



Third Annual Watershed Symposium March 15, 2006 UW Green Bay

# Overview: Lower Fox River Watershed Monitoring Program



- Multi-year water monitoring & assessment program
- Established in 2003
- Connects university and agency scientists with teachers and their students and the community

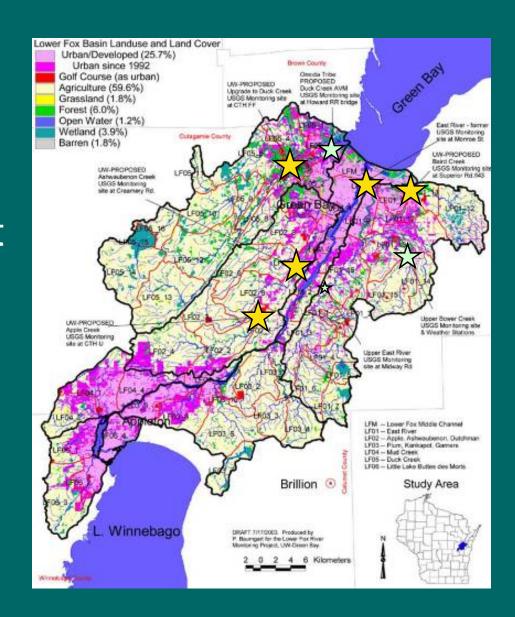
## Watershed Symposium

- Summary of program activities
- Students learn about Fox-Wolf basin and watershed science
- Make Connections
- Share information about their watershed; monitoring techniques and
  - research findings
- Exposure to college student research



## **Project Goals**

- Measure WQ and Biotic Integrity -- relate to watershed.
- Improve ability to predict future impacts.
- More informed decision making.



## **Major Program Elements**

- School-based monitoring program
  - hands-on learning, citizen scientists, meaningful data
- Stream biotic integrity monitoring
- Continuous monitoring
  - Sediment & P loading
  - Real-time sensors



## **Program Partners: Introductions**

#### UW Green Bay

Kevin Fermanich, Paul Baumgart, Jill Fermanich, Bob Howe, Bud Harris, Nick Reckinger, Jesse Baumann, Jessie Fink, many others

#### UW Milwaukee

Tim Ehlinger, Dani Anholzer, many others

#### 6 High Schools

- GB Southwest HS: Lynn Terrien, Rick Berken
- Appleton East HS: Kara Pezzi, Ryan Marx
- Markesan Schools: Dave Burbach, Aaron Burbach
- Luxemburg-Casco HS: Charlie Frisk
- GB Preble: Kevin Hendrickson, Chris Hansel
- West DePere: Dana Lex



## **Program Partners: Introductions**

- US Geological Survey
   Dave Graczyk, Dale Robertson, Paul Reneau and Troy Rutter .....
- Green Bay Metropolitan Sewerage District John Kennedy, Tracy Valenta; Lab Staff
- Oneida Nation Michael Finney
- Arjo Wiggins Appleton Inc.
- Monitoring site hosts
- Others

## **School-Based Monitoring Program**

 Enhance student/teacher & community understanding of landscape and land use impacts on water quality and stream ecosystems.

Structured to provide meaningful, long-term data:

- Picture of existing conditions (Baseline)
- Changing conditions over time (Trends)
- Can be used by students, teachers, scientists and managers to <u>answer questions</u> about watershed dynamics and integrity. (Cause and effect relationships)



#### Five Watersheds / Six Schools

Spring, summer and fall monitoring for water quality and habitat at:

Baird (Luxemburg-Casco / Green Bay Preble)

Duck Creek (Green Bay Southwest)

- Apple Creek (Appleton East)
- Spring Brook UF04(Markesan)
- Ashwaubenon Creek (West DePere)







#### **School-Based Parameters**

**Physical Elements** 

Temperature

Turbidity (Clarity)

**Specific Conductance** 

Streamflow

**Chemical Elements** 

pН

Dissolved Oxygen

Soluble Reactive P

**Nitrate** 

**Ammonia** 

**Habitat and Biotic Elements** 

Habitat

Macroinvertebrates

Amphibians

Birds



## How many students are involved and what have they (you) been doing?

- 72 year 1
- 88 year 2
- ?? year 3

- Water quality
  - 79 site-days
  - ->400 data pts



## **Biotic Monitoring**

#### Birds

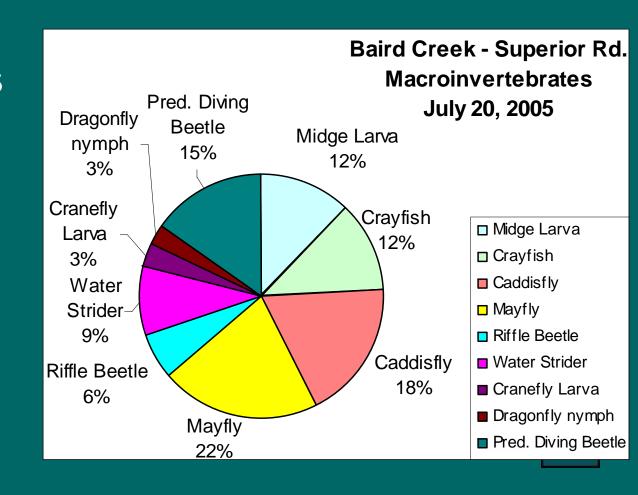
- 68 point counts (std methods, good site data)
- 96 species, 2655 bird data points, 11 days
- Thank You: Expert Birding Leaders
  - Bob Mead
  - Ryan Atwater
  - Joan Berkopec
  - Nick Walton



## **Biotic Monitoring**

- Stream macroinvertebrates & habitat
  - -8 sites, 4 watersheds, 2 times
- Amphibians
  - ->33 site-days

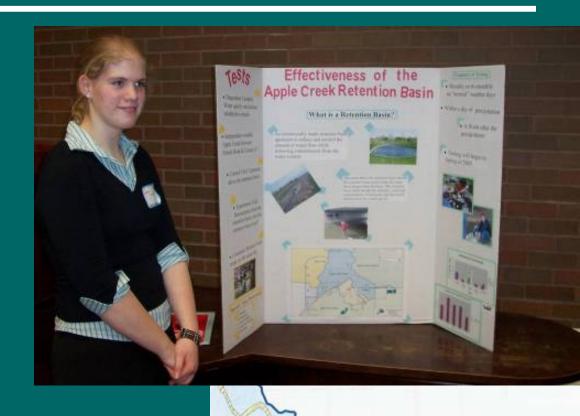




## March 2005 Symposium

- Proposed study objectives.
- For example:

   Determine whether or not the retention basin located off
   County JJ and
   French Road is effectively filtering sediments.



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## Symposium Schedule

9:15 -- 10:45 Oral Presentation Sessions

(Niagara A and B)

10:45 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:45 Poster Session (Niagara Rooms)

Student, university, agency, web

**ASK QUESTIONS!** 

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch (Niagara Buffet)

12:30 - 1:00 Optional Information Session on

**College Programs at UWGB & UWM** 

1:00 – 2:30 Student Break-out Sessions

Cofrin Student Research Symposium

Watershed Quiz Bowl

- GPS Skills



## **Student Presentations**

Niagara A: Scott Ashmann, UWGB, moderator

- 9:15 Luxemburg-Casco High School. Monitoring in the Baird Creek Watershed.
- 9:30 Nicole Martin and Fei Yin Luk, Green Bay Southwest High School. Artificial Substrates....To Do or Not To Do.
- 9:45 Miranda Hada and Pratha Muthiah, Appleton East High School. Effect of Algae on Reproducibility of Phosphorus Method.
- 10:00 Theresa Qualls\*, UW Sea Grant Institute. Lower Green Bay Trophic State Indicators.
- 10:15 Matt Fenske, Kaylin Werth, and Josiah Zacharias, Markesan High School. Seasonal Diversity and Population Density of Macroinvertebrates in Spring Brook
- 10:30 Greta Jochman and Bryan Swanson; Appleton East High School.

  The Effectiveness of Detention Basins on Apple Creek



## **Student Presentations**

- Niagara B: Pat Robinson, UWEX, moderator
- 9:15 Jordan Palubicki, Alli Thut, Alicia DeGroot, Kevin McDonald, Preble High School. Phosphorous levels in Baird's Creek.
- 9:30 Ryan Pollesh, Markesan High School. Factors That Are Directly Affecting the Spring Brook Watershed.
- 9:45 Kevin Dombrock and Jon Fischer, Appleton East High School. Effect of Cow Manure on Nutrient Levels.
- **10:00** Amanda Lederer\*, graduate student, UW Green Bay. Impacts of Round Gobies on Macroinvertebrates in Green Bay, Lake Michigan
- 10:15 Brittany Mertens, Green Bay Southwest High School. Got Frogs?
- 10:30 Danielle Anholzer\*, graduate student, UW Milwaukee. Effects of Land Use and Riparian Cover on Invertebrate Communities.



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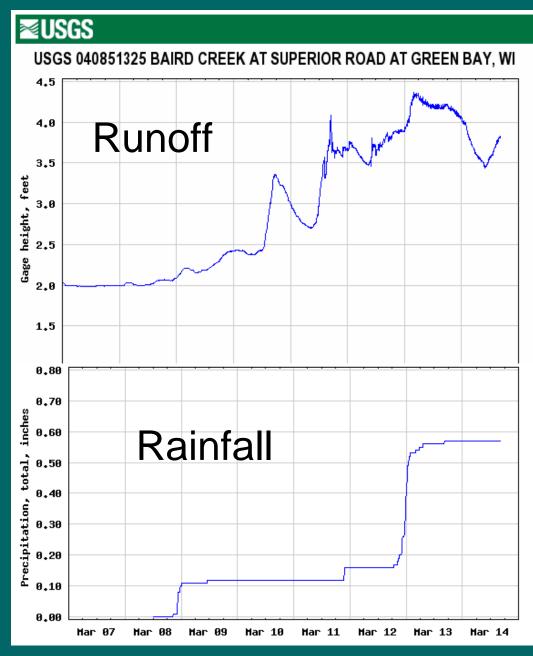
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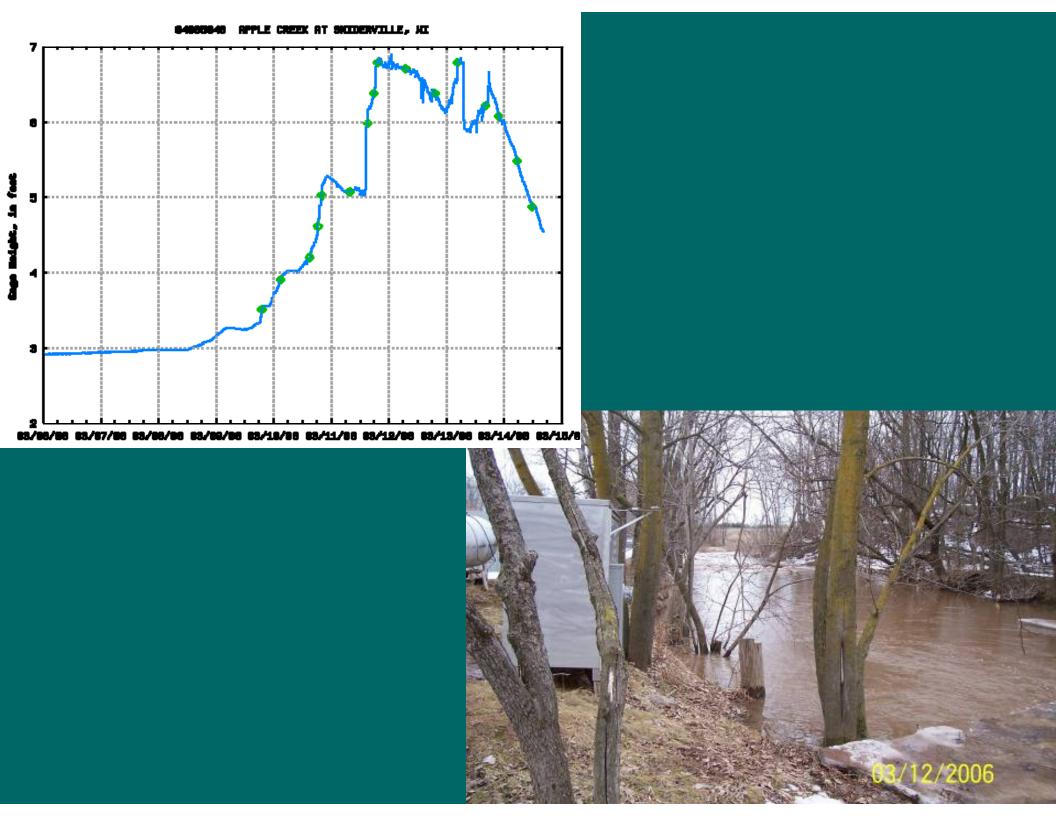
- School Monitoring:
  - Continue w/ current schools
  - Add school for Ashwaubenon Creek, others?
  - Continue to build community linkages
    - DNR Steam Water Quality Monitoring Pilot Project
    - Municipalities
    - Community Groups
    - Industry
  - Long-term funding

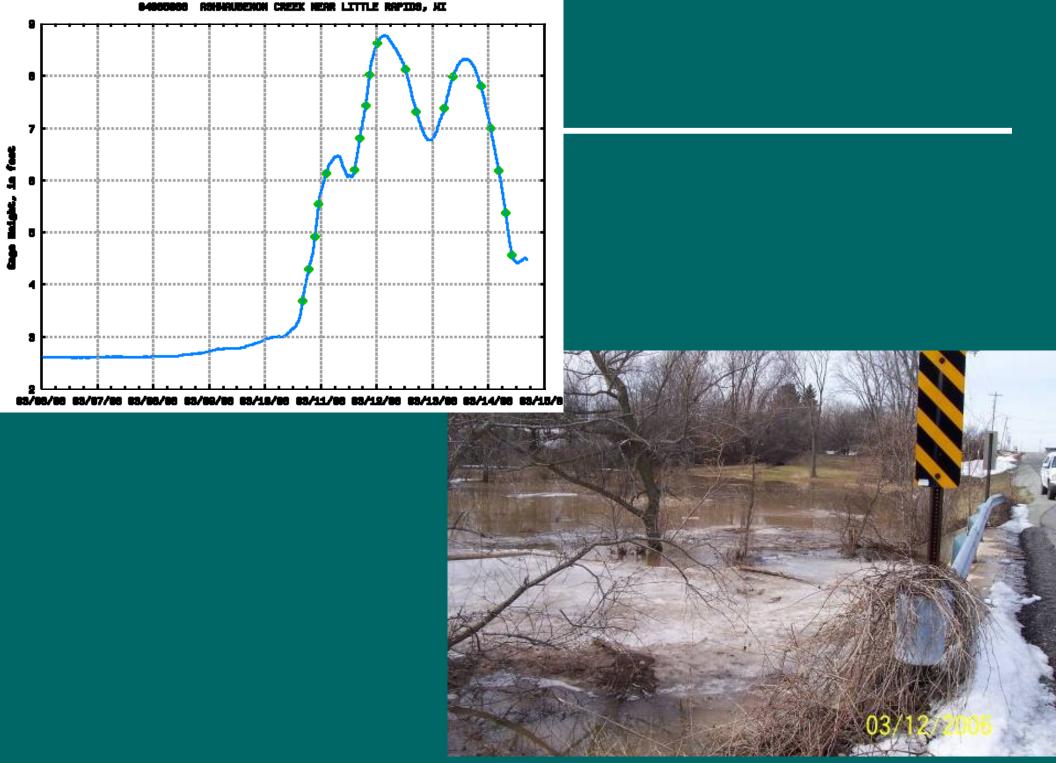


## **Continuous Monitoring Program**

- 5 Monitoring Stations
  - Real-time flows
  - Precipitation
  - Sediment and nutrient loads
  - Real-time sensors
- 2 Complete WY
  - continuing Sept'06
- Biotic Monitoring

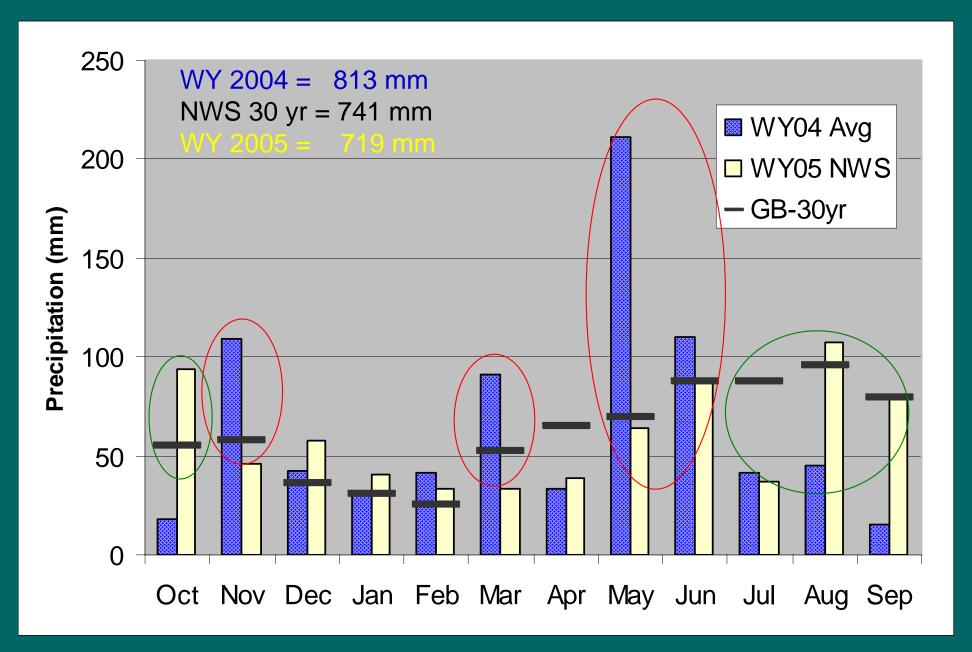




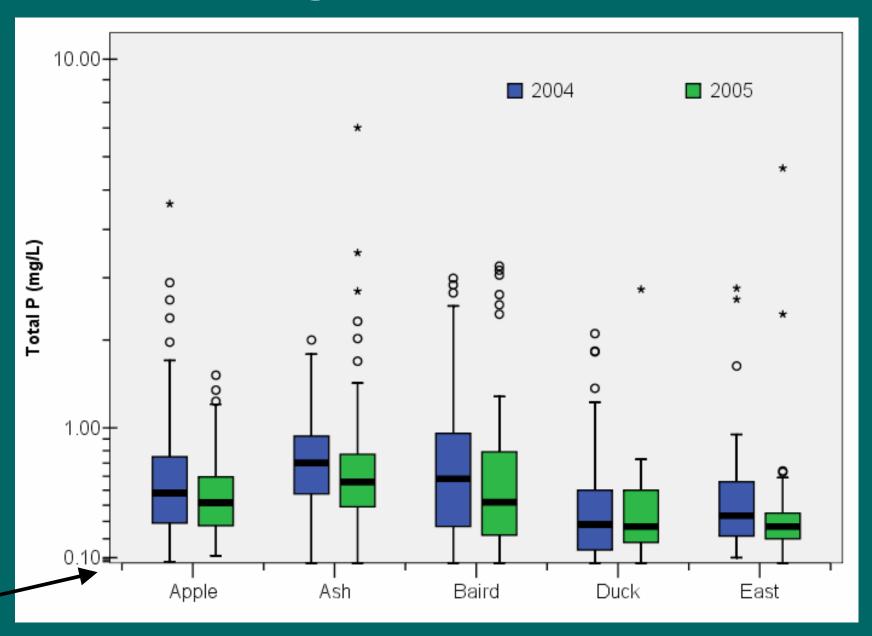




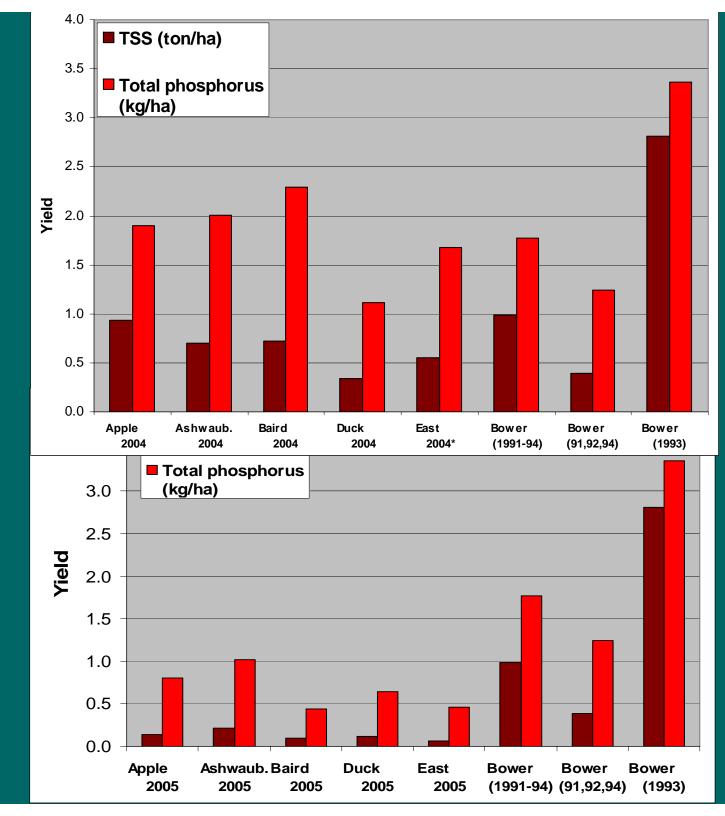
## **Precipitation**



## TP (mg/L): All Samples



- Sed. and P exported per ha of watershed
- Highly event driven
- Continuing Sept. 2006
- See poster for more details







### For more information...

- http://www.uwgb.edu/watershed/
  - Integration of project elements
  - Online and real-time data
  - resources
- Poster Session
- Questions?

