

TROUT STREAM CLASSIFICATION PROPOSAL
BEAR CREEK WATERSHED, SAUK COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Fisheries Management Bureau
Fitchburg Fisheries Unit
Poynette Field Office

Submitted to Lori Tate, Trout Stream Classification Coordinator-Acting (Central Office)

Following approval by

David Rowe, Fitchburg Unit Supervisor (Fitchburg) and
Timothy Simonson, South District Fisheries Supervisor (Fitchburg)

Submitted by Nathan Nye, Senior Fisheries Biologist, Poynette Office
September 29, 2020

The final report of all survey work conducted in support of these reclassifications is
available online at:

<https://widnr.widen.net/s/mdb3ergm3t>

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: Bear Creek

(if stream is known by another name please list both names with the more common name first)

County: Sauk WBIC: 1234600

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.

Bear Creek in the Town of Washington (T11N, R3E, Sections 29, 31, and 32) and the Town of Bear Creek (T10N, R3E, Sections 6, 7, 18, and 19); 8.2 miles from the headwaters downstream to the County Road N bridge.

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: N43.40406, W-90.15359

Downstream point coordinates: N43.32733, W-90.17572

Classification proposed Class 1

☒ Fish survey (including relative abundance, length distribution, and age structure) and habitat survey completed on water to be classified. Survey on file at Poynette (office location)

☒ Fish team supervisor and district fisheries supervisor have approved the classification.
Date 08/13/20

☒ Fish Biologist has consulted with the following staff in their office or district

☒	Permit Drafter Name <u>Tom Bauman</u>	Date <u>08/13/20</u>	Concerns	Yes	☒ No
☒	Water Resource Specialist Name <u>Kim Kuher</u>	Date <u>08/13/20</u>	Concerns	Yes	☒ No
☒	Water Management Specialist Name <u>Jeff Schure</u>	Date <u>08/13/20</u>	Concerns	Yes	☒ No
☒	Drinking and Groundwater staff Name <u>Eileen Pierce</u>	Date <u>08/13/20</u>	Concerns	Yes	☒ No

X Public notice published in local newspaper or other media. Date 08/20/20

X Notice sent to all clerks of the county, town, city, or village in which the stream is located.
Date 08/13/20

Trout Stream Classification Checklist (revised 8/2013) - Continued

X Notice sent to legislators in the affected districts. Date 08/18/20

X Notice sent to chairpersons of legislative committees with jurisdiction for natural resources
issues. Date 08/18/20

X No hearing requested 30 days after public notice.

 Hearing requested, held, and classification recommended. Date

Signed: Matt J. Nye Date: 09/22/20
Fisheries Biologist

Approved: Date:
Fish Team Supervisor

 Date:
District Fisheries Supervisor

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Stream name: McCarville Creek
(if stream is known by another name please list both names with the more common name first)

County: Sauk WBIC: 1236100

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.

McCarville Creek in the Town of Bear Creek (T10N, R3E, Sections 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 19, and 20); 4.74 miles from the headwaters downstream to the mouth (confluence with Bear Creek).

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: N43.37136 W-90.12959

Downstream point coordinates: N43.32768 W-90.17575

Classification proposed Class I

☒ Fish survey (including relative abundance, length distribution, and age structure) and habitat survey completed on water to be classified. Survey on file at Poynette (office location)

☒ Fish team supervisor and district fisheries supervisor have approved the classification.
Date 08/13/20

☒ Fish Biologist has consulted with the following staff in their office or district

☒	Permit Drafter Name	<u>Tom Bauman</u>	Date	<u>08/13/20</u>	Concerns	Yes	☐ No
☒	Water Resource Specialist Name	<u>Kim Kuber</u>	Date	<u>08/13/20</u>	Concerns	Yes	☐ No
☒	Water Management Specialist Name	<u>Teff Schure</u>	Date	<u>08/13/20</u>	Concerns	Yes	☐ No
☒	Drinking and Groundwater staff Name	<u>Eileen Pierce</u>	Date	<u>08/13/20</u>	Concerns	Yes	☐ No

- ☒ Public notice published in local newspaper or other media. Date 08/20/20
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Date 08/13/20

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- ☒ Notice sent to legislators in the affected districts. Date 08/18/20
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Signed: Matt J. Nye Date: 09/22/20
Fisheries Biologist

Approved: _____ Date: _____
Fish Team Supervisor

_____ Date: _____
District Fisheries Supervisor

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Stream name: Marble Creek

(if stream is known by another name please list both names with the more common name first)

County: Sauk WBIC: 1235700

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.

Marble Creek in the Town of Bear Creek (T10N, R3E, Sections 27, 28, 29, 30); 3.51 miles from the headwaters downstream to the mouth (confluence with Bear Creek).

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Longitude/Latitude (Decimal Degrees): -89.691332, 44.920576

WTM91 (easting and northing in meters): 544361, 494173

Upstream point coordinates: N43.31577, W-90.12265

Downstream point coordinates: N43.31218, W-90.18546

Classification proposed Class 1

☒ Fish survey (including relative abundance, length distribution, and age structure) and habitat survey completed on water to be classified. Survey on file at Poynette (office location)

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Date 08/13/20

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☒	Water Management Specialist Name <u>Jeff Schum</u>	Date <u>08/13/20</u>	Concerns	Yes	☒ No
☒	Drinking and Groundwater staff Name <u>Fileen Pierce</u>	Date <u>08/13/20</u>	Concerns	Yes	☒ No

X Public notice published in local newspaper or other media. Date 08/20/20

X Notice sent to all clerks of the county, town, city, or village in which the stream is located.
Date 08/13/20

Trout Stream Classification Checklist (revised 8/2013) - Continued

X Notice sent to legislators in the affected districts. Date 08/18/20

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X No hearing requested 30 days after public notice.

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Signed: Nath J. Rye Date: 09/22/20
Fisheries Biologist

Approved: Date:
Fish Team Supervisor

 Date:
District Fisheries Supervisor

Nye, Nathan J - DNR

From: Nye, Nathan J - DNR
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 1:06 PM
To: Bauman, Thomas S - DNR; Pierce, Eileen F - DNR; Sorge, Michael J - DNR; Amrhein, James F - DNR; Kuber, Kimberly A - DNR; Schure, Jeff J - DNR (Jeff.Schure@wisconsin.gov)
Subject: Trout Stream Reclassifications in Sauk and Columbia counties

Greetings to All:

I am writing to notify you of the reclassification of three trout streams in Sauk County and four trout streams in Columbia County, per the attached legal notices which will be running in the newspaper. For quick reference, the Sauk County streams are McCarville Creek in the Town of Bear Creek (entire stream), Marble Creek in the Town of Bear Creek (entire stream), and Bear Creek in the Town of Washington and the Town of Bear Creek from the headwaters downstream to the County Road N bridge. The Sauk County streams are being reclassified from Class 2 to Class 1.

			
Legal	McCarville	Marble	Bear Creek_Sauk
Notice_Sauk Cou... Creek_Sauk Cou...	Creek_Sauk Cou...	County_Trout C...	

In addition to the attached legal notice and maps, here is a link to the final report that details all of the information gathering and analysis that went into making the decision to reclassify the Sauk County streams.

<https://widnr.widen.net/s/mdb3ergm3t>

The Columbia County streams include Hinkson Creek in the Town of Lowville and the Town of Dekorra (entire stream), an unnamed tributary to Rowan Creek in the Town of Arlington and the Town of Dekorra (entire stream), an unnamed tributary to Spring Creek locally known as Bohlman Branch in the Town of Arlington and the Town of Lodi (entire stream), and a portion of Middle Branch Duck Creek in the Town of Springvale and the Town of Wyocena (Jennings Creek confluence to County Road G). I have also attached maps showing the locations of the streams or stream segments that are being reclassified. Hinkson Creek and the unnamed tributary to Spring Creek are being reclassified from Class 2 to Class 1, the unnamed tributary to Rowan Creek is being reclassified from unclassified to Class 1, and Middle Branch Duck Creek is being reclassified from Class 3 to Class 2.

				
Legal	Hinkson	Unnamed	Unnamed	Middle Branch
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In addition to the attached legal notice and maps, here is a link to the final report that details all of the information gathering and analysis that went into making the decision to reclassify the Columbia County streams.

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Part of the stream reclassification process is to notify appropriate DNR staff in Wastewater, Water Quality, Water Regulation/Zoning, and Drinking and Groundwater which is why you are receiving this email. Please let me know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. Also, as a point of reference, the fishing regulations on these streams do not change when the trout classification changes.

Kind regards,

Nate

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Nathan Nye

Fisheries Biologist – Fisheries Management/Fish, Wildlife, and Parks
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
N3344 Stebbins Rd.

Poynette, WI 53955

Phone: (608) 635-5143

Nathan.Nye@wisconsin.gov



Nye, Nathan J - DNR

From: Nye, Nathan J - DNR
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 9:34 AM
To: becky.evert@saukcountywi.gov; eileeneberle@gmail.com; Huebsch, Joyce J - MUN
Subject: Trout Stream Reclassifications-Notification

Hello All,

I am writing to notify you of the reclassification of three trout streams in Sauk County, per the attached legal notice which will be running in the newspaper. For quick reference, the streams are McCarville Creek in the Town of Bear Creek (entire stream), Marble Creek in the Town of Bear Creek (entire stream), and Bear Creek in the Town of Washington and the Town of Bear Creek from the headwaters downstream to the County Road N bridge. I have also attached maps showing the locations of the streams or stream segments that are being reclassified. These streams are all being reclassified from Class 2 to Class 1. All have self-sustaining populations of trout.

In addition to the attached legal notice and maps, here is a link to the final report that details all of the information gathering and analysis that went into making the decision to reclassify these streams.

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Part of the stream reclassification process is to notify the County, Township, and municipal clerks for the areas where the streams are located which is why you are receiving this email. This is merely a notification and there is no required action on your part, but please do let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Nate



Legal



McCarville



Marble



Bear Creek_Sauk

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Nye, Nathan J - DNR

From: Nye, Nathan J - DNR
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 4:07 PM
To: Sen.Marklein - LEGIS; Rep.Novak - LEGIS; Sen.Olsen - LEGIS; Rep.Plumer - LEGIS; Sen.Cowles - LEGIS; Sen.LeMahieu - LEGIS; Rep.Kitchens - LEGIS; Rep.Stafsholt - LEGIS; Rep.Mursau - LEGIS
Cc: Ruby, Erin A - DNR; Kennedy, Sean P - DNR
Subject: Trout Stream Classifications in Sauk and Columbia Counties

Greetings to All:

I am writing to notify you of the reclassification of three trout streams in Sauk County and four trout streams in Columbia County, per the attached legal notices. The Columbia County notice ran in the Portage Daily Register on August 17, 2020. The Sauk County notice will run in the Reedsburg Times-Press on August 20, 2020. For quick reference, the Sauk County streams are McCarville Creek in the Town of Bear Creek (entire stream), Marble Creek in the Town of Bear Creek (entire stream), and Bear Creek in the Town of Washington and the Town of Bear Creek from the headwaters downstream to the County Road N bridge. The Sauk County streams are all being reclassified from Class 2 to Class 1.

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	Legal		Hinkson		Unnamed		Unnamed		Middle Branch
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<https://widnr.widen.net/s/0m1ytufn8c>

Part of the stream reclassification process is to notify the State Senators and Assembly Representatives for the areas where the streams are located, as well as the Chairpersons of legislative committees with jurisdiction for natural resources issues which is why you are receiving this email. This is merely a notification and there is no required action on your part. Also, as a point of reference, the fishing regulations on these streams do not change when the trout classification changes. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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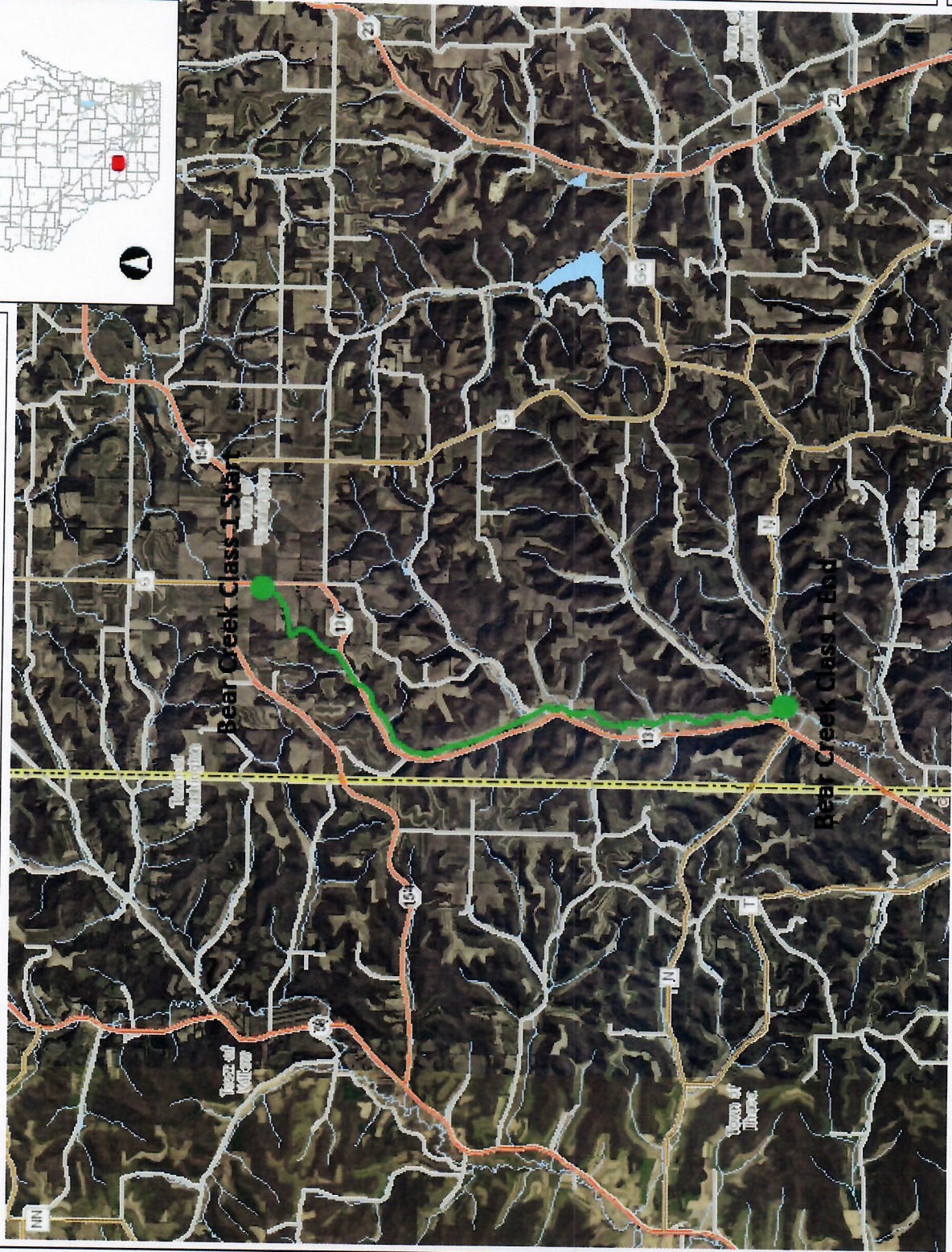
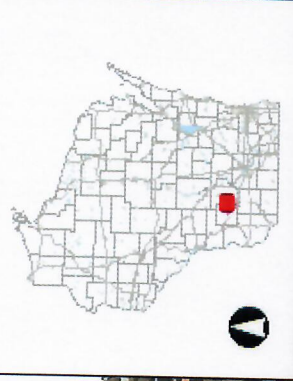
8/20/2020

JULIE KOPFHAMER
Notary Public
State of Wisconsin

Pursuant to NR 1.02(7)(c), Wisconsin Administrative Code, the Department of Natural Resources gives public notice of the classification of the following trout streams in Sauk County as Class 1 trout water: McCarville Creek in the Town of Bear Creek (T10N, R3E, Sections 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 19, and 20); 4.74 miles from the headwaters (N43.37136, W-90.12959) downstream to the mouth (N43.32768, W-90.17575); Marble Creek in the Town of Bear Creek (T10N, R3E, Sections 27, 28, 29, and 30); 3.51 miles from the headwaters (N43.31577, W-90.12285) downstream to the mouth (N43.31218, W-90.18546); Bear Creek in the Town of Washington (T11N, R3E, Sections 29, 31, and 32) and the Town of Bear Creek (T10N, R3E, Sections 6, 7, 18, and 19); 6.2 miles from the headwaters (N43.40406, W-90.15359) downstream to the County Road N bridge (N43.32733, W-90.17572). These classifications are based on fishery surveys which indicated these streams contain self-sustaining populations of trout. Per NR 1.02(7)(b), Wisconsin Administrative Code, Class 1 trout streams contain spawning habitat and naturally produced fry, fingerling, and yearling fish in sufficient numbers to utilize the available trout habitat, OR, 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. The Department shall waive any hearing requirement on this classification unless a written request for hearing is received within 30 days of publication of this notice. Requests should be sent to: ATTN: Nathan Nye, Fisheries Biologist, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, N3344 Stebbins Rd., Poynette, WI 53955. RTP: August 20, 2020 -12380 WNAXLP



Bear Creek, Sauk County, Class 1 Trout Water



- Legend**
- Municipality
 - State Boundaries
 - County Boundaries
 - Major Roads
 - Interstate Highway
 - State Highway
 - US Highway
 - County and Local Roads
 - County HWY
 - Local Road
 - Railroads
 - Tribal Lands
 - Rivers and Streams
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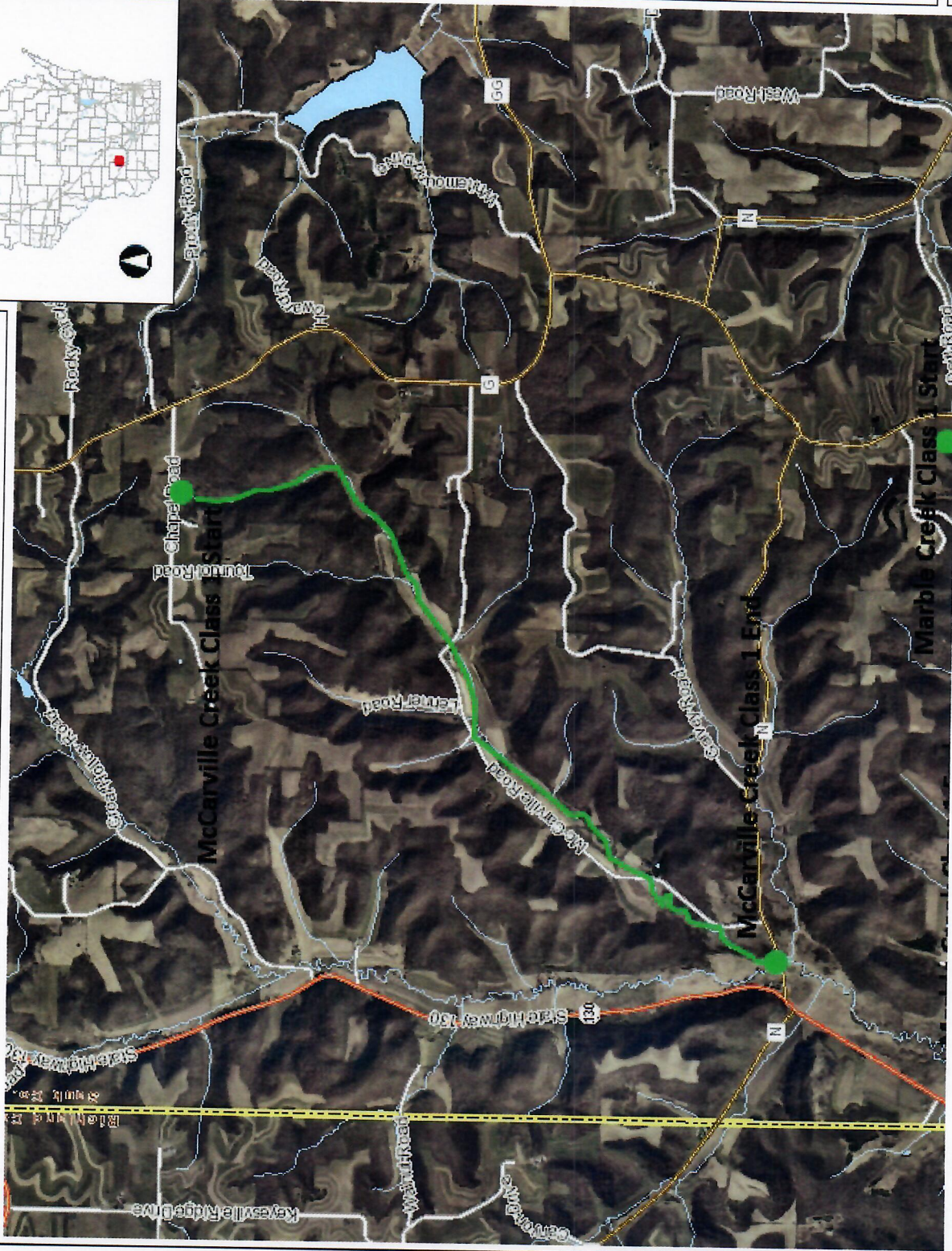
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Reclass from Class 2 to Class 1, 8.2 miles from headwaters to mouth.

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McCarville Creek, Sauk County, Class 1 Trout Water



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Notes

Reclass from Class 2 to Class 1, 4.74 miles from headwaters to mouth.

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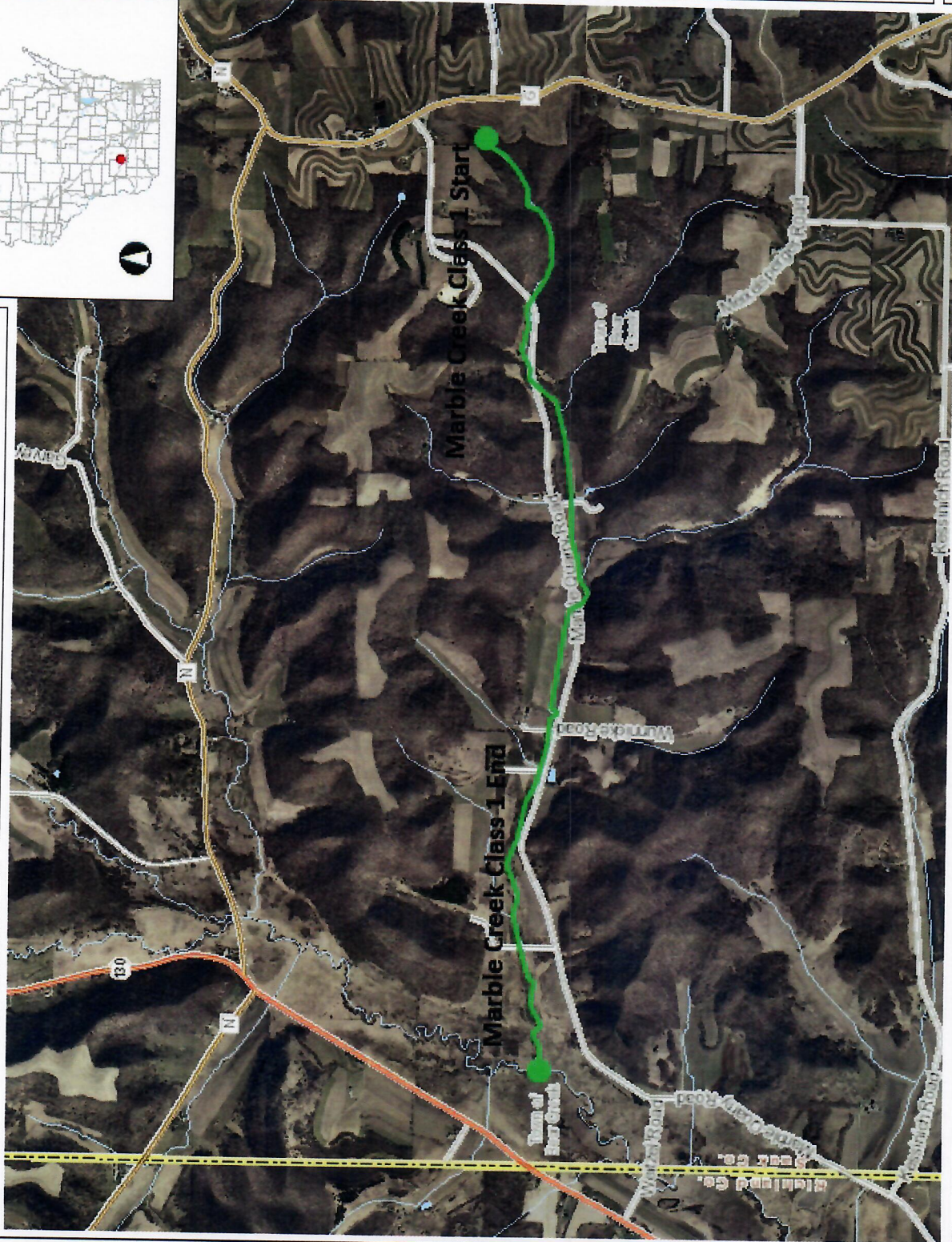
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Marble Creek, Sauk County, Class 1 Trout Water



- Legend**
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 - Major Roads
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Notes

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