

**Senachwine Creek Watershed  
“A Case Study  
of the  
Illinois River Basin Assessment Process”**

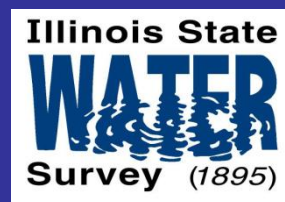
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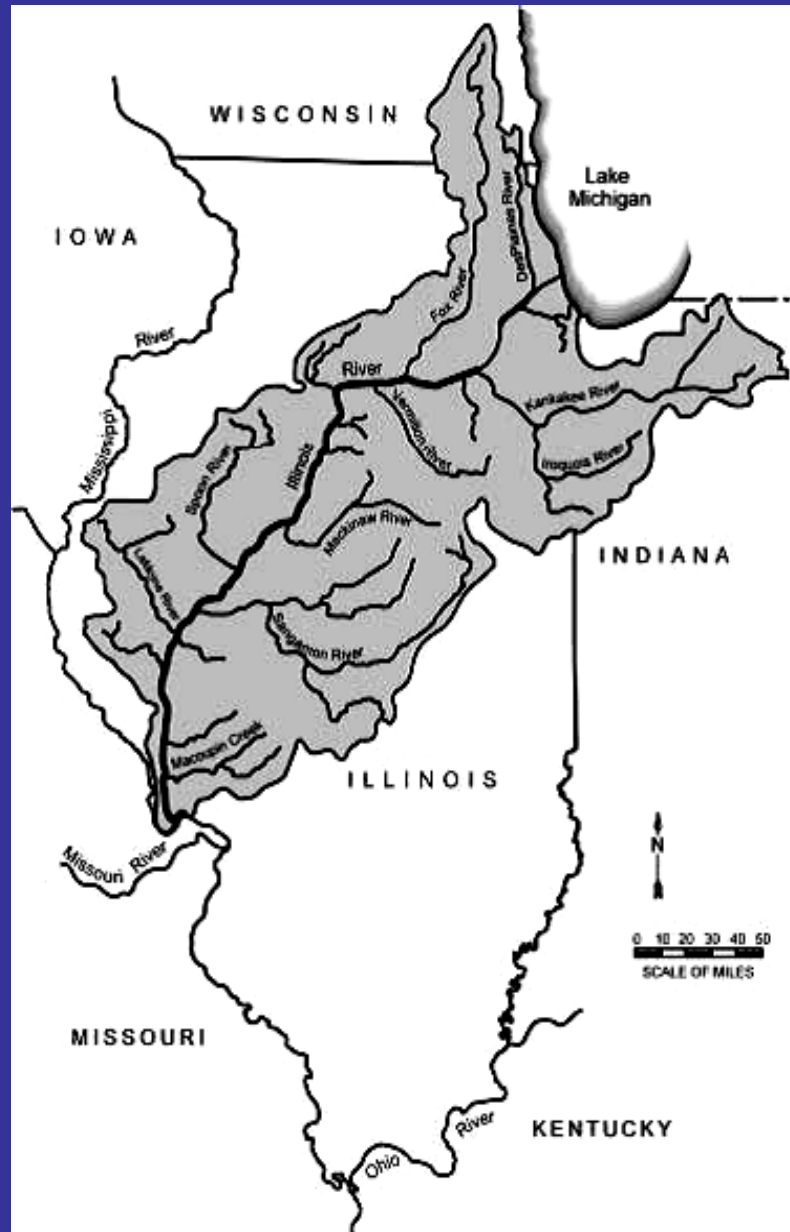
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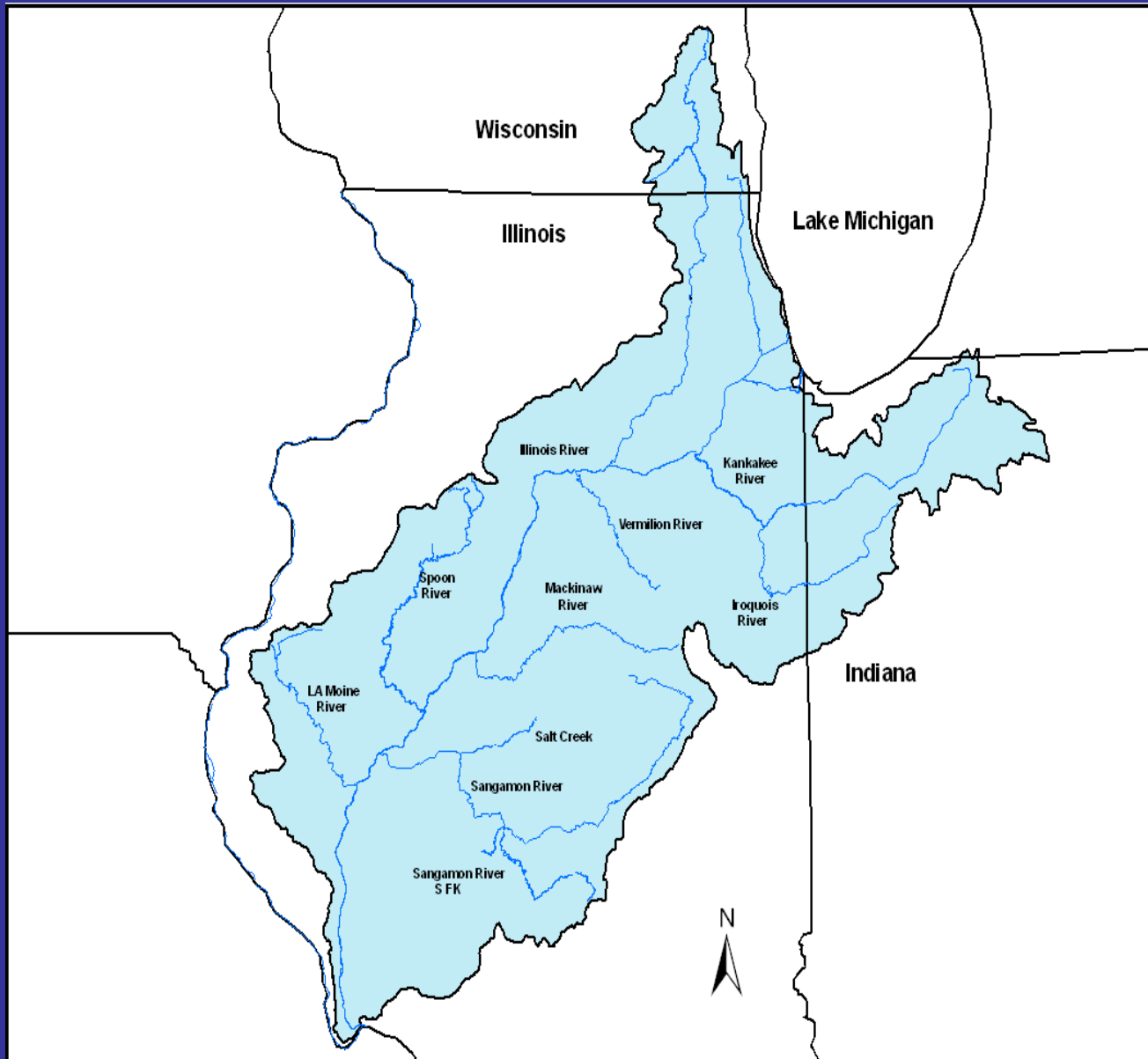
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## Illinois River Basin

- Illinois Waterway, with its system of locks and dams, is the major river basin in Illinois and links Chicago and the Great Lakes to the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico.
- The river drains more than 40% of the State and contains 95% of the State's urban areas.
- The river and the basin have been impacted by a host of natural and anthropogenic events and actions.
- Presently the State of Illinois, USACE, and a host of other institutions and organizations are working together to restore some of the natural functions of the river based on sound science including ecological principals.

# Problem: Fragmentation and overall loss of habitat and ecological integrity due to...

- Destabilization of tributary streams
- Sedimentation of mainstem, backwaters & side channels
- Floodplain alterations
- Water level fluctuations



Opportunity - address the restoration needs



# System-wide Goals

## Overarching Goal

Restore, Enhance, and Maintain Ecological Integrity

### To Do This We Must:

- Restore more natural functions in the watershed
- Reduce erosion and sediment delivery
- Restore side channels and backwaters
- Increase fish passage
- Naturalize hydrologic regimes
- Improve water & sediment quality

There is a need to better integrate geomorphic, hydrologic, biologic and other data to tie the benefits of the above activities more closely and quantitatively to their ability to improve sustainable biodiversity and overall ecosystem integrity.

# Project Implementation

- Watershed and Pool Assessments
- Innovative sediment removal and beneficial use of sediments.
- Computerized inventory and database management system
- Long-term resource monitoring.

## The above goals will be accomplished by following a set of planning objectives:

- Evaluate alternatives which will address common systemic problems.
- Implement projects which will address several system goals and produce independent and multi-functional, immediate, and sustainable restoration.
- Utilize the adaptive management concept in project implementation and maintenance.

# Assessment Criteria

**What are the Priorities?**

**Which Watersheds  
Do We Initially Target for  
Assessment and Restoration?  
“16 Critical Projects Have Been  
Identified to Date!”**

**Keep Making Decisions  
Based On Results of**

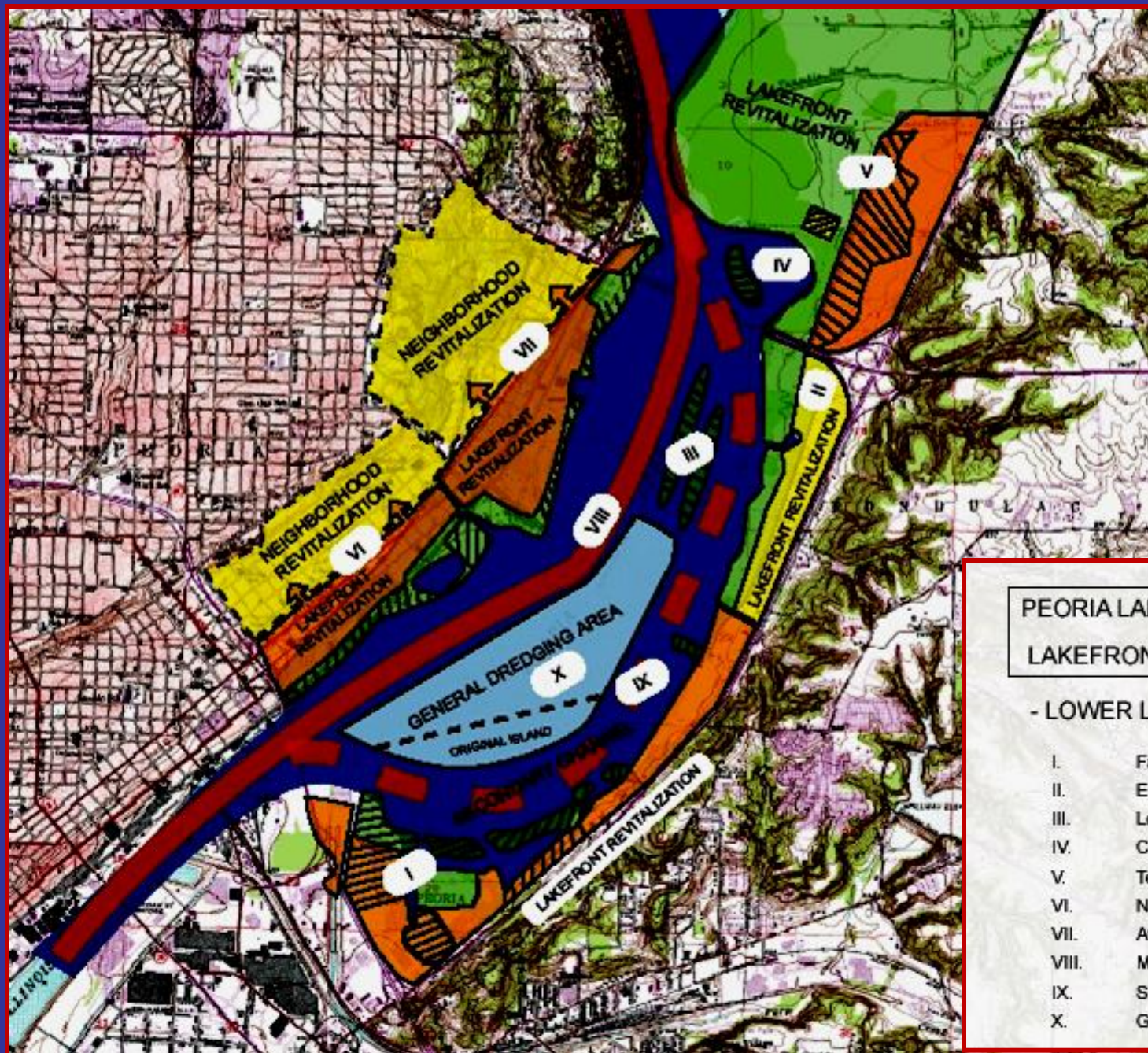
**GOOD SCIENTIFIC DATA !**

# Criteria Selected for Establishing Initial Assessment Areas

- Sediment budget information
- Location in the basin (primarily sub-basins, watersheds and sub-watersheds draining into Peoria Pool and areas upstream and then Alton and LaGrange Pools)
- Potential to reduce sediment delivery to the IL River, increase baseflows, decrease peak flows.
- Threats to ecological quality or system integrity (population and rate of population growth/rate of change in impervious surface, water quality impairment, etc...)

# Criteria Selected for Establishing Initial Assessment Areas (Continued)

- Biologically significant areas and ecosystem concerns (BSC, RRA, regionally significant species)
- Level of local support/public involvement (IL River Basin Ecosystem Restoration Regional Teams, NGO's, Conservation (Ecosystem ) Partnership priorities, regional planning commissions, watershed planning groups, other local coordination groups, etc...)
- Areas where opportunities exist



**PEORIA LAKES RESTORATION  
&  
LAKEFRONT REVITALIZATION**

**- LOWER LAKES PROJECTS -**

- I. Farm Creek
- II. East Peoria Lakefront
- III. Lower Lake Islands
- IV. Christie Island
- V. Tenmile Creek
- VI. Near-Northside Lakefront
- VII. Averyville Lakefront
- VIII. Main Channel Dredging
- IX. Secondary Channel Dredging
- X. General Dredging

# Landforms of Illinois

- Illinois is predominantly a glacial landscape
- Channel (streambank and streambed) areas can be a significant source of sediment transported to the Illinois River
- Erosion and sediment transport in any given year is strongly influenced by the spatial and temporal pattern of rainfall events and specifically whether or not it is a wet or dry year
- Geographic location is important for geologic reasons

## FOR EXAMPLE

- Eastern Illinois is a much younger landscape, generally flatter, and has a less integrated drainage network with more gentle tributary stream gradients than western Illinois

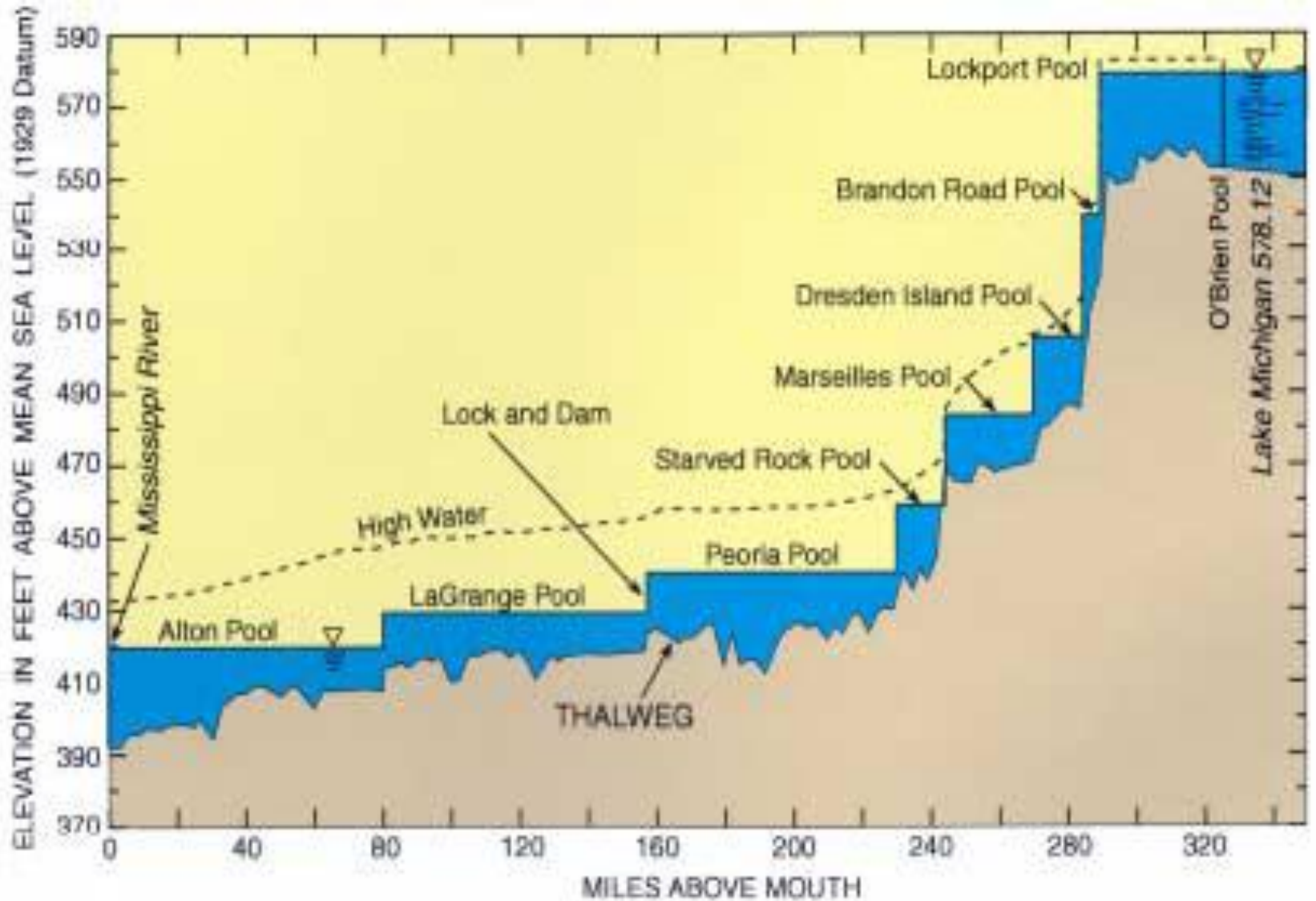


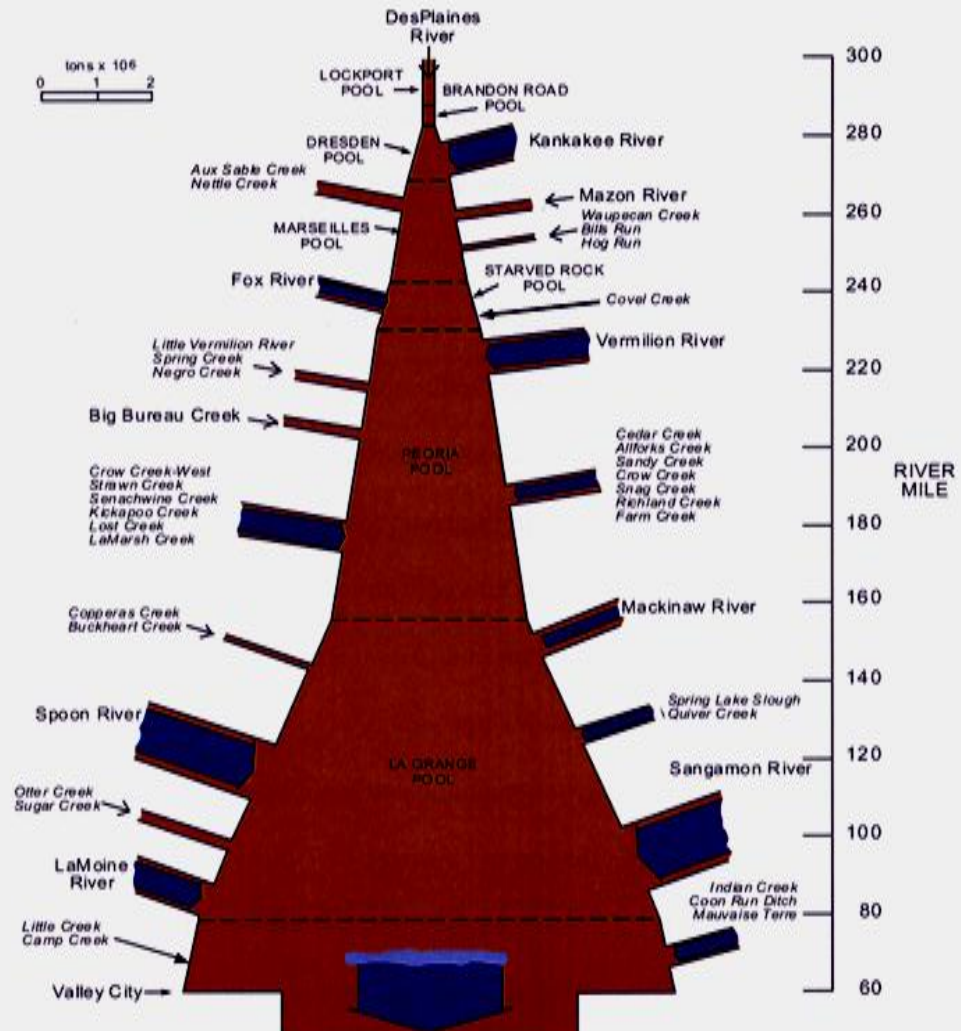


# Illinois Surface Topography Produced by the ISGS



# Profile of the Illinois River (ISWS)





# Illinois River Basin Sediment Budget

Source: M. Demissie et al., 2004:  
Illinois State Water Survey

**Channel and Near Channel  
Sources of Sediment  
are Significant**

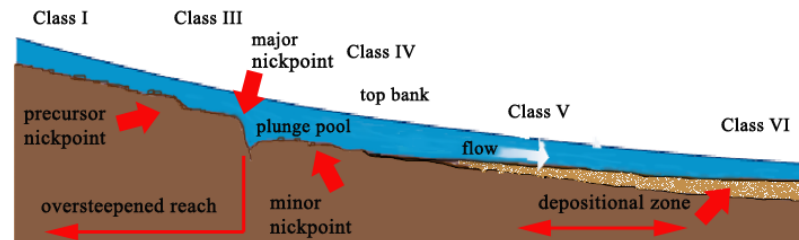
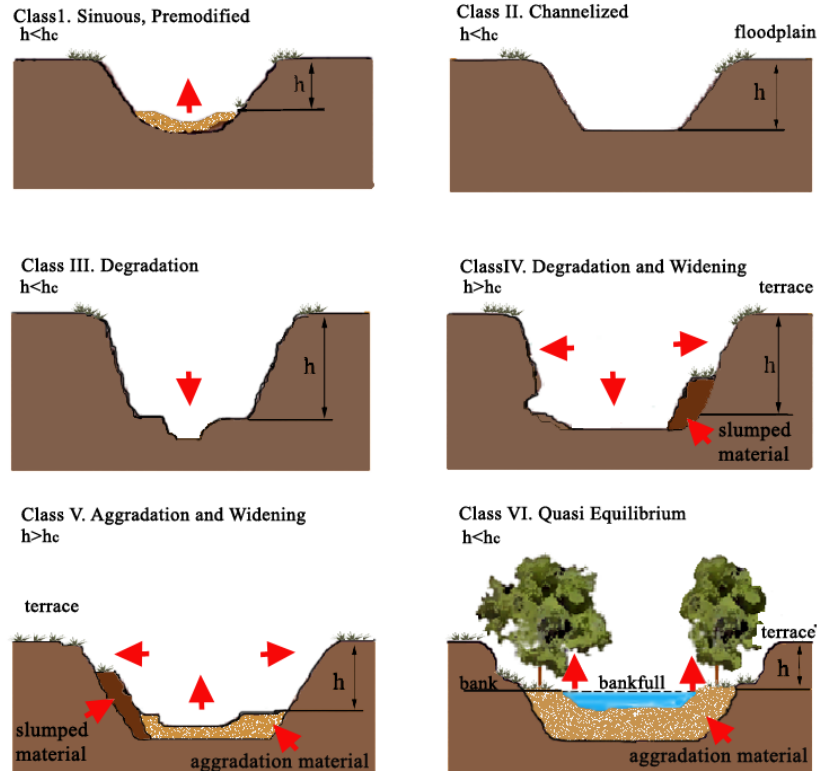


# Aggradation and Loss of Channel Capacity in Lower Stream Reaches



# Channel Evolution Model

## Modified from Simon "1989"



$h$  = bank height

$h_c$  = critical bank height  $\rightarrow$  = direction of bank or bed movement

# Riparian & Aquatic Restoration







## Assessment Criteria

**What are the Priorities?**

**What Kinds of Restoration Projects  
Need to be Considered Within  
Targeted Watersheds?**

**Let the Decisions Be  
Based On Applying:**

**GOOD SCIENTIFIC DATA !**

# Criteria For Selecting Project Sites

- Sediment contributions from the watershed and specifically from the site in question
- Watershed plan or planning progress
- Landowner willingness to accept and support a project
- Availability of access
- Future potential damages and federal, state, and local ability to stabilize potential project areas
- Economic opportunities (**INCENTIVES-as in Spoon River with EQIP & CREP**) or limitations at the federal, state, and local level

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# Stream & Riparian Restoration Practices

## “Short List”

- Bioengineering (sometimes combined with Lunkers and even harder structures) to Stabilize or Naturalize Streambanks and address Channel Equilibrium Issues
- Control of Channel Incision using Riffle/Pool Structures (Newbury Weirs, etc...)
- Remeandering
- Reconnection of Streams to Floodplains
- Wetlands Restoration or Enhancement
- Hydrologic Restoration or Naturalization of Flow Regimes (Mainstem, Tributary Streams, & Watersheds)
- Alternative Futures Planning--Conservation Development Designs
- Etc...

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# Watershed Assessment Data Collection Protocols

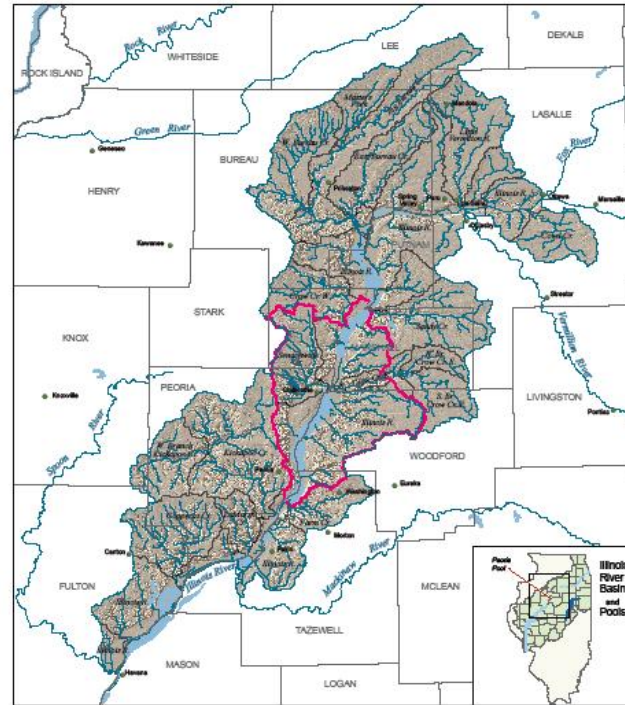
## “Streams and Watershed Component”

*For Identification, Assessment and Monitoring of Targeted Streams & Watersheds*

- General Assessments:
  - GIS Coverage
    - Biologically Significant Areas (including but not limited to Resource Rich Areas, Nature Preserves, Natural Areas, Open Space, T&E Species, Invasive Species, etc...),
    - Bedrock, Surficial Geology, Sands, Slopes, Soils, etc...
    - Historic Photo Interpretation
    - Landcover Analysis & Modeling
    - Hydrologic & Hydraulic Modeling
    - Etc...
- Geomorphological System Scale Assessments
  - Channel Stability Ranking Scheme
  - Biological/Habitat Ranking Scheme

# Senachwine Creek Watershed

*(located within the boundary of “Peoria Wilds” and also within the “Illinois River Bluffs Ecosystem Partnership” Area)*



Peoria Wilds Resource Rich Area  
Illinois River Bluffs Assessment Area watersheds

0 5 10 20  
Miles



# Watershed Assessment Data Collection Protocols “Streams Component”

For Data Collection of Specifically *Targeted Streams*

- Aerial Reconnaissance Using GPS Technology
  - Rapid Geomorphological Assessment
  - Geomorphological Assessment Stream-Evaluation Data Sheets
- Methodology & Protocols for the Index of Biotic Integrity (IBI)
- Methodology & Protocols for the Macro-Invertebrate Surveys (MIBI)
- Methodology & Protocols for the Instream Habitat Monitoring
  - Potential Index of Biotic Integrity (PIBI)

# Restoration Practices “Short List”

- Alternative Futures Planning--Conservation Development and Contemporary Stormwater Management Designs (neo-traditional development; i e., rain gardens)
- Hydrologic Restoration or Naturalization of Flow Regimes (Mainstem, Tributary Streams, & Watersheds) to Stabilize or Naturalize Streambanks and address Channel Equilibrium Issues (infiltration, retention-detention, bioengineering ,etc...)
- Bioengineering (Willow Post, Live Stakes, Live Fascines, Vegetated Geogrids, Silt-Capture Structures, Live Booms, etc...sometimes combined with Lunkers and even harder structures)
- Control of Channel Incision using Riffle/Pool Structures (Newbury Weirs, etc...)
- Remeandering and Reconnection of Streams to Floodplains
- Wetlands Restoration or Enhancement
- Hard Streambank Erosion Control Structures such as Sheet Piling; Rip-Rap, Stone Toe Protection or Longitudinal Peak Stone; Bendway Weirs, Stream Barbs, Concrete Lining, etc...)

# CHANNEL-STABILITY RANKING SCHEME\*

# Field Survey

# Channel Stability Ranking

Adapted from Kuhnle and Simon (2000)

Station # \_\_\_\_\_ Station Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Crew: \_\_\_\_\_ Samples Taken: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pictures: U/S D/S X-section LB RB  
 Pattern: Meandering Straight Braided Drainage Ditch\*\*

**Field Measurements:** Reach length: \_\_\_\_\_ Est. Reach Slope: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Avg channel widths: (top) \_\_\_\_\_ (bottom) \_\_\_\_\_ Avg/Max channel depth: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
 LB angle (avg): \_\_\_\_\_ RB angle (avg): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Primary bank material: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary bed material: (See #1)  
 (GP=gravel; SP=sand; ML=silt; CL=clay; BR=bedrock)

**1. Primary bed material**

	<i>Bedrock</i>	<i>Boulder/Cobble</i>	<i>Gravel</i>	<i>Sand</i>	<i>Silt/Clay</i>	
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**2. Bed Protection**

a) Yes	0					
OR	0		<i>#Banks</i>			
b) No	1	<i>(with)</i>	<i>Protection</i>	<i>One (L or R)</i>	<i>Both</i>	<input type="text"/>
				2	3	

**3. Degree of floodplain separation\*\*/incision** (Relative elevation of "normal" low water; floodplain/terrace @100%)

	0-10%	11-25%	26-50%	51-75%	76-100%	
	4	3	2	1	0	<input type="text"/>

**4. Degree of constriction** (Relative decrease in top-bank width from up to downstream)

	0-10%	11-25%	26-50%	51-75%	76-100%	
	0	1	2	3	4	<input type="text"/>

**5. Streambank erosion** (each bank for reach length)

	<i>None</i>	<i>Fluvial</i>	<i>Mass wasting (failures)</i>		
<i>Left</i>	0	1	2		<input type="text"/>
<i>Right</i>	0	1	2		<input type="text"/>

**6. Stream bank instability** (Percent of each bank failing for reach length)

	0-10%	11-25%	26-50%	51-75%	76-100%	
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**7. Established woody vegetative cover** (Percent of each bank face for reach length)

	0-10%	11-25%	26-50%	51-75%	76-100%	
<i>Left</i>	2	1.5	1	0.5	0	<input type="text"/>
<i>Right</i>	2	1.5	1	0.5	0	<input type="text"/>

**8. Occurrence of bank/bar accretion** (Percent of each bank with fluvial deposition for reach length)

	0-10%	11-25%	26-50%	51-75%	76-100%	
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<i>Right</i>	2	1.5	1	0.5	0	<input type="text"/>

**9. Stage of Channel Evolution**

	<i>I</i>	<i>II</i>	<i>III</i>	<i>IV</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>VI</i>
	0	1	2	4	3	1.5
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OTHER OBSERVATIONS:

Total Score:



# Field Survey

## Biological Ranking Scheme

Adapted from Kuhnle and Simon (2001) and Barbour et al. (1999; Chapter 5/USEPA)

<b>1. Availability of favorable habitat</b> ( <i>snags, submerged logs undercut banks; average of LWD and detritus</i> )					
	>50%	30-50%	10-30%	<10%	
	4	3	2	1	<input type="text"/>
<b>2. Pool-substrate composition</b>					
	<i>GP &amp; firm SP</i>	<i>Soft SP &amp; ML-CL</i>	<i>All ML-CL or All SP</i>	<i>Hardpan/ Bedrock</i>	
	4	3	2	1	<input type="text"/>
<b>3. Pool-variability character</b>					
	<i>Mix large/small &amp; deep/shallow</i>	<i>Majority large-deep pools</i>	<i>Shallow pools more prevalent</i>	<i>Majority small-shallow or absent</i>	
	4	3	2	1	<input type="text"/>
<b>4. Active streambed/bar deposition</b>					
	0-20%	21-50%	51-80%	81-100%	
	4	3	2	1	<input type="text"/>
<b>5. Streambed exposure</b>					
	0-5%	5-25%	25-75%	75-100%	
	4	3	2	1	<input type="text"/>
<b>6. Degree of "hard" channel alteration</b> ( <i>channelization, dredging, embankments/shoring structures, gabion/cement</i> )					
	<i>Channelization/dredging absent</i>	<i>Minor or historic</i>	<i>40-80% reach disrupted</i>	<i>&gt;80% Disrupted/habitat altered</i>	
	4	3	2	1	<input type="text"/>
<b>7 (low). Sinuosity</b>					
	3-4	2-3	1-2	<i>Straight</i>	
	4	3	2	1	<input type="text"/>
<b>7 (high). Pool-riffle sequence</b> (% Pool + % Riffle)					
	>80%	51-80%	20-50%	<20%	
	4	3	2	1	<input type="text"/>
<b>8. Bank Instability</b> (Percent each bank failing)					
	0-5%	6-30%	31-60%	61-100%	
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<b>9. Vegetative Bank Protection</b> (Bank face):					
	<i>&gt;90% covered w/mix of veg.</i>	<i>70-90% cover</i>	<i>50-70% cover; disruption obvious; bare patches</i>	<i>&lt;50% veg disruption high</i>	
<i>Left</i>	2	1.5	1	0.5	
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<b>10. Riparian-zone width</b> (out from edge of water)					
	>20m	10-20 m	5-10 m	<5m	
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<b>Total Score:</b>					<input type="text"/>



# Illinois Rivers Decision Support System (ILRDSS)

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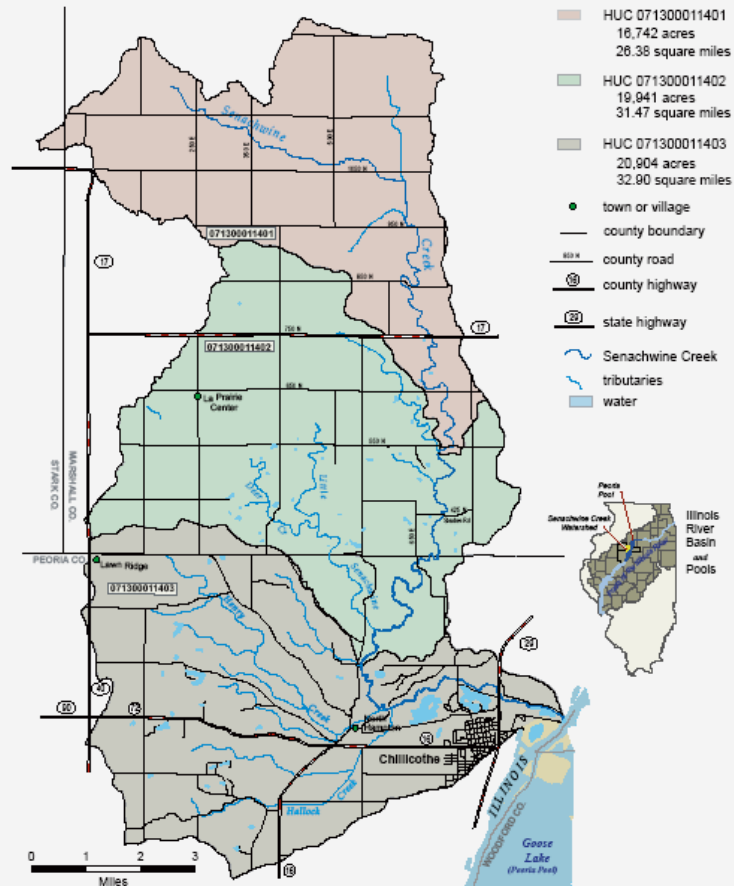


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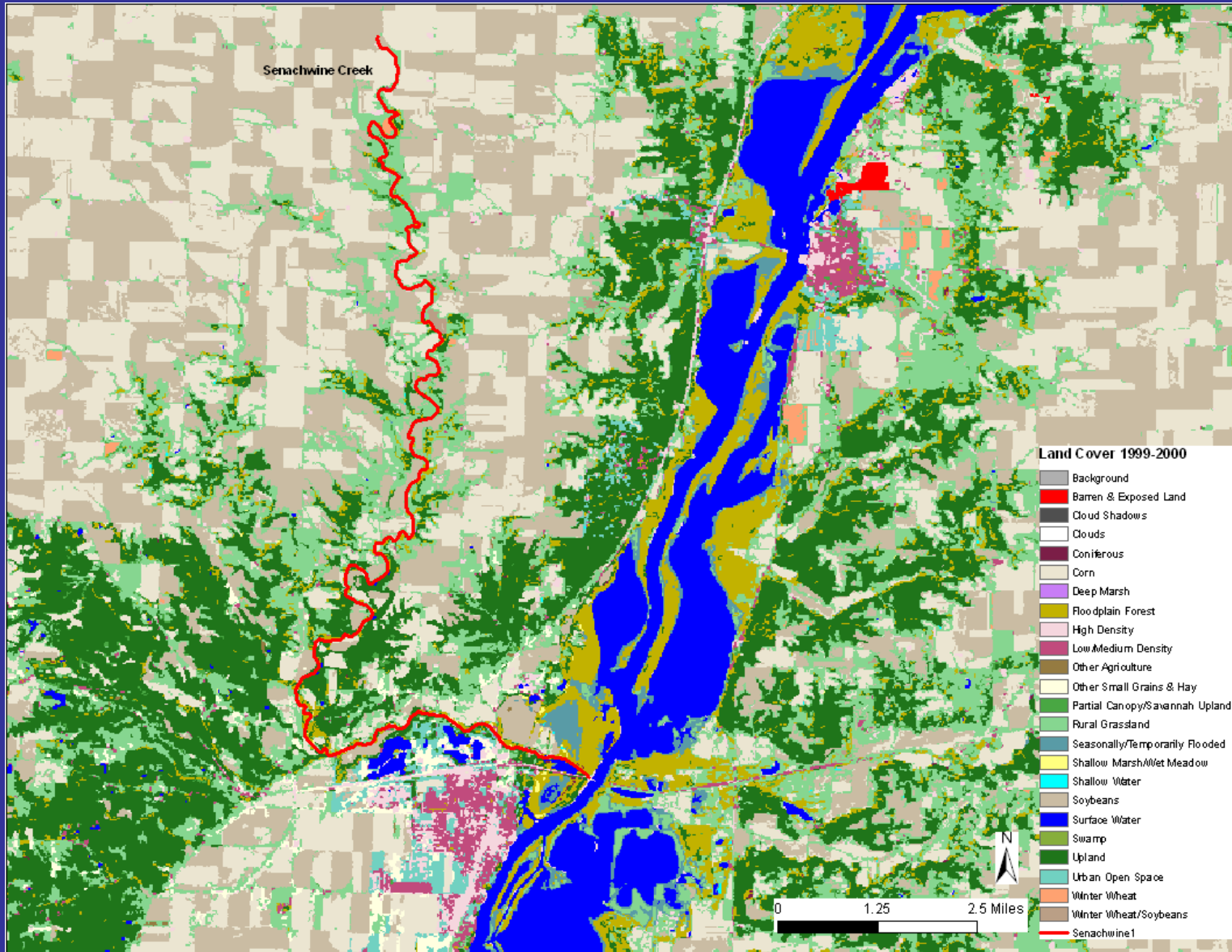
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# Senachwine Creek

## Location & Hydrologic Units

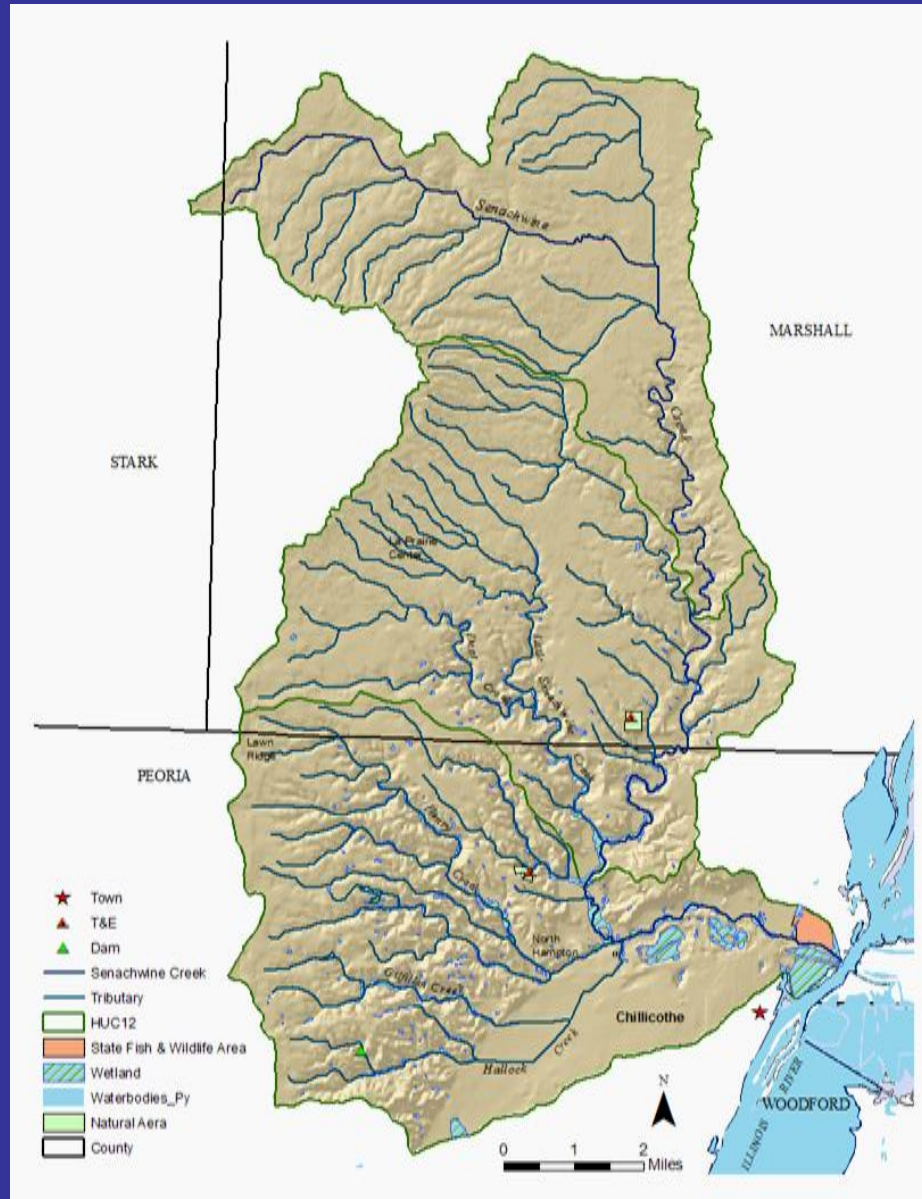


# Senachwine Creek Watershed Landcover

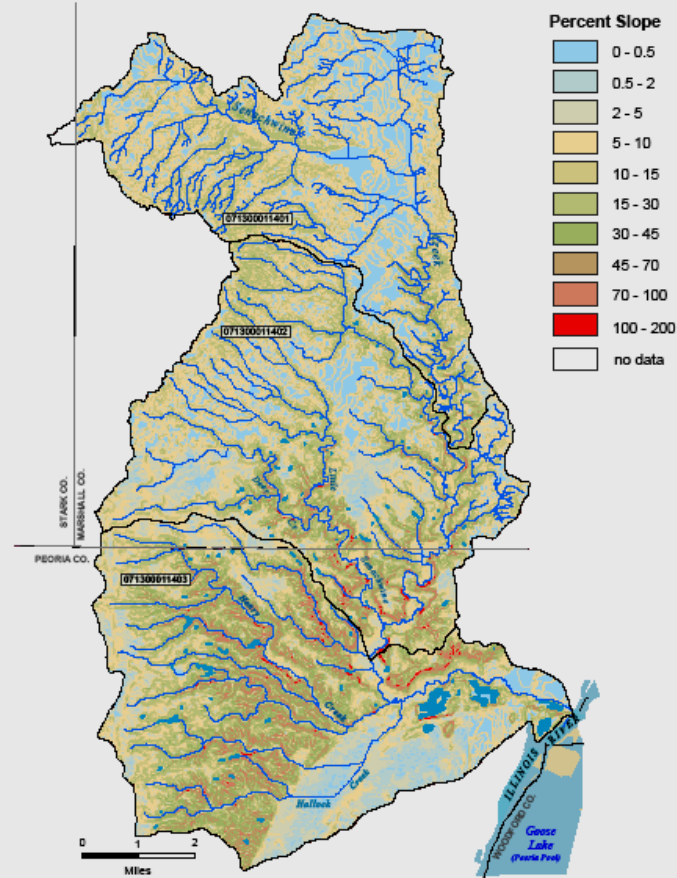




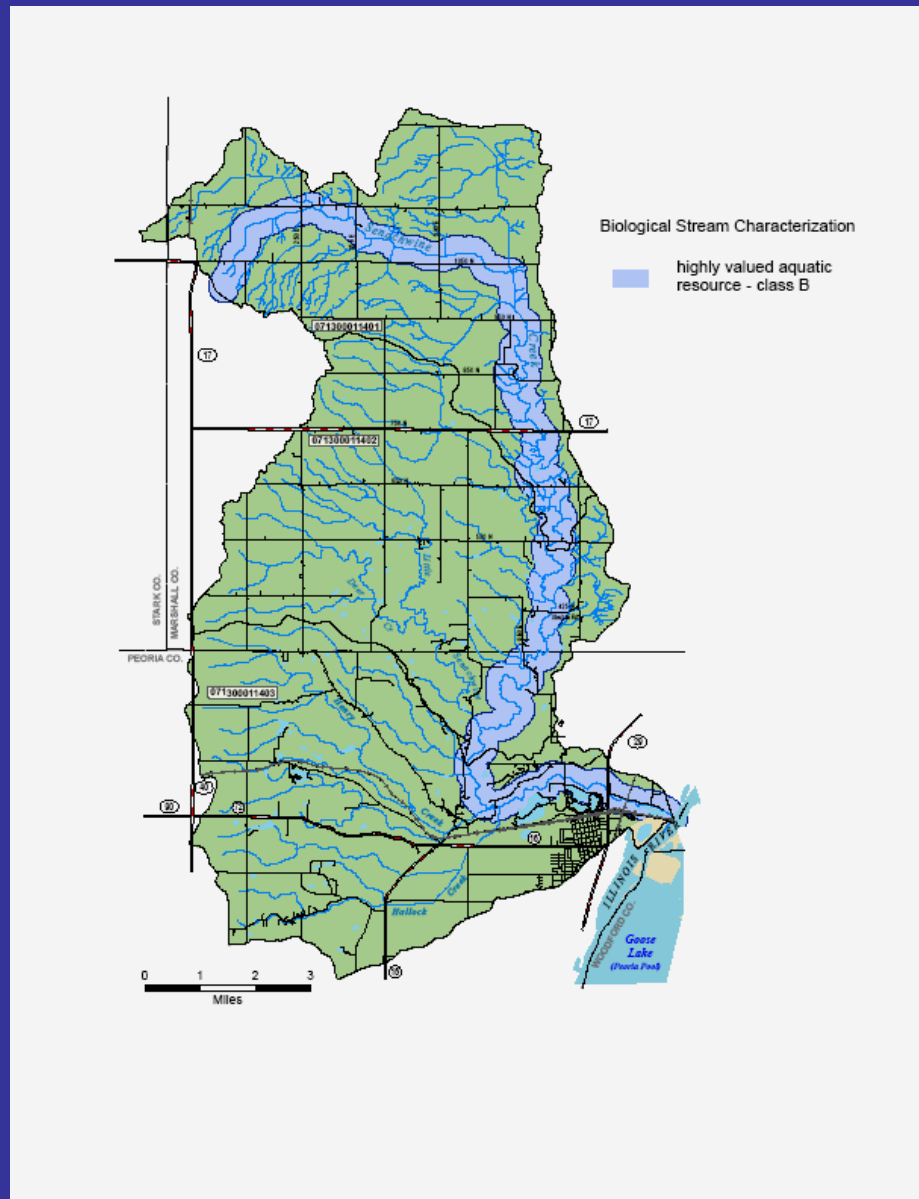
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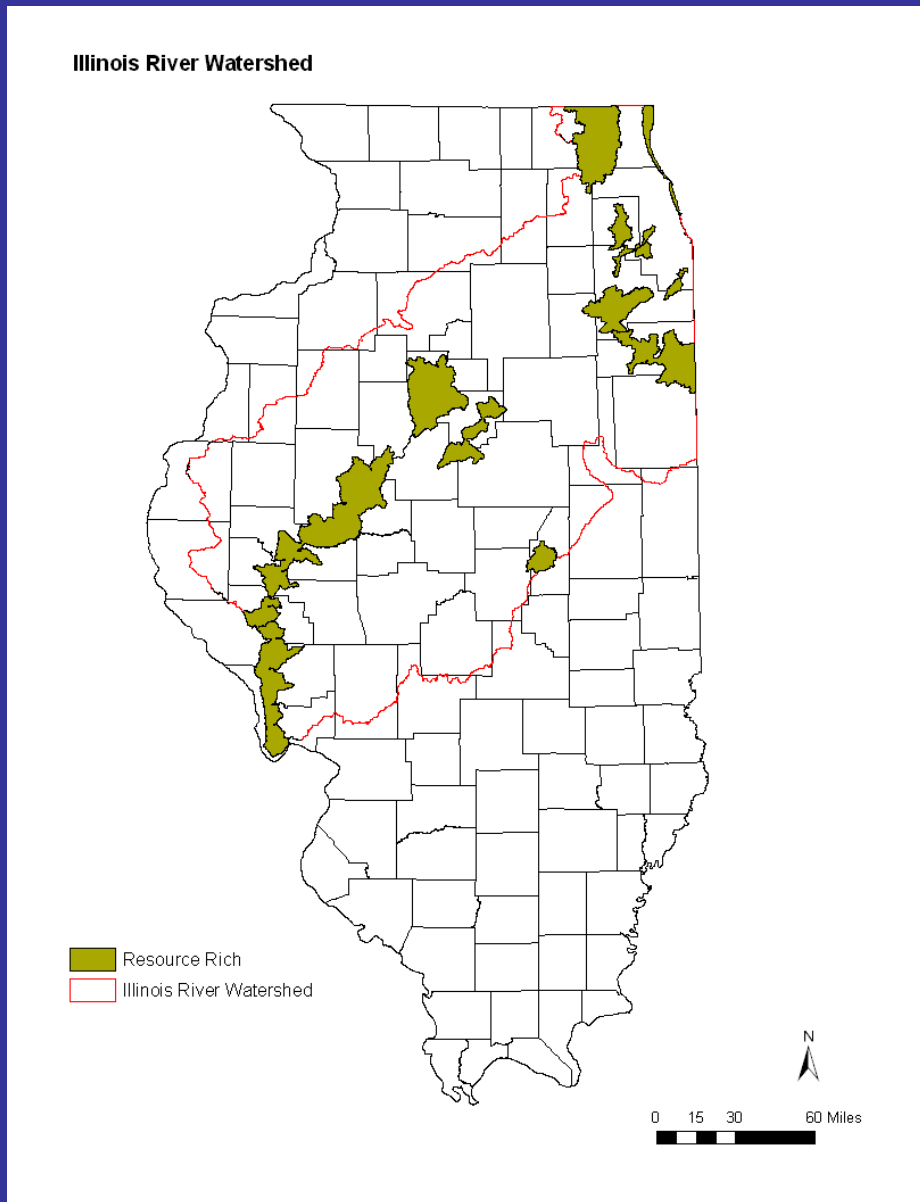
# Slope of the Senachwine Creek Watershed



# Senachwine Creek Mainstem Biological Stream Characterization



# Resource Rich Areas In The Illinois River Basin



# Publicly Managed Lands in the Senachwine Creek Watershed

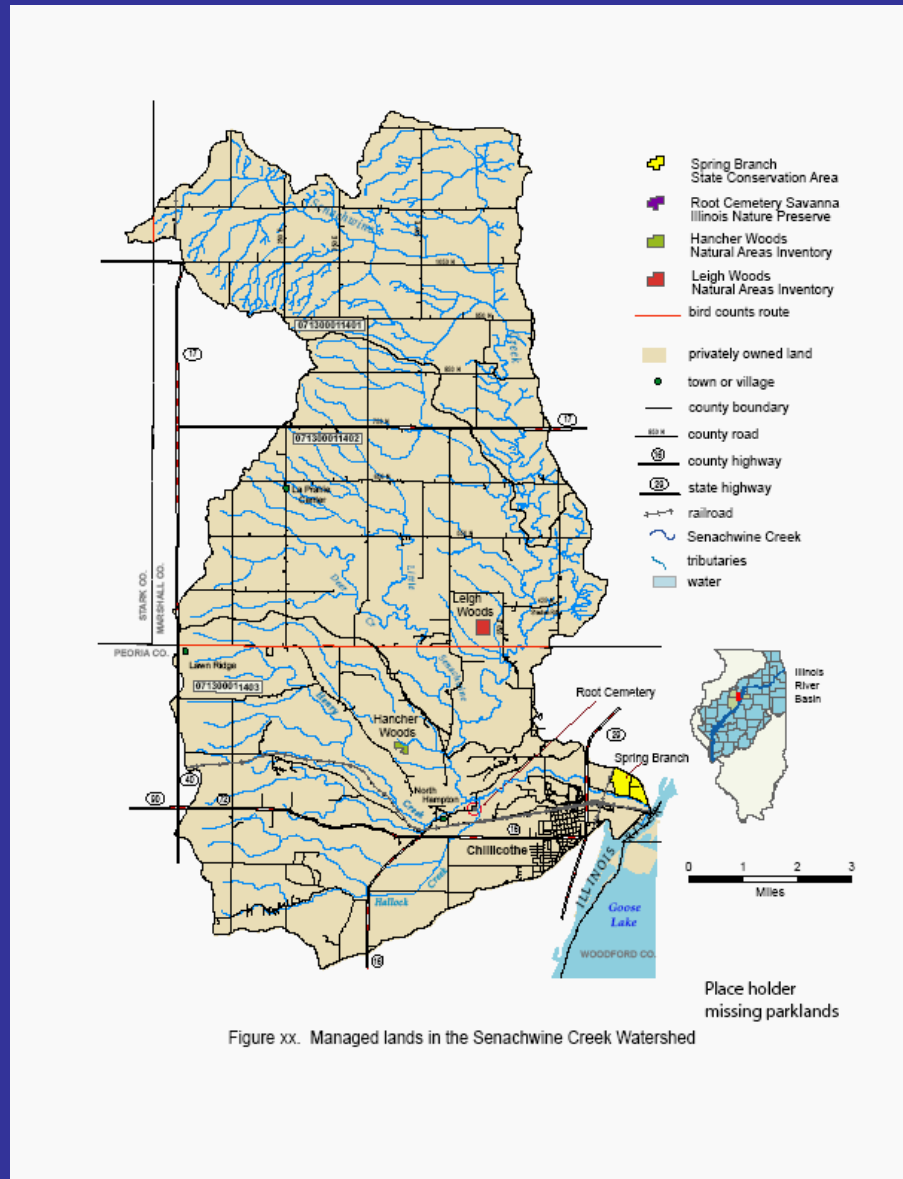
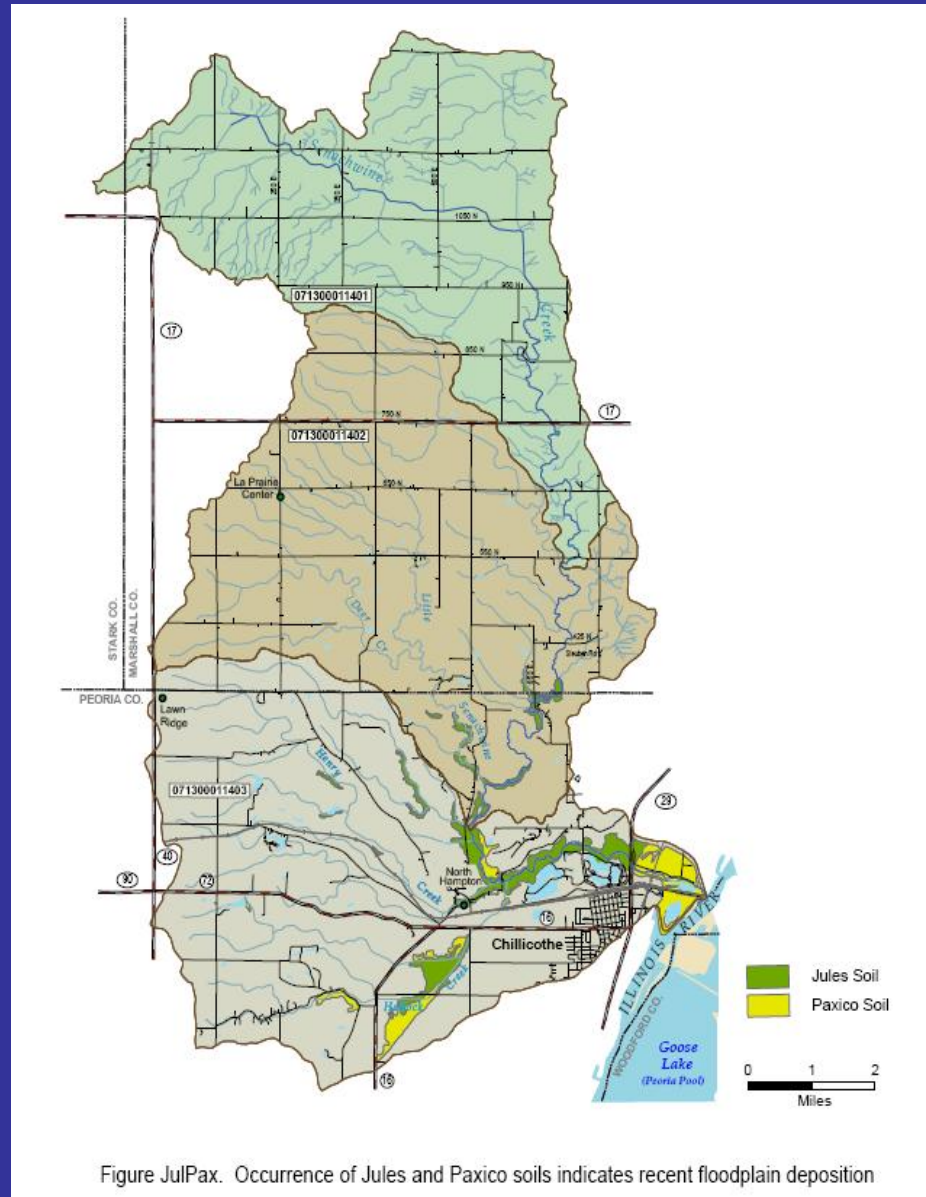


Figure xx. Managed lands in the Senachwine Creek Watershed

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## Occurrence of Jules and Paxico Soils (Recent Floodplain Deposits)



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## Parent Materials

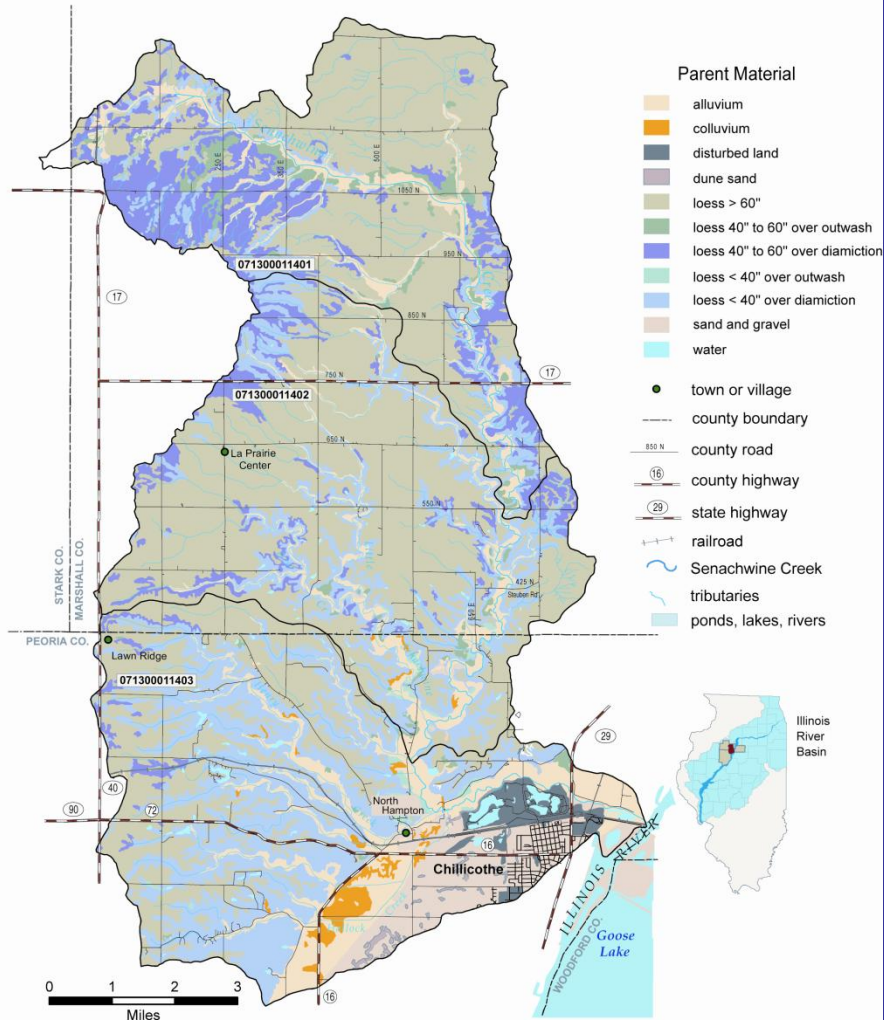


Figure xx. Parent Materials of the Senachwine Creek Watershed

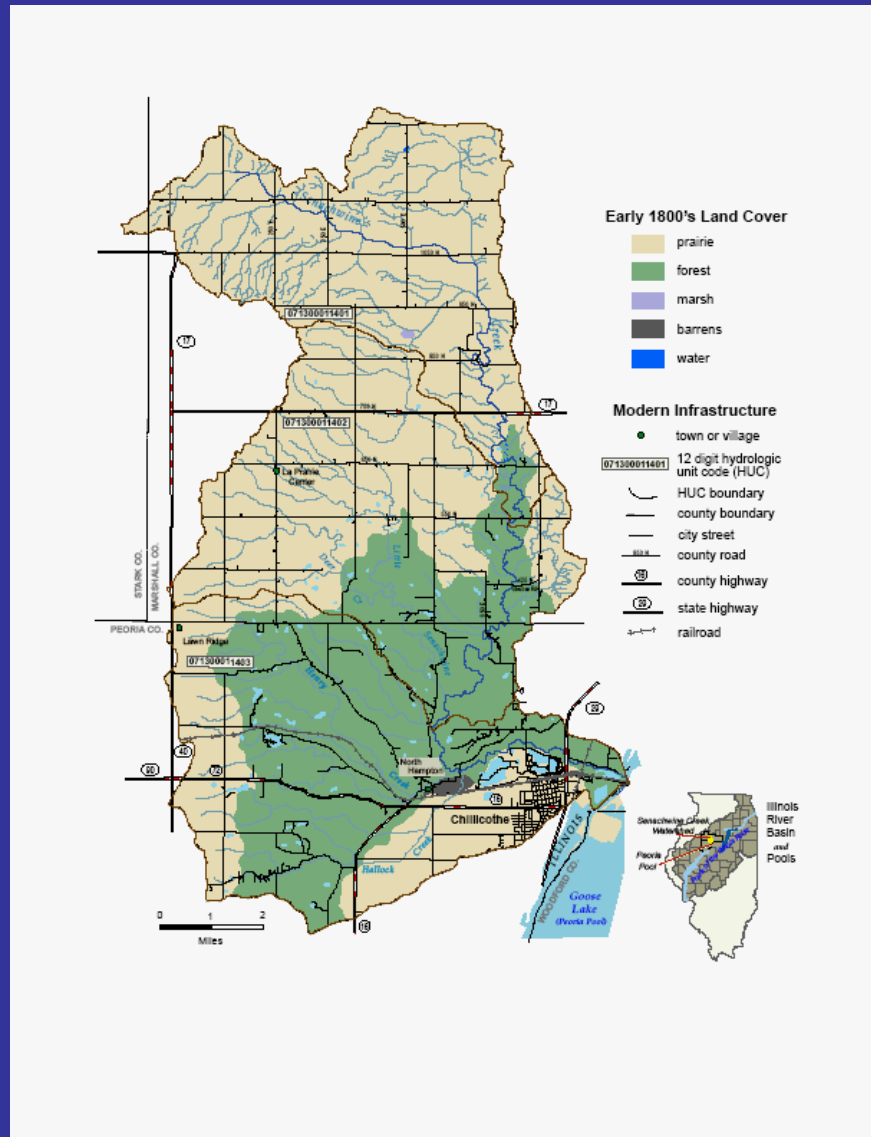
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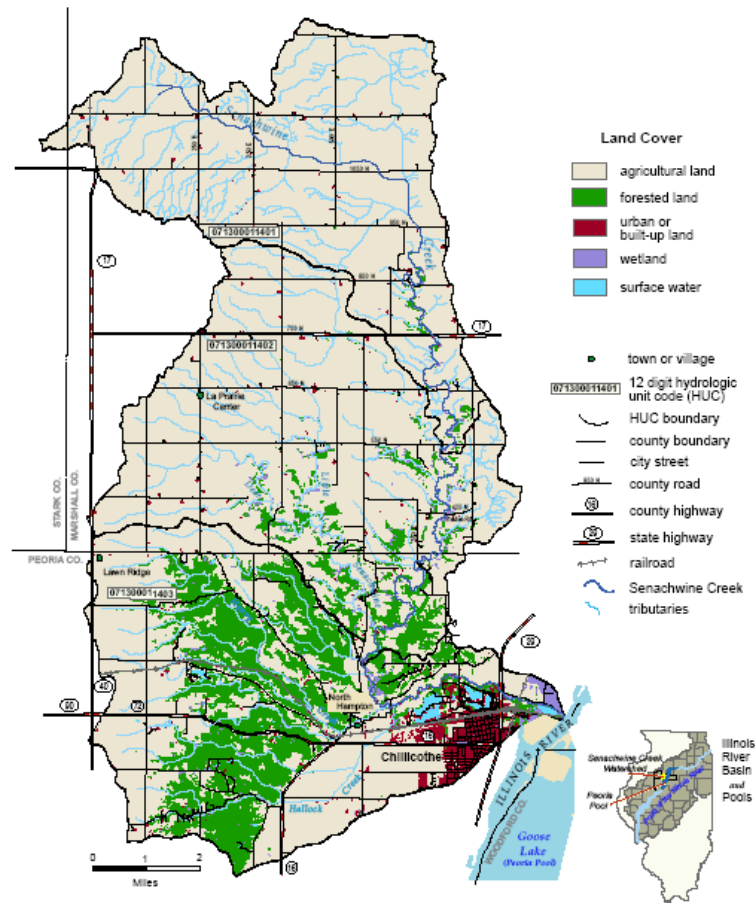




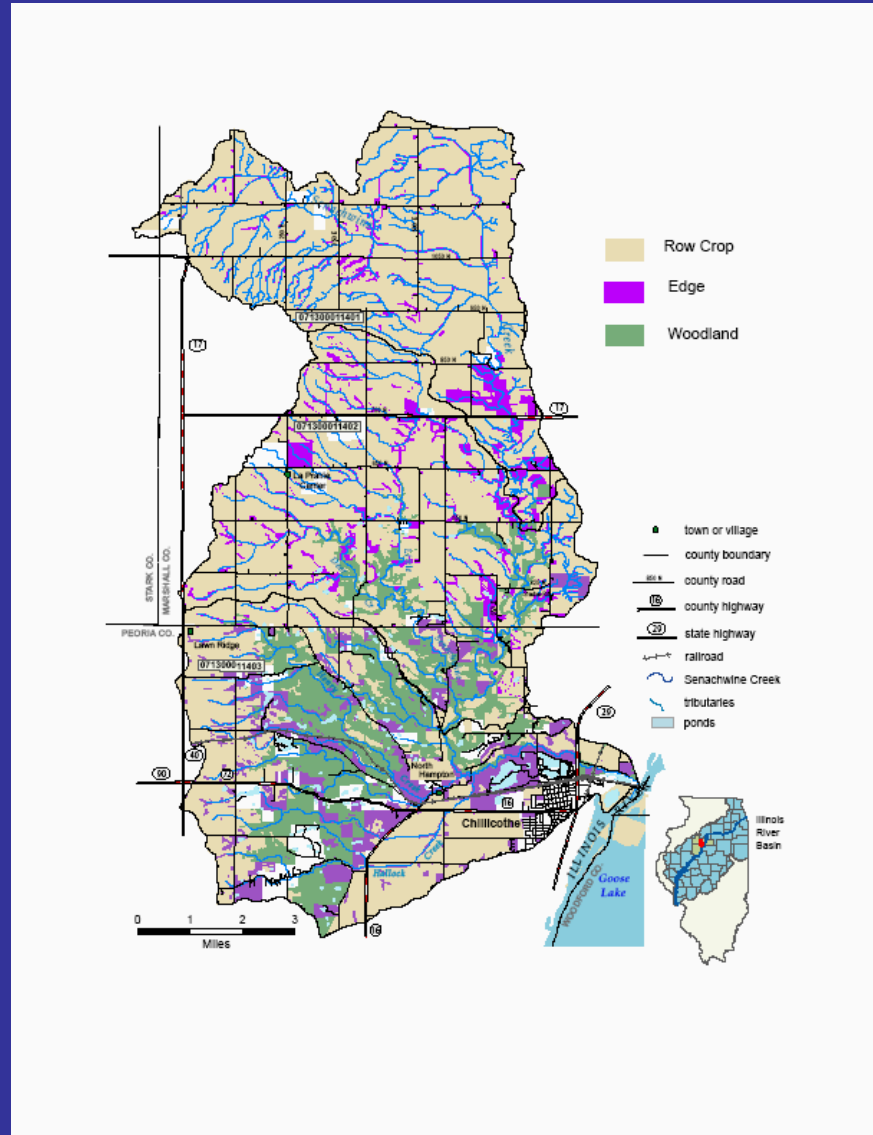
# Landcover in Senachwine Creek in Early 1800's



# Current Landcover in Senachwine Creek Watershed

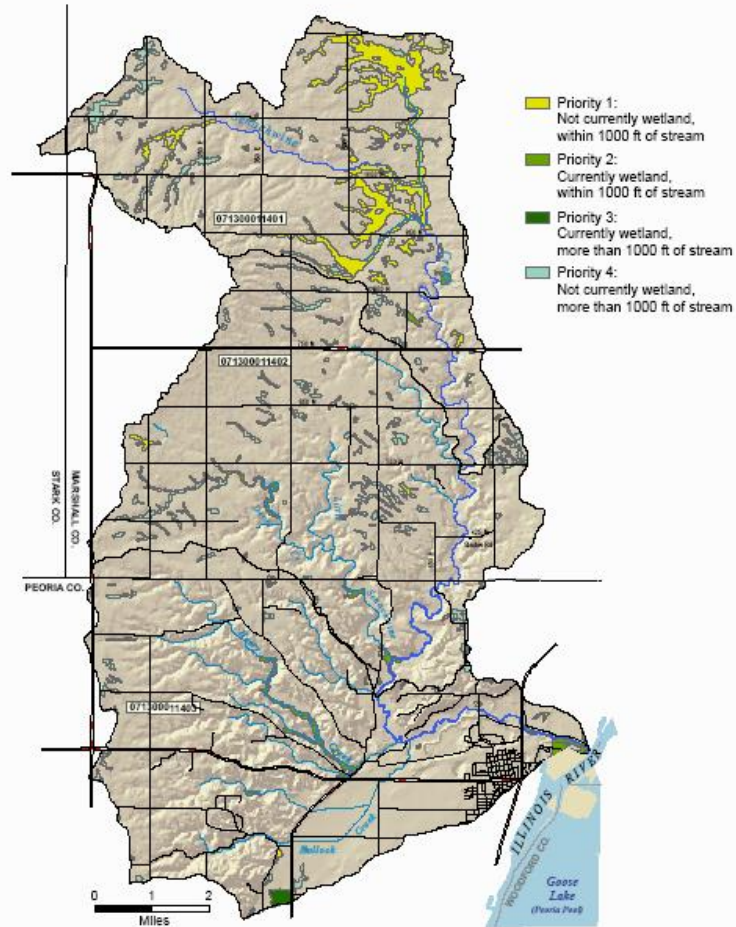


# Row Crop--PLUS Edge "Effect," and Forest



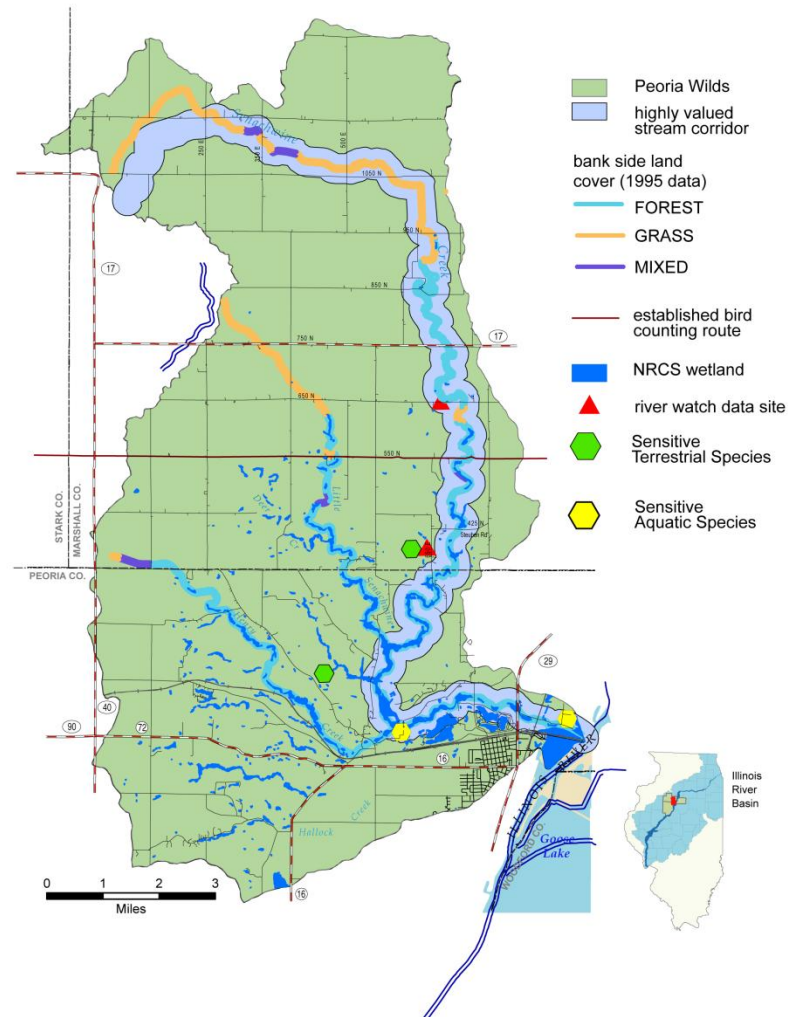
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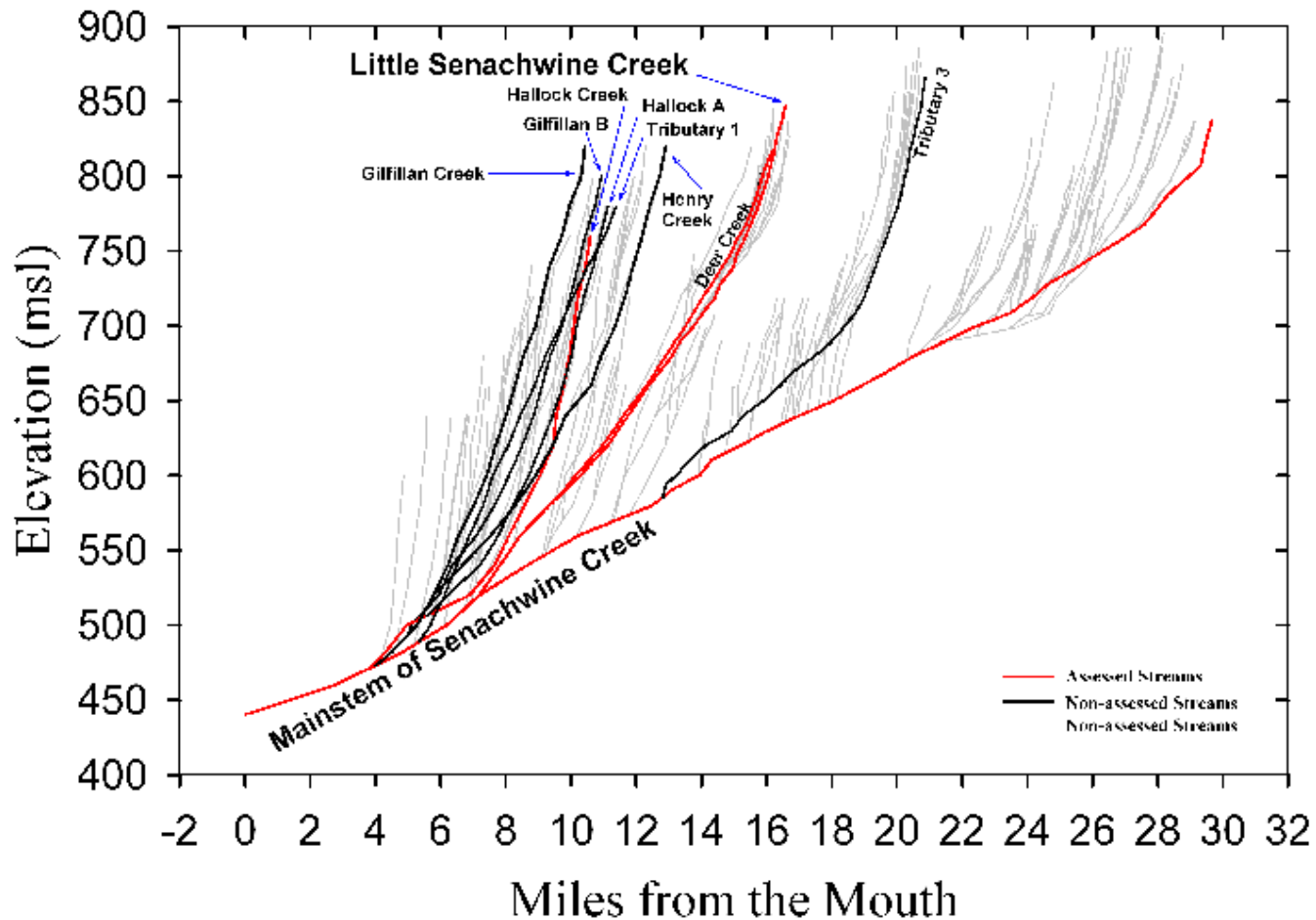


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## Riparian and other Special Features

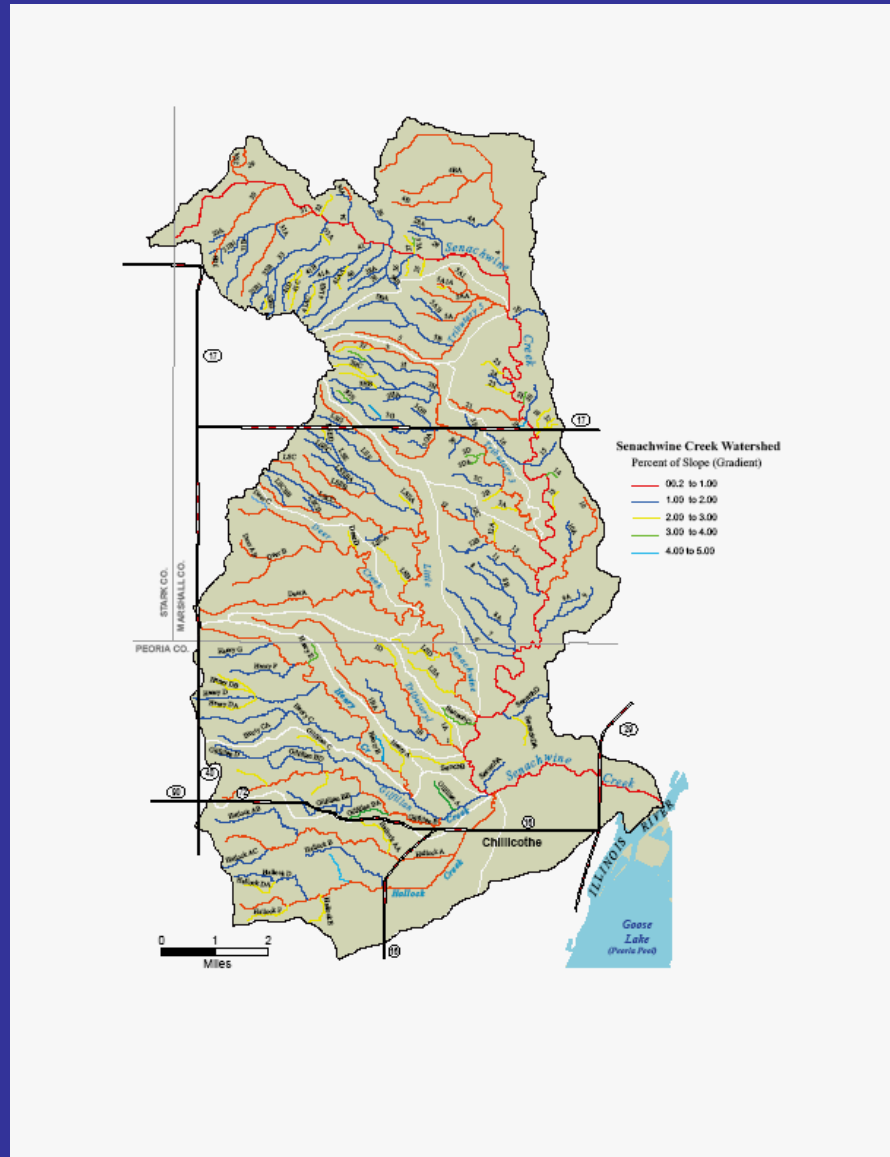


# Senachwine Creek and Tributaries Longitudinal Gradients



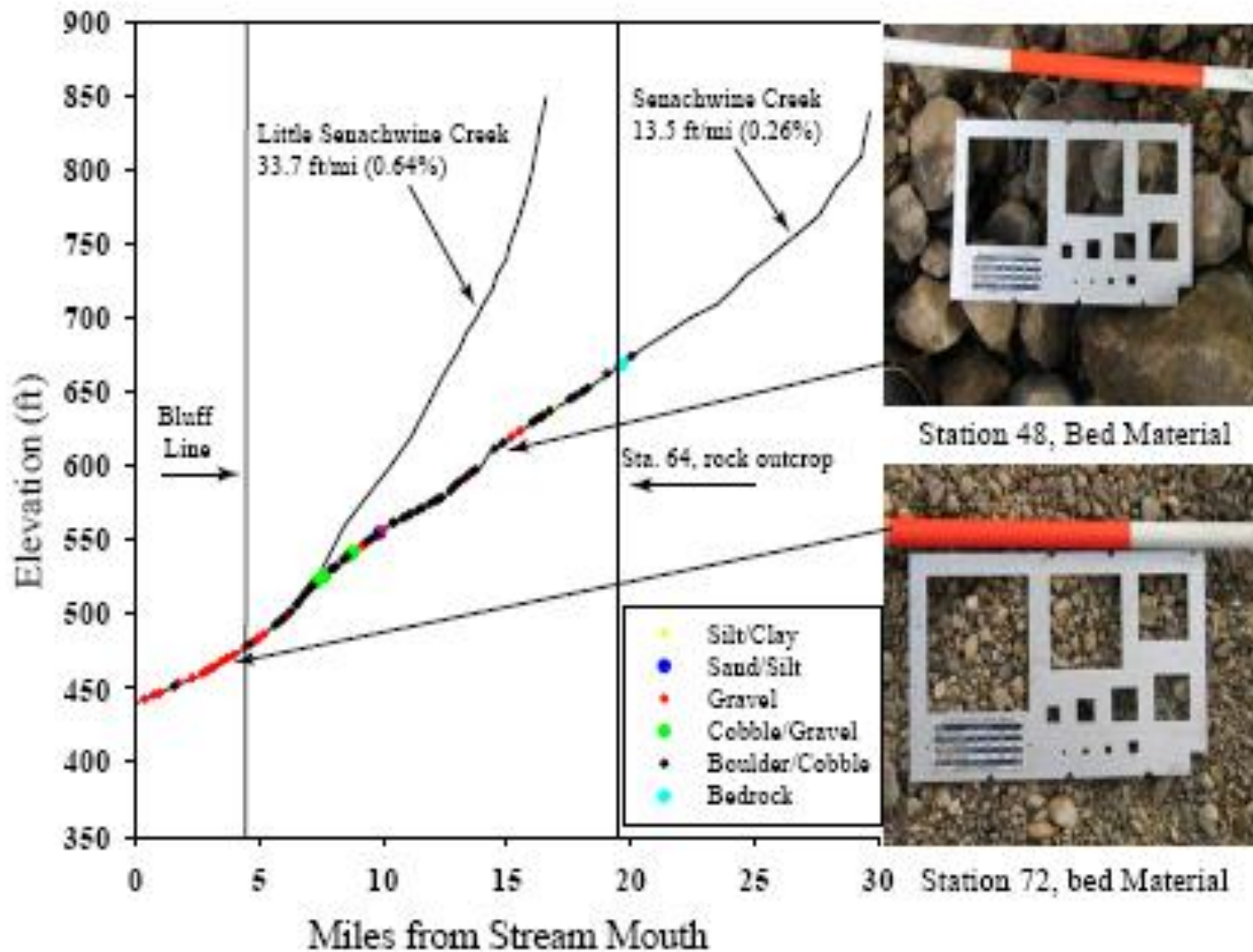
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Percent Gradients = (0.2 - 4.8 %)



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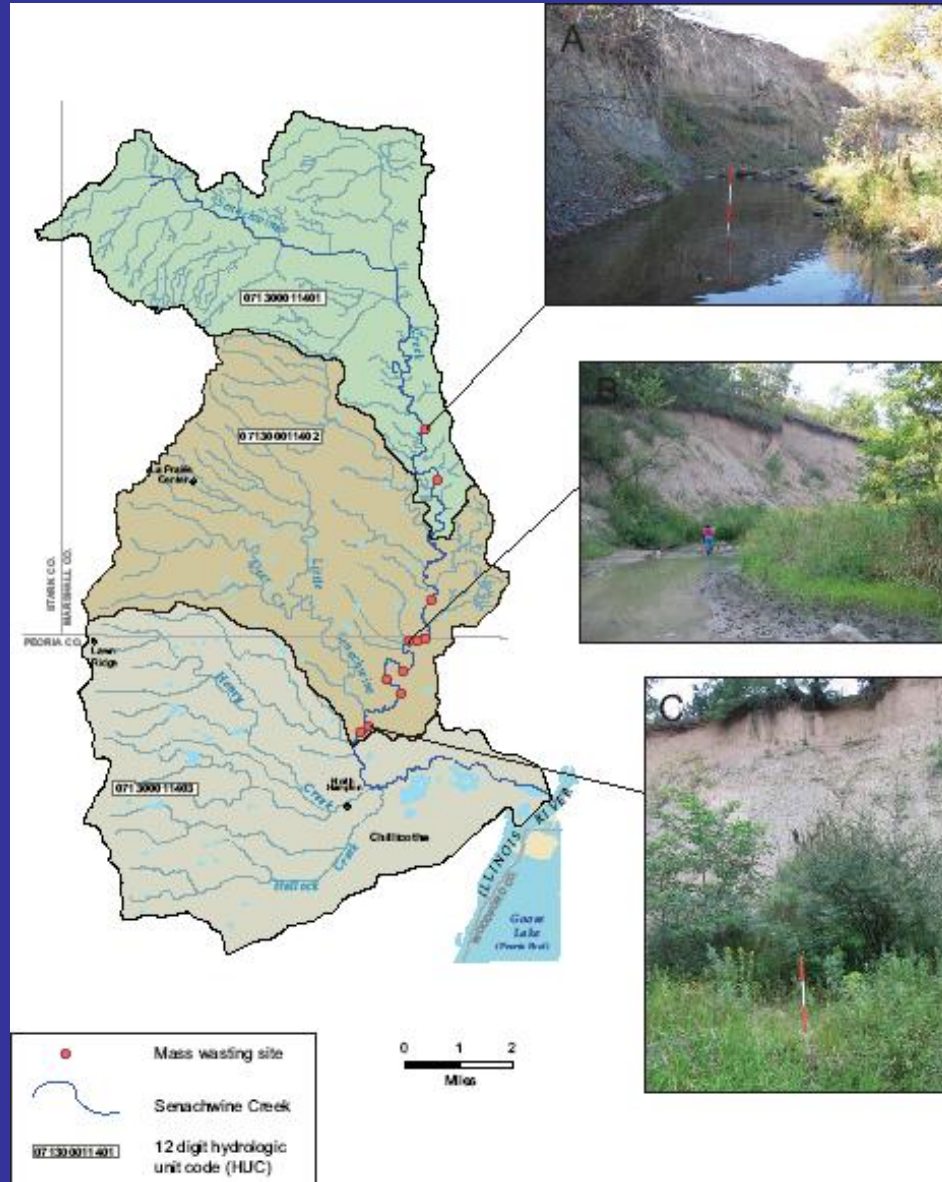
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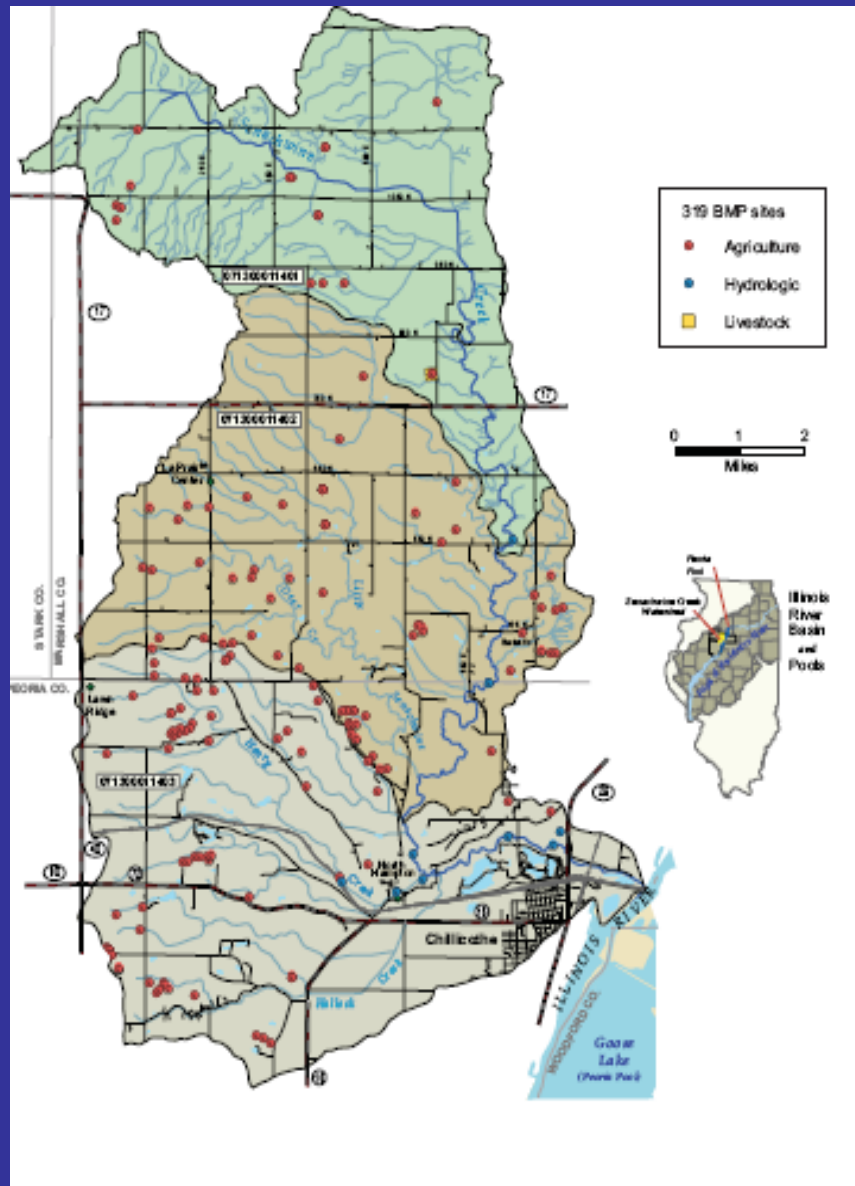
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## Examples of Mass Wasting Sites



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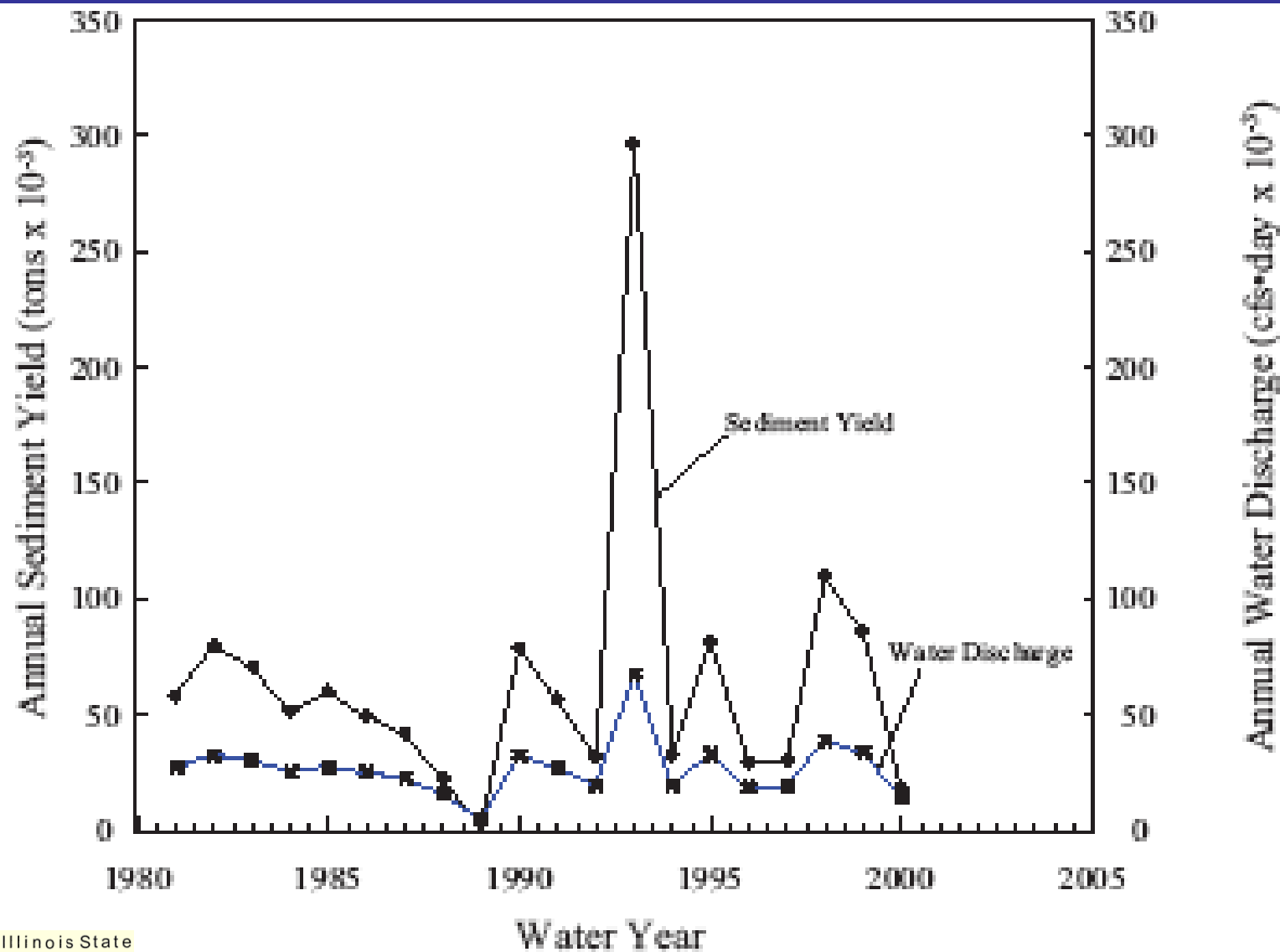
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# Channel and Near Channel Sources of Sediment are Significant

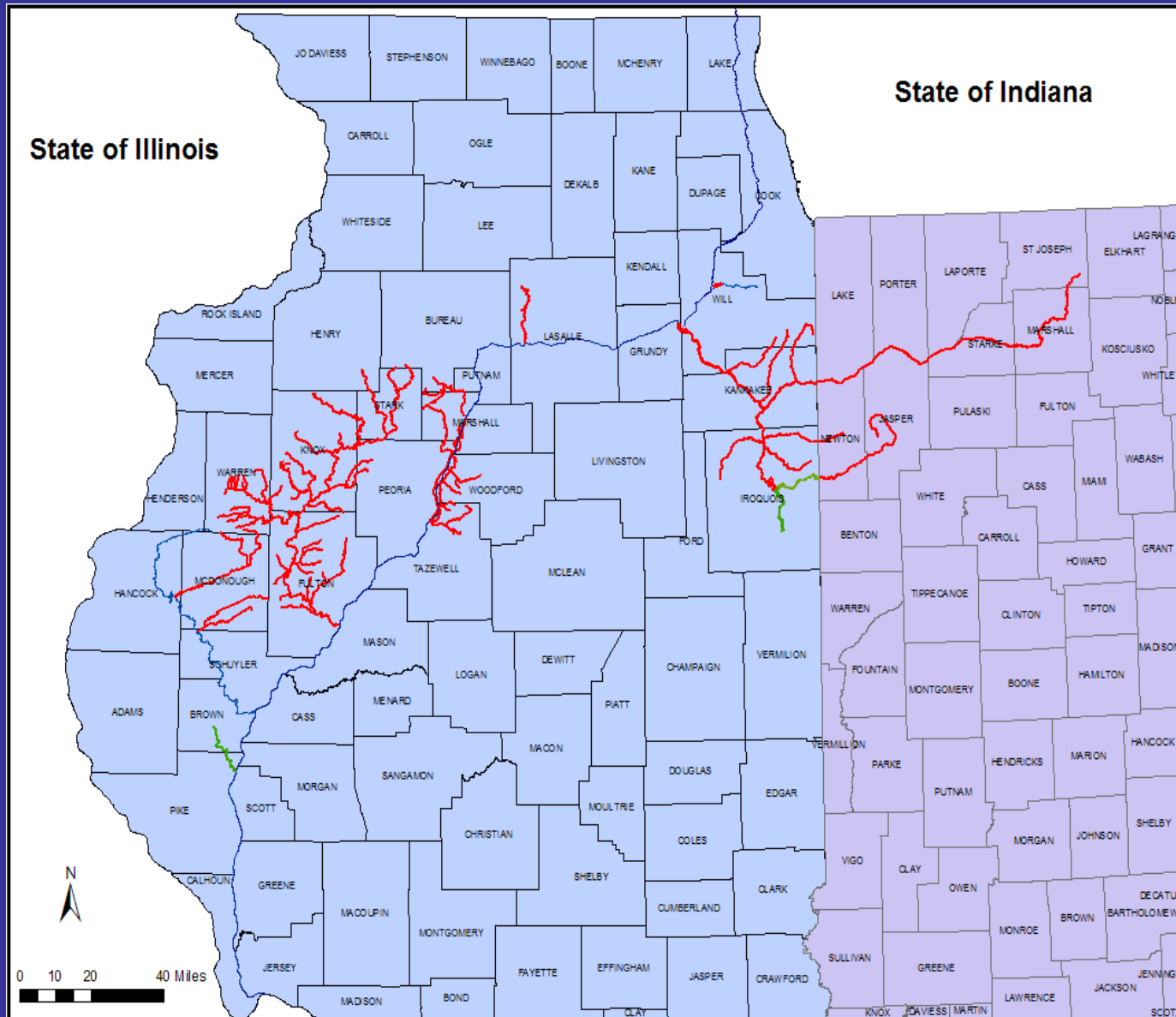
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## Annual Water and Sediment Yield



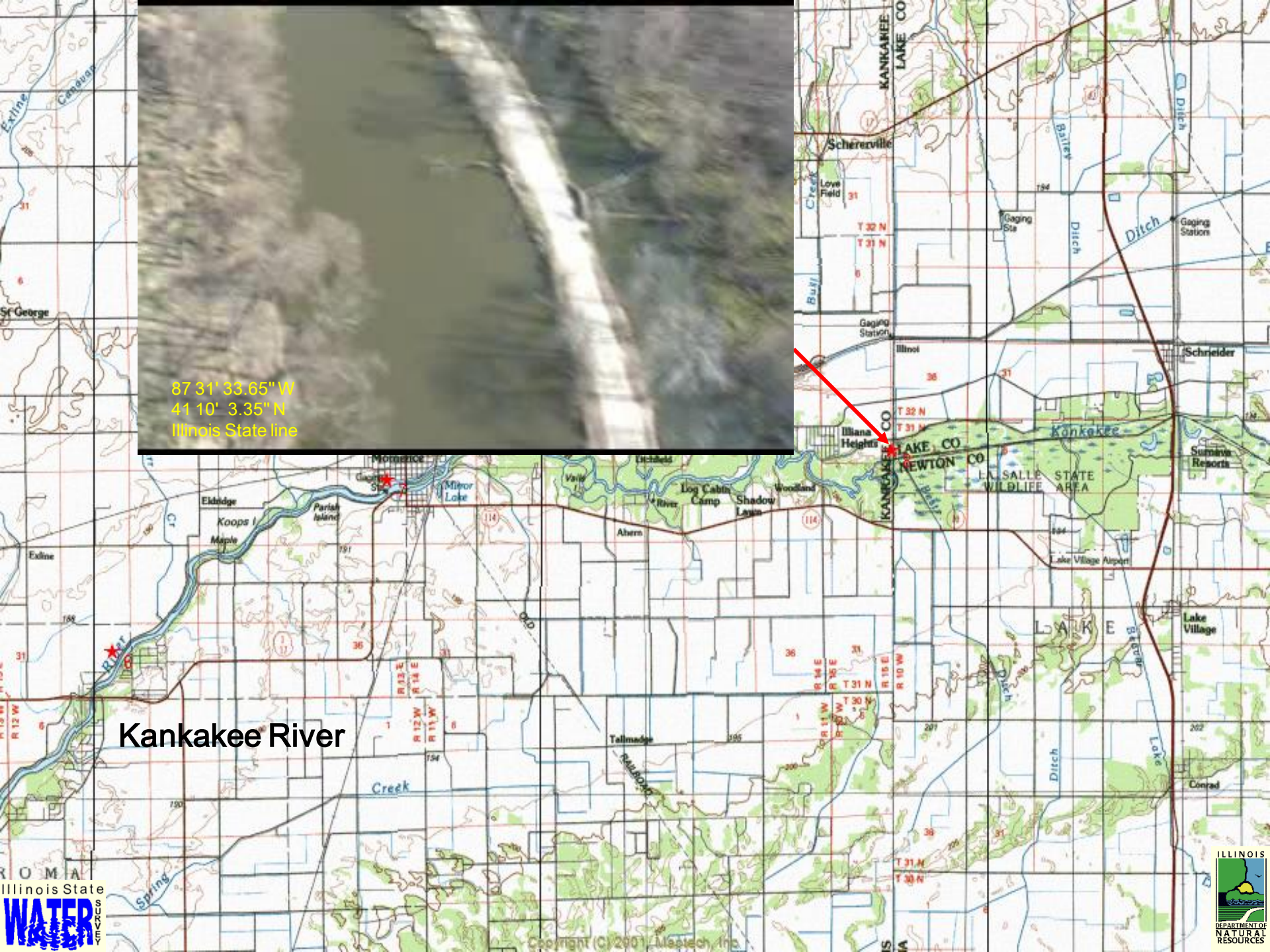


# Aerial Reconnaissance in the Illinois River Basin (spring 2004 and fall 2005)





87 31' 33.65" W  
41 10' 3.35" N  
Illinois State line



# Kankakee River



Walla Walla River, WA

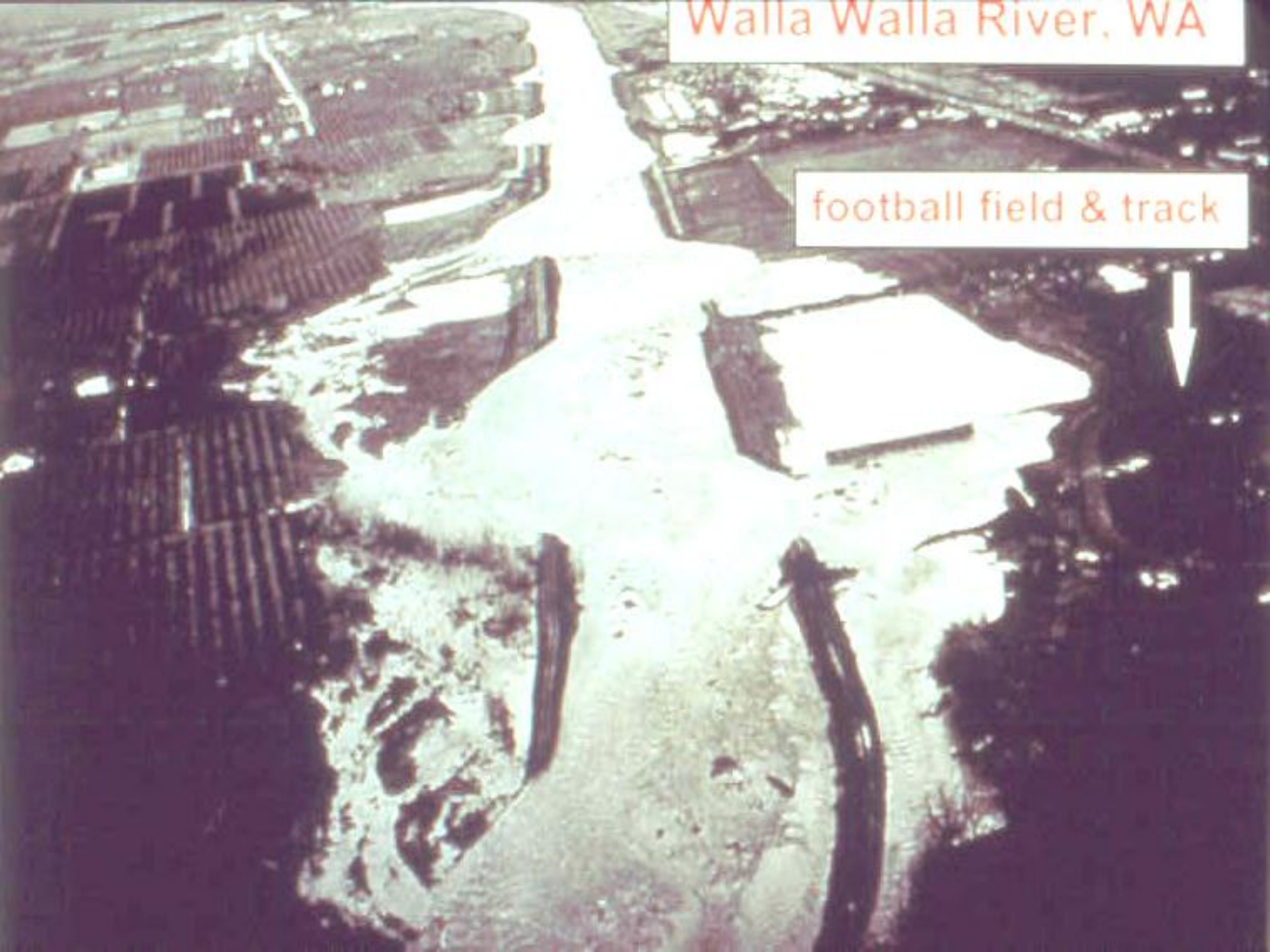
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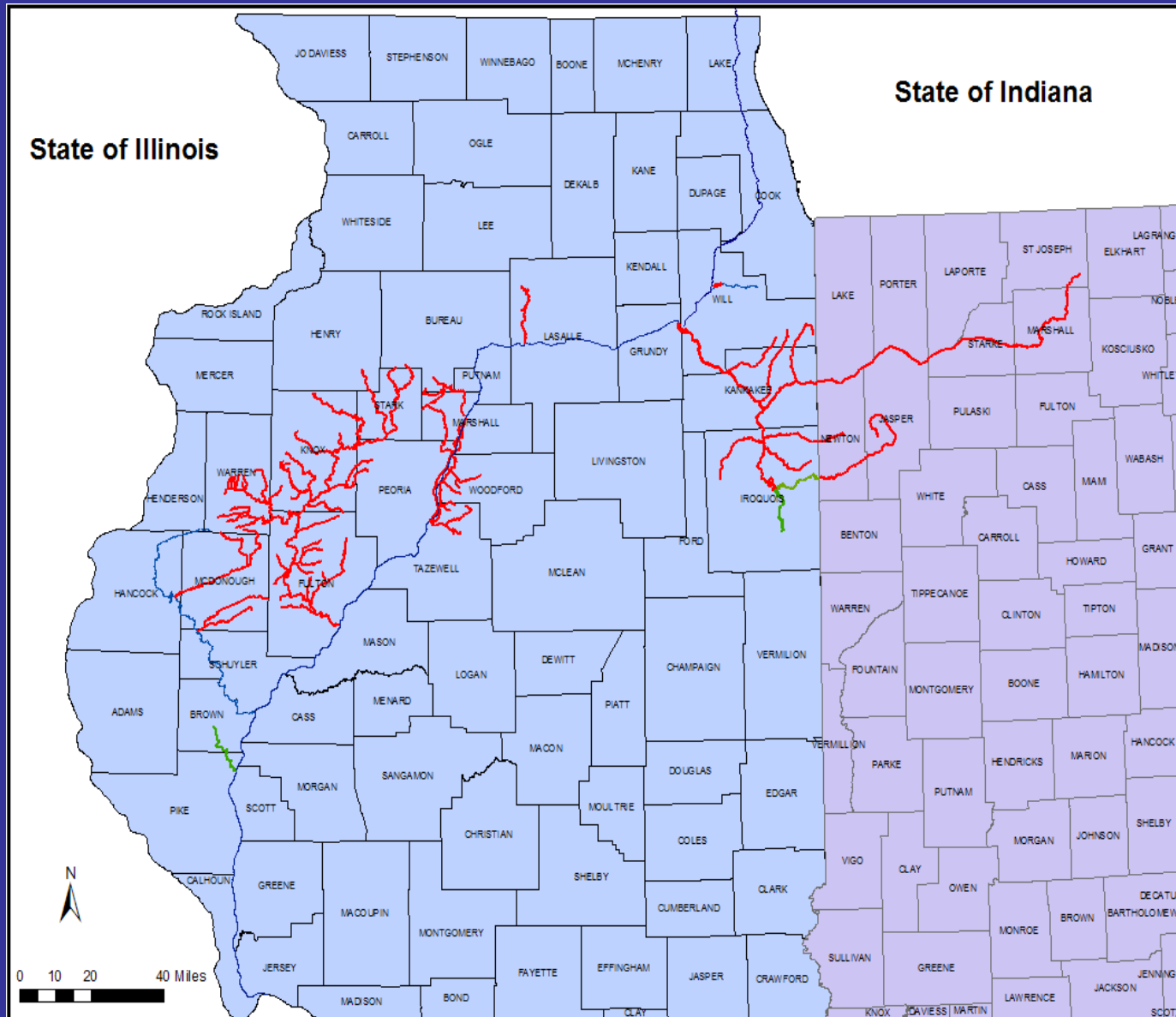


Walla Walla River, WA

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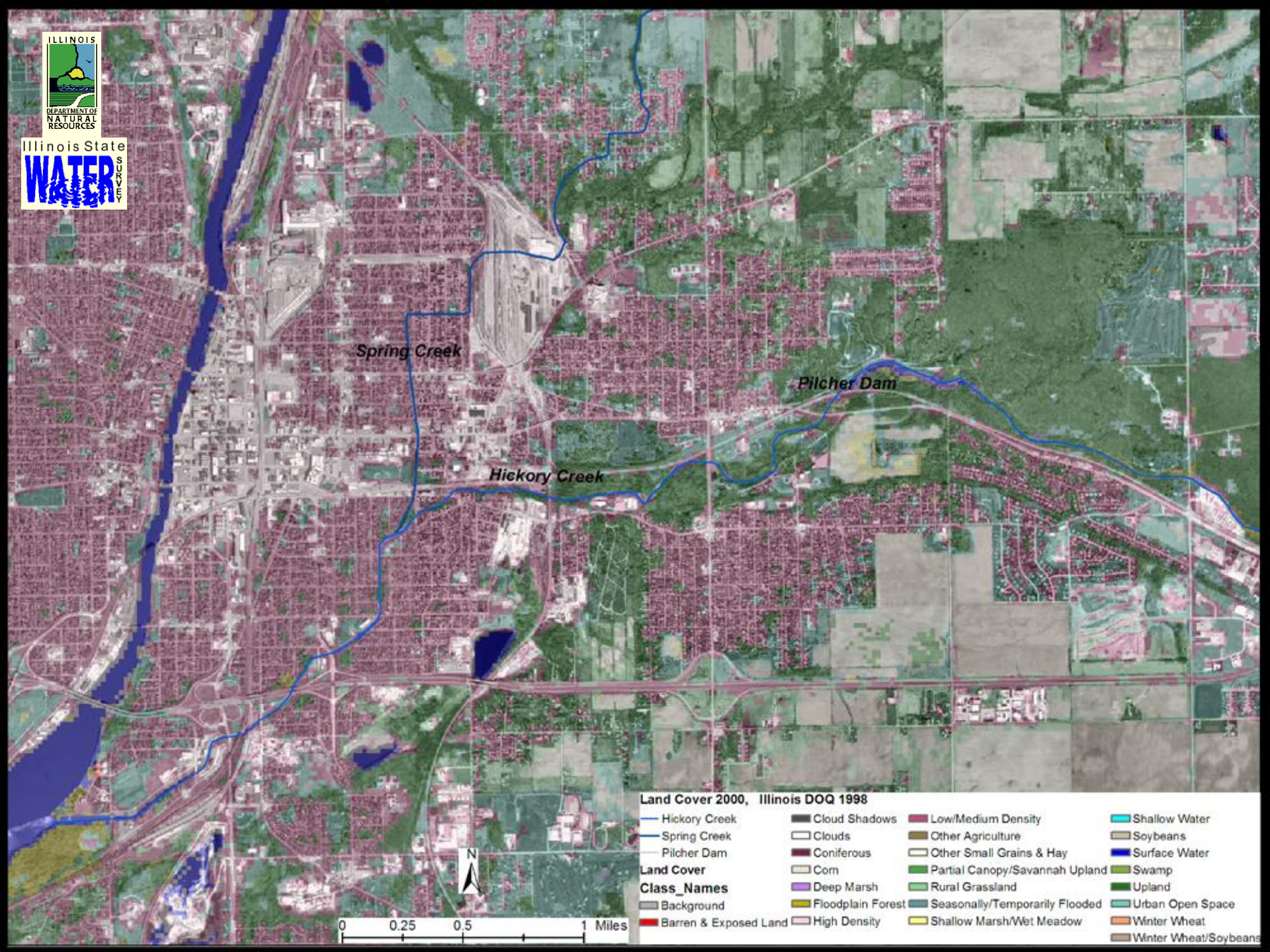


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**Land Cover 2000, Illinois DOQ 1998**

- |                         |                     |                                  |                         |
|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| — Hickory Creek         | ■ Cloud Shadows     | ■ Low/Medium Density             | ■ Shallow Water         |
| — Spring Creek          | ■ Clouds            | ■ Other Agriculture              | ■ Soybeans              |
| — Pilcher Dam           | ■ Coniferous        | ■ Other Small Grains & Hay       | ■ Surface Water         |
| <b>Land Cover</b>       | ■ Corn              | ■ Partial Canopy/Savannah Upland | ■ Swamp                 |
| <b>Class Names</b>      | ■ Deep Marsh        | ■ Rural Grassland                | ■ Upland                |
| ■ Background            | ■ Floodplain Forest | ■ Seasonally/Temporarily Flooded | ■ Urban Open Space      |
| ■ Barren & Exposed Land | ■ High Density      | ■ Shallow Marsh/Wet Meadow       | ■ Winter Wheat          |
|                         |                     |                                  | ■ Winter Wheat/Soybeans |

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Bank erosion

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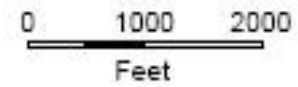
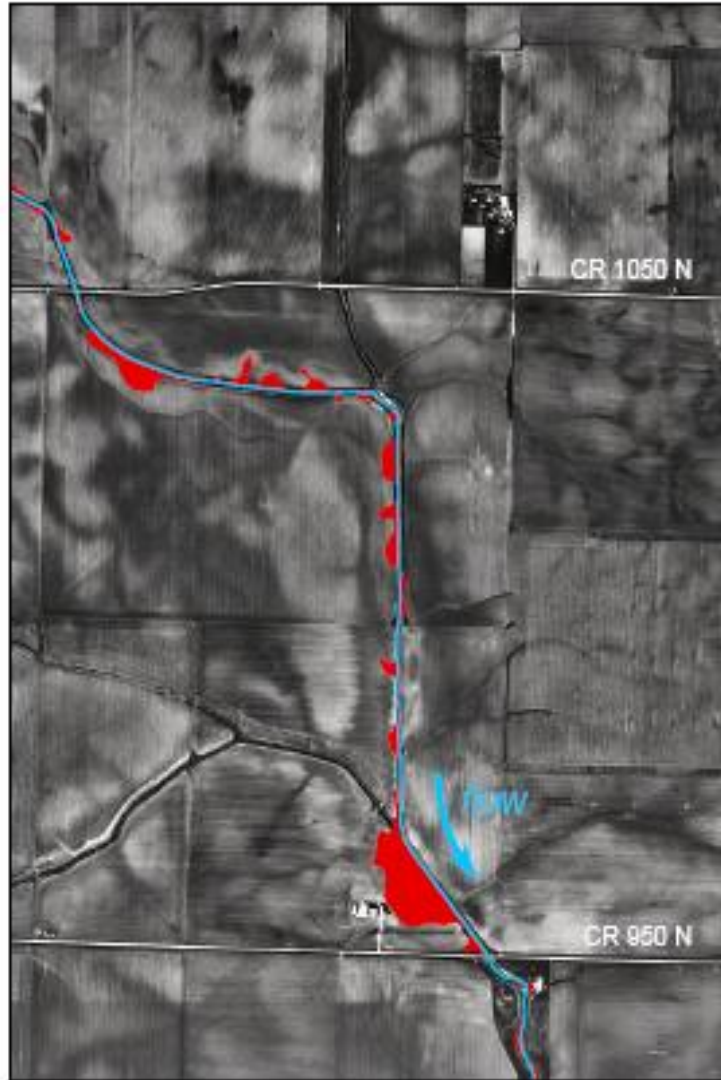
# Senachwine Creek Watershed

## Channel Planform Change Between 1939 and 1998



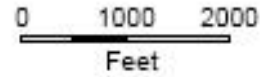
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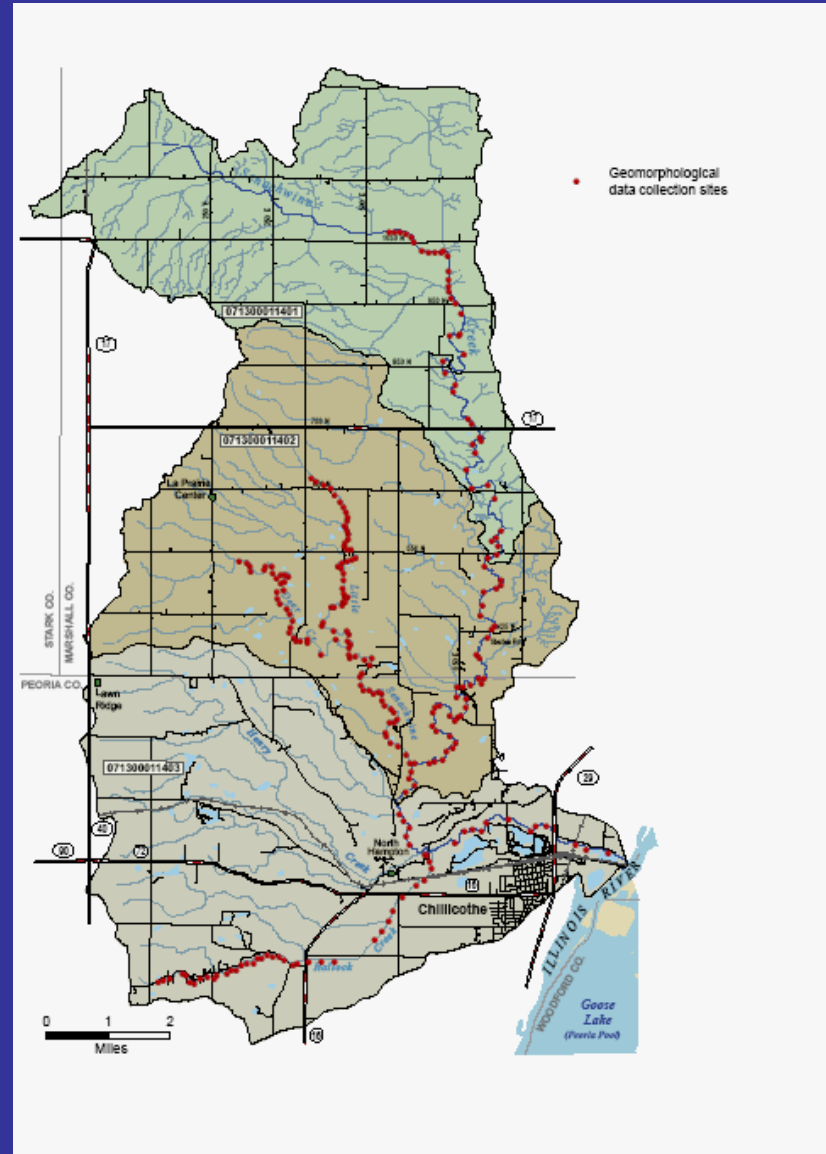


# Senachwine Creek

## Mainstem Channel Planform Changes Lower Hydrological Unit

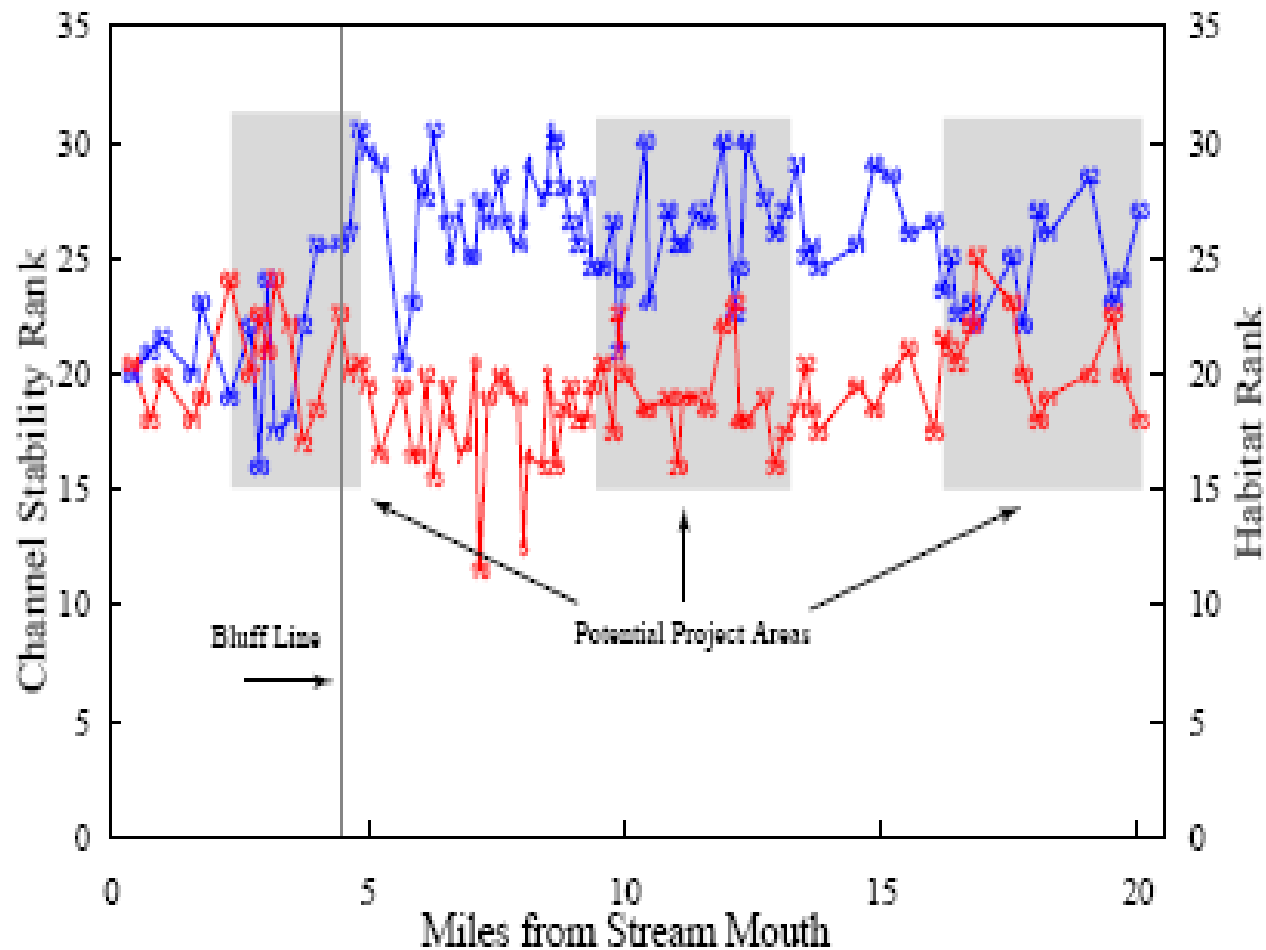


# In-Stream Channel Stability and Habitat Data Collection Sites

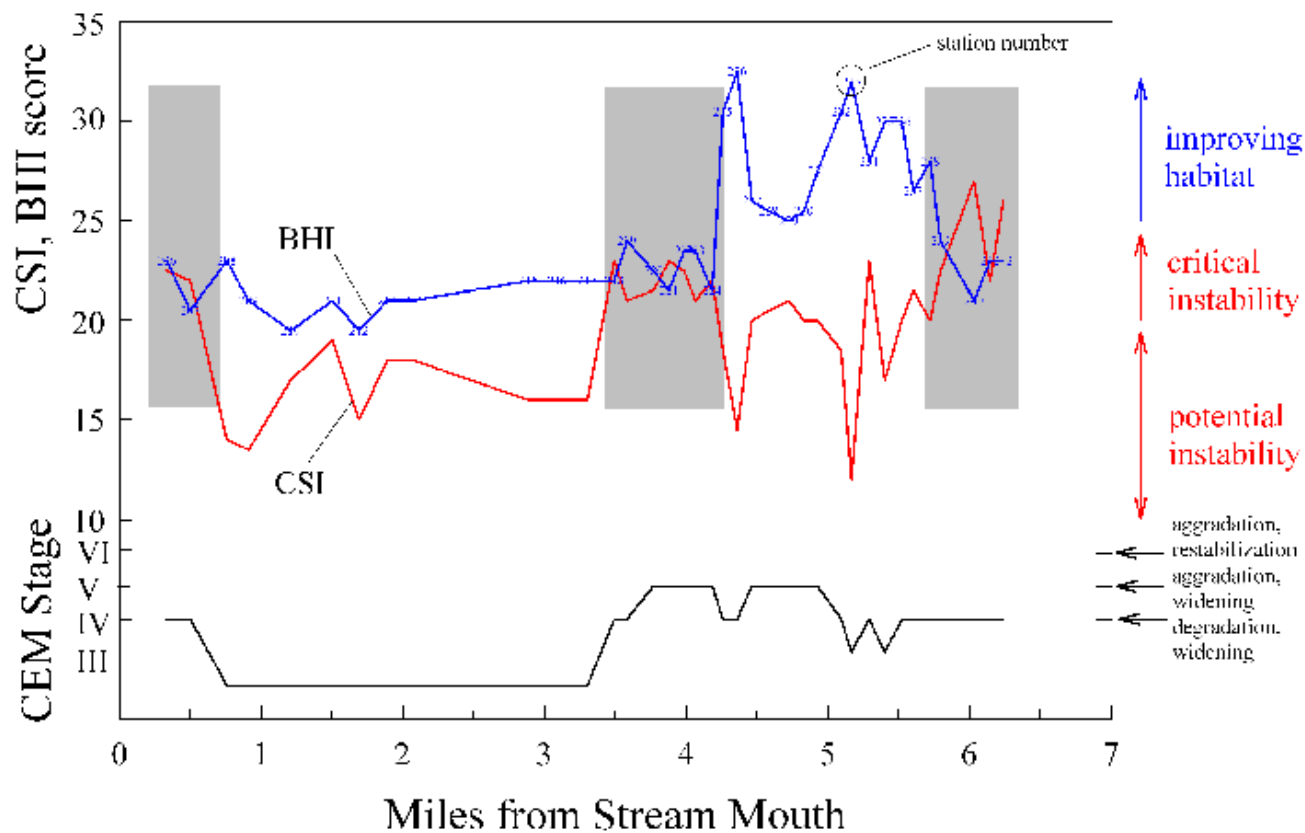




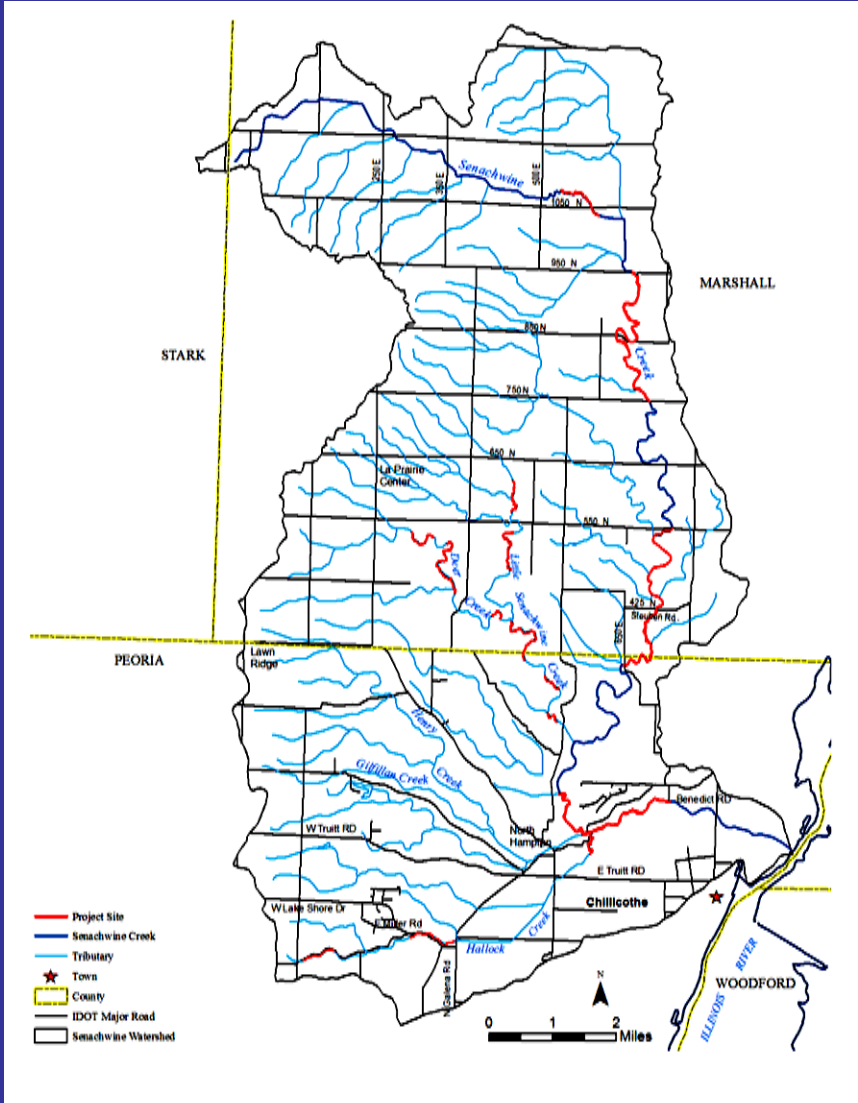
# Senachwine Creek Mainstem Channel Stability and Habitat Ranks



# Hallock Creek Tributary Channel Stability and Habitat Rankings



# Senachwine Creek Stream Channel Project Sites

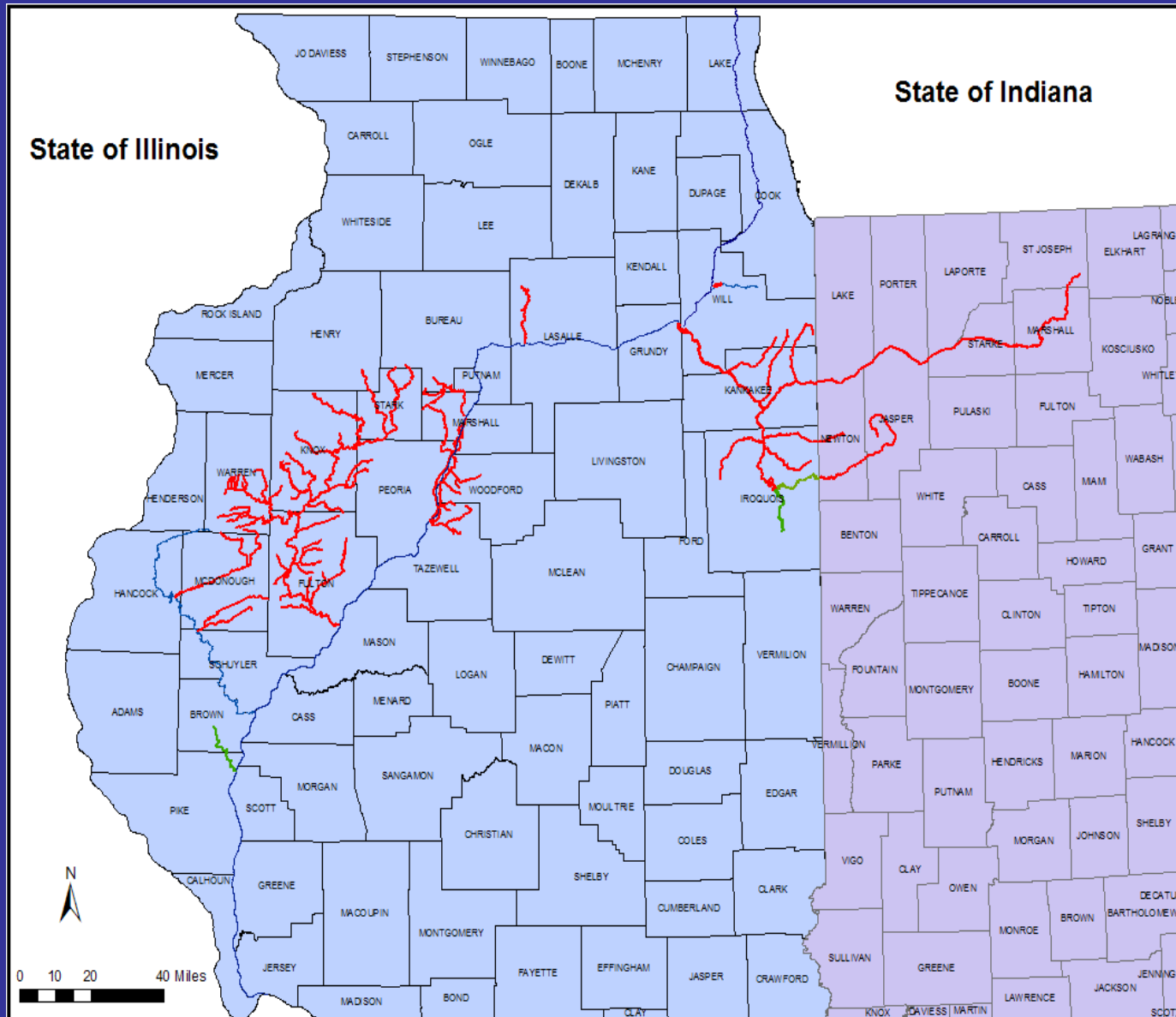


# Channel and Near Channel Sources of Sediment are Significant



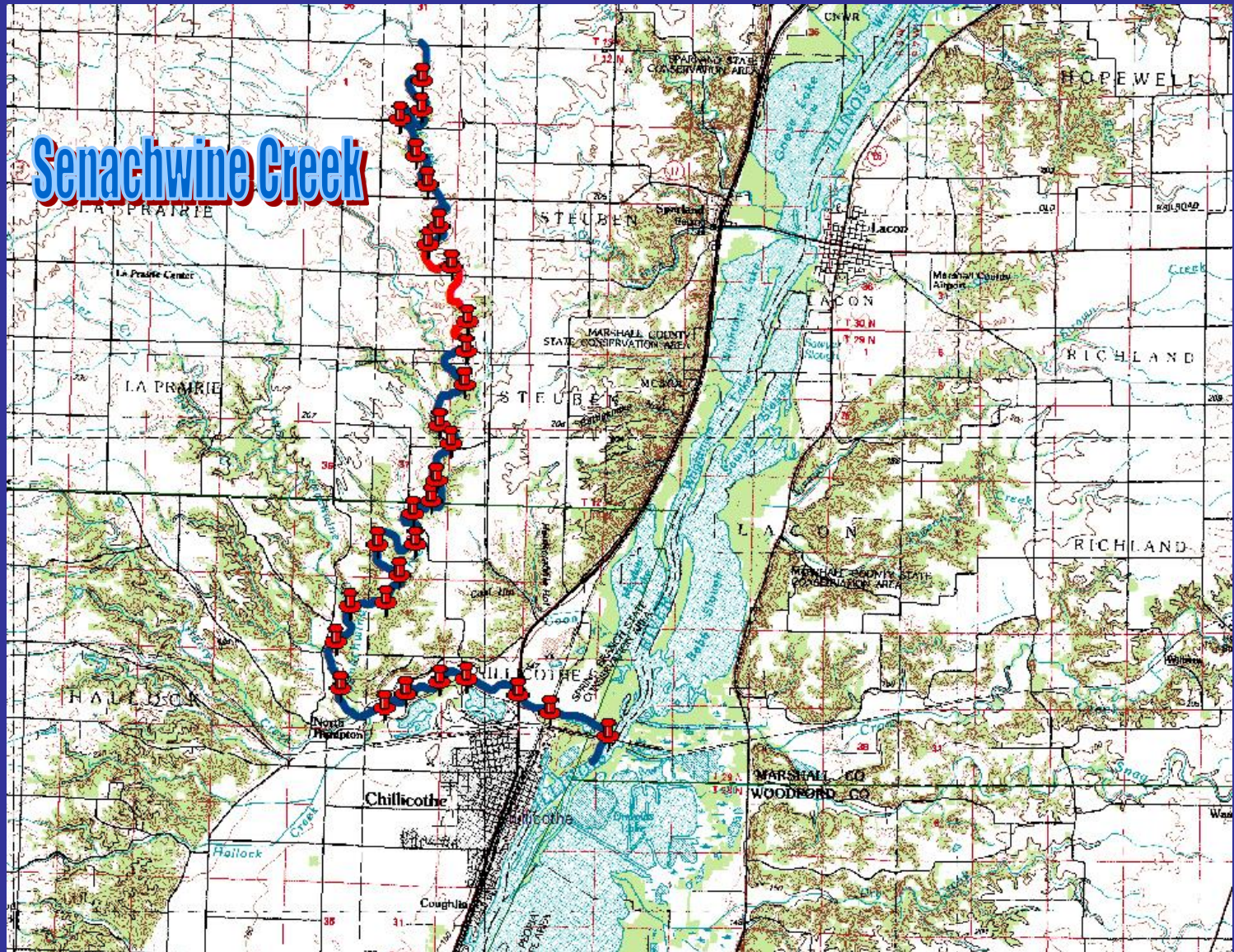


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# Senachwine Creek

## Points of Interest from Aerial Reconnaissance



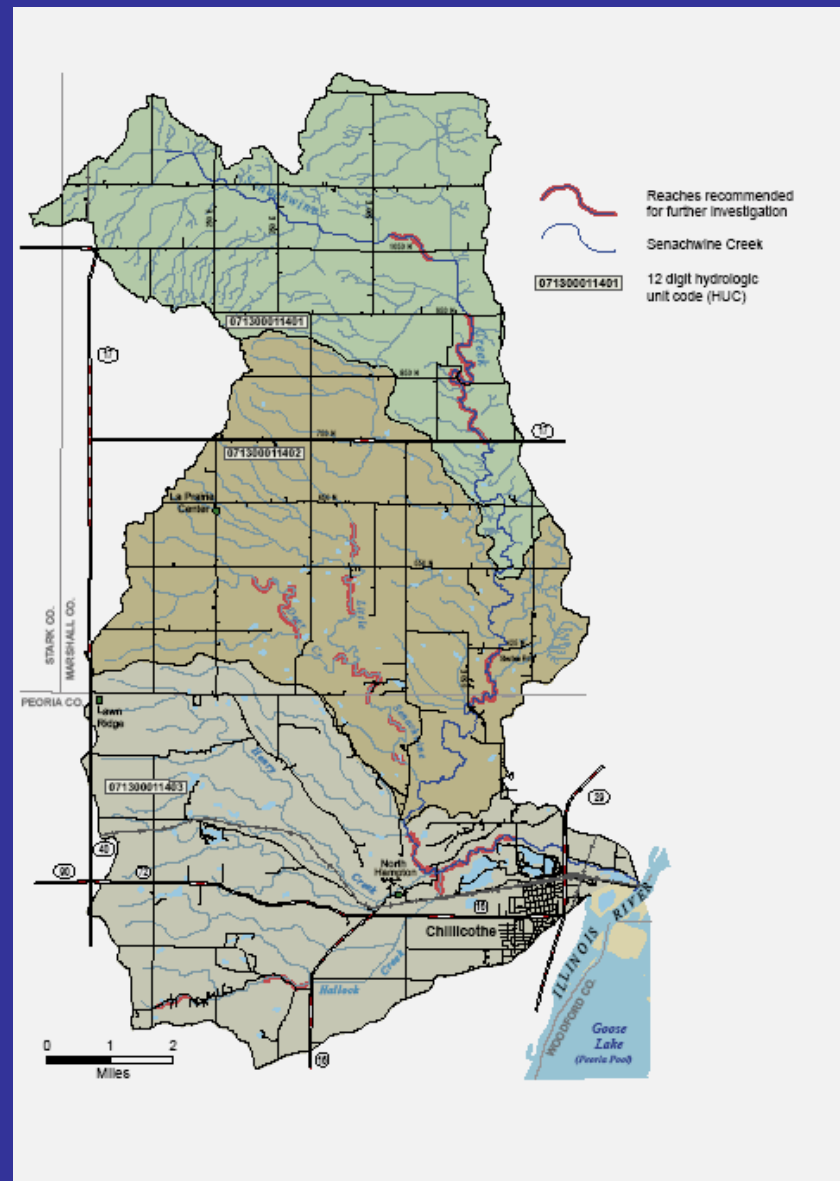


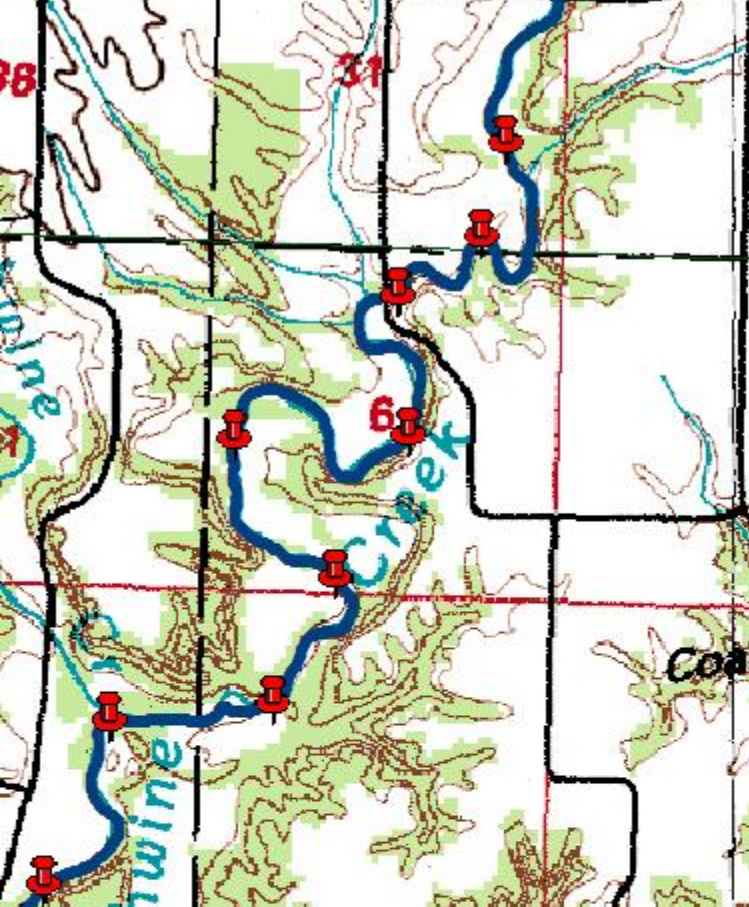
# Senachwine Creek

Date 3-30-04

Points	Longitude	Latitude	Description
1	89 27' 49.00" W	40 55' 48.59" N	Silt Deposit
2	89 28' 42.52" W	40 56' 3.43" N	Riffle, Sediment Bar, Tree Debris
3	89 29' 11.85" W	40 56' 15.17" N	Stream Bar
4	89 29' 58.97" W	40 56' 24.91" N	Riffle, Log Debris
5	89 30' 22.92" W	40 56' 22.48" N	Riffle, Mass Wasting, Log Debris, Bank Erosion
6	89 30' 53.45" W	40 56' 13.74" N	Riffle, Bank Erosion
7	89 31' 12.31" W	40 56' 3.43" N	Riffle, Bank Erosion, Cut Off, Knick Point
8	89 31' 52.60" W	40 56' 16.13" N	Bank Erosion, Log Debris, Riffle
9	89 31' 57.95" W	40 56' 47.75" N	Knick point, Riffle, Mass Wasting, Bank Erosion
10	89 31' 45.87" W	40 57' 12.52" N	Bank Erosion, Riffle, Knick Point
11	89 31' 13.76" W	40 57' 15.82" N	Bank Erosion, Riffle, Knick Point
12	89 31' 2.15" W	40 57' 34.81" N	Riffle, Bank Erosion, Cut Off
13	89 31' 22.84" W	40 57' 55.17" N	Riffle, Bank Erosion, Mass Wasting
14	89 30' 48.52" W	40 57' 56.47" N	Riffle
15	89 30' 51.38" W	40 58' 17.22" N	Bank Erosion, Riffle
16	89 30' 35.25" W	40 58' 26.41" N	Bank Erosion, Riffle, Knick Point, Mass Wasting
17	89 30' 30.98" W	40 58' 40.57" N	Bank Erosion, Riffle, Log Jam, Beaver Dam
18	89 30' 18.90" W	40 59' 5.85" N	Sediment Bar, Bank Erosion, Riffle
19	89 30' 29.68" W	40 59' 18.10" N	Beaver Dam, Bank Erosion, Riffle, Log Jam
20	89 30' 8.11" W	40 59' 46.69" N	Bank Erosion, Log Debris, Riffle
21	89 30' 7.61" W	41 0' 9.63" N	Riffle, Bank Erosion
22	89 30' 7.02" W	41 0' 29.96" N	Bank Erosion, Riffle
23	89 30' 22.84" W	41 1' 7.11" N	Bank Erosion, Riffle
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27	89 30' 58.03" W	41 2' 22.38" N	Bank Erosion, Riffle
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# Recommended Reaches for Restoration Based on Channel Instability and Habitat Factors



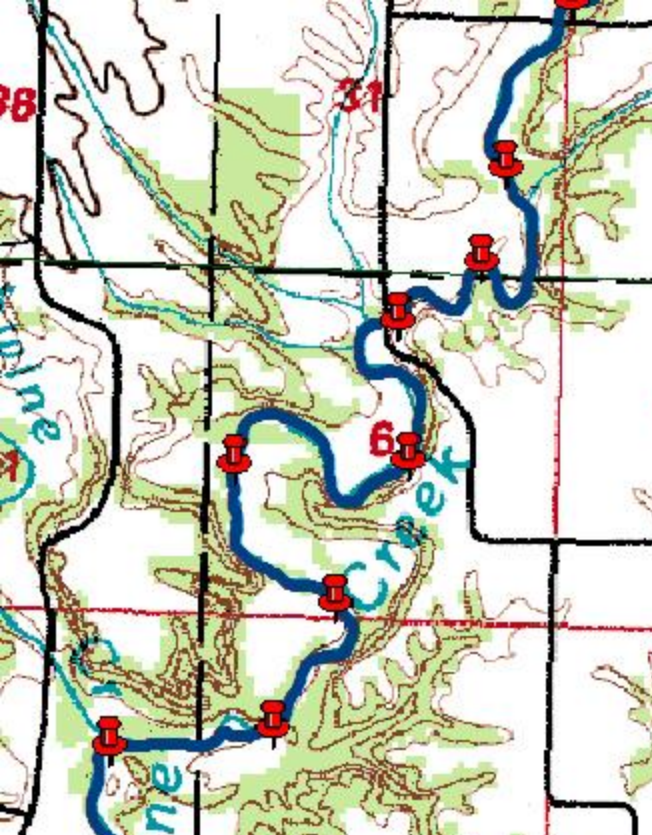


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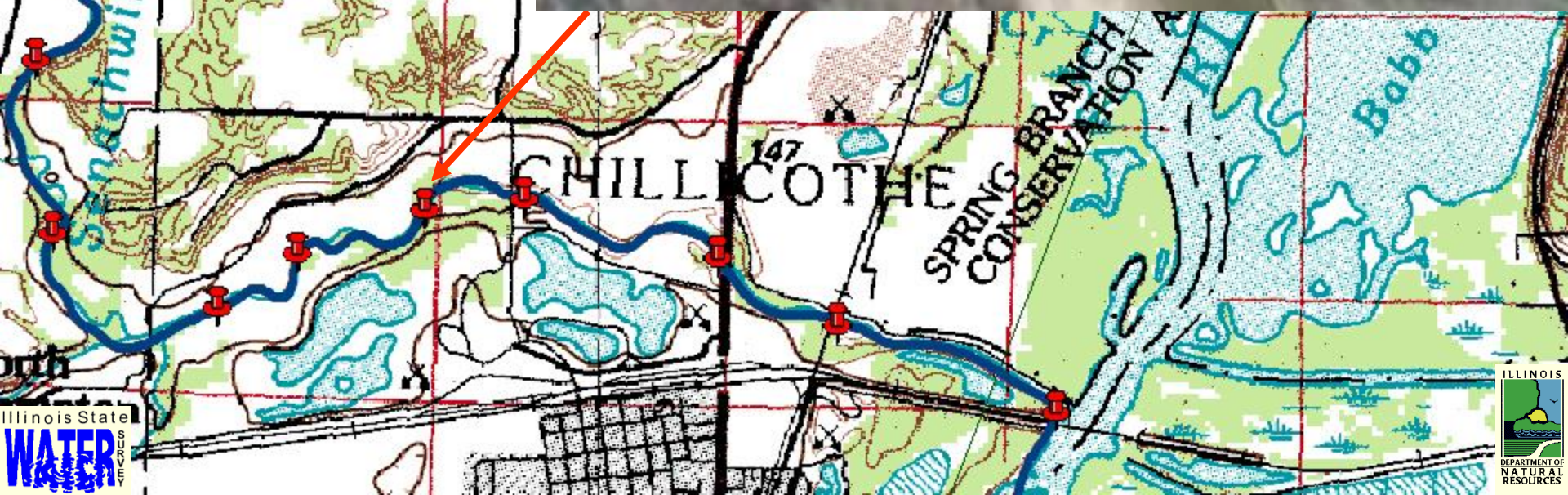


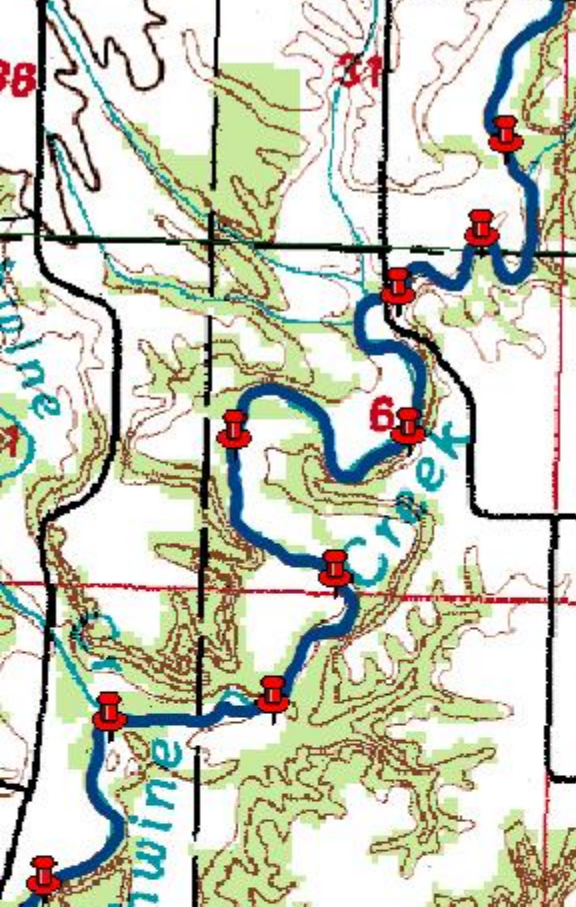
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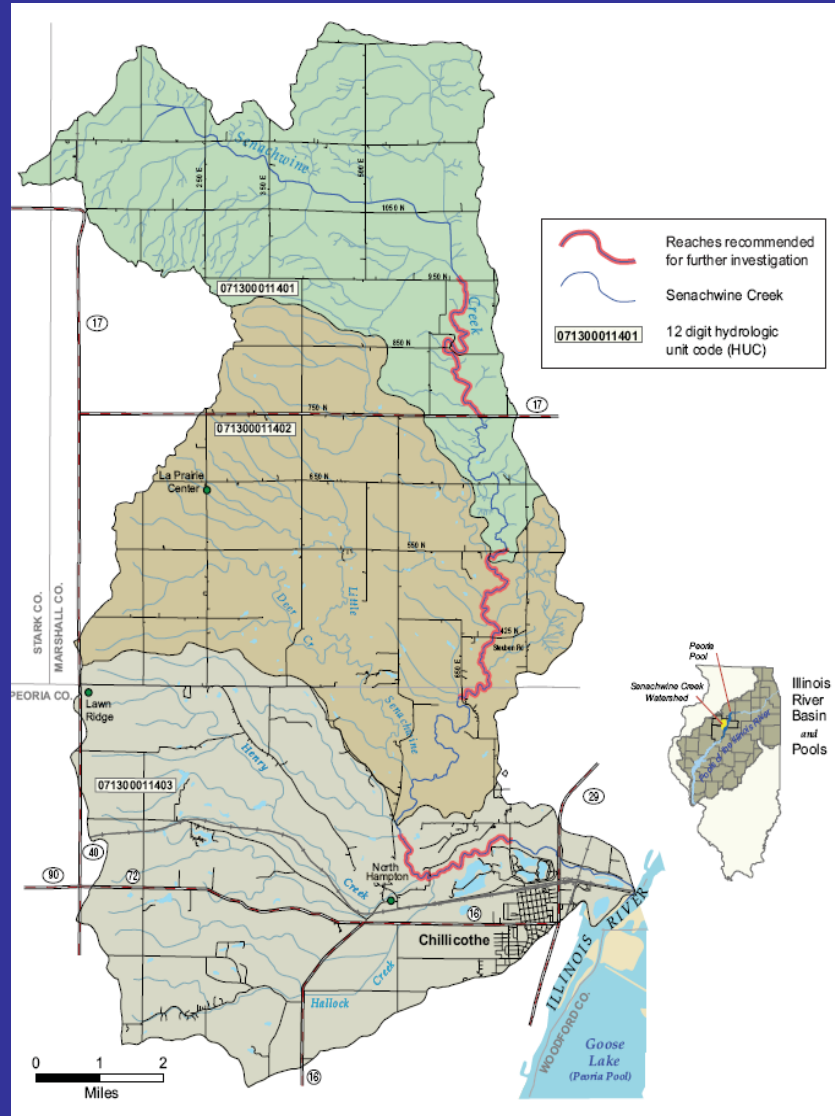




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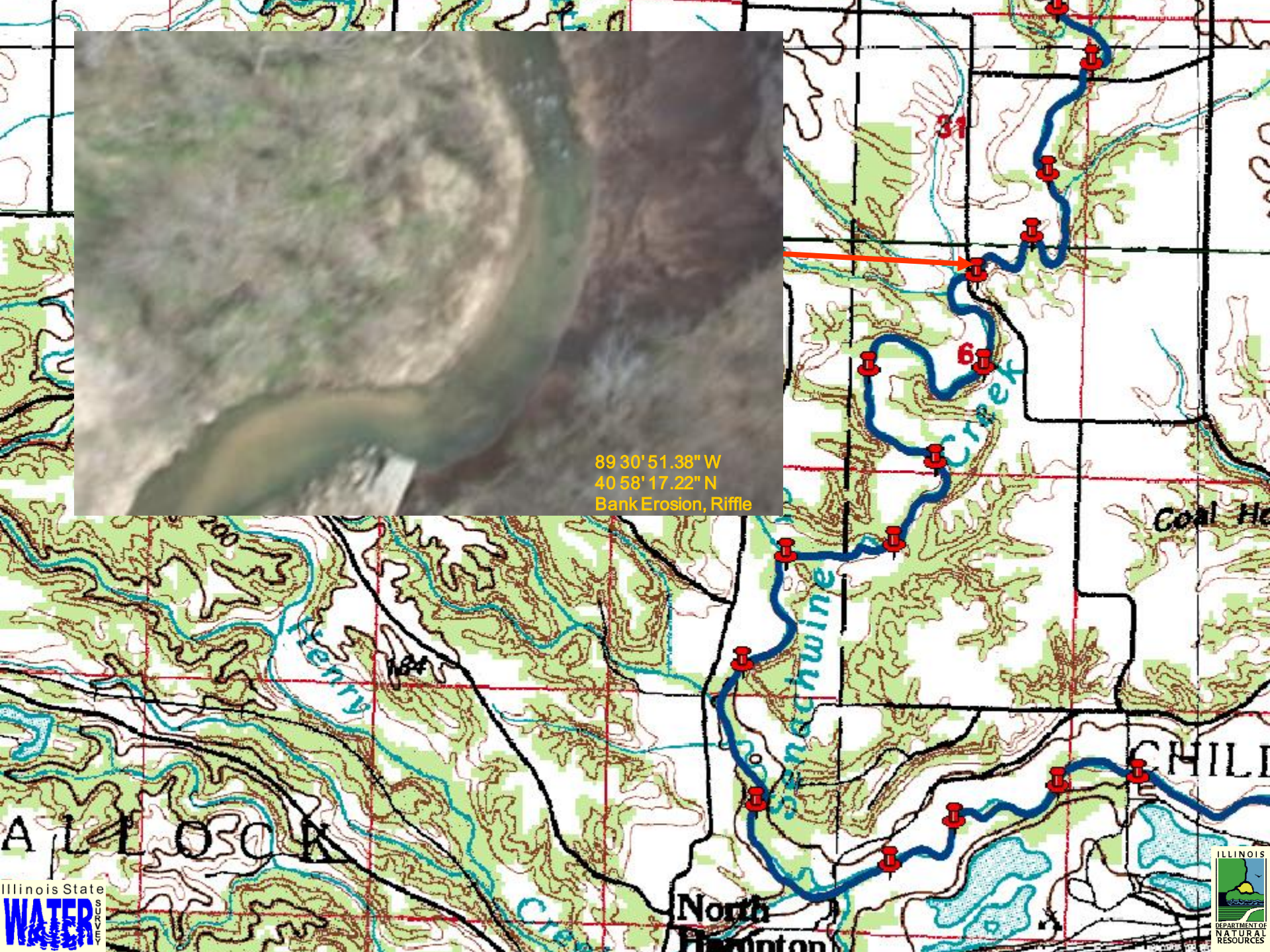
# Senachwine Creek Mainstem Recommended Reaches for Restoration Based on Channel Instability Factors

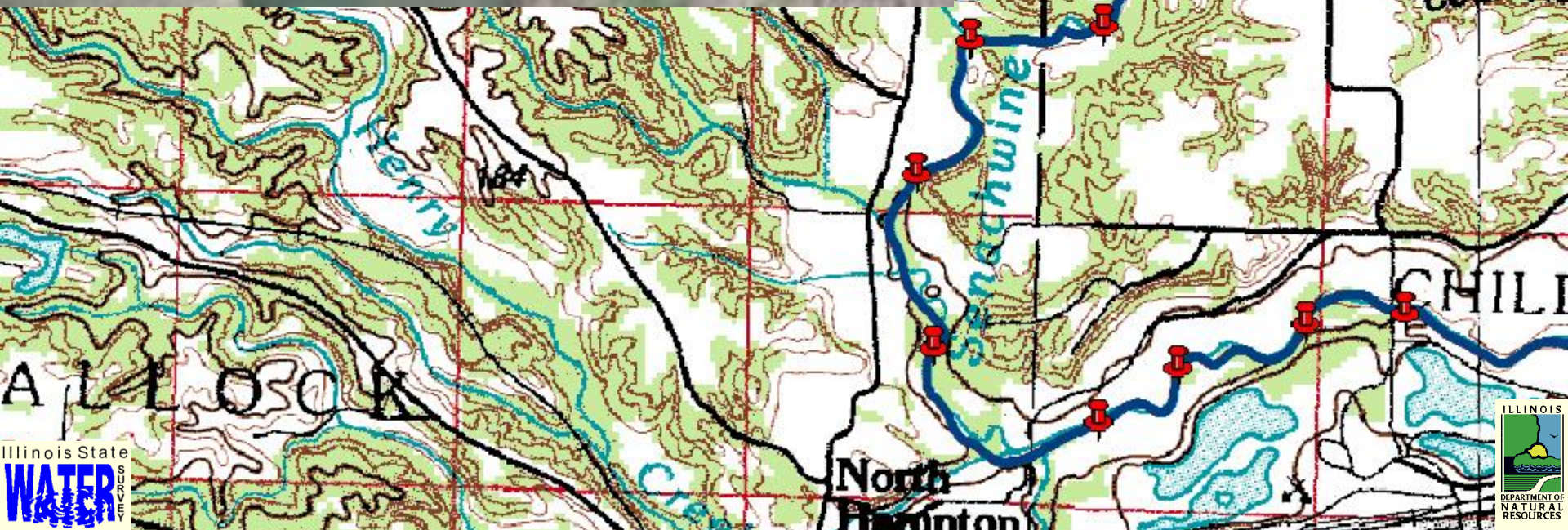
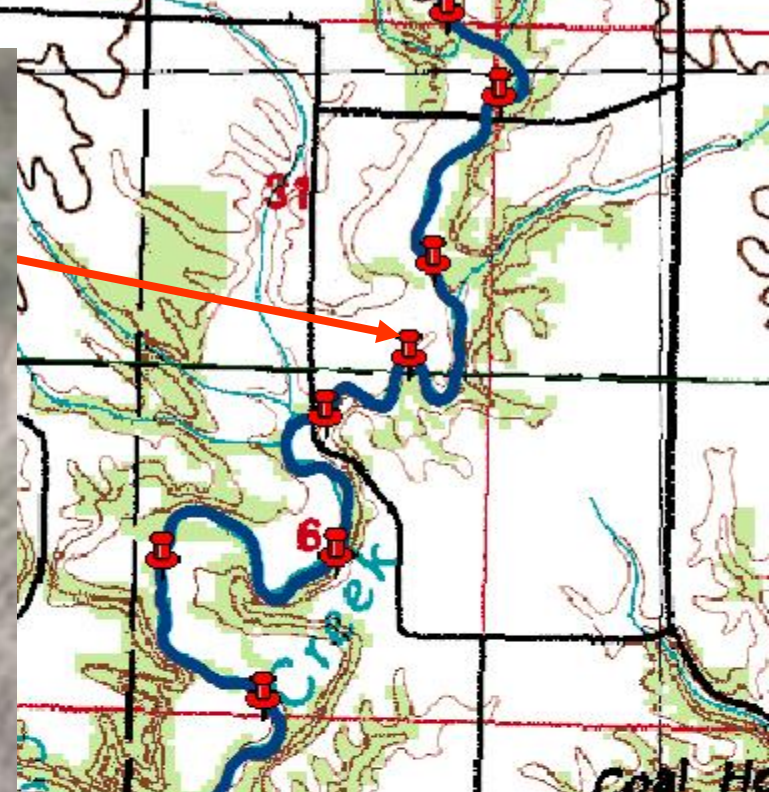
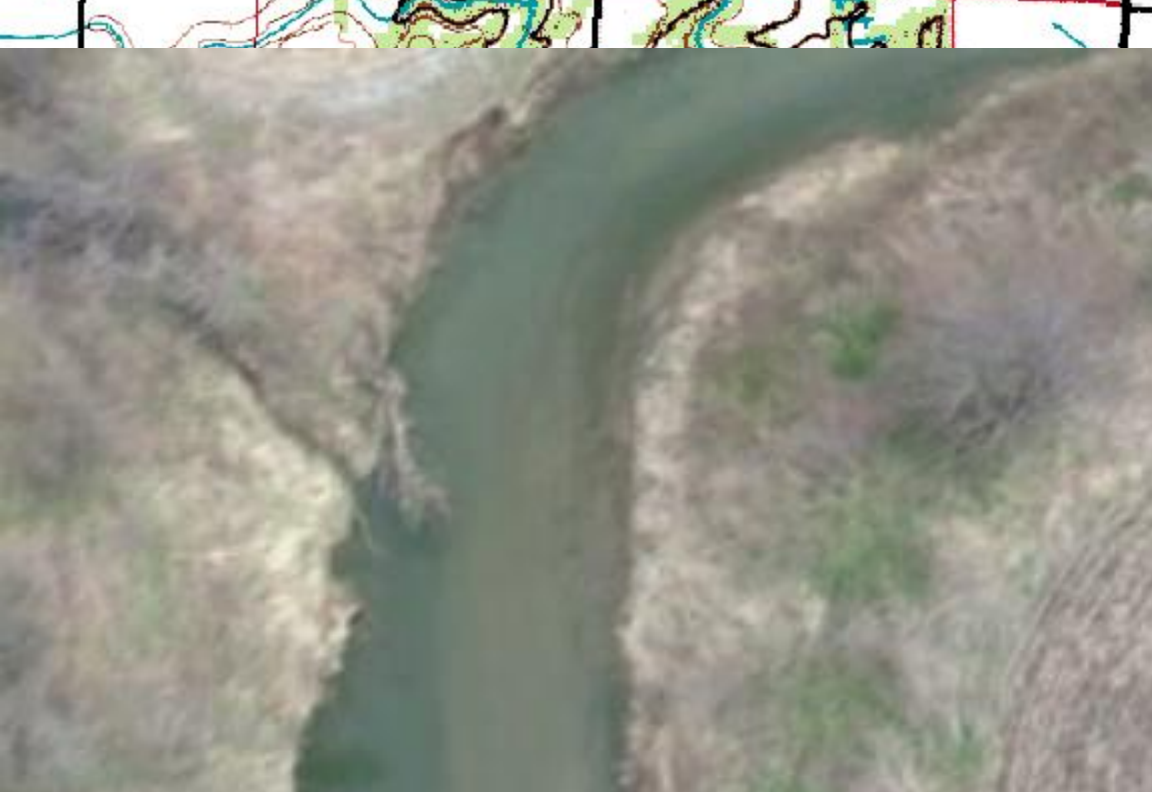






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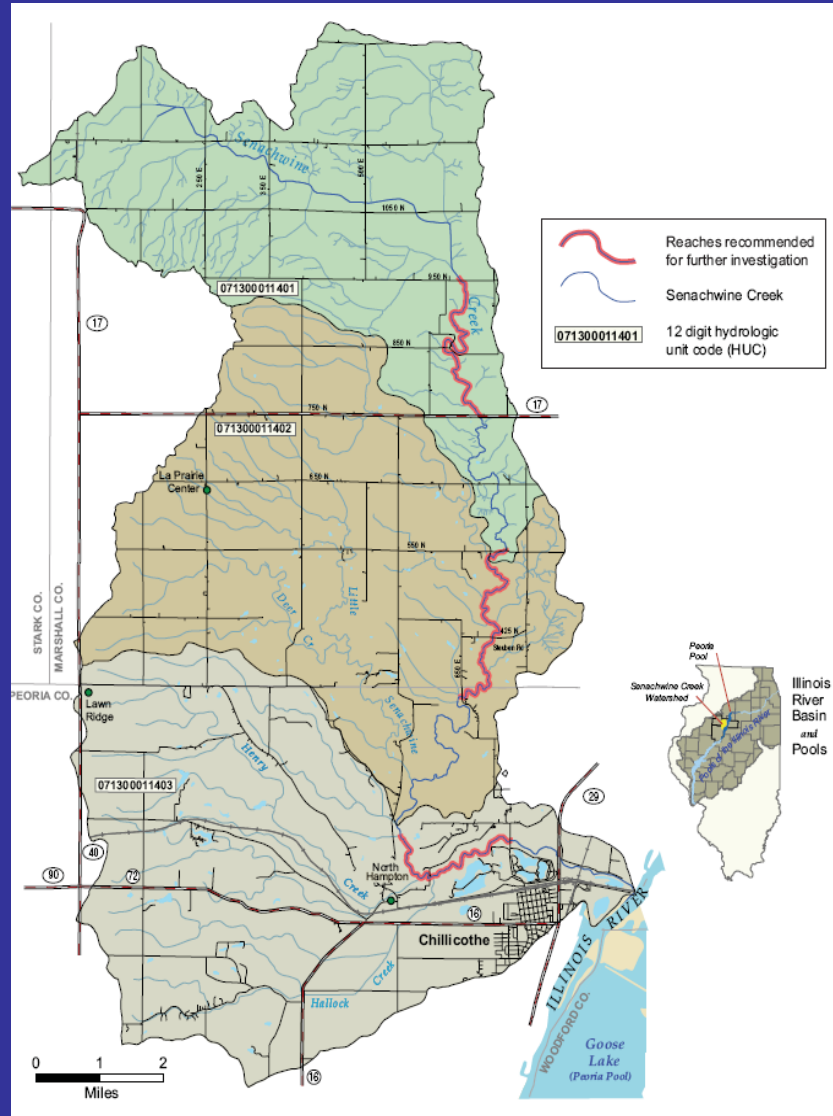


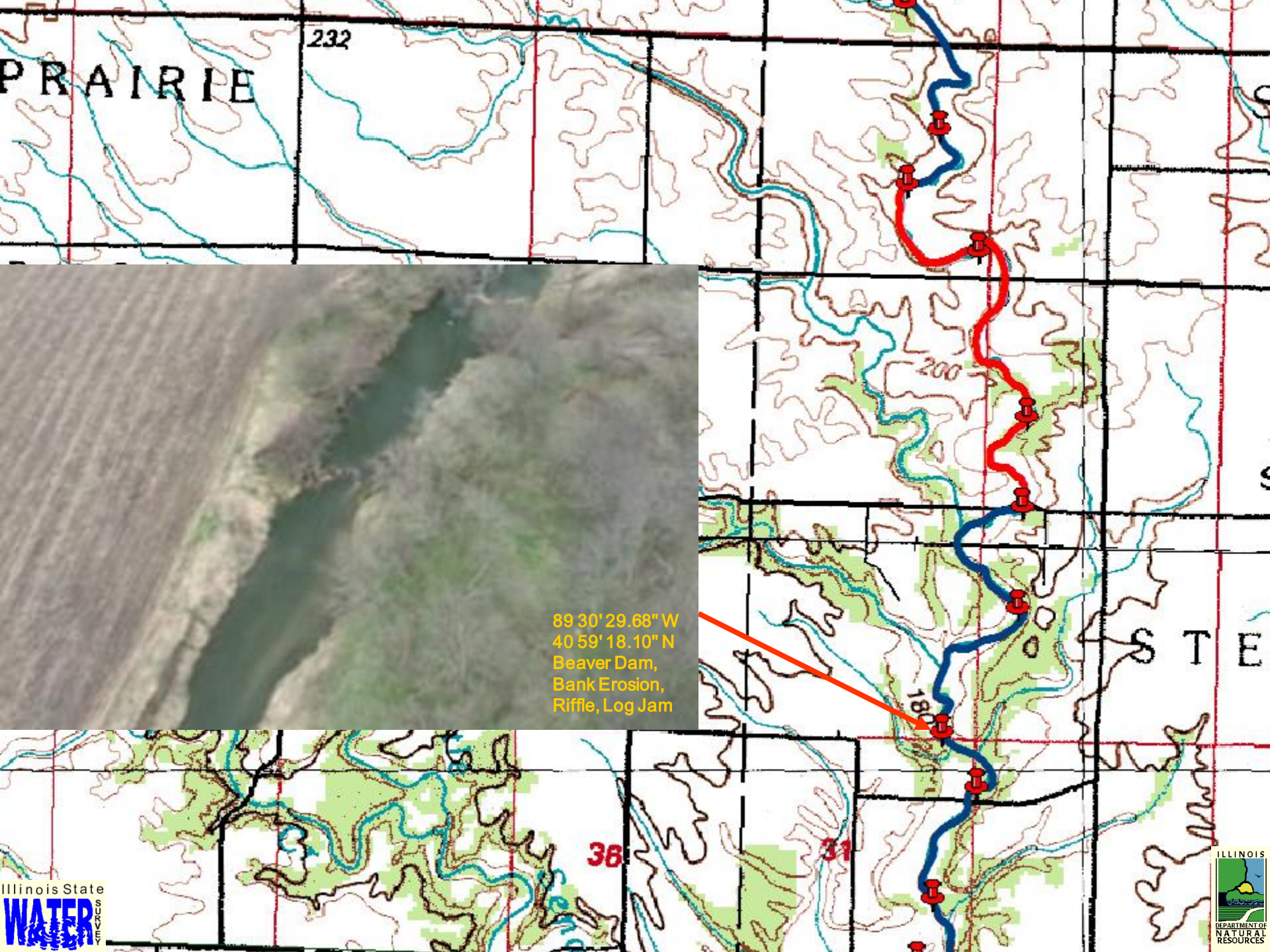


# Senachwine Creek Mainstem

## Recommended Reaches for Restoration

### Based on Channel Instability Factors





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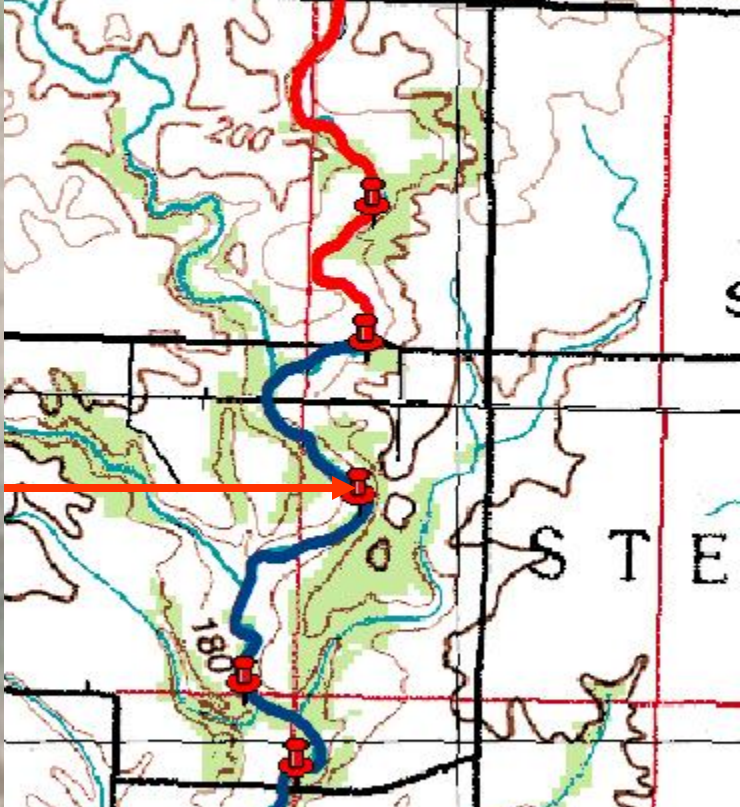
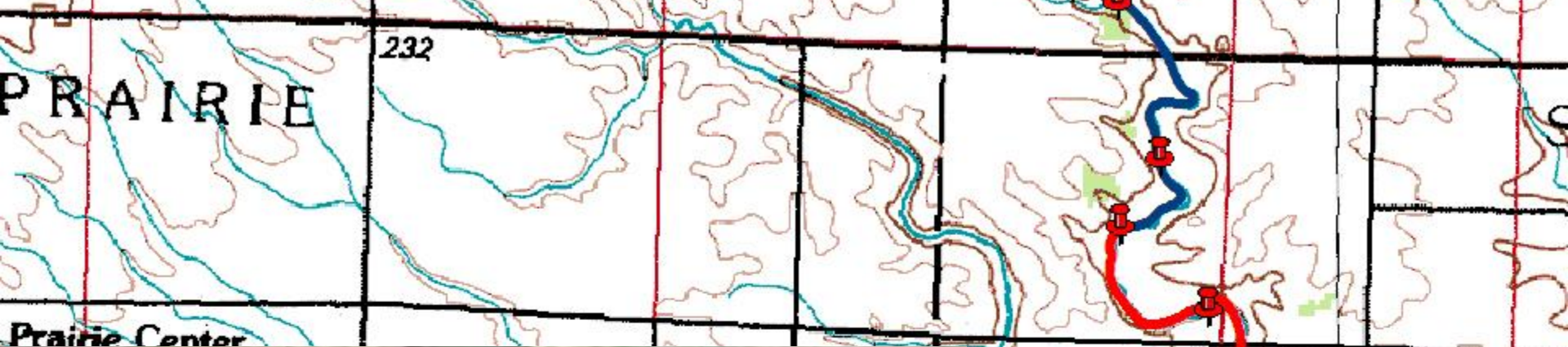
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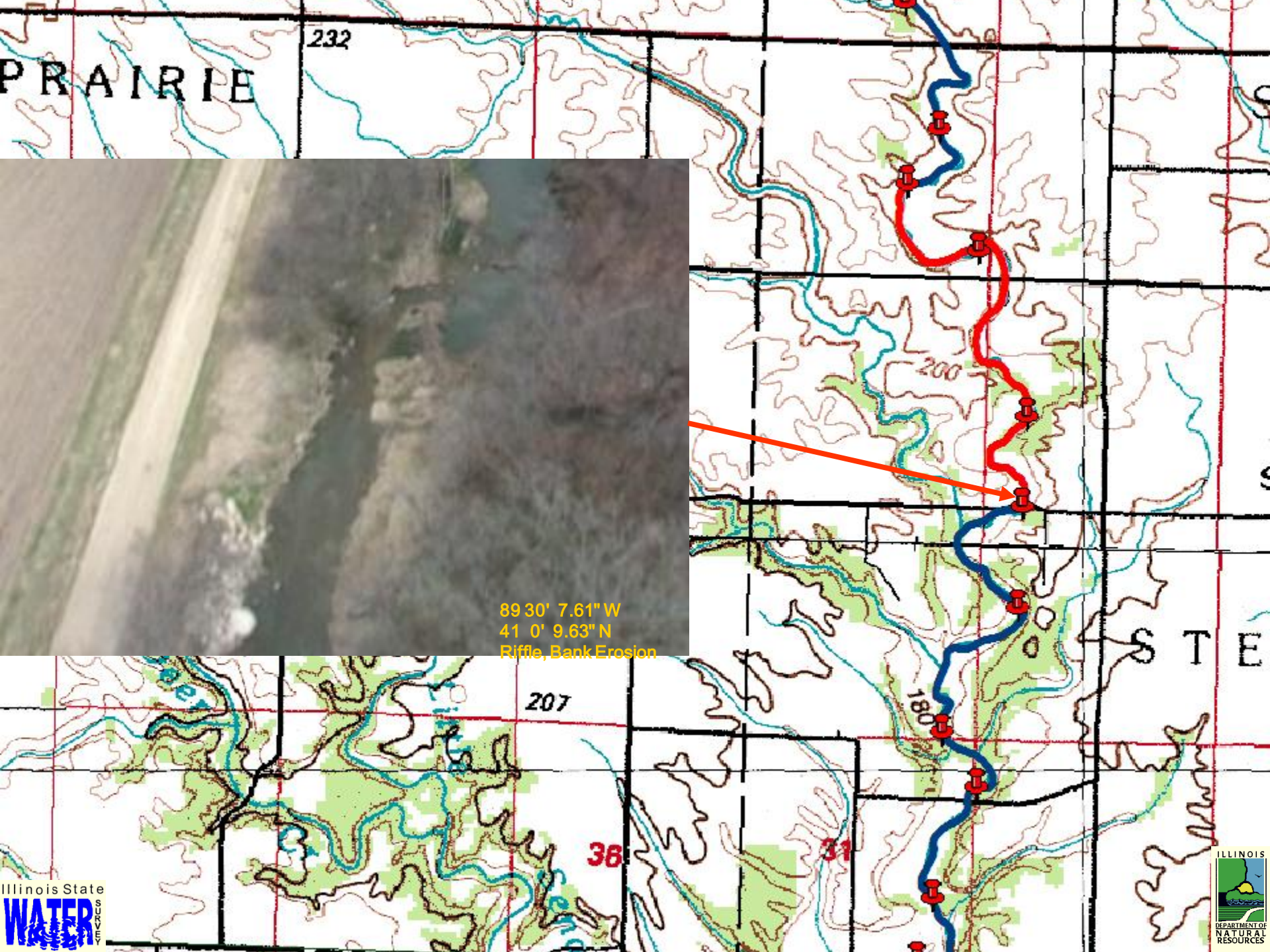
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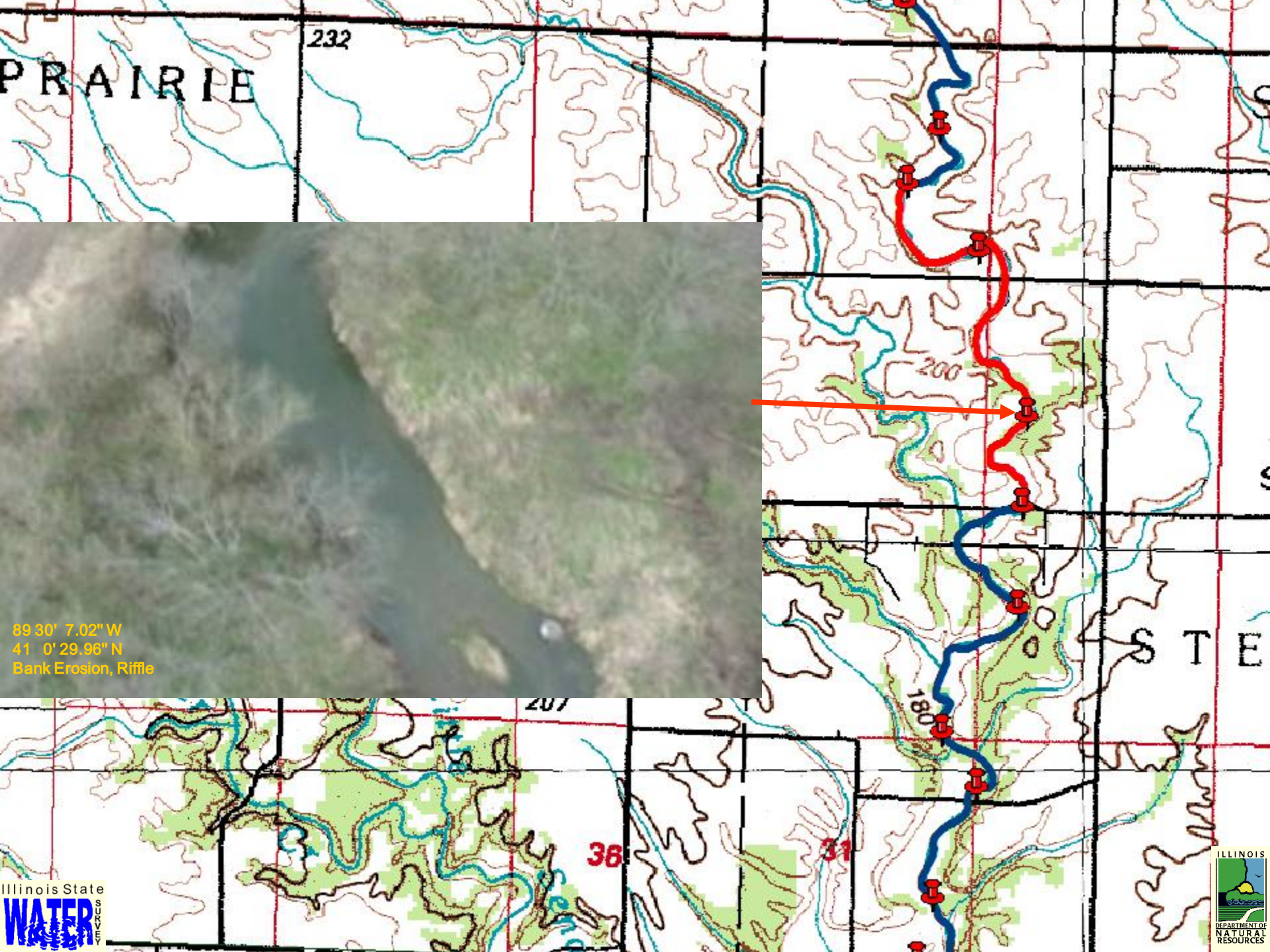
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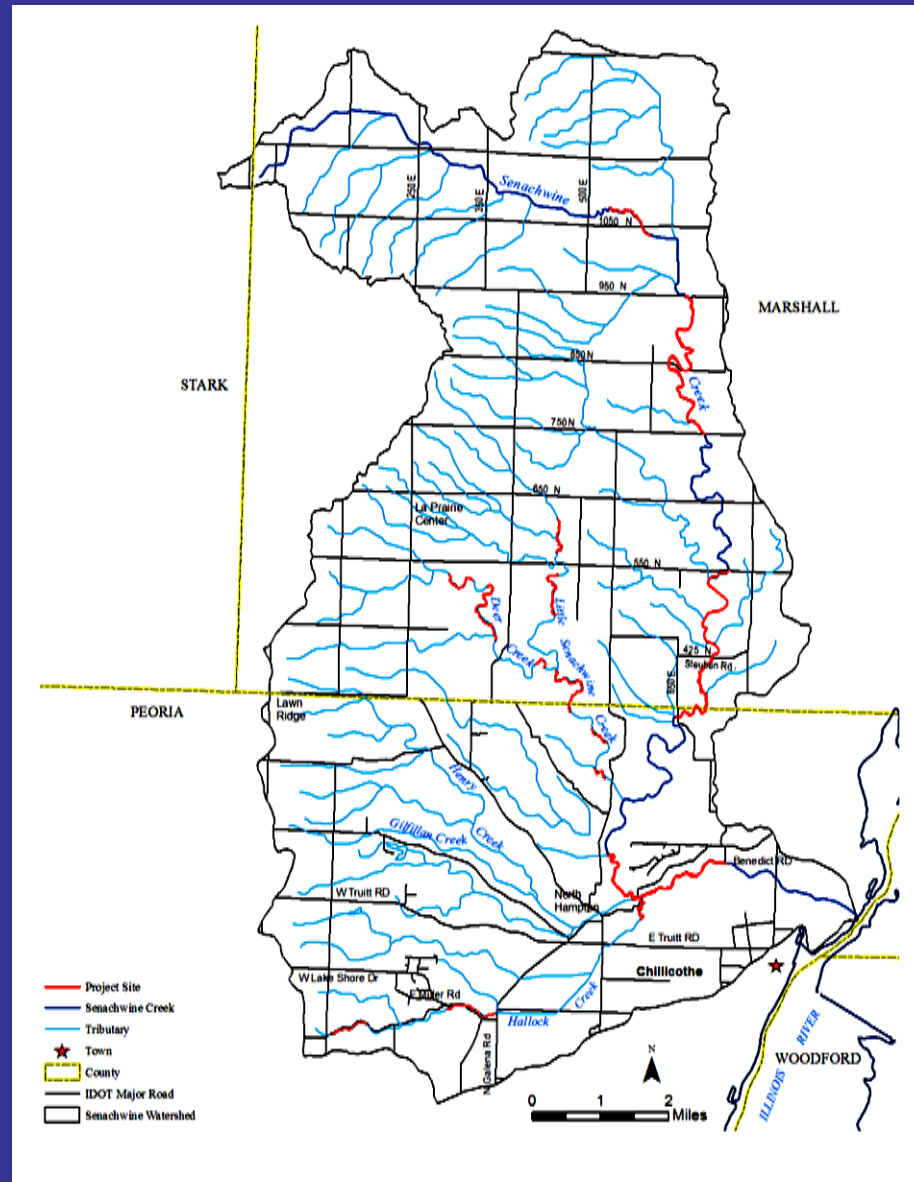
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Bank Erosion, Riffle

# Senachwine Creek Stream Channel Project Sites





# Restoration Options

Okay, we have identified  
potential priority areas!

Now what do we do?

<b>Potential Project Feature</b>	<b>Appropriate Agency</b>
<b>Traditional Upland Farm Treatment</b> (Terraces, WASCORB's, Grassed Waterways, No-till, etc...)	USDA-NRCS USDA-FSA IDOA SWCD
<b>In-Stream Naturalization –16 Potential Segments</b> (Riffle/Pool Structures, Luncker Structures, Bioengineering for Streambank Stabilization, etc...)	IDNR-ISWS IDNR-ORC USFWS USDA-NRCS USACOE
<b>Priority Upland and Floodplain Wetland Restoration and Enhancement in Hydric Soil Areas</b>	USDA-NRCS USFWS IDNR-ORC USACOE
<b>Forested Slope and Riparian Management</b>	USFWS USDA-NRCS IDNR-ORC IDNR-INHS
<b>Stabilization of Select Mass Wasting Sites</b>	USGS USACOE IDNR-ISGS IDNR-ISWS

# Water Resources Development Act—2007

(Status as of May 25, 2007)

- A \$14 billion bill passed by the Senate (approved 91-4) would improve **navigation on the upper Mississippi**, help restore the Louisiana coast and authorize hundreds of projects senators sought for their states.
- The upper Mississippi and Illinois River area would get **\$1.95 billion for seven new locks** and **\$1.7 billion for ecosystem restoration**.
- Taxpayer groups and environmentalists point out the Corps has a backlog of \$58 billion unstarted projects that would, at a spending rate of about \$2 billion a year, take decades to clear.

# Illinois River Basin Restoration Comprehensive Plan

(Status as of May 25, 2007)

- The USACE is **not recommending** implementation of the **comprehensive plan** at this time.
- The USACE **does recommend** continued implementation of **critical restoration projects** (16 to date) under the existing Section 519 Authority.
- Additionally, the USACE recommended **further studies and analysis** related to the plan **be continued** as are needed. Potential areas for additional study include further refinement to the **Technologies and Innovative Approaches** component and potentially additional monitoring to address the critical needs to address methodology and approach for **monitoring large tributaries and small watersheds**.
- If fully implemented these efforts would result in the **completion of 16 critical restoration projects at a total cost of \$131.2 million**.

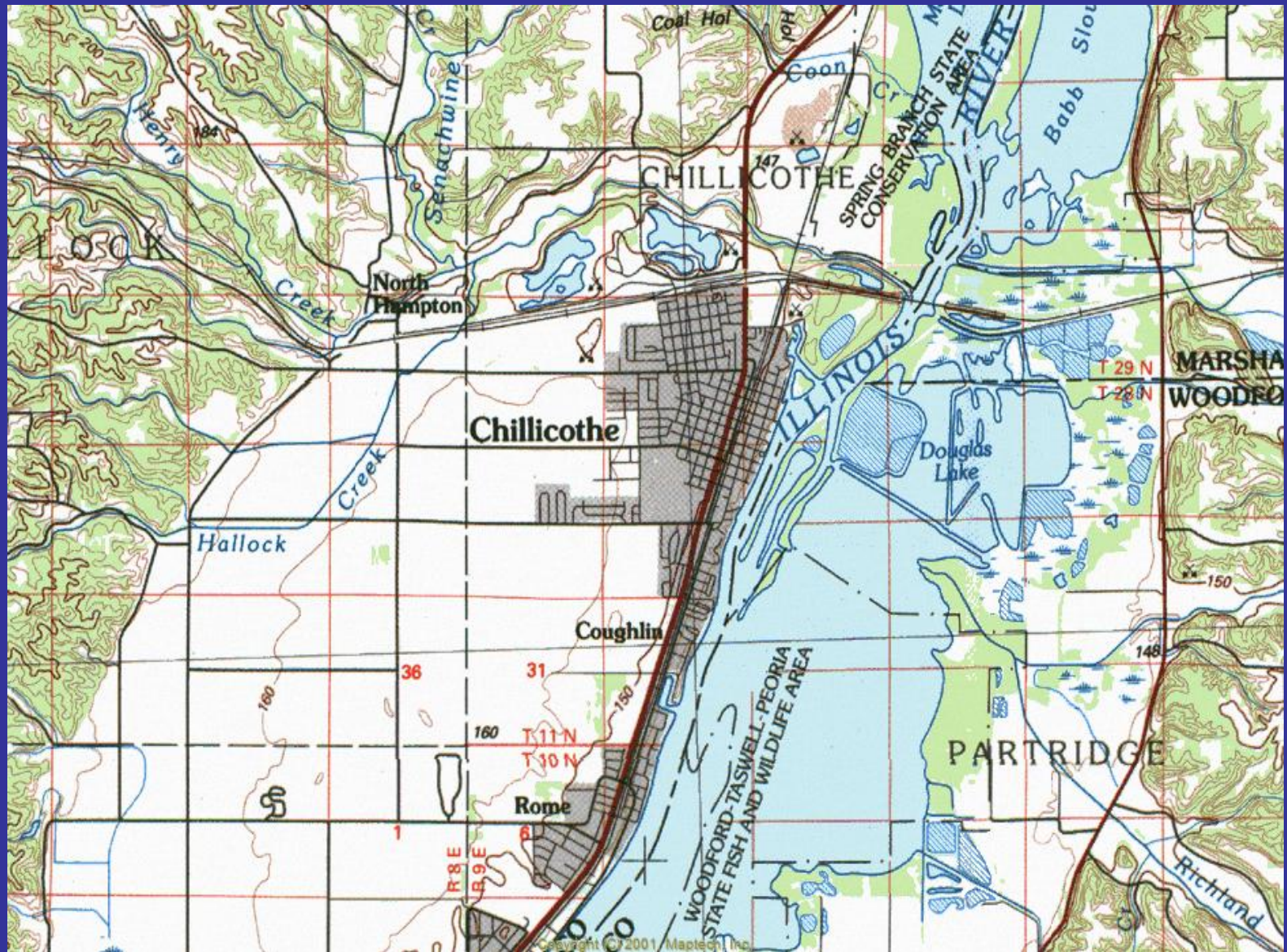
# Computerized Inventory and Database Management System

For Viewing Aerial Video Footage  
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# Portion of Senachwine Creek Delta



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