

2016 STREAM HEALTH REPORT

AN EVALUATION OF WATER QUALITY, BIOLOGY, AND ACID MINE DRAINAGE RECLAMATION IN FIVE WATERSHEDS: RACCOON CREEK, MONDAY CREEK, SUNDAY CREEK, HUFF RUN, AND LEADING CREEK.



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Specific AMD project entry forms used for report 2016 can be found at (watersheddata.com)

Section IV on the website shows the completed NPS data entry form for each individual AMD project in pdf format. These reports include all information gathered about the site description, contact, monitoring plan, design and reclamation information, average water quality data (pH, net acidity, and discharge) at long-term monitoring stations, complete list of pre and post reclamation water quality and biology data, and if applicable; photos, water quality and biology reports, and site map. These reports are available to download as pdf reports from the NPS monitoring website www.watersheddata.com under the 'Reports Tab'.

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ABSTRACT

The Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs at Ohio University created an evaluation system to track changes in chemical and biological data for the following watersheds: Monday Creek, Sunday Creek, Raccoon Creek, Huff Run and Leading Creek. The annual monitoring and reporting system was developed for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Mineral Resources Management (ODNR-DMRM) in 2005 to track progress towards the targets of the state's 2005 Non-Point Source (NPS) management plan for acid mine drainage (AMD) on an annual basis. ODNR-DMRM is committed to tracking chemical and biological changes in the watersheds where active AMD abatement and treatment reclamation is planned and implemented.

The NPS annual reporting website (www.watersheddata.com) integrates water quality and biology data from watershed groups' with project status details including: maps, graphs, charts, photos, and printable reports to address the progress with respect to AMD treatment and reclamation. Water-quality and biological trends are compared through time at long-term monitoring stations and acid load reductions are measured at AMD reclamation project discharges. Incremental changes in pH, net alkalinity, iron, and aluminum are reported along stream reaches within key restoration areas, identified by river mile and sample site IDs.

Total number of stream miles impaired by acid mine drainage were evaluated during 1994-2001 and are considered the baseline conditions for this study, 341 stream miles were impacted at that time. Each year the number of stream miles surveyed that suggest they are meeting Warmwater Habitat WWH based on acid mine drainage targets are recorded, based on their fish and macroinvertebrate index scores. As of 2016, 46.5 additional stream miles of the 142 miles assessed for biology suggest they Warmwater Habitat Status based on acid mine drainage targets. In Headwaters of Raccoon Creek from East Branch and West confluence to Lake Hope dam, 20 stream miles were improved to meeting targets from both macroinvertebrates and fish. Along

Raccoon Creek mainstem from Elk Fork tributary to Flat Run tributary, 20.3 miles improved to meet targets. In the Sunday Creek Watershed along the West Branch of Sunday Creek a 6.2 mile section of stream now meets targets suggestive of meeting Warmwater Habitat based on acid mine drainage targets. In addition to tracking the number of stream miles meeting their fish and macroinvertebrate target levels, incremental water-quality changes are also tracked, pH values show 193 miles of the 211 miles monitored met the pH 6.5 water quality standard in 2016. Since baseline conditions established approximately in 2000, a total of 93.2 miles are now suggestive of meeting Warmwater habitat based on acid mine drainage targets, 82 in Raccoon Creek Watershed and approximately 11 miles in Sunday Creek's West Branch.

Net alkalinity, iron, aluminum, pH, and macroinvertebrates were evaluated annually from 2006-2016. Incremental changes from year to year can be tracked using these indicators. Net alkalinity and pH values have improved from 2006 to 2016. The family-level biological indicator, Macroinvertebrate Aggregated Index for Streams (MAIS), were measured annually from 2006 to 2016, there have been slight fluctuations seen within each watershed, detailed in the biology section for each watershed. Macroinvertebrate data across all watersheds in 2016 indicated good results, most notable are the steady continued improvements seen in the West Branch of Sunday Creek, and mainstem of Monday Creek. For the first time the mouth of Thomas Fork (Site TF0015) has shown statistical improvement (P-value 0.026).

INTRODUCTION

The Nonpoint Source (NPS) Monitoring Project was created by the Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs at Ohio University in 2005 and funded by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Mineral Resources Management (ODNR-MRM). This project was developed to address the targets set forth for Abandoned Mine Drainage in the State of Ohio's Non-Point Source (NPS) Management Plan 2005-2010. www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/nps/NPSMP/ET/amdjumpage.html

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Abandoned Mine Drainage is one of the six NPS pollutants listed as a key issue to address in Ohio to improve water quality. This plan is no longer active, however the ODNR-DMRM, watershed partners, and university researchers continue to monitor the effects of acid mine drainage and reclamation in the region. This report reflects the works of this partnership at the federal, state, and local level working together to improve water quality in the Appalachian coal region of Ohio.

As a result of the NPS Monitoring Project, an on-line reporting system, www.watersheddata.com, has been created to track environmental changes in five watersheds: Raccoon Creek, Monday Creek, Sunday Creek, Huff Run and Leading Creek. These five watersheds represent where active AMD reclamation projects are being constructed. Chemical water quality and biological data trends have been evaluated at the project level, watershed level, and collectively to monitor the changes in water quality as a result of AMD reclamation. The website provides a repository of information related to acid mine drainage reclamation and water quality including reports of: AMD reclamation projects and watersheds water quality trends. All water quality data can be viewed, entered, edited, mapped and downloaded for each watershed.

REPORTS

All AMD project descriptions are compiled in a separate document containing pertinent static information describing the AMD project, titled "Collection of Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) Reclamation Projects in the Coal-Bearing Region of Ohio". This will eliminate redundancy in printing static project specific information each year. This report is available online at watersheddata.com as well as with all partner organizations.

The "AMD project collection" report includes: a chronological collection of all projects completed since late 1990s. The 'AMD project collection' report displays general information about the AMD issues prior to reclamation and the AMD project description. Specifically the 'AMD project collection' report includes: pre and post

construction photos, description of AMD problem, design and construction information, costs, contractors, dates of construction, identification of project discharge, map of site (optional), and pre-water quality data at project discharge. 'AMD project collection' report is a compilation of all projects completed since the late 1990s in chronological order including all past archived reports. This report is a stand-alone document. Each year, the newly completed project reports are simply added to the collection.

The "Annual Stream Health" report contains the dynamic yearly chemical and biological data that changes each year. This report includes the chemical and biological water quality data analysis for all target stream reaches within the five key watersheds. Stream reaches are identified as: Raccoon Creek Mainstem, Hewett Fork, Little Raccoon Creek, Monday Creek Mainstem, Sunday Creek Mainstem, West Branch of Sunday Creek, Huff Run, and Thomas Fork (Leading Creek). Data from these stream reaches are analyzed each year for changes and trends in pH, net alkalinity, iron, aluminum, and macroinvertebrates. Yearly trends of acid loading and metal loading reduction from each AMD project discharges are also displayed in this report. Long-term monitoring data, family-level macroinvertebrate data, and pre/post project discharge data collected by watershed groups and DMRM staff are utilized to generate the graphs of water quality trends along the stream reaches.

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To track the overall health of Raccoon Creek, Monday Creek, Sunday Creek, Leading Creek and Huff Run, the watersheds where acid mine drainage remediation is active, chemical data were collected annually since 2005 (2009 in Leading Creek). Biological data are collected annually for family-level macroinvertebrates (MAIS) and every 3-5 years for fish (IBI, Index of Biotic Integrity). Baseline conditions were established during the time period of 1997-2001 with historic data.

2010 fish and macroinvertebrate data suggest a total of 47 miles of stream meet the use attainment criteria for WWH. These data were collected to compare these indices to the biological health targets of 12 for MAIS and IBI scores of 44/40 for wadable/boatable streams. Stream miles that improved in biological health from baseline to 2010 are shown in Figure 1 and 2. 18.4 miles were improved in the Raccoon Creek watershed and 5.3 miles improved in West Branch of Sunday Creek from 2005 to 2010.

Biological fish data collected from 2010 to 2016 suggest the following areas in green (Figure 1 and 2) meet warm water habitat (40.3 miles in Raccoon Creek and 6.2 miles in Sunday Creek).

Other significant incremental water changes are also tracked and described in this report; for example, acid and metal loading reductions, pH and net alkalinity improvements. These incremental changes track progress toward the overarching goal of meeting targets. Incremental changes are tracked in the acid mine drainage project level reports and in the watershed level reports.



Raccoon Creek



Sunday Creek



Huff Run



Monday Creek

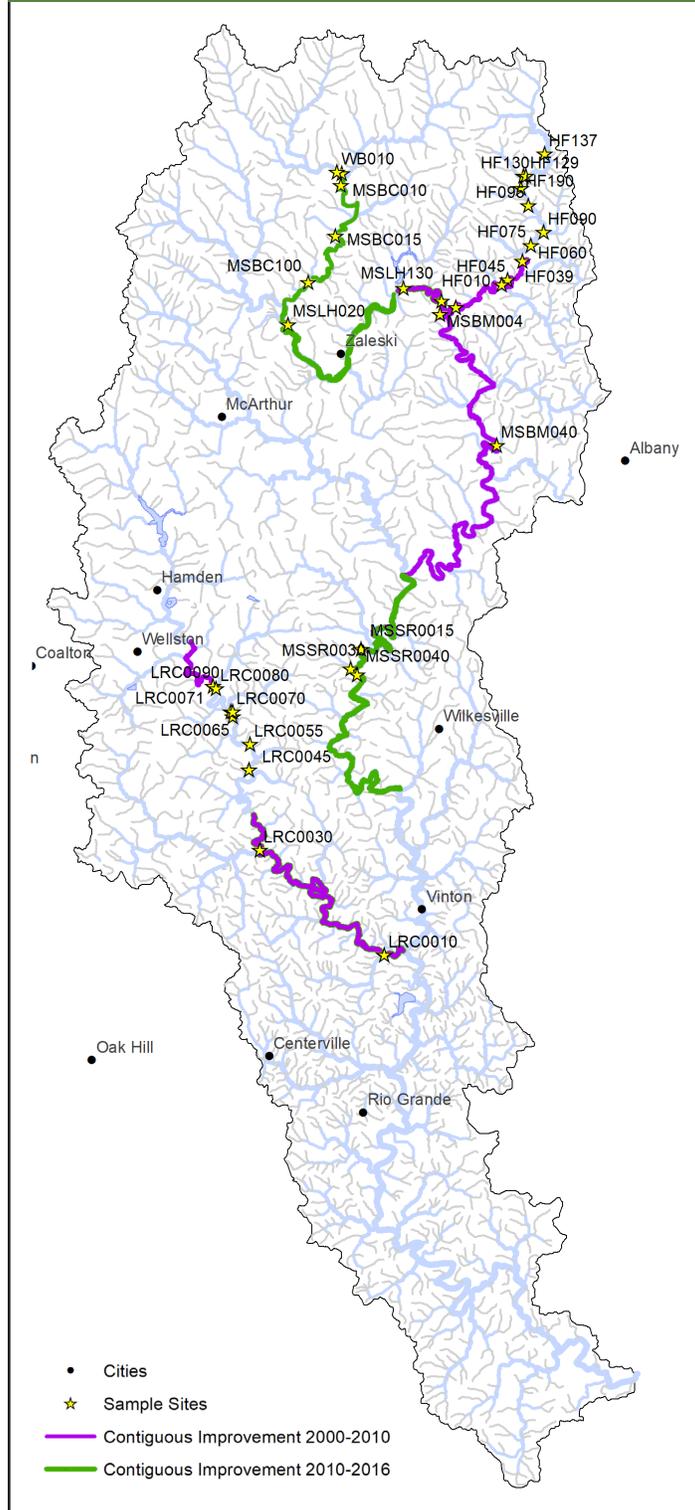


Leading Creek

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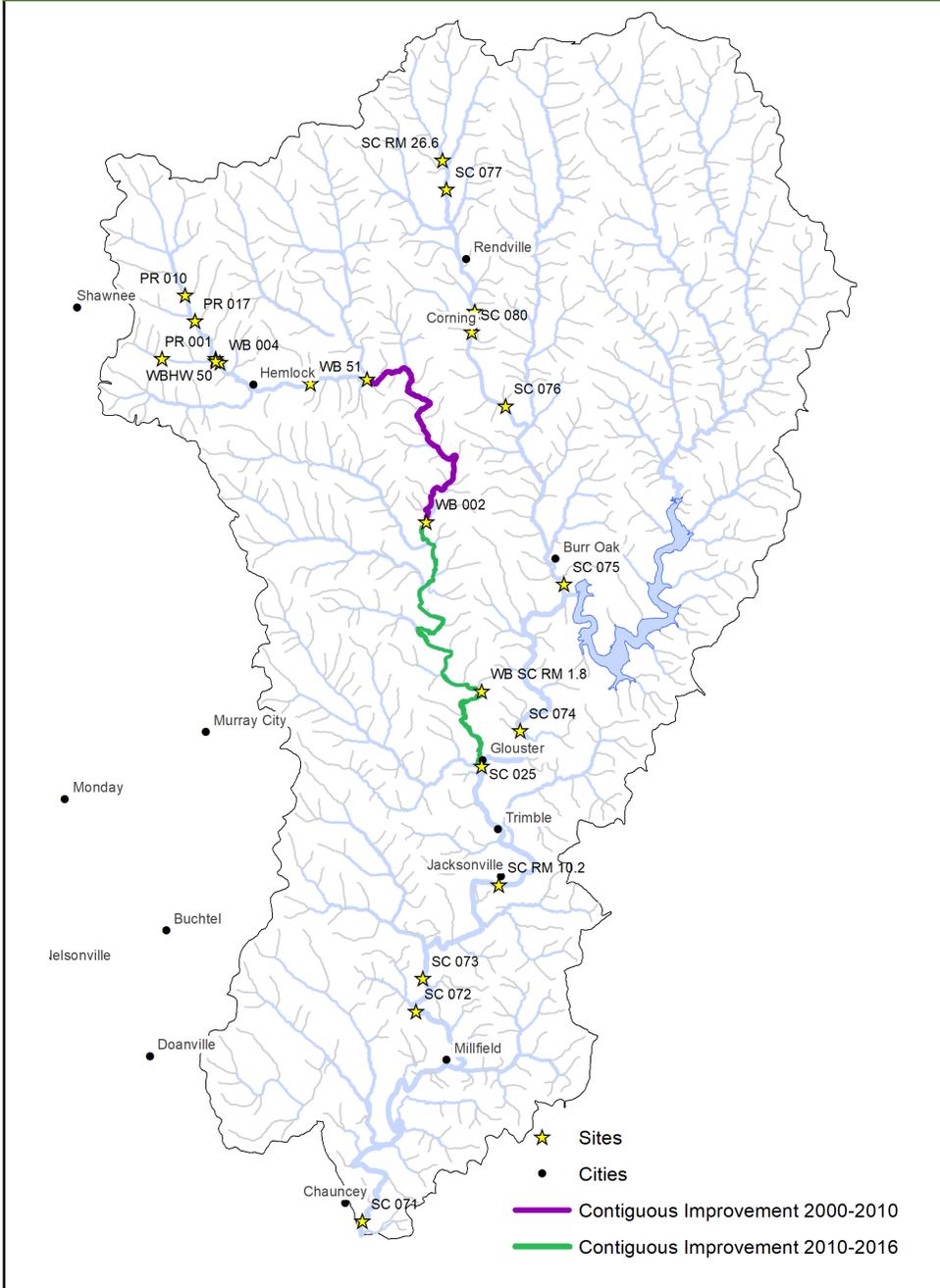
Figure 1: Biological health improvements in Raccoon Creek from baseline (1997) to 2016.



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Figure 2: Biological health improvement in Sunday Creek West Branch from 2005 to 2016.



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Table 1. Summary of results for each of the five watersheds evaluated in 2005 to 2016: Raccoon Creek, Monday Creek, Sunday Creek, Huff Run, and Leading Creek.

| Watershed | Total number of completed projects | Total costs | Total acid load reduction lbs/day | Total stream miles improved in 2005/2010/2016 to meet IBI & MAIS Biological stream health targets | Stream miles that met the pH target | Total stream miles monitored |
|---------------|---|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Raccoon Creek | 20 | \$14,521,361 | 4,267 | 23.3/18.4/40.3 (82.0) | 110 | 117 |
| Monday Creek | 18 (plus 5 subsidence projects, costs are not included) | \$7,197,808 | 4,360 | 0/0 | 23 | 32 |
| Sunday Creek | 12 (7 of 10 are subsidence projects) | \$2,618,273 | 22 | 0/5.3/6.2 (11.5) | 43 | 43 |
| Huff Run | 14 | \$5,308,353 | 1,129 | 0/0 | 8 | 10 |
| Leading Creek | 2 | \$728,481 | 663 | NA/0 | 9 | 9 |
| Total | 66 | \$30,374,277 | 10,441 | 23.3/23.7/46.5 (93.5) | 193 | 211 |

Reductions

Total to date acid load reductions = 10,441 lbs/day

Costs

Total to date reclamation costs = \$30,374,277

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Reductions

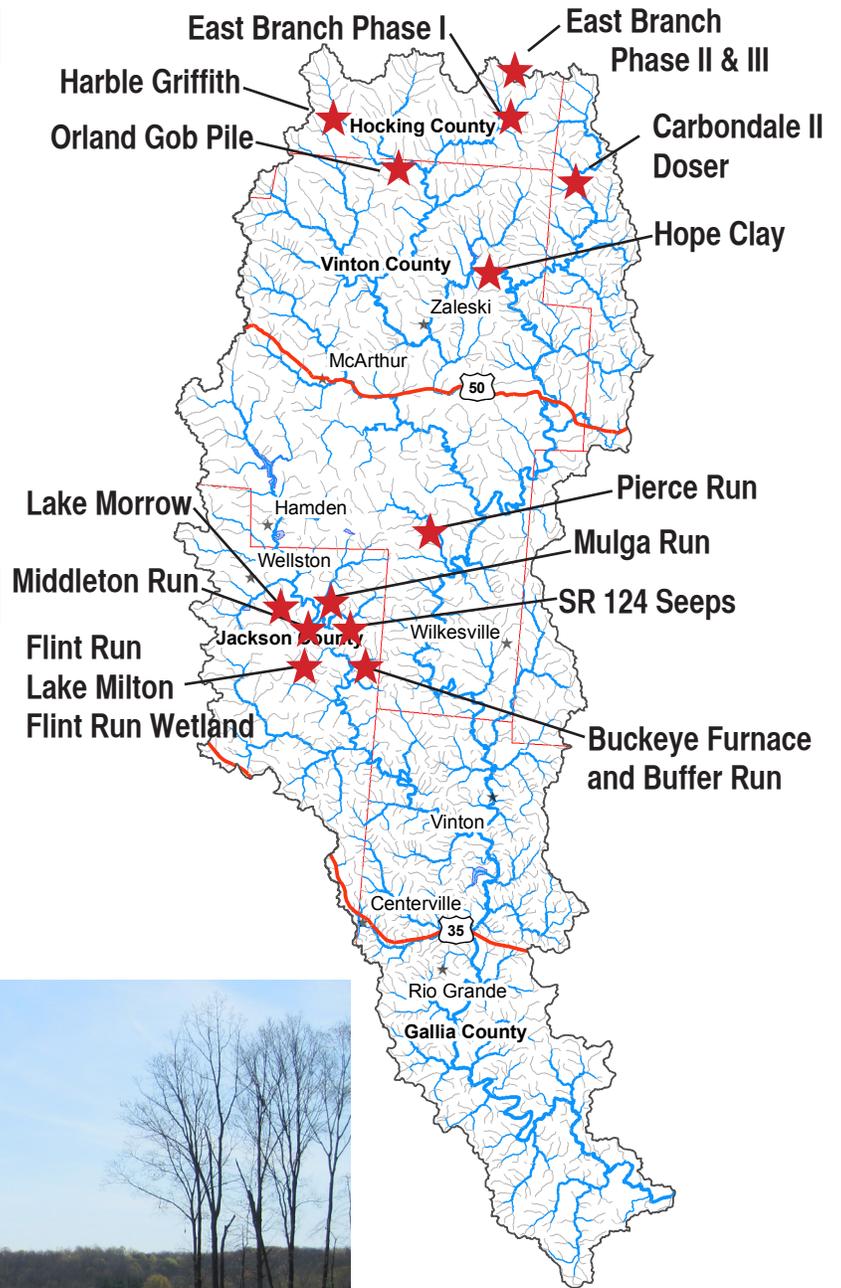
Total acid load reduction = 4,267 lbs/day
Total metal load reduction = 968 lbs/day

Data derived using the Stoertz Water Quality Evaluation Method (Kruse et al., 2014)

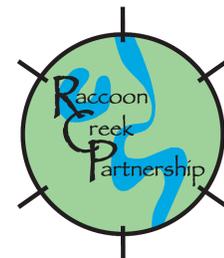
Acid and metal load reductions based on projects monitored during 2016 listed here: Carbondale Doser, Mulga Run, Flint Run, Lake Milton, East Branch I, II, & III, Pierce Run, Orland Gob Pile, Harble Griffith, Lake Morrow, and Middleton Run II.

Cost

Design = \$1,905,243
Construction = \$12,616,118
Total Costs through 2016 = \$14,521,361



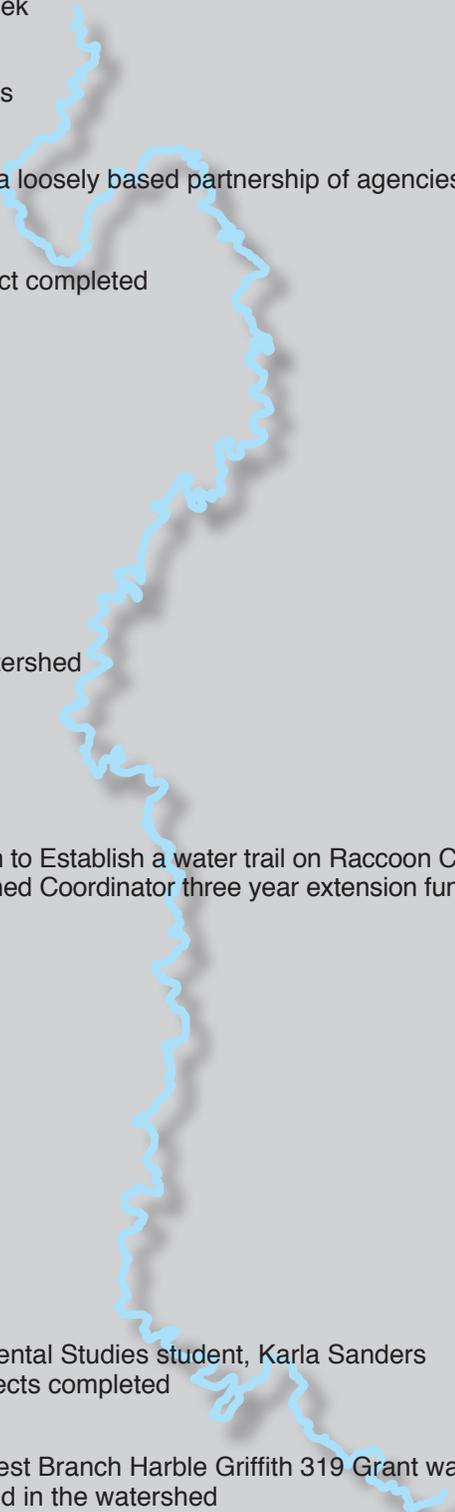
Lake Milton treatment ponds in Little Raccoon Creek, Photo by Sarah Cornwell



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Timeline of the Raccoon Creek Watershed Project Milestones and AMD Projects



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| 1980s | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Formation of Raccoon Creek Improvement Committee (RCIC): Grassroots citizen group to address water quality issues in Raccoon Creek |
| Early 1990s | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RCIC invites citizens from all six counties to join efforts |
| Late 1990s | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Formation of Raccoon Creek Watershed Partnership, a loosely based partnership of agencies to address technical AMD issues |
| 1999 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Route 124 Strip Pit and Buckeye Furnace Project completed |
| 2000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Little Raccoon Creek AMDAT completed• Watershed Coordinator position funded for six years |
| 2001 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Headwaters AMDAT completed• State Route 124 seeps project completed |
| 2002 | |
| 2003 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mulga Run project completed• Middle Basin AMDAT completed• Completed management plan for Raccoon Creek Watershed |
| 2004 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carbondale II project completed |
| 2005 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Middleton Run-Salem Road project completed |
| 2006 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Raccoon Creek Water Trail Association formed Mission to Establish a water trail on Raccoon Creek• Flint Run and Lake Milton Projects completed, Watershed Coordinator three year extension funded |
| 2007 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Raccoon Creek Partnership formed 501 (c) 3• Waterloo Aquatic Education Center opened |
| 2008 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• East Branch Phase I AMD Project |
| 2009 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pierce Run AMD Project began• East Branch Phase II Project began |
| 2010 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• East Branch Phase II completed |
| 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• East Branch Phase III completed |
| 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water Trail map created by Ohio University Environmental Studies student, Karla Sanders• Orland Gob Pile and Harble Griffith Reclamation Projects completed• Pierce Run AMD treatment project completed |
| 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Raccoon Creek Water Trail maps were distributed, West Branch Harble Griffith 319 Grant was completed, and 2 new families of mayflies documented in the watershed |
| 2014 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Middleton Run II – Reclamation and Lake Morrow Projects complete |
| 2015 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flint Run Wetland Enhancement Project complete; 4-acre metal retention wetland |
| 2016 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• OH EPA conducted watershed-wide TMDL monitoring |

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Raccoon Creek Projects

Acid mine drainage reclamation projects completed in the Raccoon Creek Watershed:

- 1999** Buckeye Furnace/Buffer Run (BR0010) – Passive SAPS and gob pile reclamation
- 2001** State Route 124 Seeps (OTF0010) – Surface reclamation and limestone drains
- 2004** Carbondale II Doser (HF131) – Active calcium oxide doser
Mulga Run (MR0010) – 2 Steel slag beds and wetland enhancement
- 2005** *Hope Clay (HC001) – surface reclamation and limestone channels*
Salem Road/Middleton Run (MiR0021, MiR0032, MiR0090) - limestone channels, steel slag leach beds, J-trenches, surface reclamation, and limestone leach bed
- 2006** Flint Run East (FR0126) – dewatering strip pits with multiple passive treatments
Lake Milton (FR0120) – SAPS and steel slag bed
- 2007** East Branch Phase I (EB210 and EB 160) – 8 steel slags beds, limestone channels, gob pile reclamation, and passive settling ponds
- 2010-2011** East Branch Phase II & III (EB190) – 4 steel slag beds
- 2012** East Branch Phase I Maintenance – Valves replace, under drains extended, and new steel slag installed
Jackson Area AMD Maintenance (Flint Run and Lake Milton) – Under drains extended, new steel slag installed, valves replaced, weir installed, and SAPS intake pipe relocated
- 2013** Orland Gob Pile (WB050) – Gob pile reclamation with limestone channels
Harble Griffith (WB094, WB084, WB086) – Surface reclamation, limestone channels, and passive wetland
Pierce Run (PR0010) – Steel slag bed
- 2014** Lake Morrow (FR0110) – reclaiming strip pit lakes and spoil
Middleton Run Reclamation II (MiR0110, MiR0045, MiR0119) – surface reclamation
- 2015** Flint Run Wetland (FR095) – Wetland Enhancement with limestone berms across the Flint Run Valley

Italicized indicated projects are not actively monitored for acid mine drainage and metal load reduction purposes

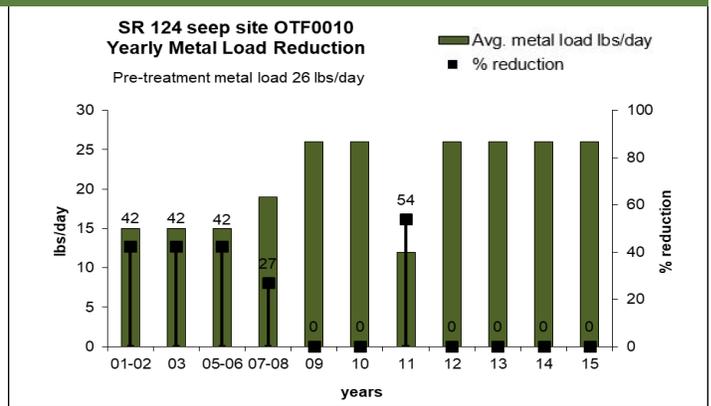
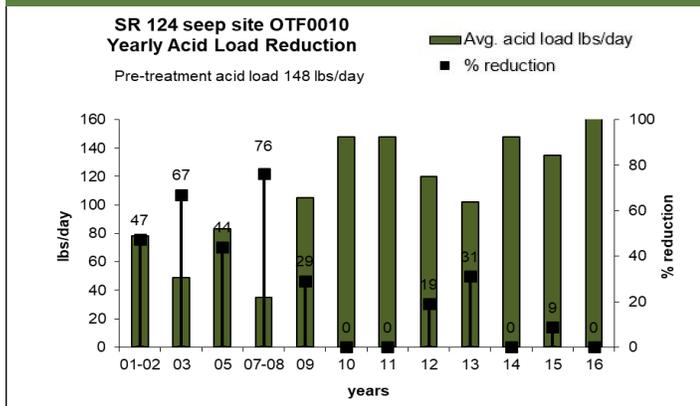
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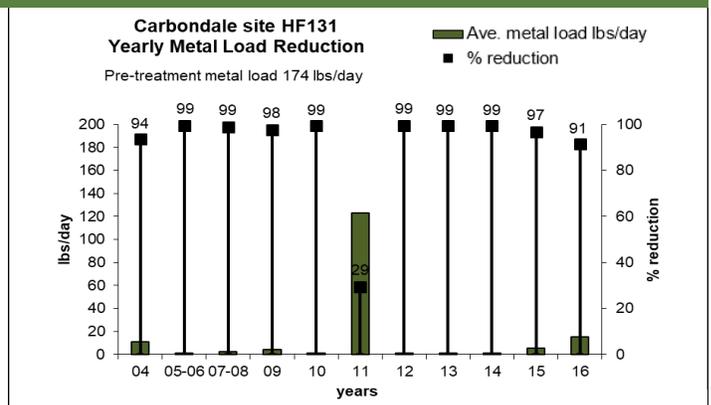
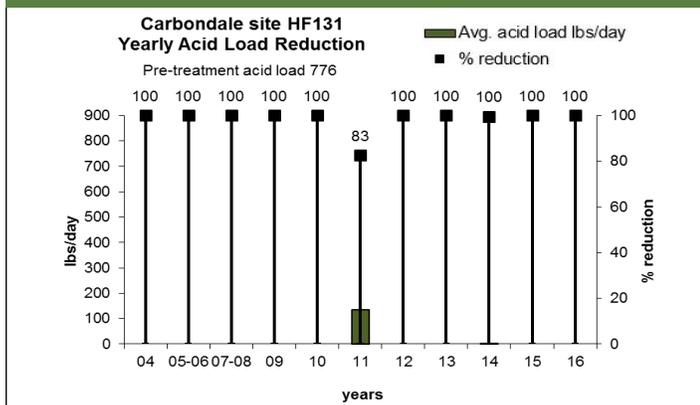
Yearly acid and metal load reduction trends per project

Similar to other environmental best management practices (BMPs), performance of passive acid mine drainage reclamation projects are also expected to decline with time. Active treatment systems are not expected to decline with time but sometimes need to be maintained to perform adequately. Operation and maintenance plans are designed for each existing system and are planned for future projects. The graphs below show the mean annual acid and metal load reduction using the Stoertz Water Quality Evaluation Method (Kruse et al., 2014) for each year (or group of years) during post-reclamation from the project effluent. From these graphs the rate of decline (and/or improvement) with time of the treatment system is implied. Knowing the rate of decline will aid in the implementation of operation and maintenance plans.

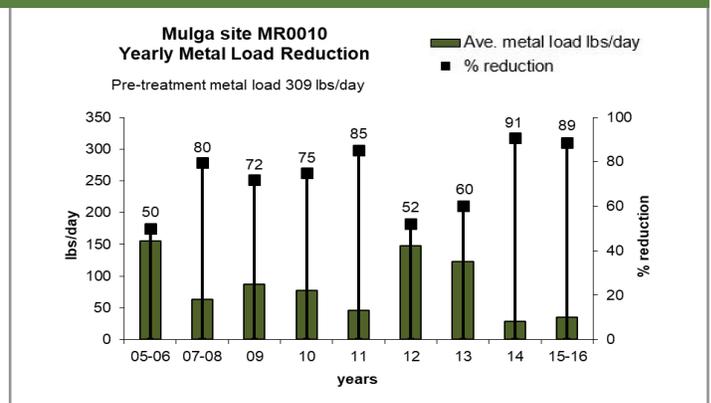
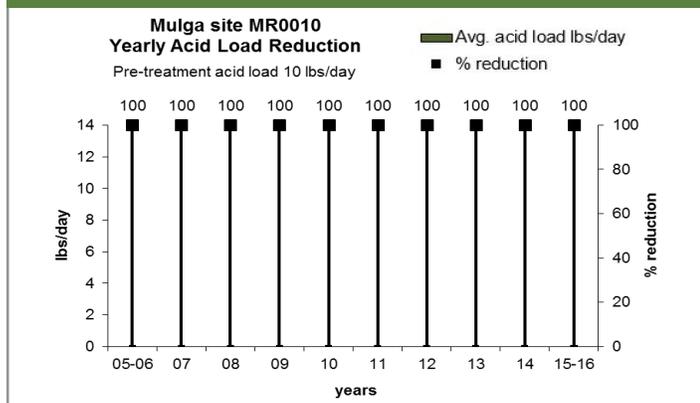
State Route 124 seep site OTF0010



Carbondale site HF131



Mulga site MR0010

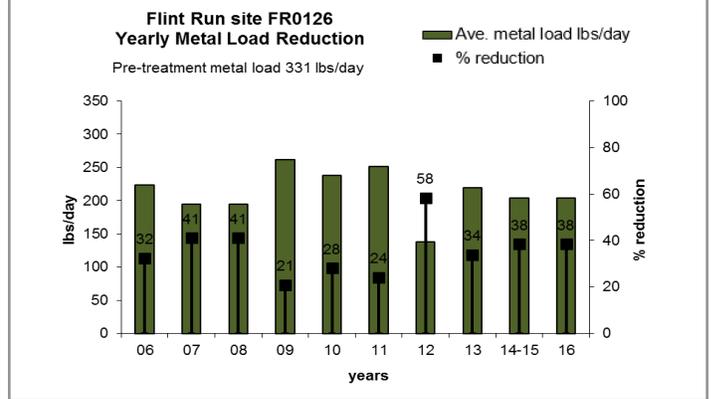
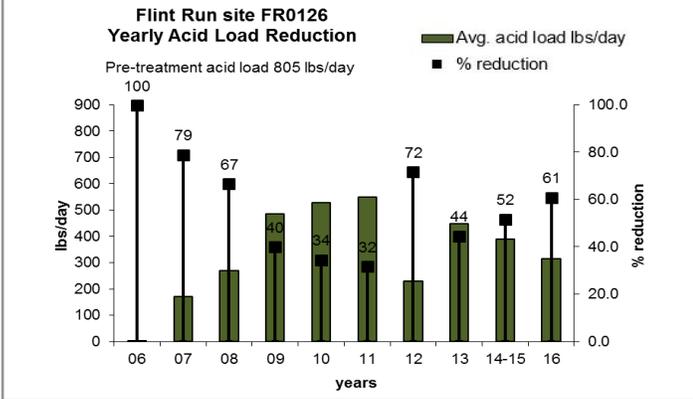


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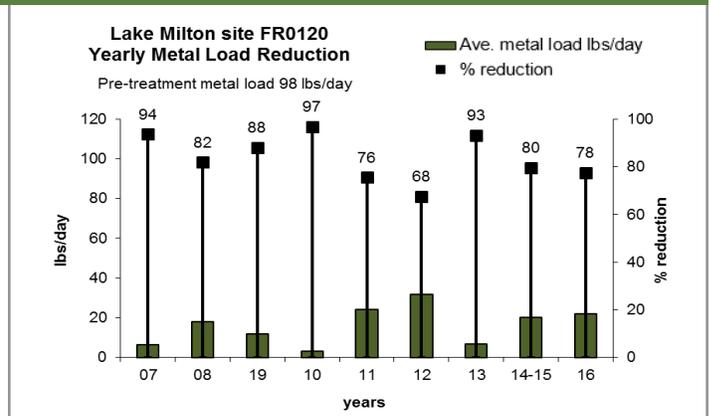
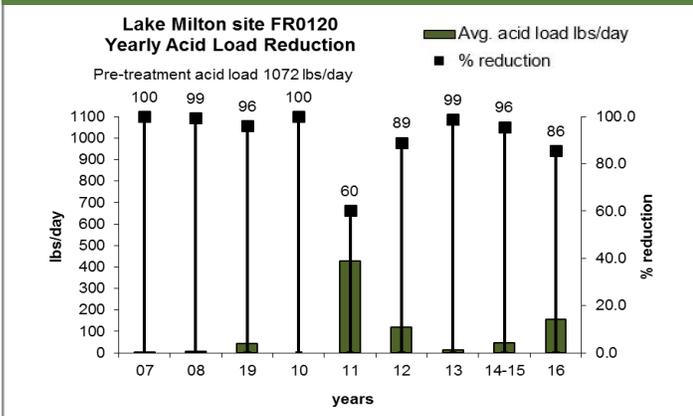
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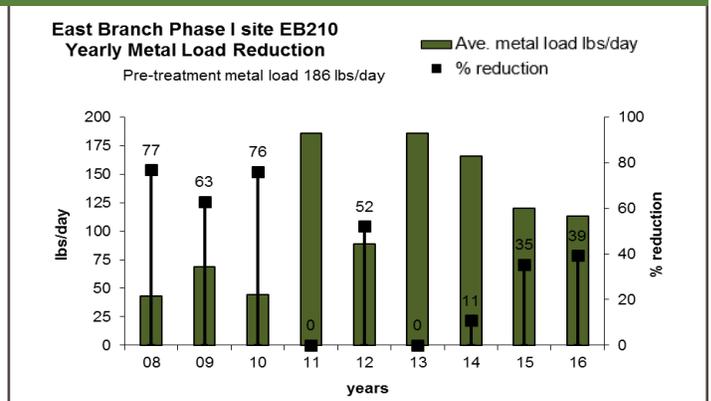
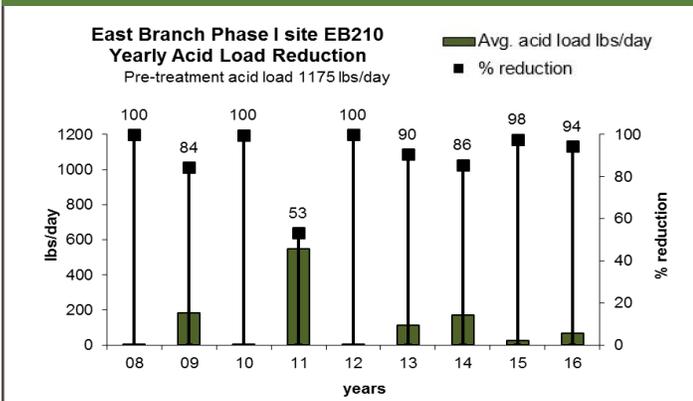
Flint Run site FR0126



Lake Milton site FR0120



East Branch Phase I site EB210



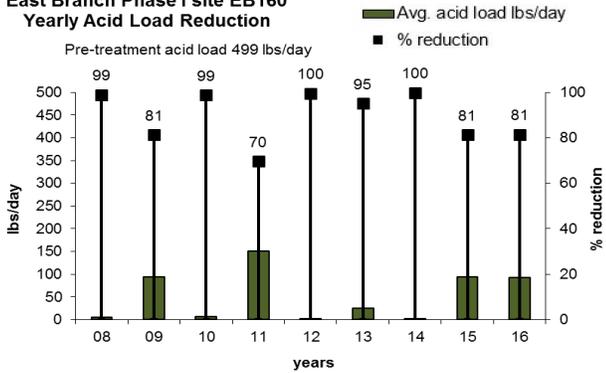
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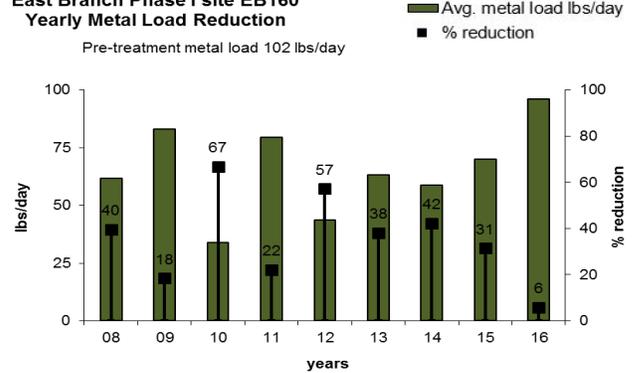
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East Branch Phase I site EB160

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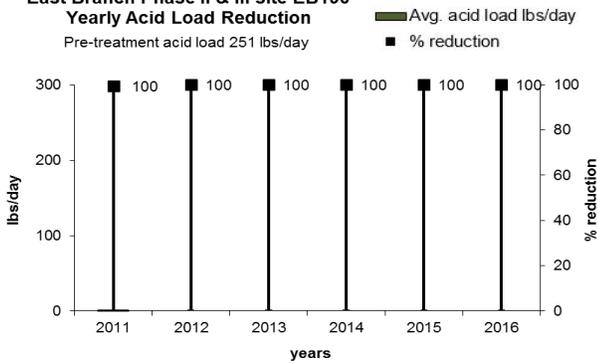


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Yearly Metal Load Reduction**



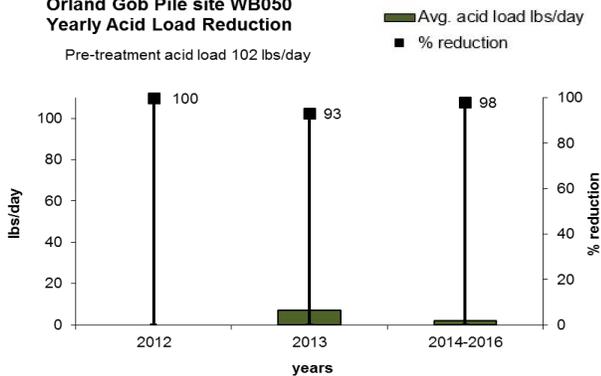
East Branch Phase II & III site EB190

**East Branch Phase II & III site EB190
Yearly Acid Load Reduction**

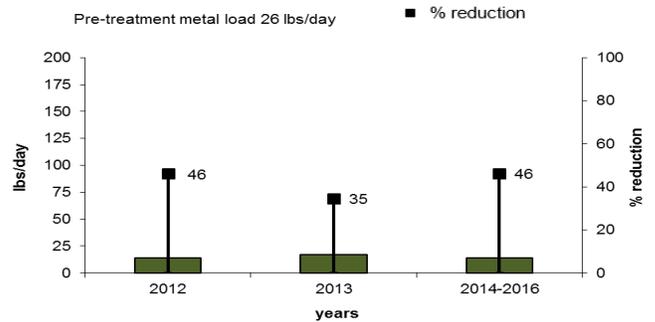


Orland Gob Pile site WB050

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Yearly Acid Load Reduction**



**Orland Gob Pile WB050
Yearly Metal Load Reduction**

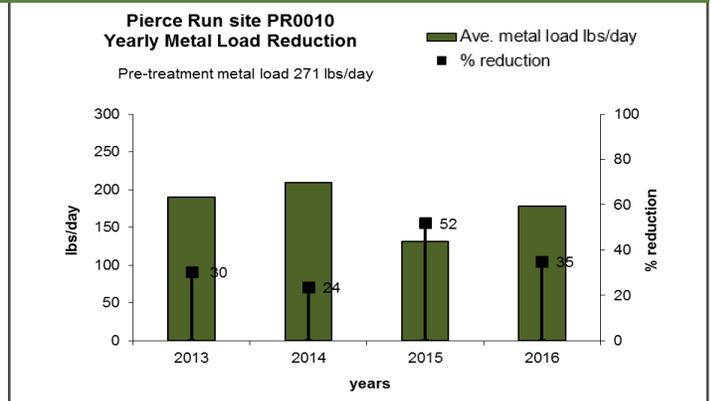
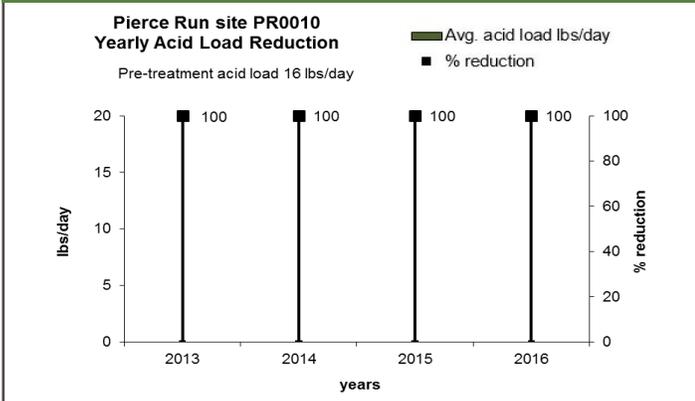


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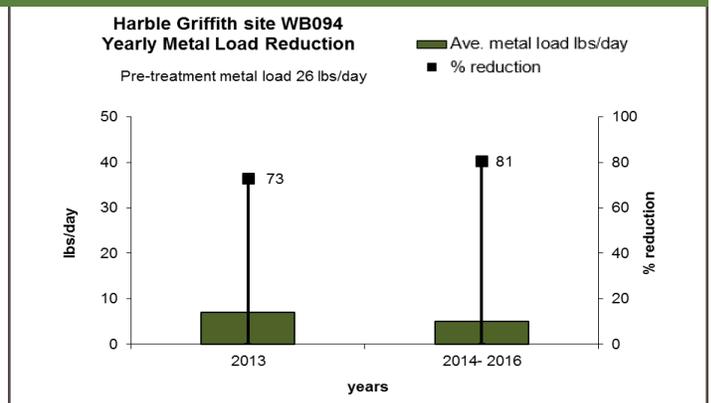
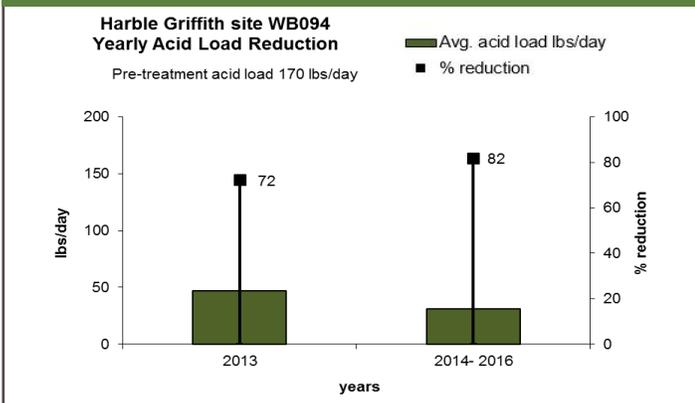
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Pierce Run site PR0010*

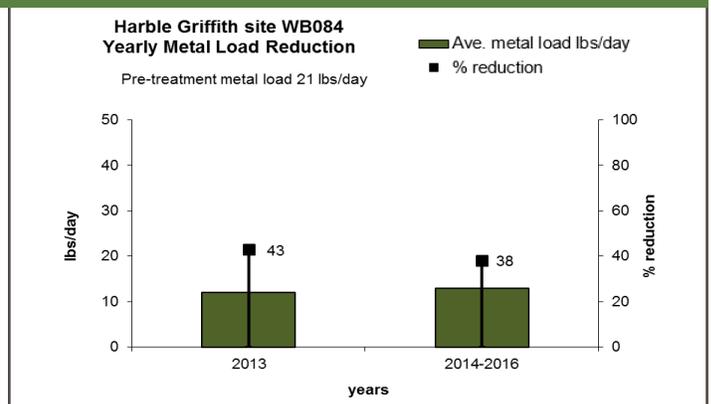
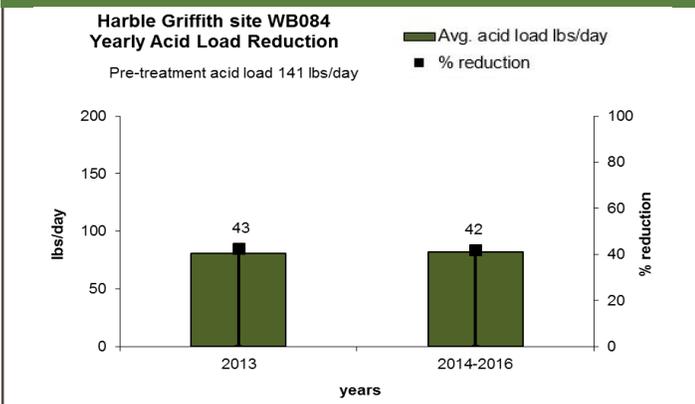


* Waterloo draining alkaline water into Pierce Run, Pierce Run slag bed is clogged

Harble Griffith site WB094



Harble Griffith site WB084

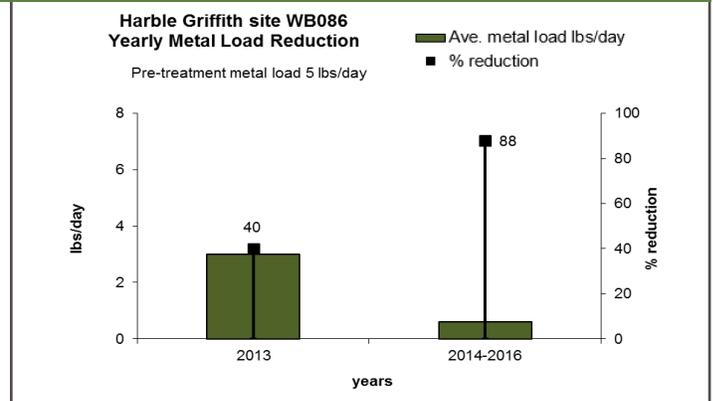
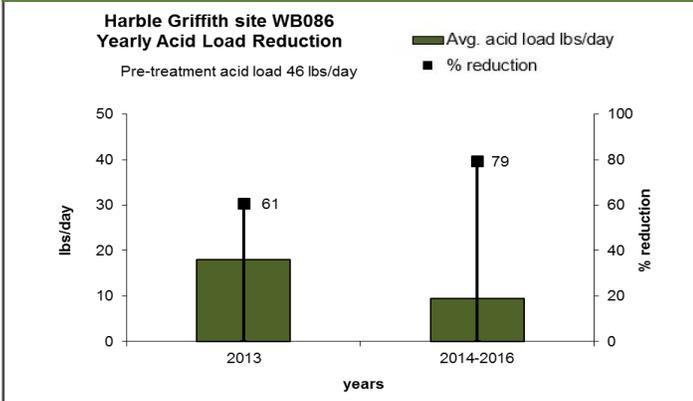


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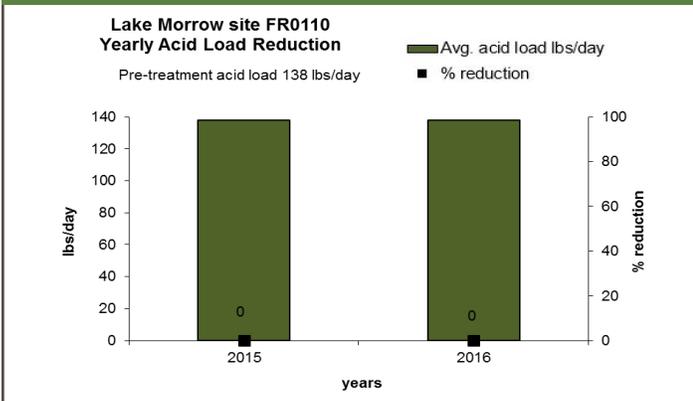
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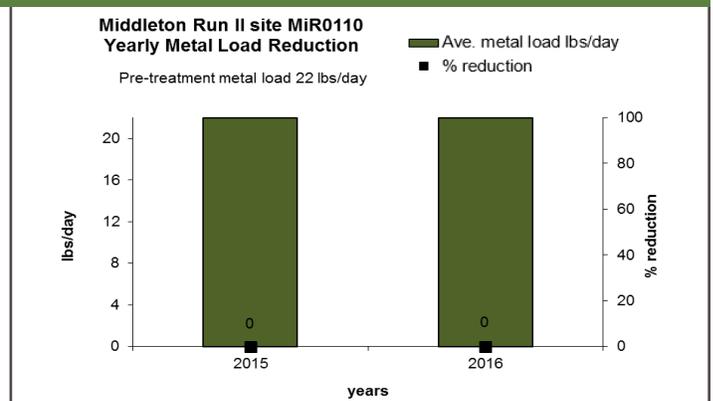
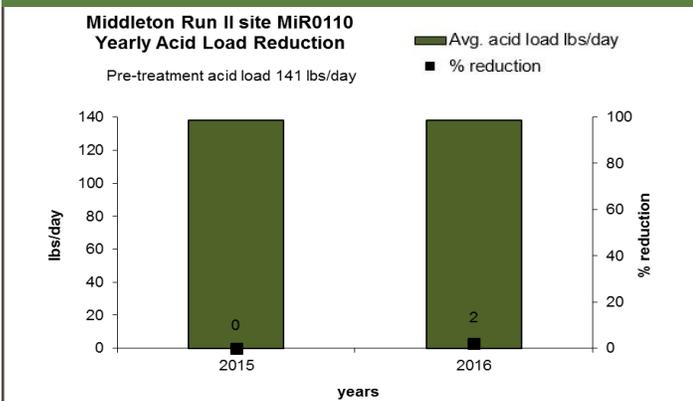
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Middleton Run II site MiR0110

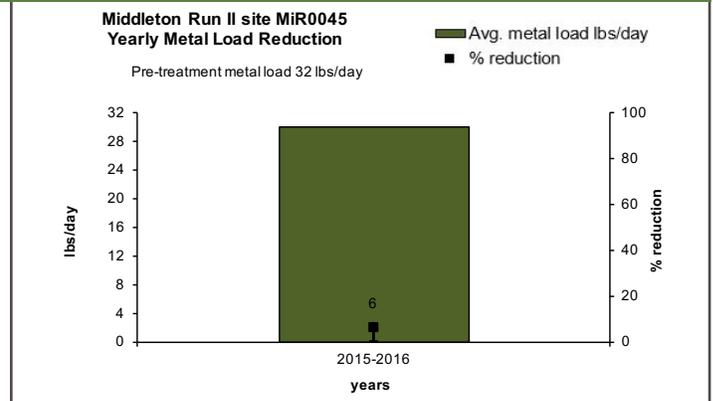
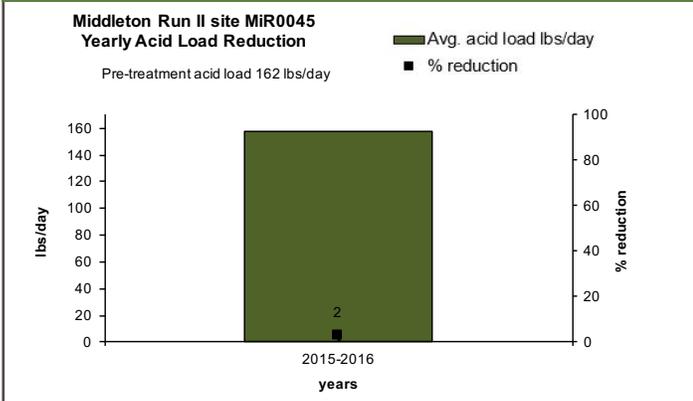


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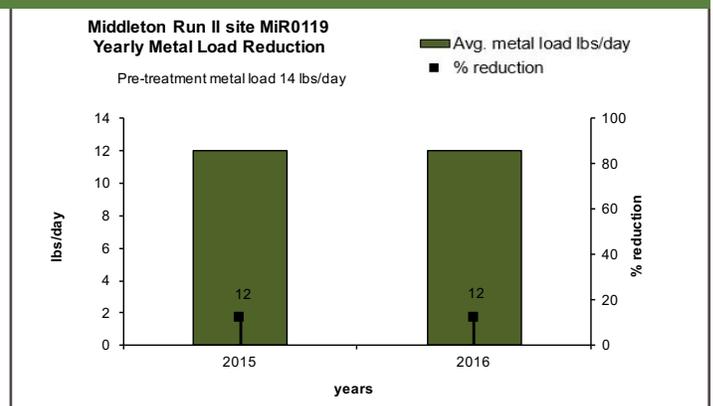
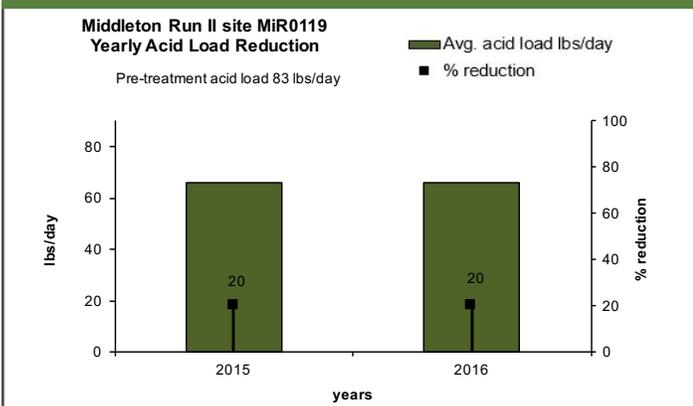
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Middleton Run II site MiR0119

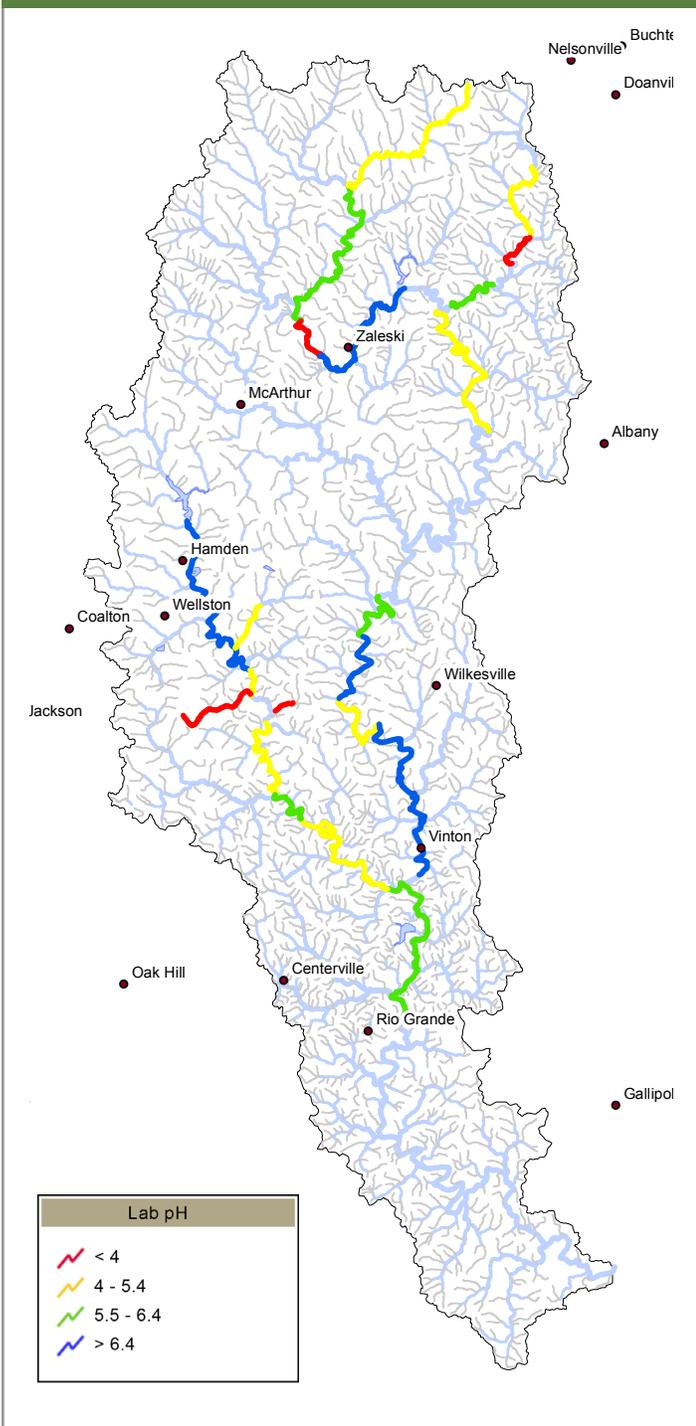


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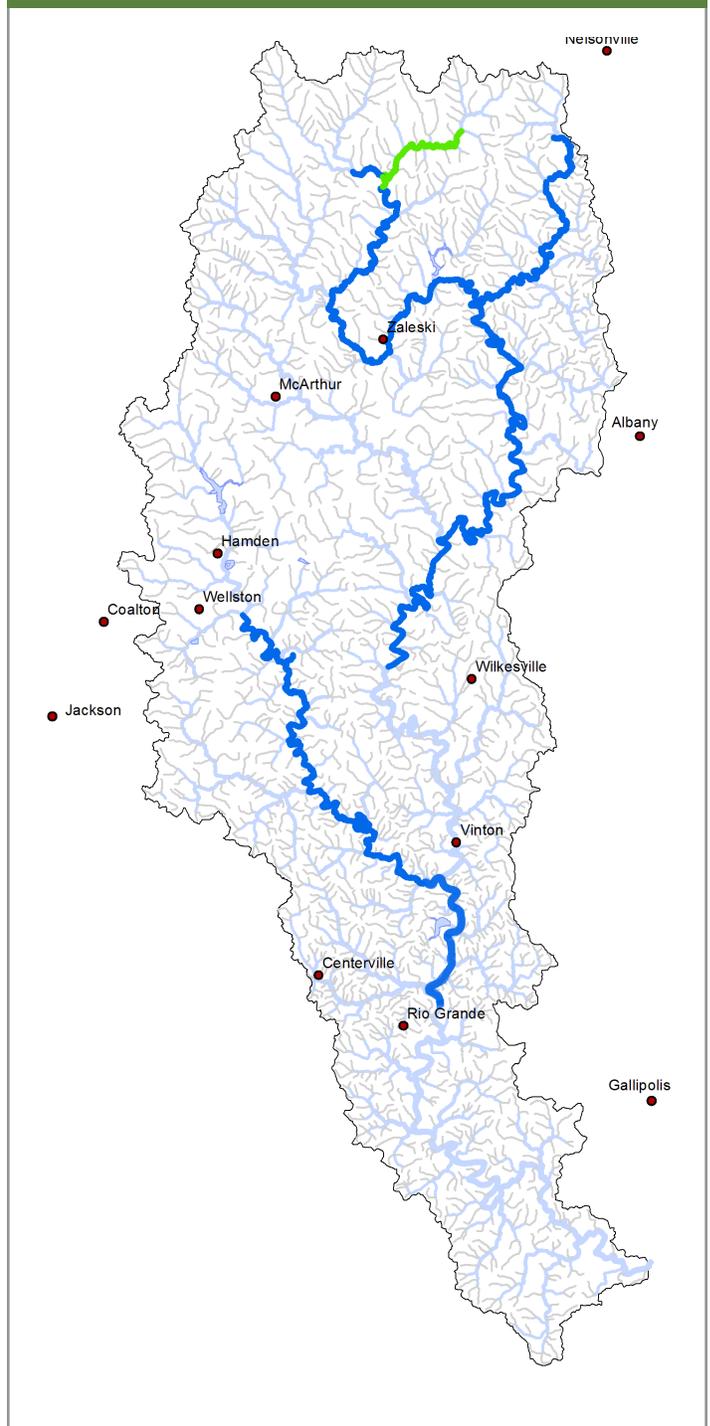
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Chemical Water Quality

Raccoon Creek baseline pH



Raccoon Creek 2016 pH



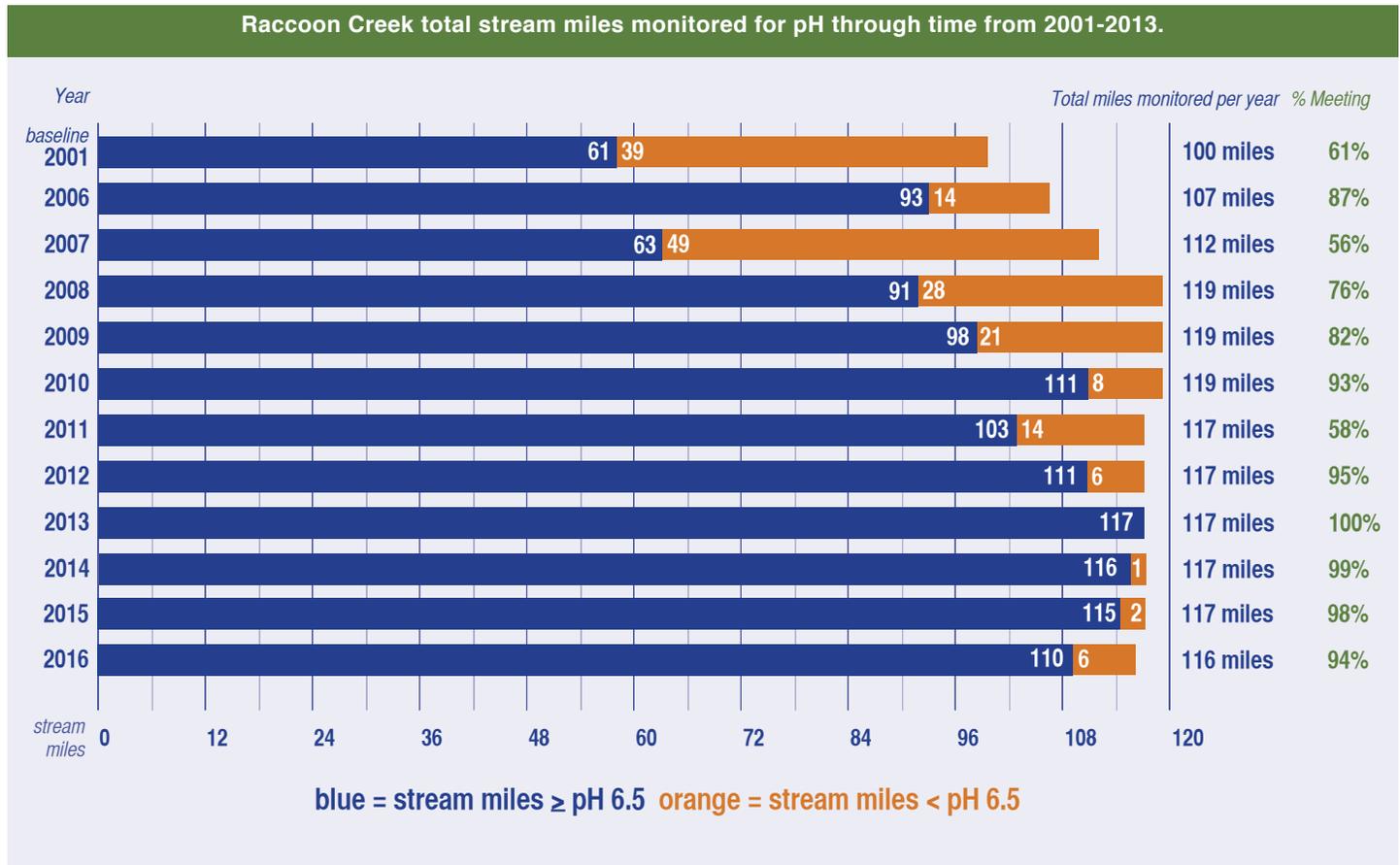
In Raccoon Creek pH values have improved throughout the watershed from baseline conditions (1994-2001) to 2016. Raccoon Creek mainstem, Hewett Fork and Little Raccoon Creek average pH values have increased from a range of 4.0- 5.4 during baseline to all meeting the pH target of 6.5 in 2016, except for a 6.0 stream mile section at the mouth of East Branch. Of the miles of stream monitored in 2016, 14.8 river miles in Hewett Fork, 1.6 miles in West Branch, all 27 river miles in Little Raccoon Creek (LRC), and 68 miles along the mainstem of Raccoon Creek met the pH standard (pH >6.5).

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Chemical Water Quality

There are approximately 117 stream miles monitored each year along the mainstem of Raccoon Creek (downstream to Rio Grande), Little Raccoon Crteek, Hewett Fork, and East and West Branch. Each year the number of miles that meet this target fluctuates. Currently in 2016, all but 6.0 of 117 miles of stream miles monitored met the pH target (pH > 6.5).

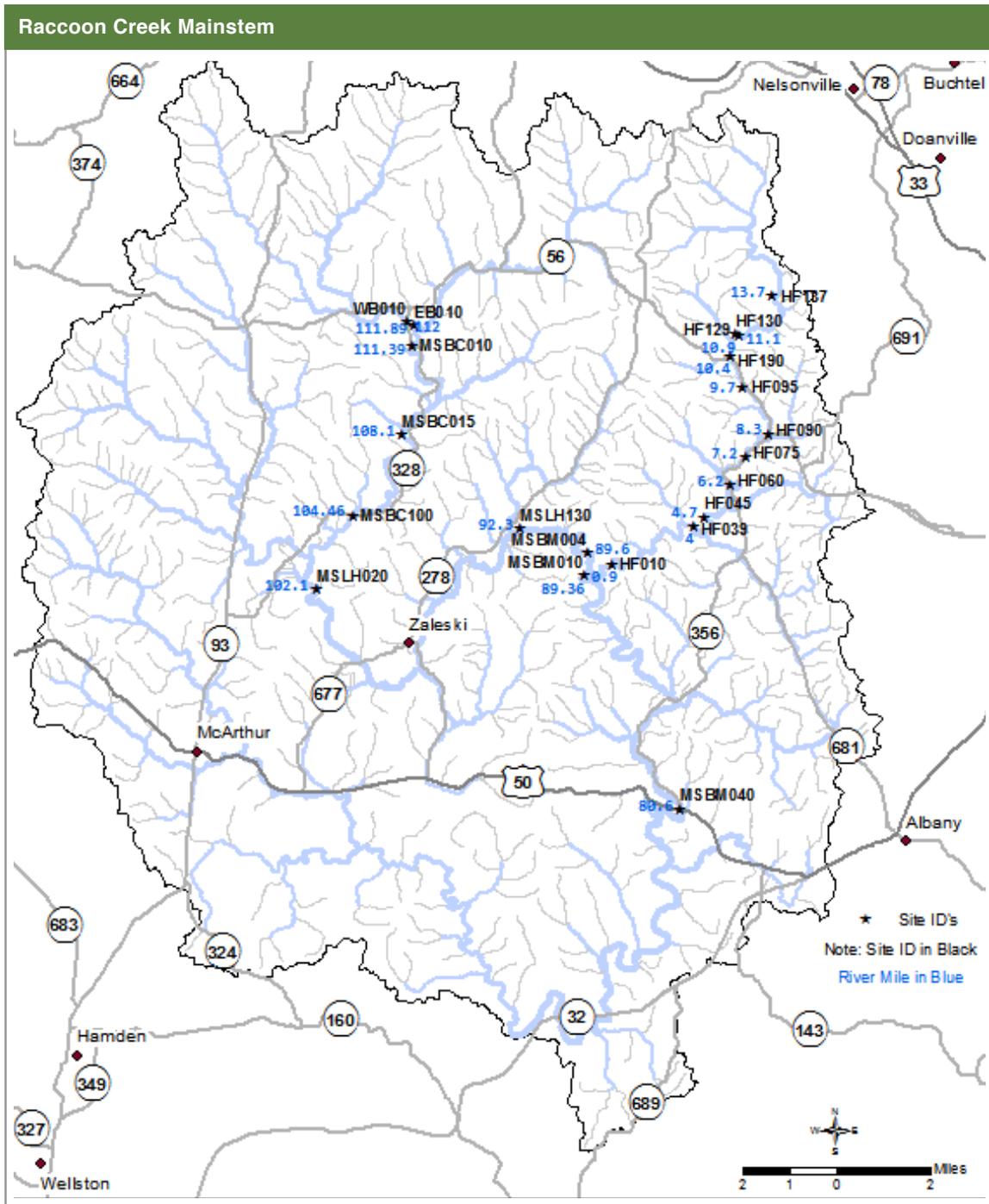


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Chemical water quality analysis per stream reach

For purposes of analyzing chemical water quality changes along the mainstem of receiving stream where AMD reclamation projects have been completed, Raccoon Creek has been divided into the following stream segments: Raccoon Creek Mainstem, Little Raccoon Creek, and Hewett Fork. Within these stream reaches, chemical long-term monitoring data is utilized to generate line graphs along the stream gradient from headwaters to the mouth. Along the x-axis named tributaries are shown to illustrate new sources of water entering the mainstem. A list of long-term monitoring sites utilized to generate the graphs with their river miles are shown before each set of stream reach graphs.

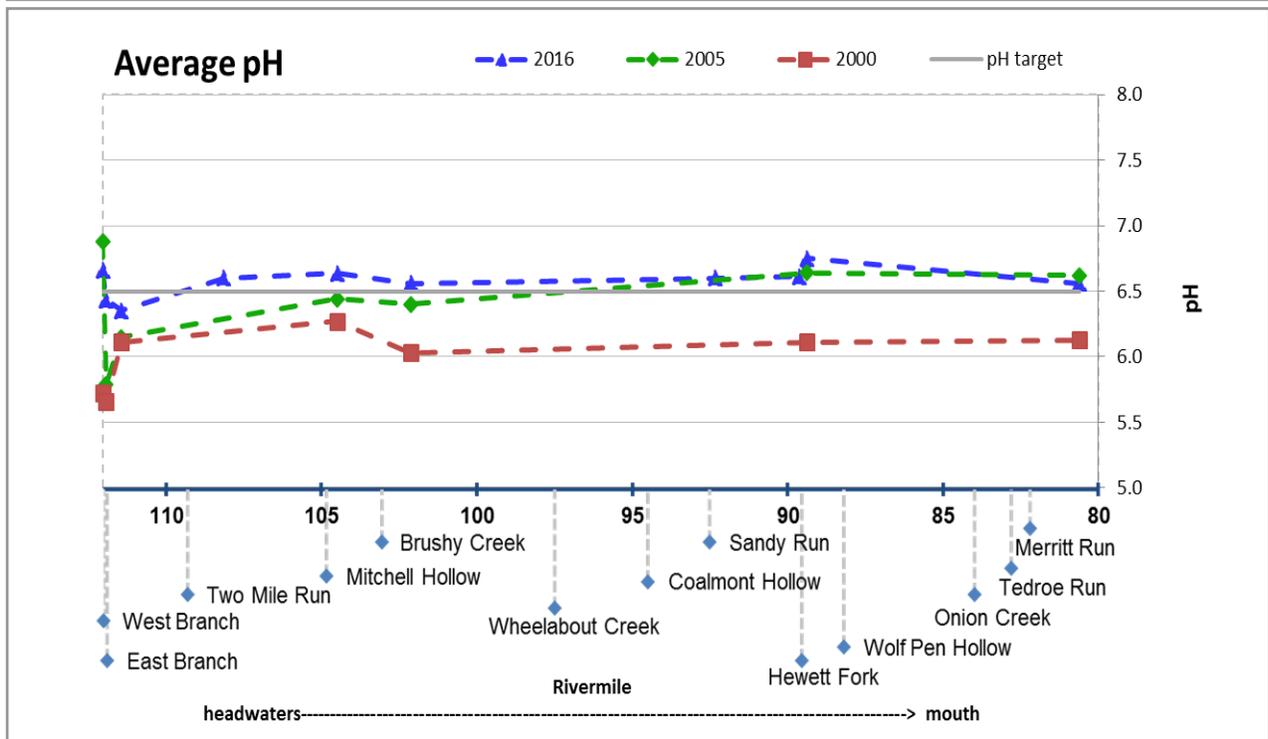
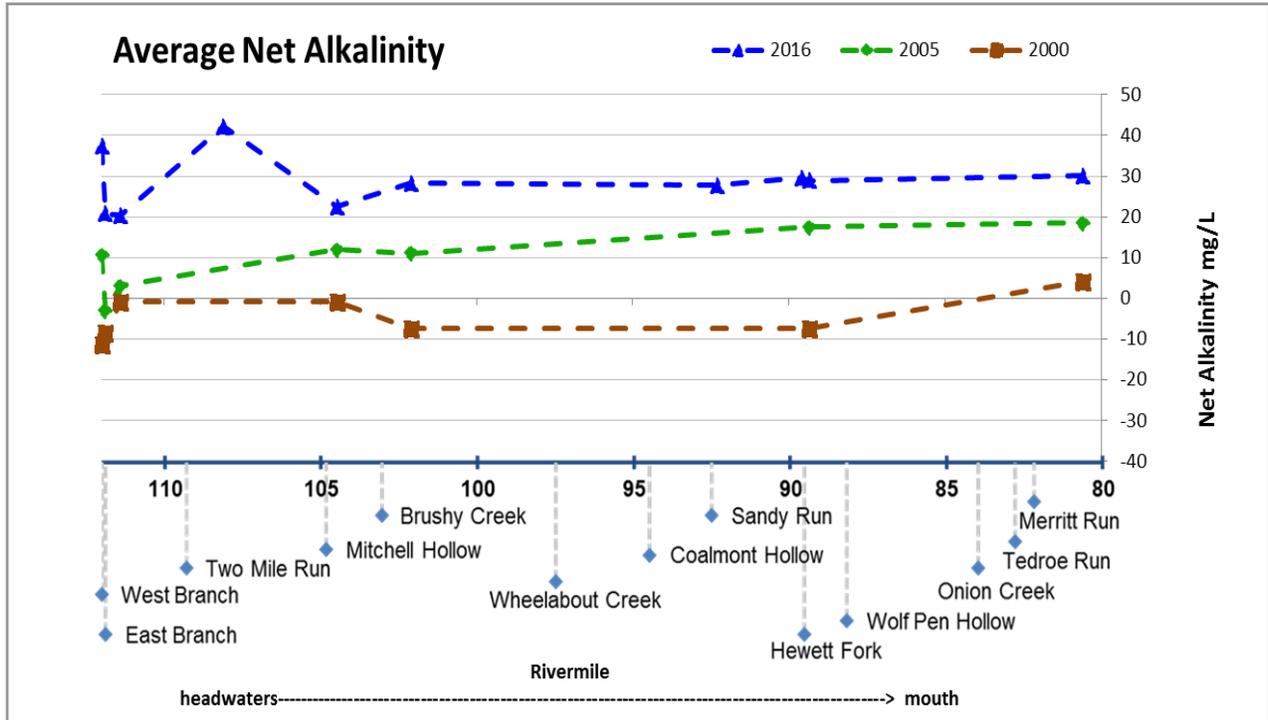


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Chemical water quality analysis per stream reach

| Raccoon Creek Mainstem | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Site ID | WB010 | EB010 | MSBC010 | MSBC015 | MSBC100 | MSLH020 | MSLH130 | MSBM004 | MSBM010 | MSBM040 |
| Rivermile | 112 | 111.89 | 111.39 | 108.1 | 104.46 | 102.1 | 92.3 | 89.6 | 89.36 | 80.6 |



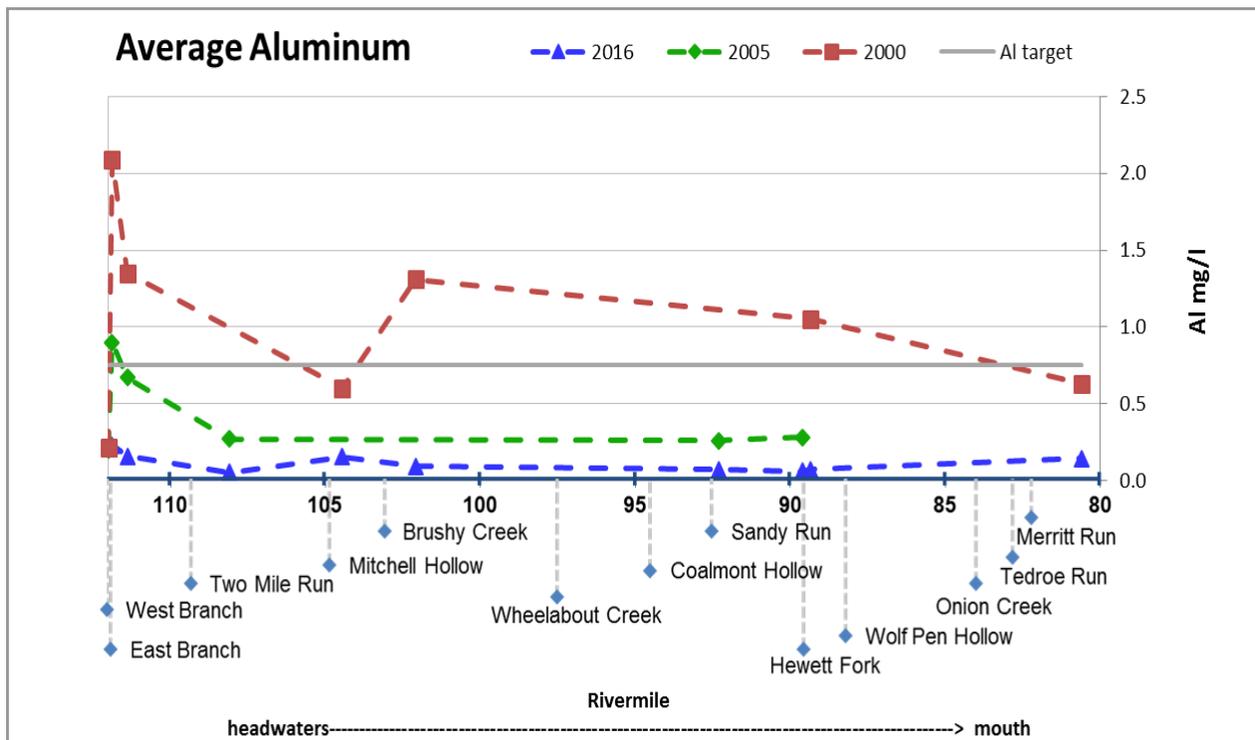
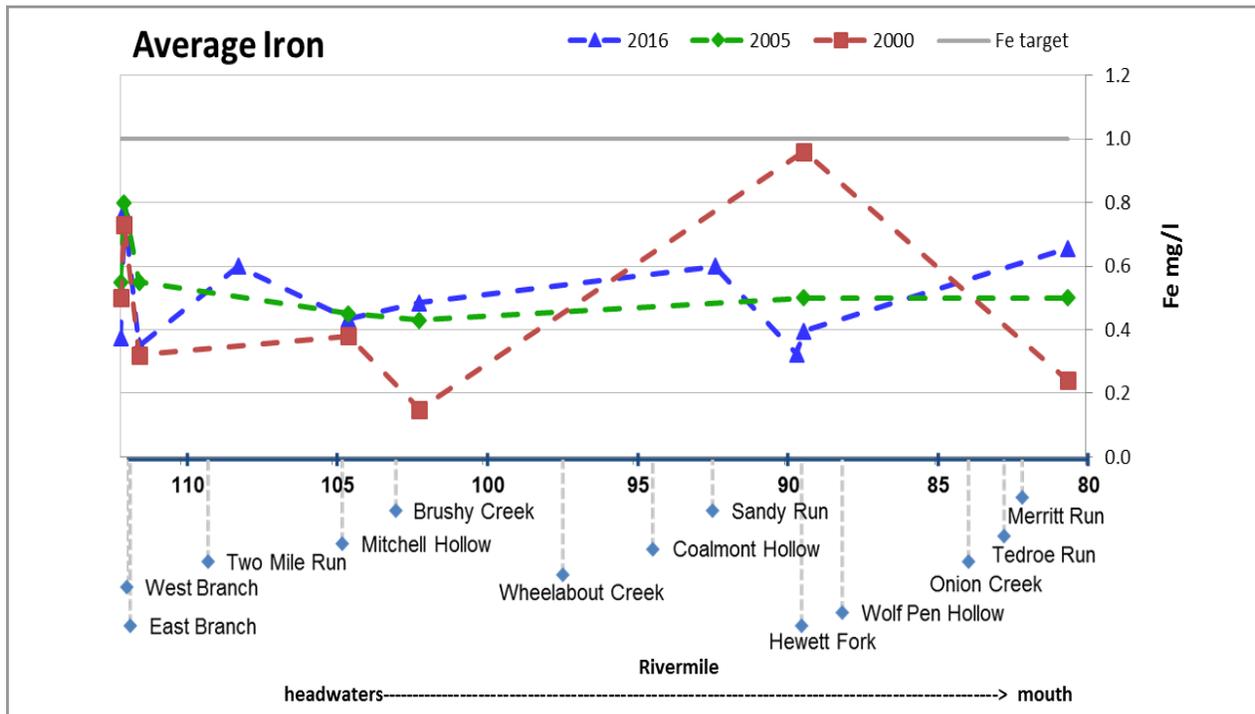
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Raccoon Creek Mainstem

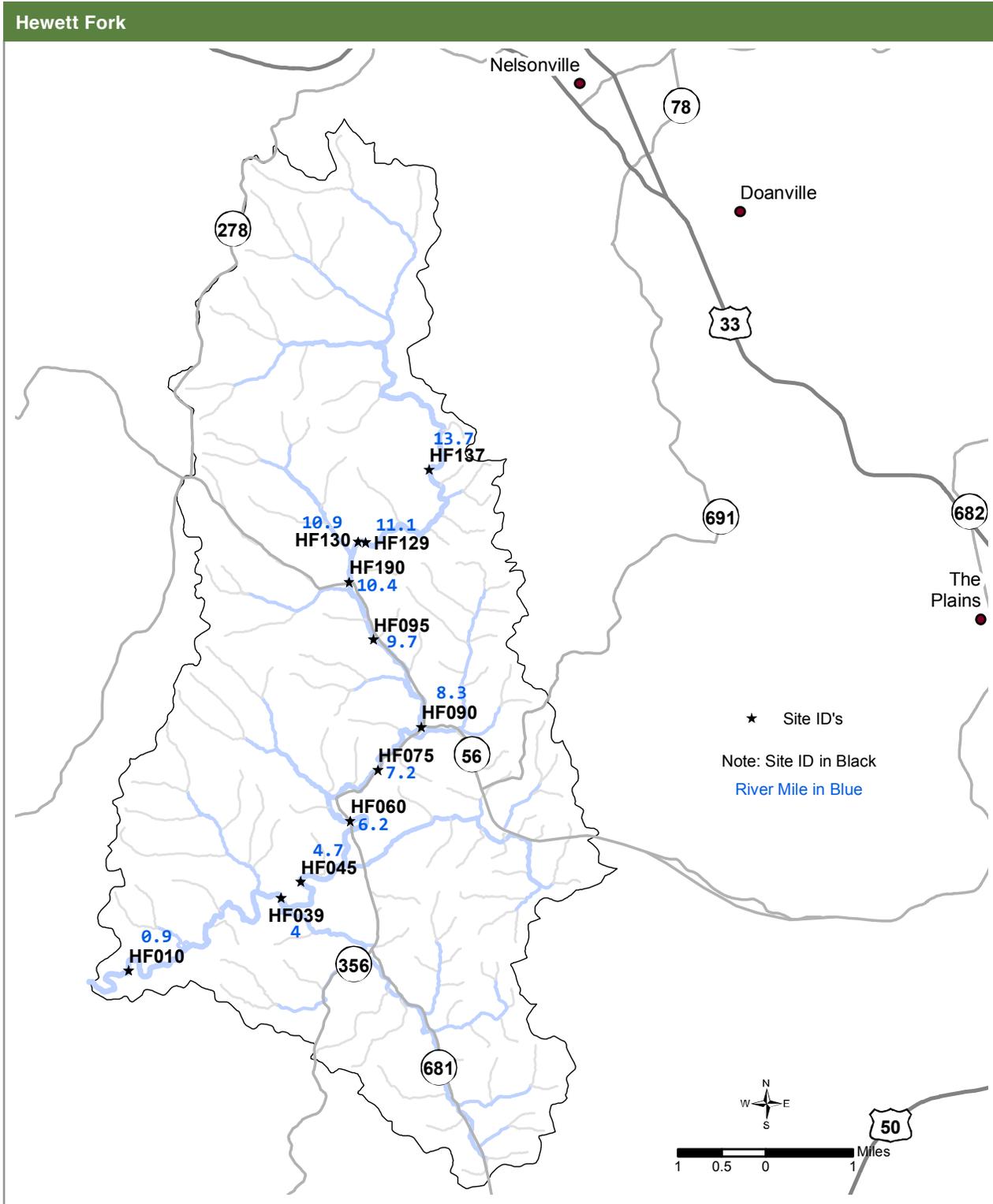
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| Rivermile | 112 | 111.89 | 111.39 | 108.1 | 104.46 | 102.1 | 92.3 | 89.6 | 89.36 | 80.6 |



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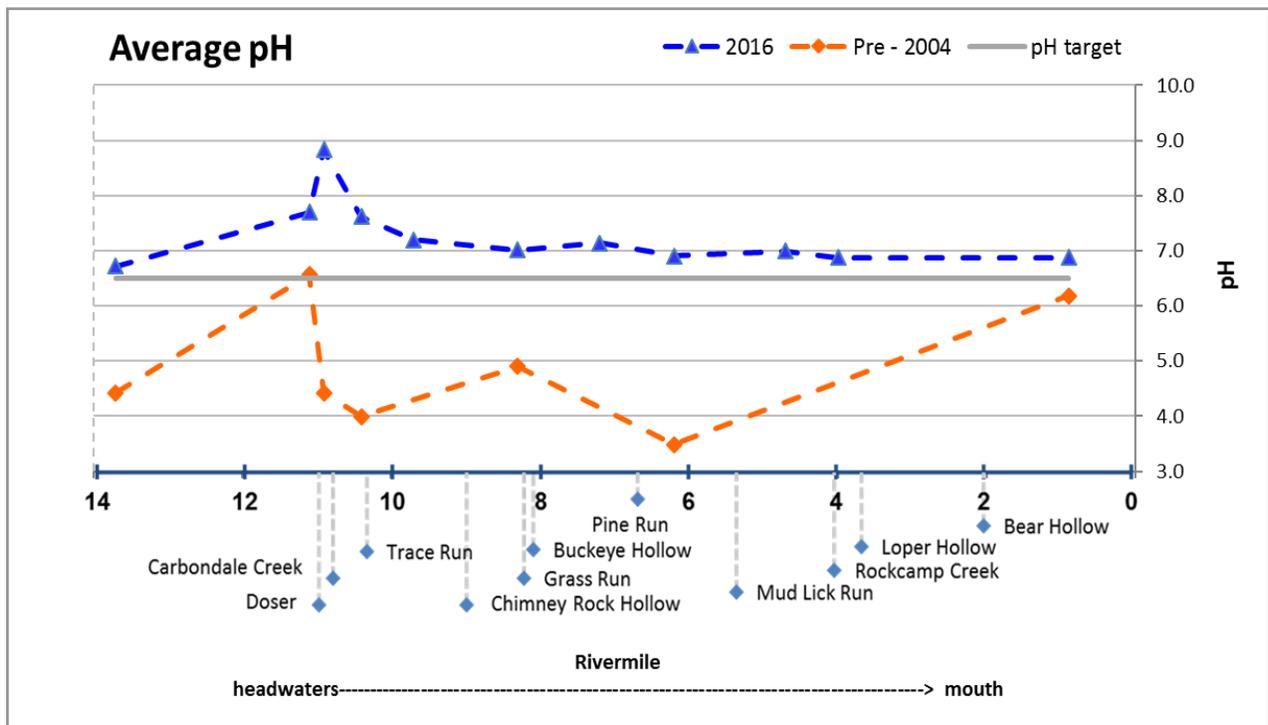
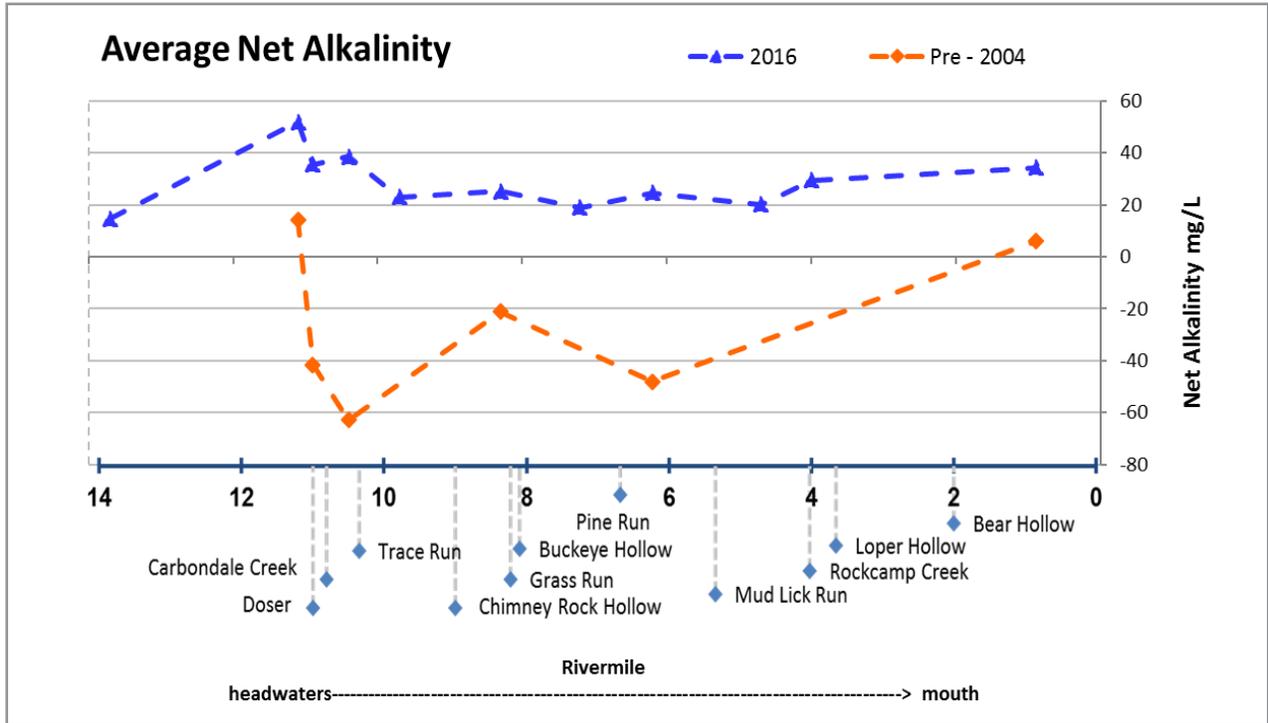
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Chemical water quality analysis per stream reach

| Hewett Fork | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Site ID | HF137 | HF129 | HF130 | HF190 | HF095 | HF090 | HF075 | HF060 | HF045 | HF039 | HF010 |
| Rivermile | 13.7 | 11.1 | 10.9 | 10.4 | 9.7 | 8.3 | 7.2 | 6.2 | 4.7 | 4 | 0.9 |

Note: Lime Doser installed in 2004 at RM 11



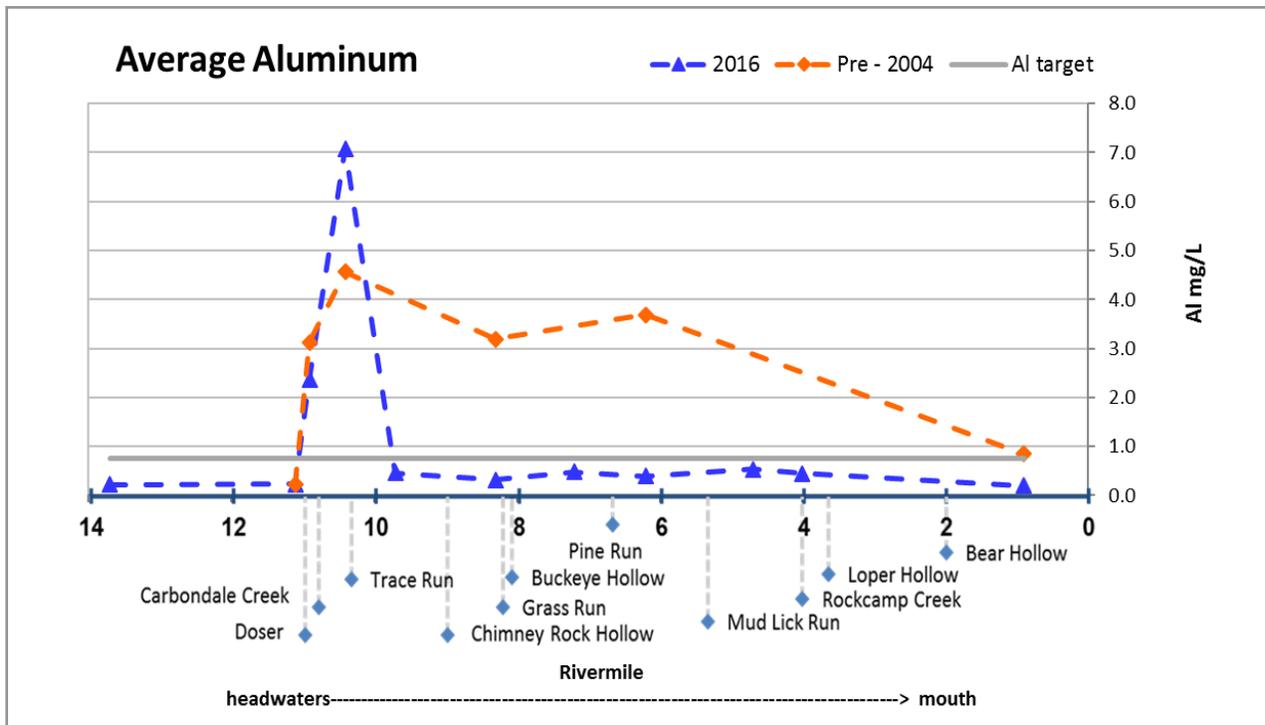
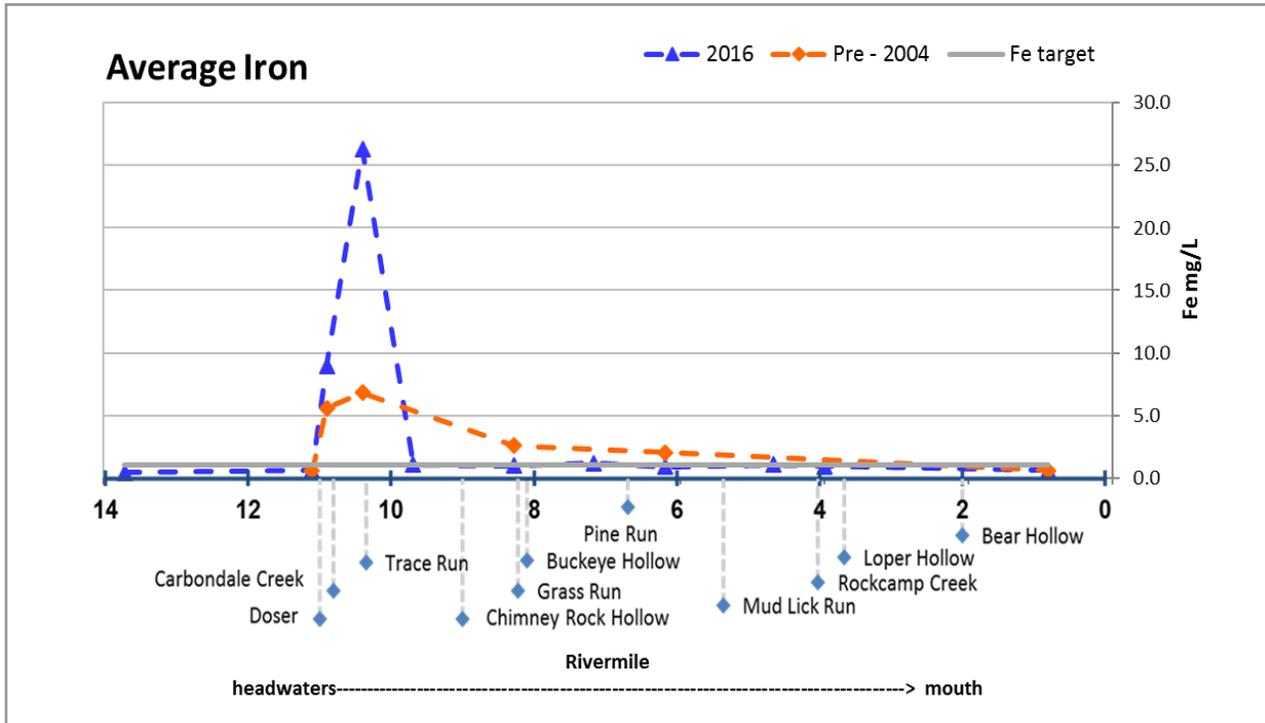
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| Hewett Fork | | | | | | | | | | | |
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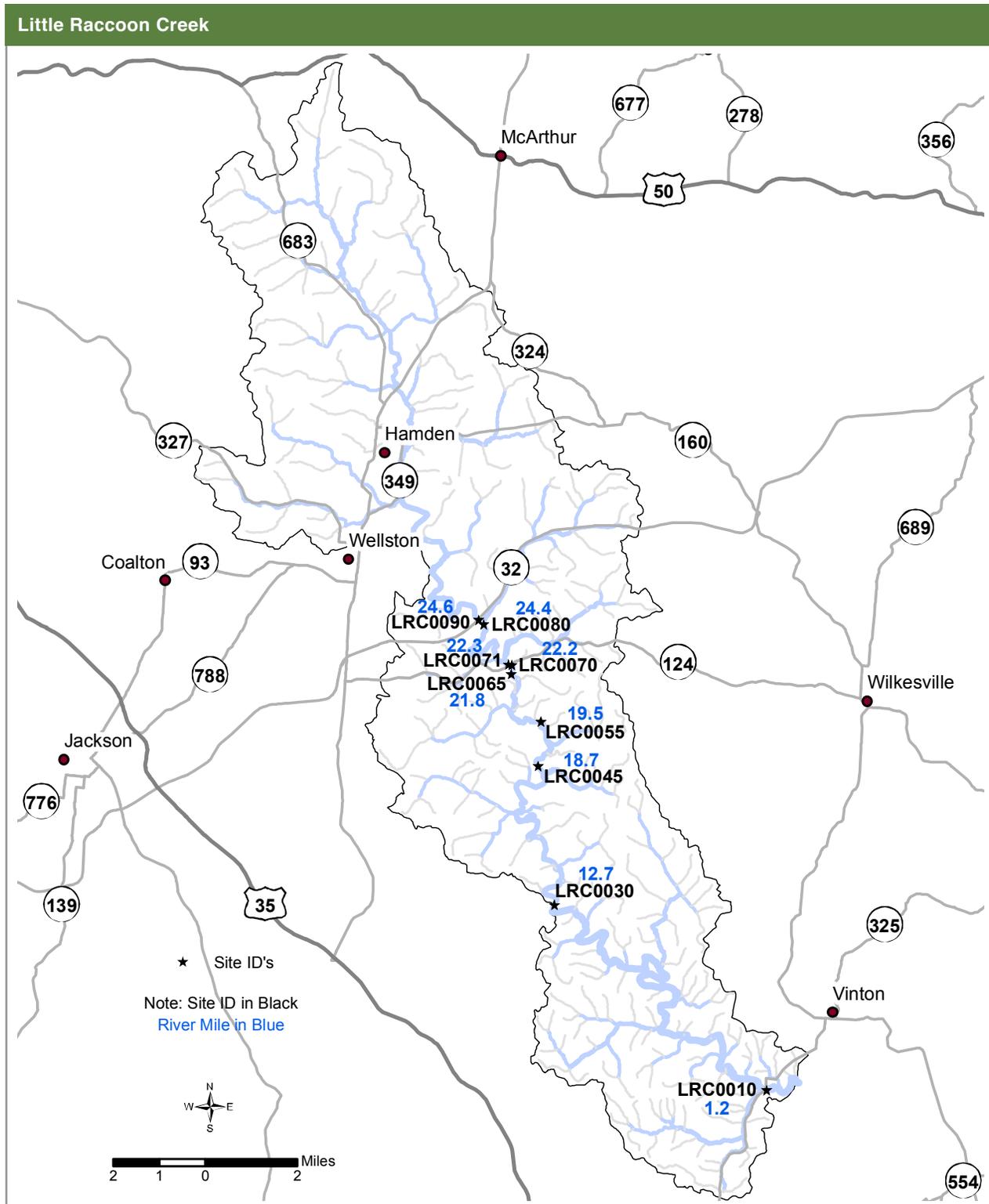
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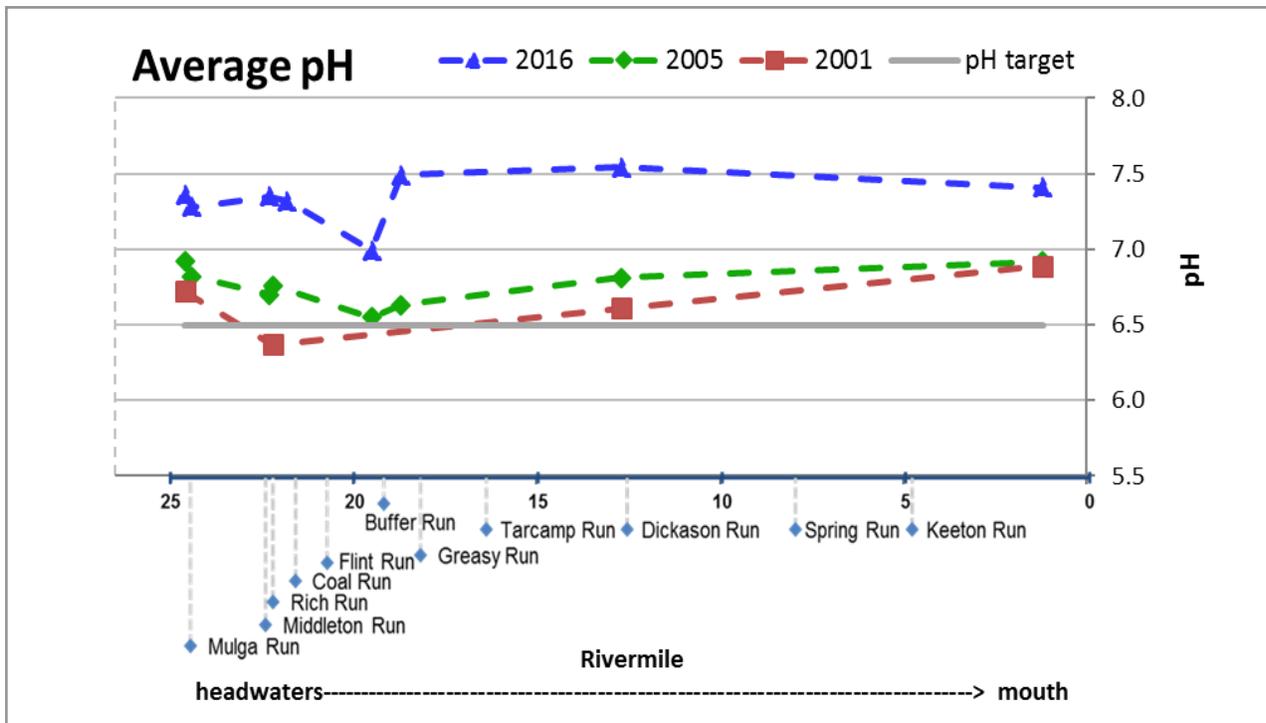
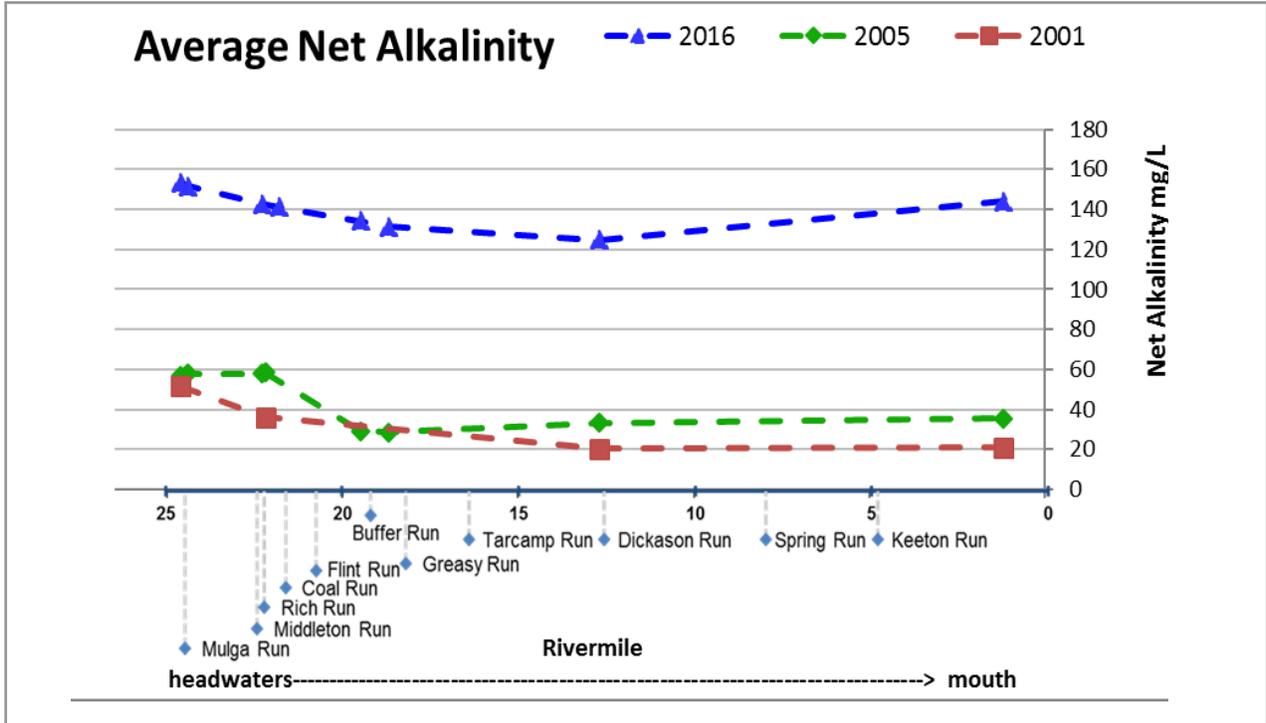
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Chemical water quality analysis per stream reach

Little Raccoon Creek

| Site ID | LRC0090 | LRC0080 | LRC0071 | LRC0070 | LRC0065 | LRC0055 | LRC0045 | LRC0030 | LRC0010 |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Rivermile | 24.6 | 24.4 | 22.3 | 22.2 | 21.8 | 19.5 | 18.7 | 12.7 | 1.2 |



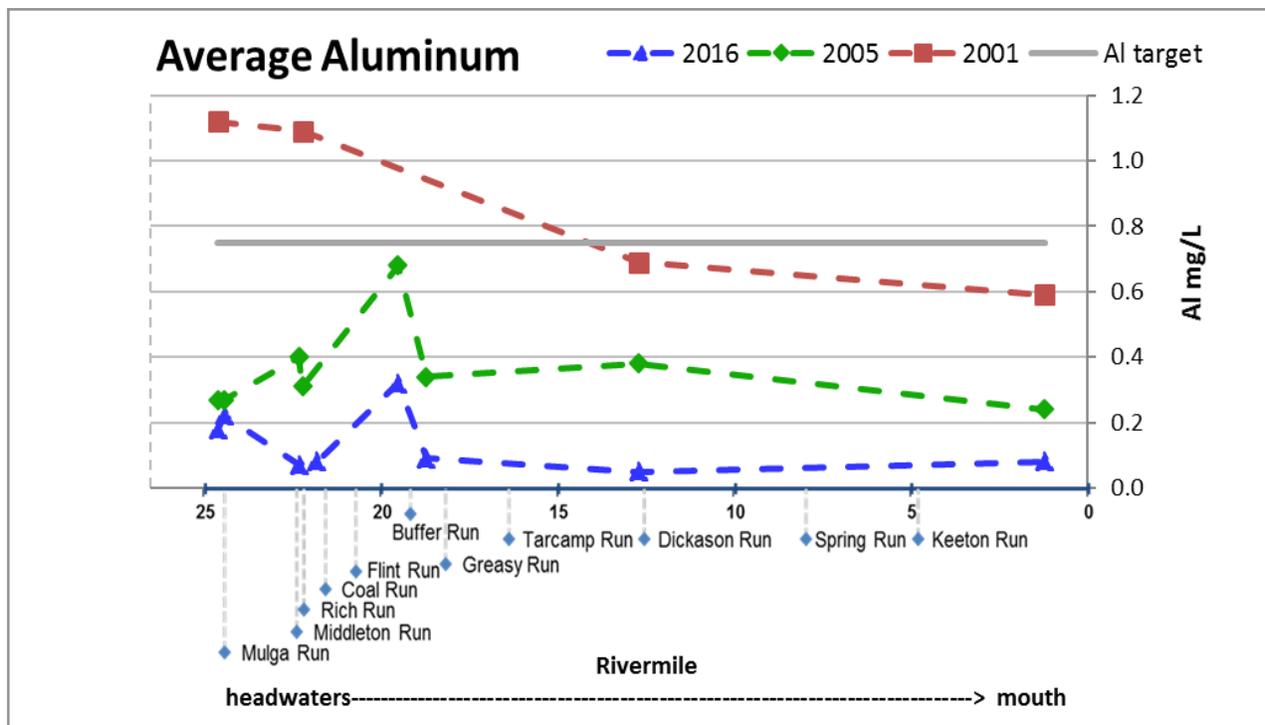
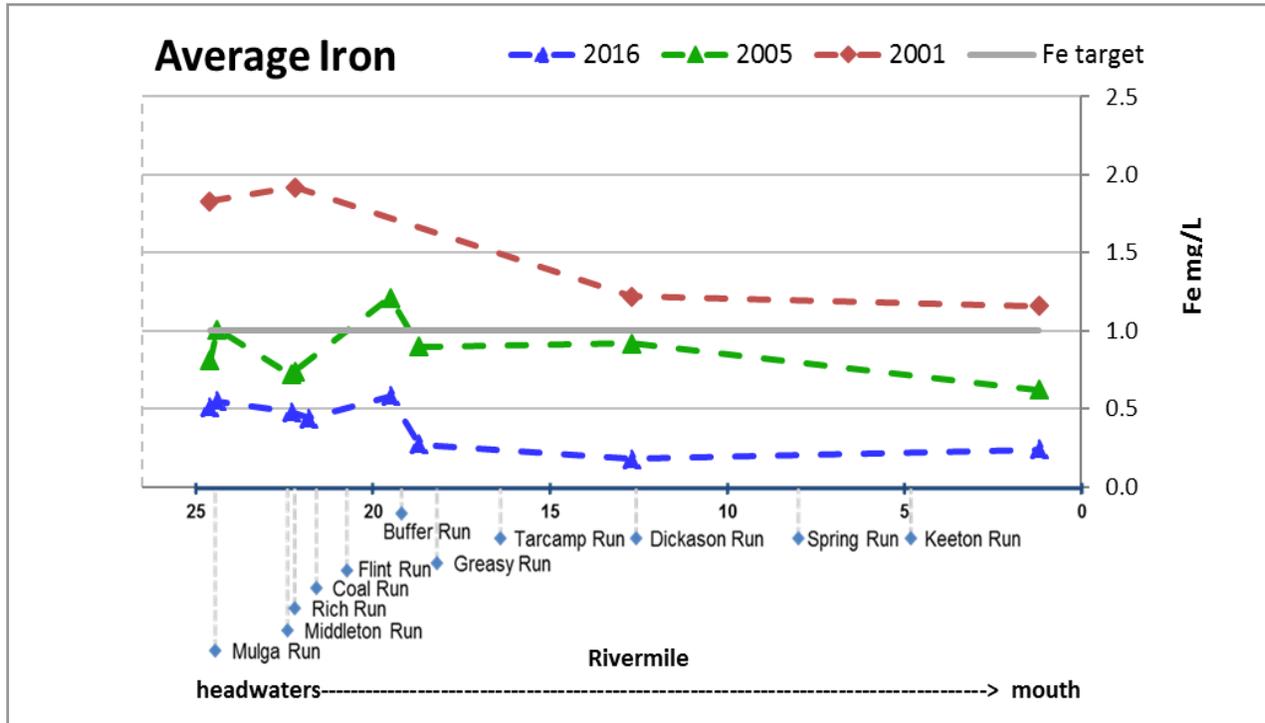
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Little Raccoon Creek

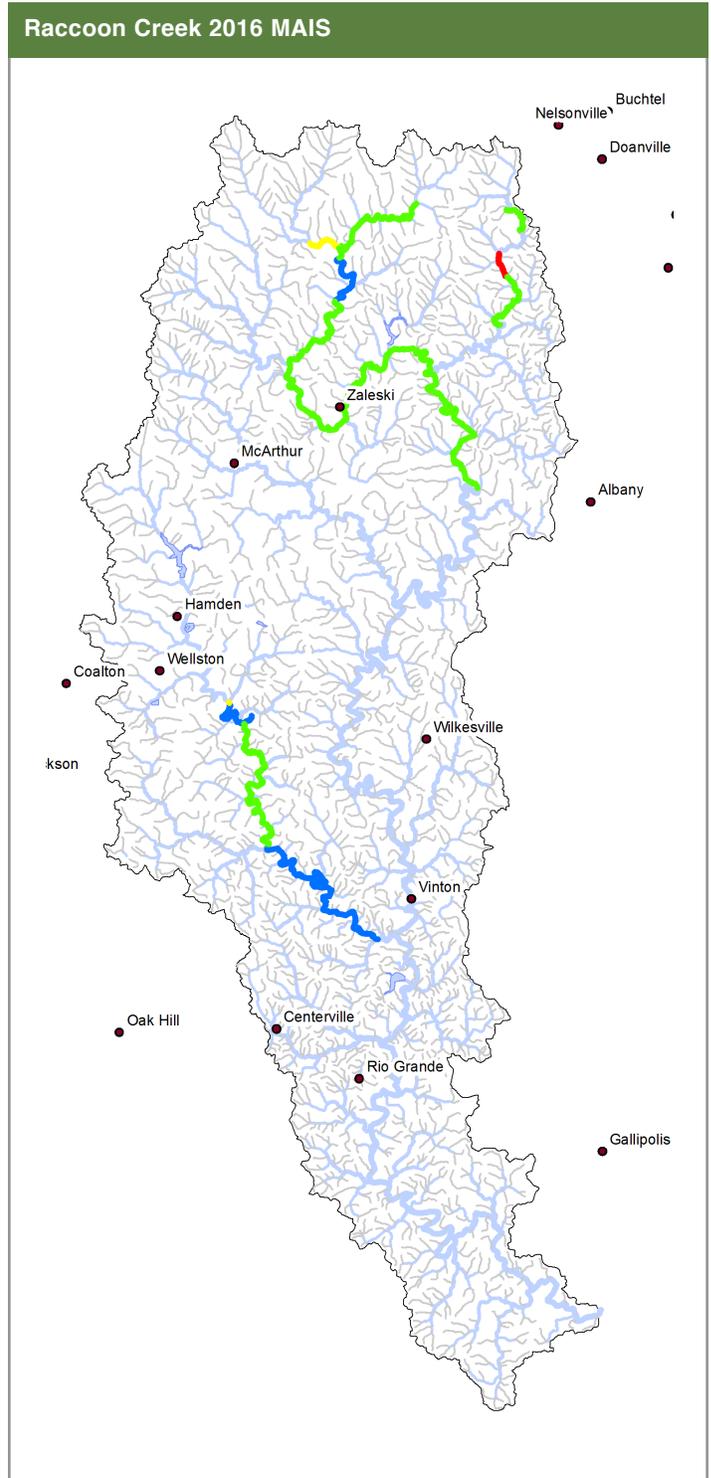
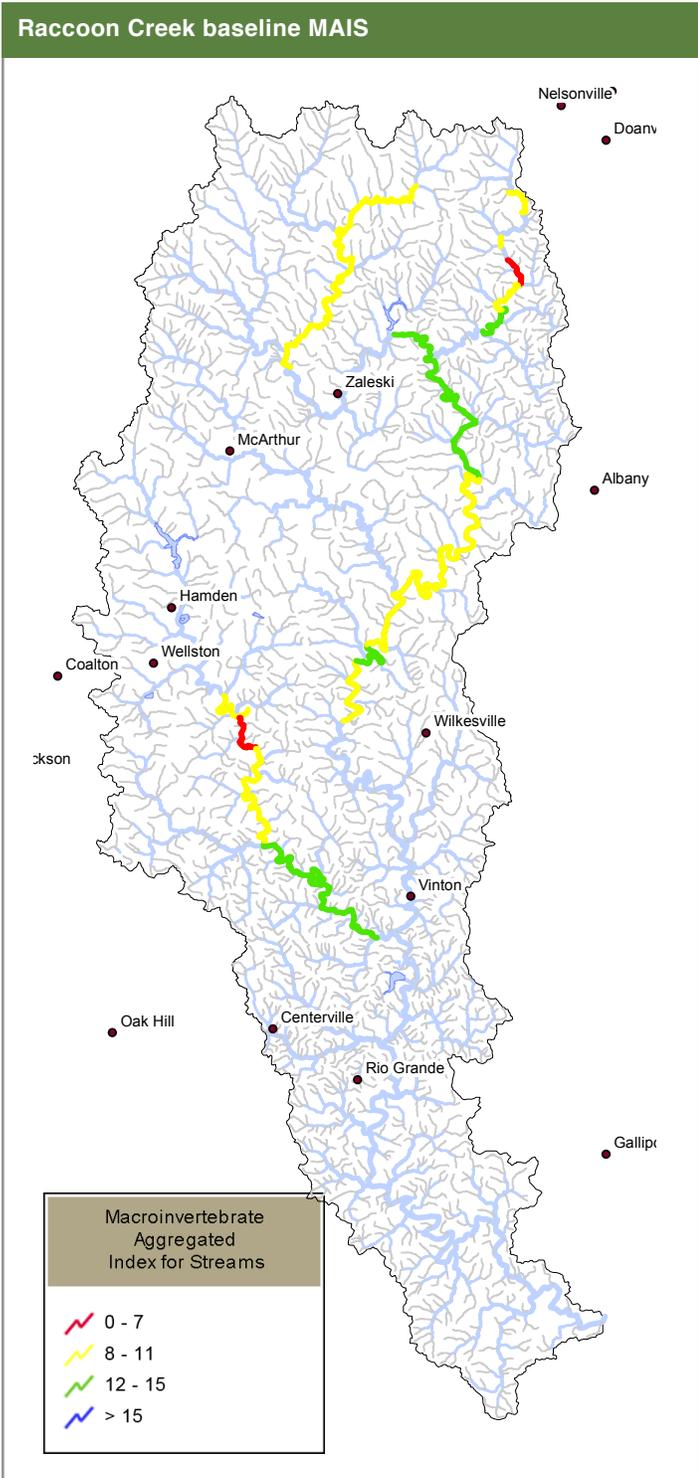
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| Rivermile | 24.6 | 24.4 | 22.3 | 22.2 | 21.8 | 19.5 | 18.7 | 12.7 | 1.2 |



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Biological Water Quality



MAIS samples were collected throughout Raccoon Creek in 2016 (excluding Middle Basin sites). These stations have been established as annual monitoring stations for macroinvertebrates. The sites are used to track incremental changes each year.

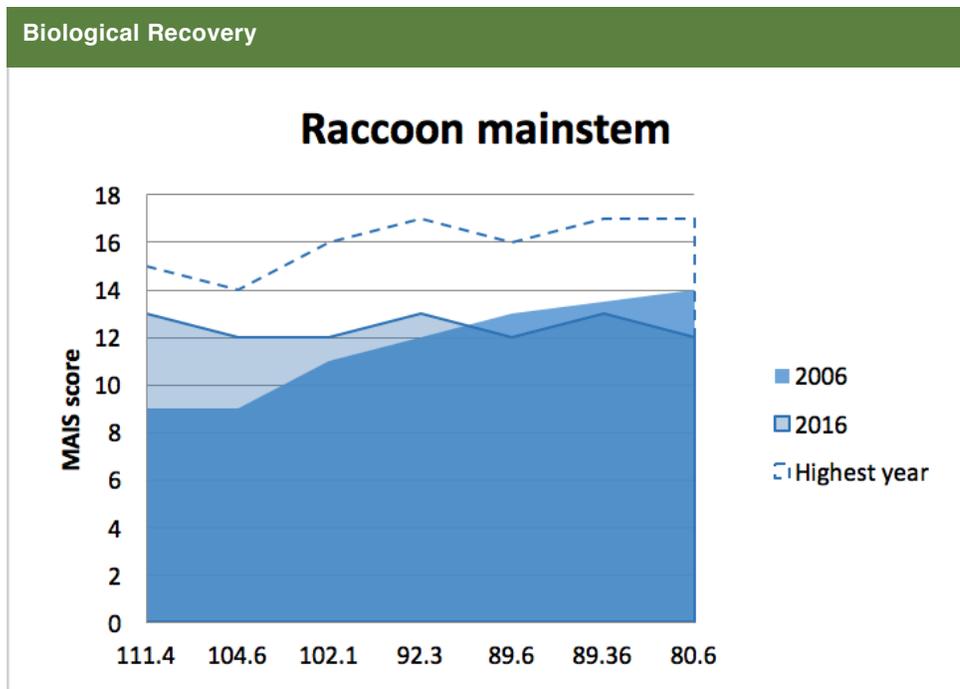
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Biological Water Quality

Raccoon Creek - Mainstem

The roughly thirty river miles of mainstem of Raccoon Creek are generally of high biological quality, with all sites typically meeting or exceeding the target MAIS score of '12'. The upstream sites were historically the worst impaired and thus are the sites that have shown statistical improvement over the past ten years or so. In 2016, MAIS scores across most sites were lower than usual. Field observations suggested that flow conditions were not ideal for sampling.



| Raccoon Creek - Mainstem - MAIS Regressions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------|-----------|---------|--------|----|
| Raccoon Mainstem RM | '06 | '07 | '08 | '09 | '10 | '11 | '12 | '13 | '14 | '15 | '16 | Linear trends | R square | P-value | Years | |
| MSBC010 | 111.4 | 9 | 12 | 9 | 10 | 12 | 13 | 12 | 13 | 13 | 15 | 13 | improved | 0.731 | 0.0004 | 11 |
| MSBC100 | 104.6 | 9 | 11 | 12 | 9 | 11 | 10 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 13 | 12 | improved | 0.425 | 0.029 | 11 |
| MSLH020 | 102.1 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 13 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 15 | 15 | 16 | 12 | improved | 0.432 | 0.028 | 11 |
| MSLH130 | 92.3 | * | * | 10 | 10 | 17 | 11 | 14 | 13 | 14 | 11 | 13 | no change | 0.048 | 0.572 | 9 |
| MSBM004 | 89.6 | 13 | 14 | 11 | 16 | 12 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 16 | 12 | no change | 0.018 | 0.691 | 11 |
| MSBM010 | 89.36 | * | 12 | 16 | 14 | 17 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 10 | 14 | 13 | no change | 0.120 | 0.326 | 10 |
| MSBM040 | 80.6 | 14 | 14 | 17 | 16 | 12 | 14 | 15 | 14 | 14 | 16 | 12 | no change | 0.053 | 0.494 | 11 |
| MSPR0085 | 63 | | | 16 | 16 | 14 | 14 | * | * | 15 | * | * | no change | 0.189 | 0.465 | 7 |
| EB010 | 0.1 | 8 | 12 | 6 | 12 | 11 | 9 | 13 | 10 | 14 | 13 | 13 | improved | 0.381 | 0.043 | 11 |
| EB047 | 2.25 | | | | 11 | 13 | 8 | 12 | 15 | 14 | 14 | 13 | no change | 0.389 | 0.098 | 8 |
| WB010 | 0.1 | | | | | | 14 | 9 | 12 | 10 | 15 | 11 | no change | 0.0005 | 0.965 | 5 |

*Indicates a score graphed as the mean of sites immediately upstream and downstream that year

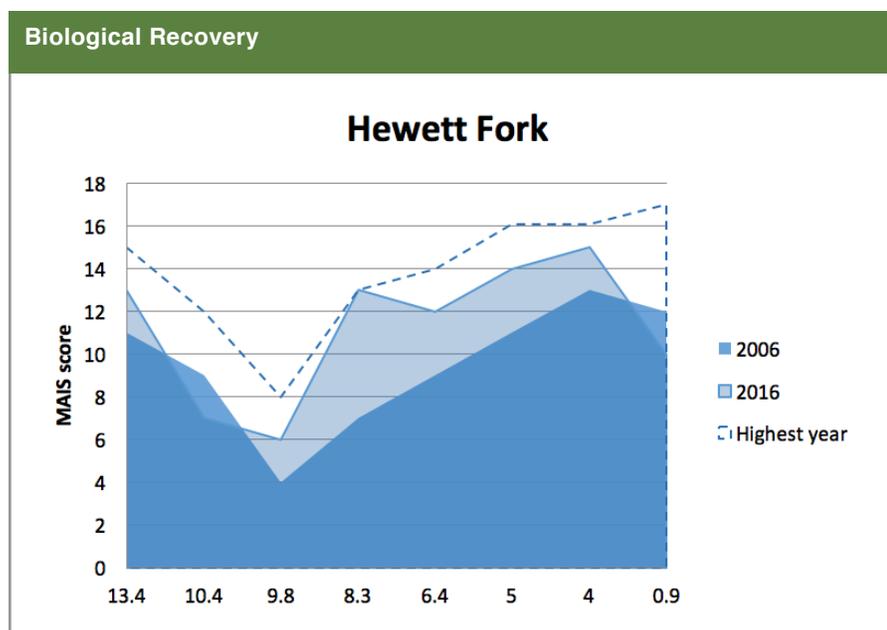
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Biological Water Quality

Raccoon Creek - Hewett Fork

The biological quality of the eleven mile reach below the Carbondale doser has stabilized for several years after steady improvements to sites downstream of the treatment area (biological data shown below is all post treatment, doser installed 2004). A well-defined 2.5 mile 'mixing zone' downstream of the doser remains impaired in most years, but sites further downstream sites show increasing MAIS scores with increasing distance from the doser and mixing zone. In 2016 for the first time, HF090 (RM 8.3) at the lower end of the mixing zone exceeded the target MAIS score of '12' and effectively extended the recovered length of the creek to over 8 river miles. The MAIS score at the lowermost site, HF010 (RM 0.9) was unusually low this year. This site typically supports more EPT taxa but riffle habitat is limited to manmade structure around the railroad crossing and this year no mayflies were found there.



The blue dashed line identifies the highest MAIS score achieved at that site throughout the monitoring time period.

| Raccoon Creek - Hewett Fork MAIS Regressions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------|----------|---------|-------|--|
| Raccoon Mainstem, RM | '06 | '07 | '08 | '09 | '10 | '11 | '12 | '13 | '14 | '15 | '16 | Linear trends | R square | P-value | Years | |
| HF 137, RM 13.4 | 11 | 8 | 9 | 12 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 13 | 15 | 13 | improved | 0.497 | 0.015 | 11 | |
| HF 190, RM 10.4 | 9 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 12 | 8 | 9 | 7 | no change | 0.156 | 0.230 | 11 | |
| HF095, RM 9.8 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 | no change | 0.083 | 0.391 | 11 | |
| HF 090, RM 8.3 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 11 | 11 | 13 | improved | 0.649 | 0.003 | 11 | |
| HF 060, RM 6.4 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 13 | 11 | 14 | 13 | 11 | 12 | improved | 0.544 | 0.009 | 11 | |
| HF045, RM 5.0 | | | | | 14 | 15 | 12 | 13 | 16 | 14 | 14 | no change | 0.014 | 0.799 | 7 | |
| HF 039, RM 4.0 | 13 | 13 | 14 | 13 | 13 | 14 | 14 | 16 | 16 | 15 | 15 | improved | 0.641 | 0.003 | 11 | |
| HF 010, RM 0.9 | 12 | 12 | 15 | 17 | 13 | 16 | 16 | 14 | 16 | 14 | 10 | no change | 0.0008 | 0.935 | 10 | |

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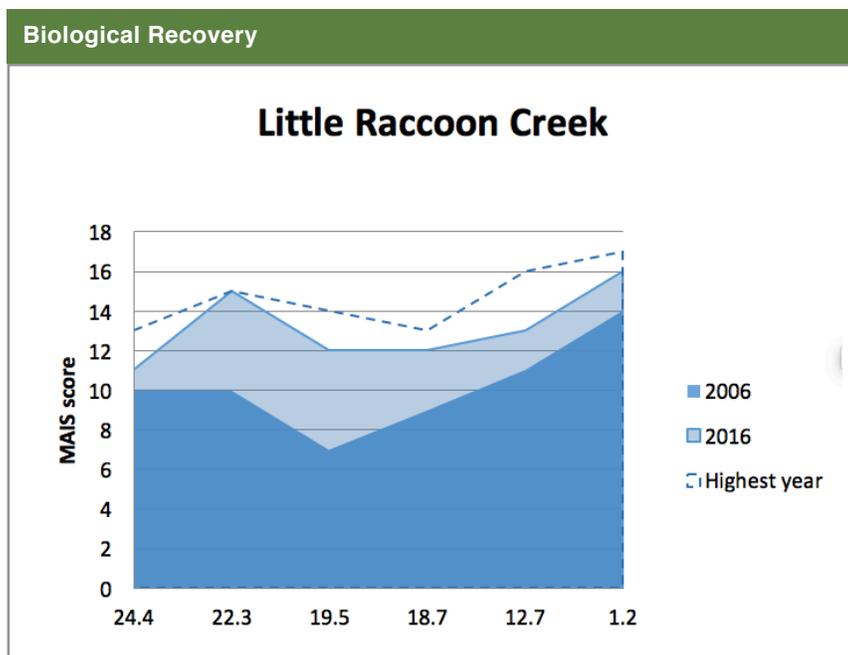
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Biological Water Quality

Raccoon Creek - Little Raccoon Creek

Little Raccoon Creek biological quality remains high, with most sites showing stable improvement since 2006, after completion of the six major reclamation projects upstream of RM 19.5 (Mulga Run, Salem Road/Middleton Run, State Rte. 124 seeps, Flint Run East, Lake Milton, and Buckeye Furnace). This year a new high score of '15' was recorded at RM 22.3, and this year all but the uppermost site (RM 24.4) achieved target macroinvertebrate scores of '12' or higher, indicating that the macroinvertebrate community is probably at or near attainment of WWH status for most of the sampled length (more than 22 river miles).



The blue dashed line identifies the highest MAIS score achieved at that site throughout the monitoring time period.

| Little Raccoon Creek - MAIS Regressions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------|-------|---------|-------|--|
| RM | '05 | '06 | '07 | '08 | '09 | '10 | '11 | '12 | '13 | '14 | '16 | Linear trends | R sq. | P-value | Years | |
| 24.4 | 8 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 9 | 9 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 11 | improved | 0.327 | 0.052 | 12 | |
| 22.3 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 13 | 11 | 15 | no change | 0.155 | 0.206 | 12 | |
| 19.5 | * | 7 | * | 9 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 10 | 11 | 14 | 12 | improved | 0.536 | 0.038 | 8 | |
| 18.7 | 14 | 9 | 12 | 9 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 12 | no change | 0.007 | 0.832 | 9 | |
| 12.7 | 3 | 11 | 13 | 13 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 13 | improved | 0.556 | 0.021 | 9 | |
| 1.2 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 15 | 17 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 14 | 17 | 16 | no change | 0.201 | 0.226 | 9 | |

* Missing values were replaced with arithmetic averages of the preceding and following years' scores for graphing.

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Monday Creek Restoration Project



Reductions

Total acid load reduction 2016
= 4360 lbs/day

Total metal load reduction 2016
= 544 lbs/day

Data derived using the Stoertz Water Quality Evaluation Method (Kruse et al. 2014) (excludes Rock Run Gob Pile Project)

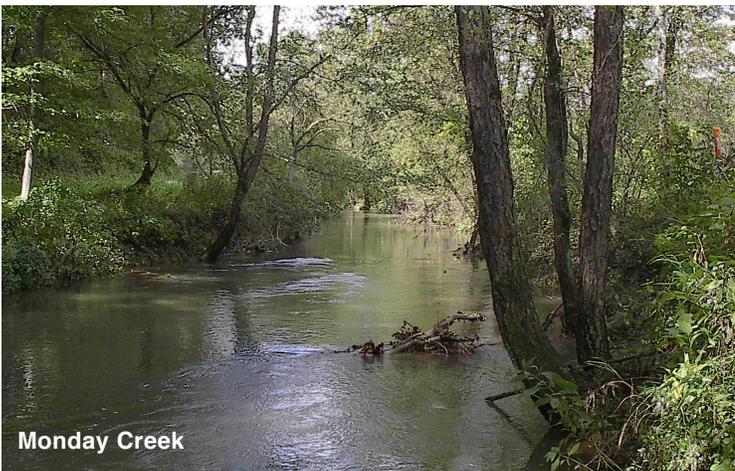
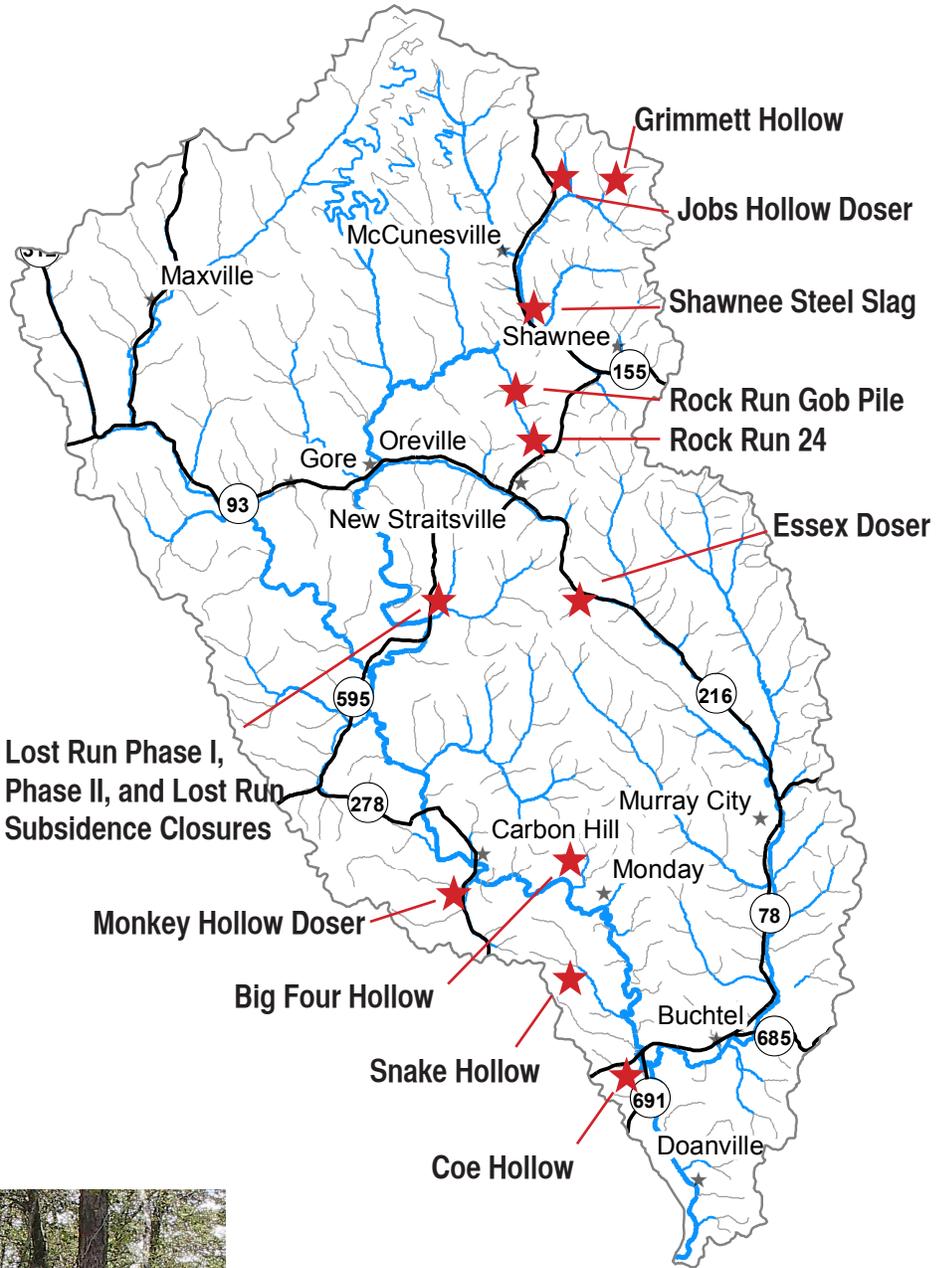
Acid and metal load reductions based on projects monitored during 2016 listed here: Jobs Hollow Doser, Big Four Hollow, Lost Run I, II, & III, Rock Rub Gob pile, Coe Hollow, and Monkey Hollow.

Cost

Design \$448,545
(excluding Jobs Doser & Lost Run maintenance and Snake Hollow)

Construction \$6,749,264

Total costs through 2016 = \$7,197,808



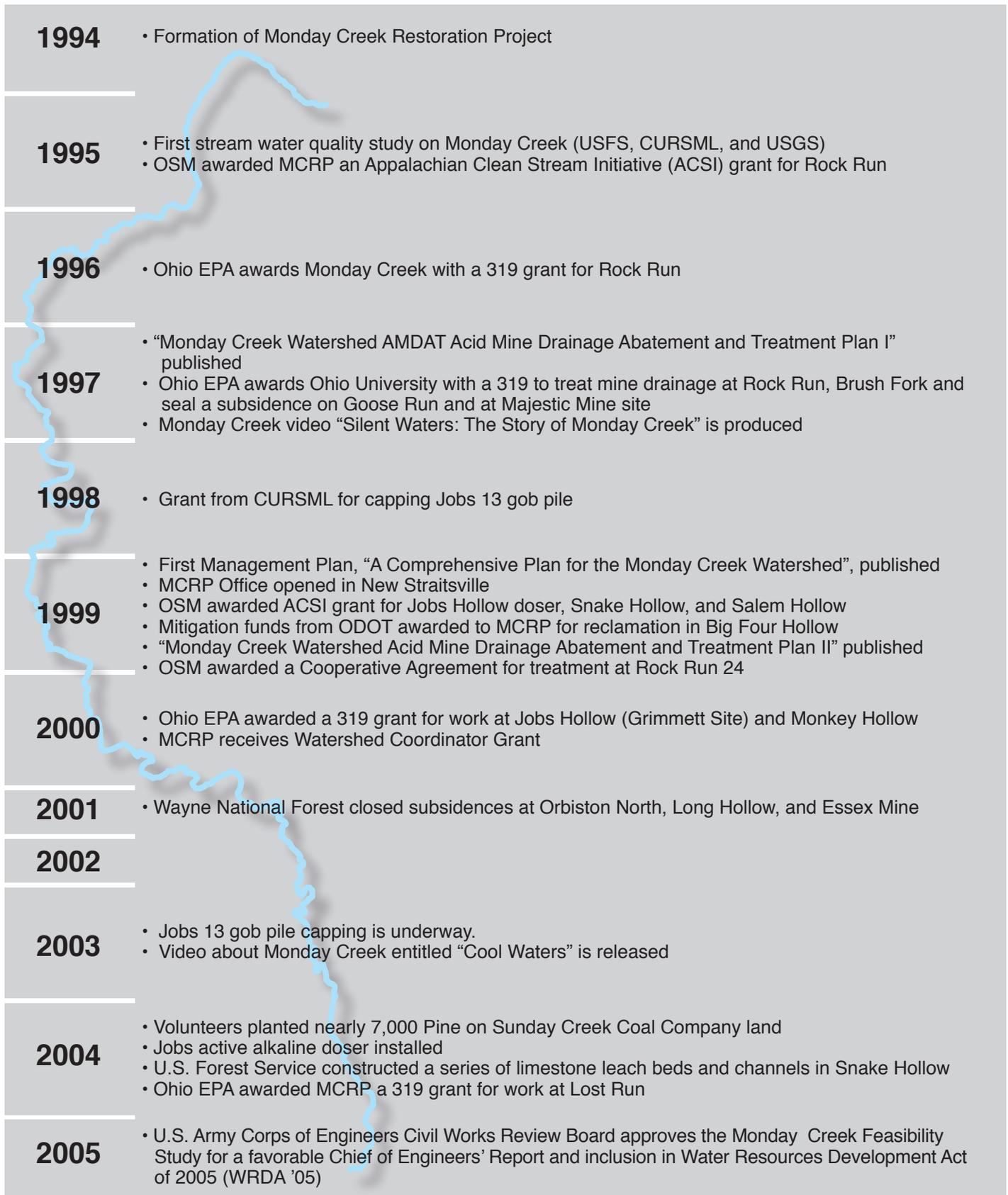
Monday Creek

363,425,000 gallons of stream water per year eliminated from entering into the deep mines as the result of conducting seven stream capture closure projects in Monday creek.

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Timeline of the Monday Creek Watershed Project Milestones & AMD Projects



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Timeline of the Monday Creek Watershed Project Milestones & AMD Projects (continued)

2006

- Acid Mine Drainage Abatement and Treatment (AMDAT) Plan III approved
- Essex Doser (319 grant) is operational
- U.S. Forest Service constructed open limestone channels, closed subsidence and established positive drainage at New Straitsville North area, Monkey Hollow, and Elm Rock area
- The MCRP Watershed Management Plan was fully endorsed by the Ohio DNR and Ohio EPA
- Lost Run Phase I reclamation and OEPA 319 grant was completed

2007

- Ohio EPA awarded MCRP a 319 grant for construction of a steel slag leach bed at Shawnee
- U.S. Forest Service closed subsidences near State Route 216 and Snake Hollow
- The Water Resources Development Act of 2007 is approved, Congress authorized \$21 million for ecological restoration of Monday Creek

2008

- U.S. Forest Service completes reclamation in Valley Junk area
- ODOT mitigation funds in the amount of \$200,000 secured for work at Lost Run Phase 2

2009

- ODOT mitigation funds are in place for work in Big Four Hollow and at Rock Run
- U.S. Forest Service completed reclamation work along State Route 278, New Straitsville South area, Lost Run headwaters, Brush Fork, and Coe Hollow.
- Ohio DNR completes phase II of Shawnee steel slag leach bed

2010

- U.S. Forest Service closed subsidences along Snow Fork, Rock Run, and New Straitsville South

2011

- U.S. Forest Service closed subsidences in the Cawthorn area
- Ohio DNR conducted reclamation and needed maintenance at Rock Run
- U.S. Forest Service and ODNR completed reclamation in Sand Run
- Ohio DNR completes construction to minimize sediment transport at Big Four Hollow

2012

- 3 limestone leach beds installed in Big Four Hollow.
- MCRP, Perry Co. Health Department, Village of New Straitsville and watershed residents installed a community garden in New Straitsville.
- Major AMD maintenance projects completed in Lost Run and Jobs Hollow

2013

- Five new fish species found in Monday Creek and the first annual Monday Creek Canoe Float with 54 people in 27 boats!

2014

- The Essex Doser moved to Monkey Hollow and two new species of fish found in the Carbon Hill area: Brown Bullhead and the Banded Darter.

2015

- Monkey Hollow Doser began operating August 26, 2015. This project will help improve 6.5 miles of Monday Creek.
- The Smallmouth Bass (*Micropterus dolomieu*) was found for the first time in Monday Creek since restoration project. Two other native species were also found, greenside darter (*Etheostoma blennioides*) and spotted sucker (*Minytrema melanops*).

2016

- USFS closed subsidence holes in Salem Hollow and Sand Run
- The Longear Sunfish (*Lepomis megalotis*) was found for the first time in Monday Creek.
- Lost Run 3 East steel slag leach bed began operating.
- USFS identified the Kitchen Run - Monday Creek 12 digit HUC as a priority watershed and completed a Watershed Restoration Action Plan to identify ways to continue improving the target area.

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Monday Creek Projects

Acid mine drainage reclamation projects completed in Monday Creek Watershed:

- 1999** Rock Run Gob Pile revamped 2011 (RR02100) – Gob pile reclamation
- 2001** *Rock Run 24 (RR00820) – Limestone channel*
- 2003** *Grimmett Hollow (JH09020) – Enhanced wetland with lime and limestone channels*
- 2004** Jobs Hollow Doser (JH00500) – Active calcium oxide doser
- Big Four Hollow (BF00100) – 2 limestone beds and limestone channels*
- Snake Hollow (SH00100) – Close 9 subsidence features, 2 steel slag beds, enhance wetland, and limestone channels*
- 2006** *Essex Doser (SY00706) – Active calcium oxide doser shutdown in 2008*
- Lost Run Phase I (LR01020) – limestone leach beds and limestone channels
- 2007** Lost Run Phase II (LR00020) – Steel slag beds, limestone leach beds, and limestone channels
- Lost Run Subsidence and Portal Closures – closed ten subsidence features*
- 2008** *Shawnee Steel Slag Bed (MC00900) – Steel slag bed, limestone channels, and sand filter*
- 2010** Jobs Hollow Doser Maintenance II – Clean out of source pond, supply lines, and installed safety cage to hatch and ladder
- Coe Hollow (CH00100) – Limestone leach ponds, passive wetlands,, steel slag leach bed, and 2 subsidence features closed
- 2012** Lost Run II Maintenance – New steel slag installed, additional piping in the underdrain, and improve water delivery to SSLB.
- Big Four Hollow LLB (BF00400) – 3 limestone leach beds
- 2015** Monkey Hollow Doser (MH00100) – Active calcium oxide doser
- Big Four Wetland Enhancement (BF00100) - Three wetlands installed for metal retention

Italicized indicated projects are not actively monitored for acid mine drainage and metal load reduction purposes

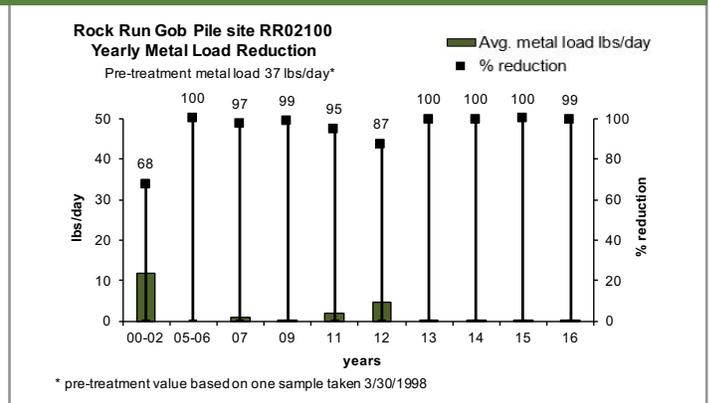
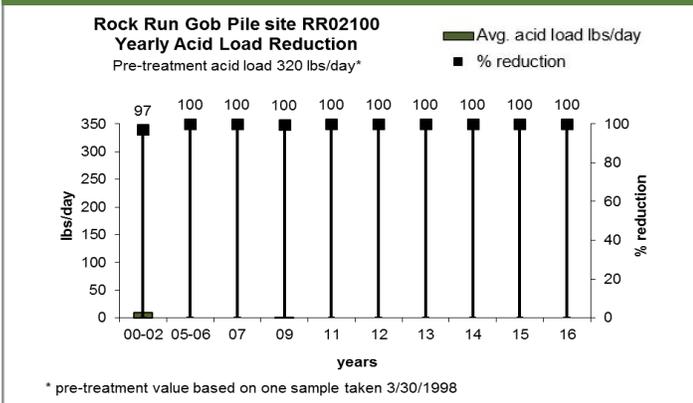
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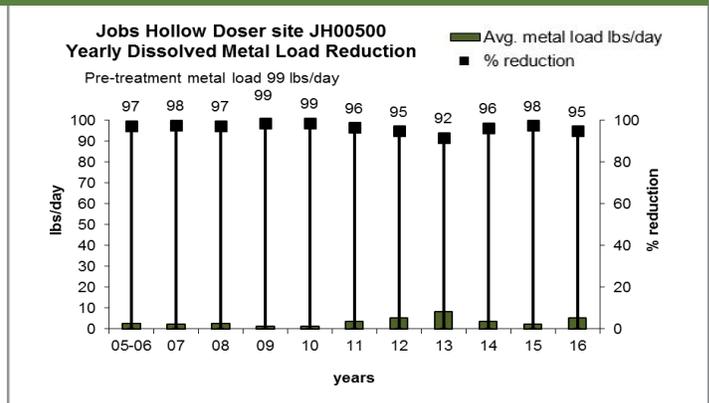
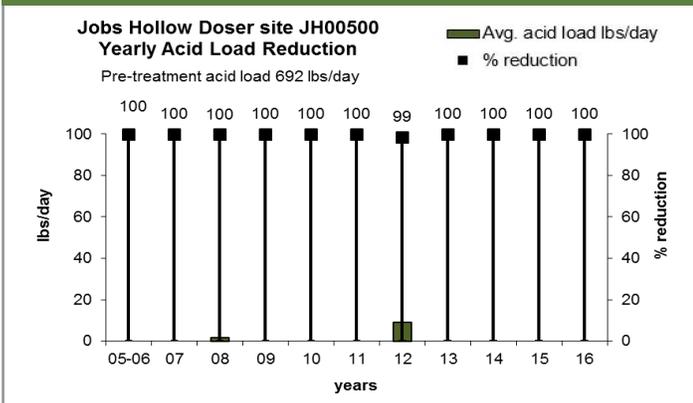
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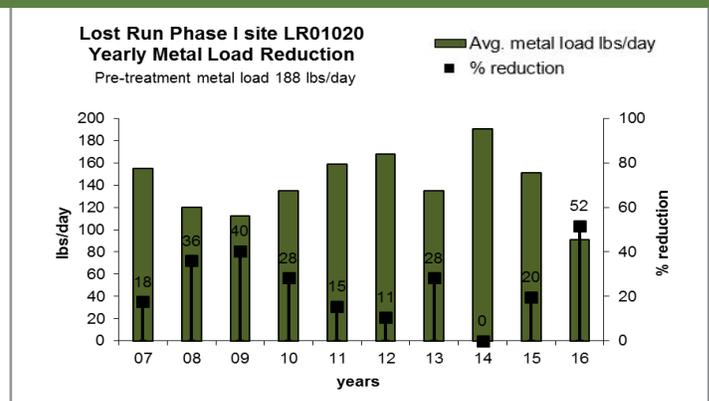
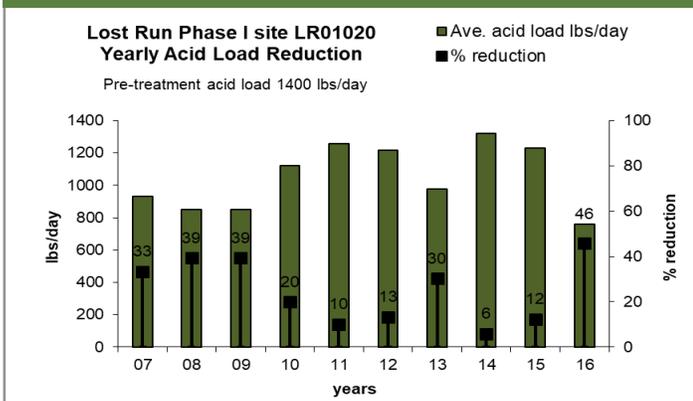
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Jobs Hollow Doser site JH00500



Lost Run Phase I site LR01020



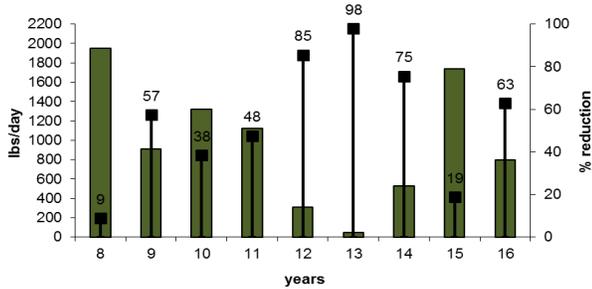
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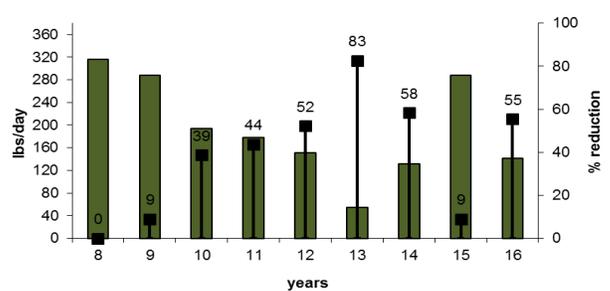
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Lost Run Phase I and II site LR00020

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Yearly Acid Load Reduction
Pre-treatment acid load 2138 lbs/day

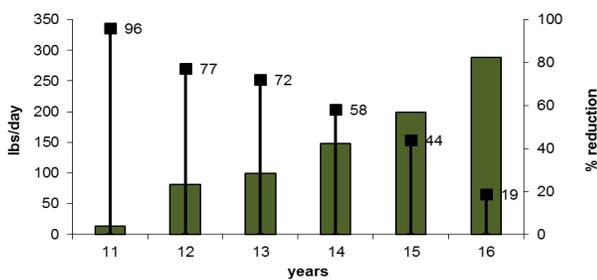


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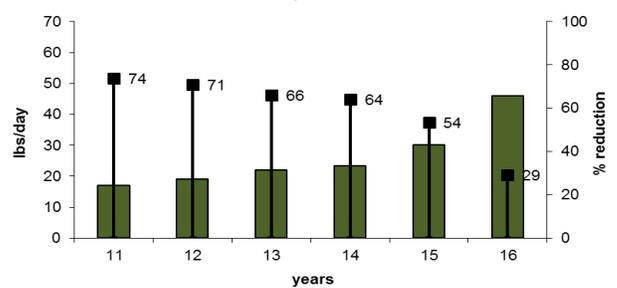


Coe Hollow site CH00100

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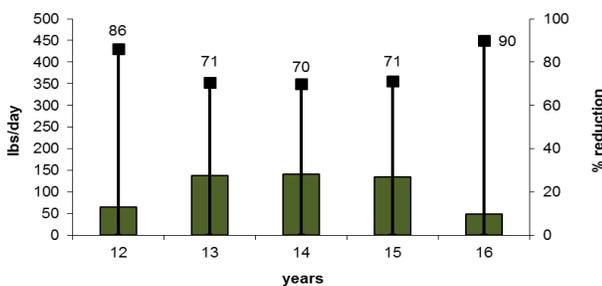


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Pre-treatment metal load 65 lbs/day

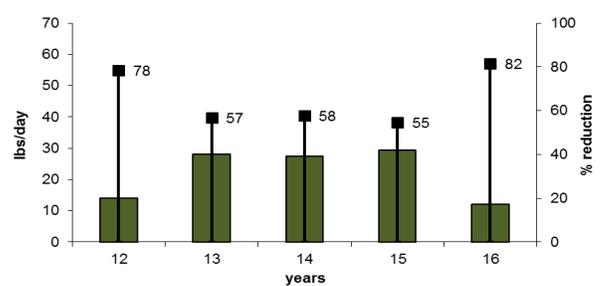


Big Four Hollow LLB site BF00400

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Yearly Acid Load Reduction
Pre-treatment acid load 468 lbs/day



Big Four Hollow LLB site BF00400
Yearly Metal Load Reduction
Pre-treatment metal load 65 lbs/day

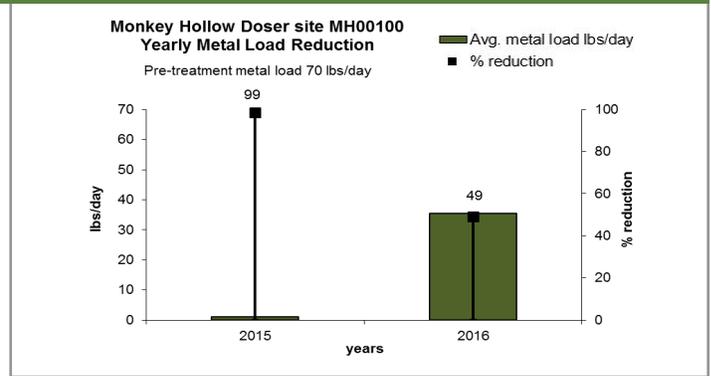
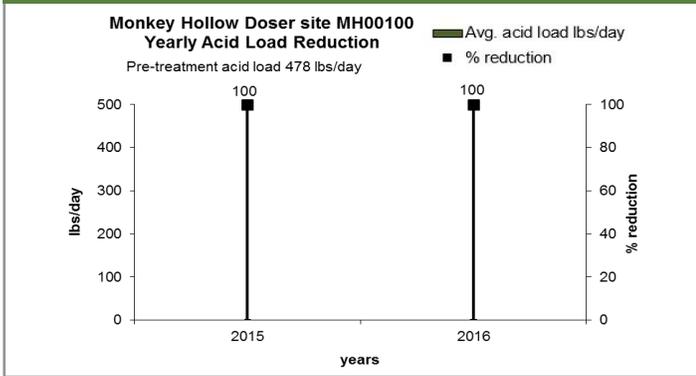


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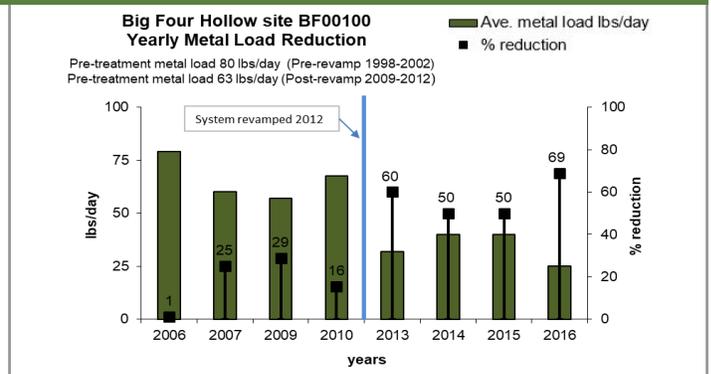
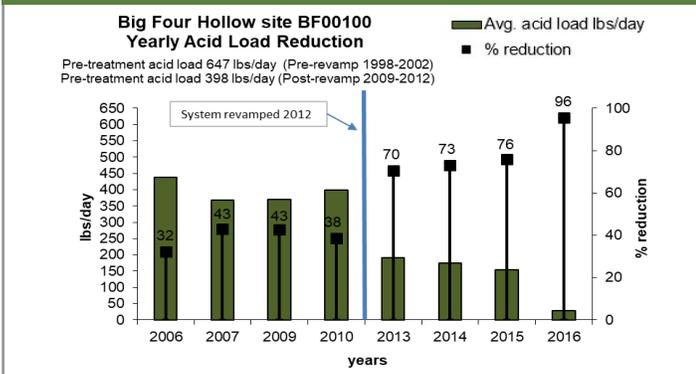
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Yearly acid and metal load reduction trends per project

Monkey Hollow doser site MH0010



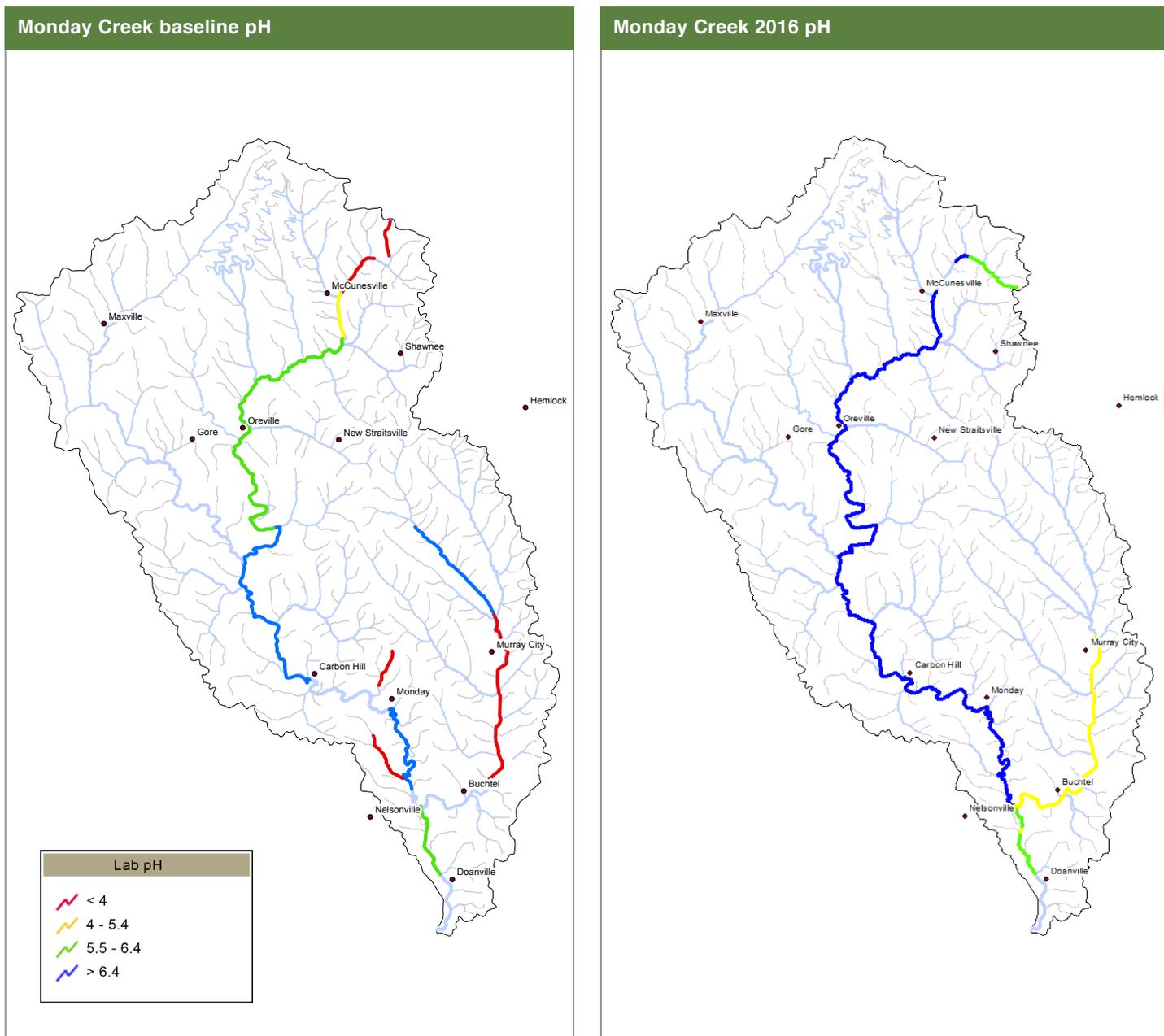
Big Four Hollow site BF00100



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Chemical Water Quality



In Monday Creek pH values have improved throughout the watershed from baseline conditions (2001) to 2016. In 2016, stream miles meeting pH target of 6.5 is approximately 23 miles of the 33 miles monitored (72%).

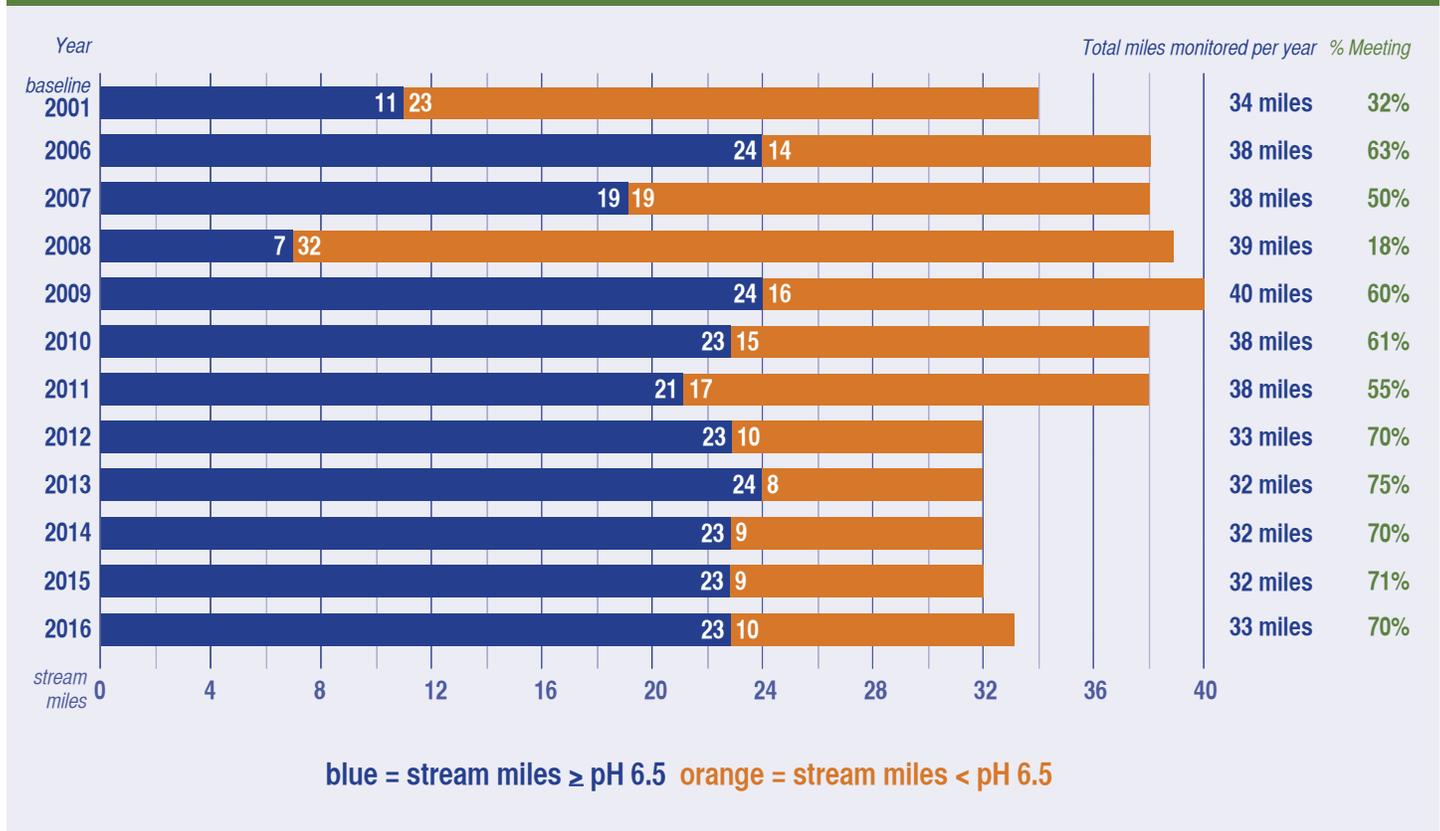
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Chemical Water Quality

There are approximately 32 stream miles monitored each year along the mainstem of Monday Creek, 38 miles when major tributary Snow Fork is included. The restoration target for pH is 6.5. In 2007, 19 stream miles of the 38 monitored met the pH target of 6.5. However in 2008 only 7 miles of the 39 miles monitored met this target. In 2009 and 2010 data shows an increase again with approximately 24 of the 39 miles monitored meeting the pH target. In 2011, the site near Lost Run MC00500 dropped below the pH target with an average pH value of 6.24. From 2012 -2016, stream miles meeting the pH target have remained constant. The mainstem of Snow Fork, downstream of Essex Doser has been discontinued for monitoring. Site SF00940 represents the five miles missing from the total miles monitored in past years 38 down to 33 (Figure 1). Snow Fork (SF00100) fails to meet the pH target of 6.5 and treatment in this basin is unlikely.

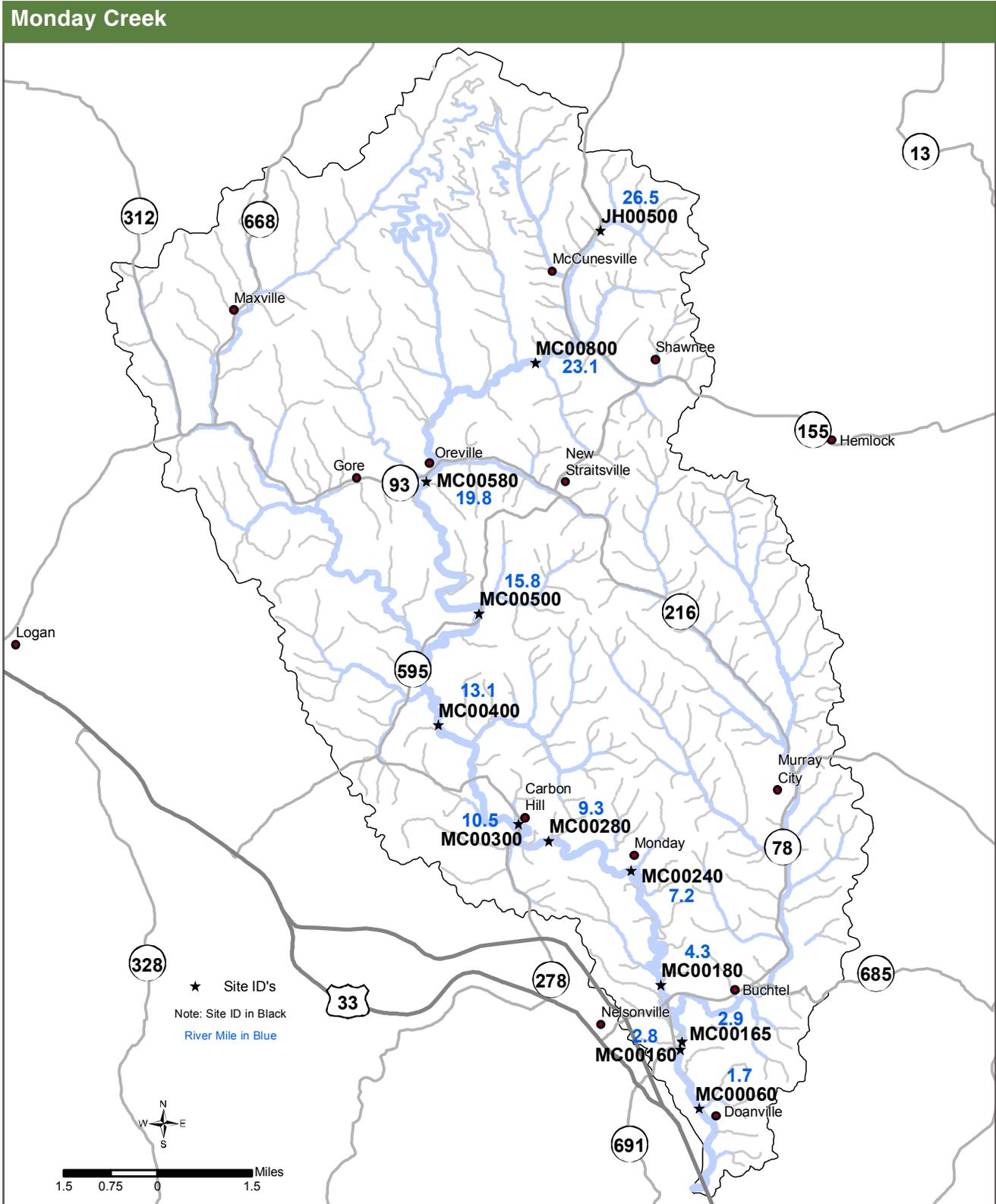
Figure 1. Monday Creek pH



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Chemical Water Quality



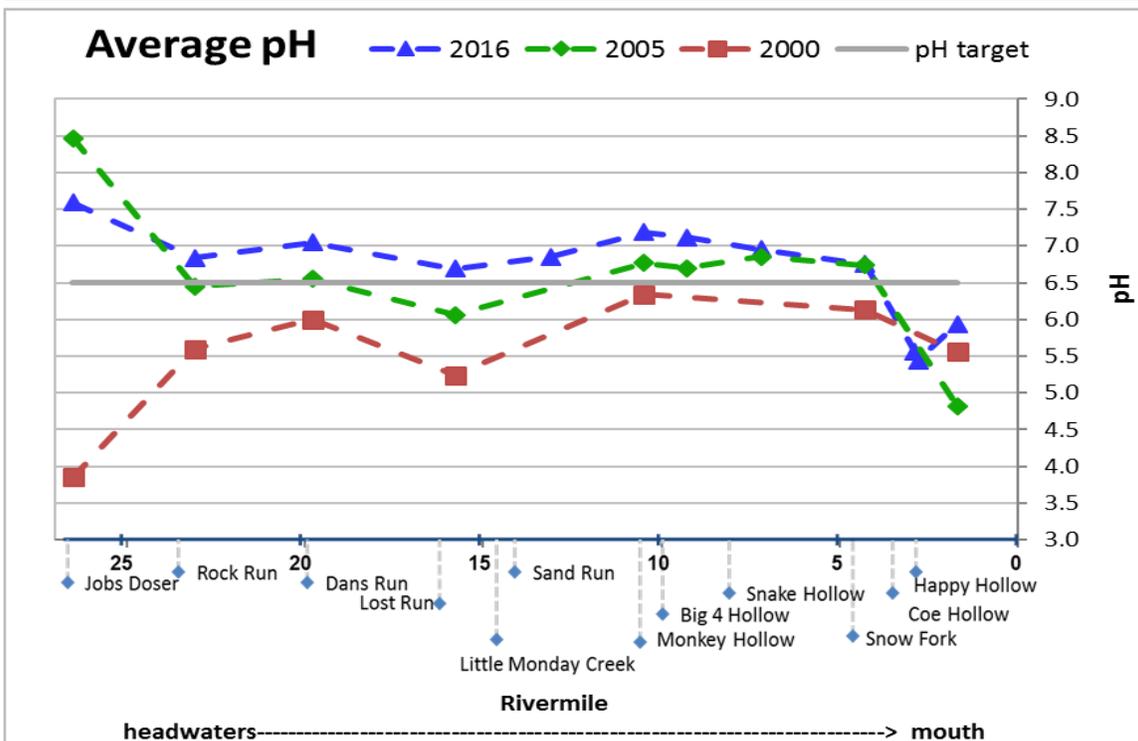
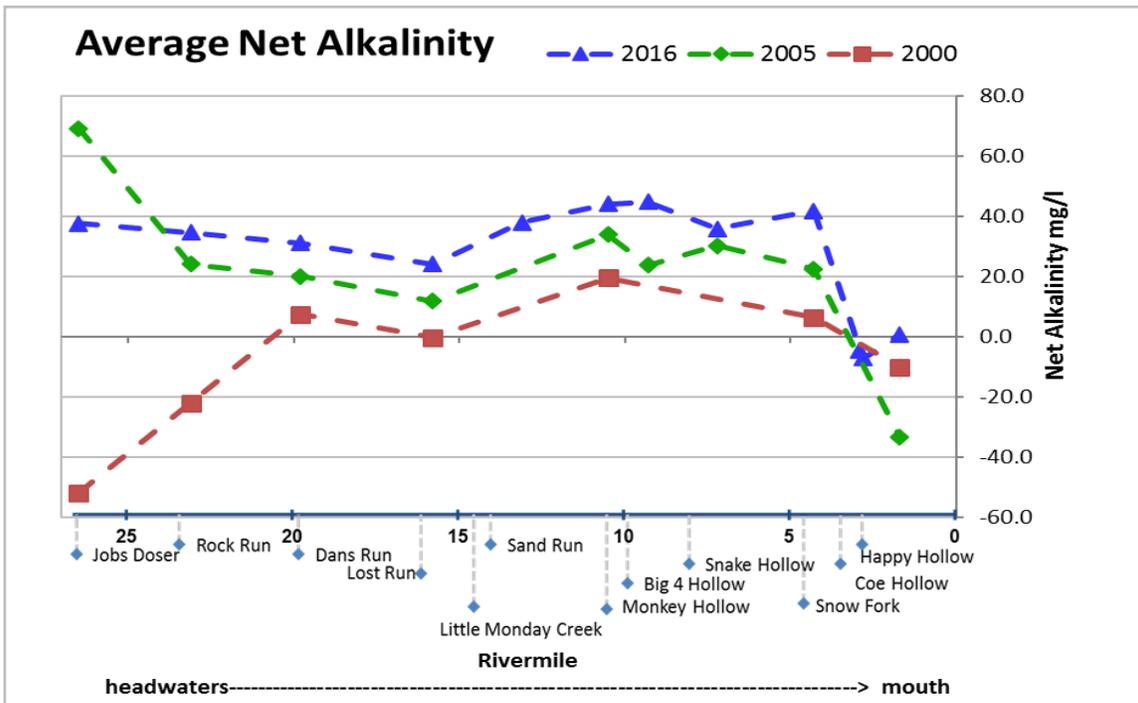
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Chemical water quality analysis per stream reach

Chemical water quality changes along the mainstem of Monday Creek are shown in the stream reach graphs below. Chemical long-term monitoring data is utilized to generate line graphs along the stream gradient from headwaters to the mouth. Along the x-axis named tributaries are shown to illustrate sources of water entering the mainstem. A list of long-term monitoring sites utilized to generate the graphs with their river miles are shown below.

| Monday Creek Mainstem | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Site ID | JH00500 | MC00800 | MC00580 | MC00500 | MC00400 | MC00300 | MC00280 | MC00240 | MC00180 | MC00165 | MC00160 | MC00060 |
| Rivermile | 26.5 | 23.1 | 19.8 | 15.8 | 13.1 | 10.5 | 9.3 | 7.2 | 4.3 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 1.7 |

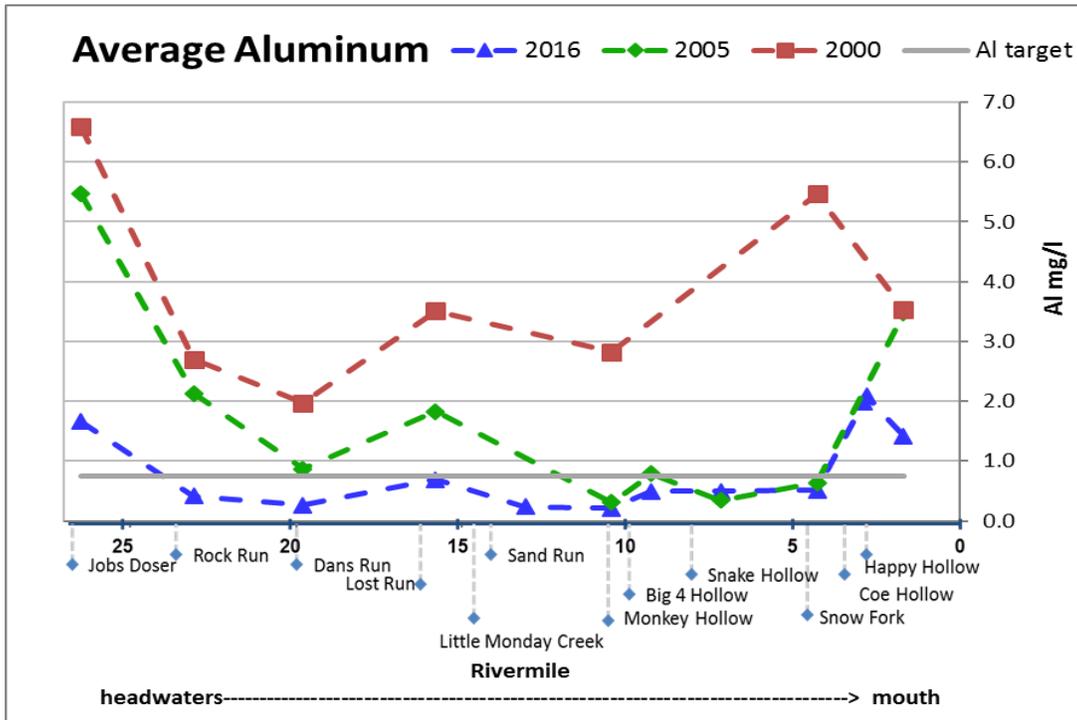
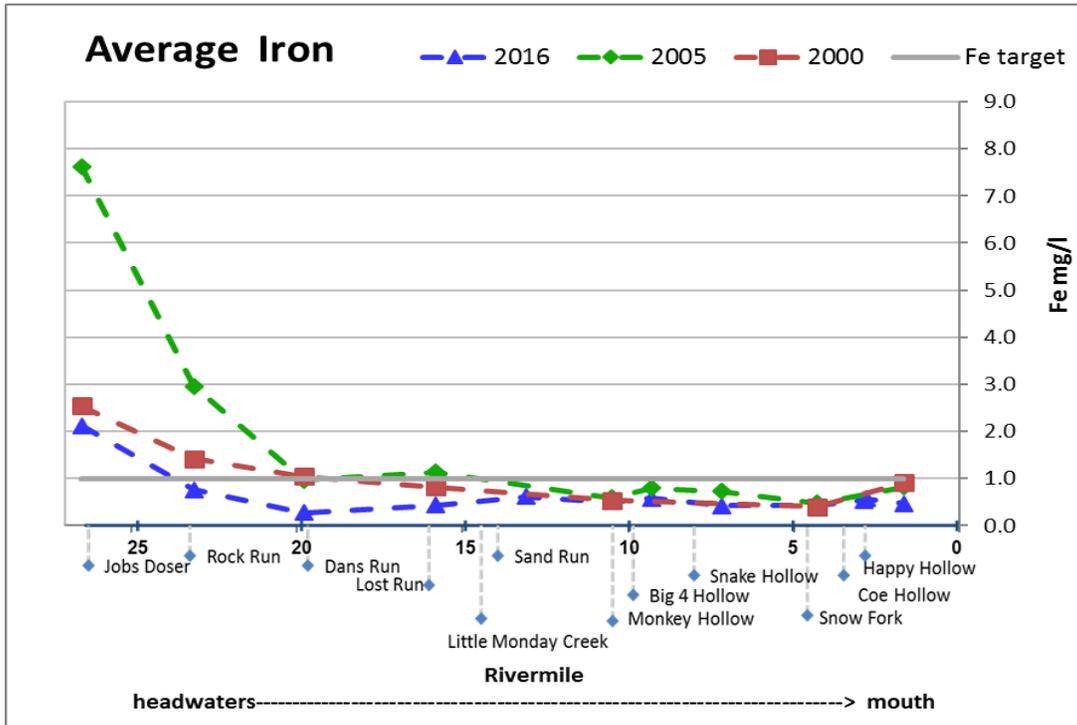


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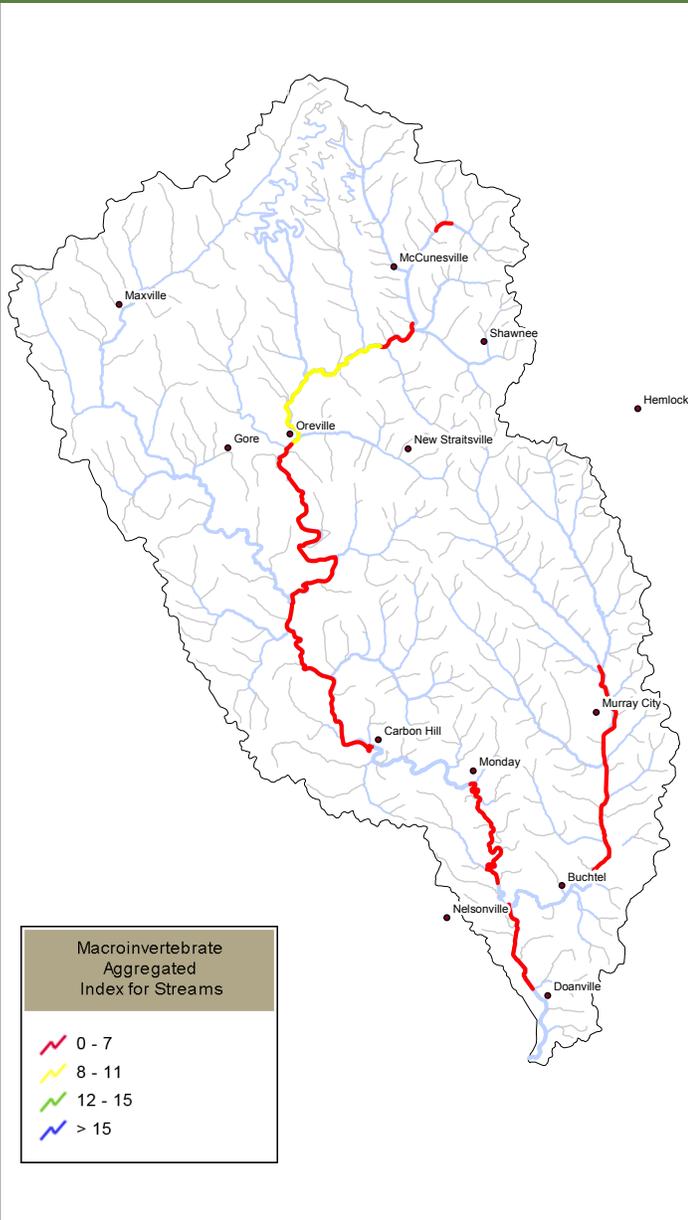


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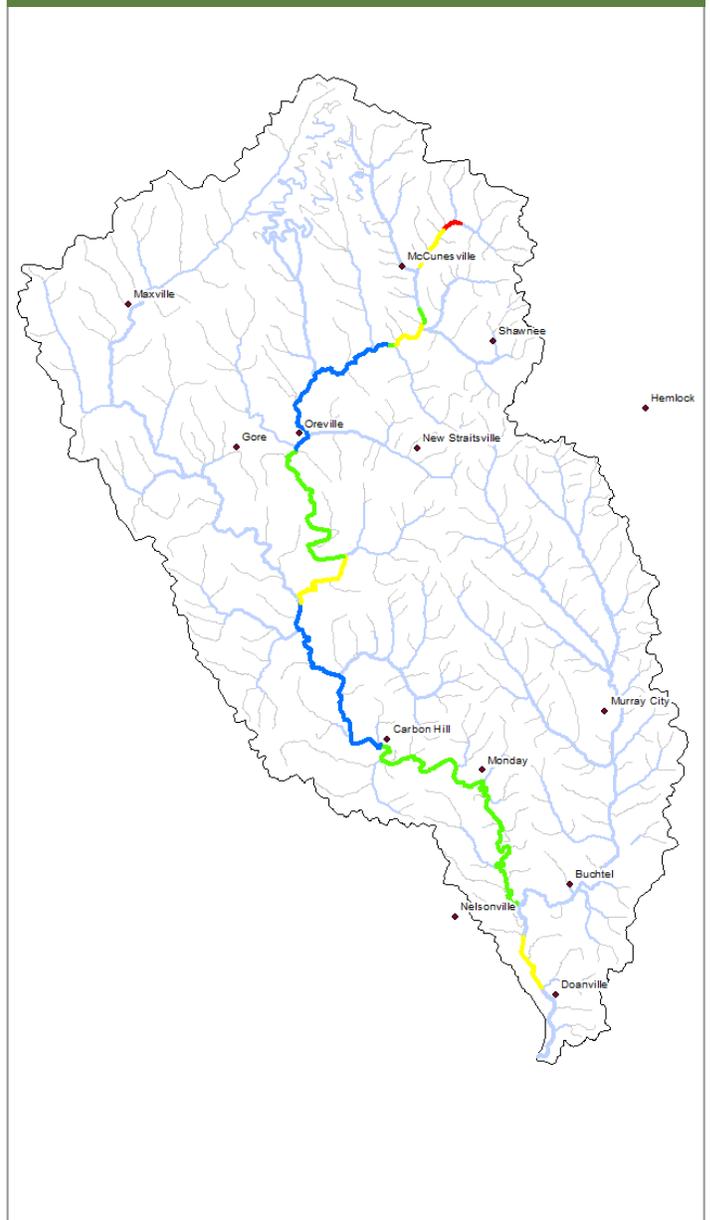
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Biological Water Quality

Monday Creek baseline MAIS



Monday Creek 2016 MAIS



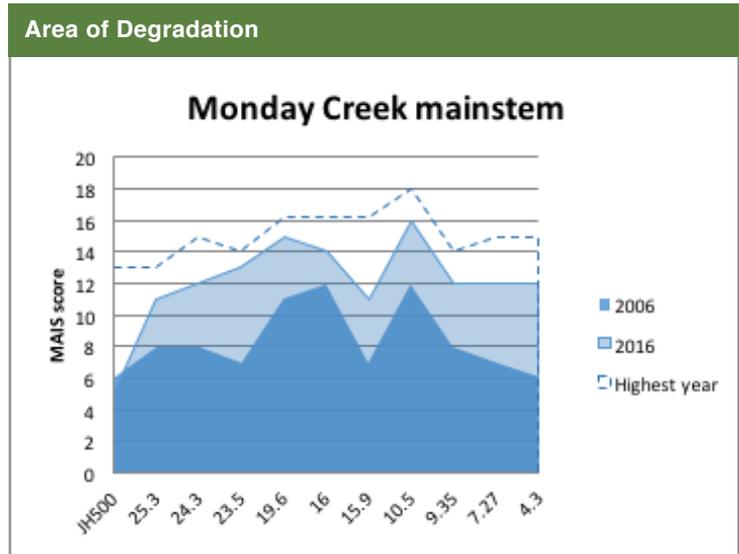
MAIS samples were collected throughout Monday Creek at established annual monitoring stations from 2001 through 2016.

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Biological Water Quality

The Monday Creek mainstem has shown steady improvements in biological quality over the last ten years. All long term sites are now categorized as 'improved' and only one site, JH0500 consistently scores below the MAIS target of '12'. MC00500 at RM 15.9 also scored below '12' this year, even though it has improved from the past. The high scores of '15' and '16' at this site in 2012 and 2013 indicate that it has potential for recovery, yet in 2016 and other years the macroinvertebrate scores are much lower, suggesting that the site's potential is not consistently achieved. In 2016, scores in general were a little lower than in previous years but a similar longitudinal pattern was evident.



The blue dashed line identifies the highest MAIS score ever achieved at that site throughout the monitoring time period.

Monday Creek MAIS Regressions

| Site ID Rivermile | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | Linear trend | R square | P-value | Years |
|----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------------|----------|---------|-------|
| JH00500 RM 26.5 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 11 | 10 | 13 | 8 | 5 | no change | 0.217 | 0.1492 | 11 |
| MC00950 RM 25.3 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 12 | 13 | 11 | improved | 0.610 | 0.0045 | 11 |
| MC00900 RM 24.3 | 8 | 12 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 14 | 12 | 15 | 12 | improved | 0.447 | 0.0244 | 11 |
| MC00800 RM 23.5 | 7 | 9 | 12 | 7 | 13 | 11 | 13 | 12 | 14 | 14 | 13 | improved | 0.595 | 0.0054 | 11 |
| MC00580 RM 19.6 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 16 | 14 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 16 | 15 | improved | 0.601 | 0.0050 | 11 |
| MC00510 RM 16 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 10 | * | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | improved | 0.598 | 0.0053 | 11 |
| MC00500 RM 15.9 | 7 | 8 | * | 5 | * | * | 15 | 16 | 9 | 13 | 11 | improved | 0.407 | 0.0346 | 11 |
| MC00300 RM 10.5 | 12 | 14 | * | 12 | 16 | 16 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 18 | 16 | improved | 0.666 | 0.0022 | 11 |
| MC00280 RM 9.4 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 14 | 12 | 10 | 15 | 11 | 14 | 12 | improved | 0.436 | 0.0269 | 11 |
| MC00240 RM 7.3 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 14 | 10 | 8 | 11 | 13 | 11 | 12 | improved | 0.432 | 0.0280 | 11 |
| MC00180 RM 4.3 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 13 | 9 | 9 | 15 | 11 | 13 | 12 | improved | 0.470 | 0.0198 | 11 |

* Missing values were replaced with arithmetic averages of preceding and following years for graphing.

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Reductions

**Total acid load reduction 2016
= 22 lbs/day**

**Total metal load reduction 2016
= 31 lbs/day**

*Data derived using the Stoertz Water Quality
Evaluation Method (Kruse et al. 2014)*

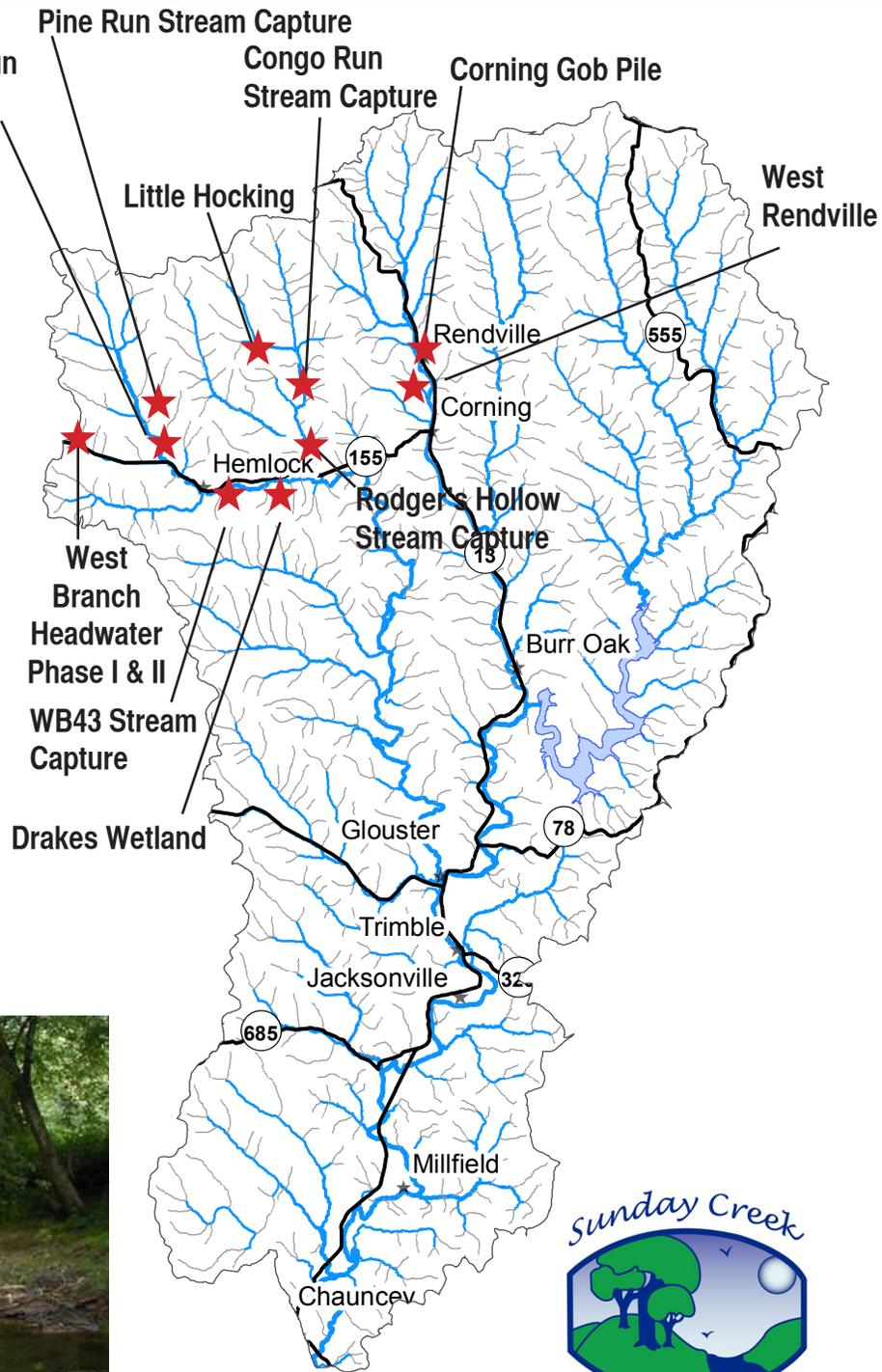
Acid and metal load reductions based on projects monitored during 2016 listed here: West Branch Headwaters Phase I & II, and Drakes Wetland.

Costs

**Design = \$491,759
(excluding Congo Run CR-15,
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Capture maintenance)**

Construction = \$2,091,186

Total costs through 2016 = \$2,582,945



Sunday Creek

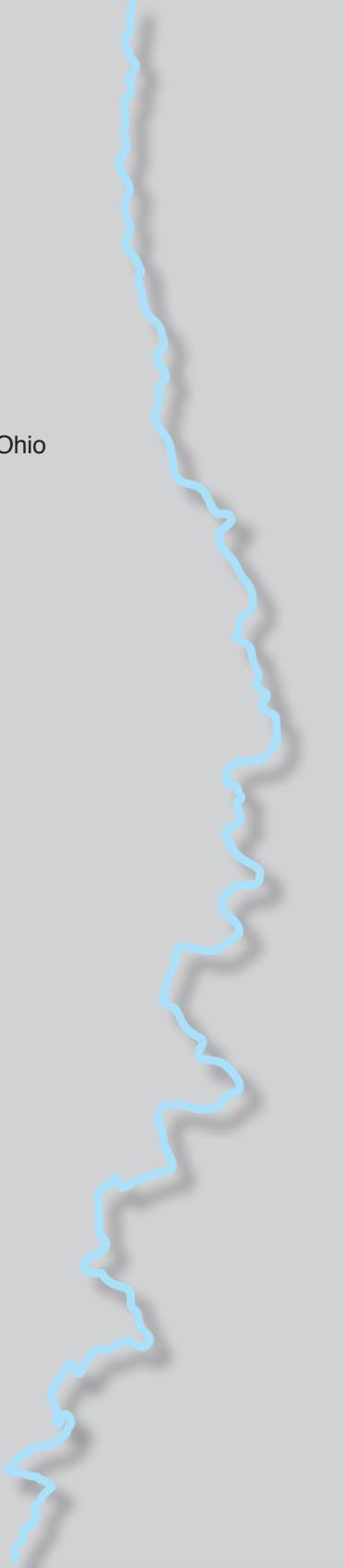


Six stream captures located in the Sunday Creek Watershed were closed and completed from 2004-2011. A total of 2,401 acres surface drainage area drained year round into the deep mines and, as a result of closing these subsidence holes, 884,021,000 gallons per year were diverted from entering into the deep mine, thus abating the generation of acid mine drainage. Expected additional alkaline loading from these closures returning clean water to the receiving streams is 986 lbs/day. As result of the Rodgers Hollow Subsidence closure, the deep mine discharge in Drakes has seen a reduction in acidity load by 18 lbs/day.

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Timeline of the Sunday Creek Watershed Project Milestones and AMD Projects

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- 1999** • Sunday Creek Watershed Group (SCWG) Founded
 - 2000**
 - 2001** • Rural Action adds VISTA volunteer to SCWG staff
 - 2002** • SCWG Hired First Watershed Coordinator, funded for six years
 - 2003** • Sunday Creek Watershed AMDAT Completed
• SCWG Watershed Action Plan Conditionally Endorsed by the State of Ohio
 - 2004** • Congo Subsidence/ Stream Capture Project Completed
 - 2005** • Sunday Creek Watershed TMDL Study Completed
 - 2006** • SCWG Coordinator funded three more years
 - 2007** • Pine Run Stream Capture Project Completed
• Rodger's Hollow Stream Capture Project Completed
• Corning Gob Pile Reclamation Project Completed
 - 2008**
 - 2009** • Congo Run (CR-11/ Little Hocking) Stream Capture Project Completed
• SCWG Coordinator funded for three more years
• Rural Action adds AmeriCorps member to SCWG staff
 - 2010** • West Branch Headwaters Phase I Project Completed
• West Branch 43 Stream Capture Project Completed
 - 2011** • SCWG Watershed Action Plan Officially Endorsed by the State of Ohio
• West Branch Headwaters Phase II Project Completed
• West Rendville Stream Capture Project Completed
 - 2012**
 - 2013** • Pine Run Doser installed
 - 2014** • Drakes Wetland project in the West Branch of Sunday Creek completed

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Sunday Creek Projects

Acid mine drainage reclamation projects completed in Sunday Creek Watershed:

- 2004** *Congo Stream Capture (CR-15) – Fill subsidence feature*
- 2007** *Pine Run Stream Capture (PR-20 and PR-21) – Fill subsidence feature and restore positive drainage in stream*
Corning Gob Floodplain (CG 02) – Remove gob from floodplain, gob pile reclamation on hillslope
Rodger's Hollow Stream Capture (RH 001) – Close multiple subsidence features and install natural channel
- 2009** *Little Hocking Stream Capture (CR 11) – Close subsidence feature and reconnect stream channel*
- 2010** *West Branch 43 Stream Capture (WB 43) – Close subsidence feature and create positive drainage*
Pine Run Stream Capture Maintenance – installed 4 limestone berms in channel
West Branch Sunday Creek Headwaters Phase I & II (WBHW 03) – Limestone channels, closed 4 subsidence features, reclaimed gob pile, surface reclamation, limestone leach bed, and passive wetland
- 2011** *West Rendville Stream Capture – Close 2 subsidence features and create positive drainage*
- 2013** *Pine Run Doser (PR001) – Active calcium oxide doser*
- 2014** *Drakes Wetland Enhancement (WB 36) – Wetland enhancement, metals removal*

Italicized indicates projects are not actively monitored for acid and metal load reductions purposes

Most of the remediation in Sunday Creek consists of source control (i.e. stream capture, gob pile capping, etc....) and aren't actively monitored for acid and metal load reductions. Therefore target restoration sites along West Branch of Sunday Creek mainstem have been selected to analyze the acid and metal loading reduction as well as loading through time, these sites include:

WBHW 03, WB 51, and WB 002. Yearly load reductions for these mainstem sites are shown on the next few pages.

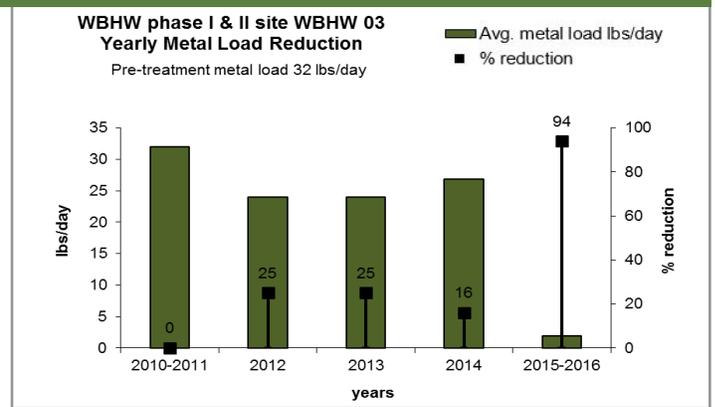
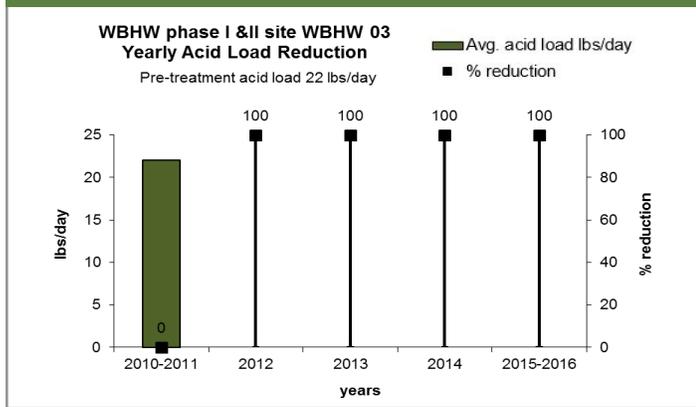
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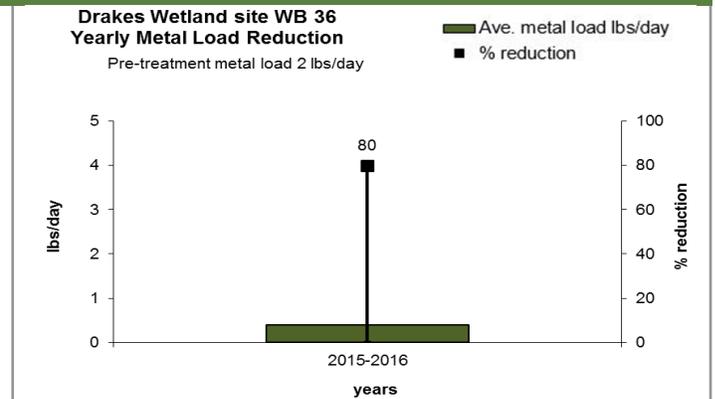
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WBHW phase I & II site WBHW 03



Drakes site WB 36

Drakes Wetland site WB 36 is net alkaline pre-treatment, Wetland was enhanced to maintain the longevity of the wetland.

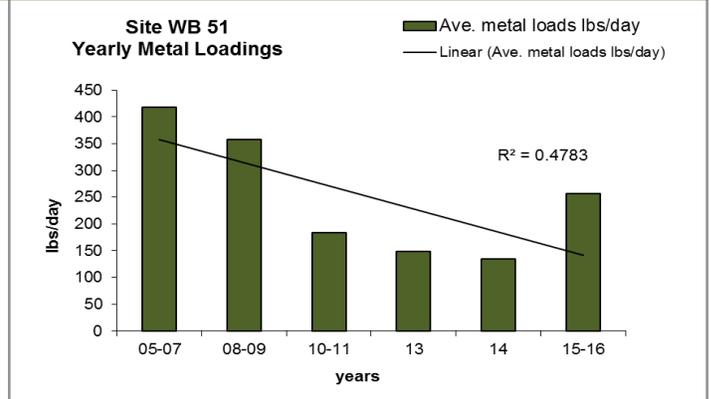
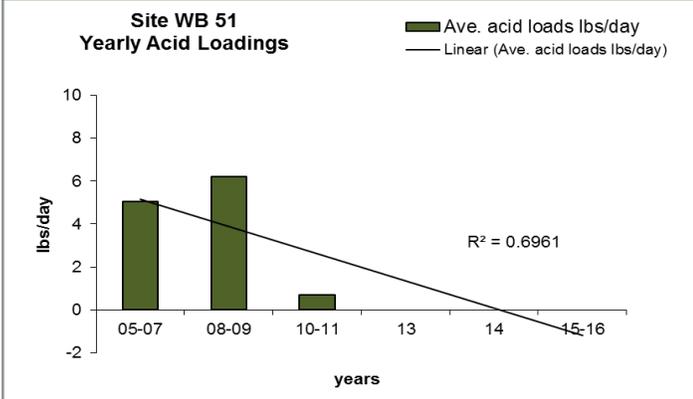


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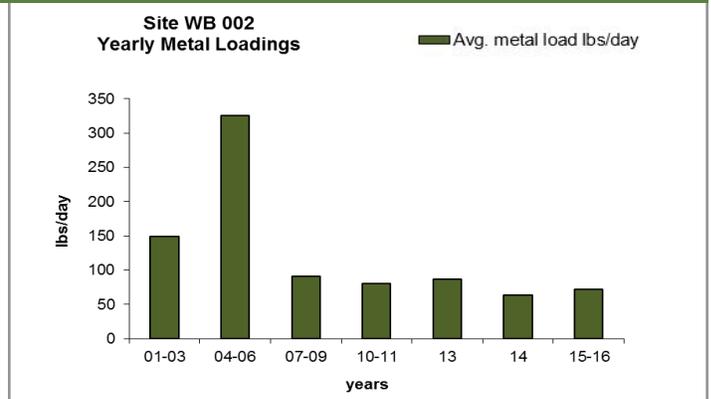
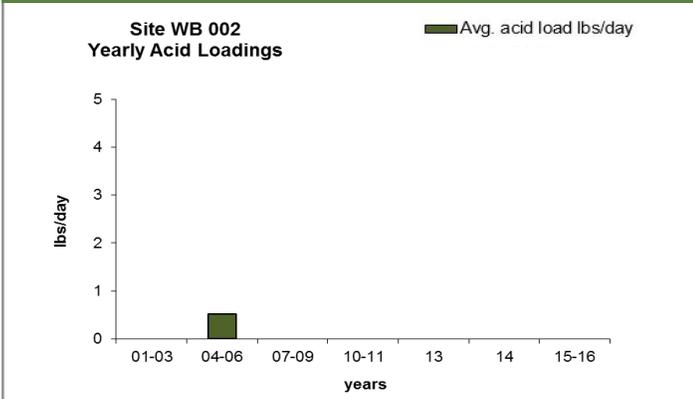
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Yearly acid and metal load reduction trends per project

Site WB 51



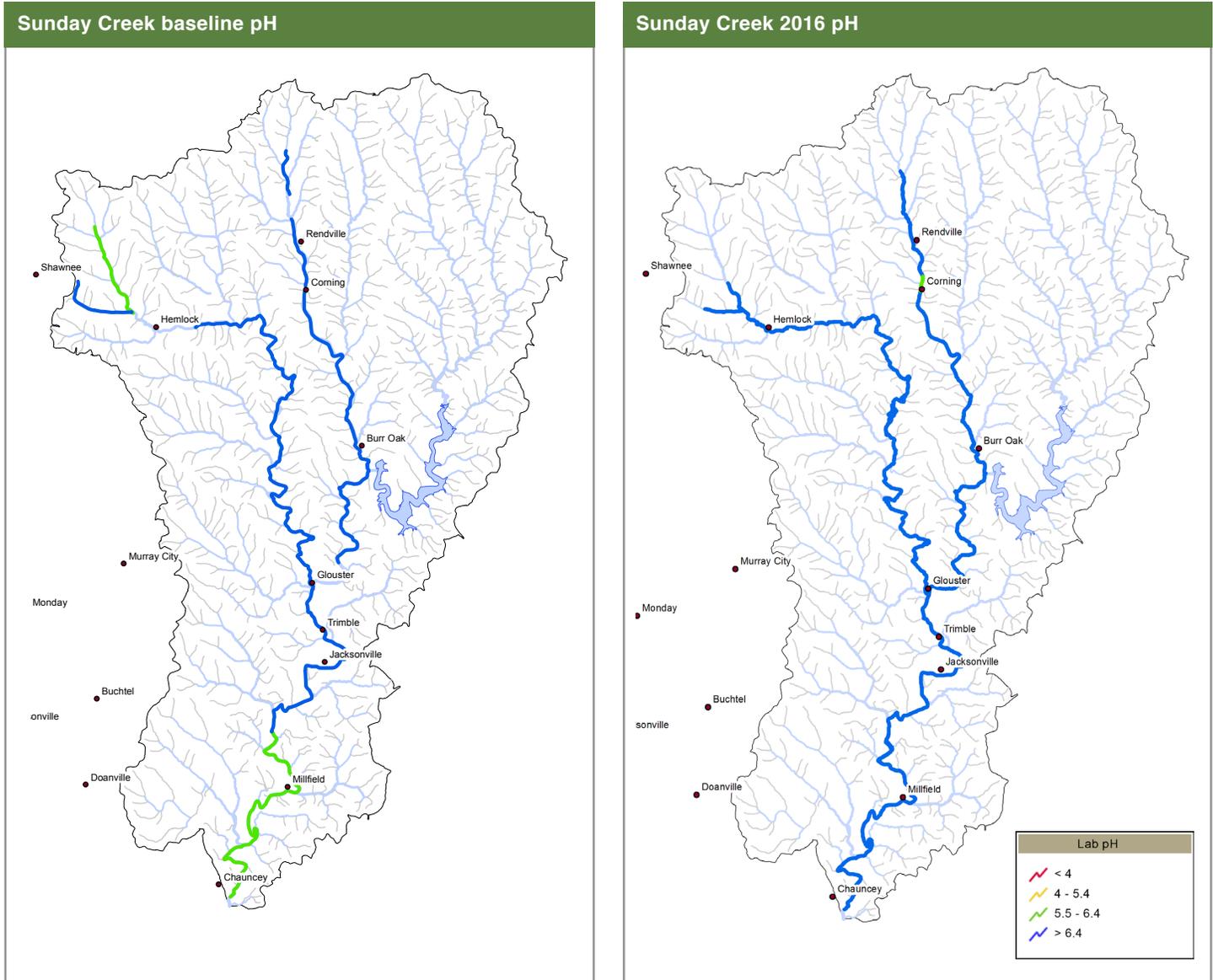
Site WB 002



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Chemical Water Quality



Water quality along the West Branch of Sunday Creek was degraded from baseline conditions in 2001 to 2007. Values of average pH dropped from >6.4 to 4.0-5.4 range in 2005 to 2006 and remained constant in 2007. When the subsidence features increased in Rodger's Hollow, funneling more water into the mine that generated AMD and discharged it into West Branch of Sunday Creek, the water quality decreased. However, after the subsidence closure in Rodger's Hollow in late 2007, in 2008 data for the first time shows an increase in pH along this stream segment. As of 2016 all sites met the pH target of 6.5 except for a small less than half mile section of a stream directly downstream of the Corning discharge of the 43 miles monitored.

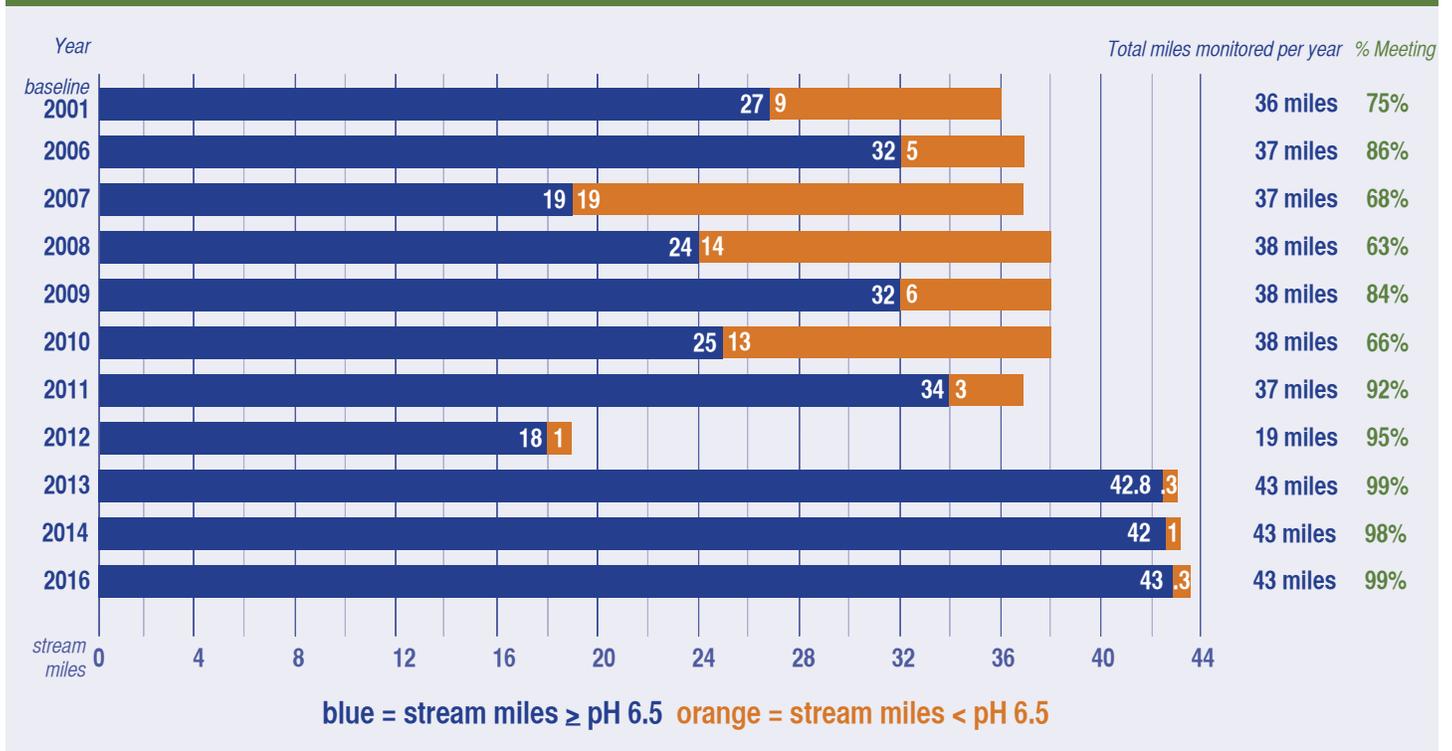
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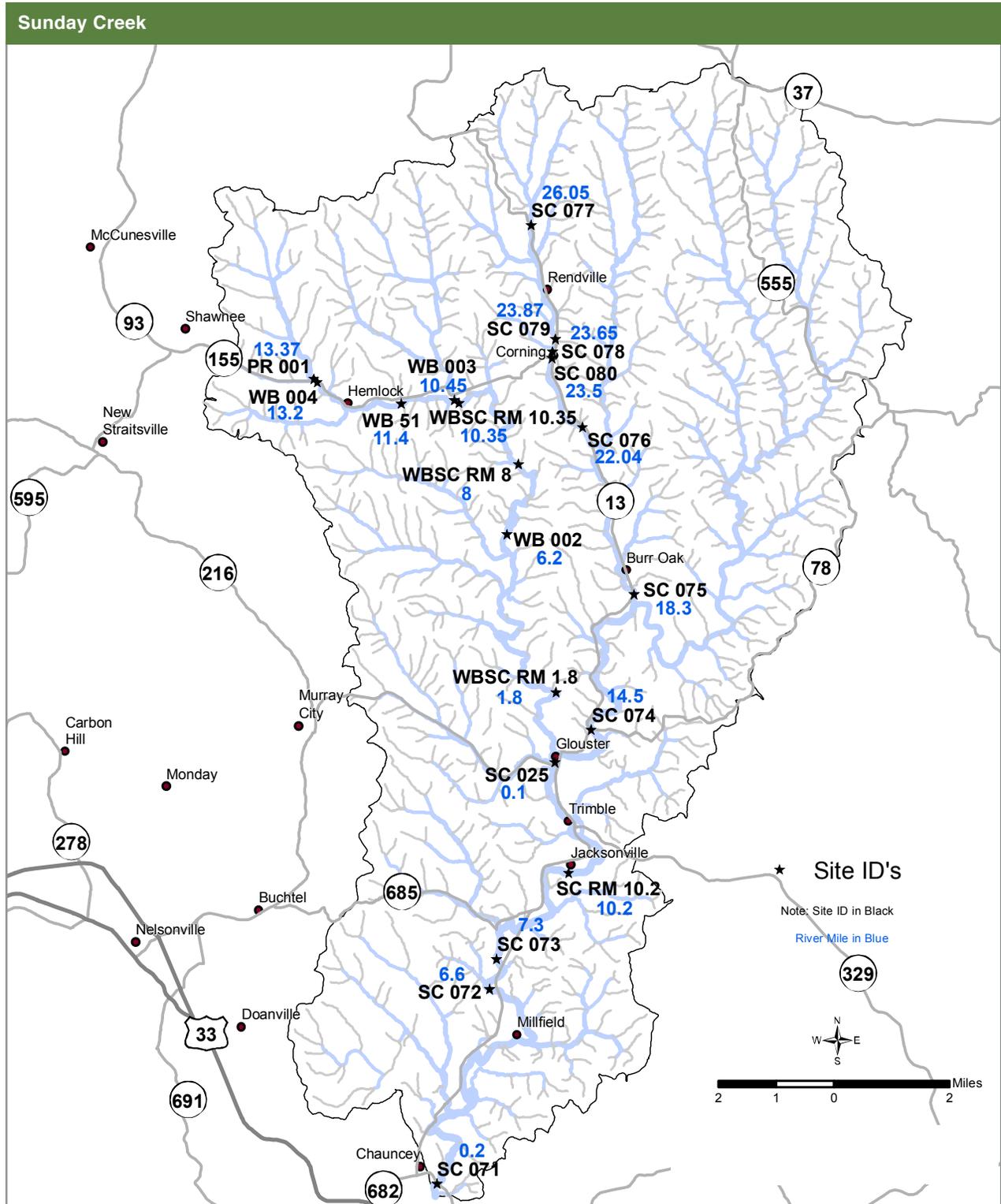
There are approximately 43 miles monitored for three years along the mainstem of Sunday Creek and major tributary West Branch, up from 38 stream miles monitored in 2010 and early. A restoration target for pH has been set to 6.5. Since 2001 there have been fluctuations in the number of stream miles that meet this target. Currently, in 2016, just under 43 of 43 miles of stream monitored meet the pH target.

Sunday Creek pH



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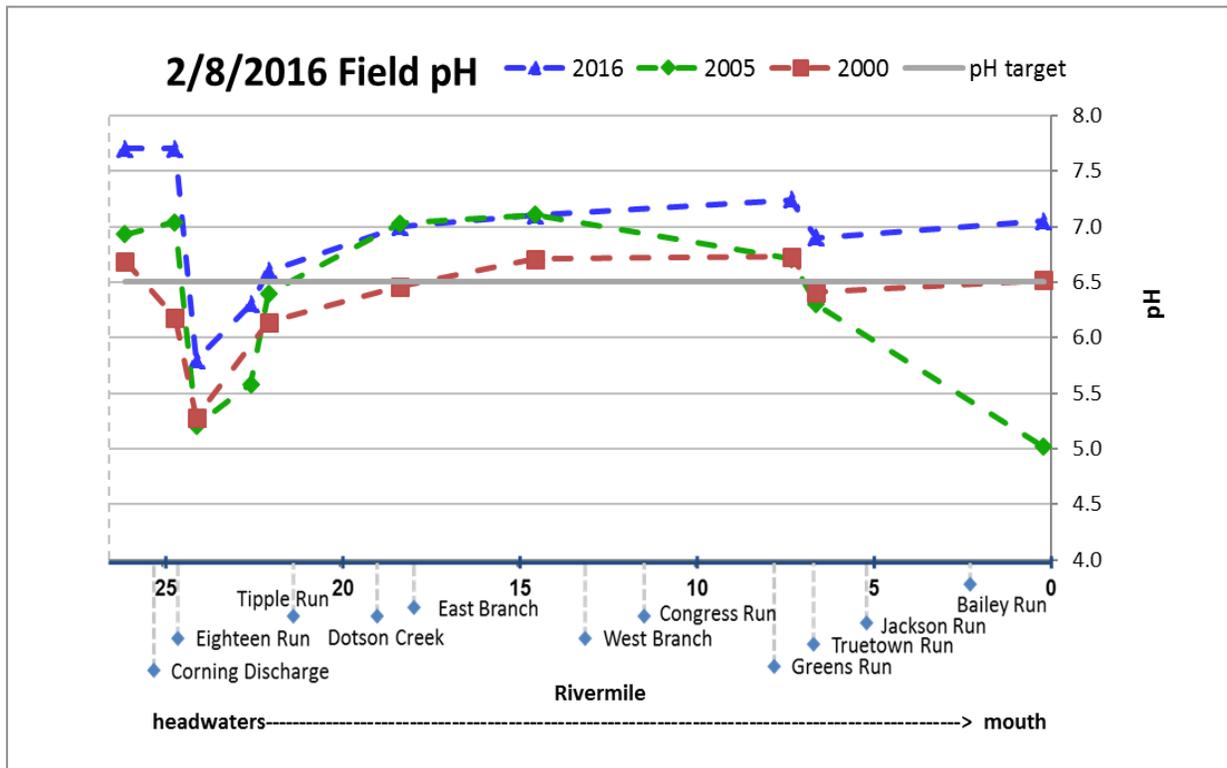


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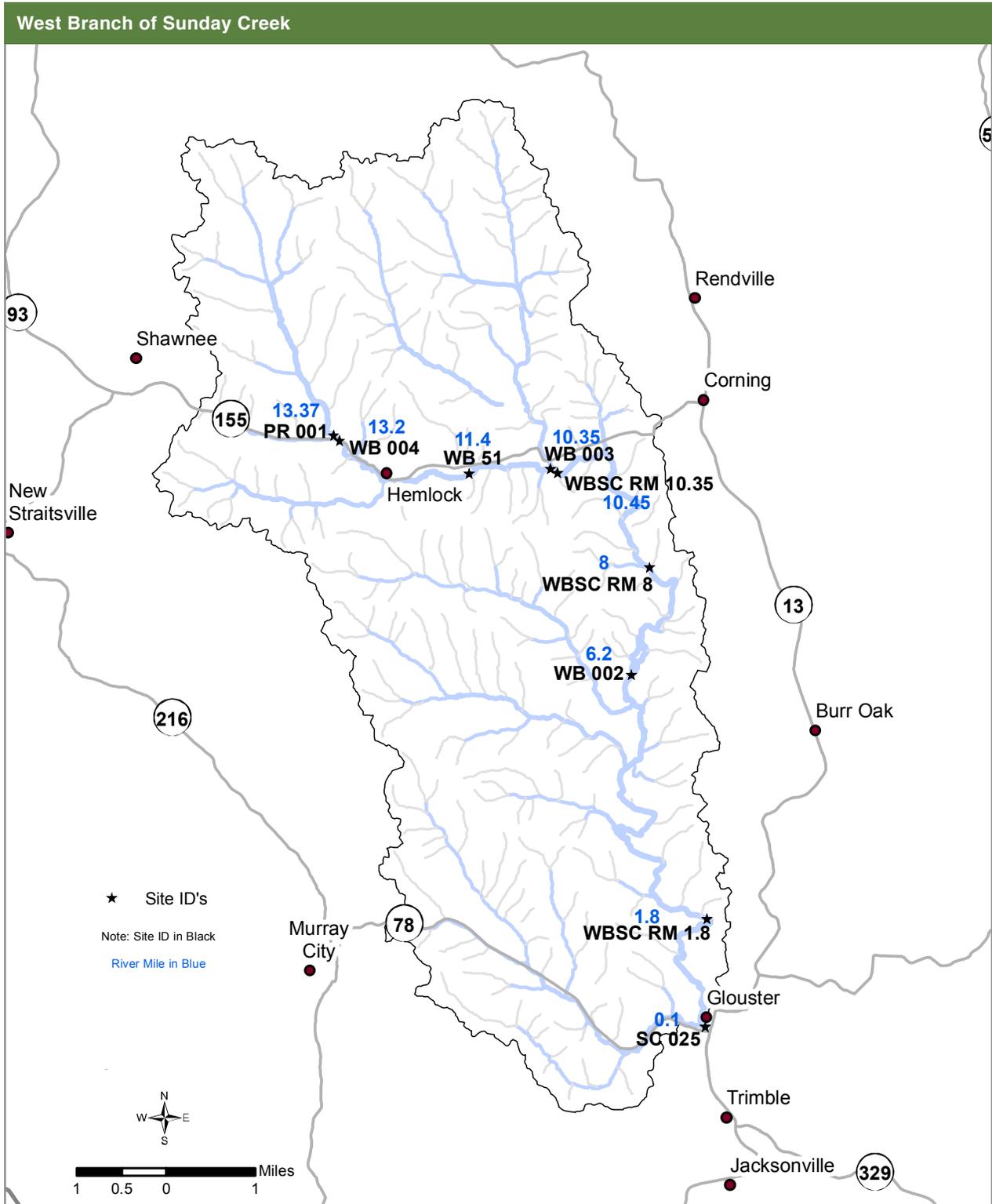
For purposes of analyzing chemical water quality changes along the mainstem of receiving stream where AMD reclamation projects have been completed, Sunday Creek has been divided into the following stream segments: Sunday Creek Mainstem and West Branch of Sunday Creek. Within these stream reaches, chemical long-term monitoring data is utilized to generate line graphs along the stream gradient from headwaters to the mouth. Along the x-axis named tributaries are shown to illustrate sources of water entering the mainstem. A list of long-term monitoring sites utilized to generate the graphs with their river miles are shown before each set of stream reach graphs.

| Sunday Creek Mainstem | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|
| Site ID | SC 077 | SC 079 | SC 078 | SC 080 | SC 076 | SC 075 | SC 074 | SCRM 10.2 | SC 073 | SC 072 | SC 071 |
| Rivermile | 26.05 | 23.87 | 23.65 | 23.5 | 22.04 | 18.3 | 14.5 | 10.2 | 7.3 | 6.6 | 0.2 |



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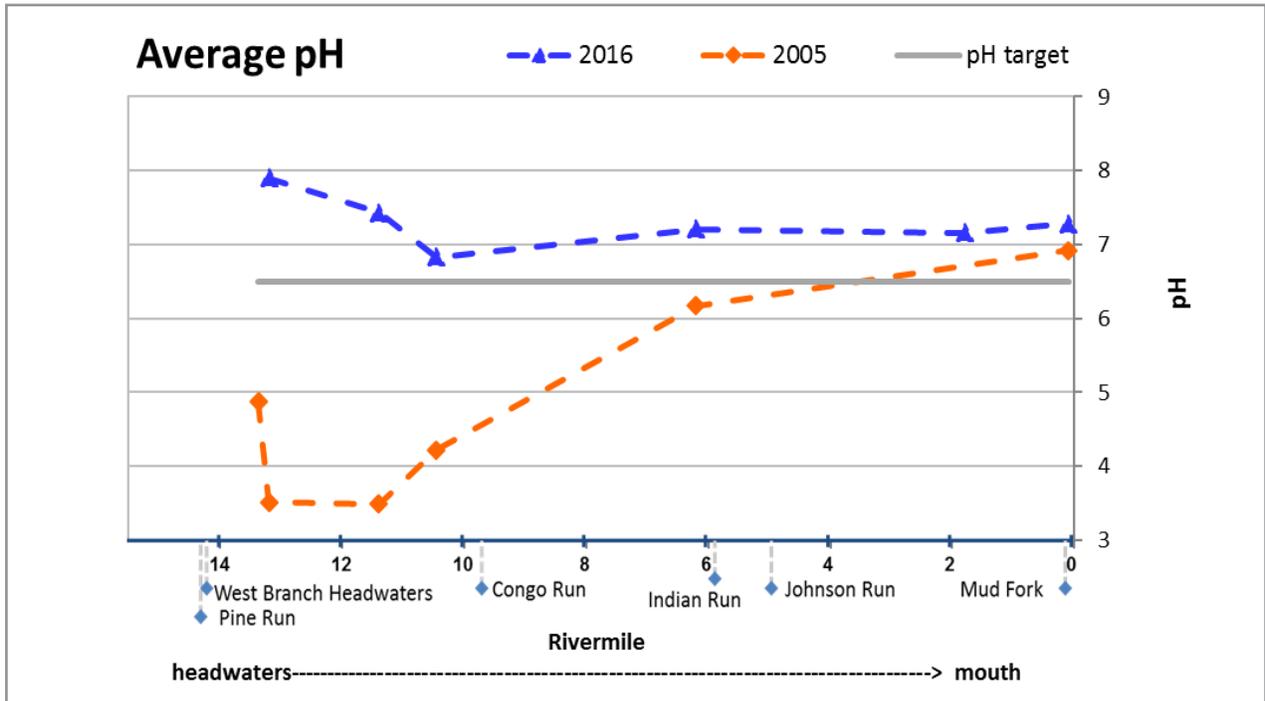
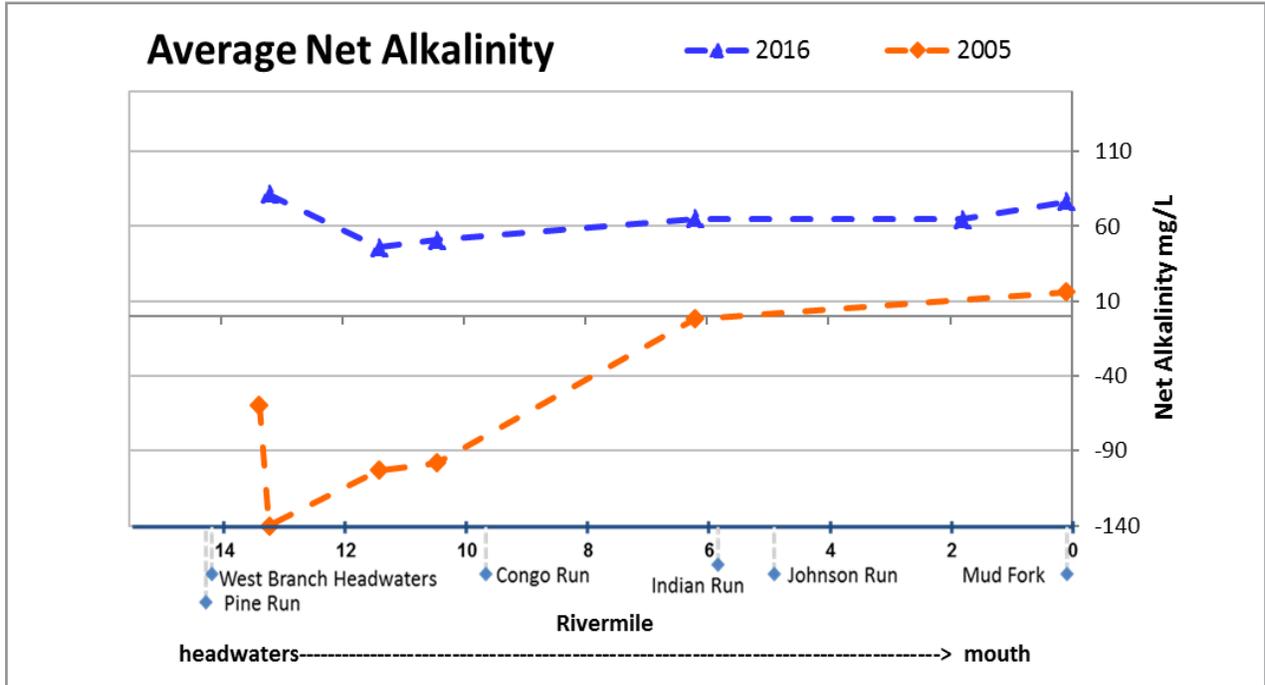


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Chemical water quality analysis per stream reach

| West Branch of Sunday Creek | | | | | | | | | |
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| Site ID | PR 001 | WB 004 | WB 51 | WB 003 | WBSC RM 10.35 | WBSC RM 8 | WB 002 | WBSC RM 1.8 | SC 025 |
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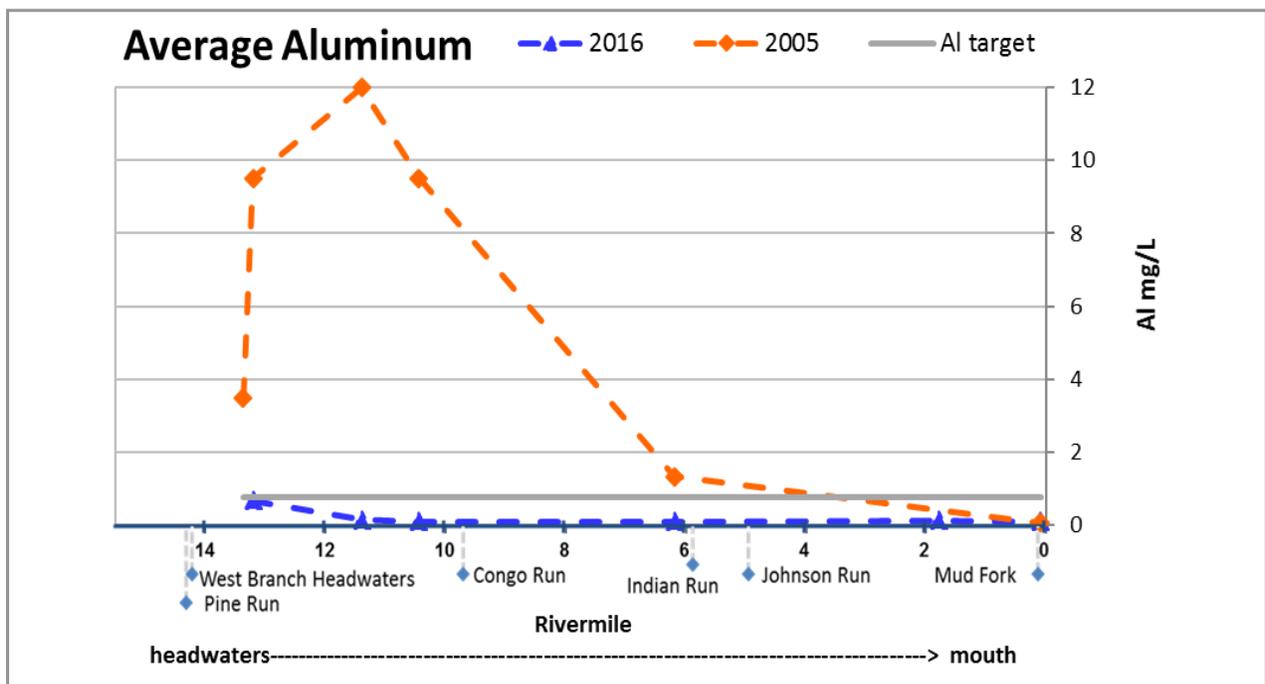
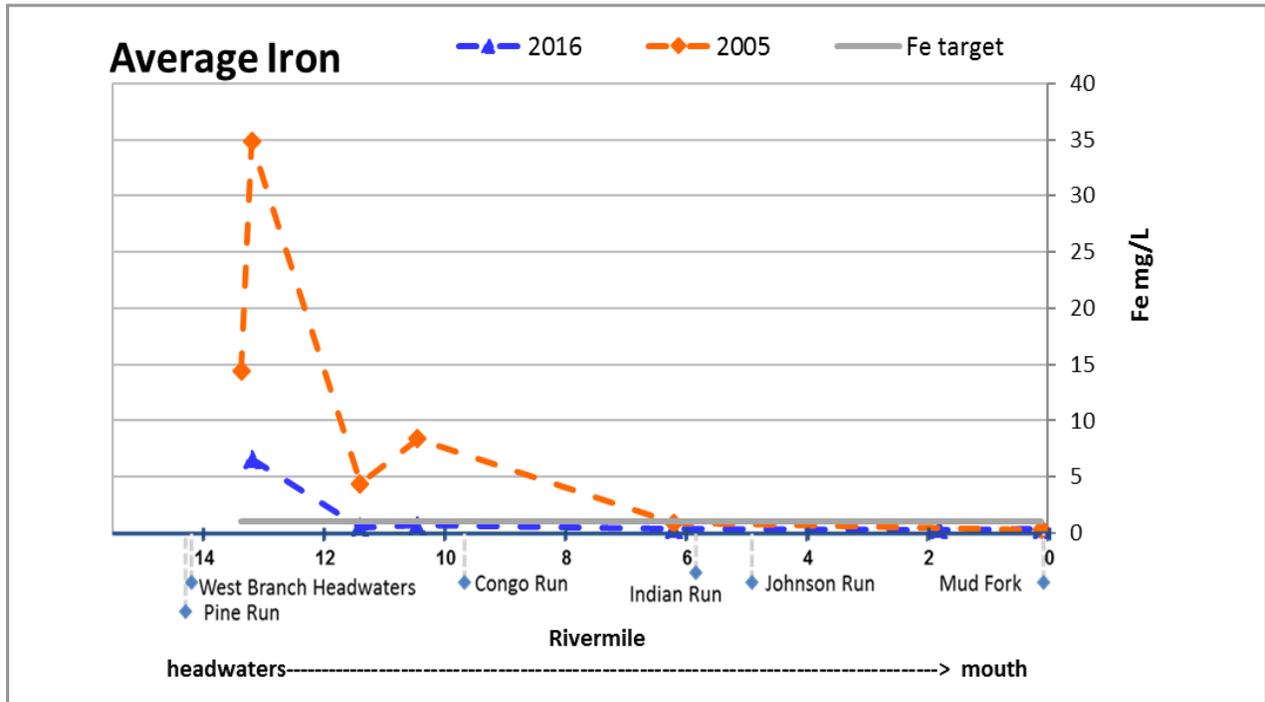


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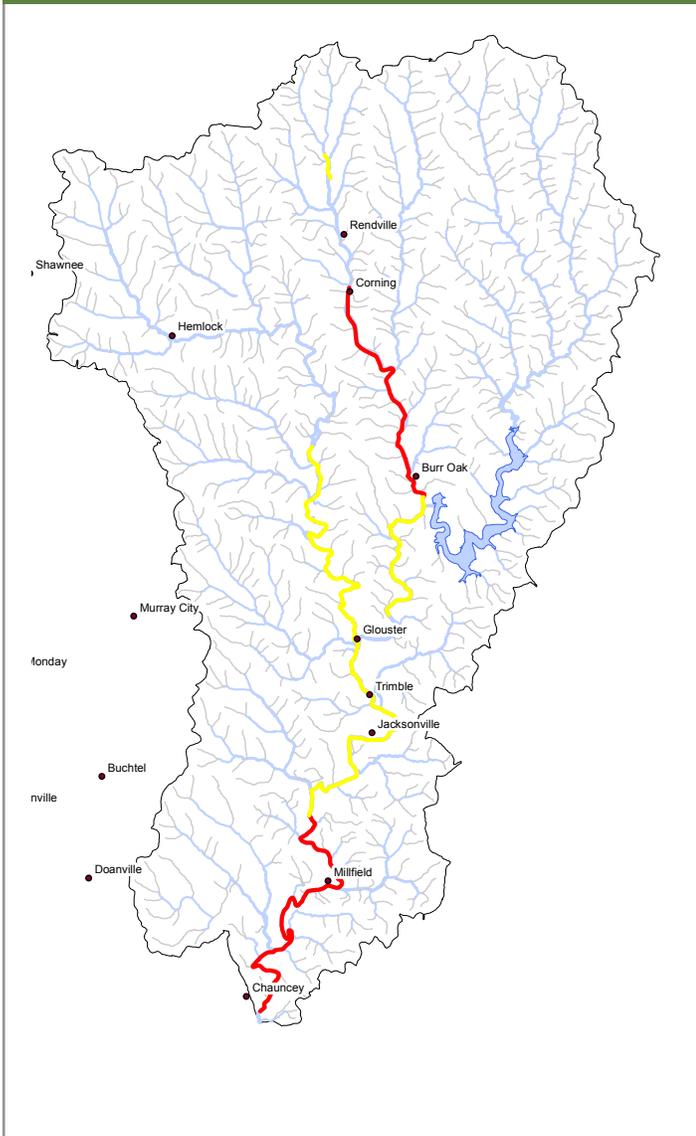


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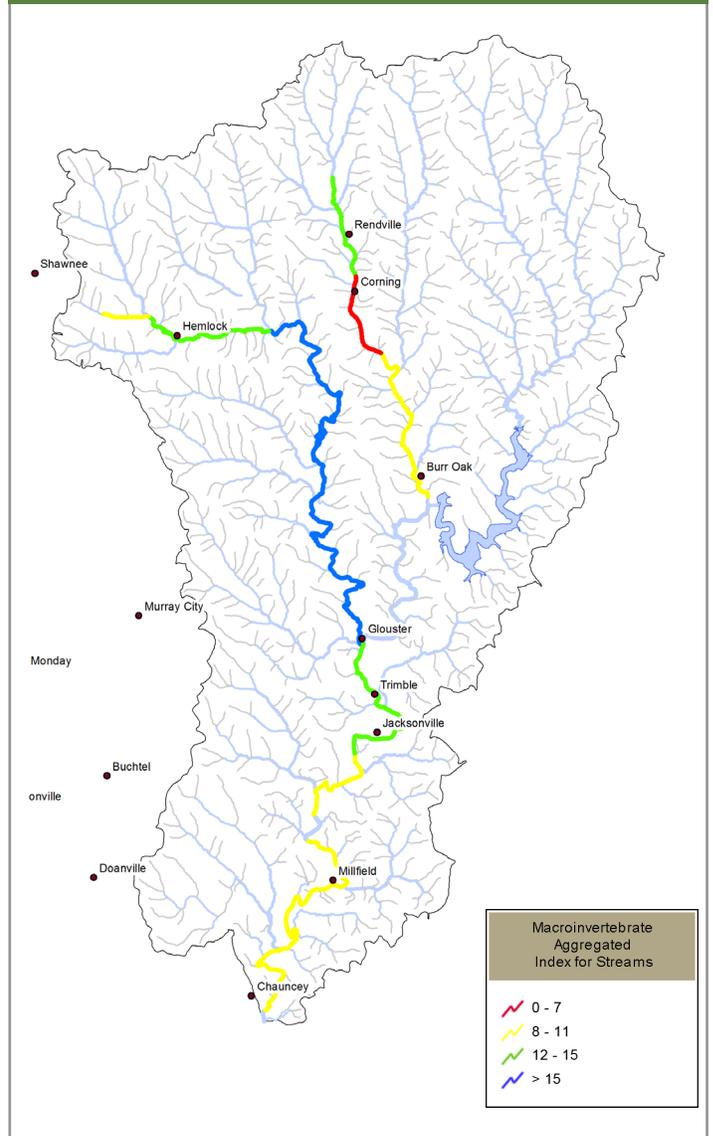
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Biological Water Quality

Sunday Creek baseline MAIS



Sunday Creek 2016 MAIS



MAIS samples were collected throughout Sunday Creek at established annual monitoring stations from 2001 through 2016.

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Biological Water Quality

Sunday Creek mainstem

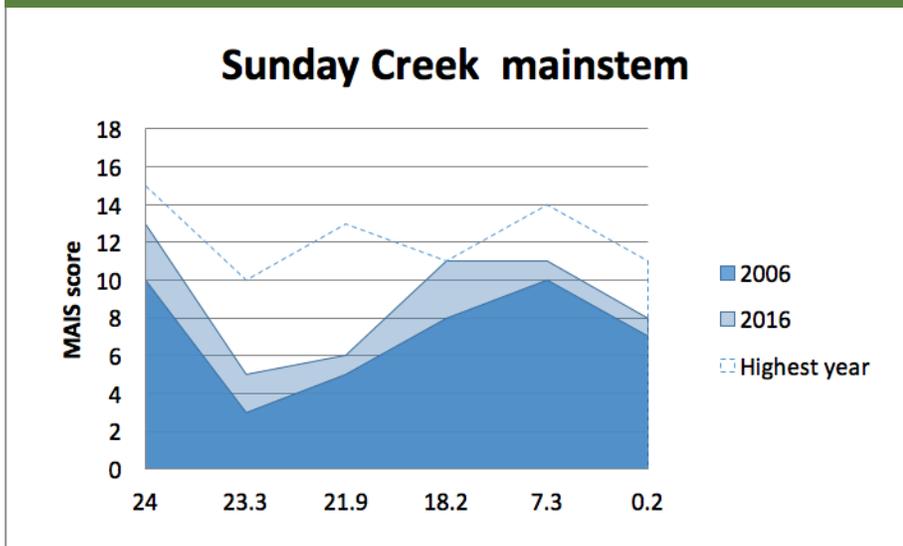
In Sunday Creek, recovery of the mainstem has been slow; improving since 2006 but not gaining statistical significance until this year, when three new sites (one above Corning at RM 24, two sites below the Corning discharge RM 21.9 and 18.2 at the Tom Jenkins dam entrance) met criteria for statistical significance. However, none of the sites immediately below the Corning discharge are yet meeting the MAIS recovery target of '12'. Directly downstream of the Corning discharge (RM 23.3), large amounts of metal precipitates accumulate and these are commonly observed further downstream at RM 21.9, especially during low flow in summer.

Further downstream, at Jacksonville (RM 10.2) and the site just above the Truetown discharge (RM 7.3), the macroinvertebrate community is of moderately high quality and have met or exceeded the target of a MAIS score of '12' over the past three years. The section of Sunday Creek downstream of the Truetown discharge below Chauncey (RM 0.2) was the first mainstem site to show significant improvement in MAIS scores since 2006, but macroinvertebrate scores still fall well below '12'.

West Branch

Improvements in the West Branch are more evident than in the mainstem. The headwater sites continued their trends of significant long-term improvement in macroinvertebrate scores. WB 004 at RM 13.3, which supported almost no macroinvertebrates in 2005 (MAIS score of '1'), earned a new high score of '11' last year and met the MAIS target of '12' for the first time this year. WB 002 (RM 6.2) has shown enough improvement to be considered recovered (MAIS score has exceeded '12' and averages closer to '14' in recent years). Sections of the West Branch further downstream at RM 1.8 and the mouth in Glouster support high quality macroinvertebrate communities. Altogether, in 2016 over 13 miles of the West Branch (from RM 13.3 to the mouth) met restoration targets for macroinvertebrates (MAIS scores of '12' or higher).

Area of Degradation 2006-2016



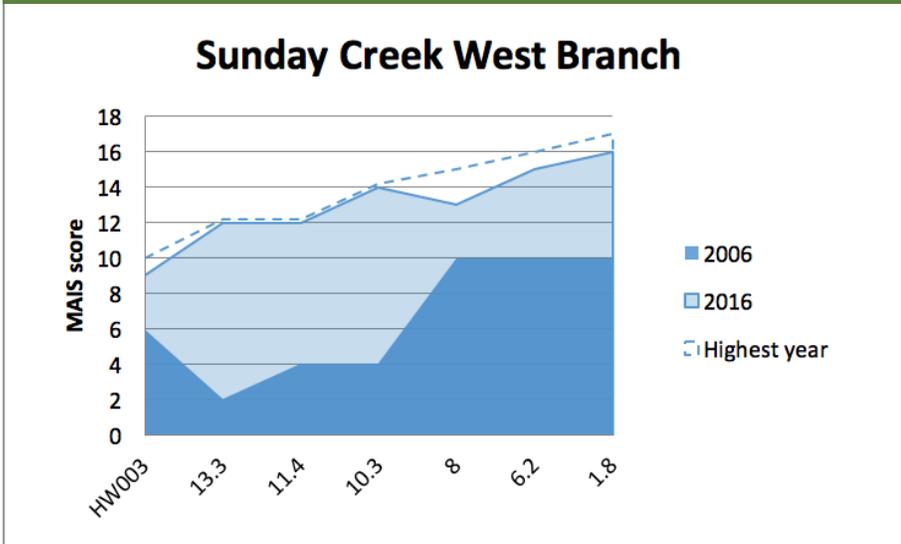
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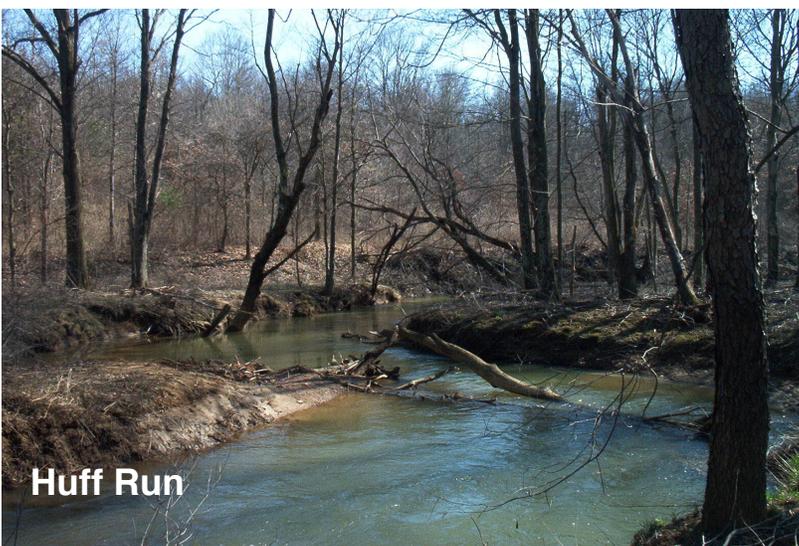
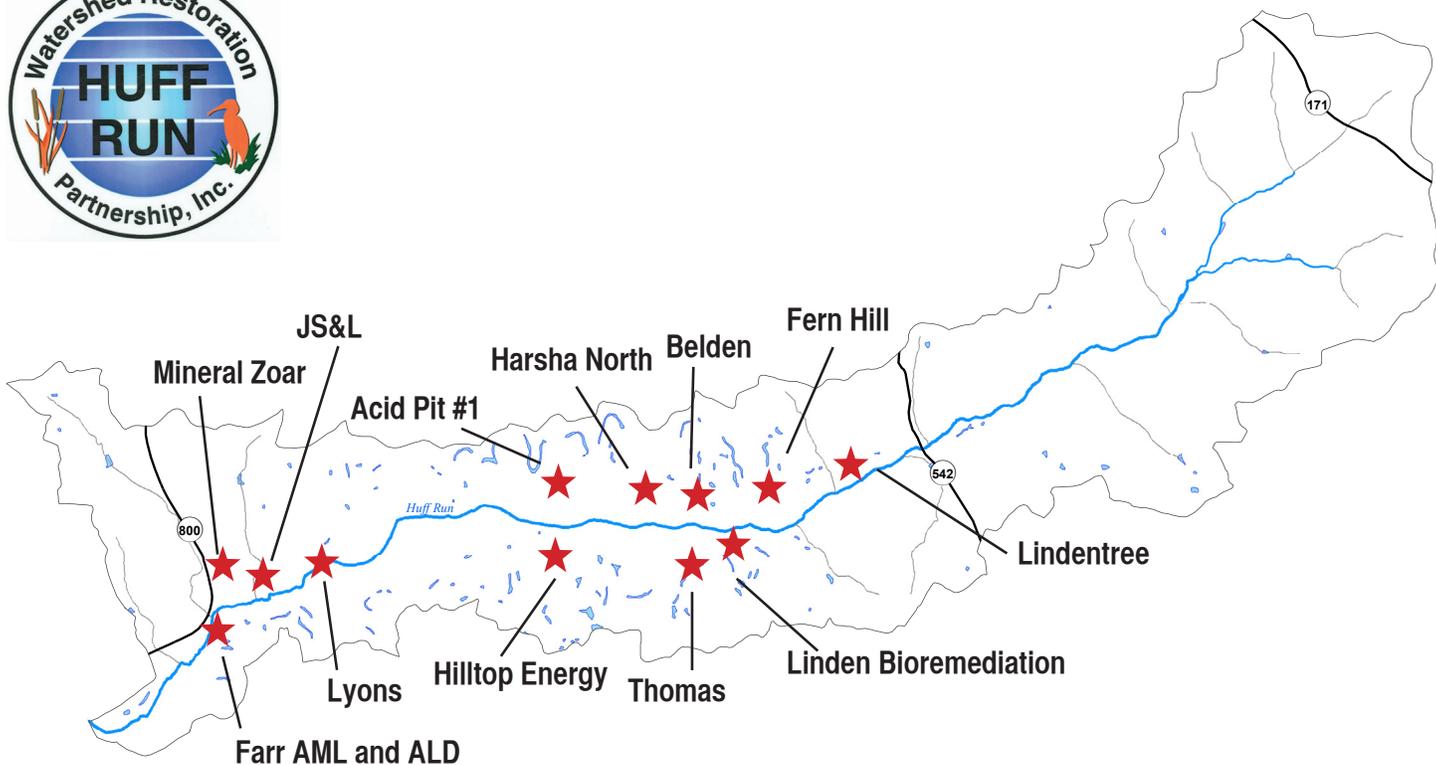
Sunday Creek MAIS Regressions

| Site ID | Rivermile | '05 | '06 | '07 | '08 | '09 | '10 | '11 | '12 | '13 | '14 | '16 | Linear trend | R square | P-value | Years |
|--------------------|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------|----------|---------|-------|
| Mainstem | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SC RM 26.6 | | | | | | | 14 | 14 | 13 | 16 | 15 | dry | no change | 0.002 | 0.931 | 6 |
| SC 079 RM 24 | | 12 | 10 | 10 | 14 | 12 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 15 | 14 | 13 | improved | 0.322 | 0.054 | 12 |
| SC 080 RM 23.3 | | 5 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 12 | 5 | 10 | 4 | 9 | 4 | 5 | no change | 0.057 | 0.454 | 12 |
| SC 076 RM 21.9 | | 11 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 6 | improved | 0.267 | 0.048 | 15 |
| SC 075 RM 18.2 | | 10 | 8 | 10 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 11 | improved | 0.261 | 0.052 | 15 |
| SC RM 10.2 | | | | | | | | 17 | 13 | 15 | 16 | 14 | no change | 0.160 | 0.433 | 6 |
| SC 073 RM 7.3 | | 11 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 12 | 11 | 14 | 9 | 11 | 13 | 11 | no change | 0.162 | 0.137 | 15 |
| SC 071 RM 0.2 | | 8 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 8 | 10 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 8 | improved | 0.403 | 0.011 | 15 |
| West Branch | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| WBHW50 RM 14.7 | | | 11 | 10 | 11 | 8 | 12 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 11 | | no change | 0.072 | 0.486 | 9 |
| WBHW03 RM 13.35 | | 5 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 8 | 10 | 8 | 9 | improved | 0.557 | 0.005 | 12 |
| WB 004 RM 13.3 | | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 11 | 8 | 12 | improved | 0.774 | 0.0002 | 12 |
| WB 51 RM 11.4 | | 8 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 5 | 12 | 10 | 7 | 9 | 12 | improved | 0.677 | 0.0002 | 15 |
| WB 003 RM 10.3 | | 8 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 11 | 14 | no change | 0.136 | 0.177 | 15 |
| WB SC RM 8.0 | | | | | | | 14 | 13 | 15 | 14 | 15 | | no change | 0.009 | 0.840 | 7 |
| WB 002 RM 6.2 | | 7 | 10 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 13 | 13 | 15 | 16 | 15 | 15 | improved | 0.501 | 0.003 | 15 |
| WB SC RM 1.8 | | | | | | | 12 | 17 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 13 | no change | 0.045 | 0.649 | 7 |
| WB SC025 mouth | | | | | | | 15 | 16 | 17 | 17 | 15 | 15 | no change | 0.105 | 0.478 | 7 |

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Reductions

Total acid load reduction 2016 = 1,129 lbs/day

Total metal load reduction 2016 = 28 lbs/day

excluding Mineral Zoar and Farr

Acid and metal load reductions based on projects monitored during 2016 listed here: Lyons, Acid Pits, Belden, Fern Hill, Linden, Thomas, Harsha North, Lindentree, and Hilltop Energy.

Costs

Design \$724,181

(excluding Linden Bioremediation and Lyons II)

Construction \$4,584,172

Total cost through 2016 = \$5,308,353

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Timeline of the Huff Run Watershed Project Milestones & AMD Projects

1985

- Study funded by ODNR conducted by Benatec Associates to identify acid problems in Huff Run Watershed

1988

- First abandoned mine land project, Jobes, completed in the watershed

1996

- Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership founded

2000

- Huff Run AMDAT completed
- Huff Run Watershed Coordinator funded for six years
- First acid mine drainage restoration project, Farr, completed in watershed

2001

- First draft of Huff Run Watershed Plan completed

2002

- Linden Bioremediation Project constructed

2003

- Acid Pit Restoration Project completed

2004

- Lindentree Restoration Project completed

2005

- Rural Action and Huff Run awarded US EPA Targeted Watershed Grant
- Rural Action adds VISTA volunteer to Huff Run staff
- Second draft of Huff Run Watershed Plan authored, endorsed by the State of Ohio
- Lyons Restoration Project constructed

2006

- Harsha North Restoration project completed

2008

- Belden Restoration Project constructed
- Fern Hill (HR-42) Phase II Project constructed

2009

- Huff Run Watershed Coordinator funded for three years
- Mineral Zoar Project completed
- Rural Action adds AmeriCorps member to Huff Run staff

2010

- Thomas Project, Fern Hill Pond A & Belden Gob pile constructed

2011

- Lyons II constructed

2012

- Hilltop Restoration Project started

2013

- Completed Hilltop Restoration Project
- MWCD Partners in Watershed Management Grant awarded for environmental education and community outreach

2014

- Project development for JS&L AMD Reclamation Project and the Farr Phase II

2015

- Constructed JS&L AMD Restoration Project, funded by ODNR-DMRM and OEPA
- Received \$1.7M ODOT Mitigation

2016

- Huff Run Stream Mitigation project completed by Oxbow River & Stream Restoration, funded by ODOT.

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Huff Run Projects

Acid mine drainage reclamation projects completed in Huff Run Watershed:

- 2003** *Farr Project* (FAR01/02) – Surface reclamation, limestone channels, anoxic limestone drains, and passive wetland*
Linden Bioremediation Project (LIN08) – Pyrolusite limestone bioremediation bed
- 2004** Acid Pit #1 Project (ACP01) – Drain impoundments and surface reclamation
- 2005** Lyons Project (LYN01) – Steel slag bed, limestone channels, drain impoundments, and surface reclamation
Lindentree Project (LNT01) – Steel slag bed, limestone channels, and fill acid pits
- 2006** Harsha North Project (HAN05) – Surface reclamation, limestone trenches, and reclaimed gob pile
- 2008** Fern Hill HR-42 Pits A, B, & C (FRN01) – Surface reclamation, limestone Channels and reclaim 3 acidic pits
Belden and Belden Gob Pile Project (BLD01) – Surface reclamation, steel slag beds, reclaim gob pile, and passive settling ponds
- 2009** *Mineral Zoar (MZR08) – Reverse alkaline producing systems (RAPS)*
- 2010** Thomas Project (LIN01/THM06) – Surface reclamation and passive settling ponds
- 2011** Lyons II maintenance Project (LYN01) – Additional steel slag installed, pipe clean-outs, and added limestone berms to settling pond
- 2013** Hilltop Energy Project (HRT21/HR37) – Reclaimed gob pile, surface reclamation, limestone channels, and settling pond
- 2015** JS&L AMD Reclamation (HR25) – Limestone channels, limestone leach bed and precipitation basin.

Italicized indicates projects are not actively monitored for acid and metal load reduction purposes

**Indicates no yearly trend graphs due to lack of pre or post data*

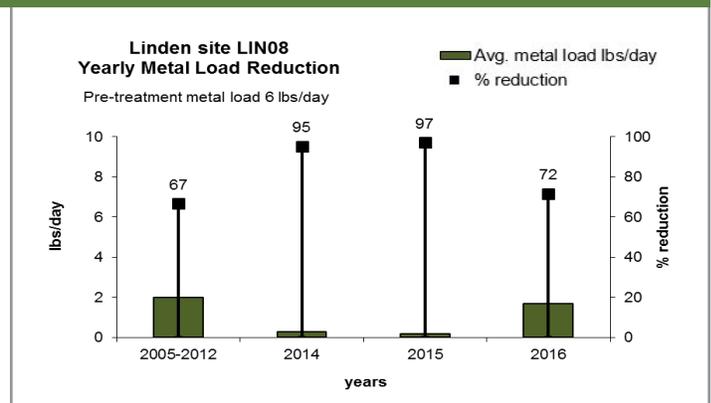
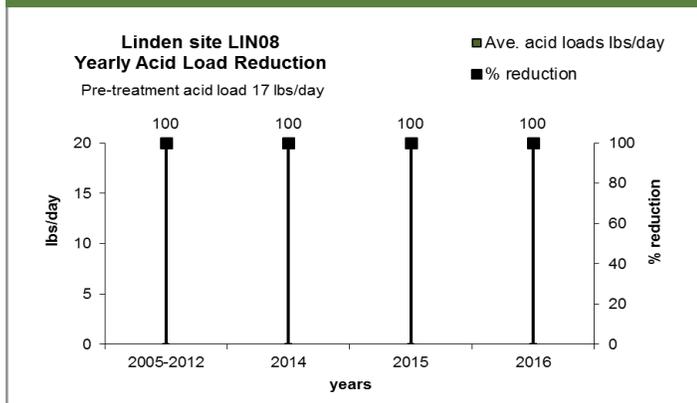
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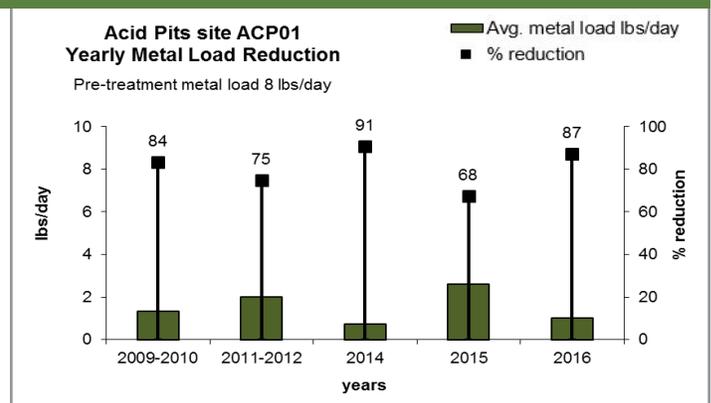
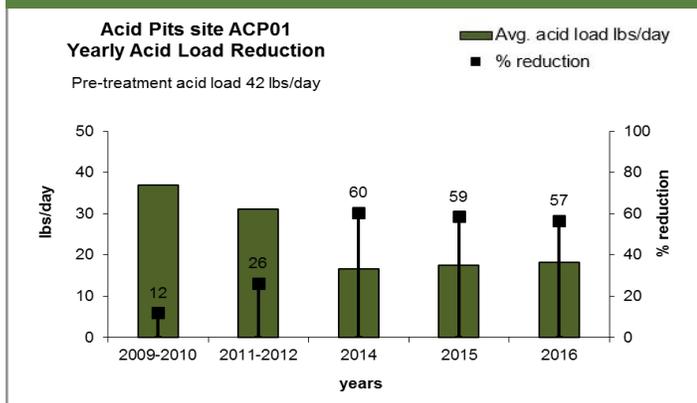
Yearly acid and metal load reduction trends per project

Similar to other environmental best management practices (BMPs), performance of passive acid mine drainage reclamation projects are also expected to decline with time. Active treatment systems are not expected to decline with time but sometimes need to be maintained to perform adequately. Currently, operation and maintenance plans are being designed for each existing system and are planned for future projects. The graphs below show the mean annual acid and metal load reduction using the Stoertz Water Quality Evaluation Method (Kruse et al., 2014) for each year (or group of years) during post-reclamation from the project effluent. From these graphs the rate of decline (and/or improvement) with time of the treatment system is implied. Knowing the rate of decline will aid in the implementation of operation and maintenance plans.

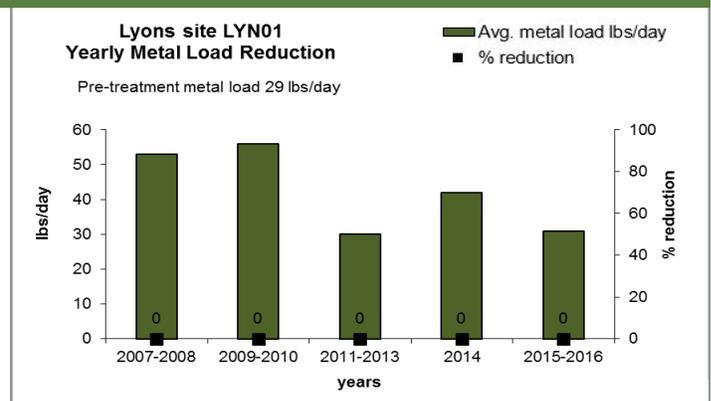
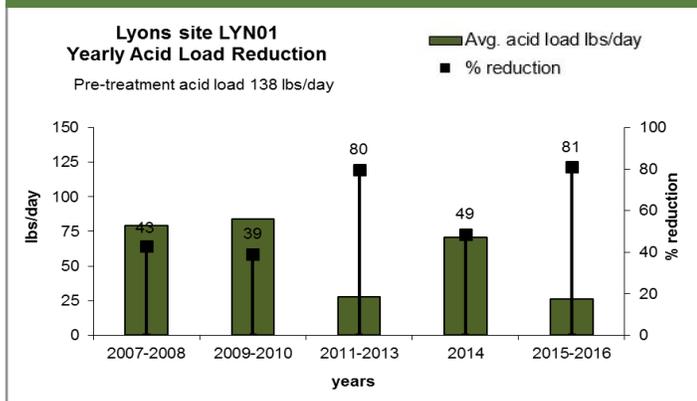
Linden site LIN08



Acid Pits site ACP01



Lyons site LYN01

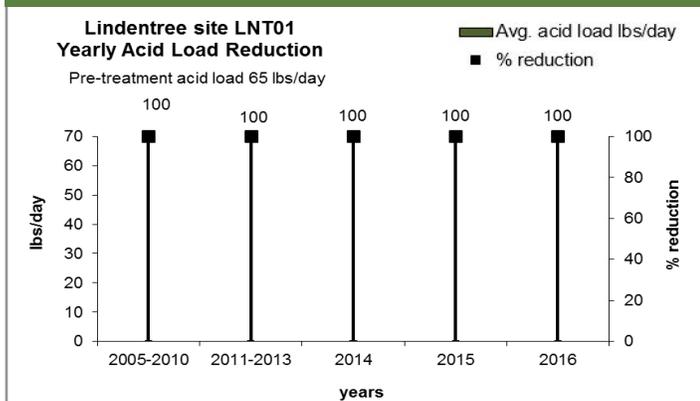


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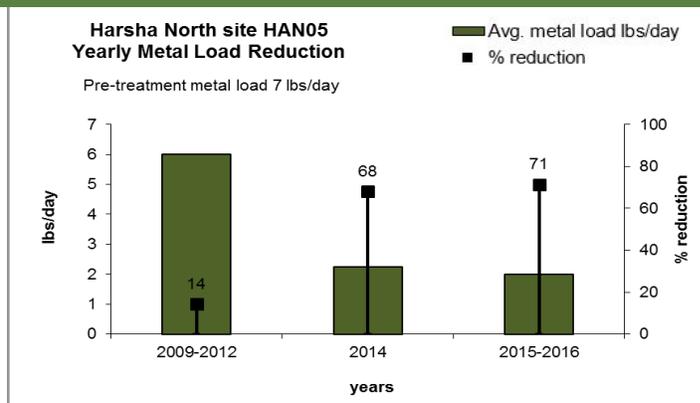
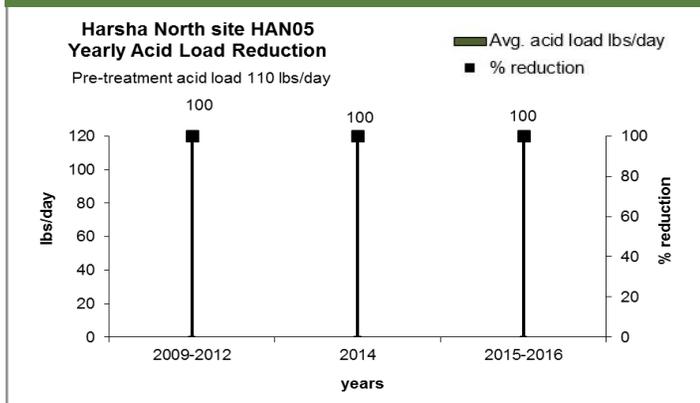
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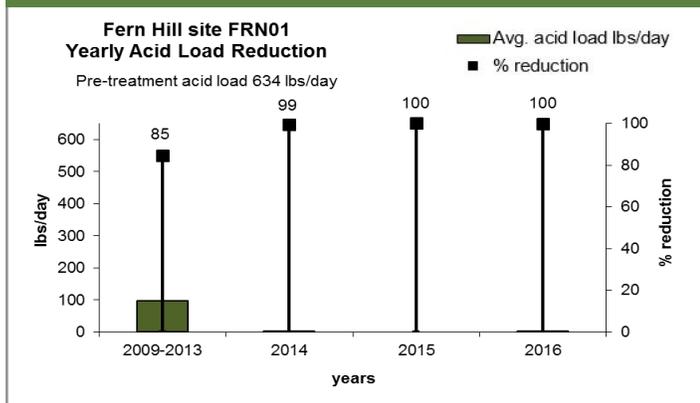
Lindentree site LNT01



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Fern Hill site FRN01

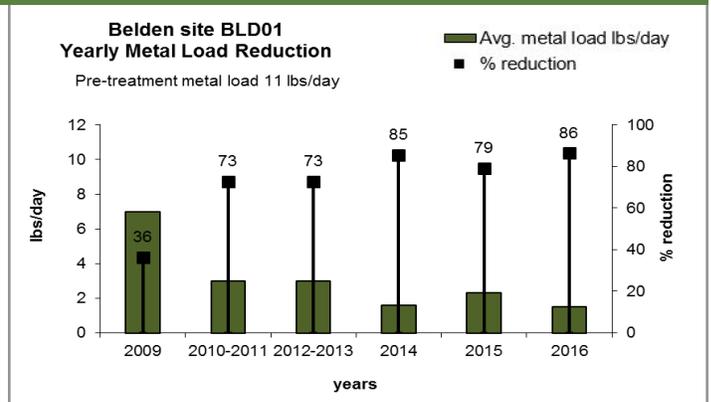
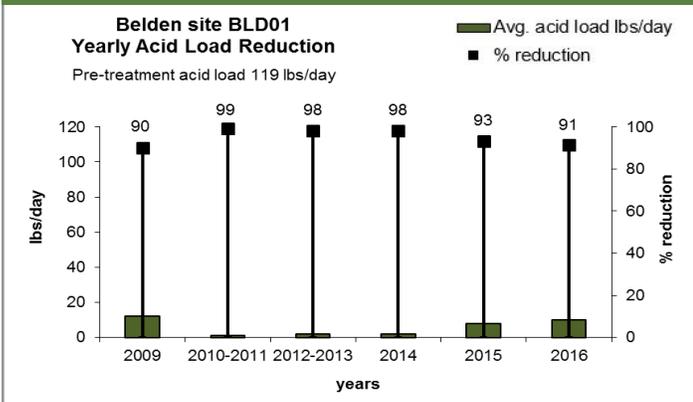


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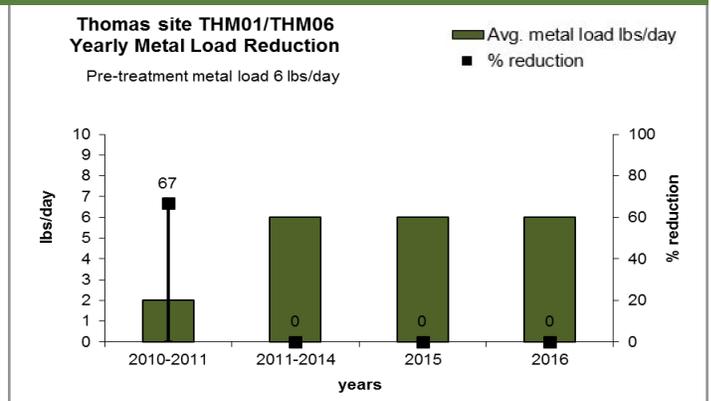
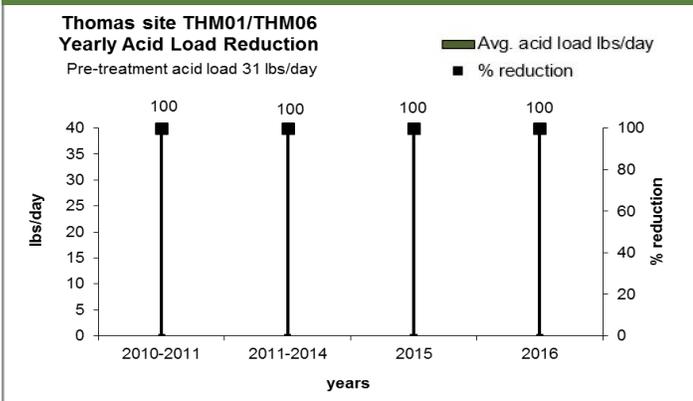
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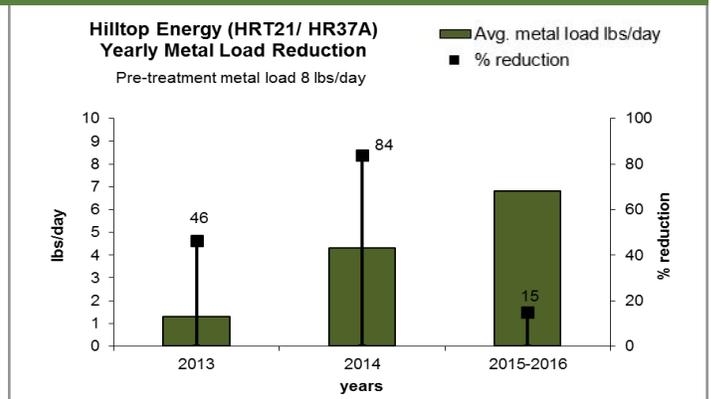
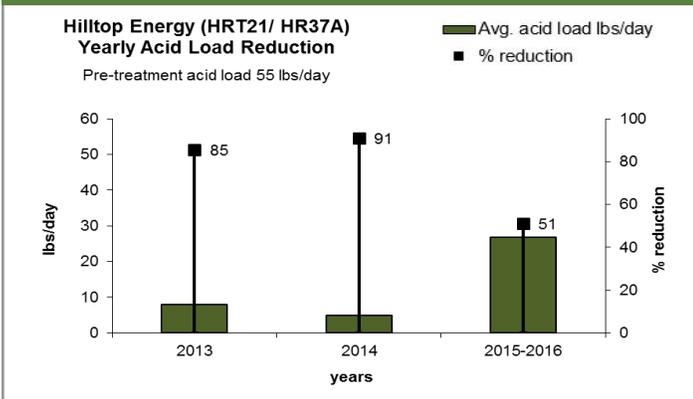
Belden site BLD01



Thomas site THM01/THM06



Hilltop Energy (HRT21/HR37A)



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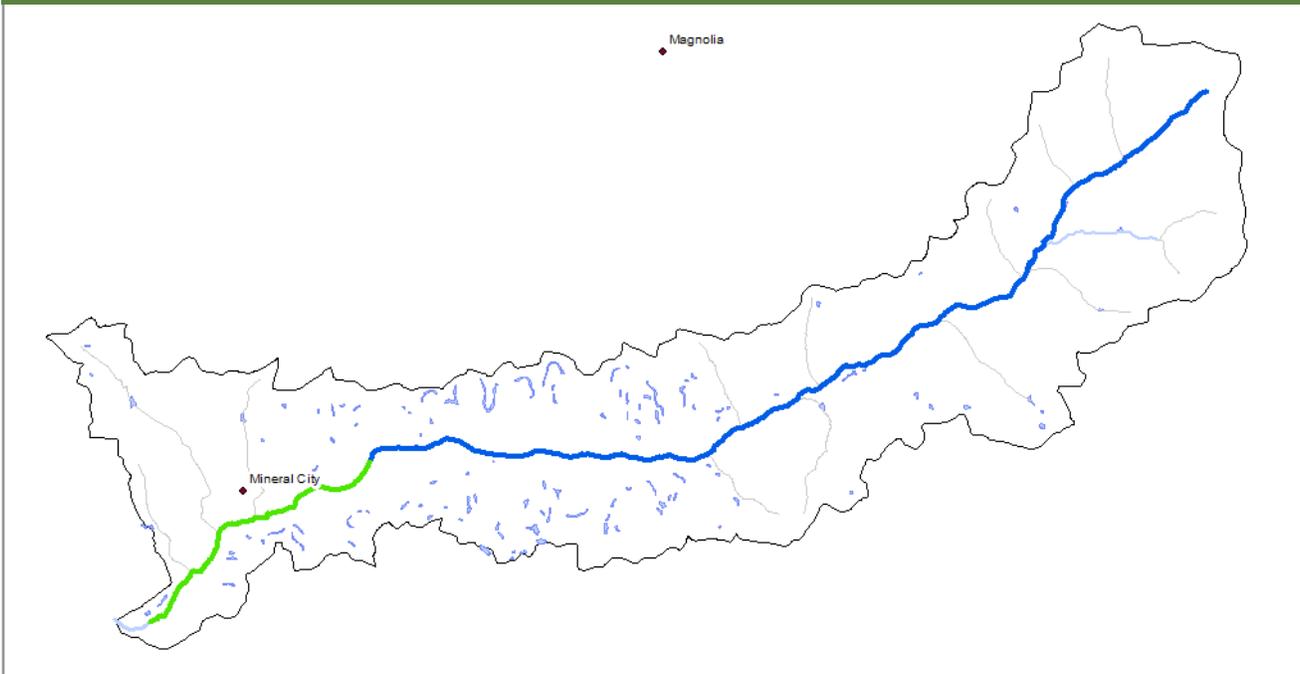
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Chemical Water Quality

Huff Run baseline pH



Huff Run 2016 pH



Huff Run pH values have improved from baseline conditions (1985-1998) to 2016. The mouth of Huff Run fell just below the pH target in 2016, leaving 7.8 miles of the upper part of Huff Run meeting the pH target of the 10 miles monitored.

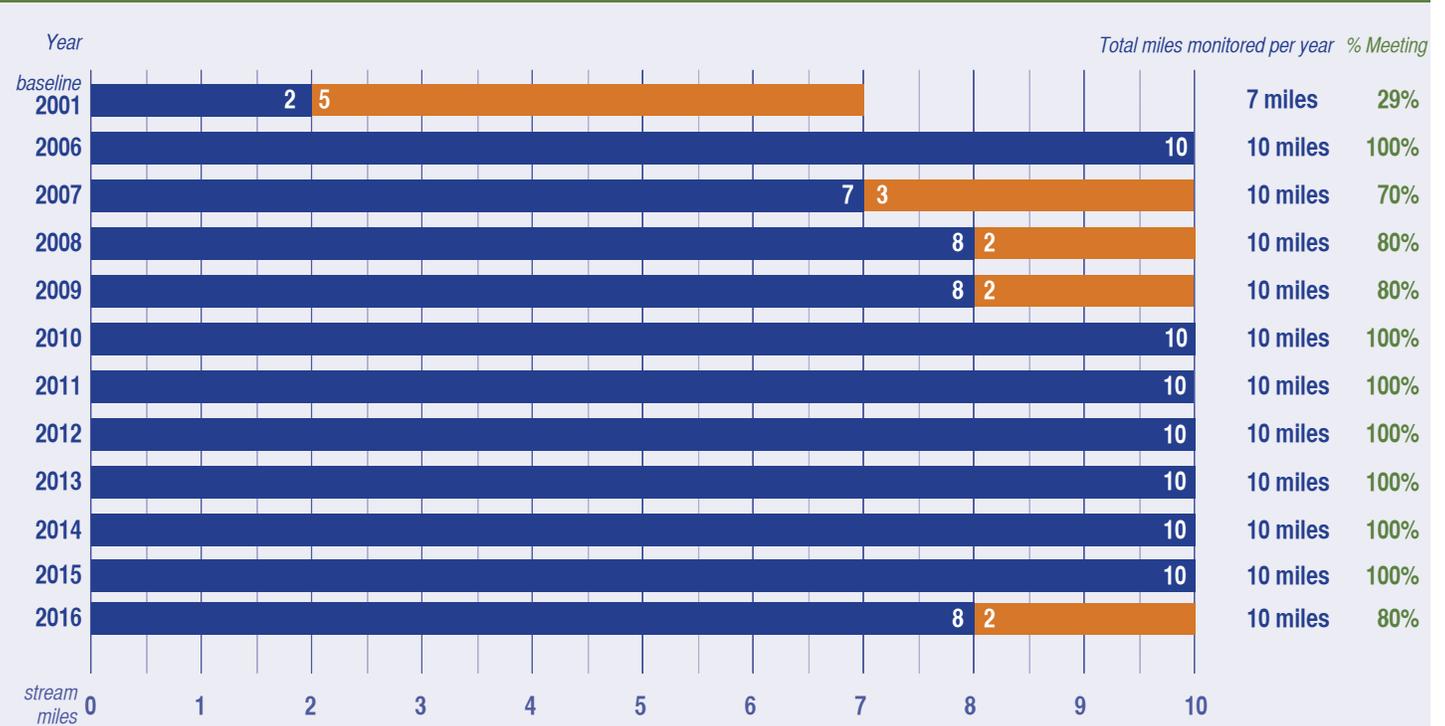
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Chemical Water Quality

The mainstem of Huff Run is approximately 10 miles in length with monitoring occurring year round. In 2009, 8 miles met the pH target of 6.5 while the two downstream stream reaches (HRR08 and HRR07) fell slightly below the target with an average pH of 6.4. From 2010 to 2015, all 10 miles met the pH target. 2016 is similar to the 2008 and 2009 stream conditions where the mouth of Huff Run fell just below meeting the pH target leaving approximately 8 miles meeting and 2 miles slightly less than pH 6.5.

Huff Run pH

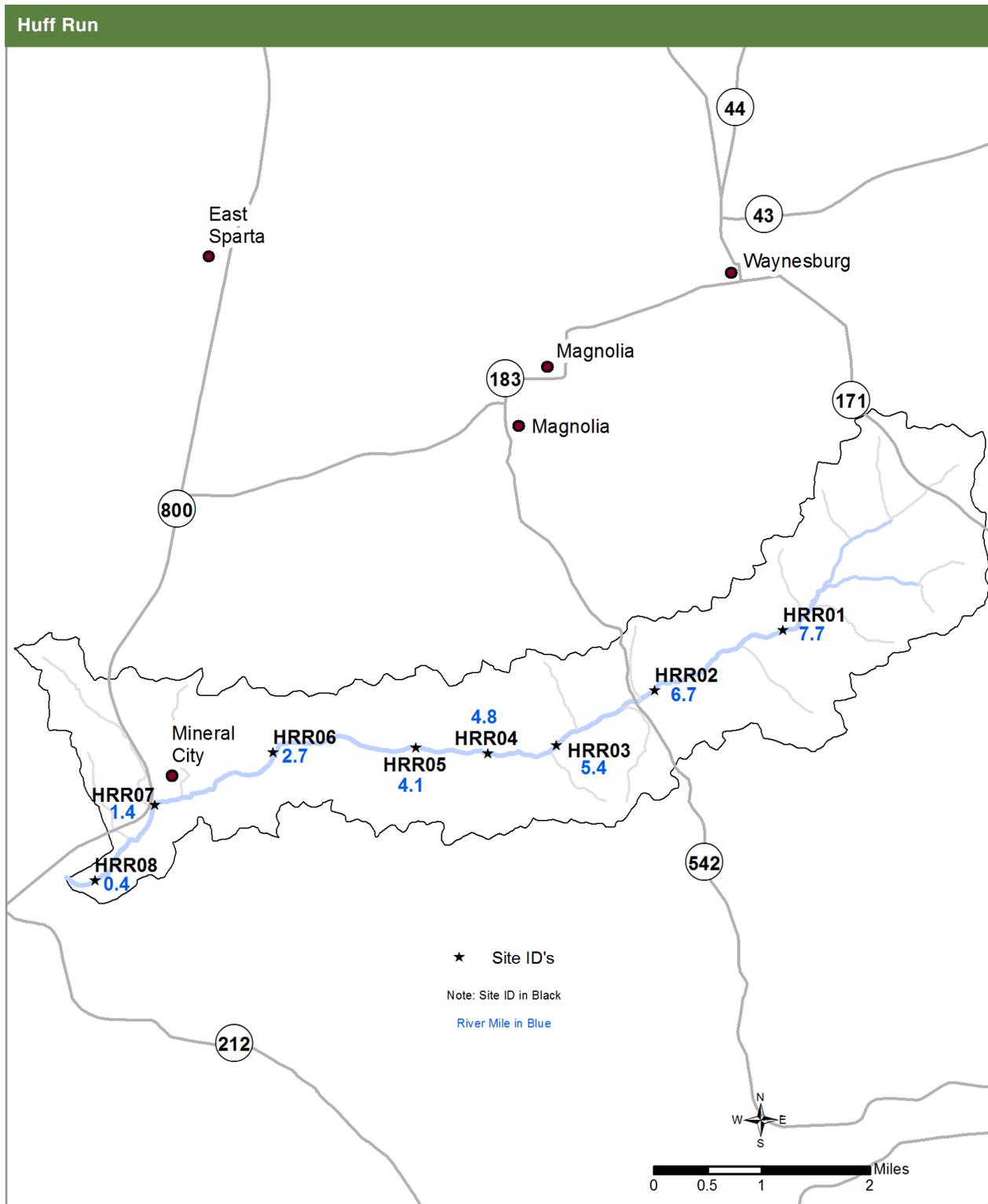


blue = stream miles \geq pH 6.5 orange = stream miles $<$ pH 6.5

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Chemical water quality analysis per stream reach



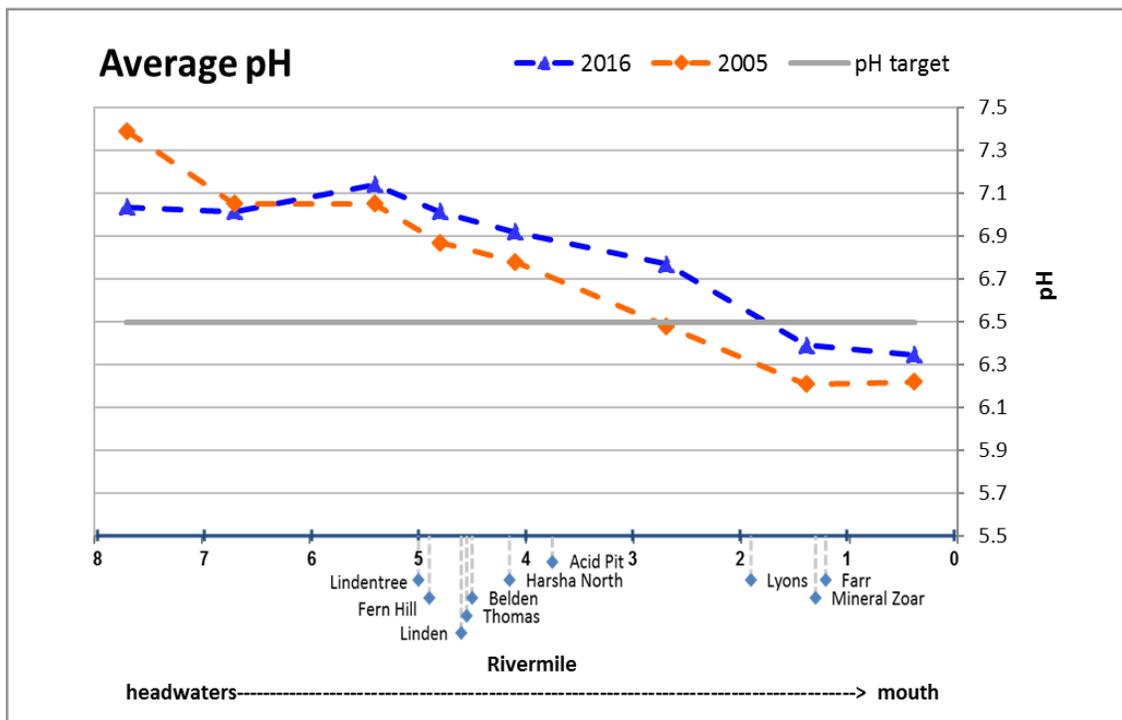
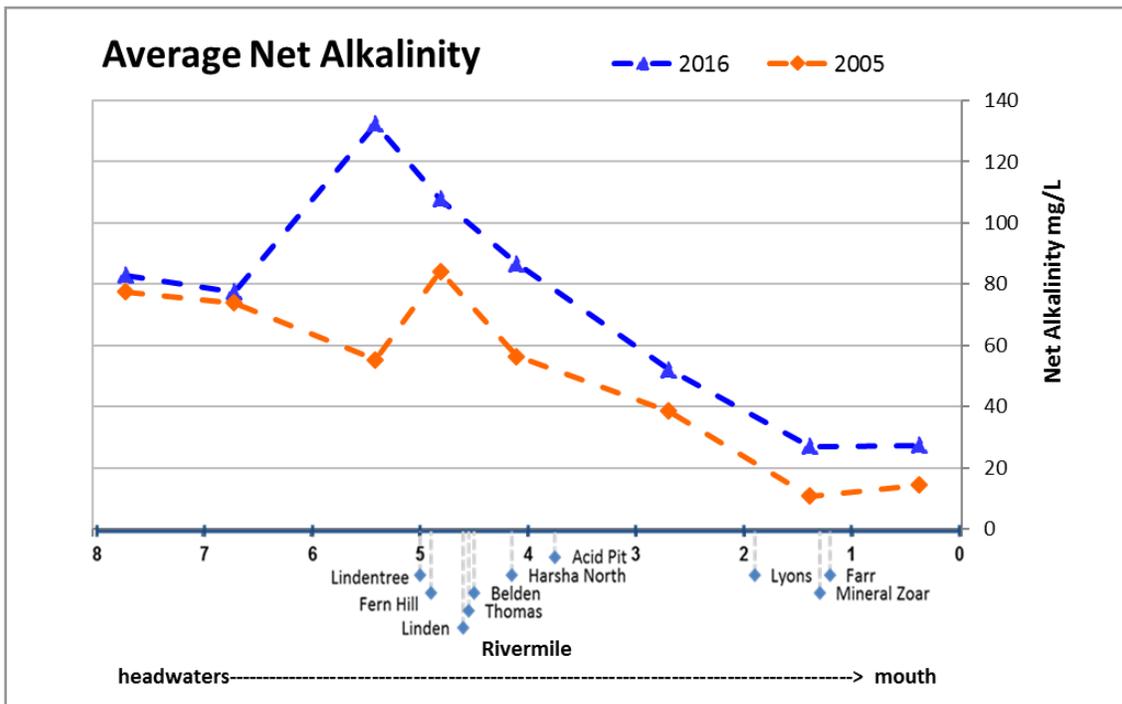
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Chemical water quality analysis per stream reach

Chemical water quality changes along the mainstem of Huff Run are shown in the stream reach graphs below. Chemical long-term monitoring data is utilized to generate line graphs along the stream gradient from headwaters to the mouth. Along the x-axis named tributaries are shown to illustrate sources of water entering the mainstem. A list of long-term monitoring sites utilized to generate the graphs with their river miles are shown below.

| Huff Run | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Site ID | HRR01 | HRR02 | HRR03 | HRR04 | HRR05 | HRR06 | HRR07 | HRR08 |
| Rivermile | 7.7 | 6.7 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 2.7 | 1.4 | 0.4 |

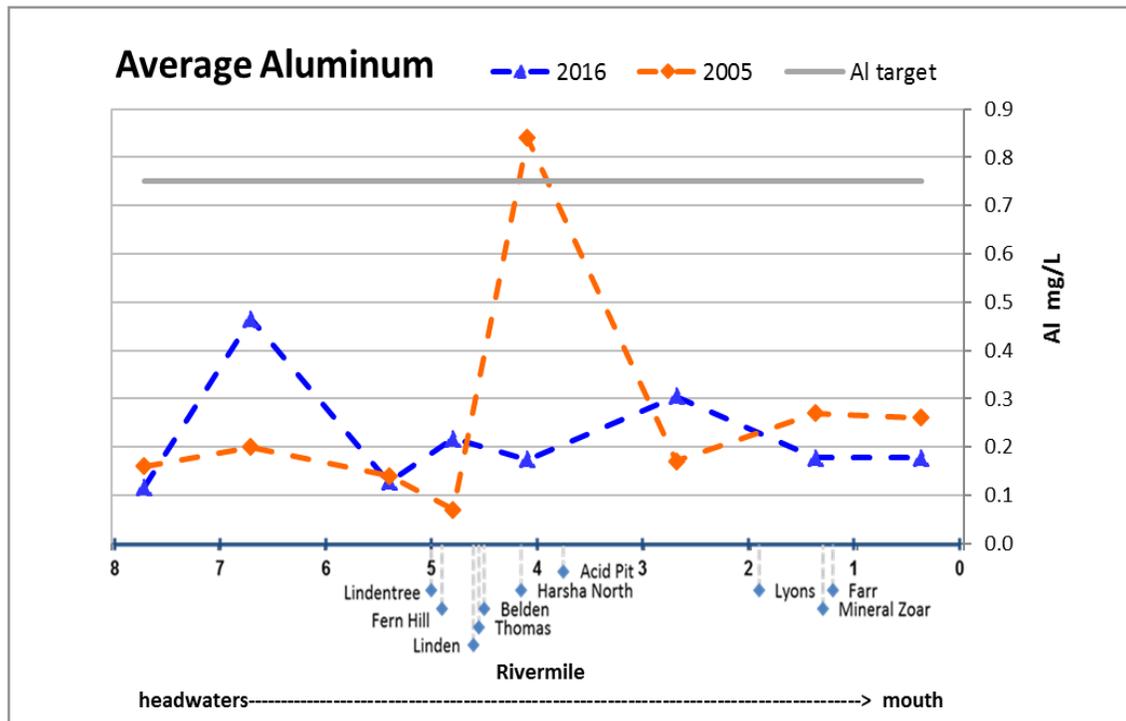
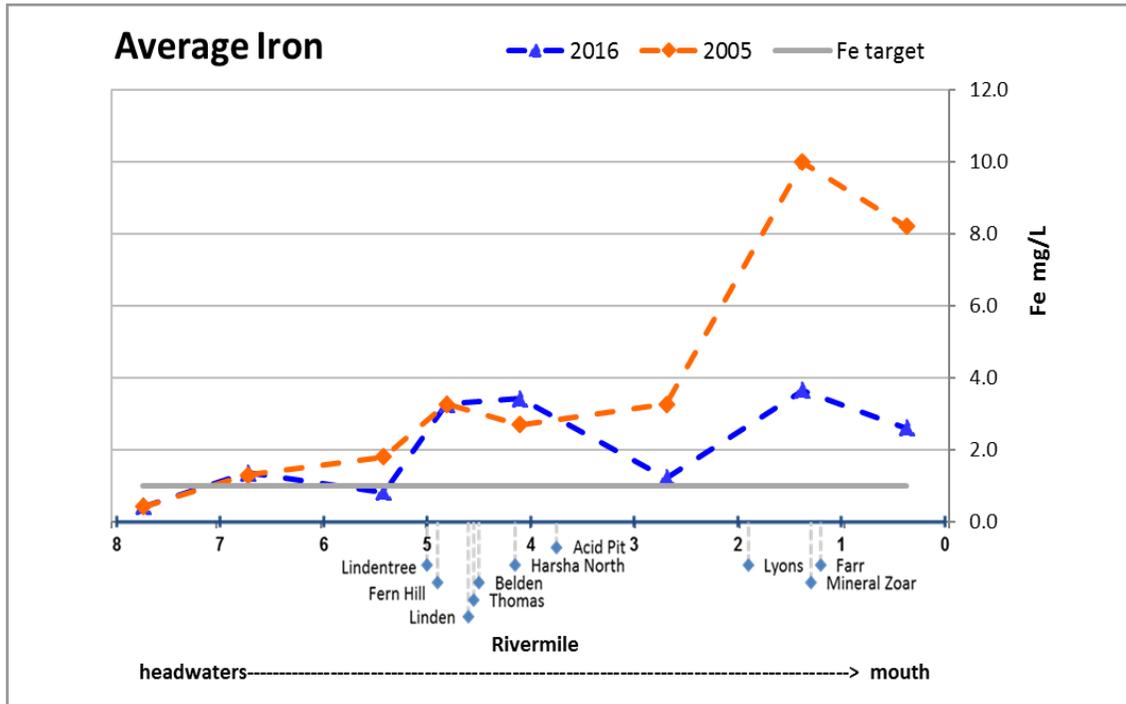


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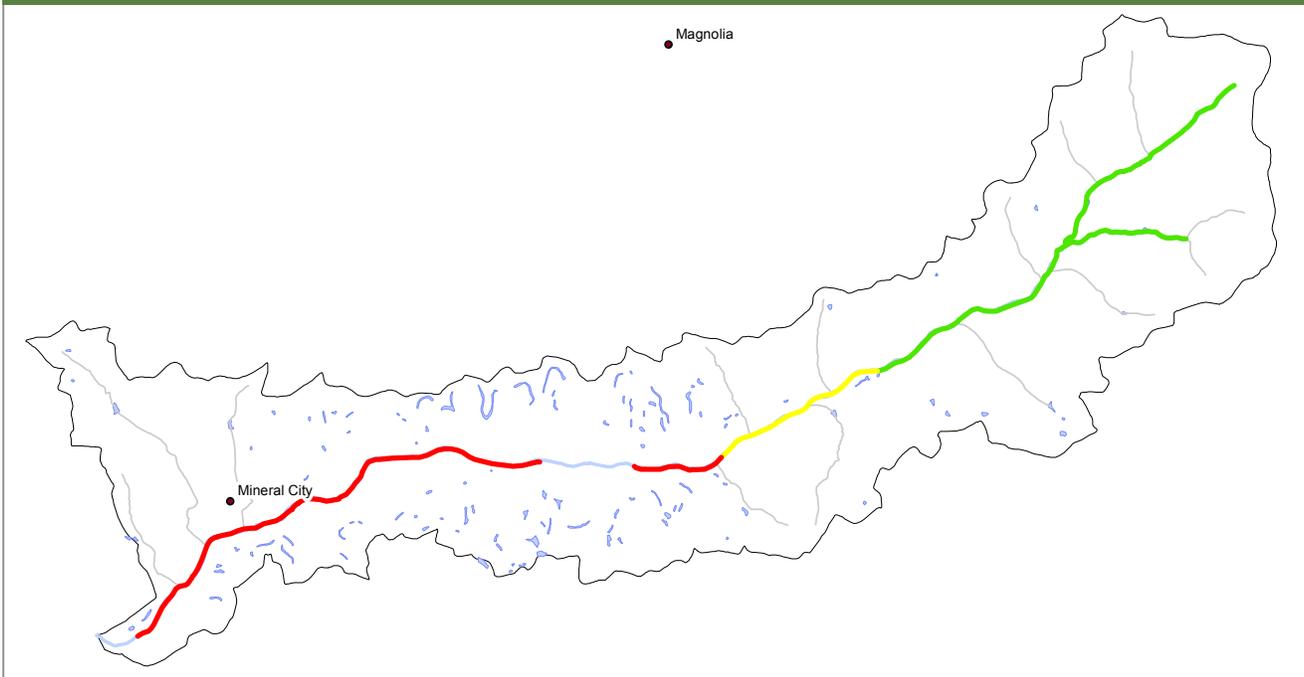


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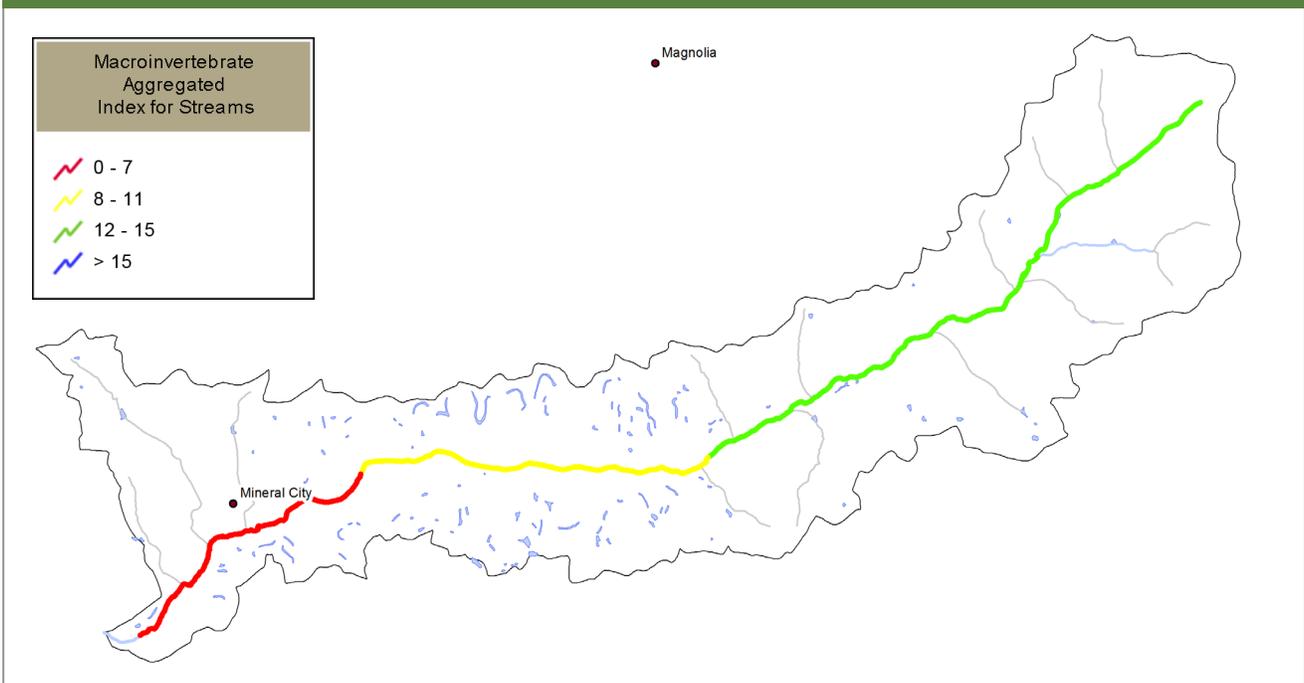
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Biological Water Quality

Huff Run baseline MAIS



Huff Run 2016 MAIS



Biological quality in Huff Run decreases from headwaters to the mouth.

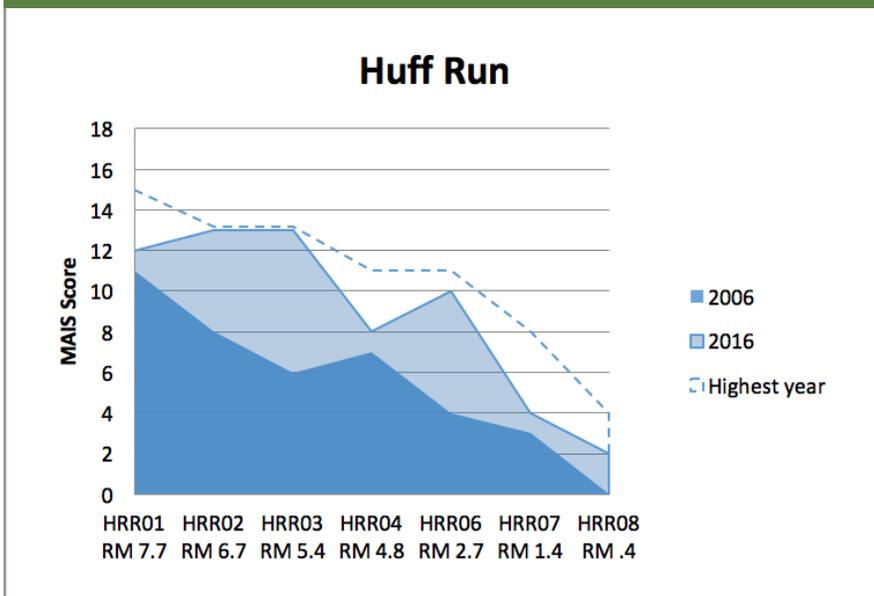
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Biological Water Quality

Biological quality in Huff Run (based on macroinvertebrate data) improved modestly along the length of the mainstem. In 2014 for the first time since monitoring began in 2005 one of the eight monitoring sites (RM 5.4), improved enough to be categorized as sustained and statistically significant and four sites (RM 7.7, 5.4, 4.8 and 2.7) achieved new high scores that year. In 2015, RM 5.4 became the first site to reach its biological restoration target, earning a MAIS score “13”. RM 2.7 also earned a new high score of “11” and became the second site along the mainstem to show sustained biological recovery. These improvements, however, do not extend further downstream; biological quality at the two lowermost sites continues to be relatively poor. Scores at the upper two sites were also unusually low this year.

Area of Degradation 2006-2015



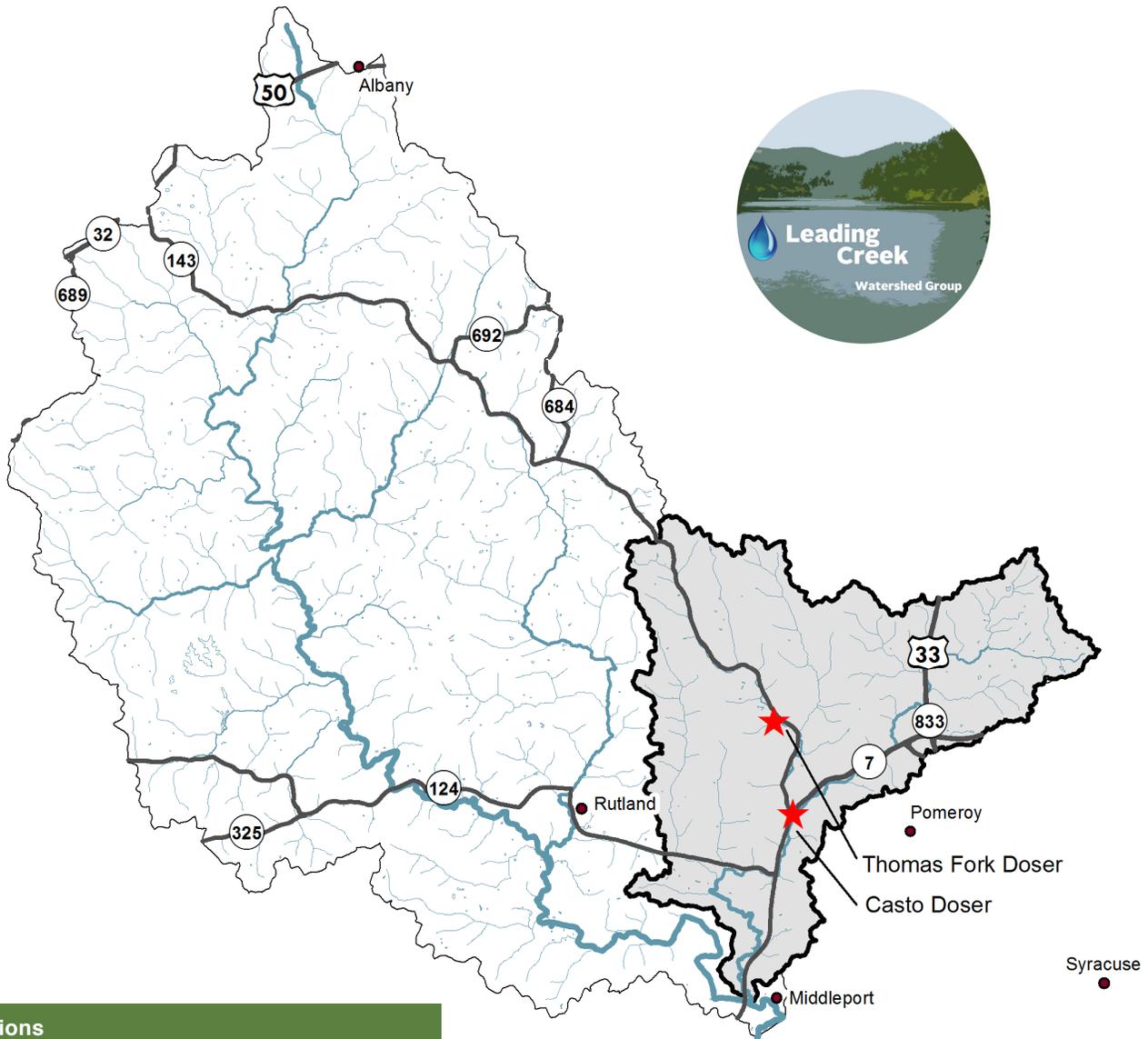
Huff Run MAIS Regressions

| | RM | '05 | '06 | '07 | '08 | '09 | '10 | '11 | '12 | '13 | '14 | '15 | '16 | Linear trends | R square | P-value | Years |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|---------------|----------|---------|-------|
| HRR01 | 7.7 | 14 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 9 | 13 | 6 | 10 | 15 | 9 | 12 | no change | 0.054 | 0.468 | 12 |
| HRR02 | 6.7 | 12 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 7 | 13 | no change | 0.029 | 0.599 | 12 |
| HRR03 | 5.4 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 13 | 13 | improved | 0.751 | 0.0003 | 12 |
| HRR04 | 4.8 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 11 | 9 | 8 | no change | 0.185 | 0.163 | 12 |
| HRR06 | 2.7 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 5.5 | 7 | 11 | 10 | improved | 0.488 | 0.011 | 12 |
| HRR07 | 1.4 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 4 | no change | 0.063 | 0.436 | 12 |
| HRR08 | 0.4 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 2 | no change | 0.060 | 0.441 | 12 |

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Reductions

Total acid load reduction = 663 lbs/day

Total metal load reduction = 233 lbs/day

Acid and metal load reductions based on projects monitored during 2016 listed here: Thomas Fork Doser, and Casto Doser.

Costs

Design \$36,132

Construction \$692,349

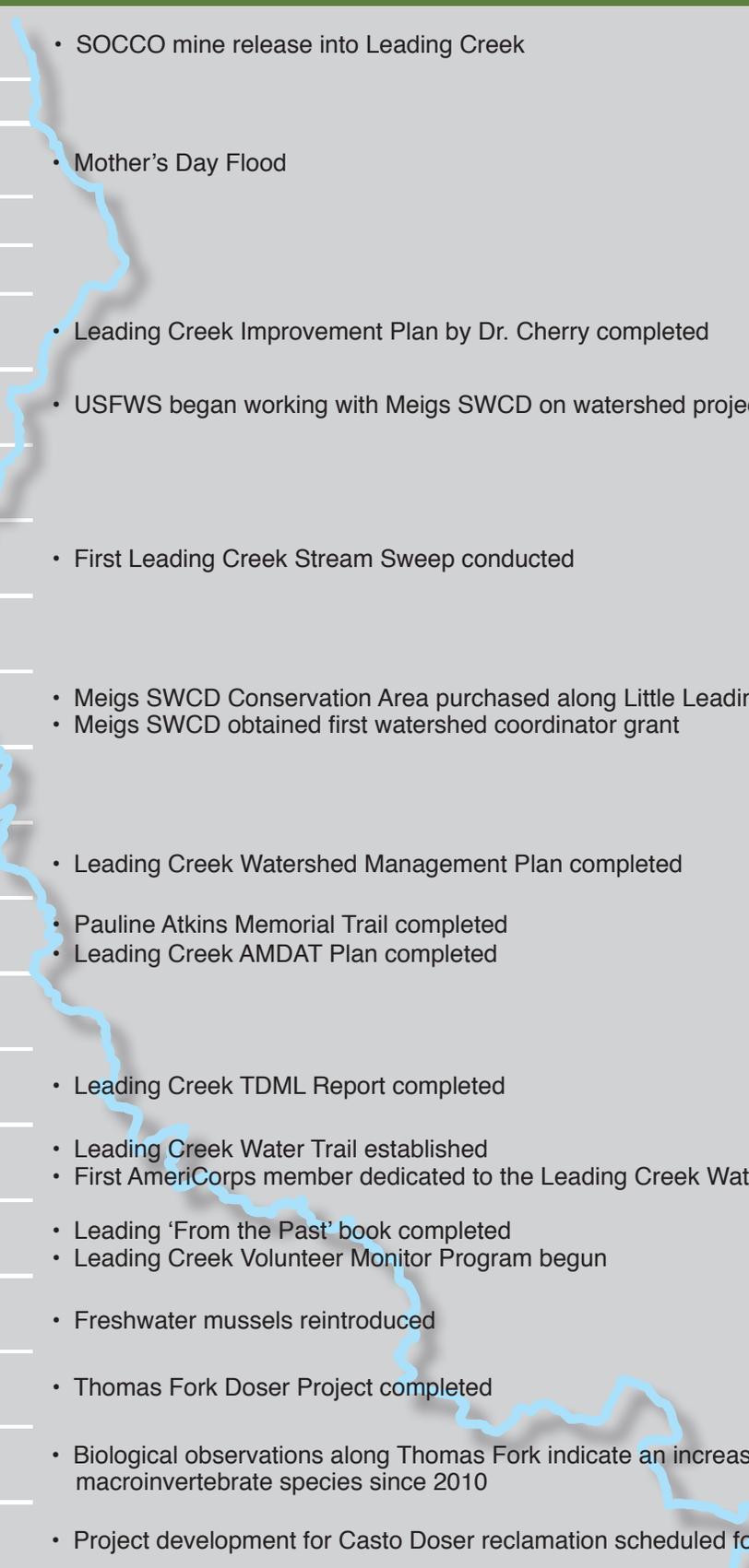
Total Costs through 2016 = \$728,481



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Timeline of the Leading Creek Watershed Project Milestones & AMD Projects

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- 1993** • SOCCO mine release into Leading Creek
 - 1994**
 - 1995** • Mother's Day Flood
 - 1996**
 - 1997**
 - 1998** • Leading Creek Improvement Plan by Dr. Cherry completed
 - 1999** • USFWS began working with Meigs SWCD on watershed projects
 - 2000**
 - 2001** • First Leading Creek Stream Sweep conducted
 - 2002**
 - 2003** • Meigs SWCD Conservation Area purchased along Little Leading Creek
• Meigs SWCD obtained first watershed coordinator grant
 - 2004**
 - 2005** • Leading Creek Watershed Management Plan completed
 - 2006** • Pauline Atkins Memorial Trail completed
• Leading Creek AMDAT Plan completed
 - 2007**
 - 2008** • Leading Creek TDML Report completed
 - 2009** • Leading Creek Water Trail established
• First AmeriCorps member dedicated to the Leading Creek Watershed
 - 2010** • Leading 'From the Past' book completed
• Leading Creek Volunteer Monitor Program begun
 - 2011** • Freshwater mussels reintroduced
 - 2012** • Thomas Fork Doser Project completed
 - 2013** • Biological observations along Thomas Fork indicate an increase in diversity of fish and macroinvertebrate species since 2010
 - 2014** • Project development for Casto Doser reclamation scheduled for 2015
 - 2015** • Casto Doser began operating October 2015, adding alkalinity to Thomas Fork to supplement low flow conditions

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Leading Creek Projects

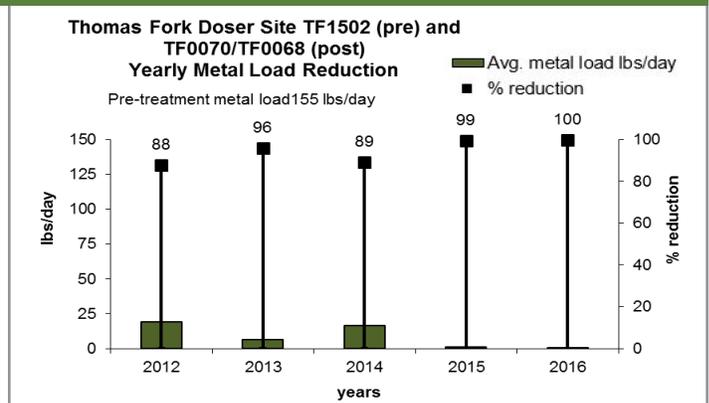
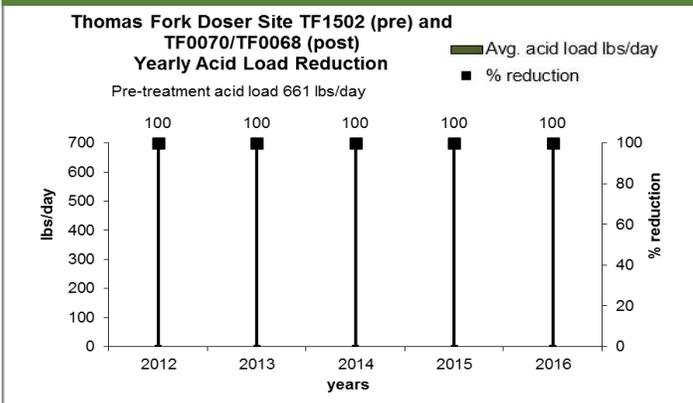
Acid mine drainage reclamation projects completed in Leading Creek Watershed:

- 2012** Thomas Fork Doser (TF1502 pre/ TF0070 and TF0068 post) – Active calcium oxide doser
- 2015** Casto Doser (TF0030) – Super fine lime dust (CaCO₃)

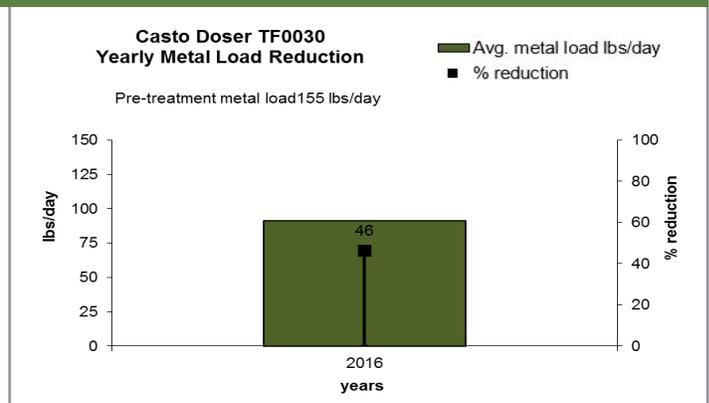
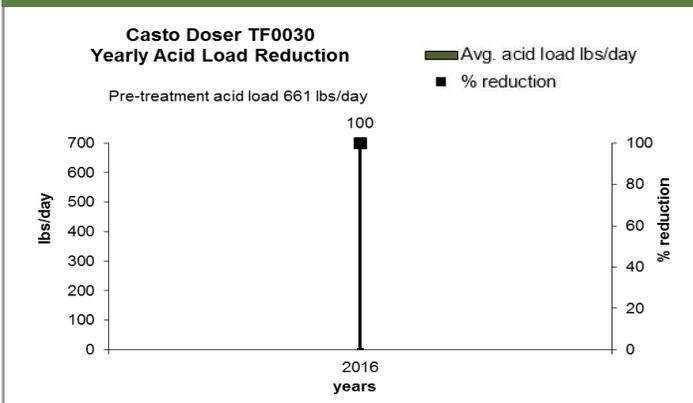
Yearly acid and metal load reduction trends per project

Similar to other environmental best management practices (BMPs), performance of passive acid mine drainage reclamation projects are also expected to decline with time. Active treatment systems are not expected to decline with time but sometimes need to be maintained to perform adequately. Currently, operation and maintenance plans are being designed for each existing system and are planned for future projects. The graphs below show the mean annual acid and metal load reduction using the Stoertz Water Quality Evaluation Method (Kruse et al., 2014) for each year (or group of years) during post-reclamation from the project effluent. From these graphs the rate of decline (and/or improvement) with time of the treatment system is implied. Knowing the rate of decline will aid in the implementation of operation and maintenance plans.

Thomas Fork Doser Site TF1502 and TF0070/TF0068



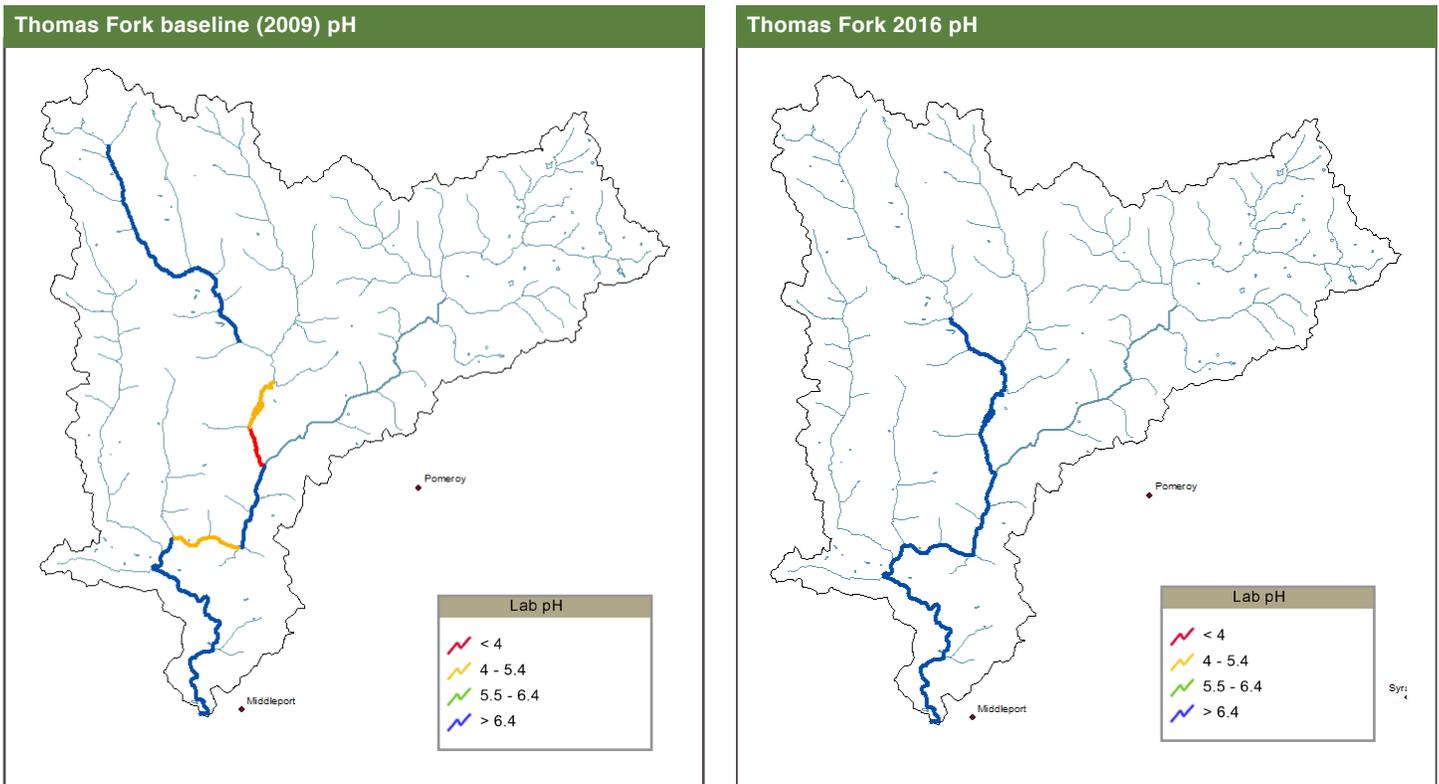
Casto Doser Site TF0030



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Chemical Water Quality



Thomas Fork in 2016, show 8.7 stream miles meeting the pH target of (6.5) of the 8.7 miles monitored (100%). The 2.5 miles of streams that didn't meet the pH target in 2014 are now meeting the pH target for the past two years.

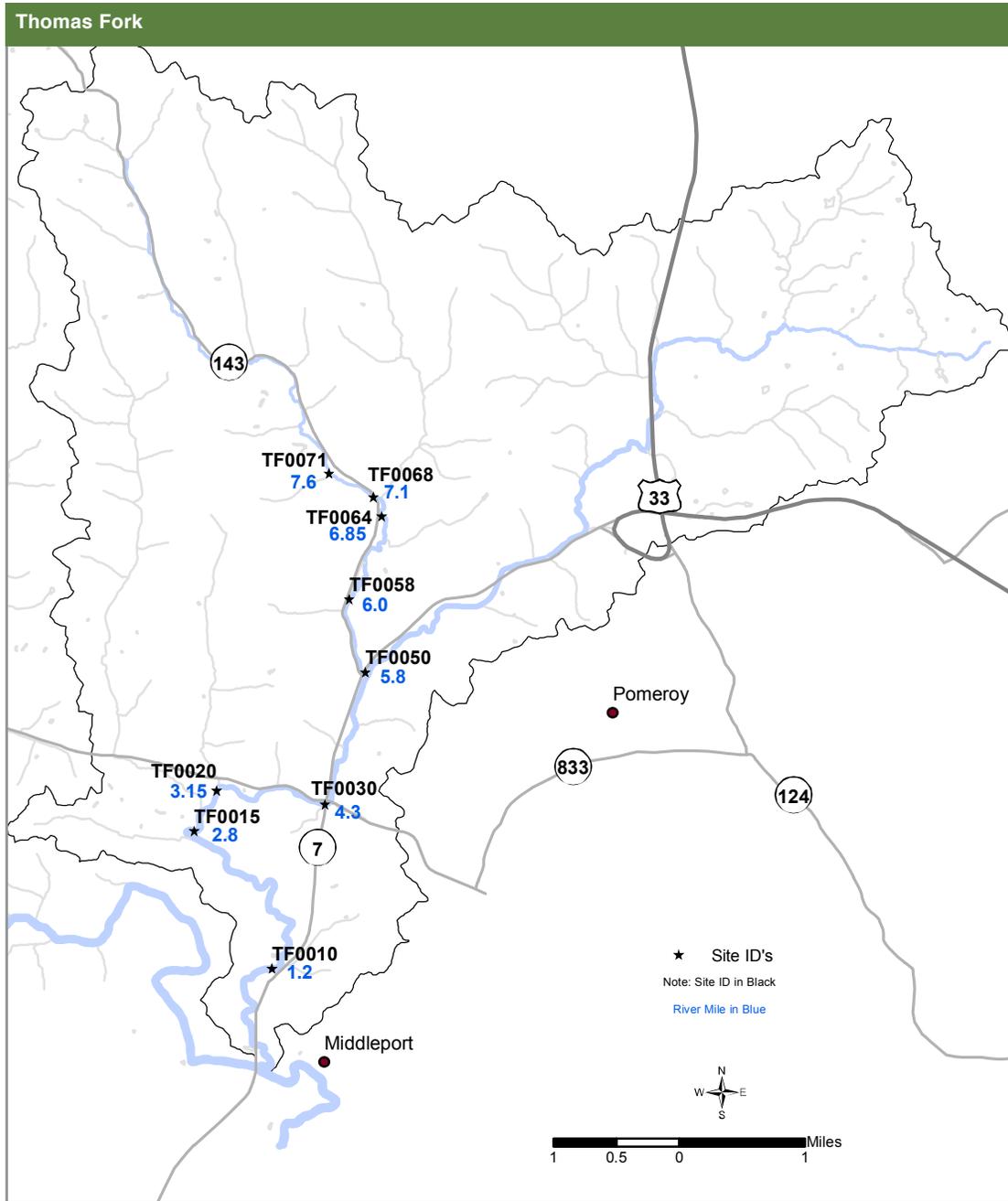
Figure 1. Thomas Fork total stream miles monitored for pH through time



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Chemical Water Quality



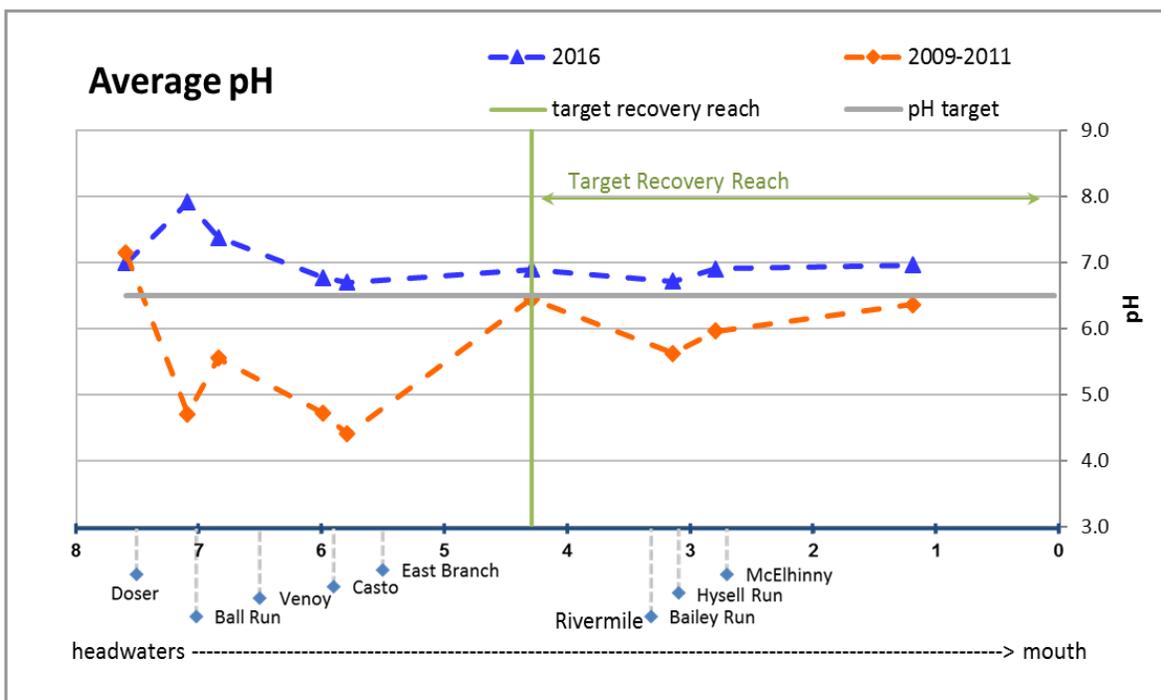
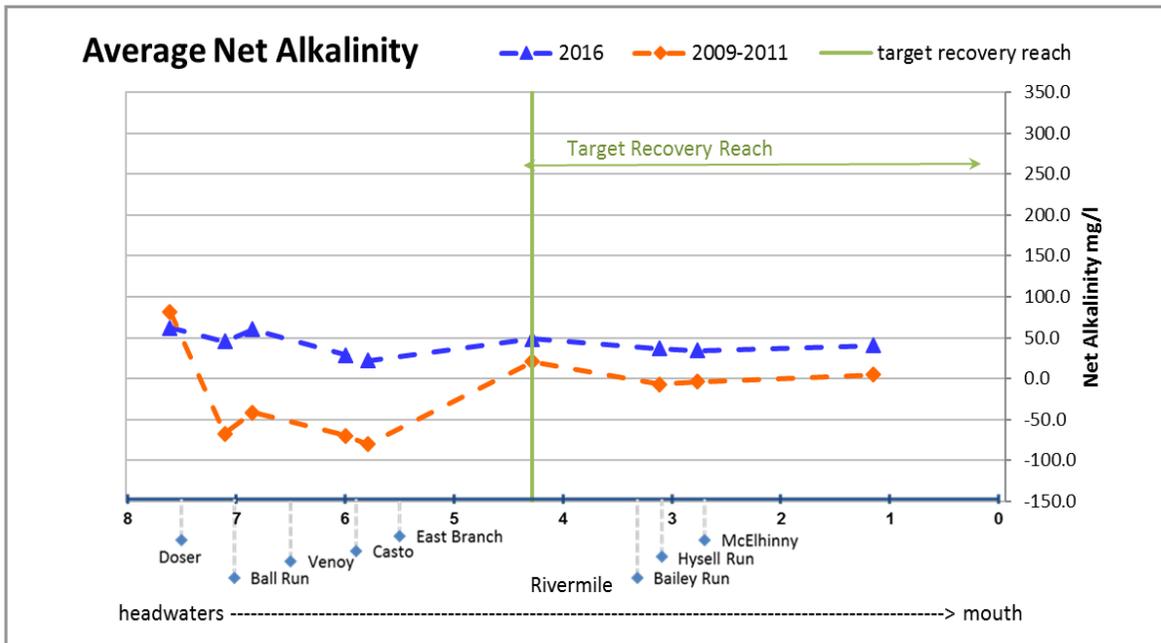
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Chemical Water Quality

Chemical water quality changes along the mainstem of Thomas Fork are shown in the stream reach graphs below. Chemical long-term monitoring data is utilized to generate line graphs along the stream gradient from headwaters to the mouth. Along the x-axis named tributaries are shown to illustrate sources of water entering the mainstem. A list of long-term monitoring sites utilized to generate the graphs with their river miles are shown below.

| Leading Creek Watershed | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| site ID | TF0071 | TF0068 | TF0064 | TF0058 | TF0050 | TF0030 | TF0020 | TF0015 | TF0010 |
| Rivermile | 7.6 | 7.1 | 6.85 | 6 | 5.8 | 4.3 | 3.15 | 2.8 | 1.2 |



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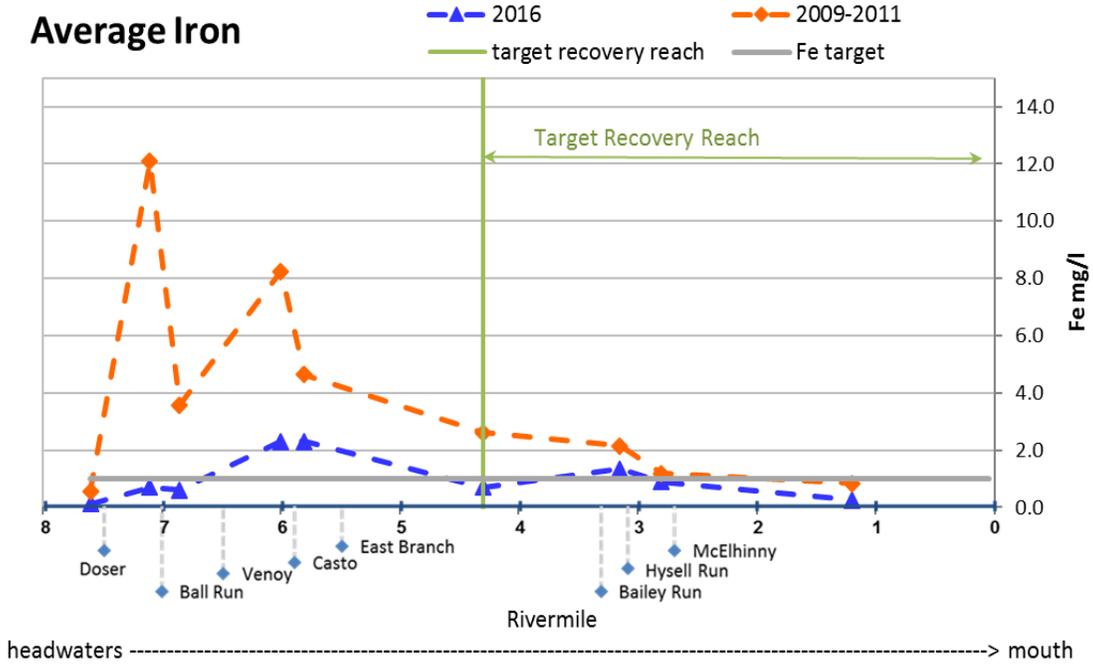
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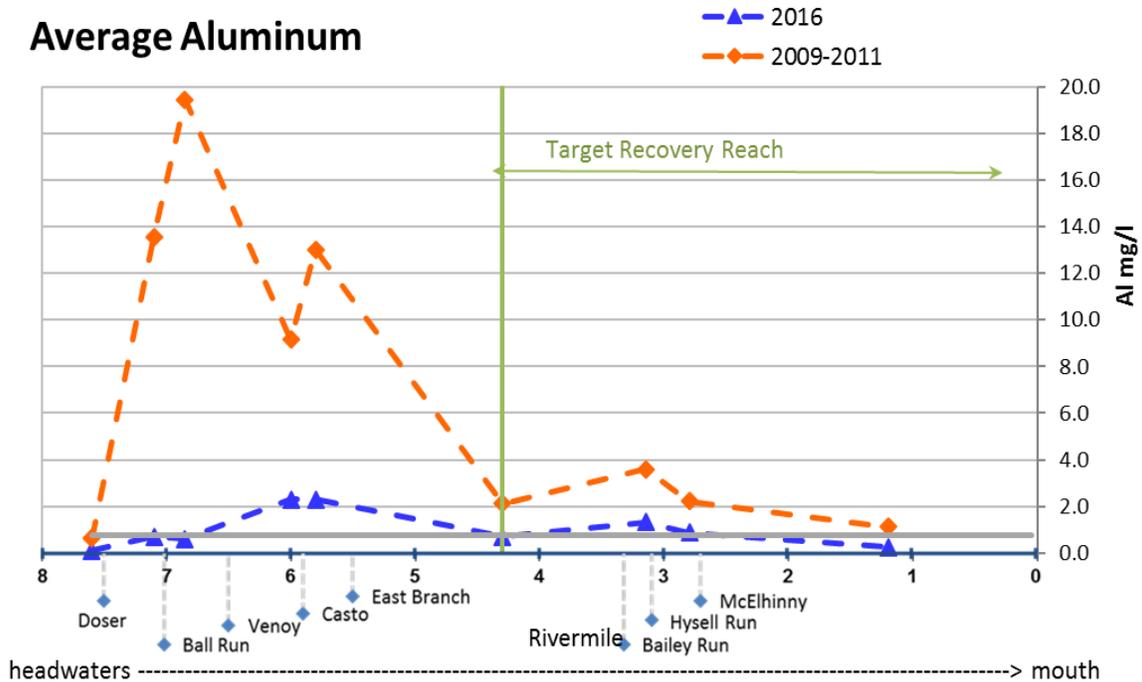
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Average Iron



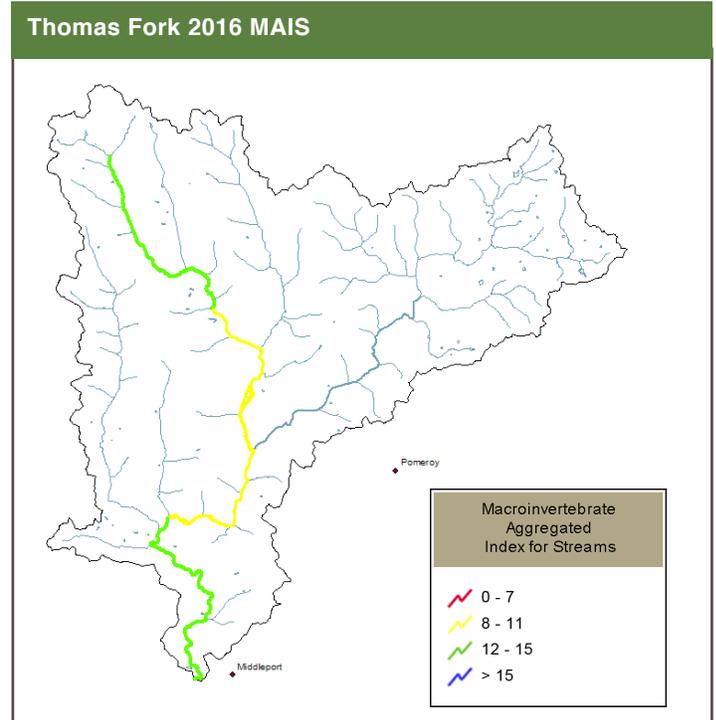
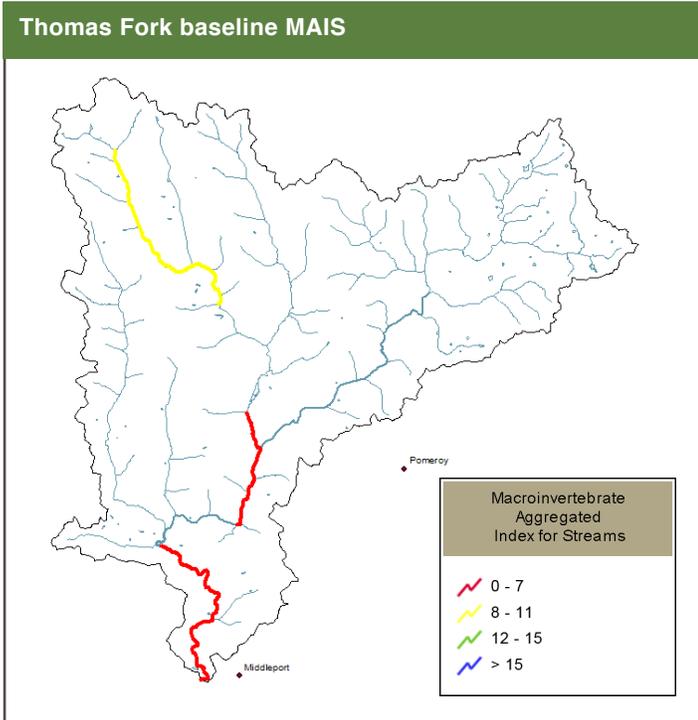
Average Aluminum



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Biological Water Quality



MAIS samples were collected along Thomas Fork a tributary to Leading Creek. These sites are along the mainstem at established long-term monitoring stations, collected from 2009 through 2016.

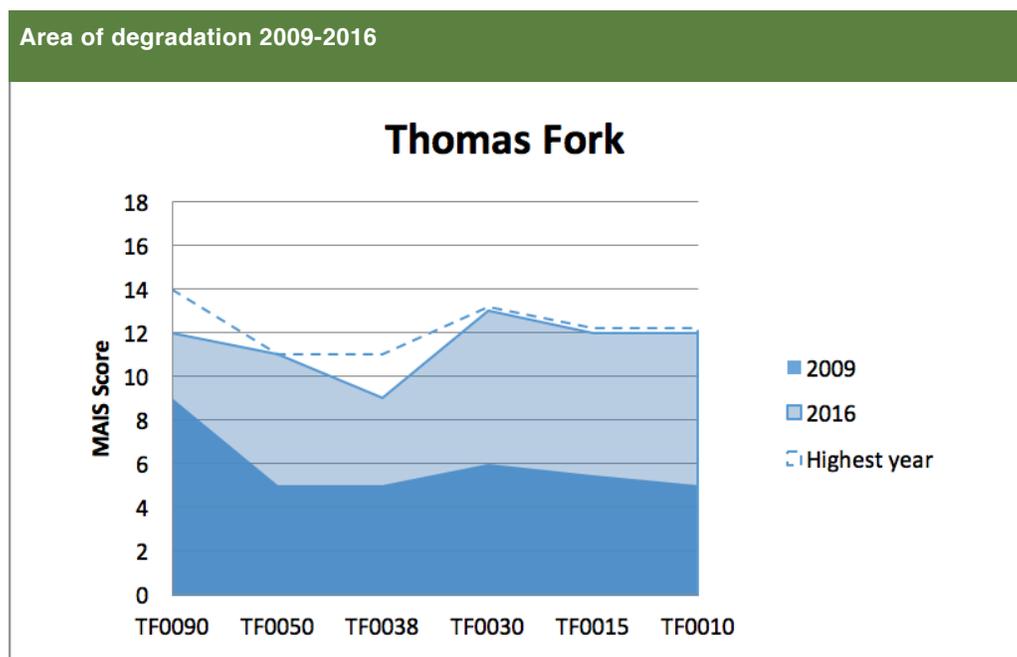
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Biological Water Quality

Thomas Fork

Trends for improvement continued to be evident in Thomas Fork (Leading Creek), at the downstream sites in particular. Overall, biological quality has been higher than the '5's' scored at most of the sites in 2009, 2011 and 2012. Three sites, TF0050, TF0030 and TF0015 earned new high scores of '11', '13' and '12'. This year marked the first statistical improvement in the study reach, at TF0015, and all three downstream sites met the biological target of a MAIS of '12' or higher.



| Thomas Fork MAIS Regressions | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|---------------|----------|---------|-------|
| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | Linear trends | R square | P-value | Years |
| TF0090 | 9 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 14 | 14 | 12 | 12 | no change | 0.197 | 0.270 | 8 |
| TF0050 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 10 | 11 | no change | 0.372 | 0.109 | 8 |
| TF0038 | 5 | 11 | 7 | 5 | 10 | 9 | 10 | 9 | no change | 0.183 | 0.290 | 8 |
| TF0030 | 6 | 12 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 13 | no change | 0.235 | 0.224 | |
| TF0015 | * | 8 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | improved | 0.660 | 0.026 | 7 |
| TF0010 | 5 | 12 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 12 | no change | 0.198 | 0.269 | 8 |

*Missing value was replaced with arithmetic averages of upstream and downstream sites for graphing.

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Appendix: Quality Assurance Quality Control (QAQC)

LEADING CREEK

| | Collection Period | Samples Collected | Duplicates | Blanks |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------|--------|
| | 4/25/16 – 10/24/16 | 28 | 3 | 1 |
| Percent of Samples | | - | 11% | 3.6% |

Percent Difference from Lab and Field

| Leading Creek | % Difference pH | % Difference Conductivity |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Range | 0.6-17.2 | 0-22.0 |
| Median | 4% | 3.5% |

Percent Difference of Duplicate Samples (2)

| | % Difference pH | % Difference Conductivity | % Difference Iron | % Difference Aluminum | % Difference Acidity | % Difference Alkalinity |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Range | 0.43-0.4 | 0.2-1.2 | 2.0-7.0 | 2.3-5.6 | 2.8-3.8 | 0.3-1.0 |
| Median | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |

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Appendix: Quality Assurance Quality Control (QAQC)

MONDAY CREEK

| Monday Creek | Collection Period | Samples Collected | Duplicate Samples | Blanks |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------|
| | 2/22/16 – 12/20/16 | 250 | 16 | 5 |
| Percent of Samples | | - | 6.4% | 2% |

Percent Difference from Lab and Field

| | % Difference pH | % Difference Conductivity |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Range | 0-30.0 | 0-196.0 |
| Median | 4.6 | 1.0 |

Percent Difference of Duplicate Samples (16)

| | % Difference pH | % Difference Conductivity | % Difference Iron | % Difference Aluminum | % Difference Acidity | % Difference Alkalinity |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Range | 0-6.2 | 0-1.7 | 0-51.5 | 0-51.3 | 0-13.1 | 0-21.2 |
| Median | 1.7 | 0.5 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 4.1 | 4.1 |

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Appendix: Quality Assurance Quality Control (QAQC)

RACCOON CREEK

| Raccoon Creek | Collection Period | Samples Collected | Duplicates | Blanks |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------|--------|
| | 3/30/16 – 12/12/16 | 198 | 18 | 14 |
| Percent of Samples | | | 9% | 7% |

Percent Difference from Lab and Field

| | % Difference pH | % Difference Conductivity |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Range | 0-20.9 | 0-97.6 |
| Median | 4.7 | 2.0 |

Percent Difference of Duplicate Samples (18)

| | % Difference pH | % Difference Conductivity | % Difference Iron | % Difference Aluminum | % Difference Acidity | % Difference Alkalinity |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Range | 0-2.5 | 0-1.3 | 0-163.6 | 0-70.3 | 0-5.8 | 0-15.1 |
| Median | 0.5 | 0.6 | 2.4 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 0.5 |