

2017–2018 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 2018 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, Mud Run, Yellow Creek, 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) and ODNR-DMRM acid mine drainage restoration and reclamation efforts. 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 targets based on their fish and macroinvertebrate index scores are recorded. As of 2016, approximately 46 additional stream miles of the 142 miles assessed for biology suggest they meet full attainment of the Warmwater Habitat Status. In

the headwaters of Raccoon Creek from East Branch and West Branch confluence to Lake Hope dam, 20 stream miles were improved to meeting targets for both macroinvertebrates and fish. Along Raccoon Creek mainstem from Elk Fork tributary to Flat Run tributary, 20.3 miles improved to meet targets. OEPA TMDL data was collected in Raccoon Creek during 2016, results of this report will be available on OEPA's website in 2019, and preliminary results are shown in Figure 1. 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. 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 199 miles of the 210 miles monitored met the pH 6.5 water quality standard in 2017-2018. Since baseline conditions established approximately in 2000, a total of 93.2 miles are now suggestive of meeting Warmwater habitat, 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, biennial 2017-2018. Incremental changes from year to year can be tracked using these indicators. Net alkalinity and pH values have improved from 2006 to 2018. The family-level biological indicator, Macroinvertebrate Aggregated Index for Streams (MAIS), were measured annually from 2006 to 2016, biennial 2017-2018. Macroinvertebrate communities across the watersheds generally remained the same in 2017-2018 or showed continued improvement. Most notable improvements were in the West Branch of Sunday Creek, where all sites scored above the target of 12. On the Sunday Creek mainstem, there were several new high scores and the most downstream site near the mouth met the restoration target of 12 for the first time in monitoring history. Continued biological recovery occurred in Thomas Fork, where a second site (TF0050) met criteria for statistical improvement (P-value = 0.019) and in Huff Run, where a third site (HRR04 at RM 4.8) met criteria for statistical improvement (P-value = 0.039).

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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/amdjump.html

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 online reporting system, www.watersheddata.com, has been created to track environmental changes in seven watersheds: Raccoon Creek, Monday Creek, Sunday Creek, Huff Run, Mud Run, Yellow Creek, and Leading Creek. These watersheds represent where active AMD reclamation projects have been 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 report is available online at watersheddata.com.

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. For the time period 2017-2018 the following projects were added to the AMD project collection: Daniels Reclamation in Raccoon Creek Watershed, Holmes AMD wetland in Mud Run, and Jensie AMD Phase II in Yellow Creek Watershed.

The "Biennial 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 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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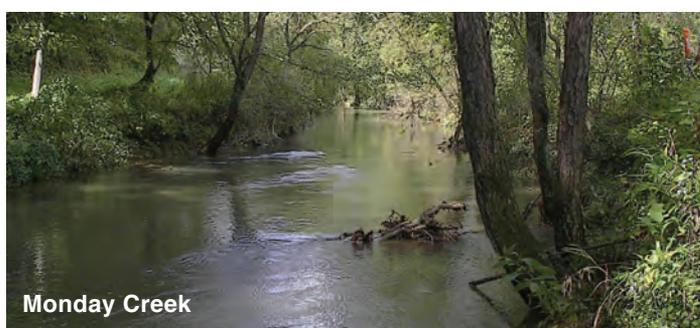
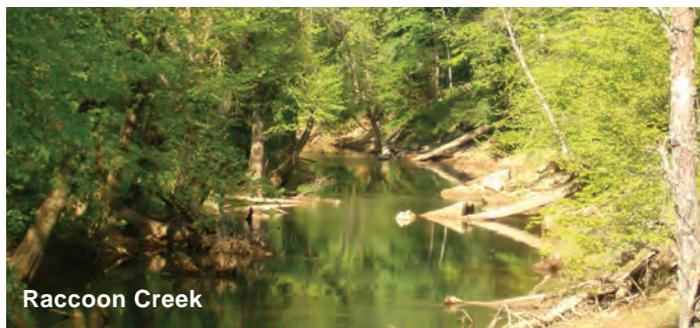
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To track the overall health of Raccoon Creek, Monday Creek, Sunday Creek, Leading Creek and Huff Run, the watersheds where acid mine drainage remediation is active, chemical data were collected annually since 2005 (2009 in Leading Creek). Biological 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.

Ohio EPA surveyed Raccoon Creek in 2016, concluding that the entire mainstem of Raccoon Creek meets warm water habitat (WWH), with the exception of one site (MSBC100) in the headwaters which met only one of the two required metrics for full attainment. In fact, waters from Raccoon Creek mouth near Gallipolis, to the town of Vinton, nearly 40 river miles, meet exceptional warm water habitat (EWH), the highest quality to be expected in Raccoon Creek (Figure 1). Biological fish data collected from 2010 to 2016 suggest that 6.2 miles in Sunday Creek, shown in green in Figure 2, meet warm water habitat.

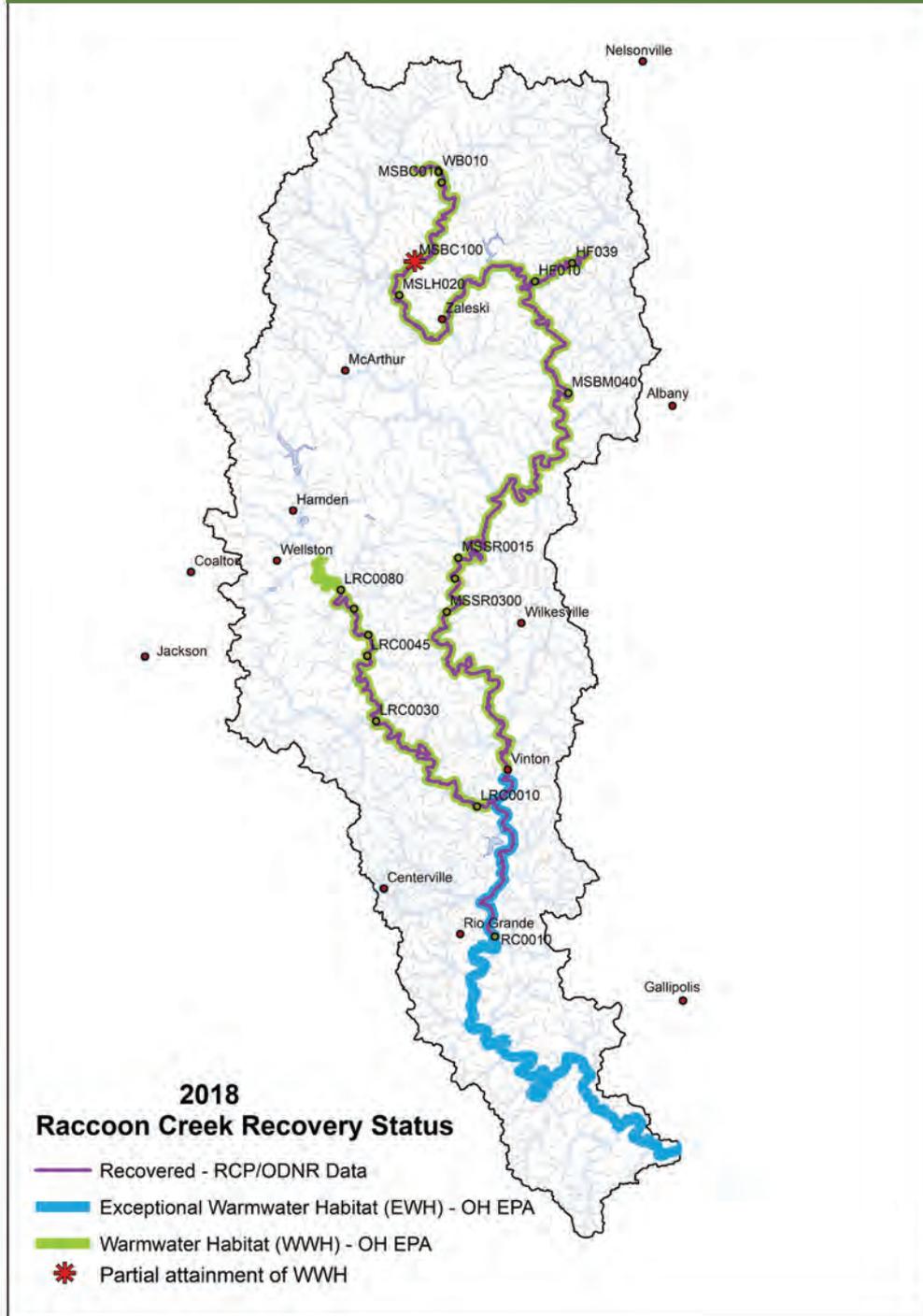
Other significant incremental water changes are also tracked and described in this report; for example, acid and metal loading reductions, pH and net alkalinity improvements. These incremental changes track progress toward the overarching goal of meeting targets. Incremental changes are tracked in the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



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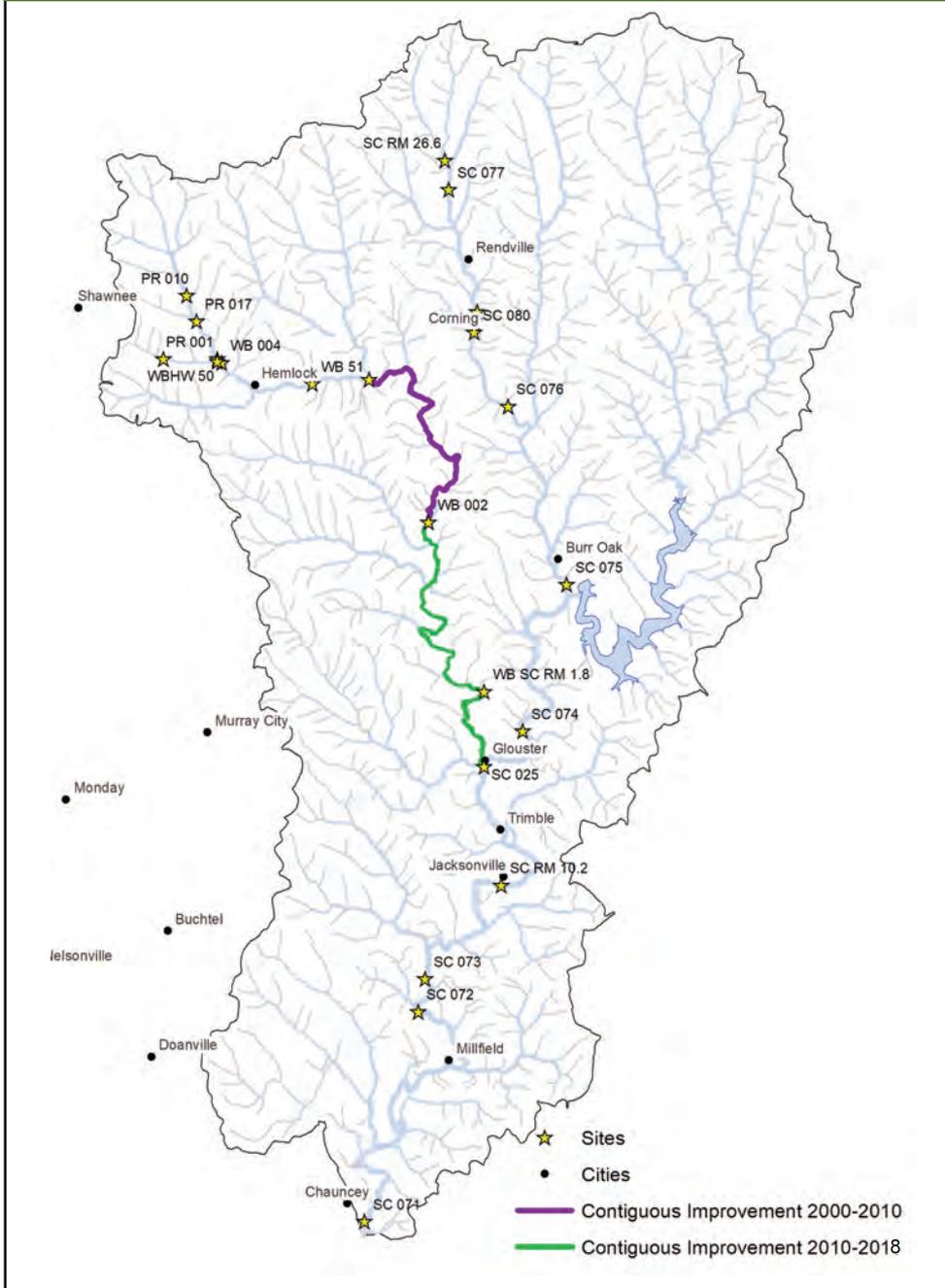
Figure 1: Raccoon Creek Recovery Status to 2018



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Figure 2: Biological health improvement in Sunday Creek West Branch from 2005 to 2018.



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Table 1. Summary of results for each of the five watersheds evaluated from 2005 to 2018: 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 2017–2018 | Total metal load reduction lbs/day 2017–2018 | Stream miles meeting pH target/ Stream miles monitored |
|---------------|---|---------------------|--|--|---|
| Raccoon Creek | 21 | \$15,222,655 | 2,645 | 573 | 110/116 |
| Monday Creek | 18 (plus 5 subsidence projects, costs are not included) | \$7,496,369 | 4,006 | 393 | 27.5/33 |
| Sunday Creek | 12 (7 of 10 are subsidence projects) | \$2,718,273 | Insufficient data for calculation in 2017-2018 sampling period | 1.25 | 42.8/43 |
| Huff Run | 14 | \$5,644,950 | Insufficient data for calculation in 2017-2018 sampling period | Insufficient data for calculation in 2017-2018 sampling period | 9.3/10 |
| Leading Creek | 2 | \$728,481 | 663 | 234 | 9/9 |
| Total | 67 | \$31,810,728 | 7,314 | 2,101 | 198.6/210 |

Reductions

Acid Load Reductions 2017-2018 = 7,314 lbs/day

Metal Load Reductions 2017-2018 = 2,101 lbs/day

Costs

Total to date reclamation costs = \$31,810,728

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Reductions

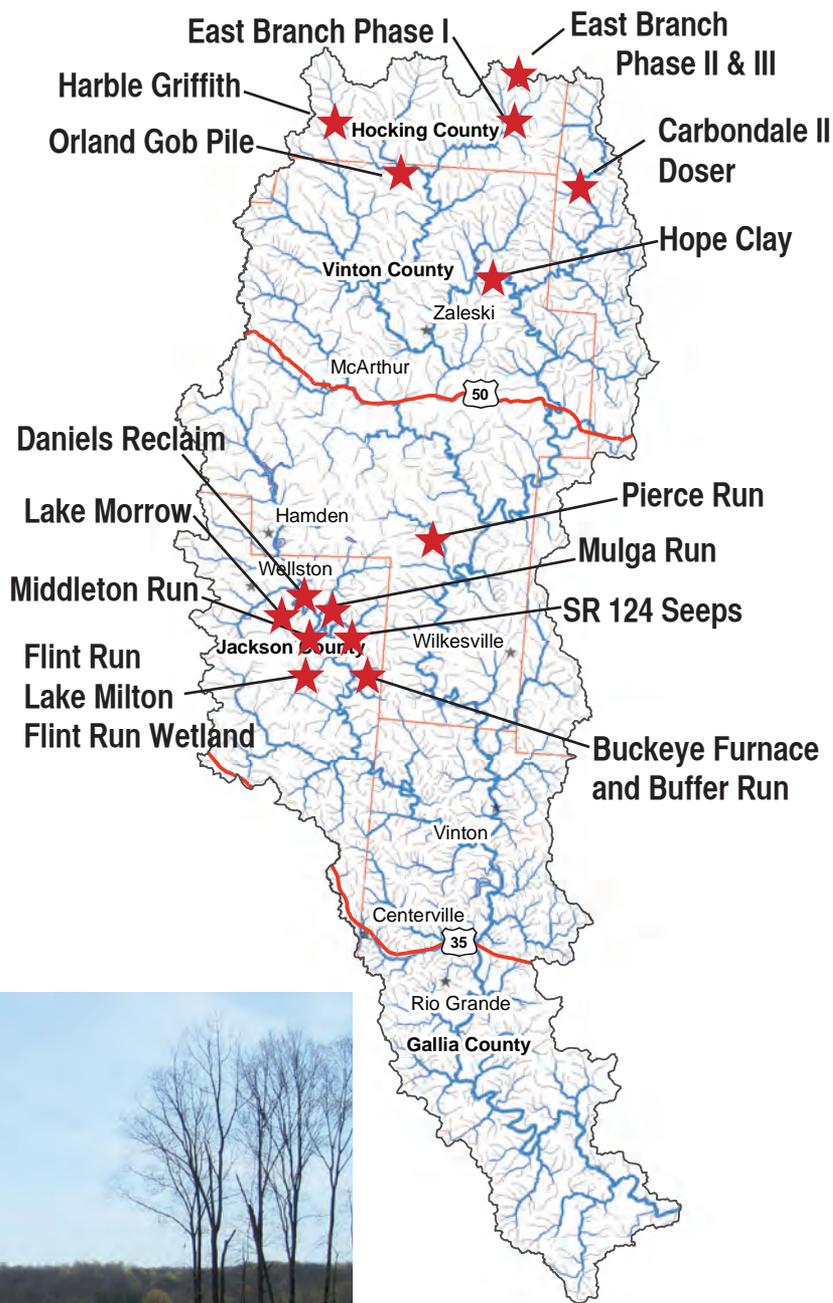
Total acid load reduction = 2,645 lbs/day
Total metal load reduction = 573 lbs/day

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

Acid and metal load reductions based on projects monitored during 2018 listed here: Carbondale Doser, Mulga Run, Flint Run, Lake Milton, East Branch I, II, & III, and Middleton Run II.

Cost

Design = \$1,905,243
Construction = \$13,317,412
Total Costs through 2018 = \$15,222,655

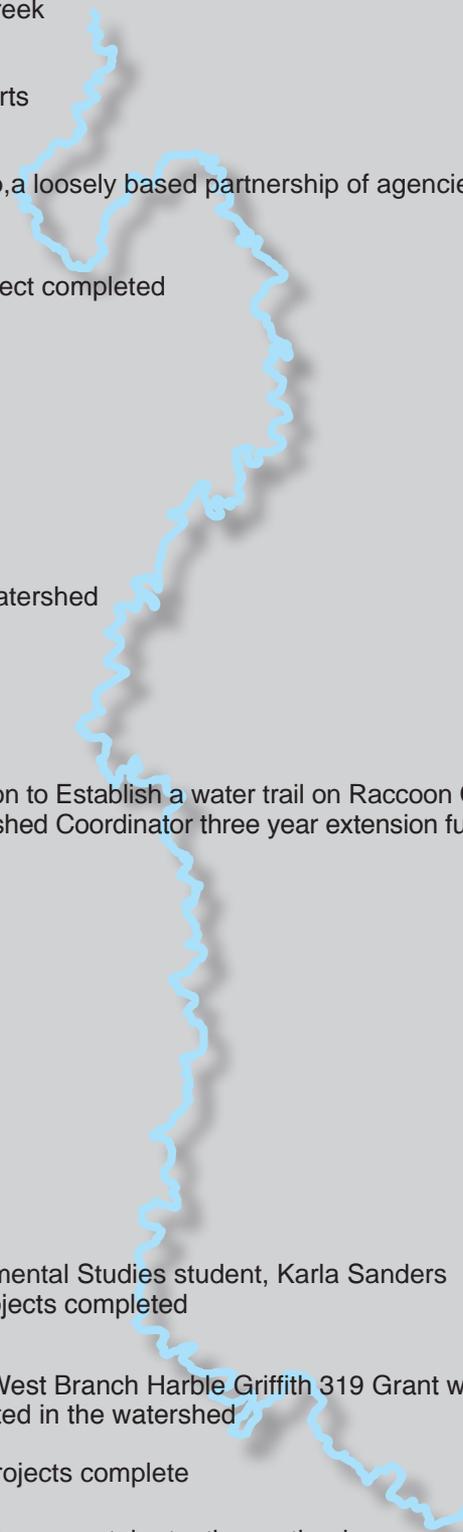


Lake Milton treatment ponds in Little Raccoon Creek, Photo by Sarah Cornwell

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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 |
| 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 |
| 2017 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2017 Lake Milton, Flint Run, and Carbondale, maintenance projects completed |
| 2018 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daniels Reclamation Project completed |

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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 (FR0210) – 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*
- 2018** Daniels Reclamation Project (DaR0051, DaR0052, DaR0053, DaR0054, DaR0055, DaR0056) - Drained and filled strip pits on 10 acre spoil, reconnected positive drainage, mitigated toxic spoil, resoiled and revegetated.

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

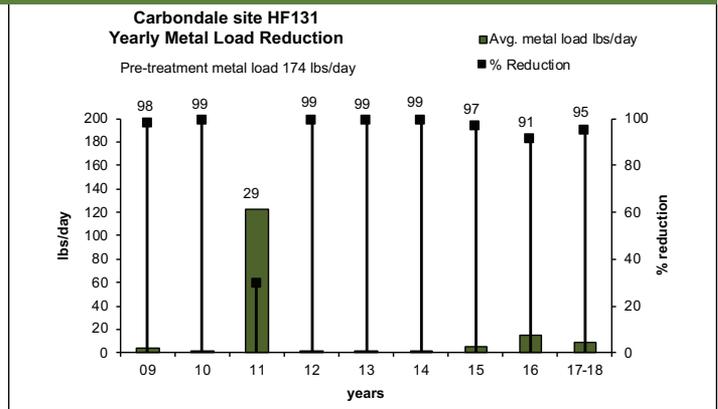
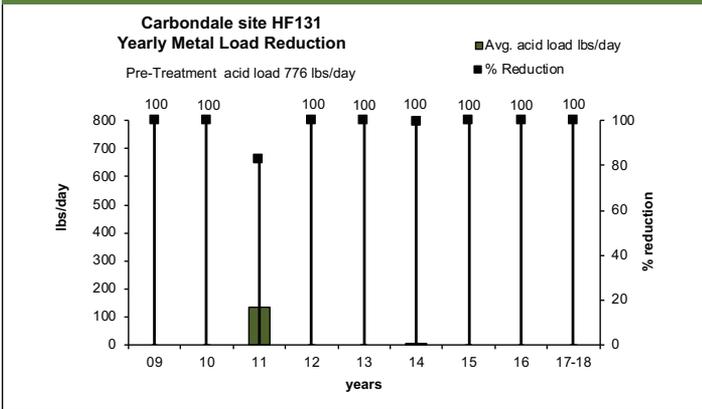
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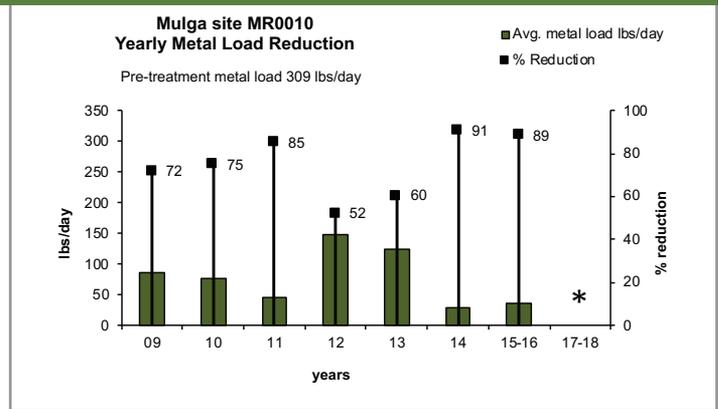
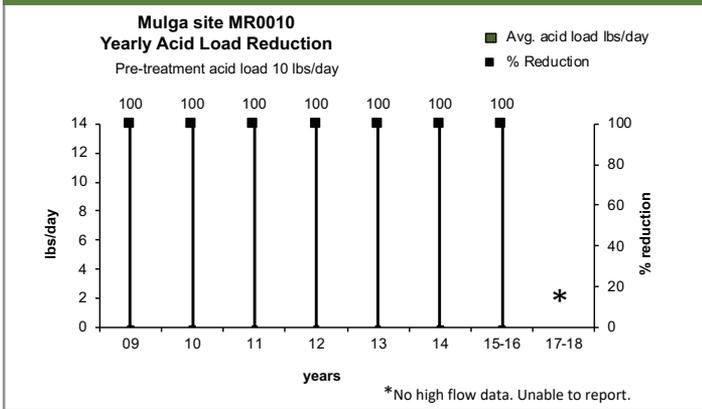
Yearly acid and metal load reduction trends per project

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.

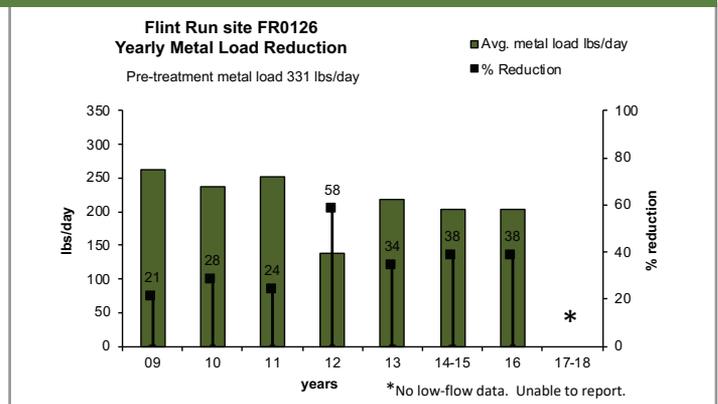
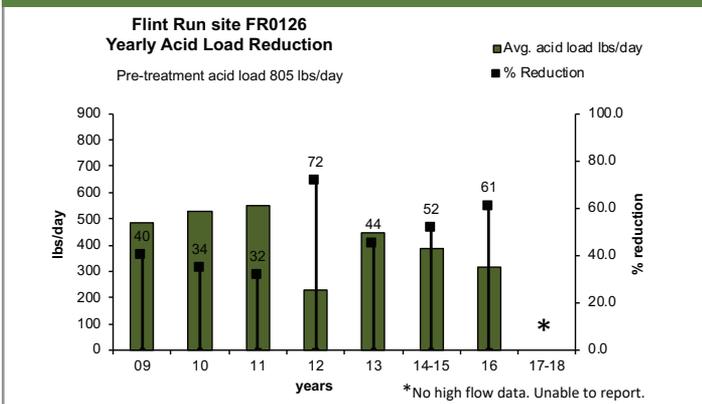
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Mulga site MR0010



Flint Run site FR0126

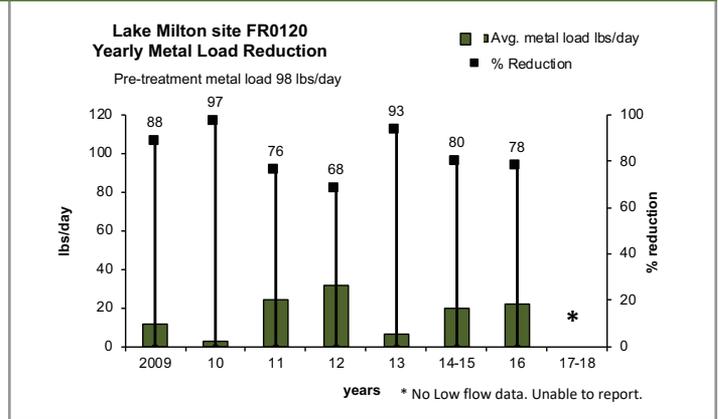
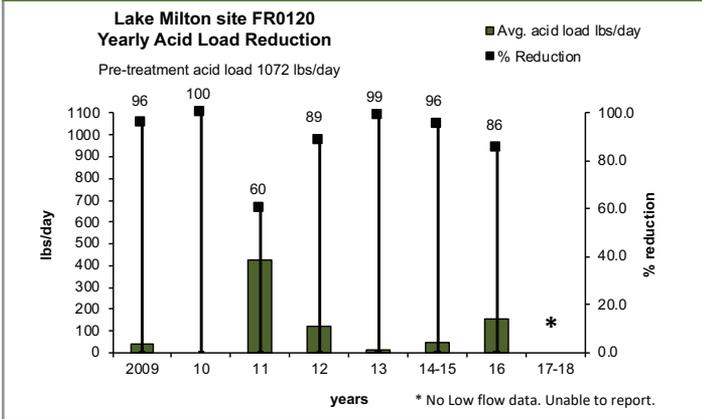


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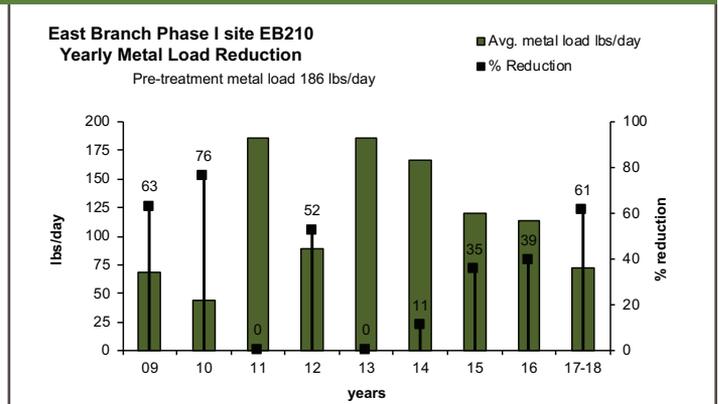
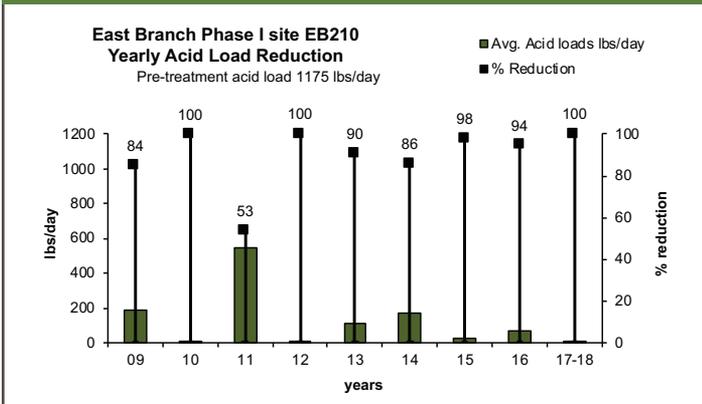
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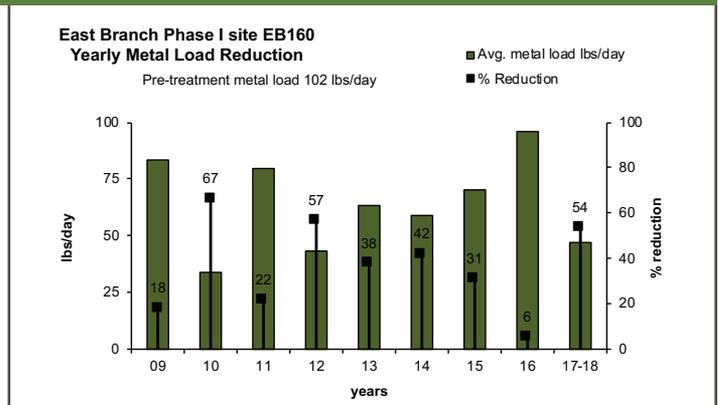
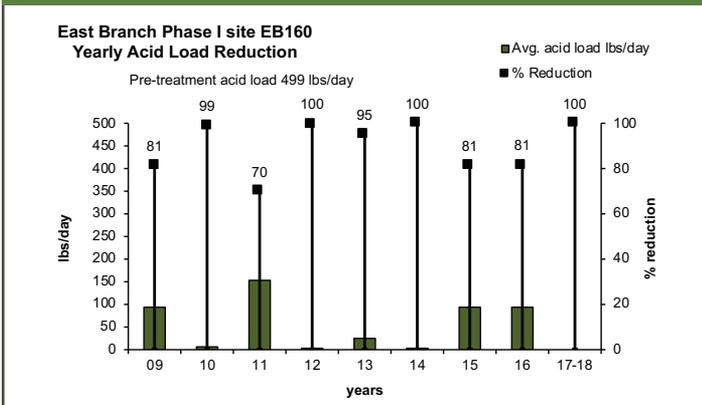
Lake Milton site FR0120



East Branch Phase I site EB210



East Branch Phase I site EB160

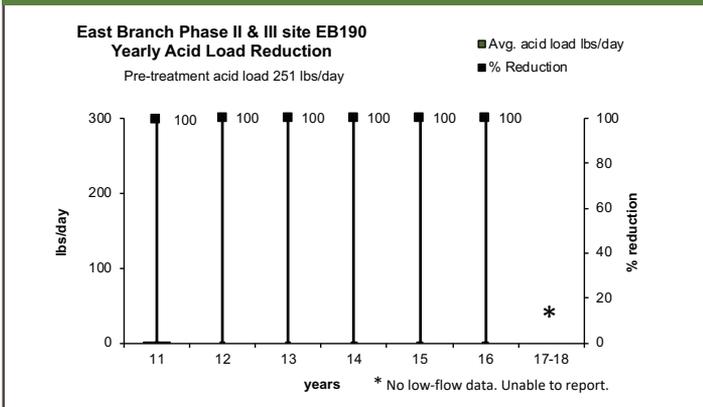


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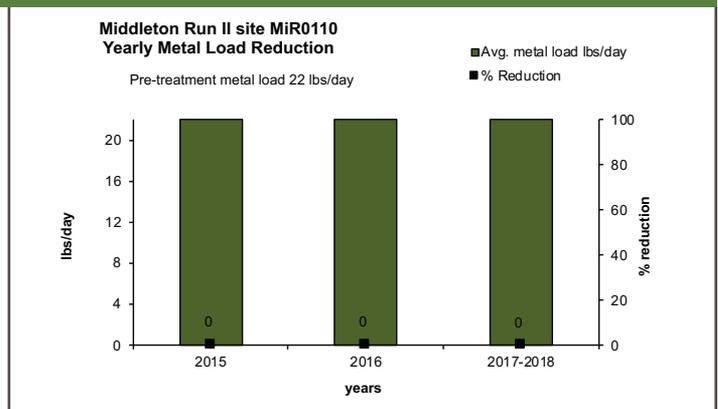
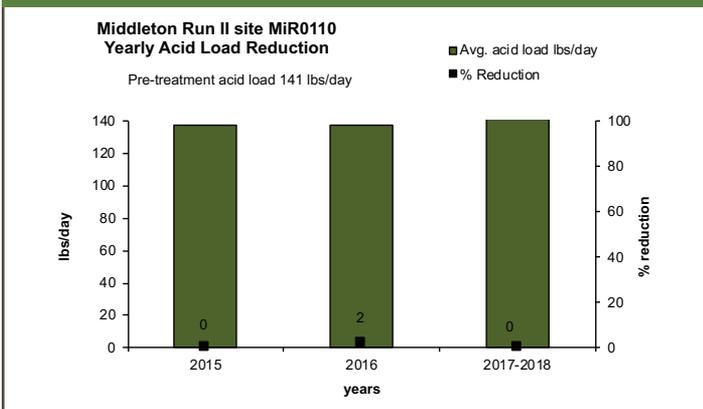
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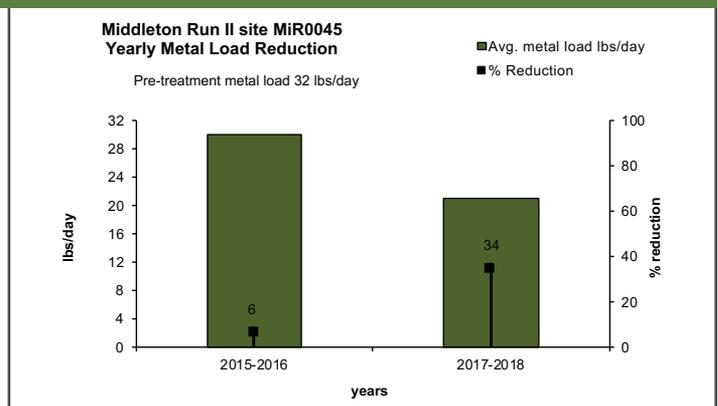
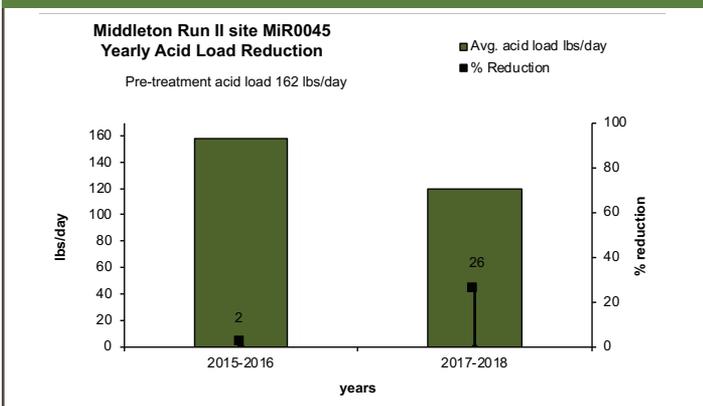
East Branch Phase II & III site EB190



Middleton Run II site MiR0110



Middleton Run II site MiR0045



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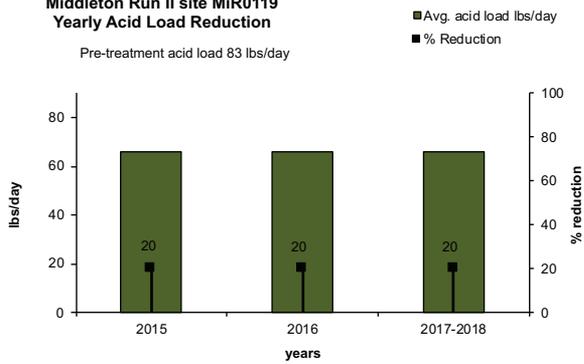
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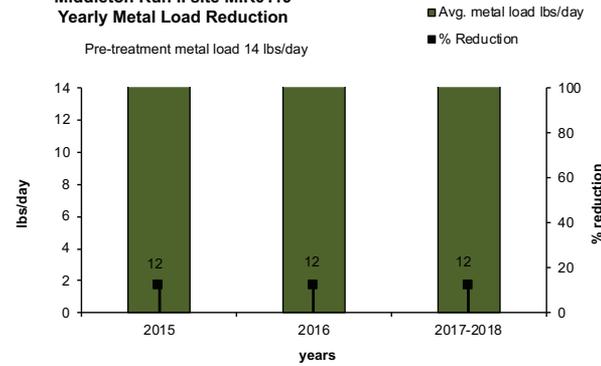
Middleton Run II site MiR0119 Yearly Acid Load Reduction

Pre-treatment acid load 83 lbs/day



Middleton Run II site MiR0119 Yearly Metal Load Reduction

Pre-treatment metal load 14 lbs/day

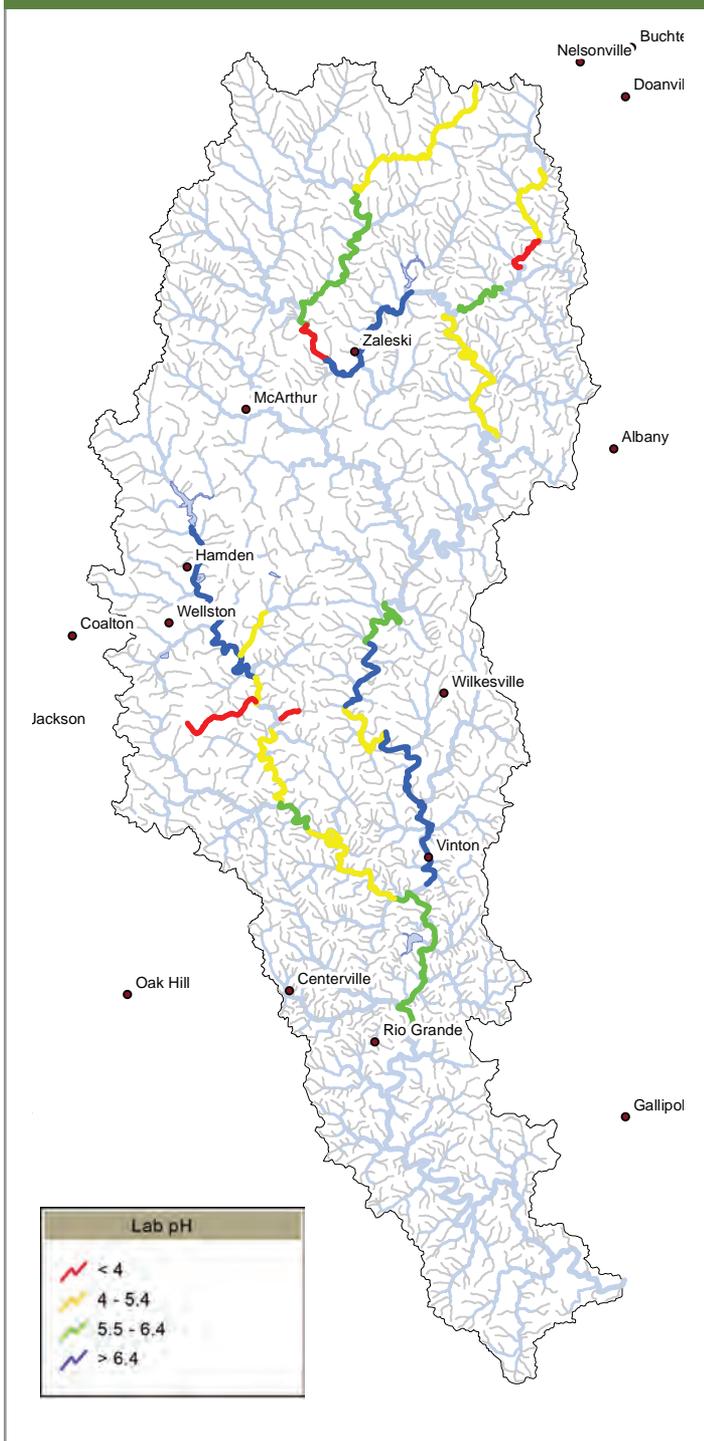


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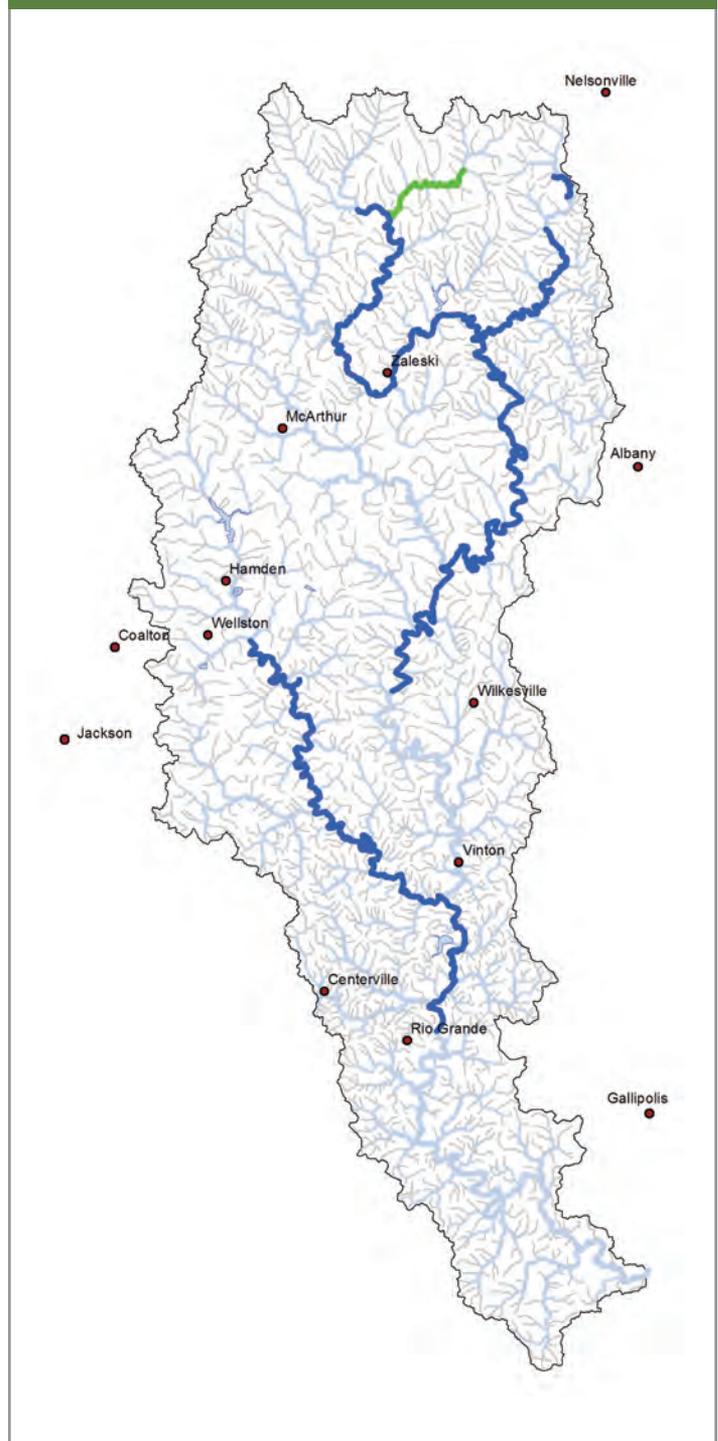
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Chemical Water Quality

Raccoon Creek baseline pH



Raccoon Creek 2017–2018 pH



In Raccoon Creek pH values have improved throughout the watershed from baseline conditions (1994-2001) to 2018. 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 2018, except for a 6.0 stream mile section at the mouth of East Branch. Of the miles of stream monitored in 2017–2018, 14.8 river miles in Hewett Fork (Site HF190 was not monitored during 2017-2018, but field testing in early 2019 indicated the site met pH targets), 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).

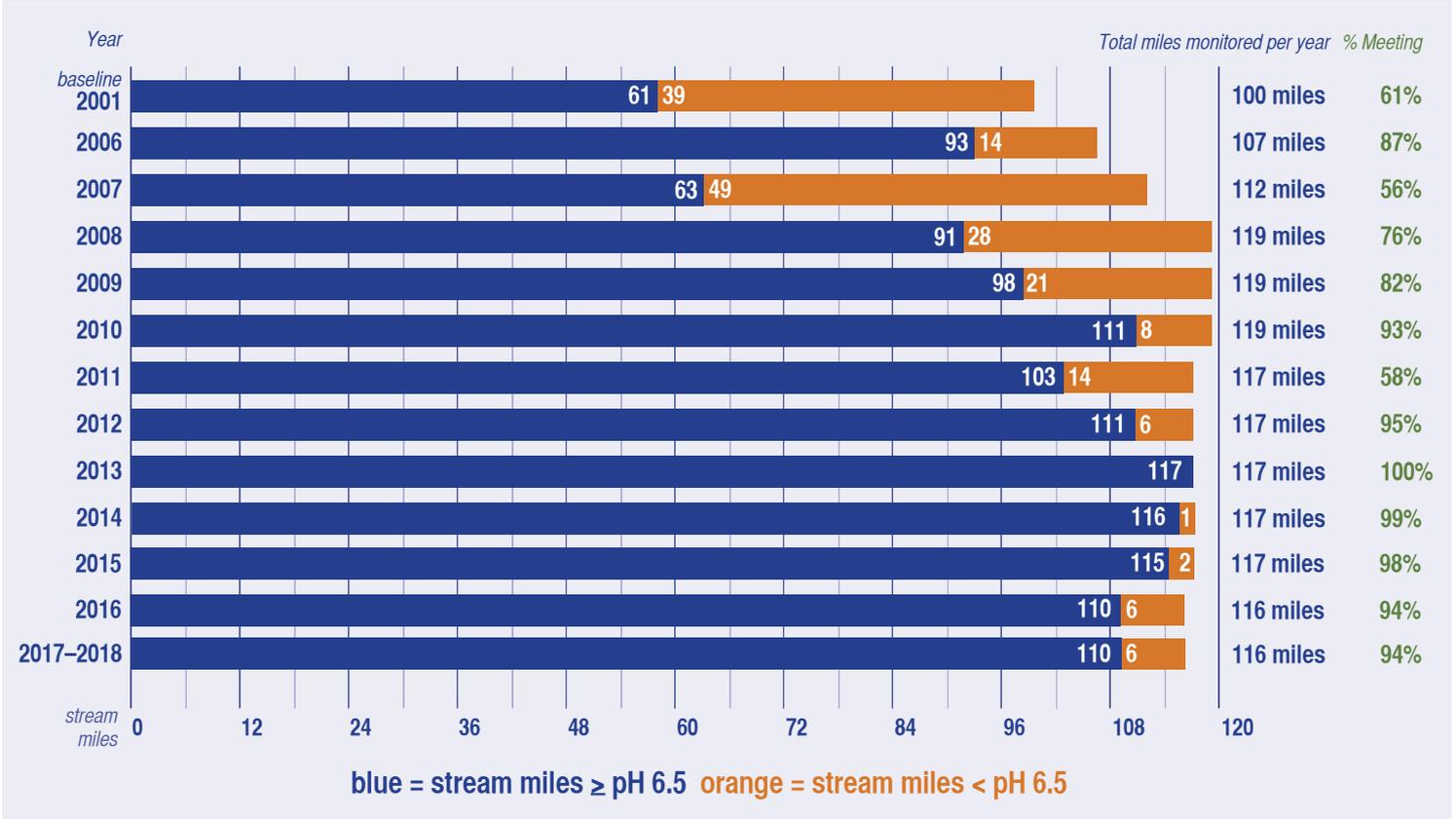
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Chemical Water Quality

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 2018, all but 6.0 of 117 miles of stream miles monitored met the pH target (pH > 6.5).

Raccoon Creek total stream miles monitored for pH through time from 2001-2018.

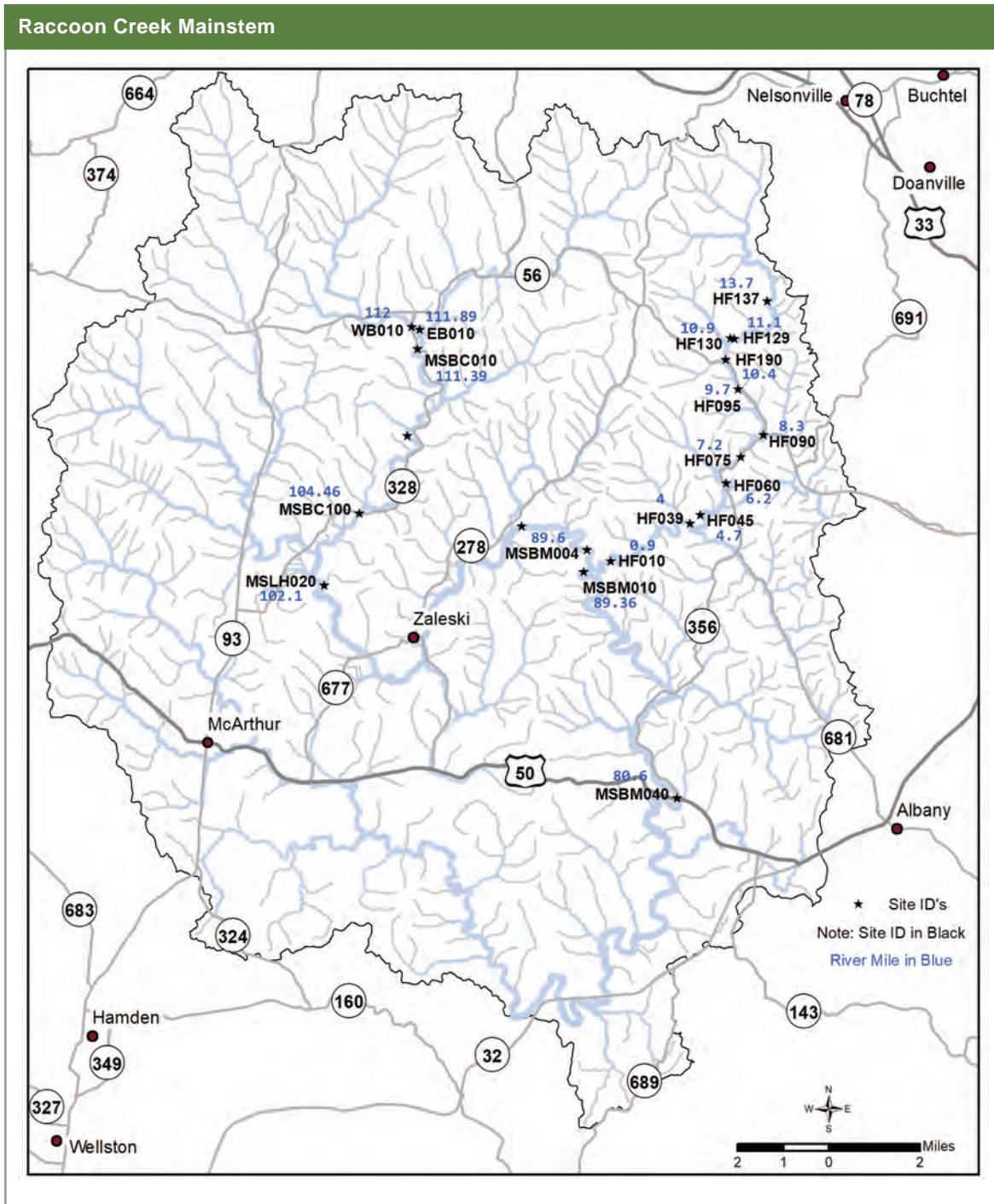


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Chemical water quality analysis per stream reach

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.

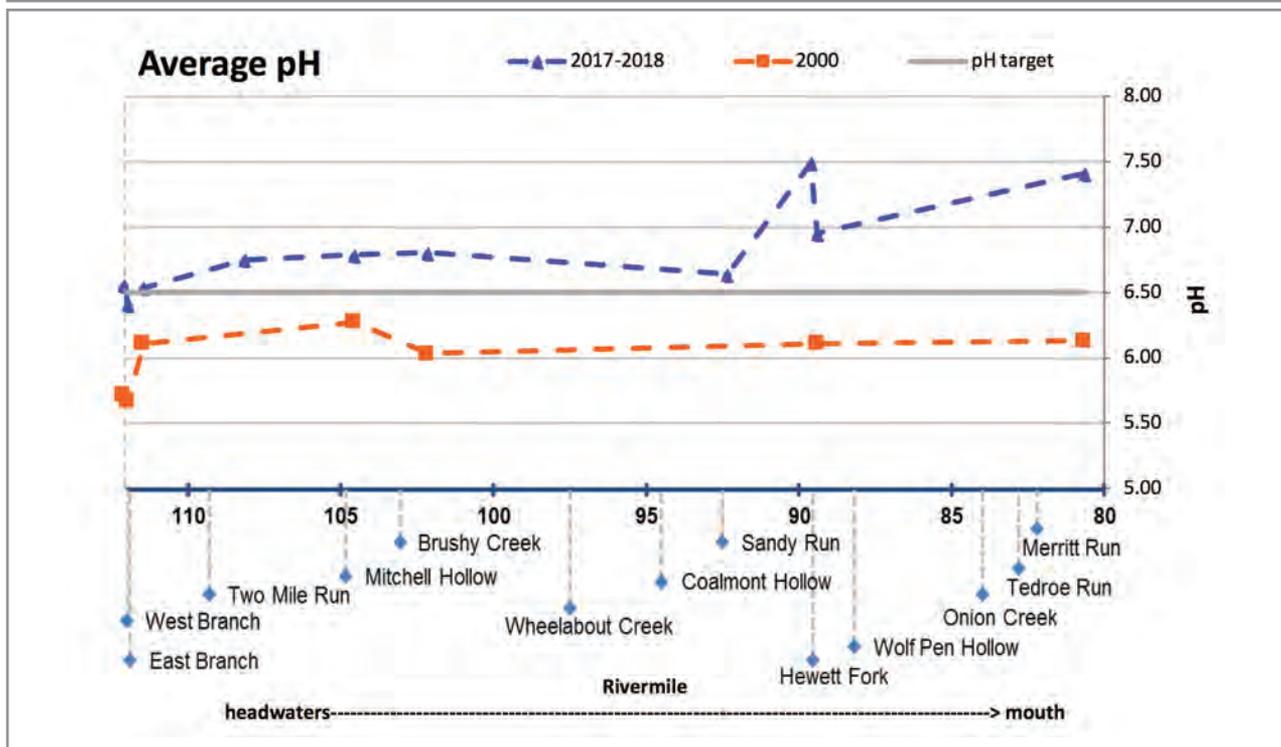
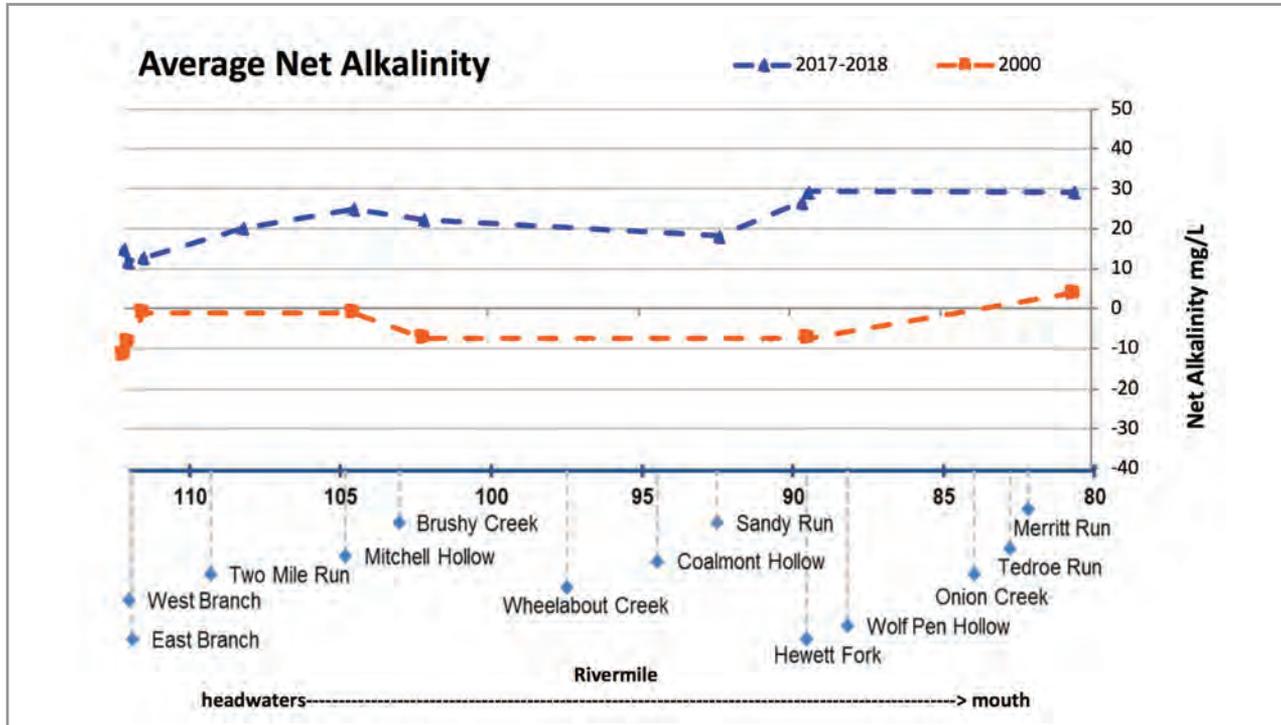


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Chemical water quality analysis per stream reach

| 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 |



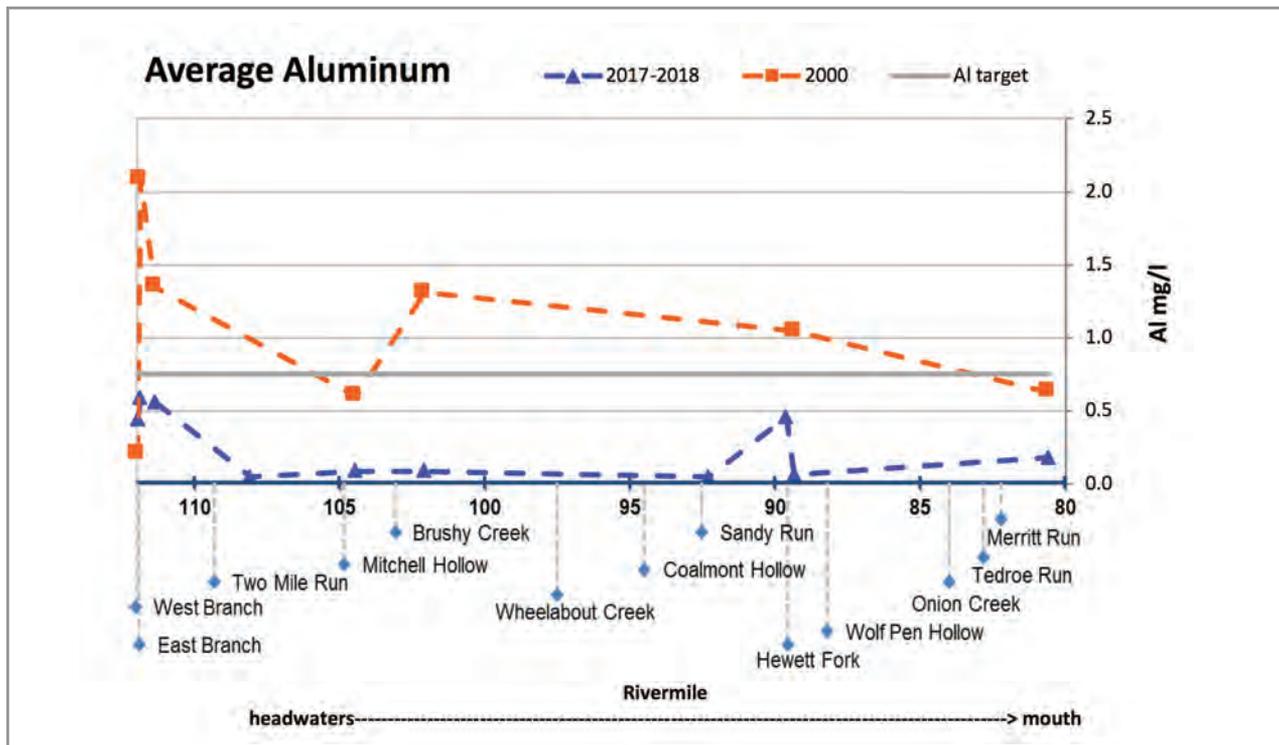
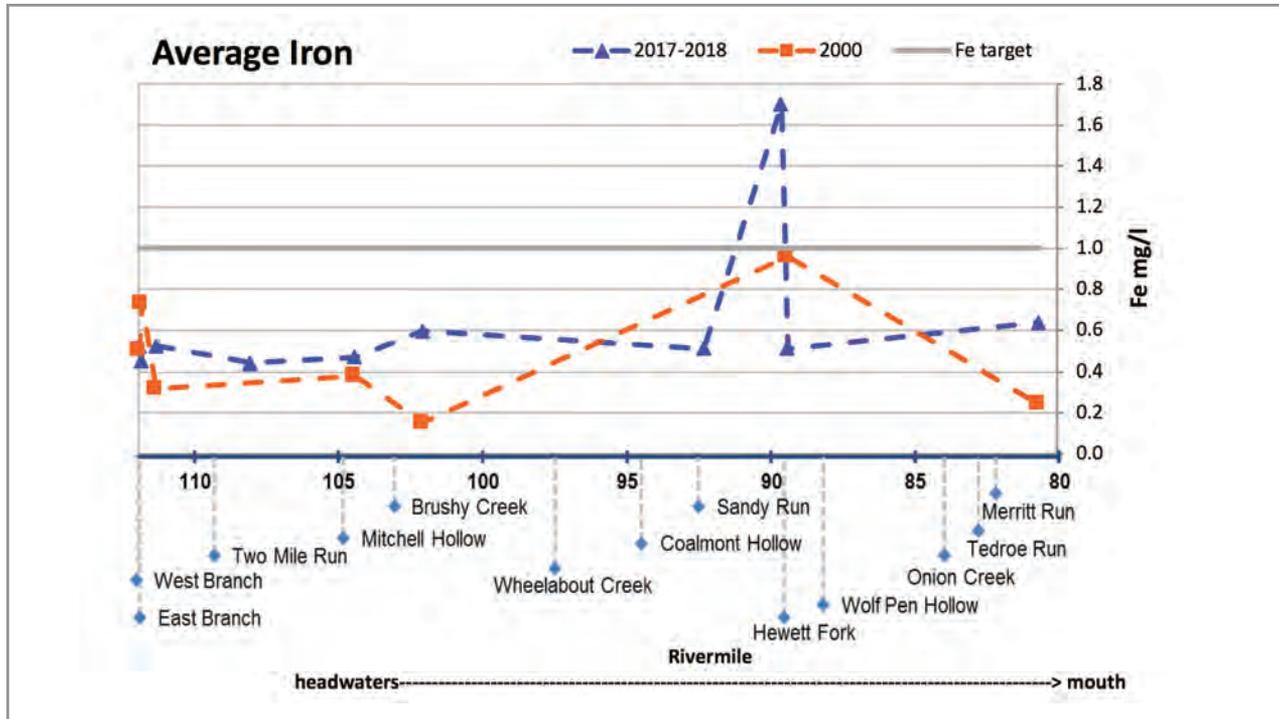
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Chemical water quality analysis per stream reach

Raccoon Creek Mainstem

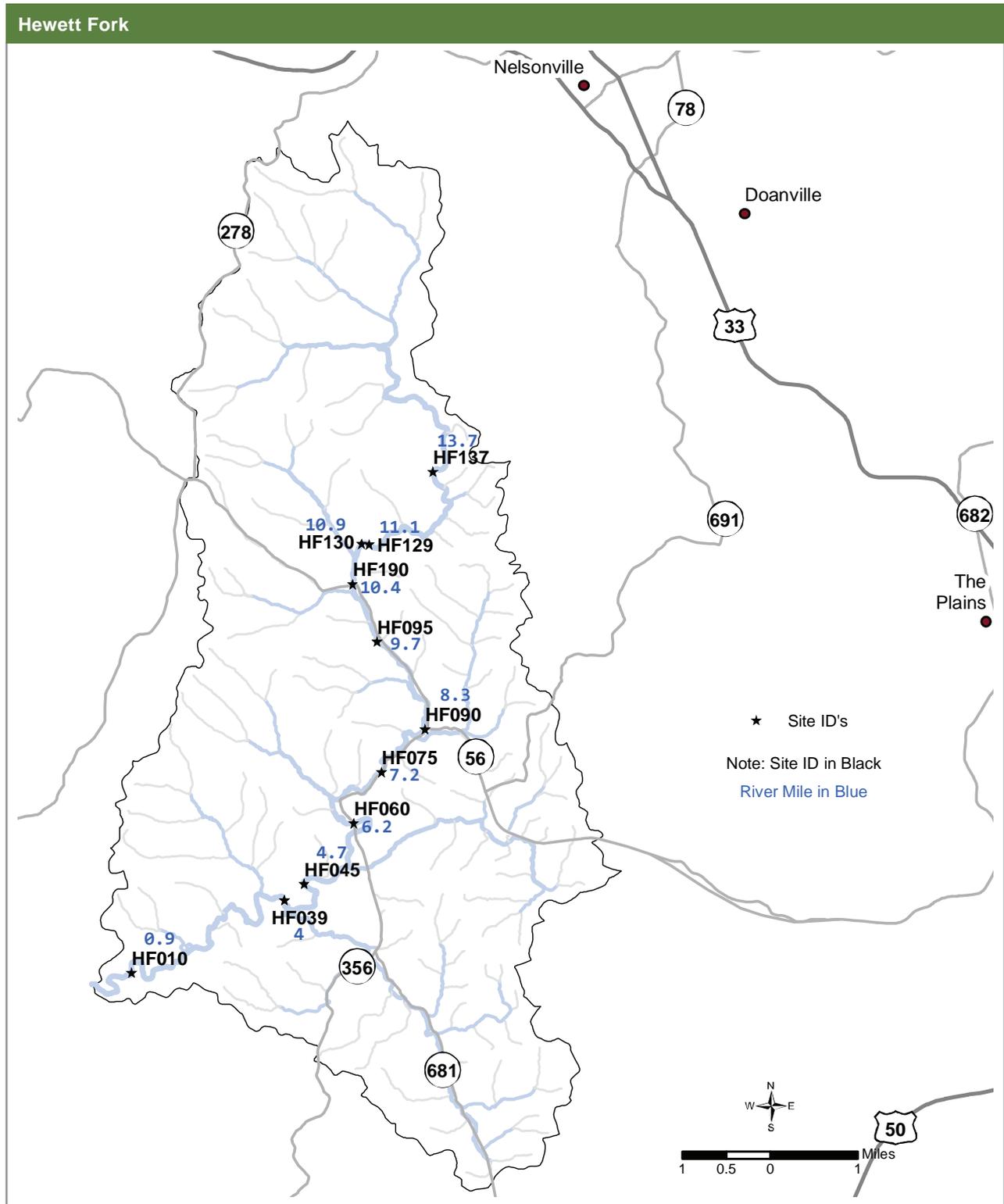
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|-----------|-------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Rivermile | 112 | 111.89 | 111.39 | 108.1 | 104.46 | 102.1 | 92.3 | 89.6 | 89.36 | 80.6 |



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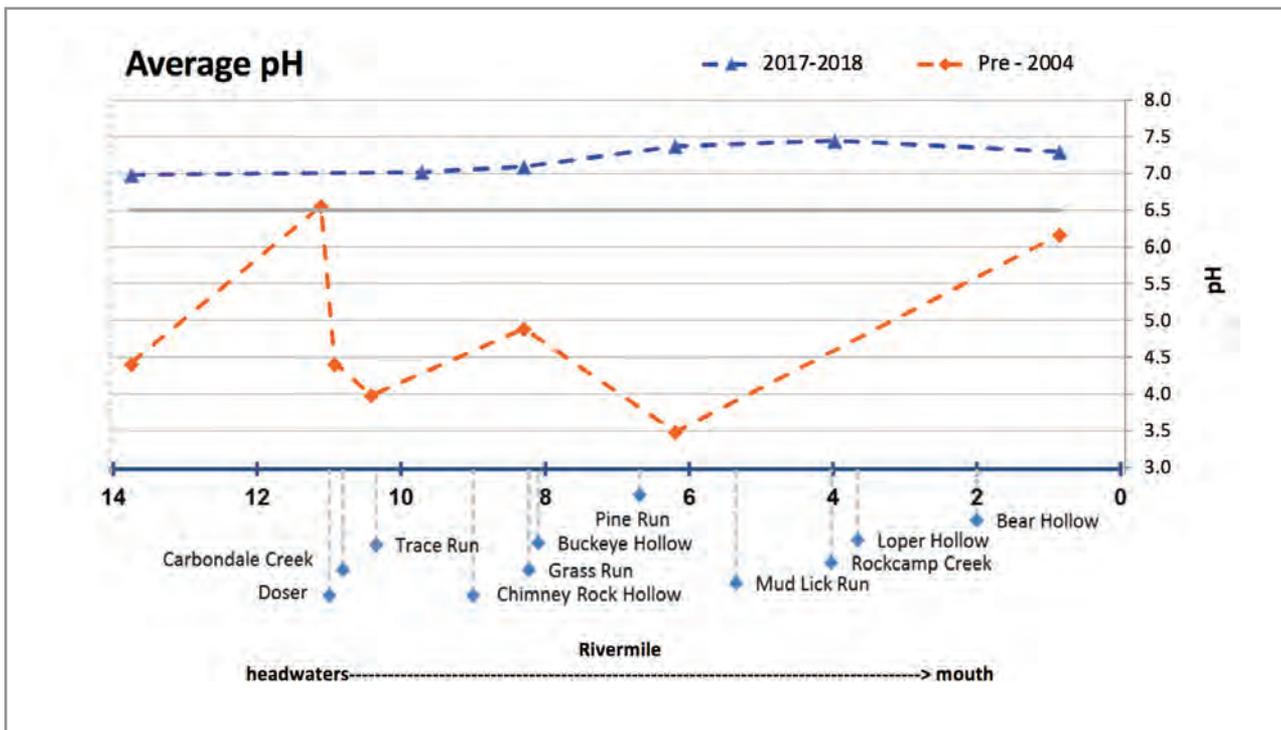
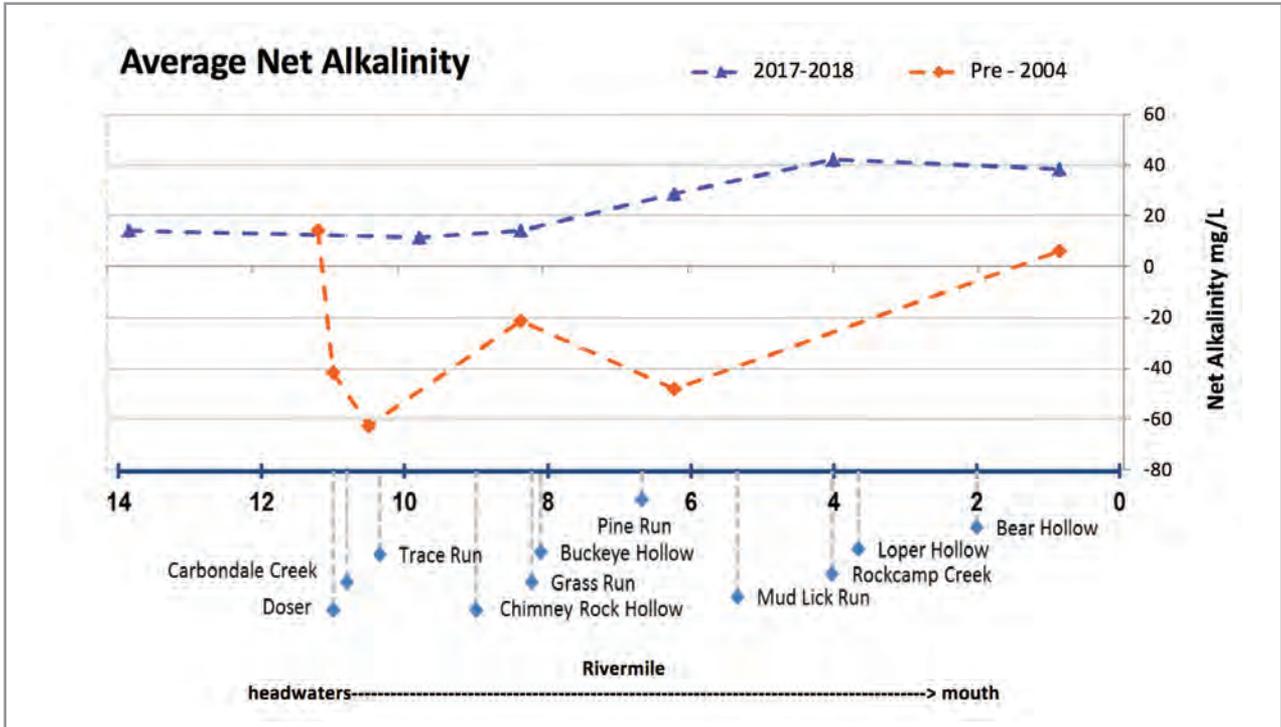
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Chemical water quality analysis per stream reach

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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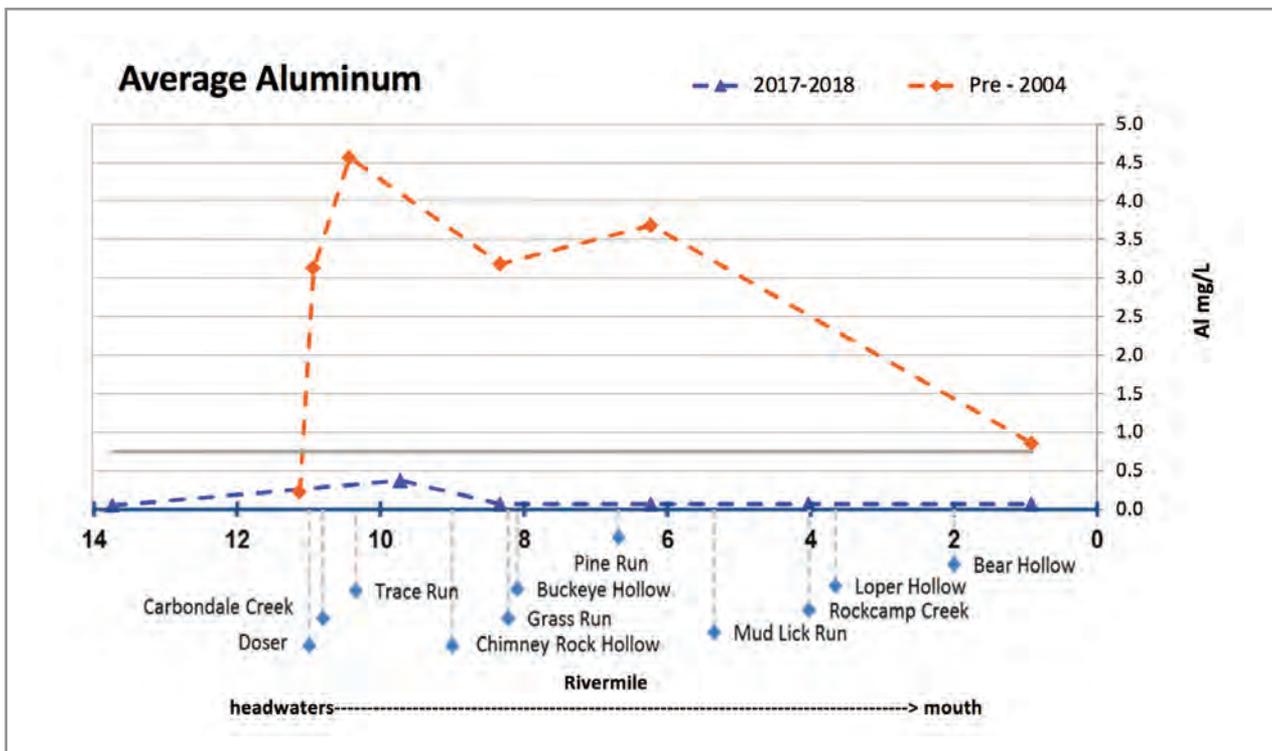
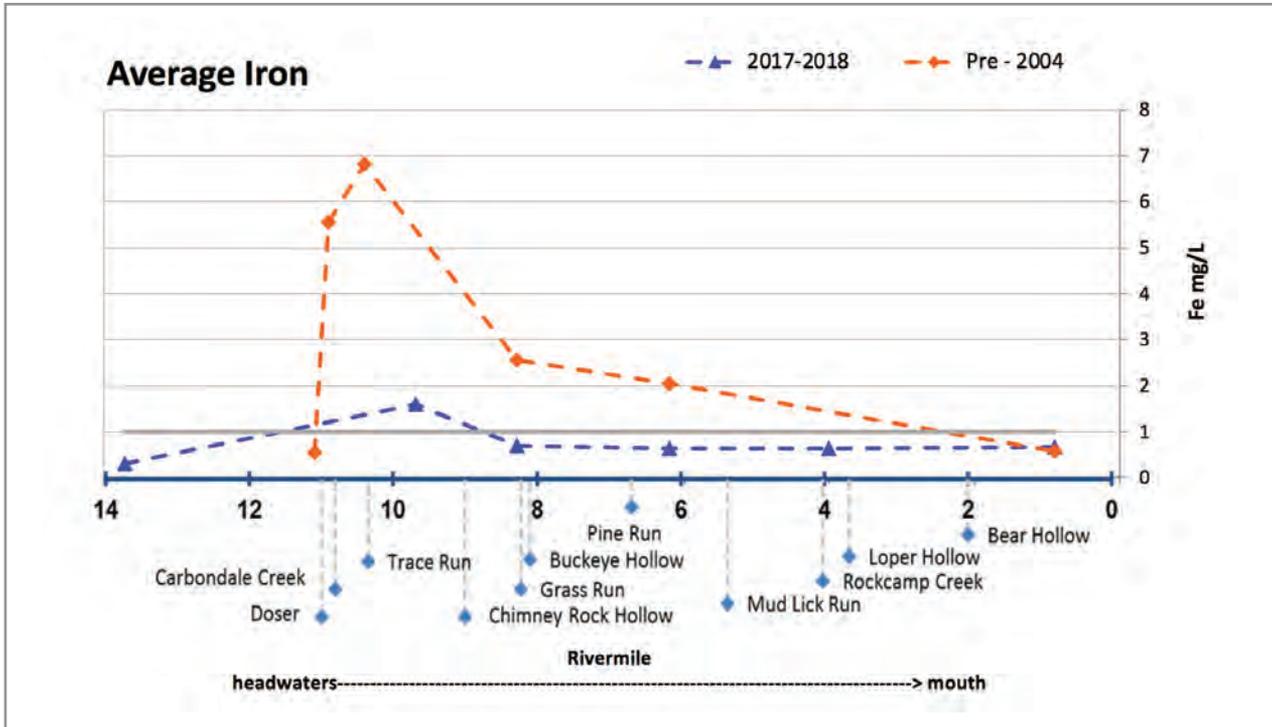
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Chemical water quality analysis per stream reach

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 |

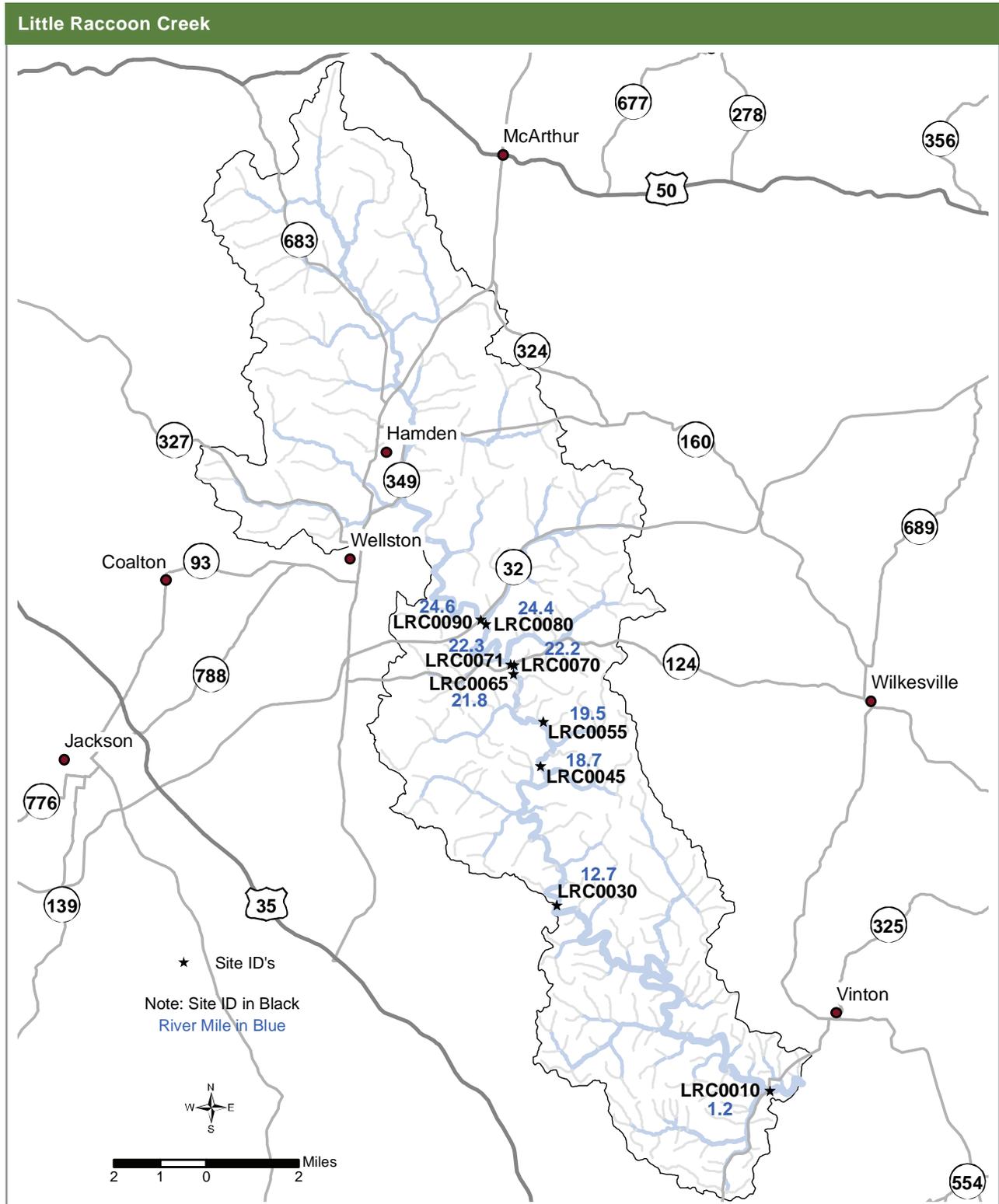
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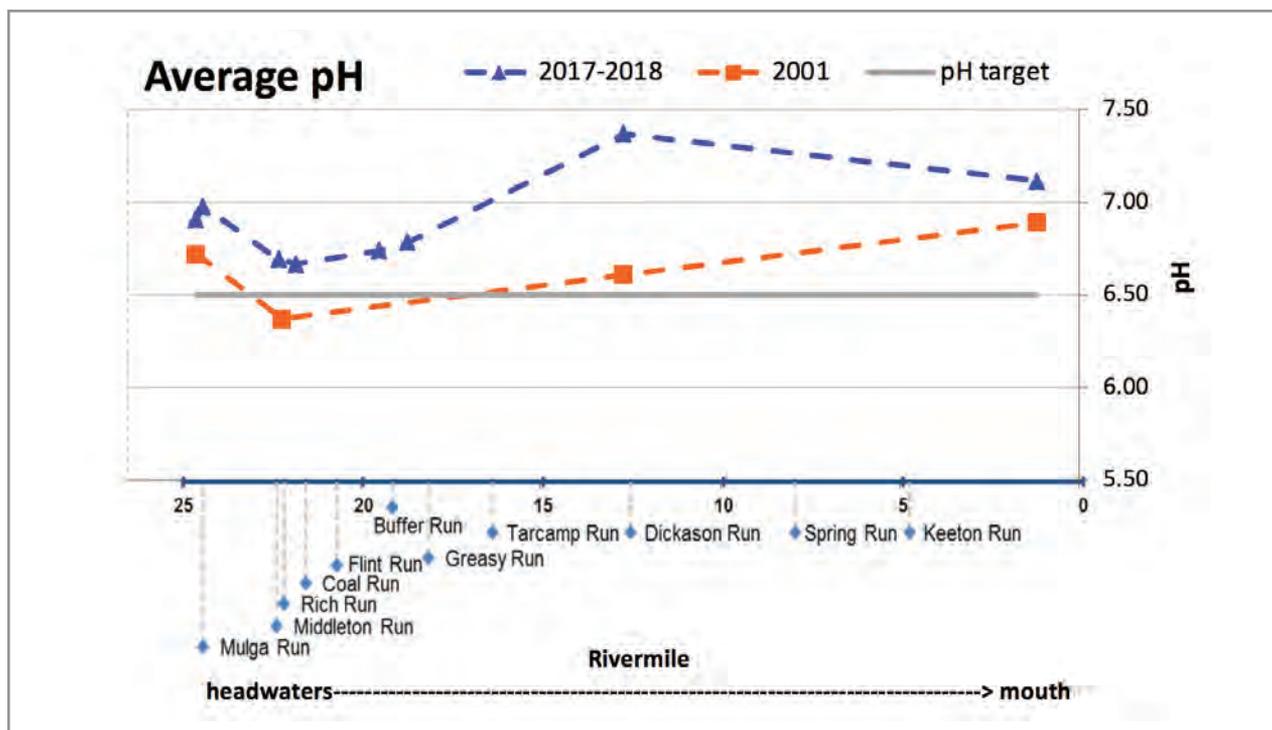
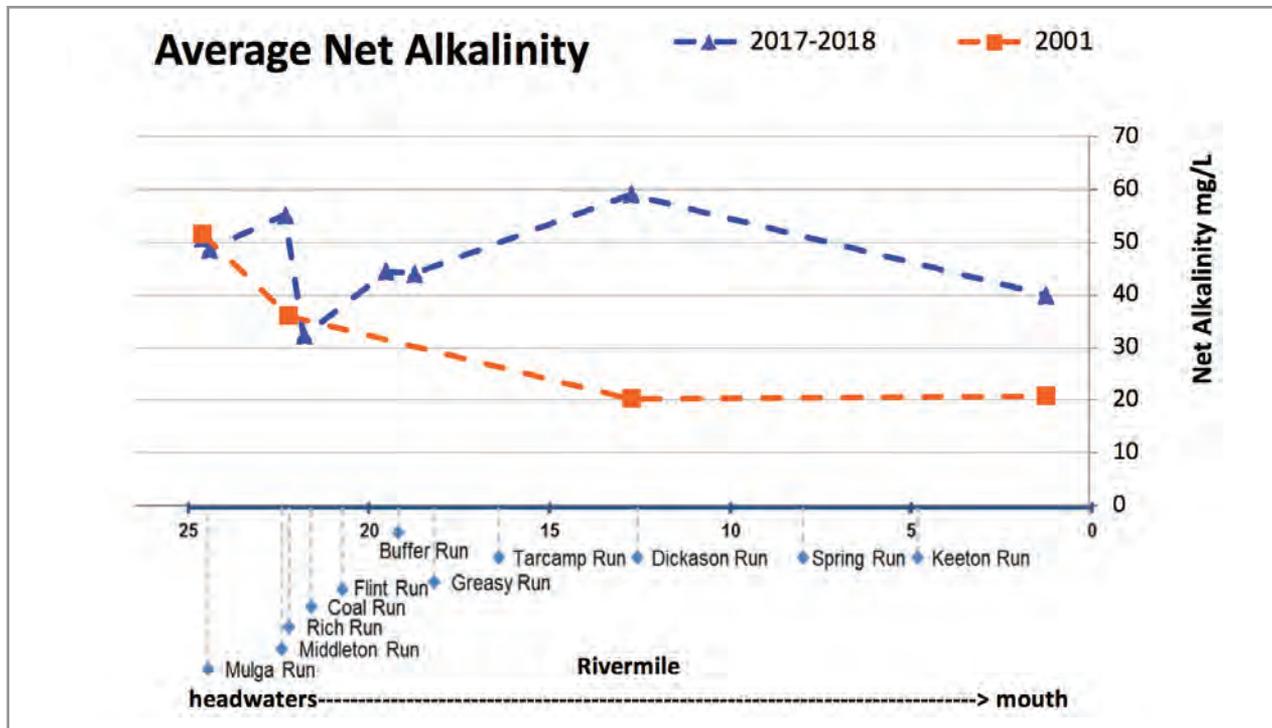
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Chemical water quality analysis per stream reach

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 |



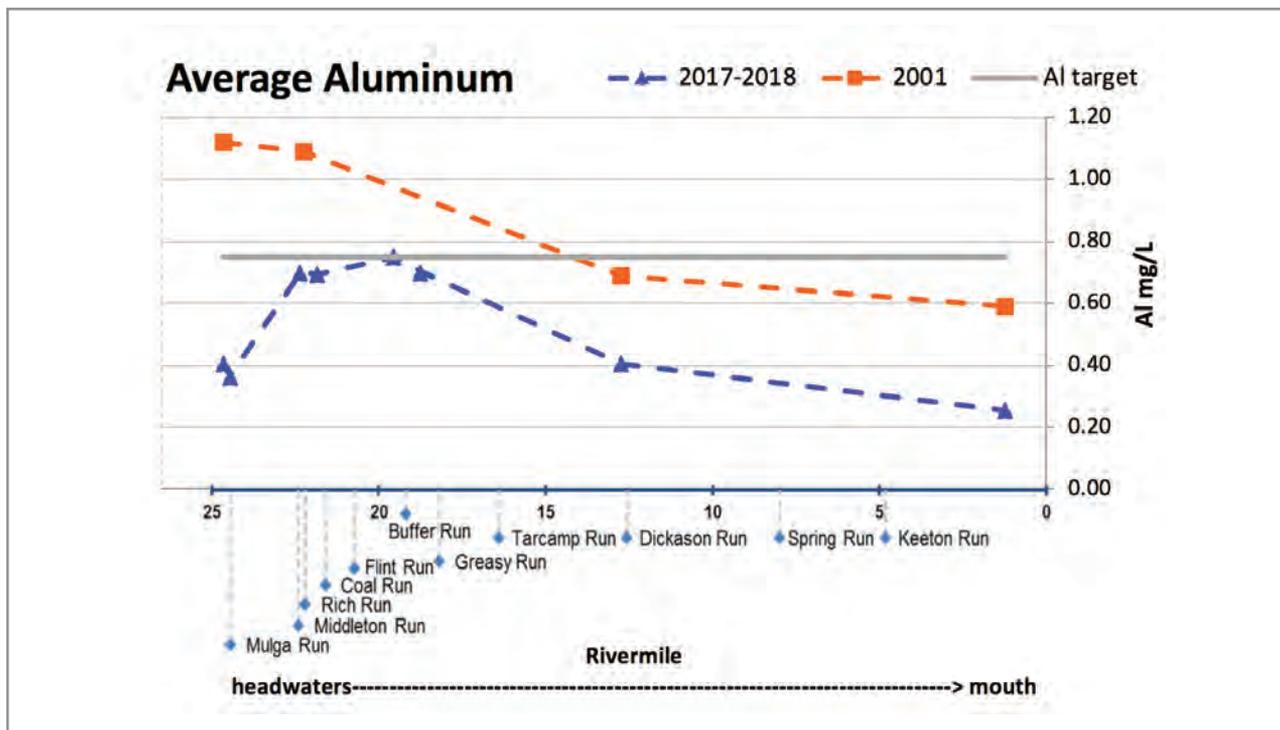
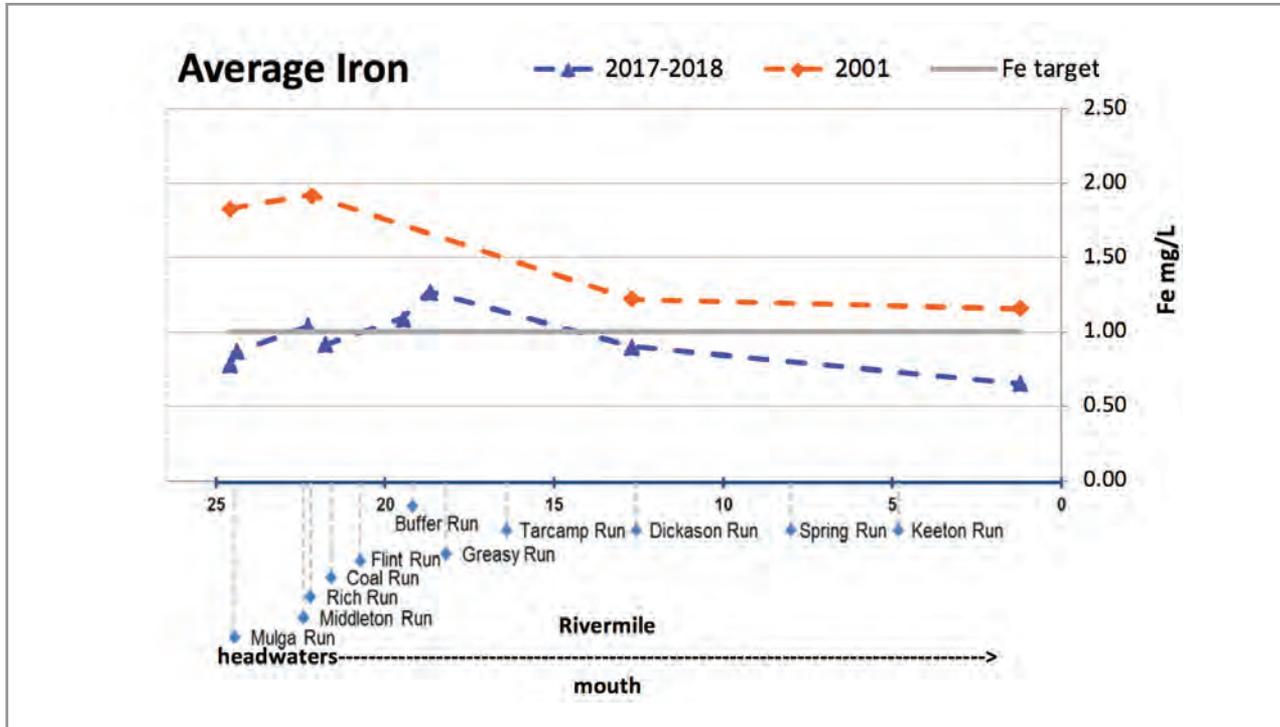
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Chemical water quality analysis per stream reach

Little Raccoon Creek

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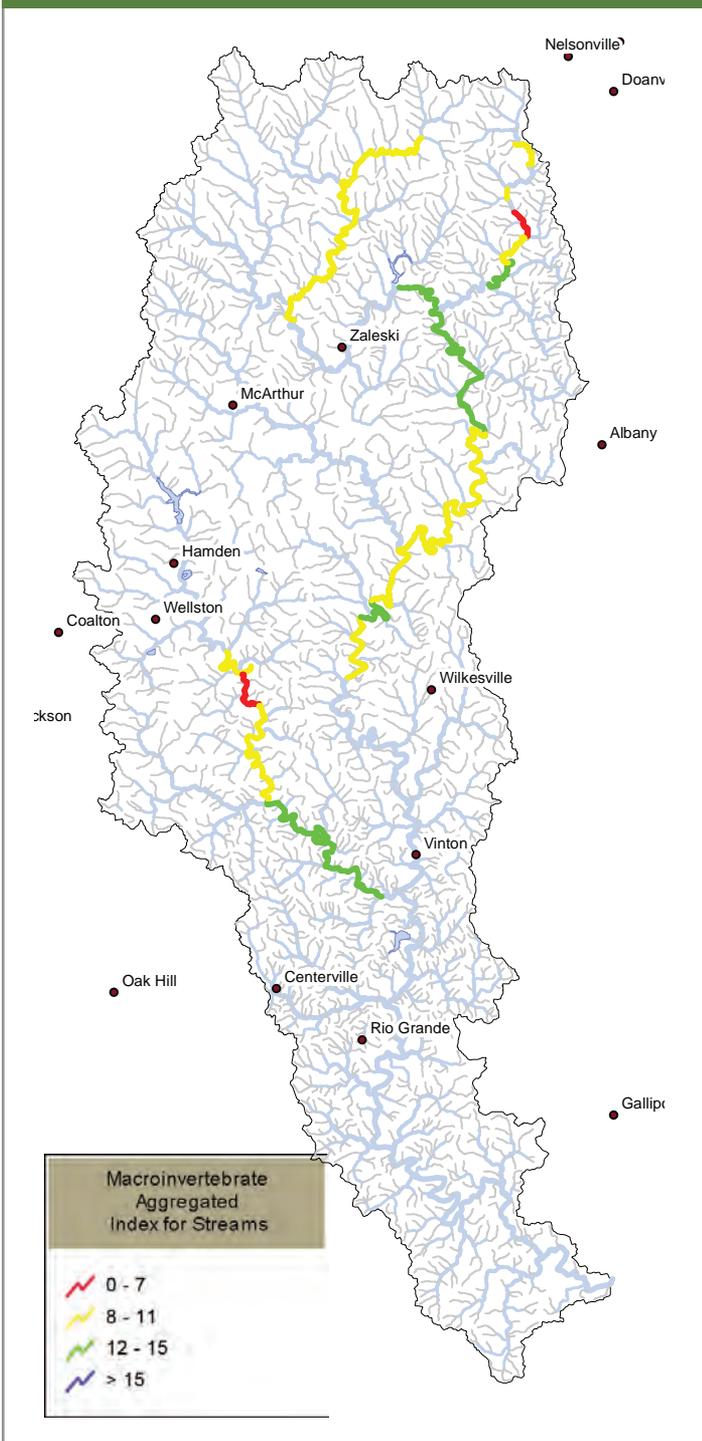


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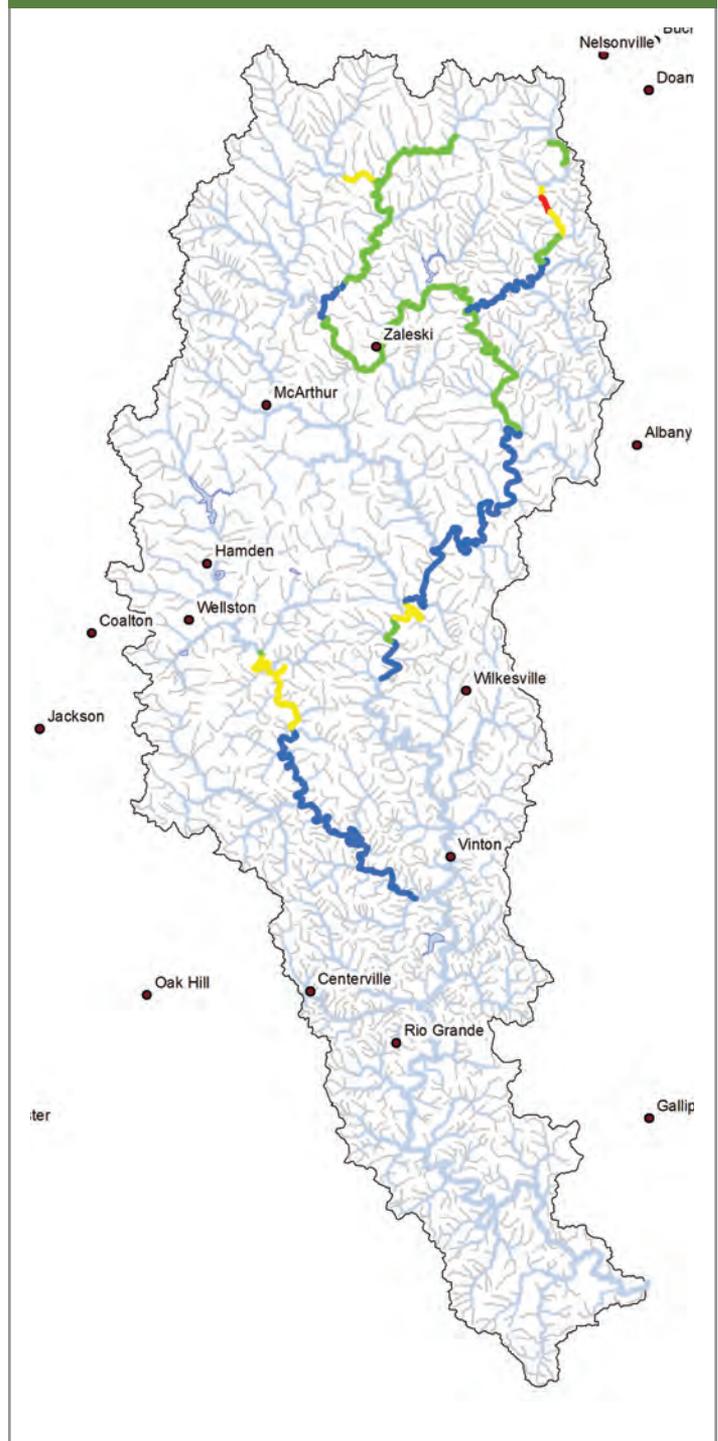
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Biological Water Quality

Raccoon Creek baseline MAIS



Raccoon Creek 2017–2018 MAIS



MAIS samples were collected throughout Raccoon Creek in 2017-2018 (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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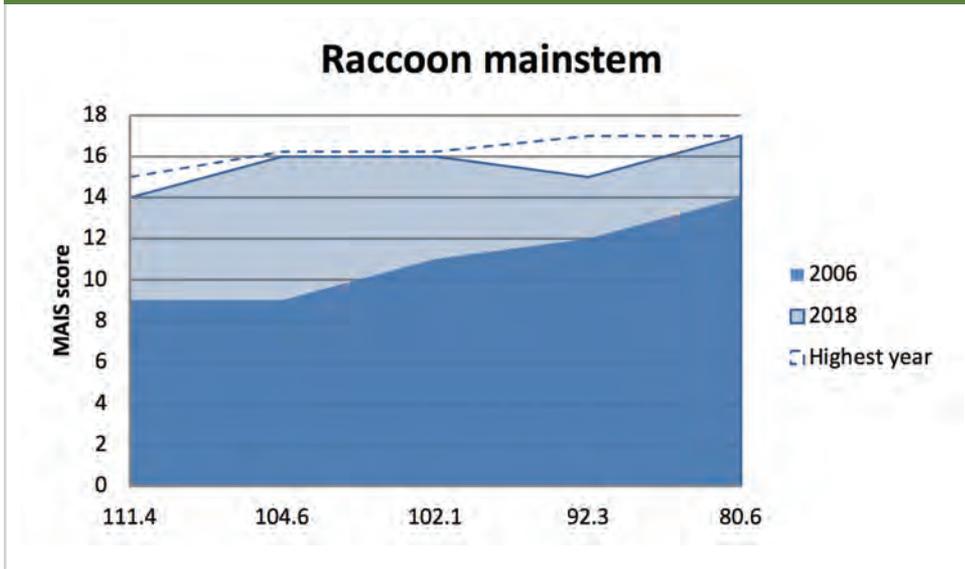
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Biological Water Quality

Raccoon Creek - Mainstem

The mainstem of Raccoon Creek is of high biological quality overall. Most sites are meeting or exceeding the target MAIS score of '12'. The sites furthest upstream between RM 111.4 and 102.1 were historically the most impaired in 2006, so the three sites in this nine mile section have shown the greatest improvement since then. By 2012 all three had scores well above '12' and continued to improve. In 2018, MCBC100 at RM104.6 earned a new high score of '16'.

Biological Recovery



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

Raccoon Creek - Mainstem - MAIS Regressions

| Raccoon Mainstem | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2018 | Linear trends | R square | P-value | No. of observations | |
|------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|---------------|-----------|----------|---------------------|----|
| MSBC010 | 111.4 | 8 | 9 | 12 | 9 | 10 | 12 | 13 | 12 | 13 | 13 | 15 | 13 | 14 | improved | 0.735386 | 0.000178 | 13 |
| MSBC100 | 104.6 | | 9 | 11 | 12 | 9 | 11 | 10 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 16 | improved | 0.579537 | 0.004024 | 12 |
| MSLH020 | 102.1 | | 11 | 11 | 10 | 13 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 15 | 15 | 16 | 12 | 16 | improved | 0.547593 | 0.005930 | 12 |
| MSLH130 | 92.3 | | | | 10 | 10 | 17 | 11 | 14 | 13 | 14 | 11 | 13 | 15 | no change | 0.133153 | 0.299841 | 10 |
| MSBM004 | 89.6 | | 13 | 14 | 11 | 16 | 12 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 16 | 12 | | | | | |
| MSBM010 | 89.36 | | | 12 | 16 | 14 | 17 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 10 | 14 | 13 | | | | | |
| MSBM040 | 80.6 | | 14 | 14 | 17 | 16 | 12 | 14 | 15 | 14 | 14 | 16 | 12 | | | | | |
| MSPR0085 | 65.8 | | | | 16 | 16 | 14 | 14 | | | 15 | | 17 | | | | | |

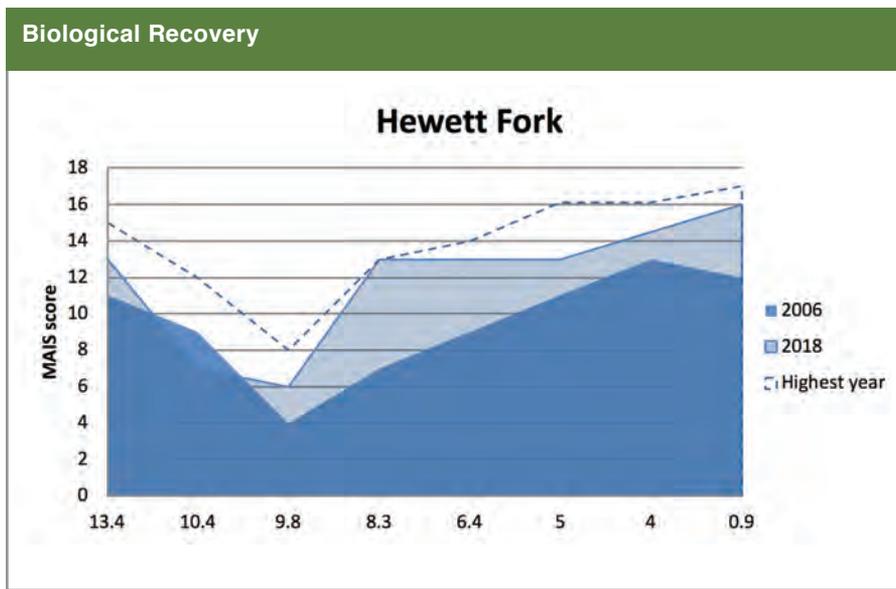
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Biological Water Quality

Raccoon Creek - Hewett Fork

The biological quality of Hewett Fork downstream of the Carbondale doser continues to be maintained, along with the 2.5 mile 'mixing zone' where the water chemistry is still poor and precipitated metals coat the streambed. By 2016, HF090 at the downstream end of the mixing zone exceeded the target MAIS score of '12'. In 2018, all sites downstream of HF090 scored above a 12, indicating that over 8 miles of Hewett Fork continue to meet macroinvertebrate targets for Warm Water Habitat, although most were not meeting their highest scores.



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

*River miles 10.4 and 9.8 not sampled in 2018. Last known scores (from 2016) used in graph.

| Raccoon Creek - Hewett Fork MAIS Regressions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------|----------|----------|---------------------|
| | RM | '01 | '02 | '03 | '05 | '06 | '07 | '08 | '09 | '10 | '11 | '12 | '13 | '14 | '15 | '16 | '18 | Linear trends | R square | P-value | No. of observations |
| HF 137 | 13.4 | | | | | 11 | 8 | 9 | 12 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 13 | 15 | 13 | 13 | improved | 0.541108 | 0.00987 | 12 |
| HF 190 | 10.4 | | | | | 9 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 12 | 8 | 9 | 7 | | | | | |
| HF095 | 9.8 | | | | | 4 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 | | | | | |
| HF 090 | 8.3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 11 | 11 | 13 | 13 | improved | 0.750333 | 2.96913 | 16 |
| HF075 | 7.3 | | | | | | | | | 12 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 11 | 13 | | | | | | |
| HF 060 | 6.4 | | | | | 9 | 9 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 13 | 11 | 14 | 13 | 11 | 12 | 13 | improved | 0.520695 | 0.012183 | 12 |
| HF045 | 5 | | | | | | | | | 14 | 15 | 12 | 13 | 16 | 14 | 14 | | | | | |
| HF 039 | 4 | | | | | 13 | 13 | 14 | 13 | 13 | 14 | 14 | 16 | 16 | 15 | 15 | 16 | improved | 0.670194 | 0.002060 | 12 |
| HF 010 | 0.9 | | | | | 12 | 12 | 15 | 17 | 13 | 16 | 16 | 14 | 16 | 14 | 10 | 16 | no change | 0.002206 | 0.890911 | 12 |

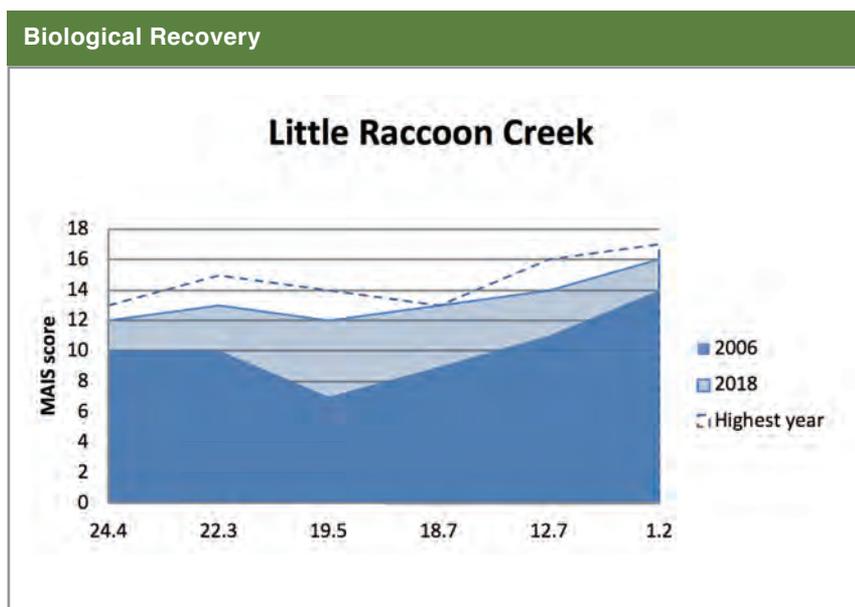
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Biological Water Quality

Raccoon Creek - Little Raccoon Creek

Little Raccoon Creek has shown slow but steady improvement in biological quality since monitoring began, especially in the upstream sections between RM 24.4 and 19.5 that scored poorly in 2006. By 2014, half of the sites along the creek's 24 mile length were meeting the target MAIS score of '12'; in 2018 all of the sampled sites met or exceeded this target.



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

Little Raccoon Creek - MAIS Regressions

| | RM | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2018 | Linear trends | R square | P-value | No. of observations |
|---------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------------|
| LRC0080 | 24.4 | 8 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 9 | 9 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 12 | | 11 | 12 | improved | 0.357396254 | 0.040067 | 12 |
| LRC0071 | 22.3 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 13 | 11 | | 15 | 13 | improved | 0.693137588 | 0.000777 | 12 |
| LRC0055 | 19.5 | | 7 | | 9 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 10 | 11 | 14 | | 12 | | | | | |
| LRC0045 | 18.7 | 14 | 9 | 12 | 9 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 11 | 10 | | 12 | 13 | no change | 0.014185906 | 0.712364 | 12 |
| LRC0030 | 12.7 | 3 | 11 | 13 | 13 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 15 | 16 | | 13 | 14 | improved | 0.353032719 | 0.041624 | 12 |
| LRC0010 | 1.2 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 15 | 17 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 14 | 17 | | 16 | 16 | no change | 0.307753957 | 0.061197 | 12 |

MONDAY CREEK WATERSHED REPORT

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Monday Creek Restoration Project



Reductions

**Total acid load reduction
2017–2018= 4,006 lbs/day**

**Total metal load reduction
2017–2018= 393 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 2017/2018: Jobs Doser, Rock Run Gob Pile, Lost Run Phase I & II, Coe Hollow, Big Four, and Monkey Hollow Doser.

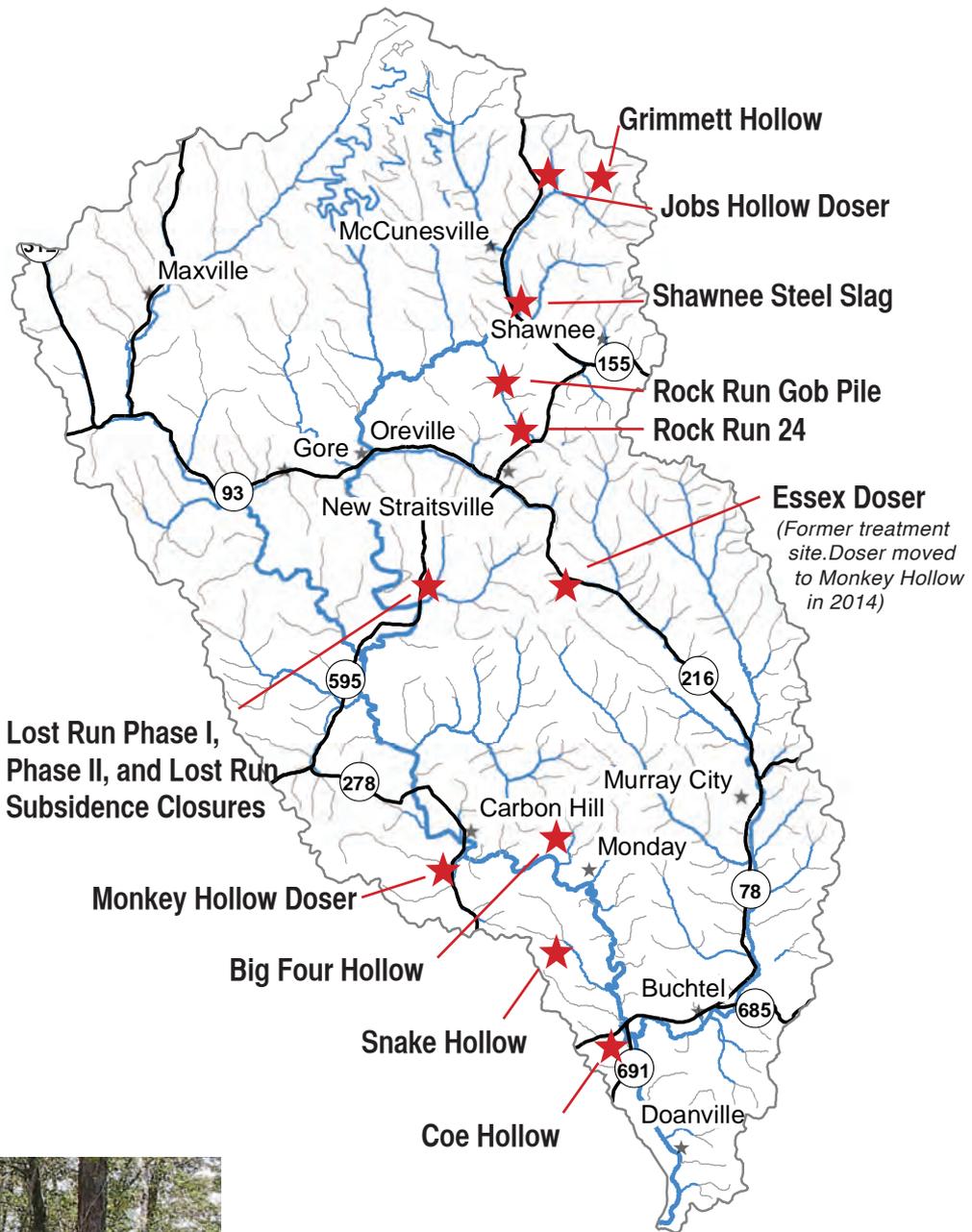
Cost

Design \$448,545

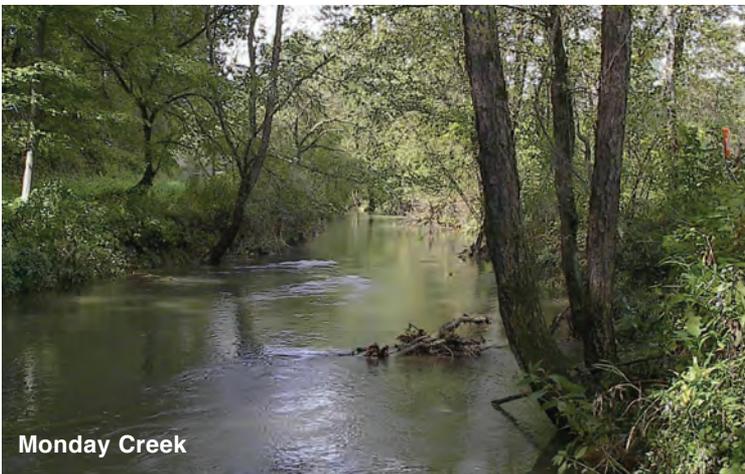
(excluding Jobs Doser & Lost Run maintenance and Snake Hollow)

Construction \$7,047,825

**Total costs
through 2018 = \$7,496,369**



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.

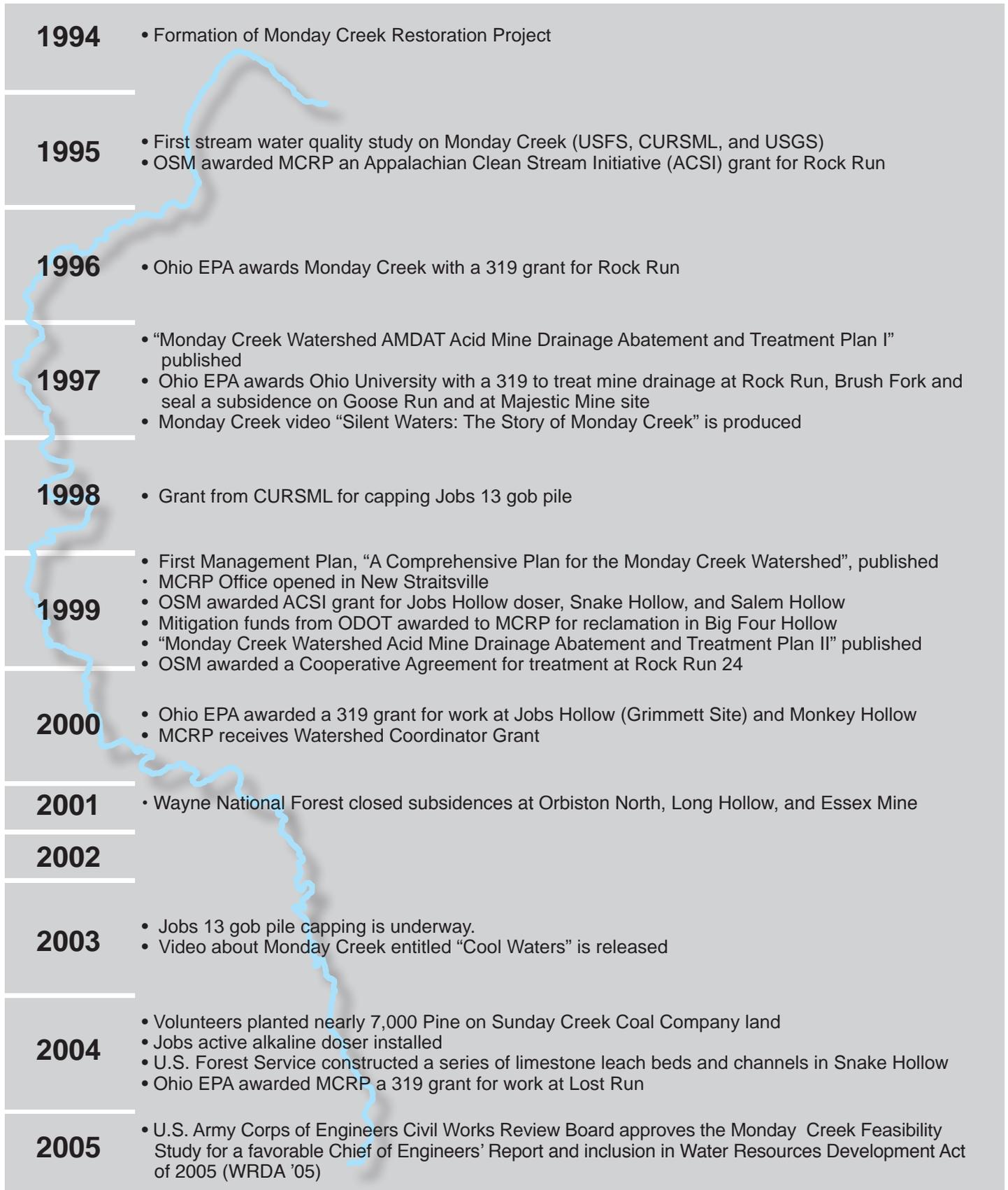


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Timeline of the Monday Creek Watershed Project Milestones & AMD Projects



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

| | |
|----------------------|--|
| 2006 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• U.S. Forest Service closed subsidences along Snow Fork, Rock Run, and New Straitsville South |
| 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Five new fish species found in Monday Creek and the first annual Monday Creek Canoe Float with 54 people in 27 boats! |
| 2014 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monkey Hollow Doser began operating August 26, 2015. This project will help improve 6.5 miles of Monday Creek.• The Smallmouth Bass (<i>Micropterus dolomieu</i>) was found for the first time in Monday Creek since restoration project. Two other native species were also found, greenside darter (<i>Etheostoma blennioides</i>) and spotted sucker (<i>Minytrema melanops</i>). |
| 2016 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• USFS closed subsidence holes in Salem Hollow and Sand Run• The Longear Sunfish (<i>Lepomis megalotis</i>) 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. |
| 2017 2018 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New fish species, Stonecat Madtom, (<i>Noturus flavus</i>) found in Monday Creek.• ODNR and OSM funded maintenance on existing projects. |

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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

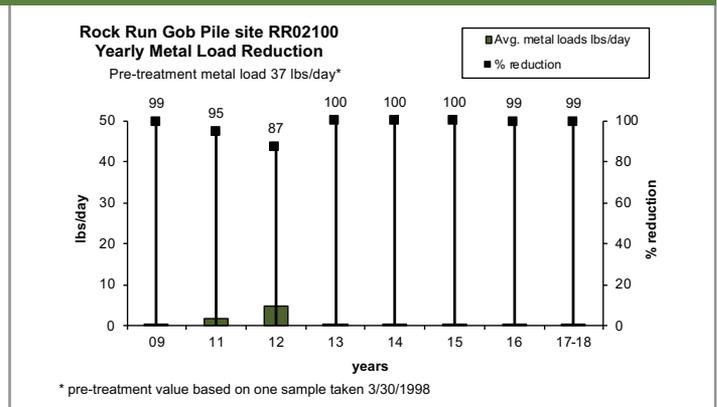
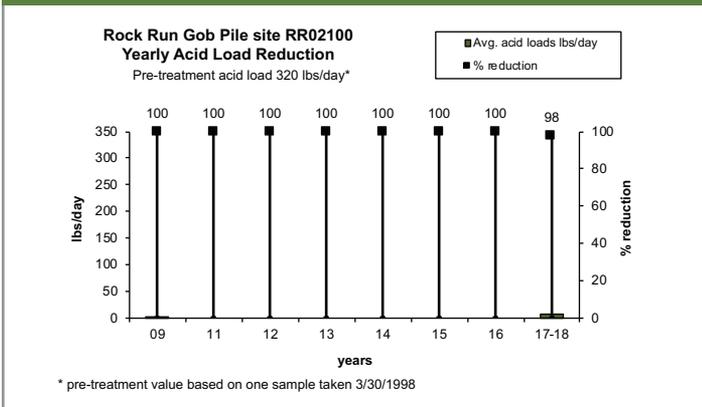
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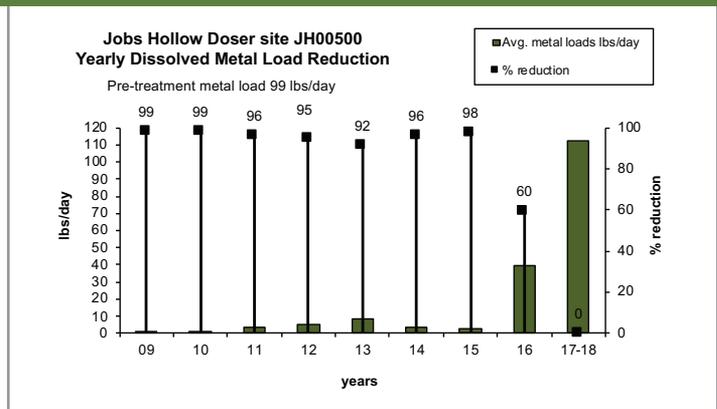
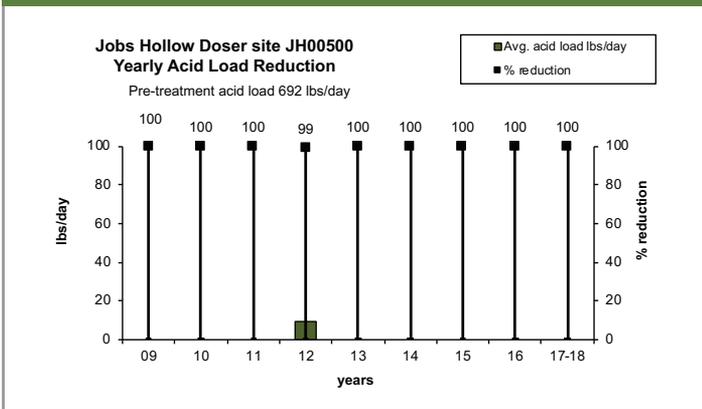
Yearly acid and metal load reduction trends per project

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.

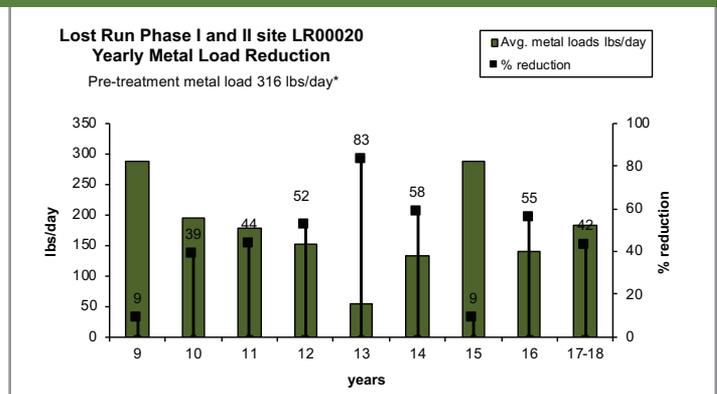
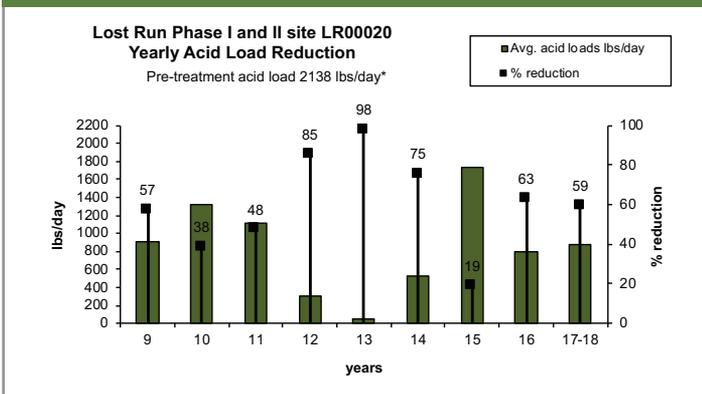
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Jobs Hollow Doser site JH00500



Lost Run Phase I and II site LR00020



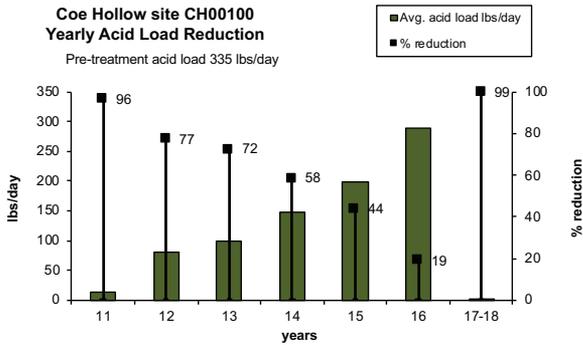
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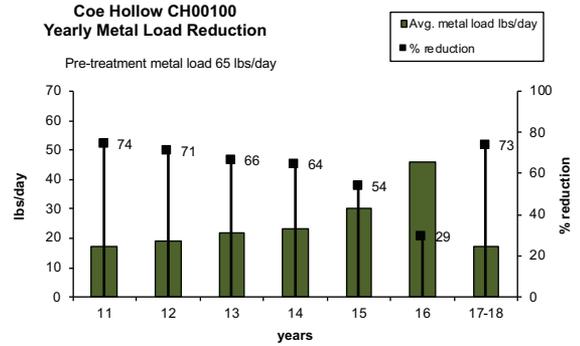
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Coe Hollow site CH00100

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Yearly Acid Load Reduction

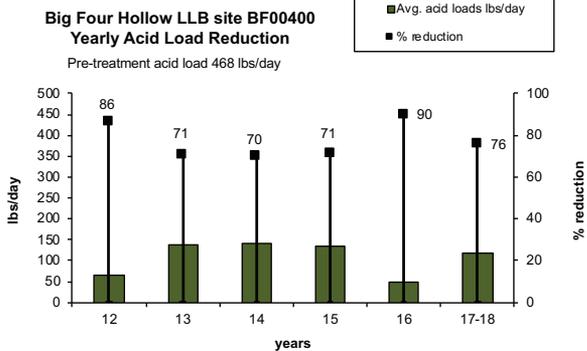


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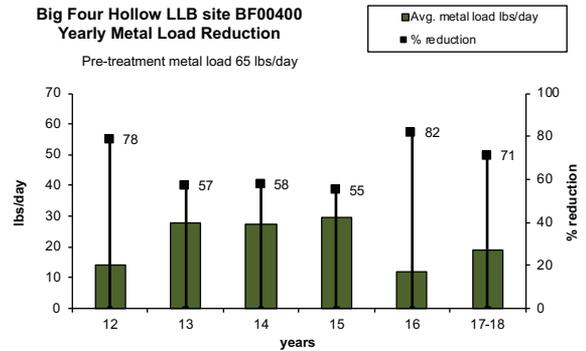


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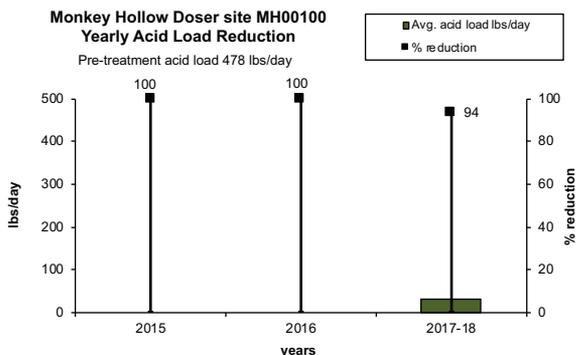


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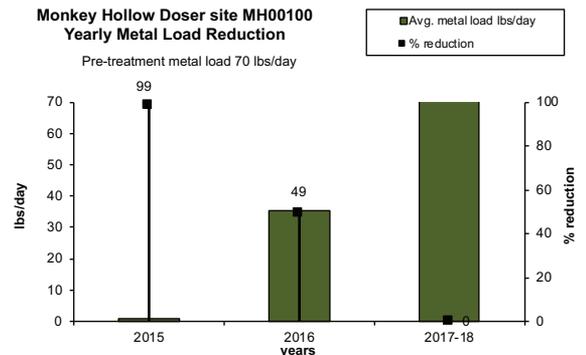


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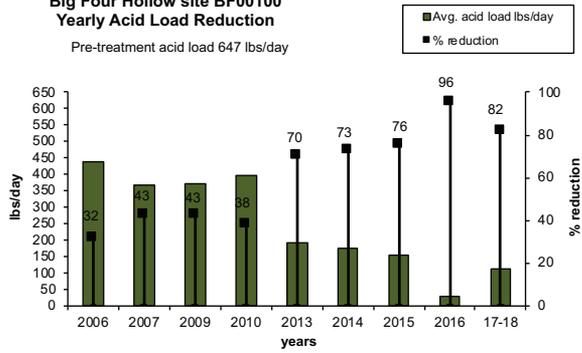
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Yearly acid and metal load reduction trends per project

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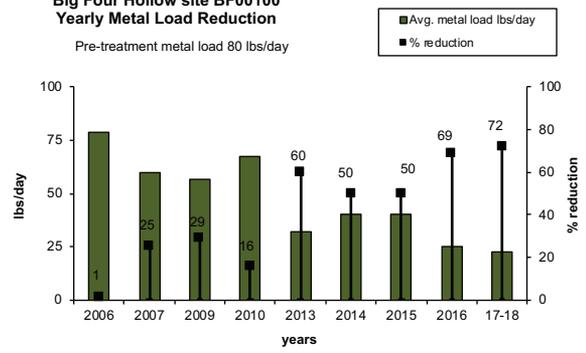
Big Four Hollow site BF00100 Yearly Acid Load Reduction

Pre-treatment acid load 647 lbs/day



Big Four Hollow site BF00100 Yearly Metal Load Reduction

Pre-treatment metal load 80 lbs/day

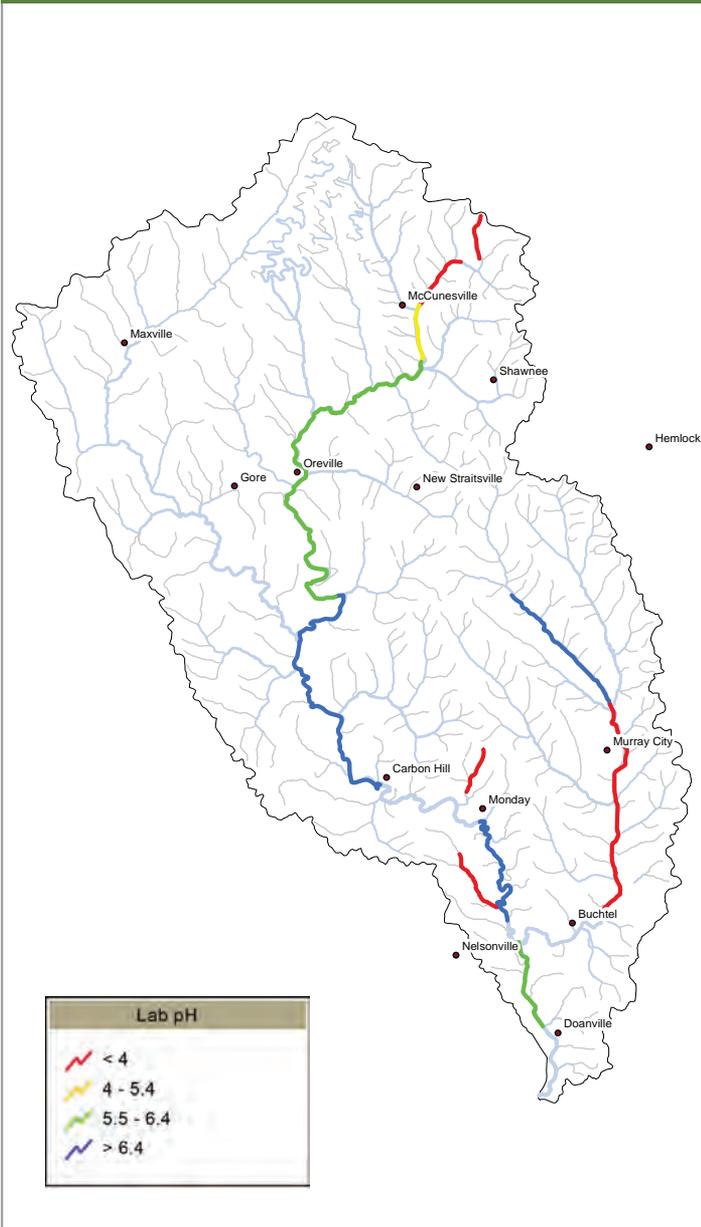


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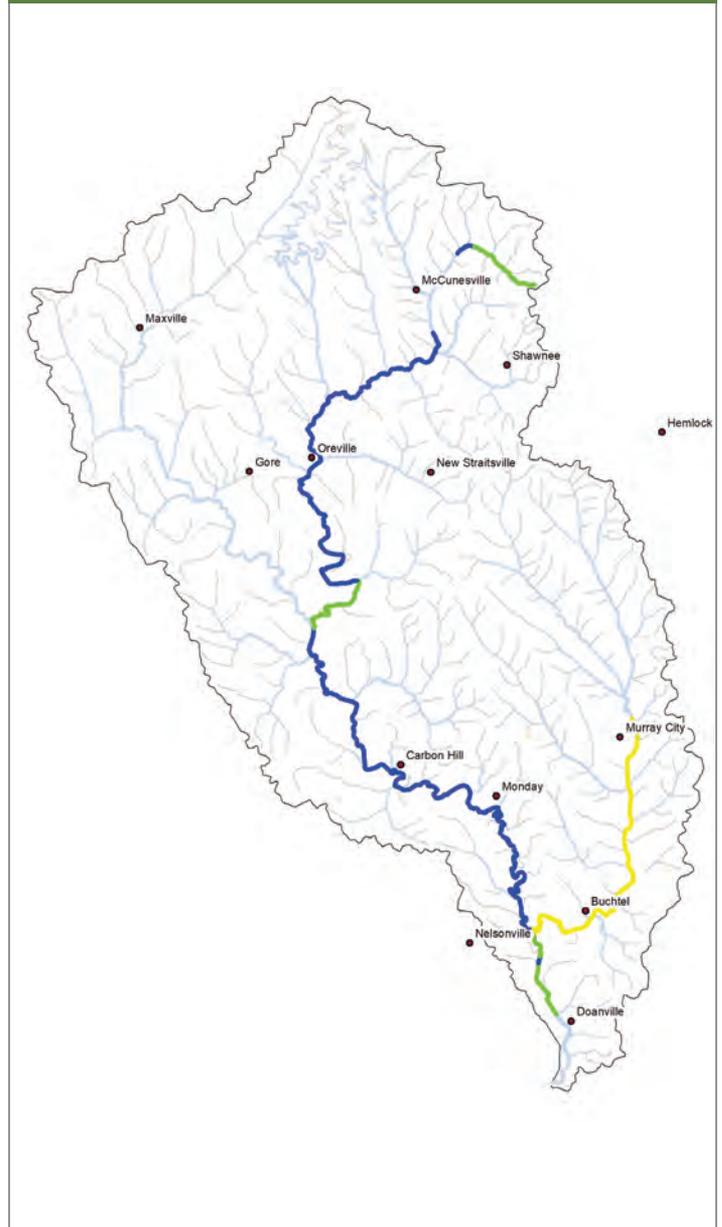
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Chemical Water Quality

Monday Creek baseline pH



Monday Creek 2017–2018 pH



In Monday Creek pH values have improved throughout the watershed from baseline conditions (2001) to 2018. In 2017–2018, stream miles meeting pH target of 6.5 is approximately 27.5 miles of the 33 miles monitored (83%).

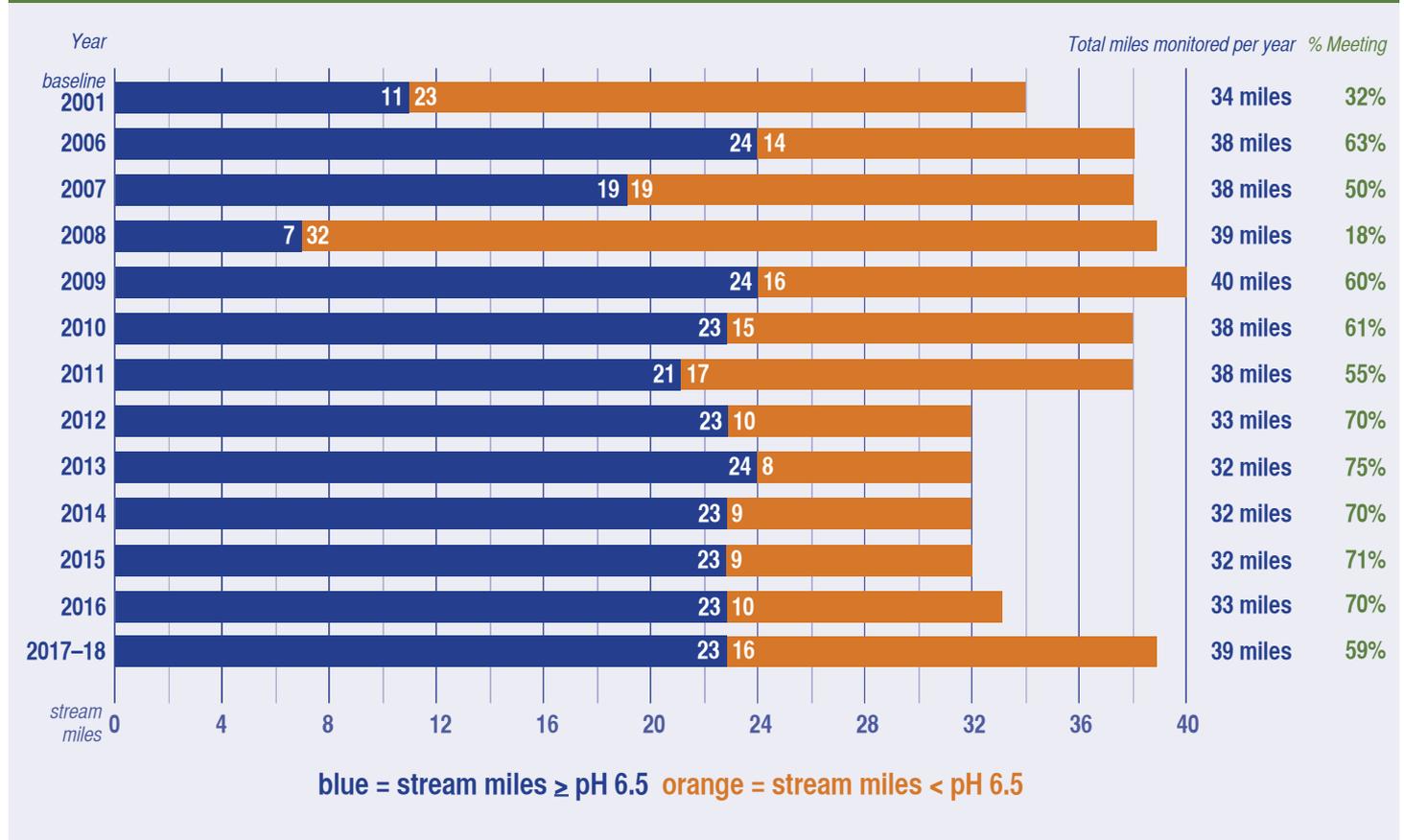
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Chemical Water Quality

There are approximately 33 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, and this site has continued to fluctuate across the pH target, averaging 6.3 for 2017-2018. From 2012 -2018, the rest of the stream miles meeting the pH target have remained relatively constant. The mainstem of Snow Fork, downstream of Essex Doser has been discontinued for monitoring, as treatment in this basin is unlikely. Snow Fork was sampled in the 2017-2018 period, however, and is therefore shown with its average below the target pH.

Figure 1. Monday Creek pH

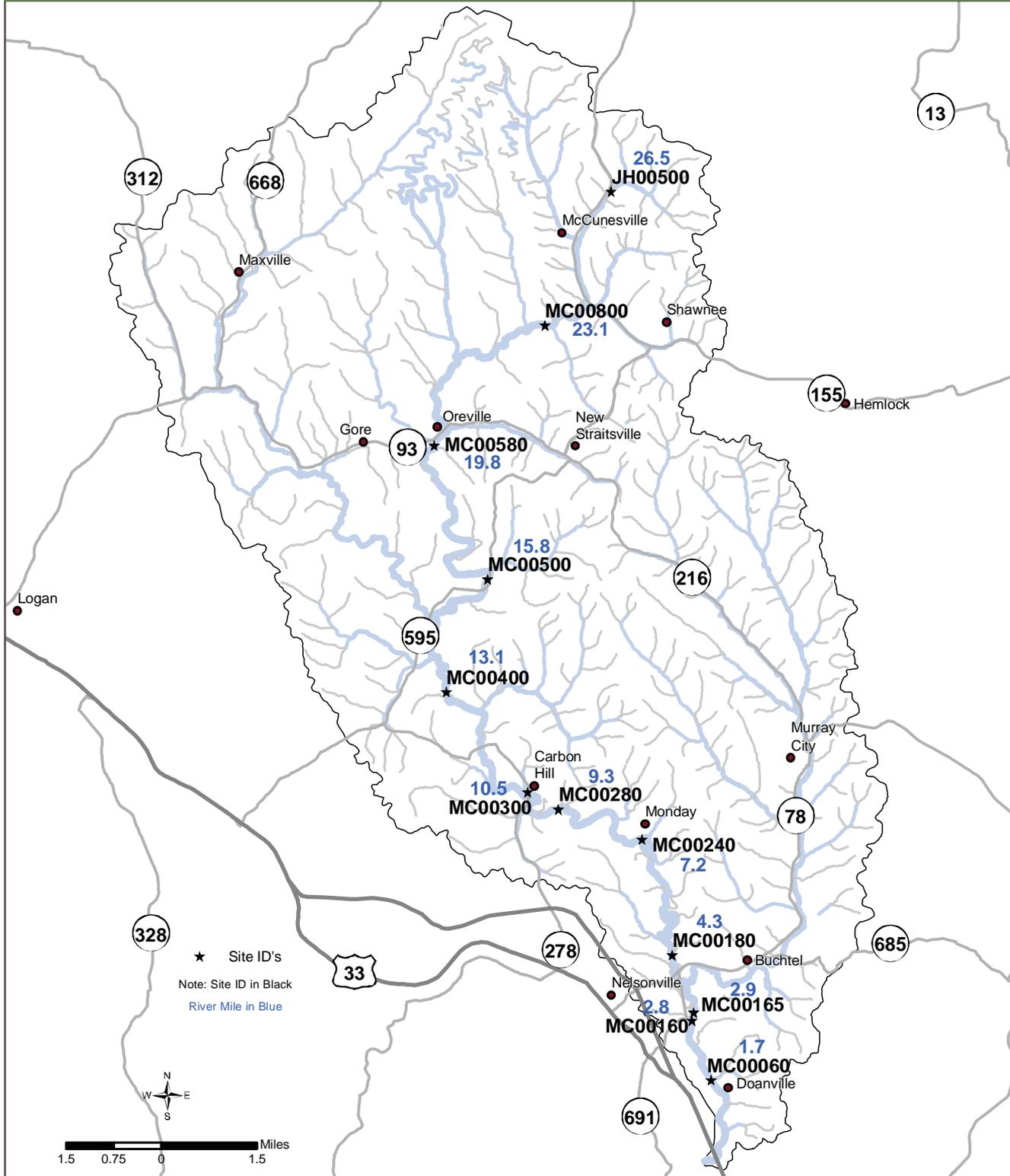


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Monday Creek



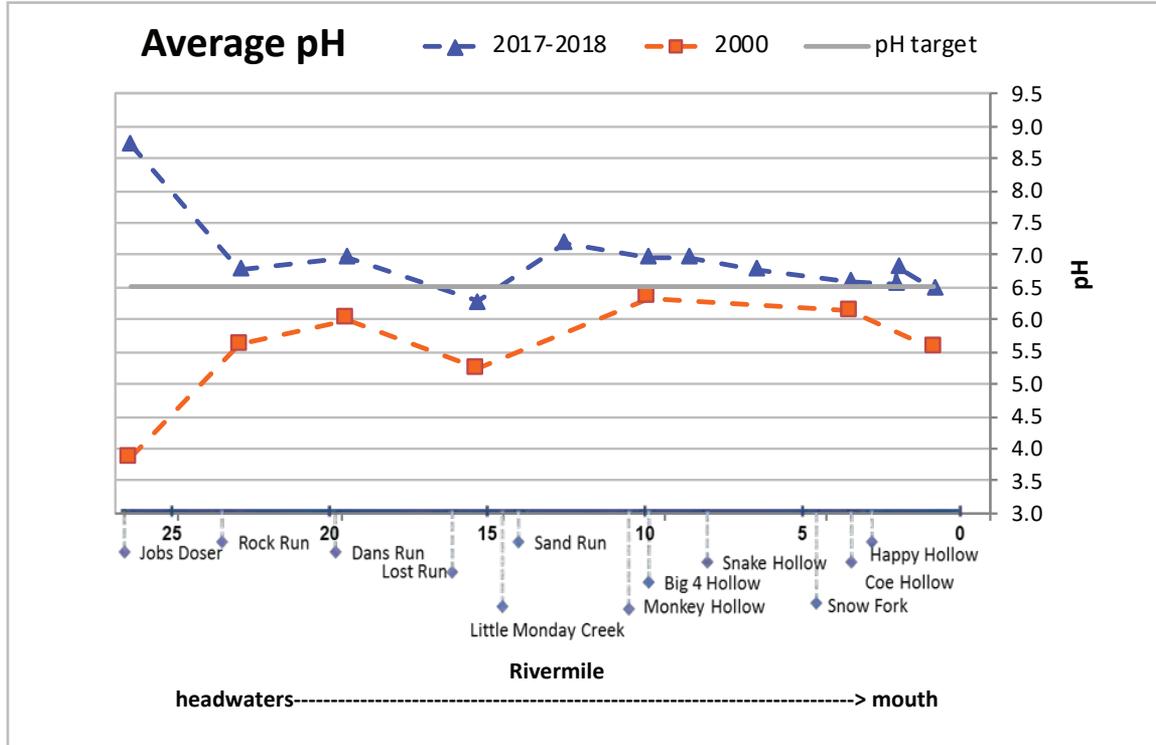
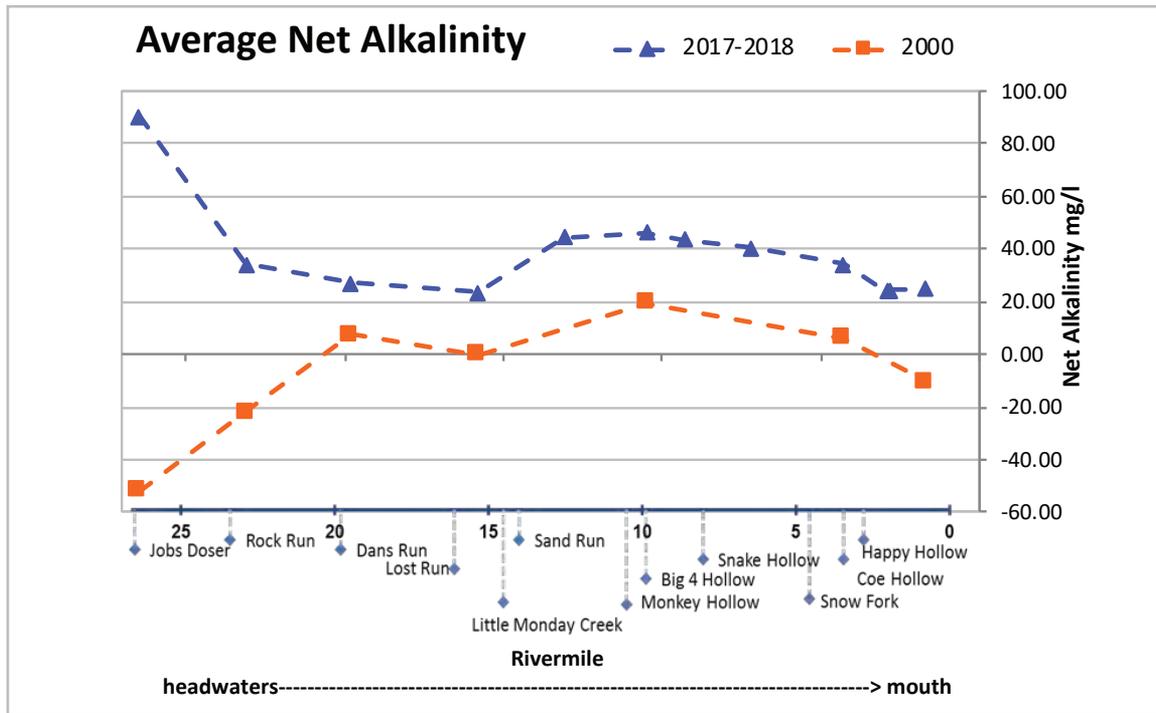
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Chemical water quality analysis per stream reach

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 |



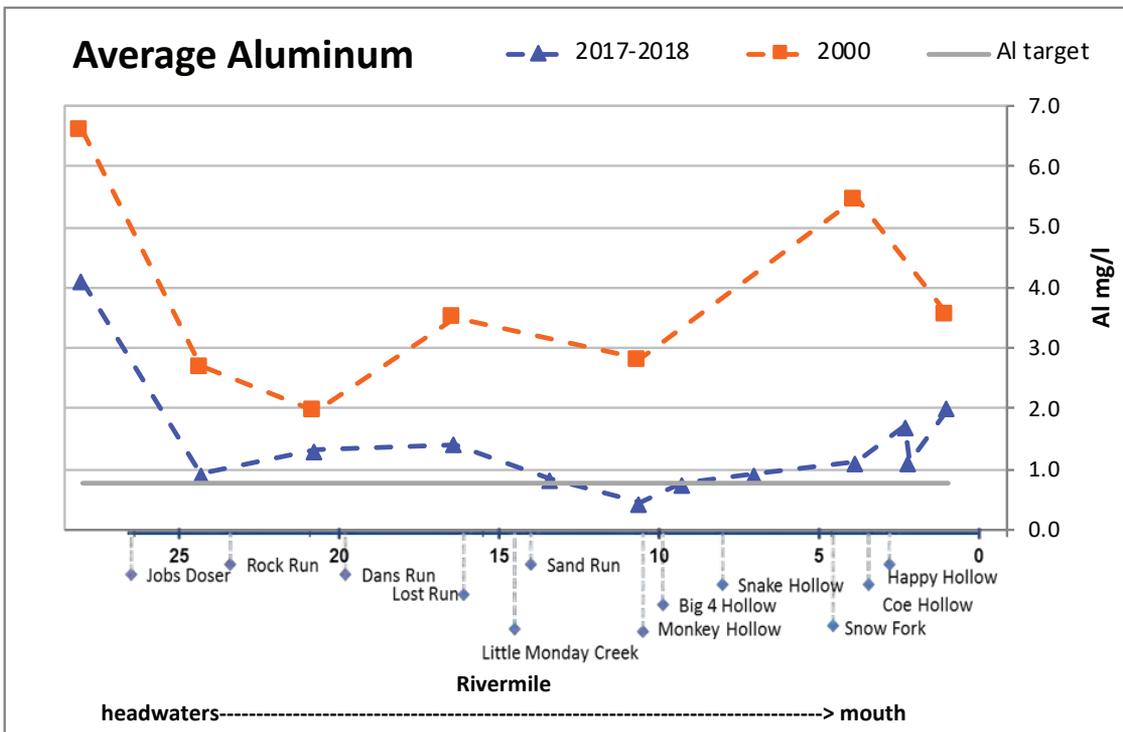
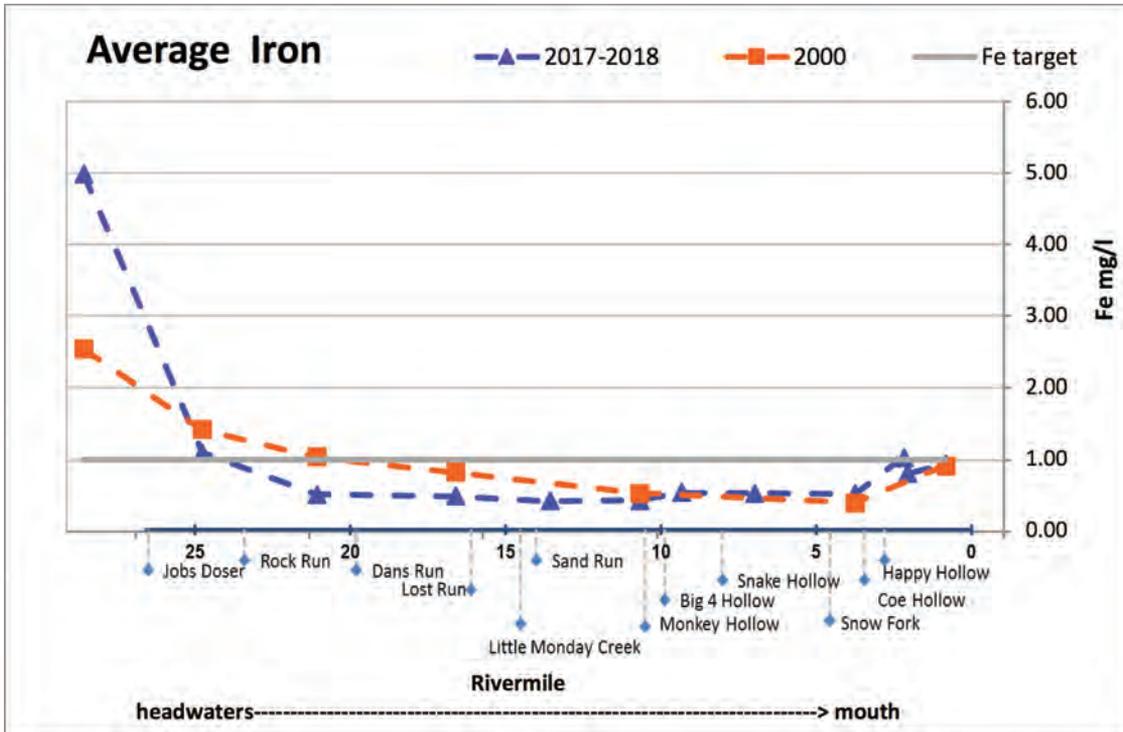
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Chemical water quality analysis per stream reach

Monday Creek Mainstem

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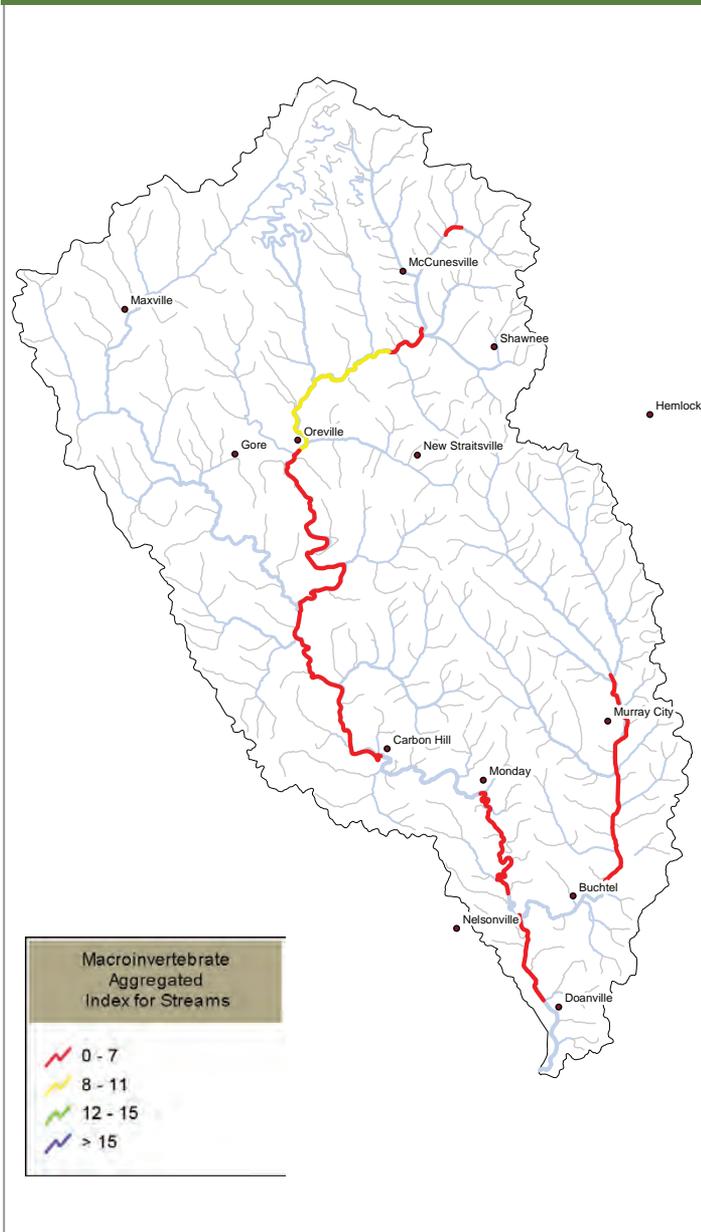


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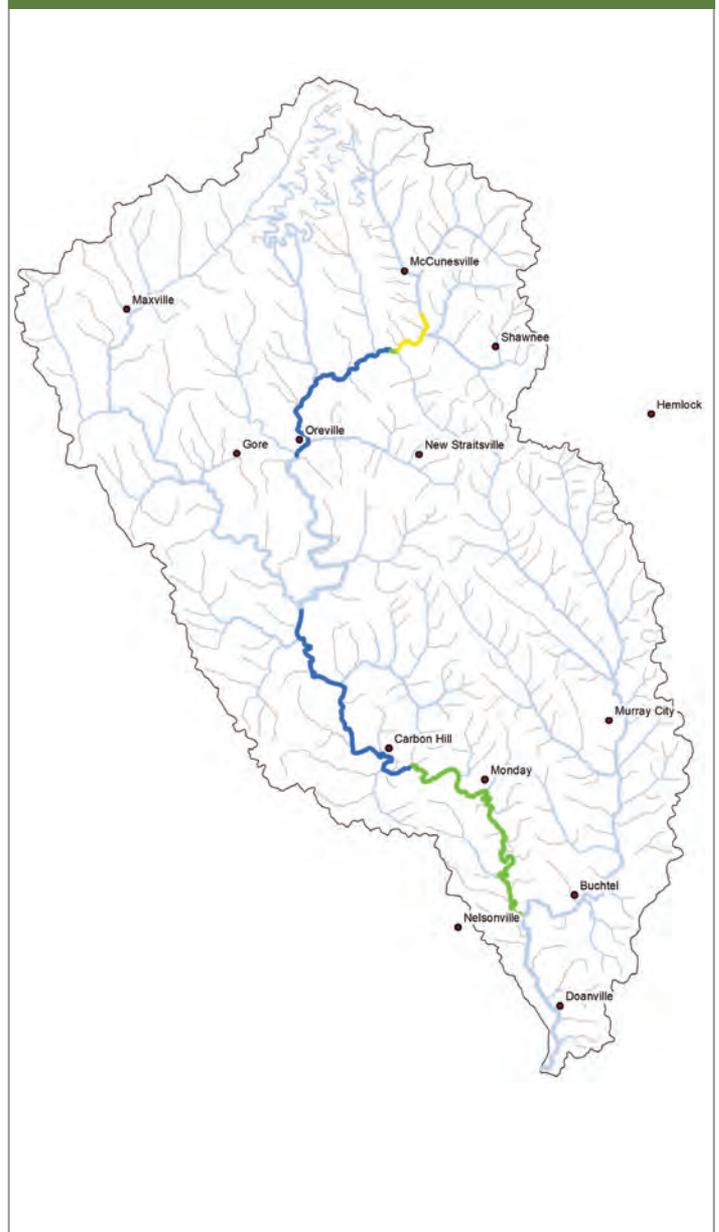
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Biological Water Quality

Monday Creek baseline MAIS



Monday Creek 2017–2018 MAIS



MAIS samples were collected throughout Monday Creek at established annual monitoring stations from 2001 through 2017-2018.

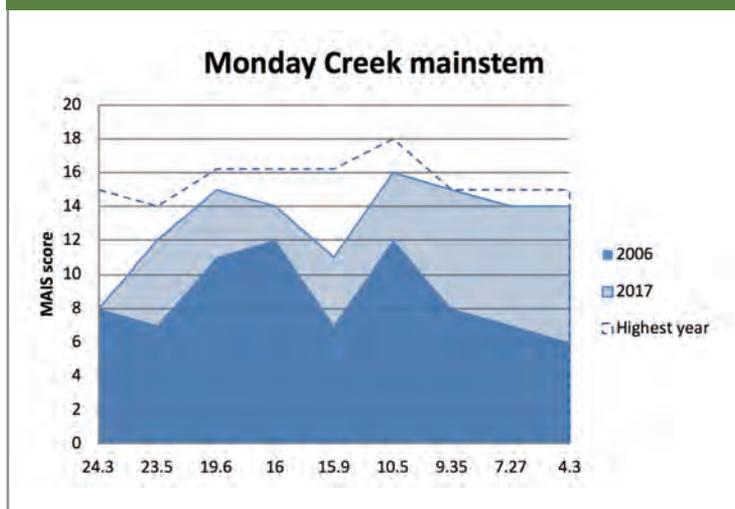
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Biological Water Quality

The Monday Creek mainstem continued to maintain the improvements in biological quality observed over the last ten years. One exception was an unusually low score at RM 24.3 (MC00900), downstream of the Shawnee wastewater treatment plant, which received an '8' in 2017 when it normally scores above '12'. A second site with a persistently low biological score (RM 15.9, MC00500) has room for improvement. In 2012 and 2013 this section of stream earned high scores of '15' and '16', respectively, suggesting that it has restoration potential. A closer examination of specific causes of impairment at this site may help with future improvements.

Area of Degradation



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

Monday Creek MAIS Regressions

| MONDAY | RM | '01 | '02 | '03 | '05 | '06 | '07 | '08 | '09 | '10 | '11 | '12 | '13 | '14 | '15 | '16 | '17 | Linear trends | R square | P-value | No. of observations |
|----------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------|----------|----------|---------------------|
| JH 0902 | | | | | 8 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | |
| MC 148 | | 4 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 11 | 10 | 13 | 8 | 5 | | | | | |
| MC 0095 | 25.3 | | | | 7 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 12 | 13 | 11 | | | | | |
| MC 0090 | 24.3 | | | | 6 | 8 | 12 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 14 | 12 | 15 | 12 | 8 | no change | 0.193930 | 0.132059 | 13 |
| MC 0083 | 23.5 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 7 | 9 | 12 | 7 | 13 | 11 | 13 | 12 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 12 | improved | 0.675235 | 9.44249 | 17 |
| MC 103 | 19.6 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 13 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 16 | 14 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 16 | 15 | 15 | improved | 0.778725 | 6.06063 | 17 |
| MC 0051 | 16 | 2 | 6 | 6 | | 12 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 10 | | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | | | | | |
| MC00500 | 15.9 | | | | | 7 | 8 | | 5 | | | 15 | 16 | 9 | 13 | 11 | | | | | |
| MC 153 | 10.5 | 5 | 10 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 14 | | 12 | 16 | 16 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 18 | 16 | 16 | improved | 0.698982 | 5.46974 | 17 |
| MC 154-B | 9.4 | | | | | 8 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 14 | 12 | 10 | 15 | 11 | 14 | 12 | 15 | improved | 0.534246 | 0.00692 | 12 |
| MC 152 | 7.3 | | | | 8 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 14 | 10 | 8 | 11 | 13 | 11 | 12 | 14 | improved | 0.557603 | 0.00336 | 13 |
| MC 151 | 4.3 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 13 | 9 | 9 | 15 | 11 | 13 | 12 | 14 | improved | 0.696600 | 5.78834 | 17 |

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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.

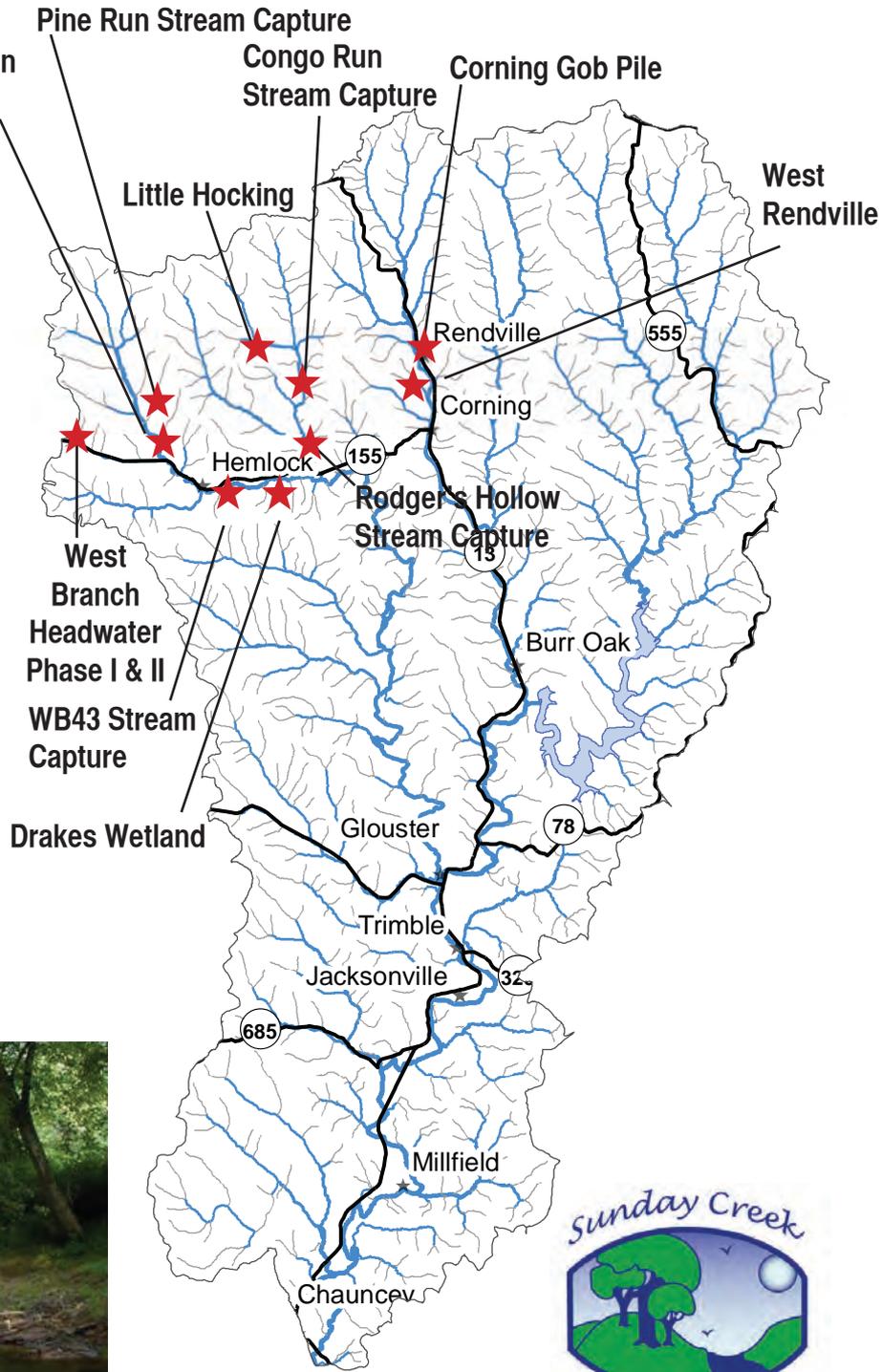
** Insufficient data to calculate acid and metal loads for 2017-2018 reporting period.*

Costs

Design = \$491,759
(excluding Congo Run CR-15, Drakes Wetland & Pine Run Stream Capture maintenance)

Construction = \$2,191,186

Total costs through 2018 = \$2,718,273



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

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 (PR 001) – 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 loads and load reductions for these mainstem sites are shown on the next few pages.

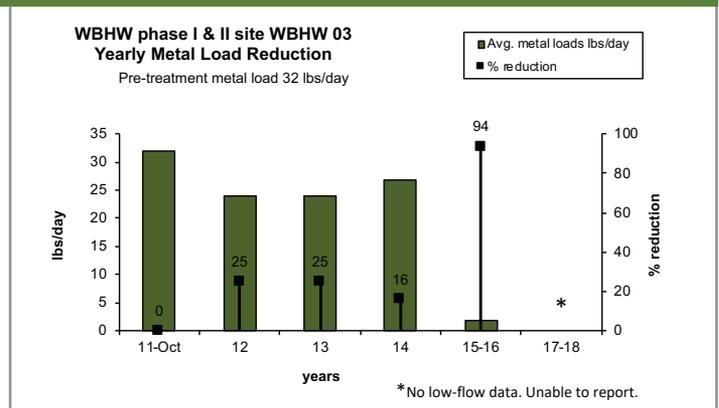
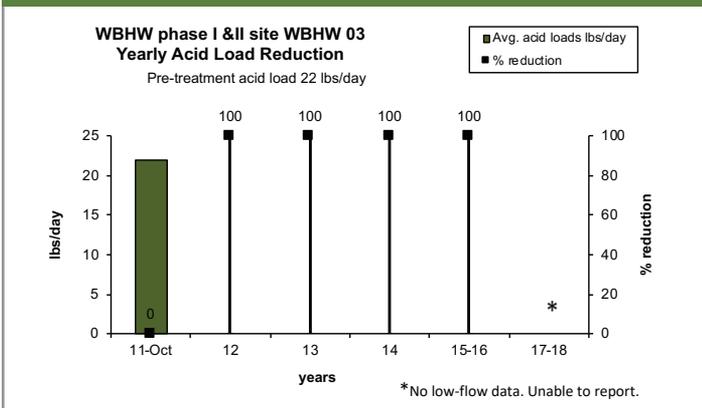
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Yearly acid and metal load reduction trends per project

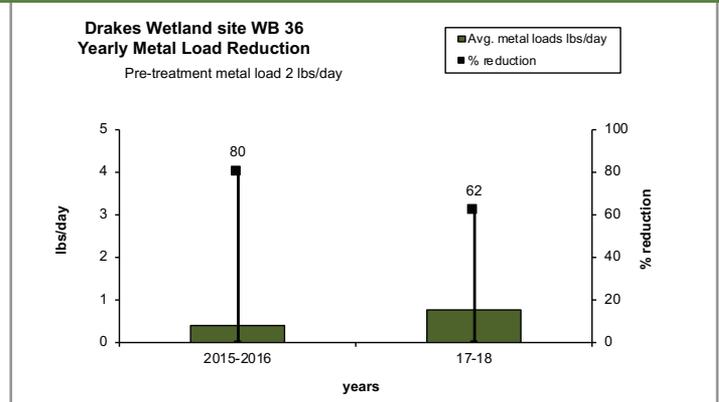
Similar to other environmental best management practices (BMPs), performance of passive acid mine drainage reclamation projects are also expected to decline with time. Active treatment systems are not expected to decline with time but sometimes need to be maintained to perform adequately. Currently, 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.

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.

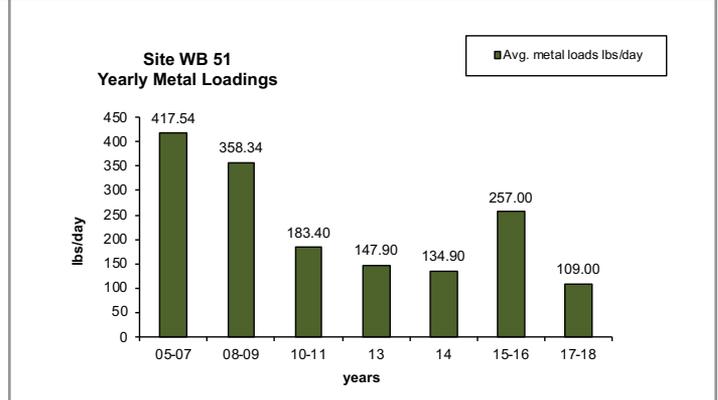
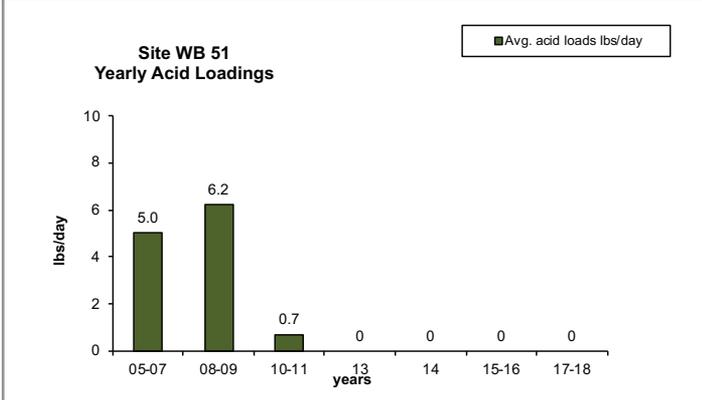


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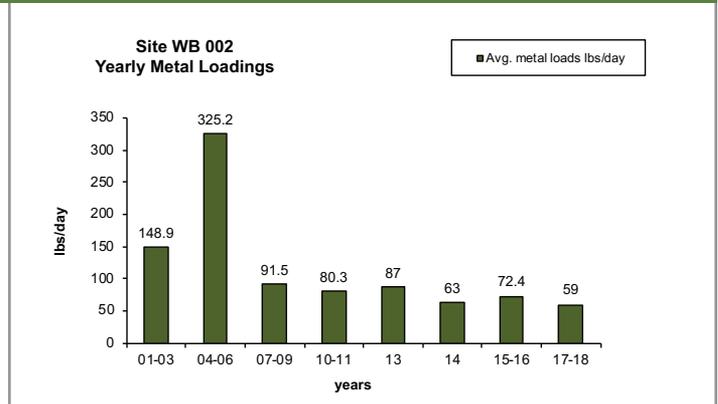
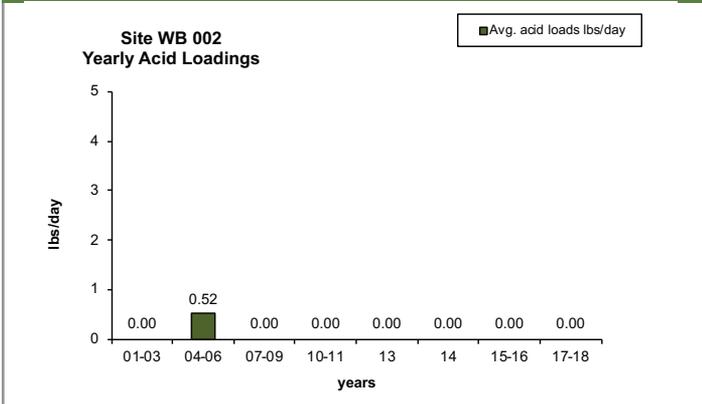
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Yearly acid and metal load reduction trends per project

Site WB 51



Site WB 002



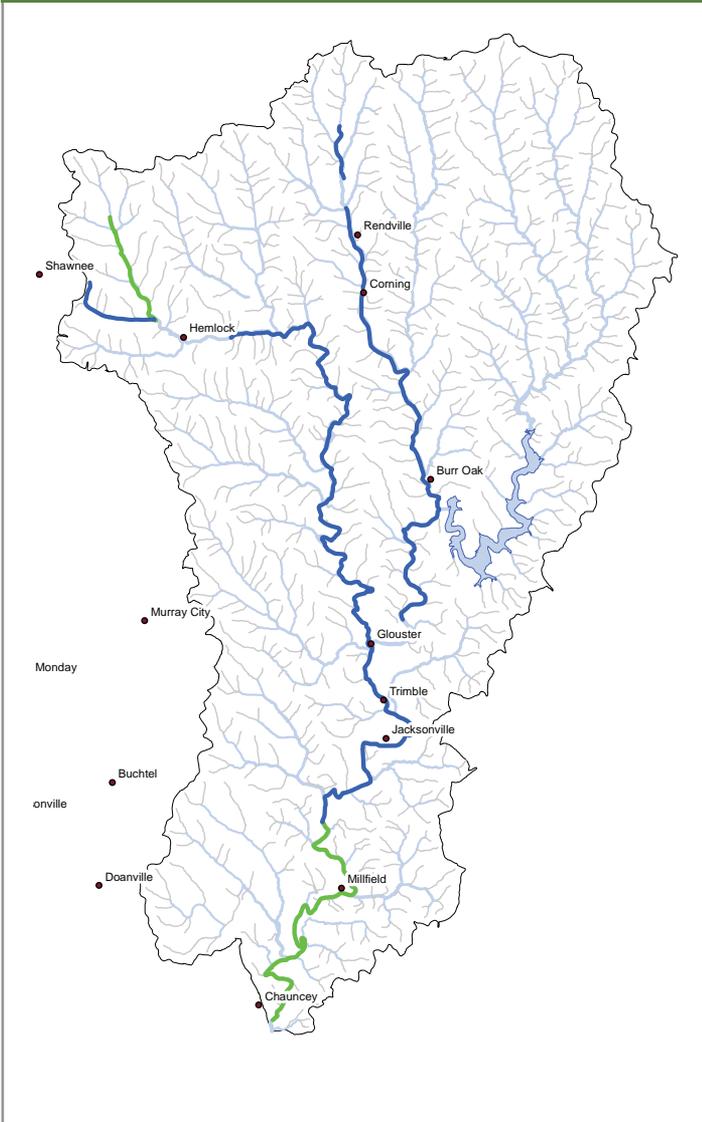
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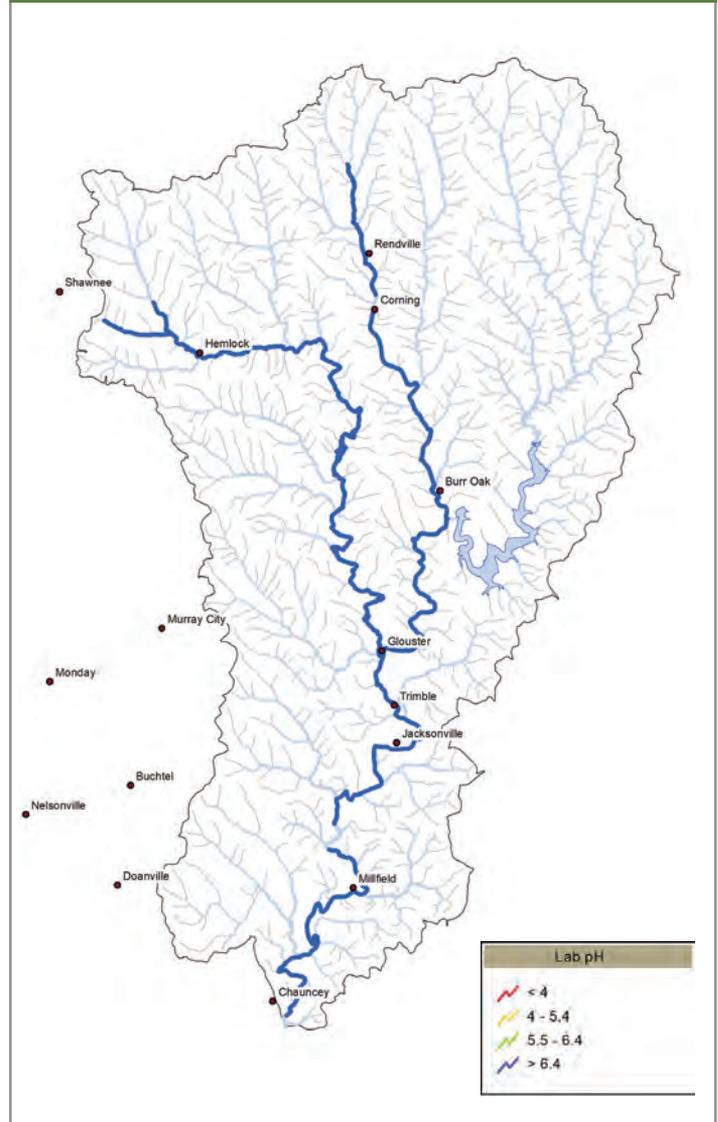
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Chemical Water Quality

Sunday Creek baseline pH



Sunday Creek 2017-2018 pH



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 2018 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.

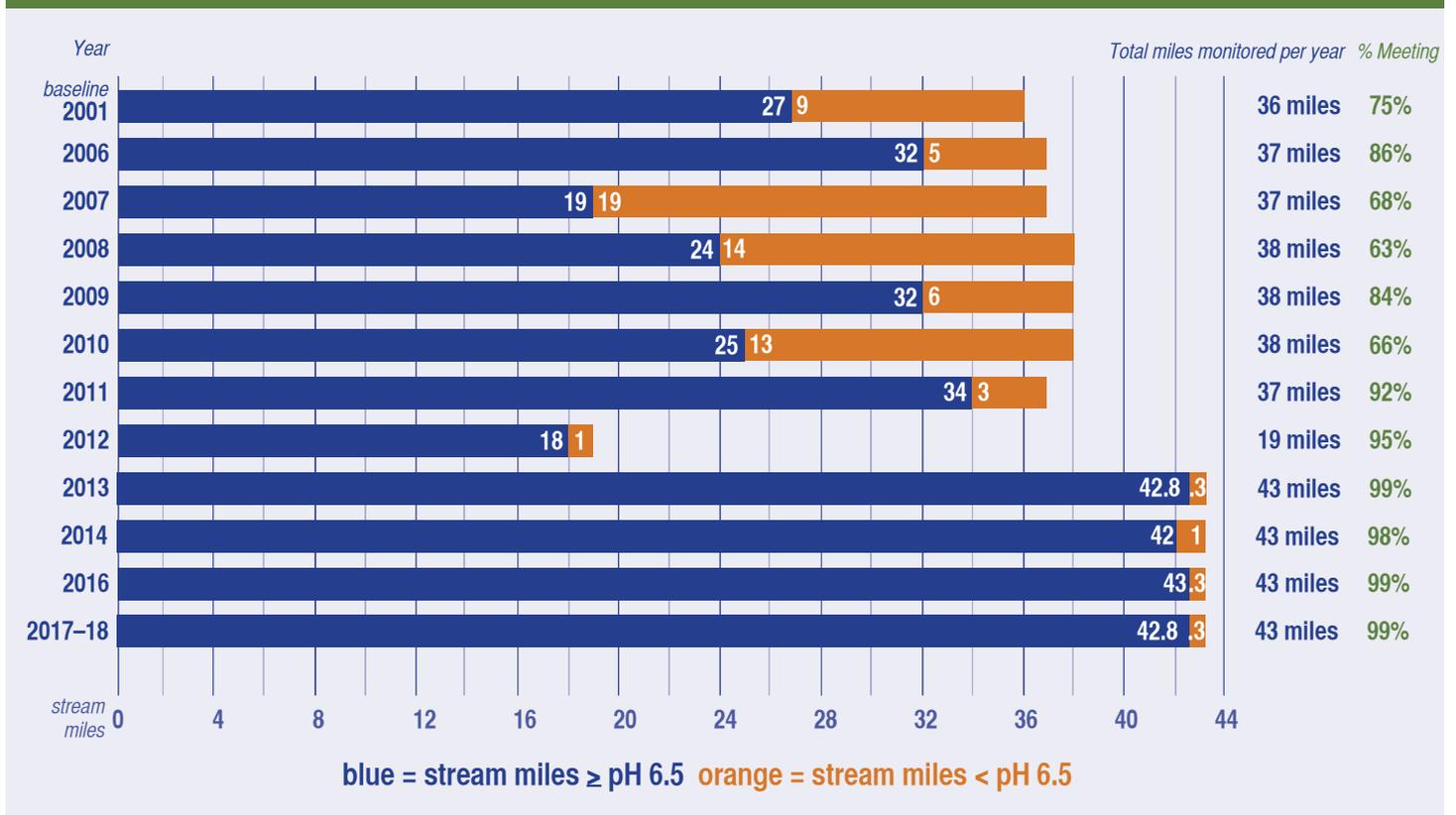
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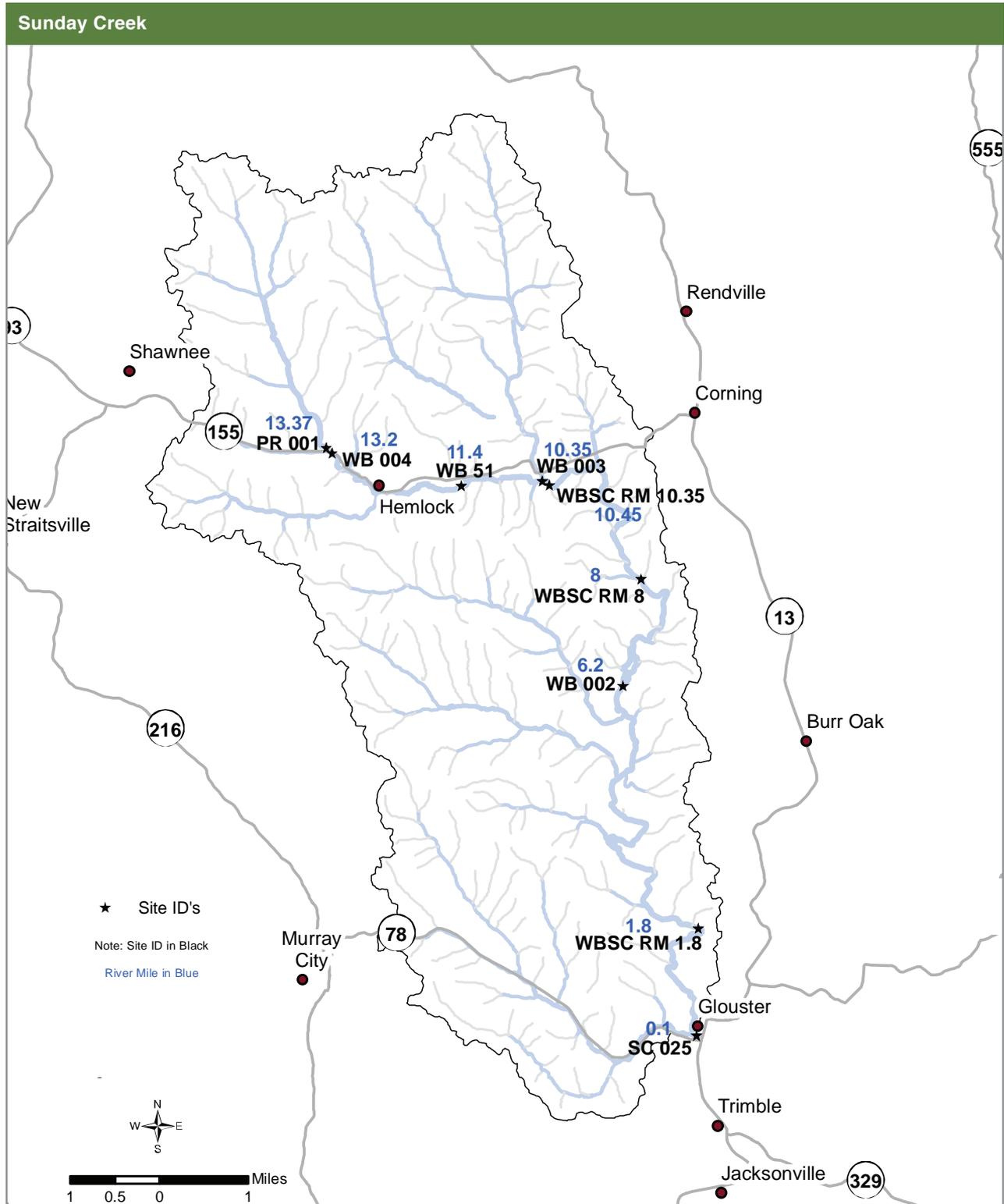
There are approximately 43 miles monitored for three years along the mainstem of Sunday Creek and major tributary West Branch, up from 38 stream miles monitored in 2010 and early. A restoration target for pH has been set to 6.5. Since 2001 there have been fluctuations in the number of stream miles that meet this target. In 2017-2018, all stream miles monitored met the target pH, except for .3 miles directly downstream of the Corning discharge, which was not sampled during the report period.

Sunday Creek pH



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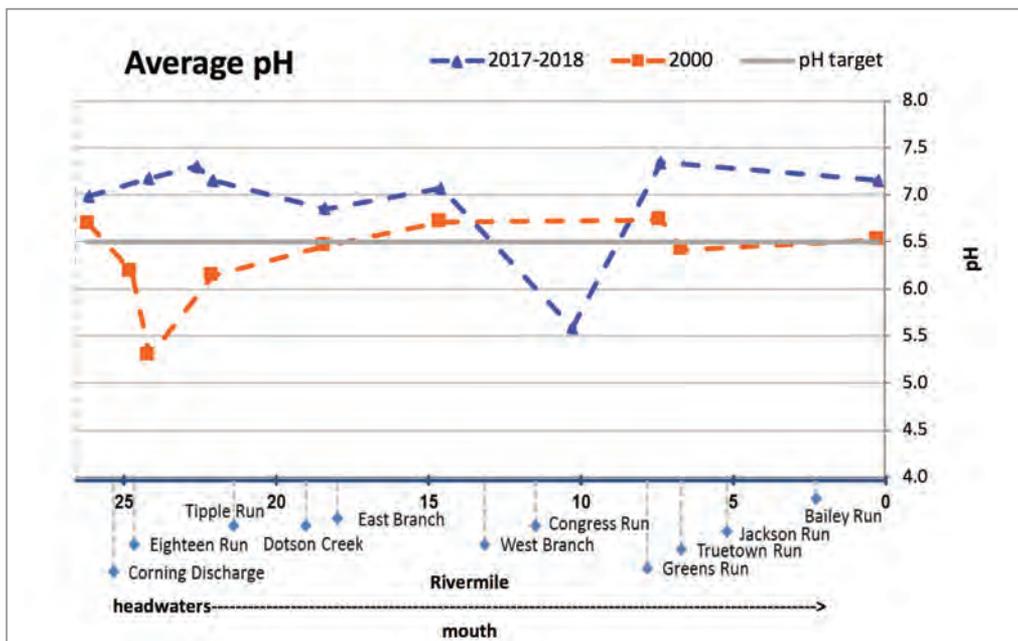
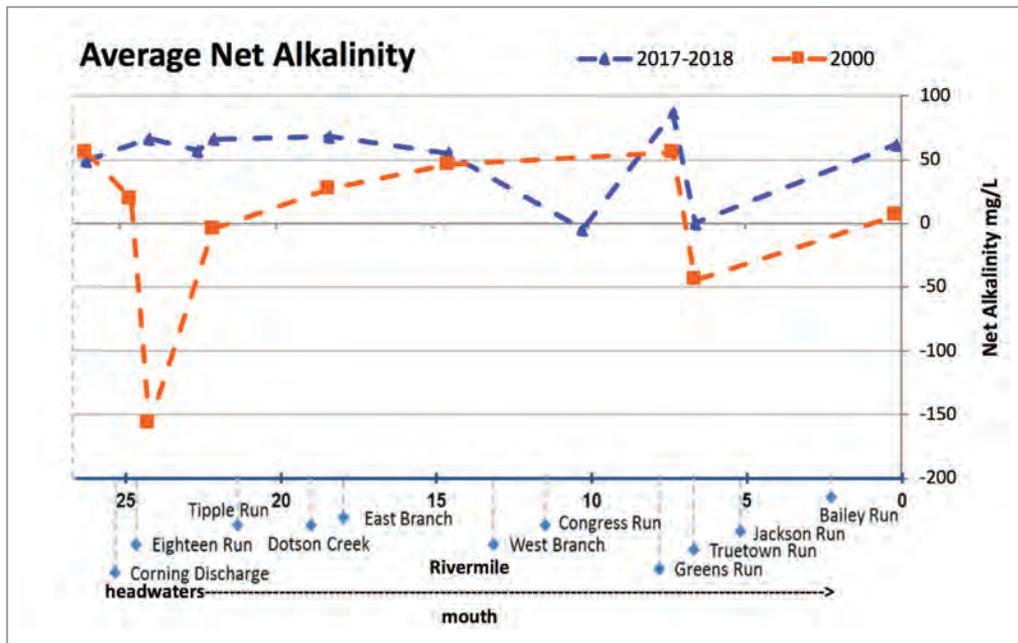


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For purposes of analyzing chemical water quality changes along the mainstem of receiving stream where AMD reclamation projects have been completed, Sunday Creek has been divided into the following stream segments: Sunday Creek Mainstem and West Branch 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 |

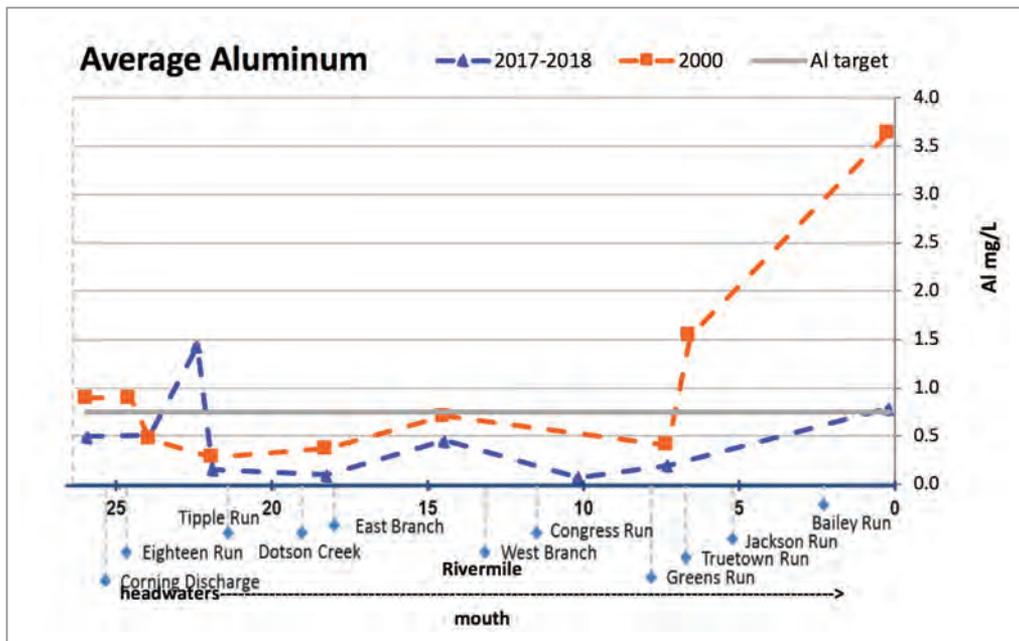
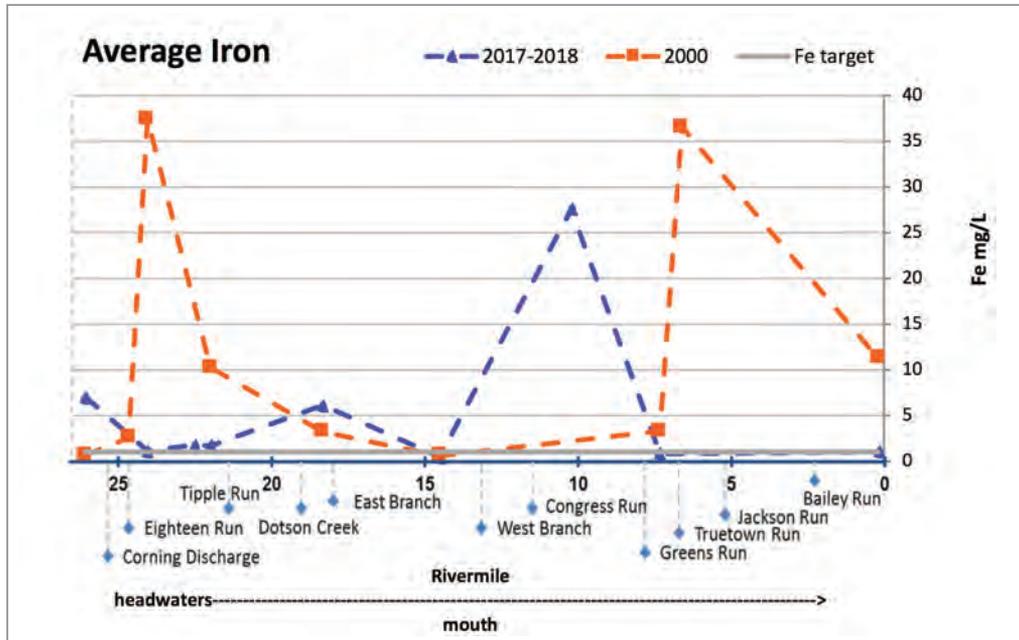


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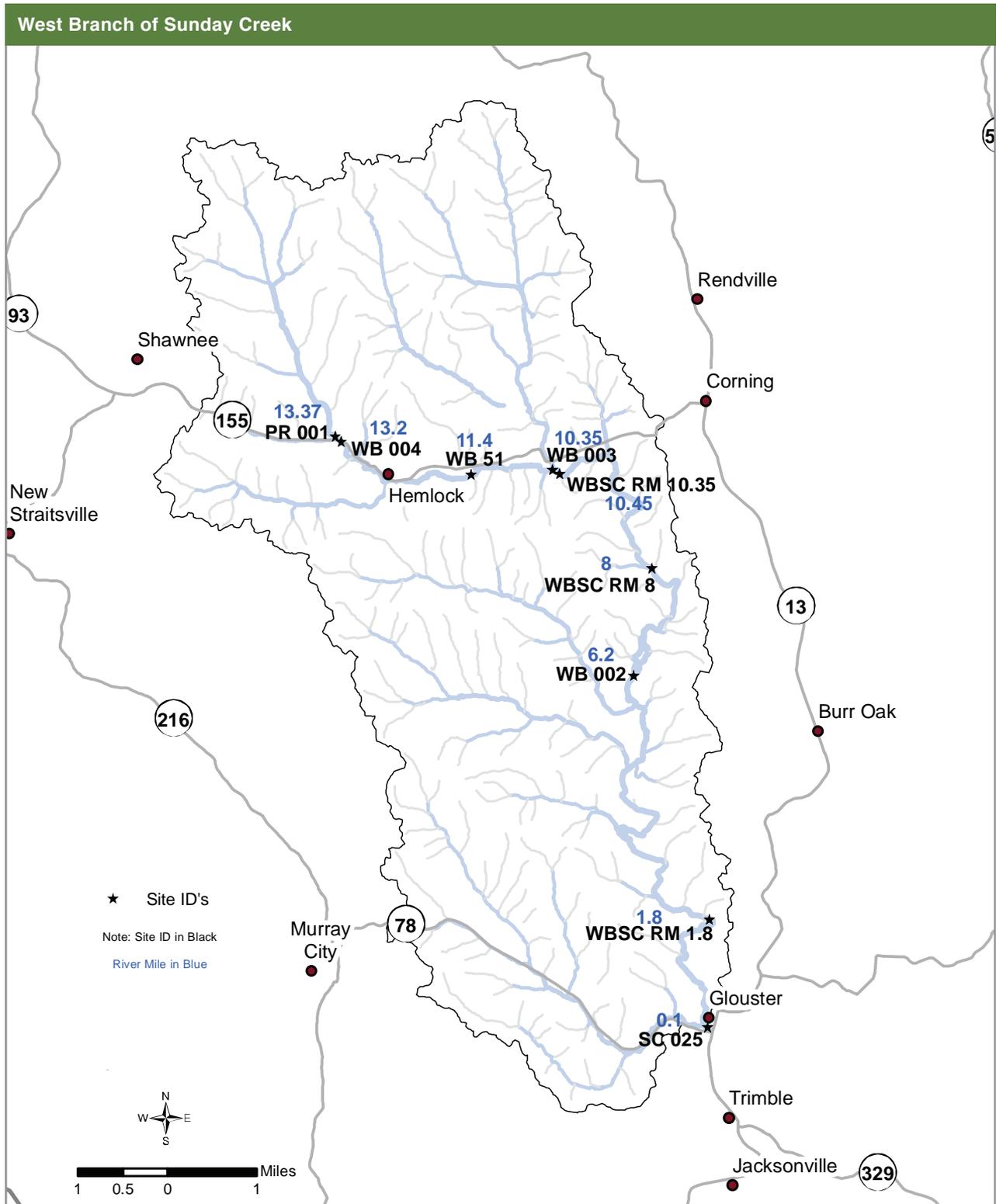
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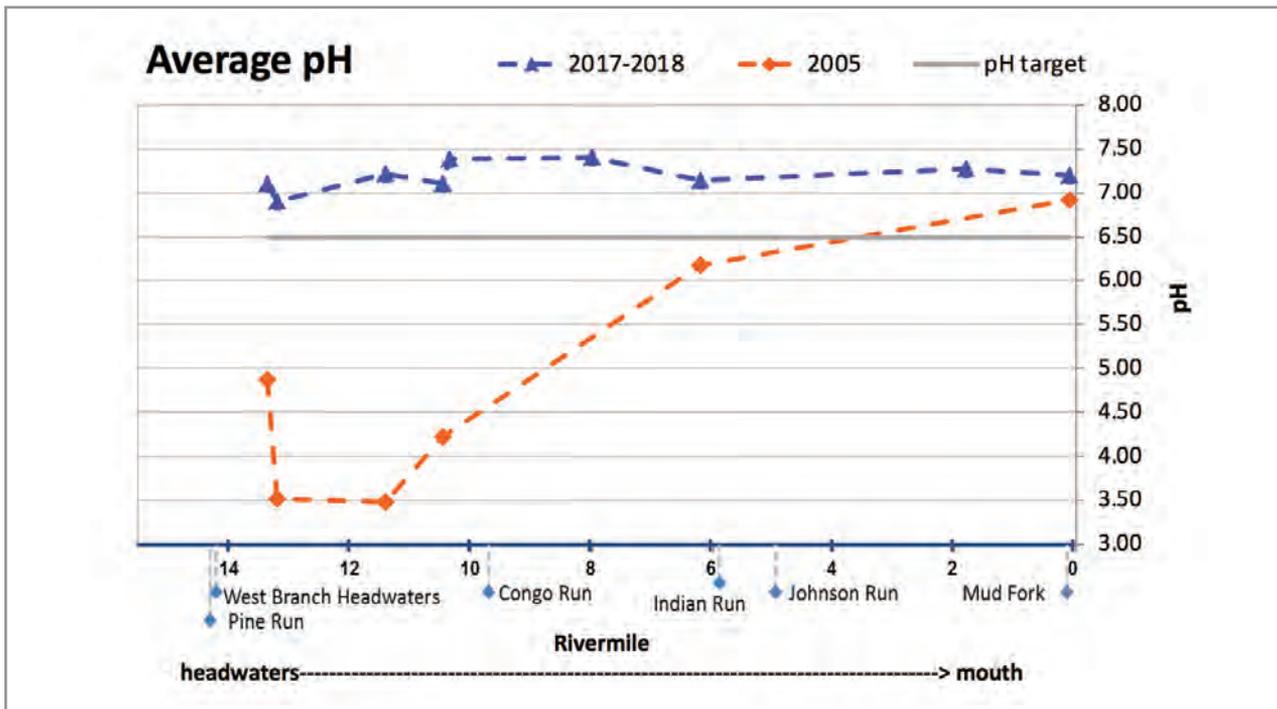
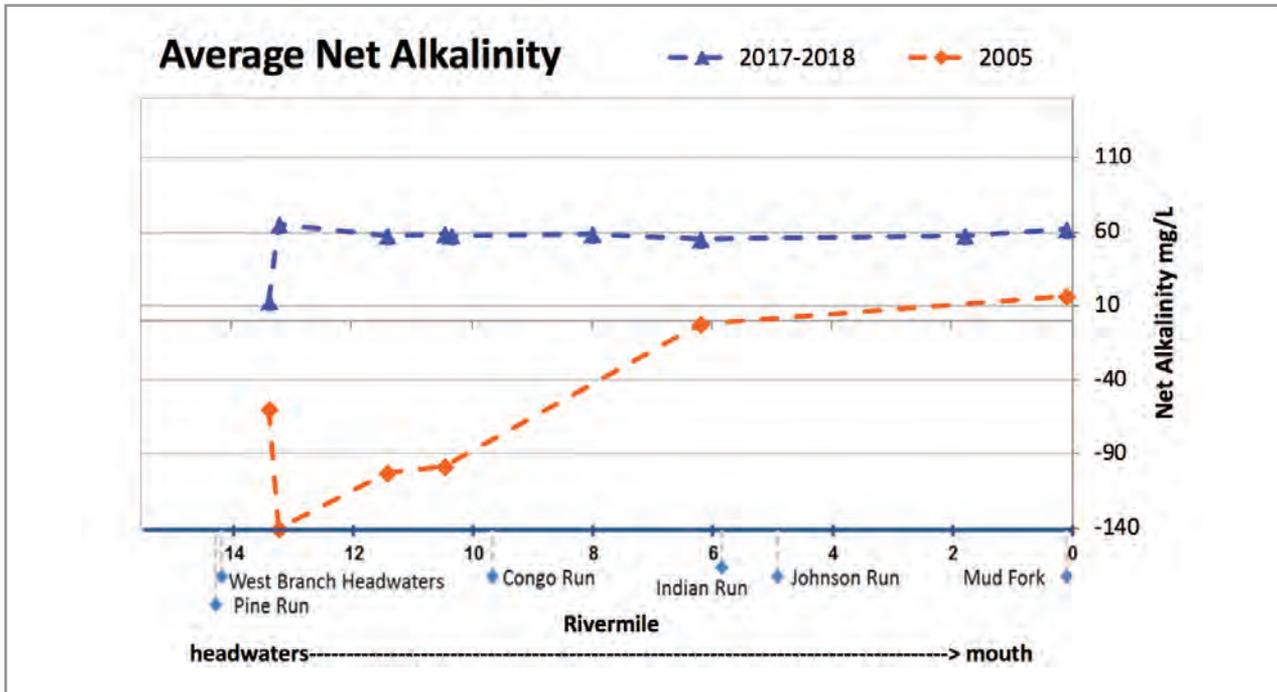


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Chemical water quality analysis per stream reach

| West Branch of Sunday Creek | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|---------------|-----------|--------|-------------|--------|
| 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 |
| Rivermile | 13.37 | 13.2 | 11.4 | 10.45 | 10.35 | 8 | 6.2 | 1.8 | 0.1 |

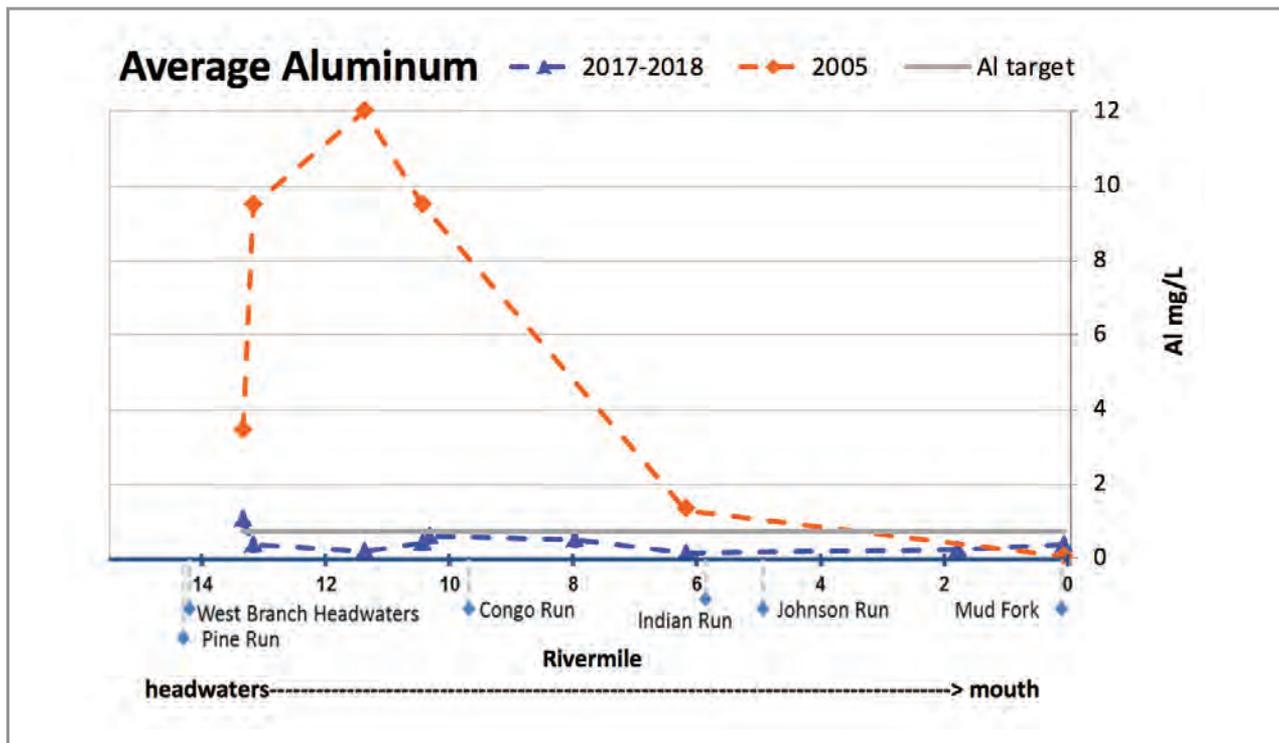
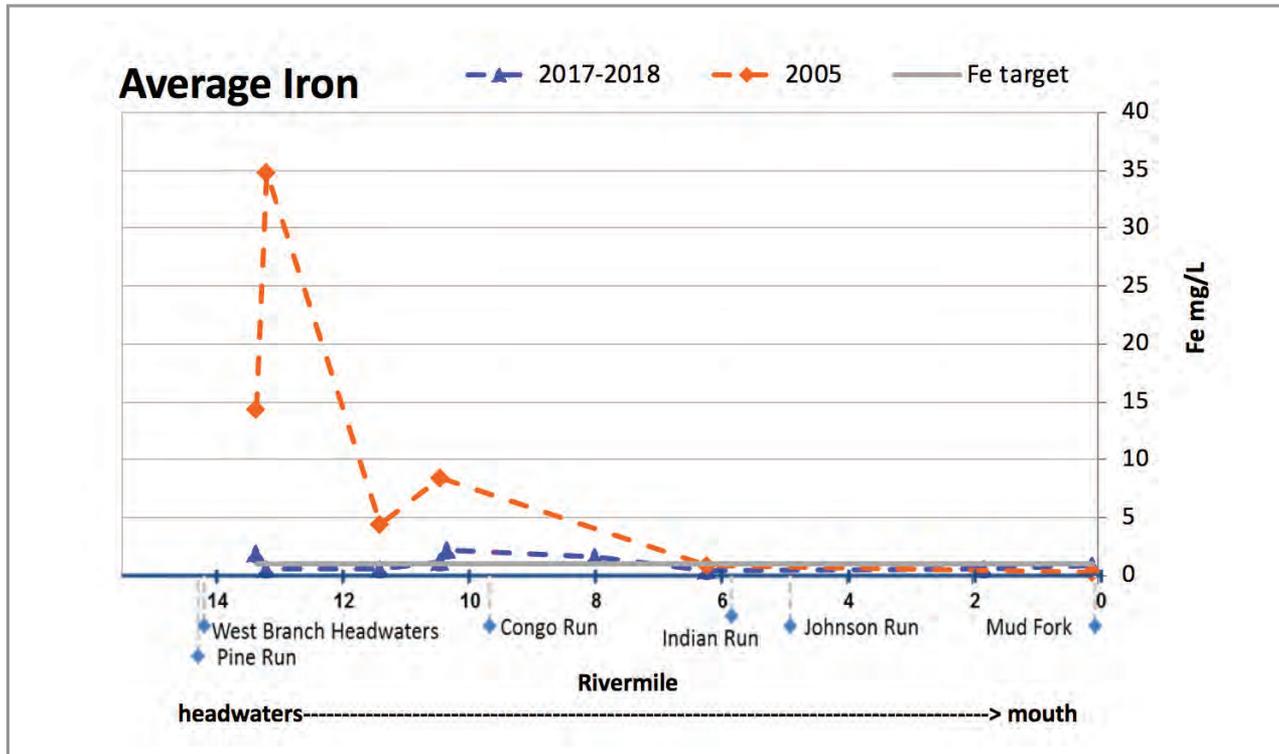


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Chemical water quality analysis per stream reach

| 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 |
| Rivermile | 13.37 | 13.2 | 11.4 | 10.45 | 10.35 | 8 | 6.2 | 1.8 | 0.1 |

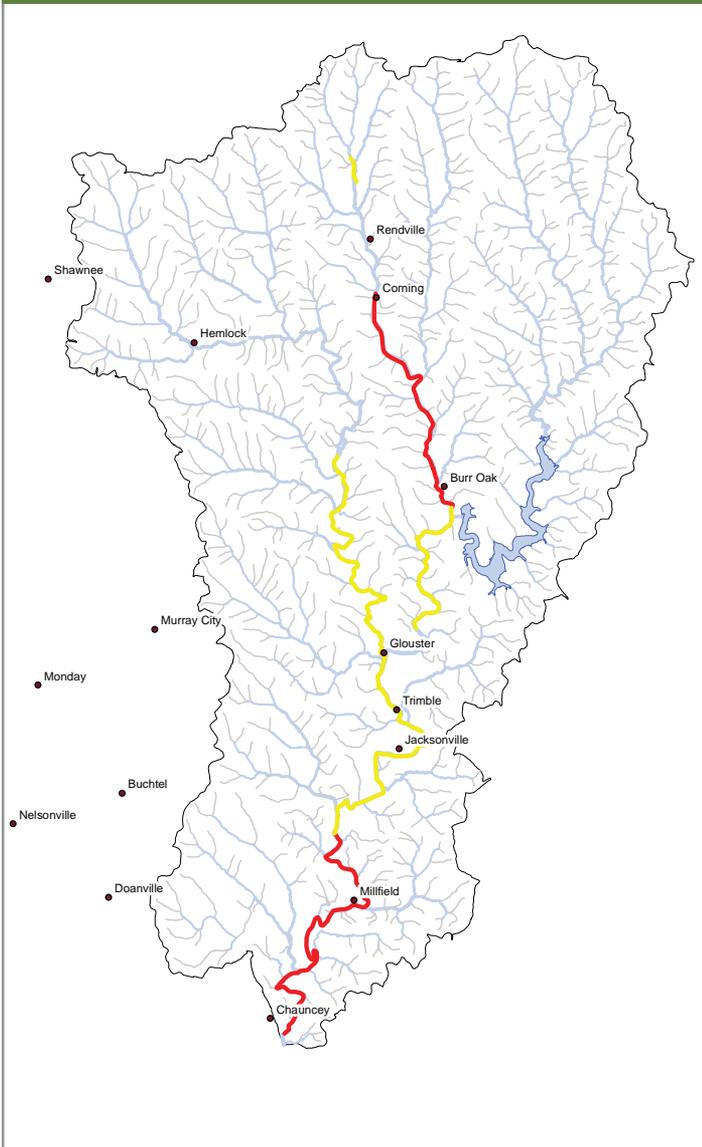


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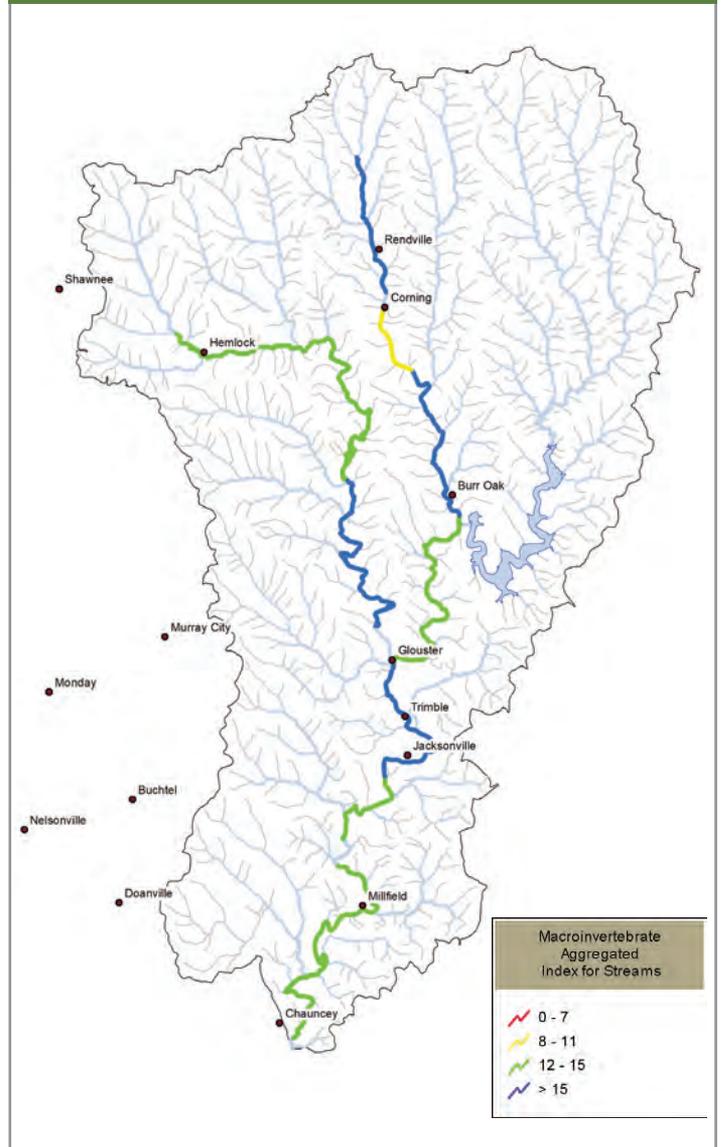
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Biological Water Quality

Sunday Creek baseline MAIS



Sunday Creek 2017–2018 MAIS



MAIS samples were collected throughout Sunday Creek at established annual monitoring stations from 2001 through 2018.

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Biological Water Quality

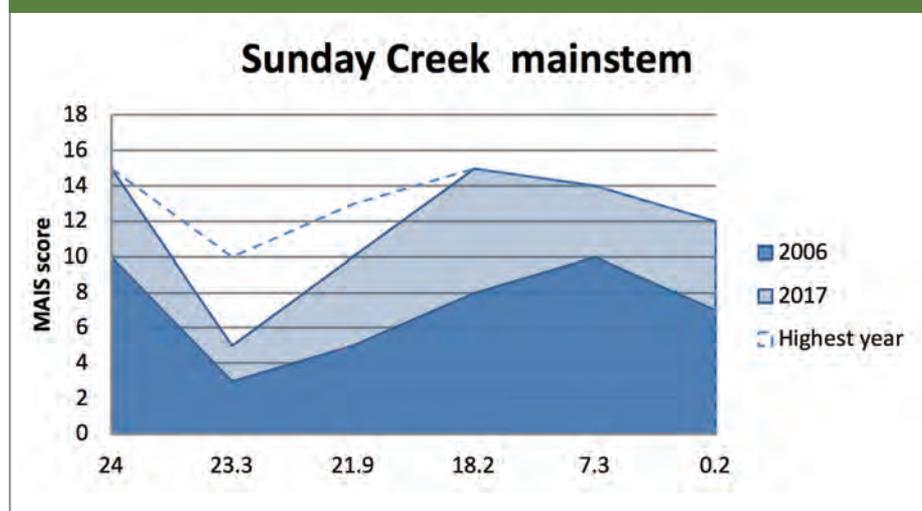
Sunday Creek

The mainstem sites of Sunday Creek have improved since 2006, although the five mile section from RM 23.3 downstream of the Corning discharge (across from the entrance to Tom Jenkins Dam) continues to be poor quality. Although some sites in this section occasionally support high MAIS scores, in most years the section is not reaching its full recovery potential. RM 23.3 in particular has large amounts of metal precipitates which sometimes are observed at RM 21.9. This section of stream has not shown sustained improvement since 2006.

Quality in the mainstem improves further downstream, and in 2017 RM 18.1 (across the entrance to Tom Jenkins Dam) exceeded the macroinvertebrate recovery target for the first time with a MAIS score of '15'. This new high score confirms that the physical habitat at the site is capable of supporting high quality biota and that this year the water chemistry may have improved. Notable improvement in the macroinvertebrate score was also observed in 2017 at the furthest downstream monitoring site, RM 0.1. This site at the dog shelter has improved significantly since 2006, but until this year had never actually reached the target score of '12'.

It is unclear whether these improvements are due to changes in minewater discharges from Corning and Truetown, increased flow of clean water inputs, or remediation efforts in the West Branch. Improvements in the West Branch observed in 2016 (all but the most upstream site, WBHW003, scored above '12') remained in place in 2017.

Area of Degradation 2006-2018



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

Sunday Creek MAIS Regressions

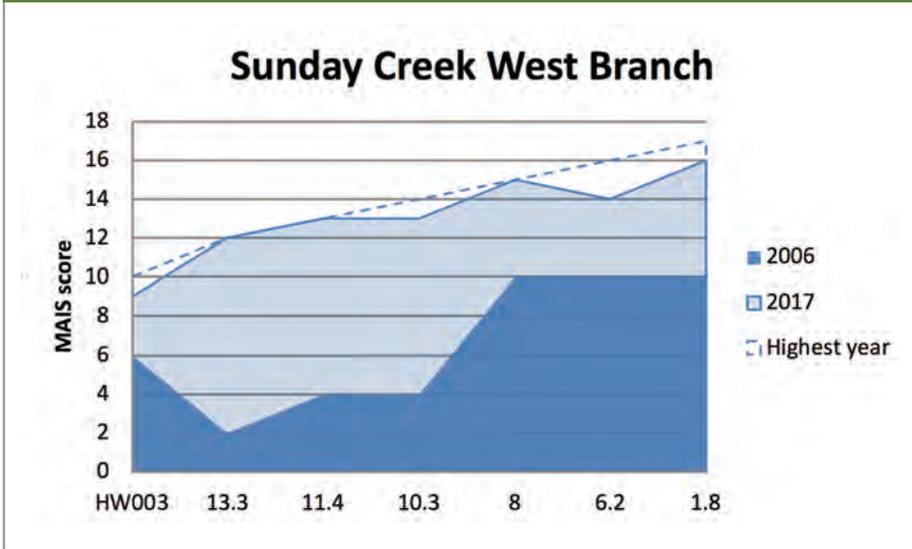
| Mainstem | RM | '01 | '02 | '03 | '05 | '06 | '07 | '08 | '09 | '10 | '11 | '12 | '13 | '14 | '15 | '16 | '17 | Linear trends | R square | P-value | No. of observations |
|------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------|----------|----------|---------------------|
| SC RM | 26.6 | | | | | | | | | 14 | 14 | 13 | 16 | 15 | 13 | dry | 16 | no change | 0.169298 | 0.359080 | 7 |
| SC 079 | 24 | | | | 12 | 10 | 10 | 14 | 12 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 15 | 14 | | 13 | 15 | improved | 0.413344 | 0.024130 | 12 |
| SC 080 | 23.3 | | | | 5 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 12 | 5 | 10 | 4 | 9 | 4 | 9 | 5 | | no change | | | 12 |
| SC 076 | 21.9 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 6 | 10 | improved | 0.338528 | 0.018060 | 16 |
| SC 075 | 18.2 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 10 | 8 | 10 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 15 | improved | 0.382931 | 0.010597 | 16 |
| SC RM 10.2 | 10.2 | | | | | | | | | | 17 | 13 | 15 | 16 | 14 | 14 | 16 | no change | 0.011904 | 0.815871 | 7 |
| SC 073 | 7.3 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 12 | 11 | 14 | 9 | 11 | 13 | 13 | 11 | 14 | improved | 0.267747 | 0.040093 | 16 |
| SC 071 | 0.2 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 8 | 10 | 7 | 9 | 7 | | 8 | 12 | improved | 0.523015 | 0.002312 | 16 |

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Biological Water Quality

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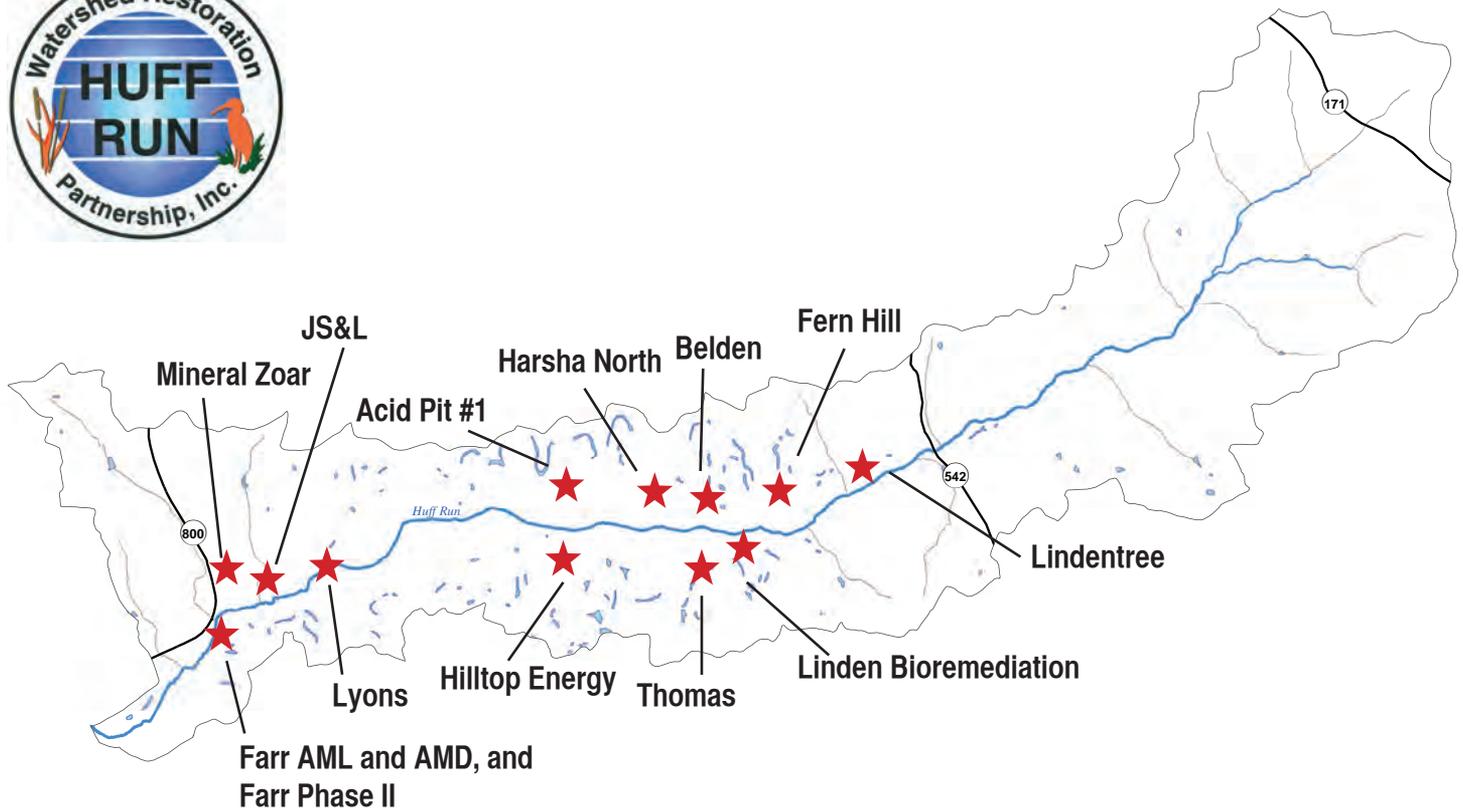
Sunday Creek MAIS Regressions

| Westbranch | RM | '01 | '02 | '03 | '05 | '06 | '07 | '08 | '09 | '10 | '11 | '12 | '13 | '14 | '15 | '16 | '17 | Linear trends | R square | P-value | No. of observations | |
|------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------|-----------|----------|---------------------|---|
| WBHW 50 | 14.7 | | | | | 11 | 10 | 11 | 8 | 12 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 11 | | | | | | | | |
| WBHW 003 | 13.4 | | | | 5 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 8 | 10 | 8 | | 9 | | | | | | |
| WB 004 | 13.3 | | | | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 11 | 8 | 7 | 12 | | | | | | |
| WB 051 | 11.4 | | | | 8 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 5 | 12 | 10 | 7 | 9 | | 12 | 13 | improved | 0.499495 | 0.010174 | 13 | |
| WB 003 | 10.3 | | | | 8 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 11 | 6 | 14 | 13 | improved | 0.492198 | 0.007528 | 13 | |
| WB RM8 | 8 | | | | | | | | | | 14 | 13 | 15 | 14 | 15 | 13 | | | | | | |
| WB 002 | 6.2 | | | | 7 | 10 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 13 | 13 | 15 | 16 | 15 | 12 | 15 | 14 | improved | 0.677760 | 0.000544 | 13 | |
| WB RM1.8 | 1.8 | | | | | | | | | | 12 | 17 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 13 | 16 | 16 | no change | 0.082406 | 0.490591 | 8 |
| SC025 | | | | | | | | | | | 15 | 16 | 17 | 17 | 15 | 15 | 15 | | | | | |

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Huff Run

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 2017–2018 = \$5,644,950

**Insufficient data to calculate acid and metal loads for 2017-2018 reporting period.*

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Timeline of the Huff Run Watershed Project Milestones & AMD Projects

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- 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*

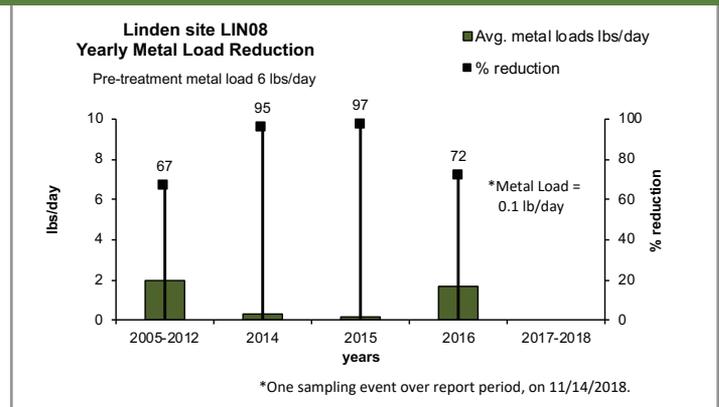
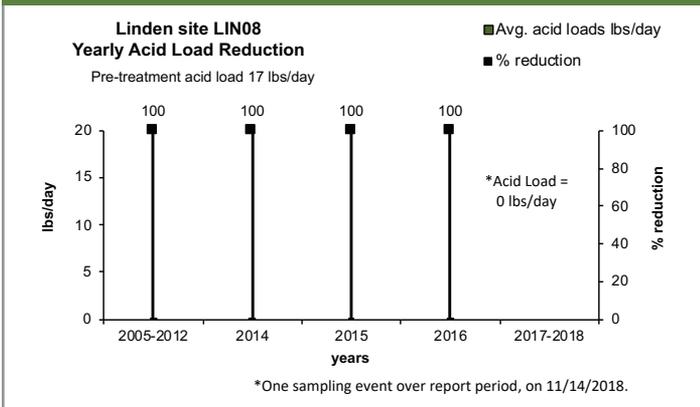
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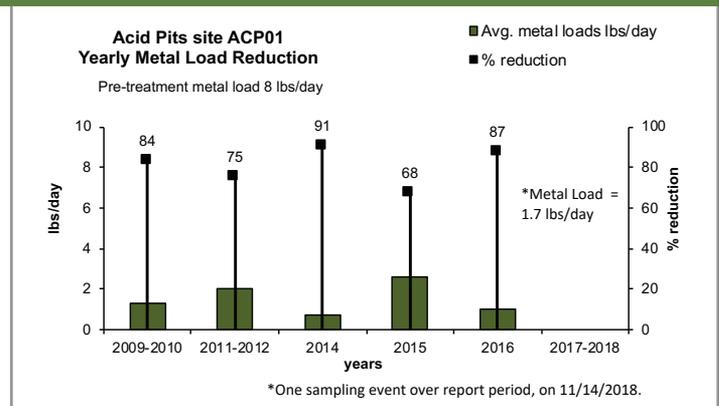
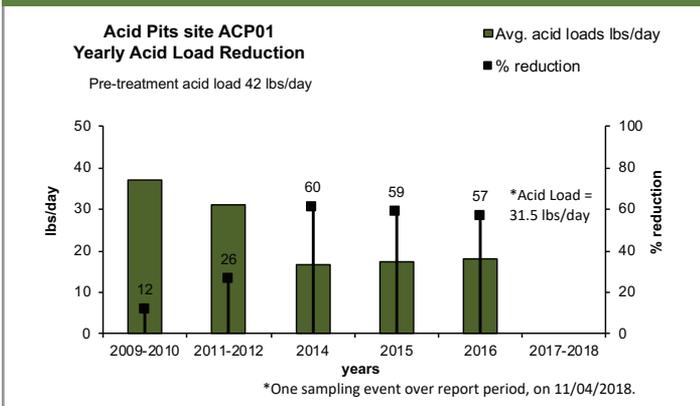
Yearly acid and metal load reduction trends per project

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.

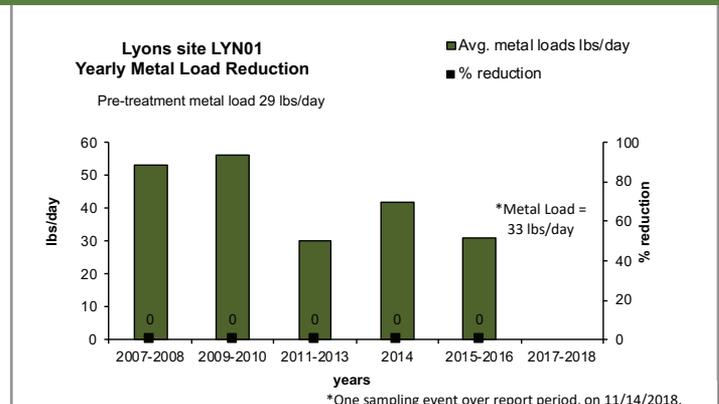
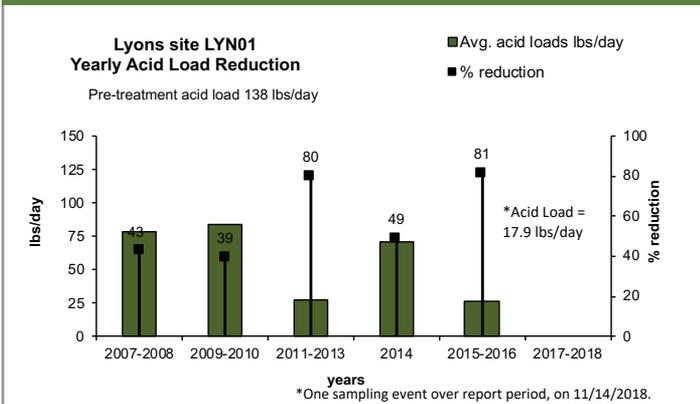
Linden site LIN08



Acid Pits site ACP01



Lyons site LYN01

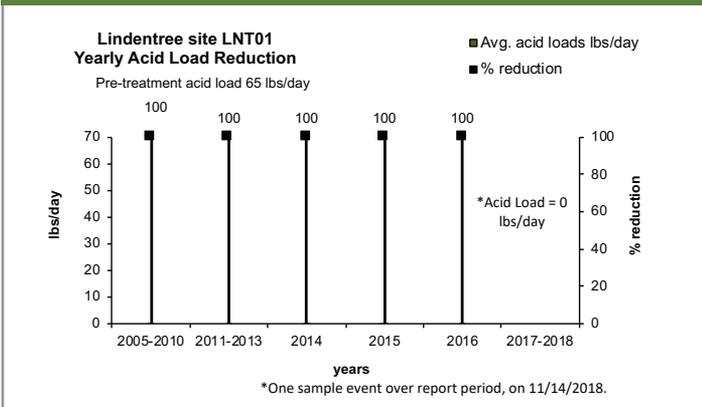


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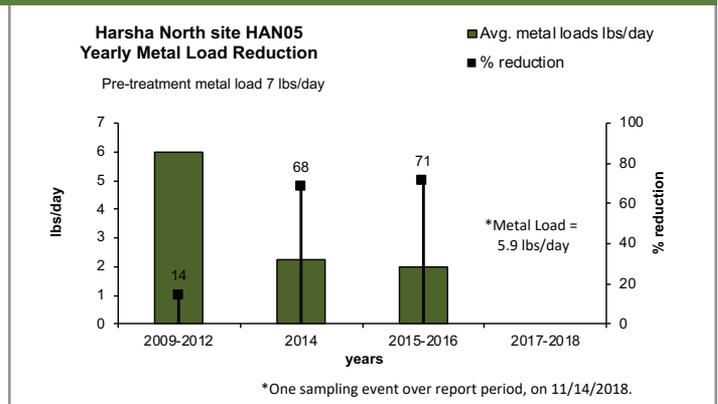
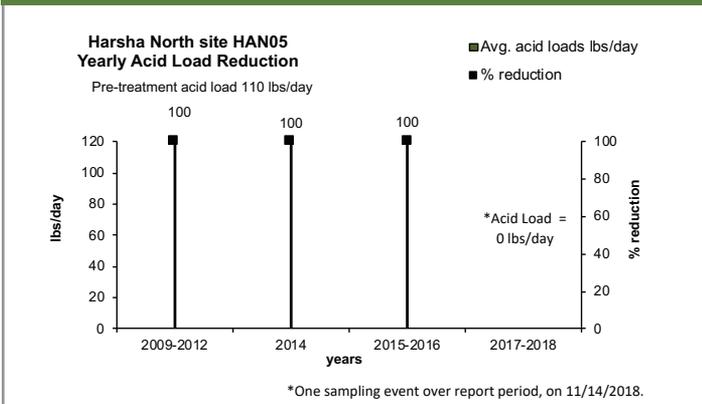
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Yearly acid and metal load reduction trends per project

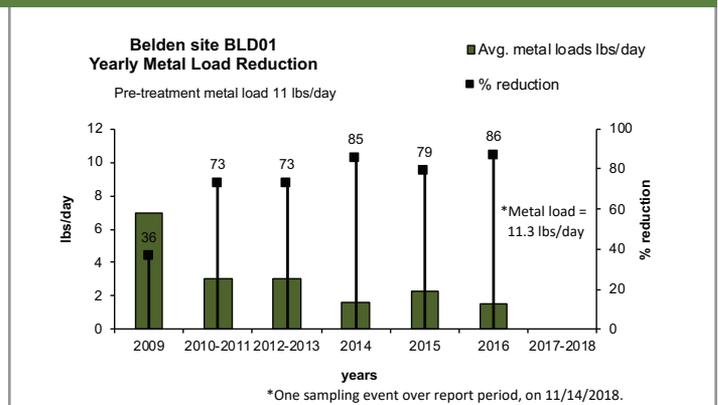
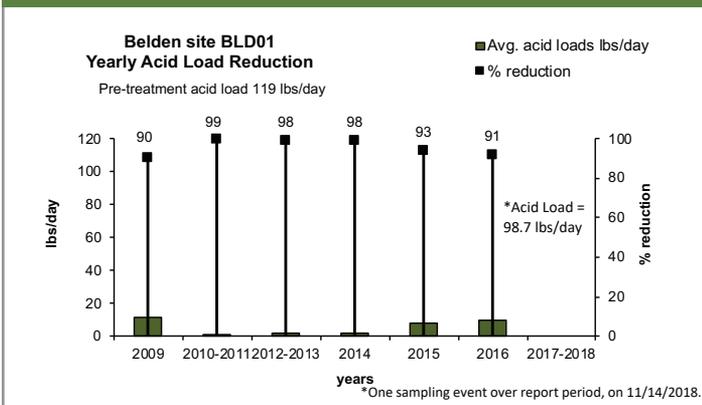
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Belden site BLD01



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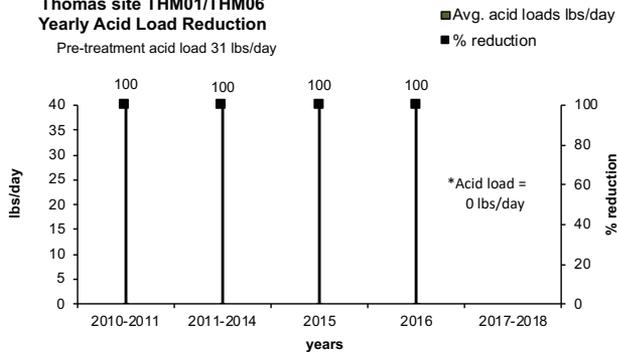
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Yearly acid and metal load reduction trends per project

Thomas site THM01/THM06

Thomas site THM01/THM06 Yearly Acid Load Reduction

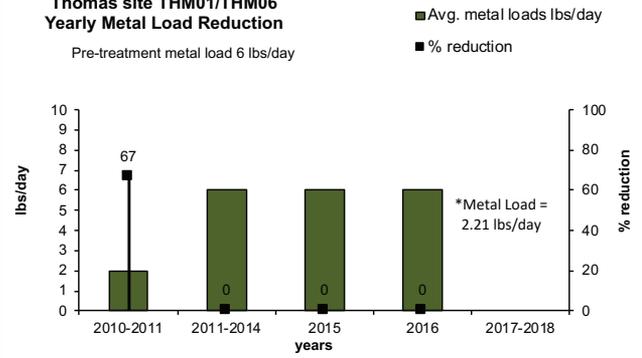
Pre-treatment acid load 31 lbs/day



*One sampling event over report period, on 11/14/2018.

Thomas site THM01/THM06 Yearly Metal Load Reduction

Pre-treatment metal load 6 lbs/day



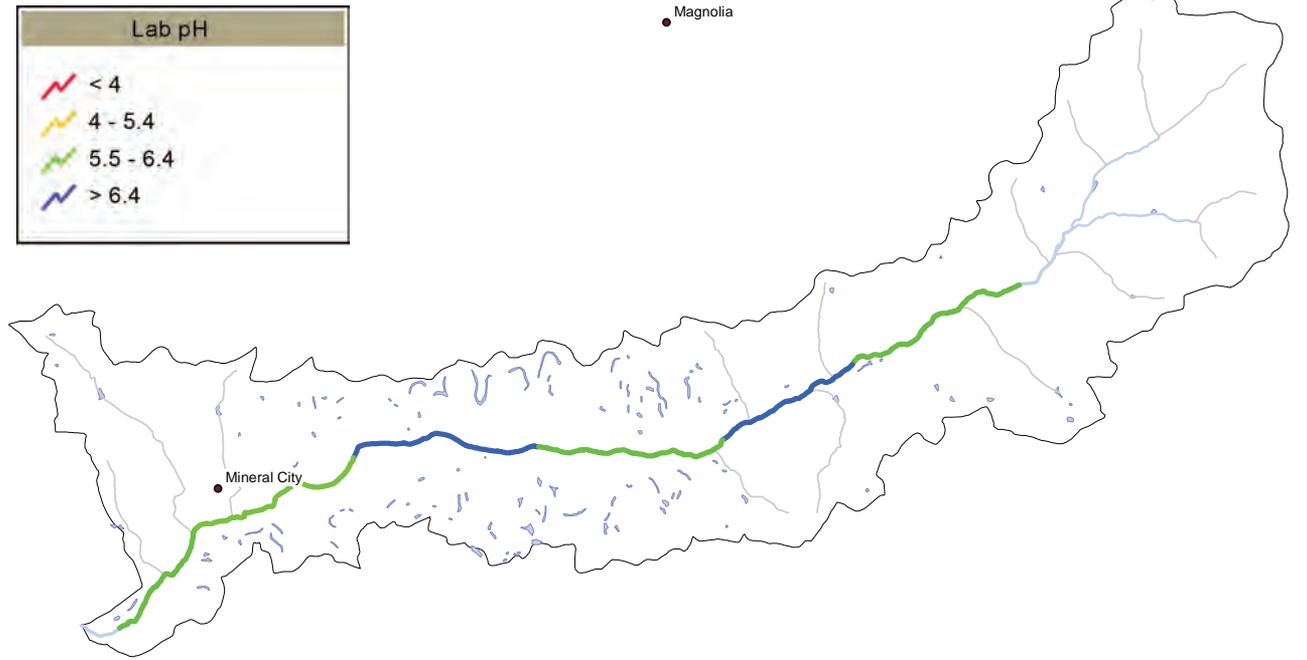
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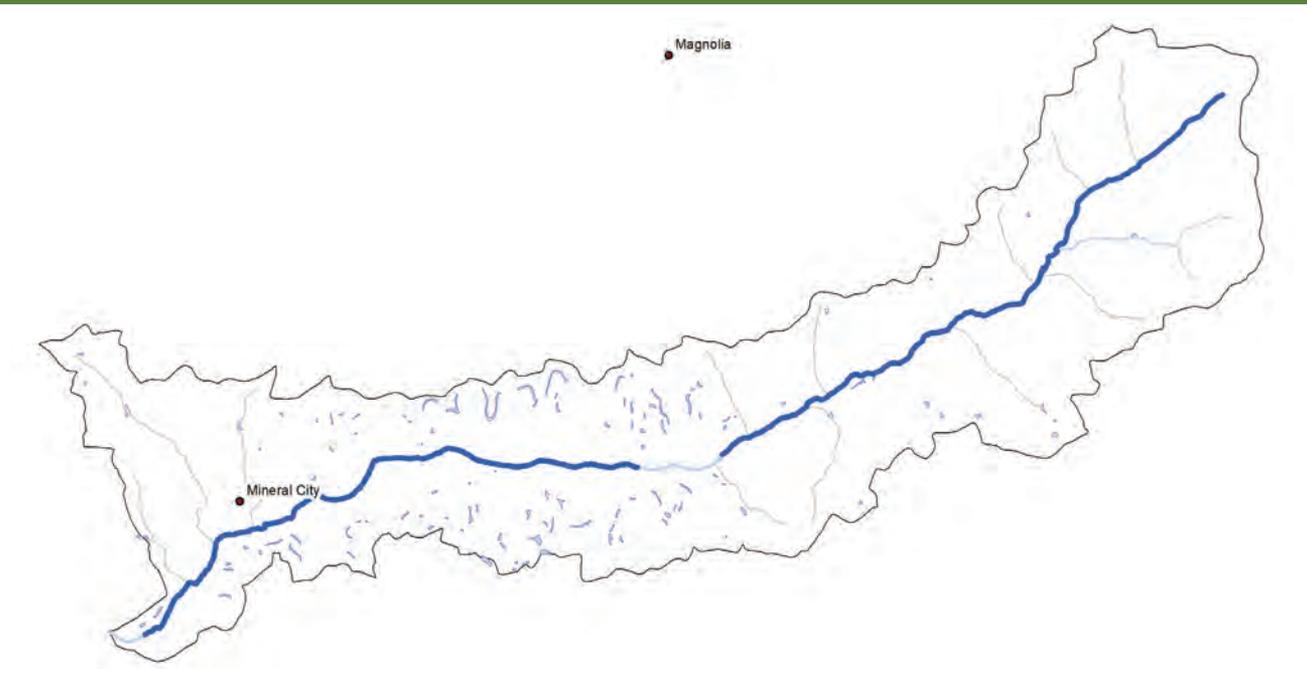
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Chemical Water Quality

Huff Run baseline pH



Huff Run 2017–2018 pH



Huff Run pH values have improved from baseline conditions (1985-1998) to 2016. All of the 10 miles monitored in Huff Run in the 2017-2018 reporting period met the minimum pH target of 6.5.

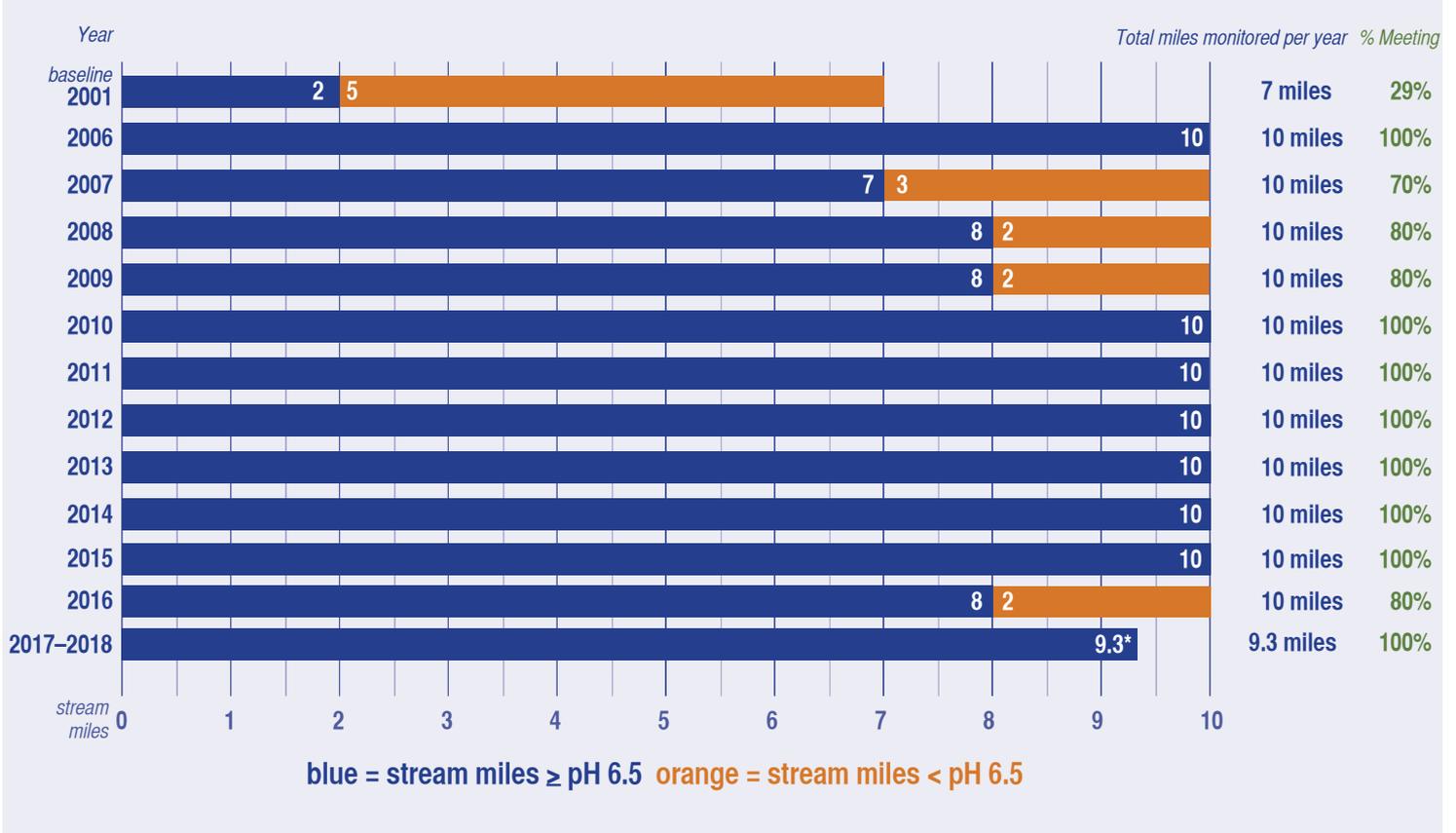
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Chemical Water Quality

The mainstem of Huff Run is approximately 10 miles in length. In 2009, 8 miles met the pH target of 6.5, while the two downstream reaches (HRR08 and HRR07) fell slightly below the target with an average of 6.4. From 2010 to 2015, all 10 miles met the target. 2016 was similar to the 2008- 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 6.5. In the 2017-2018 reporting period, Huff Run once again met the pH targets at all sites monitored, however, site HRR04, a 0.7 mile segment, was not monitored so is not included in total miles.

Huff Run pH

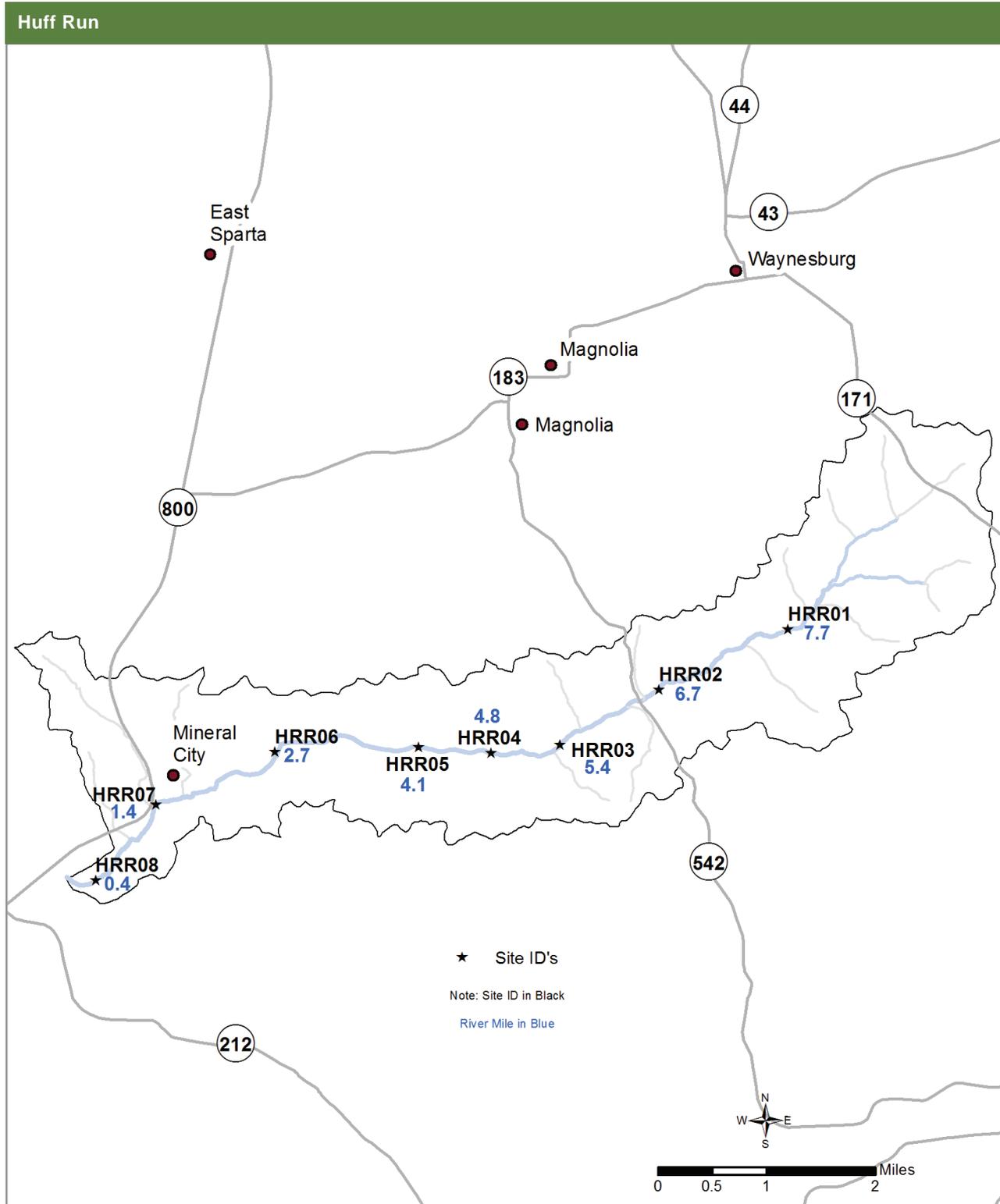


*Site HRR004 (0.7 mile reach) not monitored during this sample period.

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Chemical water quality analysis per stream reach



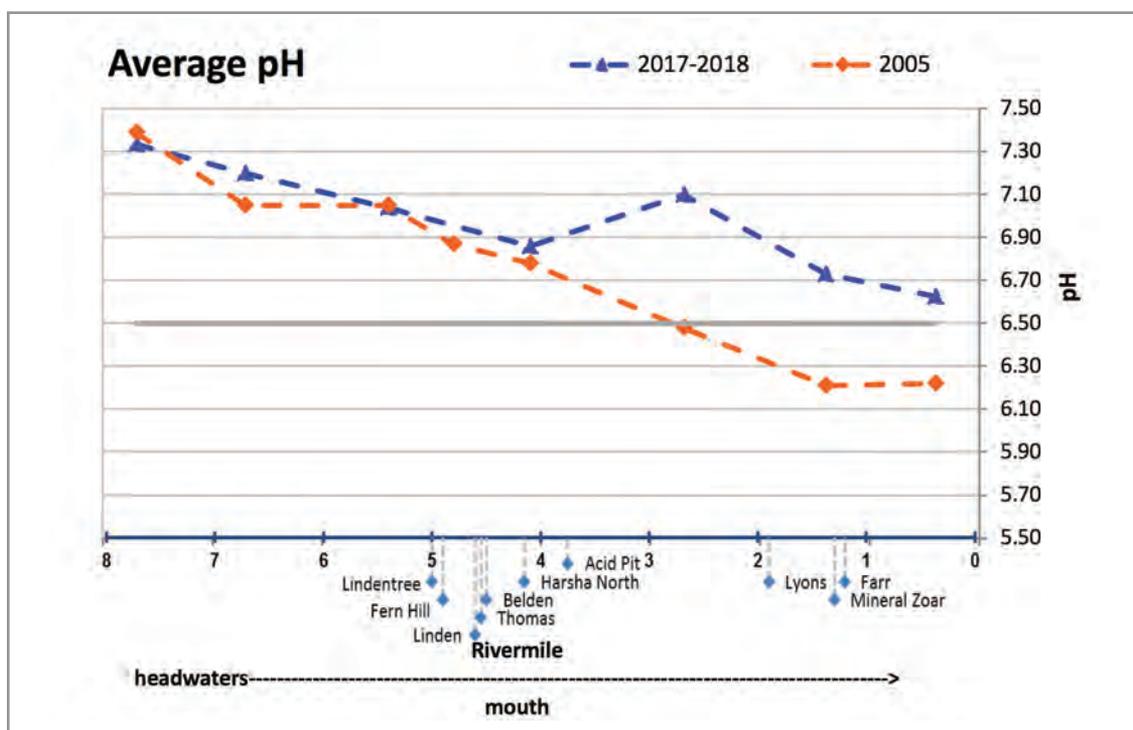
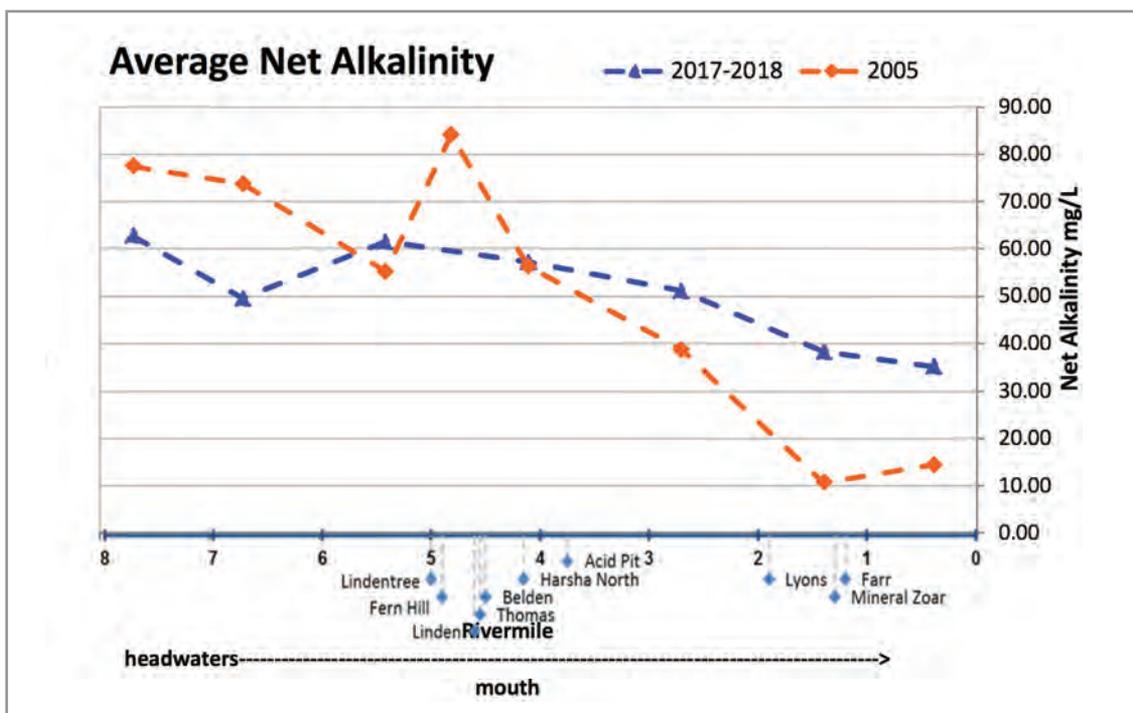
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Chemical water quality analysis per stream reach

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 |

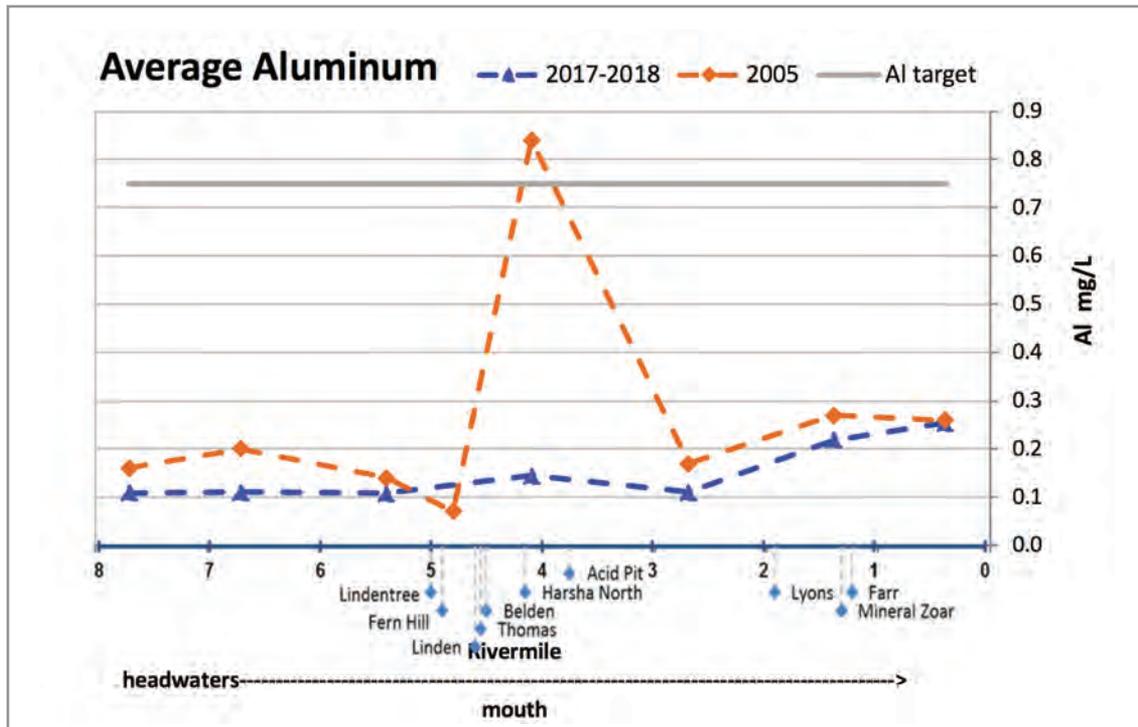
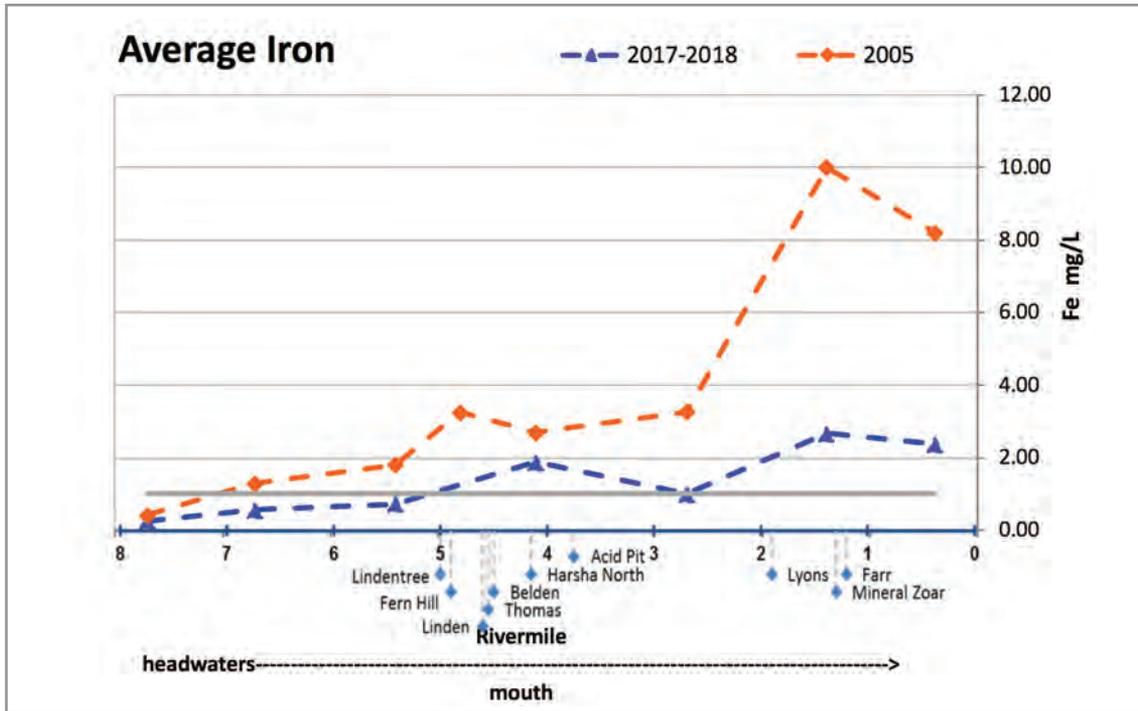


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Chemical water quality analysis per stream reach

| Huff Run | | | | | | | | |
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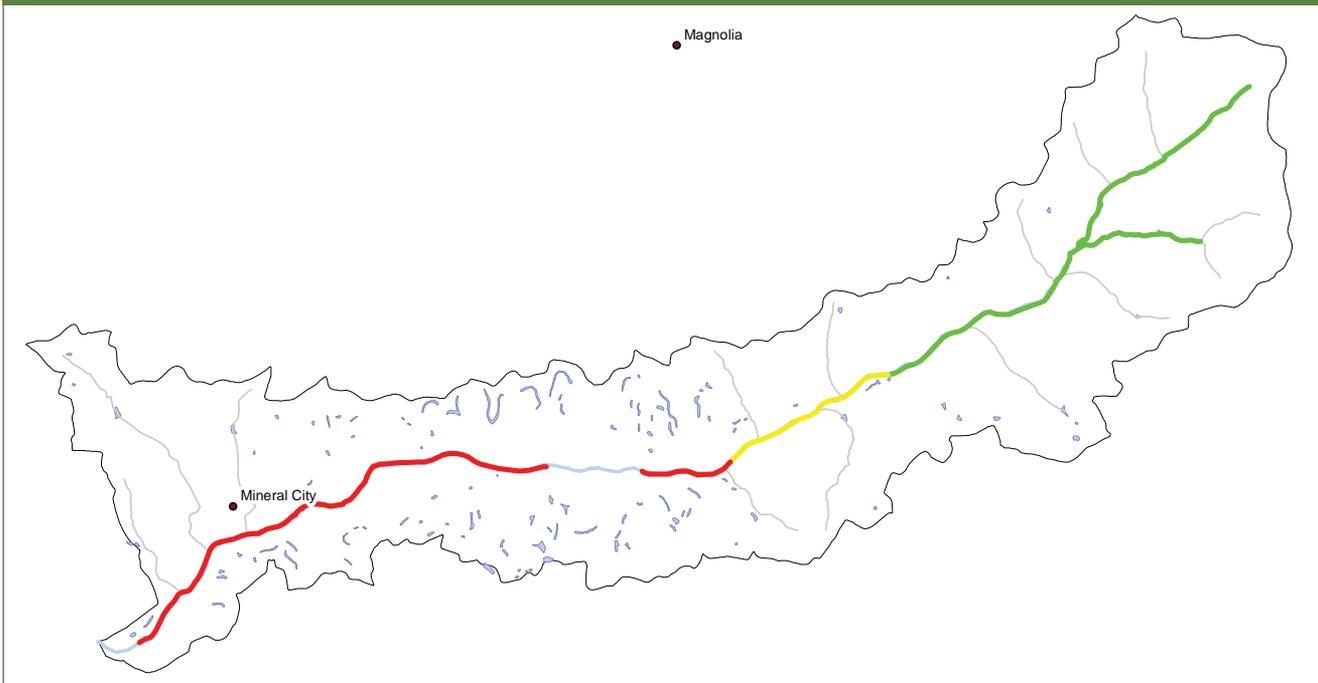


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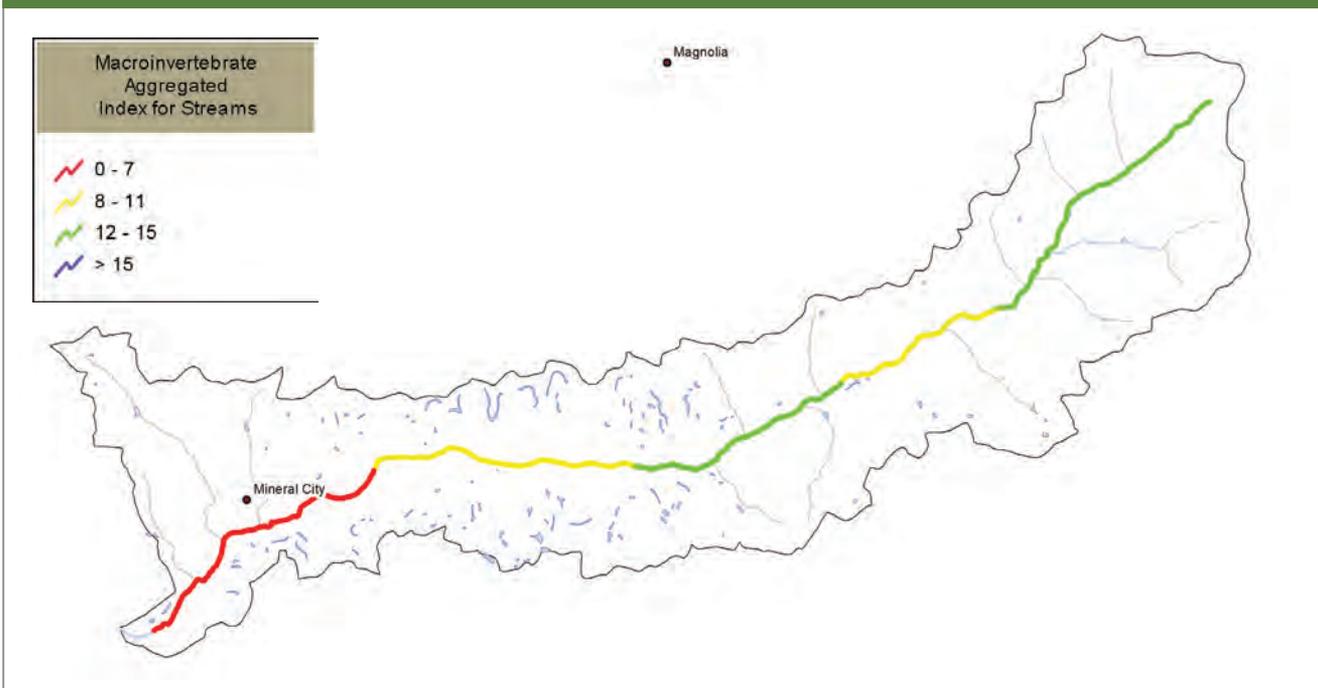
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Biological Water Quality

Huff Run baseline MAIS



Huff Run 2017–2018 MAIS



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

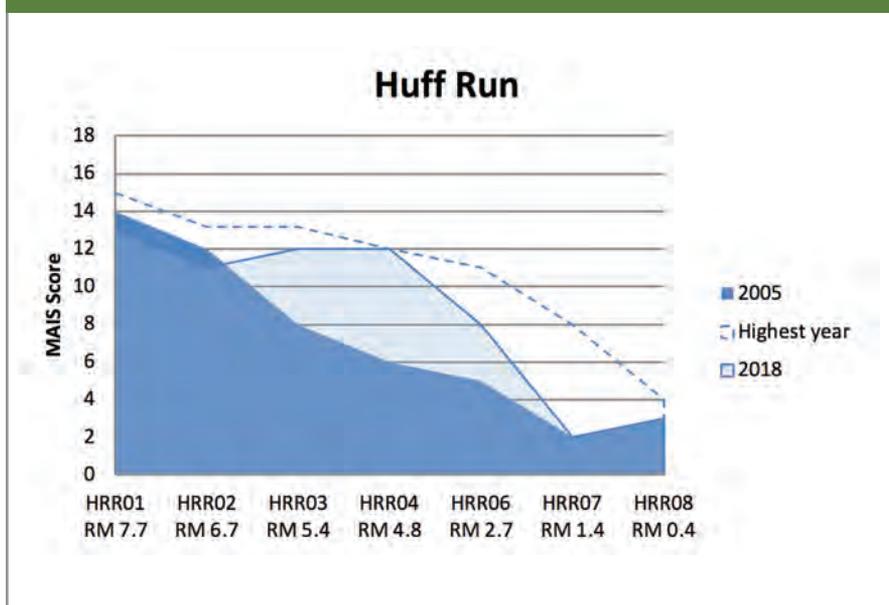
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Biological Water Quality

Biological recovery of the macroinvertebrate community in Huff run since 2005 has been relatively slow but steady in the upstream portions of the watershed. The uppermost two sites have not changed much, with the most upstream site at RM 7.7 already meeting the MAIS target and the site immediately downstream (RM 6.7) almost meeting it. 2014 was the first year that other sites (RM 5.4) showed sustained and statistically significant improvement in MAIS scores. Three upstream sites (RM 7.7, 4.8 and 2.7) achieved their highest scores that year. In 2015, RM 5.4 met the biological restoration target of a MAIS score >12. Between 2016 and 2018, all four of the upstream monitoring sites (RM 7.7, 6.7, 5.4 and 4.8) had met the restoration target of an MAIS score > 12 at least once. The biology at RM 2.7 has improved significantly since 2012 but has not met the restoration target of 12 yet. The two downstream sites (RM 1.4 and 0.4) show no improvement in MAIS scores.

Area of Degradation 2005-2018



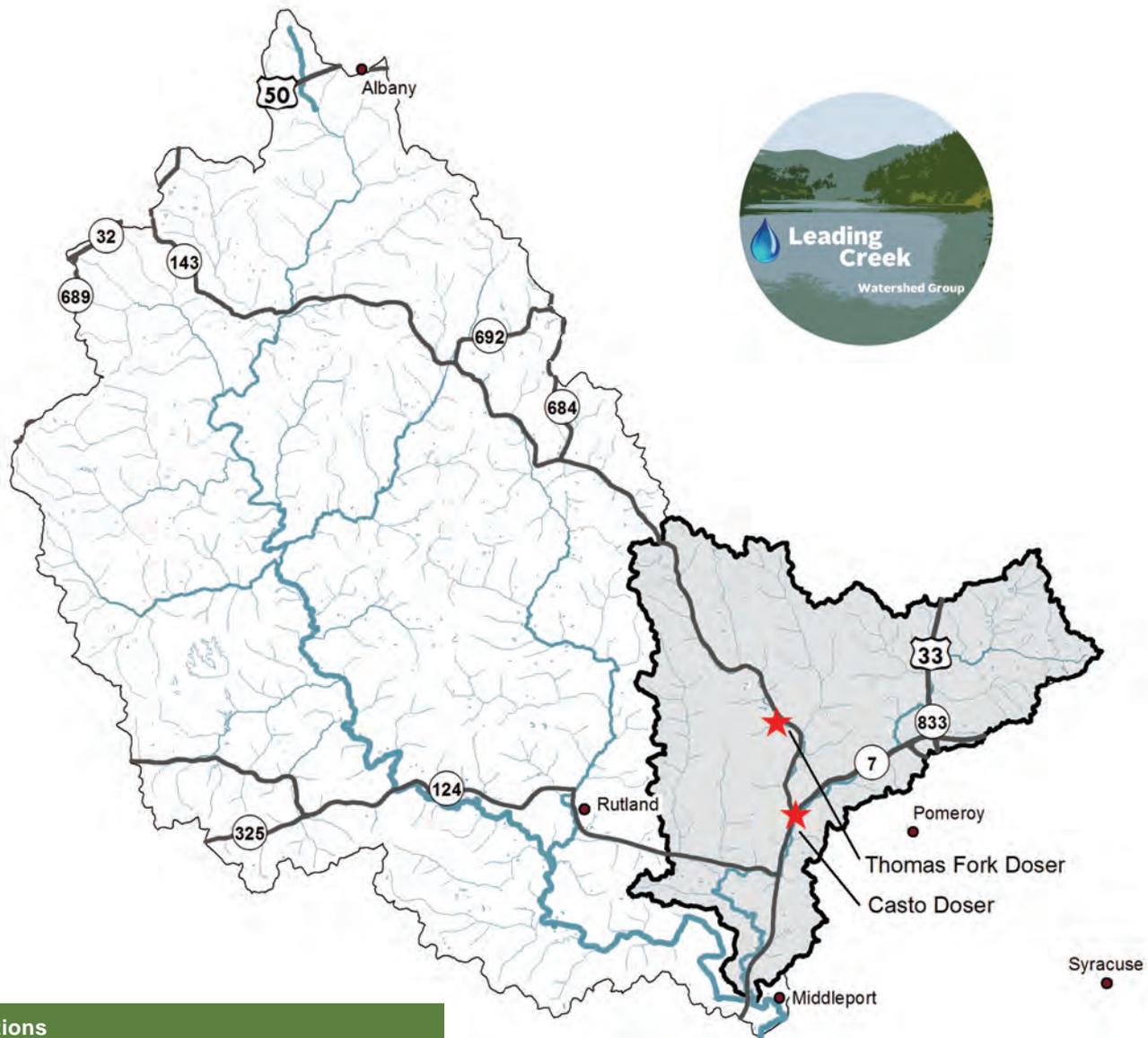
Huff Run MAIS Regressions

| | '05 | '06 | '07 | '08 | '09 | '10 | '11 | '12 | '13 | '14 | '15 | '16 | '18 | Linear trends | R square | P-value | No. of observations |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------|----------|----------|---------------------|
| HRR01 RM 7.7 | 14 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 9 | 13 | 6 | 10 | 15 | 9 | 12 | 13 | no change | 0.00946 | 0.751908 | 13 |
| HRR02 RM 6.7 | 12 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 7 | 13 | 11 | no change | 0.05783 | 0.428672 | 13 |
| HRR03 RM 5.4 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 9 | | 11 | 13 | 13 | 12 | improved | 0.76331 | 0.000204 | 13 |
| HRR04 RM 4.8 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 6 | 7 | | 11 | 9 | 8 | 12 | improved | 0.36064 | 0.038940 | 13 |
| HRR06 RM 2.7 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 4 | | 7 | 11 | 10 | 8 | improved | 0.52724 | 0.007496 | 13 |
| HRR07 RM 1.4 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 3 | | 7 | 2 | 4 | 2 | no change | 0.00450 | 0.835864 | 13 |
| HRR08 RM 0.4 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | | 4 | 4 | 2 | 3 | no change | 0.04433 | 0.489862 | 13 |

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Reductions

Total acid load reduction = 663 lbs/day

Total metal load reduction = 234 lbs/day

Acid and metal load reductions based on projects monitored during 2017-2018 listed here: Thomas Fork Doser, and Casto Doser.

Costs

Design \$36,132

Construction \$692,349

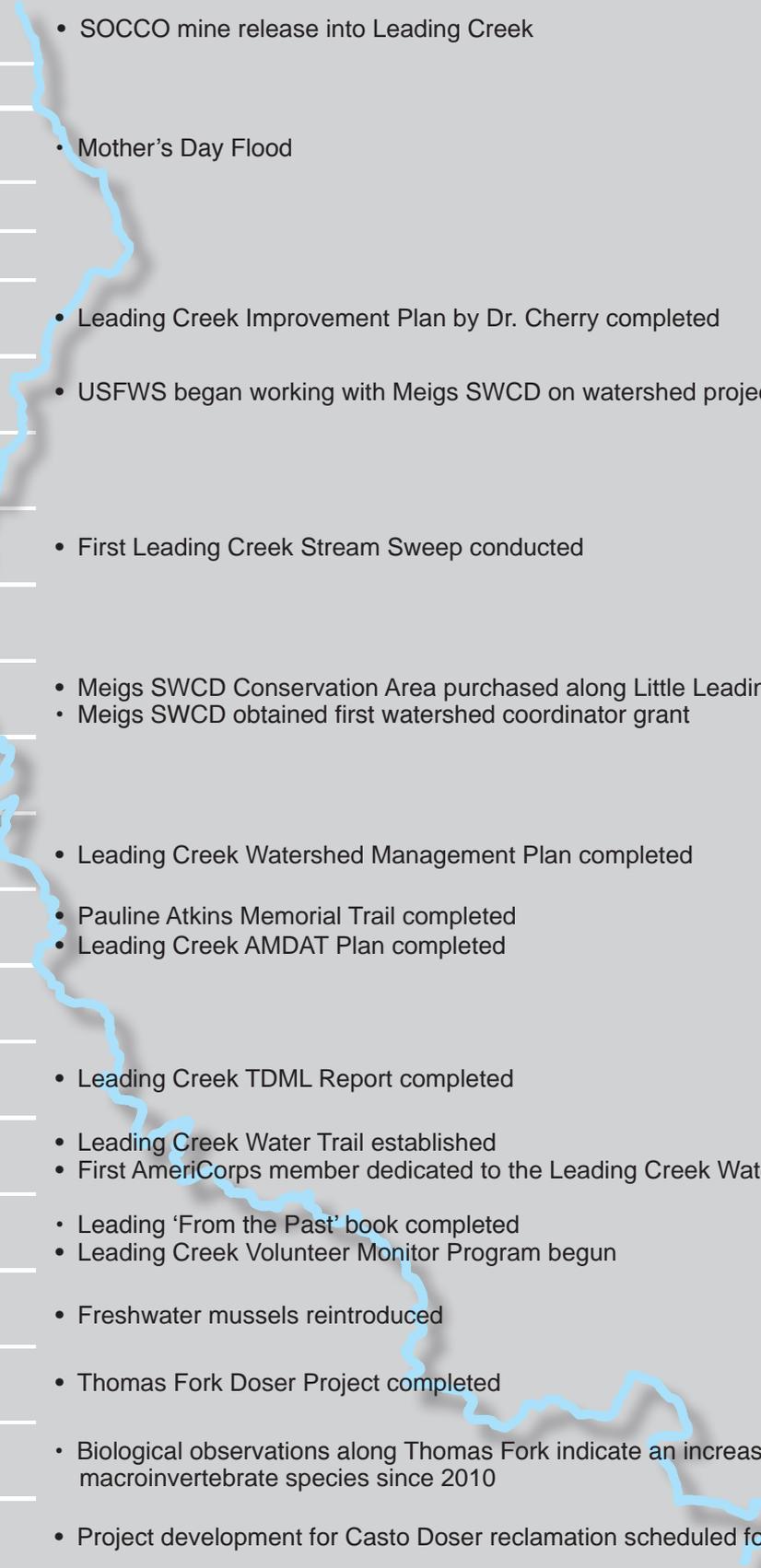
Total Costs through 2018 = \$728,481



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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

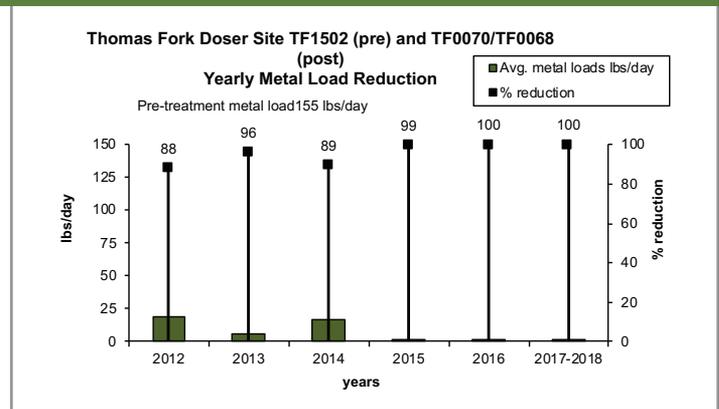
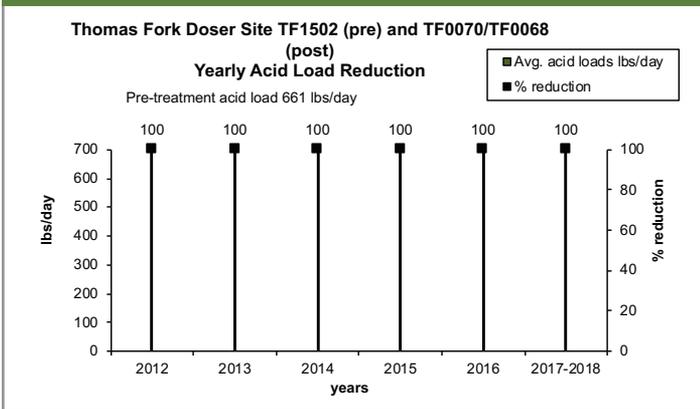
Acid mine drainage reclamation projects completed in Leading Creek Watershed:

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

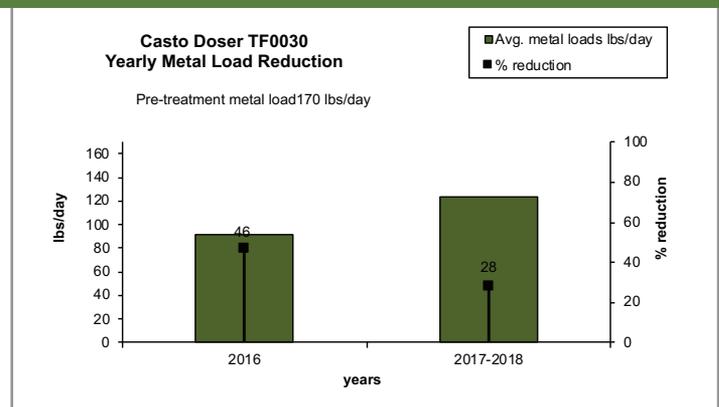
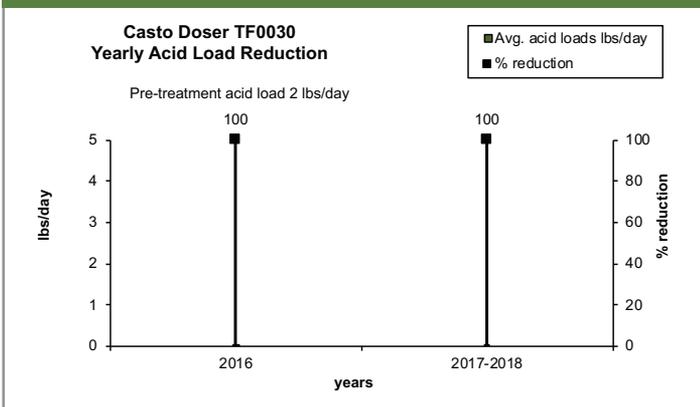
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Thomas Fork Doser Site TF1502 and TF0070/TF0068



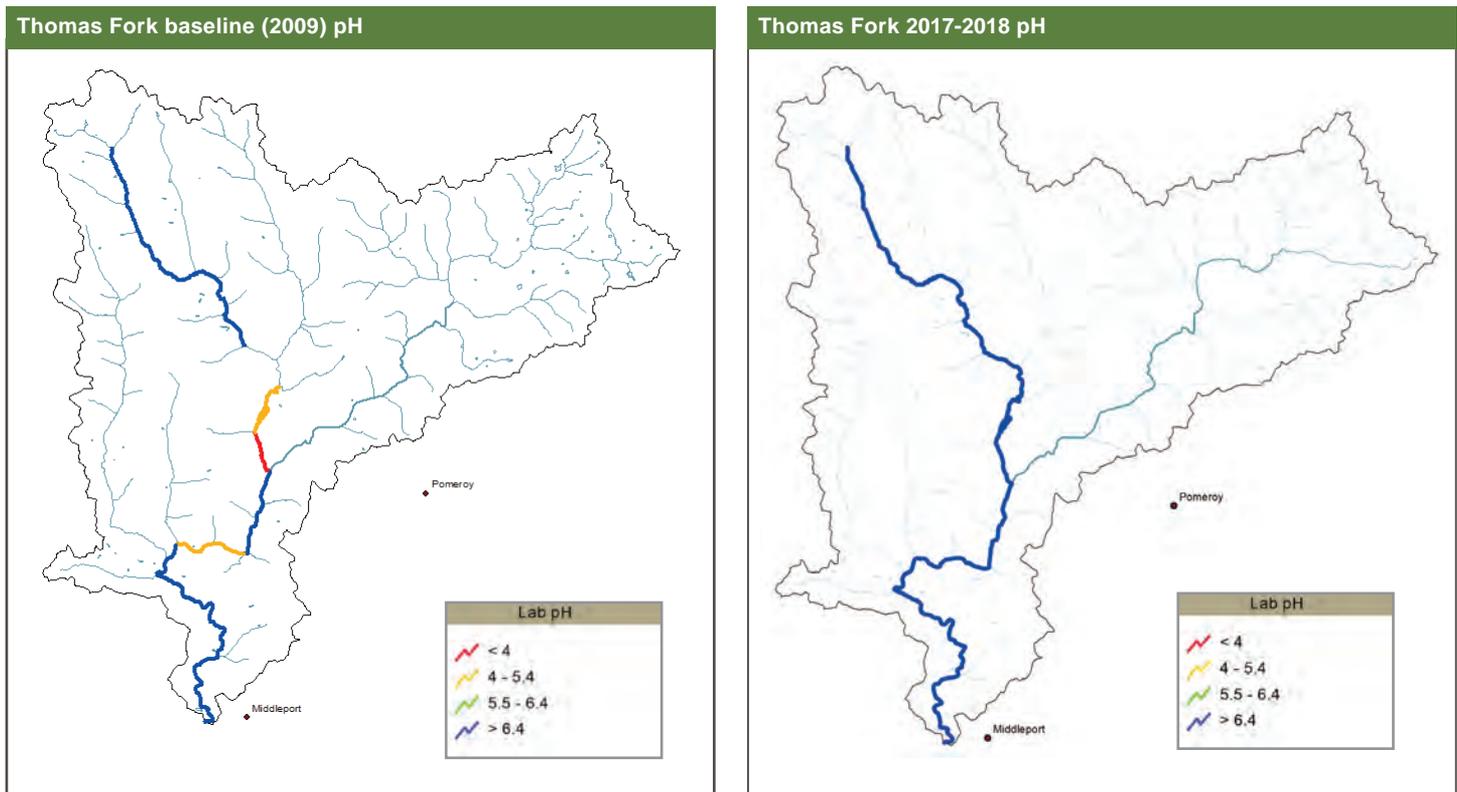
Casto Doser Site TF0030



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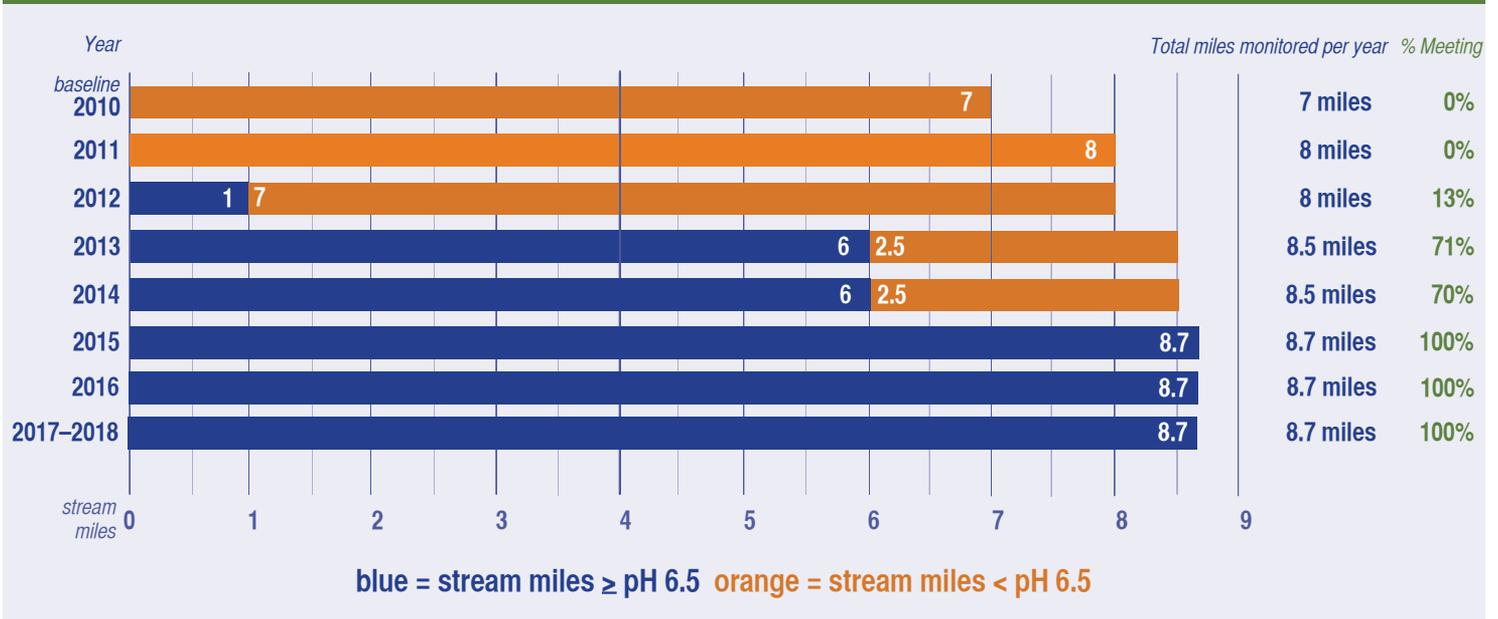
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Chemical Water Quality



Thomas Fork in 2018, 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 three years.

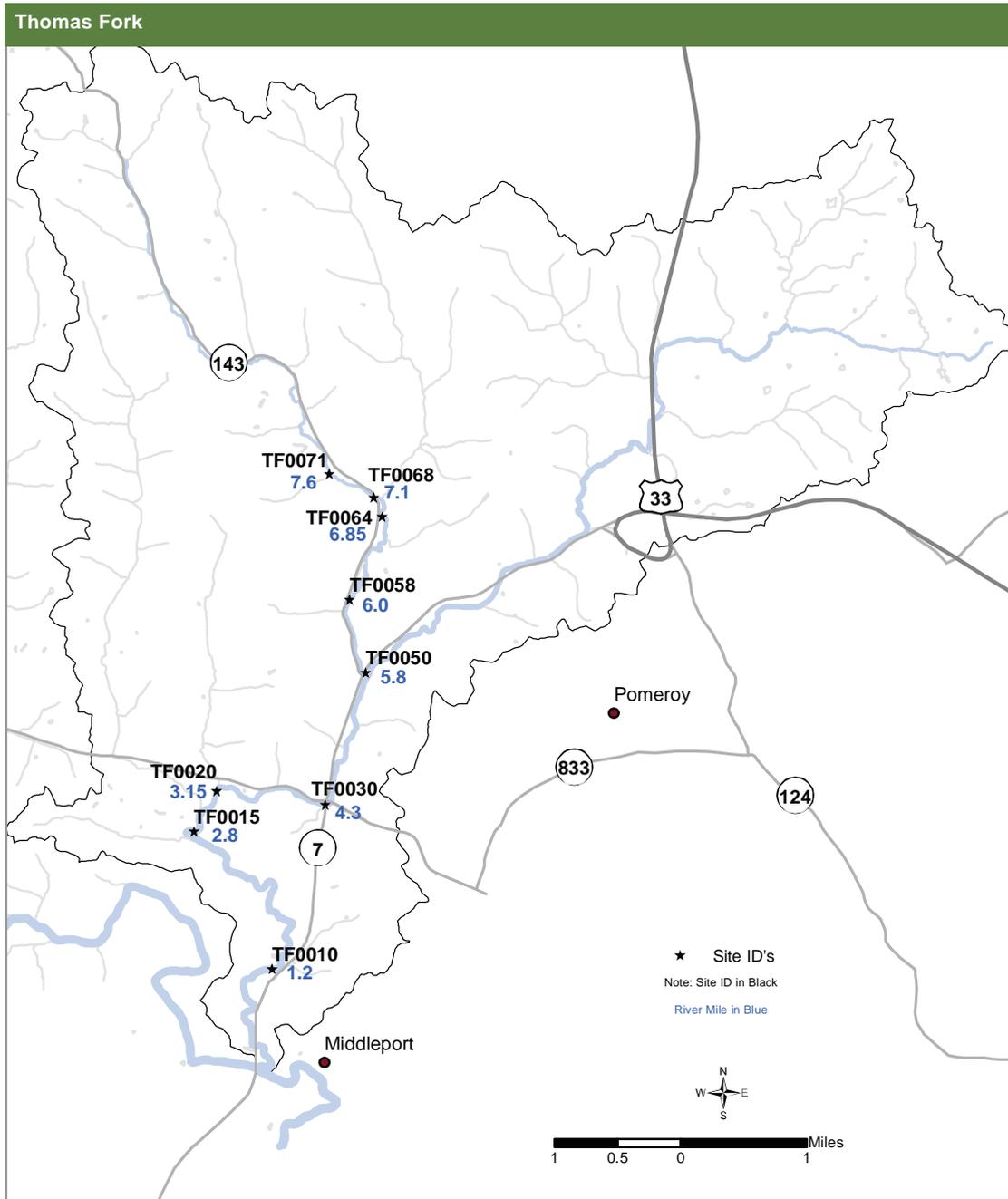
Figure 1. Thomas Fork total stream miles monitored for pH through time



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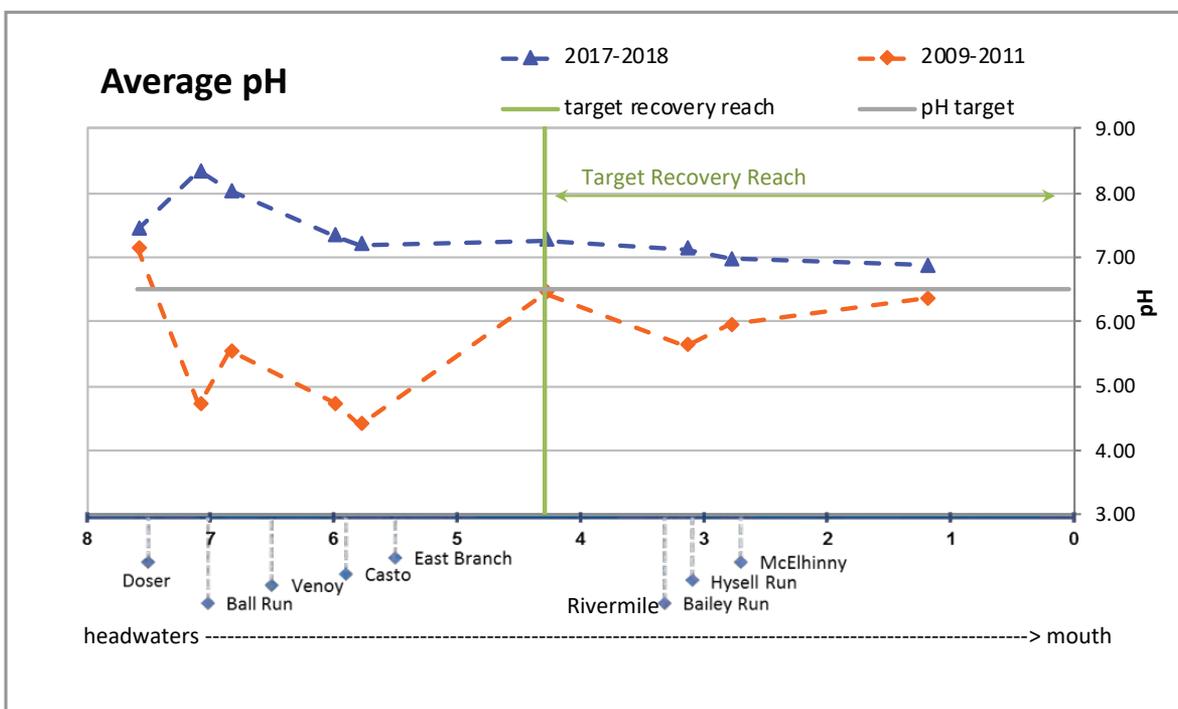
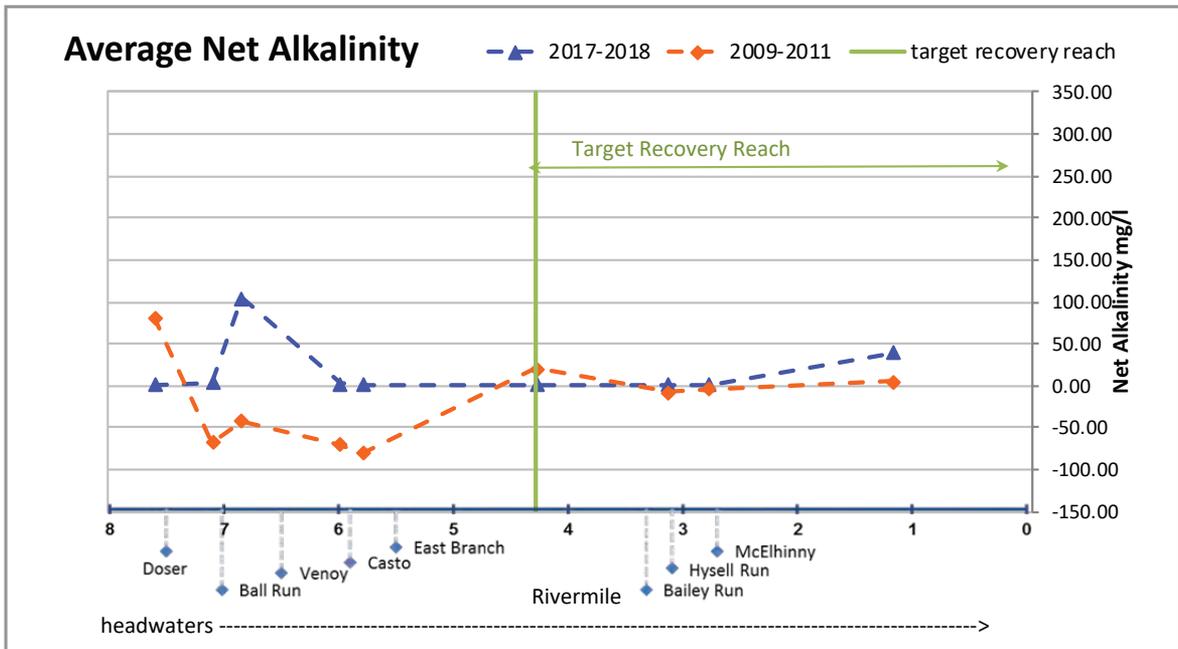
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Chemical Water Quality

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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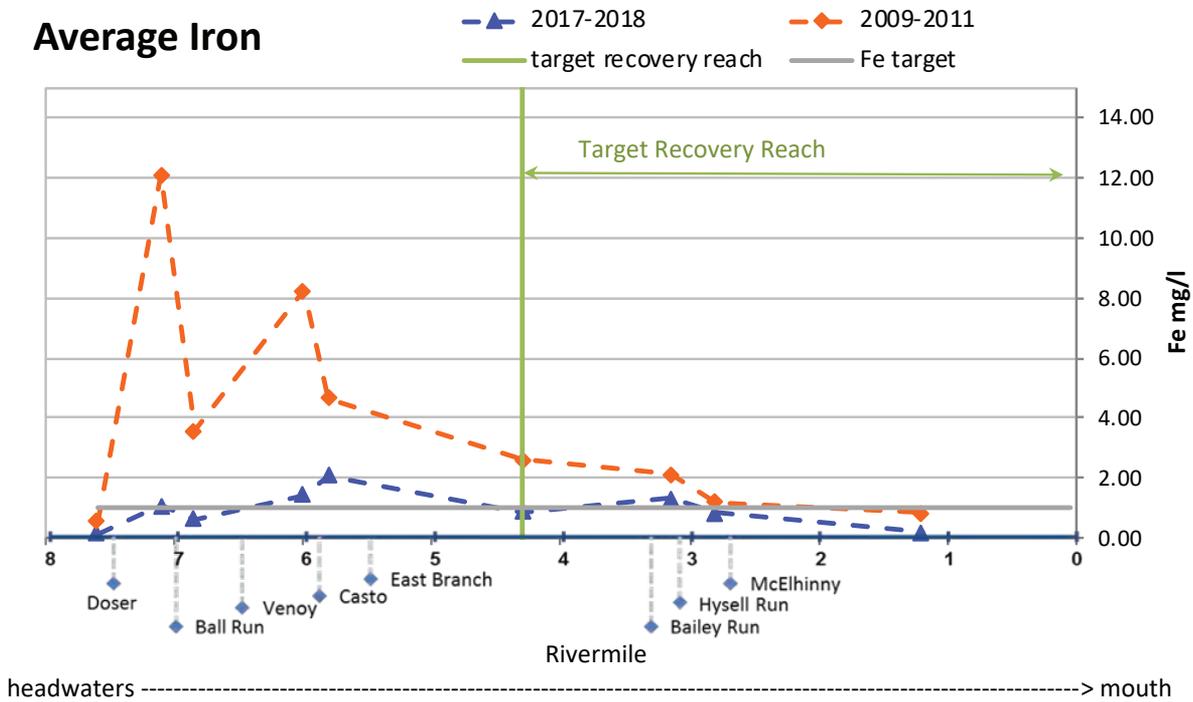
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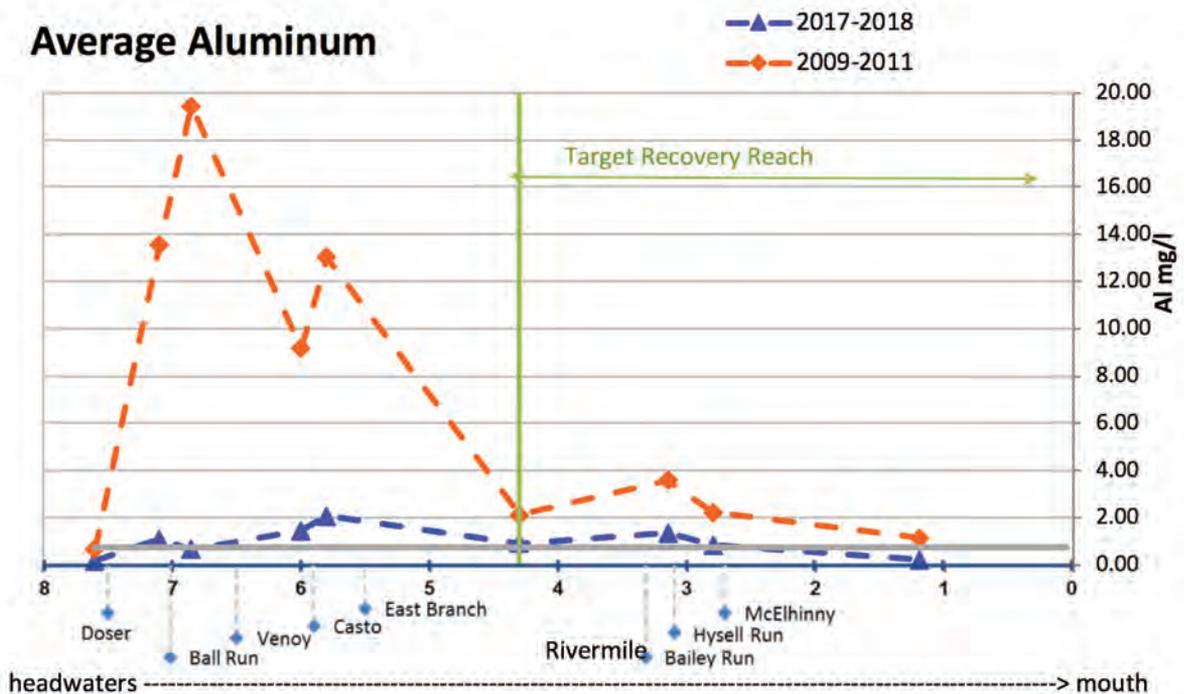
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Average Iron



Average Aluminum

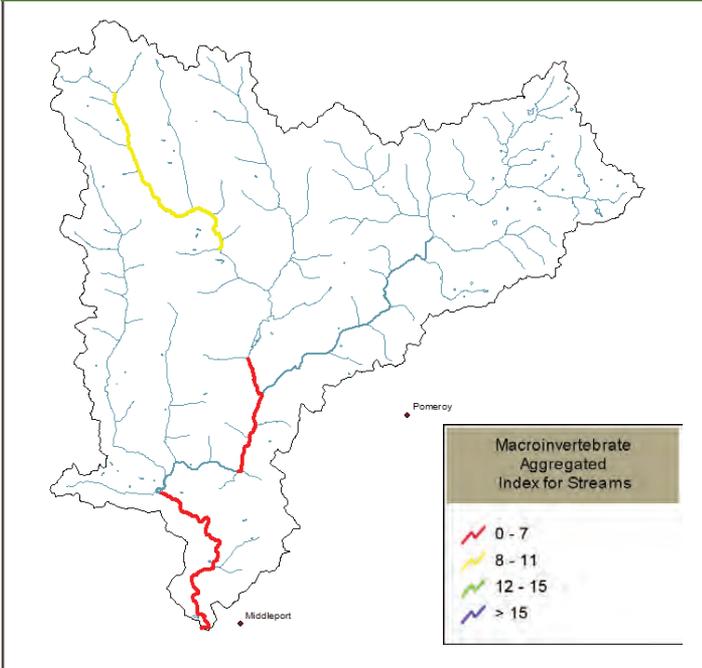


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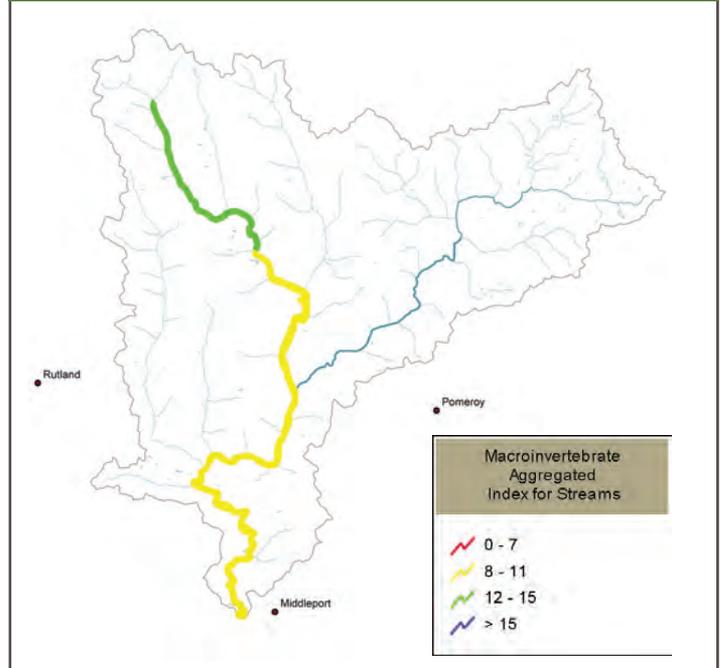
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Biological Water Quality

Thomas Fork baseline MAIS



Thomas Fork 2017–2018 MAIS



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 2018.

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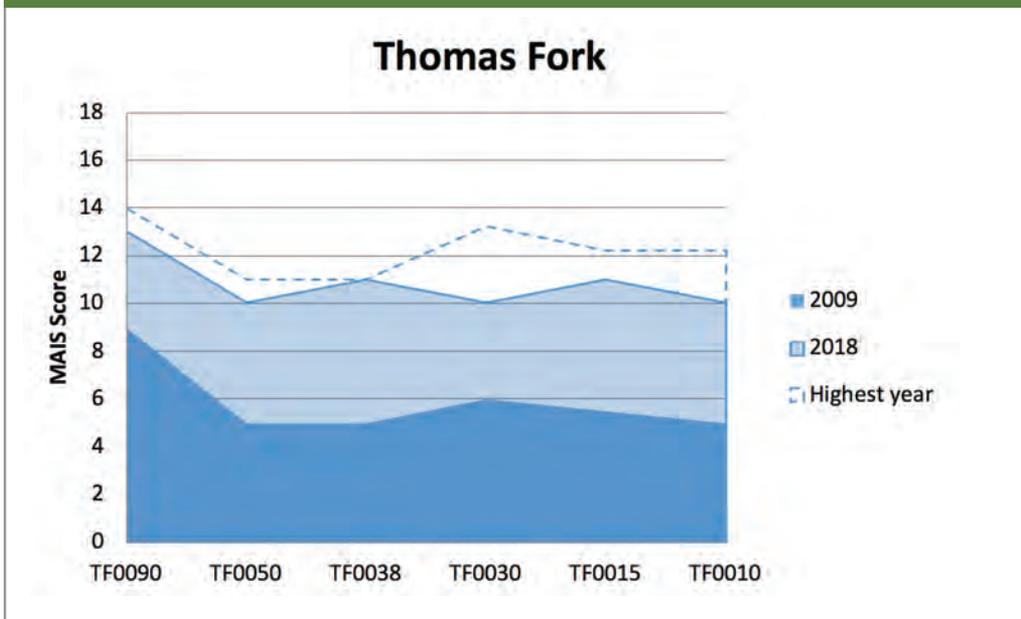
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Biological Water Quality

Thomas Fork

Prior to 2012, the aquatic biota in the lower reaches of Thomas Fork of Leading Creek were of very poor quality. In 2011 and 2012, MAIS scores ranged from 2 – 7 at all sites except the uppermost site at TF0090. By 2016, improvements in the macroinvertebrate community were evident. All three downstream sites met the biological target of a MAIS of '12' or higher and one (TF0015) met the statistical criteria for significant improvement. In 2018, although scores were slightly lower, a second site (TF0050) also met the statistical criteria for improvement since 2009.

Area of degradation 2009-2018



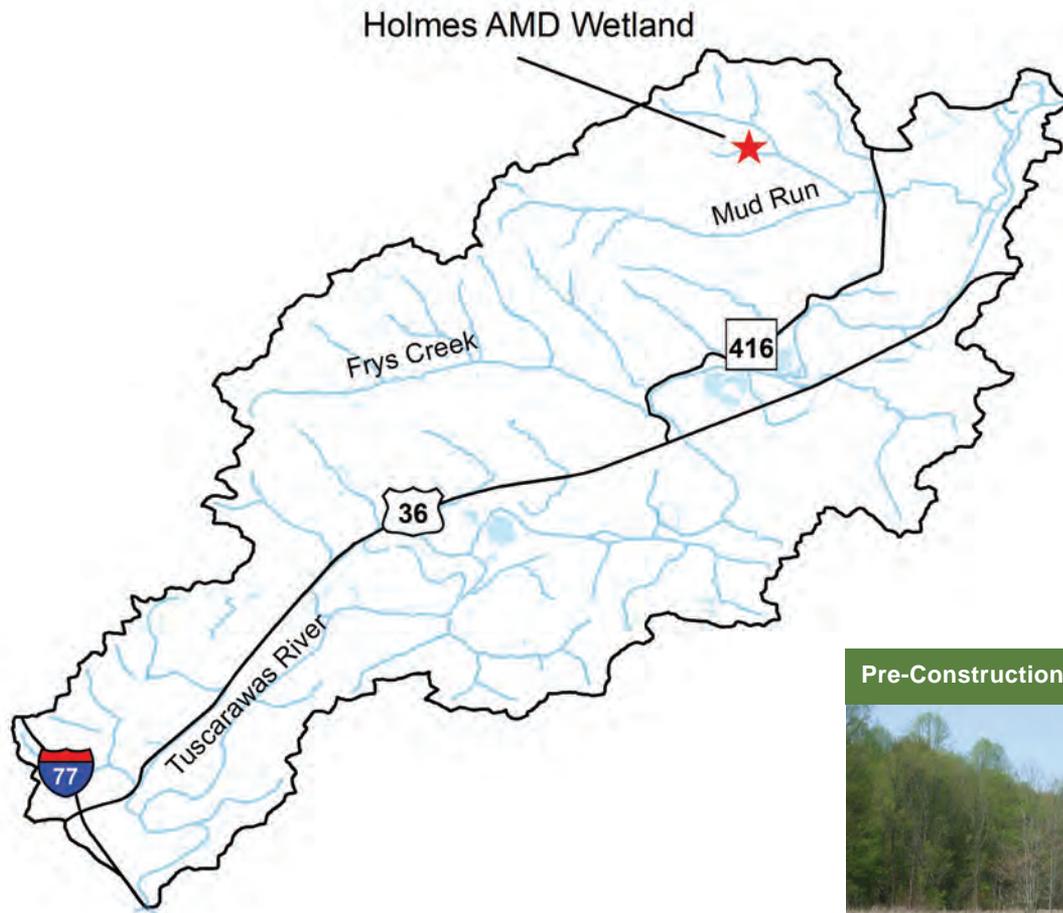
Thomas Fork MAIS Regressions

| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2018 | Linear trends | R square | P-value | No. of observation |
|--------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------------|----------|----------|--------------------|
| TF0090 | 9 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 14 | 14 | 12 | 12 | 13 | no change | 0.208953 | 0.216067 | 9 |
| TF0050 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 10 | 11 | 10 | improved | 0.44256 | 0.050531 | 9 |
| TF0038 | 5 | 11 | 7 | 5 | 10 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 11 | no change | 0.304247 | 0.123668 | 9 |
| TF0030 | 6 | 12 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 13 | 10 | no change | 0.225148 | 0.196853 | 9 |
| TF0015 | | 8 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 11 | improved | 0.623832 | 0.019704 | 8 |
| TF0010 | 5 | 12 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 12 | 10 | no change | 0.218272 | 0.204802 | 9 |

OTHER PROJECTS

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Acid and Metal Loads

Pre-treatment acid Load = 182 lbs/day

Post-treatment acid load = 98 lbs/day

Pre-treatment metal Load = 30 lbs/day

Post-treatment metal load = 13 lbs/day

Costs

Total Costs of project = \$284,763

Pre-Construction



Post-Construction

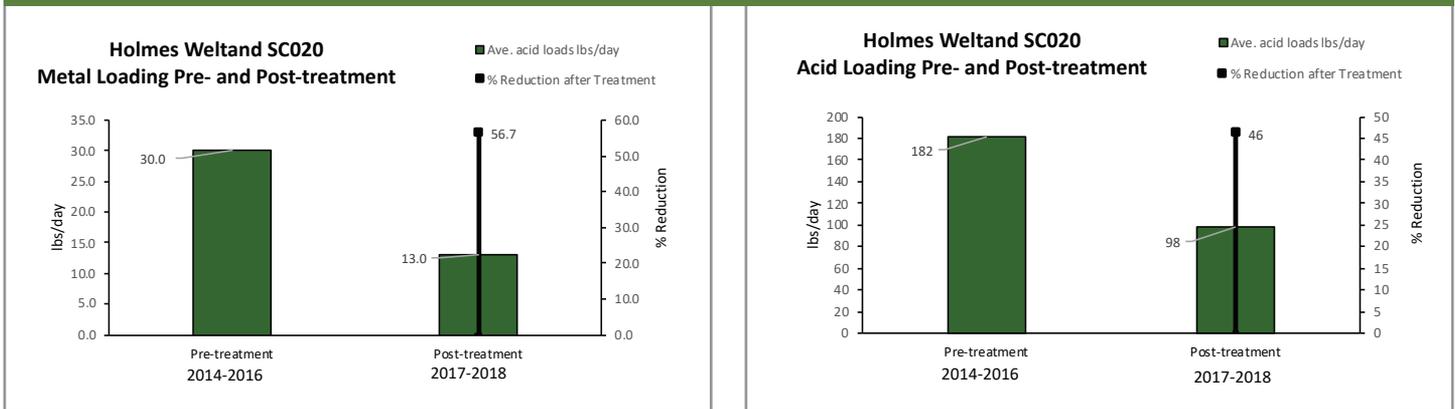


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Holmes Wetland SC020



Holmes AMD Wetland site pre-construction contributes acidity and high amounts of iron from the abandoned coal mine site that drains to Mud Run, a tributary of the Tuscarawas River. The treatment strategy of the Holmes AMD Wetland Project, is to add alkalinity through a passive limestone leach bed. The goal of this project is to reduce iron levels in Silver Creek Tributary to Mud Run.

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Appendix: Quality Assurance Quality Control (QAQC)

LEADING CREEK

| | Collection Period | Samples Collected | Duplicates | Blanks |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------|--------|
| | 01/01/2017-12/31/2018 | 22 | 3 | 1 |
| Percent of Samples | | - | 11% | 3.6% |

Percent Difference from Lab and Field

| Leading Creek | % Difference pH | % Difference Conductivity |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Range | 0.14 -14.89 | 0.27 - 13.57 |
| Median | 1.82 | 1.55 |

Percent Difference of Duplicate Samples (2)

| | % Difference pH | % Difference Conductivity | % Difference Iron | % Difference Aluminum | % Difference Acidity | % Difference Alkalinity |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Range | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.15-0.91 | 0.04-1.02 | 0.09-0.11 | 0 |
| Median | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

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Appendix: Quality Assurance Quality Control (QAQC)

MONDAY CREEK

| Monday Creek | Collection Period | Samples Collected | Duplicate Samples | Blanks |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------|
| | 2/14/2017 - 12/11/2018 | 335 | 17 | 6 |
| Percent of Samples | | - | 5% | 2% |

Percent Difference from Lab and Field

| | % Difference pH | % Difference Conductivity |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Range | 0.0-39.58 | 0.0-200 |
| Median | 3.36 | 0.9 |

Percent Difference of Duplicate Samples (16)

| | % Difference pH | % Difference Conductivity | % Difference Iron | % Difference Aluminum | % Difference Acidity | % Difference Alkalinity |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Range | 0.00% - 4.77 | 0.00 - 1.09 | 0.00 - 25.86 | 0.00 - 30.20 | 0.00 - 52.87 | 0.00 - 17.62 |
| Median | 0.92 | 0.27 | 3.10 | 1.85 | 2.48 | 0.56 |

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Appendix: Quality Assurance Quality Control (QAQC)

RACCOON CREEK

| Raccoon Creek | Collection Period | Samples Collected | Duplicates | Blanks |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|--------|
| | 02/06/17-12/04/18 | 130 | 10 | 6 |
| Percent of Samples | | | 8% | 5% |

Percent Difference from Lab and Field

| | % Difference pH | % Difference Conductivity |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Range | 0.28-29.5 | 0.06-36.7 |
| Median | 4.8 | 1.44 |

Percent Difference of Duplicate Samples (18)

| | % Difference pH | % Difference Conductivity | % Difference Iron | % Difference Aluminum | % Difference Acidity | % Difference Alkalinity |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Range | 0.31-9.32 | 0.00-2.19 | 0.00-17.28 | 0.00-1.67 | 0.00-13.1 | 0.00-187.9 |
| Median | 0.67 | 0.20 | 0.57 | 0.81 | 8.7 | 0.57 |

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HUFF RUN

| Raccoon Creek | Collection Period | Samples Collected | Duplicates | Blanks |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------|--------|
| | 1/26/2017-12/18/2018 | 105 | 9 | 6 |
| Percent of Samples | | | 8.5% | 5.7% |

Percent Difference from Lab and Field

| | % Difference pH | % Difference Conductivity |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Range | 0.14 - 40.13 | 0.14 - 1.06 |
| Median | 5 | 0.78 |

Percent Difference of Duplicate Samples (18)

| | % Difference pH | % Difference Conductivity | % Difference Iron | % Difference Aluminum | % Difference Acidity | % Difference Alkalinity |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Range | 0.14 - 1.06 | 0.00 - 1.61 | 0.00 - 3.98 | 0.84- 10.53 | 0.00 -21.73 | 0.19 - 2.26 |
| Median | 0.78 | 0.68 | 0.64 | 3.77 | 7.48 | 0.63 |

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SUNDAY CREEK

| Raccoon Creek | Collection Period | Samples Collected | Duplicates | Blanks |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------|--------|
| | 3/28/2017-12/12/2018 | 35 | 3 | 0 |
| Percent of Samples | | | 8.5% | 0 |

Percent Difference from Lab and Field

| | % Difference pH | % Difference Conductivity |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Range | 0.36-21.93 | 0.09 - 42.72 |
| Median | 4.61 | 2.71 |

Percent Difference of Duplicate Samples (18)

| | % Difference pH | % Difference Conductivity | % Difference Iron | % Difference Aluminum | % Difference Acidity | % Difference Alkalinity |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Range | 0.15-1.66 | 0.00-1.83 | 0.00 -4.65 | 0.00-6.62 | 4.67-35.94 | 0.25-1.49 |
| Median | 0.80 | 0.90 | 1.33 | 2.86 | 11.38 | 0.61 |