

**Fox River Watershed Investigation:
Stratton Dam to the Illinois River
PHASE II**

**Hydrologic and Water Quality Simulation Models
DELINEATION OF TRIBUTARY WATERSHEDS**

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The study area includes a major part of the Fox River watershed in Illinois, from Stratton Dam to the confluence of the Fox River with the Illinois River. The study area has been divided into 31 tributary watersheds and the directly contributing watershed along the main stem of the Fox River. The delineation of the tributary watersheds and their division into subwatersheds for the water quality model Hydrological Simulation Program FORTRAN Version 12, HSPF, is illustrated in a series of maps. This work, including the development of the customized spatial datasets, was performed for the Fox River Study Group and represents one of the deliverables for the project Fox River Watershed Investigation–Stratton Dam to the Illinois, River, Phase II Part 6.

The enclosed maps show the following features: tributary watershed boundary, boundaries of subwatersheds within the tributary watershed, corresponding outlets and reaches, water quality stations, climate stations, and USGS gage stations. The stations displayed provide data for calibration of HSPF models. The model outlets identified for each watershed represent points for which flow and water quality results can be output and reviewed. The locations of these points were determined in consultation with the FRSG. Initially, model output will only be considered where there are data to compare the results. The creation of other outlet points provides an option for further development of the model. It is important to understand that the accuracy and reliability of the simulated values at any given outlet depends upon whether or not monitoring data is available for calibration at that point.

The framework for the models has been created using BASINS (Better Assessment Science Integrating Point and Nonpoint Sources, version 3.0), a multipurpose environmental analysis system developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Details about the model development can be found in Bartosova et al., Fox River Watershed Investigation: Stratton Dam to the Illinois River, PHASE II, Part 1: Methodology and Procedures, currently under review).

During the model development, the following spatial datasets have been developed and documented for each tributary watershed:

- Subwatershed outlets (generated by BASINS, shape file format)
- Watershed boundary (generated by BASINS, shape file format)
- Subwatershed boundary (generated by BASINS, shape file format)
- Stream segments (generated by BASINS, shape file format)
- Elevation (10-meter NED, raster format)
- Land use/land cover distribution over the watersheds (Land Cover of Illinois 1999-2000, raster format)
- Hydrologic soil group distribution over the watersheds (STATSGO, SSURGO when available, raster format)

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