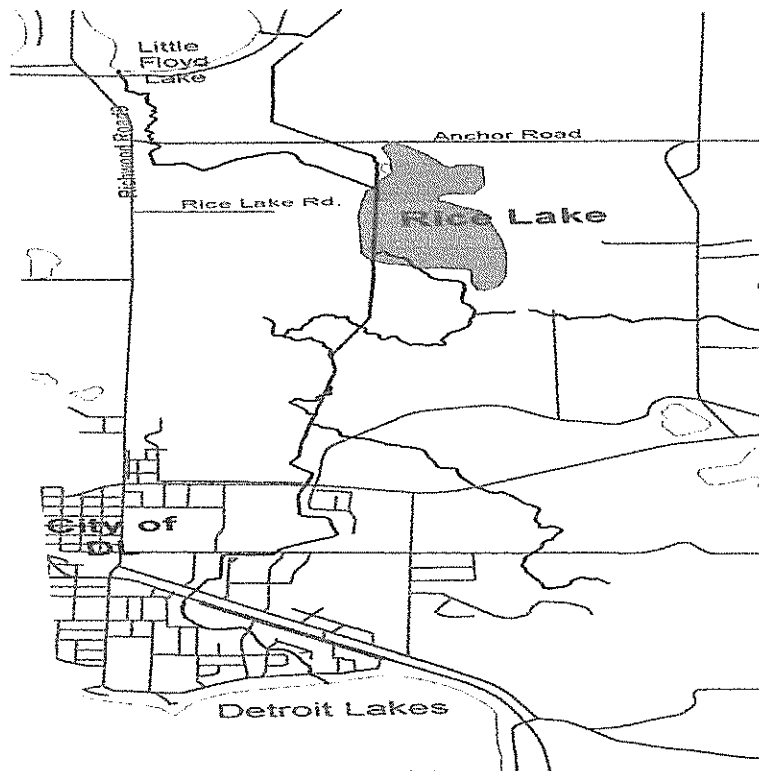


**Water Quality Assessment of the
Upper Pelican River Watershed
(North Floyd, Floyd, Little Floyd, Rice Wetland,
Detroit Lake, Little Detroit Lake)**

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Executive Summary

The Upper Pelican River Watershed (drainage basin through Detroit Lakes' outlet) has been monitored over the past five years at six stream and five lake locations by the Pelican River Watershed District (PRWD), in conjunction with several partners including the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). The purpose of these diagnostic efforts has been to establish short and long-term water quality management goals and objectives.

Using the PRWD's database, stream and lake water quality was summarized using standard limnological assessments. This assessment is to aid future efforts to refine stream and lake management efforts of the Pelican River Watershed District.

In many respects, the water quality of the Upper Pelican River watershed is more similar to lakes and streams of the Northern Lakes and Forests (NLF) ecoregion than the North Central Hardwood Forests (NCHF) ecoregion. This is likely due to the number and placement of upland lakes and wetlands which function to trap nutrients and sediments along the flowage. There are, however, key stream locations exhibiting elevated average total phosphorus concentrations (a key plant nutrient that largely determines water quality), including: (1) the inlet to North Floyd Lake - Campbell Creek (CC1), with an average of 89 ppb total phosphorus; and (2) the outlet of Rice Lake Wetland, Pelican River 3 (PR3), with an average value of 95 ppb total phosphorus. Total phosphorus loading to North Floyd Lake from Campbell Creek, in turn, causes increased lake phosphorus and algal concentrations and reduced water clarity. The same is true for the Pelican River system draining via PR2 and PR3, which cause elevated total phosphorus loading to Big and Little Detroit Lakes. Recent (2002) additional stream monitoring of the inflow streams to the Rice Lake Wetland have shown extremely elevated nutrient and sediment concentrations. Target stream phosphorus concentrations, necessary to improve North Floyd and maintain Detroit Lakes are likely more on the order of 40 – 50 ppb total phosphorus. Over the 1998-2000 time period, which has annual precipitation exceeding average conditions, there is a general increase of about 2,000 kg P per year (or about 4,400 pounds) of loading coming through the Rice Lake Wetland. Hence, the Rice Lake Wetland should receive priority attention to better understand nutrient sources and processing occurring within the wetland and for priority rehabilitation management actions.

Accordingly, it is recommended that a 50 percent reduction in total phosphorus and sediment loadings, relative to 1998-2000 conditions, be accomplished for Campbell Creek (CC1), and Pelican River outlet of Rice Lake Wetland (PR3). Otherwise, water quality for North Floyd Lake will continue to be impaired and the Rice Wetland outlet may threaten the quality of the Detroit Lakes over time due to cumulative impacts. Big Detroit and Little Detroit have exhibited better water quality than generally defined by lake simulation models using the measured stream values. It should be noted that internal P loading appears to be minimal in the Detroit Lakes in contrast to the continuing high internal loading that continues to be observed in Lake Sallie 15 + years after extensive changes in P loading to that lake realized by wastewater facility upgrades. It is recommended that additional watershed rehabilitation efforts are needed to minimize internal loading within the Detroit Lakes basins – both of which have optimal depths (e.g. shelf areas between 10 and 35 feet) for developing internal P loading. Hence, minimizing cumulative P loading impacts from watershed sources to these important lakes - will be an important management strategy.

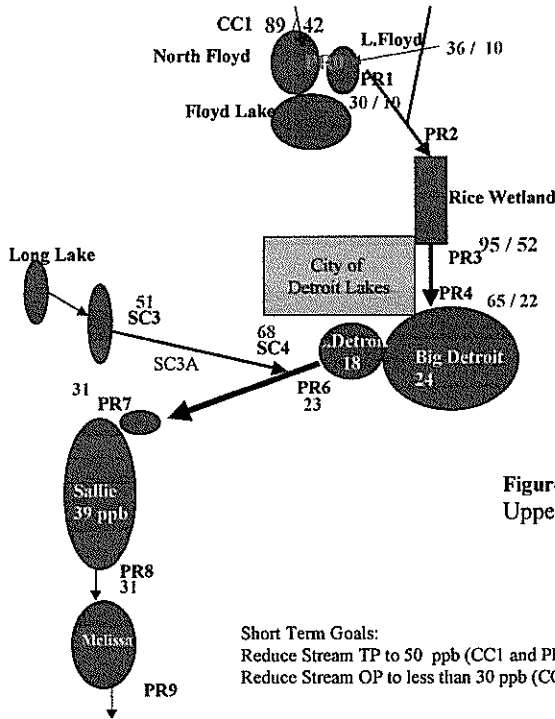


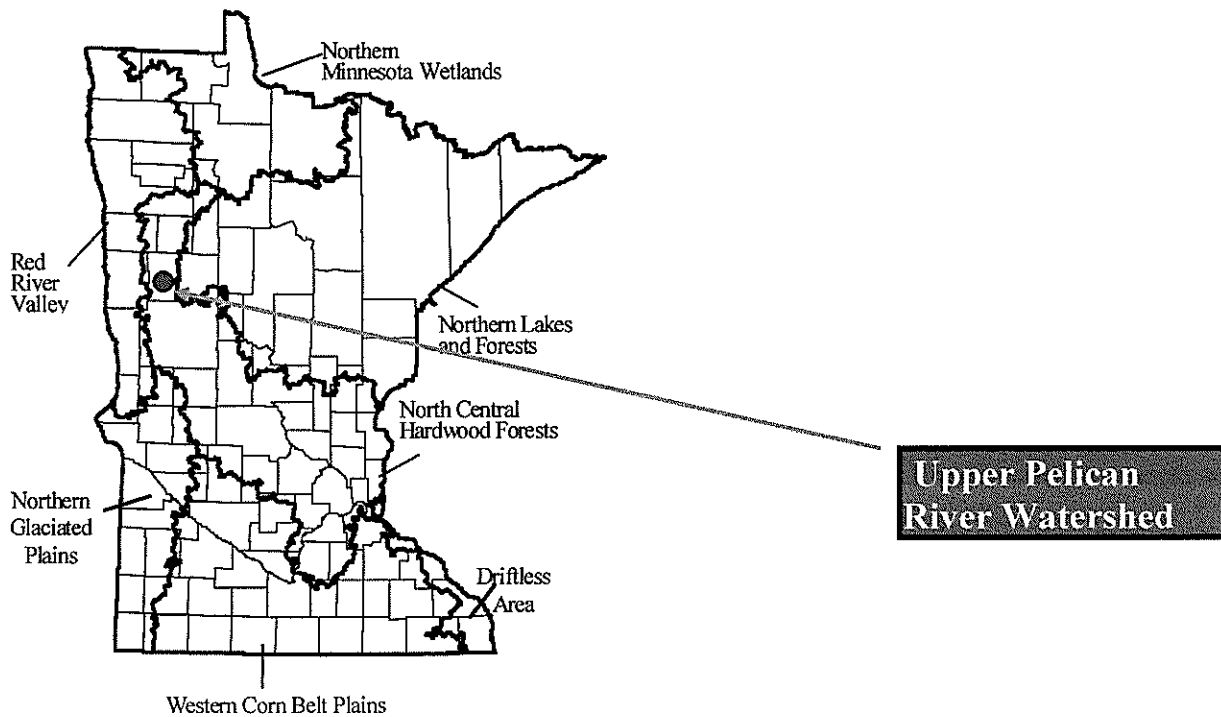
Figure 1. Pelican River Watershed District Upper Watershed Monitoring Network 1998 - 2000 Averages

Short Term Goals:
 Reduce Stream TP to 50 ppb (CC1 and PR3)
 Reduce Stream OP to less than 30 ppb (CC1 and PR3)

The lakes of the study area could exhibit declines in transparency and increases in the amount of algae with increases in in-lake total phosphorus. The Floyd Lake System and Detroit Lakes will be sensitive to changes (increases or decreases) in nutrient loading from watershed or in-lake sources. Increases of in-lake phosphorus will lead to increased degradation of the lake. It is essential, therefore, that all local government focus upon lake protection via land use/zoning authorities (e.g. Becker County, City of Detroit Lakes and the Pelican River Watershed District). Extra efforts to manage storm water quality from the urban and agricultural areas will have economic benefits.

It is hoped that this working paper will help refine future management actions for these important water resources.

Figure 2. Upper Pelican River Watershed and Ecoregions Map



Introduction

This assessment of the Upper Pelican River watershed (Floyd Lake – Rice Lake – Detroit Lakes) Becker County, was conducted at the request of the PRWD. The PRWD has monitored stream and lake water quality through out the Floyd Lake- Detroit Lake – Sallie/Melissa Lake watershed from 1995 through 2000 for diagnostic and management purposes. This present evaluation of the Upper Pelican River watershed is intended to summarize this data and to establish short and long term stream and lake water quality management goals and objectives.

Richard Heckok and Tera Guetter of the PRWD, supervised watershed district technicians performing fieldwork for this assessment. Mark Evenson, North Central Regional MPCA office, assisted in the installation and operation of the stream flow-monitoring network. Tim James, Detroit Lakes Regional MPCA office, helped facilitate this effort up through 2000 with the PRWD. Bruce Wilson, Policy and Planning Division, MPCA, St. Paul conducted this data assessment and report.

Diagnostic Effort

This report summarizes the results of an intensive watershed data gathering effort undertaken by the PRWD, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in cooperation with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS); through the Clean Water Partnership Program (CWP). Specific objectives of the monitoring program include:

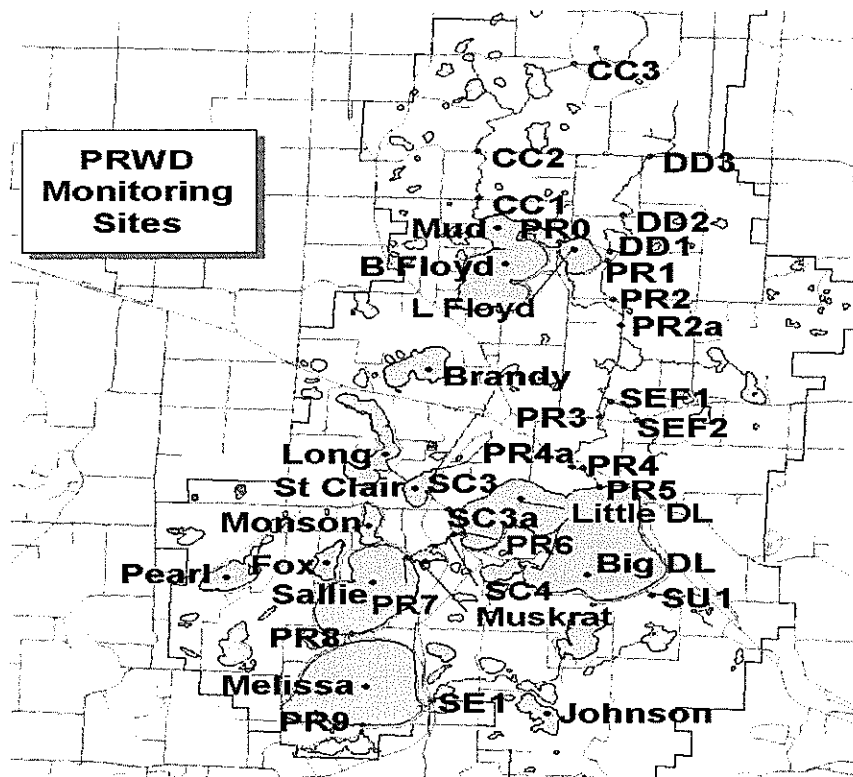
- To quantify runoff, nutrient and sediment loadings from the major tributaries and along main stem river sites.
- To assess watershed characteristics by river subdrainage basin;
- To define short and long-term stream and lake management goals; and
- To accomplish this task a network of stream and river monitoring stations were established beginning in 1995, which were expanded upon and operated through the summer of 2002.

Sampling Design

Six stream sampling stations (Sites CC1, PRO, PR1, PR3, PR4 and PR6 - Figure 1) were located throughout the river and tributaries representing discharges along the Upper Pelican River system. Two of the stations were automated by the use of Campbell Scientific CR10 data loggers to obtain continuous flows. The remaining two stations were secondary sites equipped with staff gauges or bridge down measures of water elevation, and stage-discharge relationships, and are operated manually by the PRWD – labeled as Periodic Flows in Table 1.

Lake monitoring stations were established for two sites on North Floyd (e.g. west and east basins), and one station each for Floyd, Little Floyd, Big and Little Detroit Lakes as depicted in Figure 3.

Figure 3. PRWD Monitoring Sites



Stream grab samples were collected at mid-depth and mid-stream at the monitoring sites on each date by the PRWD following Clean Water Partnership Program sampling protocols and procedures. Two sampling sites were sampled on North Floyd Lake and one site on Floyd, Little Floyd, Big Detroit and Little Detroit Lakes. [Map from PRWD needed here showing lake site locations and depths.] No automated flow pacing of stream sampling was conducted because the loading estimates generally had good statistical coverage as determined by usage of the software FLUX (e.g. CV of means less than 0.2).

Lake samples were collected once per month from May through September. Lake surface samples were collected with an integrated sampler, which is a PVC tube 6.6 feet in length with an inside diameter of 1.24 inches.

Laboratory analyses were performed by the laboratory of the City of Detroit Lakes using U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved methods. Lake samples were analyzed for total phosphorus and chlorophyll-a. Temperature and dissolved oxygen profiles and Secchi transparency measurements were also taken.

Stream flows were gauged by the PRWD on multiple occasions and regressed against staff gauge readings. Equations obtained were used to define flows over the range of seasons and years. (Attach regressions in the Appendix). Streams were sampled approximately 25 to 40 times each year during the non-ice time period according to the summary table for each site included in the Appendix.

Table 1. Upper Pelican River Watershed Database Summary

<u>Station</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>
CC1		S CF	S CF	S CF	S CF	S CF	S CF
PR0				S PF	S PF	S PF	S PF
PR1	S	S PF	S PF	S PF	S PF	S PF	S PF
PR2	S						
PR3		S PF	S F	S PF	S PF	S PF	S PF
PR4		S	S CF	S CF	S CF	S CF	S CF
PR6	S PF	S PF	S PF	S PF	S PF	S PF	S PF

S = Stream sampling
 CF = Continuous stream flows
 PF = Periodic stream flows

Loading and Modeling Software

The data reduction techniques presented include estimates of 1) subwatershed mass loadings using FLUX software (Walker, 1986); 2) hydrologic and phosphorus routing through the main stem and tributary sites; 3) main stem and tributary water and mass balances; and 4) estimated total phosphorus loadings along the river system. Lake simulations were accomplished using BATHTUB software (Walker, 1986), employing natural lake phosphorus, chlorophyll-a and Secchi transparency models.

The master files used for FLUX have been labeled PRMSTR_Q.wk1 (flows) and FLUX_s.wk1 (sampling data). The master files used for BATHTUB analyses were labeled DETROIT0.bin and FLOYD00.bin.

Results and Discussion

The Upper Pelican River watershed lies in the North Central Hardwoods Forest ecoregion in west central Minnesota and flows generally south and west into the Red River Valley. Rivers in the NCHF ecoregion have an typical range of average annual total phosphorus concentrations of 50 – 90 ug P/L while just to the east in the Northern Lakes and Forests ecoregion is more typified by a total phosphorus range of 10 – 40 ug P.

Land use

Since land use affects water quality, it has proven helpful to divide the state into regions where land use and water resources are similar. Minnesota is divided into seven regions, referred to as ecoregions, as defined by soils, land surface form, natural vegetation and current land use. Data gathered from representative, minimally impacted (reference) lakes within each ecoregion serve as a basis for comparing the water quality and characteristics of other lakes. The Upper Pelican River Watershed is located in the North Central Hardwood Forests ecoregion (Figure 1). Big Detroit Lake's watershed is about 43,314 acres (or about 68 square miles) including the lake.

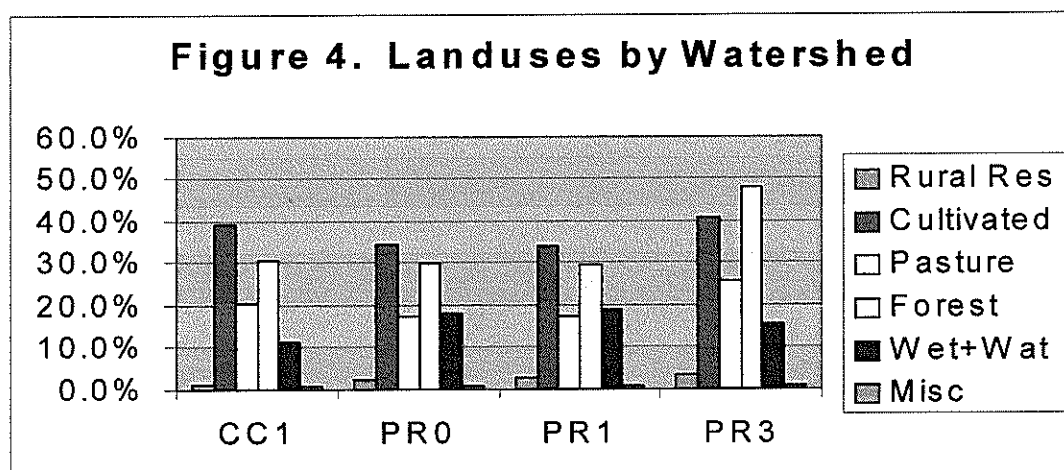


Table 2. Watershed Areas

	<u>Watershed Acres</u>	<u>Watershed Sq. Km</u>
CC1	8230	33.3
PR0	15066	61.0
PR1	15407	62.4
PR2	23102	93.5
PR3	25471	103.1
W. N. Floyd	1333	5.4
E. N. Floyd	716	2.9
Big Floyd	4869	19.7
Little Floyd	341	1.4
PR4/5	34000	133.9
Sucker Crk	2635	10.7
East side DL	1729	7.0
DL SW Immed.	2248	9.1
Big Detroit Outlet	43314	175.4

In general, land uses within the study area for forests ranged from about 30 percent to 40 percent, pastured lands averaged about 20 percent, water plus wetlands ranged 12 percent to 19 percent with rural residential in the 2 percent to 4 percent range (see Figure 2 Land uses by Watershed). Cultivated lands typically were about 32 percent to 41 percent of the study area, with higher percentages being noted in the CC1 and PR3 subwatersheds.

Precipitation/Evaporation

The long-term annual precipitation averages about 23.07 inches with values ranging from 20.28 through 34.03 inches since 1990 (see Appendix for a listing). Over the study period of this assessment, annual precipitation has ranged from 24.71 inches (2001) to 34.03 inches (1998). Annual evaporation has been estimated to be on the order of 34 inches per year with about 27 inches occurring May through October. The long-term average runoff for this area of the state is on the order 3.5 inches (State Climatologist – see map in the Appendix.)

Table 3. Upper Pelican River Watershed Lake Morphometry and Characteristics Summary

	B. Floyd	N.Floyd	L. Floyd	B. Detroit	L. Detroit
Surface Acres (GIS)	862	298	217	2076	941
DNR Acres	812		231	3089	w/B.Det.
Shoreline Length (feet)	29005	18850	11740	40900	25295
Shoreline length (miles)	5.5	3.6	2.2	7.7	4.8
Shoreline Ratio (acres/mile)	157	83	98	268	196
Watershed Area	14,892	See Big Floyd		40,017	see big detroit
Watershed area/DNR acres	18.3	See Big Floyd		13.0	see big detroit
Basin Area	8352	See Big Floyd		5800	see big detroit
Lake Area					
% less than 15 feet deep	70	w/BF	47	40	90
% less than 10 feet	65.6%	44.5%	43.0%	37.5%	73.2%
Volume (PRWD) in acre feet	9869.8	4776.5	3259.3	37589.2	8003.1
Volume (PRWD) in million cubic meters	12.2	5.9	4.0	46.3	9.9
% more than 20 feet	12.0%	25.8%	14.9%	25.5%	0.0%
% more than 30 feet	1.5%	9.5%	0.8%	9.0%	0.0%
Average Depth (PRWD)	11.8	16	14.6	18.4	8.5
Outlets	1	1	2	1	2
Inlets	1	2	1	4	1
Inflow (annual acre feet)	NA	6428	11478	6000	6000
Inflow (annual millions of cubic meters)	MA	7.9	14.2	7.4	7.4
Residence time in days	NA	271	104	2287	487
Shoreline with moderate or major modification (%)	1997	1997	1997	1998	1998
Vegetation	89%	22%	79%	80%	93%
Land	83%	34%	70%	24%	13%
Littoral	15%	14%	36%	66%	87%
Shoreline with no modification (%)	10%	61%	17%	19%	6%
Shore Impact Zone structures (%)	34	2	4	42	18
Retaining Walls	101	3	14	80	35
Weed Rollers	2	0	0	8	4
Sand blanketed shoreline (%)	18%	2%	7%	10%	14%
Rip-Rapped shoreline (%)	19%	4%	11%	34%	21%
Boats	361	16	60	337	270
Personal Watercraft	33	2	2	64	48
Lake acres per boat	2.4	18.6	3.6	6.2	3.5
First Tier Residence (including RV's)	183	21	80	236	158
Second Tier Residences	65	6	28	96	320
Estimated Seasonal Residences	40.0%	15.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%
Est Impervious Coverage in basin	20.0%	22.0%	24.0%	24.0%	25.0%
Number of Septic System (1st tier)	80	2	0	0	30

Table 4. Average Summer Total Phosphorus and Secchi Transparency by Lake

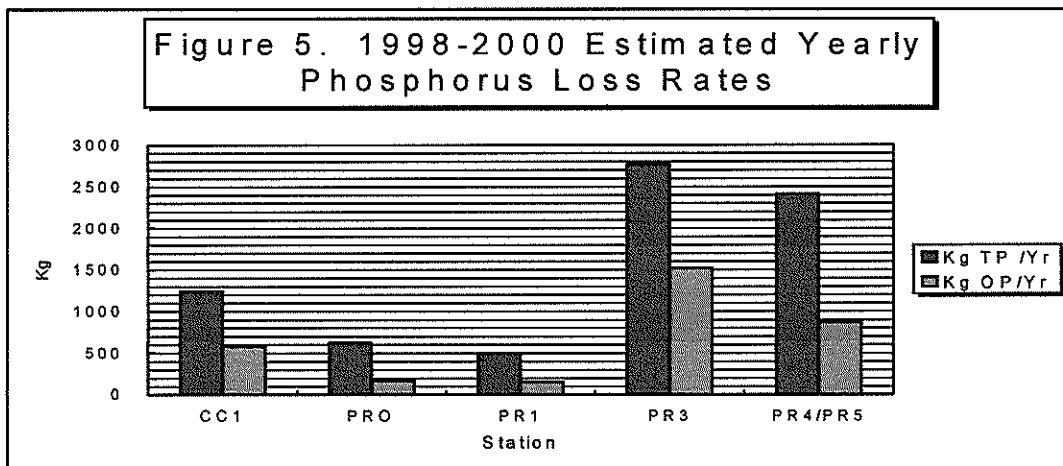
<u>Total Phosphorus</u>	B. Floyd	N.Floyd	L. Floyd	B. Detroit	L. Detroit
1995	23	40		26	28
1996	15	25		20	16
1997	20	35	20	23	29
1998	16	37	30	37	35
1999	17	30	27	24	20
2000	14	37	19	24	18
2001	19	27	22	30	25
Average 1995-2000	18	33	24	26	24
<u>Secchi</u>	B. Floyd	N.Floyd	L. Floyd	B. Detroit	L. Detroit
1995	10	9.4		8.3	8.6
1996	7.9	7		10.9	11.3
1997	11.5	6.5	6.9	8.5	9.2
1998	11.8	6.2	7.1	7.3	8.8
1999	13.5	7.6	9.2	6.3	9.7
2000	12.3	6.5	9.1	9.5	11.7
2001	11.4	8.6	11	9.8	10.7
Average 1995-2000	11.2	7.4	8.7	8.7	10.0

Stream Morphometry – to be added.

Flow Equations.

Flows were determined by site and by year based upon flow-stage relationships for each site. In general, flow-stage relationships were based upon a minimum of 10 to 20 measurements per site which are summarized in the Appendix.

Flow-weighted mean concentrations (FWM) estimated by FLUX (Walker, 1996) are summarized by station and by year in the Appendix along with graphics. Calendar years were used for calculation purposes. For simple graphic comparisons, an arithmetic average of the three years of flow-weighted mean concentrations for TP, OP and TSS have been summarized along the flow monitoring network and listed in the below figure.



Total Phosphorus

The primary emphasis has been to define the stream and lake phosphorus dynamics as this is usually the dominant nutrient factor affecting lake enrichment or eutrophication. Beginning at the headwaters and proceeding downstream at Campbell Creek Site 1 (CC1) average total phosphorus for the study period was on the order of 89 ppb with 42 ppb noted in ortho phosphorus. The corresponding total suspended solids value was noted to be about 12.7 mg/L.

The drainage system flows into North Floyd Lake and on through Little Floyd Lake. In between these two lakes, the next station identified as Pelican River Site 0 or PR0 was found to have very consistent year-to-year values around 36 ppb TP with about 10 ppb OP. Further sedimentation within Little Floyd lake dropped these values to 30 ppb TP and 10 ppb noted at Pelican River Site 1 or PR1, which enters into the Rice Wetland at PR2. Limited summer data were available for PR2 from 1995 only and these values averaged 107 ppb versus an average value for the same time period from the PR3 site of 77 ppb (see Appendix for the data). This would indicate that at least some of the phosphorus loading from the Rice Wetland was due to loading sources upstream of the PR1 monitoring site. Additional monitoring is being conducted during 2002 at sites DD1, DD2, DD3, SEF1, SEF2 and SE1 (see map PRWD Monitoring Sites). Data from the partial dataset from 2002 from site DD1, SEF1 and SEF2 strongly indicate that watershed loading into the Rice Wetland is continuing. It is recommended that continuous flow recorders be installed in a suitable flow site near DD1/DD2 and SEF1/SEF2 to further refine the magnitude of upstream loading into Rice Lake.

Monitoring conducted at PR3 over the study period shows consistent and elevated total and ortho phosphorus FWM's on the order of 95 and 52 ppb, respectively. These values are about three times those values noted at the Little Floyd Lake outlet and represent the highest values monitored in the 1998-2000 study.

FWM phosphorus values were noted to drop in concentration between PR3 and PR4/5 concurrent with a general increase of about 30 percent in water volumes. The mass balances between these two sites need to be examined more closely and include the effects of ground water as well as storm water from the City of Detroit Lakes. Using the available flows and substantial sampling record, it was estimated over the study period that phosphorus mass increased by about 2,000 kg P/year going through the Rice Wetland drainage area as FWM's for total and ortho phosphorus tripled.

Concentration Flow Dynamics

Plots of total phosphorus concentrations versus flow were examined in FLUX and plotted in the Appendix.

Modeling Summary

Numerous complex mathematical models are available for estimating nutrient and water budgets for lakes. These models can be used to relate the flow of water and nutrients from a lake's watershed to observed conditions in the lake. Alternatively, they may be used for estimating changes in the quality of the lake as a result of altering nutrient inputs to the lake (e.g. changing land uses or influent stream quality). To analyze the in-lake water quality of Floyd Lake system as well as Big and Little Detroit Lakes, the models MINLEAP (Wilson and Walker, 1989) and BATHTUB (Walker, 1996) were used. The "Minnesota Lake Eutrophication Analysis Procedure" (MINLEAP) was developed by MPCA staff based on an analysis of data collected from the ecoregion reference lakes. It is intended to be used as a screening tool for estimating lake conditions with minimal data input and is described in greater detail in Wilson and Walker (1989).

BATHTUB is a series of empirical eutrophication models that perform water and nutrient balance calculations and estimates water quality related conditions (total phosphorus, chlorophyll-a, transparency and numerous diagnostic measures as well). For this report, the model was used in conjunction with the FLUX, a program for reducing tributary monitoring data.

The first model, MINLEAP, predicted average in-lake total phosphorus, chlorophyll-a and Secchi transparencies as indicated below, using default stream concentrations for the Northern Lakes and Forests ecoregion rather than the North Central Hardwood Forests Ecoregion. Measured values have been included from 2000 for comparison, where data values existed. The PRWD has add chlorophyll-a to their field measures over the summer of 2002, which should help further refine in-lake responses.

Table 5. MINLEAP Modeling Results.

Name	TP +/-	Chl-a +/-	Secchi Ft +/-	
North Floyd	32 +/- 8 (37)	11 +/- 5 (na)	6.2 +/- 2 (na)	
Little Floyd	26 +/- 8 (na)	8 +/- 4 (na)	7.5 +/- 2.6 (9.5)	
Big Floyd	20 +/- 7 (14)	6 +/- 3 (na)	9.5 +/- 3.6 (12.3)	
Detroit Lakes	23 +/- 7 (24)	6 +/- 4 (na)	8.5 +/- 3.3 (9.5)	

BATHTUB simulations of the water quality of the Upper Pelican River Watershed were accomplished for the Floyd Lake system (Big Floyd into North Floyd into Little Floyd Lake in FLOYD00.bin) and for the Detroit Lakes (Big Detroit into Little Detroit in Detroit0.bin) for the year 2000. Additional years of data can also be processed using these two lake system formats prepared for this analysis.

The Floyd Lake system was segmented into four lake segments: Big Floyd (segment 3) flowing into West North Floyd (1), then into East North Floyd (2), and finally into Little Floyd (4) Lake. Measured phosphorus and Secchi values from 2000 were used in the simulations along with artificially generated chlorophyll-a values, which were necessary to run some of the subroutines.

In general, the BATHTUB simulations of water quality generally agreed with available measured values for total phosphorus and Secchi transparency for the lake segments as defined. No data calibrations were employed in the use of BATHTUB.

For the Floyd Lake System, the dominant source of water (e.g. 72 percent) and phosphorus (92 percent) was from Campbell Creek (CC1). Accordingly, the western basin of North Floyd Lake showed elevated phosphorus concentrations relative to the eastern basin.

Table 6. Floyd Lakes BATHTUB Output Summary

SEGMENT BALANCE BASED UPON ESTIMATED CONCENTRATIONS							
COMPONENT: TOTAL P			SEGMENT: 1 West N Floyd				
ID	T	LOCATION	--- FLOW --- HM3/YR	--- %	--- LOAD --- KG/YR	--- %	CONC MG/M3
1	1	CC1	11.65	72.0	990.2	91.6	85.0
7	1	Septics NFloyd	.00	.0	.0	.0	.0
11	1	West N Floyd	1.00	6.2	25.0	2.3	25.0

		PRECIPITATION	.61	3.8	15.8	1.5	26.0
		TRIBUTARY INFLOW	12.65	78.2	1015.2	93.9	80.3
		ADVECTIVE INFLOW	2.92	18.0	49.7	4.6	17.1
		***TOTAL INFLOW	16.17	100.0	1080.8	100.0	66.8
		ADVECTIVE OUTFLOW	15.49	95.8	697.4	64.5	45.0
		NET DIFFUSIVE OUTFLOW	.00	.0	56.5	5.2	.0
		***TOTAL OUTFLOW	15.49	95.8	753.8	69.7	48.7
		***EVAPORATION	.68	4.2	.0	.0	.0
		***RETENTION	.00	.0	327.0	30.3	.0

RESID. TIME =			.255 YRS,	OVERFLOW RATE =	19.6 M/YR,	DEPTH =	5.0 M
SEGMENT BALANCE BASED UPON ESTIMATED CONCENTRATIONS							
COMPONENT: TOTAL P			SEGMENT: 2 East N Floyd				
ID	T	LOCATION	--- FLOW --- HM3/YR	--- %	--- LOAD --- KG/YR	--- %	CONC MG/M3
2	4	PRO	.00	.0	.0	.0	37.5
5	1	East N Floyd Dir	.58	3.5	29.0	3.9	50.0
6	1	Septic Big Floyd	.00	.0	.0	.0	.0

		PRECIPITATION	.32	1.9	8.2	1.1	26.0
		TRIBUTARY INFLOW	.58	3.5	29.0	3.9	50.0
		ADVECTIVE INFLOW	15.49	94.5	697.4	94.9	45.0
		***TOTAL INFLOW	16.39	100.0	734.6	100.0	44.8
		ADVECTIVE OUTFLOW	16.04	97.8	602.2	82.0	37.5
		NET DIFFUSIVE OUTFLOW	.00	.0	33.3	4.5	.0
		***TOTAL OUTFLOW	16.04	97.8	635.5	86.5	39.6
		***EVAPORATION	.35	2.2	.0	.0	.0
		***RETENTION	.00	.0	99.1	13.5	.0

RESID. TIME =			.089 YRS,	OVERFLOW RATE =	39.1 M/YR,	DEPTH =	3.5 M

SEGMENT BALANCE BASED UPON ESTIMATED CONCENTRATIONS

COMPONENT: TOTAL P

SEGMENT: 3 Big Floyd

ID	T LOCATION	--- FLOW ---		--- LOAD ---		CONC MG/M3
		HM3/YR	%	KG/YR	%	
4	1 Big Floyd Direct	3.00	80.6	75.0	75.0	25.0

	PRECIPITATION	.72	19.4	18.8	18.8	26.0
	TRIBUTARY INFLOW	3.00	80.6	75.0	75.0	25.0
	NET DIFFUSIVE INFLOW	.00	.0	6.2	6.2	.0
	***TOTAL INFLOW	3.72	100.0	100.0	100.0	26.9
	ADVECTIVE OUTFLOW	2.92	78.3	49.7	49.7	17.1
	***TOTAL OUTFLOW	2.92	78.3	49.7	49.7	17.1
	***EVAPORATION	.81	21.7	.0	.0	.0
	***RETENTION	.00	.0	50.3	50.3	.0

RESID. TIME = 1.515 YRS, OVERFLOW RATE = 3.1 M/YR, DEPTH = 4.7 M

SEGMENT BALANCE BASED UPON ESTIMATED CONCENTRATIONS

COMPONENT: TOTAL P

SEGMENT: 4 Little Floyd

ID	T LOCATION	--- FLOW ---		--- LOAD ---		CONC MG/M3
		HM3/YR	%	KG/YR	%	
3	4 PR1	13.60	79.8	401.1	56.4	29.5
10	1 L Floyd Direct	.30	1.8	7.5	1.1	25.0

	PRECIPITATION	.70	4.1	18.2	2.6	26.0
	TRIBUTARY INFLOW	.30	1.8	7.5	1.1	25.0
	ADVECTIVE INFLOW	16.04	94.1	602.2	84.6	37.5
	NET DIFFUSIVE INFLOW	.00	.0	83.5	11.7	.0
	***TOTAL INFLOW	17.04	100.0	711.4	100.0	41.8
	GAUGED OUTFLOW	13.60	79.8	312.8	44.0	23.0
	ADVECTIVE OUTFLOW	2.66	15.6	78.3	11.0	29.5
	***TOTAL OUTFLOW	16.26	95.4	391.1	55.0	24.1
	***EVAPORATION	.78	4.6	.0	.0	.0
	***RETENTION	.00	.0	320.3	45.0	.0

RESID. TIME = .263 YRS, OVERFLOW RATE = 17.9 M/YR, DEPTH = 4.7 M

CASE: Floyd Lake Chain

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SEGMENT: 1 West N Floyd

VARIABLE		OBSERVED		ESTIMATED		RATIO	T STATISTICS		
		MEAN	CV	MEAN	CV		1	2	3
TOTAL P	MG/M3	40.0	.00	45.0	.19	.89	.00	-.44	-.62
CHL-A	MG/M3	20.0	.00	20.0	.31	1.00	.00	.00	.00
SECCHI	M	1.7	.00	1.7	.27	1.00	.00	.00	.00
ORGANIC N	MG/M3	.0	.00	619.2	.25	.00	.00	.00	.00
TP-ORTHO-P	MG/M3	.0	.00	33.6	.36	.00	.00	.00	.00

SEGMENT: 2 East N Floyd

VARIABLE		OBSERVED		ESTIMATED		RATIO	T STATISTICS		
		MEAN	CV	MEAN	CV		1	2	3
TOTAL P	MG/M3	35.0	.00	37.5	.24	.93	.00	-.26	-.29
CHL-A	MG/M3	12.0	.00	18.1	.54	.66	.00	-1.18	-.76
SECCHI	M	2.5	.00	1.8	.46	1.38	.00	1.15	.70
ORGANIC N	MG/M3	.0	.00	576.6	.40	.00	.00	.00	.00
TP-ORTHO-P	MG/M3	.0	.00	30.4	.59	.00	.00	.00	.00

SEGMENT: 3 Big Floyd

VARIABLE	OBSERVED		ESTIMATED		RATIO	T STATISTICS			
	MEAN	CV	MEAN	CV		1	2	3	
CONSERVATIVE SUB		9.2	.00	9.2	.00	1.00	.00	.00	
TOTAL P	MG/M3	15.0	.00	17.1	.40	.88	.00	-.48	-.33
CHL-A	MG/M3	7.0	.00	6.3	.64	1.11	.00	.30	.16
SECCHI	M	3.9	.00	4.2	.44	.93	.00	-.25	-.16
ORGANIC N	MG/M3	780.0	.00	307.1	.32	2.54	.00	3.73	2.90
TP-ORTHO-P	MG/M3	.0	.00	9.1	.80	.00	.00	.00	.00

SEGMENT: 4 Little Floyd

VARIABLE	OBSERVED		ESTIMATED		RATIO	T STATISTICS			
	MEAN	CV	MEAN	CV		1	2	3	
TOTAL P	MG/M3	21.0	.00	29.5	.32	.71	.00	-1.26	-1.06
CHL-A	MG/M3	12.0	.00	13.0	.58	.92	.00	-.23	-.14
SECCHI	M	3.0	.00	2.5	.48	1.21	.00	.69	.40
ORGANIC N	MG/M3	.0	.00	459.0	.39	.00	.00	.00	.00
TP-ORTHO-P	MG/M3	.0	.00	20.9	.66	.00	.00	.00	.00

The predicted in-lake TP for Little Floyd was greater than the observed by the largest amount estimated for the Floyd Lake system with an estimated value of 30 versus the observed value of 21 ug P/L. Further refinement of the water balances will likely improve future simulation capabilities.

A similar process was used to simulate the quality of Big and Little Detroit Lakes using the flows from station PR4/PR5 as the inflow to these lakes along with the estimated FWM's for 2000. Approximately 82 percent of the water was from PR4/PR5 which also accounted for about 90 percent of the TP income to the lakes. The remaining subwatersheds draining into the Detroit Lakes were estimated based upon surface areas, but additional work is recommended to improve estimates of runoff from these areas. For conditions monitored in 2000, the lake's water residence time is on the order of 1.2 years and 0.4 years, respectively for Big and Little Detroit Lakes. Future assessments should also include assessment of the impacts of storm water, especially into Little Detroit from municipal drainage areas.

In general, the simulations using measured flows and concentrations for the largest drainage areas, agreed with measured conditions for 2000, especially for Little Detroit (e.g. estimated 20 versus 18 ug P/L). The models suggested that Big Detroit should have slightly worse quality than observed (e.g. 30 versus 25 ug P/L measured in 2000). Additional refinements of the water flows at the inlet and outlet stations will likely improve simulation capabilities.

It is important to note that reduction of the PR4/PR5 total phosphorus FWM values to 40 to 50 ug P/L was predicted to reduce in-lake values on the order of 20 – 25 ug P/L average surface water summer concentrations. Increasing the PR4/PR5 FWM values to 100 ug P/L was predicted to increase average summer TP values to near 40 ug P/L – or similar to conditions measured over the past few years in Lake Sallie. Additionally, if internal loading occurs within the Detroit Lakes, dramatic declines of water quality can be expected to be observed over most summers. For example, if a relatively modest level internal P recycling were to occur (e.g. 50 percent of the measured Lake Sallie level), then in-lake concentrations (using the 2000 PR4/PR5 value of 69 ug P/L) would be on the order of 40 ug P/L. Again, conditions within the Detroit Lakes would mimic water quality conditions observed in Lake Sallie. Year 2000 water quality of the Detroit Lakes is very similar to conditions observed in Lake Bemidji – and lake

management efforts there have focused upon protecting the lakes by nondegradation [e.g. goal of less than 25 ug P/L over most flow conditions, Hrubes (1995)].

Table 7. Detroit Lakes BATHTUB Output Summary

COMPONENT: TOTAL P

ID T LOCATION	LOADING		VARIANCE		CV	CONC MG/M3	EXPORT KG/KM2
	KG/YR	% (I)	KG/YR**2	% (I)			
1 1 PR4/PR5	2263.0	82.4	.148E+06	90.5	.170	68.0	16.9
2 1 Sucker	65.0	2.4	.000E+00	.0	.000	50.0	6.1
3 2 New Devel	.0	.0	.000E+00	.0	.000	.0	.0
4 1 East Side	90.0	3.3	.729E+01	.0	.030	100.0	12.9
5 4 Outlet PR6	.0	.0	.000E+00	.0	.000	19.0	.0
6 1 Detroit SW Immed	80.0	2.9	.000E+00	.0	.000	100.0	8.8
PRECIPITATION	249.6	9.1	.156E+05	9.5	.500	33.3	20.0
TRIBUTARY INFLOW	2498.0	90.9	.148E+06	90.5	.154	68.9	15.6
***TOTAL INFLOW	2747.6	100.0	.164E+06	100.0	.147	62.8	15.9
ADVECTIVE OUTFLOW	623.8	22.7	.349E+04	2.1	.095	18.0	-270.1
***TOTAL OUTFLOW	623.8	22.7	.349E+04	2.1	.095	18.0	3.6
***STORAGE INCREASE	-17.0	-.6	.613E+02	.0	.460	27.3	.0
***RETENTION	2140.8	77.9	.168E+06	103.0	.192	.0	.0

HYDRAULIC		TOTAL P			
OVERFLOW RATE	RESIDENCE TIME	POOL CONC	RESIDENCE TIME	TURNOVER RATIO	RETENTION COEF
M/YR	YRS	MG/M3	YRS	-	-
2.73	1.6653	22.9	.4725	2.1163	.7792

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SEGMENT: 1 Big Detroit

VARIABLE		OBSERVED		ESTIMATED		RATIO	T STATISTICS		
		MEAN	CV	MEAN	CV		1	2	3
TOTAL P	MG/M3	25.0	.00	30.1	.46	.83	.00	-.69	-.41
CHL-A	MG/M3	7.0	.00	8.4	.53	.83	.00	-.54	-.35
SECCHI	M	3.0	.00	2.7	.31	1.11	.00	.37	.33
ORGANIC N	MG/M3	.0	.00	361.3	.31	.00	.00	.00	.00
TP-ORTHO-P	MG/M3	.0	.00	14.7	.56	.00	.00	.00	.00

SEGMENT: 2 Little Detroit

VARIABLE		OBSERVED		ESTIMATED		RATIO	T STATISTICS		
		MEAN	CV	MEAN	CV		1	2	3
TOTAL P	MG/M3	18.0	.00	20.6	.46	.87	.00	-.51	-.30
CHL-A	MG/M3	3.6	.00	5.8	.53	.62	.00	-1.37	-.90
SECCHI	M	3.6	.00	3.0	.25	1.20	.00	.64	.72
ORGANIC N	MG/M3	.0	.00	302.9	.26	.00	.00	.00	.00
TP-ORTHO-P	MG/M3	.0	.00	10.6	.53	.00	.00	.00	.00

Goal Setting

Since the lakes of the Upper Pelican River Watershed share more in common with the Northern Lakes and Forests than the North Central Hardwood Forest ecoregion, more reliance has been placed upon characteristics of the former than the later for goal setting purposes. The current phosphorus criteria value for lakes in the Northern Lakes and Forests ecoregion for support of swimmable use, is less than 30 µg/L (and 40 ug P/L for the North Central Hardwoods Forest ecoregion) (Heiskary and Wilson, 1990). At or below 40 µg P/L, “nuisance algal blooms” (chlorophyll *a* > 20 µg/L) should occur less than 25 percent of the summer.

**Table 8. Minnesota Lake Phosphorus Criteria
(Heiskary and Wilson, 1988)**

Ecoregion	Most Sensitive Use	P Criteria
Northern Lakes and Forests	drinking water supply cold water fishery primary contact recreation and aesthetics	< 15 µg/L < 15 µg/L < 30 µg/L
North Central Hardwood Forests	drinking water supply primary contact recreation and aesthetics	< 30 µg/L < 40 µg/L

While Big Detroit and North Floyd and Little Floyd stratify thermally over the summer, they do experience top to bottom mixing during strong storm events. Hence, average total phosphorus by lake mixis types were examined (Table 9) where it may be seen that the 50th percentile for (1) the Northern Lakes and Forests range from 20 to 29 ug P/L and (2) 39 to 89 ug P/L - for dimictic, intermictic and polymictic lakes, respectively. The greater P values observed in the North Central Hardwoods Forests are the result of higher stream P concentrations, increased bottom temperatures and P internal recycling. Hence, this suggests that goal setting should focus upon maintaining in-lake TP values in the 20-30 ug P/L range for Big Floyd, Little Floyd, Big Detroit, and Little Detroit.

For North Floyd Lake, it would be desirable to reduce in-lake P concentration. An in-lake P goal (whole lake) on the order of 30 – 40 µg/L may be appropriate based on data from 2000, and model results, especially with reduction of Campbell Creek to less than 50 ug P/L. Attaining an in-lake average P concentration of 30 – 40 µg/L or lower should keep chlorophyll-a concentrations at or below 20 µg/L about 75 to 90 percent of the summer and Secchi at or above 2 meters 60 to 80 percent of the summer. Improvement of North Floyd will have downstream beneficial effects on Little Floyd, likely dropping average summer TP to values less than 25 ug P/L. Strong nondegradation policies should be encouraged for all of these lakes, especially for Big Floyd Lake and the Detroit Lakes. The longer elevated phosphorus loading occurs via Campbell Creek into North Floyd Lake and from the outlet of Rice Lake into Big Detroit, the

greater the likelihood of internal P recycling from lake sediments, especially for lakes with significant shelf depths of 10 and 35 feet.

Maintaining a summer-mean P concentration of about 30 µg/L or lower over the long term, would require that P loading into the lake be reduced. The PRWD and its partners have a long history of achieving nutrient loading reductions from watershed sources and have plans in place for further P loading. The details of their efforts will be presented in their Phase II Clean Water Partnership Workplan, which will have Best Management Practices (BMPs) defined for these watersheds.

**Table 9. Distribution of Total Phosphorus (µg/L) Concentrations by Mixing Status and Ecoregion (Heiskary and Wilson, 1988).
D = Dimictic, I = Intermittent, P = Polymictic**

Mixing Status: Percentile value for [TP]	Northern Lakes and Forests			North Central Hardwood Forest		
	D	I	P	D	P	
90 %	37	53	57	104	263	344
75 %	29	35	39	58	100	161
50 %	20	26	29	39	62	89
25 %	13	19	19	25	38	50
10 %	9	13	12	19	21	32
# of obs.	257	87	199	152	71	145

Conclusions and Recommendations

Recommended lake management goals were identified for the Floyd Lake and Detroit Lakes systems. From these lake goals, inflow stream phosphorus management goals were then assessed to allow nondegradation and/or restoration of the lakes.

Watershed restoration is recommended for the Campbell Creek and Rice Lake Wetland drainage areas with a 25 percent short-term and 50 percent long-term phosphorus reduction. Downstream of this area, the Rice Wetland complex is discharging excess P concentrations and mass to the Detroit Lakes. It is unclear whether Rice Lake is recycling historical loading and/or upstream P loading is continuing to this date. Additional monitoring of inflows to the Rice Wetland being conducted during 2002 will help clarify P sources – especially the SEF 1 and DDD1 monitoring sites. Nonetheless, it recommended that the Rice Lake Wetland phosphorus loading to Detroit Lakes be reduced by about 50 percent.

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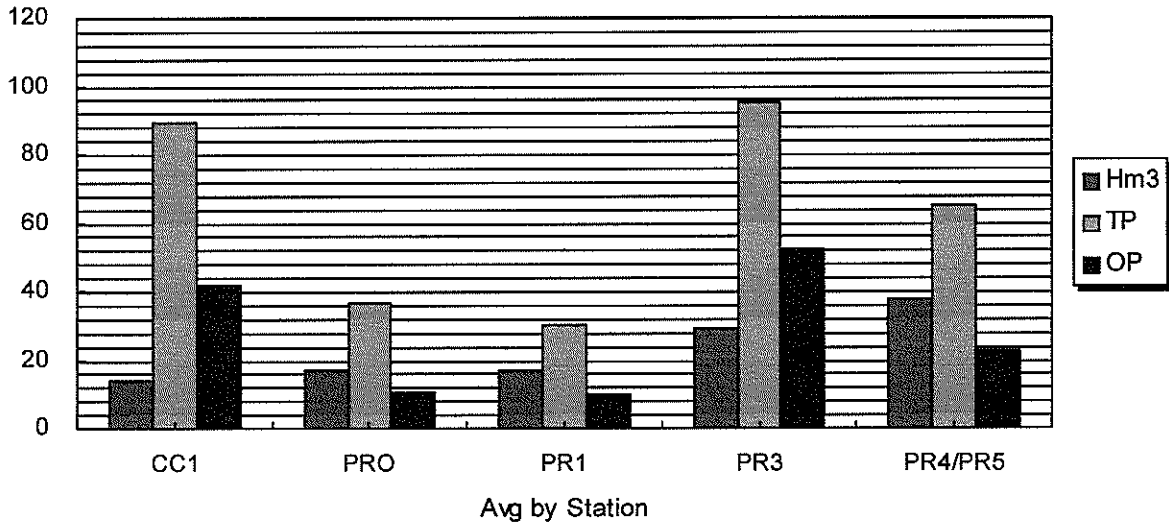
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Appendix

Stream Summary by Stream Site and Year (Means with Number of Samples)

Site	Year	TP	OP	TSS	Number
CC1	1996	0.098		13.084	26
CC1	1997	0.094	0.052	7.843	43
CC1	1998	0.081	0.049	8.783	30
CC1	1999	0.093	0.038	19.290	31
CC1	2000	0.074	0.034	9.333	28
PRO	1998	0.037	0.012	3.400	39
PRO	1999	0.037	0.037	17.984	35
PRO	2000	0.035	0.007	2.957	35
PR1	1998	0.034	0.012	1.500	39
PR1	1999	0.033	0.011		35
PR1	2000	0.023	0.006		27
PR3	1997	0.058		4.654	26
PR3	1998	0.085	0.032	4.994	35
PR3	1999	0.087	0.051		14
PR3	2000	0.098	0.064	8.071	11
PR4	1998	0.066	0.035	6.363	41
PR4	1999	0.055	0.025	6.792	24
PR4	2000	0.069	8.427	5.000	30

1998-2000 Summary Flows and Flow-Weighted Means



Becker County Average Precipitation Quantities

Year	Annual	Grow Season
1990	20.28	11.25
1991	26.39	15.89
1992	23.29	16.82
1993	32.66	23.6
1994	24.57	16.5
1995	28.99	17.52
1996	26.03	15.53
1997	29.26	19.48
1998	34.03	22.26
1999	27.43	22.88
2000	30.18	18.47
2001	24.71	14.53

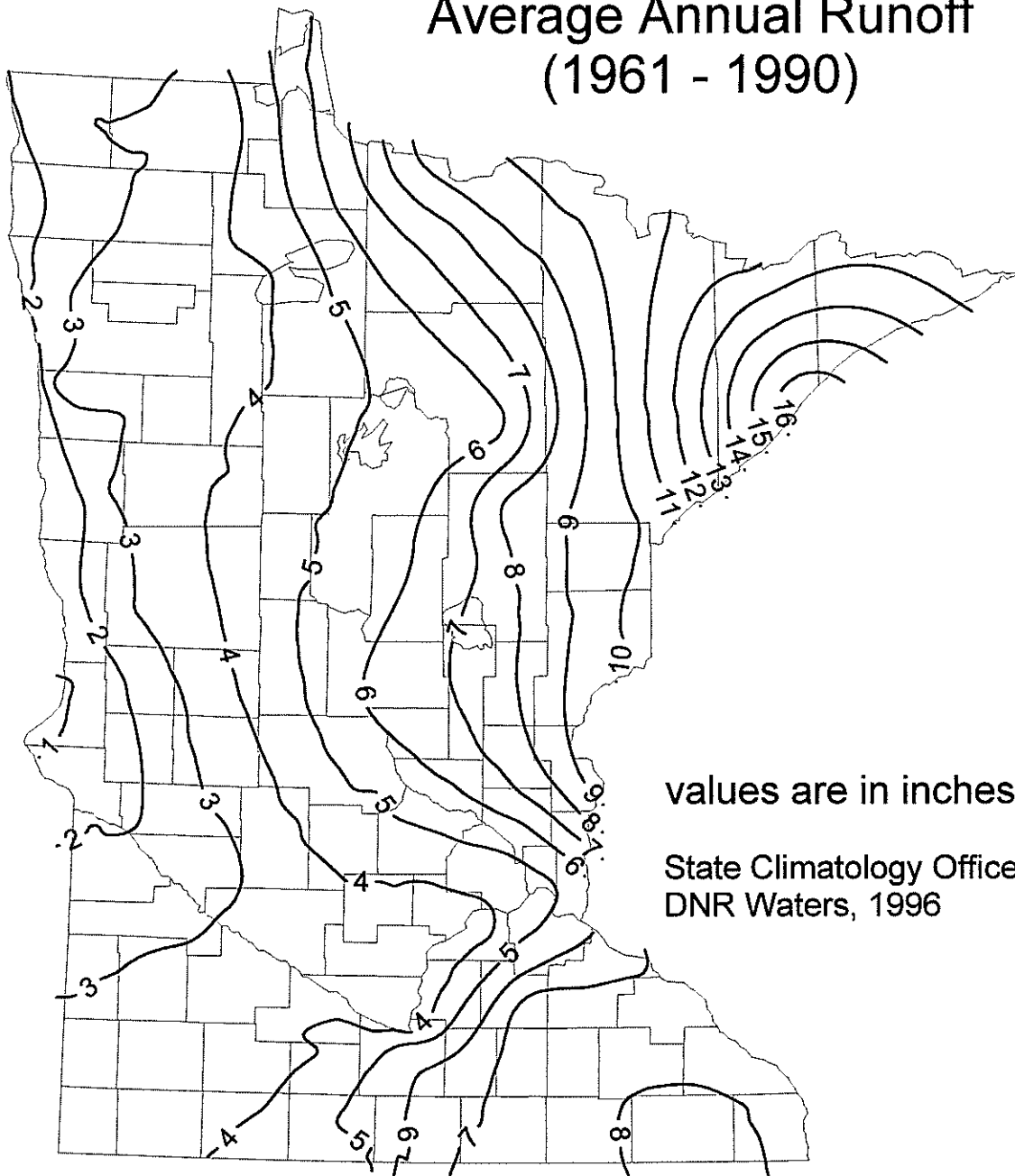
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Min	20.28	11.25
25%	25.37	16.195
75%	27.43	17.52
Max	34.03	23.6
Mean	23.07	12.86

1995 Data
from PR3
and PR2.

		P3	P2
	Staff	TP	TP
June6	2.04	0.085	0.106
June13	2.06	0.047	0.052
June20	1.94	0.088	0.113
June27	1.78	0.11	0.183
July3	1.78	0.082	0.1
		0.119	
July11	1.9	0.072	0.075
July18	1.9	0.0111	0.08
July25	1.9	0.086	0.099
Aug1	1.7	0.053	0.09
Aug8	1.54	0.04	0.123
Aug15	1.39	0.034	0.119
Aug22	1.24	0.035	0.125
		0.188	
Aug29	1.78	0.103	0.121
Averages		0.077	0.107

Average Annual Runoff (1961 - 1990)



runoff derived from streamflow data provided by the U.S. Geological Survey

