



# **HEALTHY WATERSHEDS, HIGH-QUALITY WATERS**

## **PROTECTION PRIORITIES**



# MAP GUIDANCE

The following pages display the modelling results for the HUC12's (Hydrological Unit Code) as they relate to Wisconsin's larger HUC6 watersheds. Watershed Protection Priorities are the top 30% healthiest HUC12 watersheds, based on the Ecological Health Score. These protection priorities are identified at statewide and major drainage basin (i.e. HUC6) scales.

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## HUC 6 Watershed Protection Priorities:

Left, Even-Numbered Page: Each HUC6 has a set of 4 maps:

- Top 30% Ecological Health Score (healthiest watersheds) [top left]
- Opportunity Score of healthiest watersheds [top right]
- Vulnerability score of healthiest watersheds [bottom left]
- Protection Potential of healthiest watersheds [bottom right]

The protection potential is a product of the first 3 modelling results:

(Ecological Health Score + Opportunity Score) – Vulnerability score

Right, Odd-Numbered Page: Dashboard

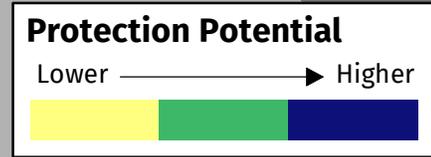
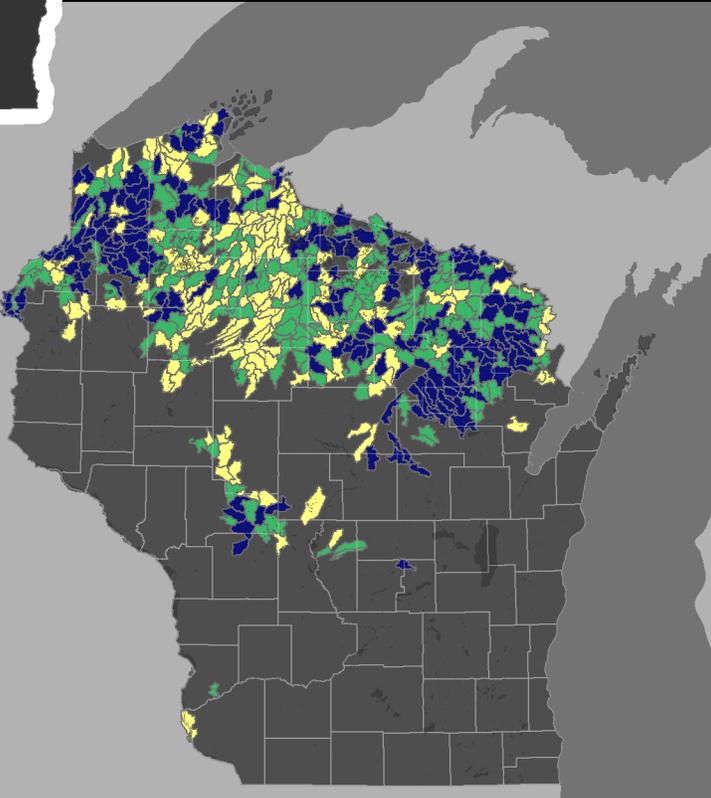
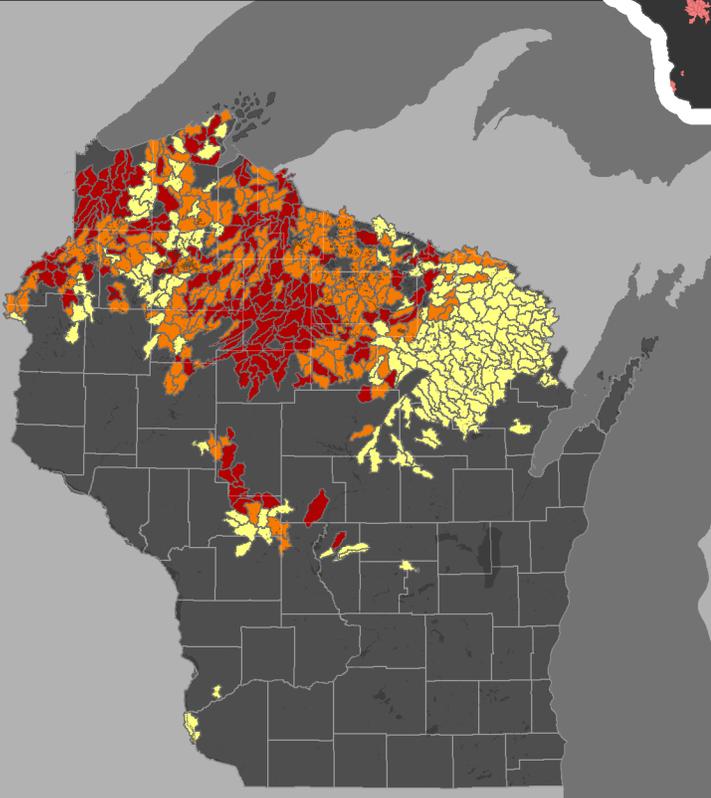
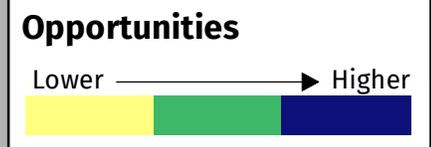
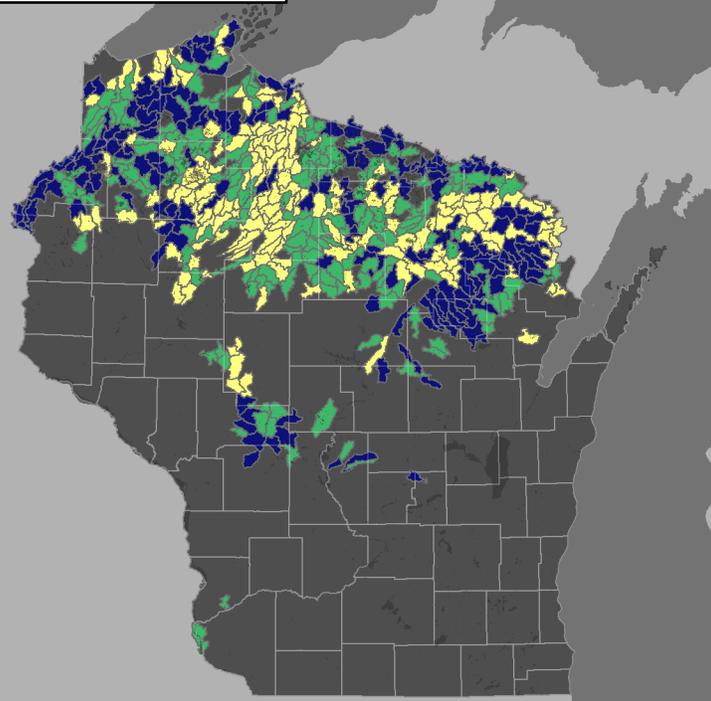
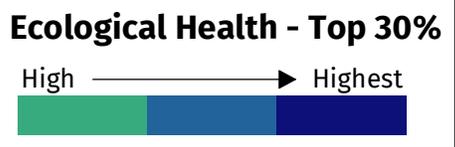
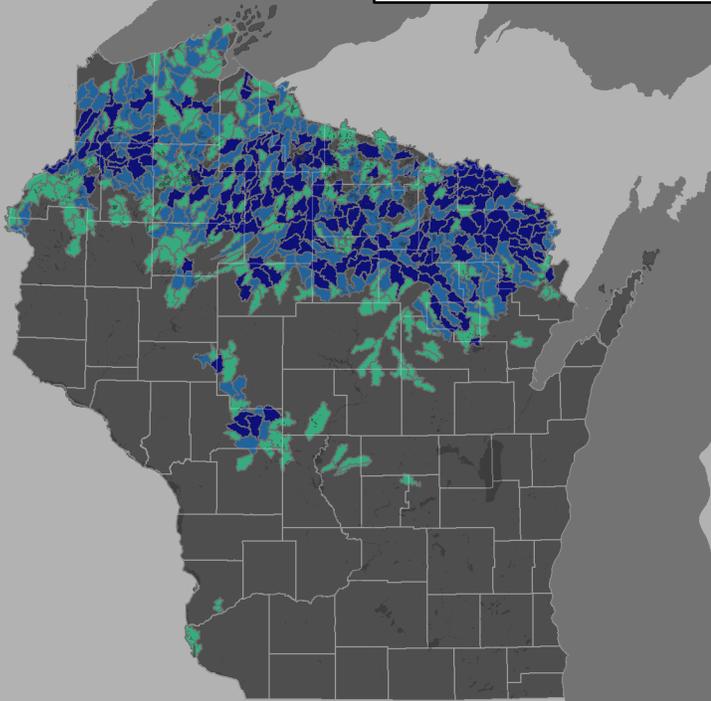
Each HUC6 also has a “dashboard” page listing the HUC12 subwatersheds, ranked in order of Ecological Health Score and a map that includes the high-quality waters. The Protection Priority Score and the numbers of healthy lakes/rivers/wetlands found within each HUC 12 watershed priority are also listed in the table.

**For more information, including details on indicators used to formulate the maps and scores, or to access the web viewer for higher resolution data, go to:**

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/SurfaceWater/HQW.html>

# Watershed Protection Priorities

## Wisconsin - 2021



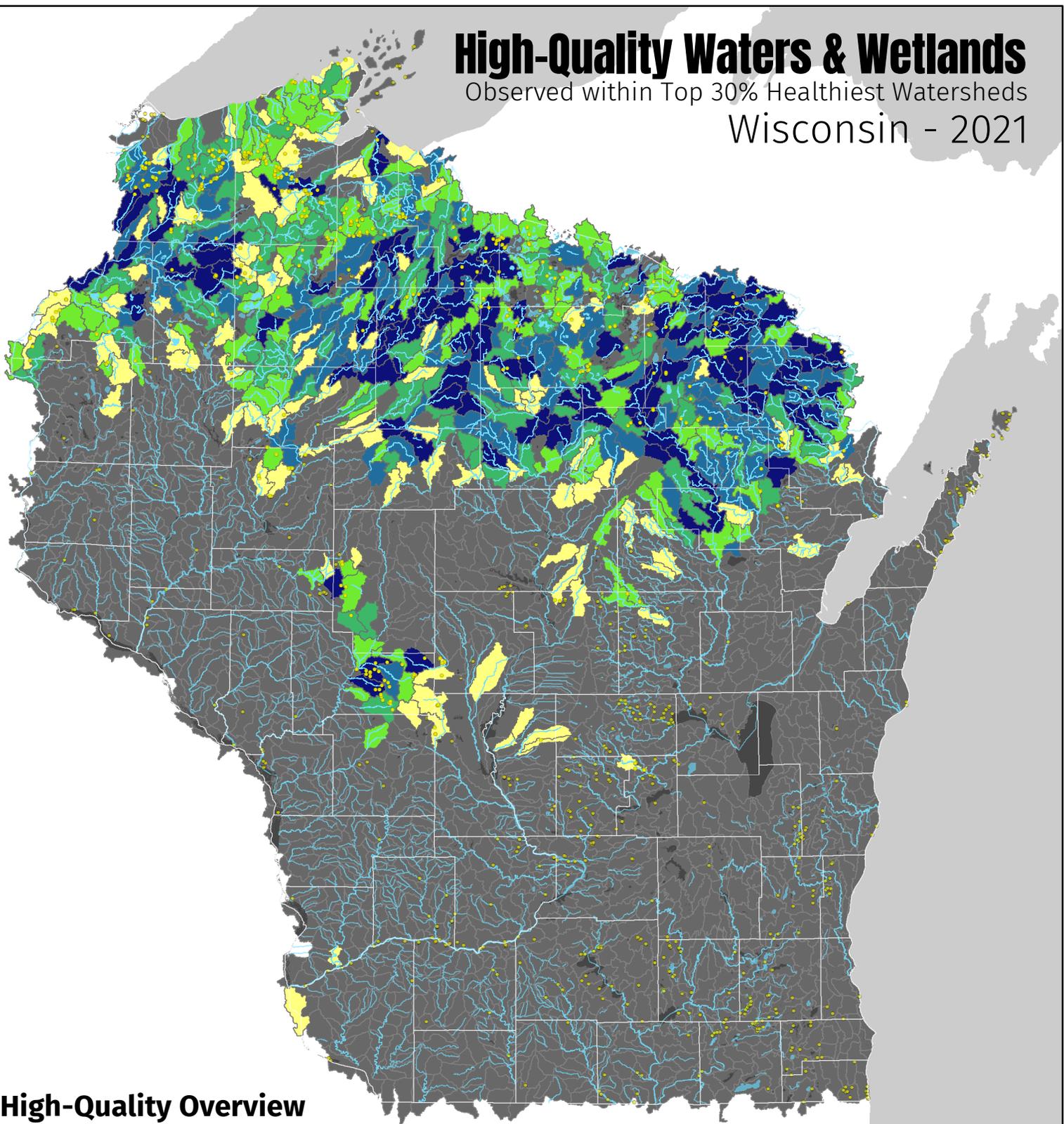
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**Protection Potential = (Eco + Opp) - Vulnerability**

# High-Quality Waters & Wetlands

Observed within Top 30% Healthiest Watersheds

Wisconsin - 2021



## High-Quality Overview

**524** High-Quality Streams within the Healthiest Watersheds  
**1,341** High-Quality Streams Statewide

**39%**

**436** High-Quality Lakes within the Healthiest Watersheds  
**826** High-Quality Lakes Statewide

**53%**

**469** High-Quality Wetlands within the Healthiest Watersheds  
**1,084** High-Quality Wetlands Statewide

**43%**

### Watershed Features

- High-Quality Wetlands
- High-Quality Waters

Ecological Health Score  
Top 30% Healthy Watersheds

Healthiest

0 12.5 25 50 Miles



# Watershed Protection Priorities

## St Louis & SC Lake Superior - HUC6 (040102 & 040201)

Pokegama River - St. Louis

SC Lake Superior

S. Branch Presque Isle R. Cisco Lake

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### Ecological Health - Top 30%

High  Highest



### Opportunities

Lower  Higher



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Pokegama River - St. Louis

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### Vulnerability

Lower  Higher



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### Protection Potential

Lower  Higher





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1	040201010303	S. Br. Presque Isle R. - SC Lake Superior	82.7	64.8	7		2
2	040201020101	Cisco Lake - SC Lake Superior	82.4	63.1	3		
3	040102011602	Pokegama R. - St. Louis	73.4	51.9			1

- 10 High-Quality Lakes in Watersheds
- 0 High-Quality Streams in Watersheds

### Watershed Features

#### Ecological Health Score & ID



- High Quality Wetlands
- High Quality Waters

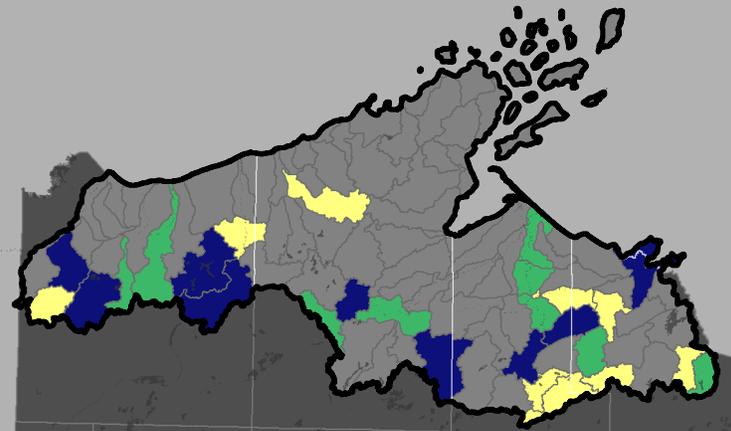
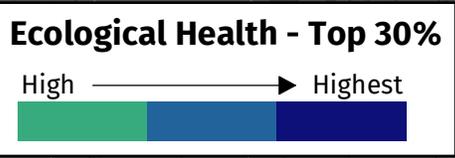
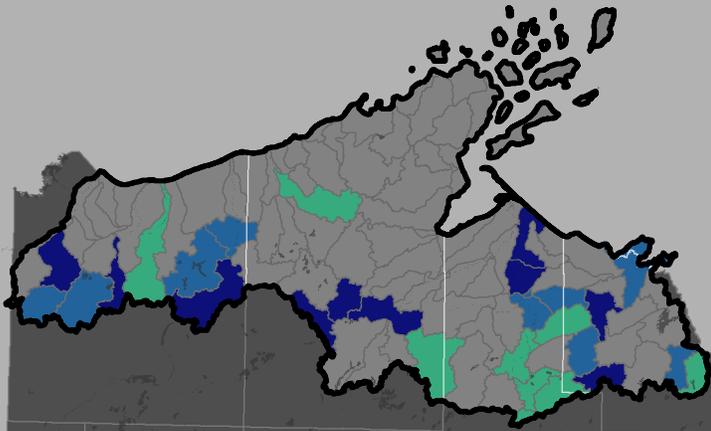
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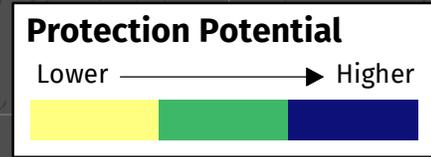
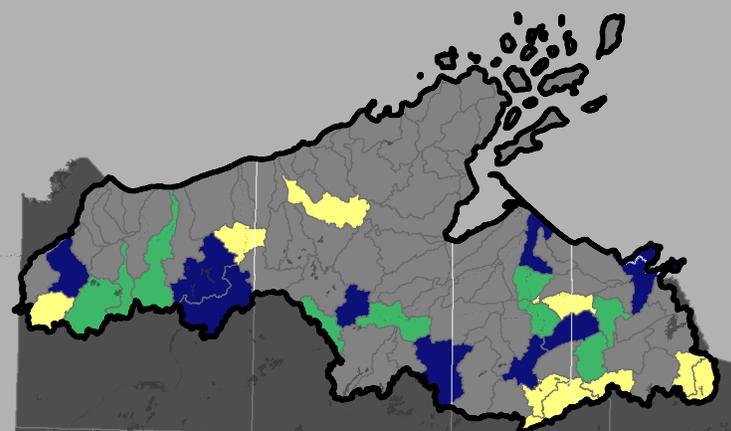
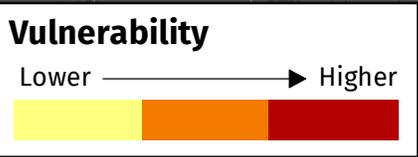
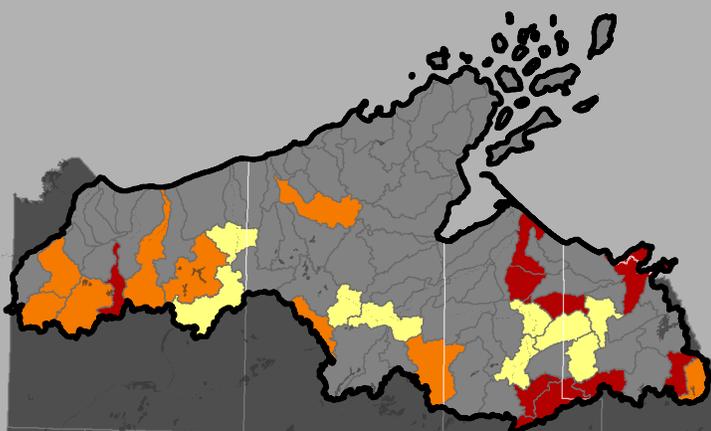


# Watershed Protection Priorities

## SW Lake Superior - HUC6 (040103)



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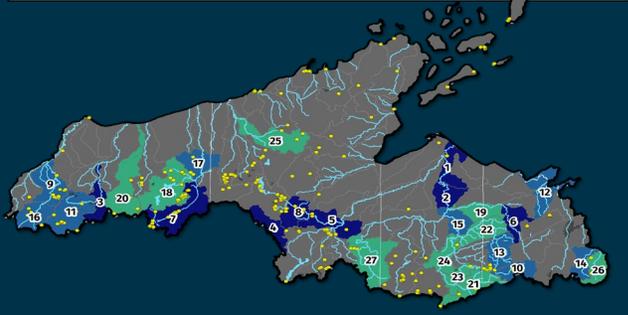
**Protection Potential = (Eco + Opp) - Vulnerability**



## SW Lake Superior - HUC 040103

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1	040103020705	Bad R.-Frontal Lake Superior	95	63.3			1
2	040103020702	Cameron's Creek-Bad R.	94.7	62.3			1
3	040103010606	Middle Amnicon R.	92.4	62.5			1
4	040103020601	Flynn Lake	92.3	62.4			1
5	040103020607	Bibon Marsh-White R.	91.6	63.1		2	3
6	040103020504	Sullivan Creek-Potato R.	89.8	60.6		1	
7	040103010702	Upper Bois Brule R.	89.6	72.4		4	11
8	040103020603	Hanson Creek-White R.	89.2	67.8		3	3
9	040103010303	Lower Black R.	88.5	65.0		3	9
10	040103020201	Upper Tyler Forks	88.5	57.0		1	2
11	040103010604	Upper Amnicon R.	88.4	63.2		1	12
12	040103020109	Montreal R.	88.3	63.9		3	
13	040103020202	Middle Tyler Forks	88.1	60.3		10	
14	040103020101	Laymans Creek	87.9	56.9		1	
15	040103020701	040103020701-Bad R.	87.9	60.2		1	
16	040103010302	Middle Black R.	87.8	57.7		2	4
17	040103010704	Middle Bois Brule R.	87.5	59.8		1	1
18	040103010701	Nebagamon Creek	87.2	64.8	2	2	19
19	040103020506	Potato R.	87.2	57.8		1	
20	040103010603	Middle R.	87	61.4		3	
21	040103020301	Headwaters Bad R.	86.9	56.7			6
22	040103020203	Lower Tyler Forks	86.4	65.2		8	
23	040103020303	Minnow Creek-Bad R.	86.3	57.1	3	2	1
24	040103020305	Hardscrable Creek-Bad R.	86.1	64.4		2	2
25	040103010805	East Fork Iron R.	85.9	59.0		2	2
26	040103020102	Pine Lake-Montreal R.	85.9	59.2		1	2
27	040103020402	Headwaters Marengo R.	85.9	64.1		3	3

- 5** High-Quality Lakes in Top 30% Healthiest Watersheds
- 15** High-Quality Lakes in HUC6 Watershed
- 33%** High-Quality Lakes are within the Healthiest Watersheds
- 55** High-Quality Streams in Top 30% Healthiest Watersheds
- 129** High-Quality Streams in HUC6 Watershed
- 43%** High-Quality Streams are within the Healthiest Watersheds



### Watershed Features

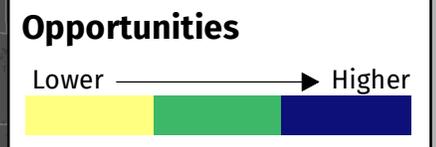
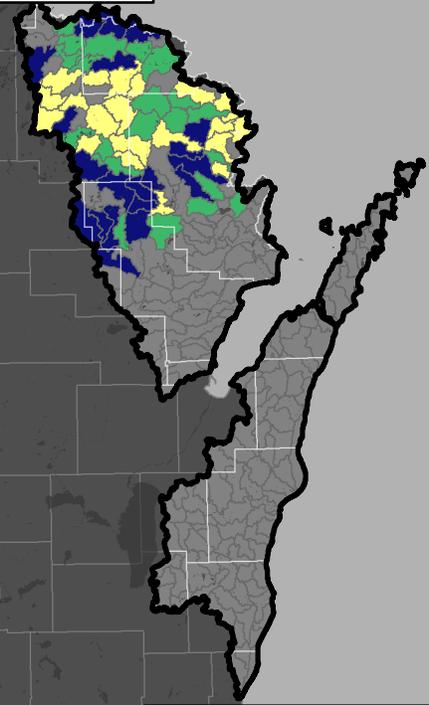
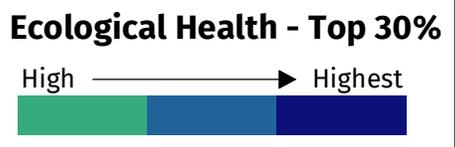
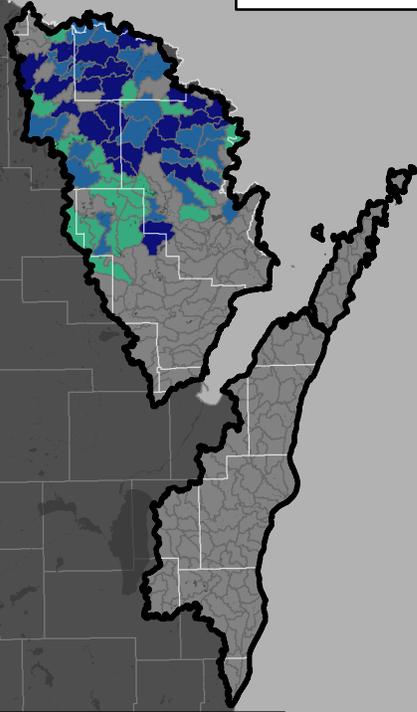
- Ecological Health Score & ID
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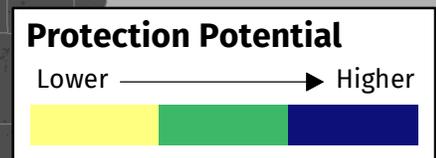
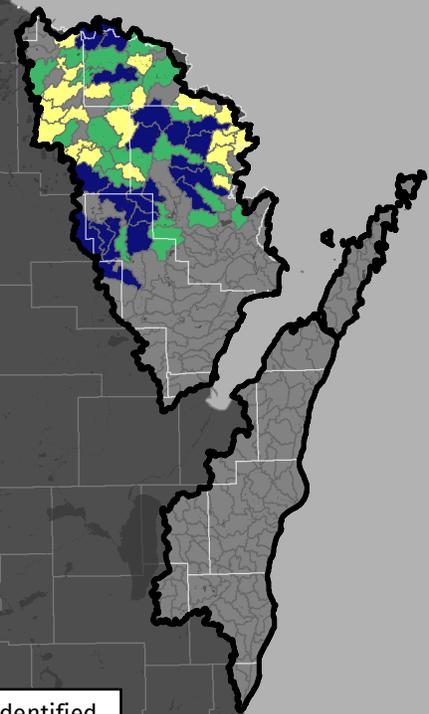
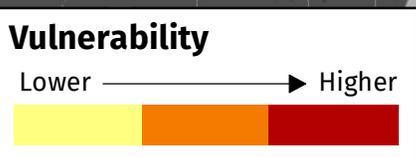
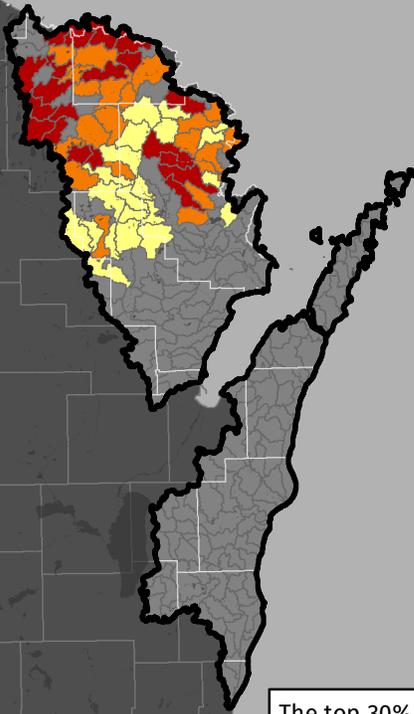
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# Watershed Protection Priorities

## NW Lake Michigan - HUC6 (040301)



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1	040301050207	Catwillow Creek-Peshtigo R.	98	62.7		1	1
2	040301040301	Headwaters Peshtigo Brook	97.5	65.7			
3	040301080603	South Branch Pike R.	95.6	62.8		1	
4	040301080104	Middle Popple R.	94.8	61.4		2	2
5	040301050208	Swede John Creek-Peshtigo R.	94.2	62.6		2	1
6	040301080107	Lower Popple R.	94.1	62.3		3	
7	040301050206	Armstrong Creek	93.8	61.3			1
8	040301050104	Lower Rat R.	93.5	61.6		1	
9	040301080102	Upper Popple R.	93.4	61.8		1	
10	040301080207	Wakefield Creek-Pine R.	93.4	64.7	1	2	3
11	040301080505	Sullivan Creek-North Branch Pemebon.	93.3	61.2			1
12	040301080504	North Branch Pemebonwon R.	93	60.8			
13	040301080204	Stevens Creek	92.7	63.1		2	
14	040301080905	Wausaukee R.	92.7	69.2		3	
15	040301080605	Middle North Branch Pike R.	92.5	68.1		4	
16	040301080502	South Branch Pemebonwon R.	92.3	67.8		2	
17	040301080506	Pemebonwon R.	92.3	61.9		1	
18	040301080106	Woods Creek	92.1	67.4	1	5	3
19	040301080202	McDonald Creek-Pine R.	91.9	66.8		3	
20	040301060503	Brule Island Dam-Brule R.	91.8	67.0		2	1
21	040301050205	Kersten Creek-Peshtigo R.	91.7	59.0		2	
22	040301080607	Pike R.	91.5	60.8		2	
23	040301050302	Middle Inlet	91.3	67.9	1	3	
24	040301060309	Wisconsin Creek-Brule R.	91.3	68.1		1	
25	040301050202	South Branch Peshtigo R.	91.1	60.1		1	2
26	040301080209	Halls Creek-Pine R.	91.1	65.3	2	2	
27	040301060502	Riley Creek-Brule R.	91	68.0		1	
28	040301040103	First South Branch Oconto R.	90.9	72.2	2	1	1
29	040301080208	Keys Lake-Pine R.	90.9	61.9	1	1	
30	040301080709	Miscauno Creek	90.9	61.2		1	
31	040301050406	Thunder R.	90.7	62.2	1	3	3
32	040301050203	Otter Creek	90.6	66.4		1	
33	040301080205	Kingstone Creek-Pine R.	90.2	61.9		1	
34	040301080601	Headwaters South Branch Pike R.	89.9	67.3		2	
35	040301080604	Upper North Branch Pike R.	89.9	67.7		5	
36	040301050102	Upper Rat R.	89.8	59.5		1	
37	040301040203	Torpee Creek-North Branch Oconto R.	89.6	67.7		1	1
38	040301080602	Little South Branch Pike R.	89.6	67.9		3	
39	040301080606	Lower North Branch Pike R.	89.6	67.7	1	1	1
40	040301050303	Upper Inlet	89.2	63.2		1	
41	040301080206	Fay Lake Outlet	89.2	62.8	2		
42	040301080904	Wolf Creek	89.1	60.2		1	
43	040301040105	South Branch Oconto R.	88.8	71.0		1	
44	040301050401	Otter Creek	88.8	67.0		1	
45	040301060306	Allen Creek	88.8	62.0		1	
46	040301080105	Lamon Tangué Creek	88.8	61.2		2	
47	040301040204	Knowles Creek-North Branch Oconto R.	88.6	71.7	6	4	2
48	040301040205	Waupee Creek	88.5	71.9	3	3	1
49	040301040102	Headwaters South Branch Oconto R.	88.2	74.3	1	3	
50	040301050404	North Fork Thunder R.	88	69.6		5	
51	040301050101	Headwaters Rat R.	87.9	61.1	1	1	1
52	040301050201	North Branch Peshtigo R.	87.9	58.9			
53	040301050402	Caldron Falls Reservoir-Peshtigo R.	87.9	69.0	1	1	
54	040301040101	Second South Branch Oconto R.	87.7	70.4	1	1	
55	040301080501	Headwaters South Branch Pemebonwon R.	87.7	66.6		1	
56	040301050405	South Fork Thunder R.	87.5	68.3		3	
57	040301050304	Lower Middle Inlet	86.7	65.7		2	
58	040301080903	Holmes Creek-Menominee R.	86.4	66.0		1	
59	040301080710	Chalk Hill Dam-Menominee R.	86.1	58.7		1	
60	040301050103	Middle Rat R.	86	64.5		2	
61	040301040206	Chute Pond-North Branch Oconto R.	85.6	62.1		3	
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**27** High-Quality Lakes in Top 30% Healthiest Watersheds

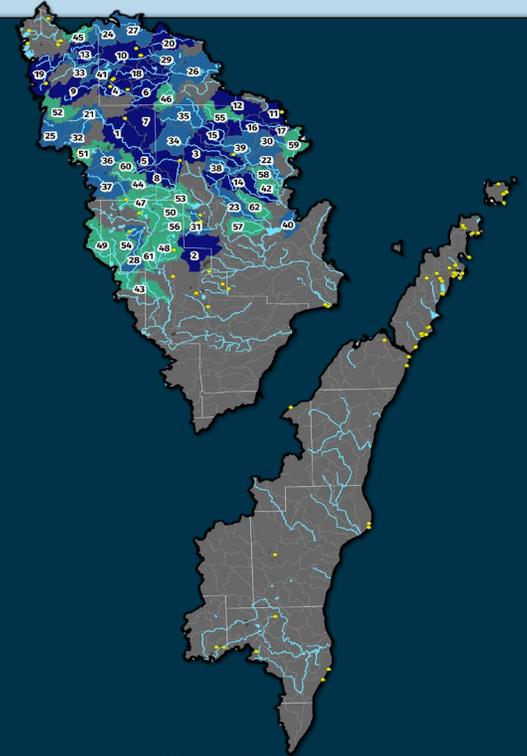
**54** High-Quality Lakes in HUC6 Watershed

**50%** High-Quality Lakes are within the Healthiest Watersheds

**95** High-Quality Streams in Top 30% Healthiest Watersheds

**165** High-Quality Streams in HUC6 Watershed

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Watershed Features

Ecological Health Score & ID

Healthiest

● High Quality Wetlands

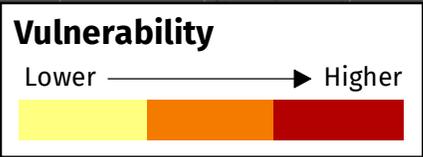
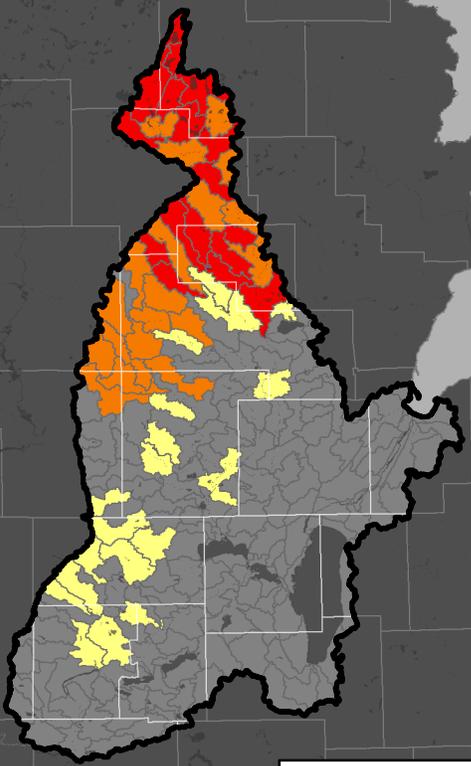
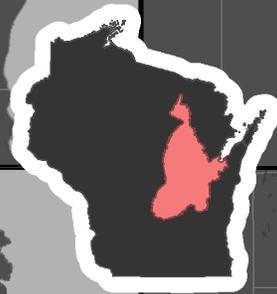
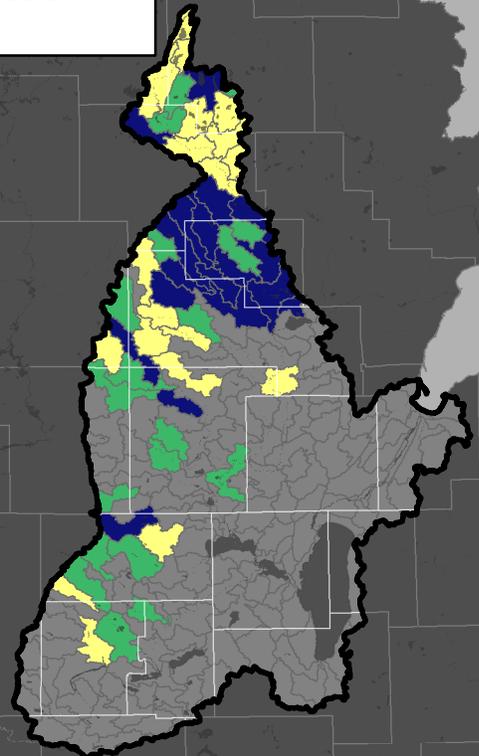
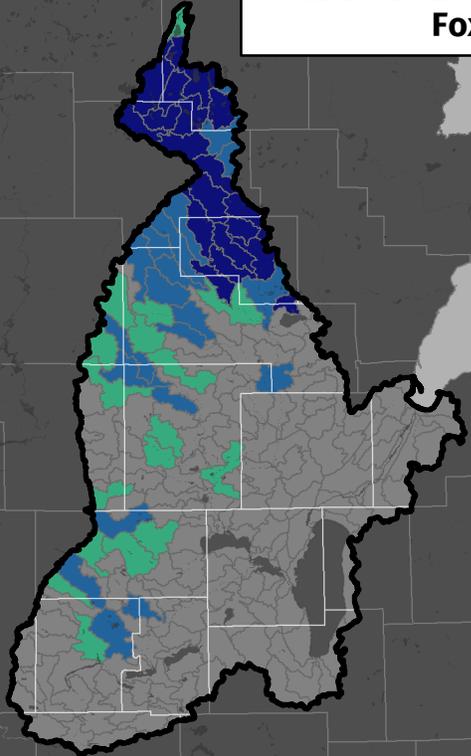
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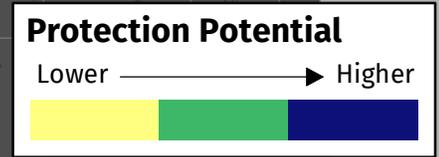
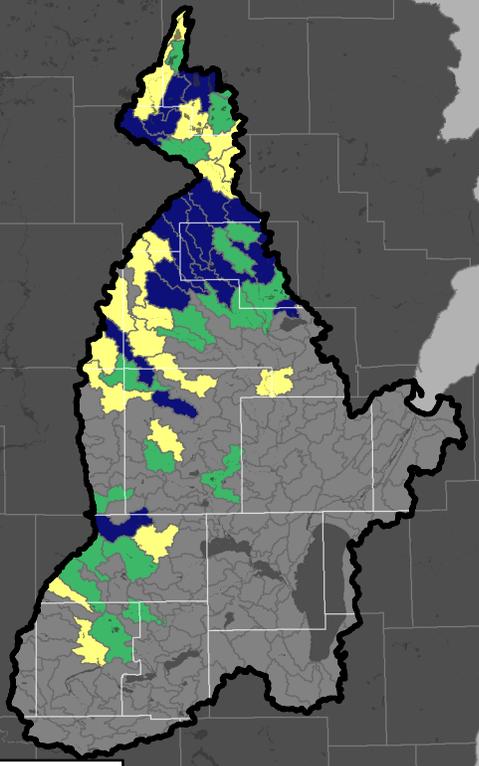
# Watershed Protection Priorities

Fox - HUC6 (040302)



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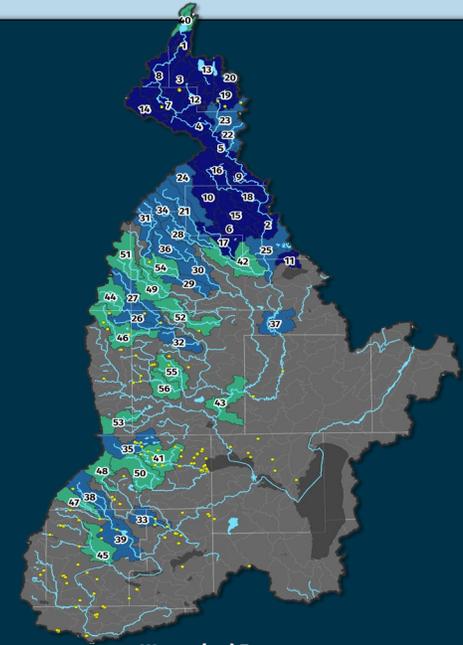
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1	040302020102	Little Rice Lake-Wolf R.	95.2	61.2		1	1
2	040302020701	Dalles Creek-Wolf R.	94.3	70.1			1
3	040302020105	Squaw Creek-Swamp Creek	93.6	66.5		1	
4	040302020206	Squaw Creek-Wolf R.	93.4	62.6	1	3	
5	040302020302	Slough Gundy Rapids-Wolf R.	91.7	60.6		1	
6	040302020404	Neopit Millpond 108-West Br Wolf R.	91.7	67.7	1		
7	040302020106	Spider Creek-Wolf R.	91.5	67.5	1	1	4
8	040302020103	Upper Post Lake-Wolf R.	91.1	60.3		2	
9	040302020305	White Lake Creek-Wolf R.	91.1	68.1		2	
10	040302020402	Elma Creek-West Branch Wolf R.	90.2	71.2		1	
11	040302020602	Loon Creek	89.1	68.5			
12	040302020201	Pickrel Creek	88.9	60.6	1	1	
13	040302020104	Metonga Lake-Swamp Creek	87.1	65.8	2	1	
14	040302020202	Hunting R.	86.8	69.2			2
15	040302020403	Little West Branch Creek	86.8	65.4			
16	040302020303	Elton Creek-Evergreen R.	86.5	69.9		2	
17	040302020504	Miller Creek	86.2	68.2		1	
18	040302020304	McCall Creek-Evergreen R.	85.2	64.6		1	
19	040302020204	Bog Brook-Lily R.	85	61.3		1	2
20	040302020203	Hardwood Lake	84.6	64.5			1
21	040302020503	Moose Lake-Red R.	84.1	70.3	1	1	
22	040302020301	Ninemile Creek	84	59.8		1	
23	040302020205	East Branch of the Lily R.	83.7	58.3		1	1
24	040302020401	Little West Branch Wolf R.	82.1	67.5			
25	040302020702	Legend Lake-Wolf R.	81.3	65.5	3	2	
26	040302021504	Bradley Creek-Little Wolf R.	80.8	63.8		2	2
27	040302021503	Comet Creek	80.4	67.3		1	
28	040302020502	Silver Creek-West Branch Red R.	80.2	67.0		3	
29	040302021006	Logemanns Creek-Middle Br Embarrass R.	79.2	61.8		1	
30	040302021202	Pony Creek-North Branch Embarrass R.	78.3	62.0		1	
31	040302021004	Eimhurst Creek-Middle Br Embarrass R.	77.7	60.4		3	
32	040302021701	Whitcomb Creek	75.8	68.1		1	
33	040302010806	White R.	75.7	64.3		1	5
34	040302020501	Mattoon Creek-West Branch Red R.	75.3	58.9		1	
35	040302022001	Humphrey Creek-Pine R.	75	66.3	4	4	5
36	040302021201	Strassburg Creek-N. Br Embarrass R.	74.8	65.7		4	
37	040302020903	Navarino Marsh-Wolf R.	74.1	58.0		1	
38	040302010703	Little Pine Creek-Mecan R.	74	63.8		3	1
39	040302010704	Mecan R.	74	63.2		1	6
40	040302020101	Headwaters Wolf R.	73.6	54.0	1		9
41	040302022002	Carpenter Creek-Pine R.	73.5	59.4	5	3	
42	040302020505	Red Lakes-Red R.	72.8	63.0		3	
43	040302021902	Partridge Crop Lake-Wolf R.	72.7	62.5		1	
44	040302021501	Holt Creek-Little Wolf R.	72.3	54.7		2	
45	040302010304	Montello R.	72.2	58.1	1	2	
46	040302021502	Flume Creek	72	60.1	1	2	4
47	040302010701	Weddle Creek	71.7	56.6	2	2	
48	040302010801	West Branch White R.	71.7	63.2	1	2	
49	040302021002	Tiger Creek-South Branch Embarrass R.	71.7	58.9		2	
50	040302022004	Bruce Creek-Willow Creek	71.4	61.4	6	2	
51	040302021001	Spranger Creek-South Br Embarrass R.	71.2	59.6		2	
52	040302021102	South Branch Pigeon R.	71.2	53.9		4	
53	040302021806	Emmons Creek	71	61.7		1	
54	040302021005	Dent Creek-Middle Branch Embarrass R.	70.9	58.4		3	2
55	040302021603	North Branch Little Wolf R.	70.6	60.1		3	
56	040302021604	Nichol Creek-South Branch Little Wolf R.	70.6	61.2		1	

**31** High-Quality Lakes in Top 30% Healthiest Watersheds  
**74** High-Quality Lakes in HUC6 Watershed  
**42%** High-Quality Lakes are within the Healthiest Watersheds  
**71** High-Quality Streams in Top 30% Healthiest Watersheds  
**134** High-Quality Streams in HUC6 Watershed  
**53%** High-Quality Streams are within the Healthiest Watersheds



**Ecological Health Score & ID**

Healthiest (Dark Blue)

High Quality Wetlands (Yellow Dot)

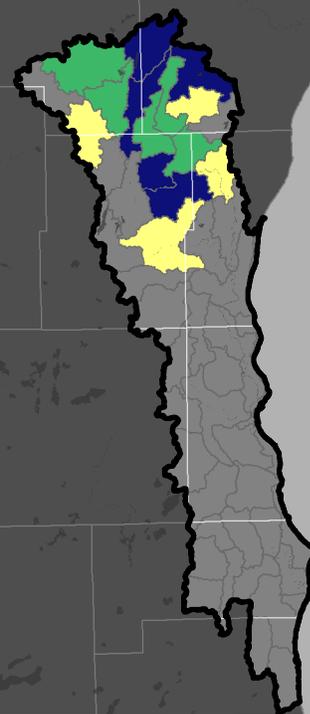
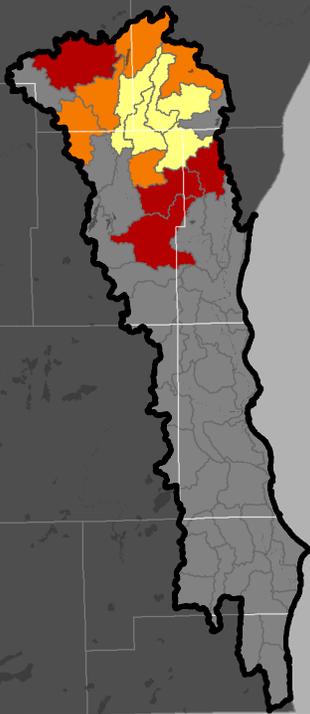
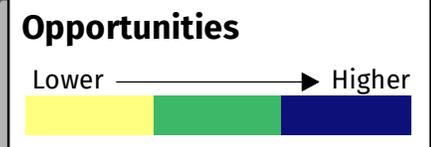
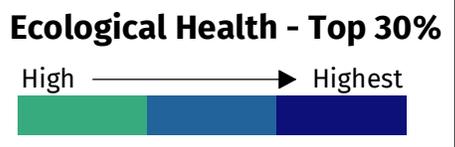
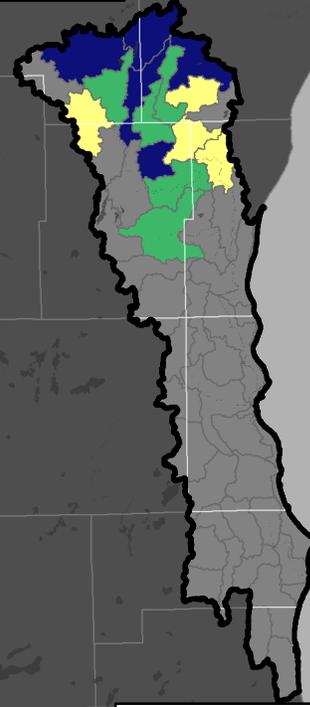
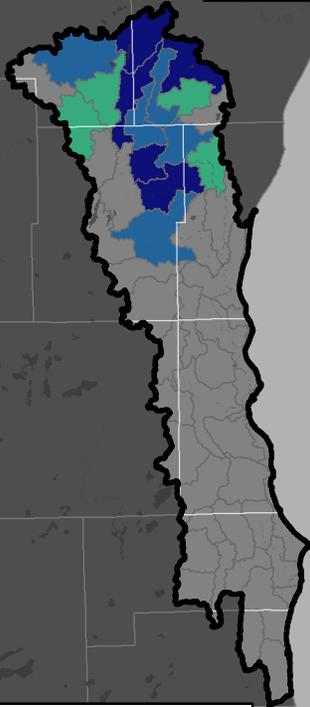
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# Watershed Protection Priorities

## SW Lake Michigan - HUC6 (040400)



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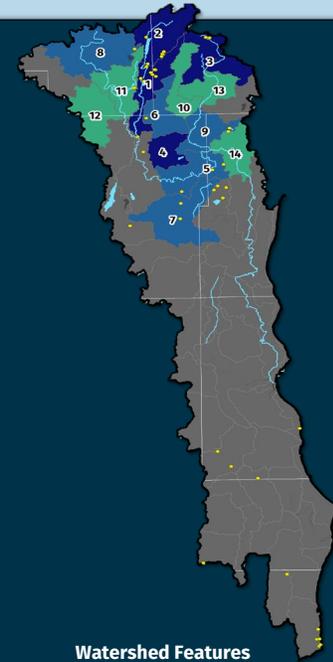
# Watershed Protection Priorities

## SW Lake Michigan - HUC 040400



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1	040400030206	East Branch Milwaukee R.	72.5	61.1	1	1	8
2	040400030205	Long Lake-East Branch Milwaukee R.	66.6	63.9	1	2	6
3	040400030101	Nichols Creek	60	54.7		2	3
4	040400030106	Lizard Mound State Park	59.5	58.8	1		1
5	040400030209	Village of Newburg-Milwaukee R.	57.1	52.5		1	3
6	040400030105	Stony Creek	55.1	52.2			1
7	040400030303	Jackson Marsh State Wildlife Area-Cedar Cre	54.2	51.1		1	2
8	040400030202	Kettle Moraine Lake-Milwaukee R.	53.2	51.4		1	1
9	040400030107	North Branch Milwaukee R.	53	51.7	1		1
10	040400030102	Mink Creek	52.9	51.9			1
11	040400030204	Auburn Lake Creek-Milwaukee R.	52.8	52.0	1	2	
12	040400030203	West Branch Milwaukee R.	48.2	48.5			
13	040400030103	Batavia Creek-North Branch Milwaukee R.	47.8	49.5		1	
14	040400030602	Town of Freedonia-Milwaukee R.	47.5	49.0		1	

- 5 High-Quality Lakes in Top 30% Healthiest Watersheds
- 8 High-Quality Lakes in HUC6 Watershed
- 63% High-Quality Lakes are within the Healthiest Watersheds**
- 7 High-Quality Streams in Top 30% Healthiest Watersheds
- 8 High-Quality Streams in HUC6 Watershed
- 88% High-Quality Streams are within the Healthiest Watersheds**



Watershed Features

Ecological Health Score & ID



● High Quality Wetlands

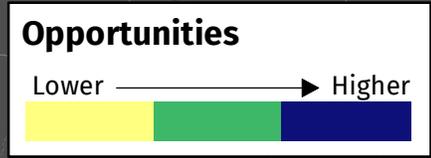
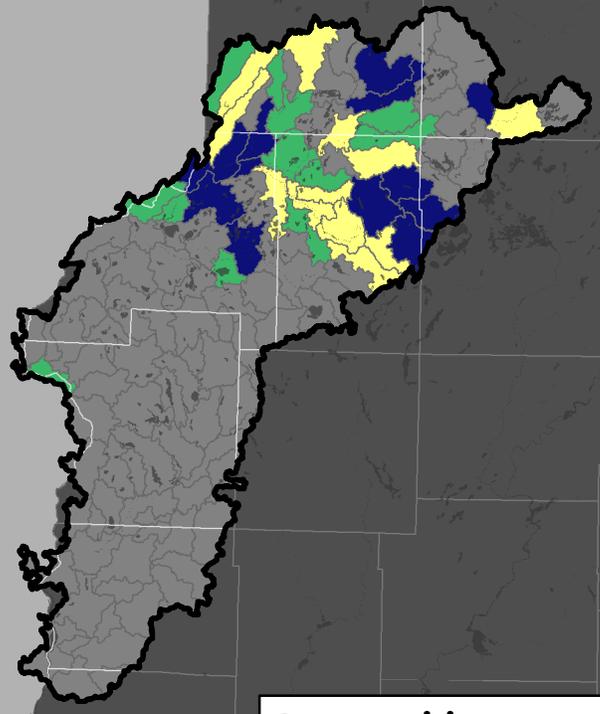
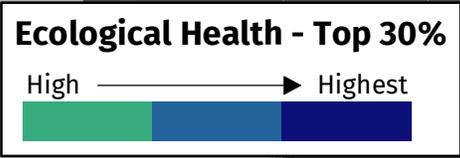
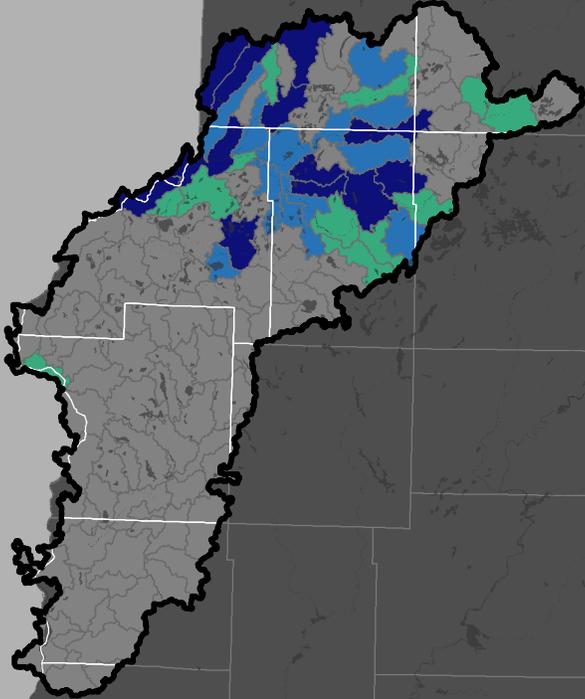
— High Quality Waters

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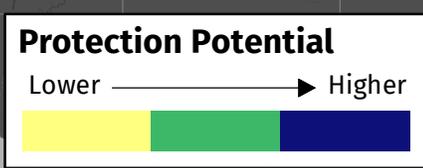
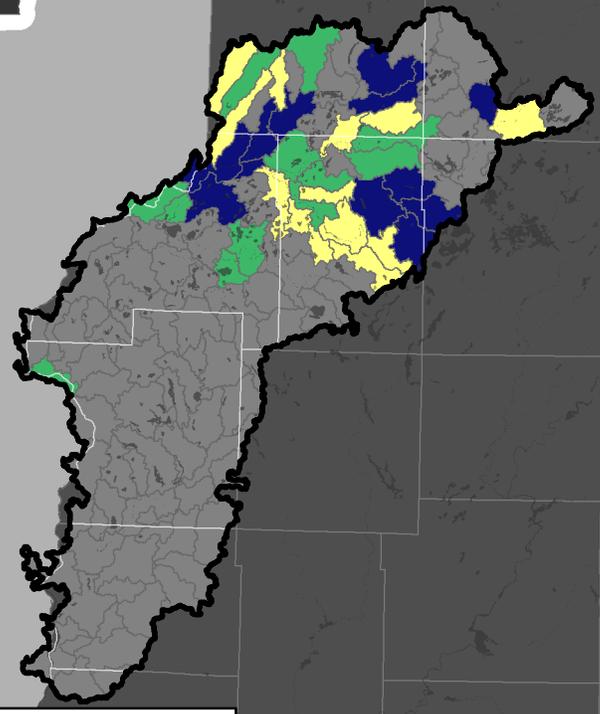
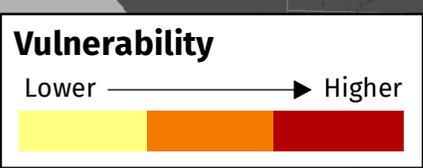
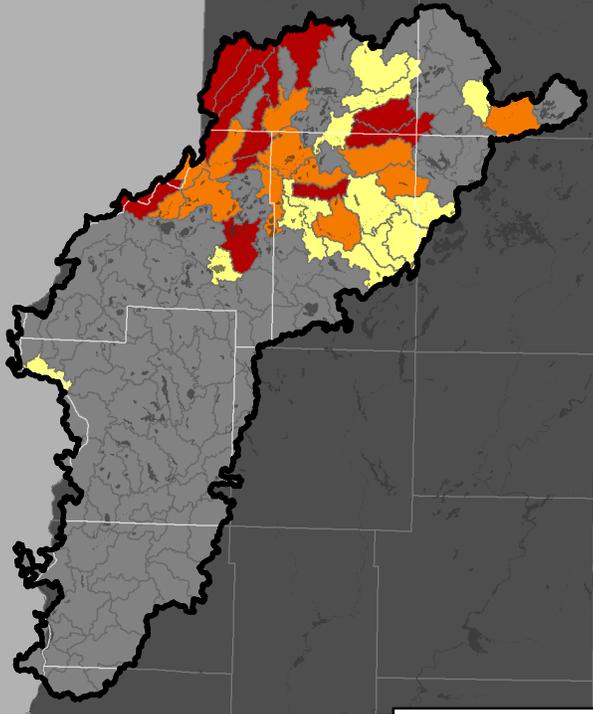
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# Watershed Protection Priorities

## St. Croix - HUC6 (070300)



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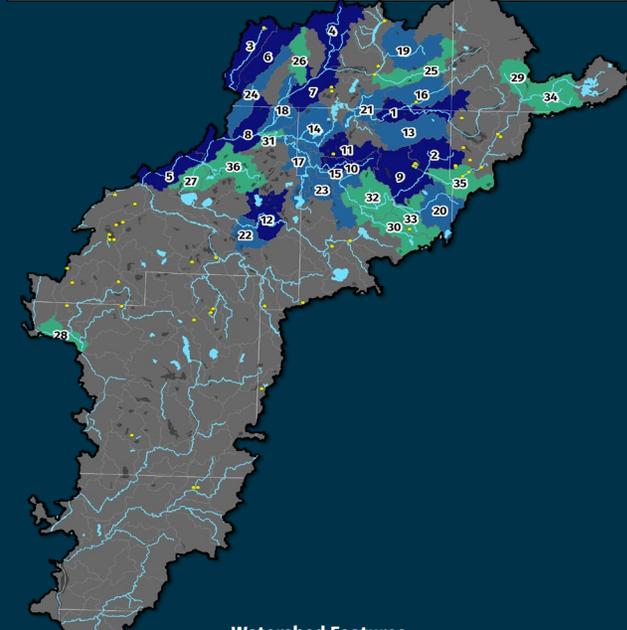
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**Protection Potential = (Eco + Opp) - Vulnerability**



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1	070300020306	Haymaker Creek-Totagatic R.	95.7	65.7			1
2	070300020201	Chippanazie Creek	95.6	71.0			2
3	070300010301	Spruce R.	95	64.2			1
4	070300010201	Moose R.	94.7	64.9			2
5	070300011203	City of Danbury-Saint Croix R.	94.7	66.7			1
6	070300010302	Toad Creek-Upper Tamarack R.	94.5	65.1			
7	070300010204	Buckley Creek-Saint Croix R.	94	68.0			1
8	070300011202	Hay Creek-Saint Croix R.	93.8	72.4			1
9	070300020205	Gull Creek-Namekagon R.	93.3	71.3	1		1
10	070300020401	Stuntz Brook	92.6	64.2			1
11	070300020310	Chicog Creek	92.2	66.4			1
12	070300010501	Sand Lake-Yellow R.	91.4	67.2	1	1	
13	070300020305	Frog Creek	91.2	64.7	1		
14	070300020311	Totagatic R.	90.3	66.8	2	2	
15	070300020403	Christensen Creek-Namekagon R.	90.2	64.9			2
16	070300020304	Ounce R.	90.1	64.4			1
17	070300020406	McKenzie Creek-Namekagon R.	89.5	59.8	2	2	1
18	070300010206	Clemens Creek-Saint Croix R.	88.9	69.9			3
19	070300010103	Ox Creek	88.8	68.5	2		2
20	070300020203	Godfrey Creek-Bean Brook	88.8	71.0	2	1	
21	070300020308	Bergen Creek-Totagatic R.	88.4	59.1	1	2	
22	070300010502	Big Sand Lake-Yellow R.	88.3	65.3			
23	070300020402	Casey Creek	88.2	64.7			
24	070300011201	Chases Brook	87.8	62.0			1
25	070300010106	Eau Claire R.	87.4	67.3			1
26	070300010203	Crotte Creek	87.4	63.4			
27	070300010506	Buffalo Lake-Yellow R.	87.4	64.9			1
28	070300050602	Governor Knowles State Forest-St. Croix R.	87.3	66.6			1
29	070300020102	Big Brook	86.8	69.7			1
30	070300020206	Little MackayCreek	86.8	63.3	1	1	
31	070300020407	Namekagon R.	86.4	69.6			2
32	070300020207	Trego Lake-Namekagon R.	86.2	63.6			3
33	070300020204	Bean Brook	86.1	63.0			2
34	070300020103	Cap Creek-Namekagon R.	86	63.2			4
35	070300020202	Spring Lake Creek-Namekagon R.	86	68.8			1
36	070300010505	Loon Creek	85.6	68.2	2	1	1

- 13** High-Quality Lakes in Top 30% Healthiest Watersheds
- 45** High-Quality Lakes in HUC6 Watershed
- 29%** High-Quality Lakes are within the Healthiest Watersheds
- 33** High-Quality Streams in Top 30% Healthiest Watersheds
- 80** High-Quality Streams in HUC6 Watershed
- 41%** High-Quality Streams are within the Healthiest Watersheds



### Watershed Features

#### Ecological Health Score & ID



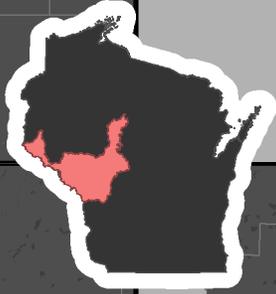
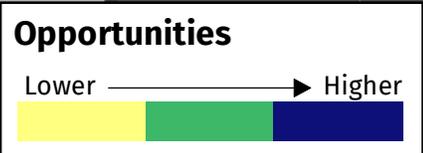
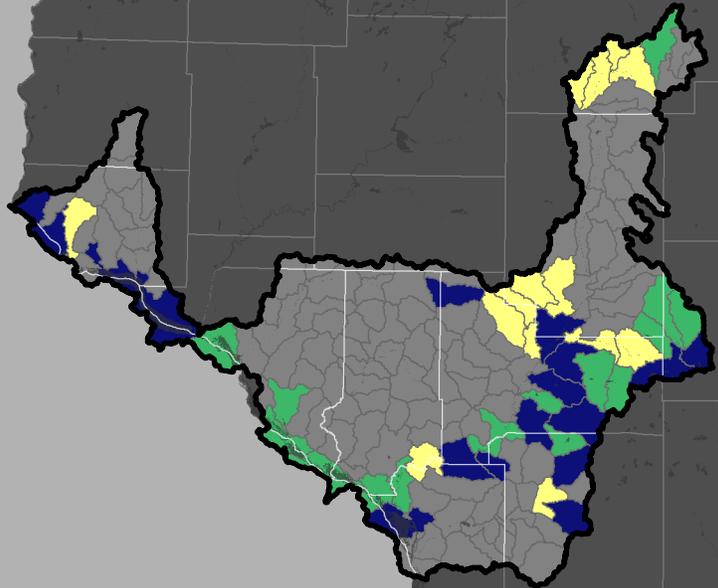
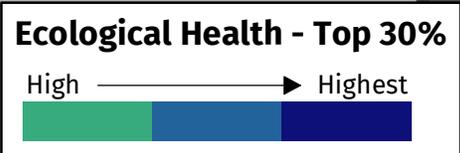
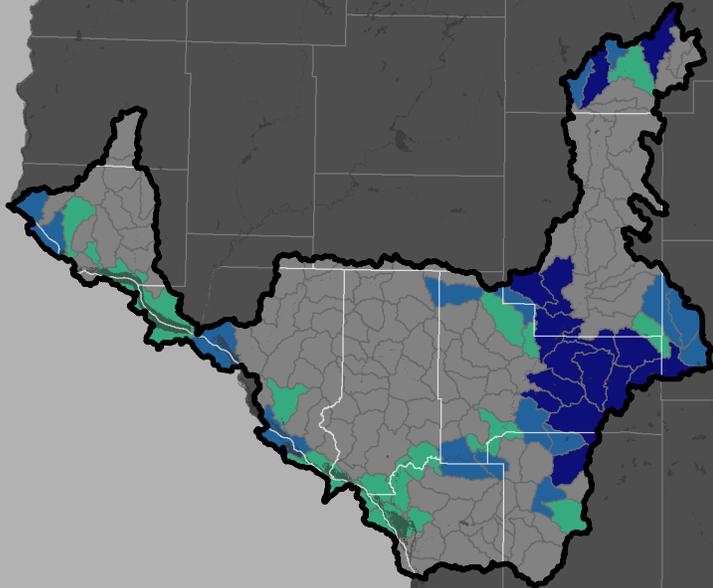
- High Quality Wetlands
- High Quality Waters

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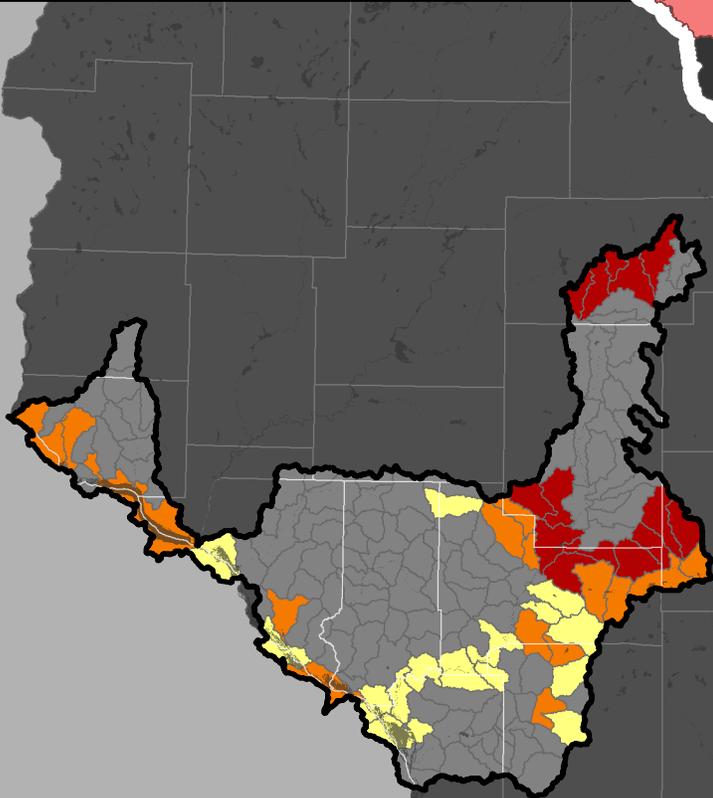
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# Watershed Protection Priorities

## Upper Mississippi-Black-Root - HUC6 (070400)

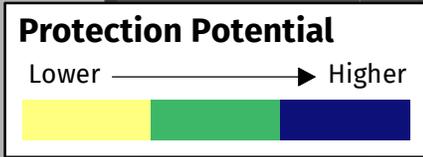
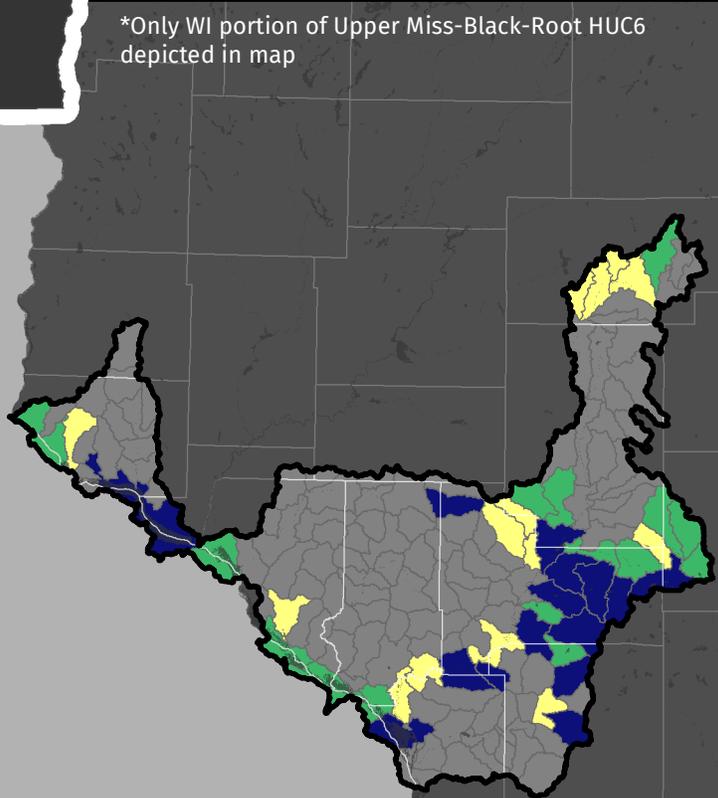


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**Protection Potential = (Eco + Opp) - Vulnerability**





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1	070400070703	Lower Morrison Creek	92.7	69.8		2	7
2	070400071001	Levis Creek	92.3	70.6	1	1	4
3	070400070606	Knutes Creek-East Fork of the Black R.	92.1	58.2		1	
4	070400070702	Middle Morrison Creek	89	61.0		1	3
5	070400070502	Fivemile Creek	85.7	56.3			1
6	070400071006	Glenn Creek-Robinson Creek	85.7	66.5		1	7
7	070400070503	Meadows Creek-Wedges Creek	84.6	56.0			
8	070400070608	Brushy Ridge-East Fork of the Black R.	84.5	58.4		1	
9	070400070701	Upper Morrison Creek	83.8	63.3		1	4
10	070400070906	Lake Arbutus	82.3	62.6		2	
11	070400071002	Perry Creek	81.8	59.5		1	
12	070400060202	Headwaters La Crosse R.	80.4	69.8		2	
13	070400070605	Indian Creek-East Fork of the Black R.	80.2	63.7		1	5
14	070400070304	Joe Creek-Black R.	79.3	55.1		1	
15	070400070104	Headwaters-Black R.	79.1	59.6		1	
16	070400070105	Paradise Creek	77.9	55.0			
17	070400071007	Stony Creek-Robinson Creek	74.7	61.0		2	
18	070400030606	Fountain City-Mississippi R.	73.8	57.6			
19	070400070801	East Fork of Halls Creek	71.9	53.8			
20	070400060204	Bailey Creek-La Crosse R.	71.5	55.5		1	
21	070400070601	Rocky Run	71.3	57.0			
22	070400071204	Sand Creek	71.1	62.1			
23	070400030102	South Fork of the Buffalo R.	70.9	61.2		4	
24	070400071005	Clear Creek	70.4	56.4		1	
25	070400070602	Tomas Creek-East Fork of the Black R.	70.3	56.1		1	
26	070400070303	McKenzie Creek	70.2	53.1			
27	070400030601	City of Wabasha-Mississippi R.	70.1	56.6		1	
28	070400010102	Lock and Dam No. 3-Mississippi R.	69.5	59.1			
29	070400070603	Turner R.-East Fork of the Black R.	69	59.1		1	
30	070400071206	Davis Creek-Black R.	68.8	59.9		3	
31	070400030610	City of Winona-Mississippi R.	68	55.6			
32	070400070604	Hay Creek	67.8	53.0			
33	070400060101	Shingle Creek-Mississippi R.	66.5	55.7			
34	070400060203	Silver Creek	65.7	65.1		1	1
35	070400070106	Washington Creek-Black R.	65	50.1	1	1	
36	070400070803	Trow Lake-Halls Creek	64.5	52.5			
37	070400071209	Van Loon Lake-Black R.	63.4	55.2		1	4
38	070400060103	Lake Onalaska-Mississippi R.	63.2	64.7		1	1
39	070400070802	South Fork of Halls Creek-Halls Creek	62.9	52.1		2	
40	070400010705	Lake Pepin	62.7	62.5		1	4
41	070400010303	Spring Creek-Trimble R.	62.4	50.2		1	
42	070400030405	Waumaundee Creek	61.7	52.8		2	
43	070400071208	Fleming Creek	61.7	52.9		2	
44	070400071205	Roaring Creek-Black R.	61.5	53.4		1	

- 2 High-Quality Lakes in Top 30% Healthiest Watersheds
- 2 High-Quality Lakes in HUC6 Watershed
- 100% High-Quality Lakes are within the Healthiest Watersheds**
- 37 High-Quality Streams in Top 30% Healthiest Watersheds
- 124 High-Quality Streams in HUC6 Watershed
- 30% High-Quality Streams are within the Healthiest Watersheds**



### Watershed Features

Ecological Health Score & ID



● High Quality Wetlands

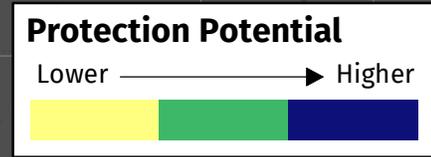
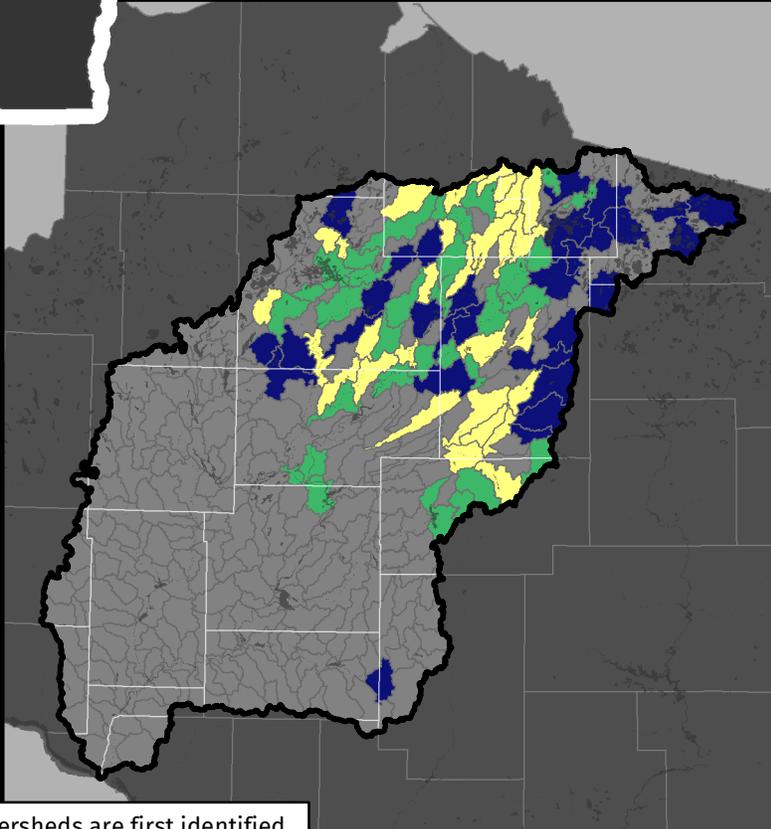
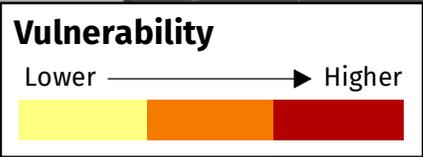
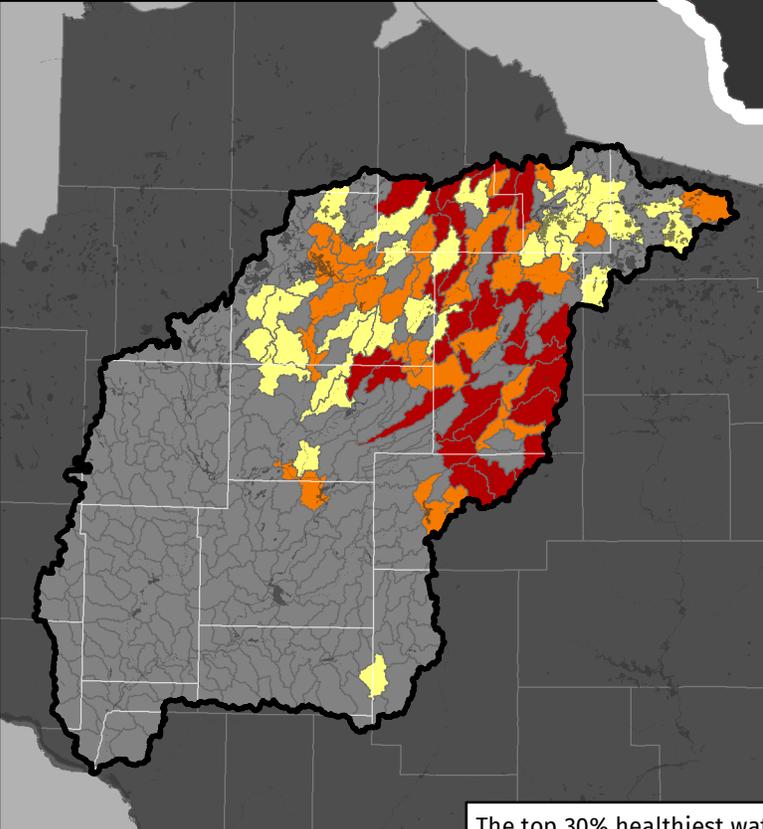
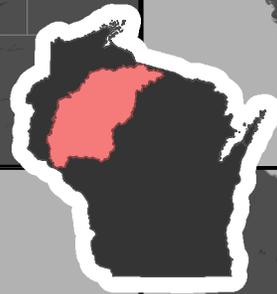
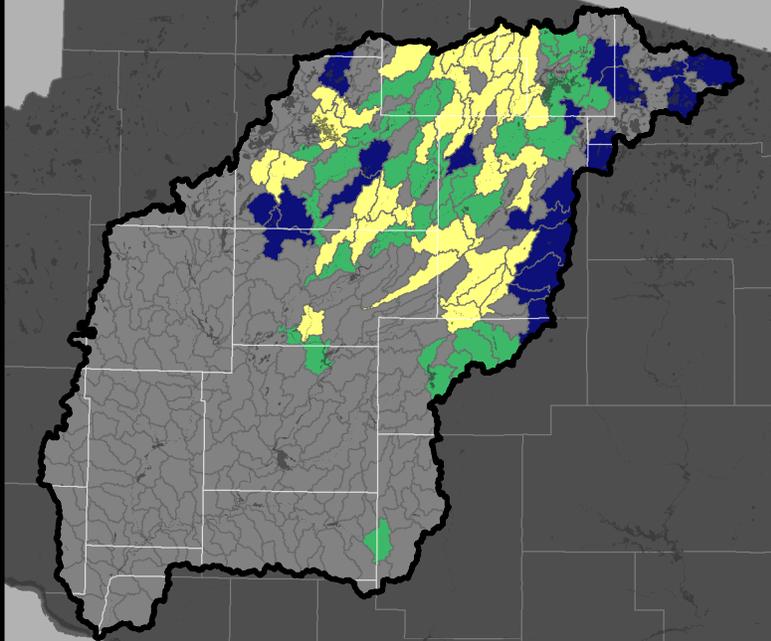
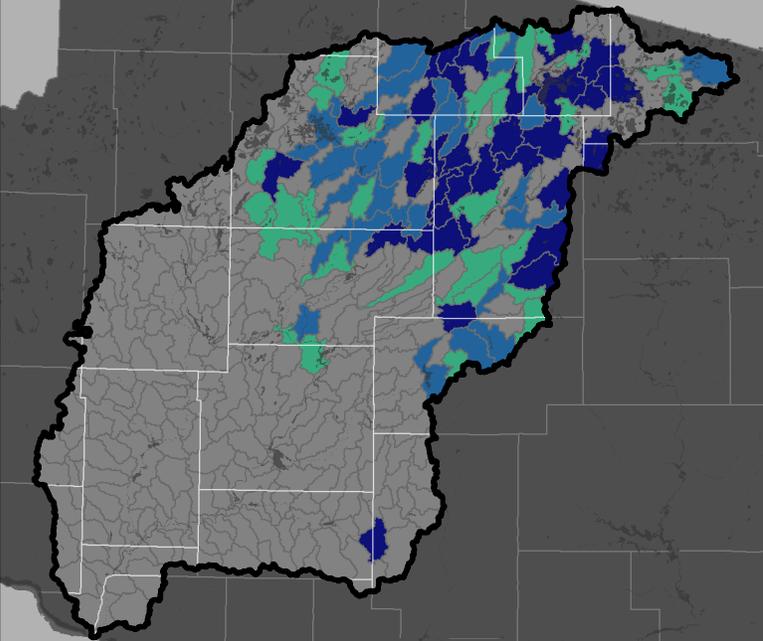
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# Watershed Protection Priorities

## Chippewa - HUC6 (070500)



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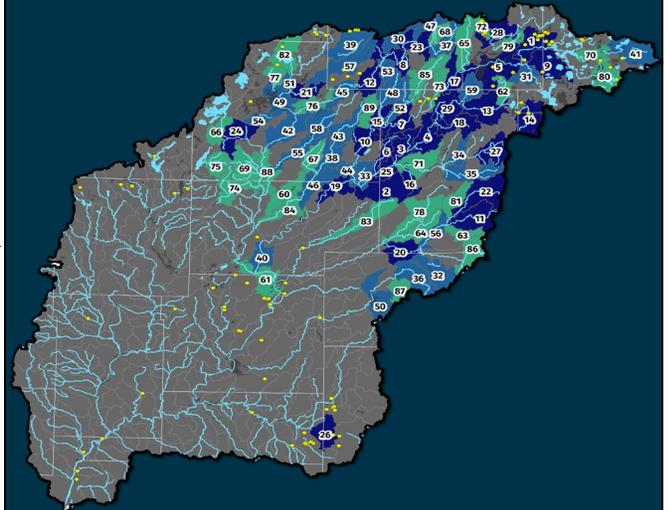
# Watershed Protection Priorities

## Chippewa - HUC 070500



RANK & MAP ID	HUC12 NUMBER	HUC12 NAME	ECOLOGICAL HEALTH SCORE	PROTECTION PRIORITY SCORE	HIGH-QUALITY LAKES	HIGH-QUALITY RIVERS	HIGH-QUALITY WETLANDS
1	070500020108	Manitowish R.	98.7	66.4	4	1	12
2	070500030303	Skinner Creek	97.6	61.2			
3	070500030210	Smith Creek-South Fork Flambeau R.	97.1	61.2		2	
4	070500030209	Patterson Creek-South Fork Flambeau R.	96.9	60.3		2	
5	070500020307	Turtle-Flambeau Flowage-Flambeau R.	96.5	63.5		1	3
6	070500030301	Price Creek	96.4	62.2			
7	070500020505	Le Tourneau Creek-Flambeau R.	96.2	68.7		2	
8	070500010207	Muskellunge Creek-E Fork Chippewa R.	95.7	59.6		3	
9	070500020203	Little Bear Creek	95.6	65.2	5		1
10	070500020606	Long and Bear Creeks-Flambeau R.	94.9	62.3		2	1
11	070500040103	Douglas Creek	94.6	63.0		1	
12	070500010210	Pelican Lake-East Fork Chippewa R.	93.7	62.9		1	
13	070500030206	Riley Creek-South Fork Flambeau R.	93.7	62.3		1	
14	070500030202	Squaw Creek-South Fork Flambeau R.	93.6	68.8	1	1	
15	070500020603	Rock Creek-Flambeau R.	93.4	60.5		1	
16	070500030108	Carpenter Creek	93.1	58.8		1	
17	070500020502	Deer Creek-Flambeau R.	92.9	58.5		1	
18	070500030207	Sailor Creek	92.6	58.9		1	
19	070500020701	Big Falls Flowage-Flambeau R.	92.5	60.2		1	
20	070500040110	Lower-South Fork Jump	92.5	57.0		1	
21	070500010108	Venison Creek	92.4	59.0		1	
22	070500040102	Headwaters-South Fork Jump R.	92.4	63.0		1	
23	070500010205	Willerth Creek-East Fork Chippewa R.	92.1	59.3		1	
24	070500010406	Eddy Creek-Couderay R.	92	60.5		3	
25	070500030302	Stoney Brook-South Fork Flambeau R.	91.9	59.2		1	
26	070500060208	South Fork Eau Claire R.	91.9	62.8			1
27	070500030101	Headwaters Elk R.	91.7	64.7		4	
28	070500020304	Weber Creek-Turtle R.	91.6	62.9	1	1	
29	070500030208	Blockhouse Lake-S Fork Flambeau R.	91.6	60.3		2	
30	070500010206	Dryden Creek	91.5	57.7			
31	070500020204	Bear R.	91.5	60.9			
32	070500040108	Mondeaux R.	91.2	58.5		2	
33	070500030304	South Fork Flambeau R.	91	60.1		1	
34	070500030104	Hoffman Creek-Elk R.	90.9	58.1		1	
35	070500030106	Little Elk R.	90.8	62.6		4	
36	070500050202	North Fork Yellow R.	90.8	59.2		1	
37	070500010202	Headwaters East Fork Chippewa R.	90.7	57.7		1	
38	070500010603	Boss Creek-Thornapple R.	90.4	59.8		1	
39	070500010101	Torch R.	90.3	57.6		1	
40	070500020704	Flambeau R.	90.2	59.5		1	
41	070500020102	Headwaters Manitowish R.	90.1	65.9	3	2	
42	070500010501	Radison Flowage-Chippewa R.	90	59.5			
43	070500010601	Headwaters Thornapple R.	90	60.6		1	
44	070500020607	Wannigan & Porcupine RpdS-Flambeau	90	58.7		1	
45	070500010211	Blaisdell & Bear Lakes-E Fork Chippewa R.	89.8	62.4		1	
46	070500010604	Spring and Stony Creeks-Thornapple R.	89.8	58.4		1	
47	070500010203	Magee Creek	89.7	57.3			
48	070500020601	Pine Creek	89.6	59.0		1	
49	070500010307	East Lake Chippewa	89.5	59.0		2	
50	070500050204	Chequamegon Waters	89.5	60.2		1	
51	070500010109	West Fork Chippewa Rvier	89.2	57.9		1	
52	070500020402	Butternut Creek	89.1	56.9		2	
53	070500010208	Rocky Run-East Fork Chippewa R.	88.8	58.3		2	
54	070500010301	Pipestone Creek	88.8	60.1		1	
55	070500010505	Brunet R.	88.5	66.2		1	
56	070500040109	Middle-South Fork Jump	88.4	57.2		1	
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58	070500010503	Winter Lake-Brunet R.	88.1	65.9		2	
59	070500030205	Hay Creek	88.1	58.9		1	
60	070500010605	Little Thornapple R.	87.9	58.1			
61	070500010904	Holcolombe Flowage-Chippewa R.	87.7	59.7		1	
62	070500030204	Springstead Creek	87.6	62.8	1	1	
63	070500040104	Holmes Creek	87.5	61.9			
64	070500040202	Hobbles Creek	87.5	55.9		1	
65	070500020501	Swamp Creek	87.4	56.7		1	
66	070500010405	Summit Creek-Couderay R.	87.3	58.7		1	
67	070500010602	Tupper Creek	87.3	57.8		2	
68	070500010201	Augustine Creek	87.2	56.5		1	
69	070500010507	Little Weirgor Creek	87.2	67.7		5	
70	070500020104	Island Lake-Manitowish R.	86.9	64.1	1	1	
71	070500030109	Elk R.	86.7	58.5		1	
72	070500020303	Moose Creek	86.6	58.8	1		2
73	070500020503	Bosner Creek-Flambeau R.	86.6	55.9		1	
74	070500010508	Big Weirgor Creek	86.5	66.2		3	
75	070500070101	Knuteson Creek	86.5	70.2		2	
76	070500010213	East Fork Chippewa R.	85.7	59.0		1	
77	070500010305	Hay Creek	85.7	56.5		1	
78	070500040204	North Fork Jump R.	85.7	54.7		1	
79	070500020305	Little Turtle R.	85.6	58.8	1	1	
80	070500020105	Trout Lake	85.4	65.7	5	1	4
81	070500040101	Hay Creek	85.4	56.3	2	1	2
82	070500010106	Teal R.	85.3	63.3		1	
83	070500040303	South Fork Main Creek	85.3	54.8		1	
84	070500010607	Thornapple R.	85.2	59.1	1	1	
85	070500020401	Headwaters Butternut Creek	85.2	57.6	1	1	
86	070500040106	Headwaters-Silver Creek	85.2	60.8	1	1	
87	070500050201	South Fork Yellow R.	85.2	59.0			
88	070500010509	White Birch Creek-Chippewa R.	84.8	57.5		1	
89	070500020602	Log Creek	84.4	57.6			

**30** High-Quality Lakes in Top 30% Healthiest Watersheds  
**89** High-Quality Lakes in HUC6 Watershed  
**34%** High-Quality Lakes are within the Healthiest Watersheds  
**77** High-Quality Streams in Top 30% Healthiest Watersheds  
**218** High-Quality Streams in HUC6 Watershed  
**35%** High-Quality Streams are within the Healthiest Watersheds



### Watershed Features

#### Ecological Health Score & ID

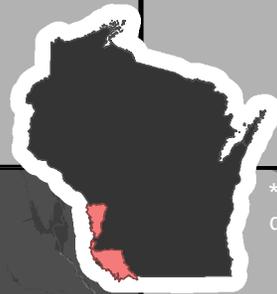
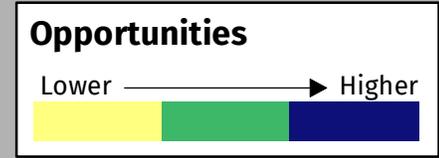
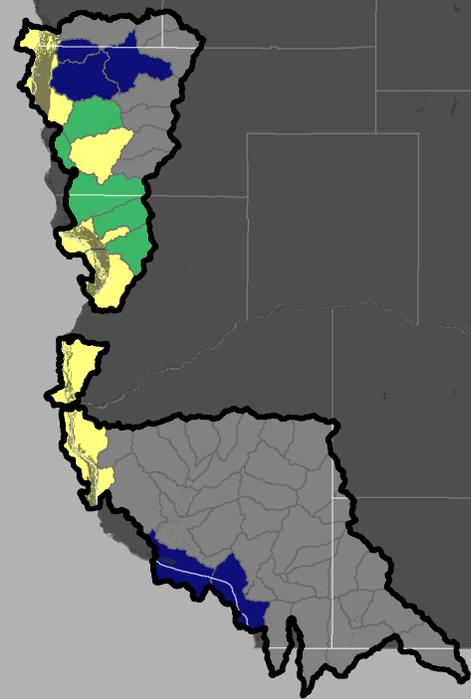
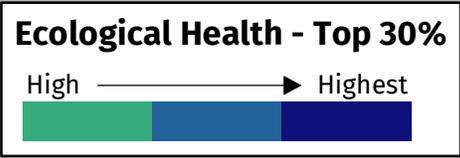
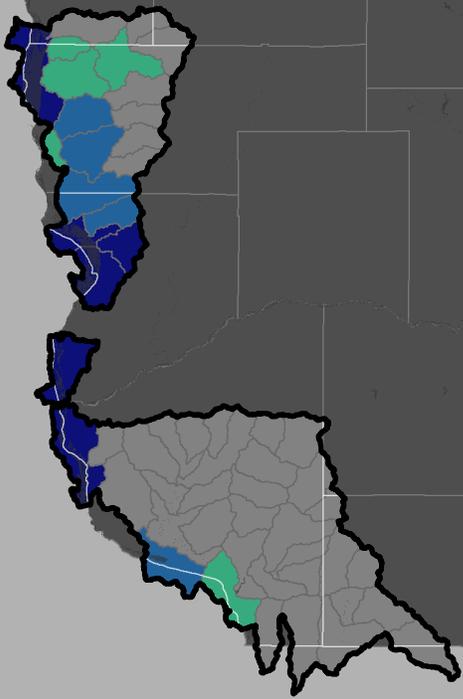
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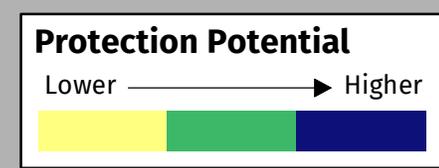
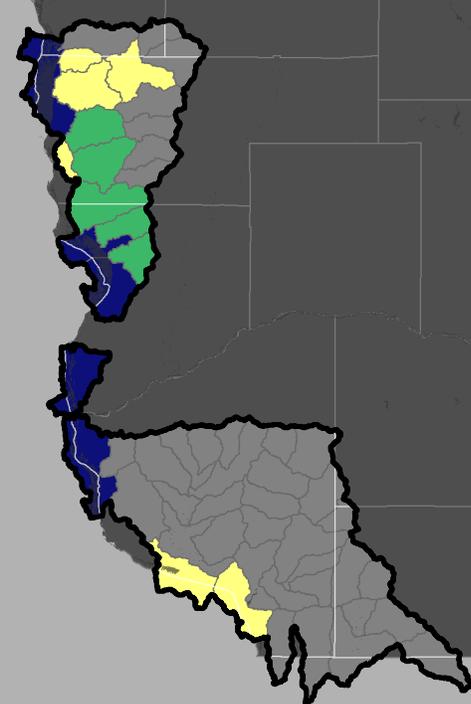
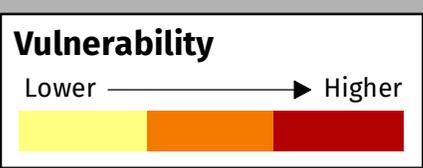
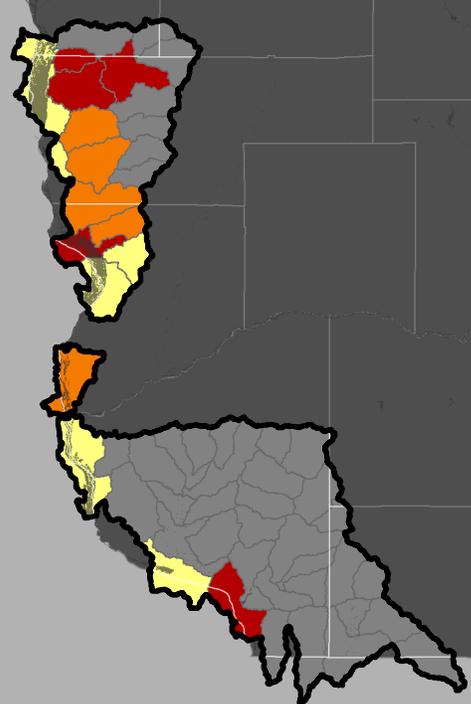
Watersheds are ranked and color-coded by ecological health score.

# Watershed Protection Priorities

## Upper Mississippi Maquoketa Plum - HUC6 (070600)



\*Only WI portion of Upper Miss-Maq-Plum HUC6 depicted in map



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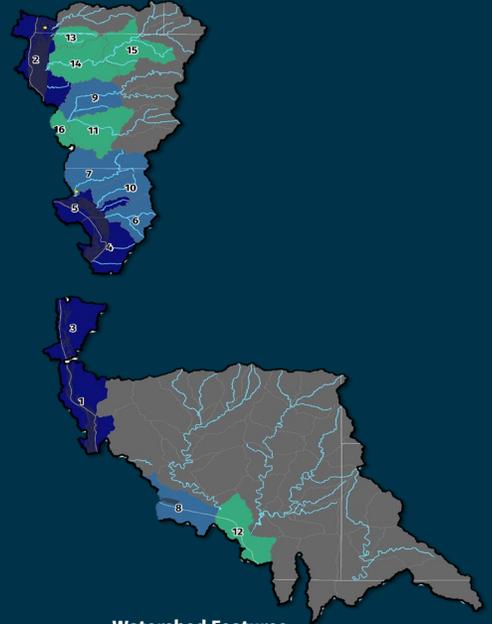
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1	070600030704	Lock and Dam #10-Mississippi R.	76.5	59.0			
2	070600010504	Lock and Dam #8-Mississippi R.	72.9	58.8		1	1
3	070600011003	City of Prairie du Chien-Mississippi R.	72.9	64.1			
4	070600010707	Leitner Creek-Mississippi R.	70.5	63.9		2	
5	070600010705	Buck Creek-Mississippi R.	70	62.4			
6	070600010704	Copper Creek	67.8	55.7		2	
7	070600010701	Rush Creek	67	54.6		2	1
8	070600030707	McCartner Branch-Mississippi R.	66.8	54.0			1
9	070600010305	North Fork Bad Axe R.	66.7	55.5		2	
10	070600010703	Sugar Creek	65.6	54.9		1	
11	070600010306	South Fork Bad Axe R.	65.1	55.1		1	
12	070600030708	Sinnipee Creek-Mississippi R.	61.8	51.3		1	
13	070600010502	Chipmunk Creek	61.4	50.7		2	
14	070600010104	Lower Coon Creek	60.3	50.5		1	
15	070600010103	Middle Coon Creek	58.8	51.1		1	
16	070600010307	Bad Axe R.	58.8	53.0			

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**0** High-Quality Lakes in HUC6 Watershed

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**18** High-Quality Streams in Top 30% Healthiest Watersheds  
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**Ecological Health Score & ID**

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High Quality Wetlands

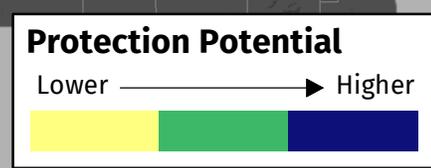
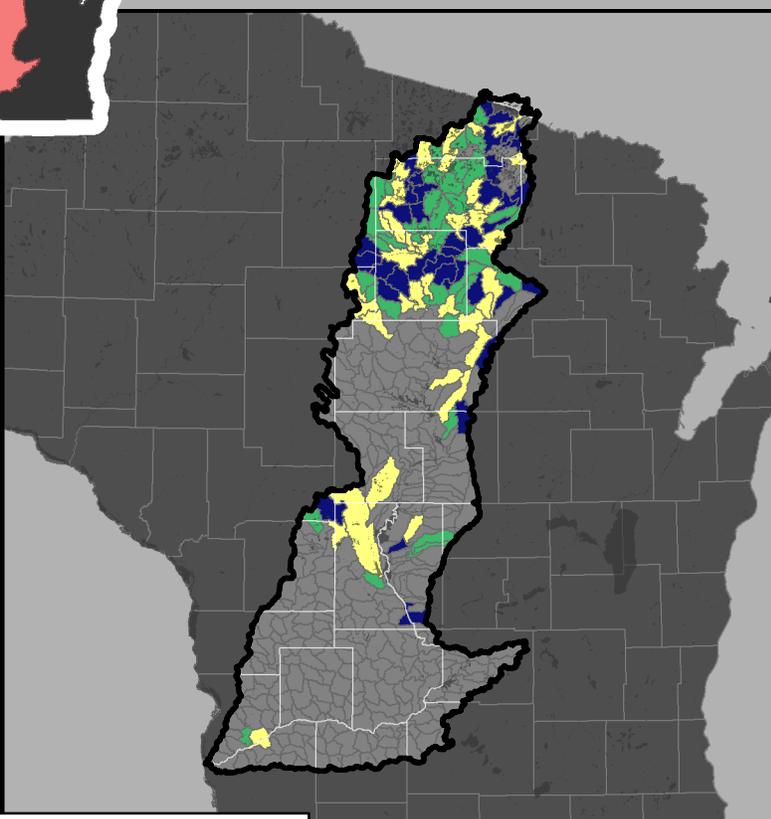
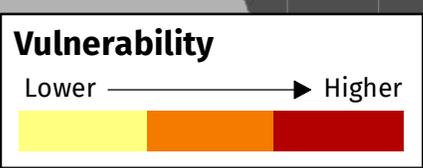
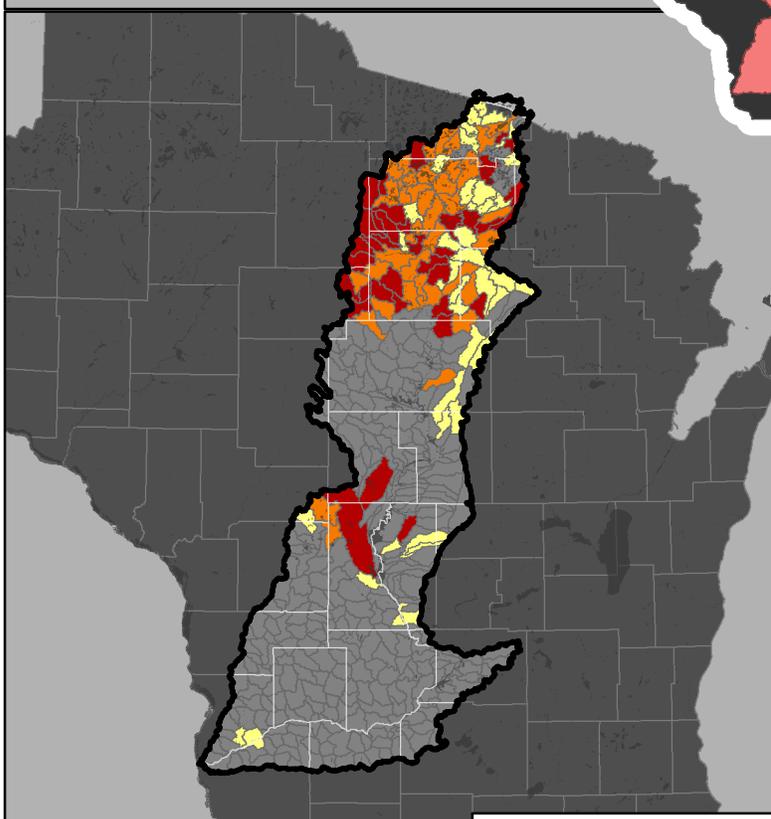
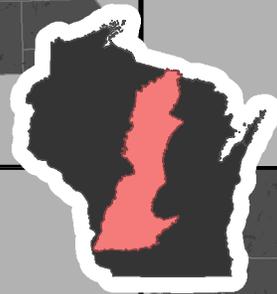
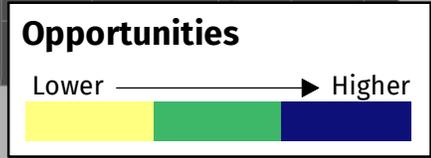
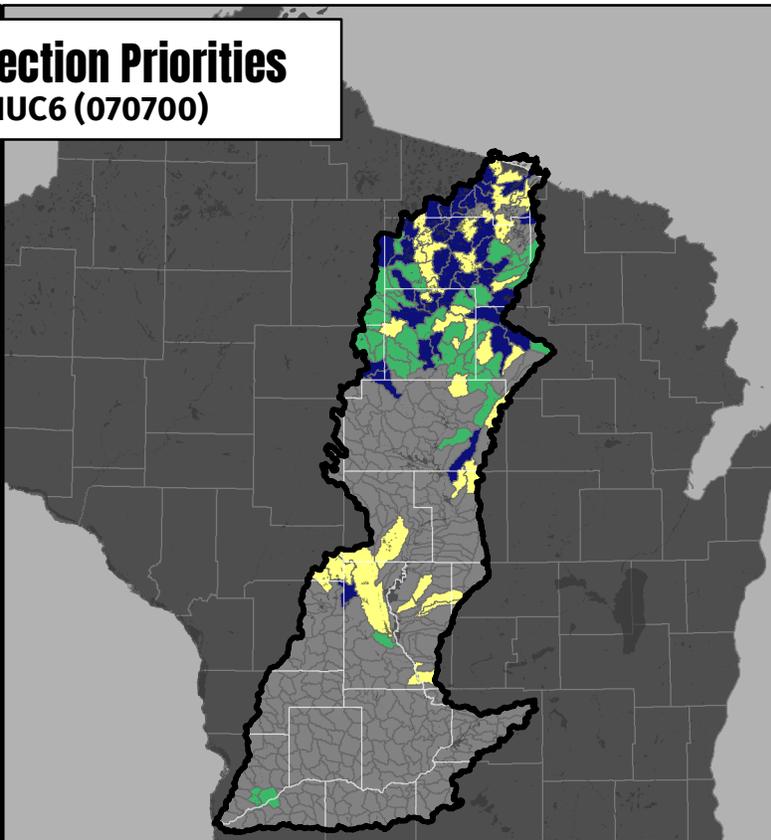
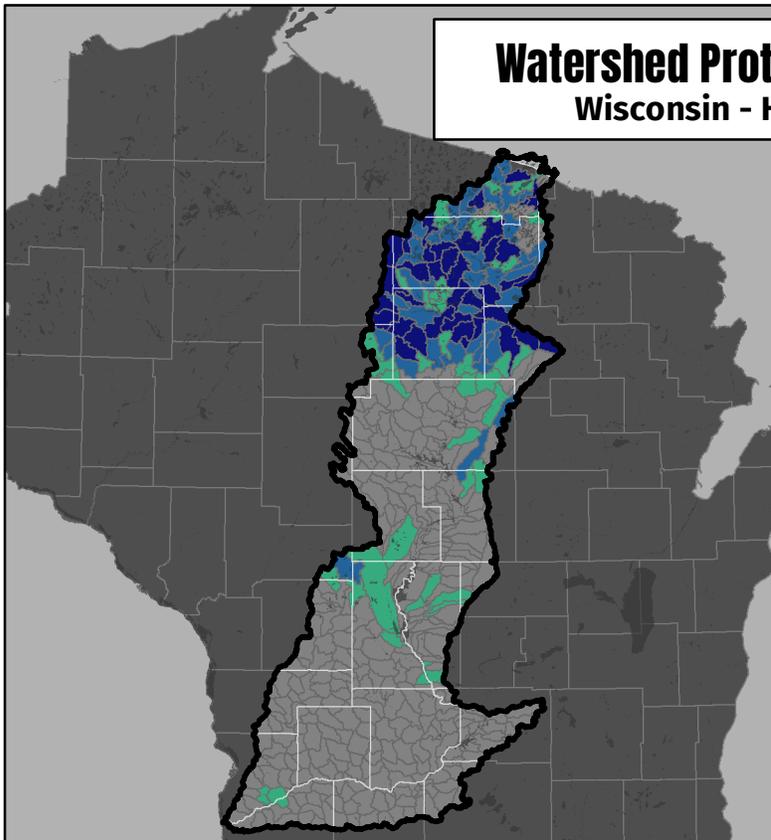
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# Watershed Protection Priorities

## Wisconsin - HUC6 (070700)



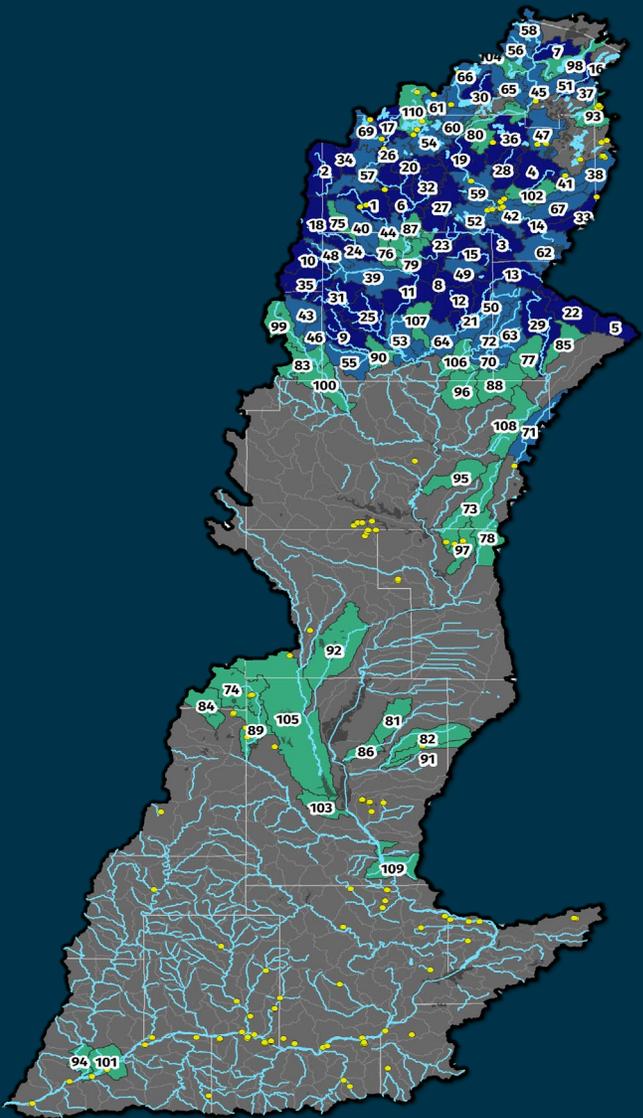
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1	070700011002	Little Rice R.	100	67.0		1	2
2	070700010901	Headwaters-Willow R.	98.1	61.4		3	
3	070700011301	Noisy Creek	95.9	65.9		1	
4	070700010704	Gudegast Creek	95.4	66.3		1	
5	070700021101	Peters and Lawrence Lakes-Spring Brook	95.2	65.6			
6	070700010907	Swamp Creek-Tomahawk R.	95	67.2		1	
7	070700010304	Muskrat Creek-Wisconsin R.	94.3	66.5		2	
8	070700020401	Little Pine Creek	93.6	69.4			
9	070700020201	North Fork of the Copper R.	93.5	63.5		3	
10	070700011201	North Fork Spirit Creek	93.3	63.0		1	
11	070700020402	Berry Creek-Wisconsin R.	93.1	64.3		1	
12	070700020302	North Branch of the Prairie R.	93	64.3		1	
13	070700020301	Upper Prairie R.	92.3	61.0	1	1	
14	070700010707	Middle Pelican R.	91.8	64.5		1	
15	070700011304	Big Pine Creek	91.7	64.4		1	
16	070700010104	Deerskin R.	91.1	71.0		1	
17	070700010806	Cedar Falls-Shishebogama-Tomahawk R.	91.1	67.5	2	1	
18	070700011102	Headwaters-Somo R.	90.9	62.5		1	
19	070700010601	Tom Doyle Creek-Wisconsin R.	90.8	60.1	2	1	
20	070700010904	Rocky Run	90.8	66.2		1	
21	070700020304	Middle Prairie R.	90.6	69.4		1	
22	070700021201	Bogus Swamp-East Fork Eau Claire R.	90.5	61.0			
23	070700011305	Lake Alice-Wisconsin Rvier	90.2	60.1		3	
24	070700011104	Landwehr Creek-Somo R.	90.1	62.4		1	
25	070700020102	Averil Creek-New Wood R.	90.1	63.2		5	
26	070700010905	Bear Creek-Tomahawk R.	90	66.4	1		
27	070700011001	Little Rice Creek	89.9	60.6	3	1	
28	070700010602	Pine Lake Creek	89.4	58.7		1	
29	070700021204	West Branch of the Eau Claire R.	89.3	57.6		2	
30	070700010501	Lost Creek-Big St. Germain Lake	89.2	60.0		1	
31	070700020101	East and Center Forks New Wood R.	89.2	68.7		3	
32	070700010906	Bearskin Creek	89.1	59.9		1	
33	070700010701	Monico Creek	88.5	62.0			1
34	070700010902	Swamsauger Creek	88.5	62.3			
35	070700011202	Spirit R.	88.5	63.2		2	
36	070700010402	Sugar Camp Creek	88.2	59.5	5		
37	070700010102	Blackjack Creek	87.7	65.3	2		
38	070700010201	Headwaters-Eagle R.	87.4	62.8			4
39	070700011204	Spirit R. Flowage	87.4	57.5		2	
40	070700011103	Little Somo R.	87.3	55.4			
41	070700010703	Twin Lakes Creek	87	63.0		1	1
42	070700010708	Lower Pelican R.	86.3	55.9	1	1	4
43	070700020801	Wood Creek	86.2	61.3			
44	070700011003	Rice R. Flowage	85.9	61.7		1	
45	070700010308	Sucker Creek-Wisconsin R.	85.8	64.8	1	1	
46	070700020802	Lemke Creek	85.7	60.9			
47	070700010401	Mud Creek	85.6	63.4			3
48	070700011203	Squaw Creek	85.5	60.5		1	
49	070700011303	Green Meadow Creek	85.5	67.5			
50	070700020303	Big Hay Meadow Creek	85.5	62.0		3	
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52	070700011302	Crescent Creek-Wisconsin R.	85.2	58.3	2	1	
53	070700020404	Joe Snow Creek-Wisconsin R.	85.2	55.8	1	2	
54	070700010802	Tomahawk Lake-Tomahawk R.	84.9	59.4	4		
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56	070700010303	Tamarack Creek	84.6	59.6	1		
57	070700010903	Willow Reservoir	84.6	56.0		1	
58	070700010301	Portage Creek	84.3	65.4	3	1	
59	070700010603	Rhinelandr Flowage	84.3	62.7	1	2	
60	070700010503	Gilmore Creek	84	58.3			1
61	070700010801	Arbor Vitae Lakes	84	59.6	2		1
62	070700010702	Upper Pelican R.	83.9	57.4		1	
63	070700020501	Upper Pine R.	83.8	66.1		5	
64	070700020306	Lower Prairie R.	83.7	62.1		1	
65	070700010307	Rice Creek	83.5	60.2	1	1	2
66	070700010502	Plum Creek-Big St. Germain Lake	82.5	58.4	7	1	2
67	070700010706	North Branch Pelican R.	82.1	61.7			
68	070700010805	Kaubashine Creek	82.1	62.7	2		
69	070700010804	Squirrel R.	82	57.6	1	1	
70	070700020503	Middle Pine R.	81.6	60.5		3	
71	070700030101	Headwaters of the Plover R.	80.7	69.1		1	
72	070700020502	North Branch of the Pine R.	79.1	59.3		1	
73	070700021805	Little Eau Claire R.	79	55.1		1	
74	070700031401	Meadow Valley-Beaver Creek	79	63.0		1	3
75	070700011101	Brant Creek	78.7	59.1			
76	070700011105	Hay Creek-Somo R.	78.6	54.9		1	
77	070700021202	Black Brook	78.6	58.1			
78	070700030103	Jordan Pond-Plover R.	78.5	63.3	1	1	
79	070700011306	Lake Mohawksin-Wisconsin R.	78.4	55.3	1		
80	070700010404	Rainbow Flowage-Wisconsin R.	78	62.1		1	
81	070700030802	Dead Horse Creek	77.9	59.1			
82	070700030903	Carter Creek	77.9	61.9		3	
83	070700020804	Mink Creek-Big Rib R.	77.4	52.3			
84	070700031506	Jay Creek-East Fork of the Lemonweir R.	77.2	61.8			
85	070700021203	Antigo Flats-East Branch Eau Claire R.	77.1	64.7			
86	070700030804	Lower Big Roche a Cri Creek	76.9	62.7	1	1	
87	070700011004	Lake Nokomis	76.7	61.6	2	1	
88	070700020601	Prospect Creek-Trappe R.	76.7	58.2			
89	070700031402	Eagle Nest Flowage-Beaver Creek	76.4	55.7	1	1	3
90	070700020203	Copper R. Outlet	75.9	57.5		2	
91	070700030902	Bingham Creek	75.9	61.9			1
92	070700031201	Upper Cranberry Creek	75.9	58.0		1	
93	070700010204	Ninemile Creek-Eagle R.	75.8	57.1	1	1	3

**62** High-Quality Lakes in Top 30% Healthiest Watersheds  
**92** High-Quality Lakes in HUC6 Watershed  
**67%** High-Quality Lakes are within the Healthiest Watersheds  
**96** High-Quality Streams in Top 30% Healthiest Watersheds  
**324** High-Quality Streams in HUC6 Watershed  
**30%** High-Quality Streams are within the Healthiest Watersheds



**Watershed Features**  
**Ecological Health Score & ID**  
 Healthiest  
 High Quality Wetlands  
— High Quality Waters

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# Watershed Protection Priorities

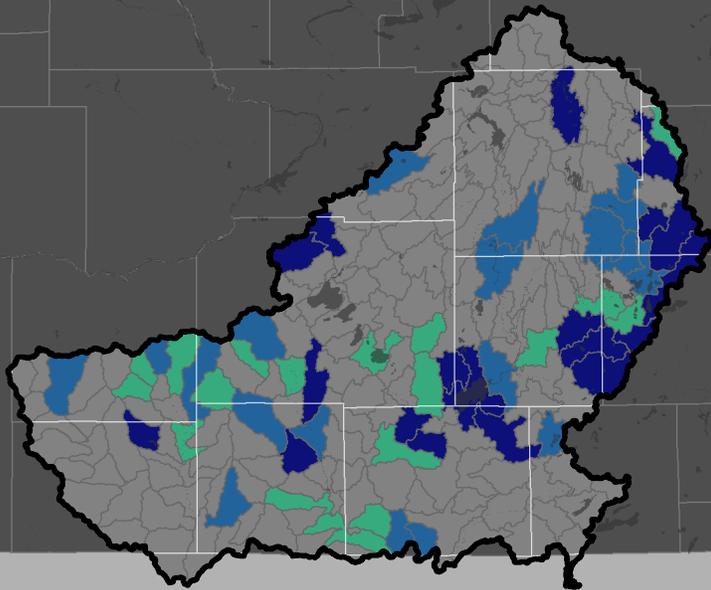
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94	70700060507	Kickapoo R.	75.7	60.0		1	
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96	70700020602	Little Trappe R.-Trappe R.	75.4	62.5		1	
97	70700030301	Hay Meadow Creek	75.4	60.7			3
98	70700010305	Pioneer Creek	75.2	55.7	2	2	
99	70700020803	Silvernagel Creek-Big Rib R.	75.1	57.6		1	
100	70700020806	Baldwin Creek-Big Rib R.	74.9	52.4		1	
101	70700051707	Clear Creek-Wisconsin R.	74.6	59.1		2	2
102	70700010705	Headwaters-North Branch Pelican R.	74	53.6			
103	70700031804	Juneau County Ditch	74	60.0			
104	70700010306	Buckatabon Creek	73.9	56.3	2	1	
105	70700031301	Mead Marsh-Yellow R.	73.7	59.0		1	1
106	70700020504	Lower Pine R.	73.5	56.5		4	
107	70700020305	Lilly Hay Meadow Creek	73.3	53.3			
108	70700021301	Mole Brook-Eau Claire R.	73.3	57.5		2	
109	70700031903	Plainville Creek-Wisconsin R.	73	69.9		4	
110	70700010803	Mishonagon Creek-Tomahawk R.	72.6	54.4	7	1	4

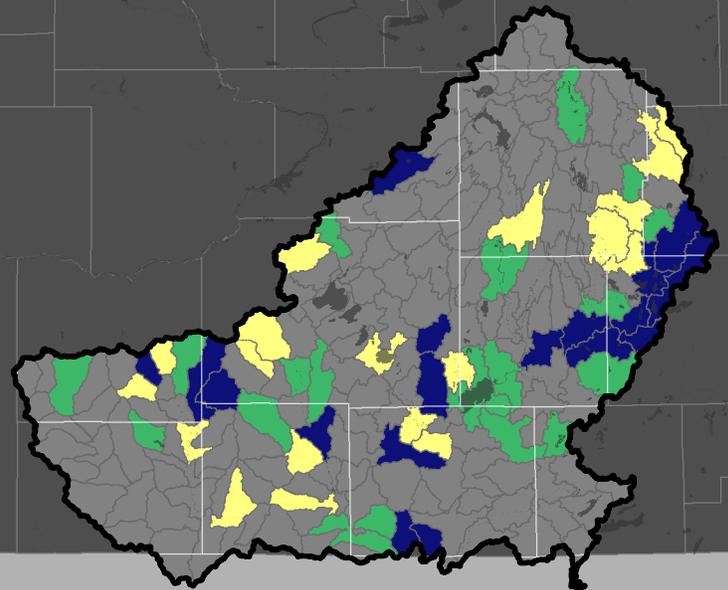
# Watershed Protection Priorities

## Rock - HUC6 (070900)



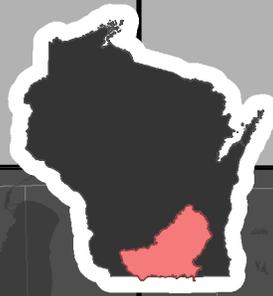
### Ecological Health - Top 30%

High —————> Highest

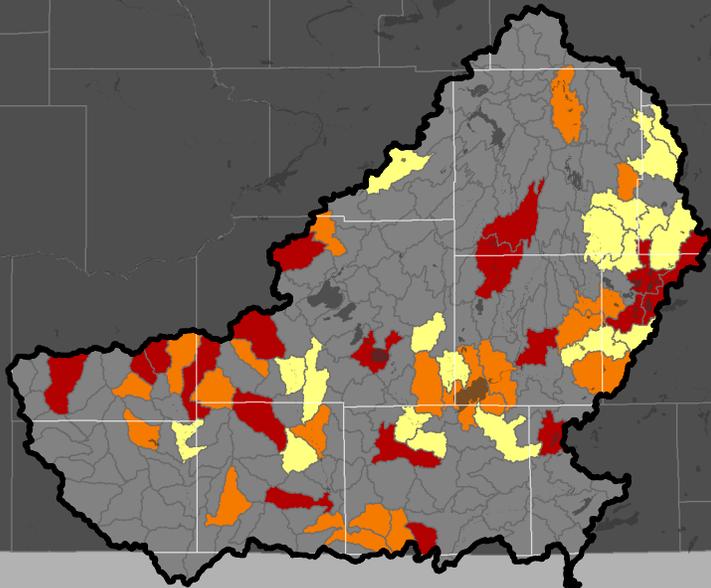


### Opportunities

Lower —————> Higher

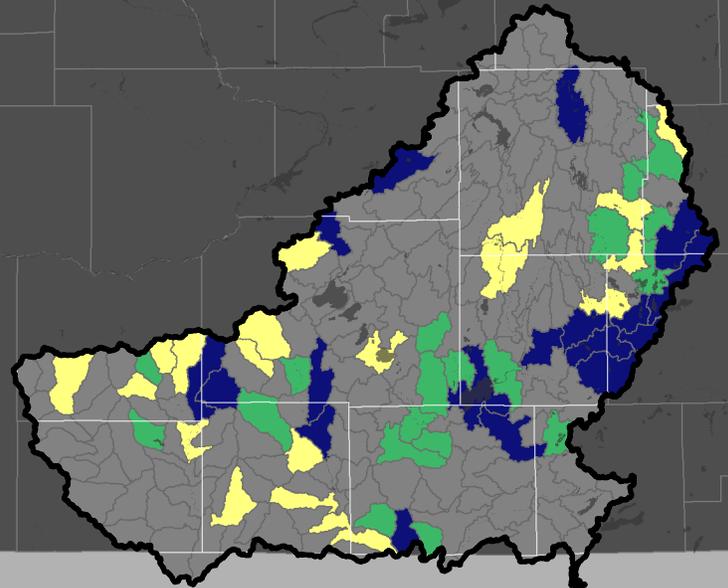


\*Only WI portion of Rock HUC6 depicted in map



### Vulnerability

Lower —————> Higher



### Protection Potential

Lower —————> Higher



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$$\text{Protection Potential} = (\text{Eco} + \text{Opp}) - \text{Vulnerability}$$



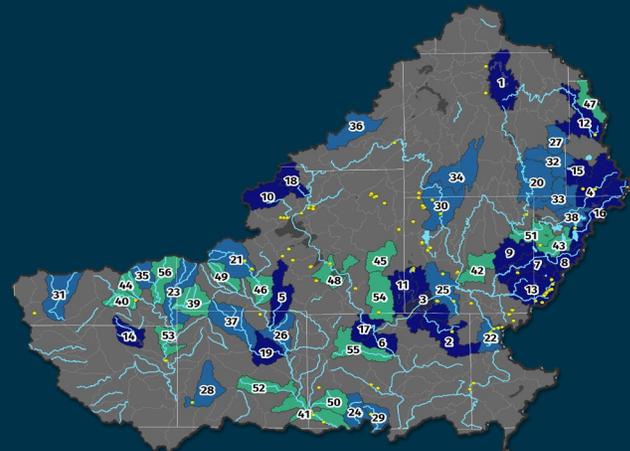
# Watershed Protection Priorities

## Rock - HUC 070900



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1	070900010207	Horicon Marsh	66.9	55.7			2
2	070900021002	Otter Creek	65.9	55.7			1
3	070900021003	Lake Koshkonong-Rock R.	63.5	56.7	1		2
4	070900010501	Little Oconomowoc R.-Oconomowoc R.	59.4	57.7			3
5	070900040501	Story Creek	57.9	55.8			1
6	070900021302	Camp Indian Trails-Rock R.	57.6	50.7			1
7	070900020305	Rome Pond-Bark R.	57.5	62.2	1		1
8	070900020302	Scuppernong Creek	57.1	59.4			1
9	070900020304	Duck Creek	55.6	56.3	1		
10	070900020601	Waunakee Marsh-Sixmile Creek	54.7	48.9			1
11	070900020405	Koshkonong Creek	53.9	50.2			
12	070900010105	Limestone Creek-East Branch Rock R.	52.9	49.6			2
13	070900020101	Mud Creek-Scuppernong Creek	52.7	53.2	1		3
14	070900030702	Middle Yellowstone R.	52.7	50.2			2
15	070900010602	Druid Lake-Ashippun R.	52	50.7	1		
16	070900020301	Headwaters Bark R.	51.9	56.8	1		2
17	070900020905	Yahara R.	51.5	49.0			1
18	070900020502	100 Mile Grove Cemetary	49.7	52.7			1
19	070900040404	Little Sugar R.	49.6	48.3			1
20	070900010604	Mud Creek-Rock R.	48.9	49.3			1
21	070900040202	Headwaters Sugar R.	48.6	47.1			4
22	070900020202	Whitewater Lake-Whitewater Creek	48.5	49.9	1		6
23	070900030502	Blue Mounds Branch	48.4	53.1			2
24	070900031501	Headwaters Raccoon Creek	48.4	53.2			1
25	070900021001	Fort Atkinson-Rock R.	48.3	49.1			4
26	070900040503	Gill Creek-Sugar R.	48.3	52.7			2
27	070900010301	Butler Creek	48	52.0			
28	070900031003	Skinner Creek	48	46.7			1
29	070900031502	East Fork Raccoon Creek	48	52.1			1
30	070900011004	Chub Lake-Crawfish R.	47.5	45.6			5
31	070900030101	East Pecatonica R.	47.3	47.8			2
32	070900010303	Rubicon R.	47.2	48.2			
33	070900010603	Ashippun R.	46.9	47.9			
34	070900010909	Beaver Dam R.	46.9	46.4			
35	070900030601	Ridgeway Branch	46.9	46.9			1
36	070900010702	Headwaters North Branch Crawfish R.	46.7	52.5			
37	070900040402	Ward Creek-Little Sugar R.	46.6	50.8			3
38	070900010502	Okauchee Lake-Oconomowoc R.	46.3	50.2	2		1
39	070900030501	Pleasant Branch	46.2	52.7			3
40	070900030403	Gribble Branch-Dodge Branch	45.8	47.0			4
41	070900040705	OK Creek-Sugar R.	45.5	48.9			1
42	070900011104	Deer Creek	45.4	52.5			2
43	070900020303	Nemahbin Lake-Bark R.	45.4	57.2	2		1
44	070900030402	Conley Lewis Creek	45	51.4			2
45	070900020402	Mud Creek	44.7	52.0			1
46	070900040203	Paoli-Sugar R.	44.7	51.0			2
47	070900010102	Kohlsville Branch	44.4	45.8			
48	070900020902	Lake Kegonsa-Yahara R.	43.8	45.9			2
49	070900040101	Mt. Vernon Creek	43.6	44.7			3
50	070900040702	Willow Creek	43.5	50.5			1
51	070900010504	Oconomowoc R.	43.4	47.5			1
52	070900040604	Sylvester Creek	43.4	44.6			1
53	070900030802	Brennan Creek-E Branch Pecatonica R.	43.3	45.1			1
54	070900021005	Saunders Creek	43.2	51.7			1
55	070900021301	Marsh Creek	42.7	51.0			1
56	070900030602	Williams Creek-E Branch Pecatonica R.	42.6	46.7			1

- 11** High-Quality Lakes in Top 30% Healthiest Watersheds
- 16** High-Quality Lakes in HUC6 Watershed
- 69%** High-Quality Lakes are within the Healthiest Watersheds
- 53** High-Quality Streams in Top 30% Healthiest Watersheds
- 95** High-Quality Streams in HUC6 Watershed
- 56%** High-Quality Streams are within the Healthiest Watersheds



**Watershed Features**

Ecological Health Score & ID

Healthiest

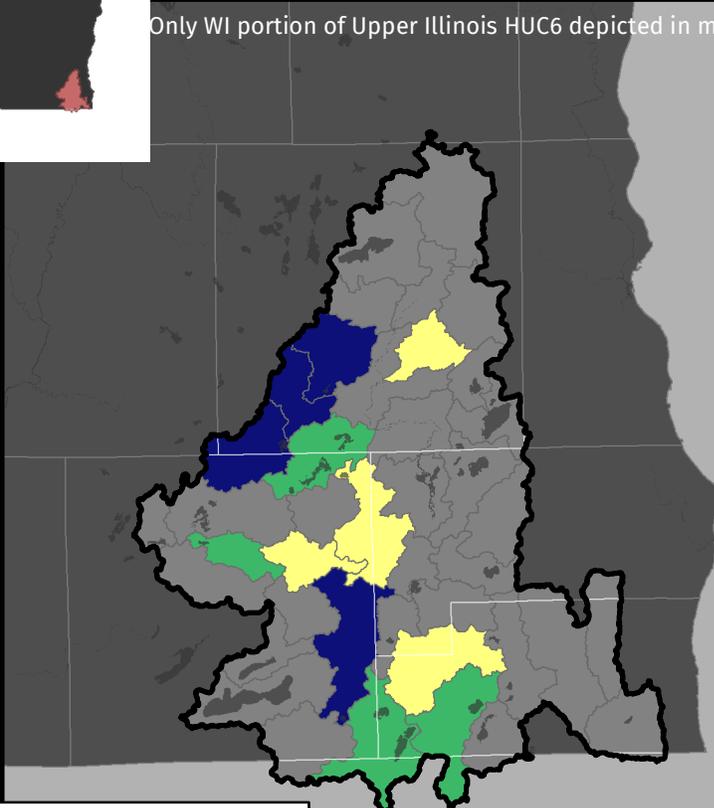
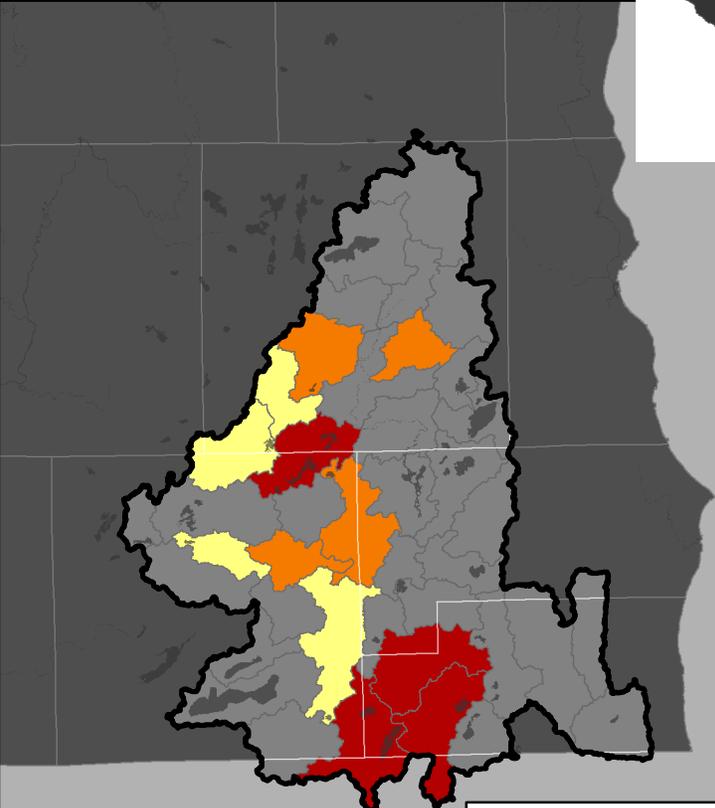
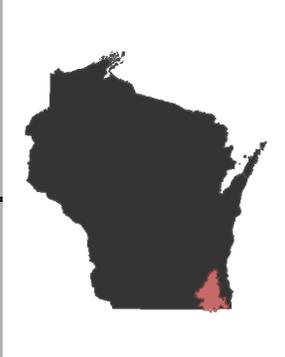
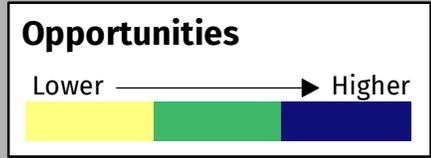
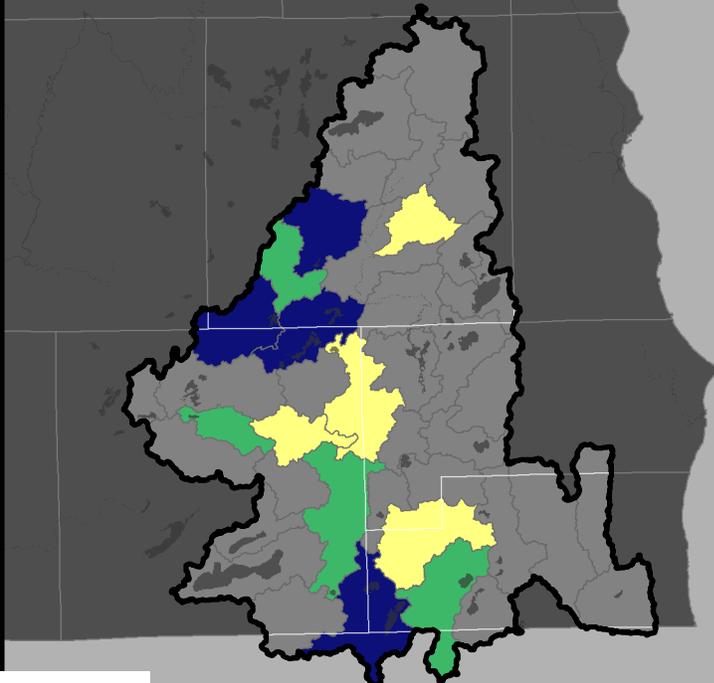
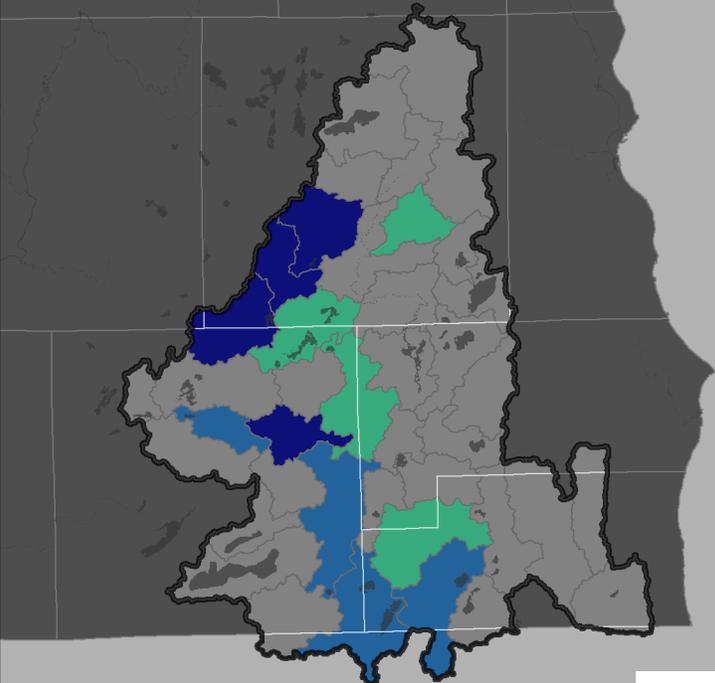
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# Watershed Protection Priorities

## Upper Illinois - HUC6 (071200)



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**Protection Potential = (Eco + Opp) - Vulnerability**



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1	071200060202	Eagle Spring Lake	68.3	64.9	2	1	11
2	071200060201	Jericho Creek	58.4	58.4			1
3	071200060404	Sugar Creek	58.3	52.1			1
4	071200060701	Genesee Creek	57.6	58.8	1	3	2
5	071200060802	North Branch Nippersink Creek	56	57.5			
6	071200060604	White River	54.5	58.1			
7	071200060403	Lake Wandawega-Sugar Creek	54.2	57.4	1		
8	071200061006	Bassett Creek-Fox R.	53.6	52.4	2		1
9	071200060203	Mukwonago R.	52.7	57.0	2	1	7
10	071200060702	Pebble Brook	51	49.0			1
11	071200060503	Honey Creek	50.8	51.2			1
12	071200061003	Palmer Creek-Fox R.	48.8	49.8			3

**8** High-Quality Lakes in Top 30% Healthiest Watersheds

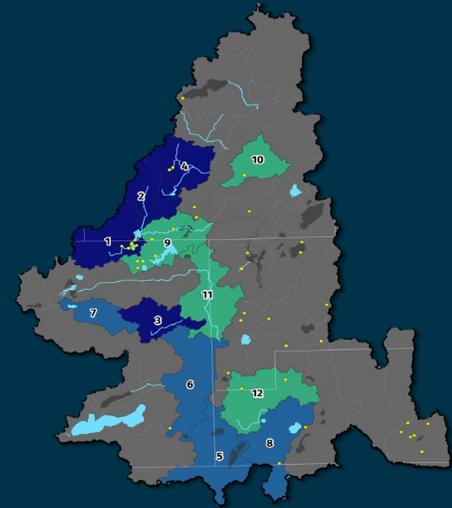
**13** High-Quality Lakes in HUC6 Watershed

**62%** High-Quality Lakes are within the Healthiest Watersheds

**9** High-Quality Streams in Top 30% Healthiest Watersheds

**14** High-Quality Streams in HUC6 Watershed

**64%** High-Quality Streams are within the Healthiest Watersheds



### Watershed Features

**Ecological Health Score & ID**

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