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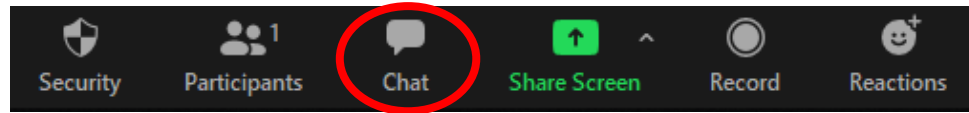
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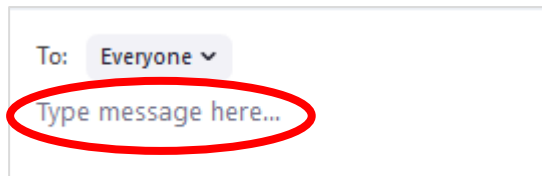
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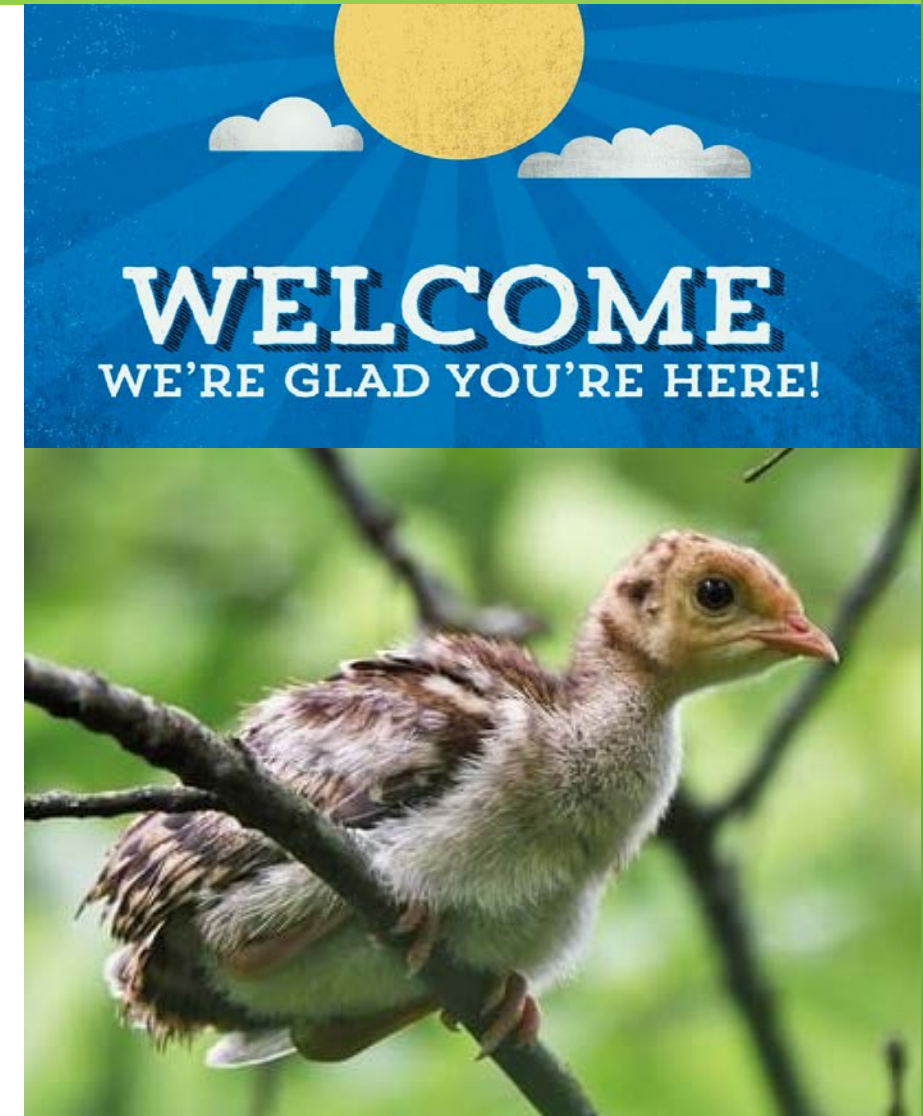


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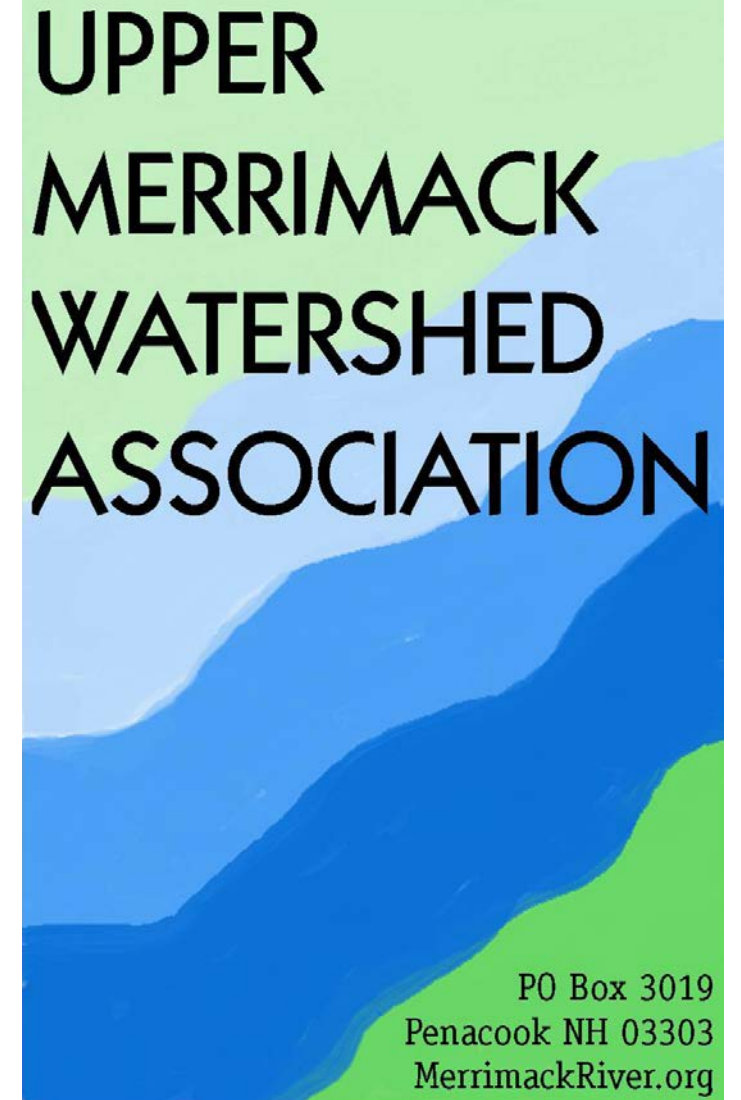
# Agenda

1. **Welcome** *(Michele L. Tremblay, UMWA President)*
2. **Who is UMWA, how is this project supported, why a *Turkey River Watershed Restoration and Management Plan?***  
*(Michele Tremblay)*
3. **Project Team Introductions** *(Michele Tremblay)*
4. **What is Watershed-Based Plan?** *(Jeff Marcoux, Watershed Supervisor, Watershed Management Bureau, NHDES)*
5. **Turkey River Watershed Restoration and Management Plan: A Guided Tour** *(Bob Hartzel, CEI)*
6. **Next Steps** *(Michele Tremblay)*
7. **Comments and questions** *(Everyone)*



# UMWA?

- Created in 2016 as a nonprofit
- Manages the Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program
- Works closely with the Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory formed in 1990
- UMMP data catalyzed the Turkey River Watershed Restoration and Management Plan project with funding from DES, communities, and members



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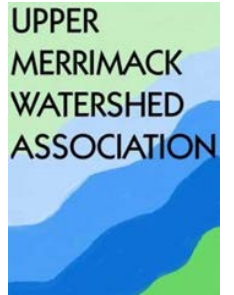




# Turkey River

Watershed Restoration  
and Management Plan

Plan Début:  
August 25, 2021



*Funding for this project was provided by the Upper Merrimack Watershed Association and a Watershed Assistance Grant from the NH Department of Environmental Services with Clean Water Act Section 319 funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.*





# *What is a Watershed Based Plan?*

- ✓ Identify and quantify pollutant sources
- ✓ Determine potential solutions
- ✓ Develop plan to implement
- ✓ Develop plan to reassess

*A “9-element plan” is required by EPA for all s.319-funded watershed projects*

# The 9 Elements

## Element A:

Identify *causes and sources* that need to be controlled to achieve necessary pollutant load reductions.





# The 9 Elements

## Element B:

Determine ***pollutant load reductions*** needed to meet water quality goals



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## Element C:

Develop *management measures* to achieve water quality goals.

**BMPs = Best Management Practices**



Structural



Non-structural



Public Education

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## Element D:

Estimate the *technical and financial assistance* needed to implement the plan.





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## **Element E:** Public Information and Education



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**Element F:** Implementation Schedule

**Element G:** Interim Measureable Milestones



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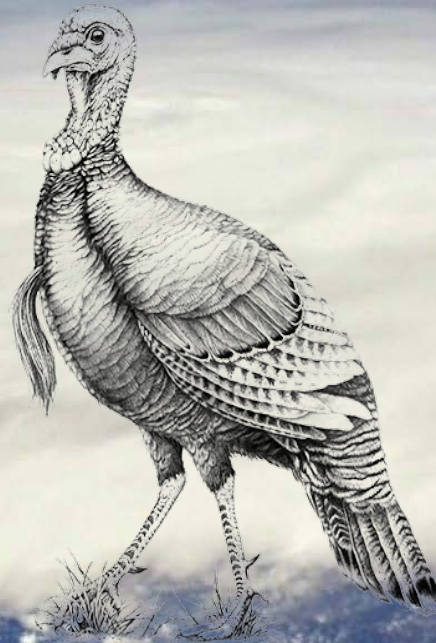
**Element H:** Criteria to measure progress

**Element I:** Monitoring


















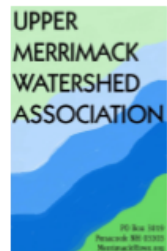
# Why are we here?



**Figure 1-1**  
**Delineated Subwatersheds**  
**Turkey River Watershed**

**Legend**

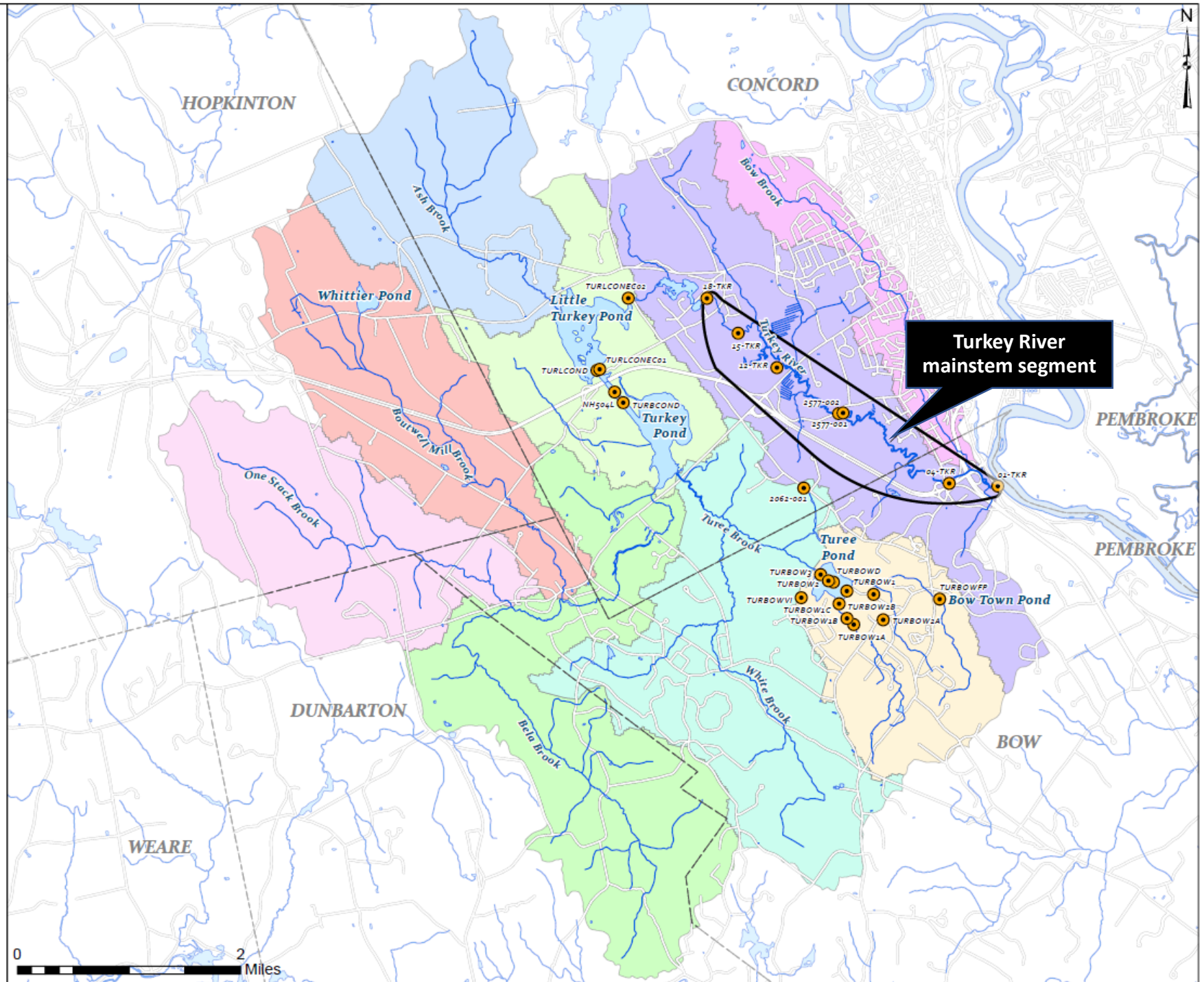
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- SubWatershed**
-  Ash Brook
-  Bela Brook
-  Boutwell Mill Brook
-  Bow Brook
-  One Stack Brook
-  Turee Brook
-  Turee Pond
-  Turkey Pond/ Little Turkey Pond
-  Turkey River



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# Turkey River Water Quality Data



















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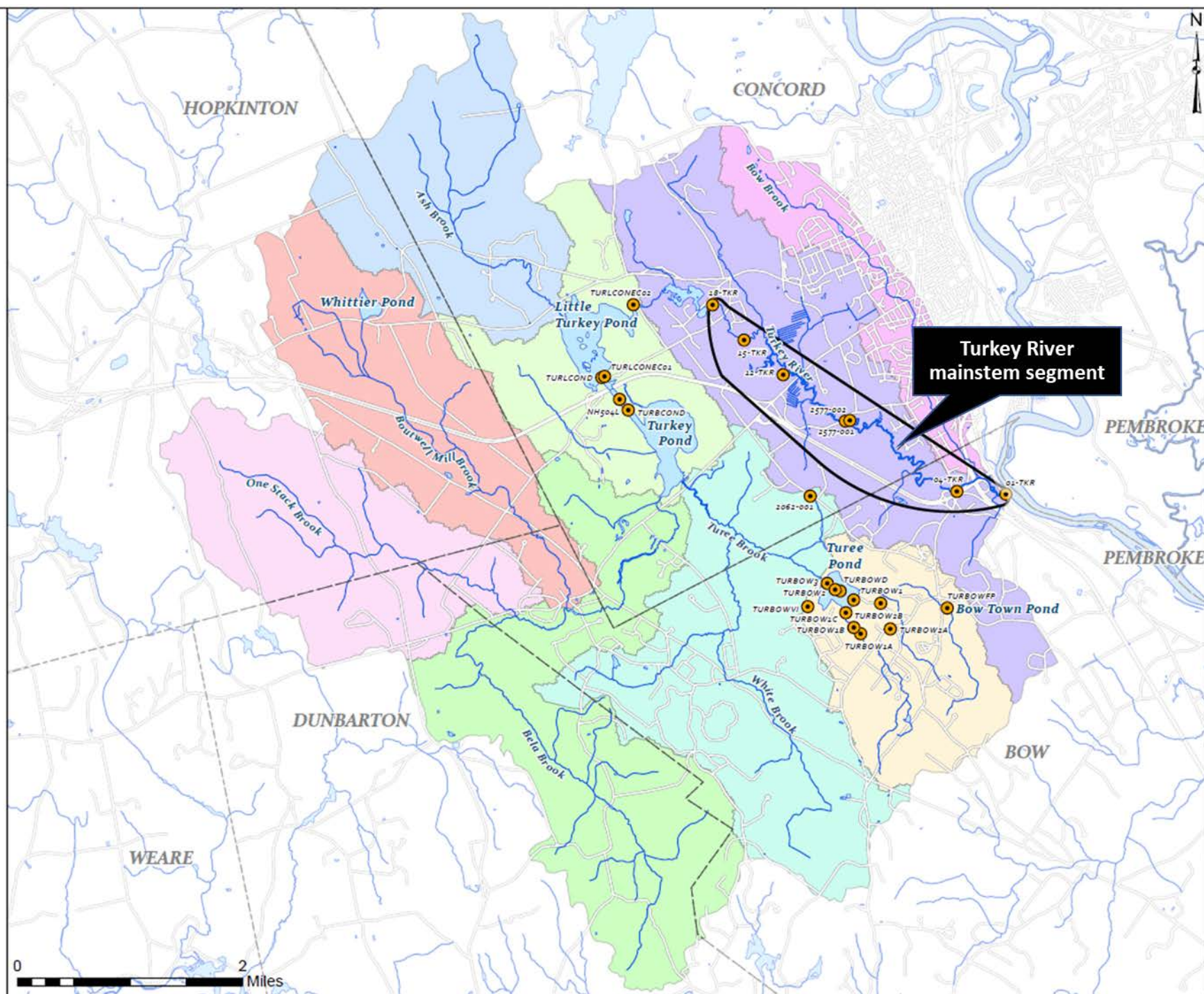
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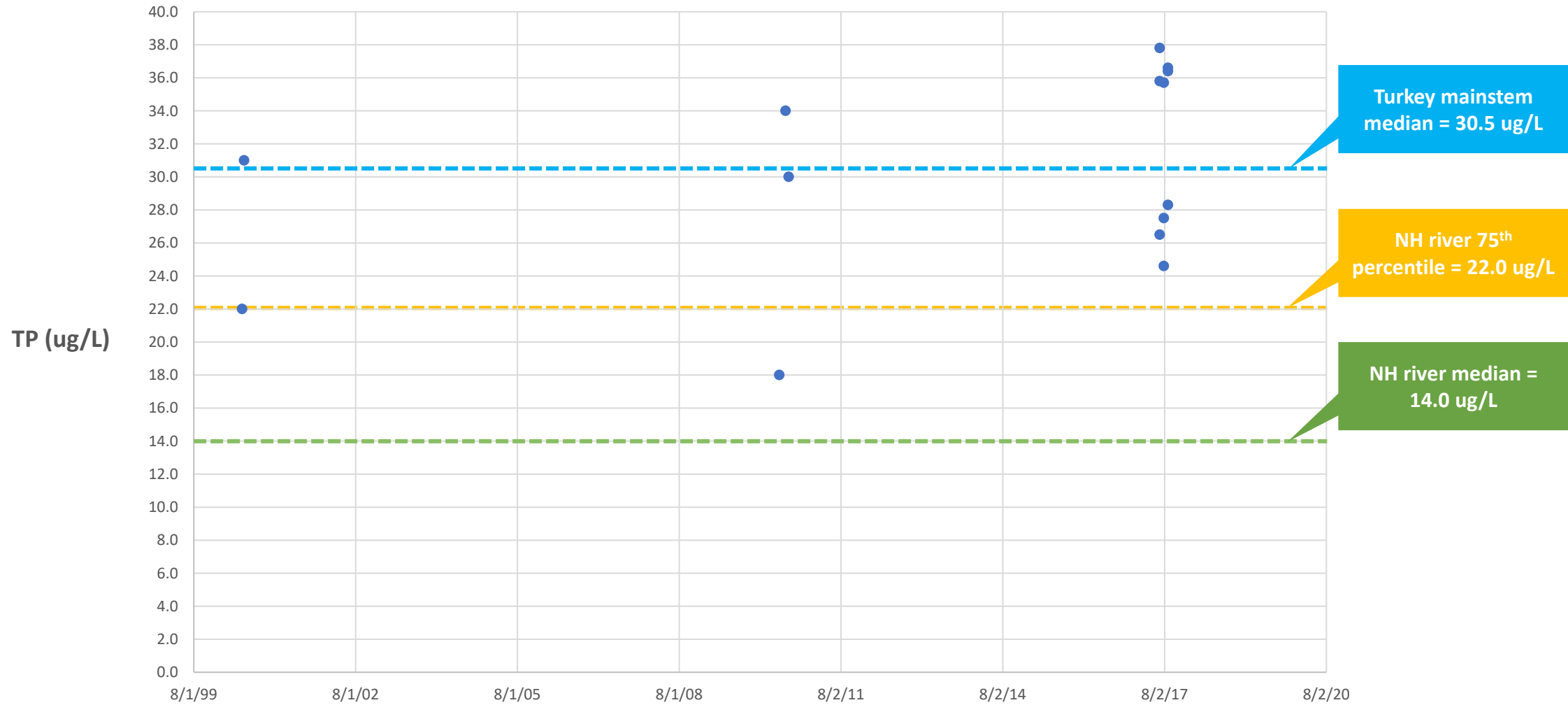
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## Turkey River Mainstem Segment, Total Phosphorus (1996-2017)





## Water Quality Goal





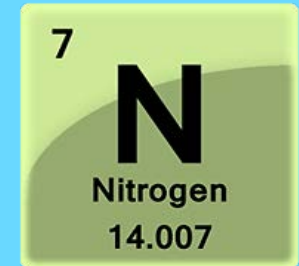
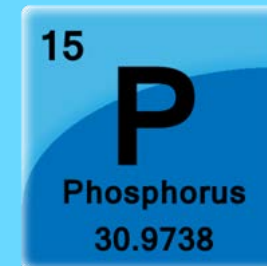
## Water Quality Goal

### NH Standards

- NH has numeric nutrient criteria for lakes, but not for rivers.
- NHDES is currently in the process of developing numeric nutrient criteria, which is expected to take several years.

### NH Water Quality Standards for Class B Waters:

*“Class B waters shall contain no **phosphorus or nitrogen** in such concentrations that would impair any existing or designated uses, unless naturally occurring.”*



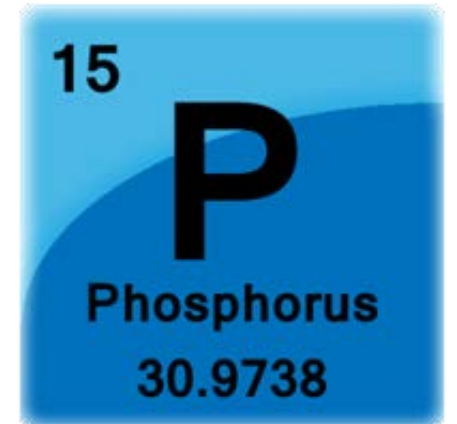




## Water Quality Goal

Water quality goals often focus on the **limiting nutrient**...typically phosphorus in freshwater systems.

- Turkey River water quality goal is based on **total phosphorus (TP)**



# Setting Water Quality Targets

## *The Goldilocks Dilemma*



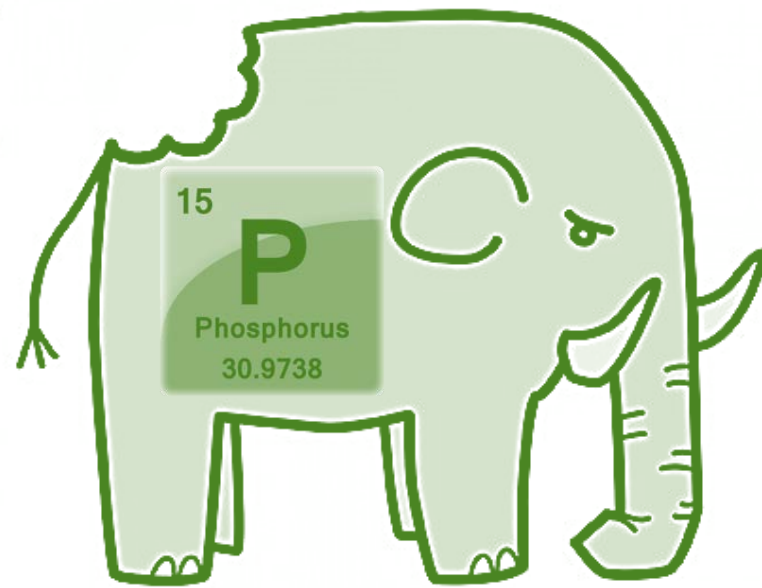
1. **Too Extreme:** goal not realistically attainable  
(e.g., pre-development loading scenario)
2. **Not Protective Enough:** goal is achievable but may not prevent water quality impairments  
(e.g., algae blooms, habitat impairment)
  - should consider both *current conditions* and *future buildout*
3. **Just Right:** goal is both realistically attainable and will achieve WQ objectives

## Potential Total Phosphorus TP) Goals for the Turkey River

| TP Goal | % Reduction from Mainstem Median TP (30.5 ug/L) | % Reduction from Predicted Mainstem TP <u>at Buildout</u> (39.3 ug/L) | Discussion   |
|---------|---|---|--|
| 30 ug/L | 1.6%  | 23.7%   | This goal would focus on staying below the TP <b>threshold discussed by NHDES as a potential state standard for rivers</b> . Requires significant ongoing effort to achieve 23.7% reduction at buildout. |
| 27 ug/L | 11.5%   | 31.3 %  | Vermont Class B(2) WWMG standard is a challenging goal – particularly as watershed continues to develop. If achieved, it <b>would provide 10% AC</b> if 30 ug/L adopted as New Hampshire river standard. |
| 21 ug/L | 31.1%   | 46.6 %  | Vermont Class B(1) WWMG standard is a very aggressive goal. This goal <b>may be challenging to achieve and maintain</b> , particularly as the watershed continues to develop.                            |
| 18 ug/L | 41.0%   | 54.2 %  | Vermont Class A(1) WWMG standard is <b>may be unrealistic</b> to achieve for the Turkey River mainstem, given current/projected development.   |



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AN ELEPHANT?  
ONE BITE  
AT A TIME!







## Nutrient Load Modeling

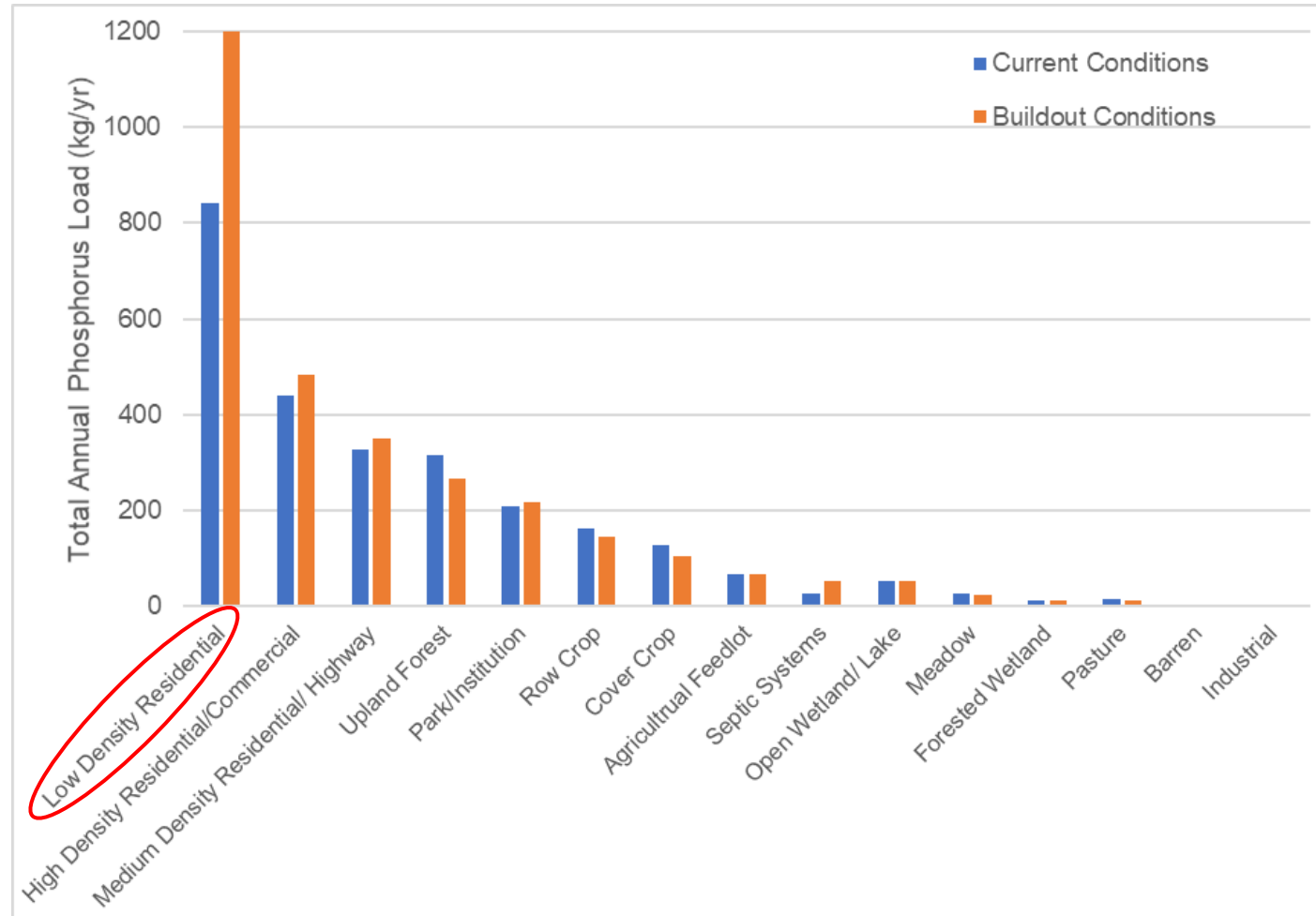


Figure 5. Estimated Total Annual Phosphorus Load from Land Uses

**Table 14. Estimated calibrated TP loading by subwatershed  
(existing conditions and potential buildout conditions)**

| Subwatershed           | Area<br>(ha) | Discharge<br>(hm <sup>3</sup> /y) | Existing Conditions |                       |                       | Potential Buildout<br>Conditions |                    |                       | Estimated Percent<br>Increase |                   |                    |
|------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
|                        |              |                                   | Urban<br>LU<br>(ha) | TP<br>Load<br>(kg/yr) | TP<br>Conc.<br>(µg/L) | Urban<br>LU (ha)                 | TP Load<br>(kg/yr) | TP<br>Conc.<br>(µg/L) | Urban<br>LU<br>(ha)           | TP<br>Load<br>(%) | TP<br>Conc.<br>(%) |
| Bow Brook              | 459.1        | 0.25                              | 315.2               | 357.3                 | 143.2                 | 352.9                            | 388.7              | 157.0                 | 12%                           | 9%                | 10%                |
| Turee Pond             | 712.9        | 0.37                              | 220.7               | 178.0                 | 47.7                  | 279                              | 213.3              | 57.5                  | 26%                           | 20%               | 21%                |
| Turkey River           | 1580.2       | 5.24                              | 462.2               | 1629.4                | 31.0                  | 598.7                            | 2037.7             | 39.3                  | 30%                           | 25%               | 27%                |
| Turee Brook            | 1462.0       | 1.17                              | 309.7               | 366.9                 | 31.5                  | 473.1                            | 473.1              | 41.1                  | 53%                           | 29%               | 30%                |
| Turkey Ponds           | 818.8        | 4.15                              | 75.4                | 831.7                 | 20.1                  | 130                              | 1137.3             | 27.7                  | 72%                           | 37%               | 38%                |
| Bela Brook             | 1517.2       | 1.99                              | 210.5               | 492.7                 | 24.7                  | 321.3                            | 683.8              | 34.6                  | 53%                           | 39%               | 40%                |
| One Stack Brook        | 1086.0       | 0.59                              | 104.1               | 149.5                 | 25.3                  | 228.2                            | 212.9              | 36.4                  | 119%                          | 42%               | 44%                |
| Boutwell Mill<br>Brook | 1075.4       | 0.58                              | 182.1               | 193.7                 | 33.5                  | 348.4                            | 287.1              | 50.3                  | 91%                           | 48%               | 50%                |
| Ash Brook              | 983.5        | 0.55                              | 94.1                | 197.6                 | 36.3                  | 255.5                            | 297.0              | 55.3                  | 172%                          | 50%               | 53%                |

**Notes:**

1. Time period is 2000-2017.
2. Load and concentration predictions include Septic System (27.6 kg/yr) predictions for Total Phosphorus
3. Urban Land Use (LU) is comprised of low density residential, medium density residential/ highway, high density residential/ commercial, industrial and parks/ institutions.
4. Predicted TP Concentration Increase:
  - Lowest (0-29%)
  - Medium (30-40%)
  - Highest (>40%)



**Figure 1-4**  
**Estimated Increase in**  
**Annual Average TP**  
**Concentration per**  
**Subwatershed**  
**from Potential Buildout**

**Turkey River Watershed**



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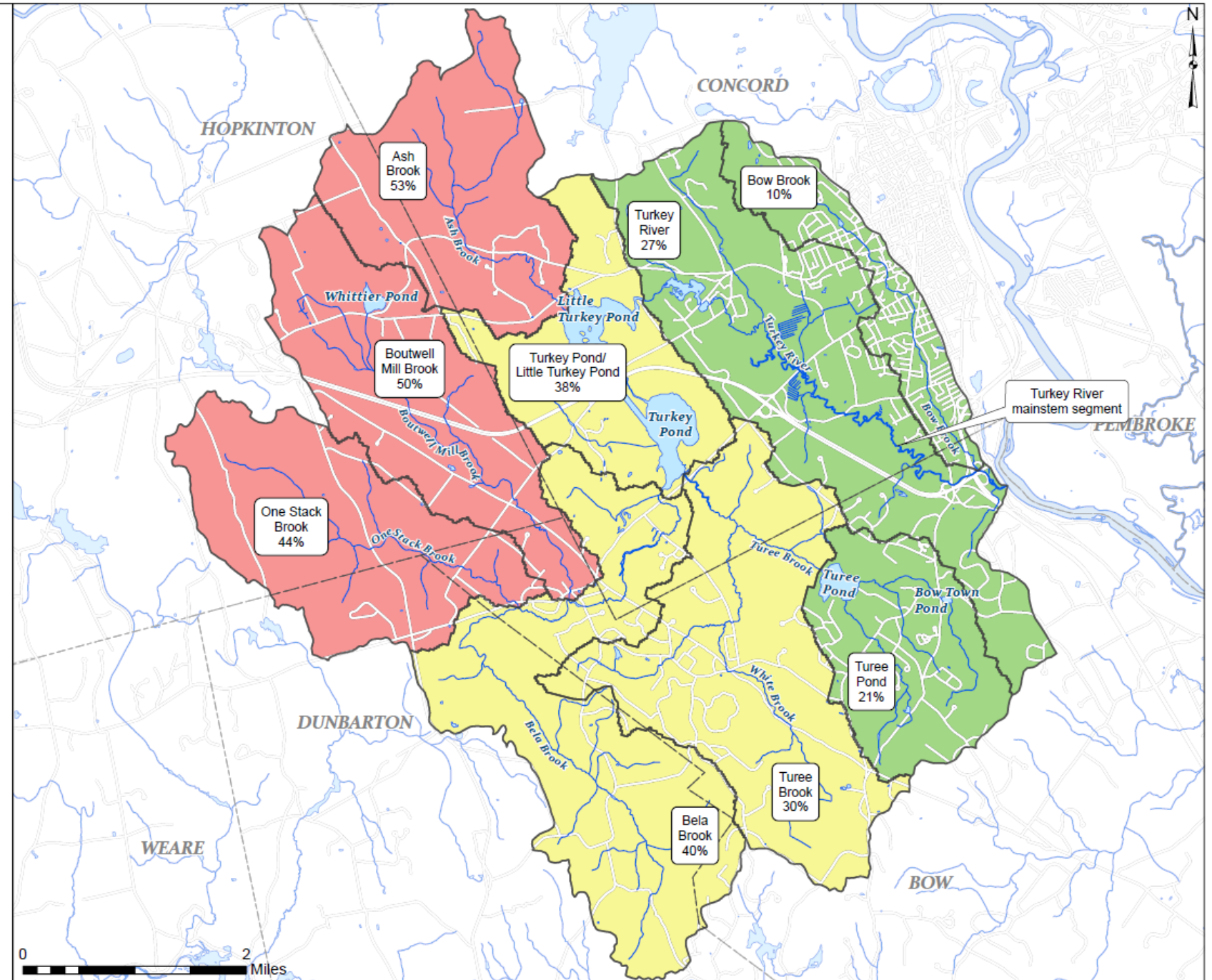
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Subwatershed Boundaries

Lake, Pond, Reservoir

Stream, River

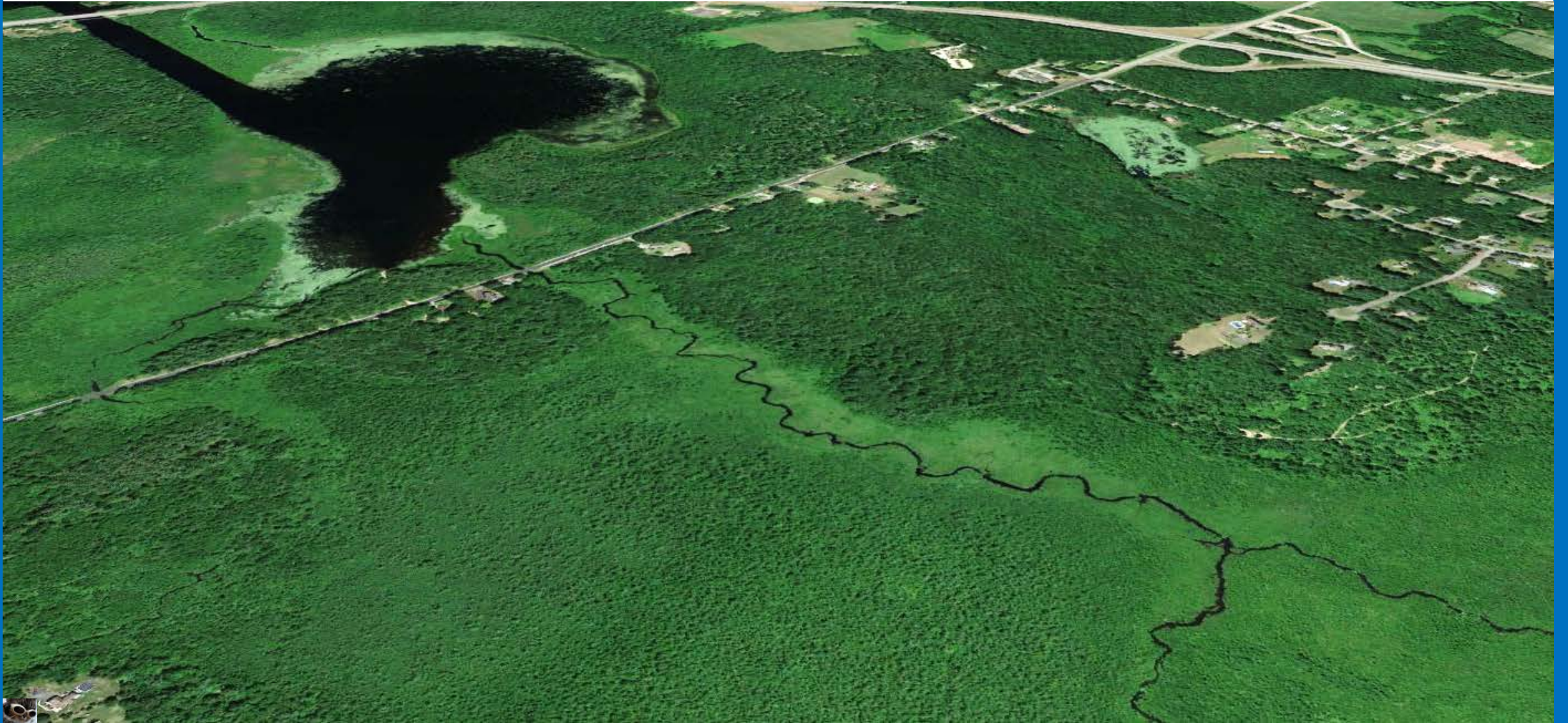
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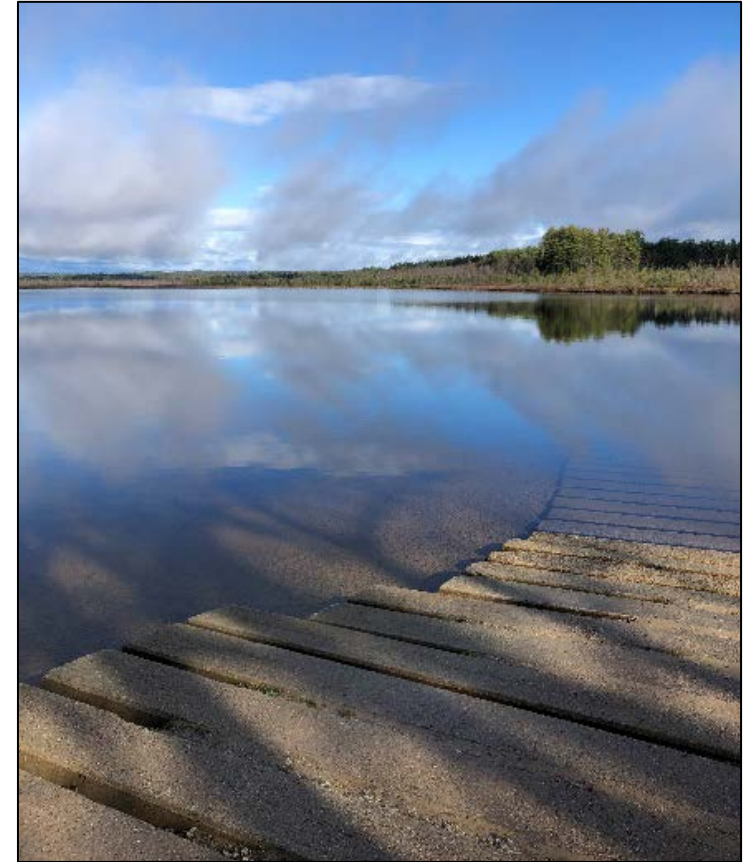






# Field Assessment for Structural BMP Concepts

- Desktop/GIS Evaluation
- Preliminary Field Screening
  - *Thank you UMWA volunteers and project partners!*
- Field Investigation – High Priority Locations



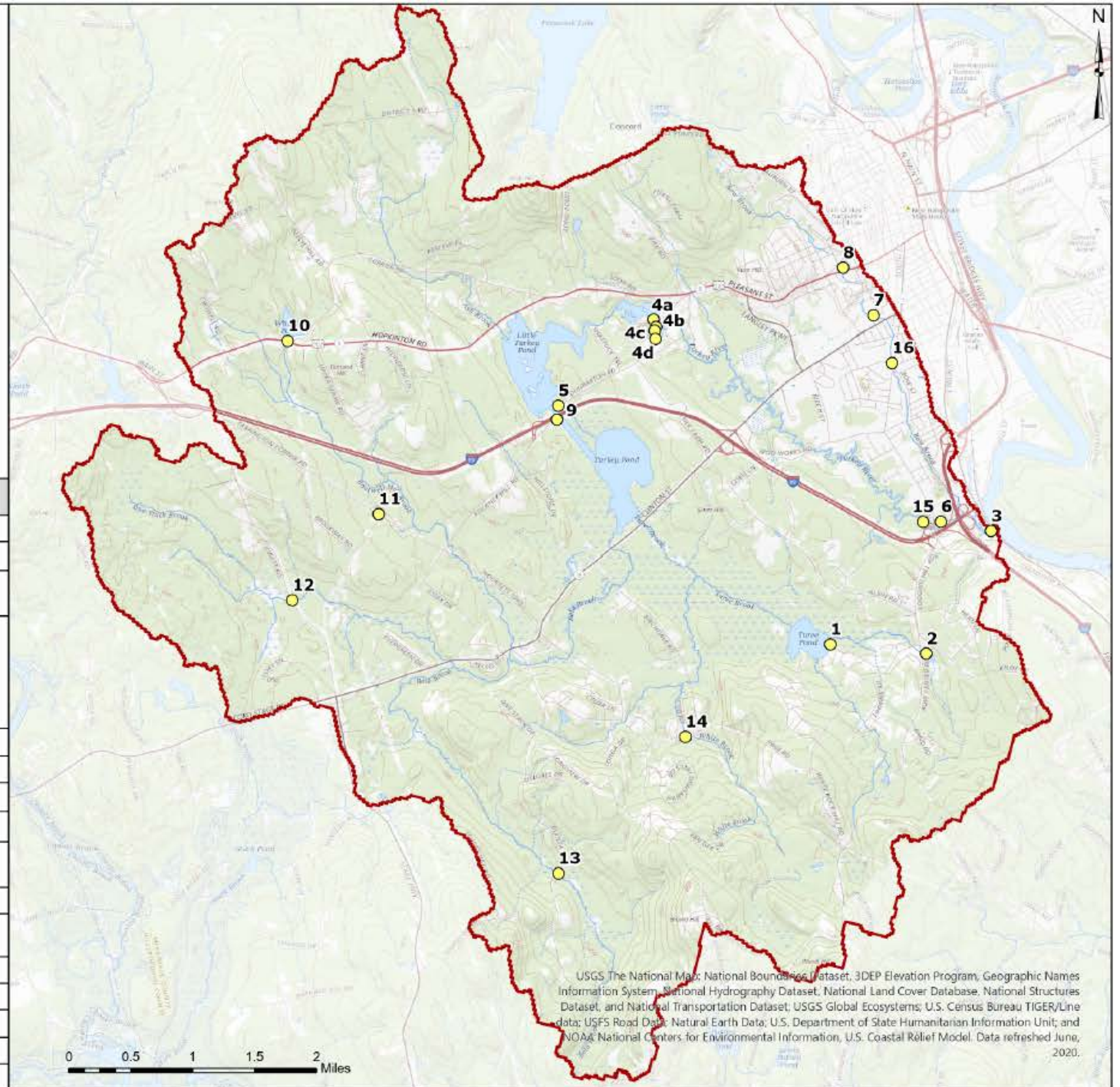
**Figure 7**  
**Potential Structural BMP Locations**  
**in the Turkey River Watershed**



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- BMPs
- Watershed Boundary

| Site ID | Coordinates           | Location  |
|---------|-----------------------|---|
| 1       | 43.155968, -71.550860 | Turee Pond Boat Launch on Falcon Way  |
| 2       | 43.154876, -71.535516 | Bow Parks & Rec Dept. Building Parking Lot  |
| 3       | 43.169089, -71.525098 | Grappone Toyota Service Center; Rte. 3A near Turkey River confluence with Merrimack River |
| 4a      | 43.193918, -71.578870 | St Paul's School, Sites 4a-4d   |
| 4b      | 43.193034, -71.578479 |   |
| 4c      | 43.192602, -71.578723 |   |
| 4d      | 43.191634, -71.578592 |   |
| 5       | 43.183819, -71.594177 | Turkey Ponds Boat House   |
| 6       | 43.170172, -71.533145 | Hampton Inn Parking Lot   |
| 7       | 43.194370, -71.543858 | Concord District Courthouse   |
| 8       | 43.199953, -71.548721 | Concord High School Parking Lot   |
| 9       | 43.182199, -71.594389 | Pedestrian Bridge over Little Turkey Pond, (adjacent to I-89)                             |
| 10      | 43.191426, -71.637496 | Whittier Pond   |
| 11      | 43.171142, -71.622934 | Boutwell Mill Brook at Farrington Corner Road (near Brockway Road)                        |
| 12      | 43.161189, -71.636776 | One Stack Brook at Jewett Road  |
| 13      | 43.129170, -71.594207 | Bela Brook at Grapevine Road  |
| 14      | 43.145162, -71.573864 | White Brook at Page Road  |
| 15      | 43.170155, -71.535991 | Turkey River near Chen Yang Li Restaurant   |
| 16      | 43.188773, -71.540925 | Abbot Downing School  |



## BMP Scoring Criteria

| Factor                                       | Criteria                 |                               |                           | Score |        |      |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------|--------|------|
|  | Low                      | Medium                        | High                      | Low   | Medium | High |
| <b>TP Removal</b>                            | < 0.2 lb/yr              | 0.2 to 0.75 lb/yr             | > 0.75 lb/yr              | 10    | 15     | 25   |
| <b>Capital Cost<sup>1</sup></b>              | > \$50k                  | \$25k - \$50k                 | < \$25k                   | 10    | 15     | 25   |
| <b>Waterbody Proximity</b>                   | Not Near Waterbody       | Within 100-ft of Waterbody    | Within 50-ft of Waterbody | 5     | 10     | 20   |
| <b>Implementation Complexity<sup>2</sup></b> | High                     | Moderate                      | Low                       | 5     | 10     | 20   |
| <b>Public Visibility / Outreach</b>          | Low Potential Visibility | Moderate Potential Visibility | High Potential Visibility | 0     | 5      | 10   |

Notes:

1. Capital cost is based on the high end of the estimate with a contingency factor of 20% applied.
2. Implementation complexity is a qualitative indicator based on the following criteria: property ownership, site access, potential for underground utility conflicts, potential for tree removal, potential for traffic impacts, and potential for wetland permitting. Scored based on professional judgement.



| Area ID | Location                                     | Existing Issues  | Proposed Improvements   | Estimated Load Reduction |            |              | Construction Cost (\$) | Engineering Cost (\$) | Capital Cost Range      | Ranking Factors / Scoring |              |                     |                 |                   | Score | Site Priority |
|---------|--|--|---|--------------------------|------------|--------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------|---------------|
|         |  |  |   | TP (lb/yr)               | TN (lb/yr) | TSS (ton/yr) |                        |                       |                         | TP Removal                | Capital Cost | Waterbody Proximity | Imp. Complexity | Public Visibility |       |               |
| 1       | Turee Pond Boat Launch on Falcon Way         | Eroding parking area near boat launch.   | Pave boat ramp and parking area and install tree box filter.  | 0.22                     | 1.64       | 0.06         | \$65,000               | \$26,000              | \$72,800 - \$109,200    | M                         | L            | H                   | M               | H                 | 65    | Medium        |
| 2       | Bow Parks and Rec Dept. Building Parking Lot | Eroding sandy slope and runoff discharge from parking lot into Bow Town Pond.                            | Stabilize/armor eroding slope (approx. 2,200 sf), repave parking lot, install series of 3 treebox filters, and improve vegetated buffer.  | 1.50                     | 6.50       | 1.18         | \$195,000              | \$78,000              | \$218,400 - \$327,600   | H                         | L            | H                   | L               | H                 | 70    | High          |
| 3       | Grappone Toyota/Service Center               | Gully erosion along bank at access point to Turkey River.  | Stabilize eroding bank (approx. 600 sf) with native vegetation plantings and bio-stabilization techniques.  | 1.00                     | 2.00       | 1.10         | \$15,000               | \$6,000               | \$16,800 - \$25,200     | H                         | M            | H                   | H               | M                 | 85    | High          |
| 4a      | St. Paul's School                            | Narrow buffer adjacent to Library Pond.  | Enhance buffer along the shoreline with double row of shrub plantings (approx. 2,000 sf). Stabilize walking path upgradient of narrow buffer with pea gravel.                                 | -                        | -          | -            | \$23,000               | \$9,200               | \$25,760 - \$38,640     | L                         | M            | H                   | M               | M                 | 60    | Medium        |
| 4b      |  | Unstabilized bank and narrow buffer adjacent to Library Pond.  | Stabilize approx. 700 sf area using biostabilization techniques.  | 0.20                     | 0.60       | 0.40         | \$7,000                | \$2,800               | \$7,840 - \$11,760      | M                         | H            | H                   | H               | M                 | 85    | High          |
| 4c      |  | Narrow buffer along approx. 100 ft of shoreline receives runoff from paved Rectory Rd.                   | Enhance buffer along the shoreline with double row of shrub plantings (approx. 2,100 sf)  | 0.70                     | 1.30       | 0.80         | \$12,000               | \$4,800               | \$13,440 - \$20,160     | M                         | H            | H                   | M               | M                 | 75    | High          |
| 4d      |  | An unpaved footpath discharges directly into southern side of Library Pond.                              | Install waterbars to redirect runoff away from Pond and reduce erosion. Enhance approx. 375 sf buffer area with woody plantings.  | 1.55                     | 4.10       | 1.73         | \$16,000               | \$6,400               | \$17,920 - \$26,880     | H                         | M            | M                   | H               | M                 | 75    | High          |
| 5       | Crumpacker Boathouse                         | Eroding dirt road and minimal buffer adjacent to Little Turkey Pond.                                     | Install waterbars to direct runoff away from Pond and reduce erosion. Enhance 2,100 sf buffer with double row of shrubs/trees.  | 0.12                     | 0.90       | 0.0          | \$21,000               | \$8,400               | \$23,520 - \$35,280     | L                         | M            | M                   | M               | M                 | 50    | Low           |
| 6       | Hampton Inn Rear Parking Lot                 | N/A - opportunistic implementation area.   | Install approx. 1,000 sf infiltration basin or rain garden in center of the parking lot.  | 0.31                     | 2.60       | 0.04         | \$27,000               | \$10,800              | \$30,240 - \$45,360     | M                         | M            | L                   | L               | L                 | 40    | Low           |
| 7       | Concord District Court                       | Minimal buffer along Bow Brook. Areas of erosion observed at culvert.                                    | Develop a 20-ft. Stabilize eroding area.  | -                        | -          | -            | -                      | -                     | \$10,080                | L                         | H            | H                   | H               | M                 | 80    | High          |
| 8       | Concord High School Parking Lot              | N/A - opportunistic implementation area.   | Install infiltration parking lot.   | -                        | -          | -            | -                      | -                     | \$10,040                | H                         | M            | M                   | L               | M                 | 60    | Medium        |
| 9       | Footpath Along Interstate-89                 | Runoff from concrete foot bridge enters Little Turkey Pond.  | Install infiltration. Armor downgrades.   | -                        | -          | -            | -                      | -                     | \$10,840                | L                         | H            | M                   | L               | L                 | 50    | Low           |
| 10      | Currier Road Culvert near Whittier Pond      | Areas of erosion adjacent to culvert headwall and road shoulder. Sediment buildup downstream of culvert. | Armor headwall forebay and lined riprap channel downstream of culvert to prevent further erosion.   | -                        | -          | -            | \$13,000               | \$5,200               | \$14,560 - \$21,840     | L                         | H            | M                   | L               | L                 | 50    | Low           |
| 11      | Boutwell Mill Brook                          | Runoff from the roadway and parking area enter Boutwell Mill Brook.                                      | Stabilize side of Farrington Corner Road with riprap. Install treebox filter to collect runoff from unpaved parking area.   | 0.16                     | 1.47       | 0.03         | \$27,000               | \$10,800              | \$30,240 - \$45,360     | L                         | M            | H                   | L               | L                 | 50    | Low           |
| 12      | Jewett Road Culvert Over One Stack Brook     | Erosion of headwall embankment caused by runoff from road.   | Install riprap along headwall and wingwall embankment areas to limit erosion caused by surface runoff.  | -                        | -          | -            | \$5,000                | \$2,000               | \$5,600 - \$8,400       | L                         | H            | H                   | M               | L                 | 65    | Medium        |
| 13      | Grapevine Road Culvert Over Bela Brook       | Unstabilized area and erosion directly adjacent to Bela Brook from Grapevine Rd.                         | Stabilize existing area with riprap. Create small riprap lined energy dissipation area (110 sf) around existing catch basin.  | 0.06                     | 0.11       | 0.07         | \$9,000                | \$3,600               | \$10,080 - \$15,120     | L                         | H            | M                   | H               | L                 | 65    | Medium        |
| 14      | Page Road Culvert Over White Brook           | Roadside erosion of sandy soils on the southern side of Page Road.                                       | Armor area surrounding culvert inlet and outlet, including embankment, to prevent erosion. Establish vegetated buffer along roadway (approx. 150 ft) consisting of shrubs and hearty grasses. | 0.34                     | 0.68       | 0.40         | \$18,000               | \$7,200               | \$20,160 - \$30,240     | M                         | M            | H                   | M               | L                 | 60    | Medium        |
| 15      | Turkey River Near Chen Yang Li Restaurant    | Embankment adjacent to Turkey River is getting undercut from parking lot runoff.                         | Stabilize embankment with gabion wall (approx. 10 ft tall by 100 ft long). Enhance stream buffer with native woody plantings (approx. 2,800 sf).  | -                        | -          | -            | \$86,000               | \$34,400              | \$96,320 - \$144,480    | L                         | L            | M                   | L               | L                 | 35    | Low           |
| 16      | Abbot-Downing School                         | N/A - opportunistic implementation area.   | Armor unpaved footpath with gravel to limit erosion. Direct runoff from upgradient parking area to approx. 300 sf raingarden.   | 0.20                     | 1.68       | 0.03         | \$22,000               | \$8,800               | \$24,640 - \$36,960     | M                         | M            | M                   | L               | H                 | 55    | Low           |
| TOTALS  |  |  |   | 7.4                      | 32.7       | 6.0          | \$608,000              | \$243,200             | \$680,960 - \$1,021,440 |                           |              |                     |                 |                   |       |               |

*If all listed BMPs are constructed:*

- TP load reduced by **7.4 lbs/yr**,
- **Cost range: \$681K - \$1M** (avg. \$44K per site)

# Example BMP Sites

## AREA 1: Turee Pond Boat Launch and Parking Area

**Location:** Turee Pond Boat Launch

**Subwatershed:** Turee Pond

**Owner:** New Hampshire Dept. of Fish and Game

**Priority:** Medium



Photo 1-1: Boat ramp extending into Turee Pond.



Photo 1-2: Concrete block boat ramp undercut.



Photo 1-3: Dirt parking area eroding and washing into pond.

## Proposed Improvements:

1. **Pave** parking /boat launch area; Install **trench drain** above boat launch to capture runoff
2. Install **tree box filter** north of the boat ramp to capture runoff from the trench drain and parking.
3. **Regrade undercut** at boat ramp; ensure proper future maintenance



## AREA 2: Bow Parks and Recreation Parking Lot

**Location:** Bow Parks and Recreation Building

**Subwatershed:** Turee Pond

**Owner:** Town of Bow

**Priority:** High



Photo 2-4: Proposed BMP configuration for Bow Parks and Recreation Parking Lot

### Proposed Improvements:

1. Install **asphalt berm** on south side of parking lot; direct runoff into treebox filters.
2. **Re-pave /re-grade parking lot** to eliminate ponding and unwanted flow channels, promoting positive drainage to tree box filters.
3. Increase **vegetated buffer** along shoreline areas with a double row of shrub plantings.
4. **Stabilize steep slope** with riprap and vegetation
5. Install **sediment traps** in existing catch basins.



## AREA 3: Turkey River Historic Landing

**Location:** Grappone Toyota Service Center

**Subwatershed:** Turkey River

**Owner:** Bow Junction Associates Inc.

**Priority:** High



Photo 3-1: Severe erosion adjacent to water access point.



Photo 3-2: Loose stone and sand on slope.



Photo 3-3: Severe erosion adjacent to water access point.

### Proposed Improvements:

**Stabilize eroding bank with native vegetation / bio-stabilization techniques.**

Pedestrian access point to remain.



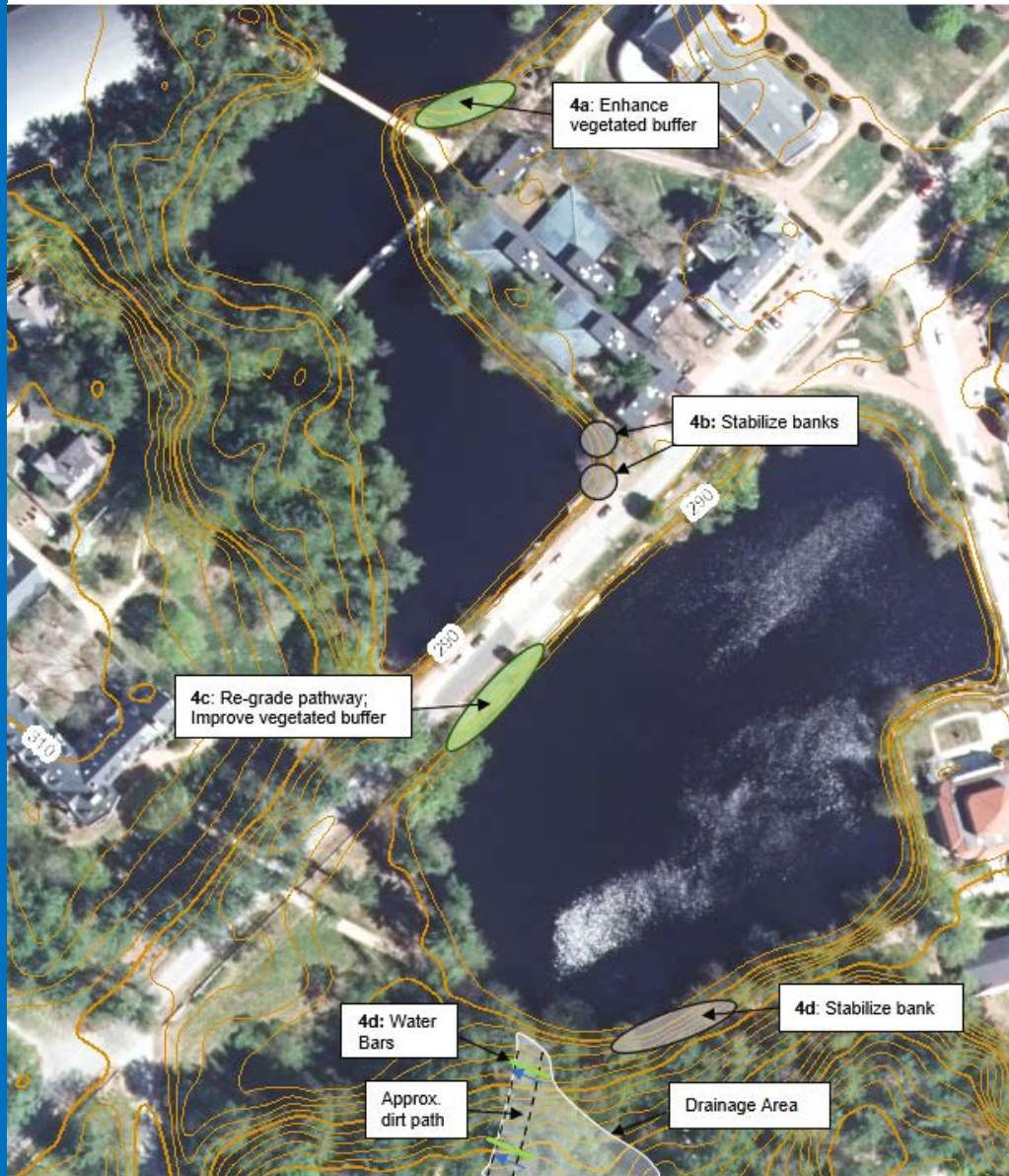
## AREA 4: St. Paul's School

**Location:** Library Pond

**Subwatershed:** Turkey River

**Owner:** St. Paul's School

**Priority:** Varies (See Table 15)



### Proposed Improvements:

**4a: Enhance buffers** with native trees and shrubs

**4b: Stabilize eroding banks** using a combination of biostabilization and stone stabilization as needed.

**4c: Re-grade dirt pathway** to promote drainage of runoff away from Library Pond. Improve buffer with native plantings.

**4d: Install 2 water bars** on dirt footpath descending hill towards site 4d. Stabilize eroding bank and improve buffer with native plantings.



## AREA 7: Concord District Court

**Location:** Grassed Fields North of Court House

**Subwatershed:** Bow Brook

**Owner:** State of New Hampshire

**Priority:** High



Photo 7-1: Western portion of Bow Brook.



Photo 7-2: Edge of roadway erosion channel.



Photo 7-3: Eastern portion of Bow Brook

### Proposed Improvements:

1. Develop **20-ft “no-mow” zone** along 1000 feet of Bow Brook to allow both herbaceous and woody vegetation to grow, stabilizing the bank and increasing attenuation of stormwater pollutants
2. Stabilize roadway erosion with riprap

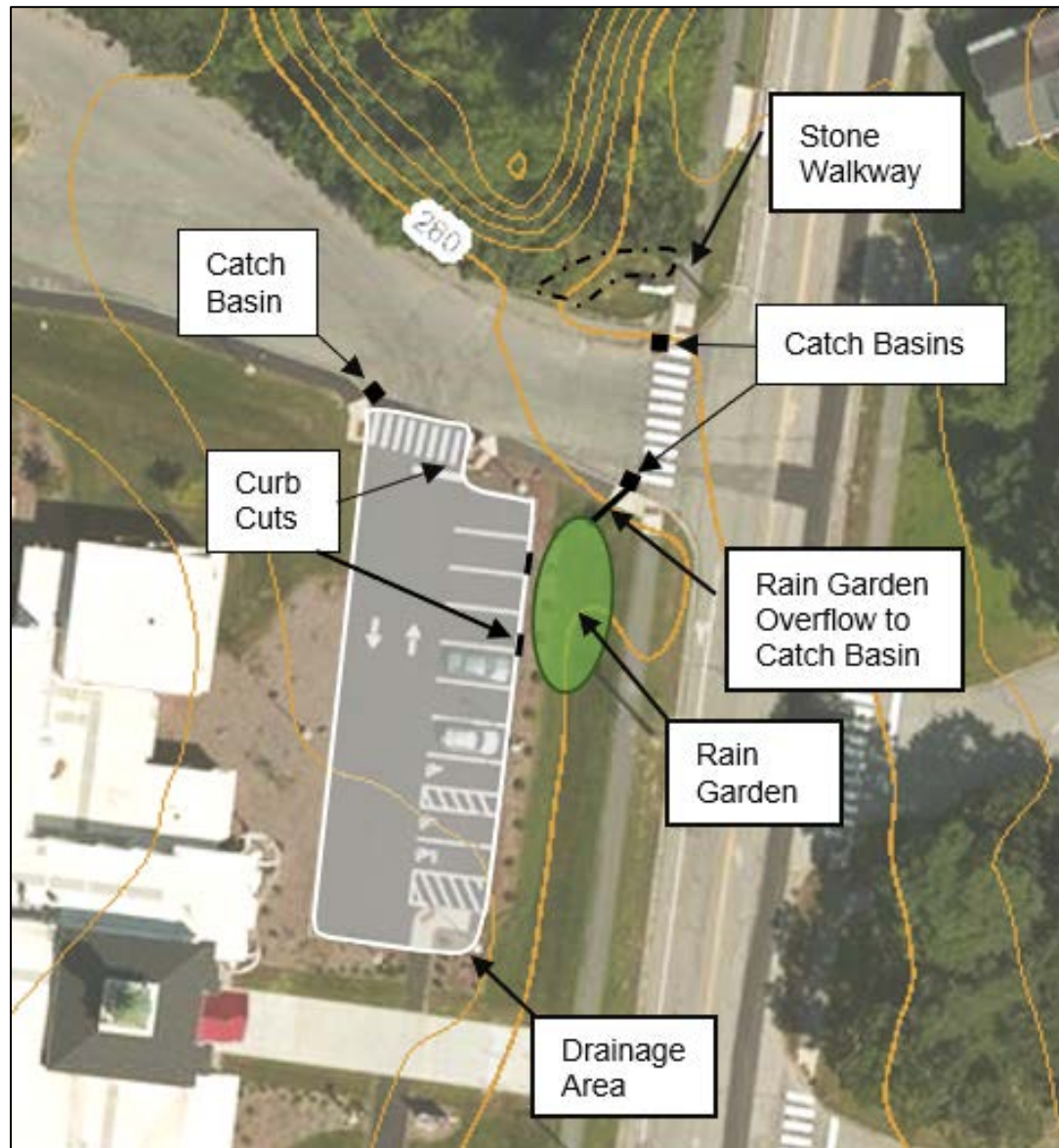
## AREA 16: Abbot-Downing School

**Location:** 152 South Street, Concord, NH

**Subwatershed:** Bow Brook

**Owner:** City of Concord

**PRIORITY:** Low



### Proposed Improvements:

1. **Armor the unpaved footpath** down to the stream with gravel to limit erosion.
2. Direct runoff from parking area to a **rain garden** (approx. 300 sf) by installing curb cuts. Connect underdrains in the rain garden to the catch basin at corner of South Street / school entrance.





# Culvert Improvements



**Why did the turkey cross the culvert?**

***Because it had full aquatic organism passage compatibility.***





# Culvert Improvements















## Stream Crossing Structure Improvement Prioritization Metrics

| Priority | Structure Condition | Aquatic Organism Passage Compatibility | Geomorphic Vulnerability     | Hydraulic Vulnerability     |
|----------|---------------------|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| High     | Poor condition      | No passage                             | Fully or mostly incompatible | Overtops at < 25-yr storm   |
| Medium   | Fair condition      | Reduced passage                        | Partially compatible         | Overtops at 50-100-yr storm |
| Low      | Good condition      | Full passage                           | Fully or mostly compatible   | Overtops at >100-yr storm   |



# Sub-Watersheds Stream Crossings Map Turkey River Watershed

## Legend

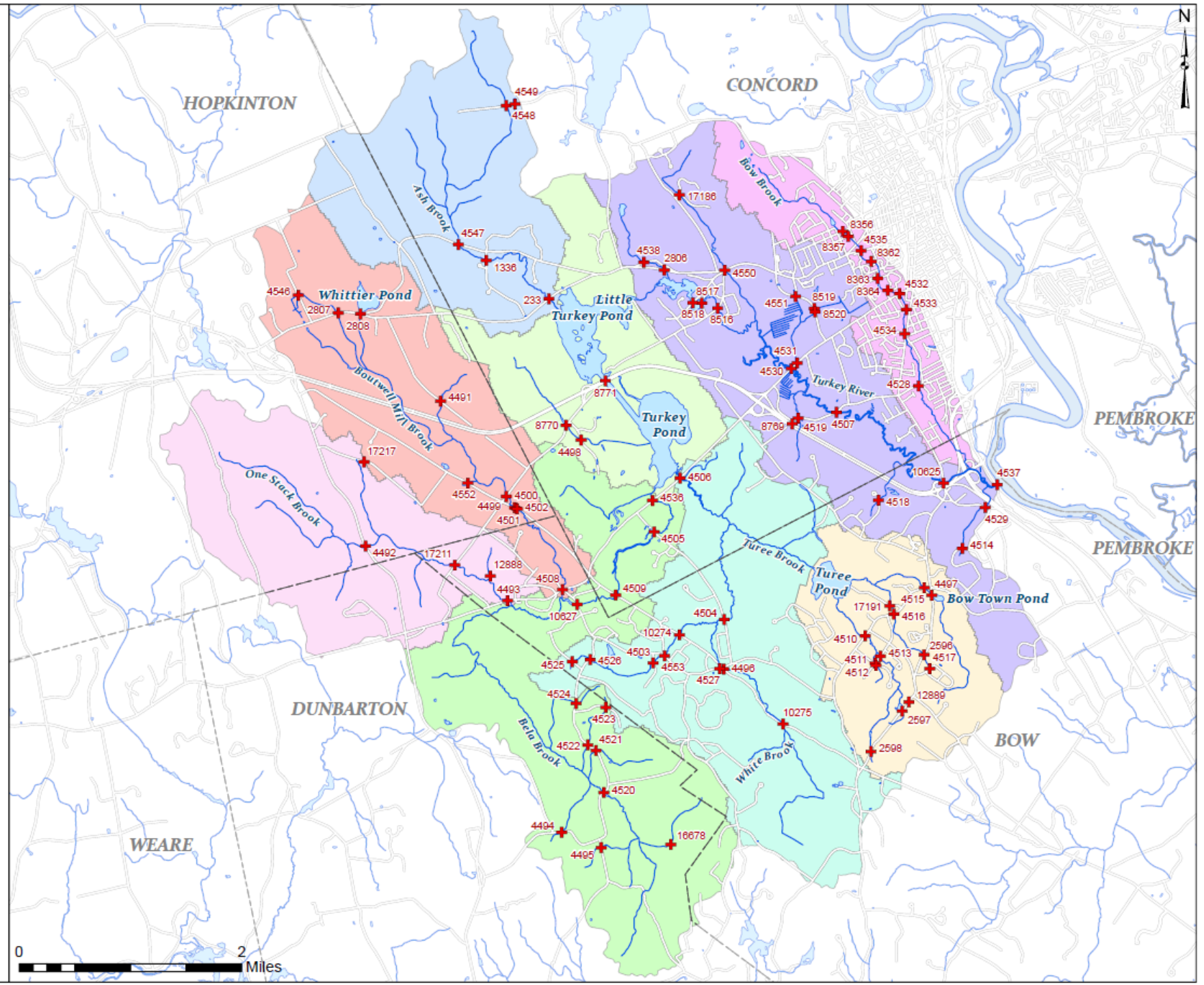
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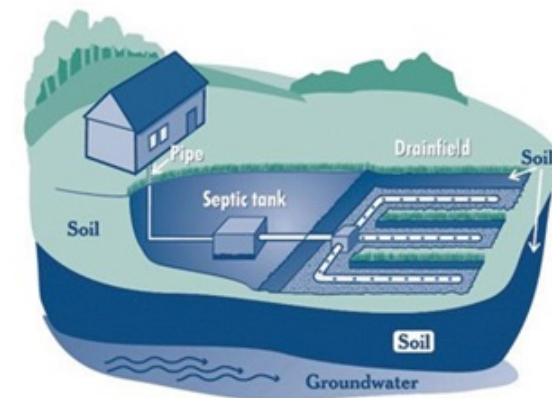
# Culvert Prioritization Matrix *(excerpt)*

| Subwatershed        | SADES ID | Town      | Road Name              | Structure Condition | AOP Compatibility | Geomorphic Compatibility | Hydraulic Vulnerability | SITE PRIORITY |
|---------------------|----------|-----------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Ash Brook           | 233      | Concord   | Hopkinton Rd           | Poor                | Reduced Passage   | no score                 | no score                | HIGH          |
|                     | 1336     | Concord   | Shenandoah Drive       | Good                | Full Passage      | Mostly Incompatible      | no score                | MEDIUM        |
|                     | 4548     | Concord   | District 5 Road        | Good                | Reduced Passage   | Mostly Compatible        | High                    | MEDIUM        |
|                     | 4549     | Concord   | District 5 Road        | Good                | Reduced Passage   | no score                 | no score                | MEDIUM        |
|                     | 4547     | Concord   | Currier Road           | Good                | Full Passage      | Partially Compatible     | no score                | LOW           |
| Bela Brook          | 4494     | Dunbarton | Grapevine Drive        | Good                | No Passage        | Partially Compatible     | High                    | HIGH          |
|                     | 4495     | Dunbarton | Guinea Road            | Good                | Reduced Passage   | Partially Compatible     | High                    | MEDIUM        |
|                     | 4520     | Dunbarton | Grapevine Road         | Good                | Reduced Passage   | no score                 | no score                | MEDIUM        |
|                     | 10627    | Bow       | Page Road              | Fair                | Reduced Passage   | Partially Compatible     | Medium                  | MEDIUM        |
|                     | 16678    | Dunbarton | Stone Rd.              | Fair                | Reduced Passage   | Mostly Incompatible      | no score                | MEDIUM        |
|                     | 4521     | Dunbarton | Grapevine Road         | Good                | No Passage        | Fully Compatible         | Medium                  | MEDIUM        |
|                     | 4522     | Dunbarton | Grapevine Road         | Good                | Full Passage      | Mostly Compatible        | Medium                  | MEDIUM        |
|                     | 4523     | Dunbarton | Zachary Drive          | Good                | Reduced Passage   | no score                 | no score                | MEDIUM        |
|                     | 4524     | Dunbarton | Grapevine Road         | Good                | Reduced Passage   | Mostly Compatible        | High                    | MEDIUM        |
|                     | 4505     | Concord   | Birchdale Road         | Good                | Full Passage      | no score                 | no score                | LOW           |
|                     | 4509     | Concord   | Hookset Tpk            | Good                | Full Passage      | no score                 | no score                | LOW           |
|                     | 4536     | Concord   | Clinton Street         | Good                | Full Passage      | no score                 | no score                | LOW           |
| Boutwell Mill Brook | 2807     | Hopkinton | Hopkinton Rd           | Fair                | No Passage        | no score                 | no score                | HIGH          |
|                     | 2808     | Hopkinton | Hopkinton Rd           | Poor                | no score          | no score                 | no score                | HIGH          |
|                     | 4491     | Hopkinton | Upper Straw Road       | Good                | No Passage        | Mostly Compatible        | High                    | HIGH          |
|                     | 4501     | Hopkinton | Branch Londonderry Tpk | Poor                | Reduced Passage   | no score                 | no score                | HIGH          |
|                     | 4546     | Hopkinton | Crowell Road           | Good                | No Passage        | no score                 | no score                | MEDIUM        |
|                     | 4552     | Hopkinton | Farrington Corner Road | Good                | Reduced Passage   | Mostly Compatible        | High                    | MEDIUM        |
|                     | 4500     | Hopkinton | Branch Londonderry Tpk | Good                | No Passage        | no score                 | no score                | MEDIUM        |
|                     | 4499     | Hopkinton | Stickney Hill Road     | Good                | Reduced Passage   | Fully Compatible         | Low                     | LOW           |
|                     | 4502     | Hopkinton | Branch Londonderry Tpk | Good                | Full Passage      | no score                 | no score                | LOW           |
|                     | 4508     | Bow       | Clinton Street         | Good                | Full Passage      | Mostly Compatible        | no score                | LOW           |

# Septic System Risk Analysis

Table 18. Septic System Analysis for the Turkey River Watershed













| Subwatershed        | Septic System Characteristics             |                             | Environmental Conditions of Septic Systems |  |                      |  |
|---------------------|---|-----------------------------|--|--|----------------------|--|
|                     | Total Number of Parcels on Septic Systems | Septic Density (tanks/acre) | Within 200 Feet of a Waterbody             | With Very Limited Soil Absorption Rating | With Both Conditions | With Both Conditions and in a 1% FEMA Flood Zone |
| Turkey River        | 322                                       | 0.08                        | 14   | 313                                      | 14                   | 0  |
| Bow Brook           | 37  | 0.03                        | 7  | 37                                       | 7                    | 0  |
| Turkey Ponds        | 111                                       | 0.05                        | 17   | 111                                      | 17                   | 2  |
| Ash Brook           | 127                                       | 0.05                        | 11   | 124                                      | 9                    | 0  |
| Turee Brook         | 548                                       | 0.15                        | 32   | 543                                      | 31                   | 0  |
| Turee Pond          | 331                                       | 0.19                        | 23   | 327                                      | 23                   | 0  |
| Bela Brook          | 359                                       | 0.10                        | 22   | 354                                      | 21                   | 4  |
| Boutwell Mill Brook | 277                                       | 0.10                        | 21   | 274                                      | 20                   | 2  |
| One Stack Brook     | 165                                       | 0.06                        | 4  | 165                                      | 4                    | 2  |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>2,277</b>                              | <b>0.09 (Avg)</b>           | <b>151</b>                                 | <b>2,248</b>                             | <b>146</b>           | <b>10</b>  |





# Septic System Risk Analysis for the Turkey River Watershed

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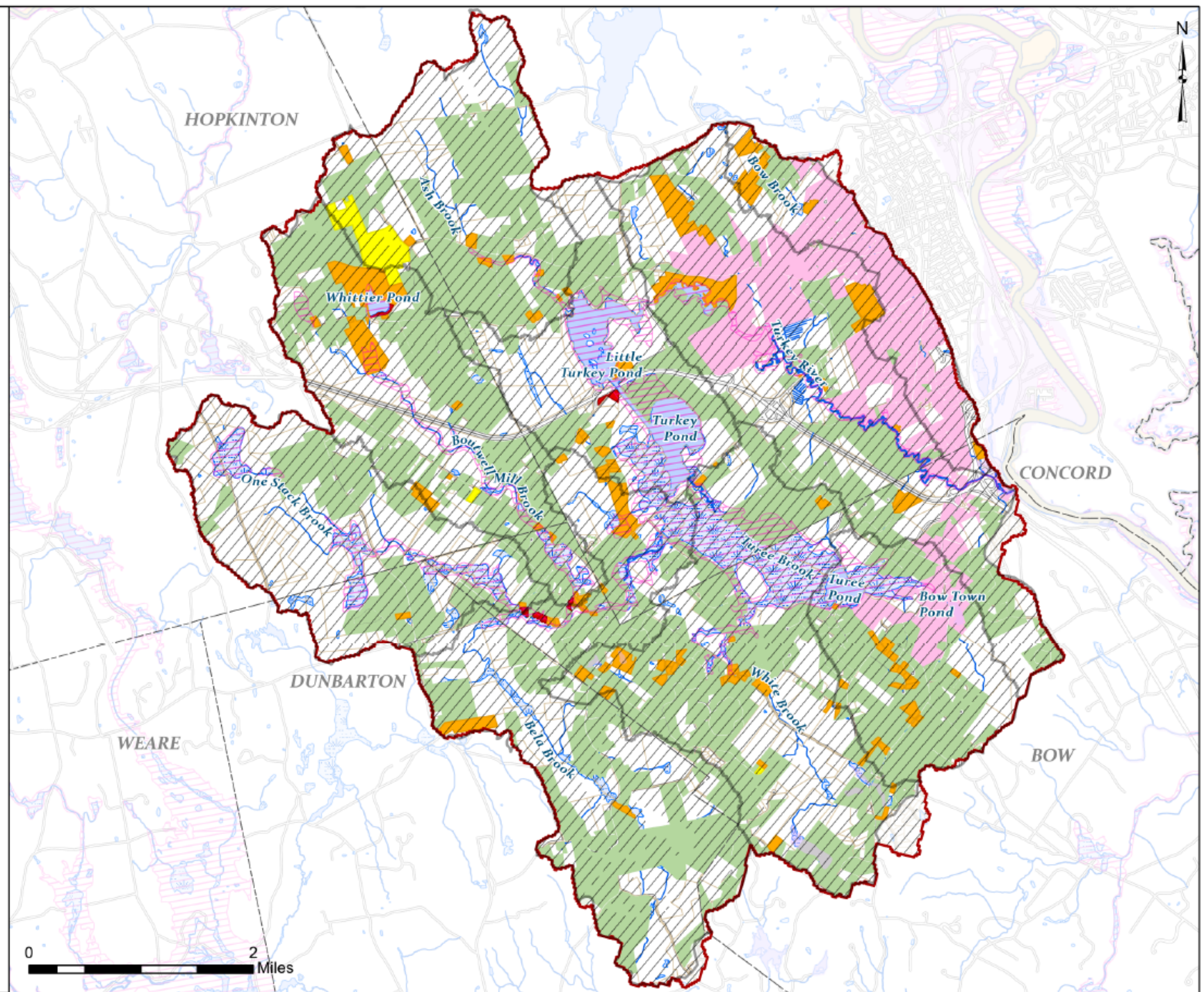
-  Parcels with Septic Systems in Limited Soils, 1% FEMA Flood Zone, and 200' Buffer
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-  Other Parcels with Septic Systems
-  Parcels on Sewer
-  Other Parcels
-  Sub Watersheds
-  Stream, River
-  Lake or Pond
-  Wetland
-  Watershed Boundary
-  Town Boundaries
- Septic Tank Absorption Rating**  
 Very limited
- FEMA Flood Hazard**  
 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard

Note: Selected Areas are within 200 ft. of surface water or wetlands, in areas of 1% FEMA flood hazard, and/or areas where soils have a Very Limited Absorption Rating for septic systems.



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# Non-structural BMPs



**Public Information and Education**



**Land Conservation**



**Regulatory Tools**



**Institutional Practices**

# Public Information and Education



**Watershed Steward Program** (New Hampshire Rivers Council program)



**UMWA will work with the Soak up the Rain program to identify specific infiltration projects in the Turkey River watershed.**



**UMWA will work with the Green SnowPro program to provide information to commercial property owners about sensible salt application.**



***Low Impact Development (LID) Techniques for Homeowners workshop***



**Coordination meetings with DPWs, NH Stream Crossing Initiative, NHDOT**





# Land Conservation

**Coordinate with watershed municipalities and conservation groups to prioritize:**

- **land conservation goals**
- **target parcels**



















*Silk Farm Wildlife Sanctuary, Concord*

# Conservation Lands

## Turkey River Watershed

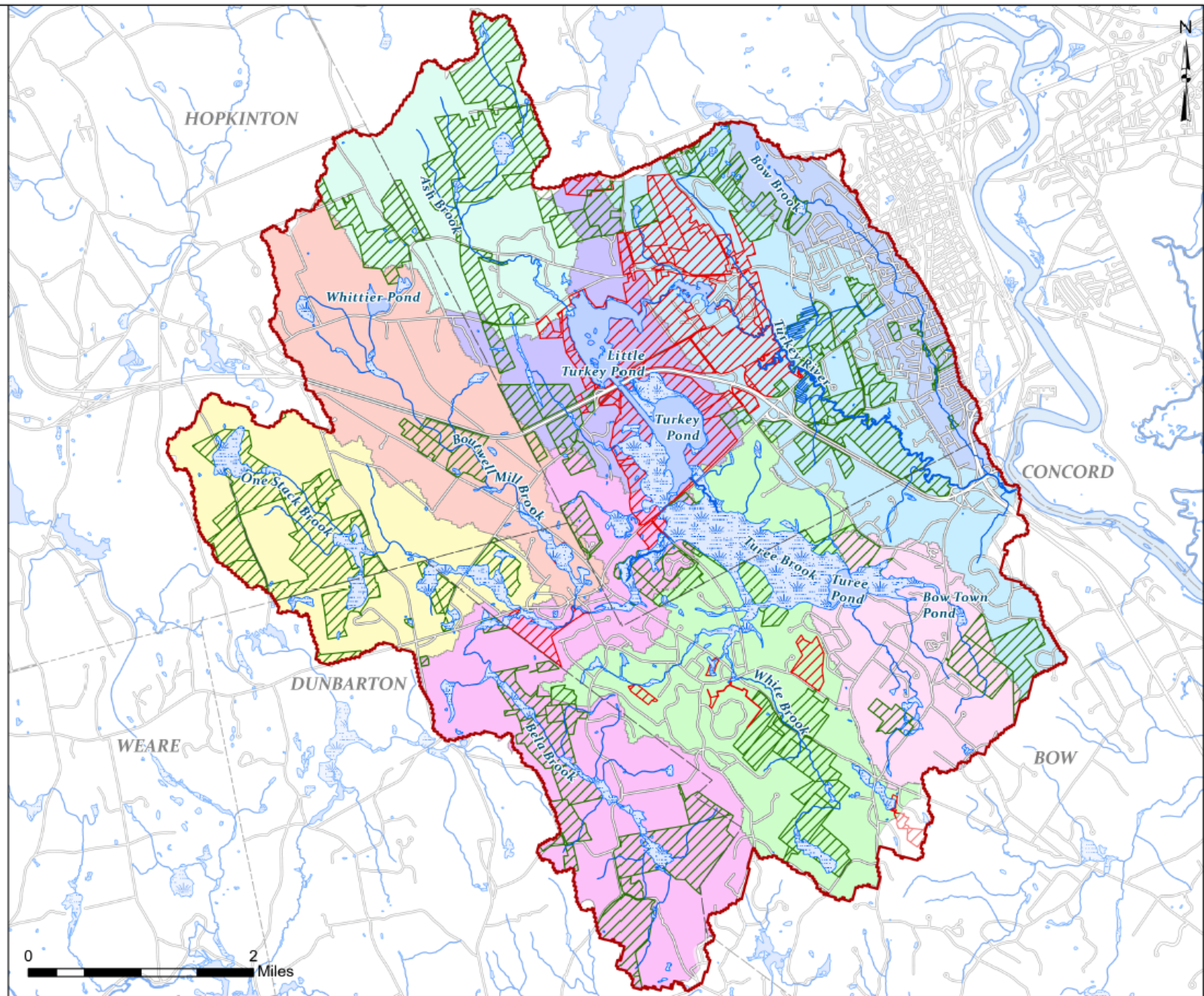
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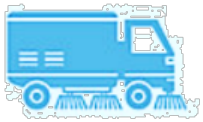


# Regulatory Tools

- Strengthen municipal stormwater regulations
- Establish town regulations to enable/promote installation of alternative wastewater treatment systems based on proximity to a waterbody (i.e., 200 meters) for new development, redevelopment and replacement of failed systems.
- Develop landscaping fertilizer ordinances







# Institutional Practices

- **Increase frequency of catch basin cleaning**  
*(2 additional cleanings per year)*
- **Develop Enhanced Street/Pavement Cleaning Programs**
- **Develop Enhanced Organic Waste and Leaf Litter Collection Programs**



# Non-structural BMPs

## BMP Priority Ranking Factors\*

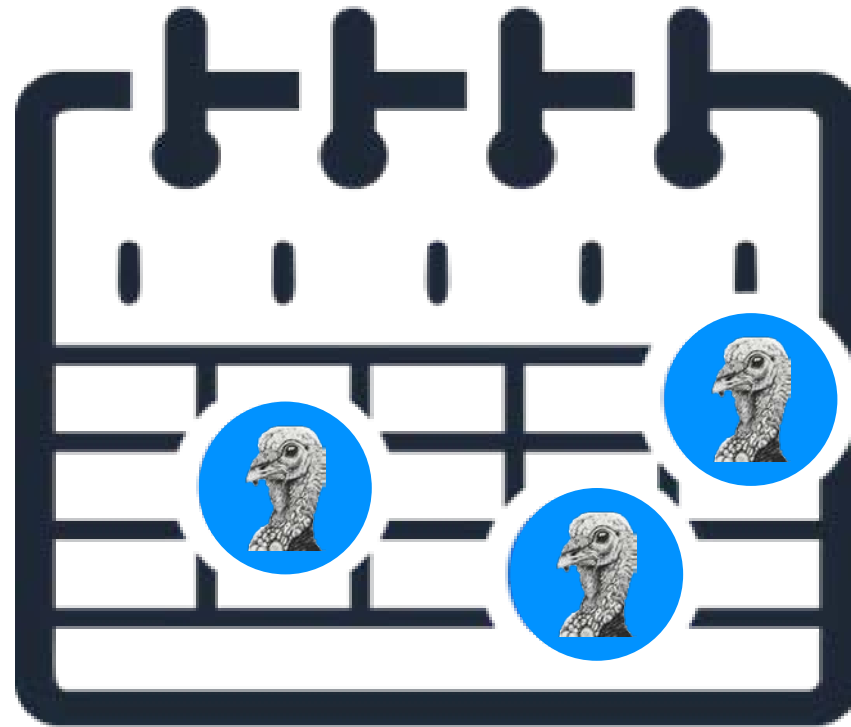
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| L =<br>Low | M =<br>Medium | H =<br>High |
|------------|---------------|-------------|

\* For cost factors, lower cost = higher priority

| Non-structural BMP Category      | BMP Description  | Relevant Authorities   | How BMP Achieves Pollutant Load Reductions or Other WRMP Goals   | Pollutant Load Reduction Potential | Anticipated Costs | Feasibility | PRIORITY |
|----------------------------------|--|--|--|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------|
| Public Information and Education | Watershed Steward Program™ property assessments and related outreach   | UMWA, NHRC, watershed homeowners   | Reduces pollutant (P,N, and bacteria) loading by improved land management, such as reduced fertilizer use, improved septic system maintenance, stabilization of eroding areas, pet waste management, etc.            | M                                  | H                 | H           | High     |
|                                  | Meetings with town DPW staff and staff of NHDOT and the NHSCI to coordinate WRMP implementation  | UMWA, town DPWs, NHDOT, NHDES  | Reduces pollutant (P,N, and bacteria) loading by improving coordination with agencies that are critical to BMP implementation. Improves schedule coordination, BMP prioritization, and BMP implementation logistics. | M                                  | H                 | H           | High     |
|                                  | Updates to the UMWA website to update public on the Turkey River WRMP and implementation efforts   | UMWA   | Serves as the primary clearinghouse for web-based information on progress to develop, implement, and update the WRMP.  | L                                  | H                 | H           | Medium   |
|                                  | Conduct LID for Homeowners workshop  | UMWA, watershed homeowners   | Reduces pollutant (P and N) loading by educating homeowners and promoting adoption of LID practices such as raingardens, vegetated buffers, etc.   | L                                  | H                 | H           | Medium   |
| Land Conservation                | Coordinate with local conservation groups to prioritize land conservation goals/target parcels. (land trusts, town planning/conservation staff, CNHRPC, UMWA, NHDES)   | UMWA, CNHRPC, town planning staff, and other local land conservation orgs.     | Prevents increases in pollutant loading associated with land development.  | H                                  | H                 | H           | High     |
| Regulatory Tools                 | Strengthen town stormwater regulations based on SWA model standards  | Concord, Bow, Dunbarton, and Hopkinton Planning Boards and Boards of Selectmen | Reduces future increases in pollutant (P, N, and bacteria) loading associated with land development by improving regulatory performance standards for new development and redevelopment projects.                    | H                                  | H                 | M           | High     |
|                                  | Develop landscaping fertilizer ordinances  | Concord, Bow, Dunbarton, and Hopkinton Planning Boards and Boards of Selectmen | Reduces P and N loading from landscaping fertilizer applications.  | H                                  | L-M               | M           | Medium   |
|                                  | Establish town regulations to enable/promote installation of alternative wastewater treatment systems based on proximity to a waterbody (i.e., 200 meters) for new development, redevelopment and replacement of failed systems. | Concord, Bow, Dunbarton, and Hopkinton Planning Boards and Boards of Selectmen | Reduces nutrient and bacteria loading from wastewater sources.   | H                                  | H                 | M           | High     |
| Institutional Practices          | Increase frequency of catch basin cleaning (2 additional cleanings per year)   | Town DPW/Highway Depts., NHDOT   | Reduces P and N load as calculated according to NH Small MS4 General Permit formulas for each practice.  | M                                  | L                 | M           | Medium   |
|                                  | Develop Enhanced Street/Pavement Cleaning Programs   | Town DPW/Highway Depts., NHDOT   |  | M                                  | L-M               | M           | Medium   |
|                                  | Develop Enhanced Organic Waste and Leaf Litter Collection Programs   | Town DPW/Highway Depts., NHDOT   |  | M                                  | L-M               | M           | Medium   |



## Schedule and Milestones







## Schedule and Milestones



- **5-year planning/implementation period: Sept. 2021 – Sept. 2026**
- **Schedule / milestones organized according to:**
  - **Structural Stormwater BMPs**
  - **Non-structural BMPs**
    - Public Information and Education
    - Land Conservation
    - Regulatory Tools
    - Institutional Practices
  - **Monitoring**
  - **Adaptive Management**

## Next Steps: Schedule and Milestones

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## Evaluation Criteria and Monitoring



### EVALUATION CRITERIA

- **Water Quality Target:** TP concentration of **0.027 mg/L** for the Turkey River mainstem
- **TMDL Criteria:** Update the WRMP to reflect TMDL criteria if established in the future.
- **Project-Specific Indicators** (e.g., # of BMPs constructed, acres of new conservation land)

# Monitoring



1. Continue monitoring at **4 existing stations in the Turkey River mainstem**. These stations should continue to provide basis **for comparison to the TP goal** (27 ug/L).
2. Median TP in Turkey River mainstem (30.5 ug/L) is based on very limited data. **More frequent TP monitoring** (e.g., annual summer monitoring) will strengthen the basis for future water quality goal setting and/or adaptive management.
3. The 6 river monitoring stations upstream of the mainstem are **not well distributed in watershed** - all within tributaries to Turee Pond.

- Monitoring stations should be established (★) at the downstream reach of Ash Brook, Boutwell Mill Brook, One Stack Brook, Bela Brook, White Brook, and Bow Brook.

**Figure 1-1**  
**Delineated Subwatersheds**  
**Turkey River Watershed**

**Legend**

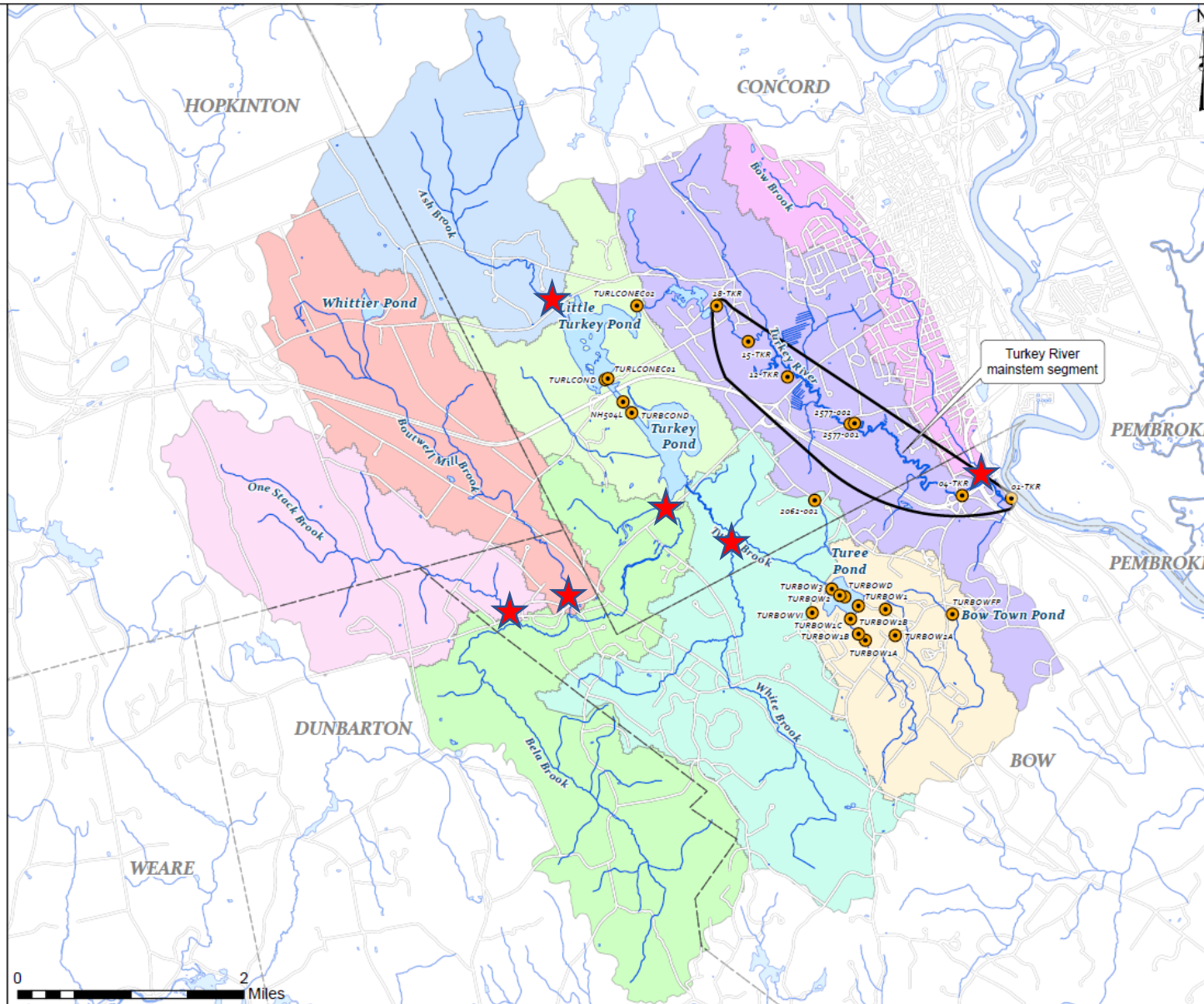
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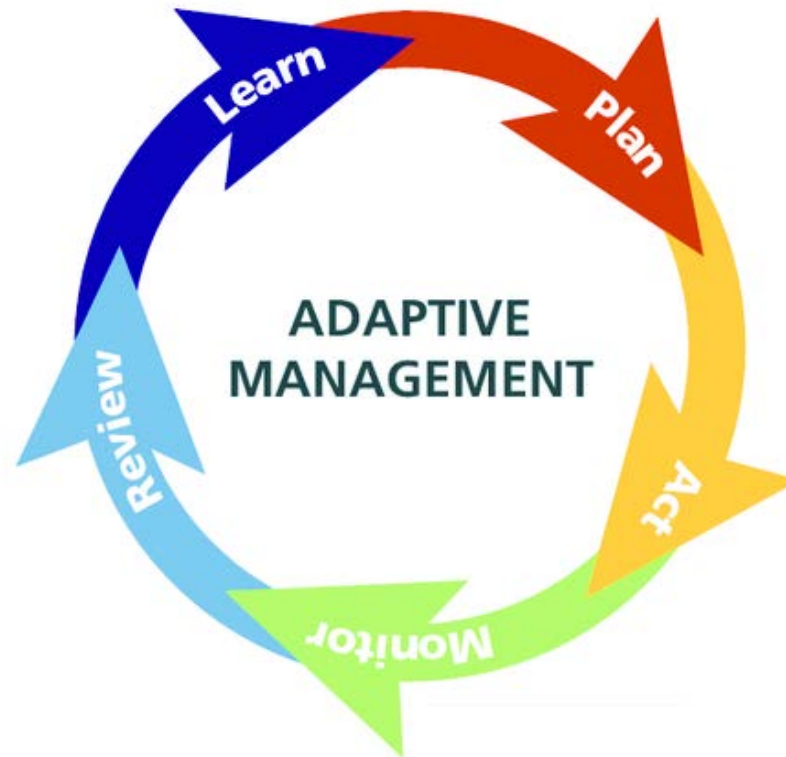
**Tributary data will :**

1. help **characterize nutrient dynamics** in the watershed and
2. **track tributary response** to BMPs and future land development



# Adaptive Management

- If, after **5 years of WBPA implementation**, direct measurements and indirect indicators do not show progress towards meeting water quality targets, **management measures and water quality targets should be revisited and modified accordingly.**



# ***NEXT STEPS...***

- Review/finalize the WRMP
- BMP implementation for high priority sites
  - Funding – select top sites for grant applications
- Coordination meetings
  - culvert priorities
  - structural BMPs
  - land protection, etc.
- Public outreach
  - UMWA website updates
  - Watershed Steward Program



*Questions?*

