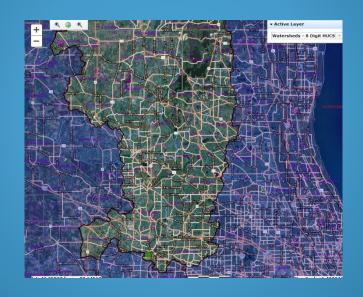
# Upper Fox River Watershed Call for Projects



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An overview







#### What is a TMDL?

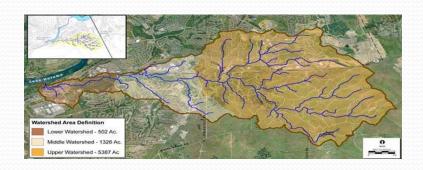
TMDL stands for : Total Maximum Daily Load

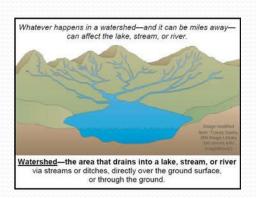
#### *Defined as*:



A Total Maximum Daily Load (**TMDL**) is a regulatory term in the U.S. Clean Water Act, describing a plan for restoring impaired waters that identifies the maximum amount of a pollutant that a body of water can receive while still meeting water quality standards.













# What is Watershed Planning?

Watershed planning and management comprise an approach to protecting water quality and quantity that focuses on the whole watershed. This approach is necessary due to the nature of polluted runoff, which in most watersheds is the biggest contributor to water pollution. Polluted runoff is a caused by a variety of land use activities including development, transportation and agriculture, and may originate anywhere in the watershed.

Watershed planning and management involves a number of activities including:

- targeting priority problems in the watershed;
- promoting a high level of involvement by interested and affected parties;
- developing solutions to problems through the use of the expertise and authority of multiple agencies and organizations;

  Whatever happens in a watershed—and it can be miles away
- measuring success through monitoring and other data gathering.



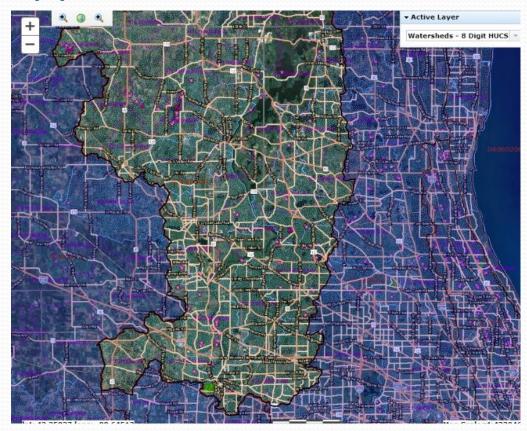
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Vatershed—the area that drains into a lake, stream, or river via streams or ditches, directly over the ground surface, or through the ground.

# **Upper Fox River Watershed**

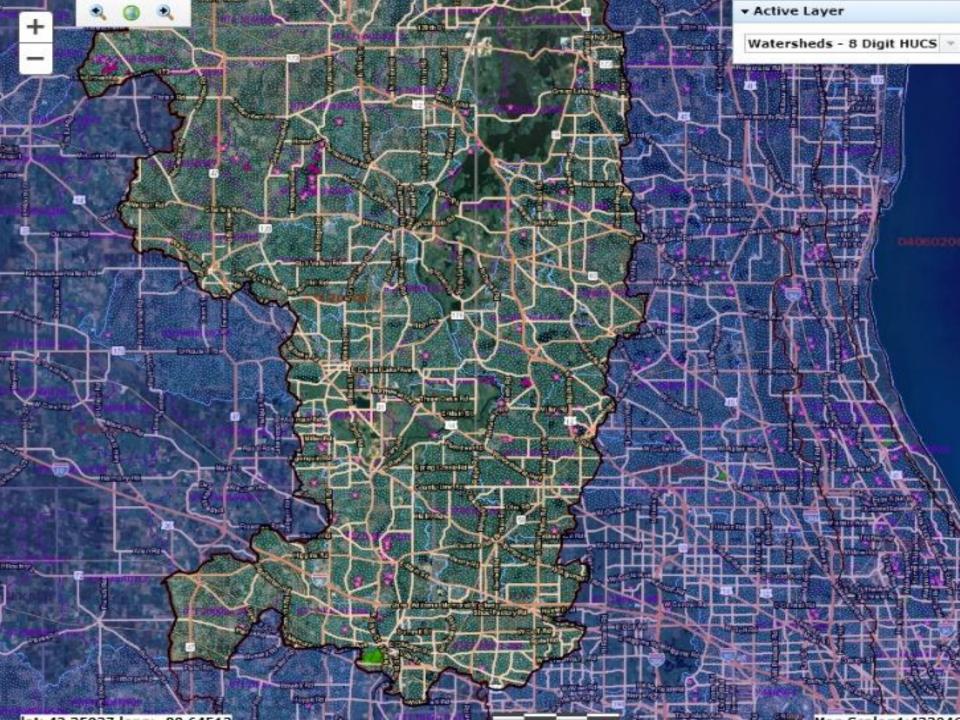












#### What's this about?

- Watershed Planning and TMDL development are typically independent processes.
- Large portions of the Upper Fox River still have not undergone a formal watershed planning process
- The TMDL for the Upper Fox River has gone through numerous delays and revisions.

• The goal of IEPA is to therefore try and combine this effort.





### Why is this important?

# The listing of identified projects would then become 319 grant eligible.





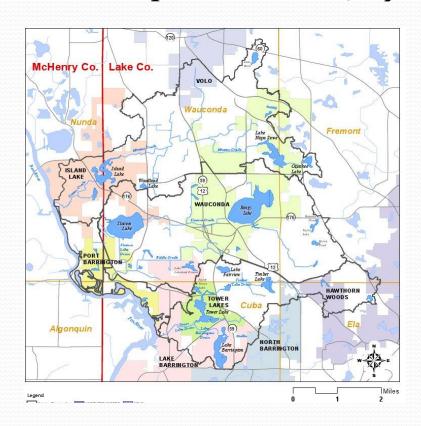




#### 9 Lakes Watershed Plan (Example)

- Exists within the Upper Fox River Watershed
- Watershed Plan Completed in 2014 by CMAP.







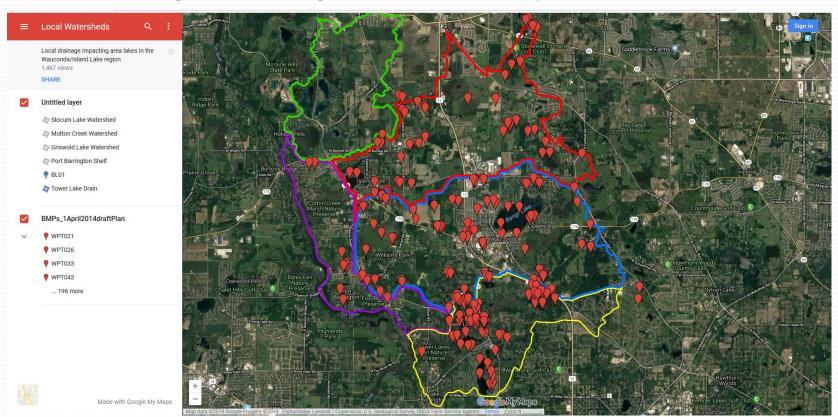








200 projects identified by stakeholders and leadership team during planning process, many lake-centric.









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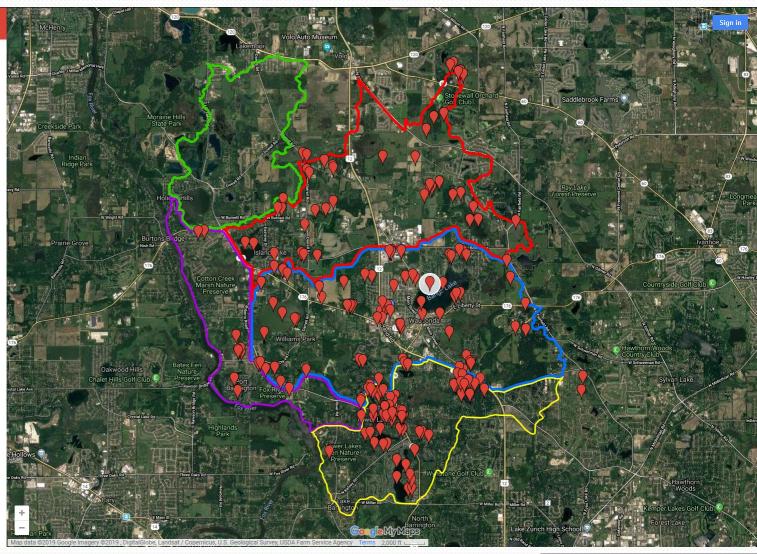
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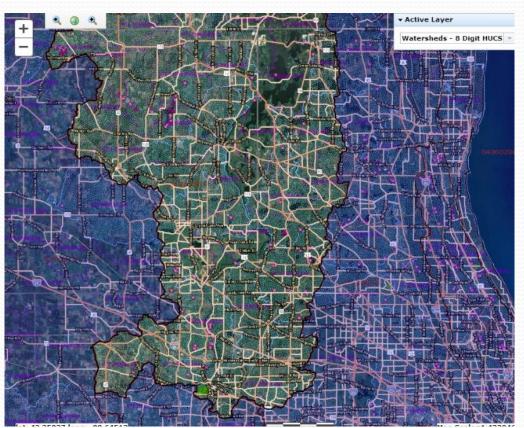








# **Upper Fox River Watershed**



The majority of this area does not have any identified projects.

Additionally even if you are in a watershed with previously listed projects, new ones may be listed in this document.

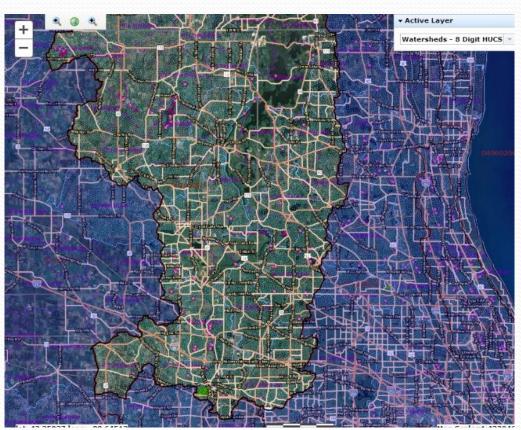








## Do I Live in The Upper Fox River Watershed?



Hopefully at this point you know.

If you do not, you are in the right place! I or any number of conference attendees can help you find out.









#### What makes for a good project?

- Restoration based activities:
  - Stream restoration, stabilization, enhancement & protection
  - Shoreline restoration, stabilization, enhancement & protection
  - Wetland restoration, stabilization, enhancement & protection
  - Stormwater pond retrofits and restoration
  - Landscape based water quality protection measures such as raingardens, bioswales, native vegetation enhancement, bioretention
  - Runoff based protections and initiatives







#### What is not a good project?

- Typically vague and non-focused projects
- *Dredging* is typically not considered eligible for funding under the 319 program.
- Installation of piers, seawalls, docks, concrete bulkheads.

• Land clearing activities unless it leads to a greater restorative initiative.





#### FINAL THOUGHTS

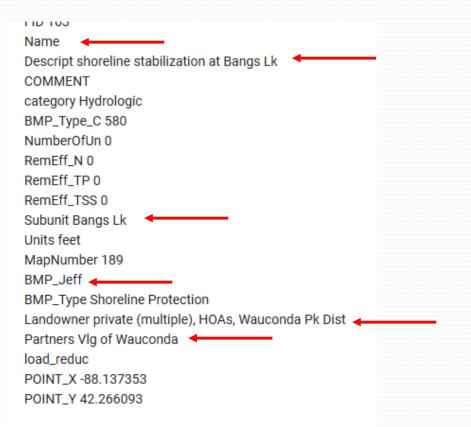
- Providing a project does not ensure you will receive funding
- Providing a project only ensures that it will potentially get listed in the plan/document.
- You still have to apply for funding and funding is always limited.
- Grants are competitive







#### **HOW DO I SUBMIT A PROJECT?**



- Submit a project to one of the contacts listed on next slide or to ILMA and it will get routed.
- Consider the red arrows to the left as starters.
- Brief written description as well.
- We will make mass submittal to IEPA









#### QUESTIONS???

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