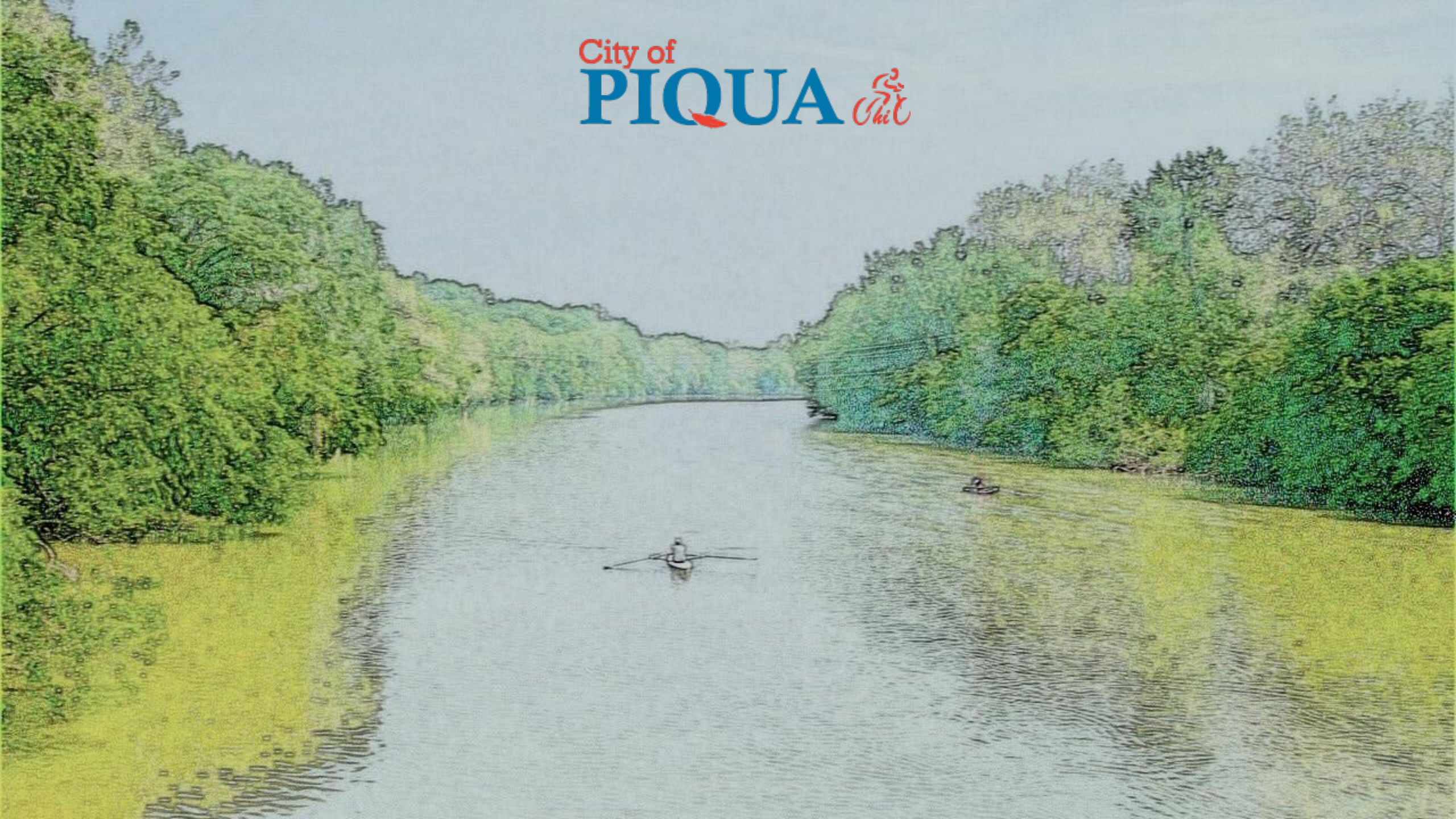


City of  
**PIQUA** *Ohio*



# GREAT MIAMI RIVER DAM REMOVAL & MODIFICATION



# PROJECT DESIGN TEAM







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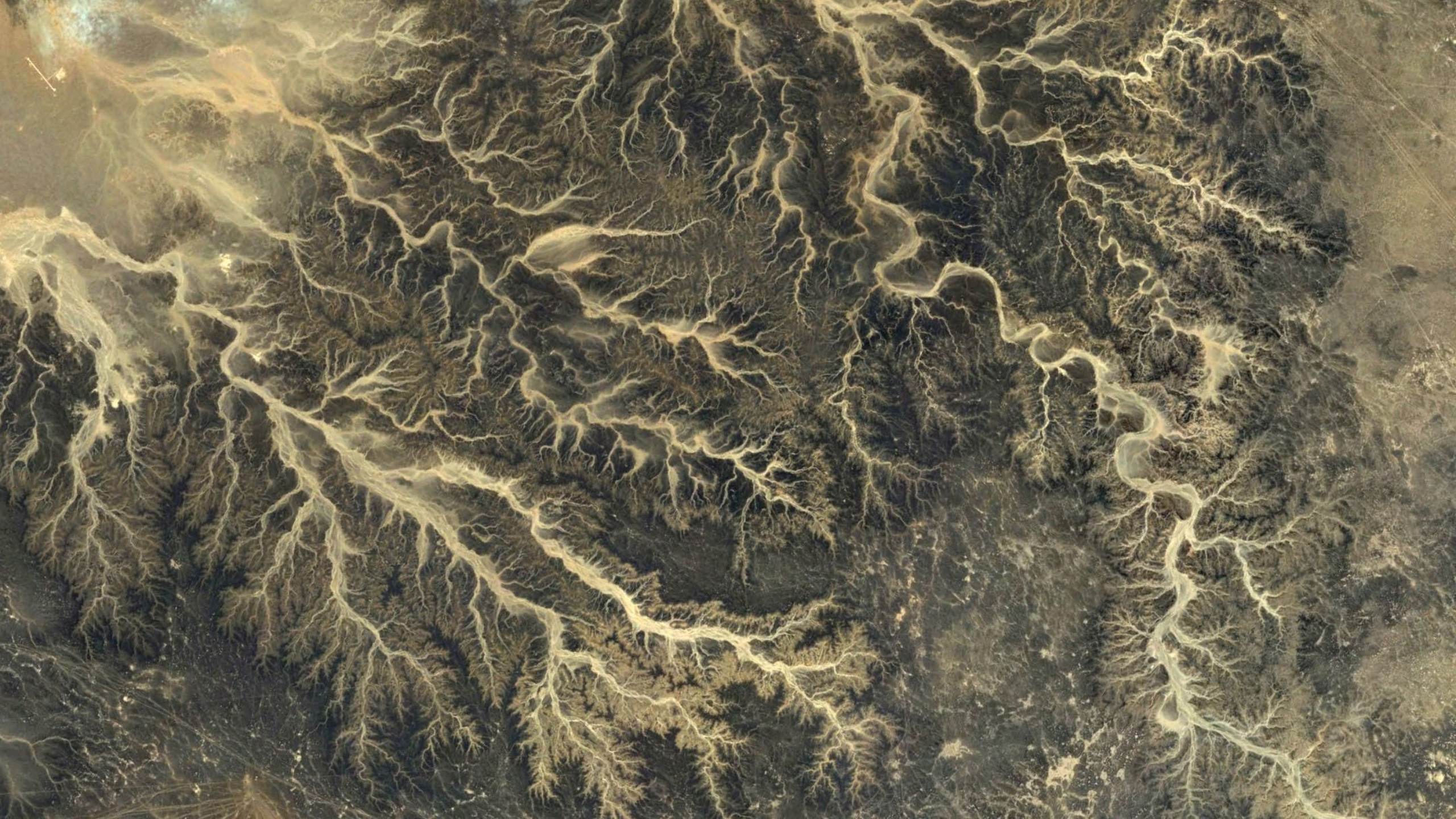


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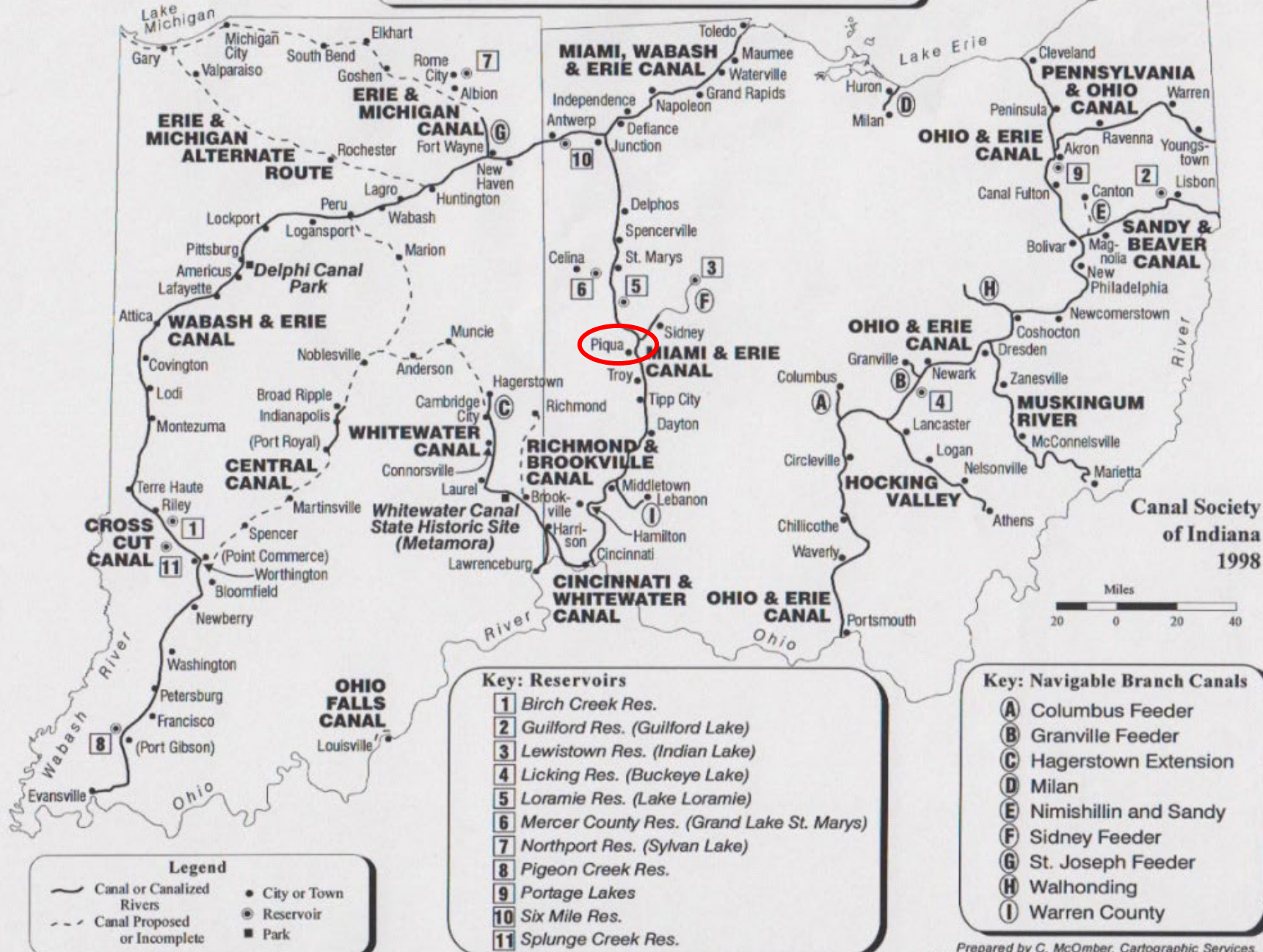


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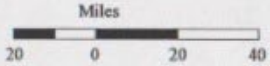




# Canal Systems of Indiana and Ohio



Canal Society of Indiana 1998



**Legend**

- Canal or Canalized Rivers
- Canal Proposed or Incomplete
- City or Town
- Reservoir
- Park

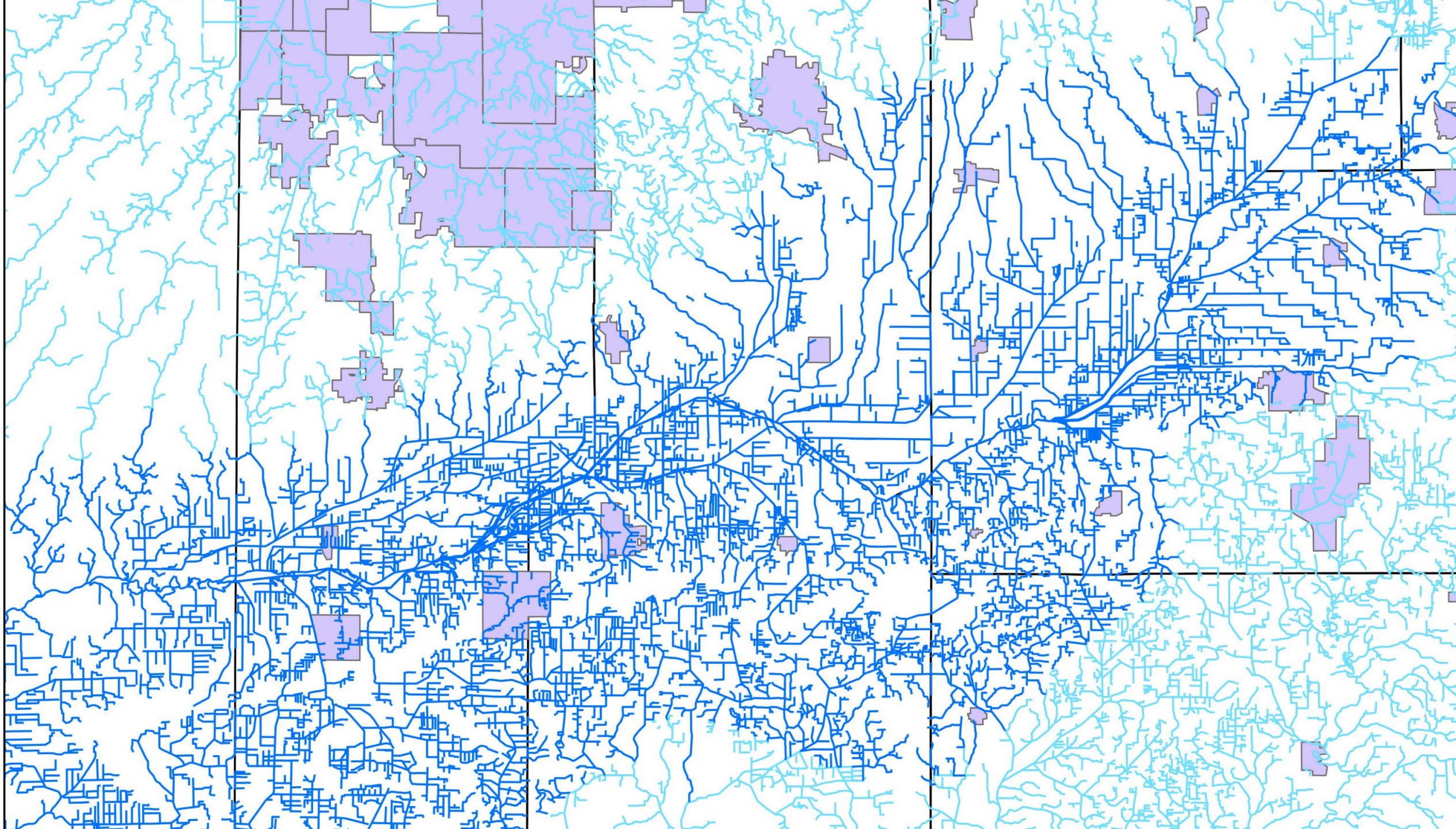
**Key: Reservoirs**

- 1 Birch Creek Res.
- 2 Guilford Res. (Guilford Lake)
- 3 Lewistown Res. (Indian Lake)
- 4 Licking Res. (Buckeye Lake)
- 5 Loramie Res. (Lake Loramie)
- 6 Mercer County Res. (Grand Lake St. Marys)
- 7 Northport Res. (Sylvan Lake)
- 8 Pigeon Creek Res.
- 9 Portage Lakes
- 10 Six Mile Res.
- 11 Splunge Creek Res.

**Key: Navigable Branch Canals**

- A Columbus Feeder
- B Granville Feeder
- C Hagerstown Extension
- D Milan
- E Nimishillin and Sandy
- F Sidney Feeder
- G St. Joseph Feeder
- H Walhonding
- I Warren County

Prepared by C. McOmber, Cartographic Services, Department of Geography, Ball State University, 1998.

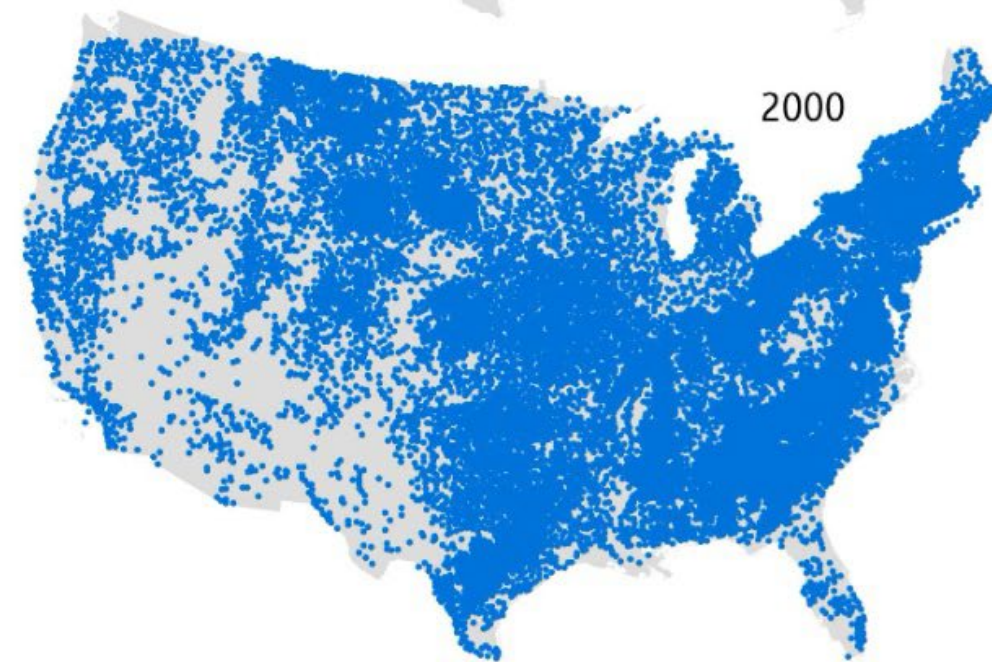
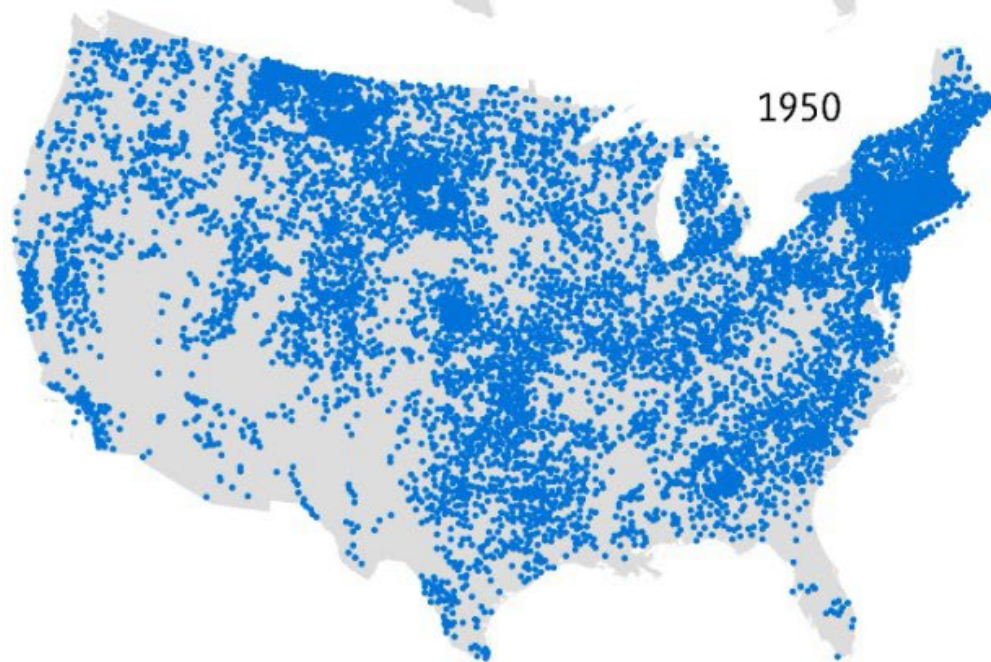
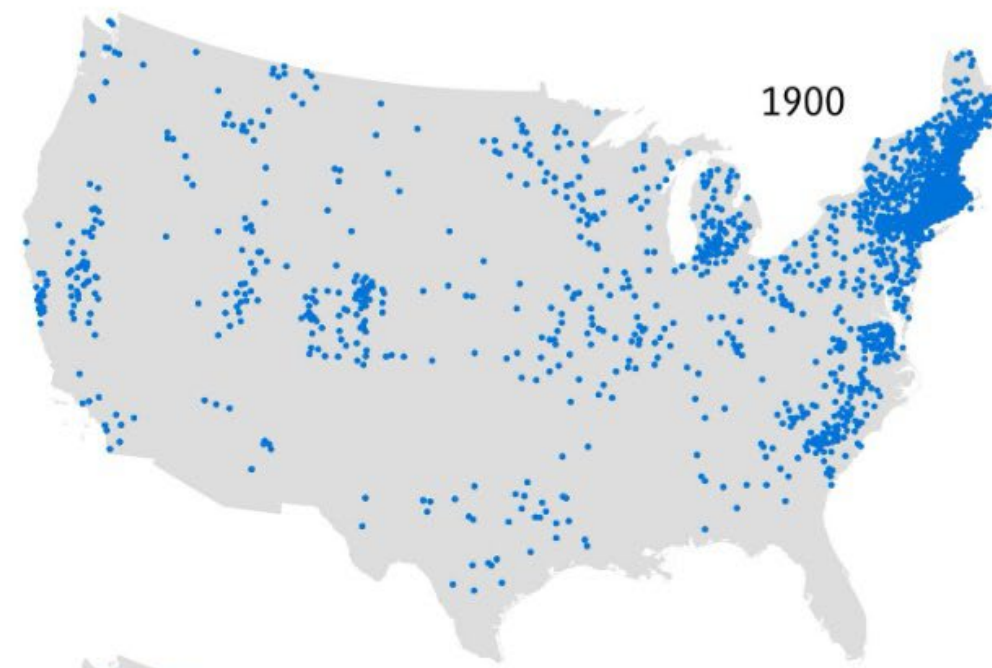
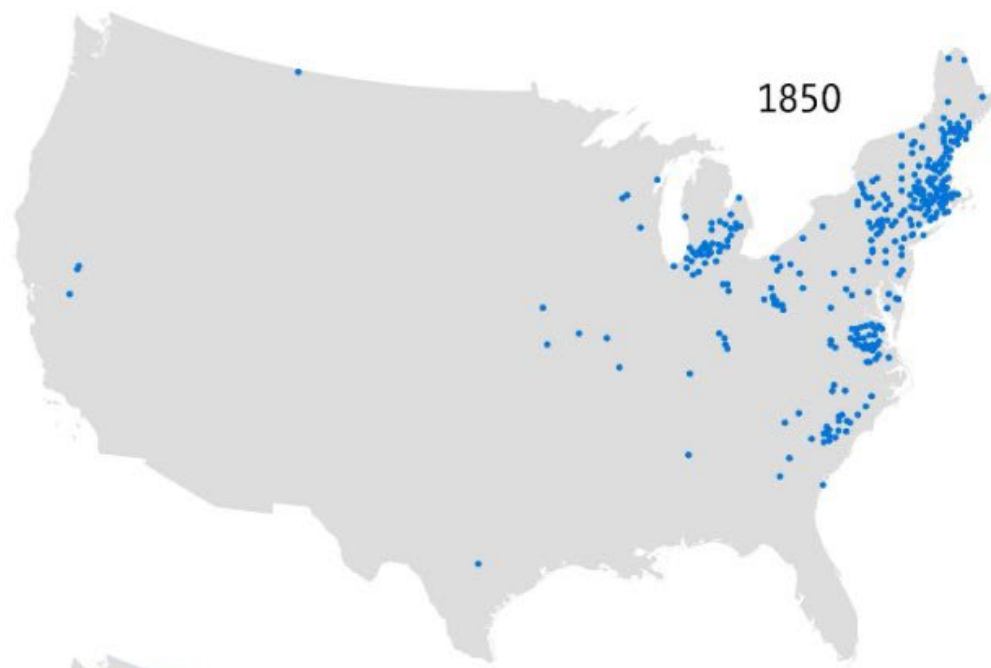








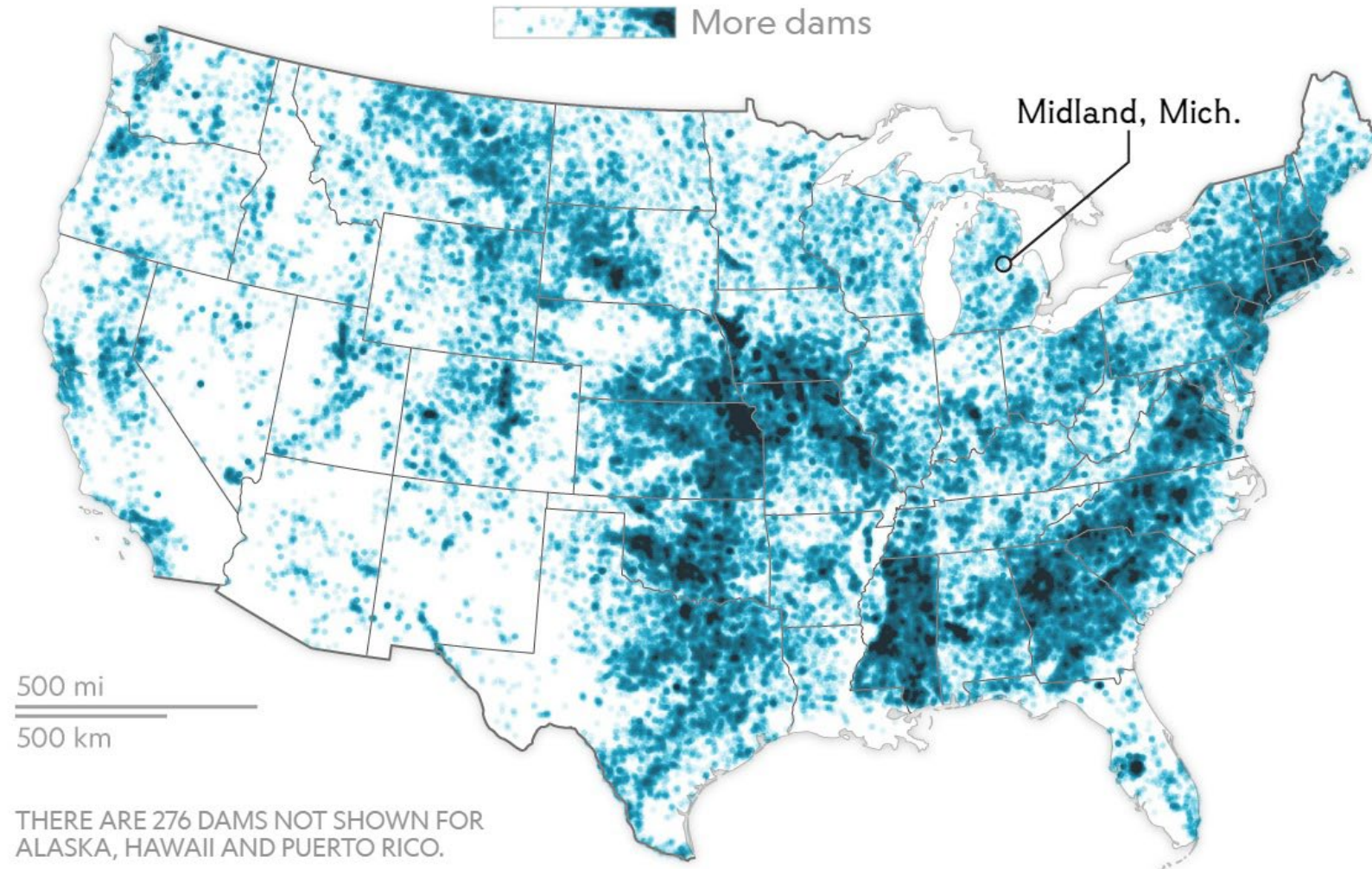
# Growth of U.S. Dams and Reservoirs



SOURCE: JAMES P. M. SYVITSKI ET AL., *PHILOSOPHICAL TRANSACTIONS OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY A* **369**, (2011)

# There are more than **91,000 dams** in the U.S.

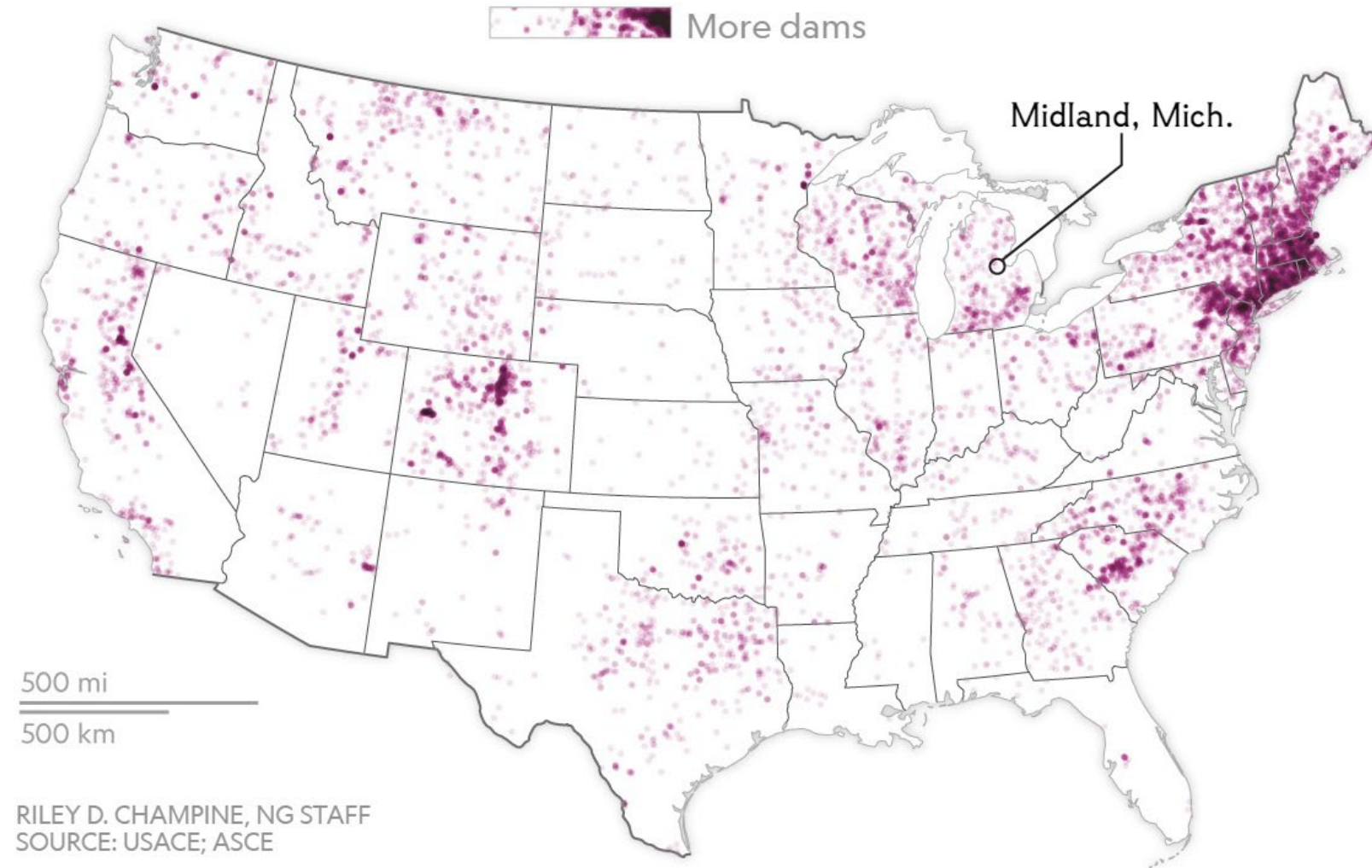
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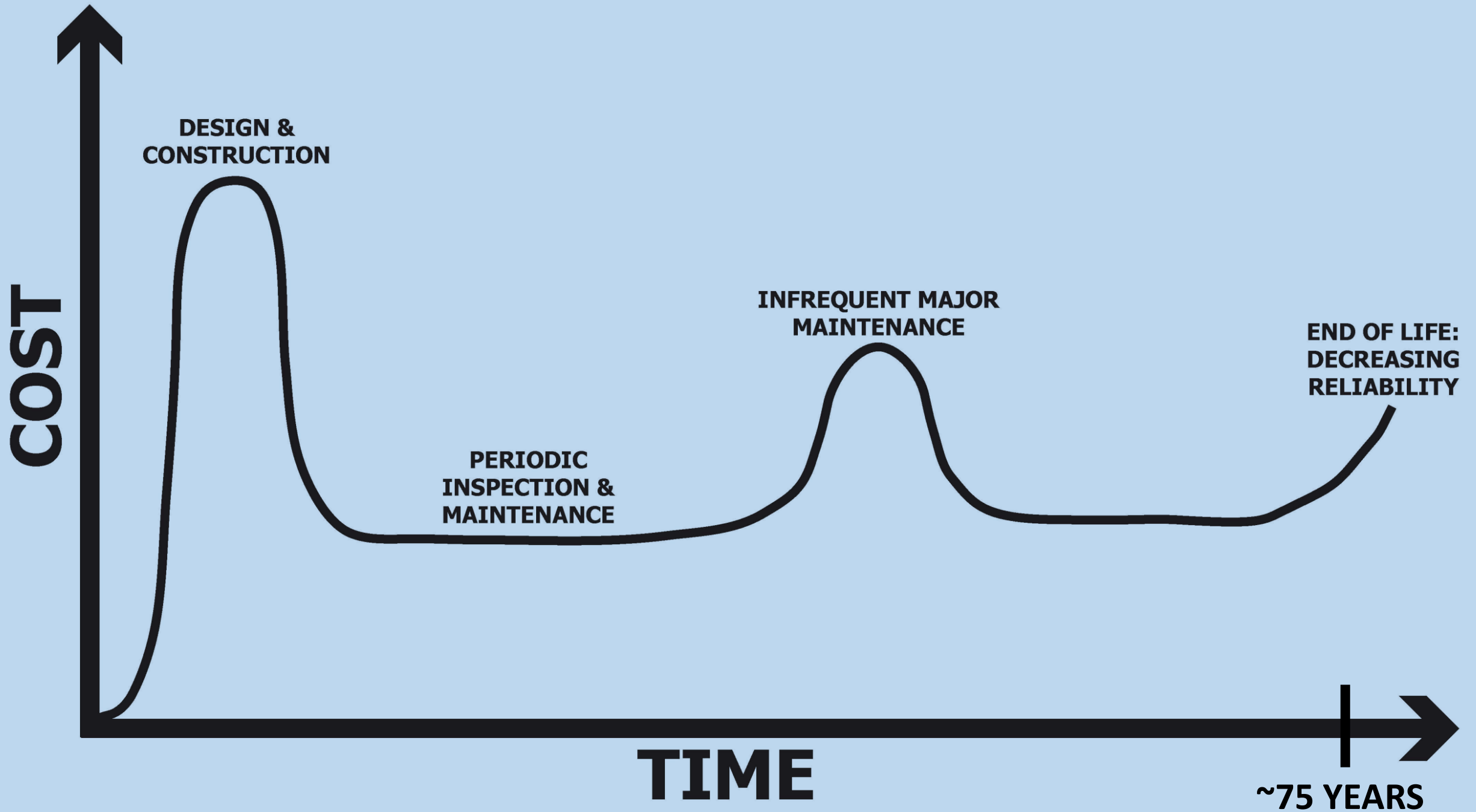


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# More than 8,000 dams are **over 90 years old**.

Old dams are not necessarily unsafe, but they need to be maintained for integrity. The dams near Midland were built in the 1920s and had a history of safety concerns.

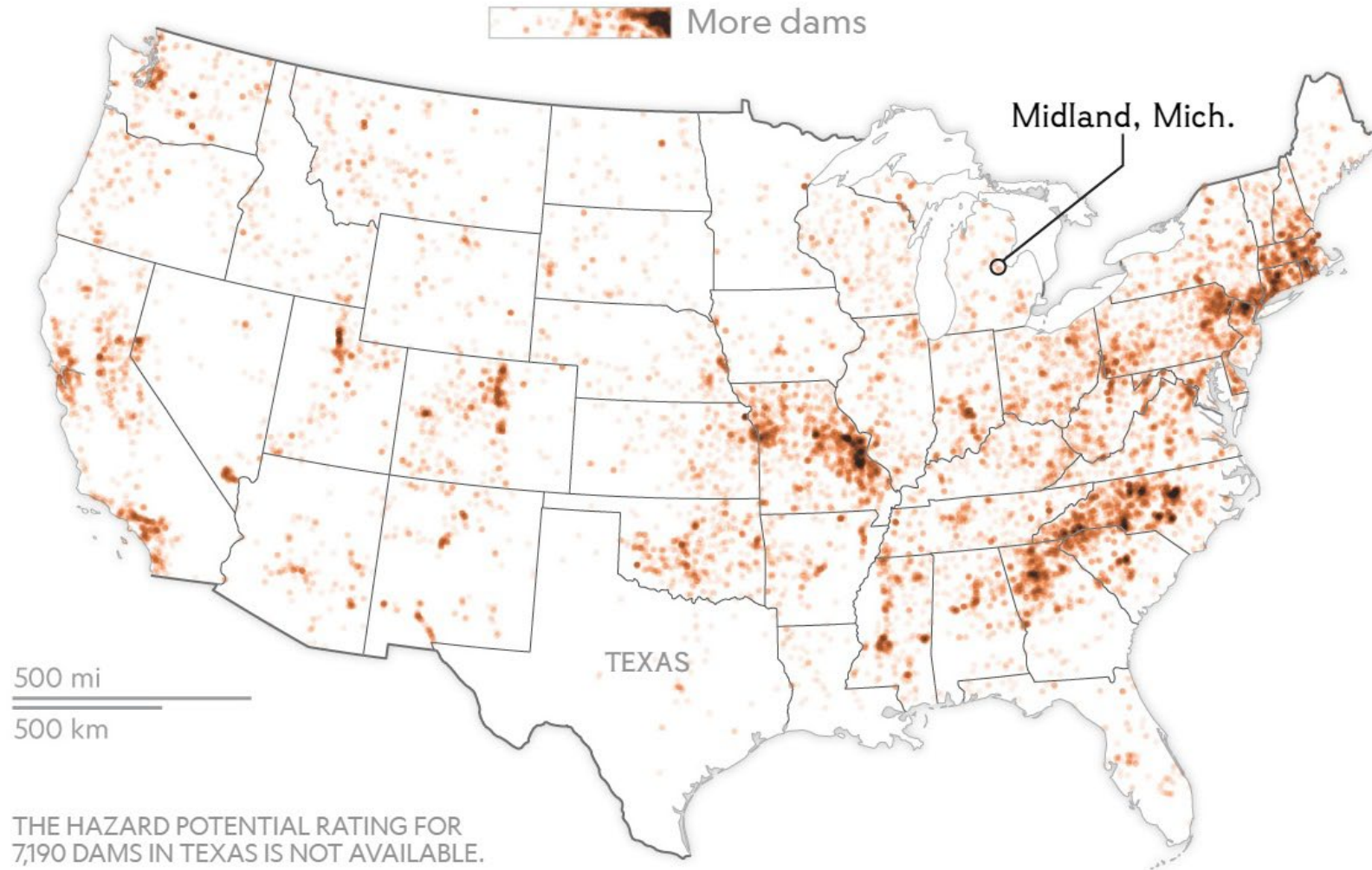






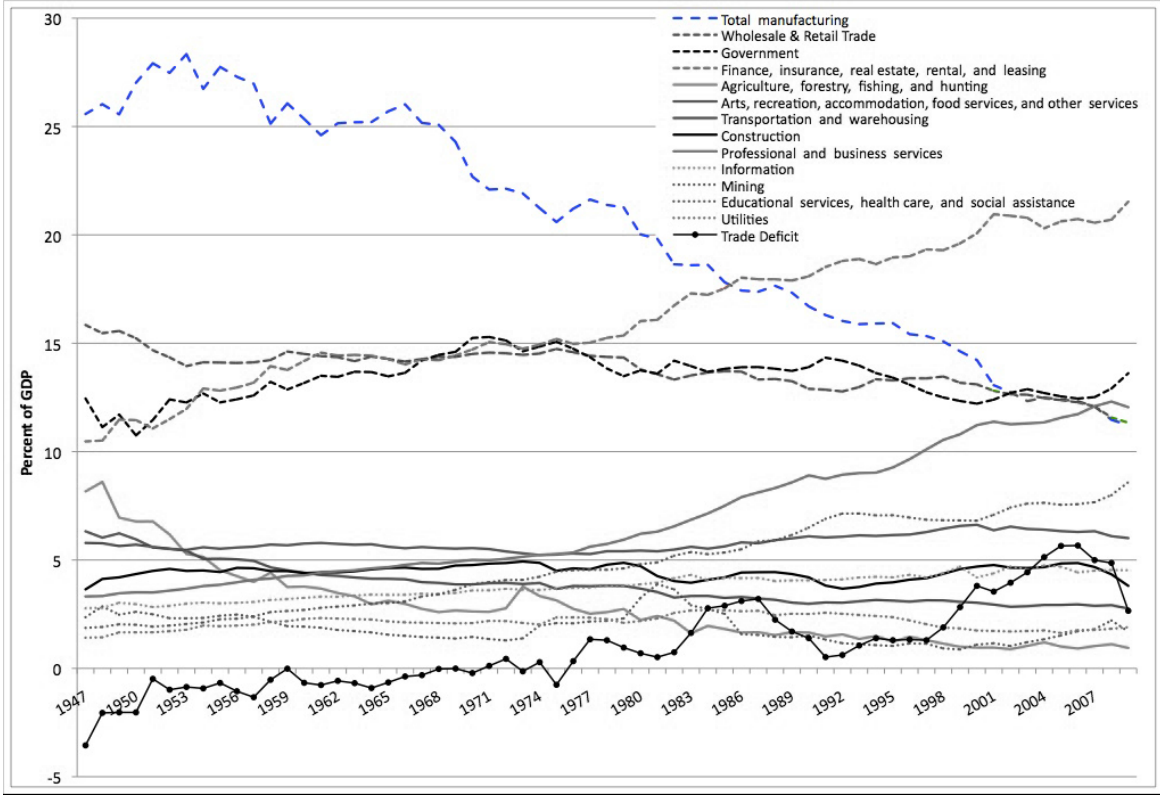
# About 1 in 6 dams has a **high hazard potential**.

These 15,500 dams are deemed so crucial that if they were to fail, it would likely cause loss of life and heavy economic damage.



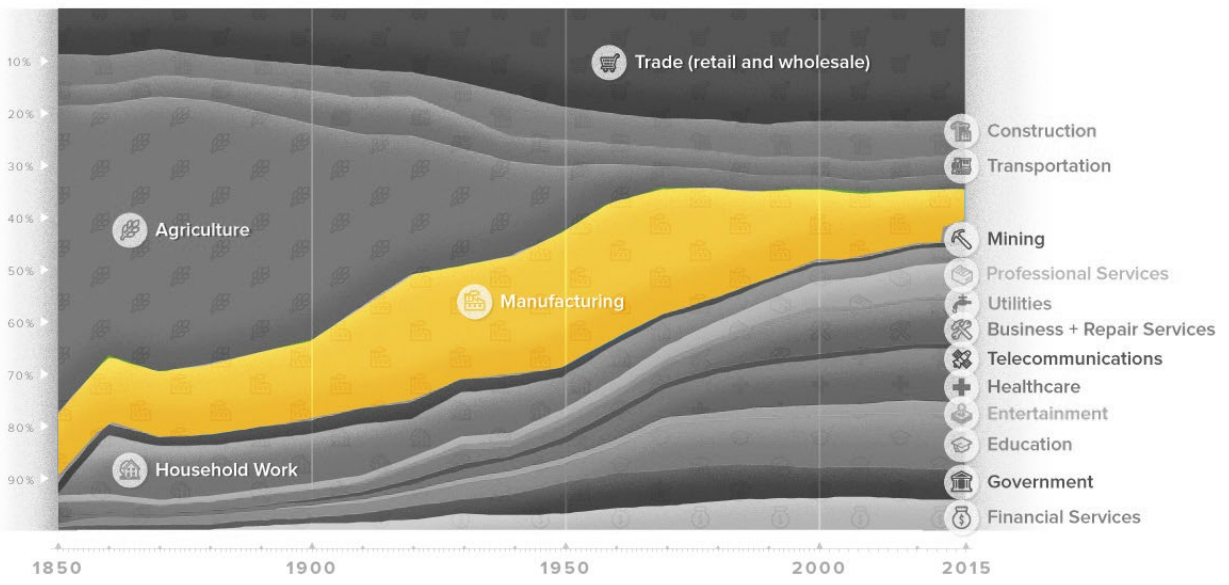
THE HAZARD POTENTIAL RATING FOR 7,190 DAMS IN TEXAS IS NOT AVAILABLE.

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# VISUALIZING 150 YEARS OF U.S. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

How sector shares of jobs have changed over time





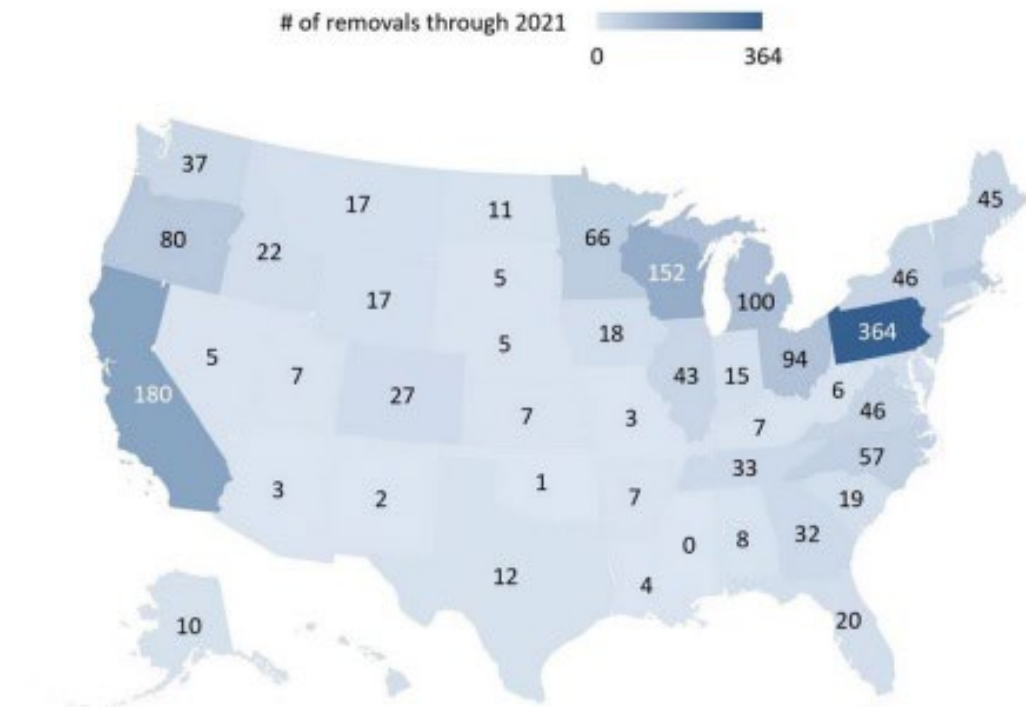


Figure 2. Map of number of dams removed by state from 1912 through 2021





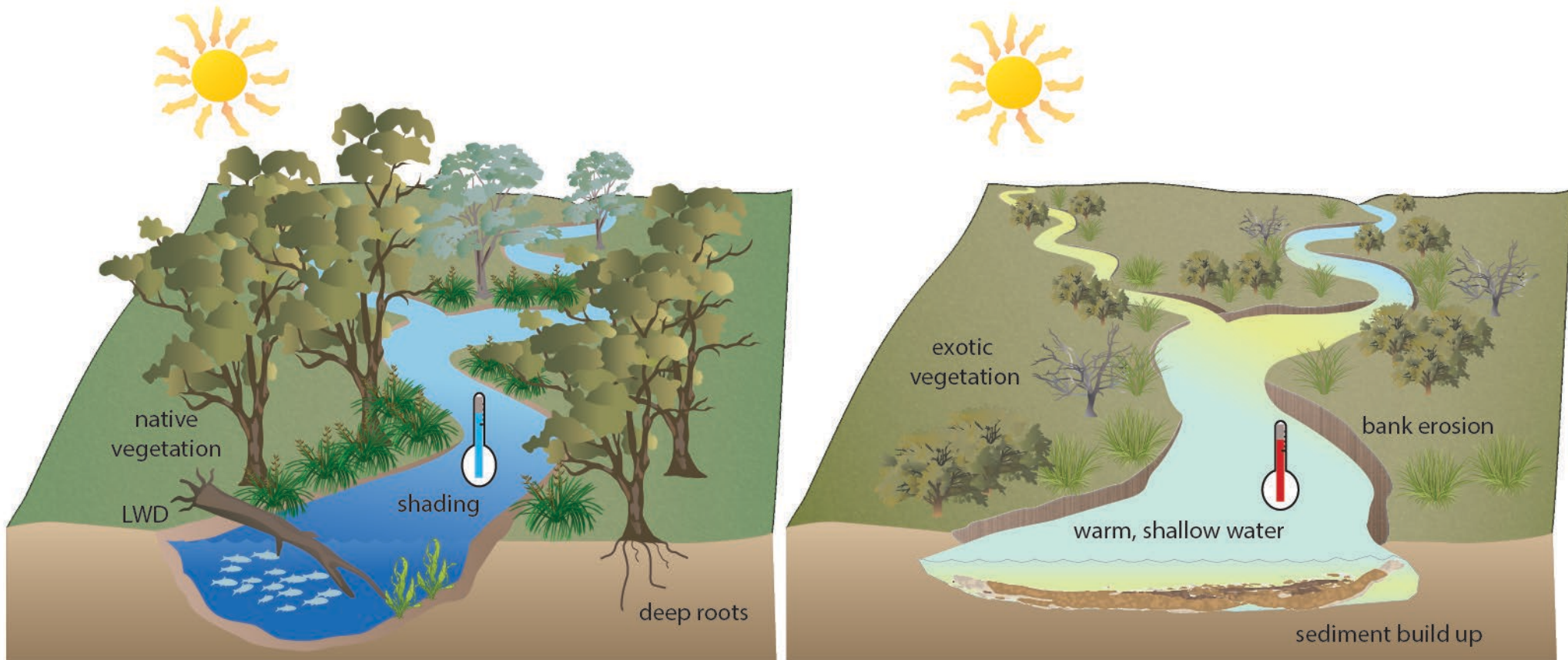




# Riparian Vegetation Condition

GOOD

POOR



Good vegetation will contract and deepen the channel  
LWD - large woody debris provides habitat  
Deep roots helps maintain the bank structure and reduces erosion

No vegetation and the channel will become wider and shallower  
Absent LWD - loss of habitat  
Loss of vegetation increases channel instability and erosion

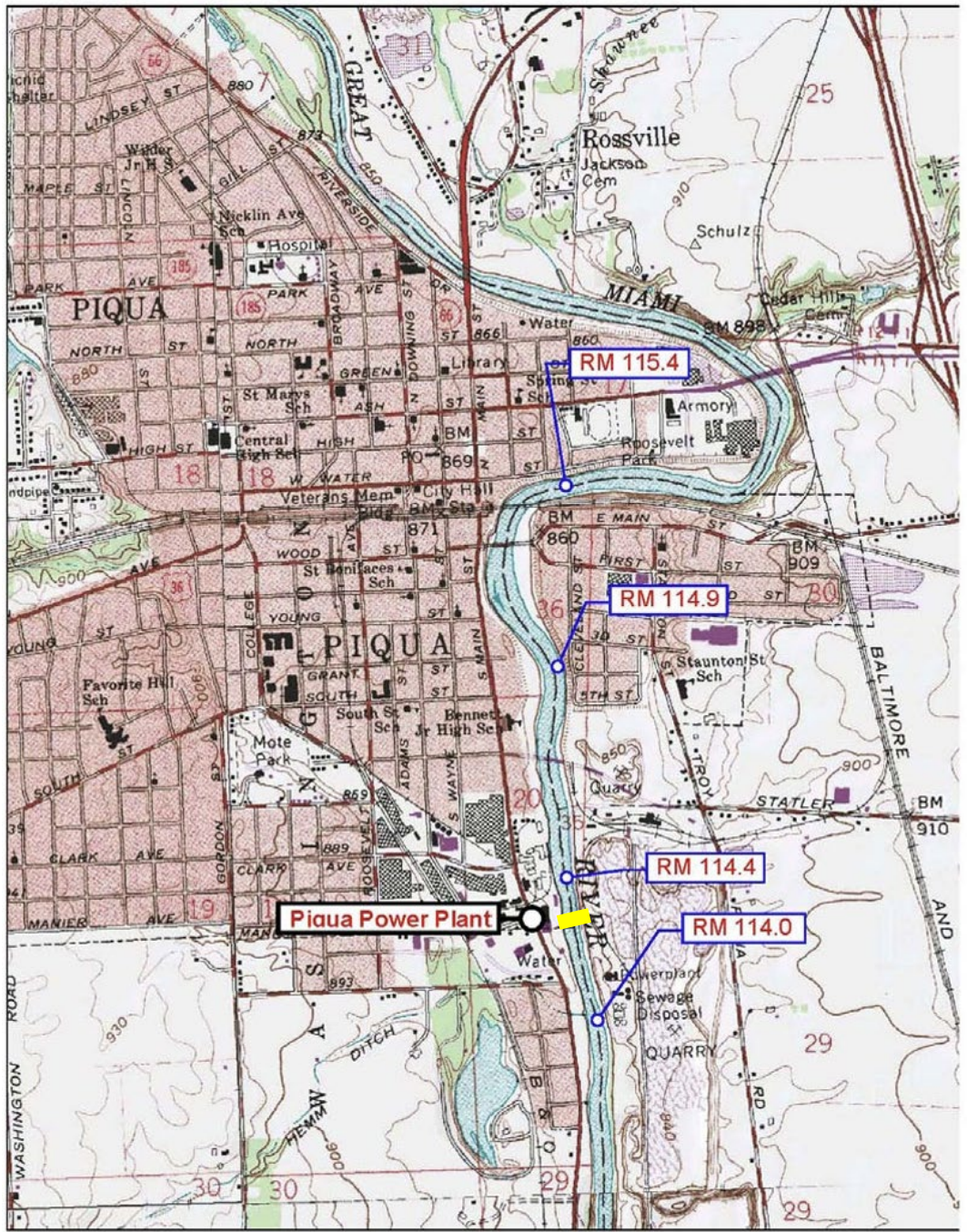


Table 3. Qualitative Habitat Evaluation Index (QHEI) scores and physical attributes for fish sampling sites in Great Miami River, 2009.

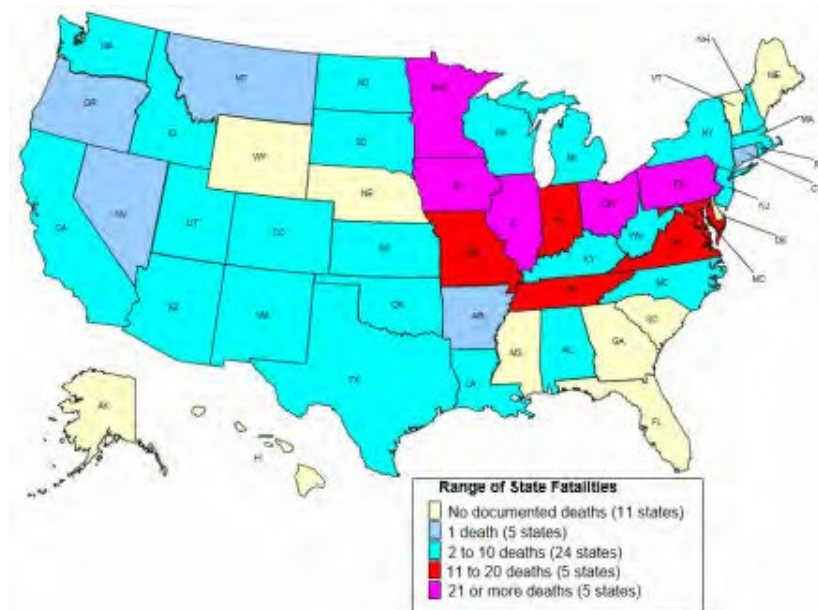
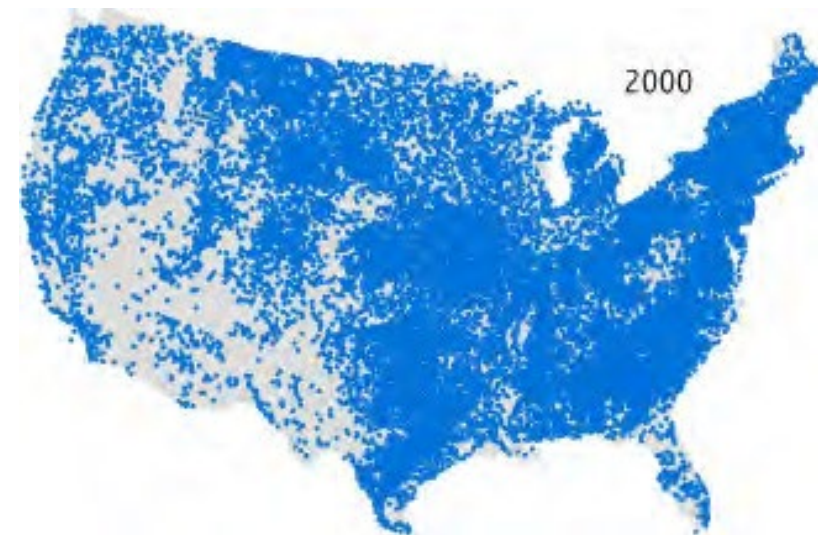
River Mile	QHEI	Habitat Rating	MWH Attributes																														
			WWH Attributes										MWH Attributes																				
													High Influence					Moderate Influence															
			No Channelization or Recovered Boulder/Cobble/Gravel Substrates	Silt Free Substrates	Good/Excellent Substrates	Moderate/High Sinuosity	Extensive/Moderate Cover	Fast Current/Eddies	Low-Normal Overall Embeddedness	Max. Depth >40 cm	Low-Normal Riffle Embeddedness	Total WWH Attributes	Channelized or No Recovery	Silt/Muck Substrates	No Sinuosity	Sparse/ No Cover	Max. Depth <40 cm (WD,HW sites)	Total High Influence Attributes	Recovering Channel	Heavy/Moderate Silt Cover	Sand Substrates (Boat)	Hardpan Substrate Origin	Fair/Poor Development	Low Sinuosity	Only 1-2 Cover Types	Intermittent & Poor Pools	No Fast Current	High/Mod. Overall Embeddedness	High/Mod. Riffle Embeddedness	No Riffle	Total Moderate Influence Attributes	(MWH H.I.+1)/ (WWH+1) Ratio	(MWH M.I.+1)/ (WWH+1) Ratio
Great Miami River Year: 2009																																	
115.4	76.5	Excellent	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	7						0						●								2	0.13	0.38
114.9	56.0	Fair	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	5			◆			1					●	●				●	●	●		5	0.33	1.17
114.4	57.0	Fair	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	4			◆			1		●			●	●				●	●	●		6	0.40	1.60
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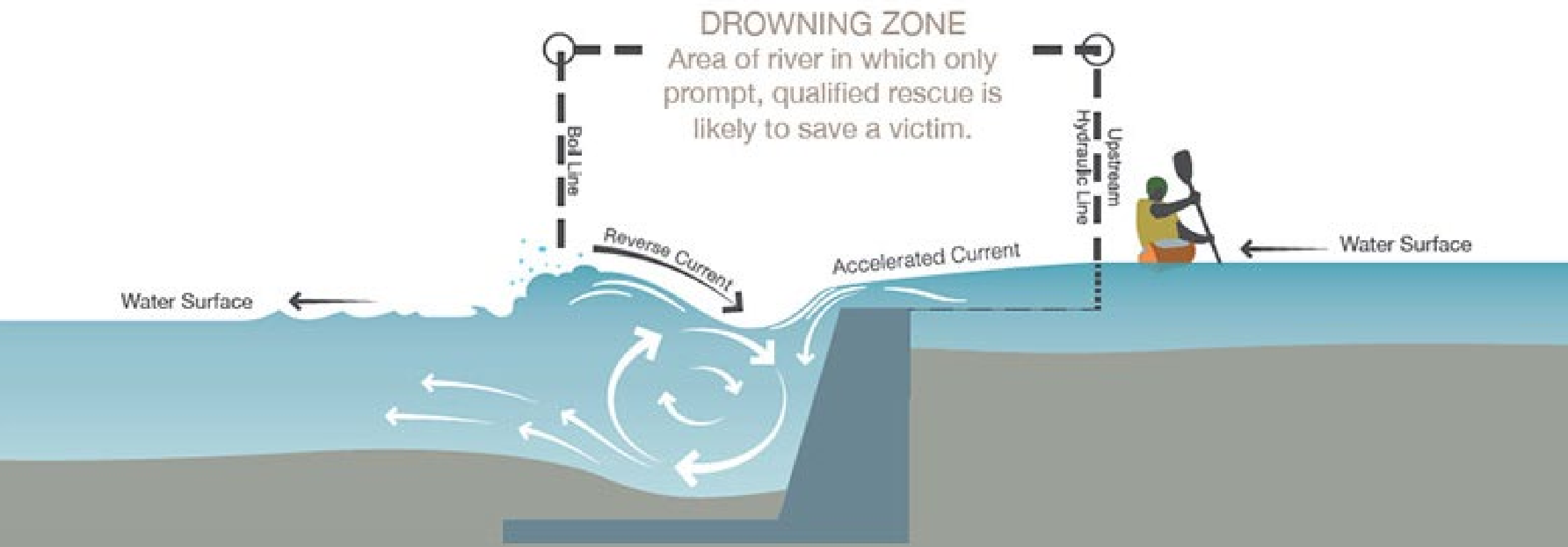
Table 4. Fish community summaries based on pulsed D.C. boat electrofishing sampling conducted by Ohio EPA in the Great Miami River, Piqua area, from July - September, 2009. Relative numbers are per 1.0 km. The applicable aquatic life use designation is WWH in the impounded section and EWH in the free-flowing section.

Stream River Mile	Sampling Method	Species (Mean)	Species (Total)	Relative Number	QHEI	Index of Biotic Integrity	Modified Index of Well-being	Narrative Evaluation
115.4	Boat	26.5	31	999	76.5	56	10.2	Exceptional
114.9	Boat	23.0	28	617	56.0	55	9.1	Very Good to Exceptional
114.4	Boat	20.5	25	495	57.0	41 <sup>ns</sup>	8.9	Marginally Good to Good
114.0	Boat	31.0	34	1169	74.0	54	10.3	Exceptional

Table 5. Summary of macroinvertebrate data collected from artificial substrates (quantitative sampling) and natural substrates (qualitative sampling) in the Great Miami River, Piqua area, 2009.

Stream/ River Mile	Density Number/ft <sup>2</sup>	Total Taxa	Quantitative Taxa	Qualitative Taxa	Qualitative EPT <sup>a</sup>	ICI	Evaluation
Great Miami River							
115.4	2404	68	39	54	22	52	Exceptional
114.9A - Edge	2420	33	26	23	5	16-Low Fair*	Low Fair
114.9B - Mid	901	-	24	-	-	14-Low Fair*	Low Fair
114.4A - Edge	2709	34	26	16	3	14-Low Fair*	Low Fair
114.4B - Mid	1596	-	19	-	-	10-Poor*	Poor
114.0	3322	66	30	56	18	46	Exceptional





### DROWNING ZONE

Area of river in which only prompt, qualified rescue is likely to save a victim.

Boil Line

Reverse Current

Accelerated Current

Upstream Hydraulic Line

Water Surface

Water Surface







DAM REMOVAL IN PIQUA?



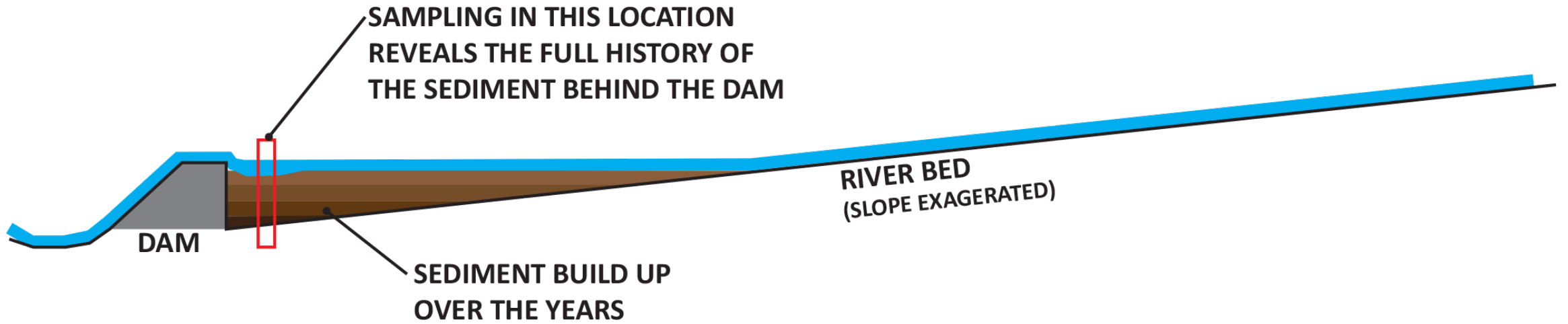












*Based on an analysis of the sampling results and relatively low concentrations of chemicals detected, **adverse effects are not expected to occur to ecological receptors from exposure to the sediments.** In addition, a conservative comparison of the sediment concentrations of chemicals detected to U.S. EPA Regional Screening Levels (RSLs) for residential soil does not indicate potential human health concerns.*

**--Vanessa Steigerwald Dick, Ph.D.  
Environmental Scientist**

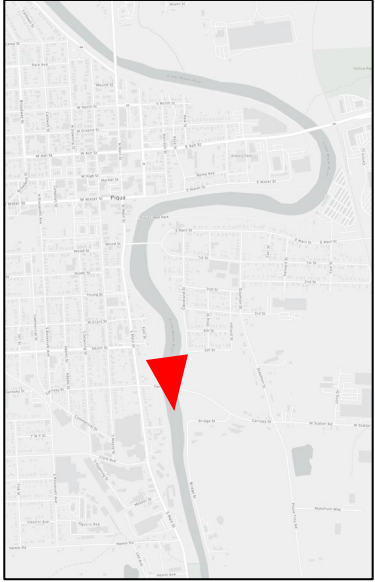


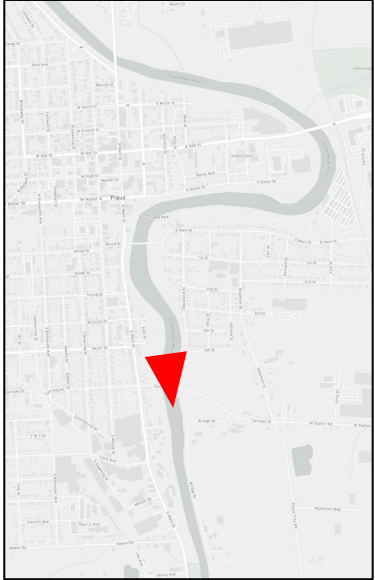










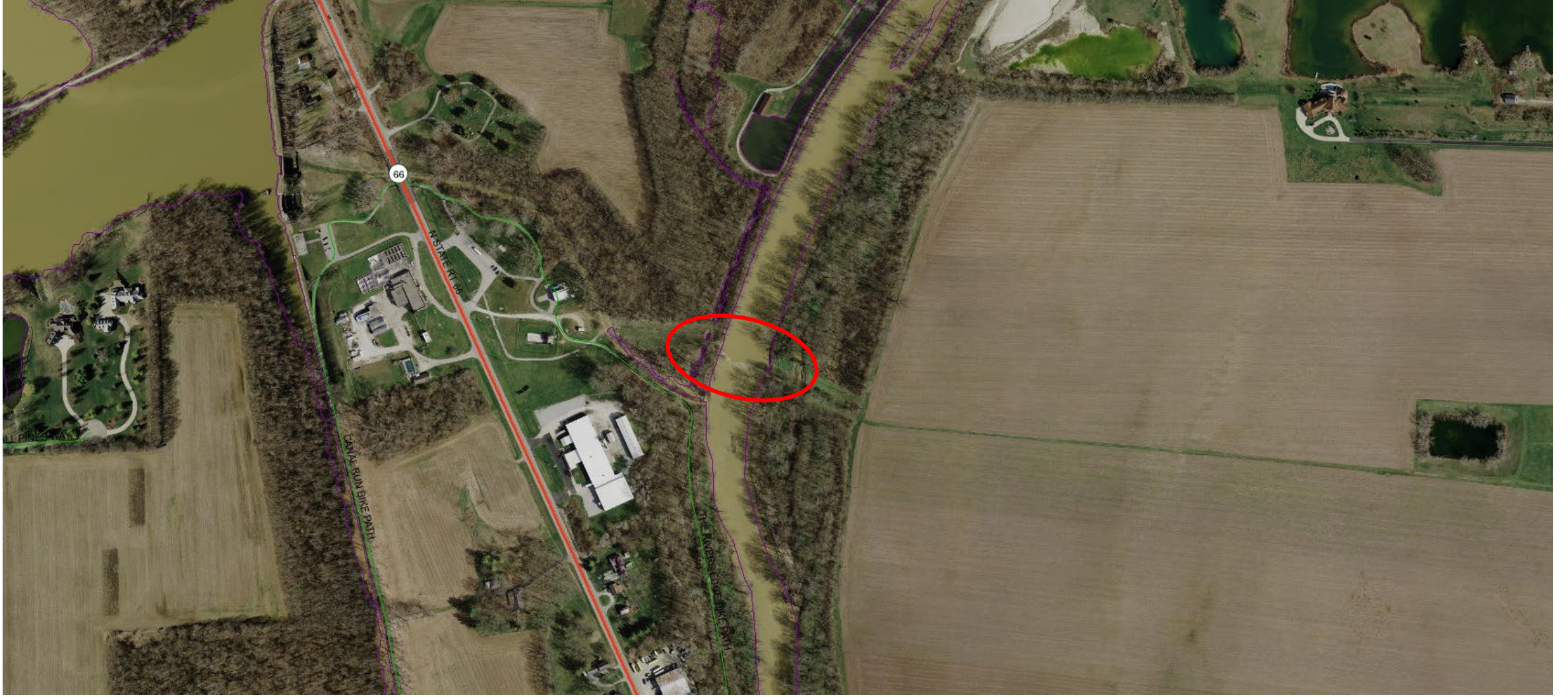






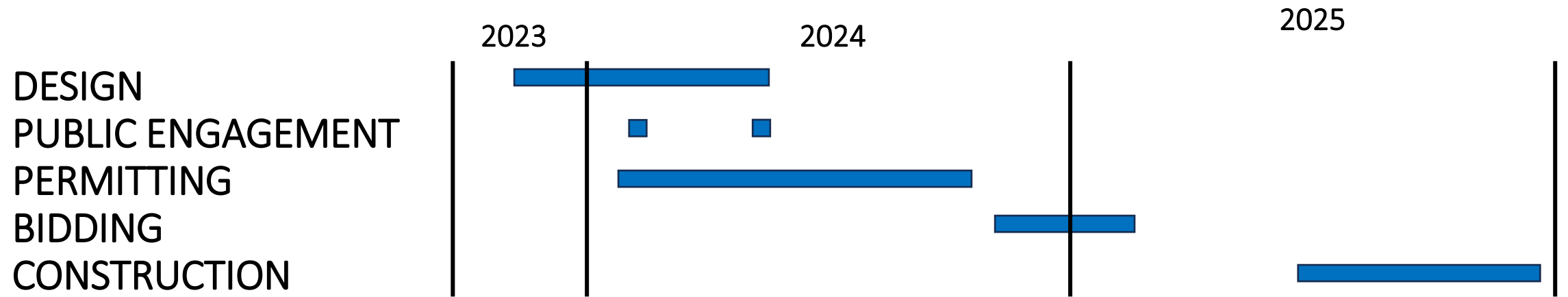








# GOALS & TIMELINE



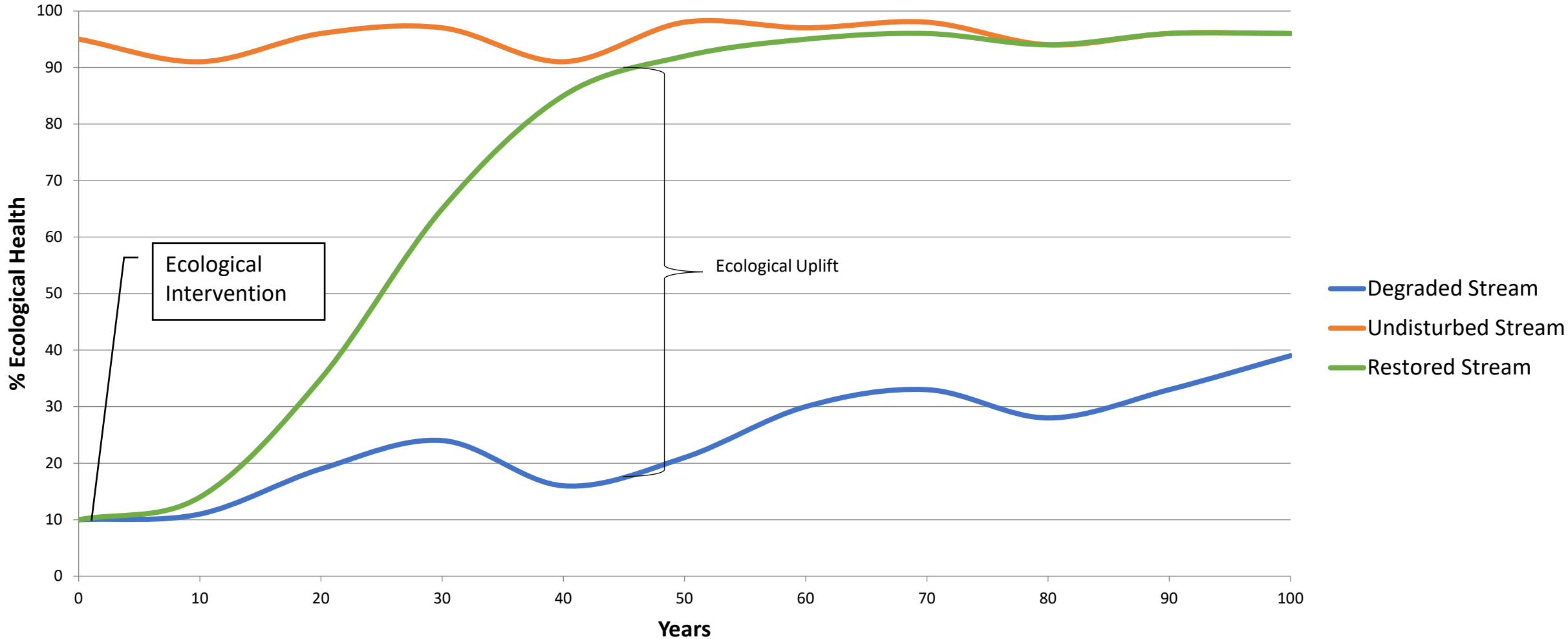
*TIMELINE COULD CHANGE BASED ON ANY NUMBER OF FACTORS*

# DESIGN APPROACH

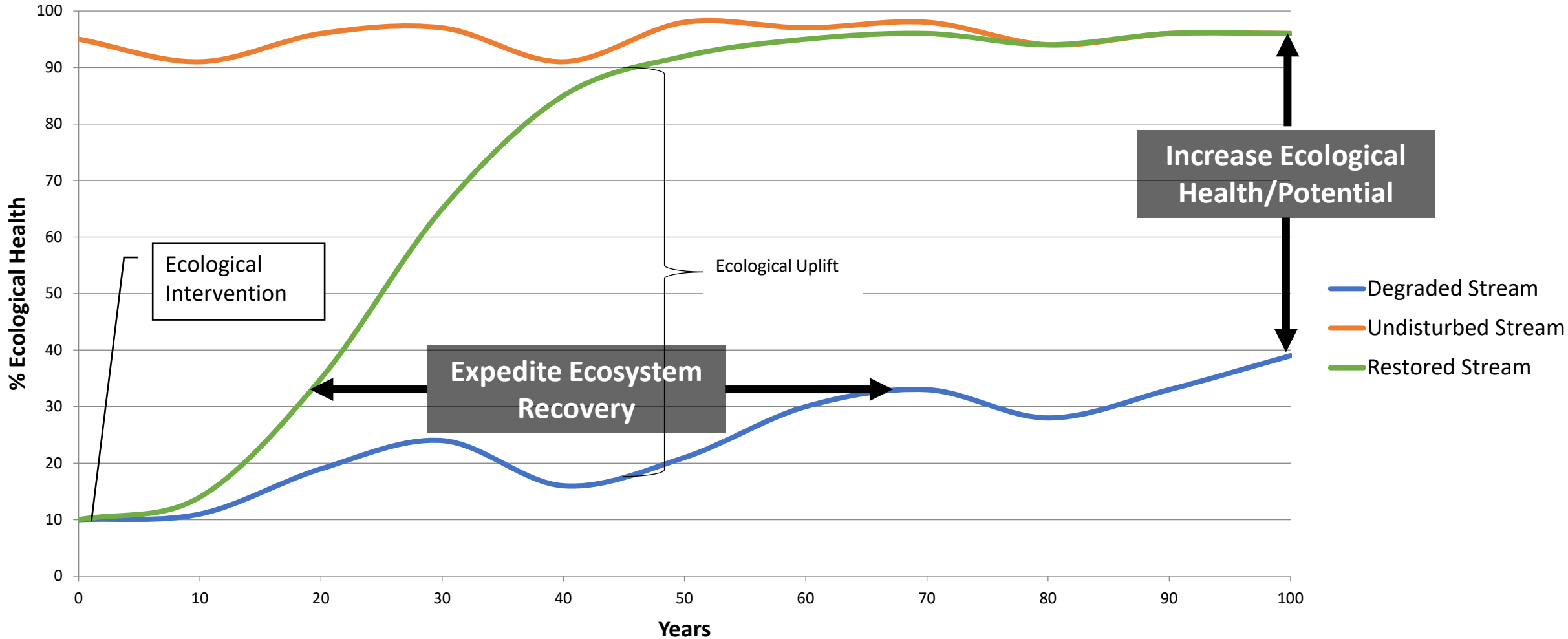




# WHAT CAN BE DONE?



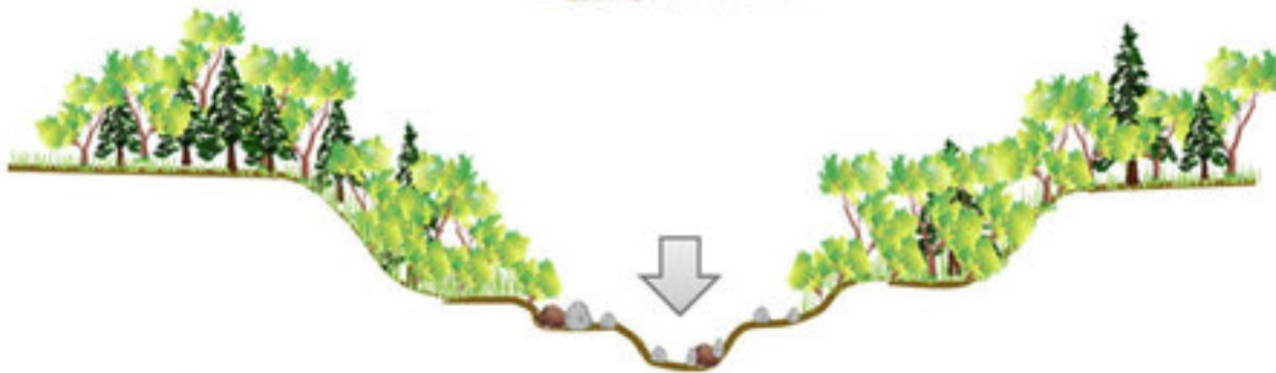
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# RIVER EVOLUTION



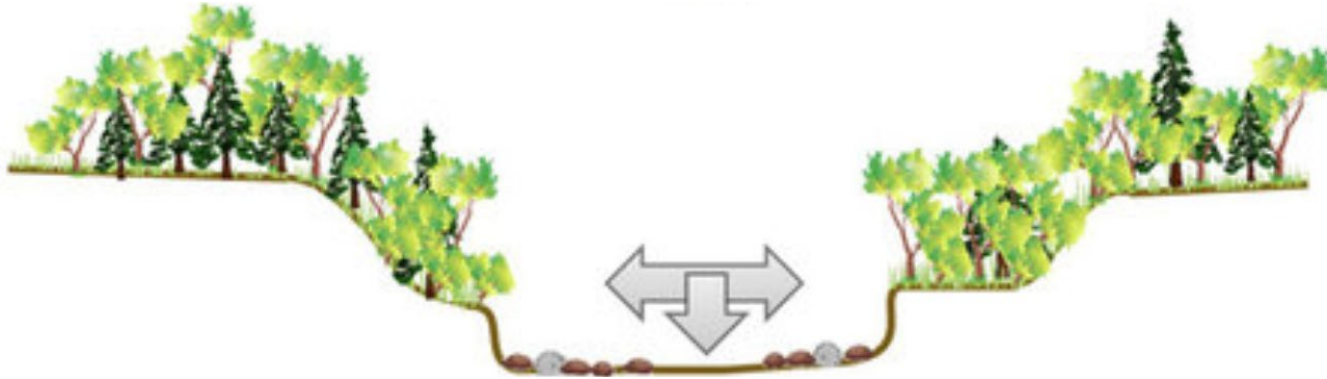
A riverscape is in **dynamic equilibrium** when it has slowly adjusted its shape to accommodate the sediment and water (i.e. hydrology) from its watershed and no longer aggrades or degrades excessively.



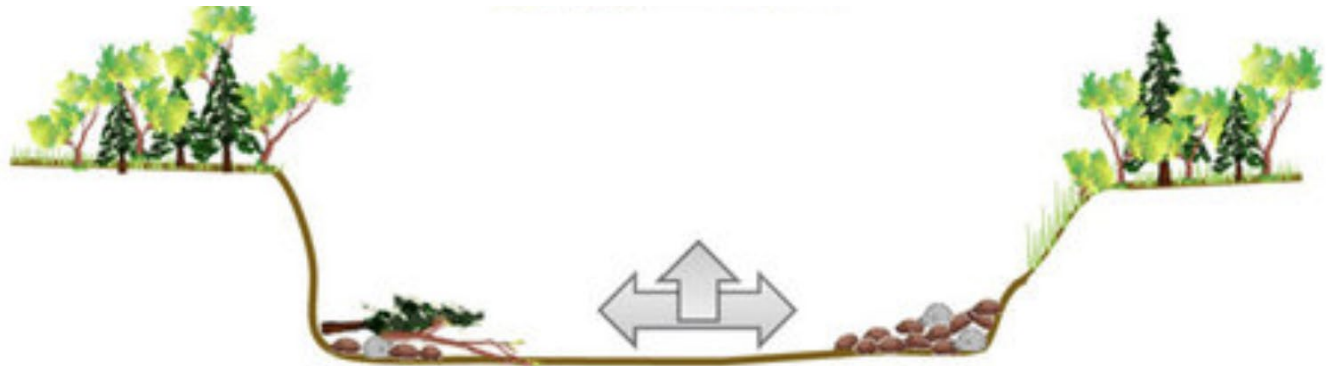
When watershed or local conditions change and increase the energy in the channel, a river can degrade vertically, which allows larger storms to be contained within its banks and creates a positive feedback loop causing more energy and more degradation.



# RIVER EVOLUTION



Depending on how much resistance, in the form of vegetation or bedrock, exists on the bed and banks of a river, the river can erode vertically and laterally (i.e. widen), which allows even larger storms to be contained within its banks.



Over many decades, this process can start to slow down and eventually, the river no longer degrades vertically because there is not enough energy or because the river has eroded to bedrock. Lateral erosion can continue even once a river has stopped degrading vertically. Sediment being transported from the watershed then starts to build up (i.e. aggrade) within the channel banks.



# RIVER EVOLUTION



Eventually, the riverscape will adjust towards dynamic equilibrium once again and will no longer excessively degrade vertically or laterally. This is due to a reduction of energy as a riverscape re-vegetates and finds a shape that accommodates the hydrology and sediment inflow from the watershed.



**QUESTIONS & COMMENTS**

