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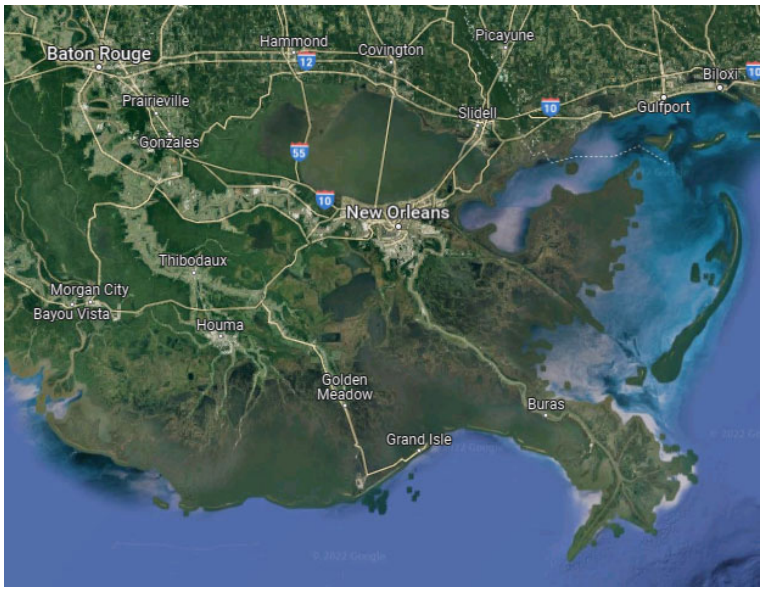
Outline –

- Ryan Hill
  - Overview of geospatial data (StreamCat), Indices of watershed and catchment integrity
- Luisa Riato
  - Application of IWI/ICI and StreamCat datasets in stream conservation
- Marc Weber
  - Accessing and using the StreamCat Data

Understanding rivers

Understanding a river requires more than knowing what is nearby

Agriculture composes 0.2% of land area near outlet of Mississippi



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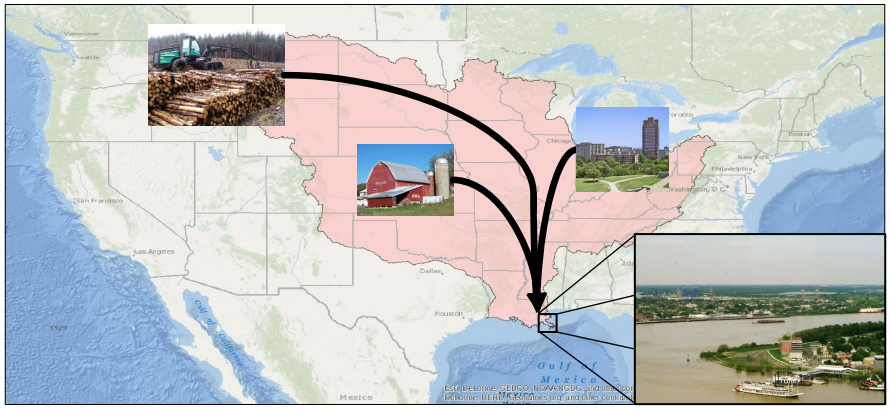
Rivers integrate upstream features



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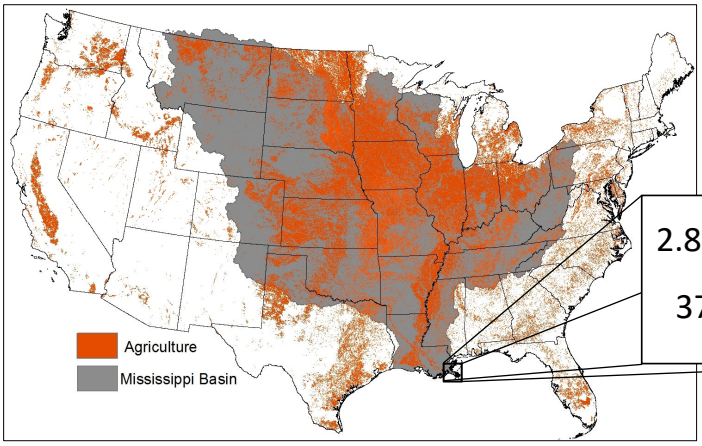
Understanding a river means
understanding the watershed

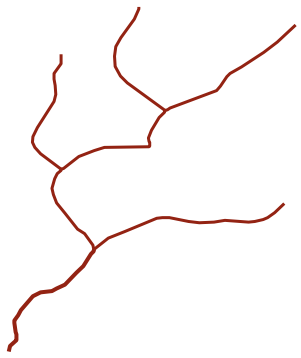


Overview of Data

NHDPlusV2 →	StreamCat →	ICI/IWI
Existing geospatial framework	Suite of watershed metrics we calculated with the NHDPlusV2	Family of indicators built from StreamCat data

Overview of Data – NHDPlus (version 2)

- NHD – Line network of streams
- 2 resolutions (24k versus 100K)



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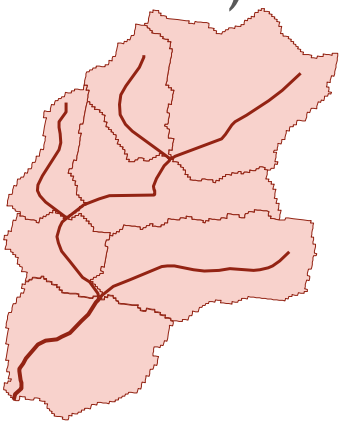
- NHD – Line network of streams
- 2 resolutions (24k versus 100K)
- Combined with digital elevation data to make value added product – NHDPlus (version 2)
- NHDPlusV2 available at 100K resolution
- Available for download by hydrologic region (e.g., Columbia River Basin)



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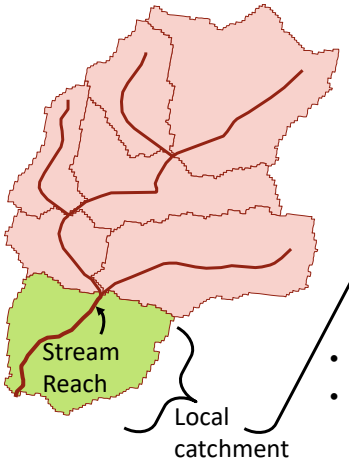

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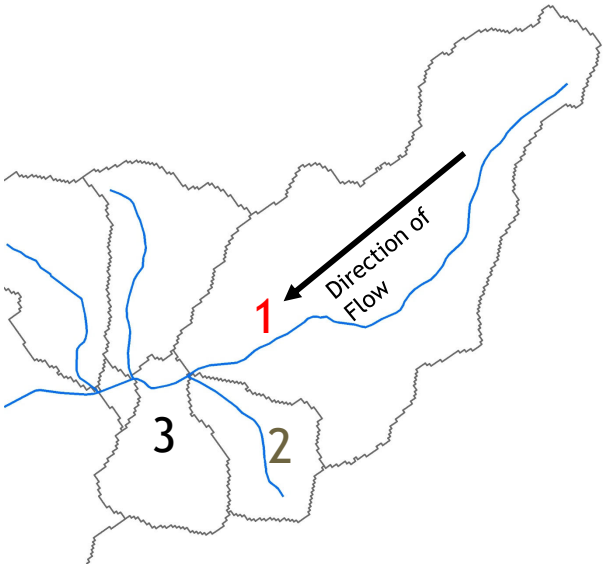

Topology (from-to relationships)

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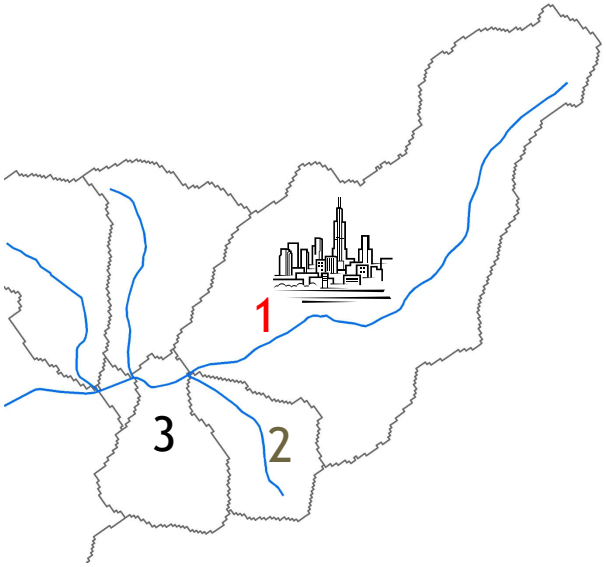

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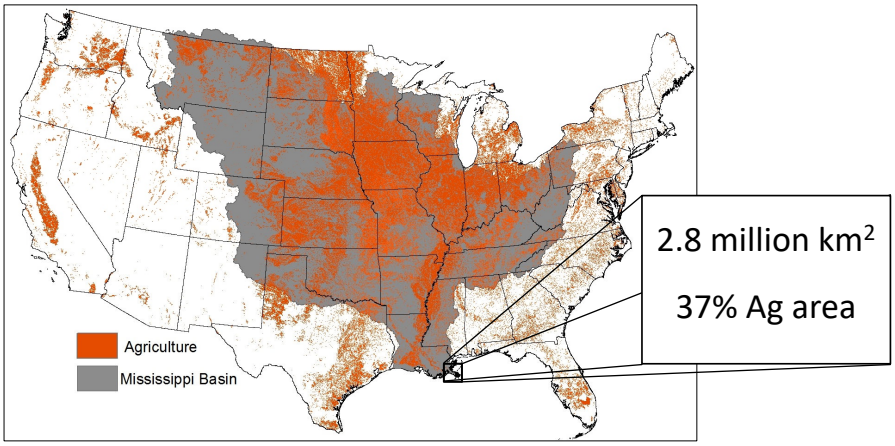

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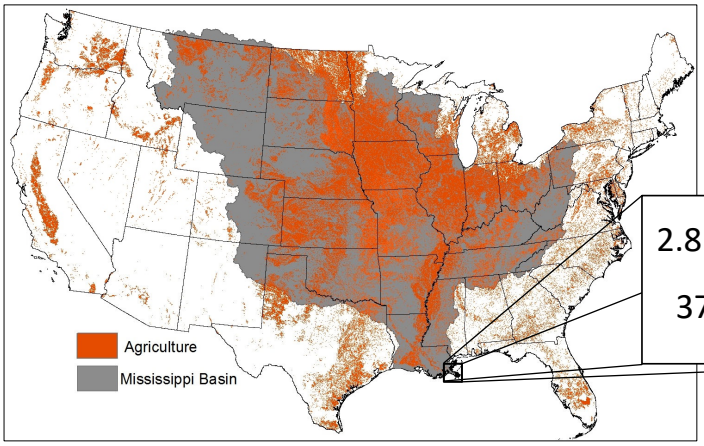
Local catchments + topology table + GIS landscape data



2.8 million km^2

37% Ag area

Overview of Data – StreamCat

(1) Landscape Layers

(CONUS-wide layers of climate, geology, soils, land cover/land use, and others)

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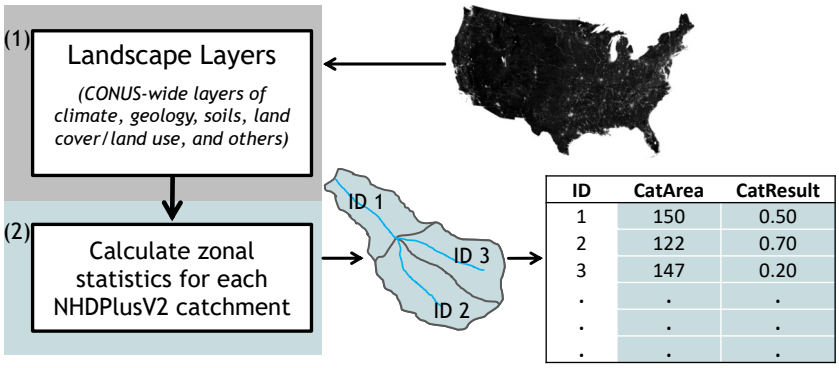

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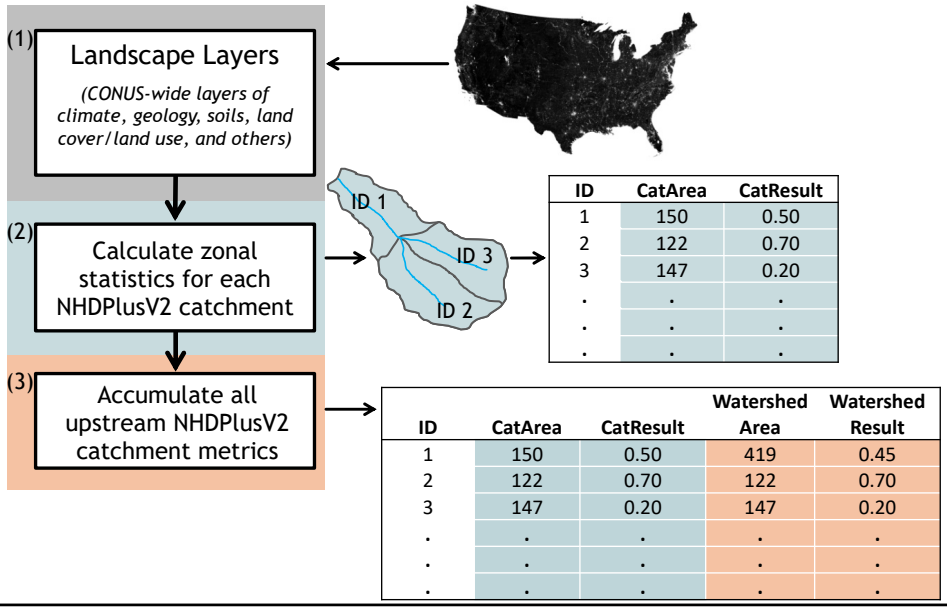

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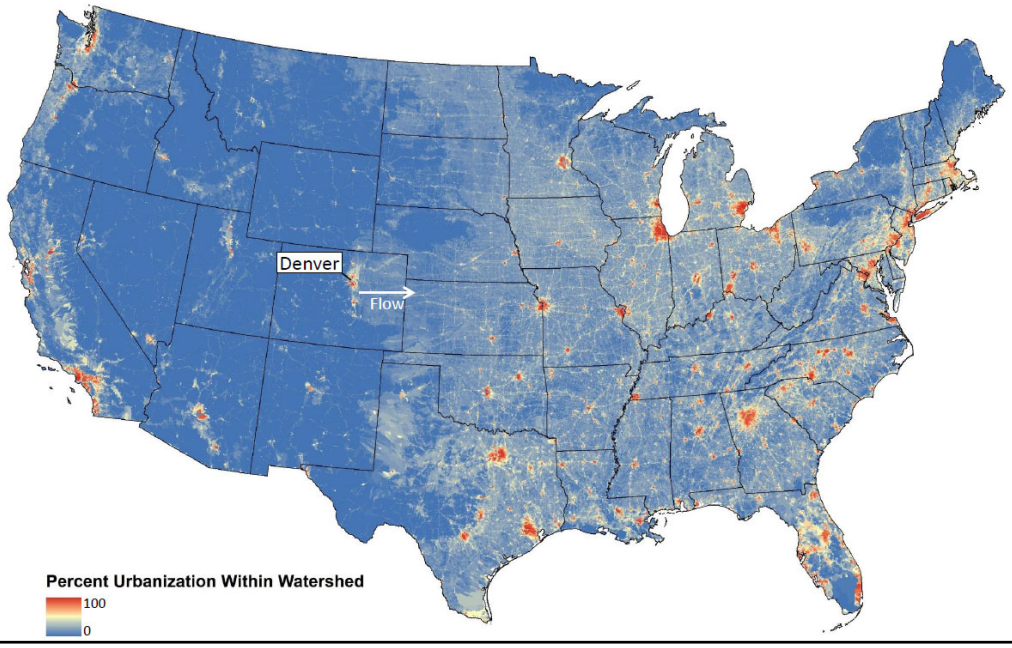

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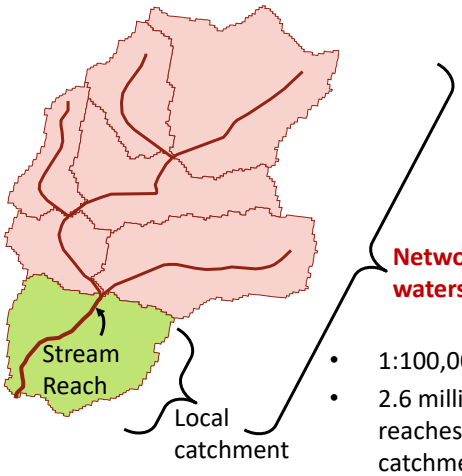
Variable	Class
agricultural land cover on slopes ≥ 10%	disturb
agricultural land cover on slopes ≥ 20%	disturb
average runoff 1971 – 2000	natural
cattle density on farmland	disturb
commercial/industrial	disturb
cultivated crops	disturb
dam density	disturb
Dam storage in basin (DAMSTOR)	disturb
deciduous forest	natural
deciduous evergreen mixed forest	natural
estimated groundwater use	disturb
estimated surface water use	disturb
evergreen forest	natural
grassland/herbaceous	natural
groundwater residence time index	natural
high intensity residential	disturb
high intensity urban	disturb
Housing unit density (HUDEN)	disturb
human population density	disturb
Imperviousness	disturb

Linear distance of sampling site to nearest canal/ditch/pipeline (DIST_CANAL_NEAR)	disturb
local catchment area	natural
low intensity urban	disturb
mainstem stream classified as "Canal", "Ditch", "Pipelire" or "Artificial"	disturb
mean annual air temperature	natural
mean annual precipitation	natural
mean basin elevation	natural
medium intensity urban	disturb
mining density	disturb

Variable	Class
mixed forest	natural
network catchment area	natural
NPDES density	disturb
open space urban	disturb
open water	natural
open wetlands	natural
pasture/hay	disturb
reach elevation	natural
reach linkage number	natural
reach slope	natural
reach stream order	natural
Road density in watershed (ROADDEN)	disturb
road length density	disturb
road/stream intersections	disturb
shrub/scrub	natural
soil depth to water table	natural
soil organic matter	natural
soil permeability	natural
soil permeability	natural
soil rock depth	natural
soils - percent clay	natural
soils - percent sand	natural
Sum of 251 major pesticide compounds (PESTIC)	disturb
Superfund National Priority List density	disturb
surficial lithography	natural
total nitrogen yield	disturb
total phosphorus yield	disturb
Toxics release inventory density	disturb
Urban + crops + pasture land cover in 600-m mainstem buffer (URBCP_MAINS)	natural
woody wetlands	natural

>500 metrics

Overview of Data – NHDPlus (version 2)



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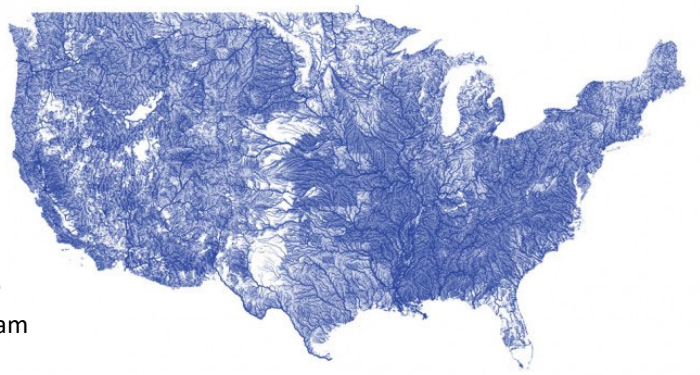

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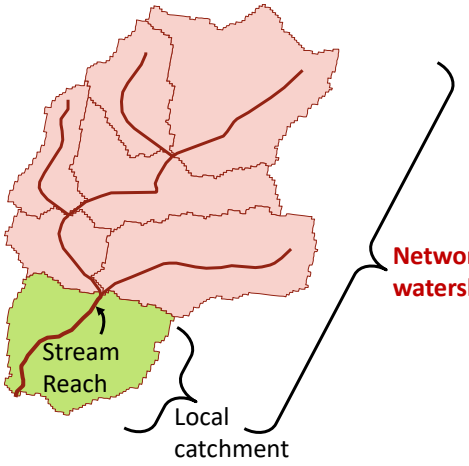

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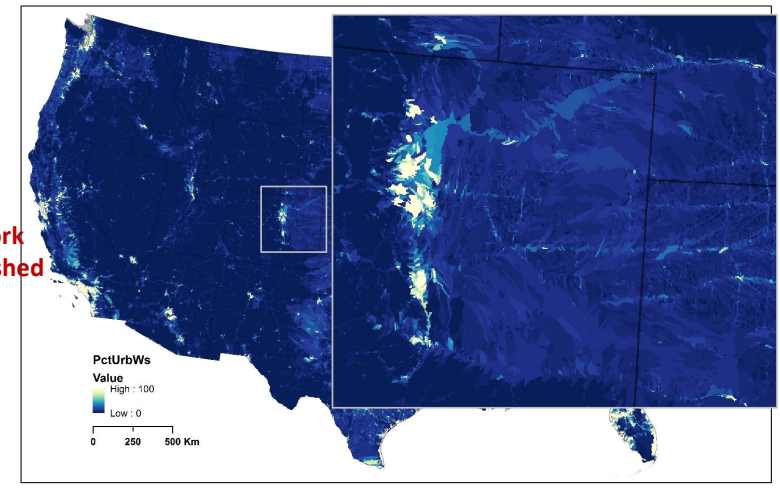

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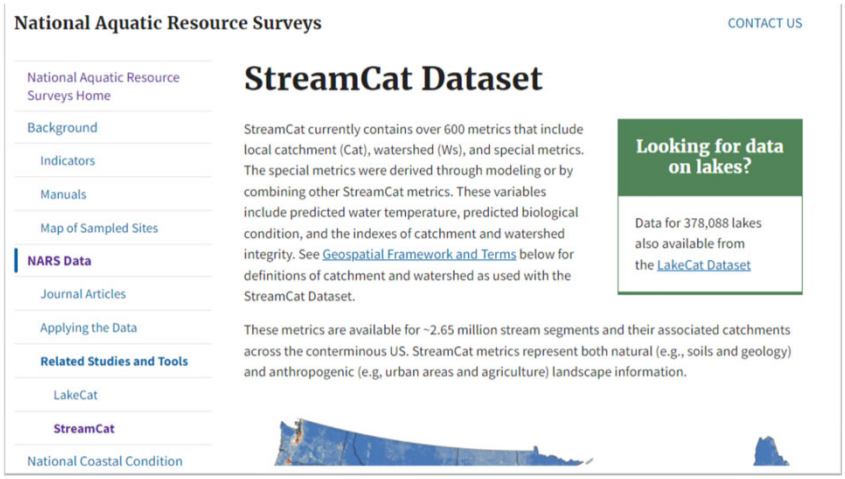
Data available through EPA's NARS website

https://www.epa.gov/national-aquatic-resource-surveys/streamcat



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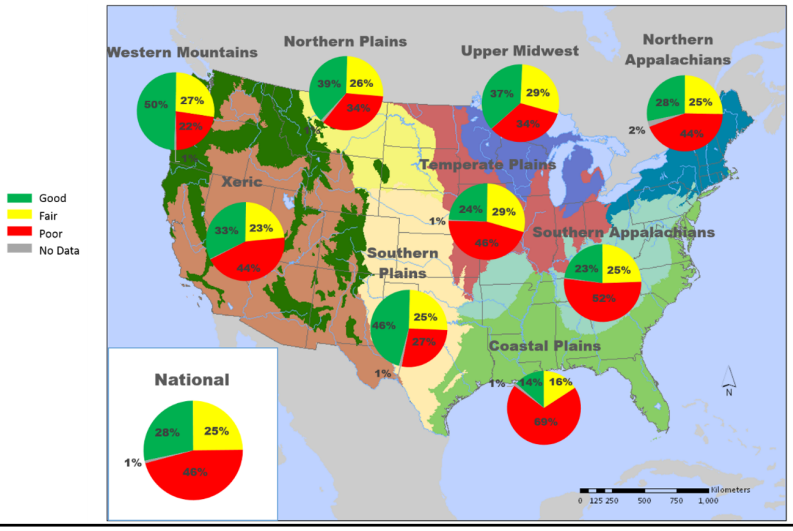
Applications/Examples – StreamCat

National Rivers and Stream Assessment (**NRSA**) summarizes **biological condition** across large regions



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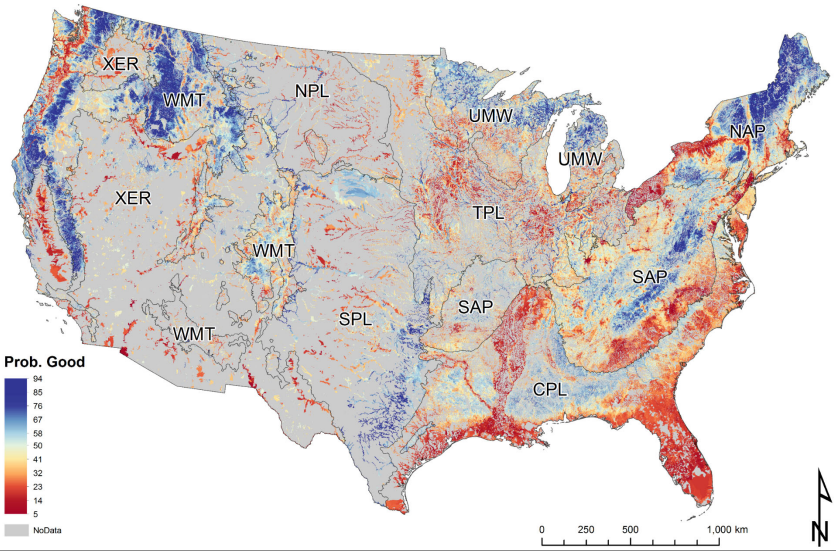
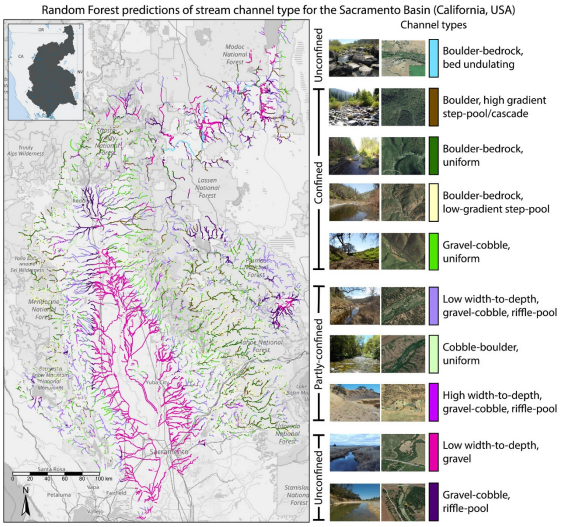
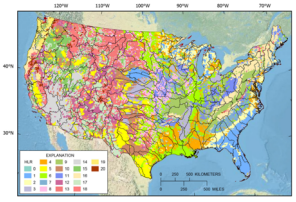


StreamCat – Non-EPA Examples



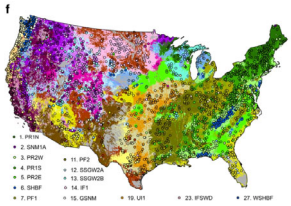
Guillon et al. 2020

Monitoring prioritization



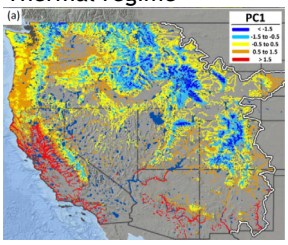
Van Metre et al. 2020

Hydro, thermal, confinement



McManamay & DeRolph 2019

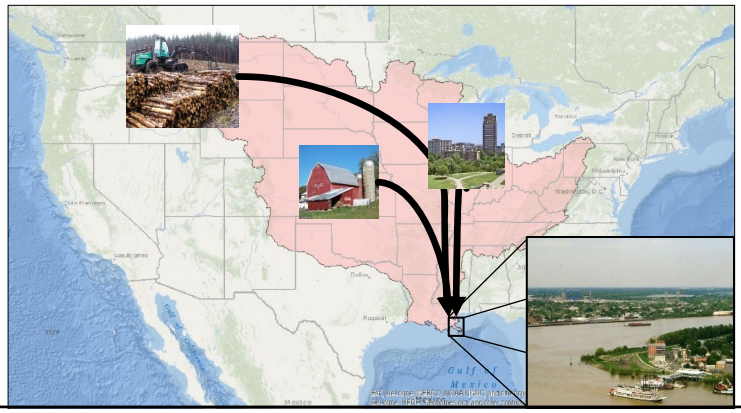
Thermal regime



Isaak et al. 2020

Overview of Data – Watershed Integrity

- Watersheds provide a variety of ecosystem services valued by society
- Production of these services is sensitive to watershed alteration by human activities



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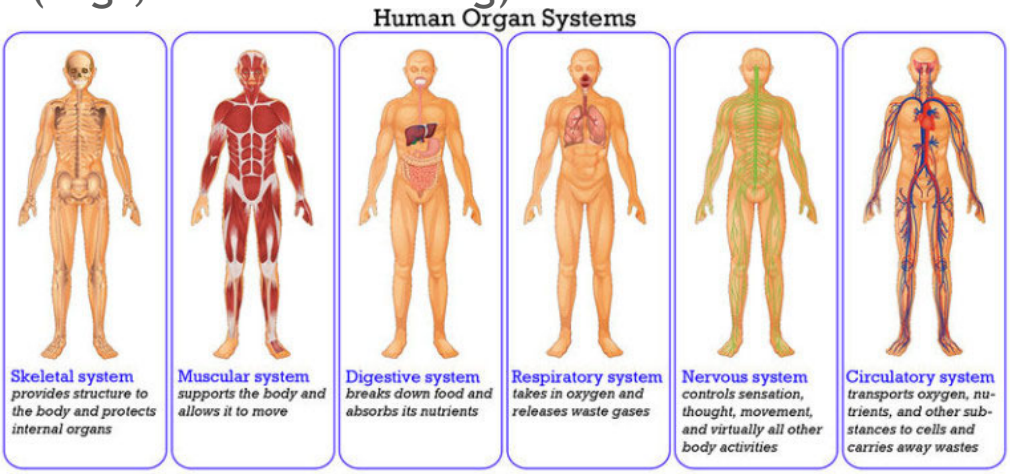
- Concept borrows from human health perspective
- Can estimate risk based on things like behavior (e.g., diet or smoking)



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Six key functions must be present for a watershed to have integrity (Flotemersch et al. 2015):

1. Hydrologic regulation
2. Regulation of water chemistry
3. Sediment regulation
4. Hydrologic connectivity
5. Temperature regulation
6. Habitat provision

Overview of Data – Watershed Integrity

Key function	Description	Major stressors	
		Within channel	Outside channel
Hydrologic regulation (HYD)	Maintenance of the natural timing, pattern, supply, and storage of water that flows through the watershed	• Presence and volumes of reservoirs (NABD) • Stream channelization and levee construction (NA)	• Percent of the watershed comprising agricultural land use (NLCD) • Total length and density of canals/ditches (NHD) • Percent imperviousness of human-related landscapes (NLCD) • Alteration to and spatial arrangement of riparian vegetation (LANDFIRE) • Boundaries, depths, and flows of aquifers (NA) • Groundwater use (NA)*
Regulation of water chemistry (CHEM)	Maintenance of the natural timing, supply, and storage of the major chemical constituents of freshwaters: nutrients (nitrogen & phosphorus), salinity or conductivity, total dissolved solids, hydrogen ions (pH), and naturally occurring minor constituents (e.g., heavy metals)	• Presence and volumes of reservoirs (NABD) • Stream channelization and levee construction (NA)	• Atmospheric deposition of anthropogenic sources of nitrogen and acid rain (NADP) • Percent of watershed composed of agricultural land uses (NLCD) • Fertilizer application rates (FERT) • Presence and density of wastewater treatment facilities (NPDES), industrial facilities (TRI), superfund sites (SUPERFUND), and mines (MINES) • Cattle density (NA)* • Alteration to and spatial arrangement of riparian vegetation (LANDFIRE) • Chemical constituents of groundwater (NA)

Flotemersch et al. 2015

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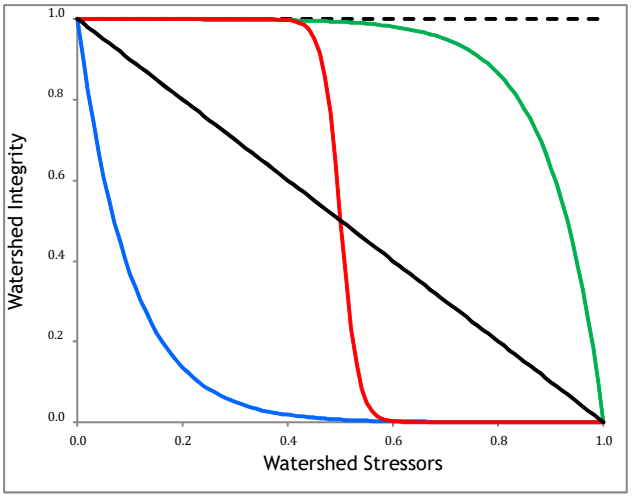
Response to stress can be approximated with a variety of potential curves – first cut was negative linear



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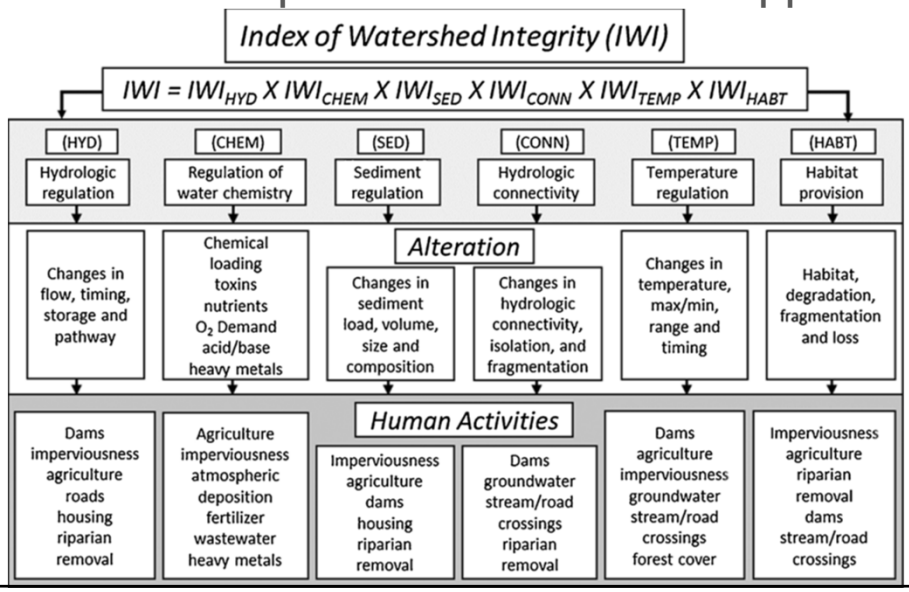

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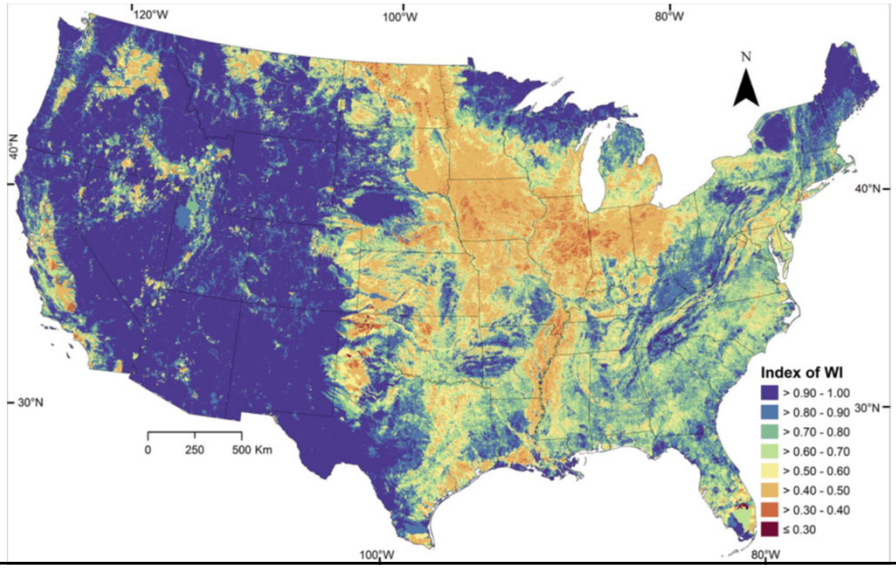
Index of Watershed Integrity (IWI)



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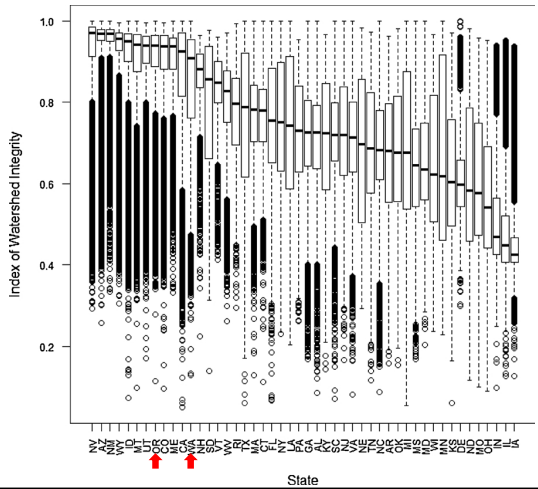
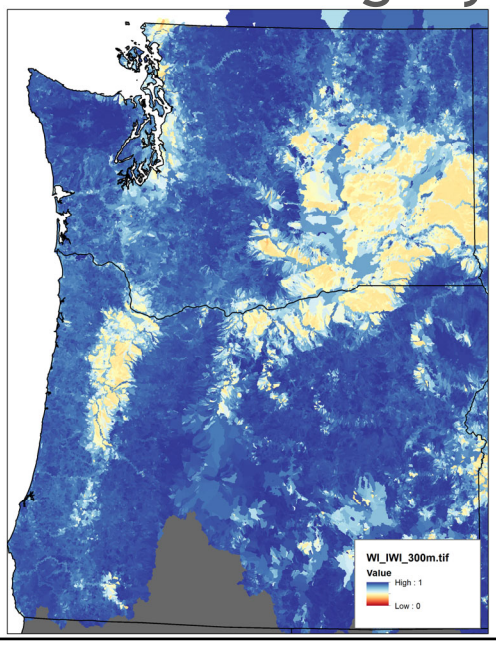
- 232K catchments in Columbia River Basin





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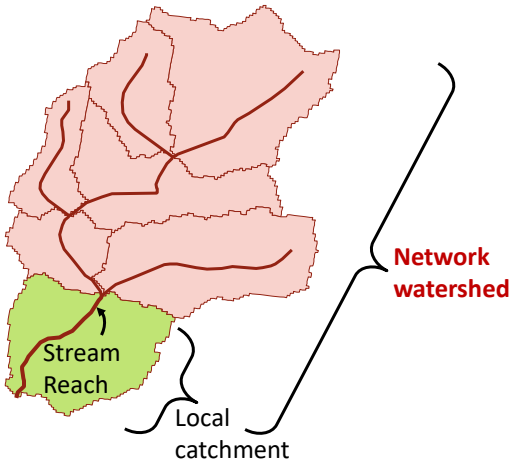
Concept expanded to local catchments



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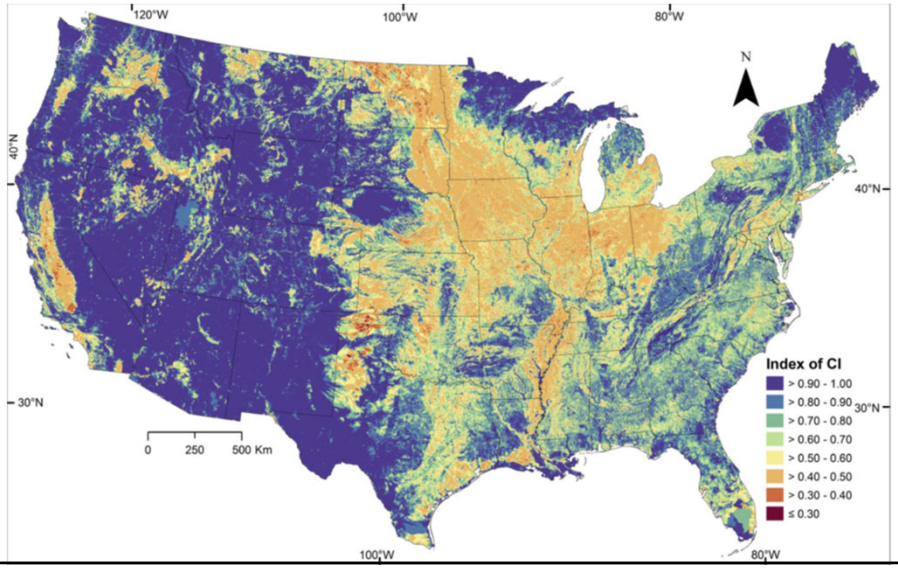

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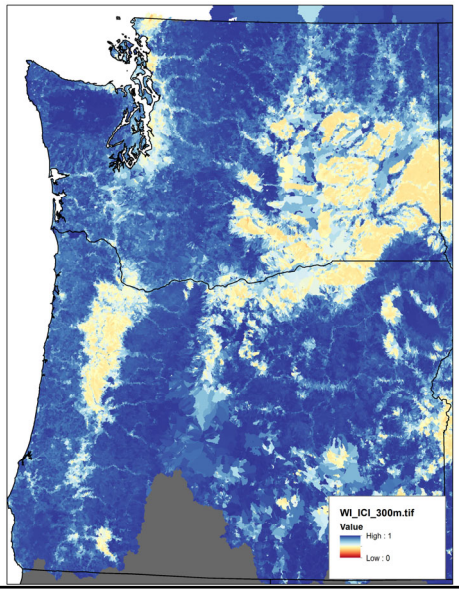

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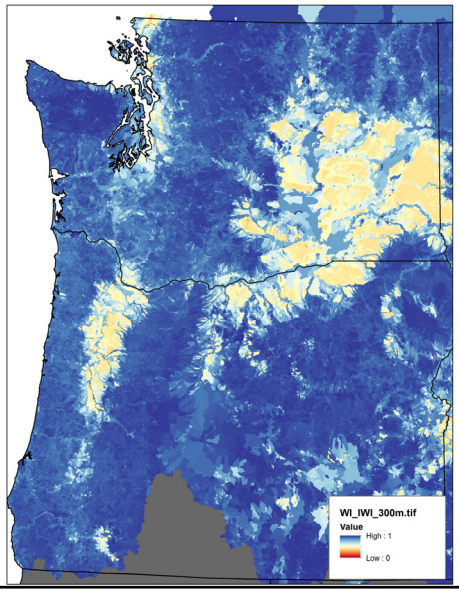

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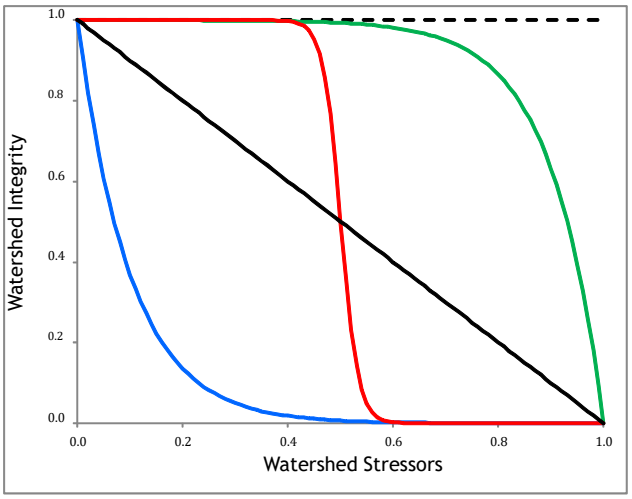
Can we revisit the linear conceptual model?



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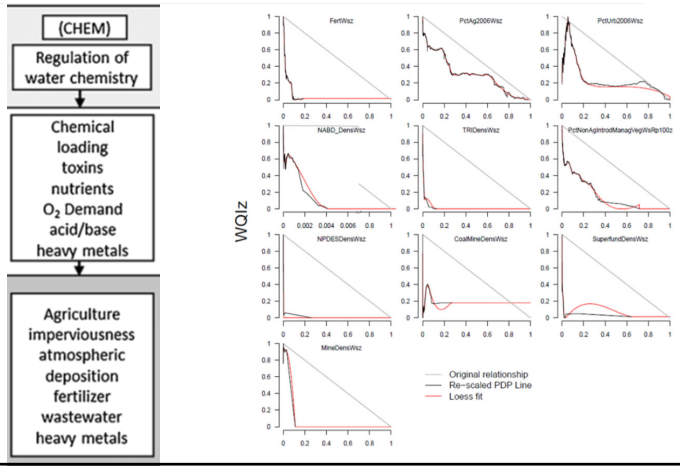
Zach Johnson et al. 2018

Index of Watershed Integrity (IWI)

$$IWI = IWI_{HYD} \times IWI_{CHEM} \times IWI_{SED} \times IWI_{CONN} \times IWI_{TEMP} \times IWI_{HABT}$$

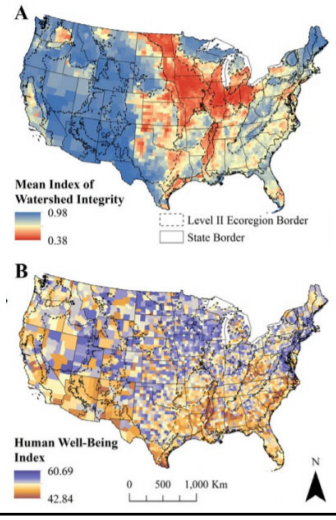


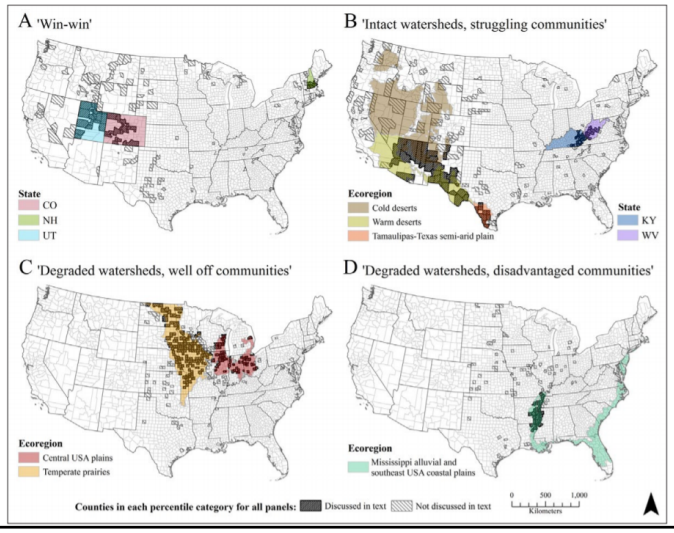
Overview of Data

NHDPlusV2	StreamCat	ICI/IWI
• Geospatial dataset of 2.6 million stream/river lines • 100K resolution - average length ~2km • Value added dataset with local catchments • Topology tables contain from-to connections from each catchment to each downstream catchment • Framework for summarizing landscape information for StreamCat Dataset	• Summaries of geospatial data done with NHDPlusV2 • Done with nationally-consistent datasets • Local catchment and watershed summaries for ~650 metrics at each scale • Available for download from EPA NARS website – state or hydro-region • Can be linked to NHDPlusV2 streams or catchments by unique ID	• Conceptual index based on human health analogy • Nationally-consistent index • Loss of any function = loss in integrity • Applied with linear response of function to stress to CONUS • Concept expanded to include local catchment integrity • Can be iteratively refined (e.g., non-linear curves)

Overview of Data – Applications

Combining Watershed and Social Criteria





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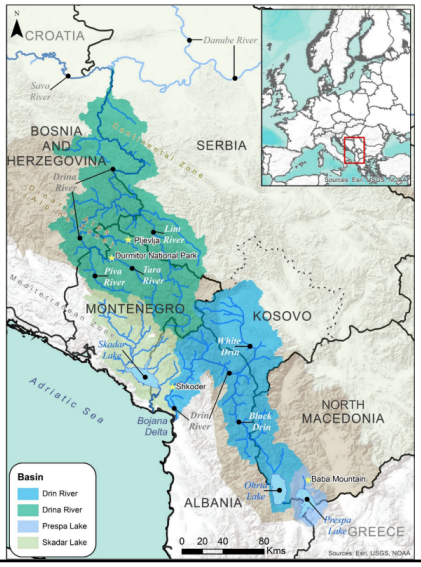
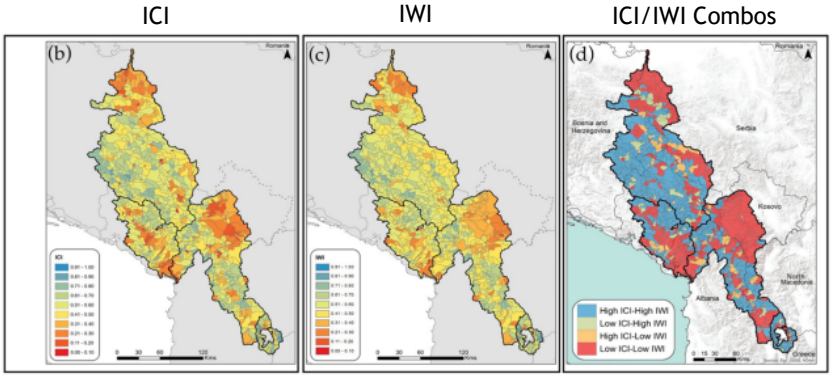
Overview of Data – Applications

Adapting for Western Balkans Region





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Application of IWI/ICI and StreamCat Datasets in Stream Conservation

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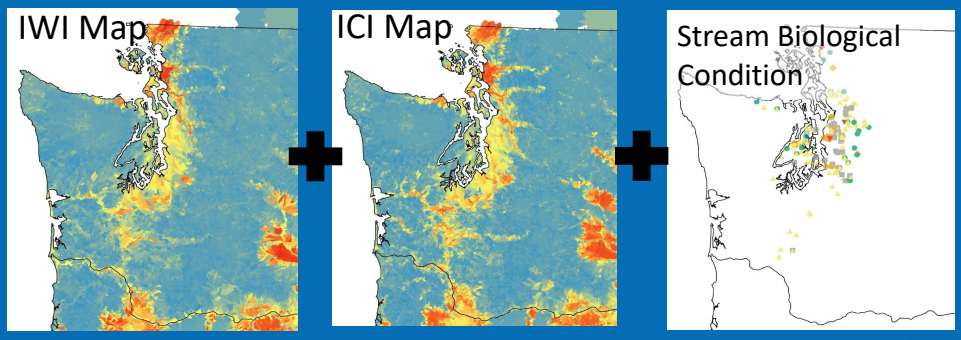
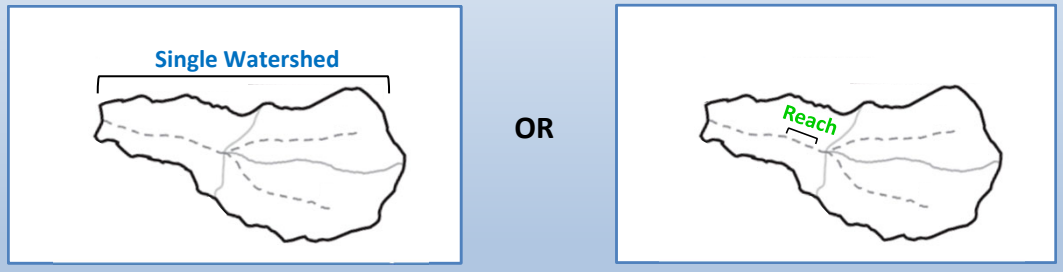


Stream Management:

Historically at Single Spatial Scale
e.g., a Watershed or Stream Reach



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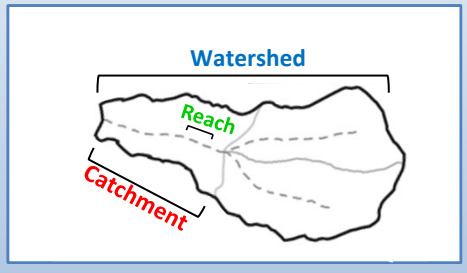
Stream Management at Multiple Spatial Scales

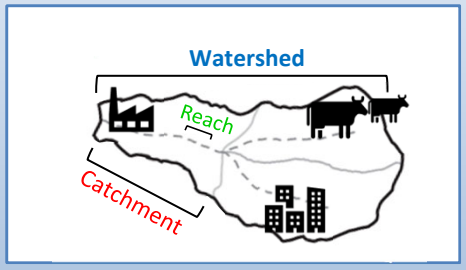
Watershed, Catchment and Stream-Reach scale



- Identify scale(s) which biological condition is responding to stress
- Best spatial scale(s) for management action
- Prioritize streams for restoration/protection

Need Framework To Link:

Landscape Information at Multiple Spatial Scales



Stream Biological Condition Data

Stream Biological Condition Indicators

Index of Biotic Integrity (IBI)

OR

Multimetric Index (MMI)

OR

Biological Condition Gradient (BCG)

An Index includes several metrics e.g., Taxa richness, % Pollution-sensitive and -tolerant taxa

→

Index score classified into e.g., Good, Fair or Poor Condition

Framework that Enables Flexibility

Stream Biological Condition Data

Benthic Index of Biotic Integrity (B-IBI)

OR

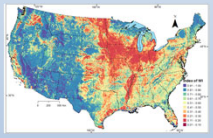
National Rivers and Streams Assessment (NRSA) MMI

OR

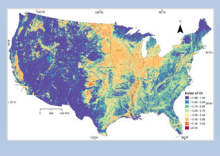
Biological Condition Gradient (BCG)

Landscape Integrity Data

State or Regional Watershed/Catchment/Reach Integrity data



National Index of Watershed Integrity (IWI)

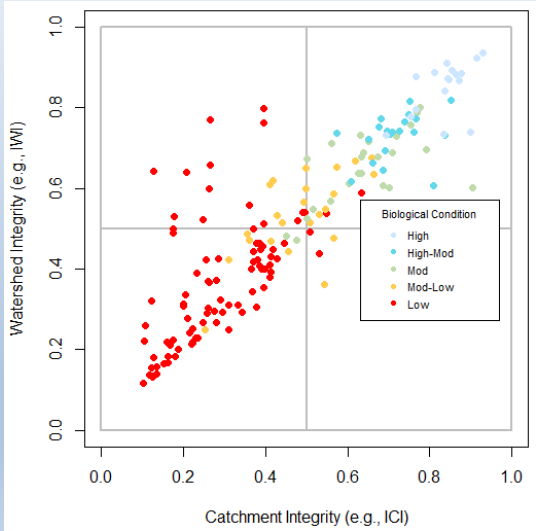


National Index of Catchment Integrity (ICI)

StreamCat data

Linking Stream Biological Condition with Watershed and Catchment Integrity

Upper left quadrant
Possible Candidates for Restoration – High IWI, Low ICI

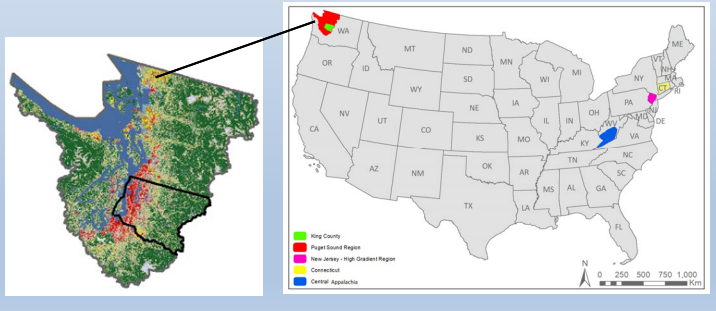


Upper right quadrant
Best candidates for Protection – High IWI, High ICI

Lower Left & Right quadrants
Worst Candidates for Restoration – Low IWI, Low ICI

Case Study 1: Puget Lowland Region/King County (WA)

Aim: Link Stream Biological Condition with Two Scales of Integrity - Watershed & Catchment



Case Study 1: Puget Lowland/King County (WA)

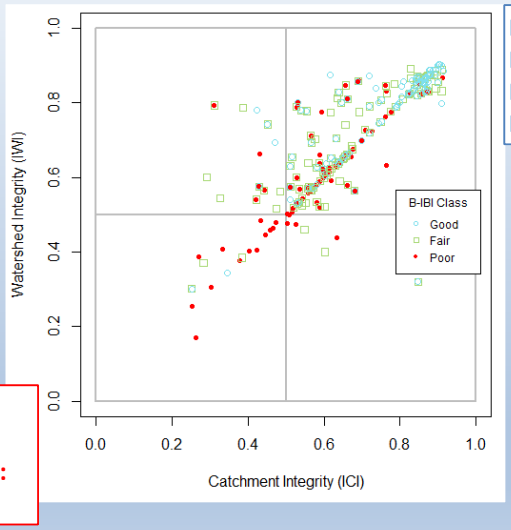
Biological data

- Macroinvertebrate Benthic Index of Biotic Integrity (B-IBI)
- 782 B-IBI samples - Good, Fair or Poor condition

Watershed and Catchment Integrity data

- IWI & ICI values

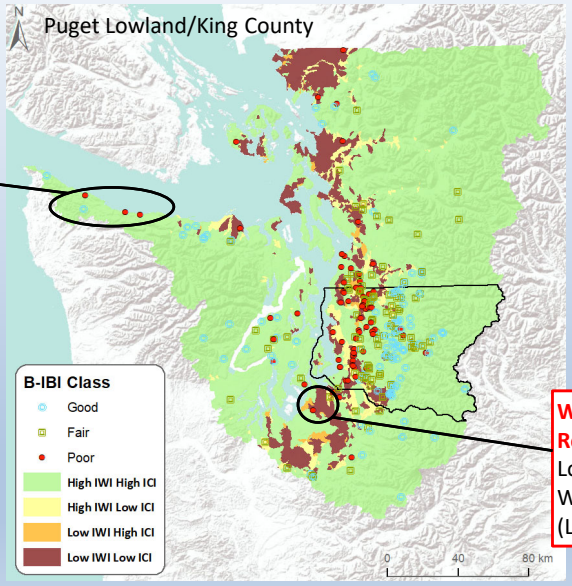
Linking Macroinvertebrate B-IBI with IWI and ICI



Best Candidates for Feasible/Effective Protection & Restoration: High IWI, High ICI

Protection & Restoration Less Feasible/Effective: Low IWI, Low ICI

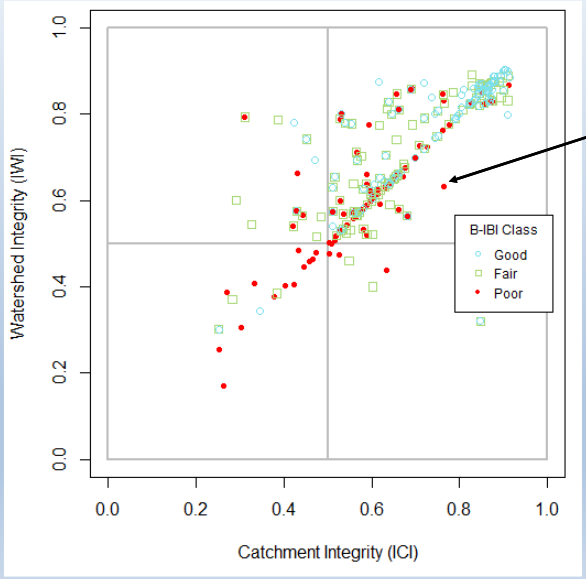
Linking Macroinvertebrate B-IBI with IWI and ICI



Best Candidates for Restoration/Protection
High Integrity Watersheds/Catchments

Worst Candidates for Restoration
Low Integrity Watersheds/Catchments (Low IWI/Low ICI)

Puget Lowland/King County Macroinvertebrate B-IBI with IWI and ICI

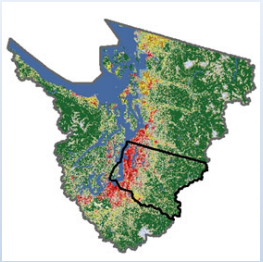


Underperforming Sites:
Poor sites in High Integrity Watersheds/Catchments

Goals

- ❑ Develop a more effective landscape indicator for Puget Lowland/King County
- ❑ StreamCat - examine hundreds of candidate catchment/watershed indicators
- ❑ Determine if the new indicator fits the biological data better in scatterplot than the IWI/ICI?

Puget Lowland/King County (WA)



King County B-IBI with IWI/ICI (left) and IWI/PctForestCat (right)

Underperforming Sites:
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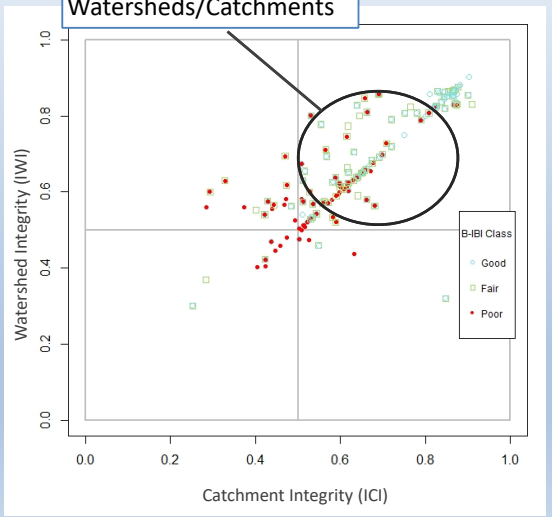
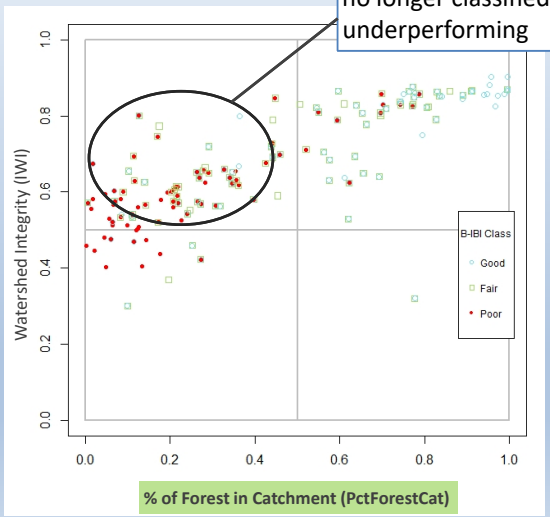
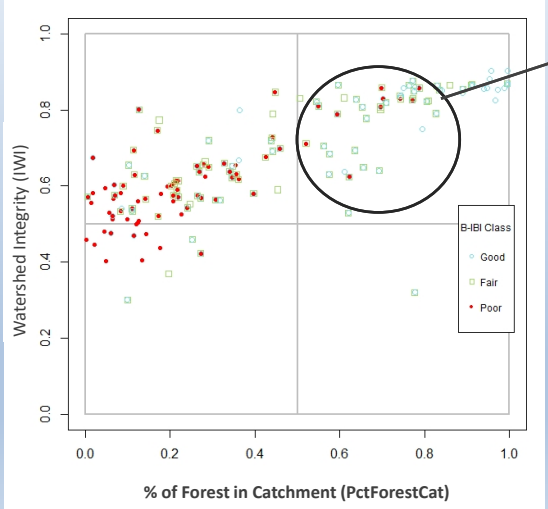


Poor Sites with Low PctForestCat, no longer classified underperforming



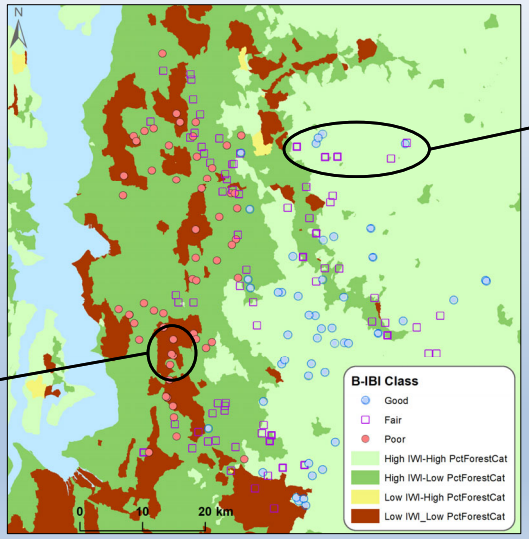
King County B-IBI with IWI/PctForestCat



Underperforming Sites
(High IWI/High PctForestCat)

- Other factor(s) causing poor condition (e.g., local pollutants from urban stormwater)
- Best candidates for restoration in relatively intact watersheds/catchments

King County B-IBI with IWI/PctForestCat

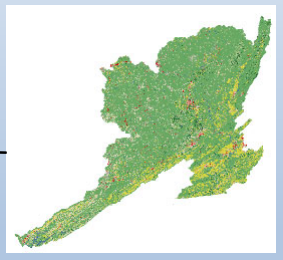


Best Candidates for Restoration/Protection
High Integrity Watersheds/
High Forested Catchments

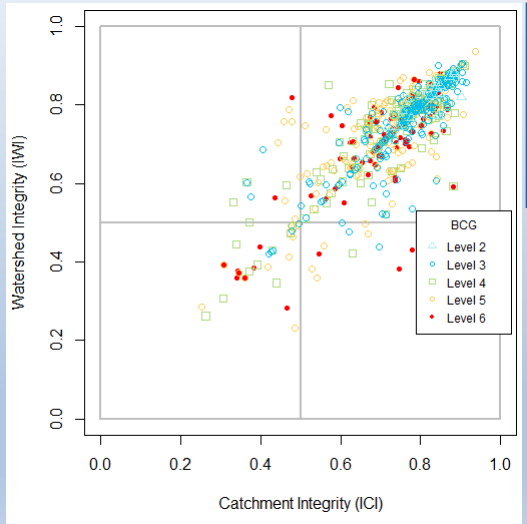
Less Feasible/Effective Restoration
Low Integrity Watersheds/
Low Forested Catchments

Case Study 2: Central Appalachia Region

Aim: Link Stream Biological Condition with Three Scales of Integrity – Watershed, Catchment & Reach

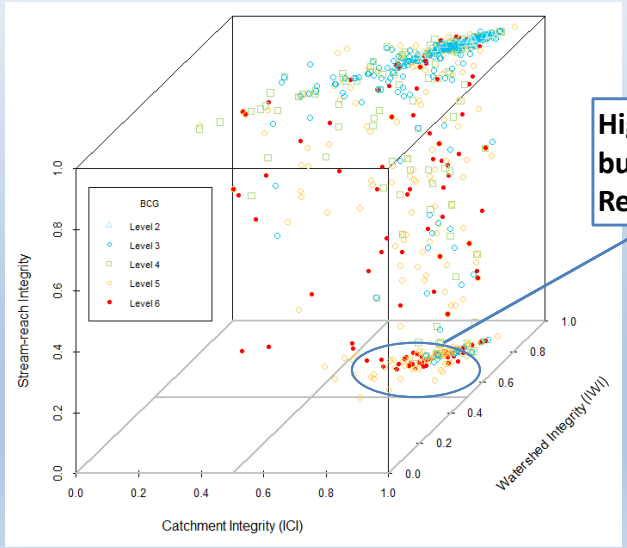


Linking Macroinvertebrate BCG with IWI and ICI



Upper Right Quadrant
High Integrity Watersheds/Catchments
39% Good sites (BCG 2 & 3)
50% IMPAIRED (BCG 5 &6)?

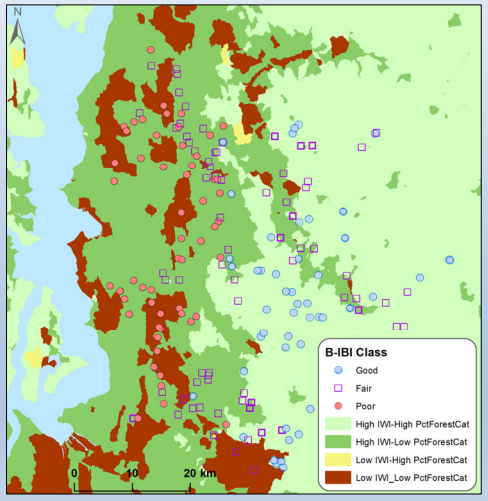
Linking Macroinvertebrate BCG with IWI, ICI & Reach-scale Integrity



High IWI, High ICI but Low Stream-Reach Integrity

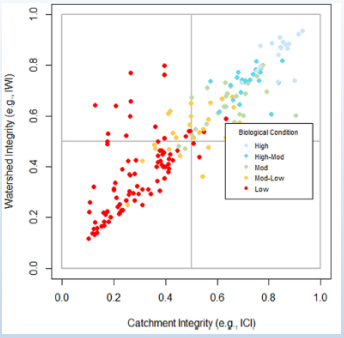
Summary: Application of IWI/ICI and StreamCat Datasets

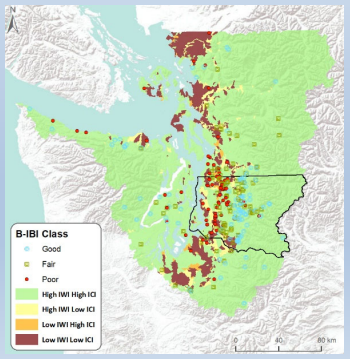
- ❑ IWI/ICI - default national landscape indicators
- ❑ If IWI/ICI does not fit the biological data, StreamCat data could replace IWI/ICI with a more effective indicator



Multiscale framework

- ❑ Simple, flexible tool
- ❑ Apply to <u>any</u> geographic scale and biological taxa
- ❑ Optimal management decisions
  - ➢ Prioritize streams for protection and restoration
  - ➢ Identify best spatial scale for management





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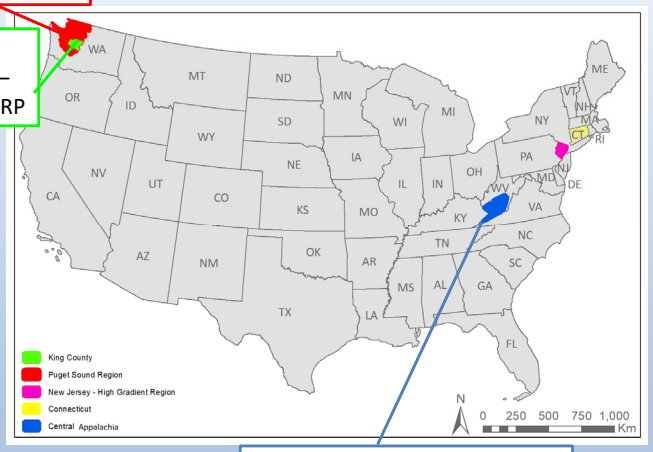

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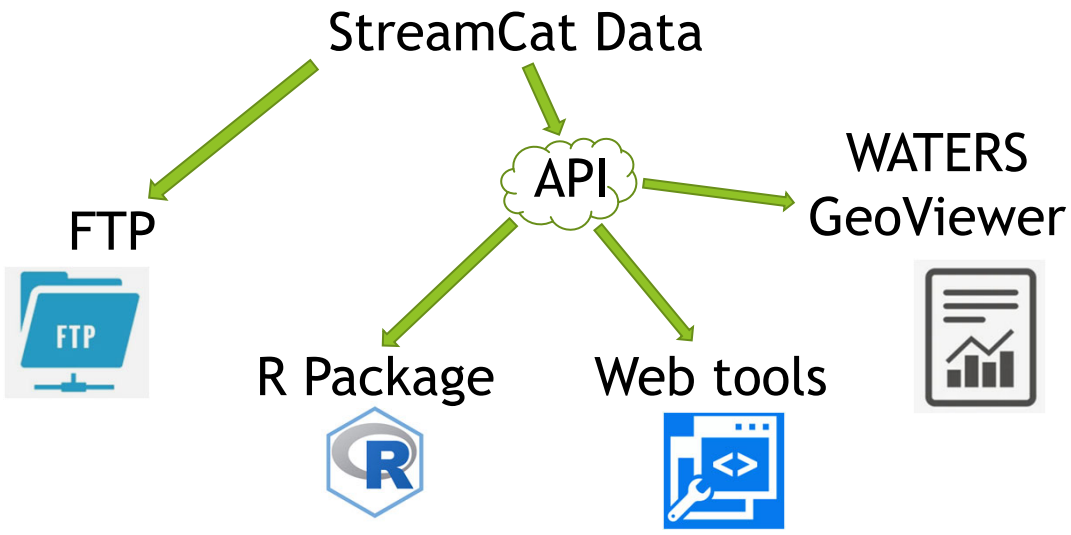

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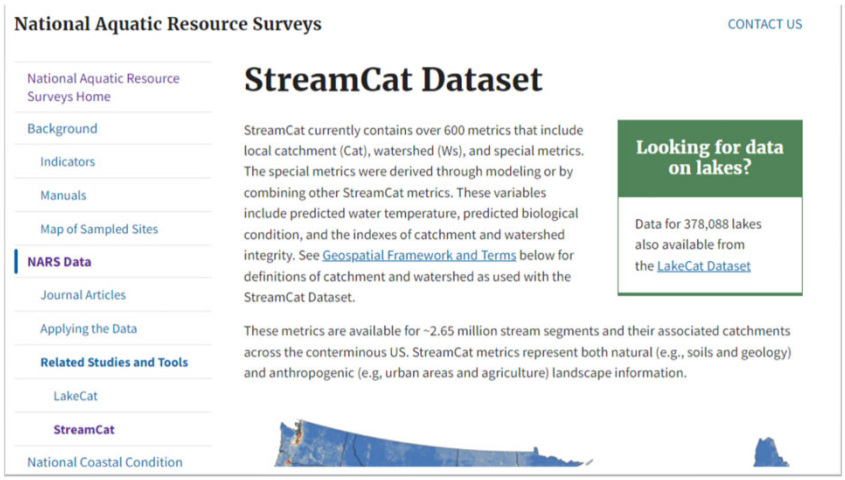

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Access StreamCat Data

- Draft StreamCat Web Tools (requires VPN connection) - NOTE!! Currently for internal use only! Public availability in the near future
- Data by HydroRegion
- Data by State
- Data via EPA WATERS Watershed Characterization Service
  - This is a service providing an HTML report or JSON object listing both standard NHDPlus and StreamCat metrics for a given COMID provided by the user. See HTML Examples in link above, and simply pass a COMID of interest to end of the URL (i.e. pComID=4795168).

StreamCat Documentation

- A detailed description of the StreamCat Dataset and its development is now available in the Journal of the American Water Resources Association EXIT.
- Please include the following citation in any publication or presentation including StreamCat data: Hill, Ryan A., Marc H. Weber, Scott G. Leibowitz, Anthony R. Olsen, and Darren J. Thornbrugh, 2016. The Stream-Catchment (StreamCat) Dataset: A Database of Watershed Metrics for the Conterminous United States. Journal of the American Water Resources Association (JAWRA) 52:120-128. DOI: 10.1111/1752-1688.12372.
- The Read Me file provides additional detail and important information on how to access and use the StreamCat Dataset.
- The Variable List provides a quick reference of available watershed metrics.
- The Data Dictionary provides a comprehensive description of each watershed metric and how they were derived.
- Metadata

Accessing and Using StreamCat Data

List of variables and brief descriptions

National Aquatic Resource Surveys Home
Background
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Applying the Data

StreamCat Metrics and Definitions

Below is a list of the metrics included with StreamCat.

- Variables with Cat appended to names are local catchment-level metrics.
- Variables with Ws appended to names are full watershed metrics.
- Metic Name - Short name of variables as stored in data tables
- Description - Brief definition of StreamCat metric
- Data Location - Table on StreamCat FTP site where metric can be found
- Download a file of the table below - StreamCat Variable List (xlsx)

11	ElevCat	Mean catchment elevation (m)	Elevation_(RegionID).csv, Elevation_(StateID).csv
12	ElevWs	Mean watershed elevation (m)	Elevation_(RegionID).csv, Elevation_(StateID).csv

52	PctBl2006WsRp100	% of watershed area classified as barren land cover (NLCD 2006 class 31) within a 100-m buffer of NHD streams	NLCD2006RipBuf100_(RegionID).csv, NLCD2006RipBuf100_(StateID).csv
53	PctOw2006Cat	% of catchment area classified as open water land cover (NLCD 2006 class 11)	NLCD2006_(RegionID).csv, NLCD2006_(StateID).csv
54	PctOw2006Ws	% of watershed area classified as open water land cover (NLCD 2006 class 11)	NLCD2006_(RegionID).csv, NLCD2006_(StateID).csv

Accessing and Using StreamCat Data

Data available as zipped .csv files by:

- NHDPlus Hydroregion
- US State

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Metric .csv files look like:

COMID	CatAreaSqKm	WsAreaSqKm	CatPctFull	WsPctFull	ClayCat	ClayWs	SandCat	SandWs
22220519	30.3867	251.2179	100	100	32.6803	10.5478	22.2715	38.689
22220973	2.4354	2.4354	100	100	6.5947	6.5947	39.3678	39.3678
22221761	17.9739	17.9739	100	100	12.2642	12.2642	38.8328	38.8328
22220819	5.8194	49.8987	100	100	6.2451	6.3618	43.5937	40.8023
22221927	4.7646	227.8494	100	100	8.0137	7.8918	42.2042	38.2363
10313430	46.5363	440.2233	100	100	7.6801	9.9608	25.4083	29.194
22221763	16.2495	125.7507	100	100	51.21	41.3177	12.801	16.4106
9.32E+08	9.6642	113.4702	100	100	11.0082	9.8198	31.22	34.7847
22222007	5.6943	29.385	100	100	8.9843	8.4582	37.6079	37.3055
10313588	54.1071	54.1071	100	100	10.9005	10.9005	25.6186	25.6186
10313416	0.6921	1.9413	100	100	5.42	5.42	44.6373	44.6004
22220983	6.5862	179.6715	100	100	6.6474	6.2196	51.1417	41.7342
22220811	0.1008	42.0759	100	100	6.11	6.3719	41.9298	40.4589

COMID	CatAreaSqKm	WsAreaSqKm	CatPctFull	WsPctFull	PctUrbLo2019Cat	PctUrbMd2019Cat	PctUrbHi2019Cat	PctUrbLo2019Ws	PctUrbMd2019Ws	PctUrbHi2019Ws
718276	2.3103	2.3103	100	100	0.12	0.08	0.04	0.12	0.08	0.04
718808	3.9429	3.9429	100	100	0.64	0.18	0	0.64	0.18	0
718792	5.8995	5.8995	100	100	0.5	0.15	0	0.5	0.15	0
718288	2.8125	2.8125	100	100	0.38	0.26	0.03	0.38	0.26	0.03
718882	3.6603	3.6603	100	100	0	0	0	0	0	0
718338	0.4491	5.292	100	100	0	0	0	0.17	0.15	0.03
719118	0.0027	2.0403	100	100	0	0	0	0	0	0.04
718834	2.9943	2.9943	100	100	0	0	0	0	0	0
718062	0.036	8.0676	100	100	0	0	0	0.22	0.11	0
718216	4.6404	8.685	100	100	0.21	0	0.04	0.22	0.08	0.04
718234	2.3391	10.8954	100	100	2.46	0.69	0.08	1.16	0.66	0.07
718938	13.0401	13.0401	100	100	0.27	0.08	0	0.27	0.08	0
718452	3.6702	3.6702	100	100	0.22	0.27	0	0.22	0.27	0

Variables in EVERY file

- COMID – the unique NHDPlus identifier
- Area for local catchment and watershed
- Coverage of the dataset – i.e. missing data

Variables for specific metrics

- Each metric shown at both:
  - Catchment scale
  - Watershed scale
  - Some at riparian buffer

Accessing and Using StreamCat Data

Advantage of current .csv delivery method:

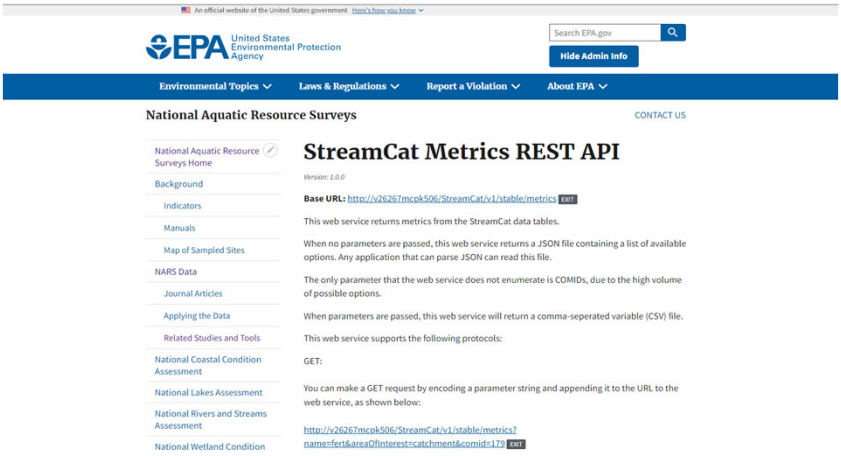
- Simple, open, machine-readable format

Limitations of current .csv delivery method:

- Extra work to assemble all metrics or desired metrics for certain state / region
- Extra work to pull together a particular metric across states / regions
- Data difficult to ingest directly into models or applications

Accessing and Using StreamCat Data

Accessing using REST API



Accessing and Using StreamCat Data

Why a REST API?

A REST (Representational State Transfer) API (Application Programming Interface) is:

1. Lightweight – they rely on http standard and are format-agnostic
2. Independent – Client and server independent – data storage separate from UI and server
3. Scalable and flexible – separation of client and server allows easy scaling, developers can easily integrate REST APIs

Accessing and Using StreamCat Data

Example: We want fertilizer applied within catchment # 179

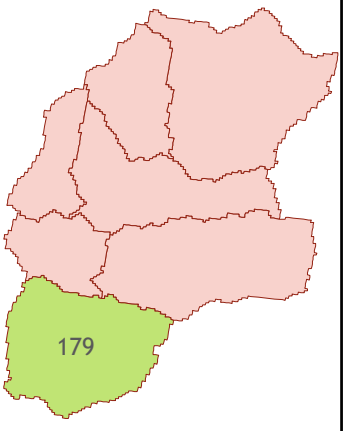
http://v26267mcpk506/StreamCat/v1/stable/metrics?name=fert&areaOfInterest=catchment&comid=179

The base URL of the service

The metric to return – Any StreamCat metric

The area of interest – can be:

- Catchment
- Watershed
- Riparian buffer



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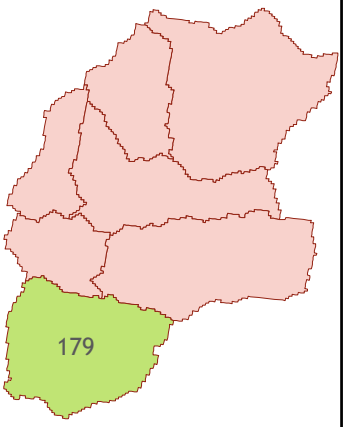
Example: We want fertilizer applied within watershed # 179

http://v26267mcpk506/StreamCat/v1/stable/metrics?name=fert&areaOfInterest=watershed&comid=179

The base URL of the service

The metric to return – Any StreamCat metric

The area of interest – can be:
- Catchment
- Watershed
- Riparian buffer



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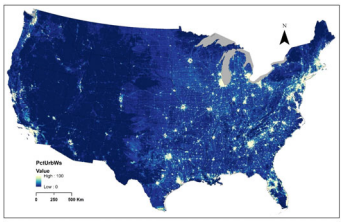
Example: We want percent urban for CONUS

http://v26267mcpk506/StreamCat/v1/stable/metrics?name=pcturbmd2019&conus=true

The base URL of the service

The metric to return – Any StreamCat metric

Staged geography – Available options are:
1. Conus
2. State
3. County
4. NHDPlus hydroregion



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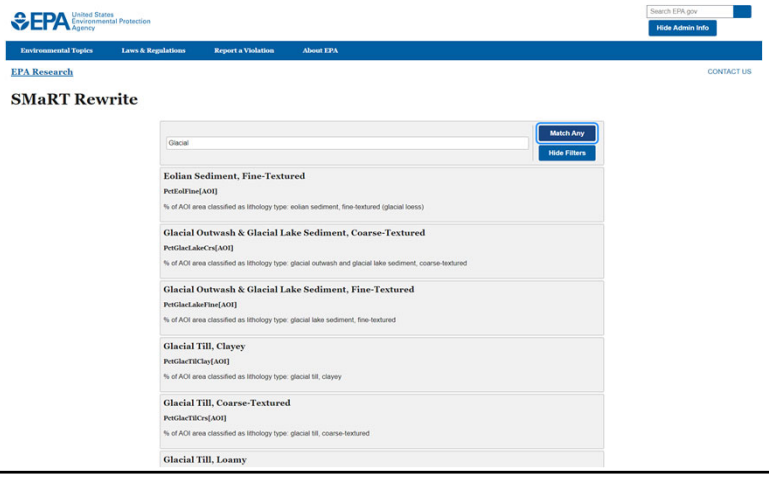

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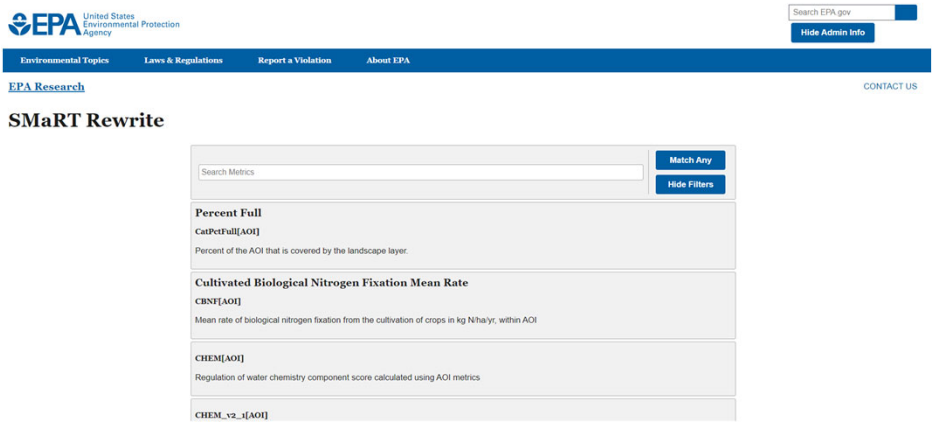

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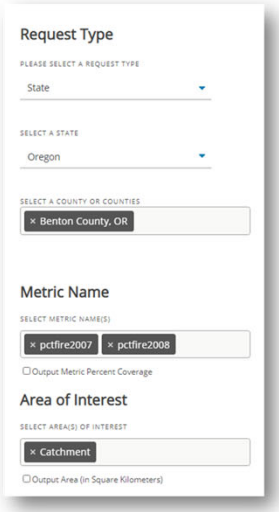

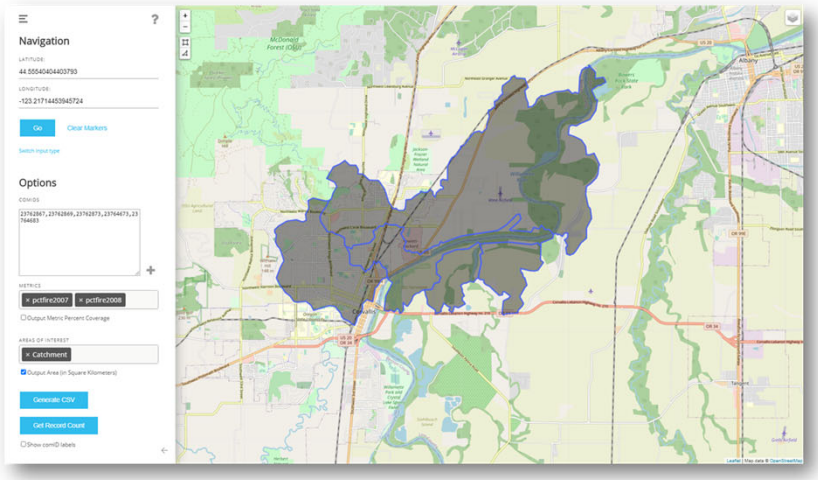

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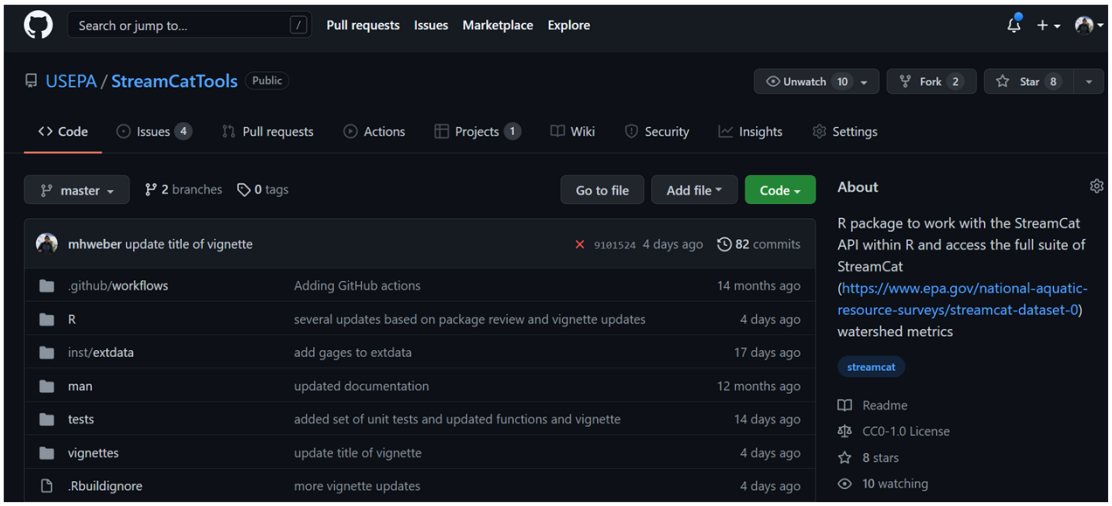

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Introduction

Marc Weber

0.1 Installing and loading StreamCatTools

To install, currently you need to install from GitHub using devtools

After installing load the library

0.2 Background

The `StreamCatTools` package was designed to simplify the use of StreamCat data in R, leveraging the new API for StreamCat.

0.2.1 StreamCat API

We can actually pull data into R from the StreamCat API by simply using the `read_csv` function from the `readr` package. We have to hard-wire parameters and are limited in the number of records returned through a `GET` request.

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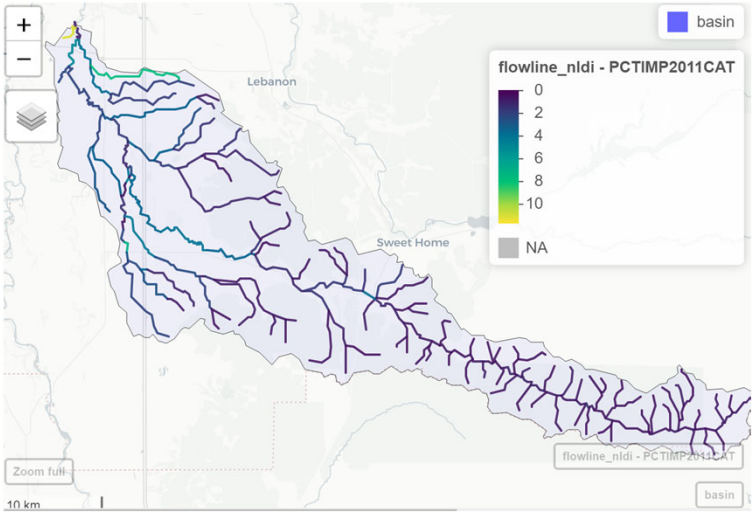

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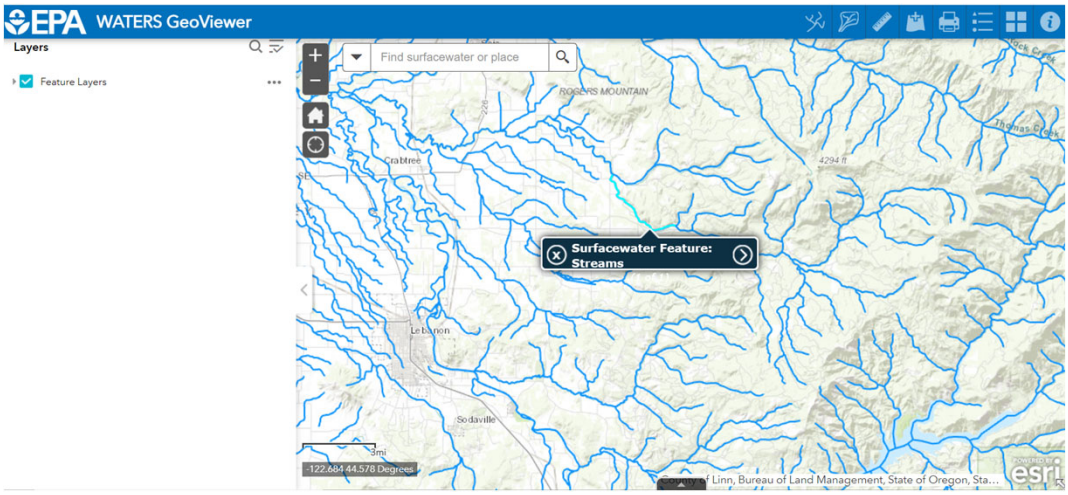

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Waters Watershed Report Characterization - StreamCat

2006 National Land Cover Database Impervious Surfaces	Value	AOI Percent Covered*
Mean imperviousness of anthropogenic surfaces within catchment.	0.29%	100.00%
Mean imperviousness of anthropogenic surfaces within watershed.	0.02%	100.00%

Mine Density Active Mines and Mineral Plants in the US	Value	AOI Percent Covered*
Density of georeferenced mines and mineral plants within the local catchment.	0 sites/km²	100.00%
Density of georeferenced mines and mineral plants within the upstream watershed.	0 sites/km²	100.00%

National Anthropenic Barrier Dataset	Value	AOI Percent Covered*
Density of georeferenced dams within the local catchment (dams/square km).	0 dams/km²	100.00%
Density of georeferenced dams within the total upstream watershed (dams/square km).	0 dams/km²	100.00%
Mean NID storage volume of all dam reservoirs (NID_STORA in NID) within the local catchment (cubic meters/square km).	0 m³/km²	100.00%
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Mean normal storage volume of all dam reservoirs (NORM_STORA in NID) within the local catchment (cubic meters/square km).	0 m³/km²	100.00%
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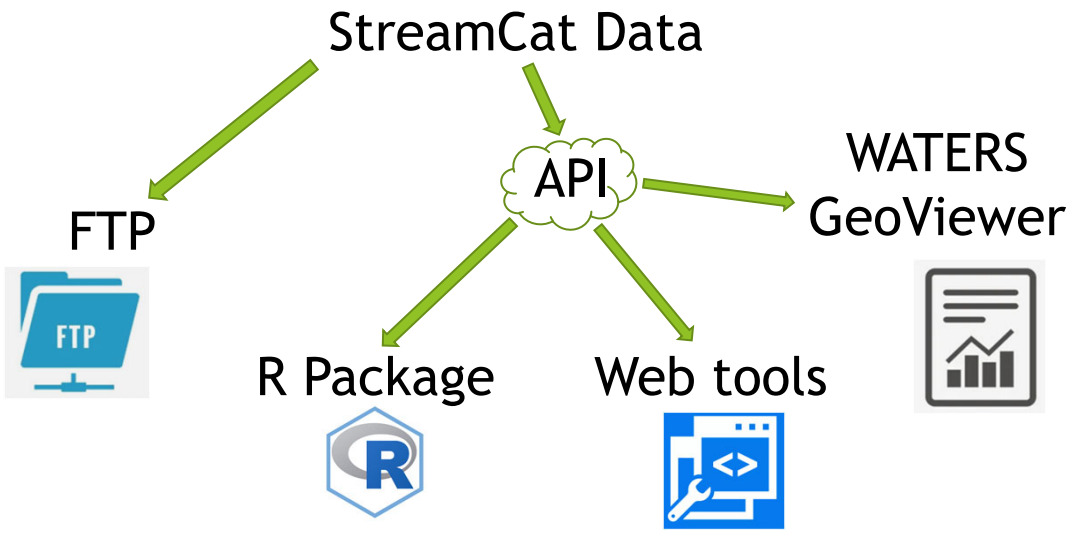
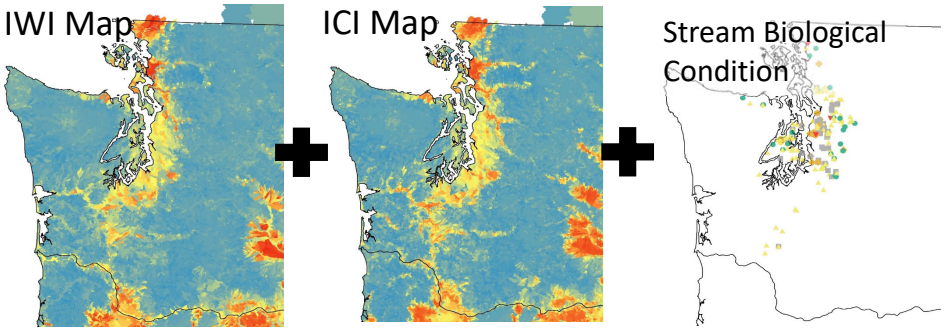


Conclusions

- StreamCat and ICI/IWI available for 2.6 million streams segments of the U.S.
- IWI/ICI + additional information can help to understand and prioritize stream conservation actions
- Accessibility to StreamCat, ICI/IWI + hundreds of other metrics will greatly expand very soon

Questions?



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Thank You!

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