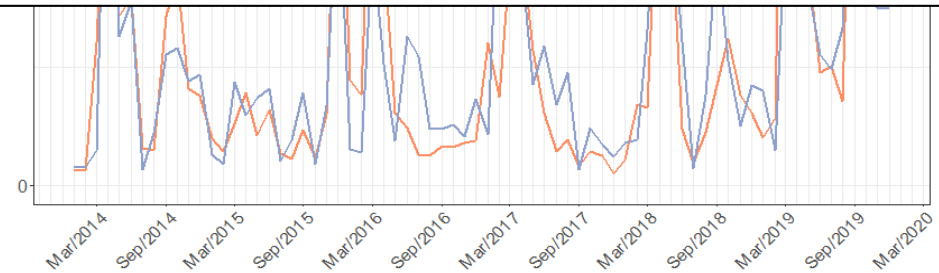
Calibration and Validation Process



Streamflow
Kewaunee at Brummerville park (USGS)

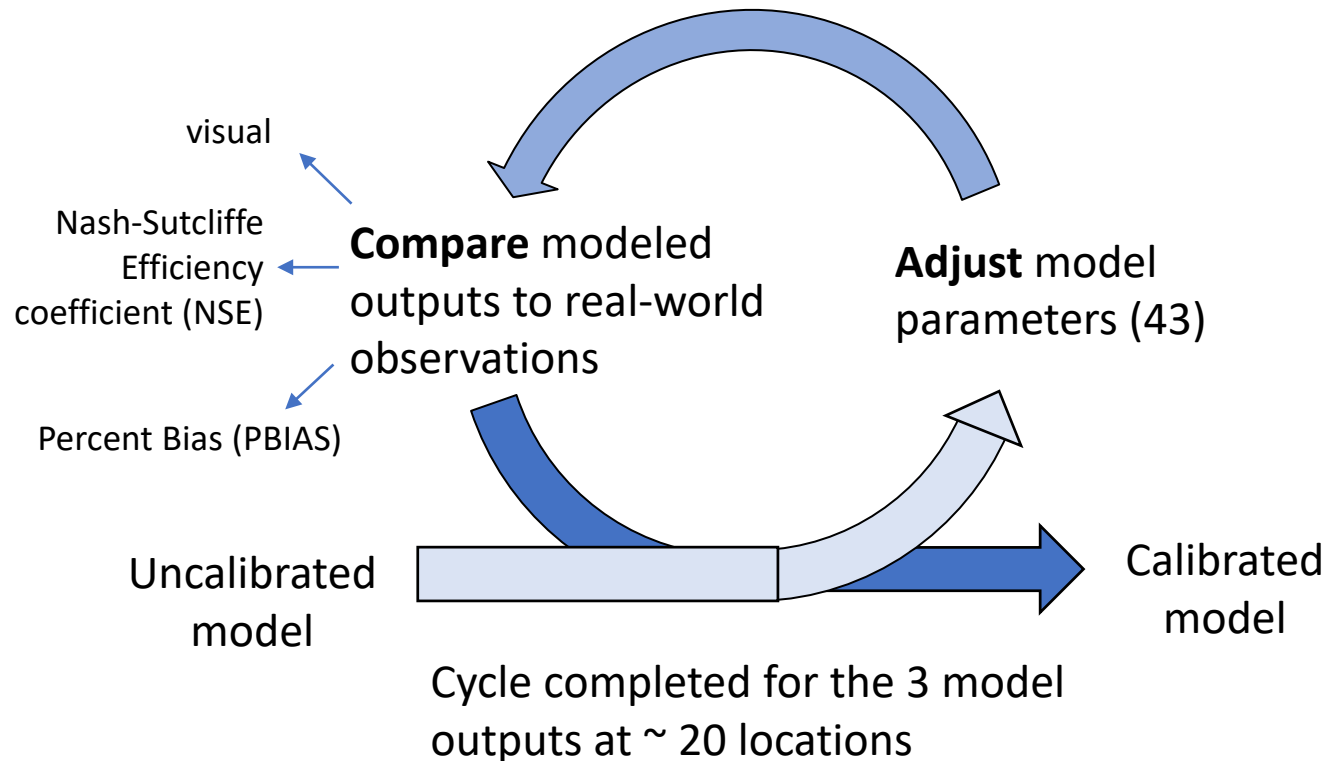


3 outputs (flow, TP, TSS)
x 20 sites (approx.)
60 calibrations (approx.)



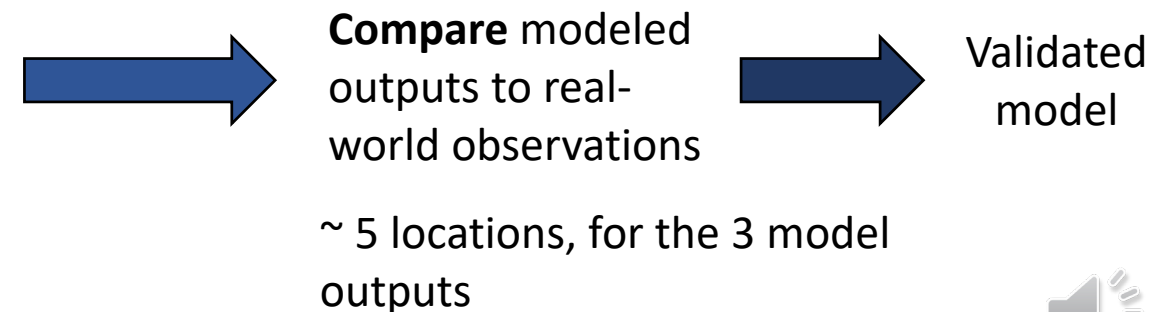
Calibration and Validation Process

Calibration



Validation

- Uses monitoring data not used for calibration
- Demonstrates that the model is accurately predicting throughout the study area



Calibration and Validation Results

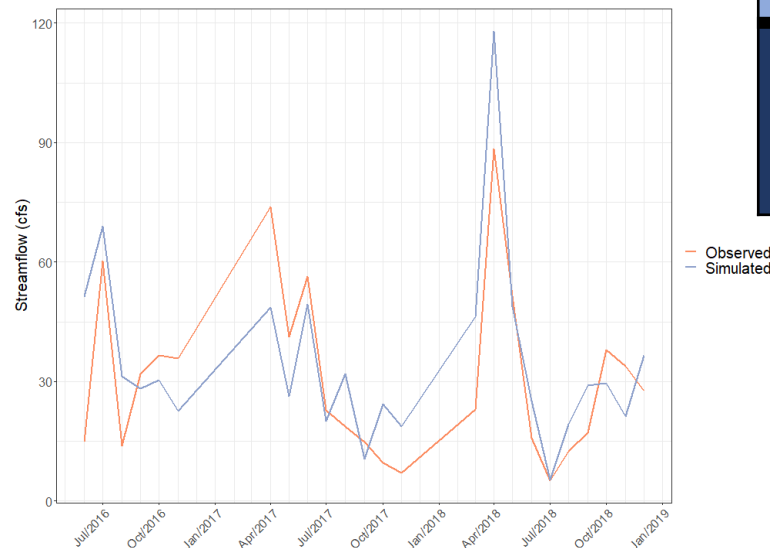
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	TSS	0.75 or greater	±25 % or less
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	TP	0.65 or greater	±30 % or less
	TSS	0.65 or greater	±40 % or less
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	TP	0.5 or greater	±55 % or less
	TSS	0.5 or greater	±70 % or less

2) Plots of modeled and observed results for each site and output (stream flow, TP, Sediment)



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Calibration and Validation Results

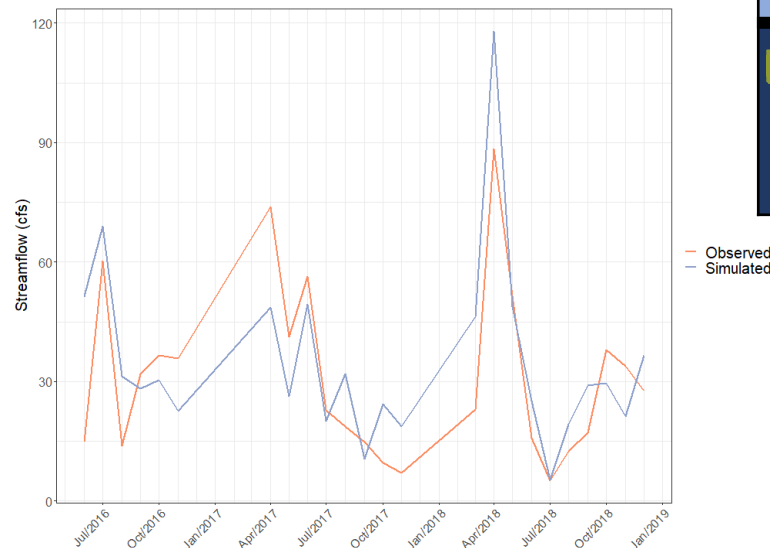
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Calibration and Validation Results

Streamflow summary

Model	Site Name	Calibration			Validation		
		PBIAS	NSE	Years (months)	PBIAS	NSE	Years
Kewaunee	Ahnapee River at CTH J	Good	Satisfactory	June 2016 - Dec 2018 (24)			
	East Twin River at Steiners Corners Rd.	Good	Good	July 2017 - Oct 2019 (21)			
	Silver Creek (Algoma) at Willow Drive	Very good	Satisfactory	June 2016 - Oct 2019 (30)			
	West Twin River at CTH V	Very good	Good	July 2017 - Oct 2019 (20)			
	Kewaunee River at Hillside Road	Poor	Satisfactory	April 2018 - Oct 2018 (7)			
	Kewaunee River Near Kewaunee, WI (USGS)	Good	Good	2008 - 2013 (72)	Very Good	Satisfactory	2014 - 2019 (72)
Manitowoc	Silver Creek (Manitowoc) at Cth Ls	Very good	Good	July 2017 - Oct 2019 (22)			
	Branch River at Branch River Rd	Good	Good	July 2017 - Oct 2019 (20)			
	Point Creek at Centerville Rd.	Good	Satisfactory	May 2018 - Oct 2019 (10)			
	Manitowoc River South Branch at Lemke Road	Very good	Satisfactory	July 2017 - May 2019 (15)			
	Manitowoc River at Leist	Very good	Good	Aug 2017 - Oct 2019 (19)			
	Manitowoc River at Manitowoc, WI (USGS)	Satisfactory	Very good	2014 - 2019 (72)	Satisfactory	Very Good	2008 - 2013 (72)
Sheboygan	Sauk Creek at Mink Ranch Rd (Bi)	Very good	Very good	Dec 2017 - Nov 2019 (19)			
	Pigeon River at Mill Road	Very good	Very good	April 2018 - Aug 2018 (5)			
	Pigeon River at Cth A -And River Rd	Very good	Satisfactory	April 2018 - Nov 2019 (18)			
	Onion River at Ourtown Rd 5m Bi	Very good	Very good	May 2018 - Nov 2019 (16)			
	Sheboygan R. - Hwy 57 Crossing	Very good	Satisfactory	April 2018 - Dec. 2019 (18)			
	Sheboygan River at Palm Tree Rd	Very good	Satisfactory	April 2018 - Dec 2019 (9)			
	Mullet River at Sumac Road	Very good	Very good	April 2018 - Nov 2019 (16)			
	Fisher Creek at Howards Grove, WI (USGS)	Satisfactory	Very good	2011 - 2014 (39)	Very Good	Satisfactory	2014 - 2018 (39)
	Otter Creek at Willow Road Near Plymouth, WI (USGS)	Very good	Very good	2011 - 2015 (44)	Very Good	Satisfactory	2015 - 2018 (44)
Sheboygan River at Sheboygan, WI (USGS)	Good	Very good	2014 - 2019 (64)	Very Good	Very Good	2008 - 2013 (65)	



Calibration and Validation Results

Sediment summary

Overall, most sites were good to very good

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	Kewaunee River at Hillside Road	Good		April 2018 - Oct 2018 (7)			
	Kewaunee River Near Kewaunee, WI (USGS)	Very good	Poor	2008 - 2013 (71)	Good	Poor	2013 - 2019 (71)
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	Mullet River at Sumac Road	Good		April 2018 - Oct 2019 (15)			
	Otter Creek at Willow Road Near Plymouth, WI (USGS)	Good	Satisfactory	2011 - 2016 (63)			
	Sheboygan River at Sheboygan, WI (USGS)	Good	Good	2014 - 2019 (68)	Good	Good	2008 - 2013 (68)

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Calibration and Validation Results

Total Phosphorus Summary

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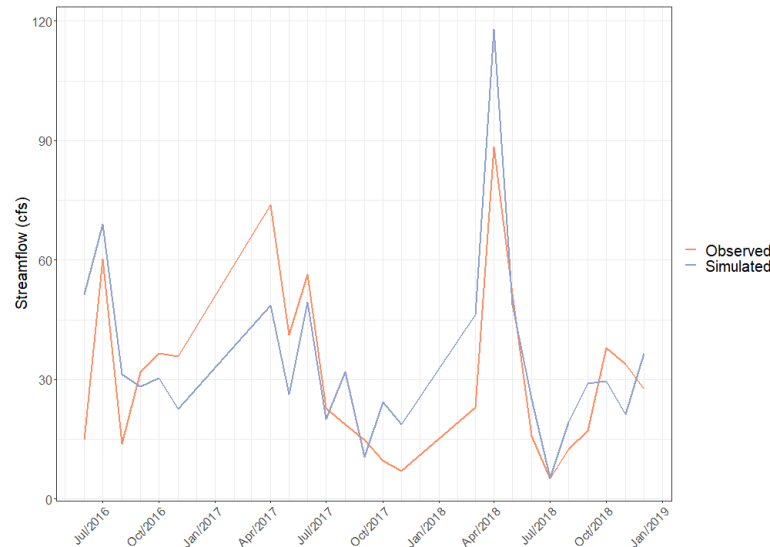
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Remaining TMDL Development Steps



TMDL Development Steps

Public outreach/communication

1

Calculate
Baseline Loads

What are the current pollutant loads and how much is coming from each source?

2

Determine
Loading Capacity
(TMDL)

What amount of pollutant can a waterbody receive?

3

Allocate load
among sources

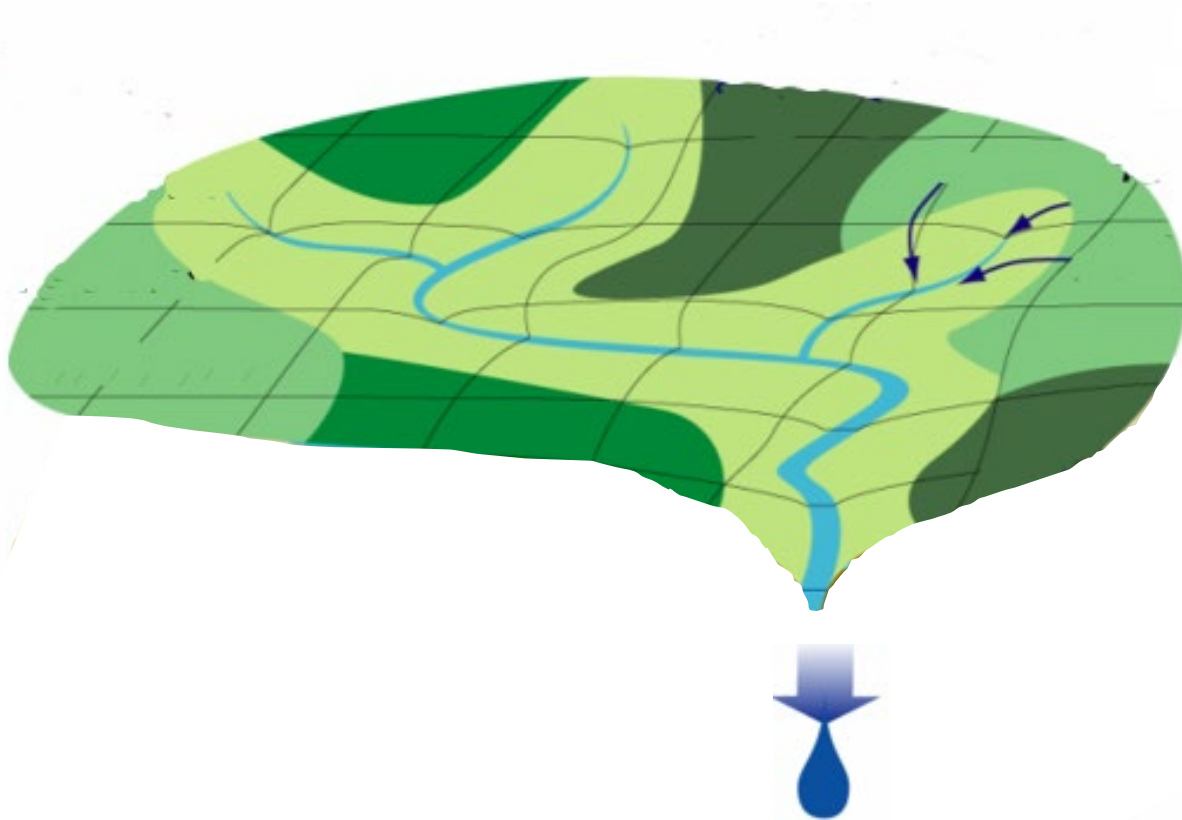
What amount of pollutant reduction is needed from each source?



Loading capacity (TMDL)

Unique value for each of the 321 subbasins

Stream flow from watershed model



x Water quality criteria or target

Total phosphorus (NR 102.06)

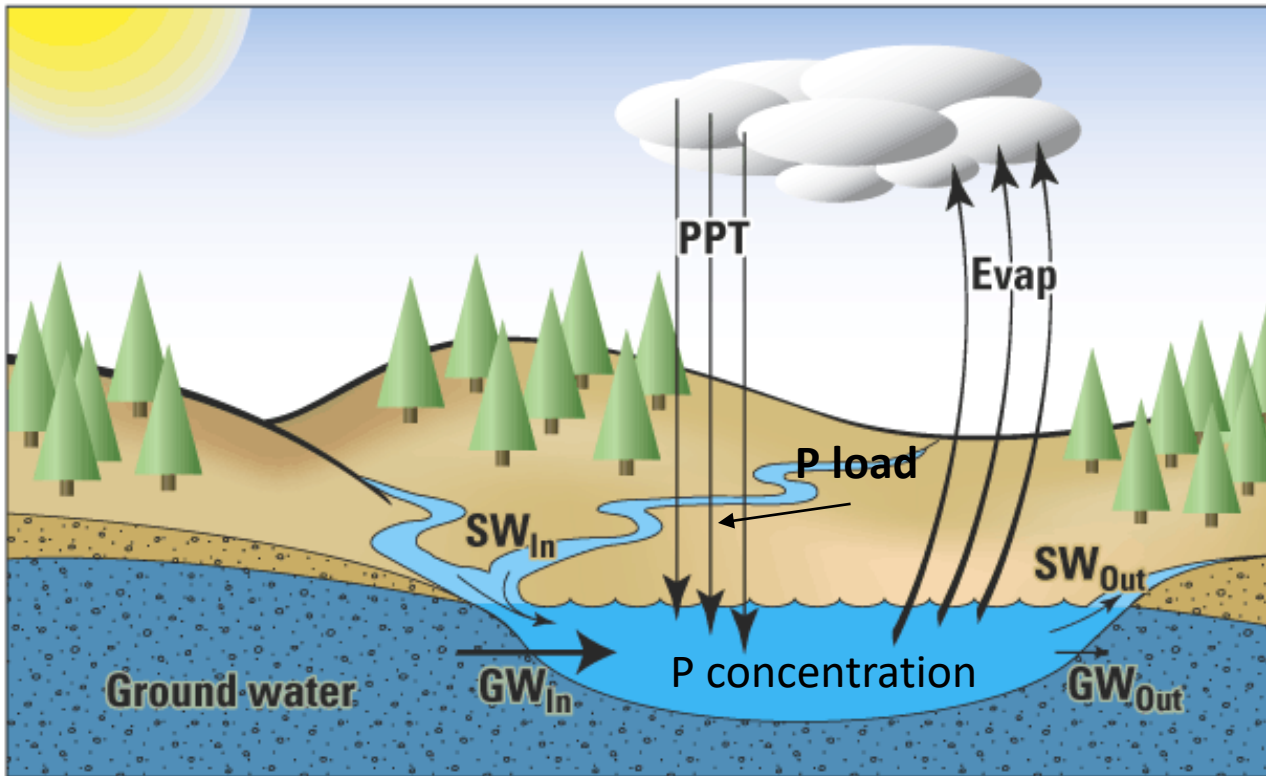
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- Sheboygan 100 ug/L



Loading capacity (TMDL)

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Lakes: loading capacity from lake model



Water quality criteria or target

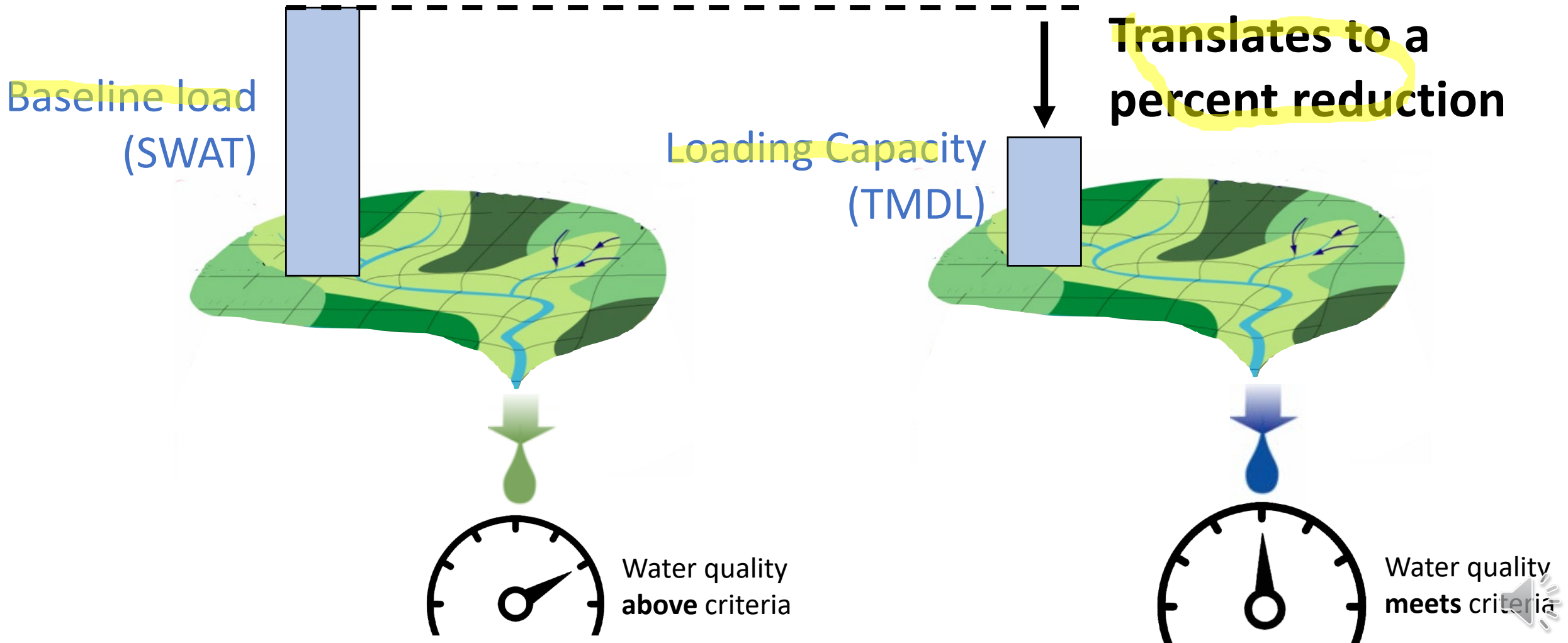
Total phosphorus (NR 102.06)

- Most streams and rivers in NE Lakeshore area 75 ug/L
- Manitowoc River 100 ug/L
- Sheboygan 100 ug/L
- NE Lakeshore lakes 20 – 30 ug/L
 - Use WiLMS (lake model) to determine loading capacity



Percent Reduction

Unique value for each of the 321 subbasins



TMDL Development Steps

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TMDL

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Allocation Process

Divides the TMDL among sources



What are the sources?

1) Load allocation

Nonpoint sources



2) Wasteload allocation

Point sources



3) Margin of Safety

Accounts for uncertainty in the data and modeling used to develop the TMDL
Required by EPA as part of the TMDL process

4) Reserve Capacity

Included in each TMDL subbasin to account for new and expanding dischargers

Allocation Process

Divides the TMDL among sources



TMDL

What are the sources?

1) Load allocation

Controllable sources

Agricultural

Non-permitted Urban

Uncontrollable sources

Natural

2) Wasteload allocation

Controllable sources

Permitted Urban

Industrial Wastewater

Municipal Wastewater

CAFO production areas

General Permits

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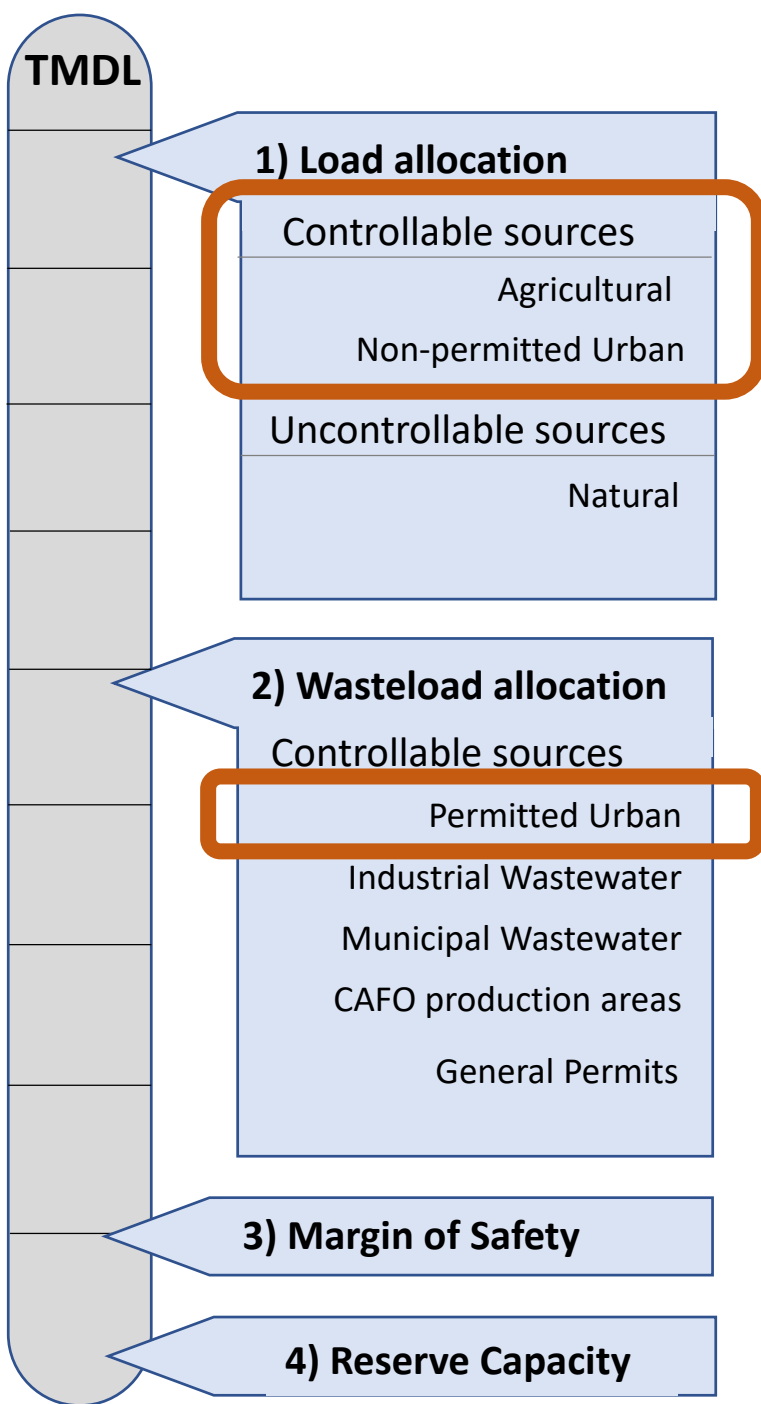
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Allocation Process

Divides the TMDL among sources



Allocation Process



Controllable sources:

Agricultural, non-permitted urban, permitted urban (MS4)

How is it allocated?

Receive an allocation proportional to their baseline load

How are baseline loads determined?

Modeled



Allocation Process

Controllable sources:

Industrial Wastewater & Municipal wastewater

How is it allocated?

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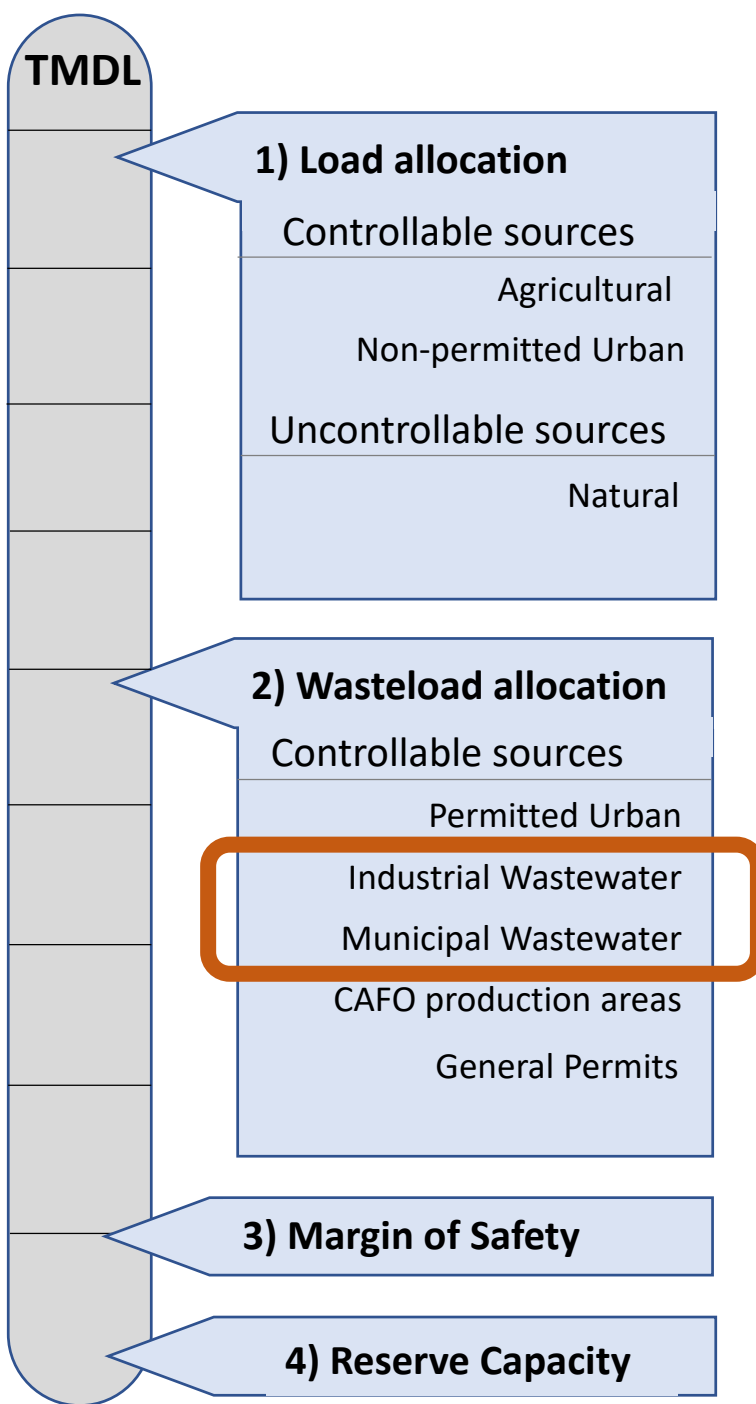
How are baseline loads determined?

Industrial Wastewater

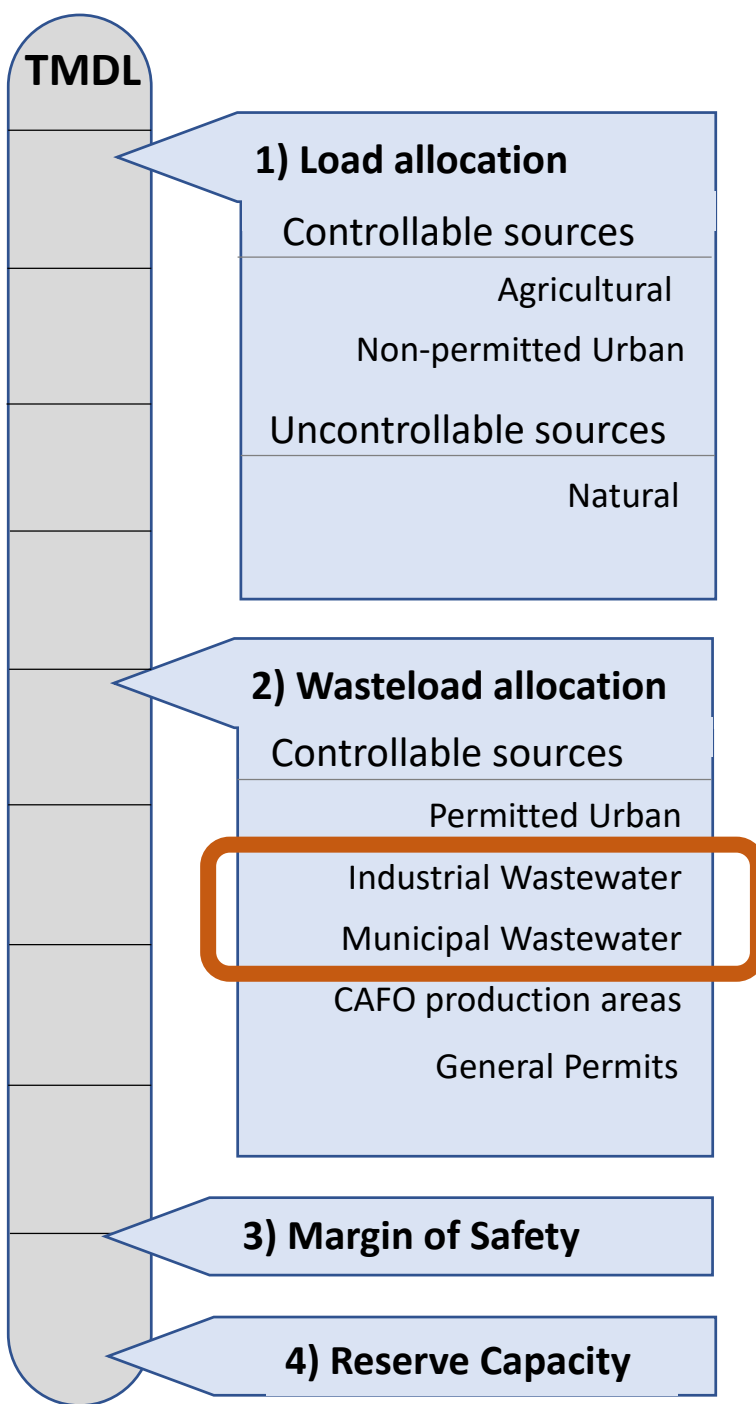
- Baseline flow = Max annual average flow between 2015 - 2020
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- Baseline TSS conc. = current permitted limit or effluent average

Municipal wastewater

- Baseline flow = 1) Design flow or 2) Max annual average flow between 2015 – 2020 (which ever is highest)
- Baseline TP conc = 1 mg/L
- Baseline TSS conc = current permitted limit



Allocation Process



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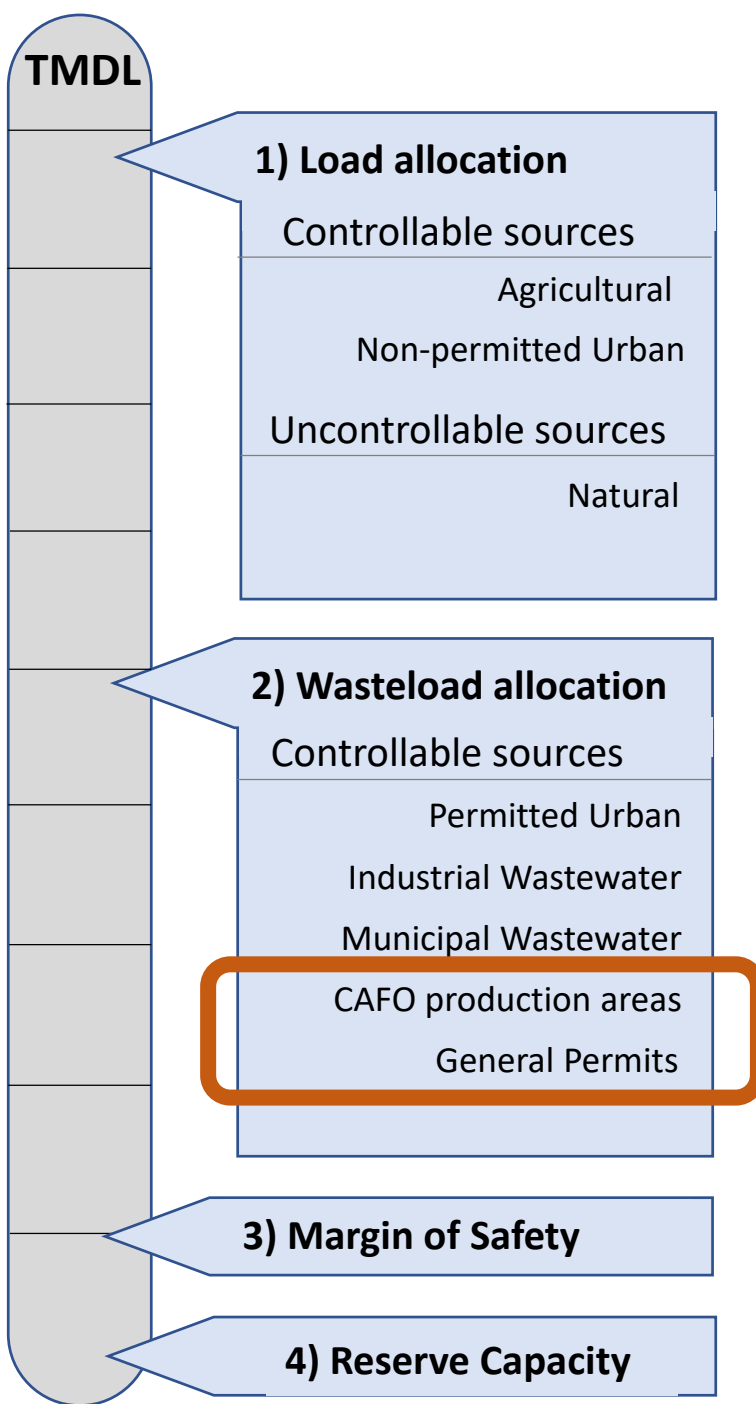
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Baseline loads for industrial and municipal wastewater will be provided for review when draft allocations are ready (Summer 2021)



Allocation Process



Controllable sources:

CAFO production areas and General Permits

How is it allocated?

Receive an allocation equal to their baseline load

How are baseline loads determined?

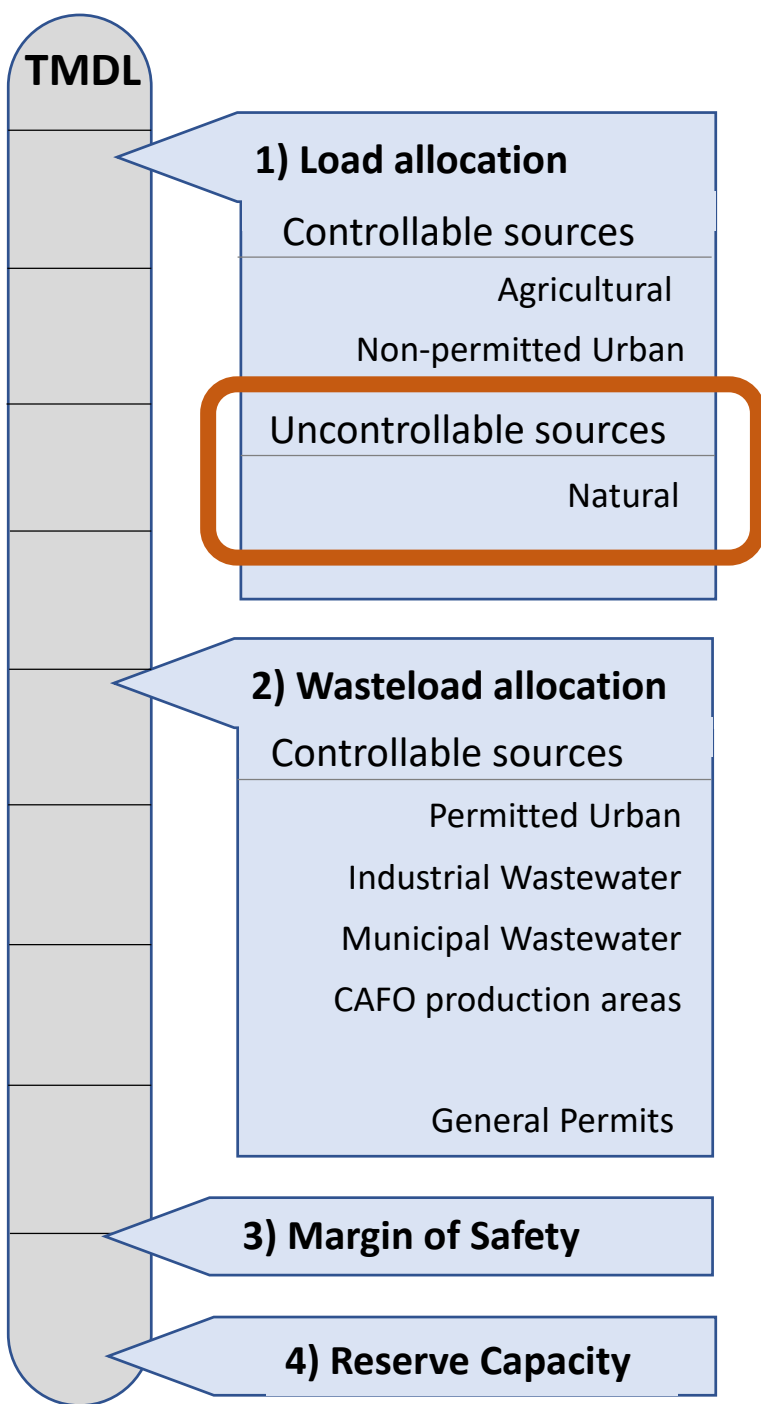
CAFO production area = 0 assigned to production areas (fields covered by ag nonpoint)

General Permits

- Within a permitted MS4 boundary = included within the Permitted Urban (MS4)
- Outside a permitted MS4 boundary = 5 % of the non-permitted urban load per subbasin



Allocation Process



Uncontrollable sources:
Natural

How is it allocated?

No percent reduction from their baseline load

How are baseline loads determined?

Modeled



TMDL

What are the sources?

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Controllable sources

Agricultural

Non-permitted Urban

Uncontrollable sources

Natural

2) Wasteload allocation

Controllable sources

Permitted Urban

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General Permits

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4) Reserve Capacity

Allocation Process

Margin of Safety:

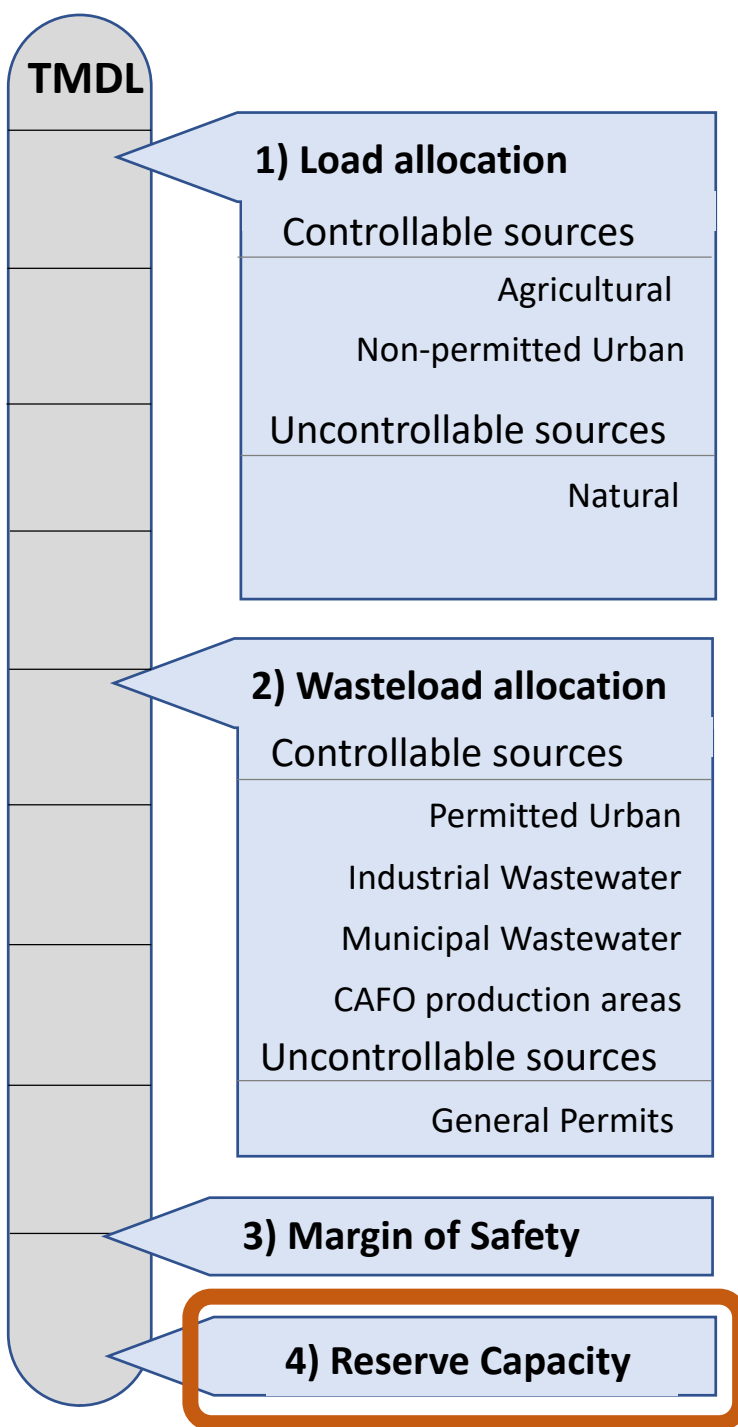
- Required by EPA as part of the TMDL
- Accounts for uncertainty in the data and modeling used to develop the TMDL

How is it allocated?

- Implicit, through conservative model assumptions
- Explicit, such as direct percent of the allocation being set aside



Allocation Process



Reserve Capacity:

- Included in each subbasin to account for new or expanding dischargers

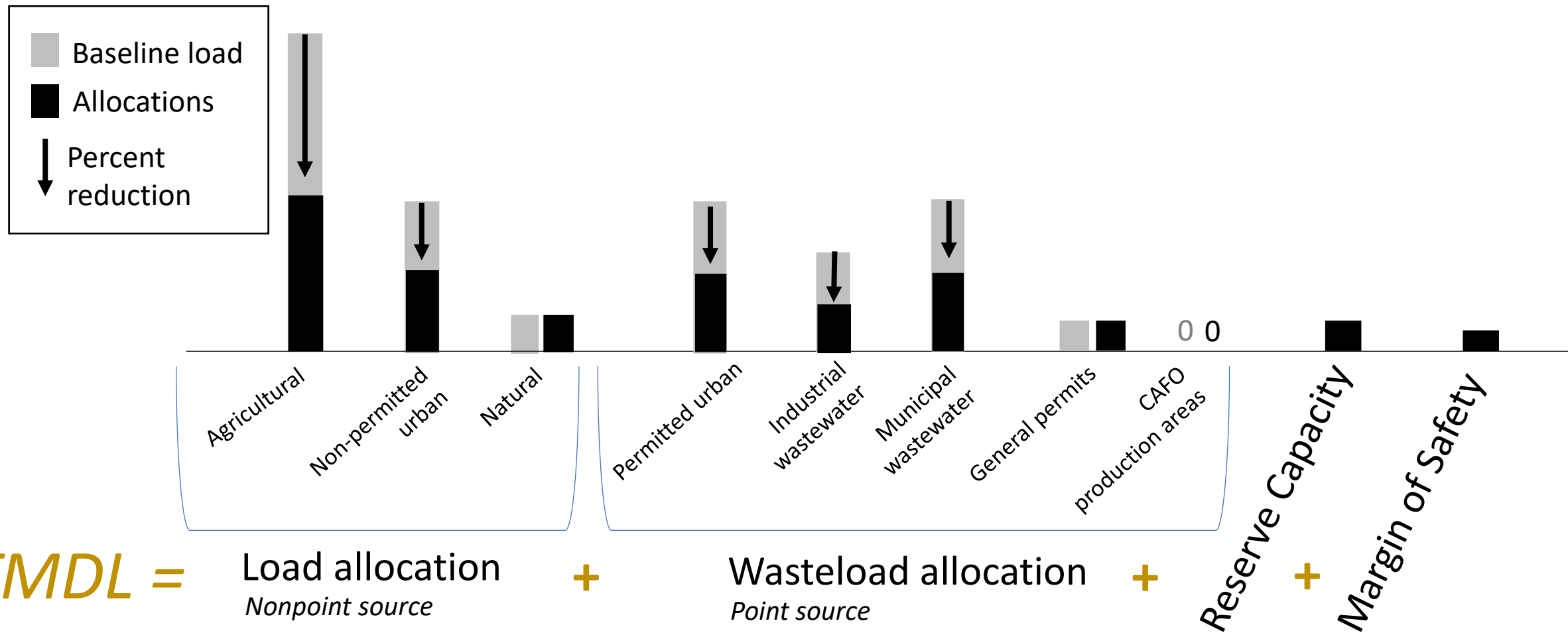
How is it allocated?

- Indirectly, through the use of facility design flows
- Directly, with an additional set aside
 - 5% of the controllable allowable load



Allocation Process Summary

How is the TMDL divided among sources?



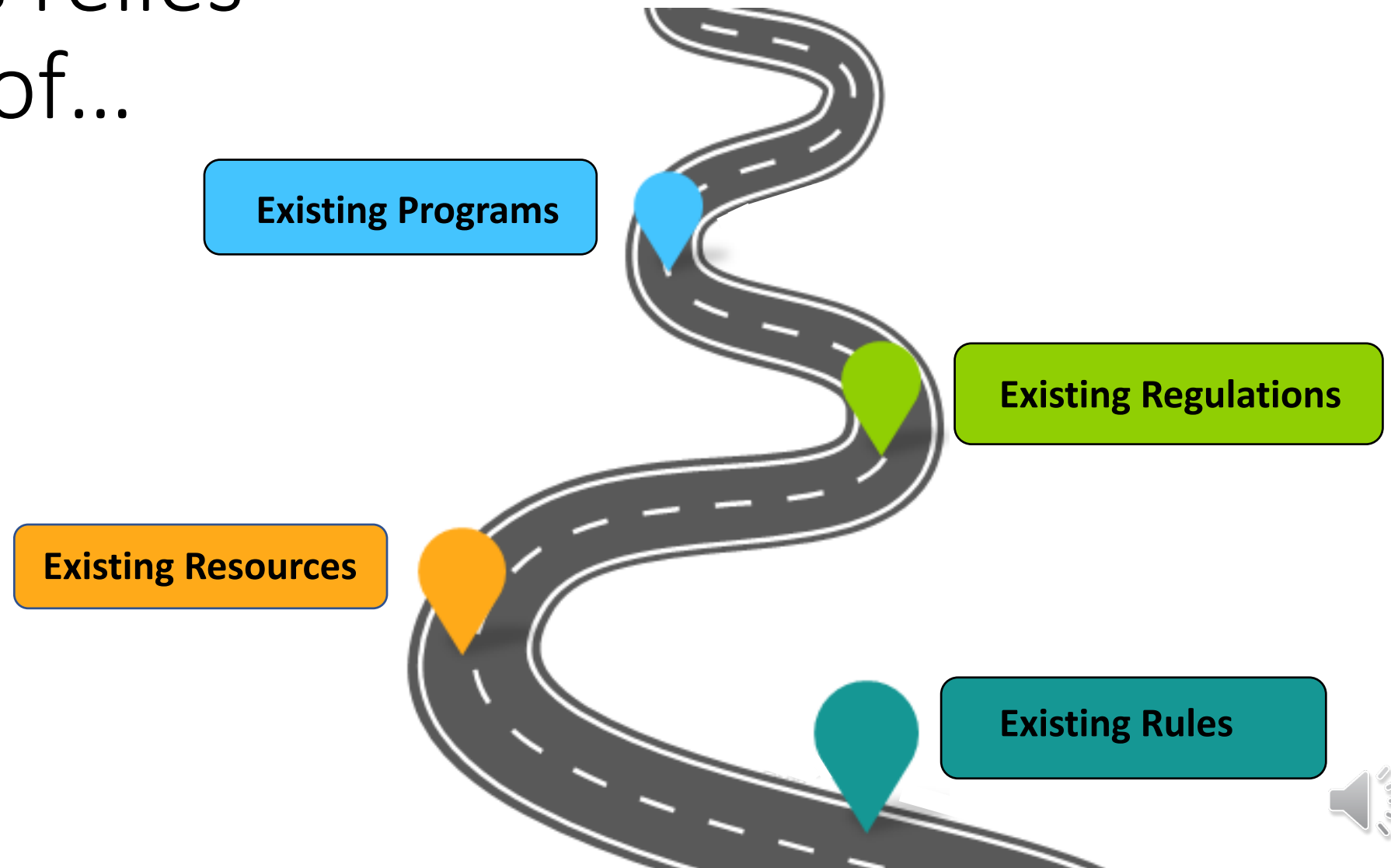
Implementation Summary



Total Maximum Daily Load Process



Implementation of TMDL plans relies on the use of...





Implementation Overview

Agricultural

Wastewater

MS4

Existing programs and standards

- Existing County and Federal programs (NRCS)
- NR 151 performance standards

Two phases

1. All farms and cropland – meet NR 151 (this may meet the TMDL goals)
2. Critical fields – may to do more to meet TMDL targets

Compliance with TMDL agricultural targets is voluntary unless promulgated through NR 151.004.
Cost share requirements still in place



Implementation Overview

Agricultural

Wastewater

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Edge of field targets

Translates TMDL allocations into a value that can easily be compared to nutrient management plans



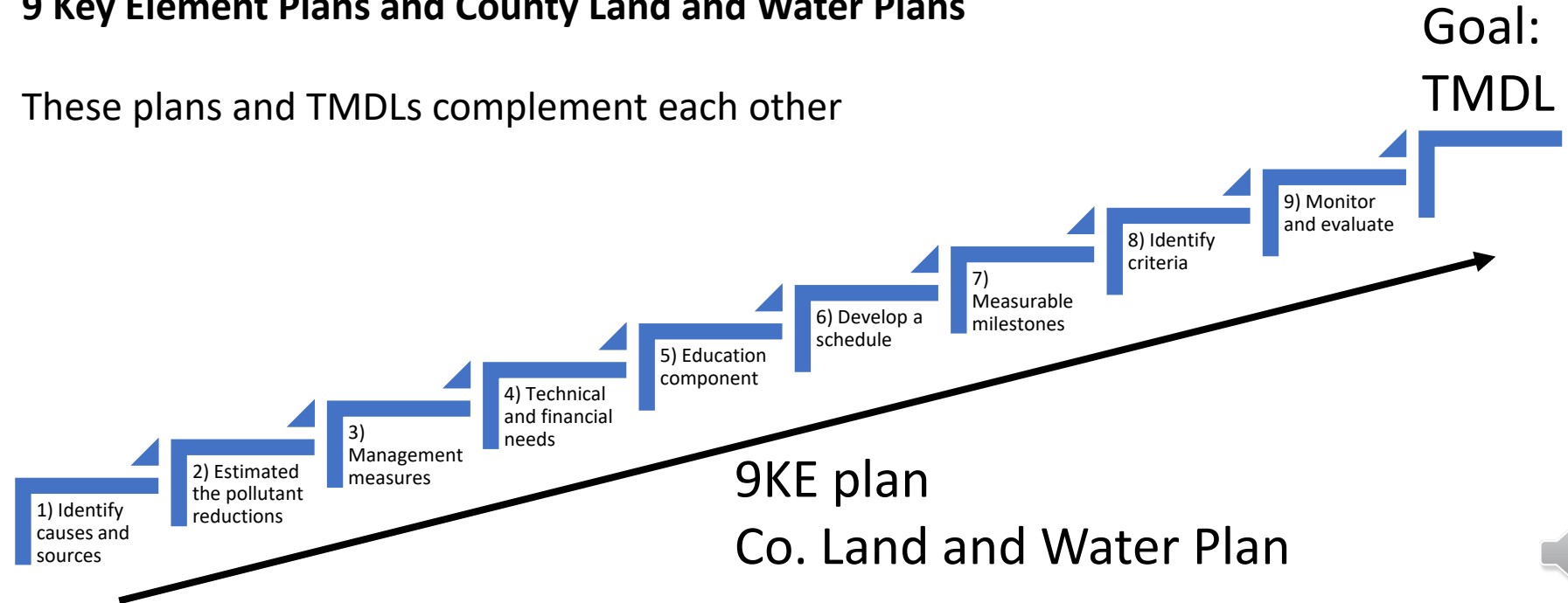


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9 Key Element Plans and County Land and Water Plans

These plans and TMDLs complement each other



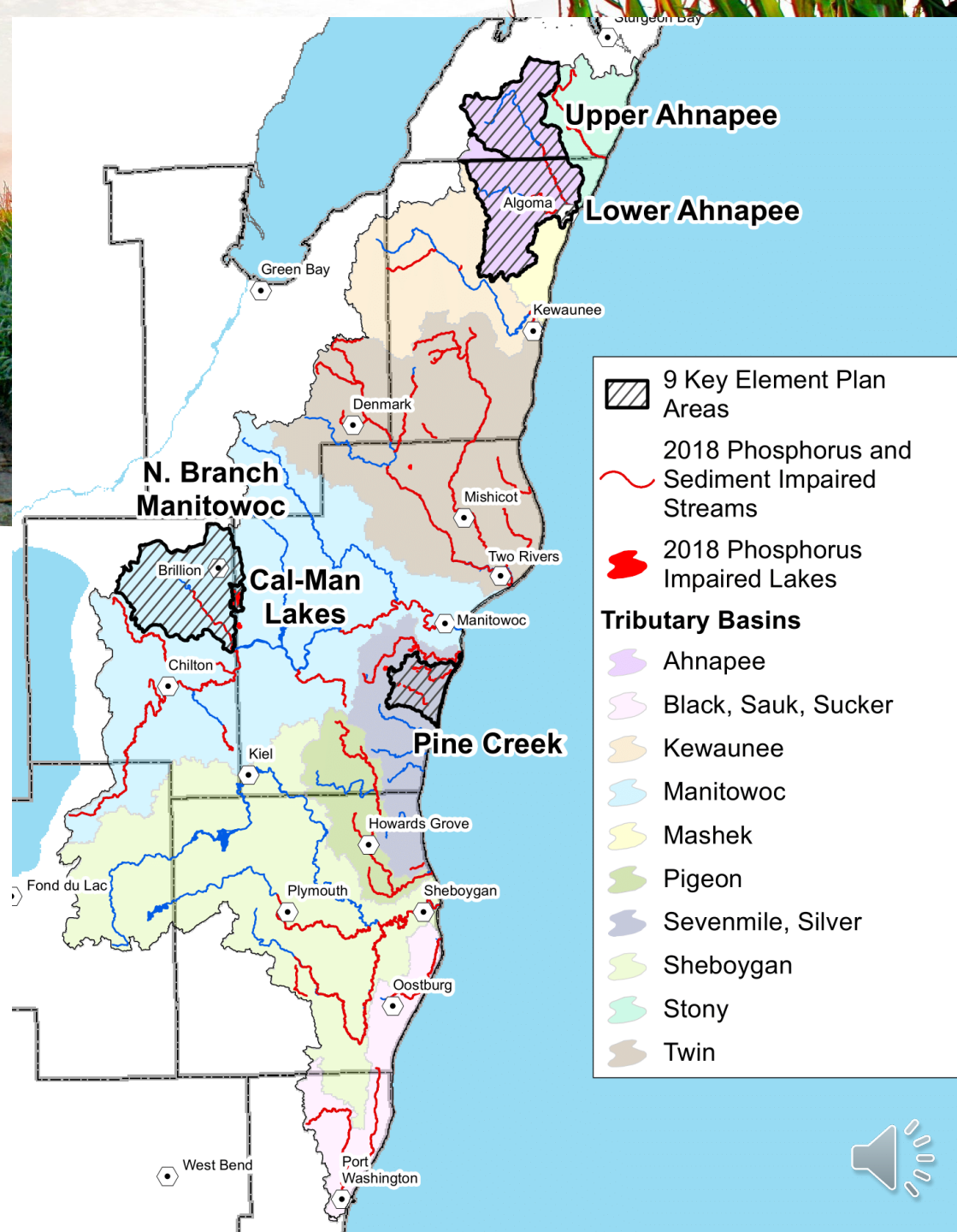
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9 Key Element Plans

- Agricultural implementation and planning does not have to wait for an approved TMDL
- Five 9KE plans already approved
- Kewaunee River in development



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- Implemented through NR 217 and WPDES permits.
- Once EPA has approved the TMDL (anticipated 2023), implementation can begin.
- Typically, the TMDL limit will become effective upon the next permit reissuance
- Reserve capacity will be included in this TMDL.



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FAQ

- What is my TMDL limit?
- When does the limit become effective?

Specific answers for each facility are not yet available.

Answers anticipated for mid to Late 2021

TMDL staff will be in contact once draft allocations are available



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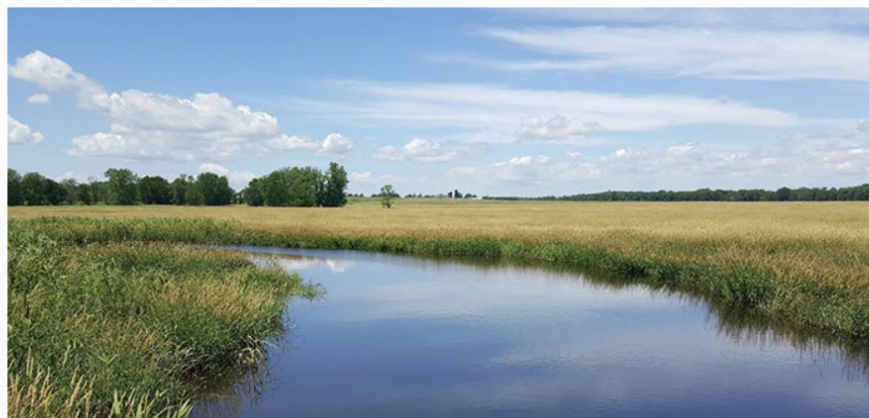
- Assigned individual allocations for each subbasin.
- Implemented in an MS4 permit with an extended compliance schedule with specified benchmarks.



NE Lakeshore TMDL anticipated timeline

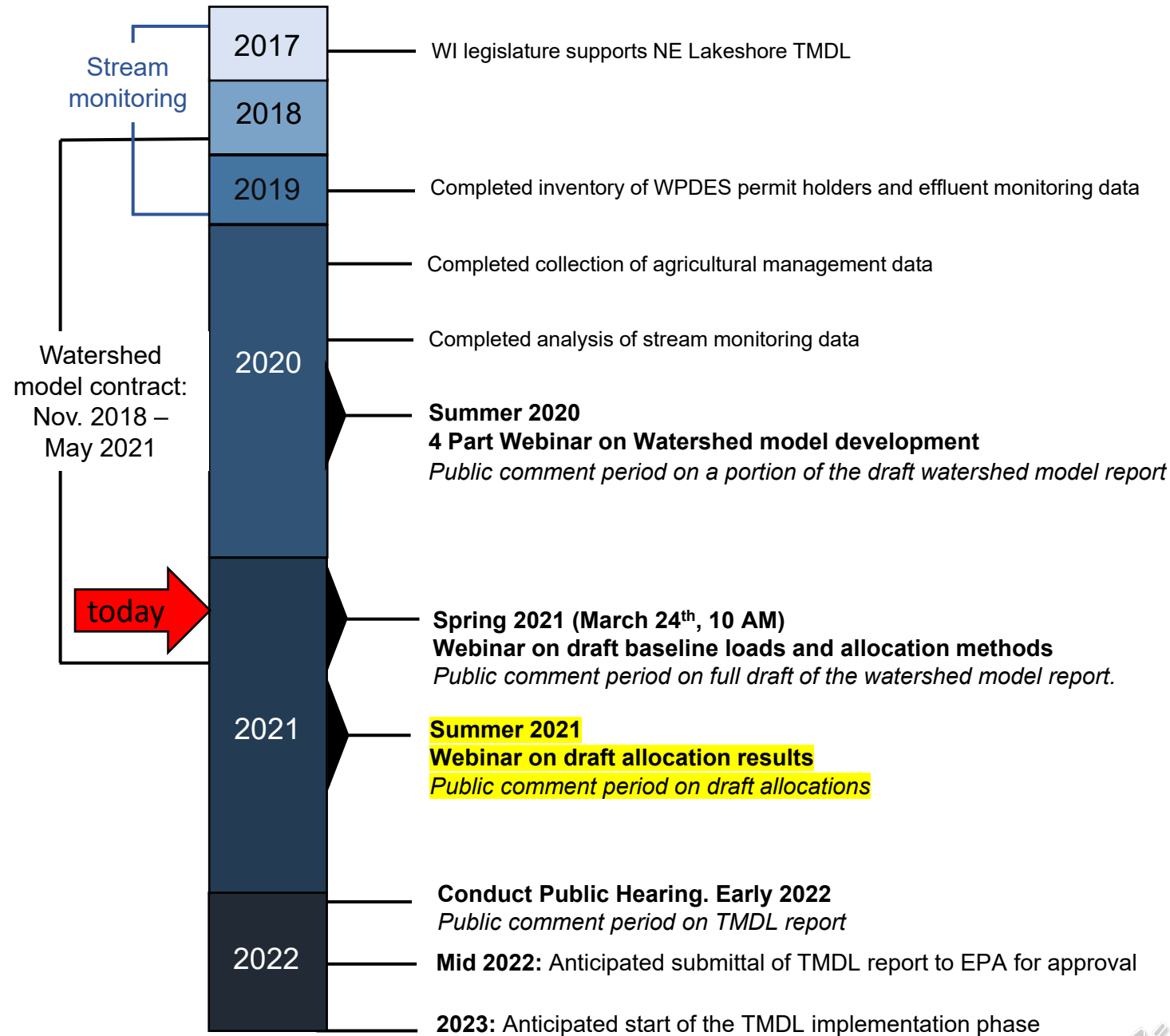
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Comment Period

Watershed Model Report

Prepared by The Cadmus Group
through an EPA contract

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NE Lakeshore TMDL webpage

Send Comments to Kim Oldenburg
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Comment Period	Topic
October 2020 (past)	Watershed Model Report <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Overview2. Model Setup
March 24 – April 16	Watershed Model Report <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Calibration and Validation Approach4. Calibration and Validation Data5. Calibration and Validation Results6. Discussion of Calibration and Validation7. Summary of Model Results8. References
Anticipated summer 2021	Draft Allocations (including inland lake modeling results)



