Outcomes Estimation Tools Training Webinar Series

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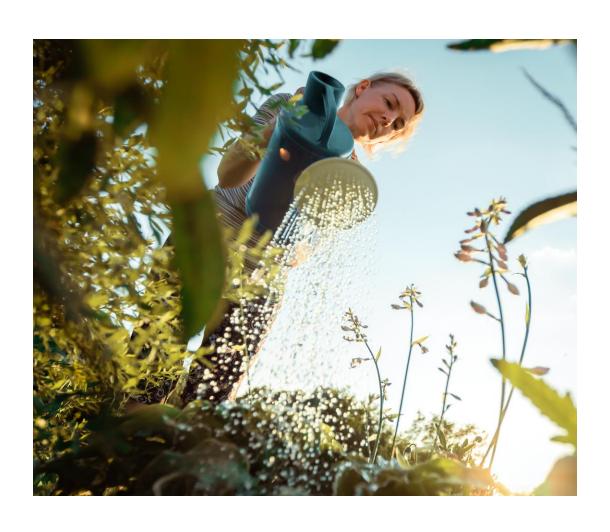
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Model My Watershed (water quality tool)

June 7, 2023

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Agenda



- Welcome, Reminders, Poll
- Recap
- Model My Watershed Presentation
- Model My Watershed Demonstration
- Q&A







Zoom Webinar Reminders

- Use Q&A Box last 15 minutes (Vote up!)
- Use Zoom Direct Message feature to Kinzie if having technical difficulties
- Email with resources to follow each webinar
- Recordings posted on the webinar series site the following Monday
- Evaluation survey in the Chat Box

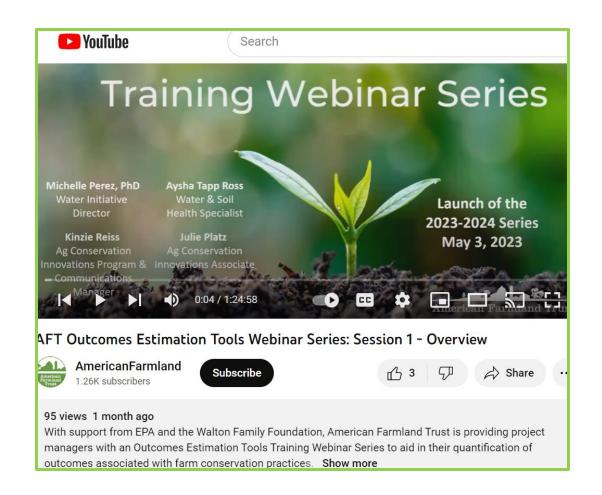




Time for 3 polls!

Recap May 3 Webinar

- Reviewed the results of the Needs Assessment
- Presented the Outcomes Estimation Tools Guide
- Debuted the simple <u>Projects by County</u> <u>Outcomes Calculator (PCOC) Tool</u>
- Recording: Outcomes Estimation Tools
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Tools in 2023 Trainings*

May 3: Webinar Launch & PCOC (recording)

June 7: Model My Watershed (water quality)

July 12: Nutrient Tracking Tool (NTT) (water quality)

August 2: NRCS Cover Crop Economics Tool (economic)

September 6: FieldPrint Platform (climate & water quality)

October 4: AFT Retrospective-Soil Health Economics (R-SHEC) Tool (economic)

November 1: PTMApp Web Tool (water quality)

December 6: EPA PLET (water quality)

Tools in 2024 Trainings*

January 10: SIPES Method/SIDMA Tool (social)

February 7: Fast-GHG (climate)

March 6: Cool Farm Tool (climate)

April 3: Cropping Systems Calculator (economic)

May 1: COMET-Farm & COMET-Planner (climate)

June 5: CAST Tool (water quality)

July 3: TBD

*Subject to change





Next steps in our outcomes estimation journey

- ☐ Remember the NTT July webinar is on Wed, July 12!
- ☐ Fill out a 6-question (2-min) online evaluation survey
- ☐ Schedule a free "coaching" session with us
 - ☐ Email <u>atappross@farmland.org</u>, RE: Coaching Request
- Order a free print copy of the OET Guide
 - ☐ Keyword: "AFT outcomes tools"



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Model My Watershed® An online water quality modeling app

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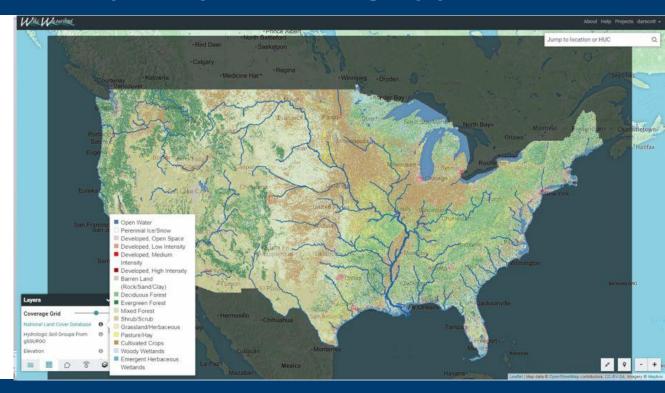


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Model My Watershed®

WikiWatershed®

A Team Effort

David Arscott, Steve Kerlin, Melinda Daniels, Matt Ehrhart, Scott Ensign, Shannon Hicks, Sara Damiano, Susan E. Gill (retired)...

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Barry Evans, Penn State U., Stroud Center
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Jeffrey S. Horsburgh, Utah State U.
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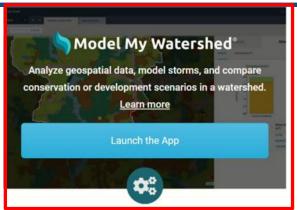






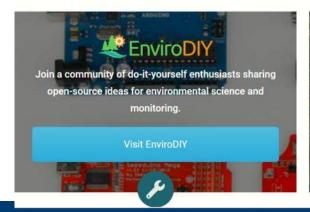


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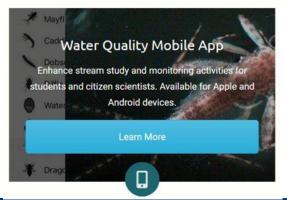




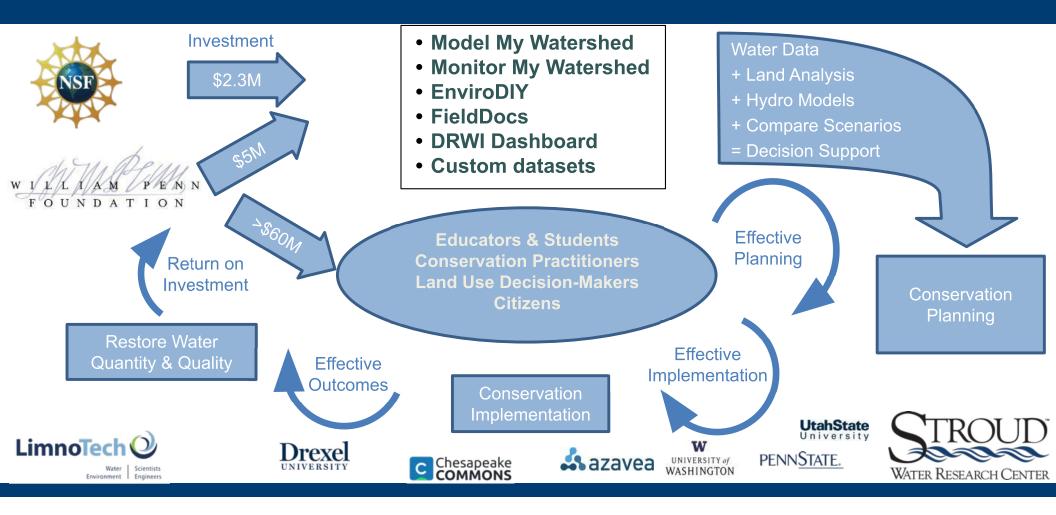








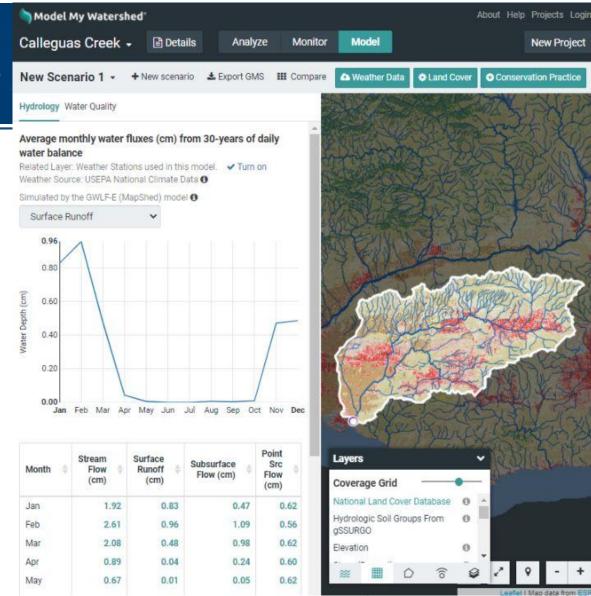
History of Nodel My Watershed® Development



What is Model My Watershed®

https://modelmywatershed.org

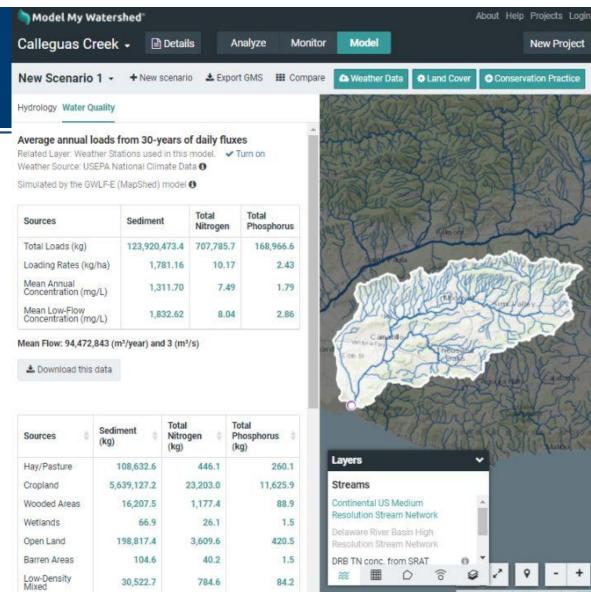
- Web app for conservation decision support
 - Automated watershed modeling
 - 30-y daily water balance
 - Quantifies benefits of different conservation & climate scenarios
- Widely used:
 - 15,000 registered users
 - 40,000 uses per month
 - 4 awards
 - Preferred tool by Pennsylvania for TMDLs & MS4 permits.





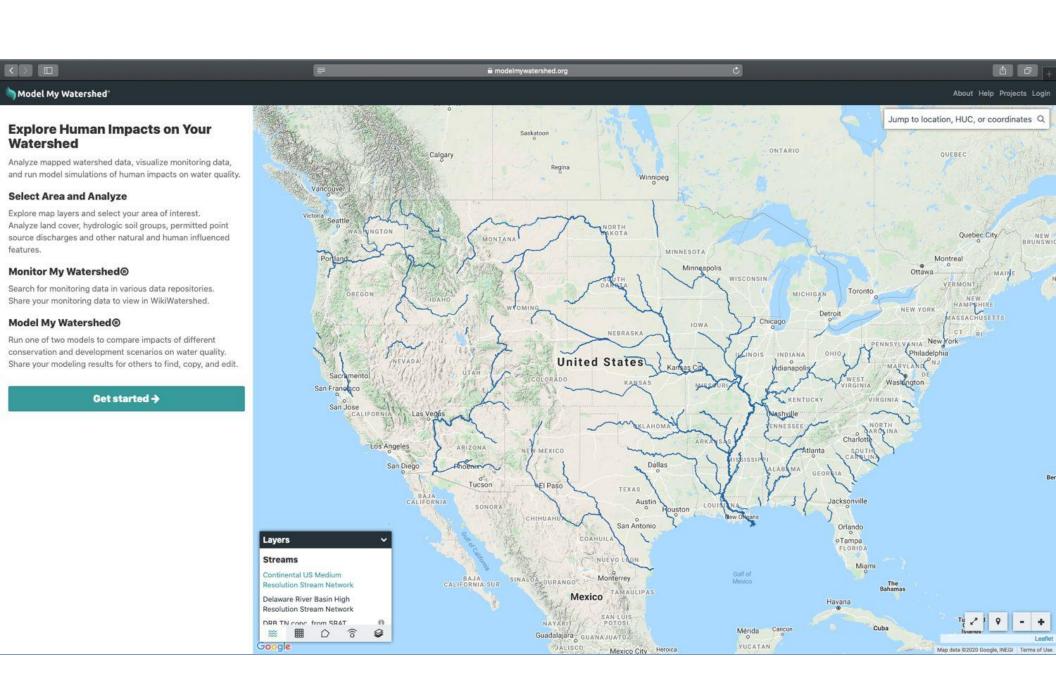
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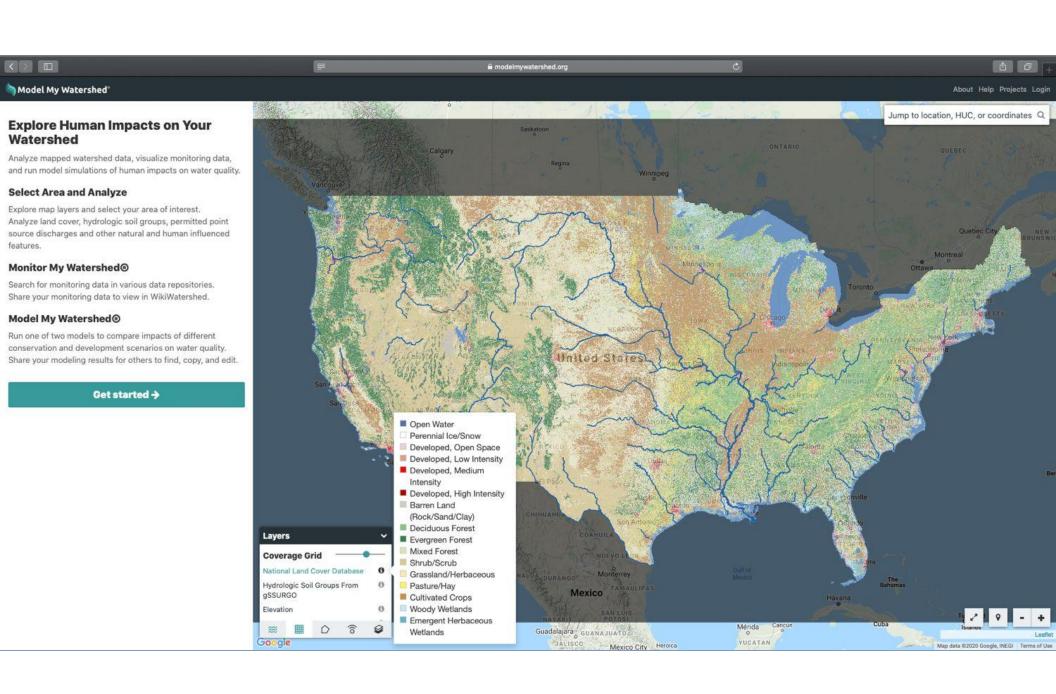
- High-performance Features:
 - Automatic watershed delineation
 - Models runoff and water quality to find hotspots
 - Calculates and compares benefits of protection & restoration projects
- Open-Source & Expandable:
 - API to integrate with other apps
 - Modular models for expansion
 - Continental USA, but could go global

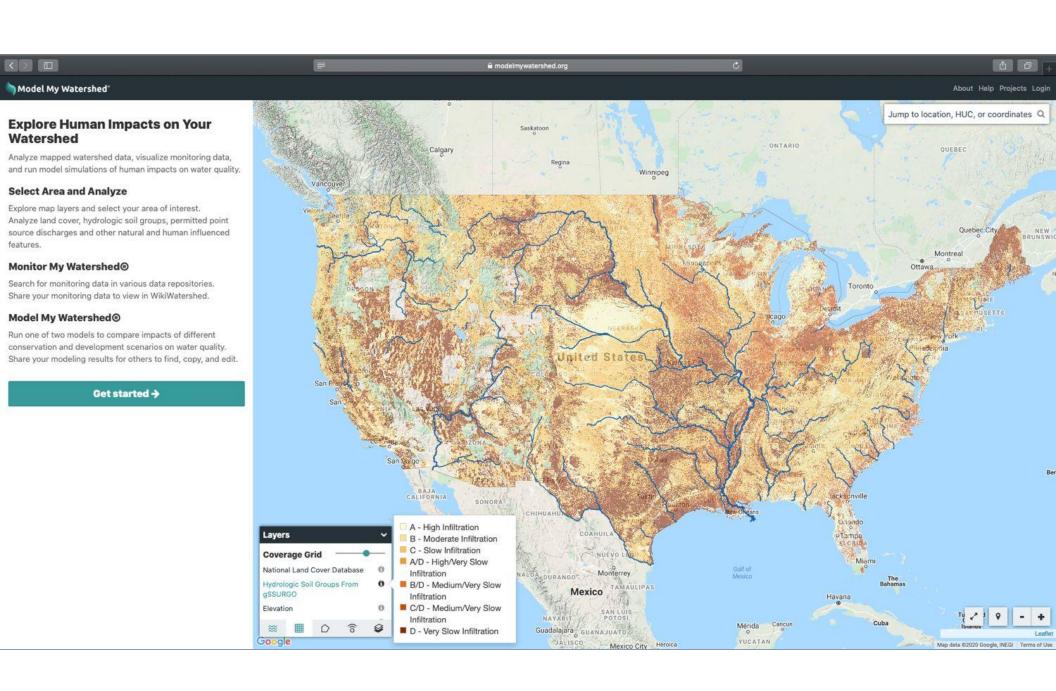


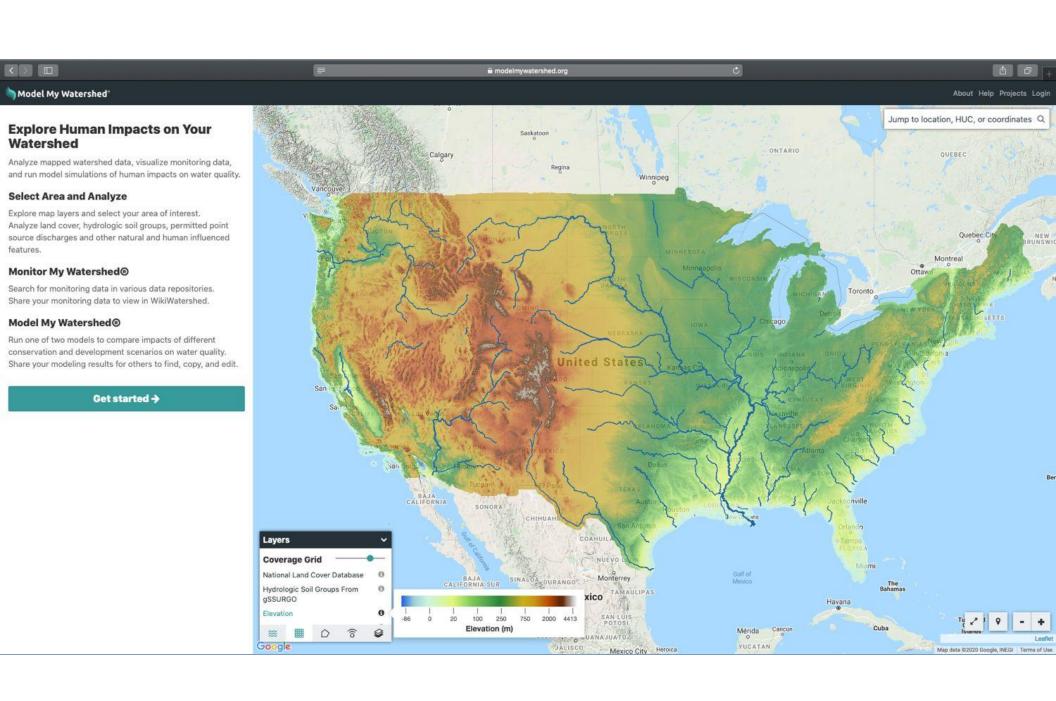
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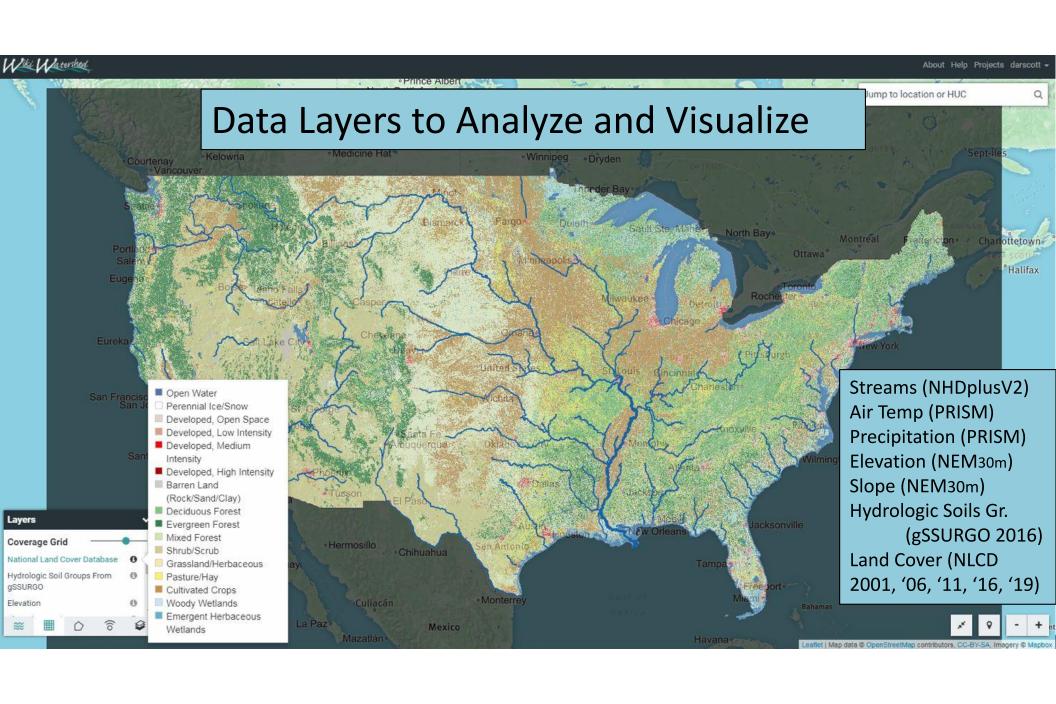
- Watershed analyses within the <u>Conterminous U.S.</u> (CONUS), that include: Land cover (2001, '06, '11, '16, '19), protected areas, soil, weather, elevation & slope, agric. animals, point sources, active river area (NE & Mid Atlantic)
- Water quality models:
 - Site Storm Model (use at scales ≤ 1-2 sq. mi)
 - Runoff from TR55 + Robert Pitts' urban small storm algorithms in WinSLAMM
 - Water Quality from EPA STEP-L
 - Watershed Multi-year Model (use at scales \geq 1-2 sq. mi)
 - Hydrology & Water Quality modeling using MapShed model (a.k.a., GWLF-E)
- Ability to create, compare, & save scenarios of modeled changes to land cover and conservation practices; Connect and save to https://www.hydroshare.org/



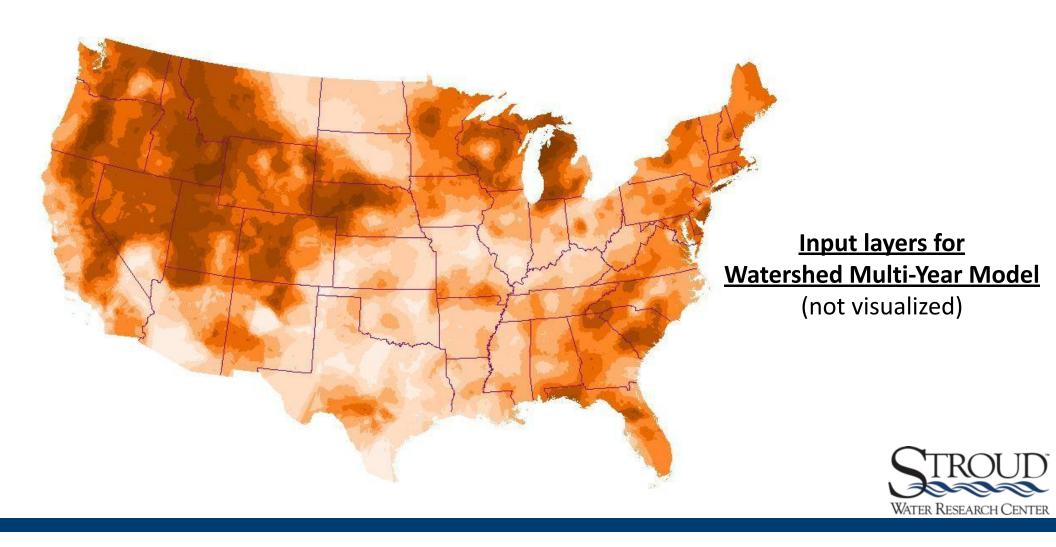




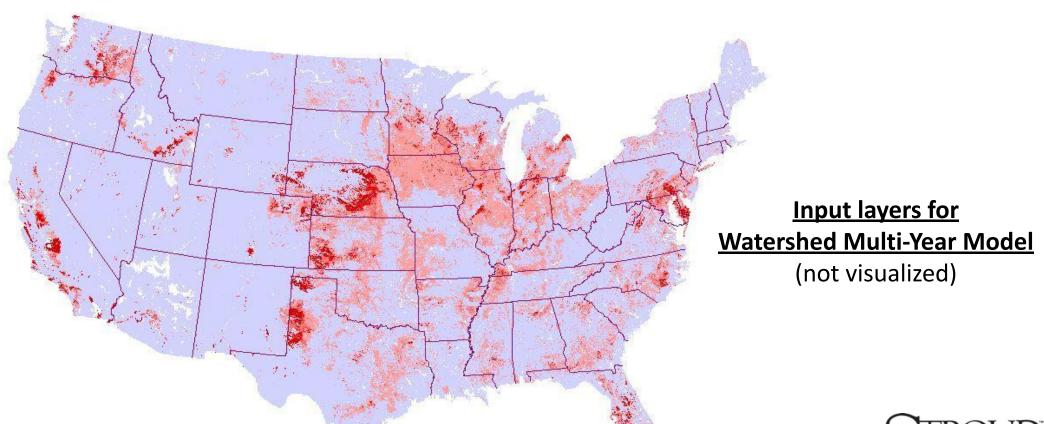




USGS Baseflow Estimates

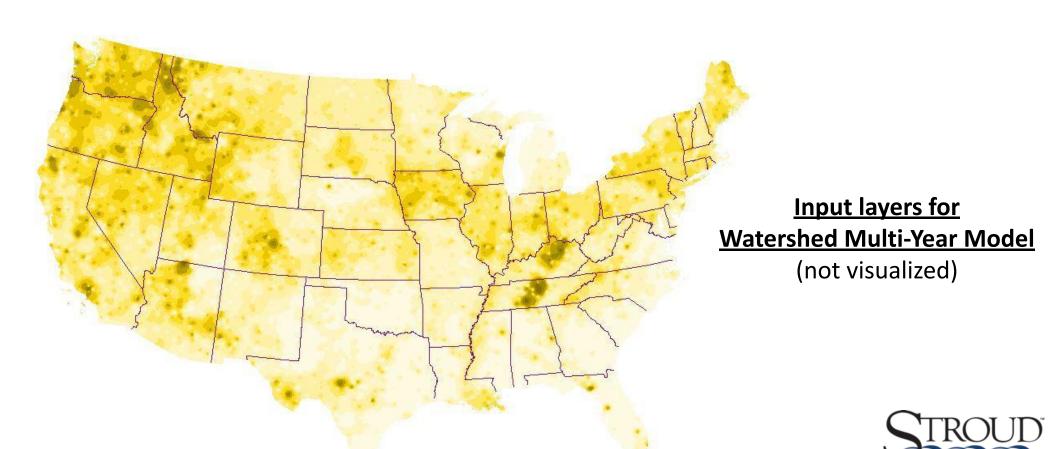


Groundwater Nitrogen Estimates



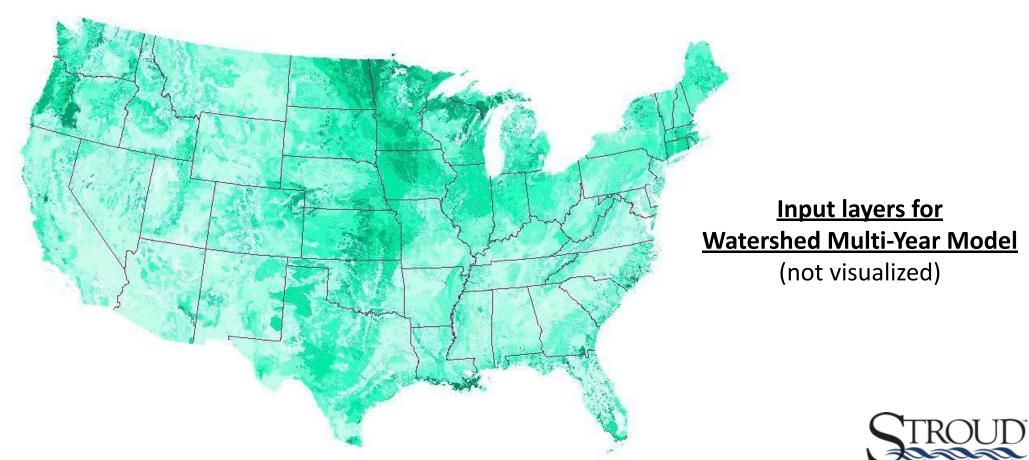


Soil Phosphorus Estimates



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Soil Nitrogen Estimates



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Weather Station Network for Precipitation Input

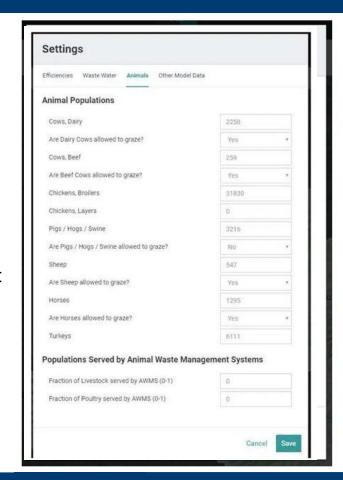


Demo Model My Watershed®.

Watershed Multi-Year Model

- The appropriate size (total area/acreage) of your <u>Area of Interest</u> when using the Watershed Multi-Year Model is from <u>several hundred</u> <u>acres to ~1,500 square miles</u> (HUC 8 scale; although modeling larger areas are possible)
- Utilizes daily temperature and precipitation data (1960-90 is provided; custom weather is possible) and is designed to estimate average monthly and annual values for <u>water quality</u> and <u>quantity</u>, specifically:
 - Quantity: stream flow, subsurface flow, evapotranspiration, point source flow (if in your area)
 - Quality: total sediment, total nitrogen, total phosphorus
- Add BMPs, change land cover, and modify "settings" offer customization of your project
- 5 minutes to a couple of hours, no extra data needed, easy to use

Technical Documentation - https://wikiwatershed.org/kbcategories/mmw-tech/



Help? and Resources

Online HELP?

- https://wikiwatershed.org/help/model-help/
- Contact for questions/requests https://wikiwatershed.org/contact/

Technical Documentation

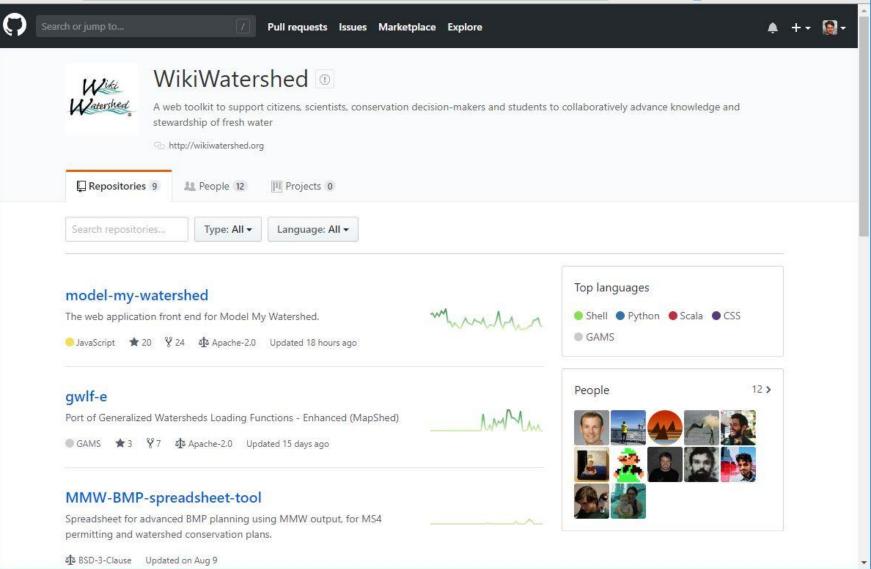
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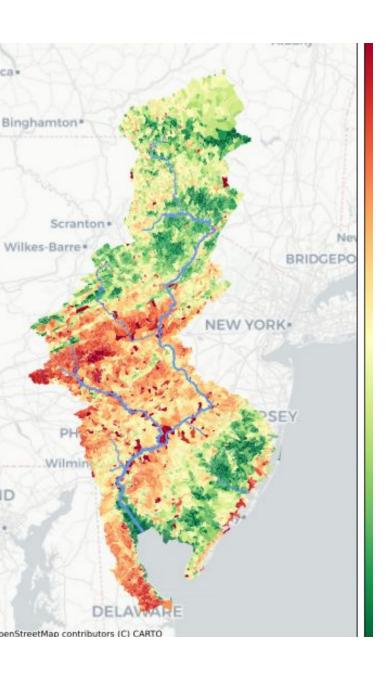
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Open Source Project Documentation

https://github.com/WikiWatershed







DELAWARE RIVER WATERSHED INITIATIVE POLLUTION ASSESSMENT

Project Update May 10, 2023

Anthony Aufdenkampe
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Lin Perez, Barry Evans, Mike Campagna
Caitlin Lulay, Sarah Jordan







Utilization of the Tool?

- >15,000 registered users
 - conservation practitioners/planners, state and federal government, university/academic, k-12 students and teachers
- Agricultural BMP planners (e.g., Delaware River Watershed Initiative)
- Restoration project impact tracking and assessment (William Penn Foundation and NFWF)
- Estimating Water-Related Benefits of Open Space Protection
 - Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery County's (PA), Mercer Co. (NJ)
- Optional tool for PA DEP MS4 planning, WIPs (also utilized by DEC/DEPs in NY, MA, ME,...)
- Environmental consultants to municipalities

FEATURE

Data and Models Help Define Effective Strategies In The Delaware River Watershed Initiative

Paul Freedman, David B. Arscott, Scott Haag and Kathy Hall

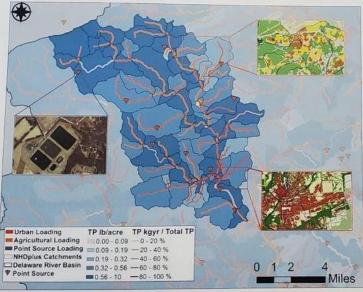


Figure 1: An example of the output from the Stream Reach Assessment Tool SRAT showing Phosphorus Loading from Urban, Agricultural and Point Sources.

The Delaware River Watershed Initiative (DRWI) was

As a first step, DRWI selected eight smaller areas within the basin, termed clusters, where analysis indicated that investment could deliver significant returns, and where there was sufficient non-governmental organization (NGO) capacity to implement actions. Within these targeted clusters, more than 60 NGOs were brought together by the William Penn Foundation to develop plans to implement agricultural best management practices (BMPs), protect forested land in sensitive landscapes and work in partnership with municipalities to implement urban stormwater BMPs. However, each of these NGOs had its own historical emphasis and priorities that needed to be coordinated to help achieve the DRWI vision. Initial efforts to establish goals, develop plans and select projects were challenging.

To address these challenges, DRWI, working with a team of scientists and planners, developed a science-informed approach to prioritize investments, guide cluster plans and facilitate the

Water Resources Impact Sept 2018 v20(5)

American Water Resources Association periodical

Example project abstract from 2023 NWQMC: Linking Nutrient Management to Receiving Water Quality Improvements and Ecological Responses

P. Aron¹, J. Weiss¹, S. Kumar², Abbey Johnson³, S. Palmate³, and C. Owen⁴

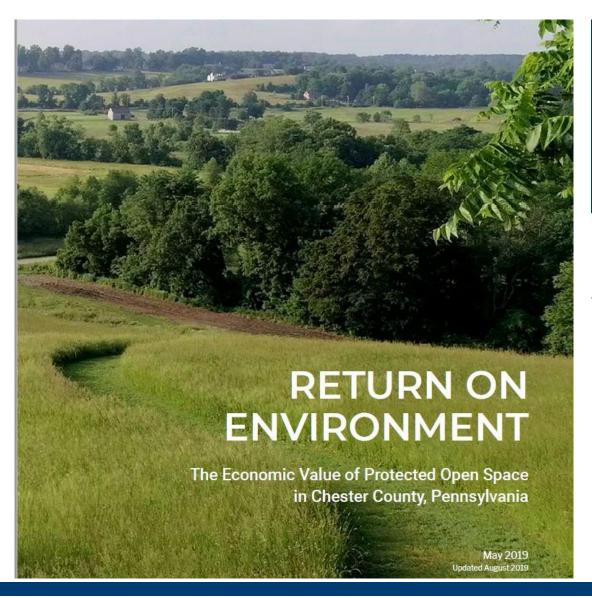
1- Hazen and Sawyer, Baltimore, Maryland; 2 -Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona; 3-Texas A&M, El Paso, Texas 4 - Hazen and Sawyer, Tampa, Florida

Water Research Foundation Funded Project #5078

Project will develop 1) an online database of case studies in nutrient reductions and receiving water responses and 2) an interactive tool to explore common drivers associated with successful nutrient management.

Excessive nutrient loadings to natural waters cause numerous challenges to water resource managers, from aesthetic, ecological, and recreational issues to public health impacts associated with harmful algal blooms and costly drinking water treatment. The traditional approach to manage nutrient loading consists of establishing water quality impacts and linkages to sources, evaluating costs and benefits of management actions, implementing controls, and assessing improvements in water quality and ecosystem outcomes. However, in practice it can be exceedingly difficult to link watershed and source water nutrient control actions to specific water quality and ecosystem responses because we often lack monitoring data to evaluate nutrient management actions or calibrate models that can support quantitative assessment of management alternatives....

https://whova.com/portal/webapp/nmc 202303/Agenda/2956534



Avoided Stormwater Impacts and Costs from Open Space Protection in the Brandywine Creek Watershed – Return on Environment







Report and related materials are available online at: http://chescoplanning.org/openspace/roe.cfm



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Amazon Names the Stroud Center's Model My Watershed a "City on a Cloud Innovation Challenge" Winner

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The Stroud Center was one of three winners in the Partners in Innovation category, along with Utility Associates and University of Münster. Stroud Center Assistant Director Scott Ensign (left) and Simon Araya from Utility Associates are shown accepting the award on behalf of their institutions.

https://stroudcenter.org/press/watershed-model-amazon-challenge-winner/

Amazon Web Services has announced Stroud Water Research Center — a global leader in the advancement of



Funding from:

- William Penn Foundation
- NSF DRK12 Grant No. DRL- 1418133 "Teaching Environmental Sustainability - Model My Watershed" 4-year Project
- Pennsylvania Dept. of Environmental Protection
- Past NSF Grant: DRL #0929763
- Stroud Water Research Center
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- The Dansko® Foundation
- Generous donations from Peter Kjellerup and Mandy Cabot





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FUTURE OF MODEL MY WATERSHED

- Our vision real-time decision support platform
- Collective of many technical and funding partners















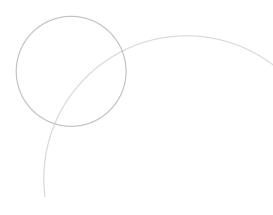




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Future Developments: Other Projects?

- Add new, enhanced or local datasets?
 - Recent / Future Climate Drivers (i.e. daily precipitation and temperature)?
 - Localized data?, Global data?
 - Future land-cover forecasts?
- Add new modeling features?
 - Localized BMPs; BMP cost estimates & tracking
 - Detailed site design?
- Add new models?
 - HSPF?, SWAT?, SWMM?
 - Water Temperature?, Flooding?
 - Ecosystem services? / natural capital?
- Add model output viewers/explorers?
 - Calibrated model results from TMDL studies?
 - National Water Model?



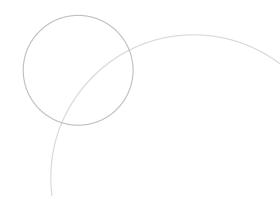


Hydrological Simulation Program in Python (HSP2, HSPsquared)

- Identical results as Hydrological Simulation Program FORTRAN (HSPF)
 - HSPF is one of the most widely used and respected models for watershed management
 - Used by VA DEQ
- HSP2 is built on modern software stack for cloud computing
 - Python 3.7
 - OS: Windows, Linux, Mac
 - Compute performance via Pandas & Numba
 - Parallel processing
 - Storage performance via HDF5

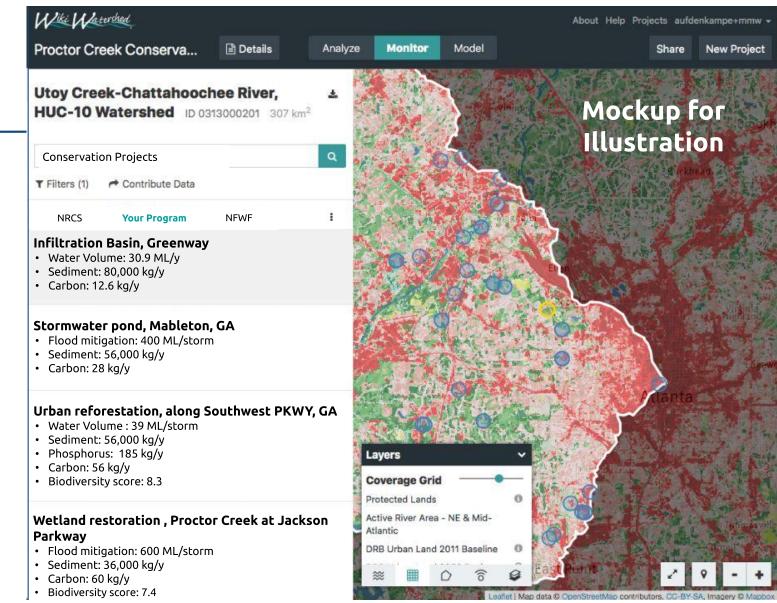


https://github.com/respec/HSPsquared AGPL-3.0 License



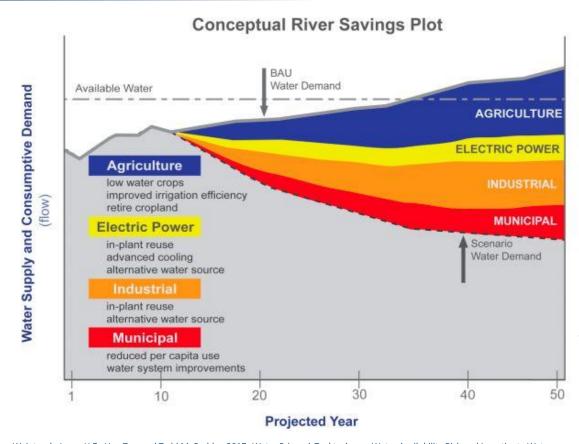
Enhance MMW: Project Tracking

- Open-source foundation for web apps
 - rebrand or not
- Add model modules for decision support on:
 - Water security & risk
 - Crop sustainability
 - Climate change resiliency
 - Carbon sequestration
 - Biodiversity
 - Etc.
- Expandable to anywhere in the world



Real-Time Decision Support for Water Risk

- Water availability forecasting
 - Changing consumption
 - Changing climate
 - Considering environmental flow limits
- Water quality forecasting
 - Drinking water inlets
 - Source watershed protection
 - Recreational use
 - Community sustainability
- Flood risk forecasting
 - Requires real-time data & HPC modeling
- Investment Risks
 - Synthesis of all types of risk!

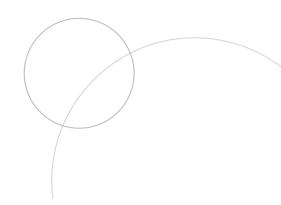


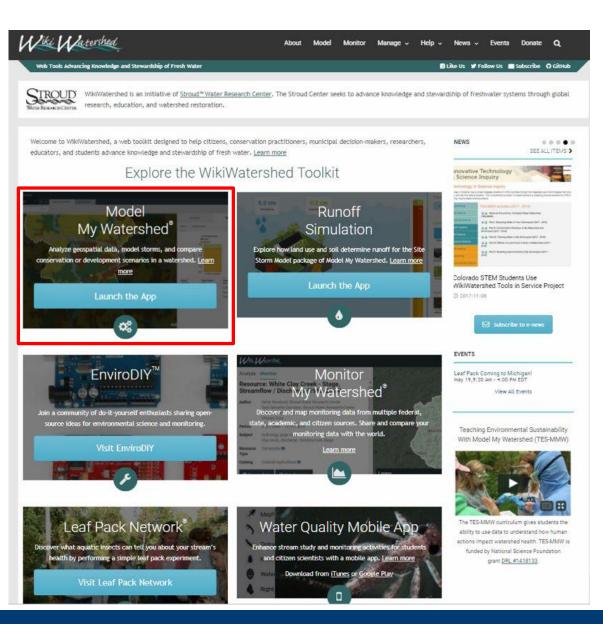
Weintraub, Laura H.Z., Hua Tao, and Todd M. Redder, 2017. Water Prism: A Tool to Assess Water Availability Risk and Investigate Water Management Strategies. Journal of the American Water Resources Association (JAWRA) 1-21. DOI: 10.1111/1752-1688.12519



Many Other Oportunities, and growing!

- Visualize outputs from Federal Modeling & Data Systems?
 - NOAA National Water Model
 - USGS Water Services (REST APIs for flow, water quality data)
 - USGS Hydro Network-Linked Data Index (NLDI)
 - USEPA Water Quality Data Portal (WQP) and Exchange (WQX)
 - NASA N. American Land Data Assimilation Systems (NLDAS) & Data Rod API
 - Many others
- Visualize outputs from other sources?
 - Amazon Open Data on AWS S3 storage
 - Google Earth Engine & Earth Map
 - Academia





Web Demo and Related Resources

- http://WikiWatershed.org
- https://ModelMyWatershed.org

THANK YOU



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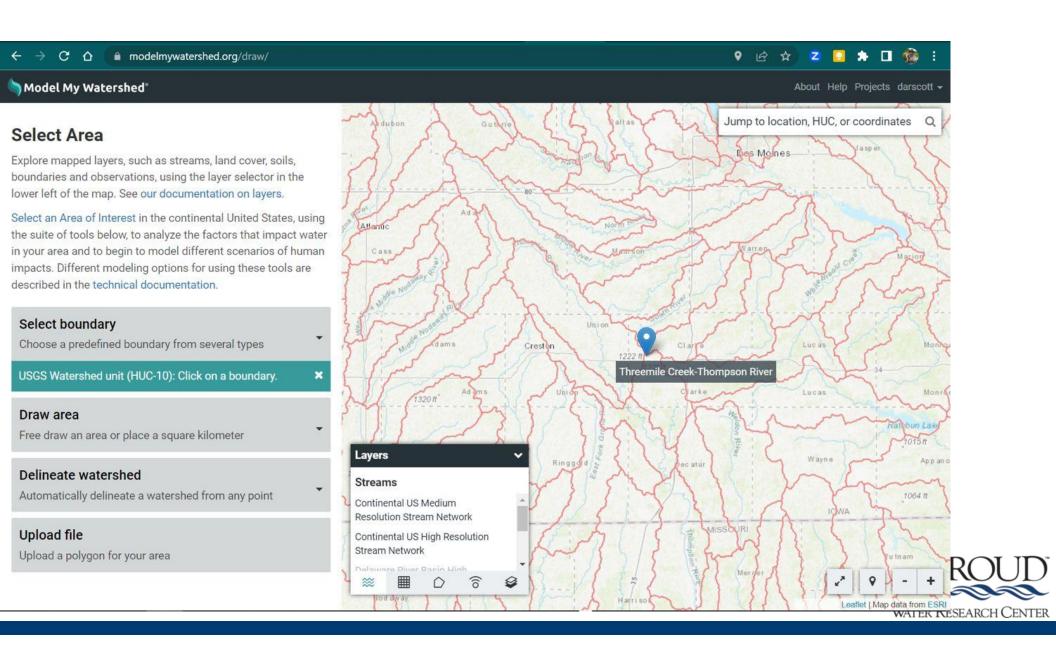
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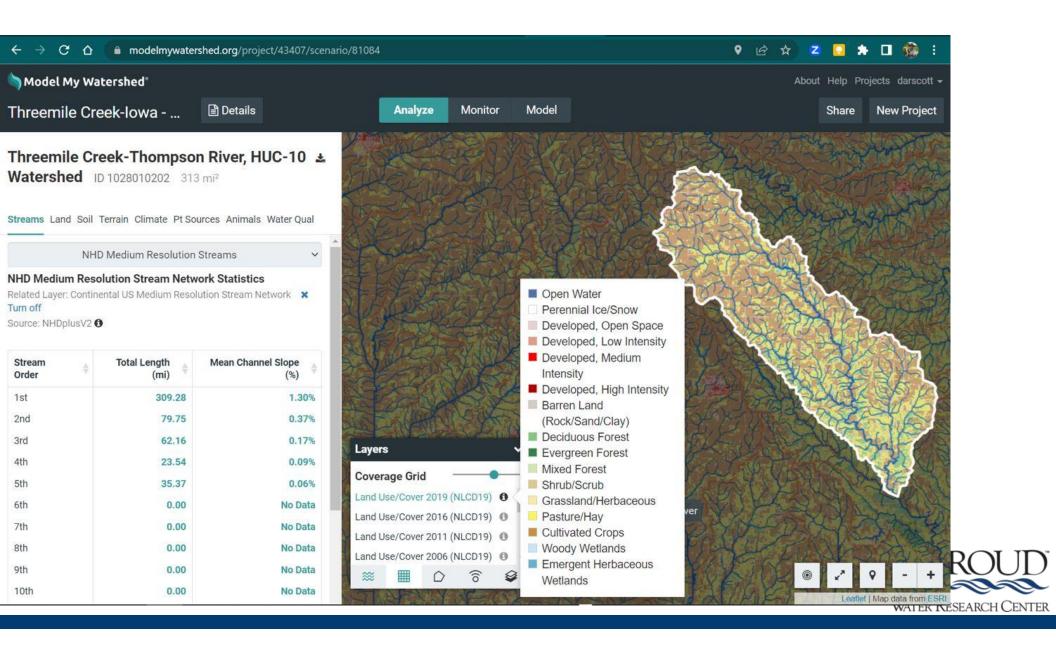


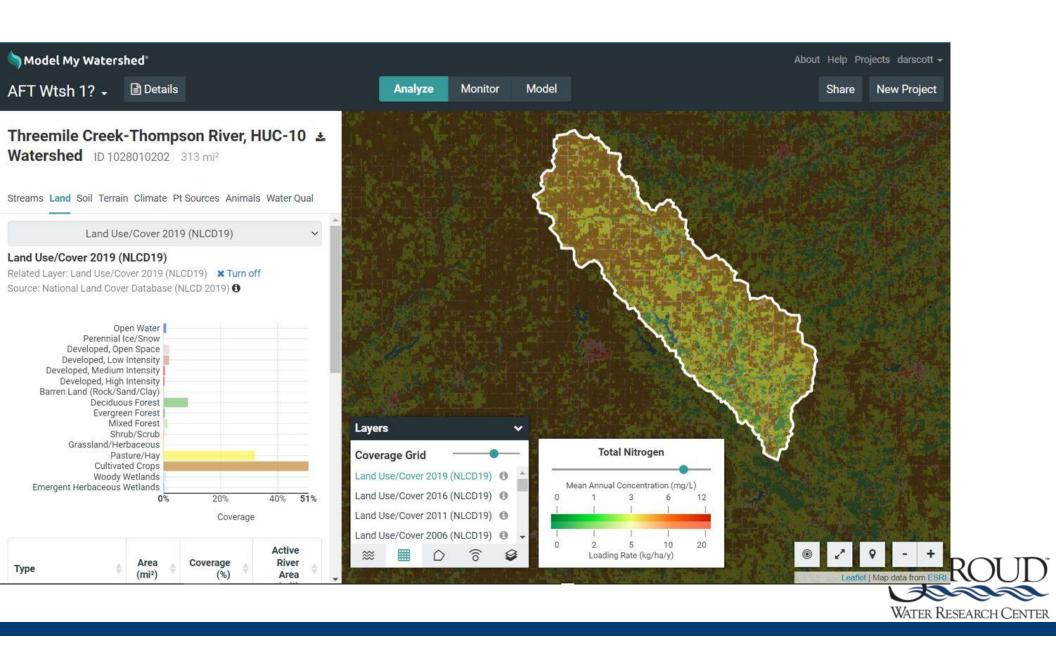


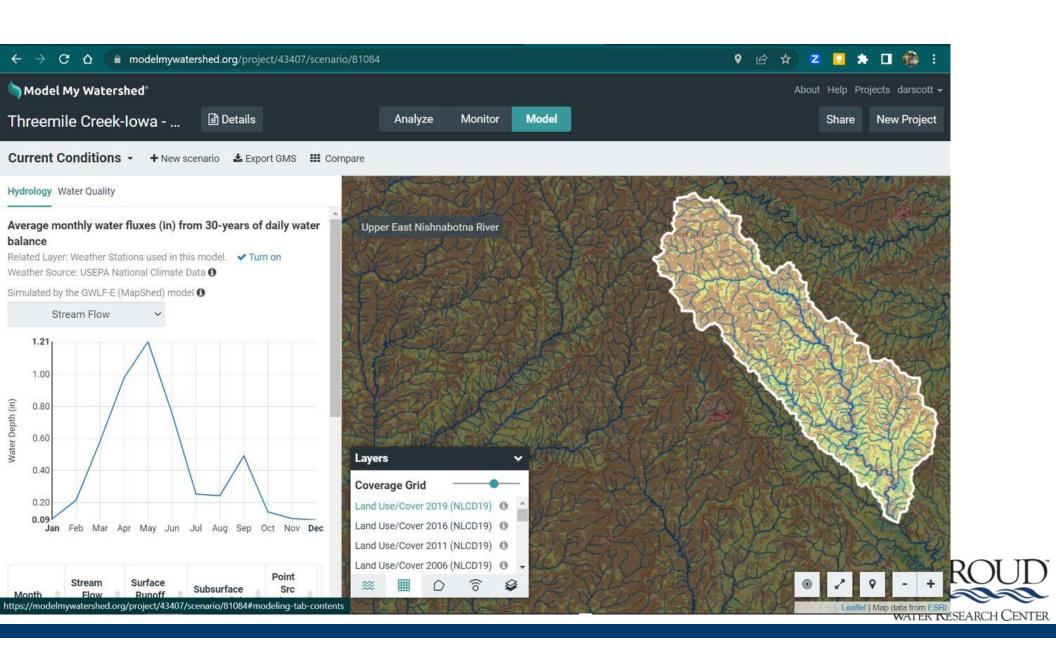
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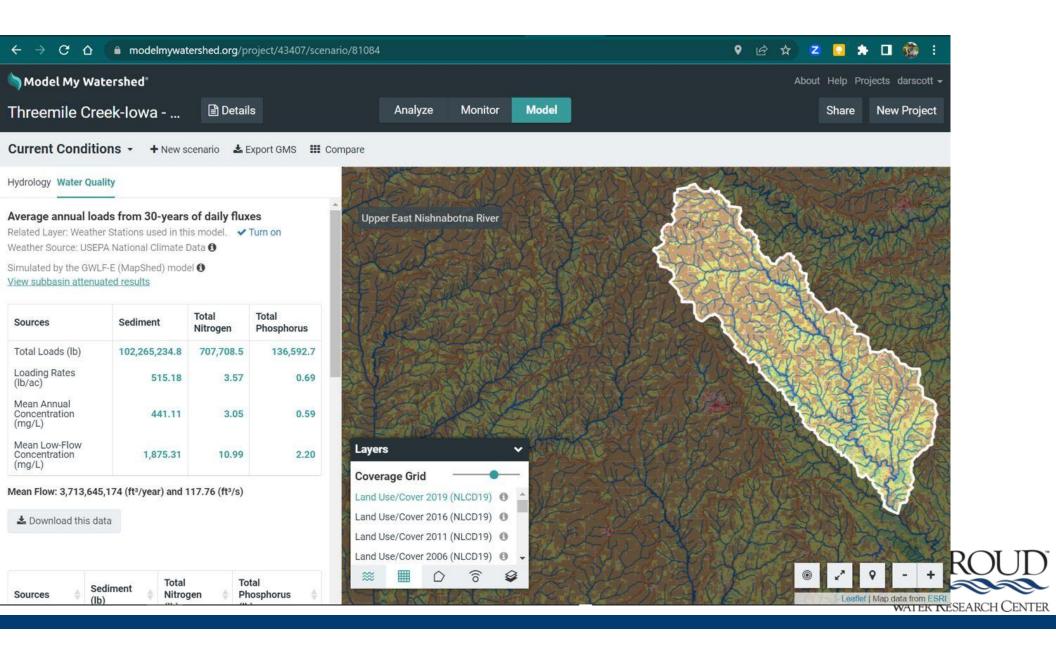


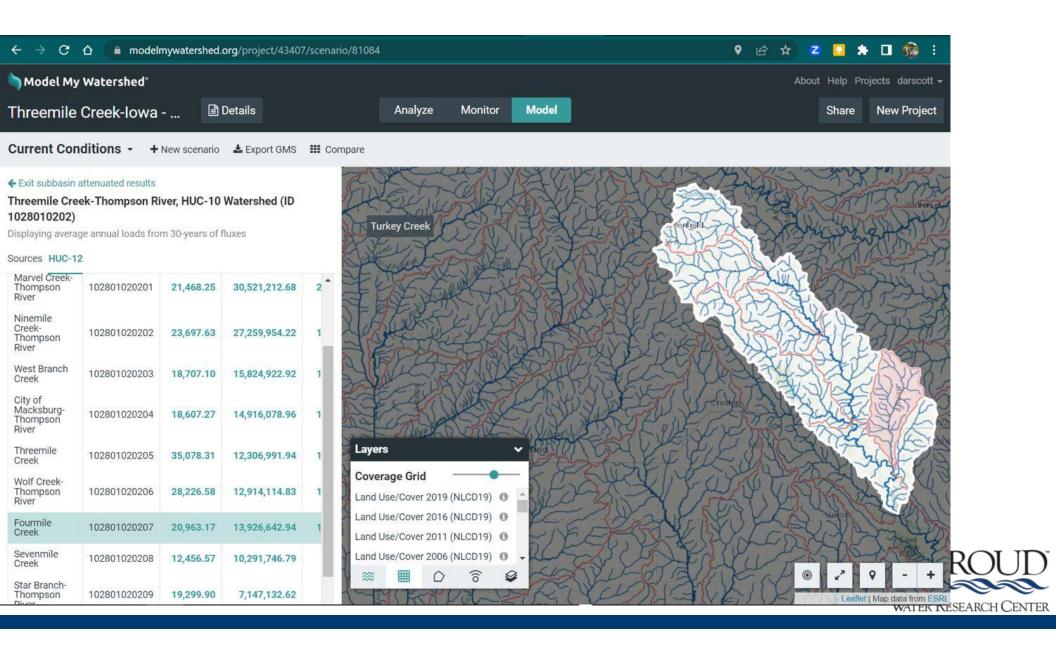


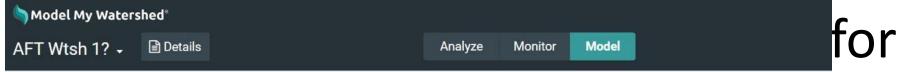












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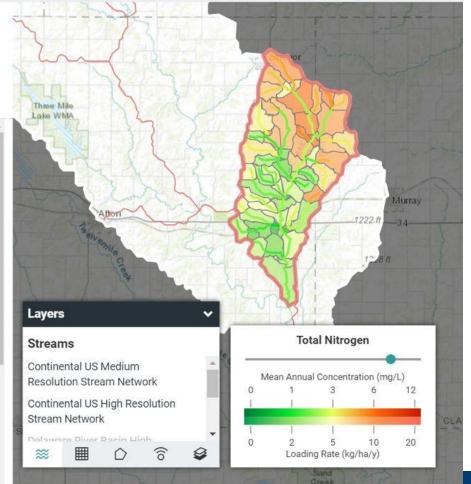
Fourmile Creek, HUC-12 Watershed

Displaying average annual loads from -years of fluxes

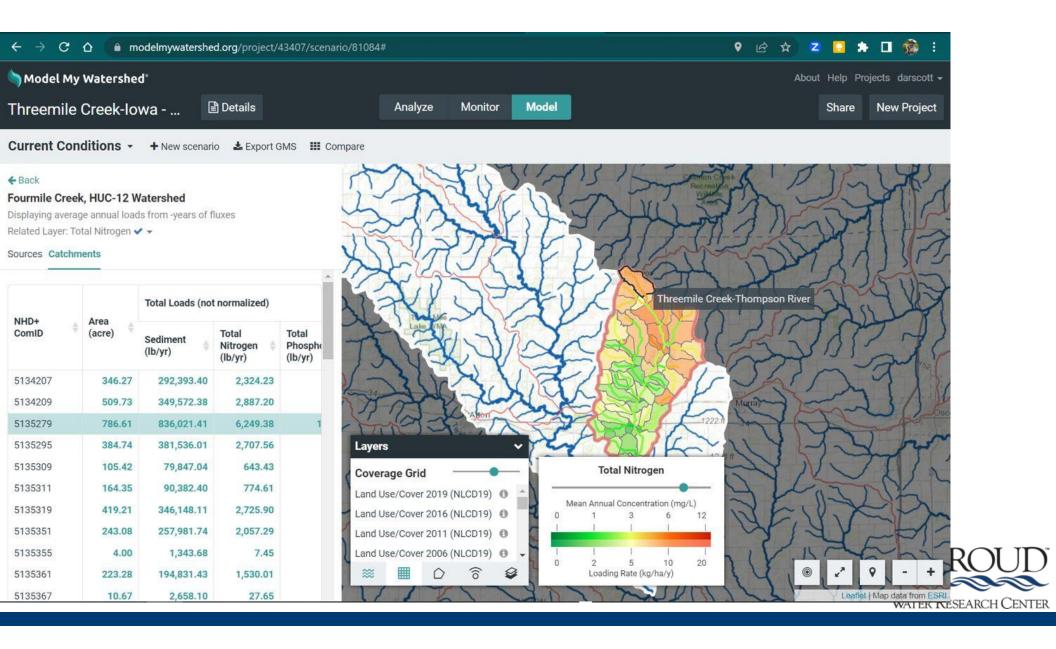
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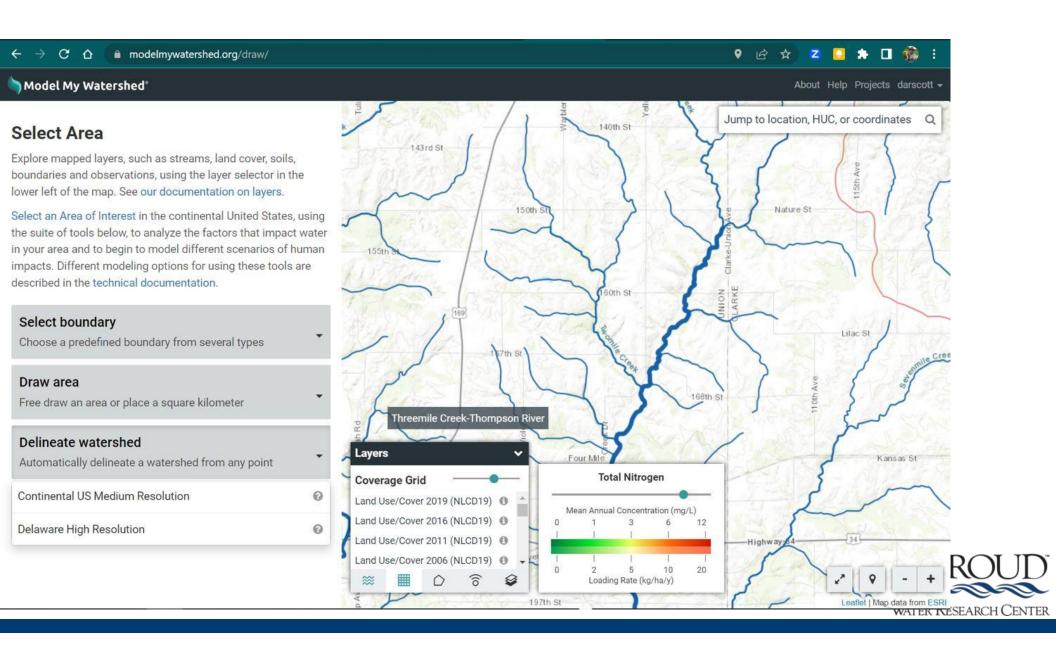
Sources Catchments

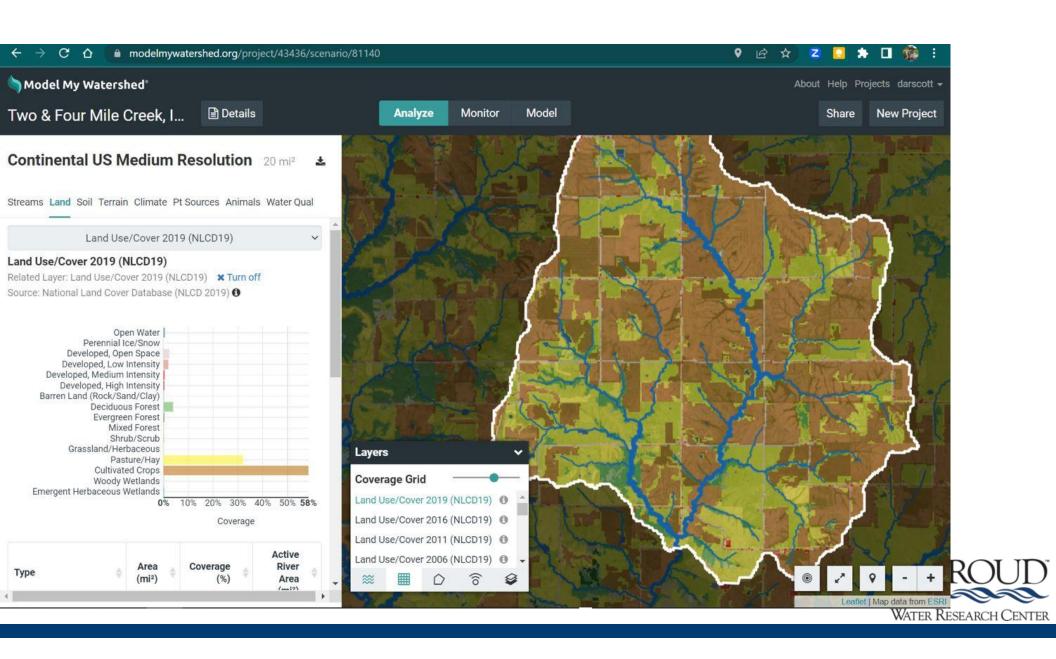
Sources	Area (acre)	Total Loads (not normalized)		
		Sediment (lb/yr)	Total Nitrogen (lb/yr)	Total Phospho (lb/yr)
Hay/Pasture	8,180.51	1,664,112.29	12,656.52	3
Cropland	9,422.78	10,856,900.35	79,574.40	14
Wooded Areas	2,124.34	4,683.99	169.60	
Open Land	68.71	2,988.34	57.79	
Barren Areas	74.04	32.06	28.52	
Low-Density Mixed	485.39	9,060.84	256.50	
Medium- Density Mixed	89.16	9,737.87	192.30	
High-Density Mixed	18.46	2,037.26	39.95	
Low-Density Open Space	440.03	8,218.50	232.60	

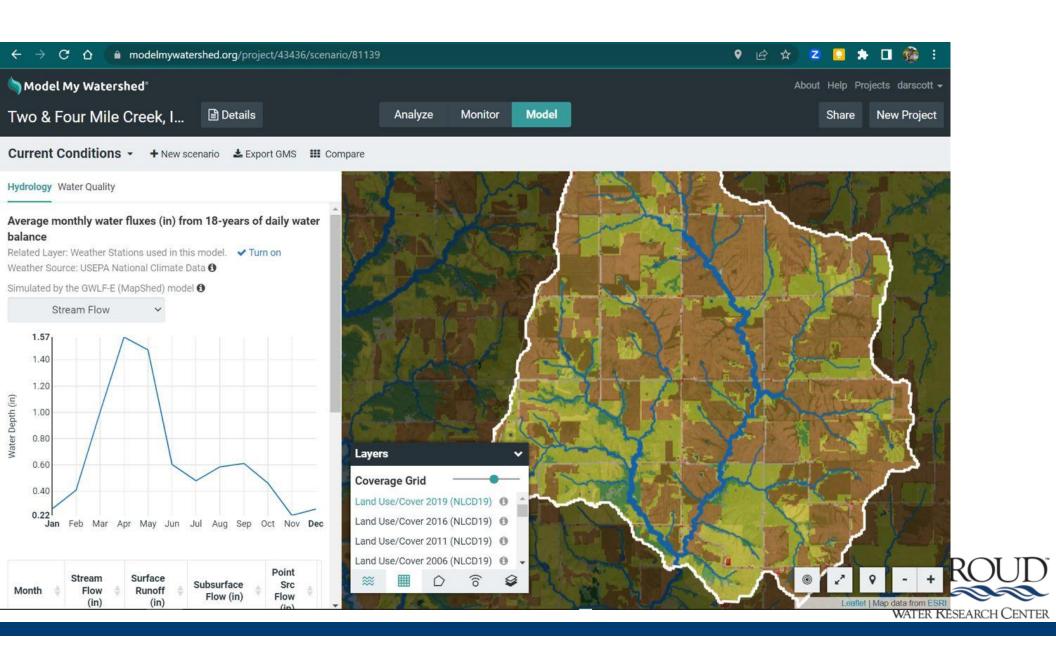


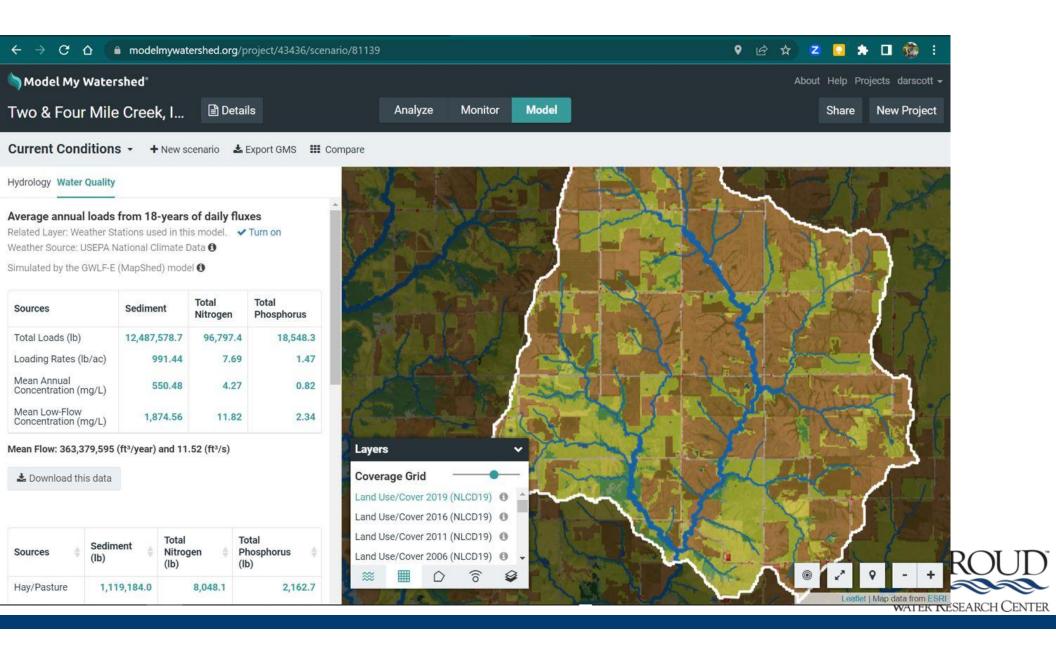


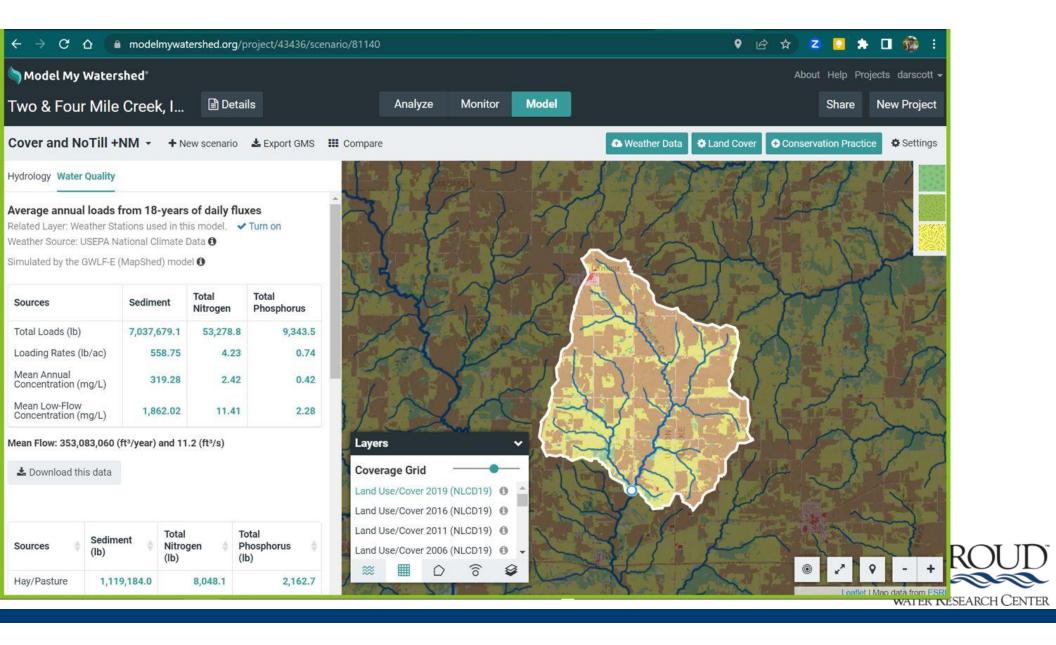


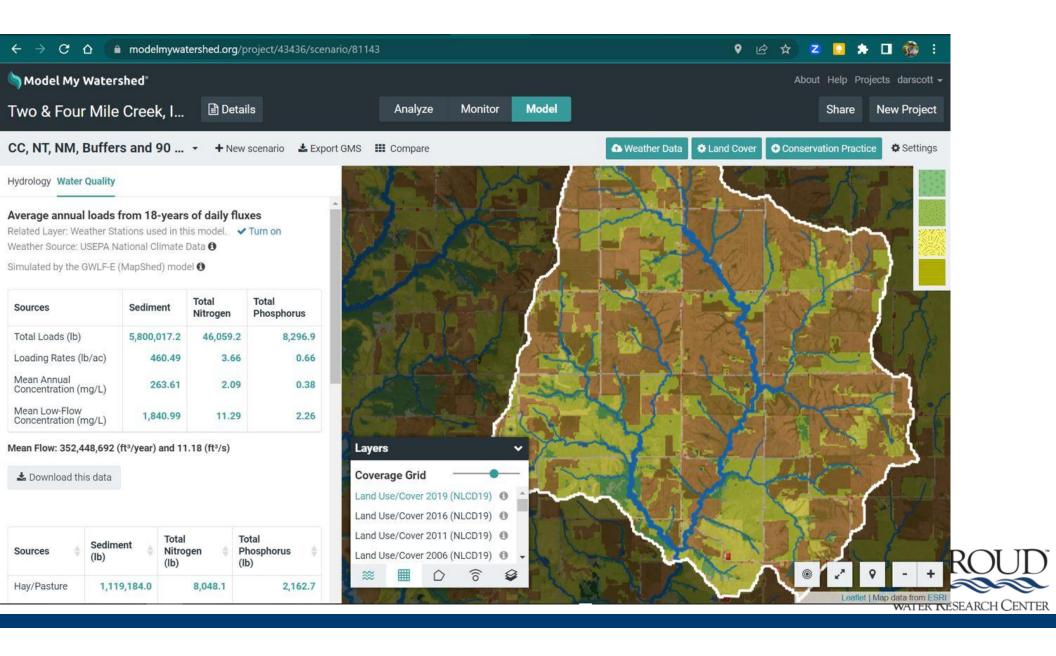


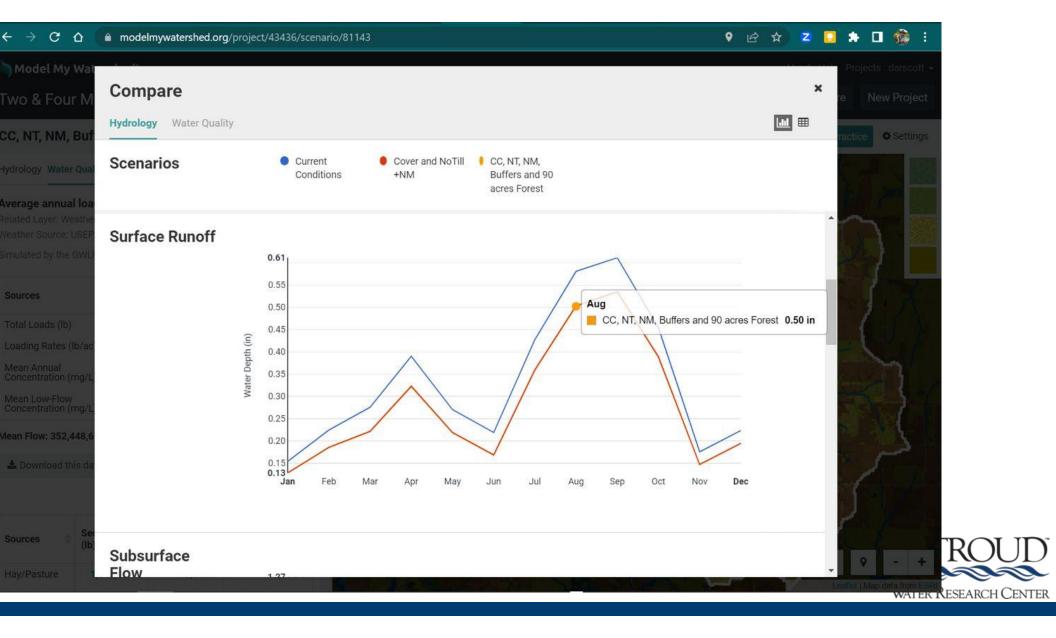


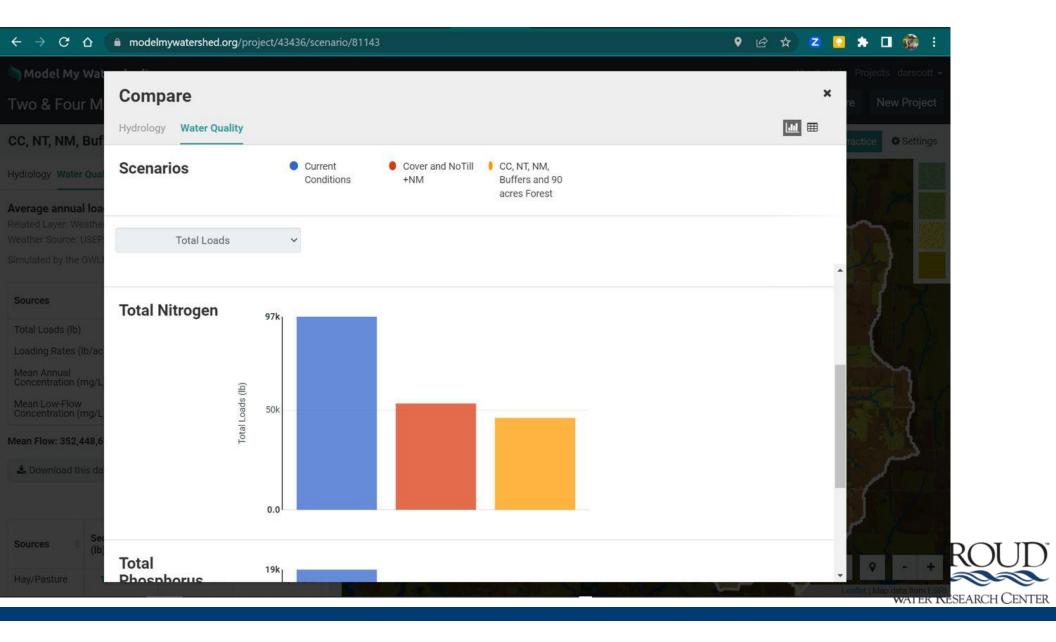


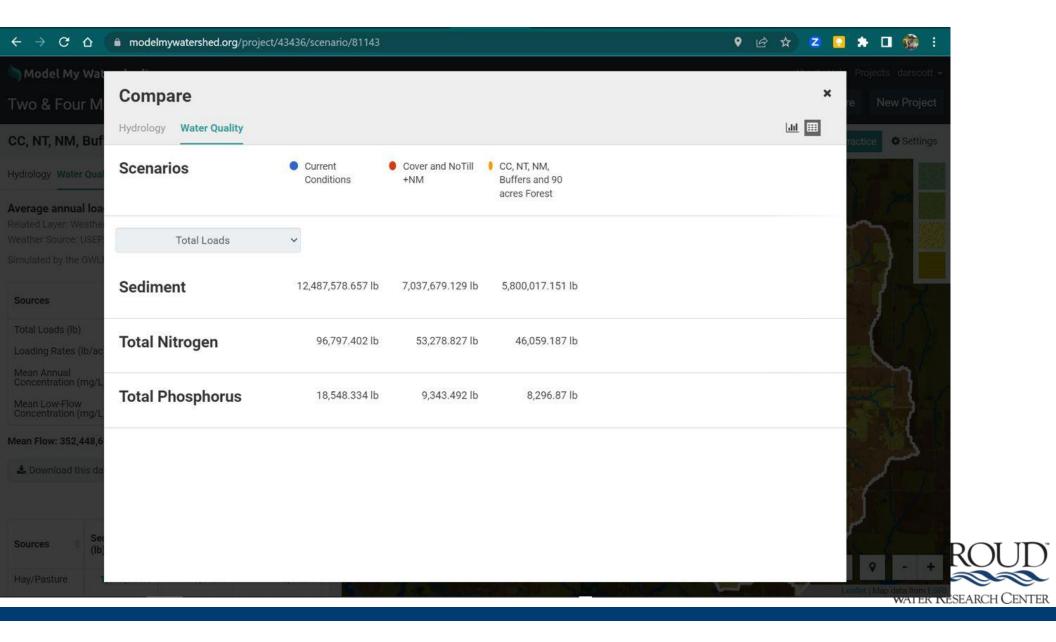


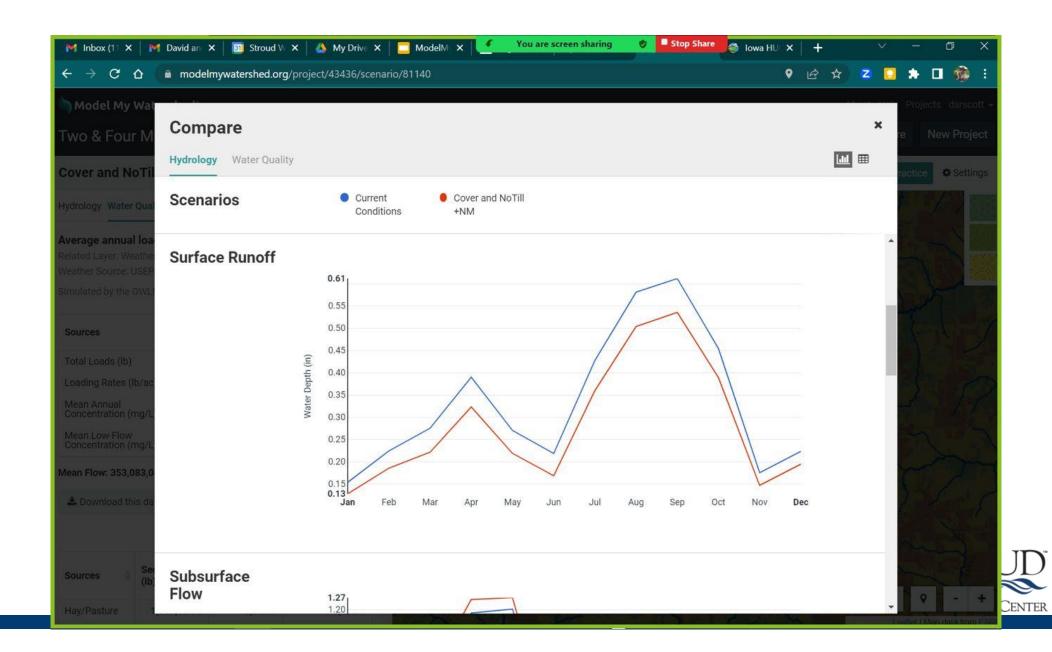


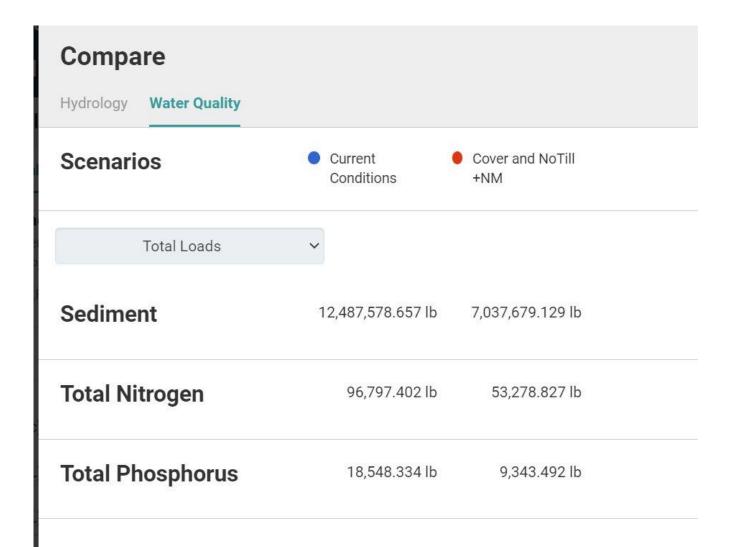














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