Wisconsin Academy - Columbus Columbia County

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<u>Crawfish River</u> - Surface Acres = 85.5 Miles, Miles = 28.2, Gradient = 4.58 feet per mile.

Headquarters of a major stream of the Rock River watershed, this stream flows first northeast, then southeast to drain much of eastern Columbia County. There are two major tributaries, Robbins Creek and North Branch, Crawfish River. Effects of impoundment at Columbus are felt more than a mile upstream. Bullheads, crappies, smallmouth bass, northern pike and walleyes are present; however, the fishery is primarily for northern pike. Buffalo, carp and suckers support an extensive spring dip-net fishery. About 1,461 acres of wetland adjoin the stream.

Recommendations

From the Wisconsin Academy outfall and for the remainder of the Crawfish River the classification should be continuous fish and aquatic life.

The above recommendations represent a concurrence of opinion of the stream classification team who are as follows:

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