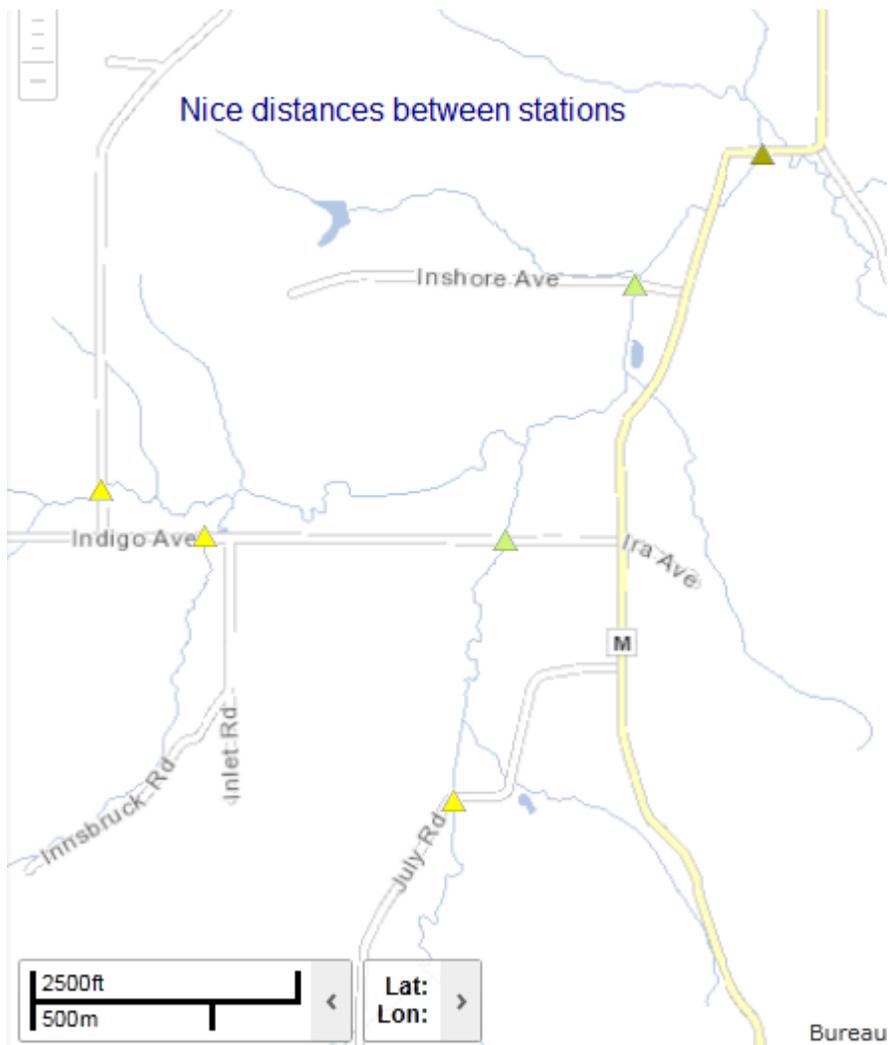


## When does a new station need to be created?

While we can't put an exact distance on how close is too close to another station, is the nearest station more than about 2 football fields (~200yds or ~600 ft) away and are there water quality changes or influences(tributaries, outfalls, culverts, tiles) creating new conditions between those distances?

- Is there a change in Natural Community classification?
- Is there a change in flow, an incoming tributary, outfall, or tiles that affect the water quality?
- Are there major land use changes between stations?
- Use Best Professional Judgment if there is a reason other than the common ones listed above.





When does a new station NOT need to be created?

- I sampled at an existing station but the name is not correct or the name is weird. Go by the location of the station, not the name.

What about these scenarios?

- **There is a station on the wrong side of the street, I sampled on the OTHER side of the street** – a station is intended to be general. You can specify in your field notes and on labslips the exact sampling location if you'd like.
- **There is a station ON the road, I samples 300 ft downstream of that** – a station is meant to be general. If you think the water quality will be well represented using the existing nearby station, use it.
- **There is a boat landing station type but I sampled in the water near the landing - ??** If the station does not have a wbic, you will want to make a new station.
- **I want to mark the specific patch of purple loosestrife I found - ??**
- **There is a deep hole station but I sampled ~ 6 football fields (1000ft) away** – lakes can be very large. If water quality will be representative of that area, then use the existing deep hole and on the field notes and labslip you can note the exact location if you'd like.