Appendix A. Trout Stream Classification Checklist (revised 2/2016)

(This completed checklist should accompany any trout stream classification changes. Check the items

as appropriate and attach comments if desired.)
Stream name: <u>Unnamed Tributary to West Branch of the White River</u> (if stream is known by another name please list both names with the more common name first)
County: Waushara WBIC: 151900
Define the portion of the stream to be classified. Please provide both a written description and the coordinate locations of the upstream and downstream beginning and end points. From its confluence with the West Branch of White River (44.08101 N, 89.35654 W) to perched culvert with rock (44.09611 N, 89.34898 W)
This written description should reference permanent, unambiguous landmarks that would allow a person unfamiliar with the area to locate the points (e.g., dams, road crossings, stream confluences, county lines, section lines, township lines)
Please provide coordinate locations in one of three formats: Longitude/Latitude (Degrees, Minutes, Seconds): 89° 41' 28.7" W , 44° 55' 14.0" N Longitude/Latitude (Decimal Degrees): -89.691332, 44.920576 WTM91 (easting and northing in meters): 544361, 494173
Upstream point coordinates: $44.09611 N$, $89.34998 W$ Downstream point coordinates: $44.08101 N$, $89.35654 W$
Classification proposed Classify as Class I Trout Stream
Fish survey (including relative abundance, length distribution, and age structure) and habitat survey completed on water to be classified. Survey on file at Wantona (office location)
Fish team supervisor and district fisheries supervisor have approved the classification. Date 9/0/8
Fish Biologist has consulted with the following staff in their office or district Permit Drafter Name Anthony Fischer Date 9/12/18 Water Resource Specialist Name David Bolha Date 9/28/17 Concerns Yes No Water Management Specialist Name Sarah Addin Date 8/29/18 Concerns Yes Drinking and Groundwater staff Name Shwa Eisch Date 8/29/18 Concerns Yes

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<u>~</u>	Public notice published in local newspaper or other	rmedia. Date <u>9/19//8</u>
<u>~</u>	Notice sent to all clerks of the county, town, city, of Date $9/11/8$	r village in which the stream is located.
Trout S	Stream Classification Checklist (revised 8/2013) - Con	tinued
$ \underline{\vee}$	Notice sent to legislators in the affected districts.	Date_9/11/18
$\underline{\checkmark}$	Notice sent to chairpersons of legislative committe issues. Date 9/11/18	es with jurisdiction for natural resources
<u>v</u>	No hearing requested 30 days after public notice.	
	Hearing requested, held, and classification recomm	nended. Date
Signed:	Fisheries Biologist D	ate: <u>29 Aug 18</u>
Approv	ved: Kondolk, Kondo D Fish Team Supervisor	Date: 30 Aug 2018
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Unnamed Creek Stream Reclassification Worksheet - 2018.

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Current Boundaries

Upst T19NR10ES16 SWSW Gent starts at source in central Wautoma Township and flows generally south to confluence of West Branch of White River

GPS 44.11613 N, 89.32200 W GPS 44.08101 N, 89.35654 W Dow T19NR10ES31 NENW Leng 3.79 miles

Proposed Boundaries

Upst T19NR10ES30 NENE Gen: starts at perched culvert on Fass property and flows generally south to confluence of West Branch of White River

GPS 44.09611 N, 89.34998 W Leng 1.5 miles GPS 44.08101 N, 89.35654 W Dow T19NR10ES31 NENW

Streams Natura Coldwater, Cool-Cold Headwater, Cool-Cold Mainstem

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Legislative Chairperson(s):

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Public Notice (media sources):

Waushara Argus, P.O. Box 838, Wautoma, Wl. 54982

This unnamed tributary to the West Branch of White River is very important to it's fishery and water quality.

It provides important cool water in the summer time and some of the systems only spawning habitat for brook trout.

The tributary should be classified Class 1 since it contains trout with 2 or more age groups, above the age of one year, and natural reproduction and survival of wild fish

in sufficient numbers to utilize the available trout habitat and to sustain the fishery without stocking.

It was likely overlooked as being classified as trout water in the past, because of its small size.

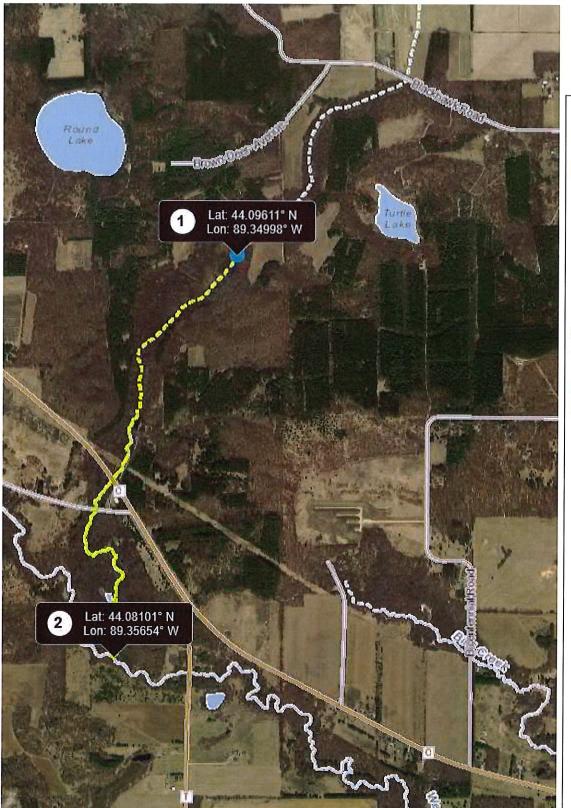
Regulation will remain Category Green (Daily bag limit and length limit: 5 trout in total of any length

No records of stocking taking place in this unnamed tributary.

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Surface Water Data Viewer Map





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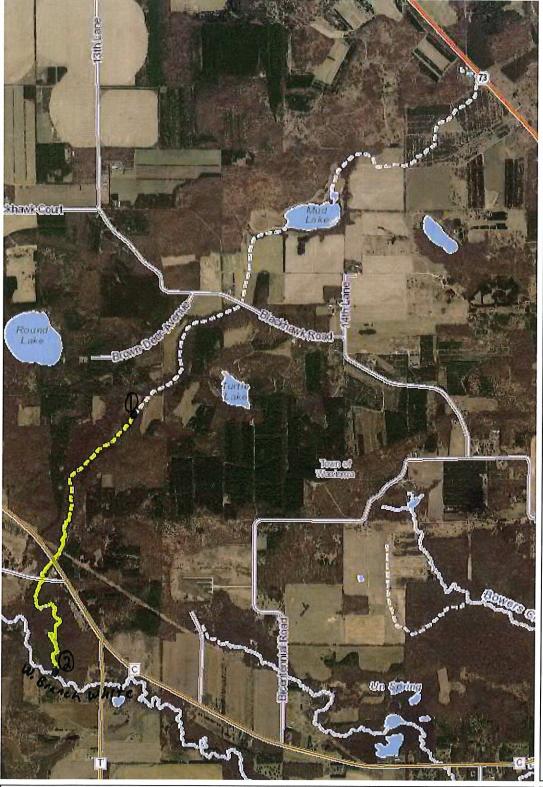
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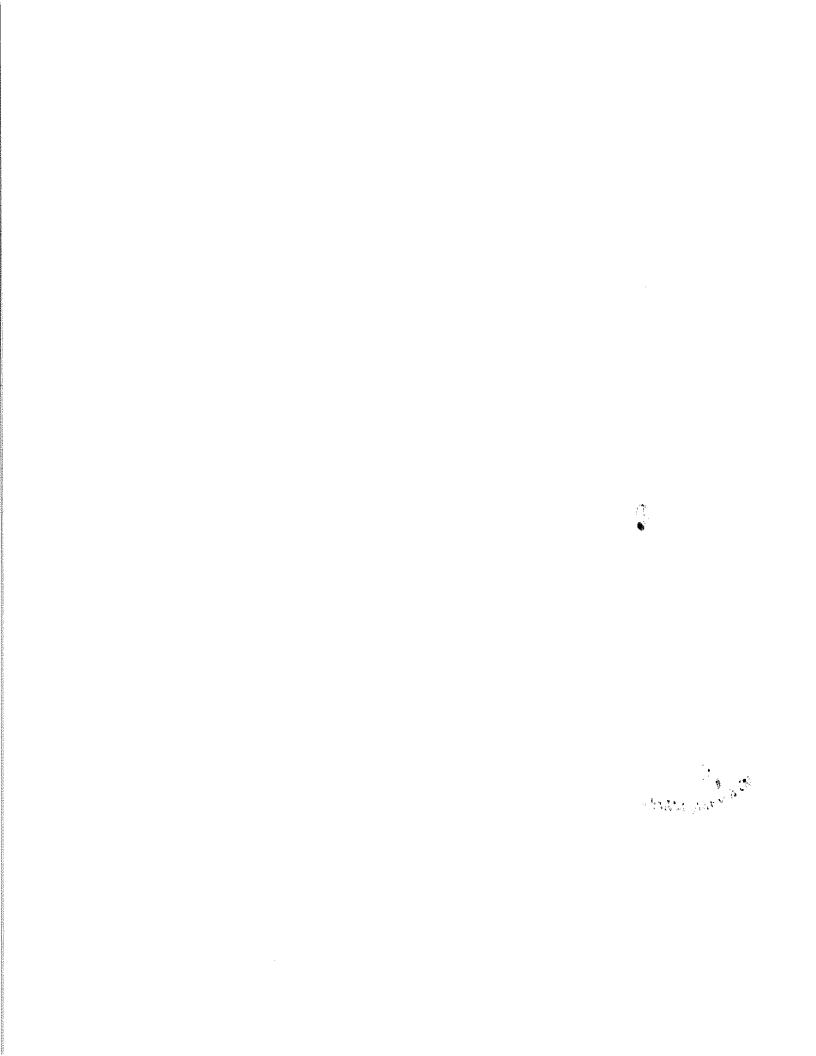
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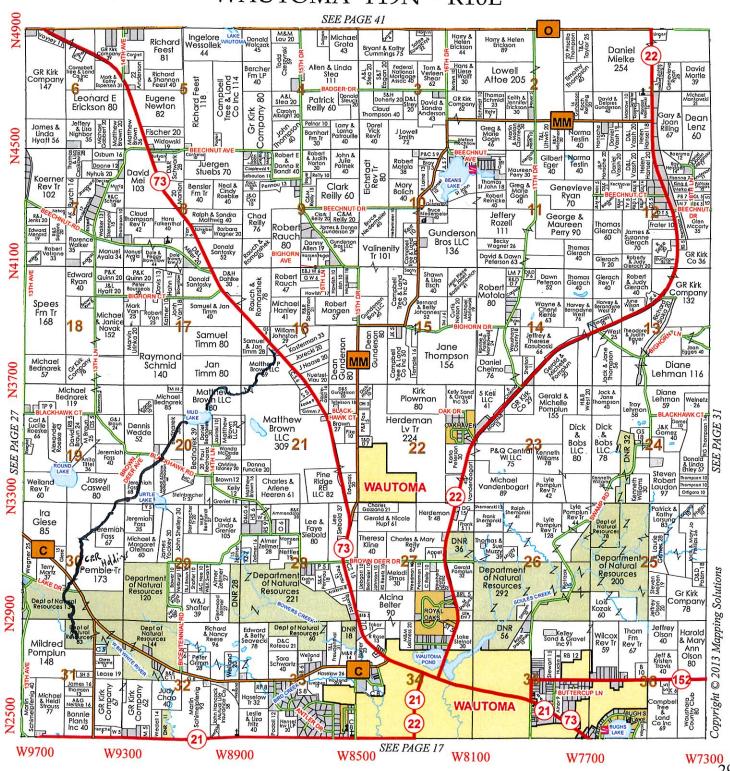
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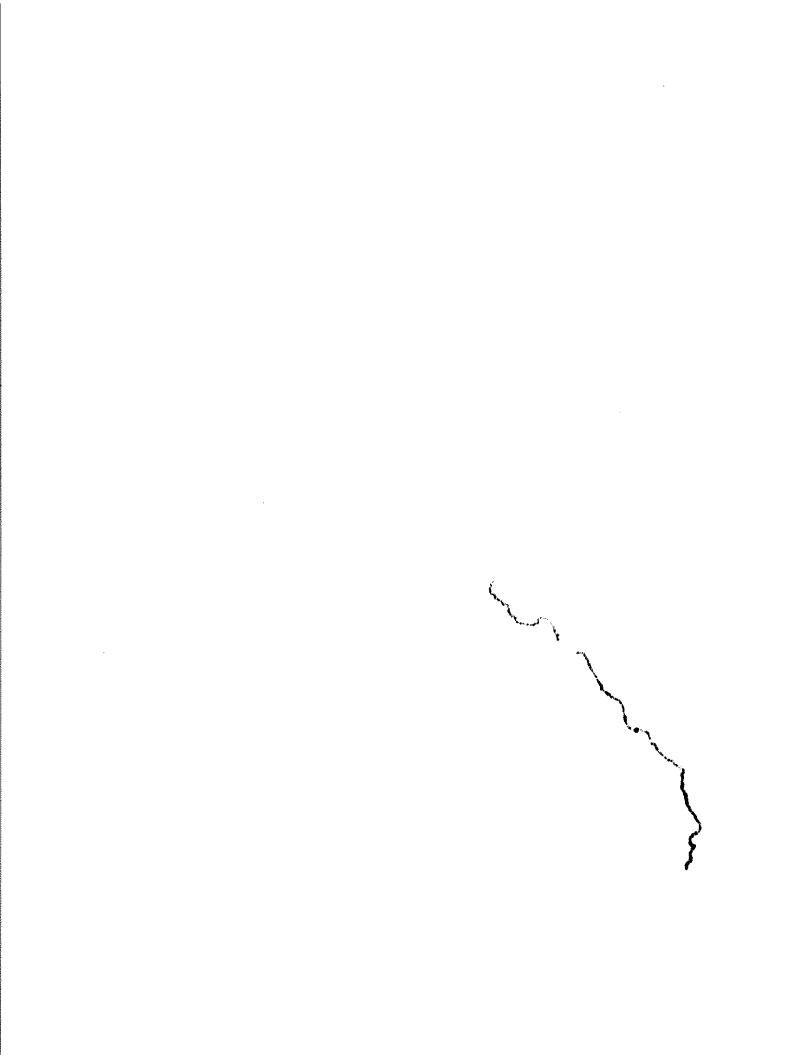
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2017 Stream Survey Report

Unnamed Tributary to West Branch of the White River

Potential (WBIC 151900)

Waushara County

Prepared by Joe Dax and Scott Bunde

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Introduction and Objectives

The West Branch White River, in the White River Watershed, is a 7.90 mile river located in Waushara County. The West Branch originates at the West Branch Mill Pond, flows south southeast to eventually join up with the White River just south of Wautoma. It is one of a few streams in the state to support natural reproducing populations of Brook, Brown and Rainbow trout. Fishing access consists of large quantities of public land and multiple road crossings. Objectives for this survey are to determine species composition, relative abundance, and size structure to help classify a 3.79 mile tributary to the West Branch as a class 1 trout stream.

Regulations: Green

Size Limit: No Size Limit

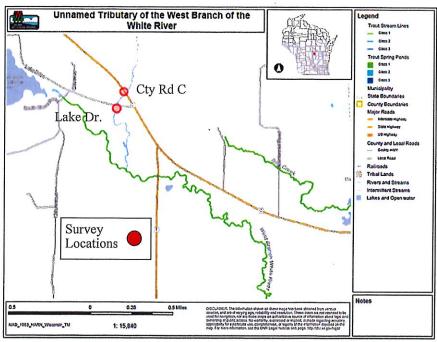
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Dave Bartz—Fisheries Biologist Scott Bunde - Fisheries Technician Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources 427 E. Tower Drive, Suite 100 Wautoma WI 54982

Phone: 920 - 787 - 3016 E-mail: dave.bartz@wisconsin.gov

Survey Information									
Station	Survey Date	Station Length	Temperature (F°)	MSW	GPS (Start/Finish)	Gear	Dippers	IBI	
Lake Drive	08/29/2017	330 ft	55	5.6 ft	44.08577, -89.35800 44.08643, -89.35780	Backpack Shocker	2	Yes	
County Road C	08/29/2017	330 ft	56	6.0 ft	44.08697, -89.35727 44.08770, -89.35664	Backpack Shocker	2	Yes	



Metric Descriptions

- Catch per unit effort (CPUE) is an indirect method of measuring fish population relative abundance. For all trout surveys we typically quantify CPUE by the number and size of trout captured per mile of stream. CPUE indexes are compared to statewide streams by percentile (PCTL). For example, if a CPUE is in the 90th percentile, it is higher than 90% of the other CPUEs in the state. CPUE percentiles can also be used to categorize trout abundance by 33rd (low density), 66th (moderate), 90th (high), and 95th (very high) benchmarks.
- Index of Biotic Integrity (IBI) is a rating of environmental quality based on fish
 assemblage. Scores of 90-100 would indicate excellent quality while scores less
 than 30 would indicate poor quality. Our analysis utilizes the IBI for Wisconsin
 coldwater streams (max. daily mean water temp. usually <22°C). A coolwater
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- Length frequency distribution is a graphical representation of the percentage of fish captured by half or one inch size intervals.

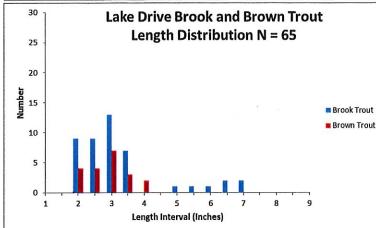
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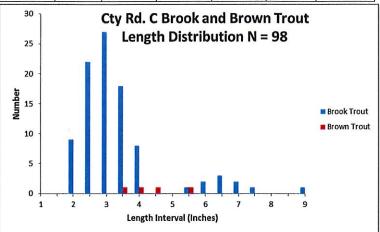
- All streams are sampled according to WDNR wadeable streams monitoring protocols. The Unnamed Tributary is a potential trout site for the segment of the West Branch of the White River in Waushara County.
- All sampling stations are electrofished with either a towed barge shocker (pictured below) or backpack shocker.
- Sampling distance is at least 35 times the mean stream width or a minimum of 330 feet (100 meters).
- All trout and other gamefish are measured for length.
- In at least one stream segment (if multiple stations are being sampled) all fish species are collected and counted for calculation of an Index of Biotic Integrity (IBI).
- Metrics used to describe trout populations include average length, catch per unit effort (CPUE) and length frequency distribution.



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Size and Abundance (CPUE) Metrics											
			Average	Length			CPUE	E (No. per N	file)		
Station	Species	Total Num- ber Sampled	Length (inches)	Length Range (inches) Total	Total CPUE (PCTL)	YOY CPUE	>5" CPUE (PCTL)	>6" CPUE (PCTL)	>8" CPUE (PCTL)	>10" CPUE	>12" CPUE (PCTL)
Lake Drive	Brook	45	3.5	2.0 - 7.0	720 (80th)	603	111 (55th)	79 (55th)	-		-
County Road C	Brook	94	4.2	2.0 - 9.2	1504 (93rd)	1206	159 (63rd)	143 (71st)	16 (50th)		
Lake Drive	Brown	20	3.1	2.2 - 4.0	320 (66th)	286	0		-		-
County Road C	Brown	4	4.5	3.5 - 5.7	64 (37th)	16	0	-	-	•	





Species Community and IBI - Lake Dr.							
Species Sampled	Total	IBI Score	Integrity Rating				
Brook Trout	45	Coldwater	Coldwater				
Brown Trout	20	IBI Score:	IBI Rating:				
Mottled Sculpin	3	90	Excellent				

Species Community and IBI –Cty Rd. C							
Species Sampled	Total	IBI Score	Integrity Rating				
Brook Trout	94	Coldwater	Coldwater IBI Rating: Excellent				
Brown Trout	4	IBI Score:					
White Sucker	1	90	Excellent				



Mottled sculpin (pictured above) is a small nongame species commonly found in coldwater streams. Similar to trout they require colder temperatures, are considered thermally intolerant, and their presence can be indicative of healthier environmental quality.



Young of the year (YOY) Brook, Rainbow, and Brown Trout sampled at confluence of this tributary and the West Branch of White River.

Summary

- For the Tributary overall, brook trout density was at moderate to high levels with total trout from the 80th to 93rd percentile.
- Largest sized brook and brown trout were 9 inches and 5.5 inches respectively.
- Brook trout young of year (YOY) and yearling density were at moderately high levels.
- The fish assemblage sampled in the Unnamed Tributary indicated Excellent overall environmental quality.
- The Trout Potential survey was the first at the site and determined there are at least 2 age groups present above the age of one year.
- June 6, 2018 Scott Bunde and Dave Bartz walked the stream from County Rd C upstream to the perched culvert. The back pack shocker was
 used periodically along this walk to check trout presence. Brook trout of various ages were found along the entire stretch.

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Rating Item	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Score
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rock	15	10	5	0	
Bank Erosion Width of bare soil on bank, along transects	No significant bank erosion; < 0.20 m of bank is bare soll	Limited erosion; 0.20 - 0.50 m of bank is bare soil	Moderate erosion; 0.51 - 1.0 m of bank is bare soil	Extensive erosion; > 1.0 m of bank is bare soil	10
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Pool Area % of stream length in pools	Pools common; wide, deep, slow velocity habitat, balanced by other habitats; 40 to 60% of station	Pools present; not frequent or over- abundant; 30 to 39% or 61 to 70% of station	Pools present, but either rare or overly dominant, few other habitats present; 10 to 29% or 71 to 90% of station	Pools either absent or dominant, not balanced by other habitats; < 10% or > 90% of station	3
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Fine Sediments % of the substrate that is < 2 mm (sand, silt, or clay)	Fines rare or absent, < 10% of the stream bed	Fines present but limited, generally in stream margins or pools; 10 to 20% of stream bed	Fines common in mid-channel areas, present in riffles and extensive in pools; 21 to 60%	Fines extensive in all habitats; > 60% of stream bed covered	5
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Cover for Fish % of the stream area with cover	Cover/shelter for fish abundant; > 15% of stream	Cover common, but not extensive; 10 - 15% of stream	Occasional cover, limited to one or two areas; 5 - 9% of stream	Cover rare or absent; limited to < 5% of stream	10
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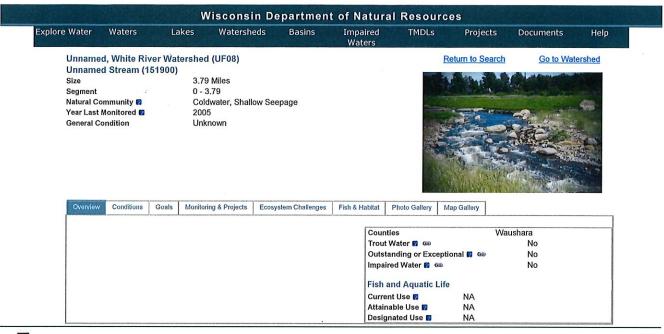




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