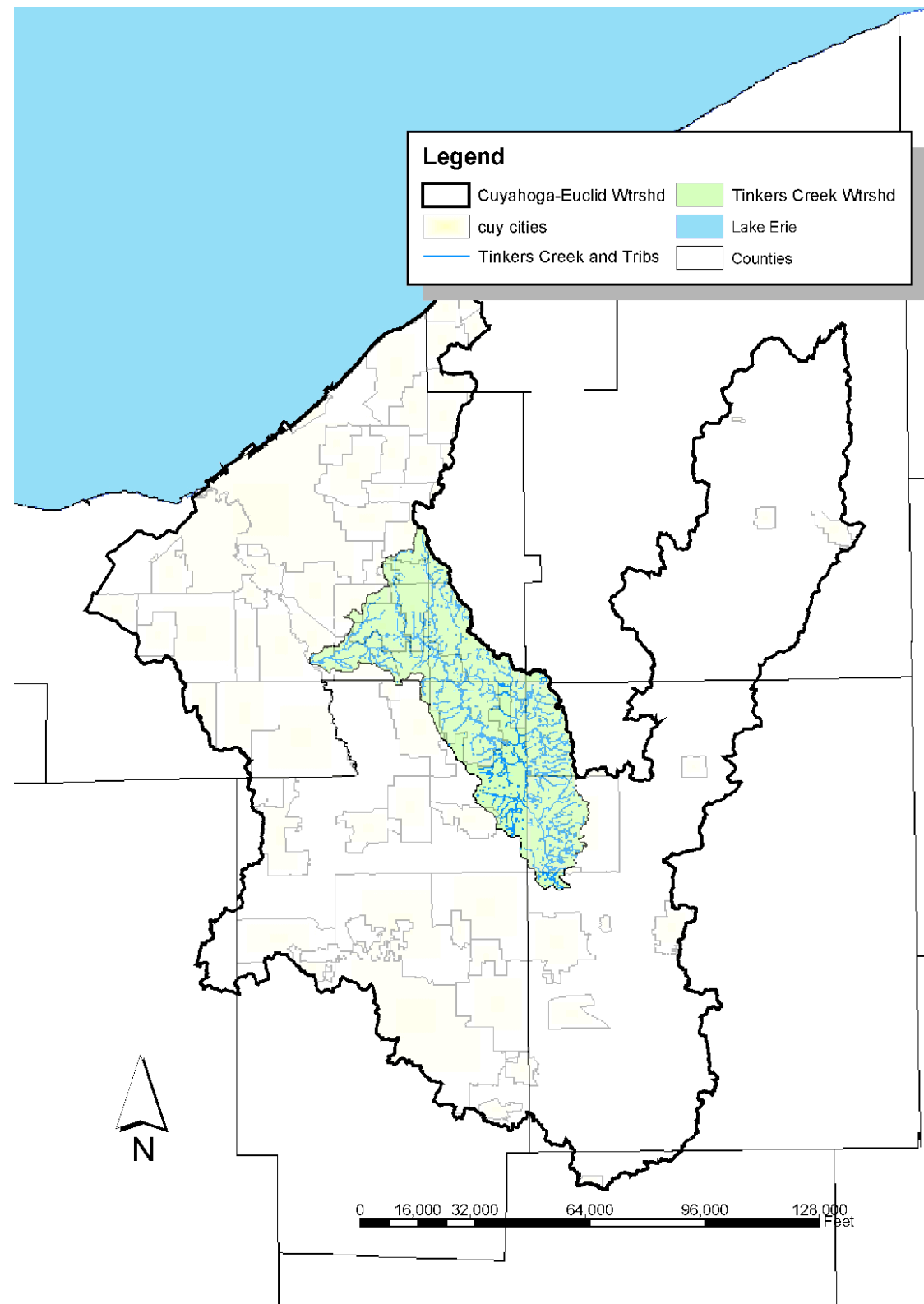


# Tinkers Creek

# Stressor Identification Project

June 17, 2010  
9:30-10:00 am

Bill Zawiski  
Ohio EPA



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# Total Maximum Daily Loads for the Lower Cuyahoga River

*Final Report*

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*prepared by*

*Ohio Environmental Protection Agency  
Division of Surface Water*

September 2003

**The Lower Cuyahoga River Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) report was approved by U.S. EPA on September 26, 2003.**

## Appendix C. Adaptive Management Implementation Plan for the Tinkers Creek Subbasin

Due to continued unidentified sources and causes of non attainment in this watershed, adaptive management has been chosen as a valid and workable implementation plan for restoration of water quality. The adaptive management plan will consist of two general phases which will be described in greater detail below.

### 6.1.2 Proposed NPDES Language

All NPDES permits within the Tinkers Creek watershed shall be modified or issued with the following proposed language:

*"The Lower Cuyahoga TMDL, identified the Tinkers Creek subbasin as an area with unidentified sources of stressors resulting in NONATTAINMENT of Ohio Quality Standards. A process known as adaptive management will be used to gather data, identify stressors, and implement appropriate controls needed to improve water quality in the Tinkers Creek subbasin. The permit holder shall be a member of the Tinkers Creek Restoration Group and be included in all meetings and reports for activities pertaining to this project. Should stressor identification result in additional pollutant loading recommendations for permittees in the Tinkers Creek subbasin this permit shall be modified to reflect those recommendations.*

Schedule:

January - December 2004

June 2004 - June 2006

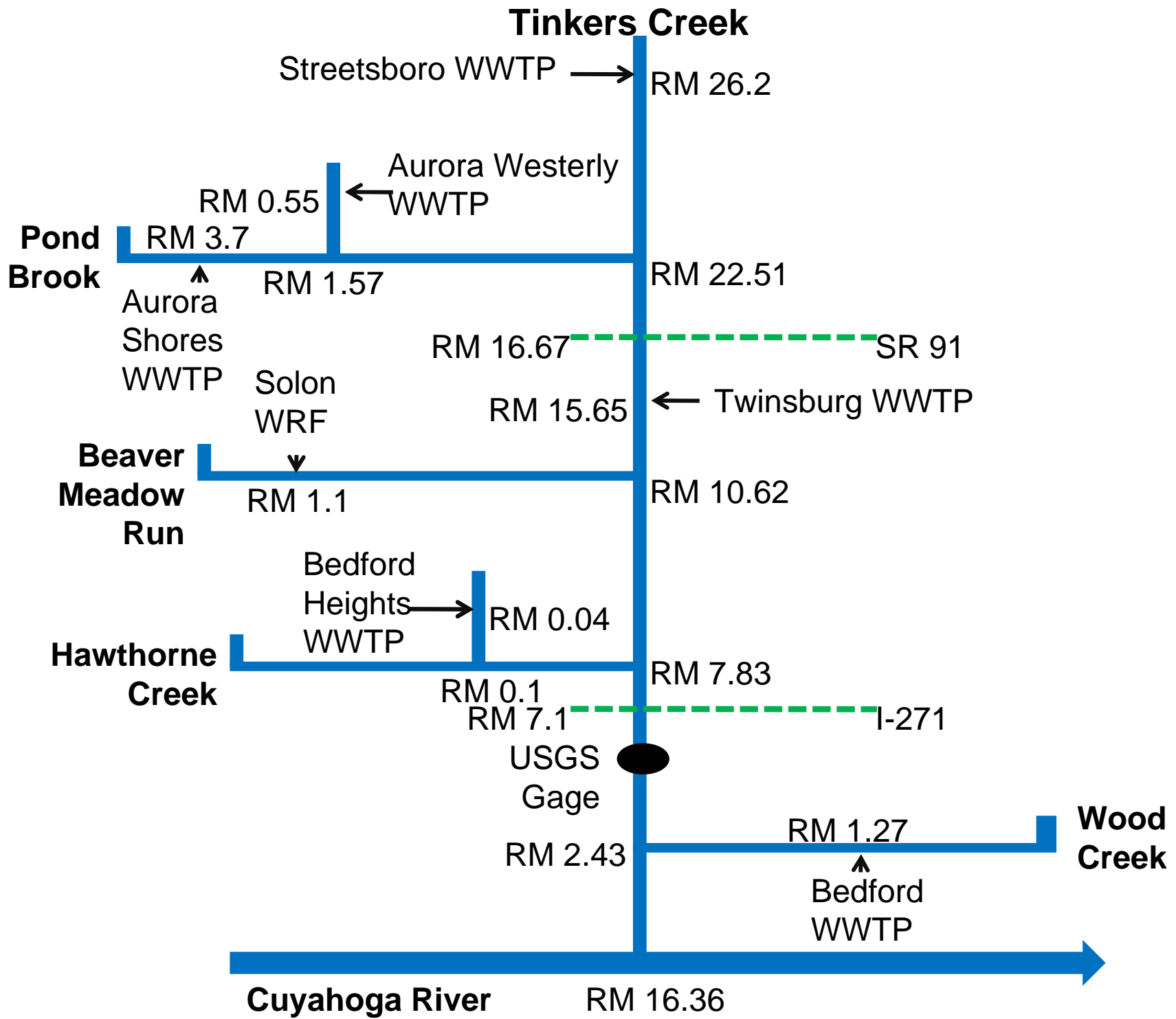
June 2006

Gather Data

Conduct Stressor Identification

Begin to Implement Management Plan"

What was I thinking?



**2000 Tinkers Creek (19-007) - WWH Use Designation**

<b>Fish/Invert.</b>	<b>IBI</b>	<b>Mlwb</b>	<b>ICI</b>	<b>QHEI</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Comment</b>
29.1 <sup>w</sup> /28.3	32*	--	48	52.5	PARTIAL	Seasons Road
25.0 <sup>w</sup> /25.2	<u>24</u> *	--	46	34.5	NON	
17.5 <sup>w</sup> /18.0	<u>25</u> *	<u>5.3</u> *	40	50.0	NON	At Whitlach Development
14.3 <sup>w</sup> /14.3	28*	6.4*	40	56.0	PARTIAL	Adj. East Idlewood
8.5 <sup>w</sup> /8.5	<u>21</u> *	<u>5.5</u> *	44	76.5	NON	Dst. Inland Reclamation
6.9 <sup>w</sup> /7.2	28*	7.5 <sup>ns</sup>	G	71.0	PARTIAL	Dst. Hawthorn Creek
0.1 <sup>w</sup> /0.1	32*	6.1*	36	78.0	PARTIAL	At mouth

**Pond Brook (19-008) - MWH Use Designation**

<b>Fish/Invert.</b>	<b>IBI</b>	<b>Mlwb</b>	<b>ICI</b>	<b>QHEI</b>	<b>Status<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>Comment</b>
3.8 <sup>H</sup> /3.8	36	--	F	44.0	FULL	Ust. Shores WWTP
-/1.4	--	--	28	--	(FULL)	SR 82 (wetland area)

**Beaver Meadow Run (19-046) - WWH Use Designation**

<b>Fish/Invert.</b>	<b>IBI</b>	<b>Mlwb</b>	<b>ICI</b>	<b>QHEI</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Comment</b>
1.2 <sup>H</sup> /1.2	34*	--	F*	57.0	NON	Ust. Solon WWTP
0.2 <sup>H</sup> /0.2	38 <sup>ns</sup>	--	F*	70.5	PARTIAL	Old

**Hawthorne Creek (19-064) - WWH Use Designation**

<b>Fish/Invert.</b>	<b>IBI</b>	<b>Mlwb</b>	<b>ICI</b>	<b>QHEI</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Comment</b>
0.7 <sup>H</sup> /0.7	32*	--	MG	60.0	PARTIAL	

**Wood Creek (19-043) - LRW Use Designation**

<b>Fish/Invert.</b>	<b>IBI</b>	<b>Mlwb</b>	<b>ICI</b>	<b>QHEI</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Comment</b>
0.2 <sup>H</sup> /0.1	<u>20</u> *	--	F	62.5	FULL	At mouth

**2006-2007 Tinkers Creek (19-007) - WWH Use Designation**

<b>Fish/Invert.</b>	<b>IBI</b>	<b>MIwb</b>	<b>ICI</b>	<b>QHEI</b>	<b>Status<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>Comment</b>
28.8 <sup>H</sup> /-	34 <sup>ns</sup>			53.0	(FULL)	Seasons Road
24.4 <sup>H</sup> /-	26*			63.0	(NON)	Ust.
16.7 <sup>W</sup> /-	30*	6.6*		55.0	(NON)	Ust. SR 91
14.3 <sup>W</sup> /-	29*	6.8*		70.5	(NON)	Adj. East Idlewood
11.0 <sup>W</sup> /-	<u>26*</u>	<u>5.3*</u>		73.5	(NON)	
10.1 <sup>W</sup> /-	28*	6.6*			(NON)	In Glenwood at power line crossing
6.4 <sup>W</sup> /-	<u>20*</u>	6.3*		88.5	(NON)	Ust. SR 8
2.2 <sup>W</sup> /-	38	7.6		76.0	(FULL)	Ust. and Wood Creek confluence
0.1 <sup>W</sup> /-	40	8.3		78.0	(FULL)	At mouth

**Pond Brook (19-008) - MWH Use Designation**

<b>Fish/Invert.</b>	<b>IBI</b>	<b>MIwb</b>	<b>ICI</b>	<b>QHEI</b>	<b>Status<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>Comment</b>
4.3 <sup>H</sup> /-	38			44.5	(FULL)	Ust.
0.9 <sup>H</sup> /-	30			28.0	(FULL)	Dst. SR 82

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<b>Fish/Invert.</b>	<b>IBI</b>	<b>MIwb</b>	<b>ICI</b>	<b>QHEI</b>	<b>Status<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>Comment</b>
1.2 <sup>H</sup> /-	28*			77.0	(NON)	Ust. WWTP discharge
0.1 <sup>H</sup> /-	<u>24*</u>			77.0	(NON)	At mouth

**Hawthorne Creek (19-064) - WWH Use Designation**

<b>Fish/Invert.</b>	<b>IBI</b>	<b>MIwb</b>	<b>ICI</b>	<b>QHEI</b>	<b>Status<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>Comment</b>
0.8 <sup>H</sup> /-	30*			70.5	(NON)	
0.1 <sup>H</sup> /-	<u>24*</u>			67.0	(NON)	At mouth

## Initial Candidate Causes (From TMDL)

Organic Enrichment/  
Dissolved Oxygen  
Metals  
Unknown Toxicity  
Nutrients  
Habitat  
Ammonia  
Habitat Alteration  
Oil & Grease  
Siltation  
Suspended Solids

## Identified Stressors (by stressor study group)

- ❖ Metals
- ❖ Turbidity
- ❖ Oil & Grease
- ❖ Pharmaceuticals
- ❖ Land Use
- ❖ TSS / Siltation
- ❖ Conductivity / Salt
- ❖ Recolonization
- ❖ Legacy
- ❖ Zircoa
- ❖ Conventional Nutrients

United States  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Water  
Office of Research and Development  
National Exposure Research Laboratory  
Cincinnati, OH 45268

Official Business  
Penalty for Private Use  
\$300

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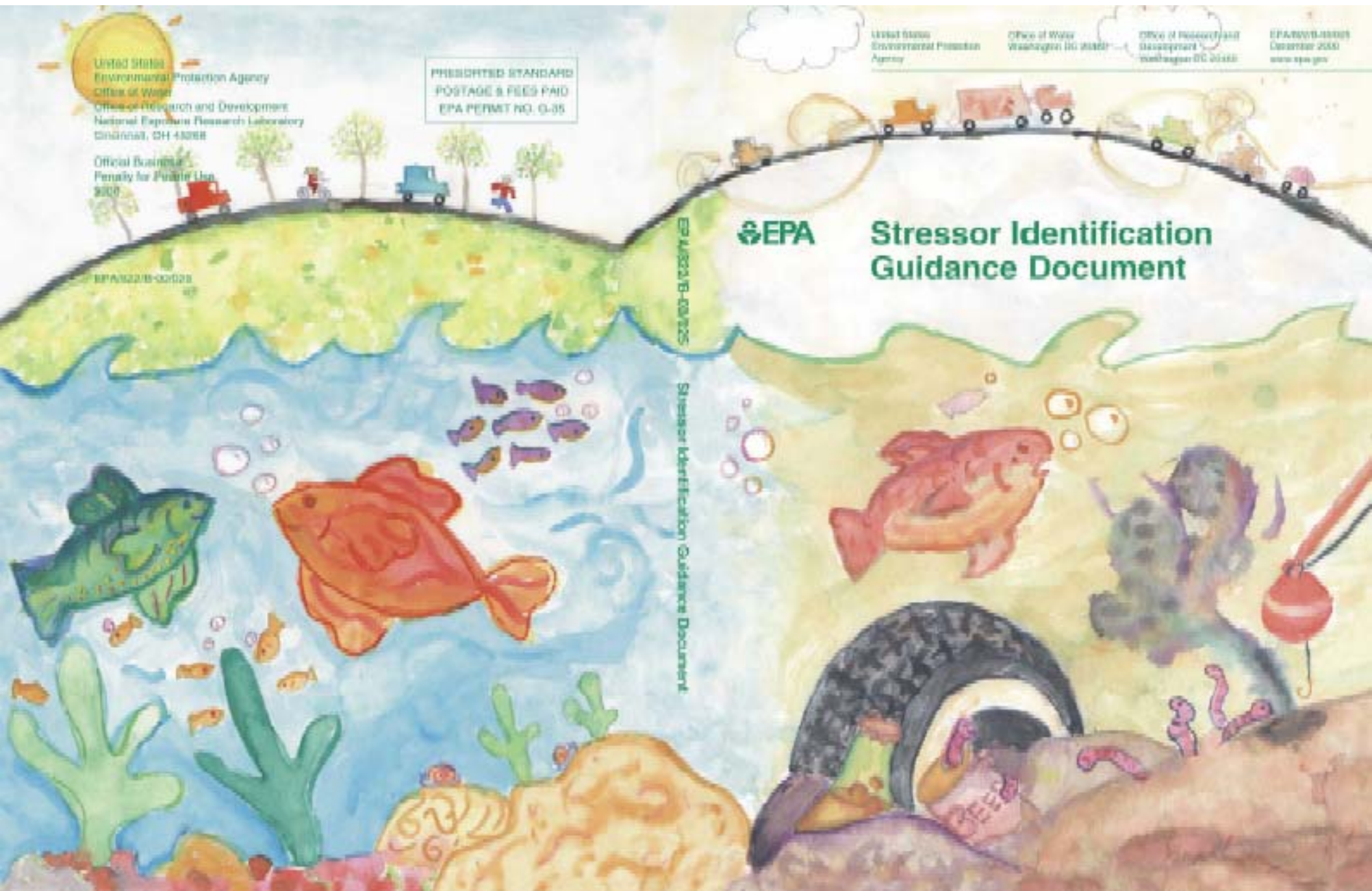
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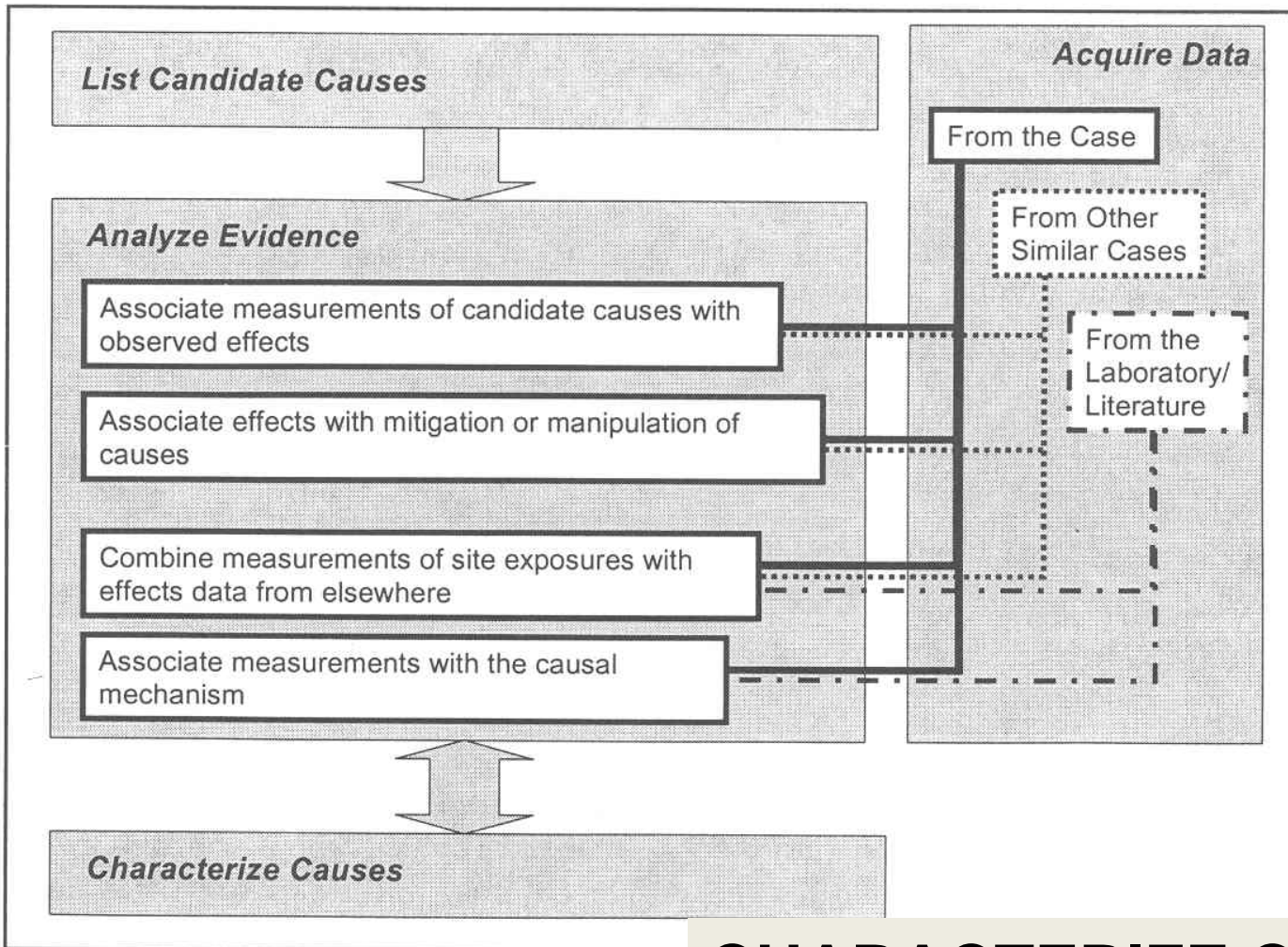


# Stressor Identification Guidance Document

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Stressor Identification Guidance Document





**Use existing data.**  
**Identify data gaps.**  
**Gather new data.**

**CHARACTERIZE CAUSES**

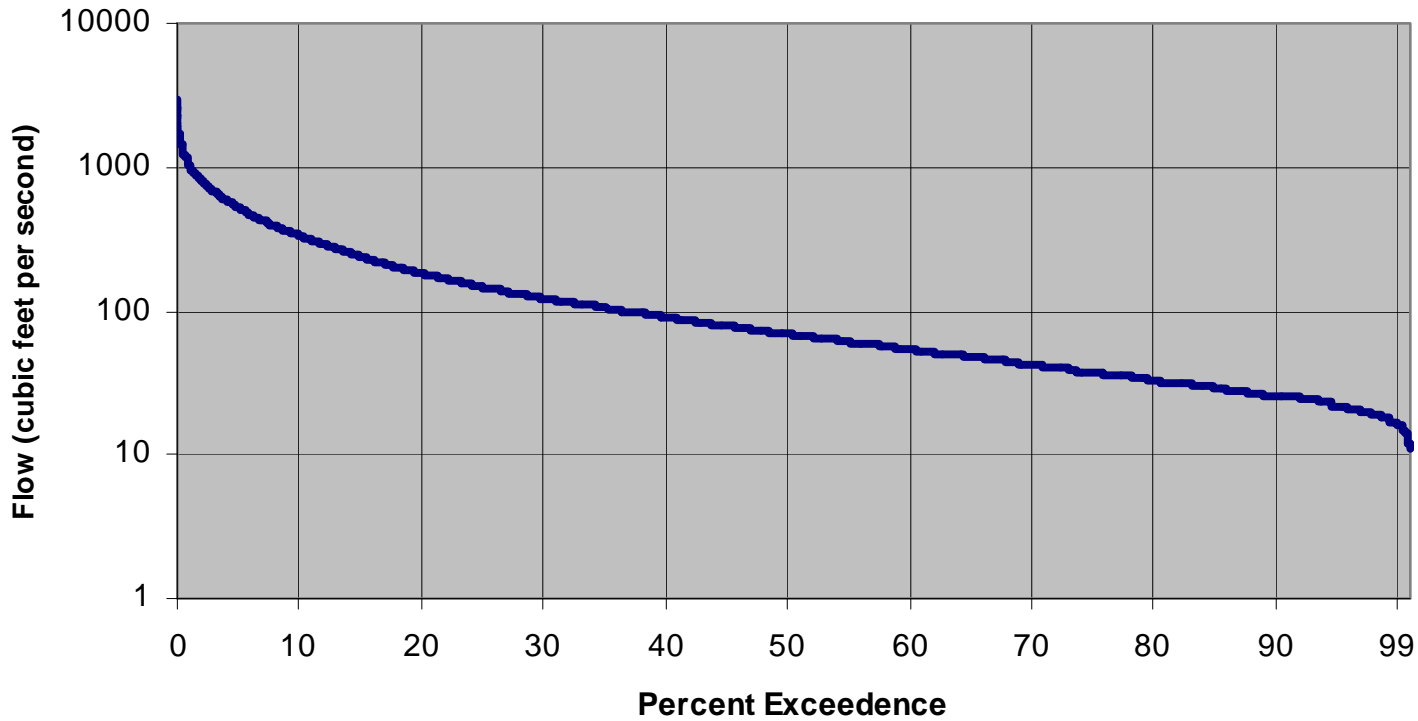
**Eliminate**

**Diagnose**

**Strength of Evidence**

**Identify Probable Cause**

*Tinkers Creek Flow Duration Curve*



**Flow**

**Patterns**

Aurora Shores  
 Bedford Heights WWTP  
 City of Twinsburg WWTP

City of Solon Water Reclamation  
 Streetsboro WWTP  
 Aurora Westerly WWTP

**Flow at Gage**

**23.9 MGD**

**36.97 CFS**

**2000's Summer**

**73.9%**

percent effluent at gage

Bedford WWTP

**3.2 MGD**

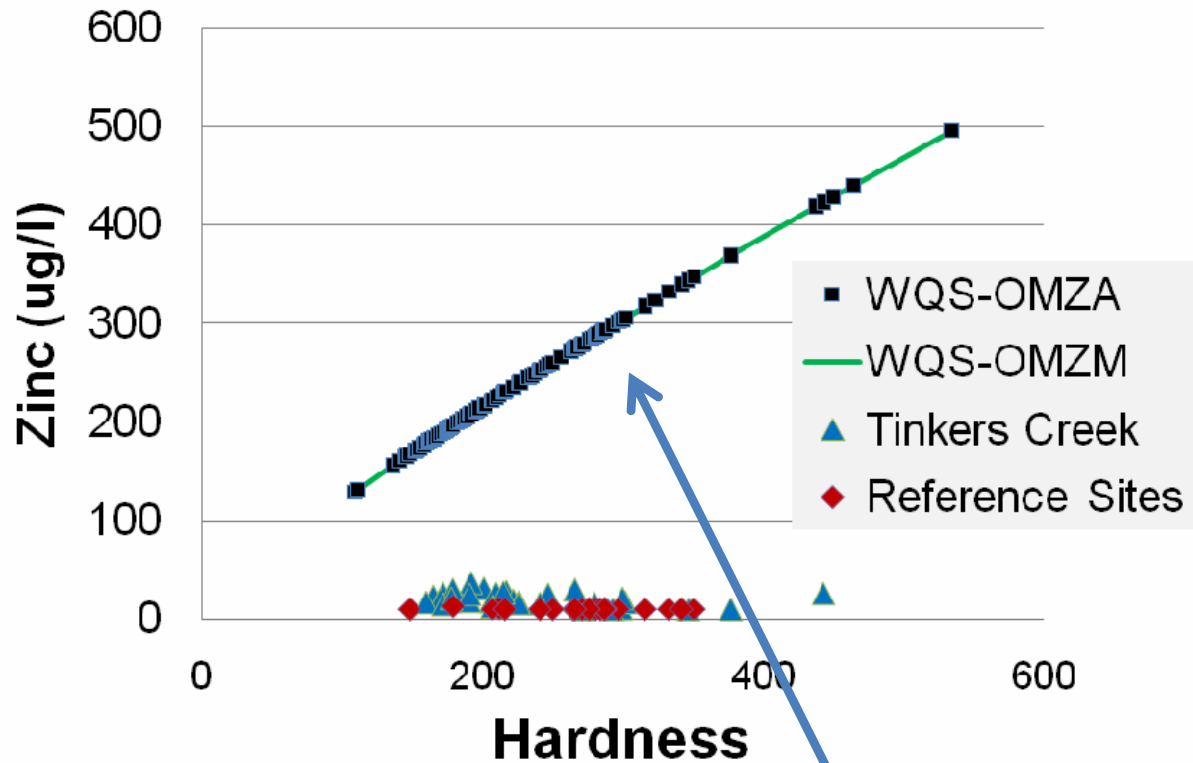
**4.95 CFS**

**2000's Summer**

**76.3%**

percent effluent at Canal Road

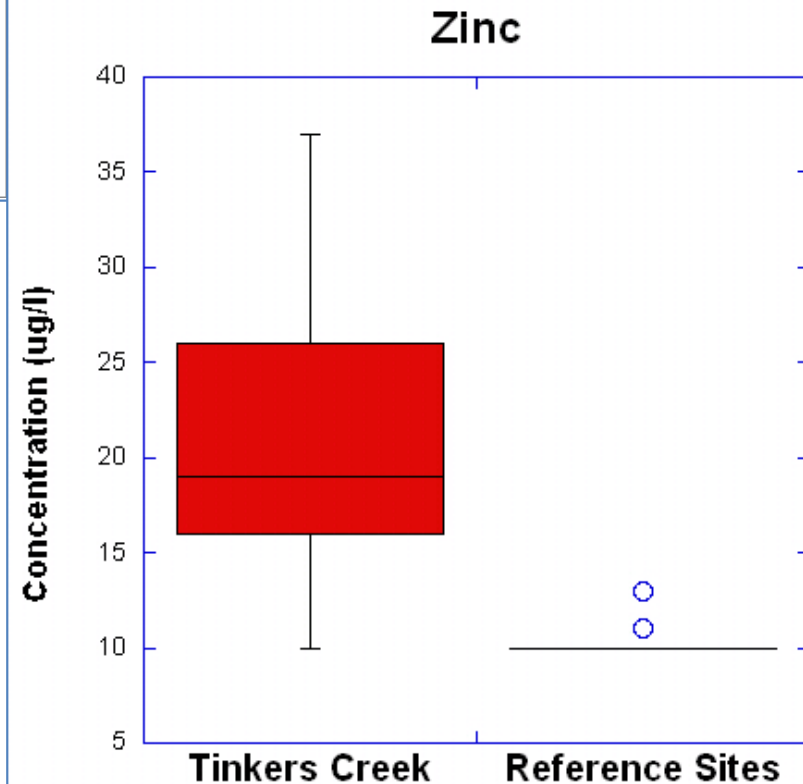
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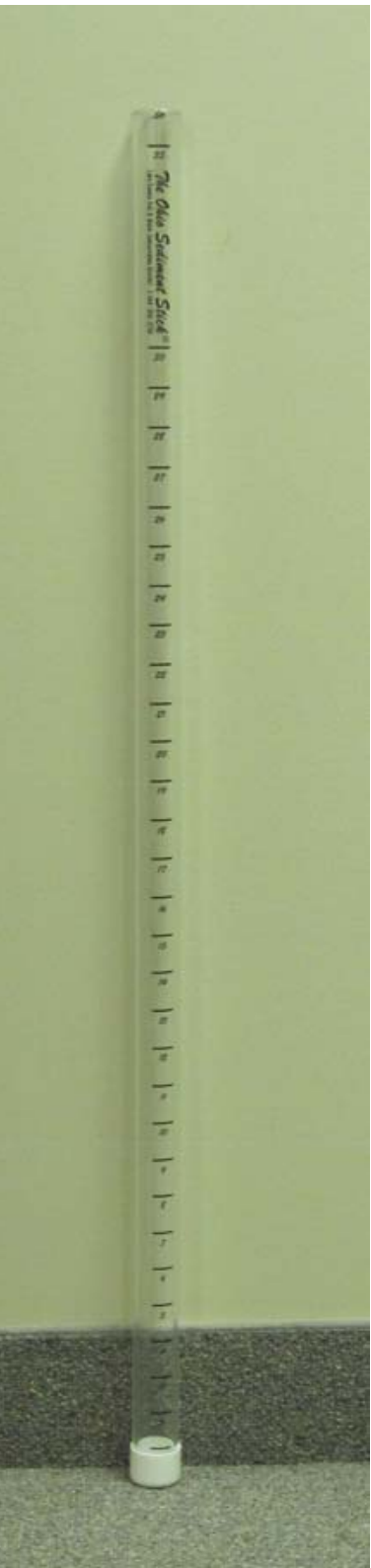
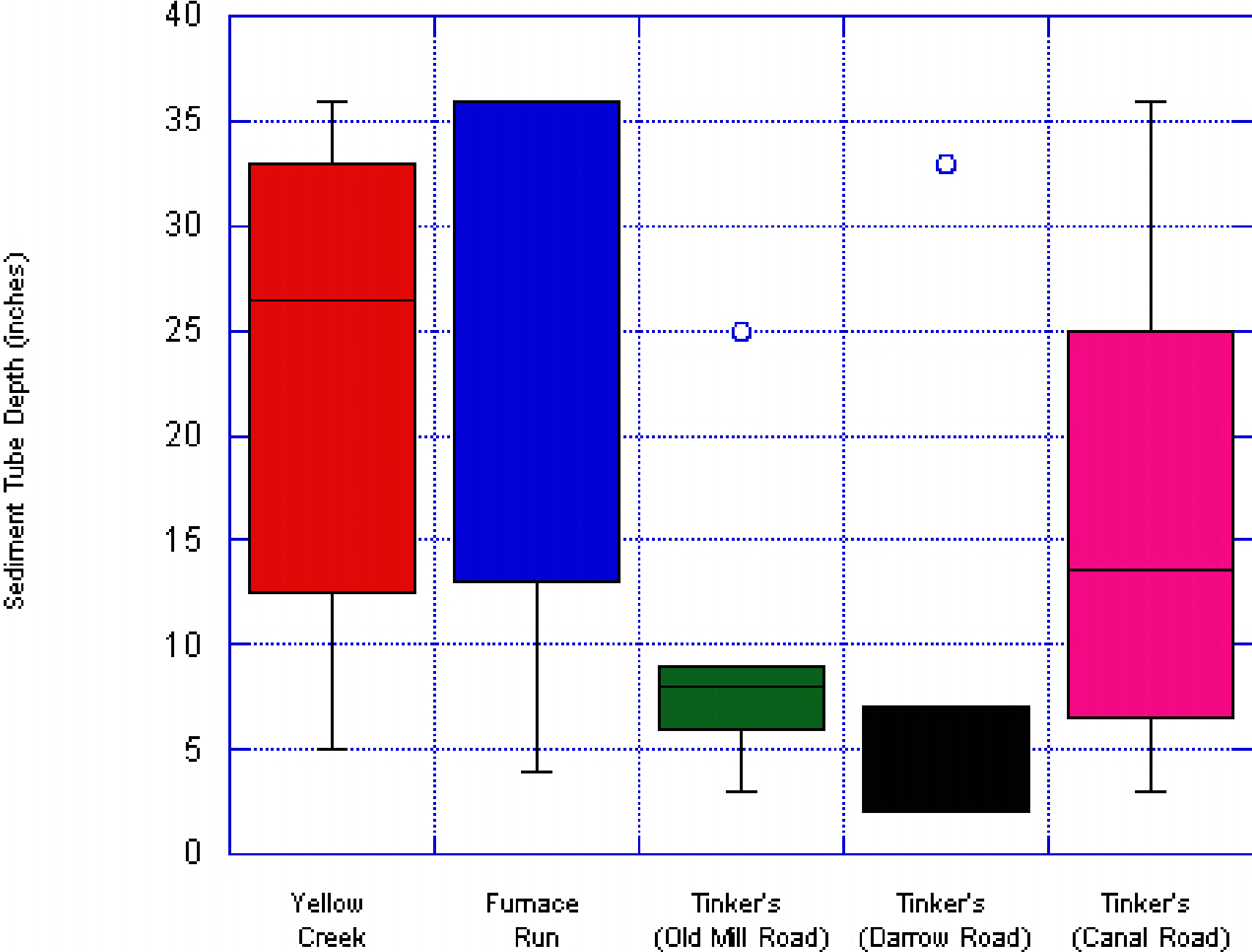
**All sampled metals evaluated.**

**Wilcoxon-Mann-Whitney Rank Sum Test**  
**Group 1: Tinkers Creek**  
**Group 2: Reference Sites**  
**P Value < .0001**

**They are different!**  
**But all are well below the WQS!**

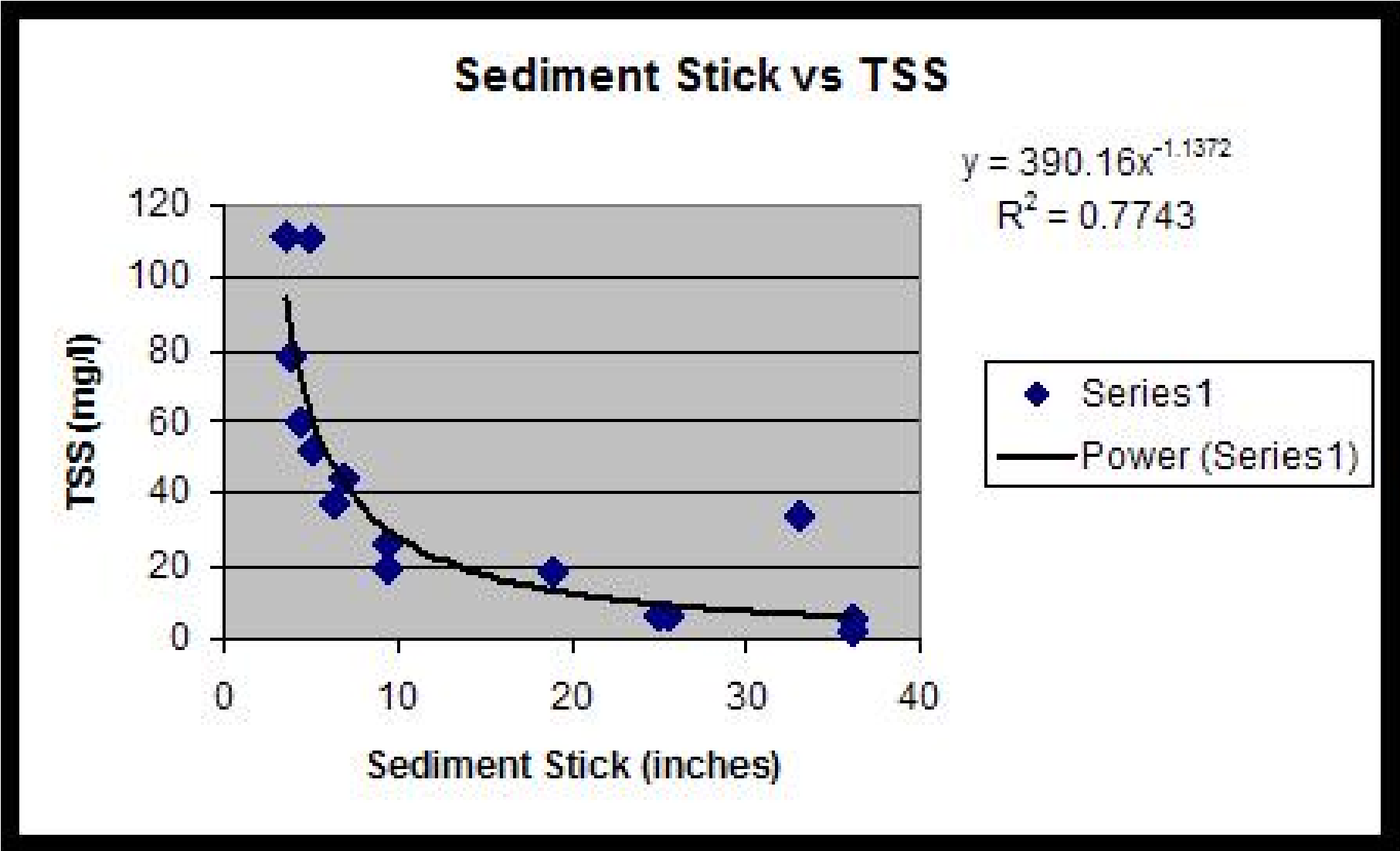


# Sediment Tube



# Candidate Cause

## Suspended Solids



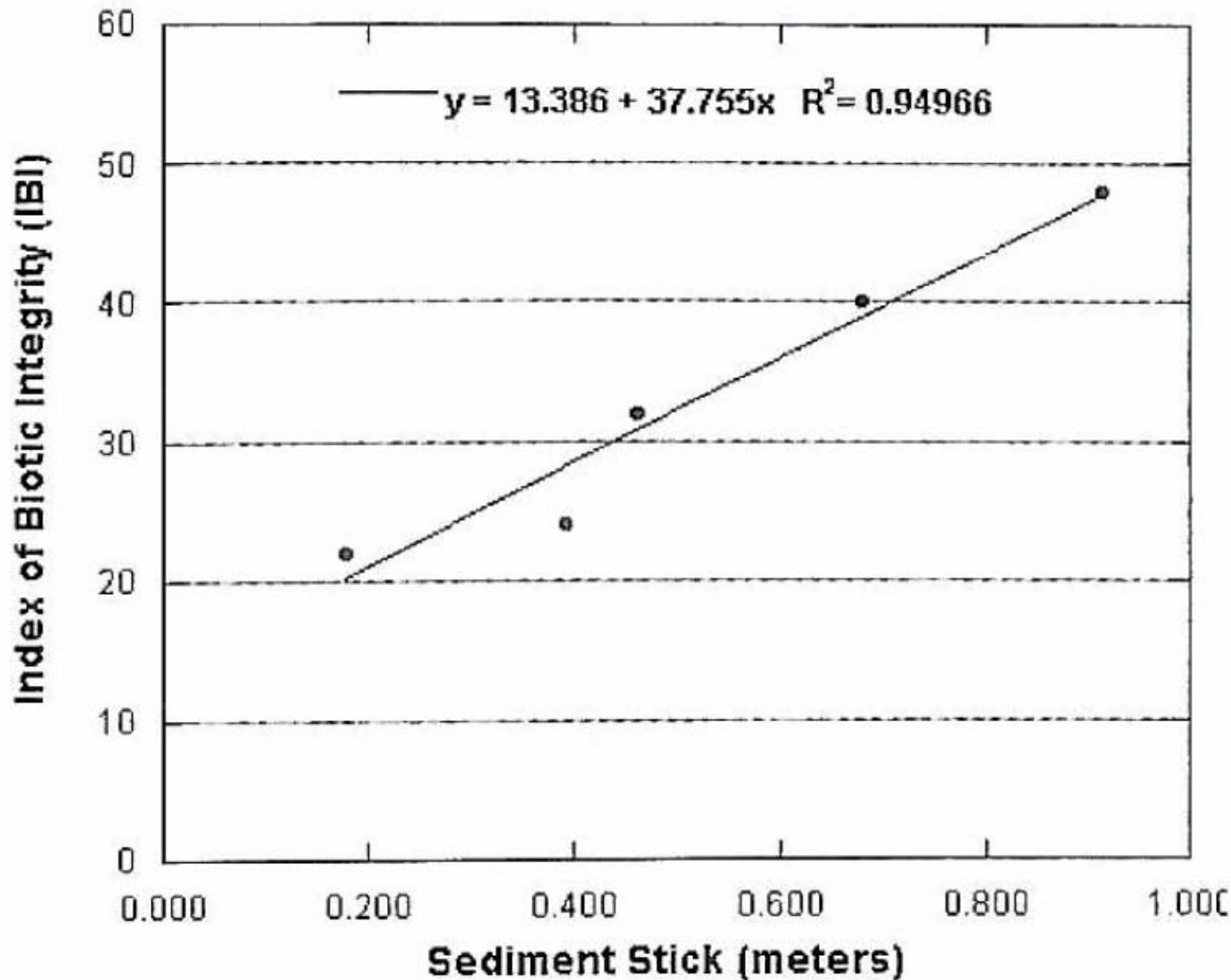
## BRIEF NOTE

# Transparency Tube Monitoring as an Indicator of Fish Community Health

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**ABSTRACT:** Transparency tubes have been shown to be useful tools for suspended solids estimation in flowing waters. Suspended solids estimation is important because of its relationship to habitat smothering and visual impairments. Comparison of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency shows a strong positive relationship.

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**Interesting  
correlation**

**Conforms to  
other findings in  
literature**

Division of Surface Water

# Methods for Assessing Habitat in Flowing Waters: Using the Qualitative Habitat Evaluation Index (QHEI)

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Stream & Location: \_\_\_\_\_ RM: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/06

Scorers Full Name & Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 River Code: \_\_\_\_\_ STORET #: \_\_\_\_\_ Lat./ Long.: \_\_\_\_\_ /8 \_\_\_\_\_ Office verified location

**1] SUBSTRATE** Check ONLY Two substrate TYPE BOXES; estimate % or note every type present

<b>BEST TYPES</b>	<b>POOL RIFFLE</b>	<b>OTHER TYPES</b>	<b>POOL RIFFLE</b>	<b>ORIGIN</b>	<b>QUALITY</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> BLDG /SLABS [10]	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> HARDPAN [4]	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> LIMESTONE [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> HEAVY [-2]
<input type="checkbox"/> BOULDER [9]	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> DETRITUS [3]	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> TILLS [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [-1]
<input type="checkbox"/> COBBLE [8]	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> MUCK [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> WETLANDS [0]	<input type="checkbox"/> NORMAL [0]
<input type="checkbox"/> GRAVEL [7]	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> SILT [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> SILT	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> SAND [6]	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL [0]	<input type="checkbox"/> _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> BEDROCK [5]	<input type="checkbox"/> _____				

NUMBER OF BEST TYPES:  4 or more [2]  3 or less [0]

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

**2] INSTREAM COVER** Indicate presence 0 to 3: 0-Absent, 1-Low quality, 2-Moderate amounts, but not high quality, 3-Highest quality in moderate or greater amounts (e.g., 1" diameter log that is stable, well developed rootwad in deep / fast water)

<input type="checkbox"/> UNDERCUT BANKS [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> POOLS > 70'
<input type="checkbox"/> OVERHANGING VEGETATION [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> ROOTWADS
<input type="checkbox"/> SHALLOWS (IN SLOW WATER) [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> BOULDERS
<input type="checkbox"/> ROOTMATS [1]	

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

**3] CHANNEL MORPHOLOGY** Check ONE in each category

<b>SINUOSITY</b>	<b>DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>CHANNELIZATION</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> HIGH [4]	<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT [7]	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [6]
<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [3]	<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD [5]	<input type="checkbox"/> RECOVERED [5]
<input type="checkbox"/> LOW [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR [3]	<input type="checkbox"/> RECOVERING [4]
<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> POOR [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> RECENT OR NONE [0]

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

**4] BANK EROSION AND RIPARIAN ZONE** Check ONE in each category

<b>EROSION</b>	<b>RIPARIAN WIDTH</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> NONE / LITTLE [3]	<input type="checkbox"/> WIDE > 50m [4]
<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE 10-50m [3]
<input type="checkbox"/> HEAVY / SEVERE [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> NARROW 5-10m [2]
	<input type="checkbox"/> VERY NARROW < 5m [1]
	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [0]

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

**5] POOL / GLIDE AND RIFFLE / RUN QUALITY**

<b>MAXIMUM DEPTH</b>	<b>CHANNEL WIDTH</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> > 1m [6]	<input type="checkbox"/> POOL WIDTH > RIFFLE WIDTH [2]
<input type="checkbox"/> 0.7-<1m [4]	<input type="checkbox"/> POOL WIDTH = RIFFLE WIDTH [1]
<input type="checkbox"/> 0.4-<0.7m [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> POOL WIDTH > RIFFLE WIDTH [0]
<input type="checkbox"/> 0.2-<0.4m [1]	
<input type="checkbox"/> < 0.2m [0]	

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate for functional riffles; Best areas must be large enough to support a population of riffle-obligate species: \_\_\_\_\_

Check ONE (Or 2 & average):  NO RIFFLE [metric=0]

<b>RIFFLE DEPTH</b>	<b>RUN DEPTH</b>	<b>RIFFLE / RUN SUBSTRATE</b>	<b>RIFFLE / RUN EMBEDDEDNESS</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> BEST AREAS > 10cm [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> MAXIMUM > 50cm [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> STABLE (e.g., Cobble, Boulder) [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [2]
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<input type="checkbox"/> BEST AREAS < 5cm [metric=0]		<input type="checkbox"/> UNSTABLE (e.g., Fine Gravel, Sand) [0]	<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [0]
			<input type="checkbox"/> EXTENSIVE [-1]

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

**6] GRADIENT** (ft/mi)  VERY LOW - LOW [2-4]  MODERATE [6-10]  HIGH - VERY HIGH [10-6]

**DRAINAGE AREA** (mi<sup>2</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_

%POOL:  %GLIDE:  %RUN:  %RIFFLE:

Gradient Maximum

**Table 2. General narrative ranges assigned to QHEI scores. Ranges vary slightly in headwater (< 20 sq mi) vs. larger waters.**

Narrative Rating	QHEI Range	
	Headwaters	Larger Streams
Excellent	≥ 70	≥ 75
Good	55- to 69	60 to 74
Fair	43 to 54	45 to 59
Poor	30 to 42	30 to 44
Very Poor	< 30	< 30

# Habitat Data

		QHEI	Substrate	Cover	Channel	Riparian	Pool	Riffle
Average	Group 1	50.1	4.3	12.0	10.5	7.5	8.5	0.9
	Group 2	61.3	14.6	9.3	13.3	7.2	6.4	3.3
	Group 3	74.6	15.4	14.9	16.0	6.7	10.3	4.4
	<b>Targets</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>13.0</b>		<b>14.0</b>			
Median	Group 1	51.3	4.0	12.0	11.8	7.3	8.0	0.0
	Group 2	60.3	15.5	10.0	13.5	6.5	6.0	3.0
	Group 3	73.5	16.0	15.0	16.0	6.5	11.0	4.0

		% Sites FULL Attainment	% Sites PARTIAL Attainment	% Sites NON Attainment
Good Really Good!	Group 1	0.0	12.5	87.5
	Group 2	22.2	44.4	33.3
	Group 3	26.3	15.7	57.8

**Not So Good**

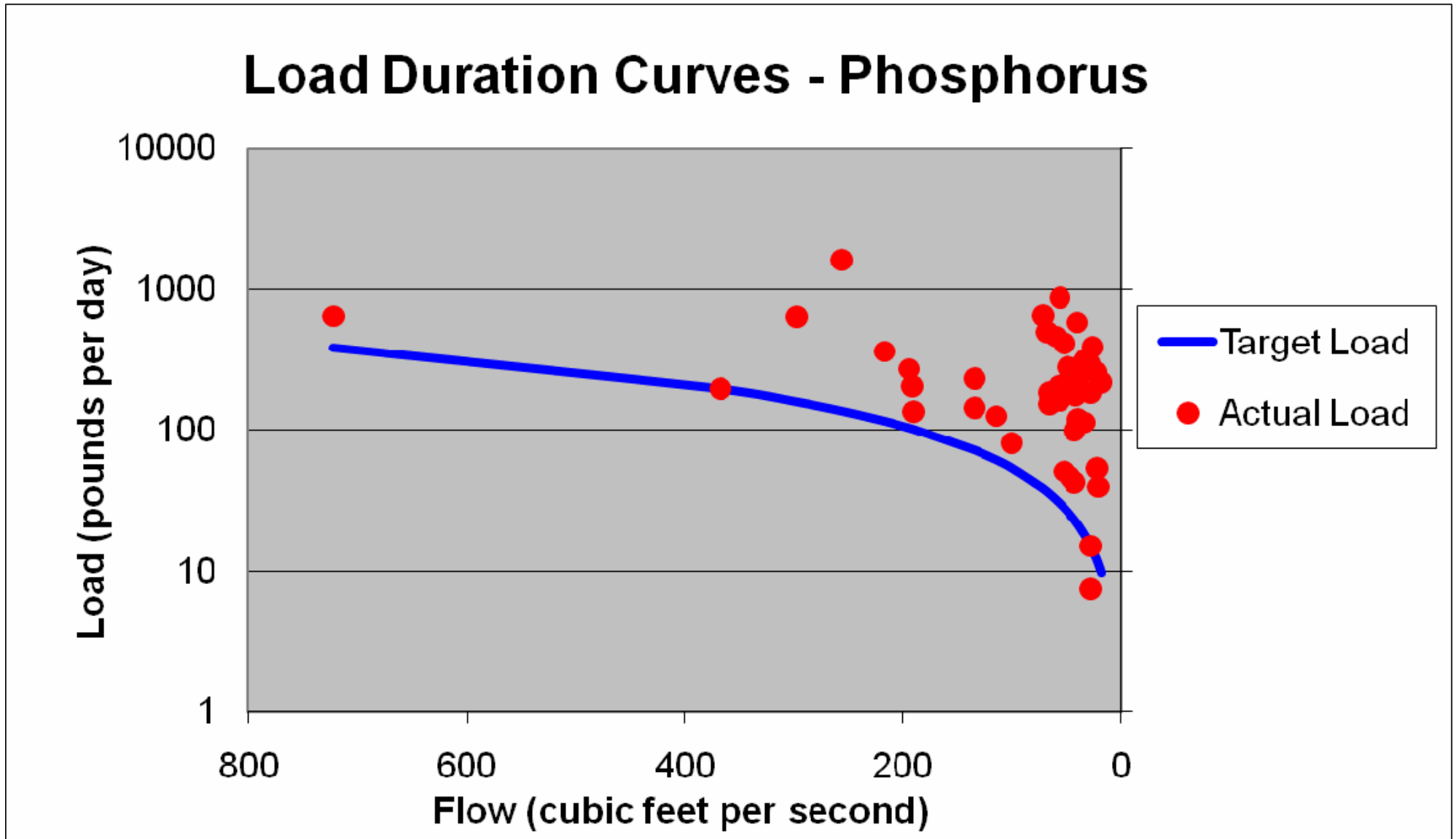


# Nutrients

<b>Phosphorus</b>	<b>Average Values (mg/l)</b>	<b>Median Values (mg/l)</b>	<b>Maximum Values (mg/l)</b>
<b>Tinkers Creek</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>0.38</b>
<b>Reference Sites</b>	0.09	0.08	0.22
<b>Tinkers Tributaries</b>	0.19	0.08	0.98
<b>Aurora Branch</b>	0.11	0.09	0.46
<b>Target Values</b>	<b>0.10</b>		

<b>Nitrate</b>	<b>Average Values (mg/l)</b>	<b>Median Values (mg/l)</b>	<b>Maximum Values (mg/l)</b>
<b>Tinkers Creek</b>	3.35	2.89	8.87
<b>Reference Sites</b>	0.57	0.41	1.76
<b>Tinkers Tributaries</b>	1.32	0.47	8.74
<b>Aurora Branch</b>	0.97	0.69	3.82
<b>Target Values</b>	<b>1.05</b>		

# Target Value 0.10 mg/l

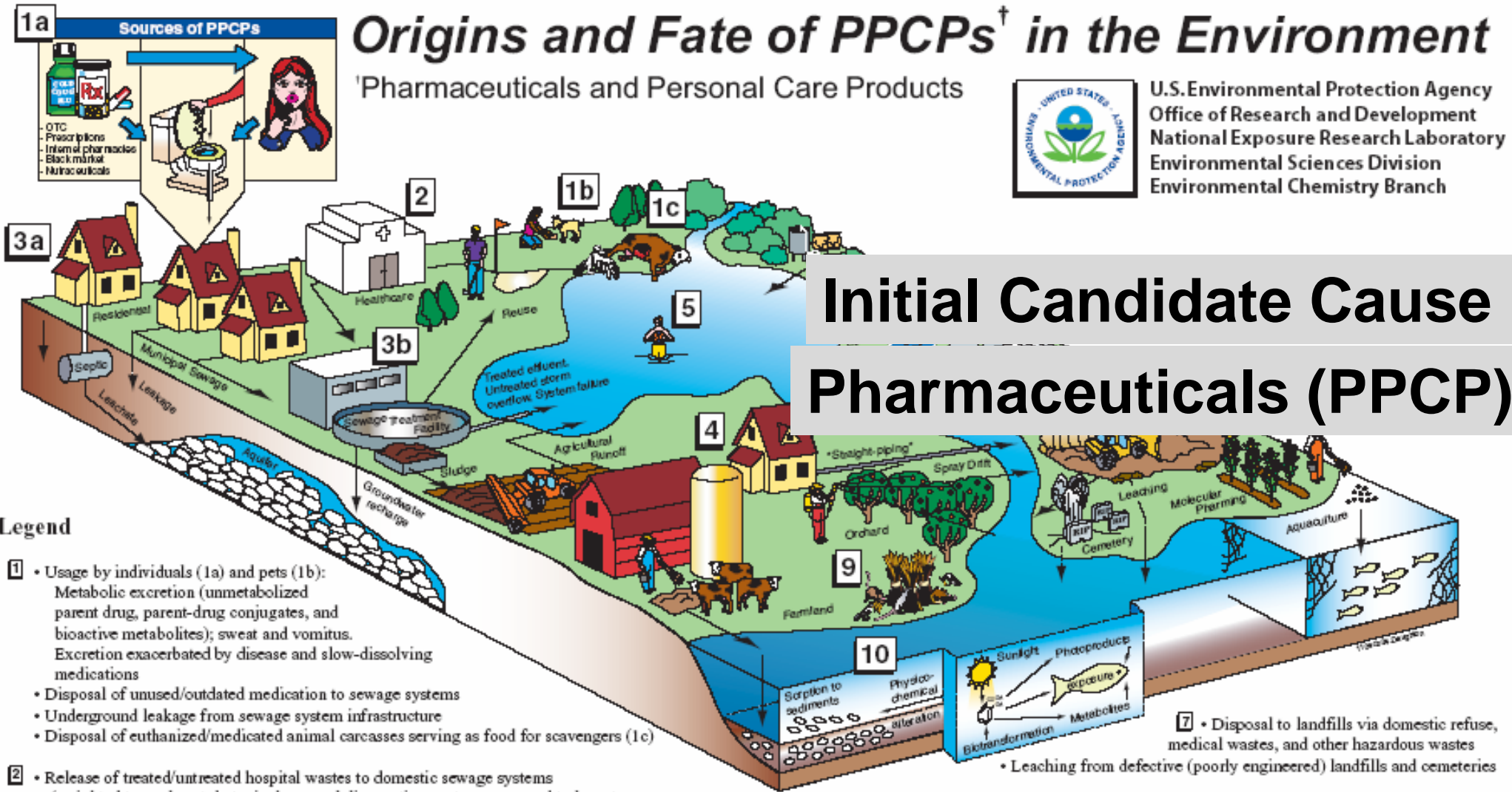


# Origins and Fate of PPCPs<sup>†</sup> in the Environment

<sup>†</sup>Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products



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National Exposure Research Laboratory  
Environmental Sciences Division  
Environmental Chemistry Branch



**Initial Candidate Cause  
Pharmaceuticals (PPCP)**

## Legend

- 1 • Usage by individuals (1a) and pets (1b):  
Metabolic excretion (unmetabolized parent drug, parent-drug conjugates, and bioactive metabolites); sweat and vomitus.  
Excretion exacerbated by disease and slow-dissolving medications
- 2 • Disposal of unused/outdated medication to sewage systems
- 3 • Underground leakage from sewage system infrastructure
- 4 • Disposal of euthanized/medicated animal carcasses serving as food for scavengers (1c)
- 5 • Release of treated/untreated hospital wastes to domestic sewage systems (weighted toward acutely toxic drugs and diagnostic agents, as opposed to long-term medications); also disposal by pharmacies, physicians, humanitarian drug surplus
- 6 • Release to private septic/leach fields
- 7 • Treated effluent from domestic sewage treatment plants discharged to surface waters or re-injected into aquifers (recharge)
- 8 • Overflow of untreated sewage from storm events and system failures directly to surface waters
- 9 • Transfer of sewage solids ("biosolids") to land (e.g., soil amendment/fertilization)
- 10 • "Straight-piping" from homes (untreated sewage discharged directly to surface waters)
- 11 • Release from agriculture: spray drift from tree crops (e.g., antibiotics)
- 12 • Dung from medicated domestic animals (e.g., feed) - CAFOs (confined animal feeding operations)
- 13 • Direct release to open waters via washing/bathing/swimming
- 14 • Discharge of regulated/controlled industrial manufacturing waste streams
- 15 • Disposal/release from clandestine drug labs and illicit drug usage
- 16 • Disposal to landfills via domestic refuse, medical wastes, and other hazardous wastes
- 17 • Leaching from defective (poorly engineered) landfills and cemeteries
- 18 • Release to open waters from aquaculture (medicated feed and resulting excreta)
- 19 • Future potential for release from molecular pharming (production of therapeutics in crops)
- 20 • Release of drugs that serve double duty as pest control agents:  
examples: 4-aminopyridine, experimental multiple sclerosis drug → used as avicide;  
warfarin, anticoagulant → rat poison; azacholesterol, antilipidemics → avian/rodent reproductive inhibitors; certain antibiotics → used for orchard pathogens; acetaminophen, analgesic → brown tree snake control; caffeine, stimulant → *coqui* frog control
- 21 • Ultimate environmental transport/fate:  
• most PPCPs eventually transported from terrestrial domain to aqueous domain  
• phototransformation (both direct and indirect reactions via UV light)  
• physicochemical alteration, degradation, and ultimate mineralization  
• volatilization (mainly certain anesthetics, fragrances)  
• some uptake by plants  
• respirable particulates containing sorbed drugs (e.g., medicated-feed dusts)

In cooperation with the Ohio Water Development Authority; National Park Service; Cities of Aurora, Bedford, Bedford Heights, Solon, and Twinsburg; Portage and Summit Counties; and in collaboration with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

## **Occurrence of Organic Wastewater Compounds in the Tinkers Creek Watershed and Two Other Tributaries to the Cuyahoga River, Northeast Ohio**



# Polar Organic Chemical Integrative Sampler (POCIS)



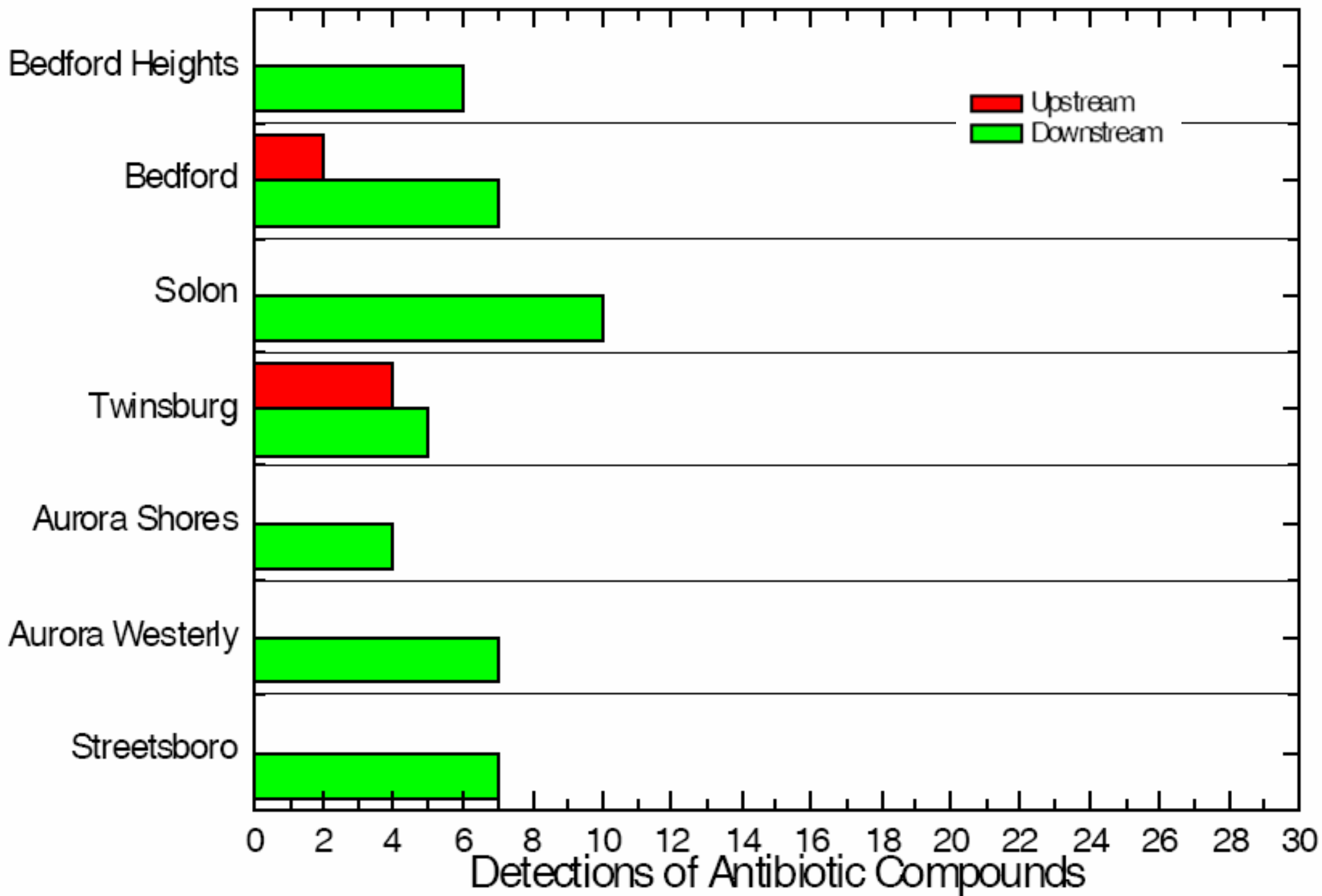
The POCIS was designed to sequester and concentrate waterborne polar organic chemicals.

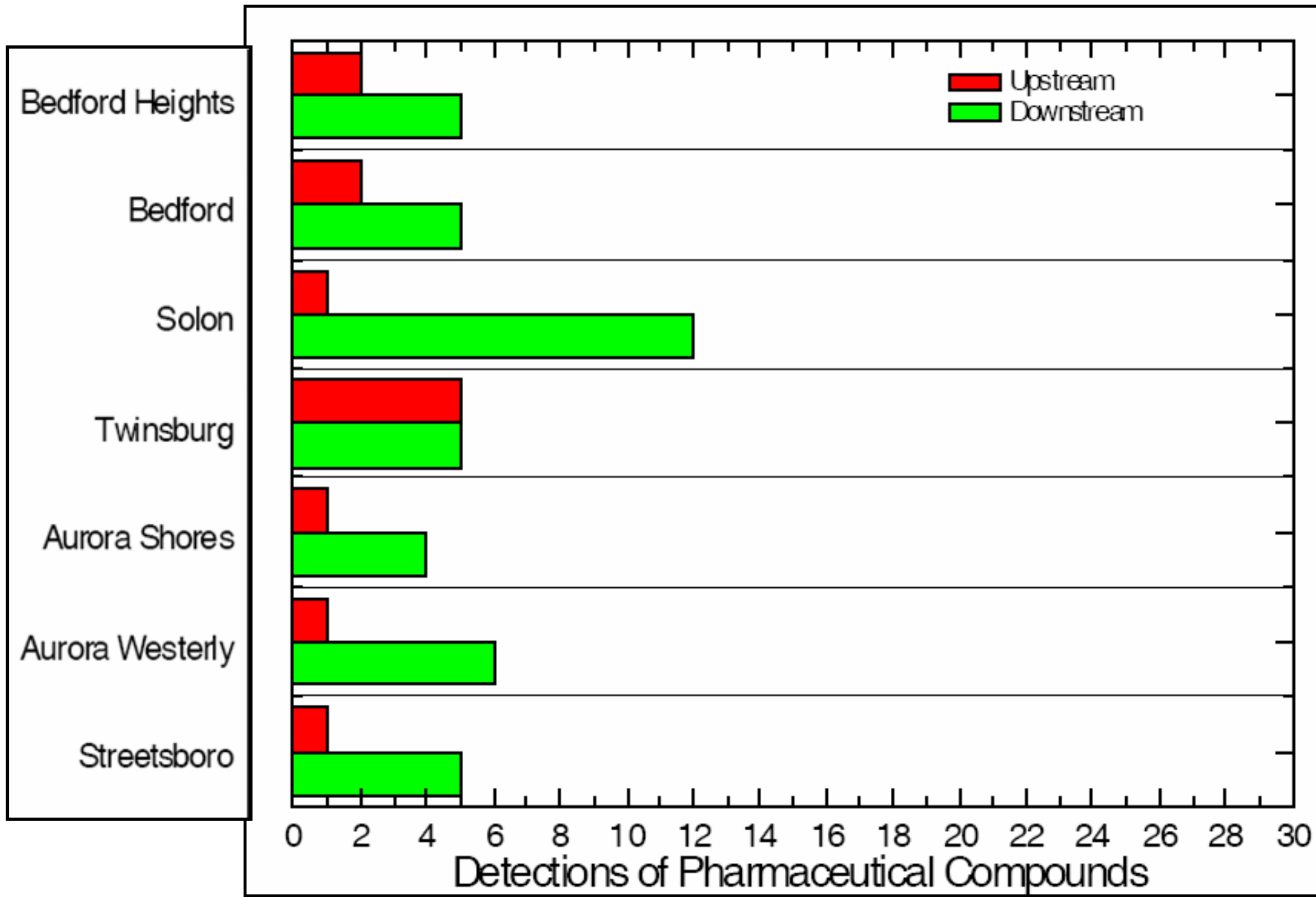
It consists of a microporous polyethersulfone membrane enveloping various solid phase sorbents and/or mixtures of sorbents.

Its versatility allows for the sequestering medium to be tailored to specific applications.

The technology is currently under U.S. Patent protection (patent number 6,478,961) and is commercially available through EST Laboratories, St. Joseph, MO.











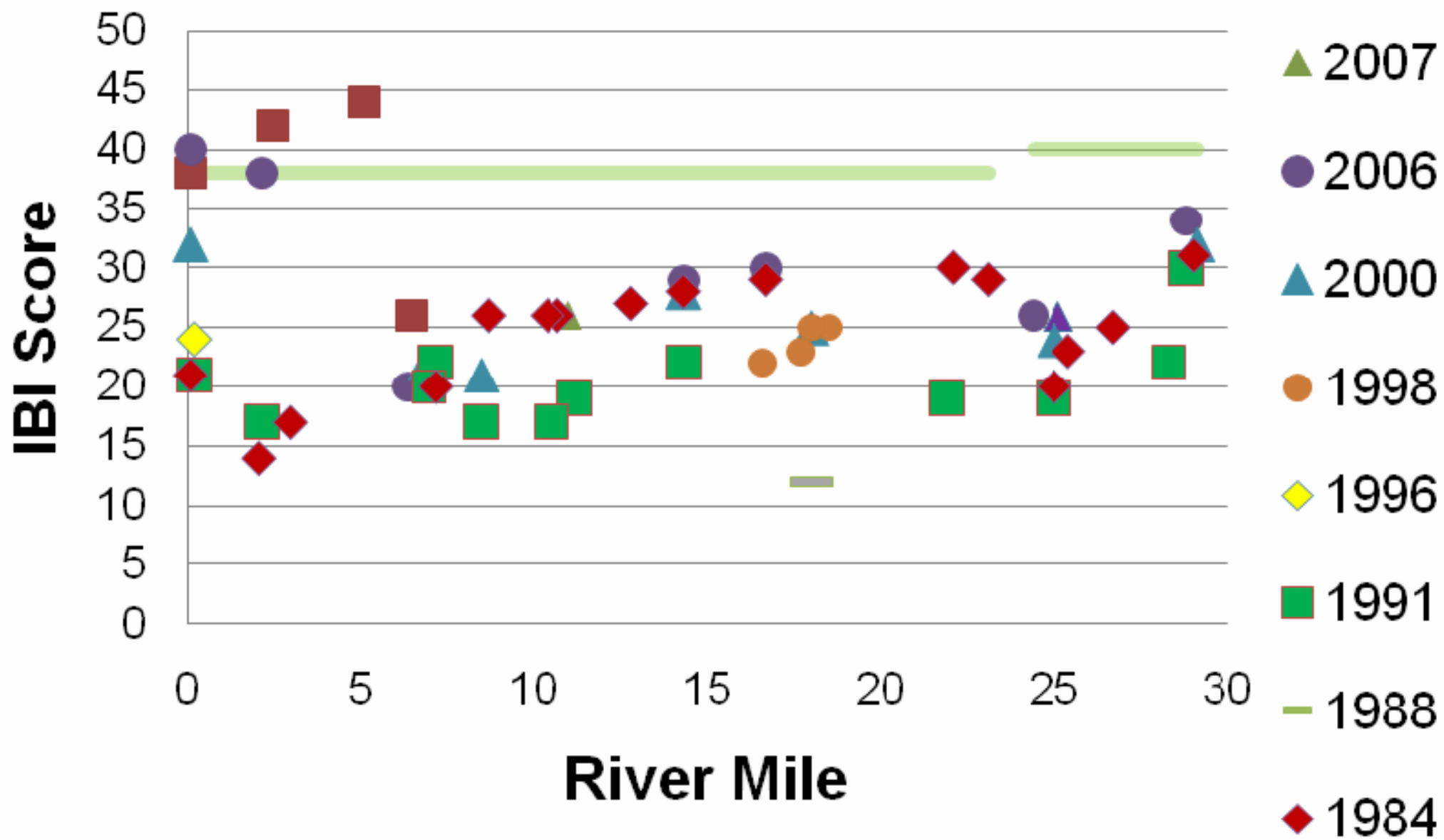




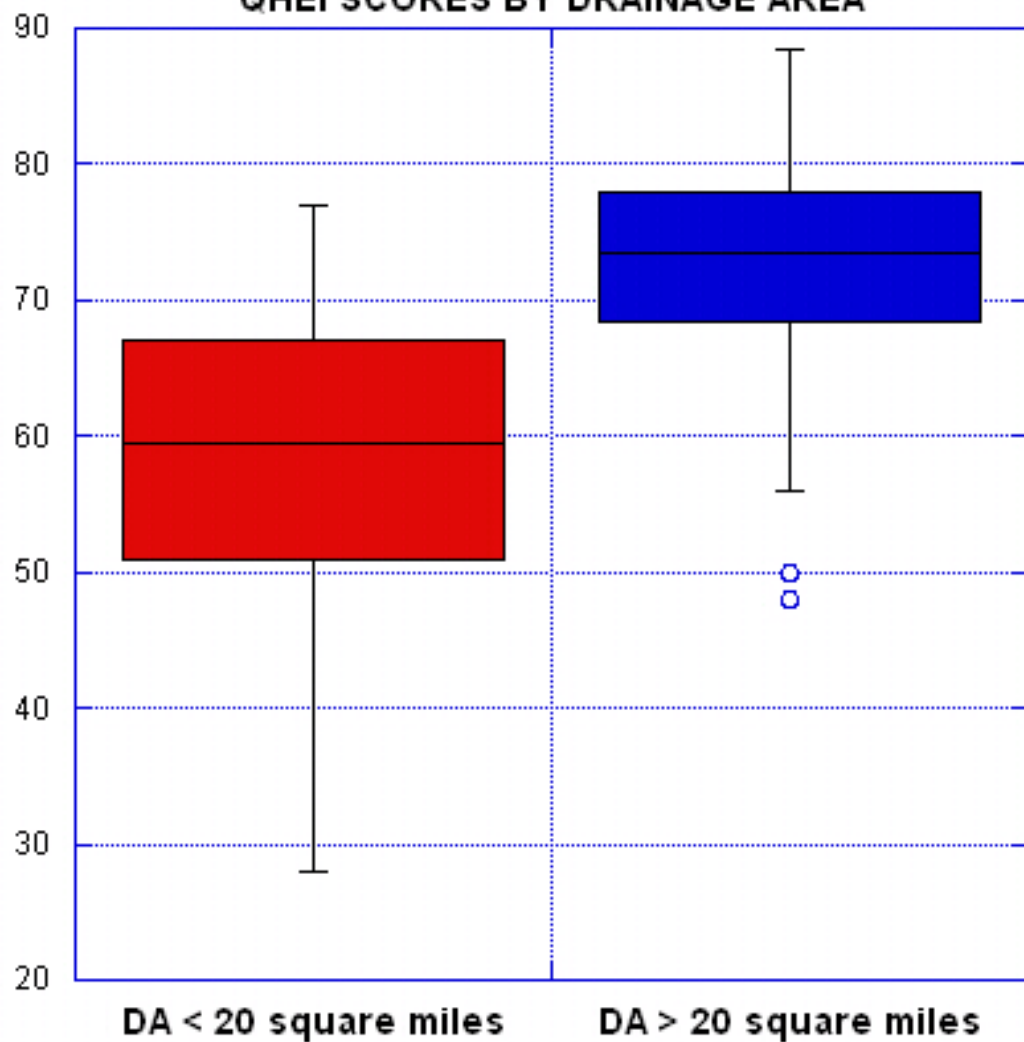
**Skinny Belly**

**Unlike Billy!!!!!!!!!!**

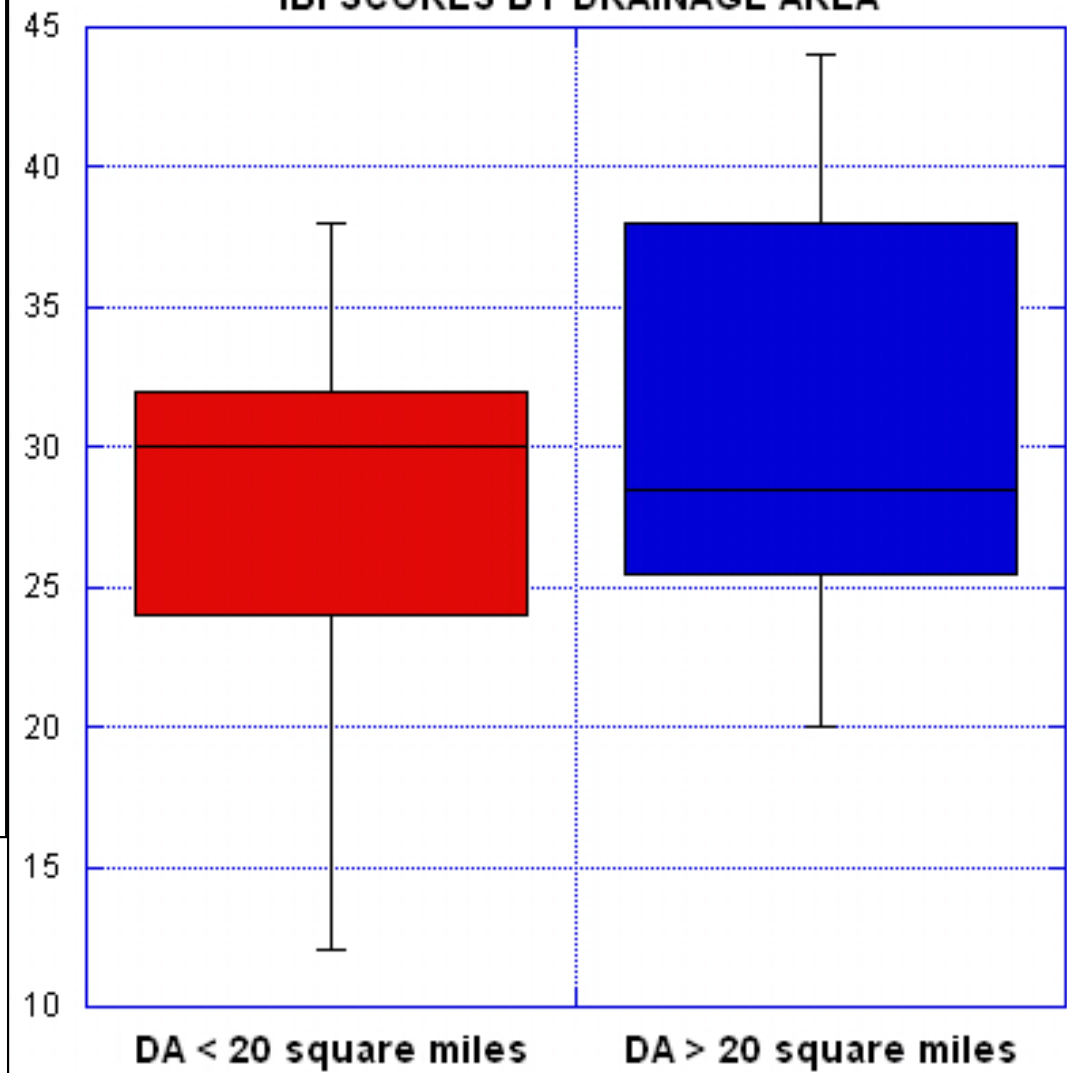
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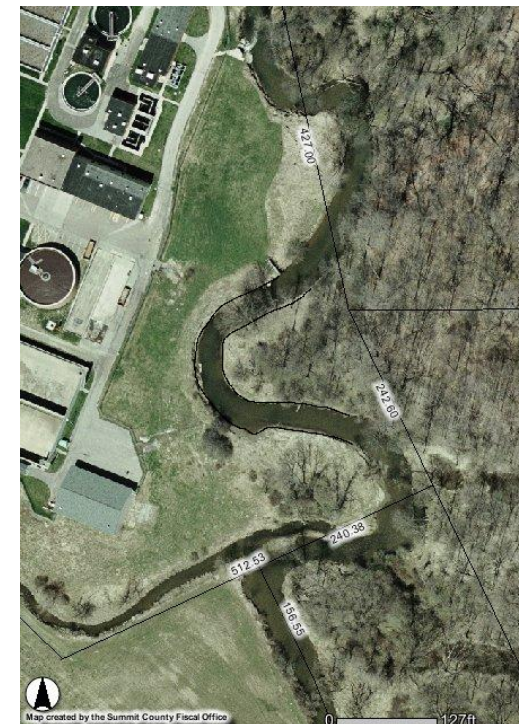
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Plant	Permit Expiration
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Aurora Shores	3/31/2010
Aurora Westerly	7/31/2008
Bedford Heights	7/31/2008
Bedford	1/31/2008
Solon	7/31/2009
Streetsboro	7/31/2008
Twinsburg	7/31/2008



## What does the TMDL say?

It presents an allocation for phosphorus of 59 lbs/day

The allocation was done only for plants >1MGD

	Plant	Flow
So.....	Aurora Westerly	1.4
	Bedford Heights	7.5
Plants >1MGD	Bedford	3.2
	Solon	5.8
	Streetsboro	4
	Twinsburg	4.95
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26.85</b>

Load = Flow (MGD) X Concentration (mg/l) X 8.34

59 lb/day = 26.85 (MGD) X Concentration (mg/l) X 8.34

$$\frac{59 \text{ lb/day}}{26.85 \text{ (MGD)} \times 8.34} = \text{Concentration (mg/l)}$$

**0.26 mg/l = Concentration**

**YIKES!!!**

**Monitoring Data**  
Loads in kg/day

<b>Plant</b>	<b>Flow</b>	<b>P Conc</b>	<b>P Load</b>	<b>NO3 Conc</b>	<b>NO3 Load</b>	<b>Flow(CFS)</b>
<b>Aurora Shores</b>	0.249	3.00	2.831	15.0	14.156	0.385
<b>Aurora Westerly</b>	1.06	0.70	2.812	7.9	31.537	1.640
<b>Bedford Heights</b>	2.25	0.40	3.411	22.4	191.016	3.481
<b>Bedford</b>	2.28	0.60	5.219	13.9	120.113	3.527
<b>Solon</b>	3.82	0.64	9.266	5.3	76.732	5.910
<b>Streetsboro</b>	2.67	0.43	4.351	20.5	207.446	4.130
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**Plants above gage**

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Plant	"New Permit Limits"		
	7 day limit	30 day limit	7 day and 30 day limit
Aurora Shores	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1</b>	0.7
Westerly	1.5	1	0.7
B.Heights	1.5	1	0.7
Bedford	1.5	1	0.7
Solon	1.5	1	0.7
Streetsboro	1.5	1	0.7
Twinsburg	1.5	1	0.7

**% Permit Reduction**

**31%**

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Program

**F A C T S H E E T**

Regarding an NPDES Permit To Discharge to Waters of the State of Ohio  
for the  
**Tinkers Creek Watershed Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Dischargers:**

1. **Aurora Westerly WWTP**
2. **Bedford WWTP**
3. **Bedford Heights WWTP**
4. **Portage County Streetsboro-Hudson  
WWTP**
5. **Solon Water Reclamation Facility**
6. **Summit County Aurora Shores WWTP**
7. **Twinsburg WWTP**

OEPA Permit No.:

1. **3PD00046 (Aurora Westerly)**
2. **3PD00005 (Bedford)**
3. **3PD00006 (Bedford Hts.)**
4. **3PK00014 (Portage Co. Streetsboro)**
5. **3PD00019 (Solon)**
6. **3PG00030 (Summit Co. Aurora Shores)**
7. **3PD00039 (Twinsburg)**

Application No.:

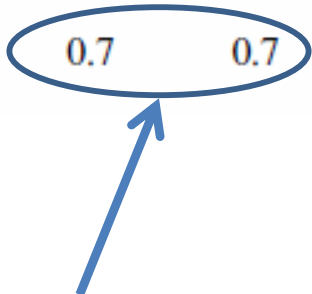
1. **OH0098043 (Aurora Westerly)**
2. **OH0024040 (Bedford)**
3. **OH0024058 (Bedford Hts.)**
4. **OH0090131 (Portage Co. Streetsboro)**
5. **OH0027430 (Solon)**
6. **OH0033871 (Summit Co. Aurora Shores)**
7. **OH0027863 (Twinsburg)**

Public Notice No.:

1. **08-12-027 (Aurora Westerly)**
2. **08-12-028 (Bedford)**
3. **08-12-025 (Bedford Heights)**
4. **08-12-026 (Portage C. Streetsboro)**
5. **08-12-023 (Solon)**
6. **08-08-028 (Summit Co. Aurora Shores)**

Table - Final Outfall - 001 - Final

Effluent Characteristic	Discharge Limitations							Measuring Frequency	Mon	
	Concentration Specified Units				Loading* kg/day					
	Parameter	Maximum	Minimum	Weekly	Monthly	Daily	Weekly			Monthly
00010 - Water Temperature - C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/Day	C
00095 - Specific Conductance at 25 Degrees C - Umho/cm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/Week	C
00300 - Dissolved Oxygen - mg/l	-	5.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/Day	C
00530 - Total Suspended Solids - mg/l	-	-	18	12	-	395.2	263.5	-	3/Week	C
00552 - Oil and Grease, Hexane Extr Method - mg/l	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 / 2 Weeks	C
00610 - Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3) - mg/l	-	-	2.3	1.2	-	50.5	26.3	-	3/Week	C
00610 - Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3) - mg/l	-	-	8.7	4.1	-	191	90.01	-	3/Week	C
00630 - Nitrite Plus Nitrate, Total - mg/l	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/Month	C
00665 - Phosphorus, Total (P) - mg/l	-	-	0.7	0.7	-	15.4	15.4	-	1/Week	C



**Tighter phosphorus limits. Still above TMDL load allocation.**

## II. TMDL Implementation Schedule

As soon as possible, but not later than the dates developed in accordance with the following schedule, the permittee shall achieve an allowable maximum DAILY total phosphorus load of 5.781 kg/day. The permittee may achieve the allowable DAILY total phosphorus load limit by reducing phosphorus loads discharged through wastewater treatment plant station number 3PD00019 001 and/or by utilizing water quality credits accrued through participation in a water quality trading program approved by the Director under chapter 3745-5 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

1. The permittee shall immediately begin an evaluation of the capability of the existing treatment facilities to reduce the effluent loadings of total phosphorus. Both operational procedures, unit process configuration, and other appropriate measures shall be evaluated.
2. Not later than 6 months from the effective date of this permit, the permittee shall implement measures identified in the evaluation that can reasonably be expected to maximize the ability of the existing treatment facilities to achieve the DAILY total phosphorus load limit of 5.781 kg/day. Permits to Install shall be obtained if necessary.
3. Not later than 12 Months from the effective date of this permit, the permittee shall submit to the Ohio EPA Northeast District Office a status report on the capability of its existing facilities to achieve the DAILY total phosphorus load limit of 5.781 kg/day. (Event Code 95999)
4. If the 12 Months status report shows that the existing facilities would not be able to achieve the DAILY total phosphorus load limit of 5.781 kg/day through treatment, then not later than 24 months from the effective date of this permit, the permittee shall submit one of the following to the Ohio EPA Northeast District Office: (Event Code 1299)
  - a. A water quality trading management plan that is consistent with the provisions of section 3745-5-06 of the Ohio Administrative Code. If the permittee will be participating in watershed trading, where trading activities will occur between two or more NPDES permit holders and one or more nonpoint sources, the water quality trading management plan may be submitted by the persons, organization, agency or qualified soil and water

**Nutrient Trading Plan**

# **So Where Are We?**

- 1. Metals are not a major problem**
- 2. Nutrients are elevated**
- 3. Physical habitat has some problems**
- 4. Turbidity is a problem**
- 5. Waterfall is a migration barrier---but similar fish species above and below falls**
- 6. We know more than when we started!**

# **So Where Are We?**

- 1.NPDES Permits have been adjusted**
- 2.Water Quality Trading Plan is being developed**
- 3.Pharmaceutical collection programs underway**
- 4.Ohio EPA developed a common fact sheet for dischargers**
- 5.Additional work still being done**
- 6.Land use is important**
- 7.We still need to know more!**

*Important Messages:*

*Communicate!*

*We can work together  
towards a common goal!*