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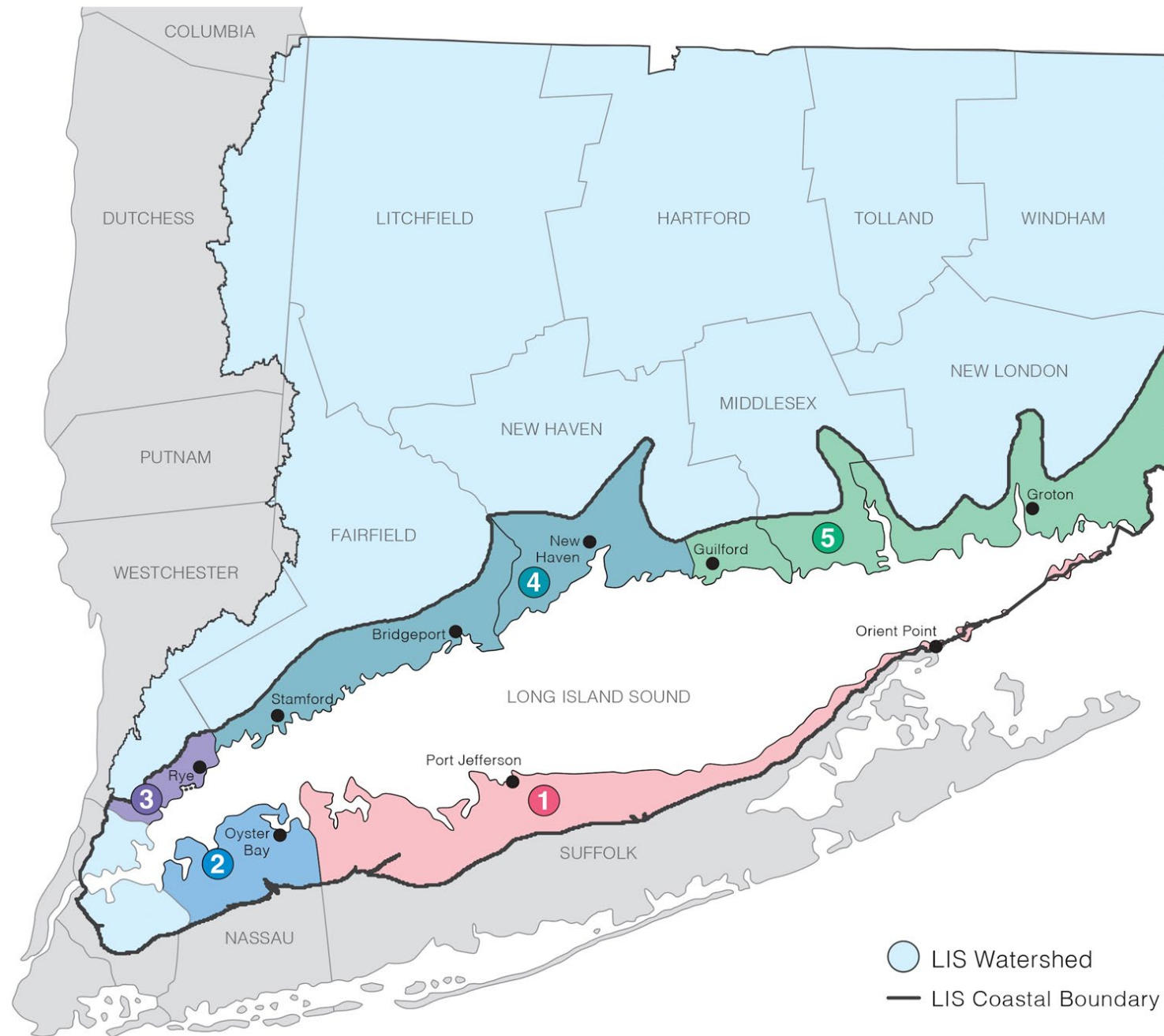
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Long Island Sound Sustainable and Resilient Communities 3rd Annual Workshop: Resilience Tools Session

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 – 1:30-3:30 PM EST



Sustainable & Resilient Communities (SRC) Extension Professionals



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Suffolk County
Elizabeth Hornstein



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Nassau County
Sarah Schaefer-Brown



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Westchester County
Sara Powell



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Western CT
Deb Visco Abibou



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Eastern CT
Sarah Schechter

Workshop Rules



Please keep your phones and audio on mute, and keep your camera off too!



Workshop will be recorded and made available to attendees afterward



We will be using interactive polls to gather feedback



Please use the chat for questions for speakers or technical issues

Please indicate the sector that best represents you:

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Federal or state government

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Indigenous Nation or Community

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Local Government

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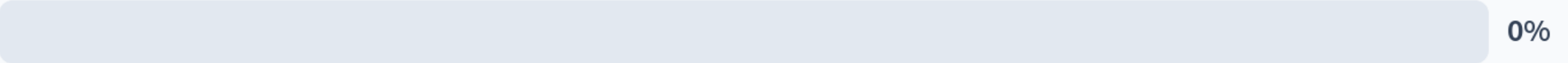
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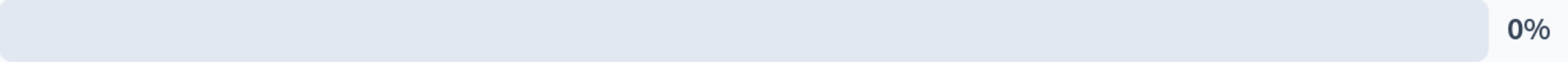
Have you attended other SRC workshops or trainings?

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Yes



No, this is my first time!



What is your familiarity with federal, state, and local resilience tools?

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I frequently use various resilience tools to assess climate impacts and help with planning

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I occasionally use resilience tools

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I rarely use resilience tools

0%

I have not used any resilience tools

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What is your familiarity with the Long Island Sound Resilience Resource Hub?

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The Resource Hub is fantastic and I use it frequently!

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I occasionally use the Resource Hub

0%

I am familiar with the Resource Hub but have not used it much

0%

I had not heard about the Resource Hub

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2025 Comprehensive Conservation & Management Proposed Goals

1. Clean Waters & Healthy Watersheds
2. Thriving Habitats & Abundant Wildlife
3. Informed & Engaged Public
4. Sustainable & Resilient Communities

Goal: Empower communities to plan for and respond to environmental challenges in ways that prioritize well-being for all.



Informed Decision-Makers

Grow the number of municipal, nonprofit, and community leaders receiving training and support to increase capacity for adaptation to environmental challenges.



Community-Driven Resilience Planning

Increase the number of municipalities that identify key resilience priorities through local and/or regional community-driven planning processes.



Resilience Initiative Implementation

Implement initiatives to improve community resilience to flooding and other environmental challenges.

Finding climate resources should be easy

The Long Island Sound Resilience Resource Hub is here to help your community. Learn about environmental challenges, planning solutions, and how to implement and sustain projects now.

Select your Planning Phase, Location, and/or Topic of interest to access a filtered selection of our curated resources and tools.

Planning Phase

Select a Planning Phase



Location

Select a Location



Topic

Select a Topic



Get Started



Compound Flood Risk Across Long Island Sound: An Interactive Mapping Tool for Informed Risk Management

Robin Glas, Hydrologist, U.S. Geological Survey - New York Water Science Center



Long Island Culverts and the Prioritization Mapping Toolkit

Enrico Nardone, Executive Director, Seatuck Environmental Association

Kaitlin Mattei, Conservation Project Manager, Seatuck Environmental Association



Road Stream Crossing Management Plans

Mike Jastremski, Watershed Conservation Director, Housatonic Valley Association



The Connecticut Watershed Model

Kathleen Knight, Long Island Sound Project Coordinator, Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection

What tools (if any) do you currently use to evaluate flooding impacts in your community?

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Nobody has responded yet.

Hang tight! Responses are coming in.



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Robin Glas

Hydrologist

US Geological Survey, New York Water Science Center, Troy, NY

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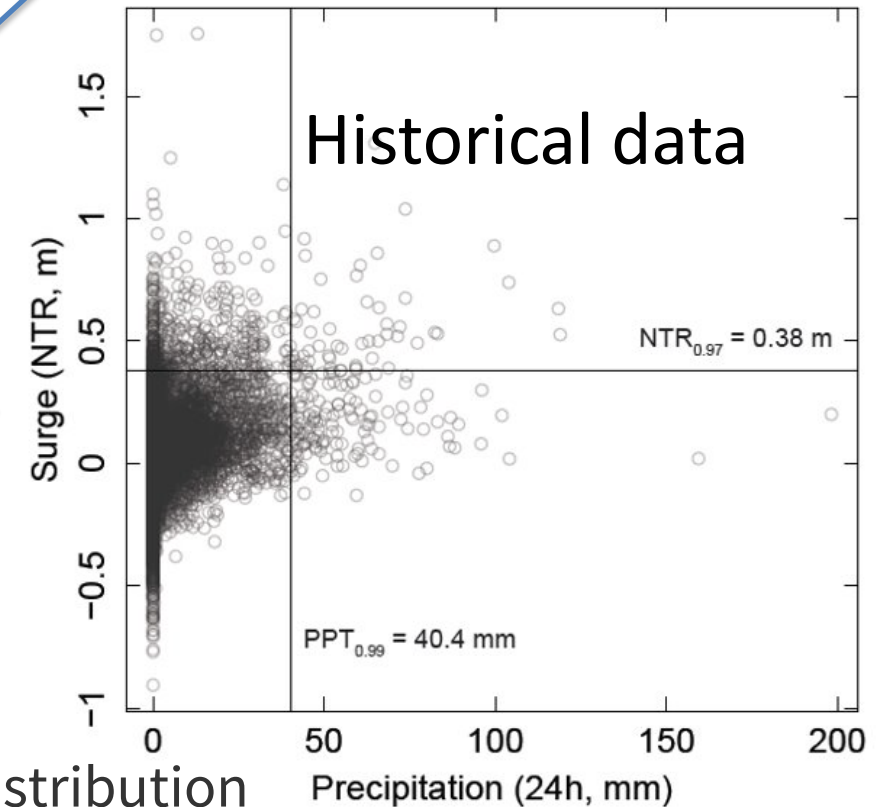
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Compound Flooding- the co-occurrence of multiple flood drivers



Compound flood
vulnerability index

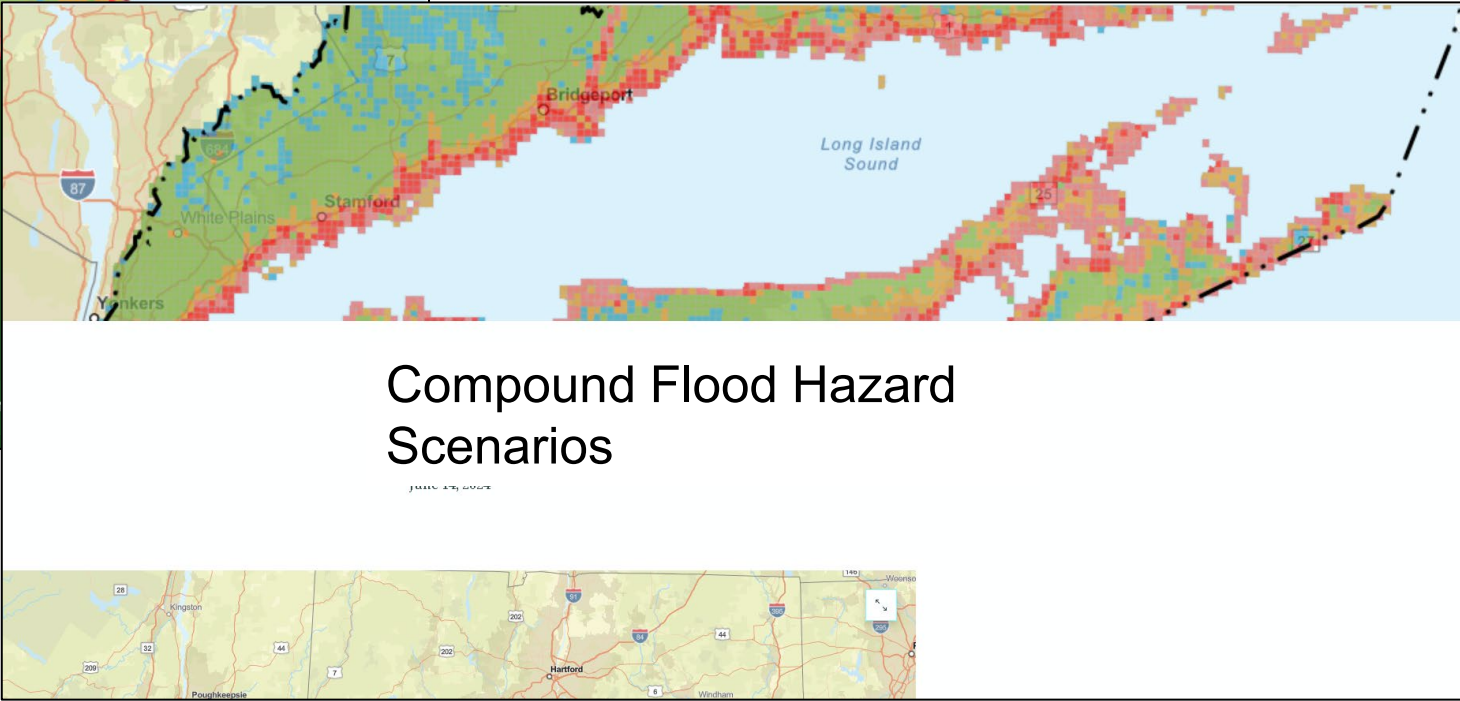
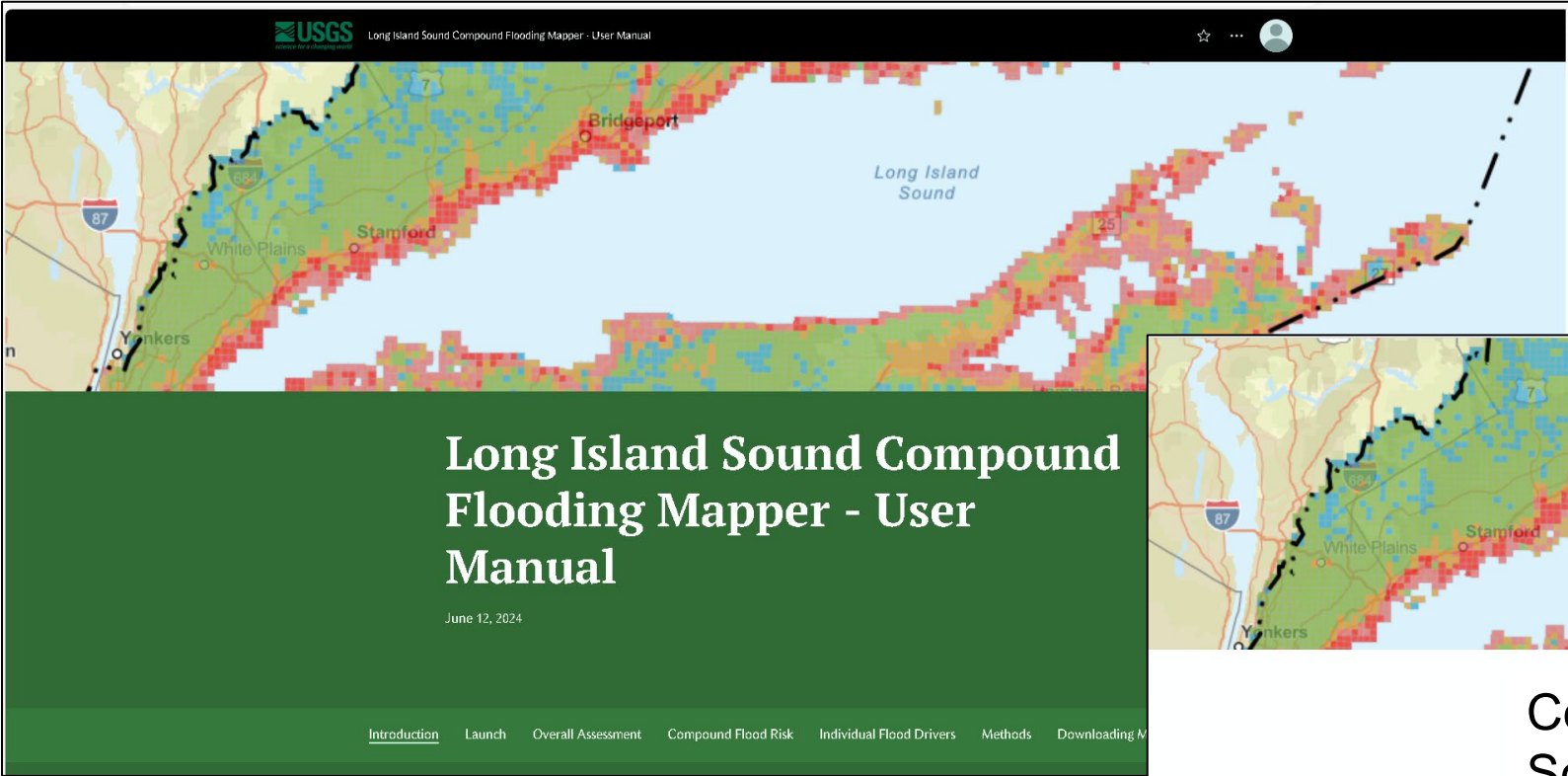


Project objectives, overarching questions

- Are compound flood events an issue for Long Island Sound? How have these events occurred historically and how are they projected to change in the future?
- If these events were to hit in the near future, what geographic locations would be more affected than others?
- **How to communicate the complexities of compound events to the public**
- **How managers can use the results from this mapping tool**

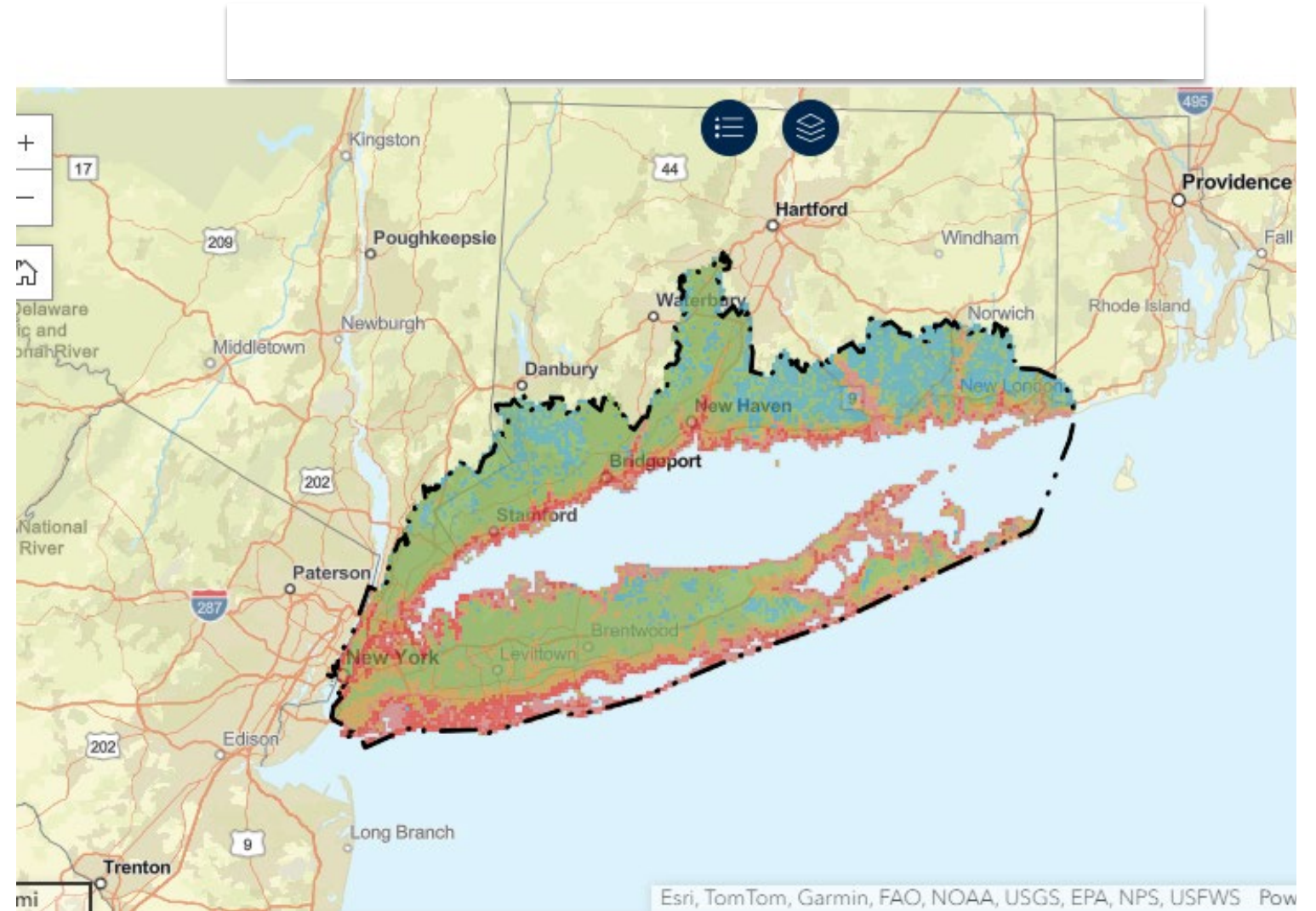
Compound Flood Risk Mapper

Preview of Tutorials/Story Maps



Overview of mapper tool

- **Area domain includes all of Long Island, and coastal contributing areas to LIS in southern CT**
- **All maps are aggregated to 900 m X 900 m grid cells**
- **Click on any grid cell to view the susceptibility to flash flooding, coastal flooding, groundwater flooding, and compound effects.**
- **Supplemental maps include sea level rise scenarios**

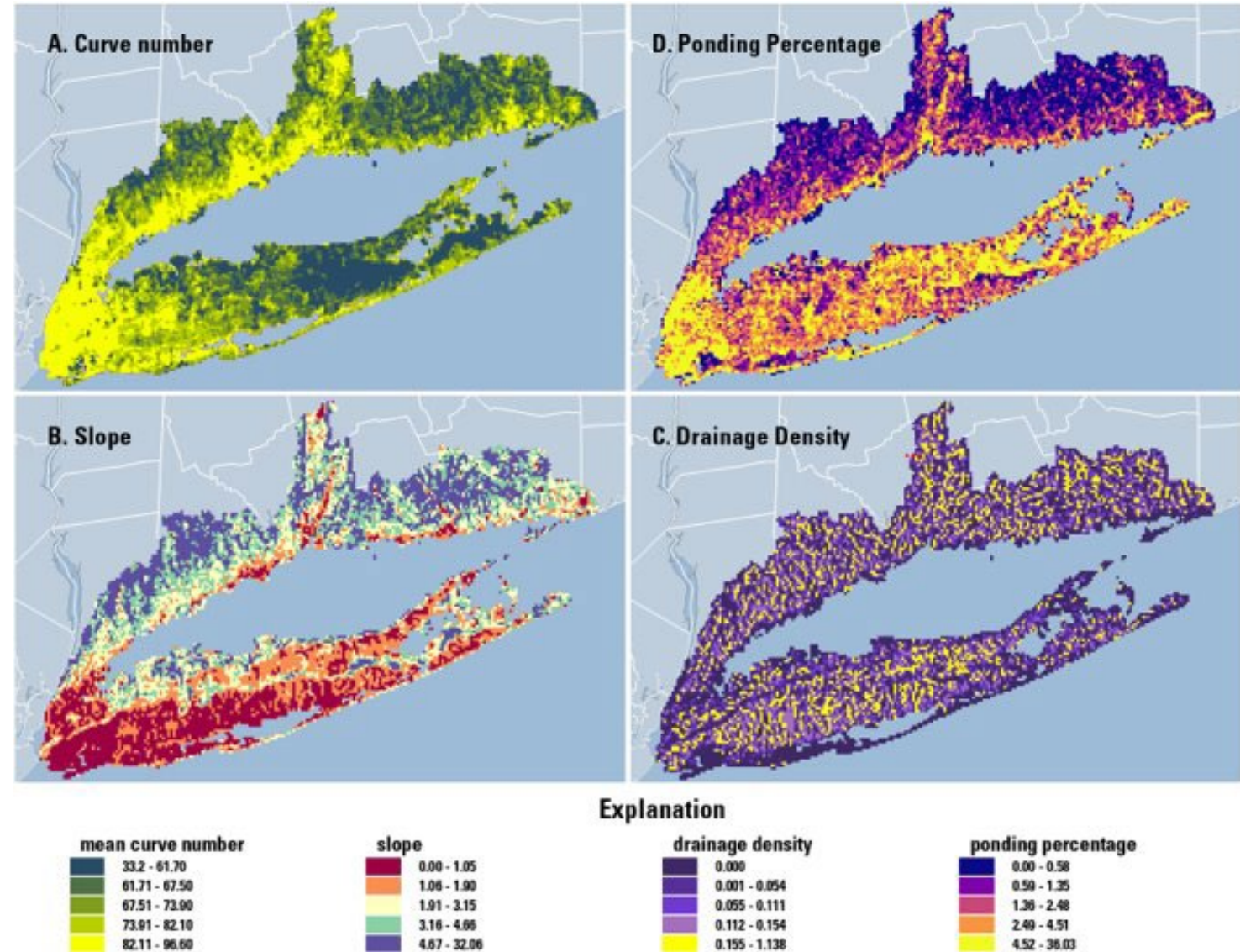


Rainfall susceptibility mapper

Underlying data that went into the mapper:

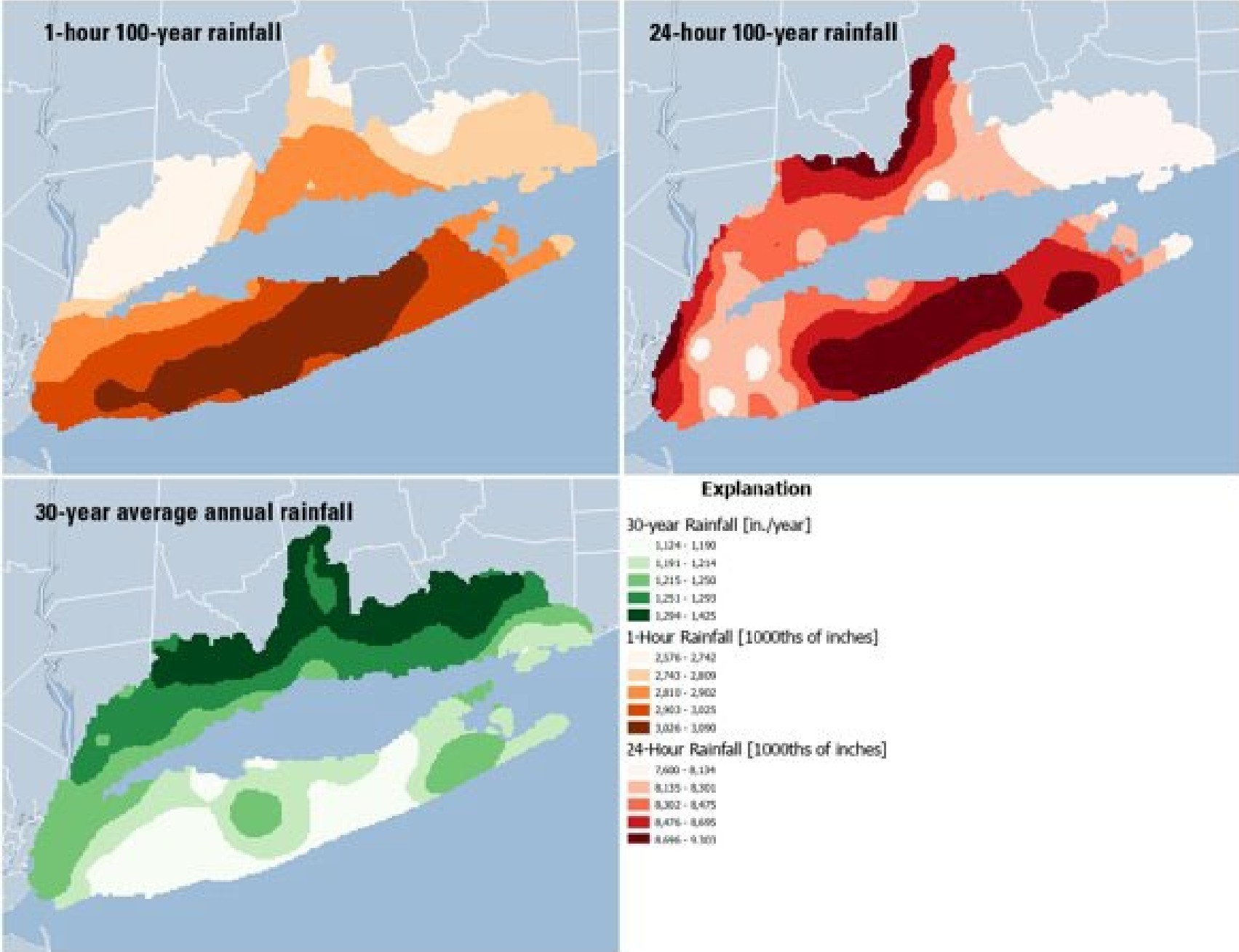
Pluvial flooding- high water levels caused by extreme rainfall, not necessarily in stream channels (flash flooding, street flooding)

Dependent on land cover- where will the water run off or pond?

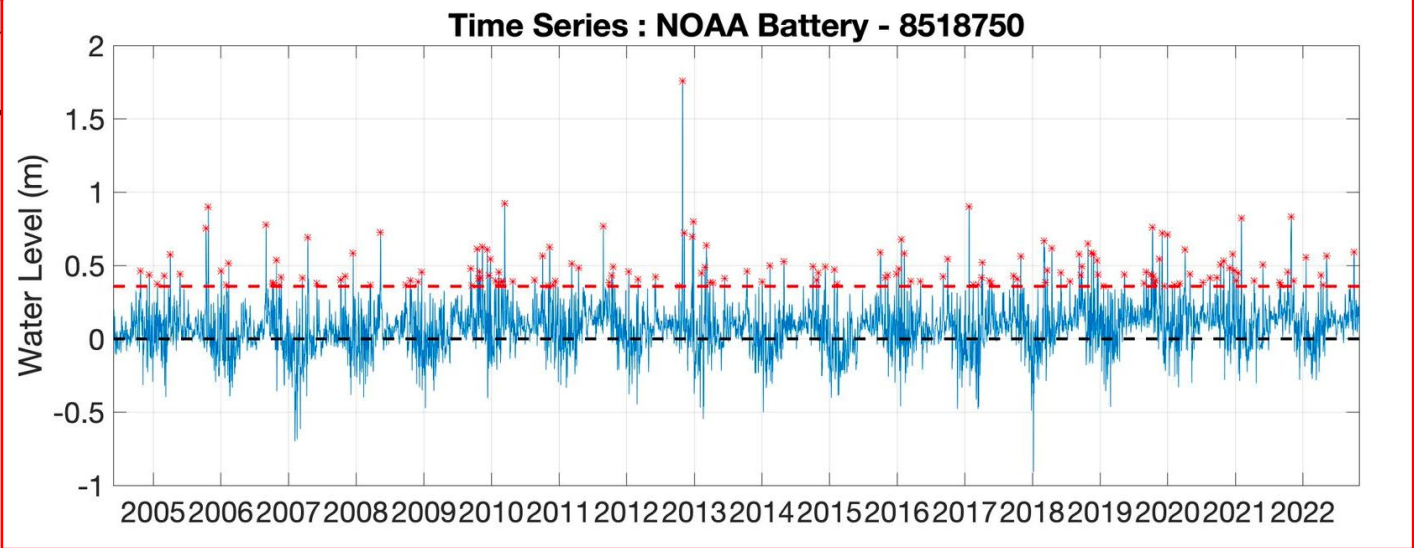
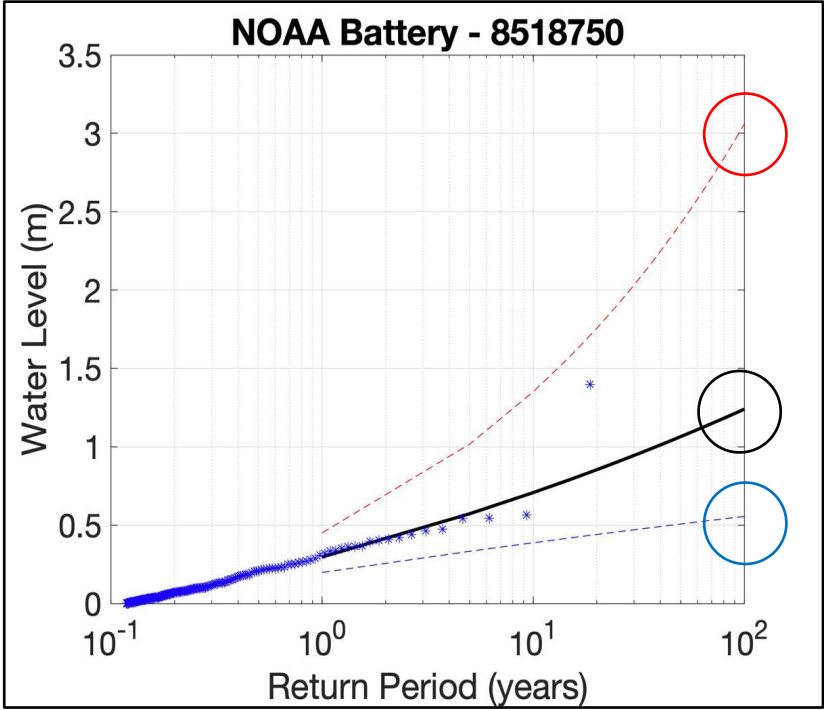
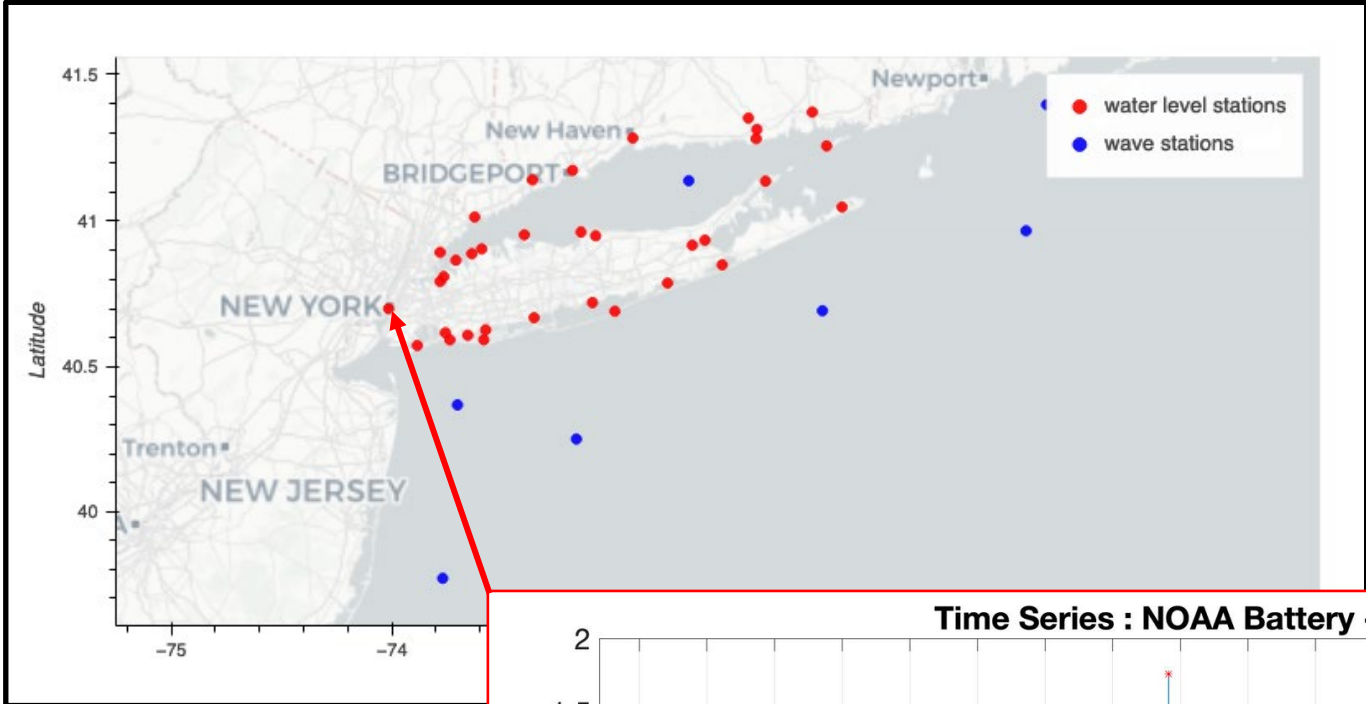


Rainfall susceptibility mapper

Underlying data, continued



Coastal Hazard Map Methodology



- Water Levels are projected onto the DEM via a smart bathtub algorithm
- A hazard score is assigned based on the frequency and area of inundation in a 900m grid cell



Groundwater/Shallow Water Table Inundation Hazard

- Within each 900m x 900m risk mapping cell, extract maximum simulated water table altitude (average conditions)
- Hazard calculated based on depth to water and presence of near surface infiltration-limiting soils. Maps of developed land use locations where groundwater may interact with subsurface infrastructure
- Same approach used for assigning hazard potential for future condition, using groundwater model simulation results with 6-feet SLR

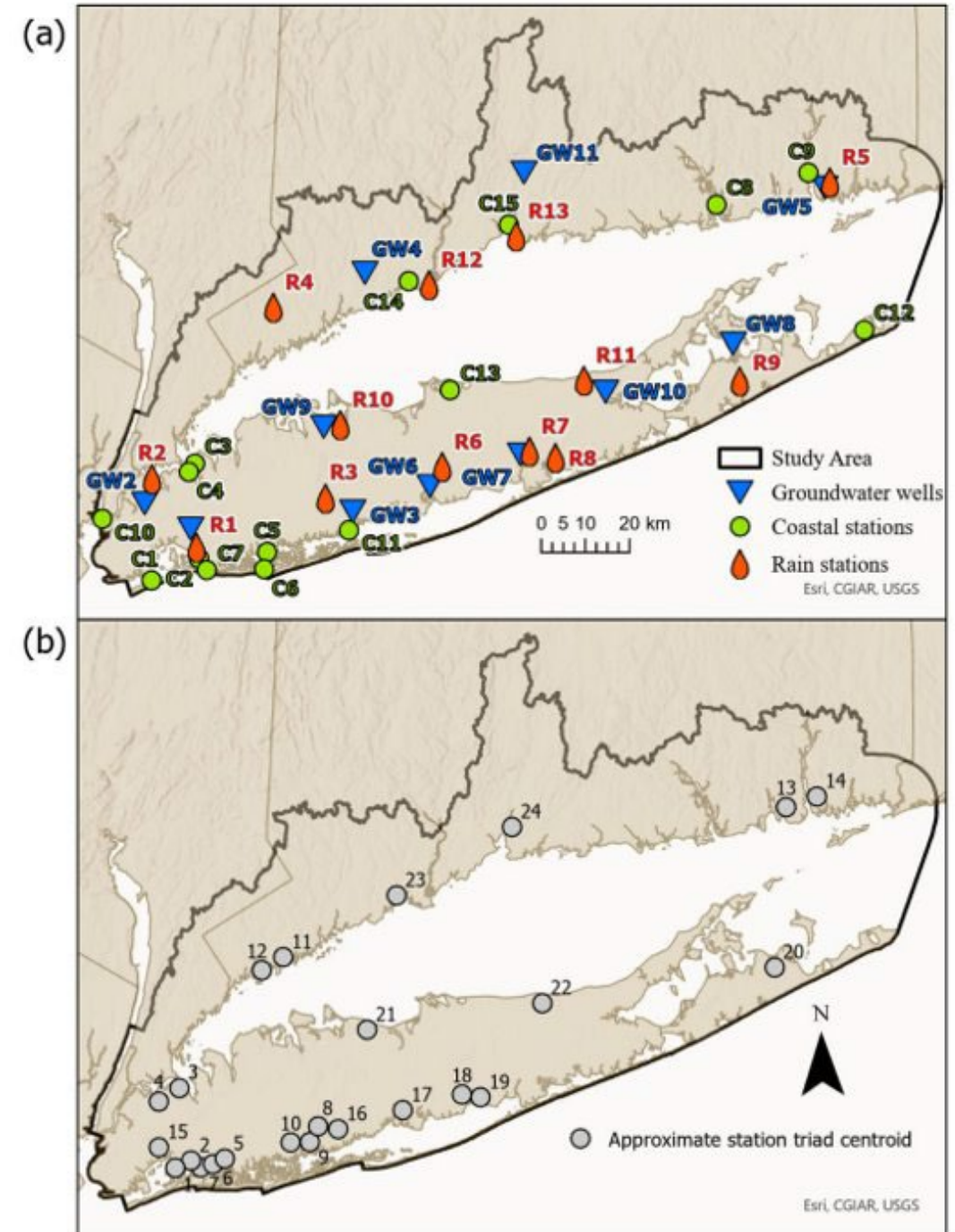


Compound Hazard

Return period shift- how many more times likely is a compound event to occur if we consider dependencies in the data?

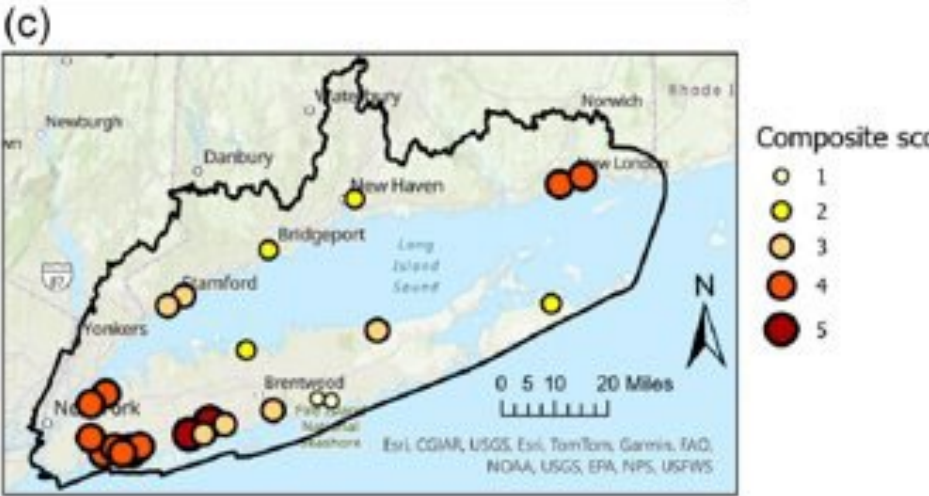
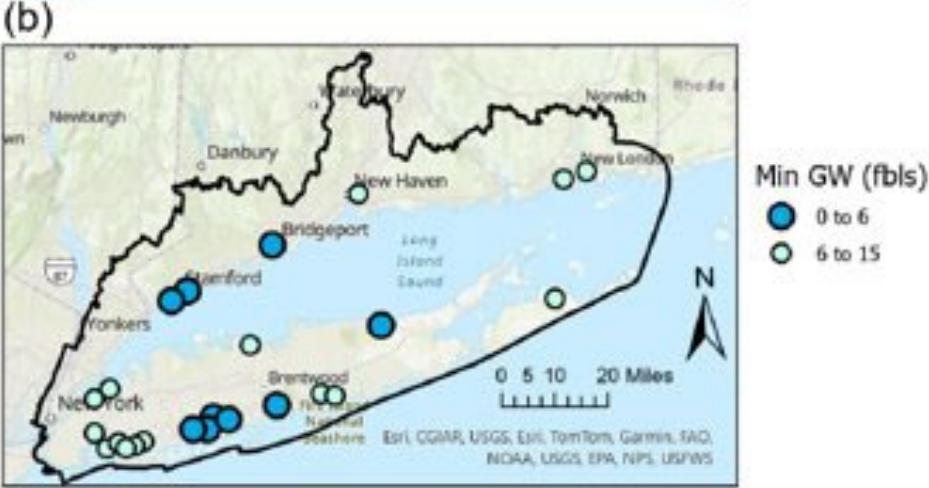
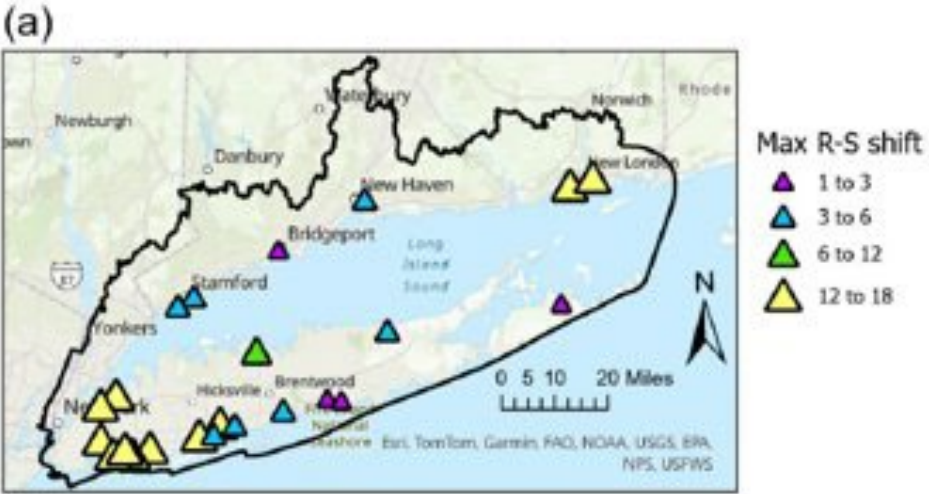
Combined with shallow monthly groundwater levels

= Composite score



Compound Hazard Composite Score

Category	Range	Score
GW _{min}	(0,6]	2
	(6, 12]	1
RPshift _{max}	(0,3]	0
	(3,6]	1
	(6,12]	2
	(12,18]	3
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Demonstration of mapping tool [Provisional, not yet published]

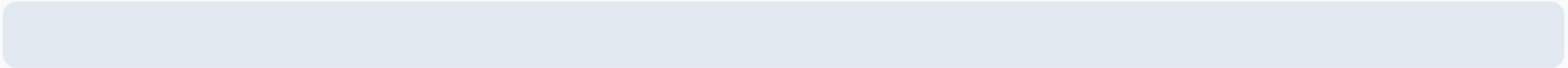
Demonstration of StoryMaps [Provisional, not yet published]



Is your community interested in learning more about the compound flood mapping tool and receiving in-depth training?

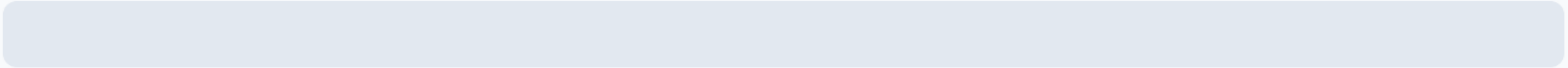


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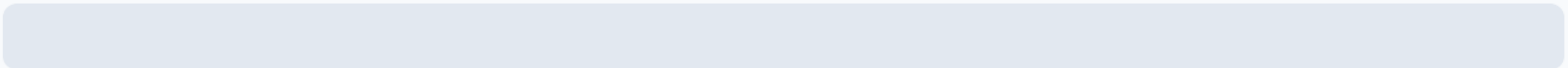
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What additional information would be helpful for understanding flooding risks in your community?

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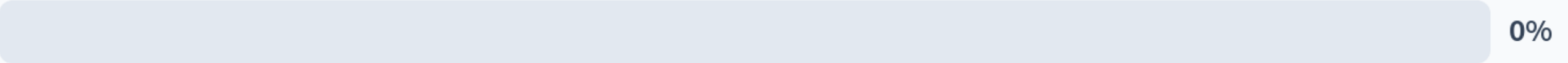
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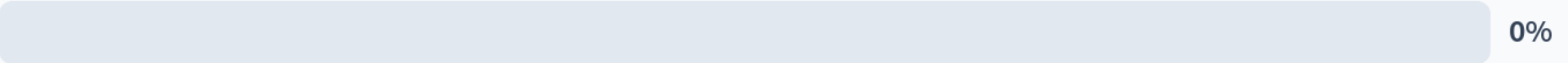
Have you worked on culvert restoration projects?

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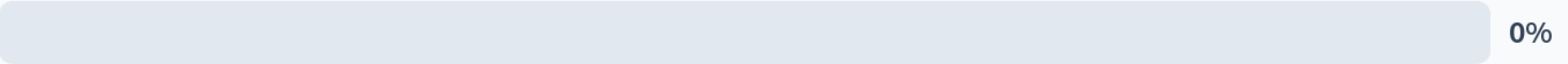
(A) I have worked on many culvert restoration projects



(B) I have worked on a few culvert restoration projects



(C) I have never worked on a culvert restoration project



For those that have worked on culvert restoration projects, have any of these projects involved efforts for aquatic connectivity (i.e fish passage?)

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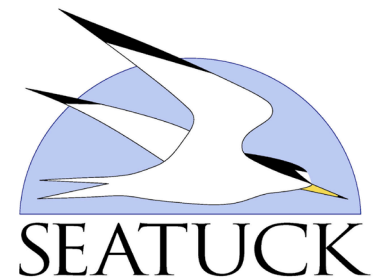
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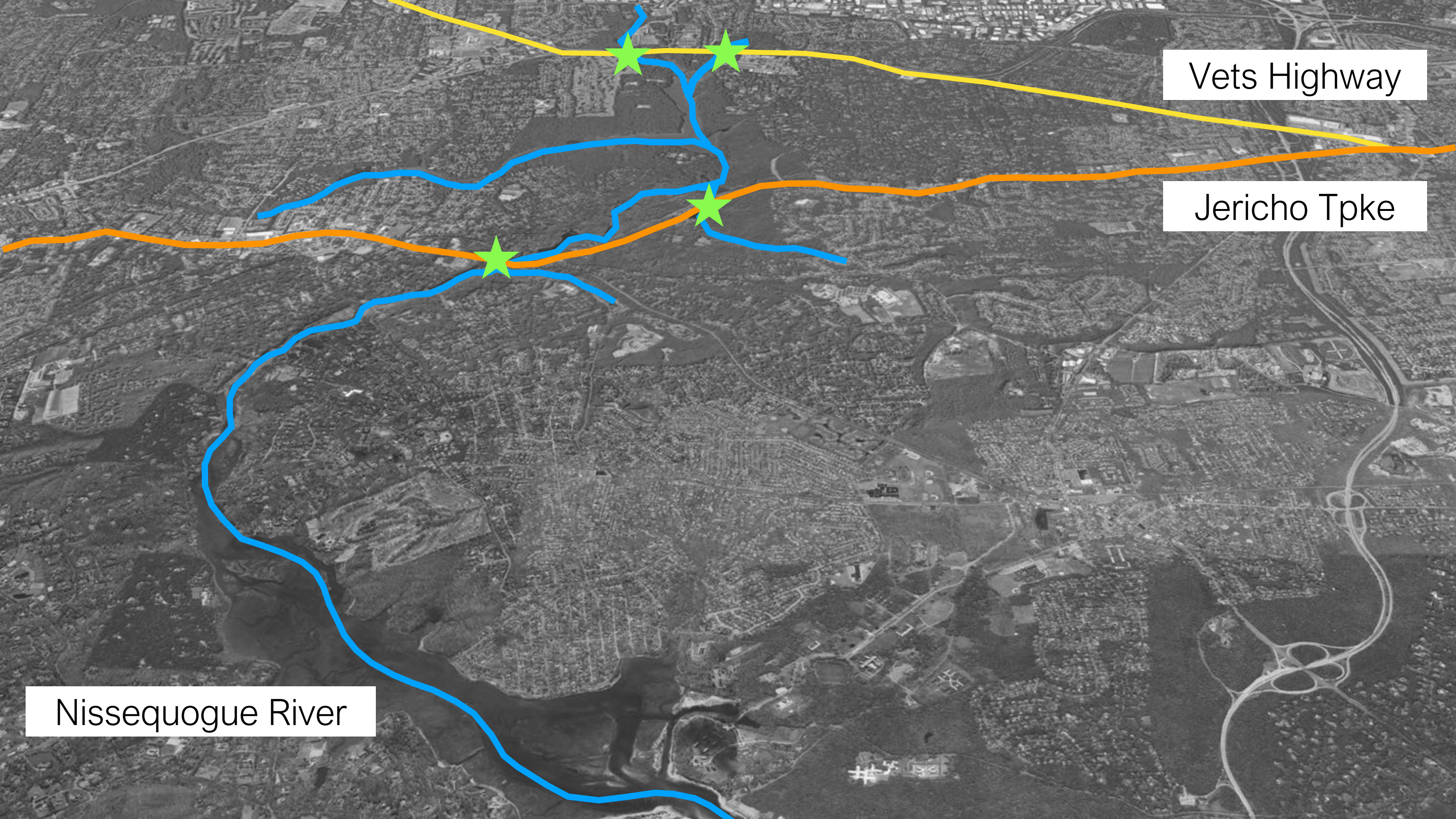
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ROAD-STREAM CROSSING & TIDAL CROSSING PRIORITIZATION TOOL



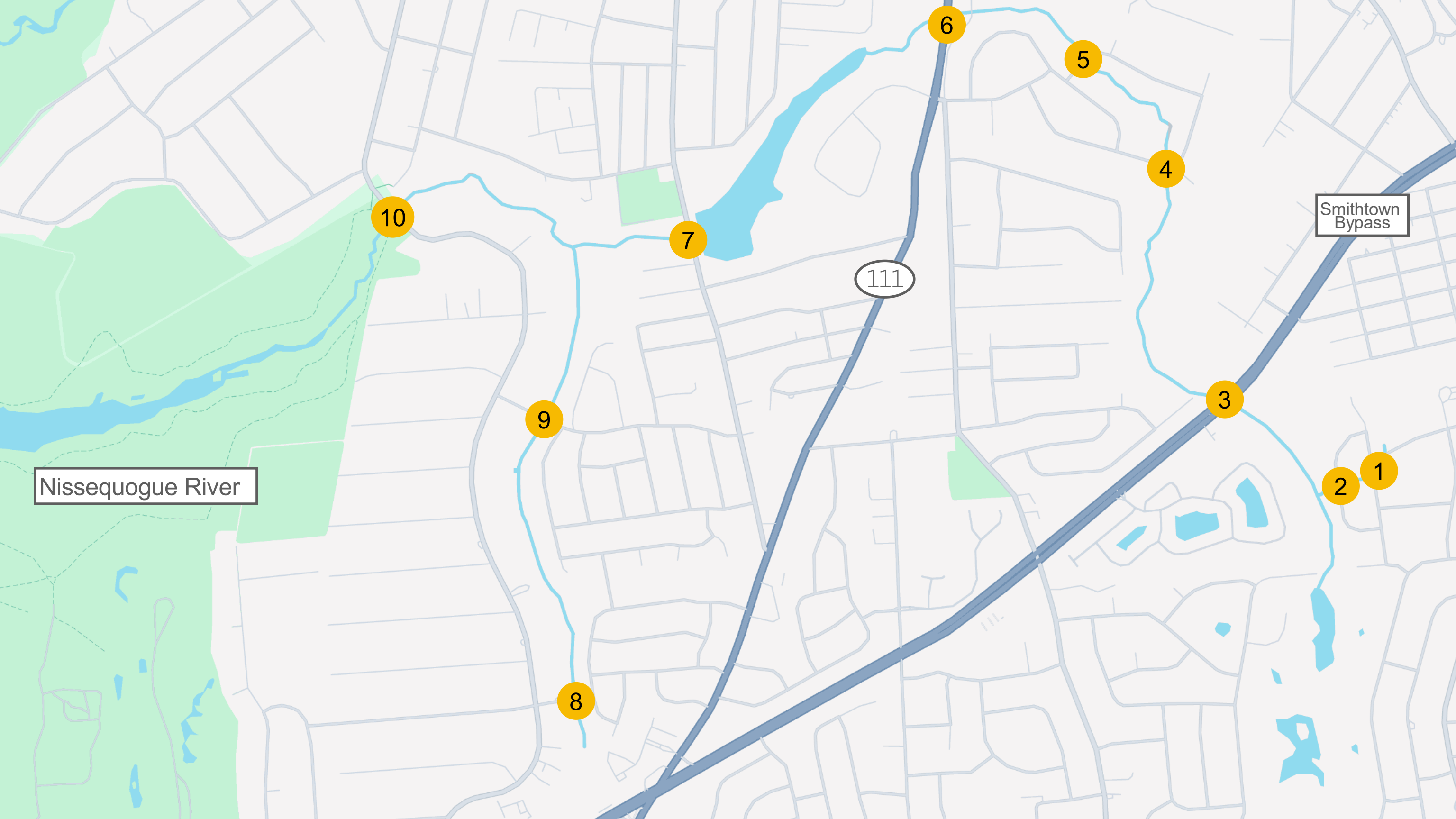
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Vets Highway

Jericho Tpke

Nissequogue River



Nissequogue River

Smithtown Bypass

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Roadways & railroads and **rivers & streams** are long, linear features of the landscape.

Their primary role is **transportation** - whether it's cars/trains/people or water/sediments/organisms.

Connectivity is key to the continued functioning of both systems.

An aerial photograph of a landscape with a network of roads and waterways. A blue line traces a stream or river path, starting from the top center and flowing towards the bottom left. An orange line traces a road path, starting from the left edge and flowing towards the right edge. A yellow line traces another road path, starting from the top center and flowing towards the right edge. The background is a grayscale aerial view showing fields, roads, and some buildings.

ROAD-STREAM CROSSINGS: Where the Water Meets the Road

Culverts and **bridges** allow roads to pass over rivers, streams, tidal creeks and wetlands.

Undersized, poorly designed, or failing infrastructure at these crossings restricts water flow and can lead to flooding, road closures, property damage, degraded natural systems and impaired water quality.

ROAD-STREAM CROSSINGS: Where the Water Meets the Road

Culvert or
Bridge?



Beaver Brook



Carmans River

ROAD-STREAM CROSSINGS: Where the Water Meets the Road



ROAD-STREAM CROSSINGS: Where the Water Meets the Road



Bellmore Creek



Mill River

An aerial photograph of a city and surrounding areas, overlaid with several thick, colored lines. A yellow line runs horizontally across the top. An orange line runs horizontally across the middle. A blue line starts in the upper left, branches into several paths, and then curves down and left to follow a winding waterway. The background is a grayscale aerial view showing buildings, roads, and green spaces.

Ideally, our transportation infrastructure should **not**:

1. Put roadways/railroads at risk of being impacted by storms, or
2. Degrade the ecological health and resiliency of our rivers and streams

TRANSPORTATION VULNERABILITY:

- Risk of failure
- Criticality
- Climate resilience





ECOLOGICAL IMPACTS:

- Perched culverts with excess drop at the outlet
- Undersized culverts create high water velocity, turbulence & outlet scour
- Debris accumulation at the culvert inlet
- Oversized culverts can create inadequate water depths



ECOLOGICAL IMPACTS:

- Disconnect rivers & streams
- Fragment wildlife habitat
- Disrupt sediment/nutrient transport
- Block wildlife movement (aquatic, semi-aquatic and terrestrial)

An aerial photograph of a suburban area with a road network and a stream. A yellow line follows a major road from the top left towards the right. An orange line follows a road from the left towards the right, crossing the stream. A blue line follows the path of a stream, starting from the top center and winding down towards the bottom center. The background is a grayscale aerial view of houses, streets, and green spaces.

THE SOLUTION? Right-Sizing!

Road-Stream Crossings that:

1. Make roadways/railroads resilient to storm impacts
2. Allow waterways to act naturally; promote healthy & resilient rivers and streams



New Bridge Brook, Wilmington, NY



Potash Brook, Wilmington, NY

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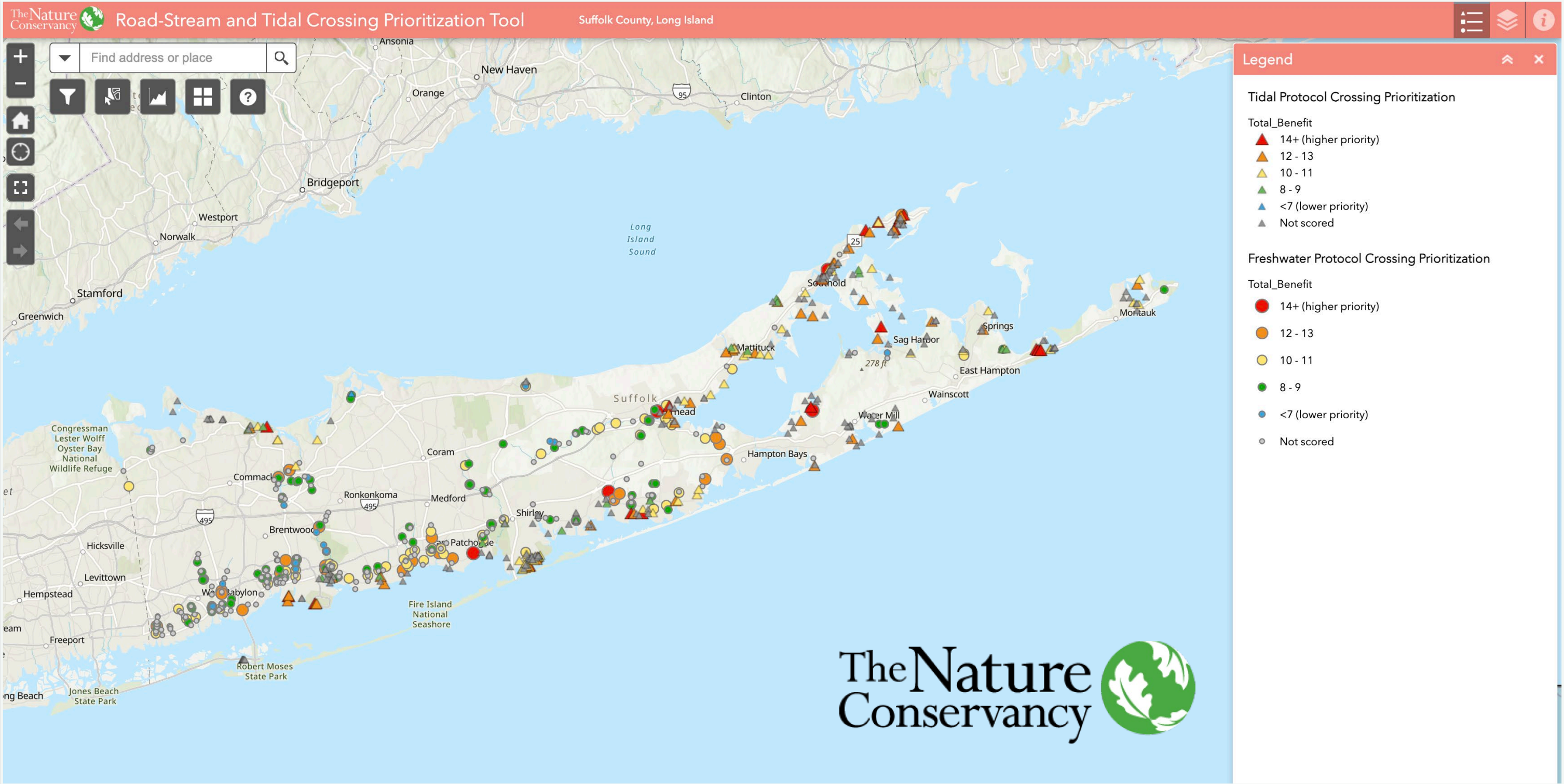


Pete Topping - Peconic Baykeeper

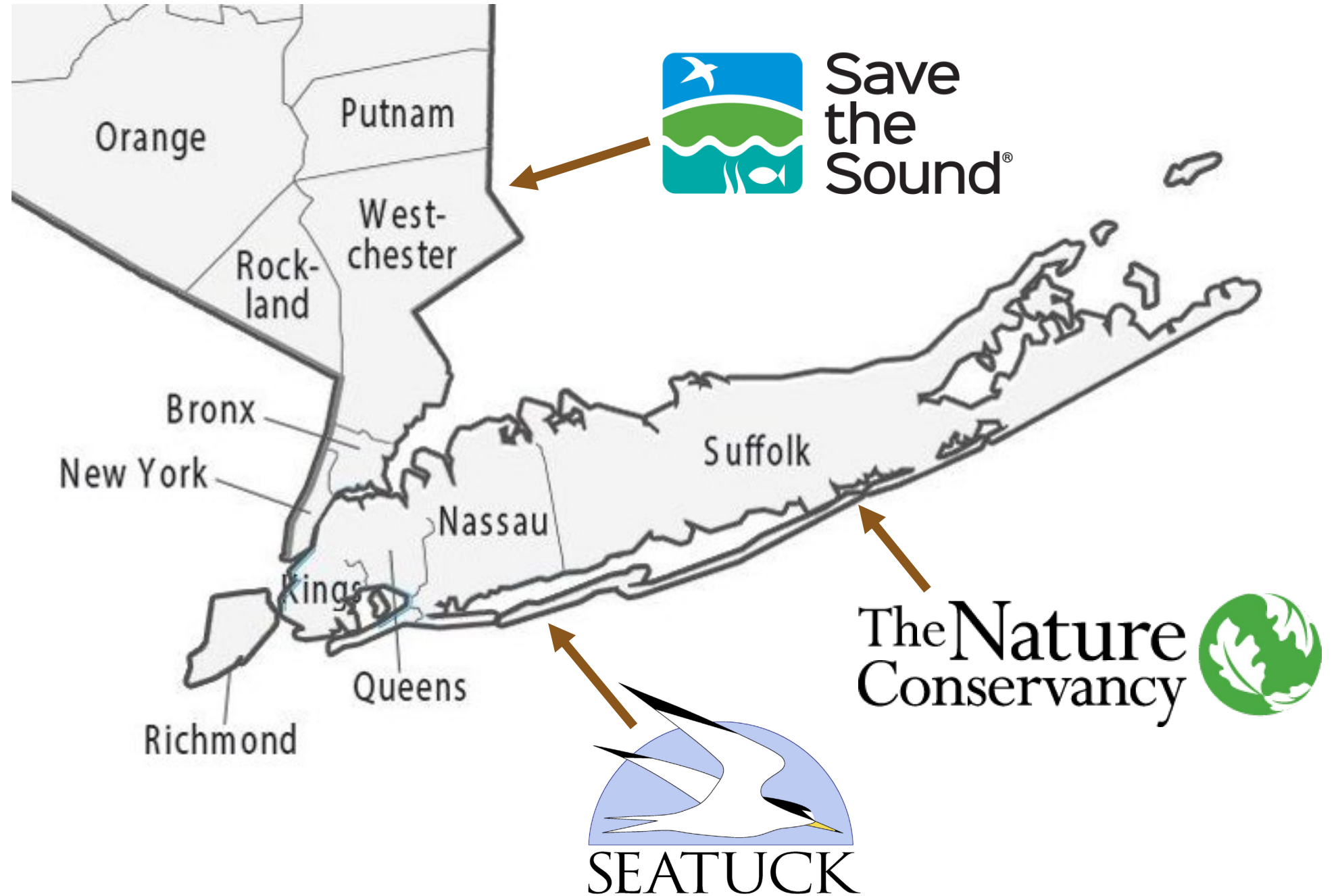


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ROAD-STREAM CROSSING & TIDAL CROSSING PRIORITIZATION TOOL



ROAD-STREAM CROSSING & TIDAL CROSSING PRIORITIZATION TOOL



Would you use this toolkit (or for those outside NY, a toolkit like this one) to help locate priority sites for culvert restoration work?



Definitely!

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Maybe, but I need more information

0%

Unlikely

0%

This tool is not applicable to my work

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What additional information do you think would be helpful for this toolkit?

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Nobody has responded yet.

Hang tight! Responses are coming in.

Road-Stream Crossing Management Planning in the Housatonic River Watershed

Mike Jastremski, Watershed Conservation Director
Housatonic Valley Association



CLEAN

Pollution doesn't prevent communities, fish and wildlife from thriving



COLD

Communities, fish and wildlife are prepared for
Climate Change



CONNECTED

Fish and wildlife are able to move freely along rivers
and streams



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CONNECTED

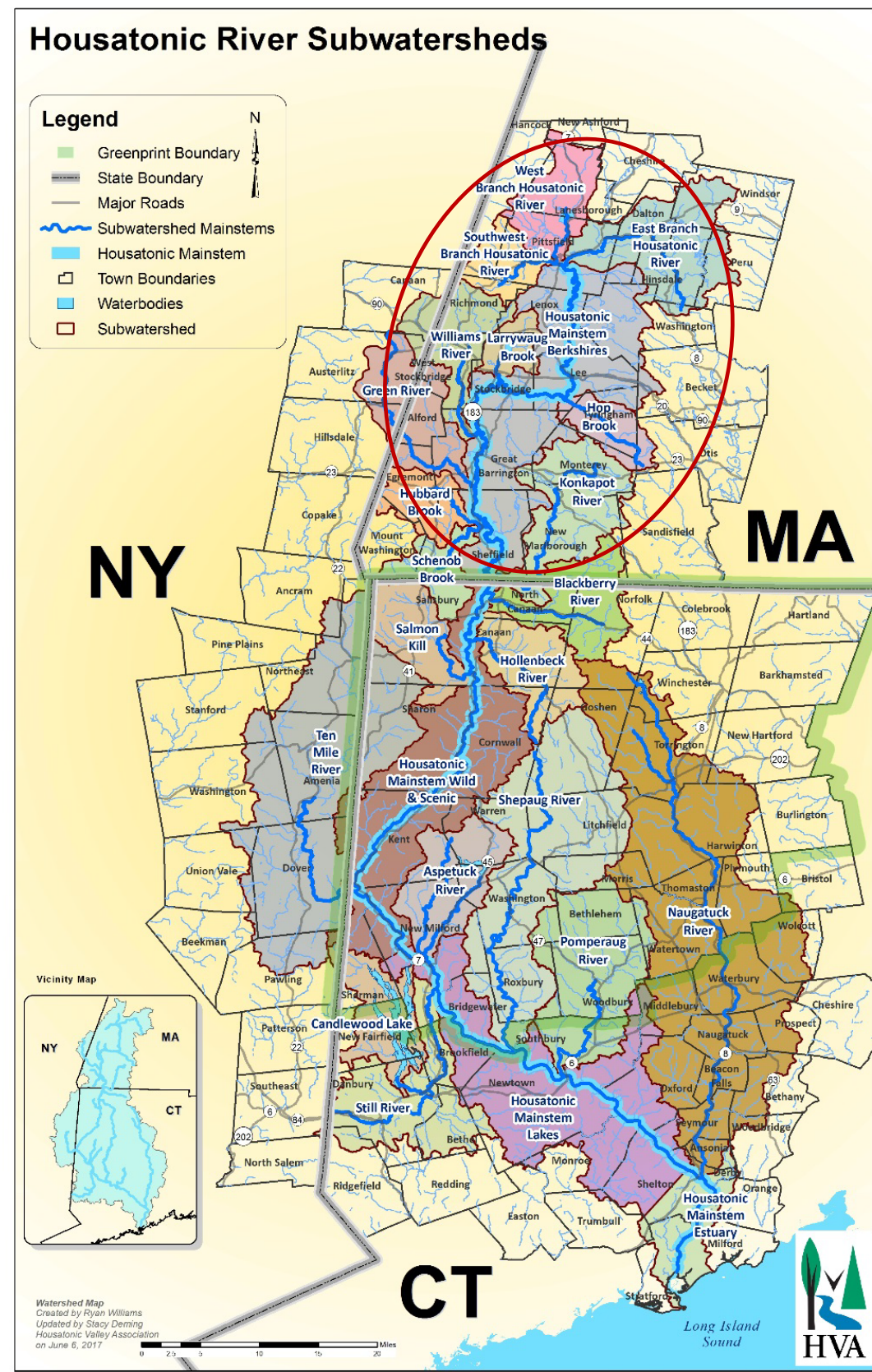
Communities live well with their streams
Everyone has access to healthy waters, regardless of
background or ability



RSC Assessment: Berkshires

2009-2012

~ 500 structures assessed



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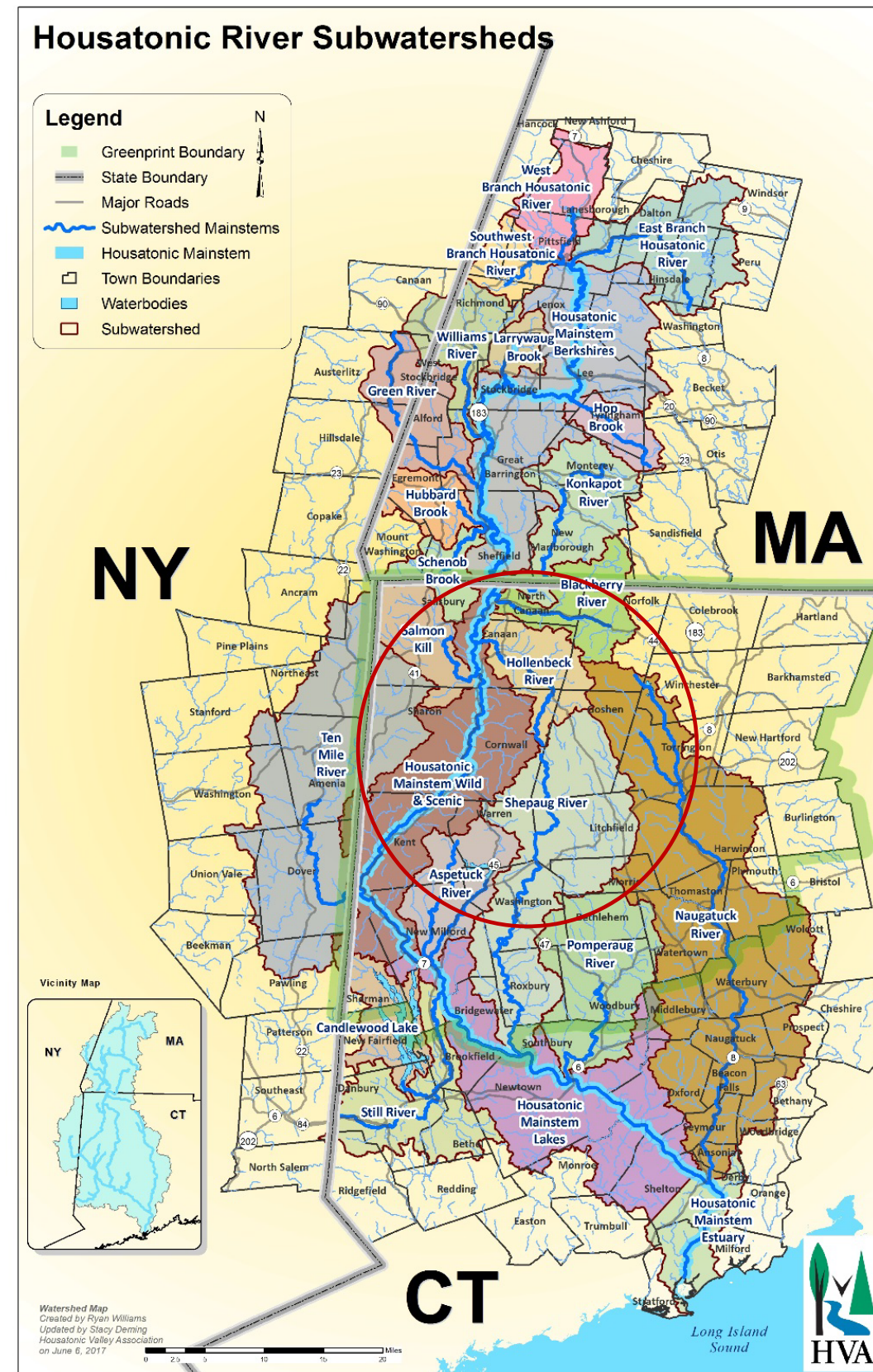
- 💧 Regional prioritization
- 💧 Two structures replaced, over 5 miles of EBT habitat reconnected
- 💧 What about the other 498 structures?



RSC Assessment: Litchfield Hills

How do we move assessment data towards action?

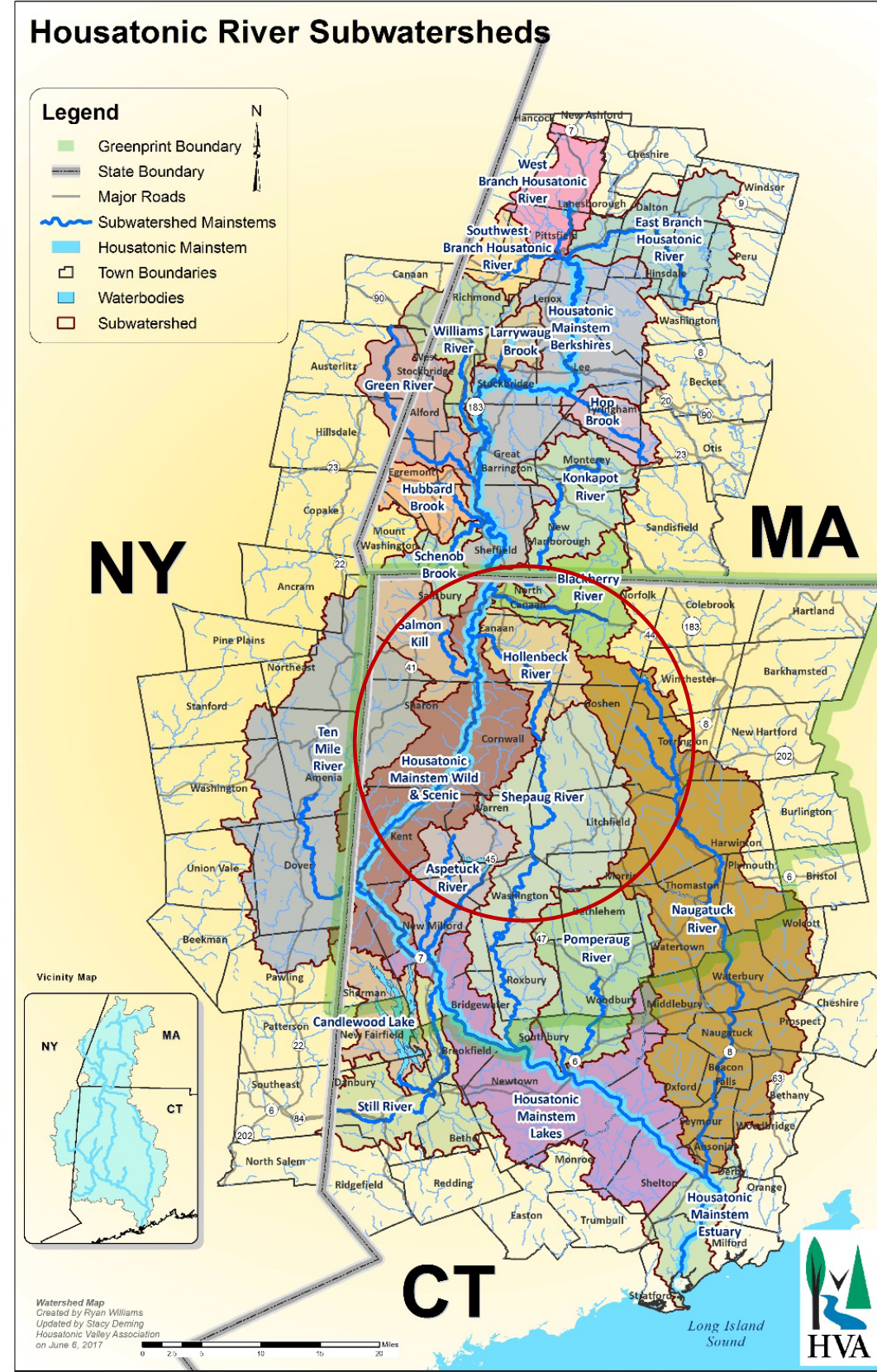
- Engage key players in setting priorities
- Provide technical assistance
- Create a resource for securing funding



RSC Assessment in the Housatonic Watershed: Litchfield Hills

2012-2017

~ 800 structures assessed



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Litchfield Hills Project

- 💧 Lessons learned from Berkshires:
 - Towns want a comprehensive inventory
 - Flood risk/condition are primary concerns
- 💧 Secured funding to develop a town-scale approach
- 💧 New partnership with UConn to model flood risk at culverts



Town-Scale Management Planning

- Combine modelling with local knowledge
- Collaboratively identify replacement projects
- Increase town capacity to replace problem culverts (technical skills, financing)
- Build relationships with communities



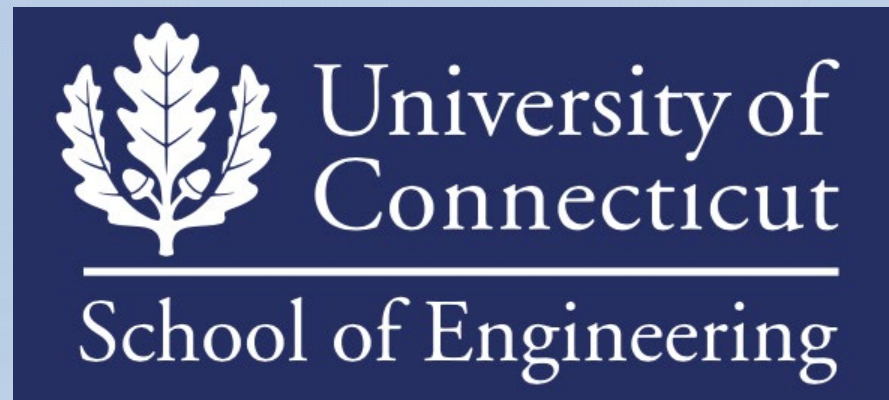
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1. Comprehensive field assessment



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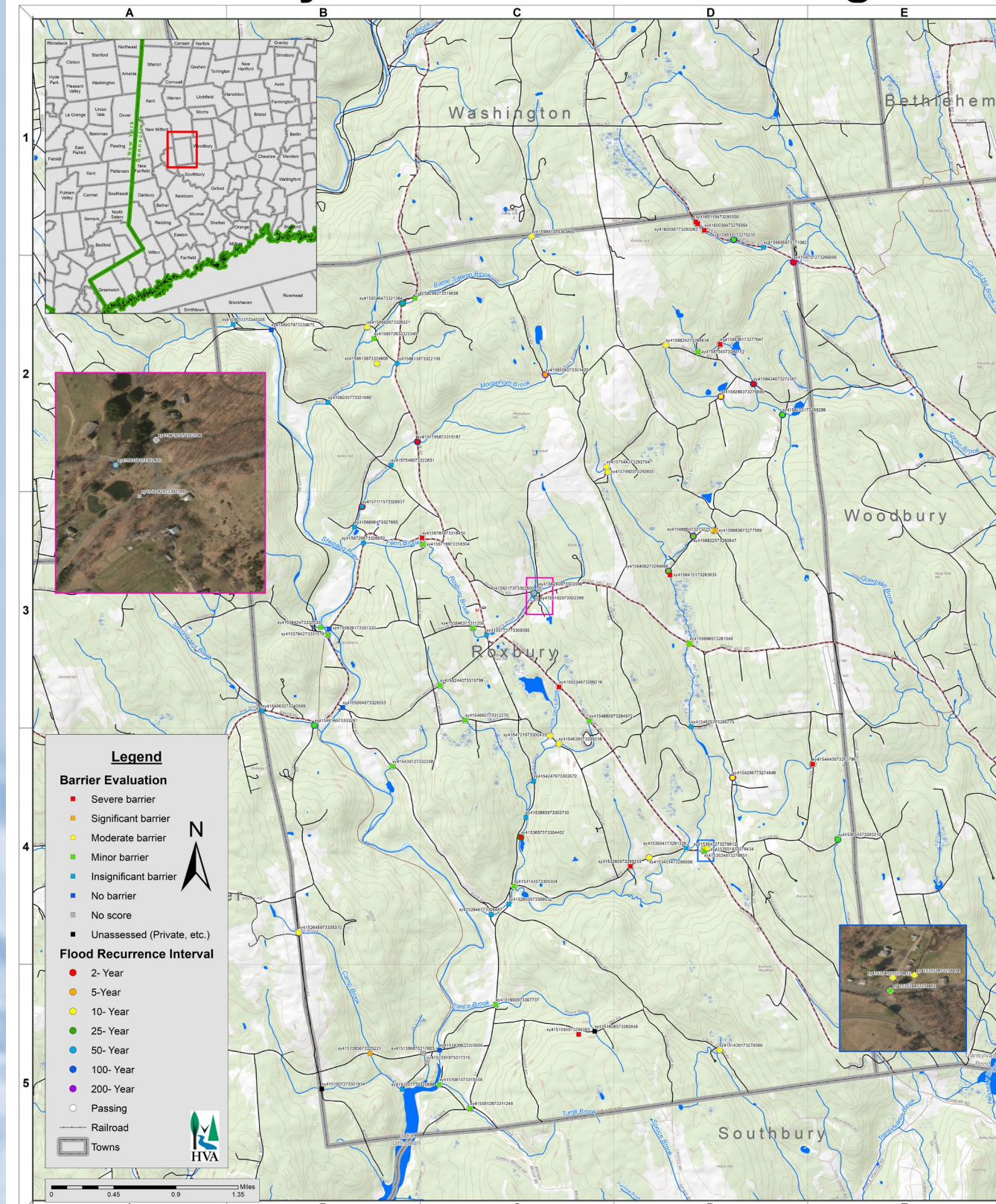
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Town-Scale Management Planning Process

1. Comprehensive field assessment
2. Flood Risk Analysis
3. Create Road-Stream Crossing Inventory

Roxbury Road-Stream Crossings



Town-Scale Management Planning Process

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2. Flood Risk Analysis
3. Create Road-Stream Crossing Inventory:
4. **Use Inventory to set priorities**



Town-Scale Management Plans

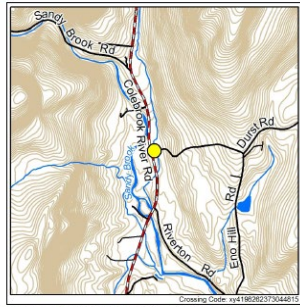
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5. **Demonstration Design Development**



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5. Demonstration Design Development
6. **Assemble draft Management Plan**

Road: Eno Hill Road **Stream:** Unnamed



RESULTS
 Barrier Evaluation: Moderate barrier
 Habitat Restoration Rank: Unranked
 Condition/Maintenance: floods Lauzier's yard, water over road regularly
 Overall Ranking: Tier 3 (Ranked 5 of 46)


LOCATION
 Subwatershed: Sandy Brook
 Coordinates: 41.98267, -73.04495
 Location Description: Right off route 8 upstream has tall vegetation growing above
 Date Observed: 2016-08-01
 Crossing Code: xy4198262373044815
 Protocol: NAACC

STREAM AND CROSSING

CROSSING CHARACTERISTICS
 Crossing Type: Culvert
 Number of structures/cells: 1
 Condition: OK
 Constriction: Severe
 Alignment: Flow-Aligned

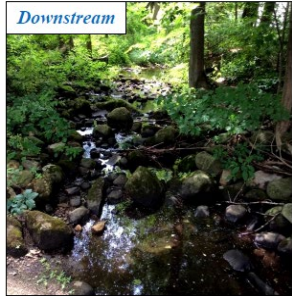
STREAM CHARACTERISTICS
 Scour Pool: Small
 Bankfull Width (feet): 8
 Bankfull Width Confidence: Low/
 Estimated

Upstream




Crossing Comments: No Data

Downstream



Map Key: 4E

Road

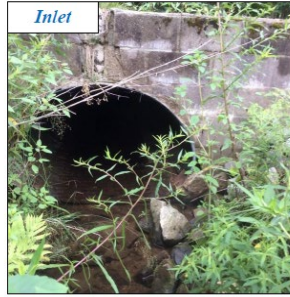


ROAD
 Road Type/Surface: Paved
 Road Fill Height (feet): 1.7

Return Interval (Years)	Peak Flow (cfs)	Road Height (feet)	Stage Height (feet)	Overtop
2	5,719.2	4.0	6.5	Yes
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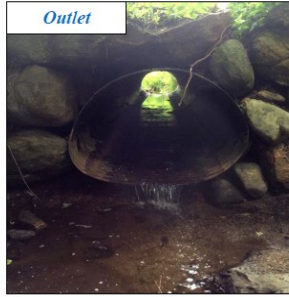
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Inlet



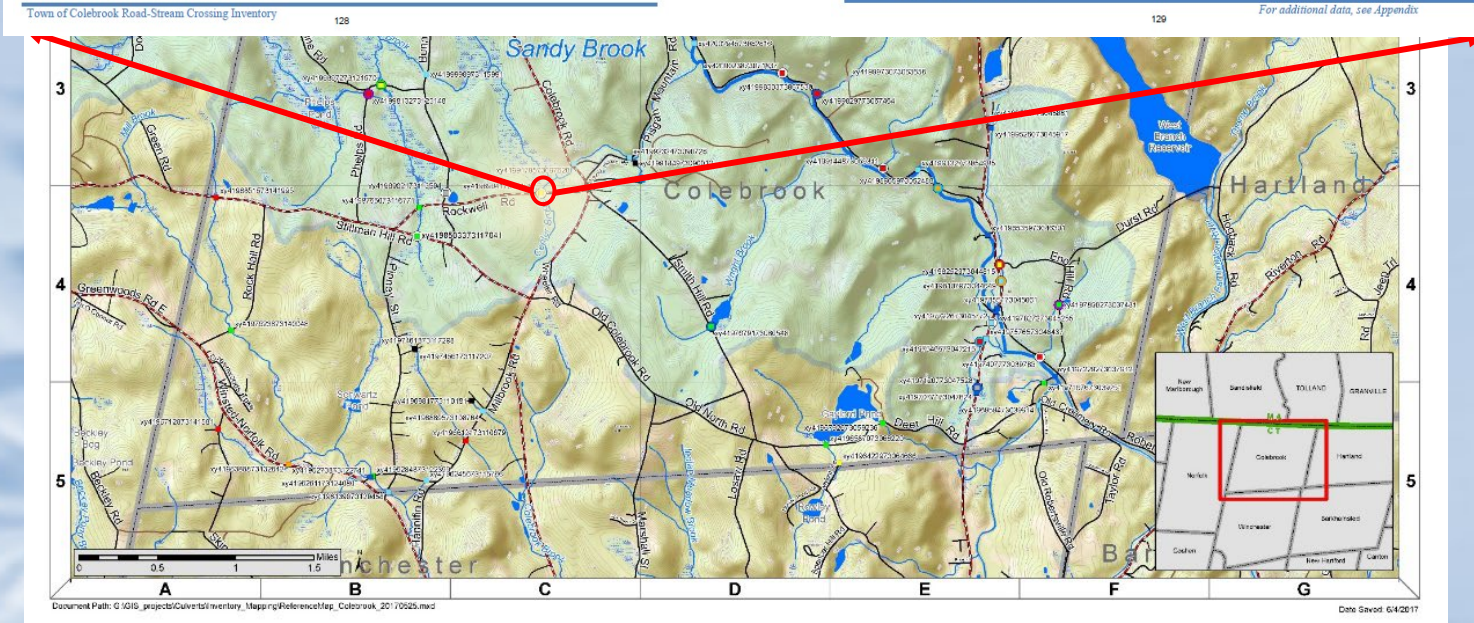
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 Inlet Shape/Type: Pipe Arch/Elliptical Culvert/
 Headwall
 Inlet Drop/Grade: At Stream Grade
 Dimensions:
 Width: 4.0, Height: 2.8
 Substrate/Water Width: 2.2
 Water Depth: 0.1
 Abutment Height: No Data

Outlet



OUTLET
 Outlet Shape: Pipe Arch/Elliptical Culvert
 Outlet Drop/Grade: Free Fall
 Drop to Stream Surface/Bottom: 0.5/0.7
 Dimensions:
 Width: 4.0, Height: 2.7
 Substrate/Water Width: 1.6
 Water Depth: 0.1

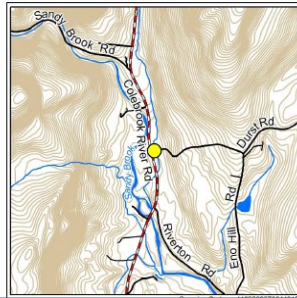
Material: Metal
 Physical Barrier(s)/Severity: None
 Internal Features/Structures: None
 Slope Matches Stream, %: No Data, 1.4%
 Clear Line of Sight: No Data
 Structure Comments: Extra pipe leading into outlet scour pool



Town-Scale Management Plans


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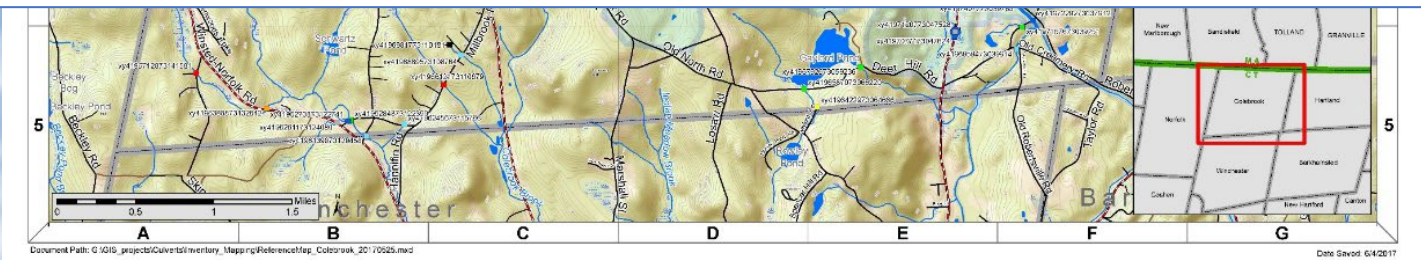
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100	22,120.8		25.6	Yes

Top 7 Crossings for Flood Risk Town Roads

This chart is a summary of road-stream crossings with the shortest flood intervals (i.e. most likely to flood the road) based on modeling performed by the University of Connecticut. Note that only culverts within target watersheds—i.e. the Sandy Brook—were included in the model, and that this list only includes crossings on town-managed roads.¹

Photo	Flood Interval	Page #	Road	Map Key	Crossing Code
A	2-Year	128	Eno Hill Road	4E	xy4198262373044815
B	10-Year	58	Prock Hill Road	1B	xy4203285073120323
C	25-Year	92	Phelps Road	3B	xy4199897273121570
D	25-Year	108	Pisgah Mountain Road	3D	xy4200541673086675
E	50-Year	66	Fritz Road	1C	xy4203598273112543
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G	100-Year	124	Smith Hill Road	4D	xy4197679173080548



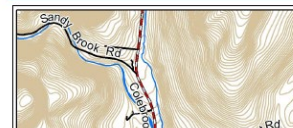
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Road: Eno Hill Road

Stream: Unnamed

Map Key: 4E



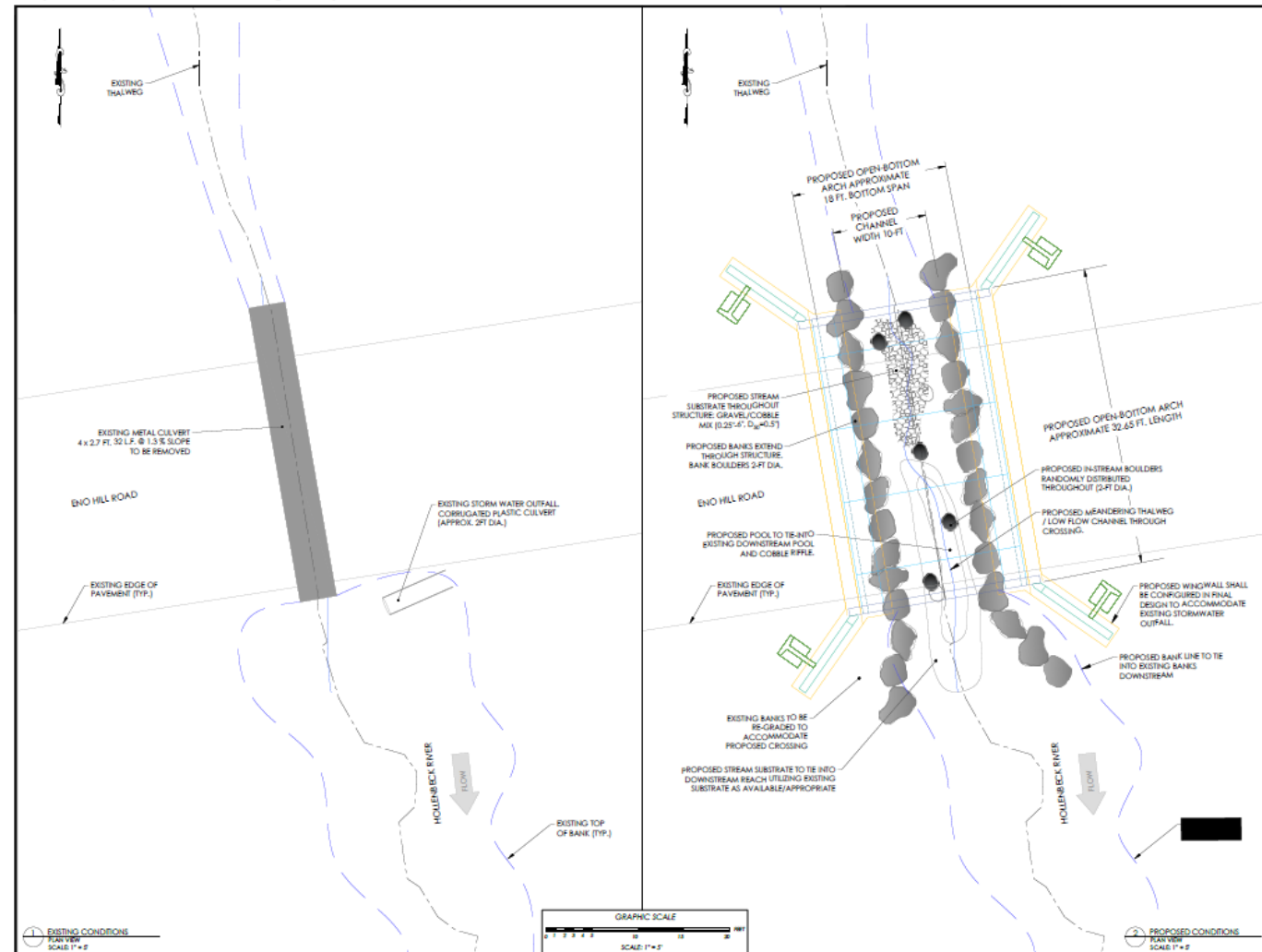
RESULTS
 Barrier Evaluation: Moderate barrier
 Habitat Restoration Rank: Unranked
 Condition/Maintenance: floods Lauzier's yard, water over road regularly
 Overall Ranking: Tier 3 (Ranked 5 of 46)



ROAD
 Road Type/Surface: Paved
 Road Fill Height (feet): 1.7

Return Interval (Years)	Peak Flow (cfs)	Road Height (feet)	Stage Height (feet)	Overtop

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PROJECT NOTES
 1. EXISTING SITE FEATURES AND TOPOGRAPHY PROVIDED BY HOLLANDIC VALLEY ASSOCIATION, 150 VENT ROAD, CORNWALL BRIDGE, CT 06034. SURVEY COMPLETED 4/19/2017 & 4/20/2017.
 2. ALL SCALES ARE AS SPECIFIED WHEN PLOTTED ON 20X24 SHEETS. ALL SCALES ARE INCREASED OR WHEN PLOTTED ON 11X17 SHEETS. FOR EXAMPLE, SCALE SPECIFIED AT 1/10 WOULD BE INCREASED TO 1/12 ON 11X17 SHEETS.
 3. NAD83 CROSSING COORD: 874192637304813.

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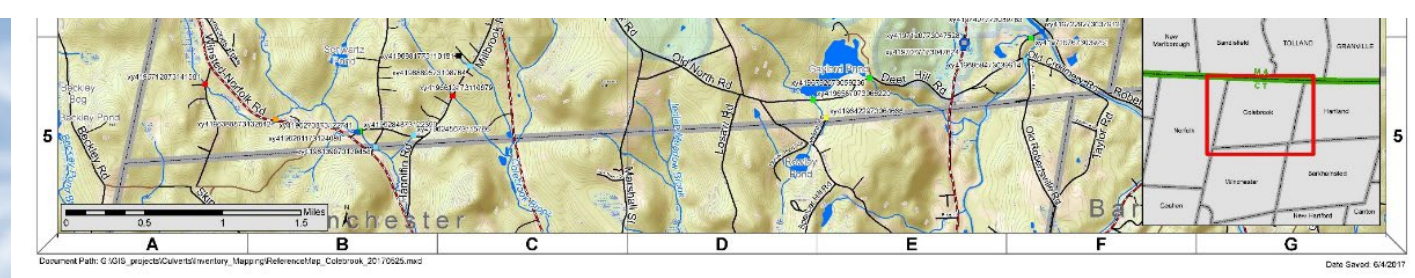
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 LITCHFIELD COUNTY, CONNECTICUT

EXISTING AND PROPOSED CONDITIONS PLAN

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Road: Eno Hill Road Stream: Unnamed Map Key: 4E

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HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

MARCH 2014
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CROSSING CHARACTERISTICS
 Crossing Type: Culvert
 Number of structures: 1
 Condition: OK
 Constriction: Severe
 Alignment: Flow-parallel

Upstream




Crossing Comments: [Redacted]

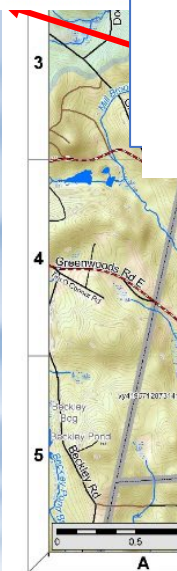
Town of Colebrook Road

Stage Height (feet)	Overtop
6.5	Yes
9.4	Yes
12.0	Yes
16.3	Yes
20.4	Yes
25.6	Yes

Rate: 1.4%
 leading into outlet



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 0.5/0.7
 6
 see Appendix



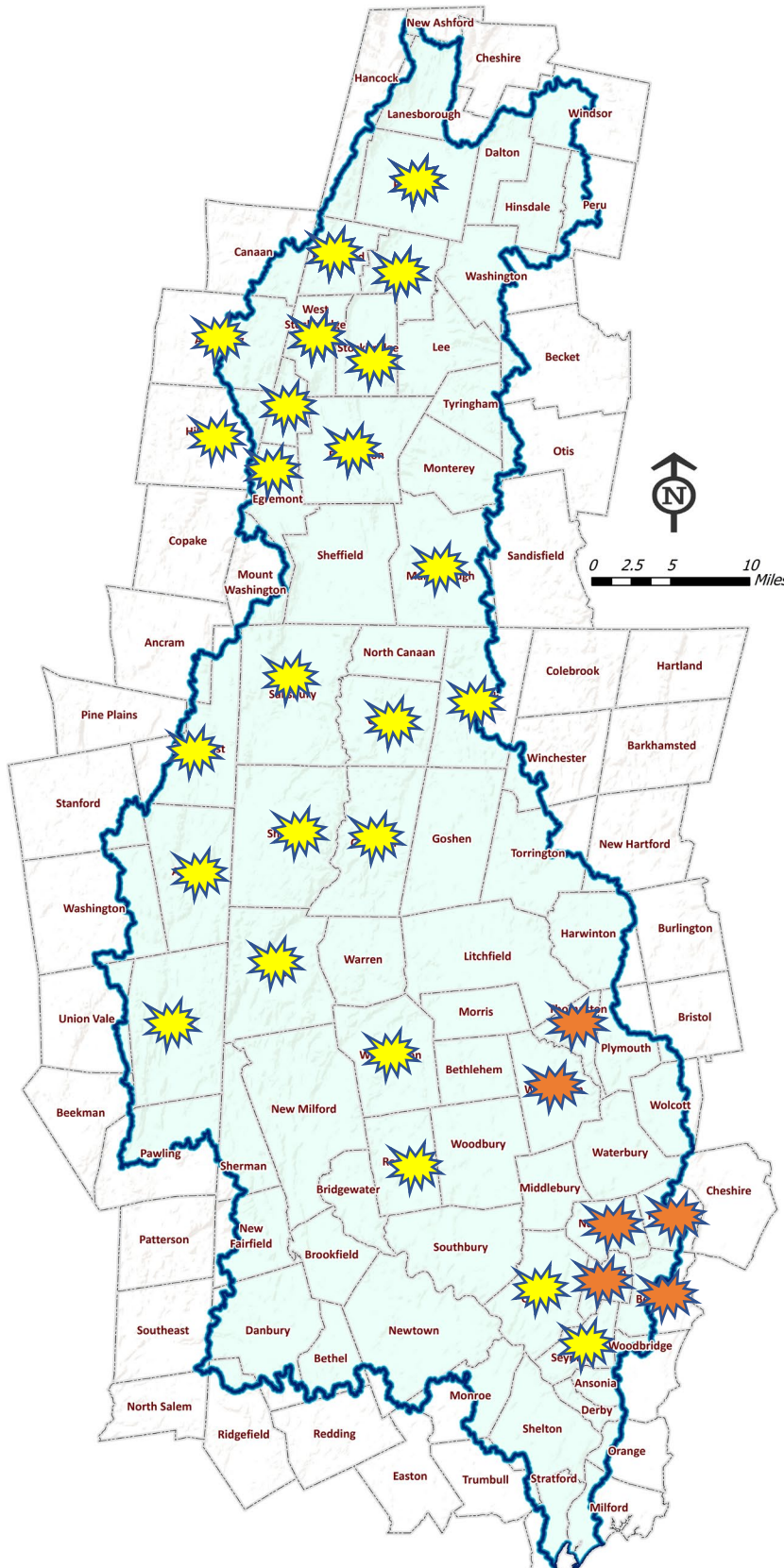
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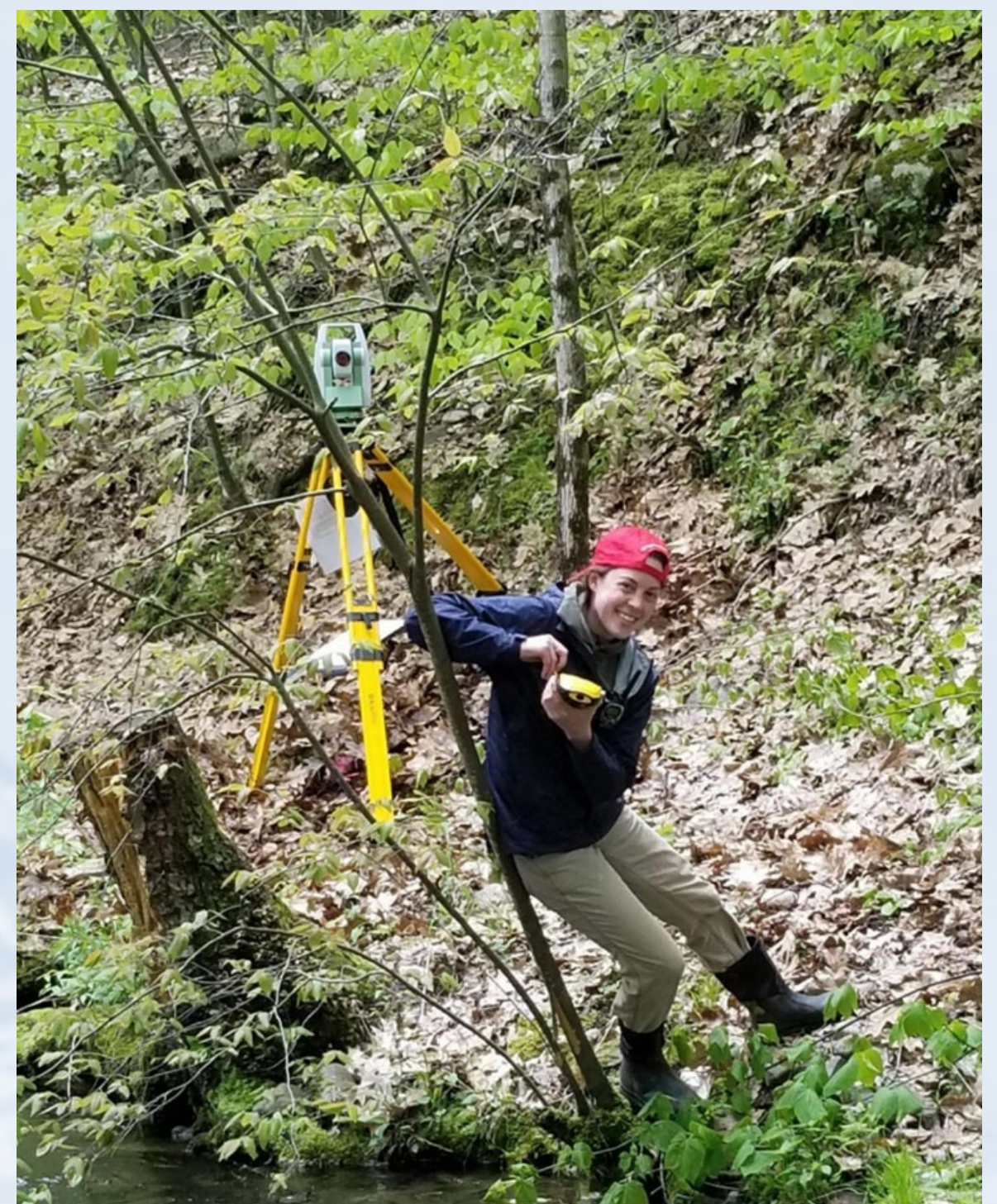
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Management Plans in progress – 6, all in the Naugatuck Valley



Implementation

- 💧 Massachusetts:
 - Two projects completed
 - Four projects in permitting phase
 - One project in data collection phase
- 💧 Connecticut:
 - Two projects completed
 - Six projects in permitting phase
 - Five projects in data collection phase
- 💧 New York:
 - One project completed
 - One project in data collection phase



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Update of the Connecticut Watershed Model (CTWM)

Kathleen Knight, CTDEEP
Sustainable & Resilient Communities Workshop
December 10, 2024

Why CTWM?

Connecticut's 2nd Generation Nitrogen Strategy

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/deep/water/lis_water_quality/nitrogen_control_program/2ndgennitrogenstrategy.pdf.pdf

Topic Areas

1. Wastewater Treatment Plants
2. NPS (ie Stormwater) Enhanced Efforts
3. Focus on Embayments

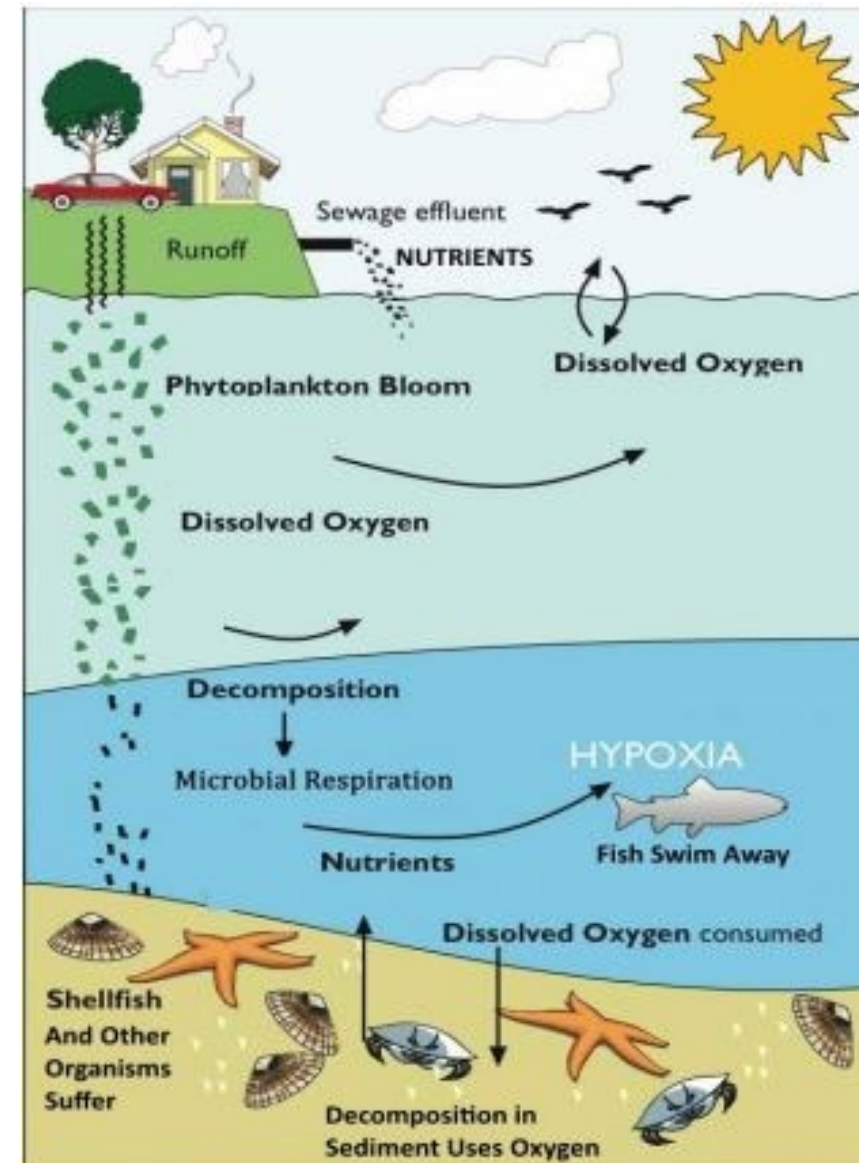


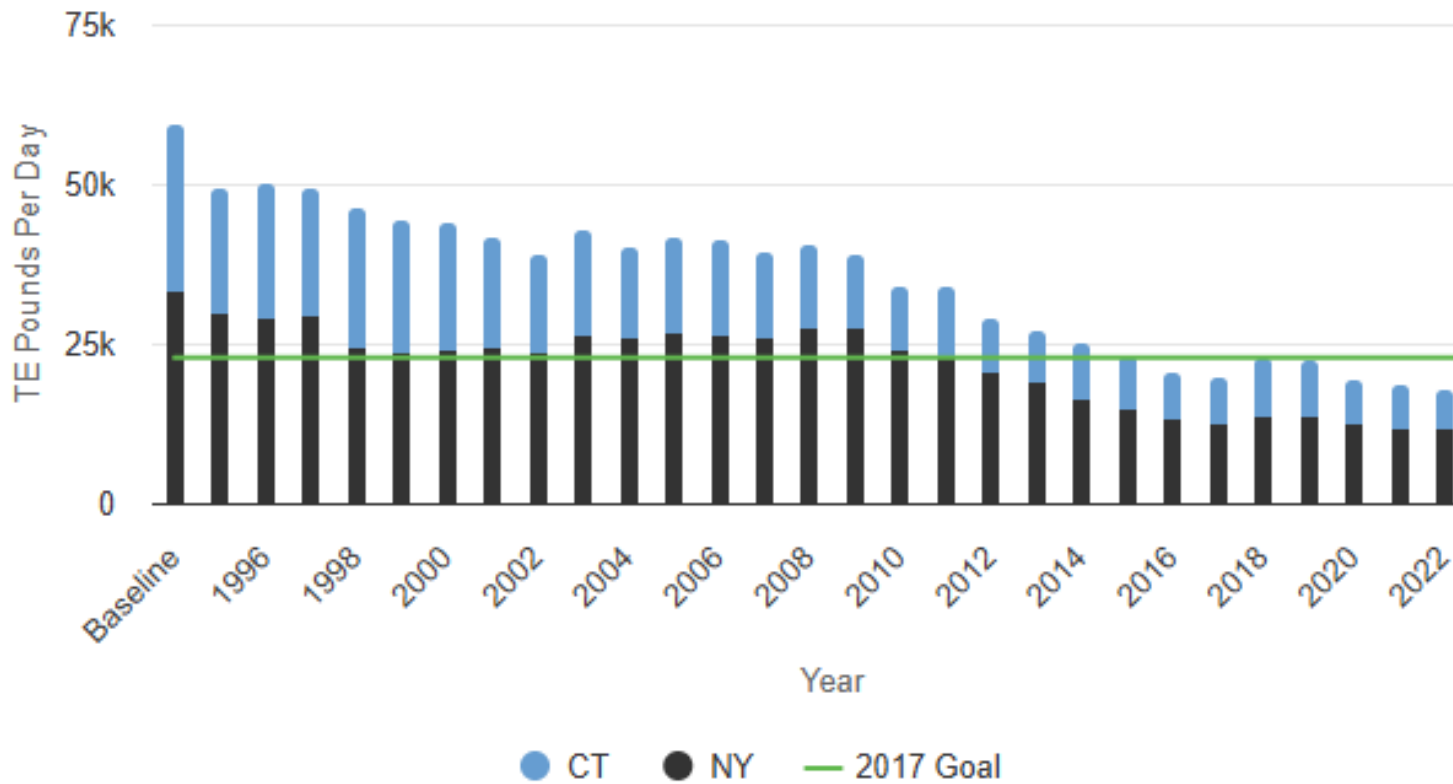
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Why CTWM?

Progress and Opportunities

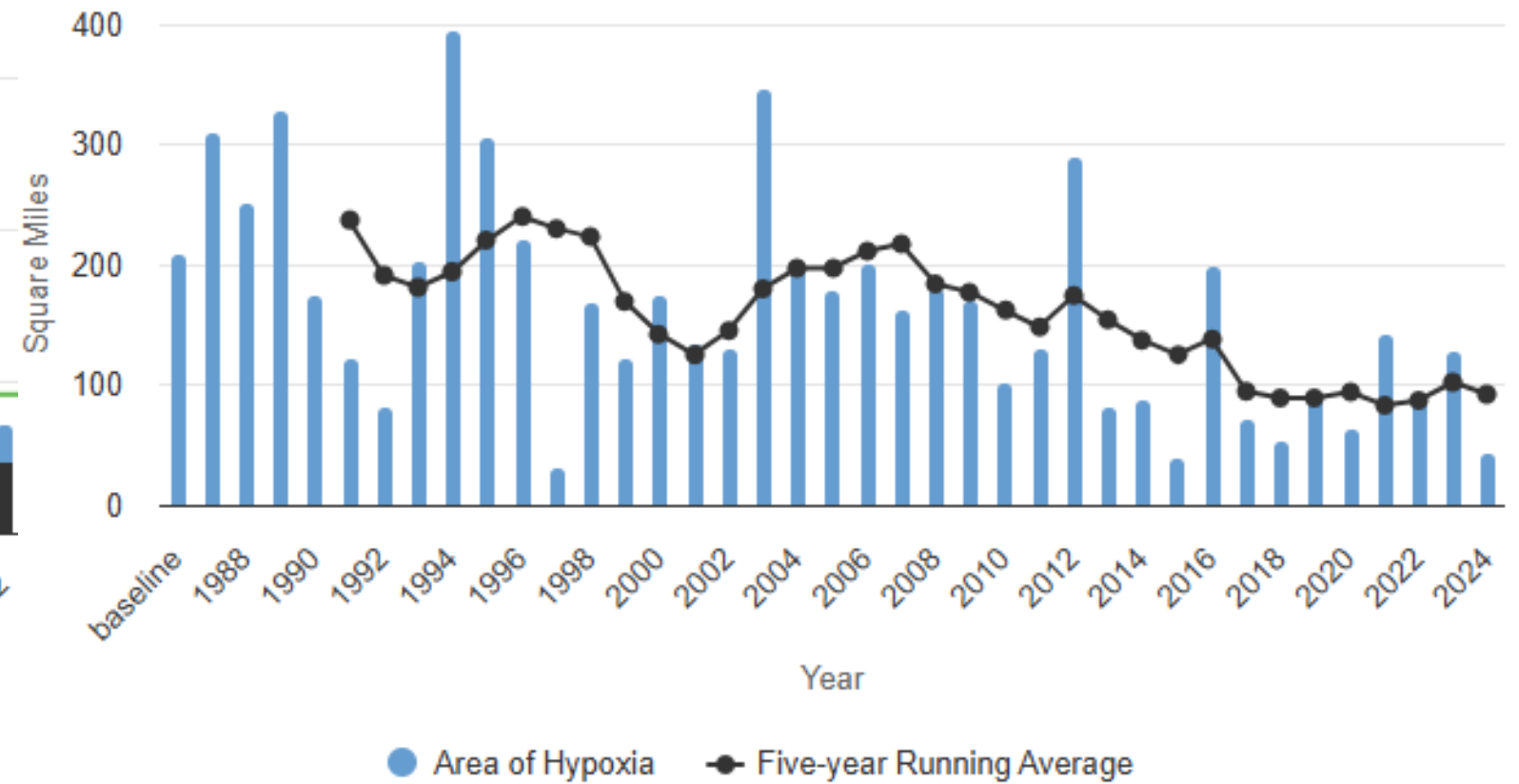
Tracking [Nitrogen Load](#) and [Hypoxia](#) Progress in Long Island Sound

Wastewater Treatment Plant Point Sources-Nitrogen Trade Equalized (TE) Loads, 1995-2023



Highcharts

Hypoxia (Dissolved Oxygen \leq 3 mg/L) in Long Island Sound



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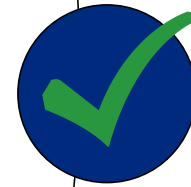
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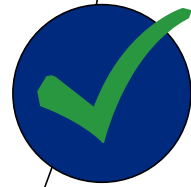
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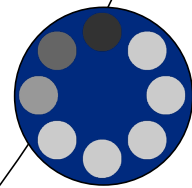
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Development



Internal Training



Model
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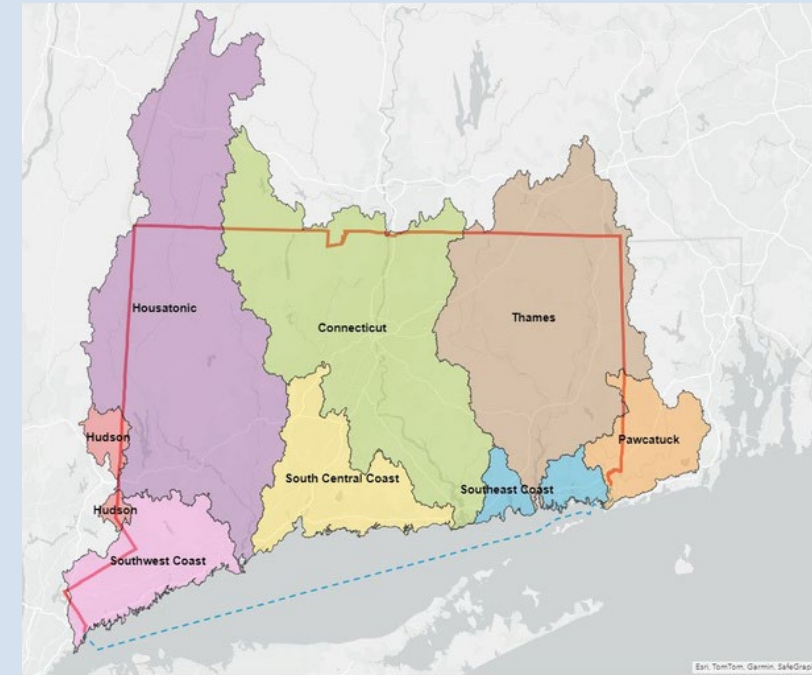
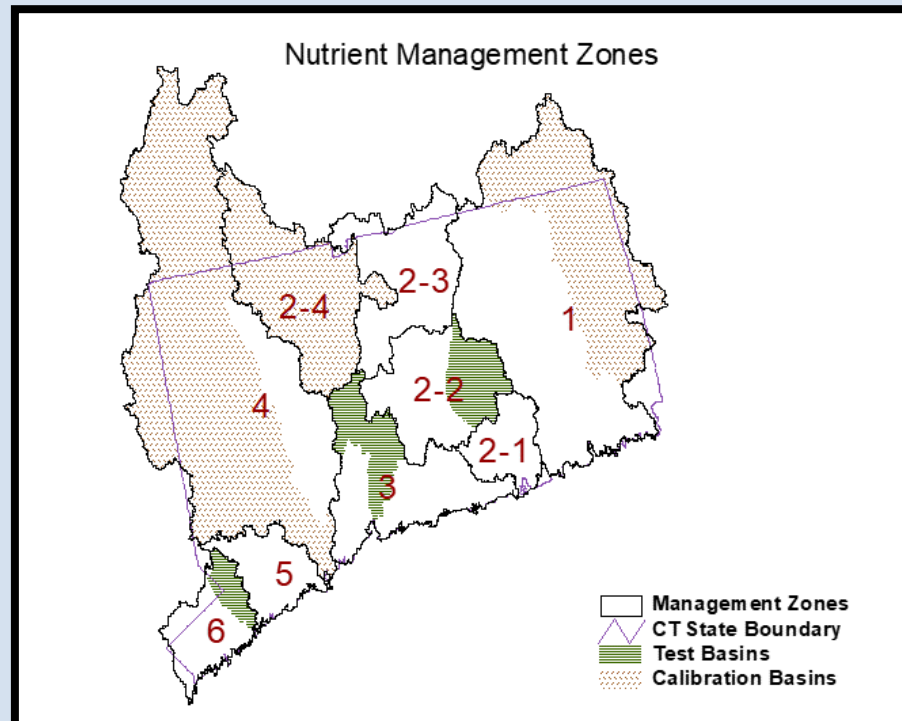
- 1.Planning and Monitoring**
- 2.CTWM Development**
- 3.CTWM Results Sneak Peak**
- 4.Pawcatuck River Estuary Pilot**
- 5.Modeling Linking**
- 6.Model Outreach**

CTWM Modeling Objectives

- **Spatial Scales**
 - Watershed: Hydrologic unit code (HUC) 12 maximum, ideally smaller scale
 - Bays: Accurately represent loads and provide outputs for linked models.
- **Predict N, P, TSS, DO, Chl-a, Flow, Temp, Tracer**
- **Provide input to other models or nest (LIS)**
- **Simulate actual & predicted conditions, & management scenarios**
- **Accessible - Community Software - Supported**

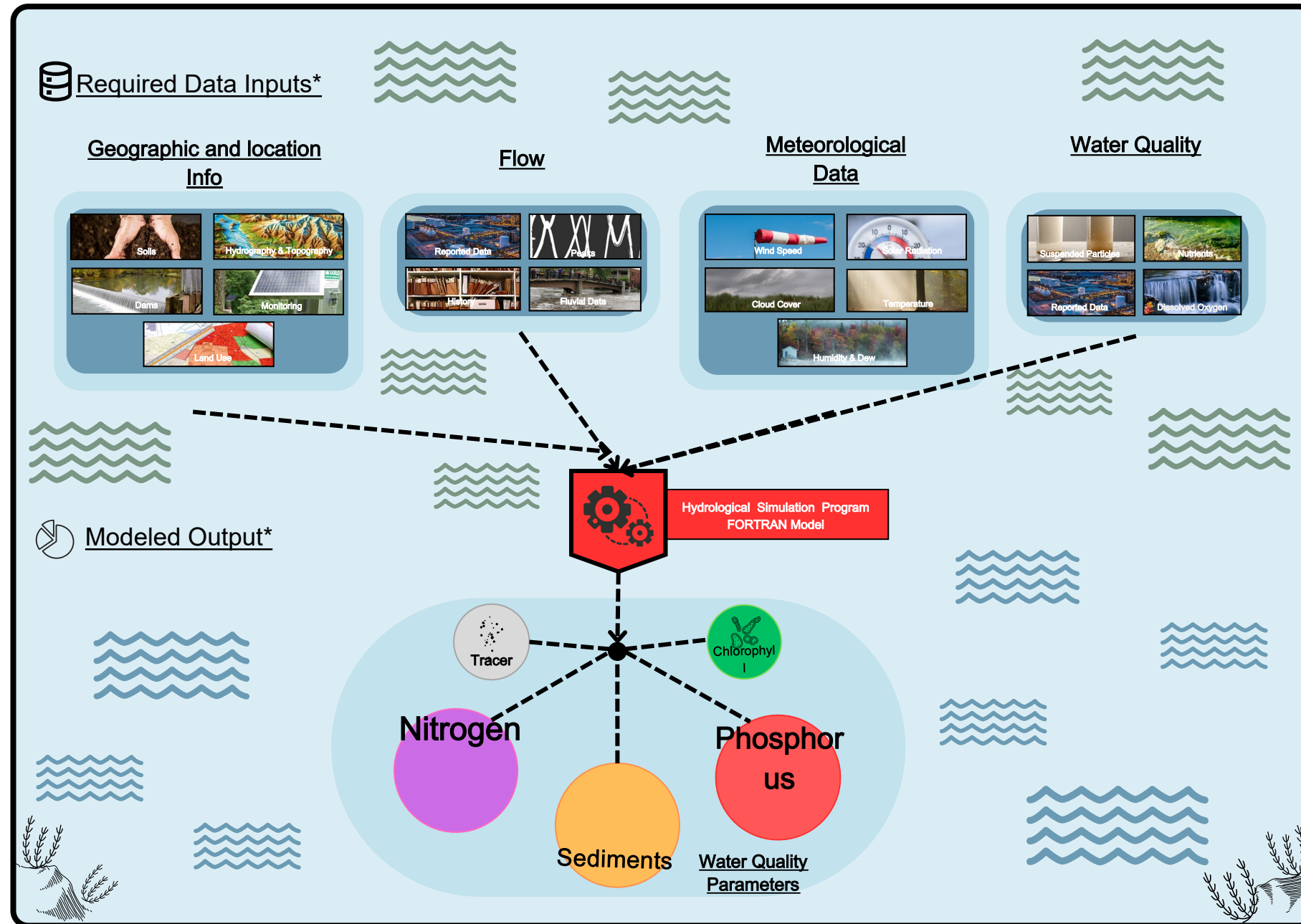
CTWM (Past & Present)

Original Hydrologic Simulation Program - FORTRAN (HSPF) calibration in 2002 Connecticut Watershed Model (CTWM)



Enhanced flow and Water Quality Monitoring for update to Connecticut Watershed Model (CTWM)

Connecticut Watershed Model (CTWM) - Simplified



*Modeled outputs are simplified for this graphic, more accurate information can be found in pages 8 & 9 of the Connecticut Statewide Watershed Modeling Quality Assurance Project Plan

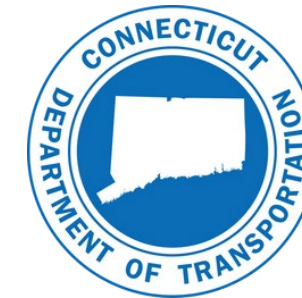
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CTWM - Partners

- USGS - United States Geological Service
- RESPEC
- FEMA - Federal Emergency Management Agency
- CT DOT - Connecticut Department of Transportation
- USDA - NRCS - Natural Resources Conservation Service
- EPALISO - Environmental Protection Agency Long Island Sound Study
- EPAR1 - Environmental Protection Agency Region 1
- EPA ORD- Environmental Protection Agency Region Office of Research and Development
- RI DEM - Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
- UCONN CLEAR - Center for Land use Education And Research
- UCONN- University of Connecticut (CIRCA and other partners)



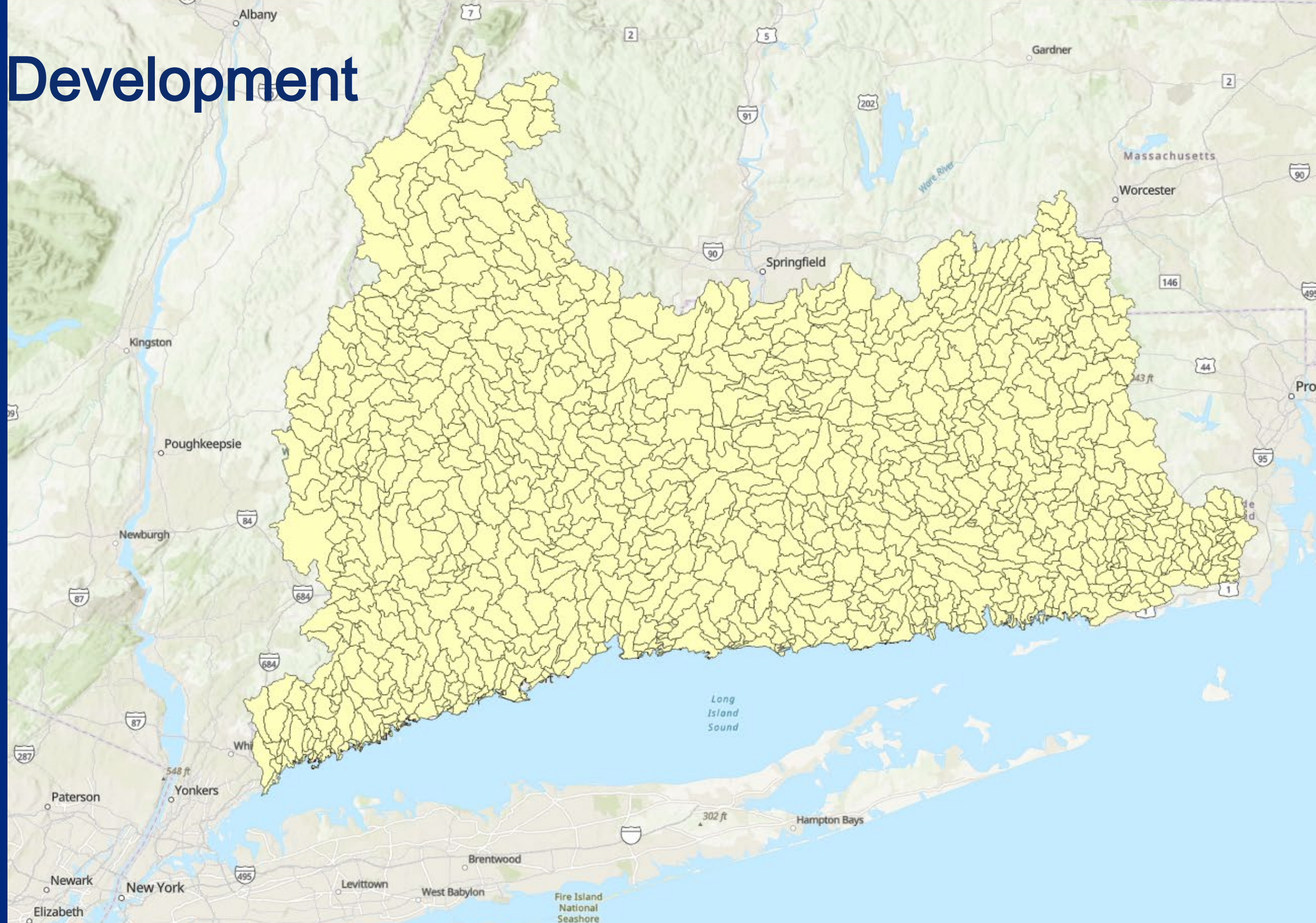
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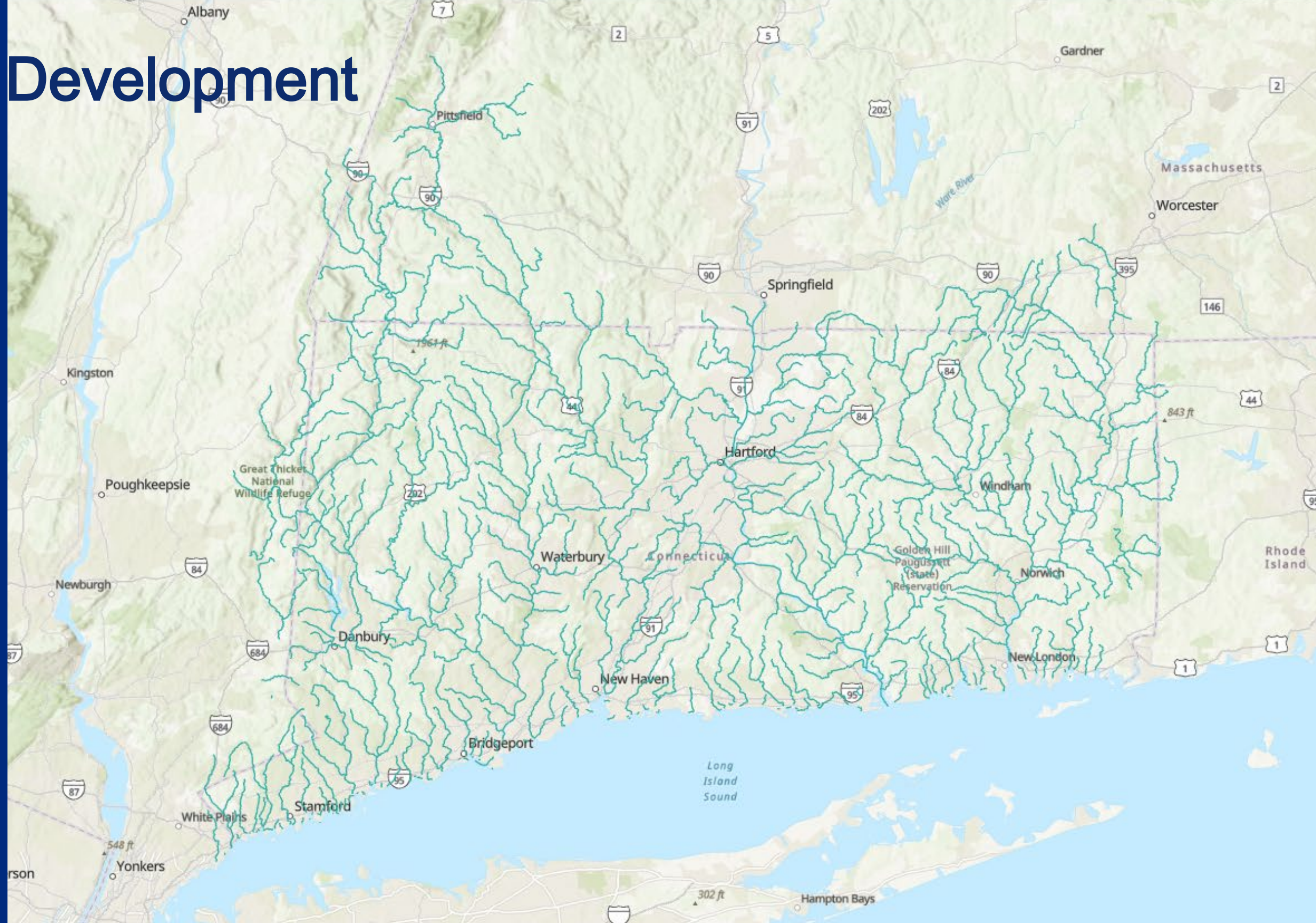
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CTWMD Development

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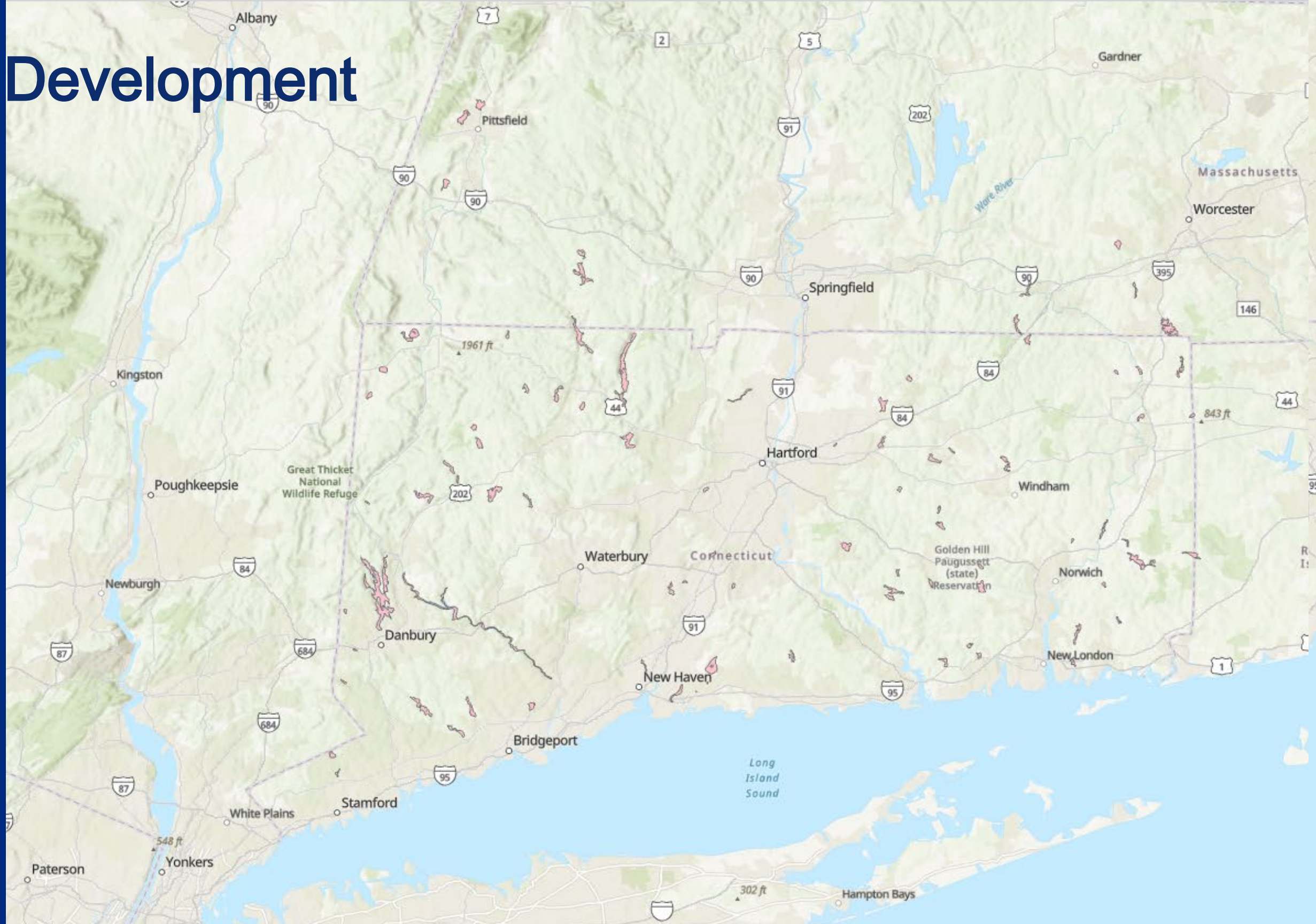


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1,091 subwatersheds for local use and regional use.

1,091 reaches for local use and regional use.

Just over 100 lakes and impoundments modeled



CTWMM Development

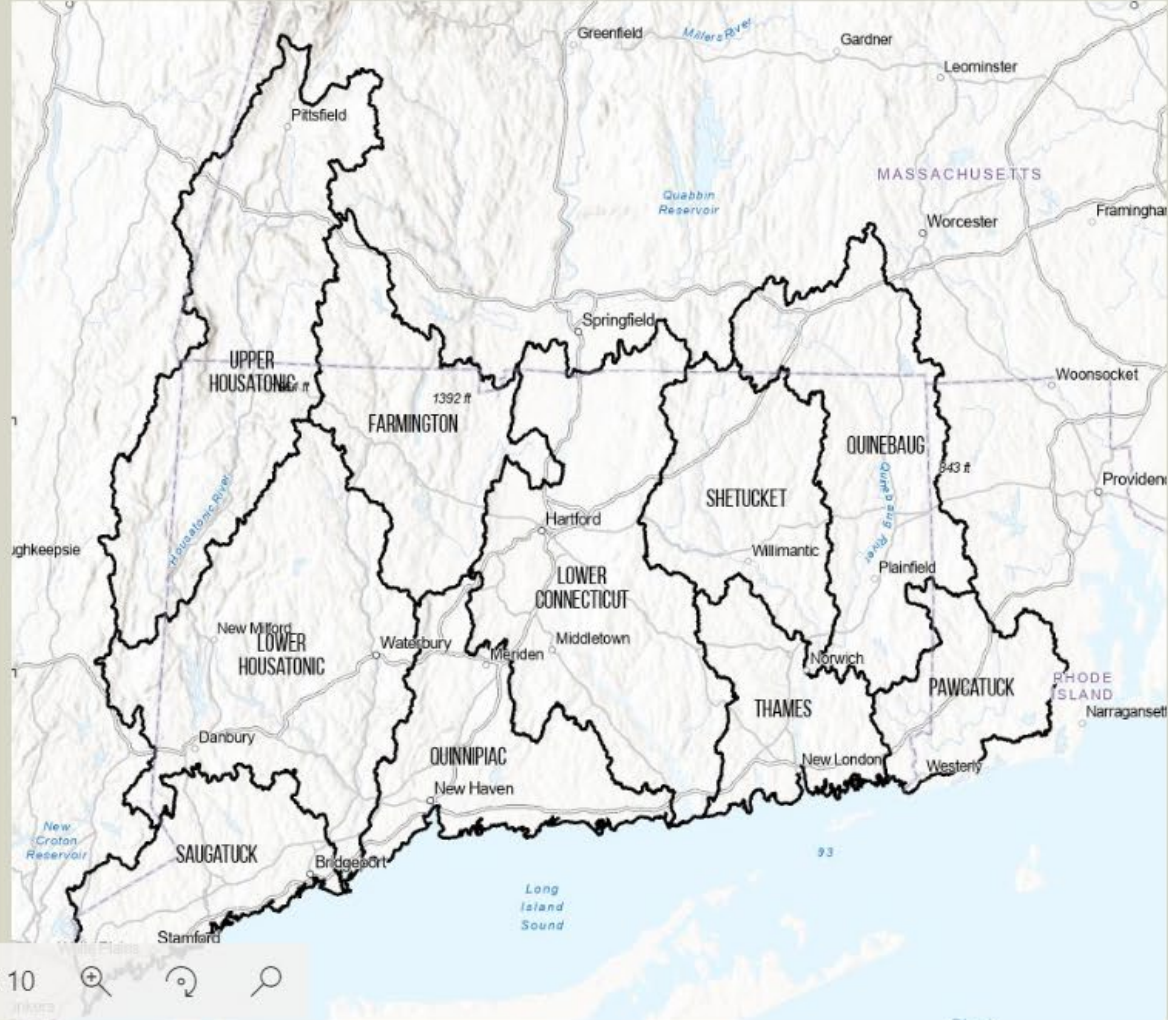


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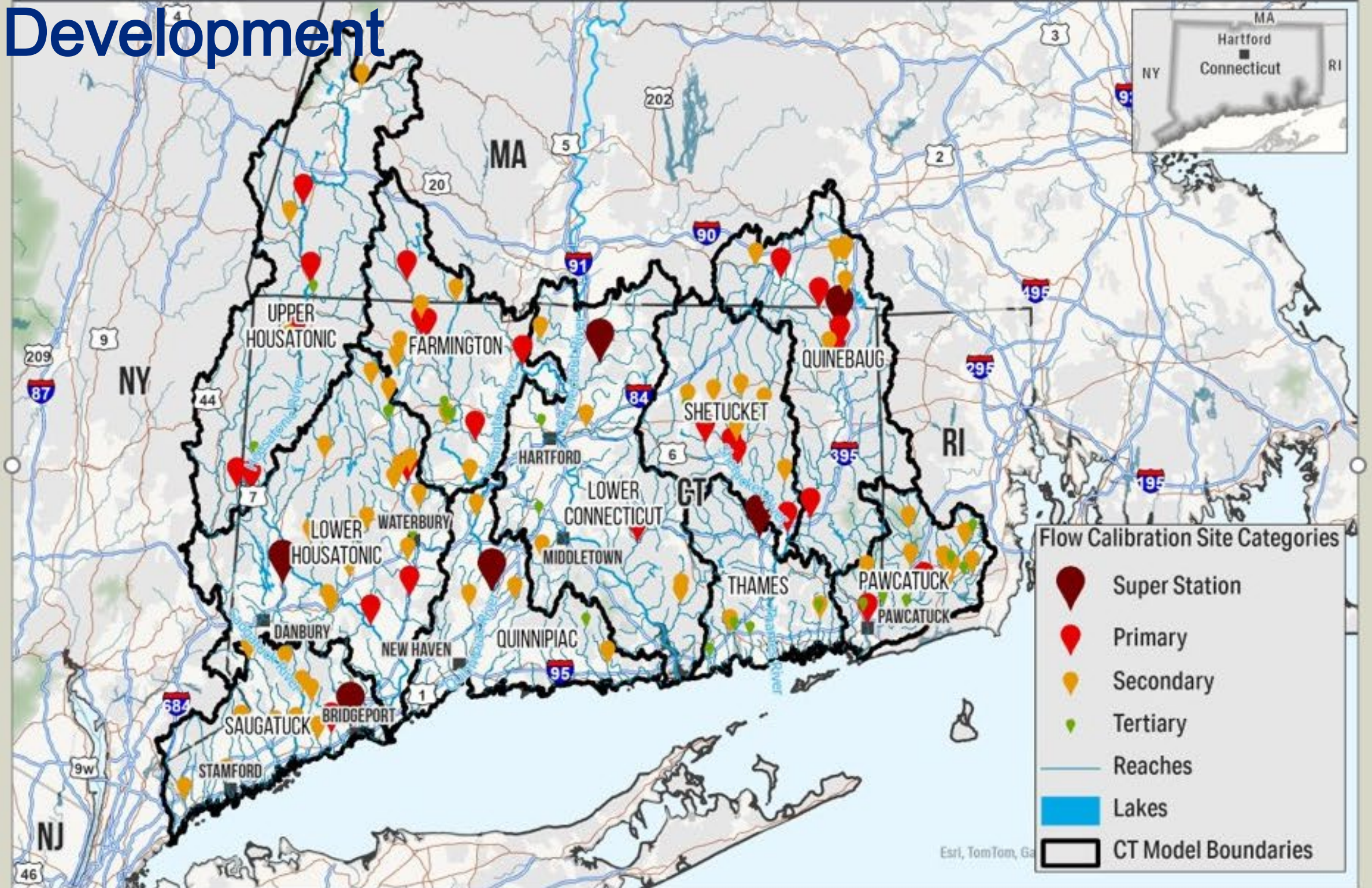
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5 *** Farmington Watershed (HUC8 XXXXXXXX)
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7 GLOBAL
8 FARMINGTON MODEL (FARMIN)
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CTWMD Development



Esri, TomTom, Ga



CTWMM Development

Added a resource since the QAPP which enabled us to make the 'very good' a higher bar to achieve.

Calibration results:

- *83% of Locations Very Good*
- *4 Locations Good*
- *1 Site Satisfactory*
- *Only 1 site fell below the very good category for bias with regards to storm events.*

Table 3-2. Monthly Performance Ratings for Streamflow Calibration and Validation

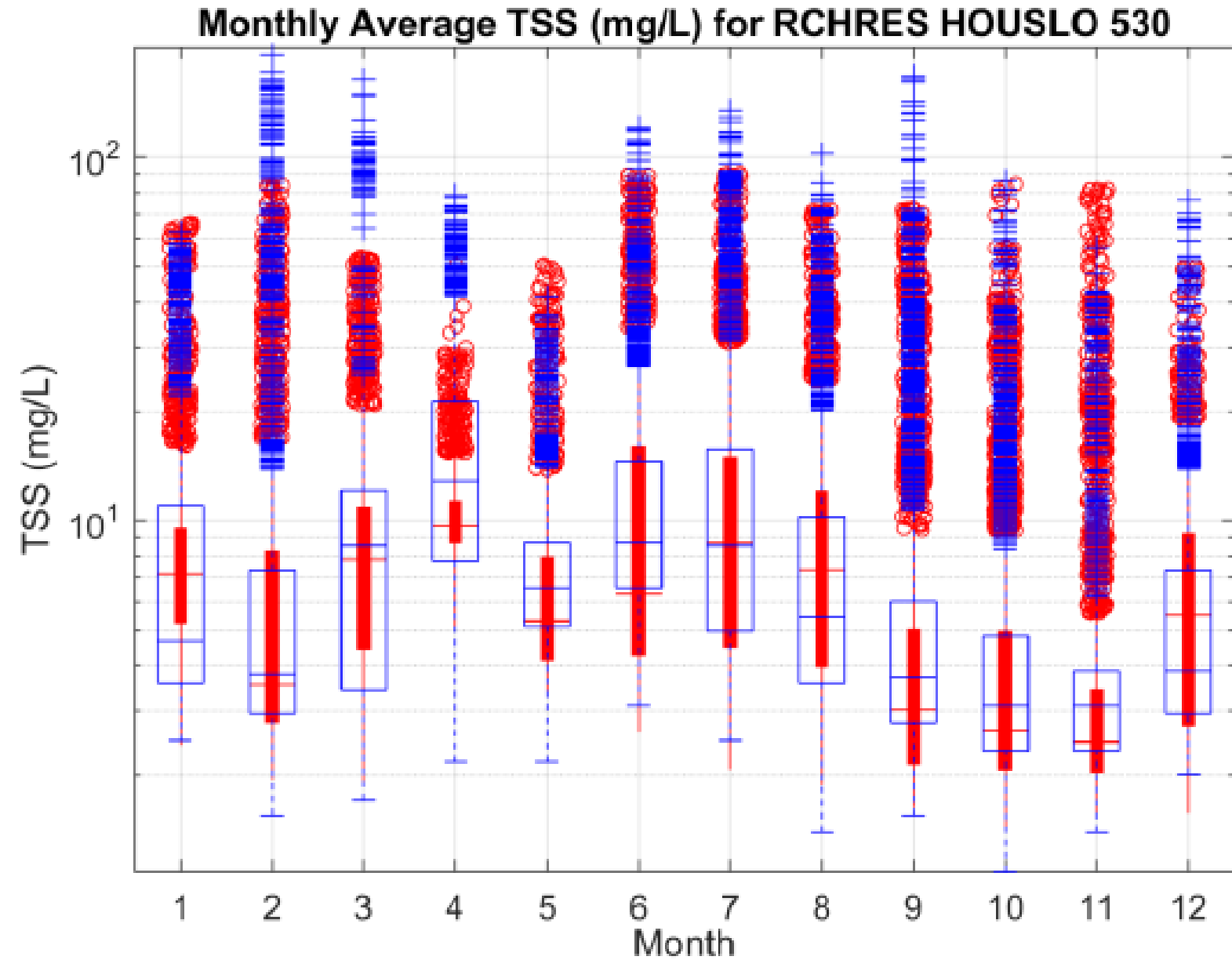
Continuous Streamflow Performance Metric	Reference	Performance Rating Value Ranges			
		Very Good	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Daily R^2	Donigian, 2000	> 0.80	0.70 – 0.80	0.60 – 0.70	< 0.60
Monthly R^2	Donigian, 2000	> 0.85	0.75 – 0.85	0.65 – 0.75	< 0.65
Monthly NSE	Mortasi et al., 2007	> 0.75	0.65 – 0.75	0.50 – 0.65	< 0.50
Percent Error (PBIAS)	Donigian, 2000	< 10	10 – 15	15 – 25	> 25
	Mortasi et al., 2007	< 10	10 – 15	15 – 25	> 25

Calibration Parameter	Reference	Performance Ratings for Ranges of PBIAS Values			
		Very Good	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Sediment	Donigian (2000)	< 20	20–30	30–45	> 45
	Mortasi et al. (2007)	< 15	15–30	30–55	> 55
Water Temperature	Mortasi et al. (2007)	< 7	8–12	13–18	> 18
Nutrients, N and P	Donigian (2000)	< 15	15–25	25–35	> 35
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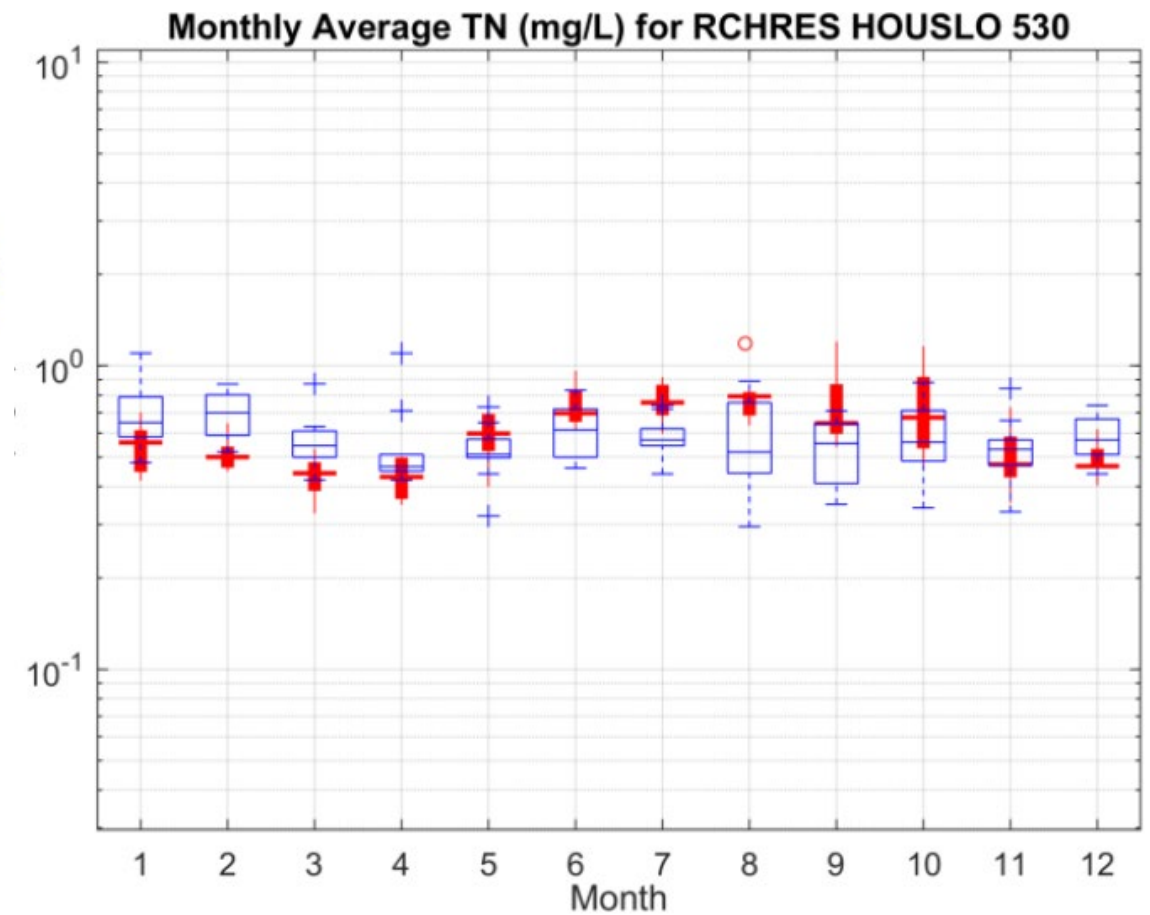
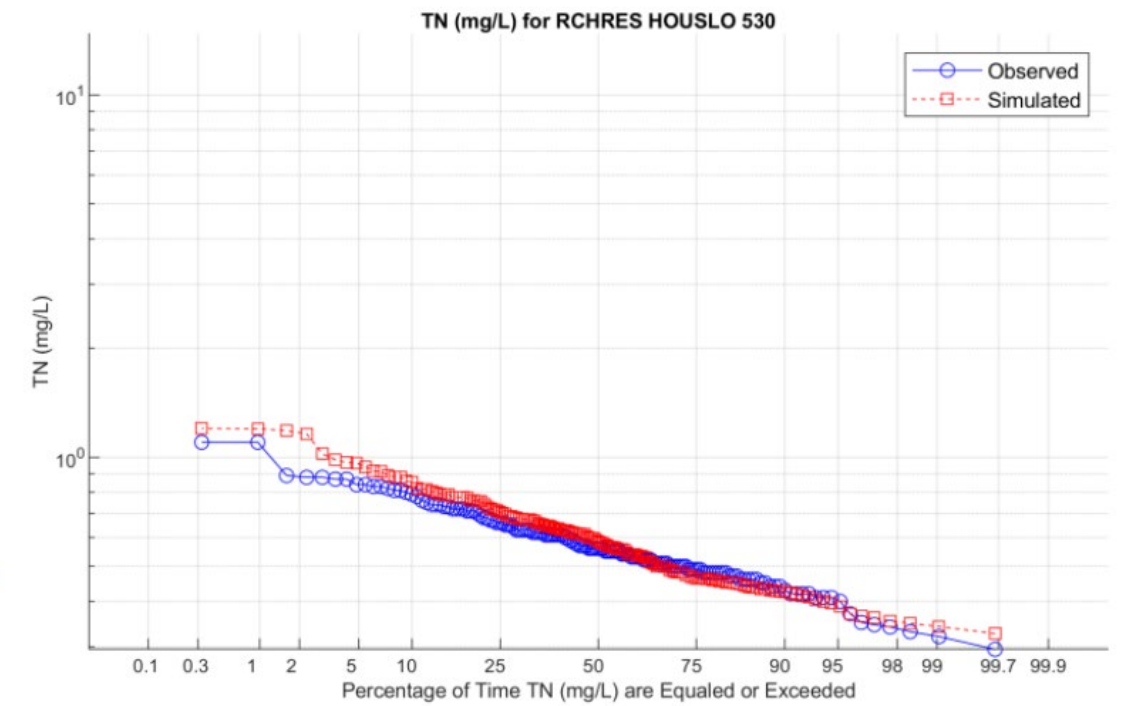
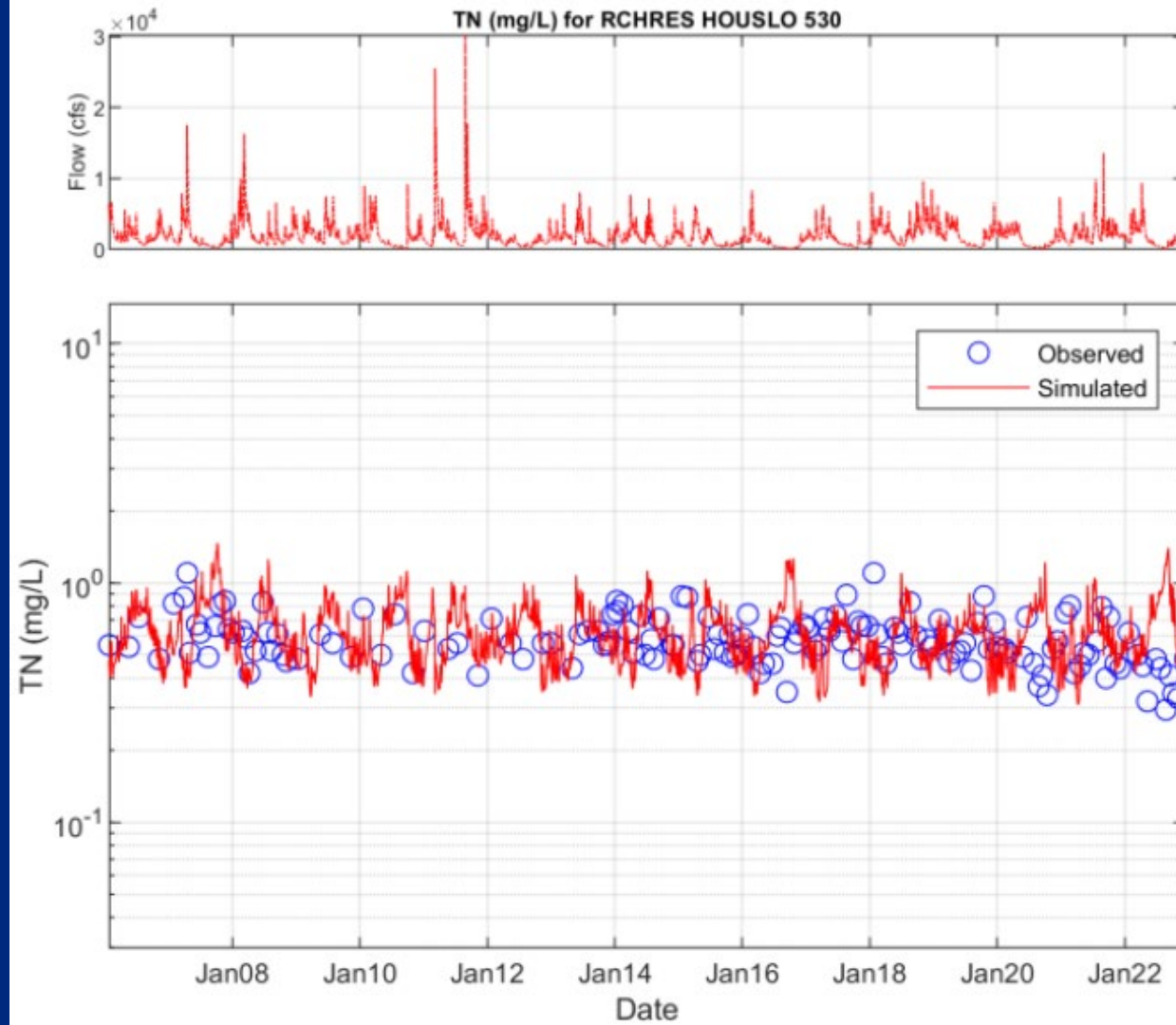
TSS and Turbidity Relationship developed to assist TMDL development consistent with water quality standards.

Example plot of TSS observations (blue) and simulated (red)



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Example plots of TN observations (blue) and simulated (red)



CTWM Development

Scenario Application Manager (SAM)

- *Change Landcover*
- *Adjust septics*
- *Add bioretention*
- *Add denitrifying
ditches*
- *Add constructed
wetlands*
- *Change flow
conditions*
- *Add cover crops*
- *Evaluate point
sources*
- *Evaluate different
climatic conditions*
- *and so much more*



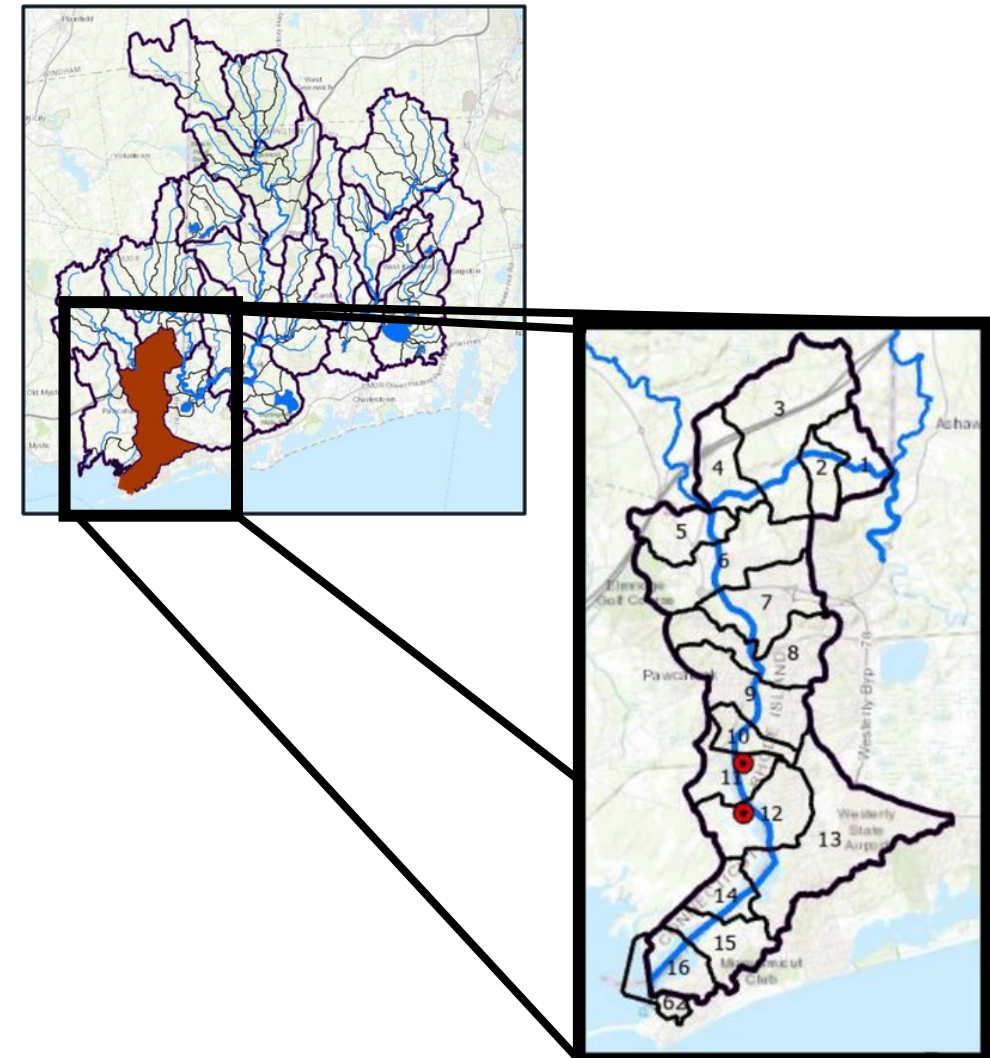
CTWM Development

A third tool that was developed in parallel with the development is the **WQMod link**.

Table 5-1. Linkage Between HSPF Model Outflow Constituents and WASP System Constituents

HSPF Outflow Constituent	Constituents Included in the WASP Eutrophication Model	WASP System Type	Notes
ROVOL	Flow	N/A	—
TAM-OUTTOT	Total Ammonia	NH-34	—
NO3-OUTTOT	Nitrate-Nitrite	NO3O2	Add HSPF NO ₃ and NO ₂ for WASP System NO3O2
NO2-OUTTOT			
PO4-OUTTOT	Dissolved Inorganic Phosphorus	D-DIP	—
N-TOTORG-OUT	Dissolved Organic Nitrogen	ORG-N	Assumed factor to disperse dissolved and detrital nitrogen
	Detrital Nitrogen	DET-N	
P-TOTORG-OUT	Dissolved Organic Phosphorus	ORG-P	Assumed factor to disperse dissolved and detrital phosphorus
	Detrital Phosphorus	DET-P	
C-TOTORG-OUT	Detrital Carbon	DET-C	—
N/A	Total Detritus	TOTDE	Calculated by WASP
BODOUTTOT	CBOD _u – Watershed	CBODU	—
N/A	CBOD _u – Point Source	CBODU	Obtained from WDM
N/A	CBOD _u – Biological	CBODU	Calculated by WASP
DOXOUTTOT	DO	DISOX	—
ROSED-SAND	Sand	SOLID	—
ROSED-SILT	Silt	SOLID	—
ROSED-CLAY	Clay	SOLID	—
PHYTO-OUT	Phytoplankton	PHYTO	—
N/A	Benthic Algae	MALGA	Calculated by WASP
N/A	Benthic Algae Nitrogen	MALGN	
N/A	Benthic Algae Phosphorus	MALGP	
ROHEAT	Water Temperature	WTEMP	—

N/A = Not Applicable.



CTWM Next Steps

Outreach

1. Reviewing Results

2. Preparing Report

3. Developing Materials for Co-Creation

Workshops

4. Workshop hosting!

5. Re-evaluate



CTWM Next Steps

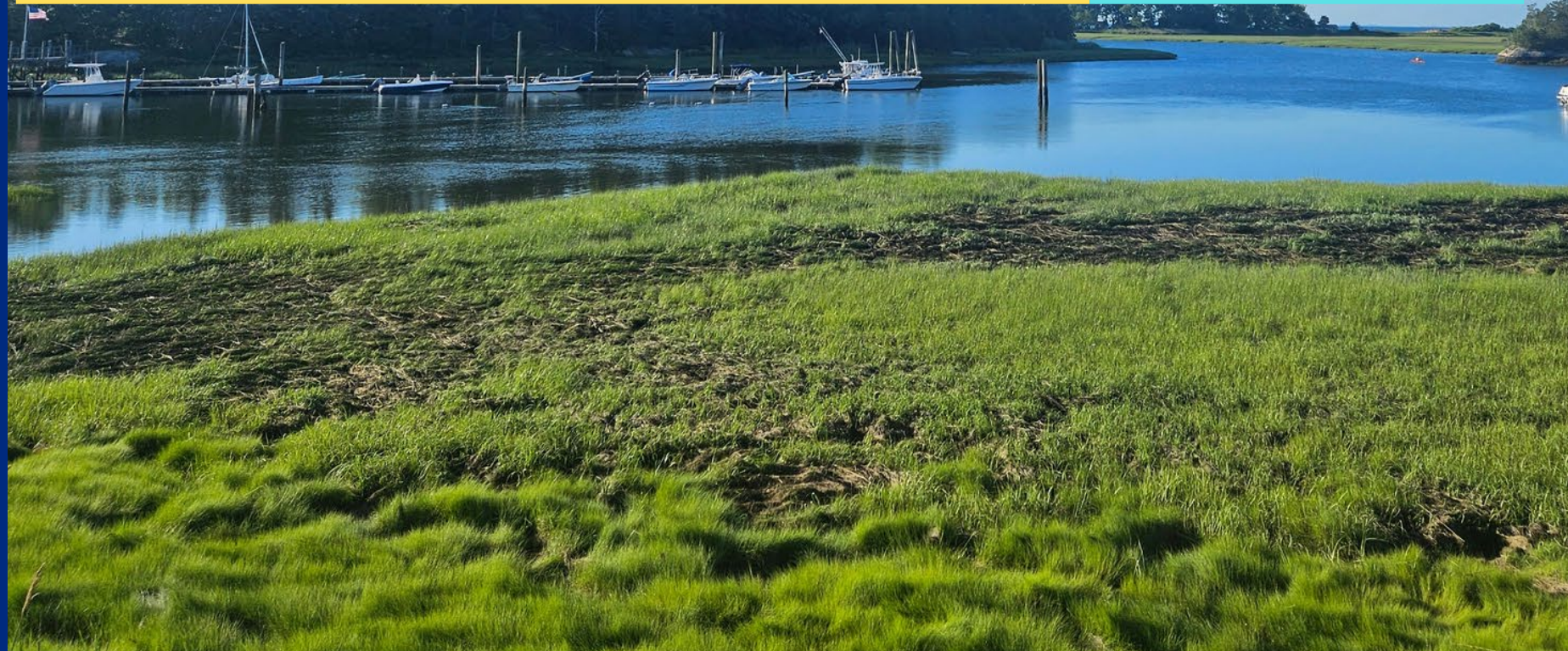
Linking Models

1. *Statewide Embayment Modeling Scheme* ✓

2. *Data Evaluation and Recommendations (2 Bays)* ✓

3. *Develop Models for Four Priority Embayments*

- *Norwalk Harbor and Mystic River*
- *Saugatuck River and Southport Harbor*



CTWM Next Steps

Join us!

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partners and Long Island
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A stylized, colorful landscape illustration. The top right corner features a bright yellow sun partially obscured by a white cloud. Below the sky is a green hill with a dark blue outline. At the bottom, there is a light blue area representing water, also outlined in dark blue. The word "FIN." is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the middle of the green hill.

FIN.

Glossary

- **NPS - Non-Point Sources**
- **WQ - Water Quality**
- **TMDL -Total Maximum Daily Load plan**
- **OWTS - Onsite Wastewater Treatment System**
- **LIS - Long Island Sound**
- **CTWM - Connecticut Watershed Model**
- **WASP - Water Quality Analysis Simulation Program**
- **HSPF - Hydrologic Simulation Program - FORTRAN**
- **WWTP - Waste Water Treatment Plant**
- **SAM - Scenario Application Manager**

Web Resources

CTDEEP Second Generation Nitrogen Strategy:

[https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Water/LIS -Monitoring/LIS -Hypoxia-and-Nitrogen-Reduction -Efforts](https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Water/LIS-Monitoring/LIS-Hypoxia-and-Nitrogen-Reduction-Efforts)

Niantic River Estuary Study:

<http://vaudrey.lab.uconn.edu/research/#active>

Pawcatuck River Project:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Water/TMDL/Pawcatuck -Watershed-Nutrient-Project>

United States Geological Survey – Groundwater:

https://www.usgs.gov/centers/new -england-water/science/development -a-regional-scale-model-simulate-groundwater-flow-and?qt-science_center_objects=0#qt-science_center_objects

United States Geological Survey - Embayments:

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CTWWM Project page coming soon!

To what extent did this session provide you with new knowledge that will help with community resilience planning?

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I found this session very informative and will be using one or more of these tools in my work!

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I found this session informative but I still need more information to understand how I can use these tools.

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I found this session informative but I am not sure if I will use these tools.

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I did not learn new or useful information from this session.

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Are there other resilience tools that you would like to learn more about?

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Nobody has responded yet.

Hang tight! Responses are coming in.



Long Island Sound Study

A Partnership to Restore and Protect the Sound



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Thank you!

LIS Resilience Resource Hub: lisresilience.org