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# SWAT MODEL SUMMARY AND RESULTS

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**Arkansas and Oklahoma  
Illinois River Watershed**

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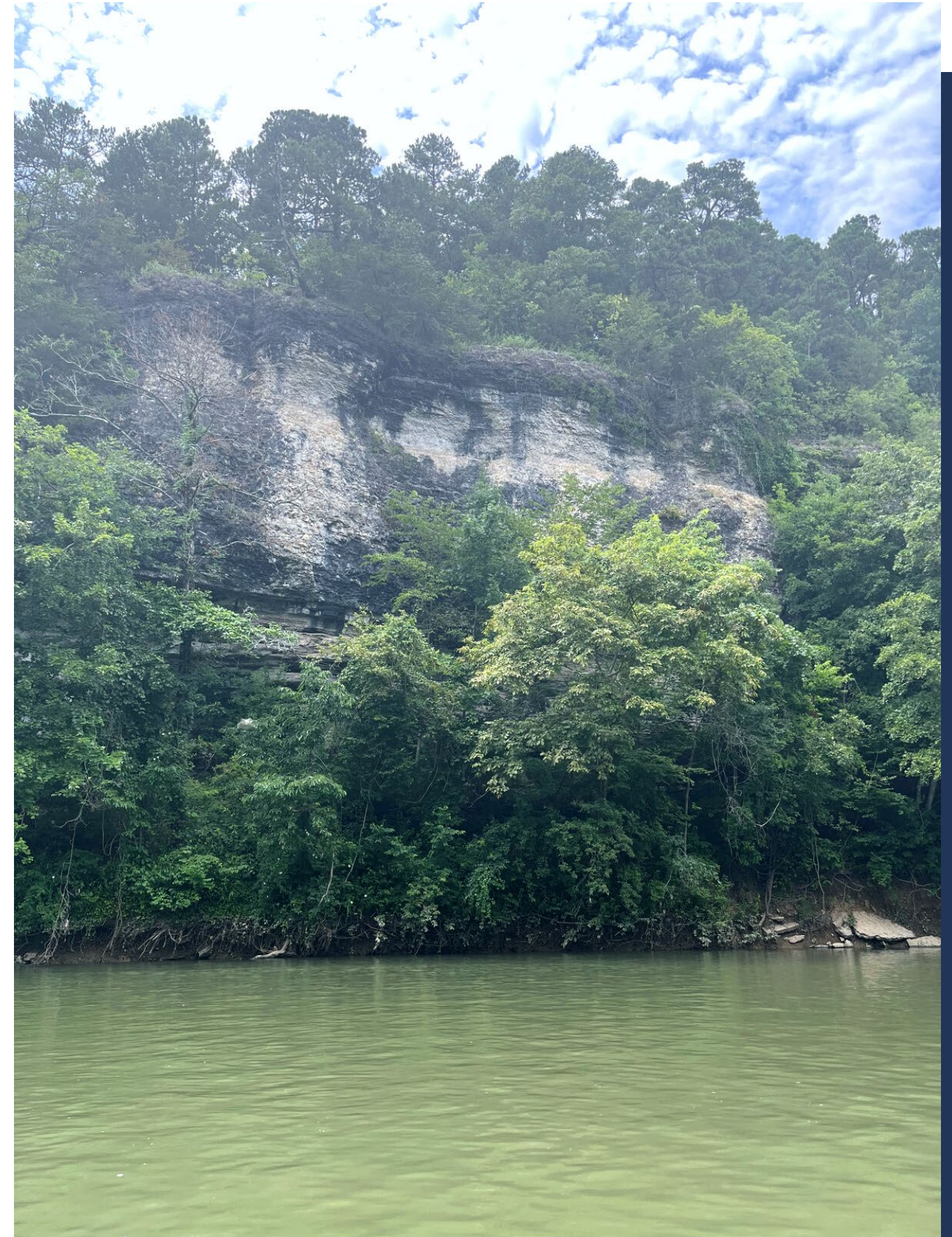
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# Model Setup

## Inputs

## SWAT Model

## Output

### Sediment and Nutrient Loads

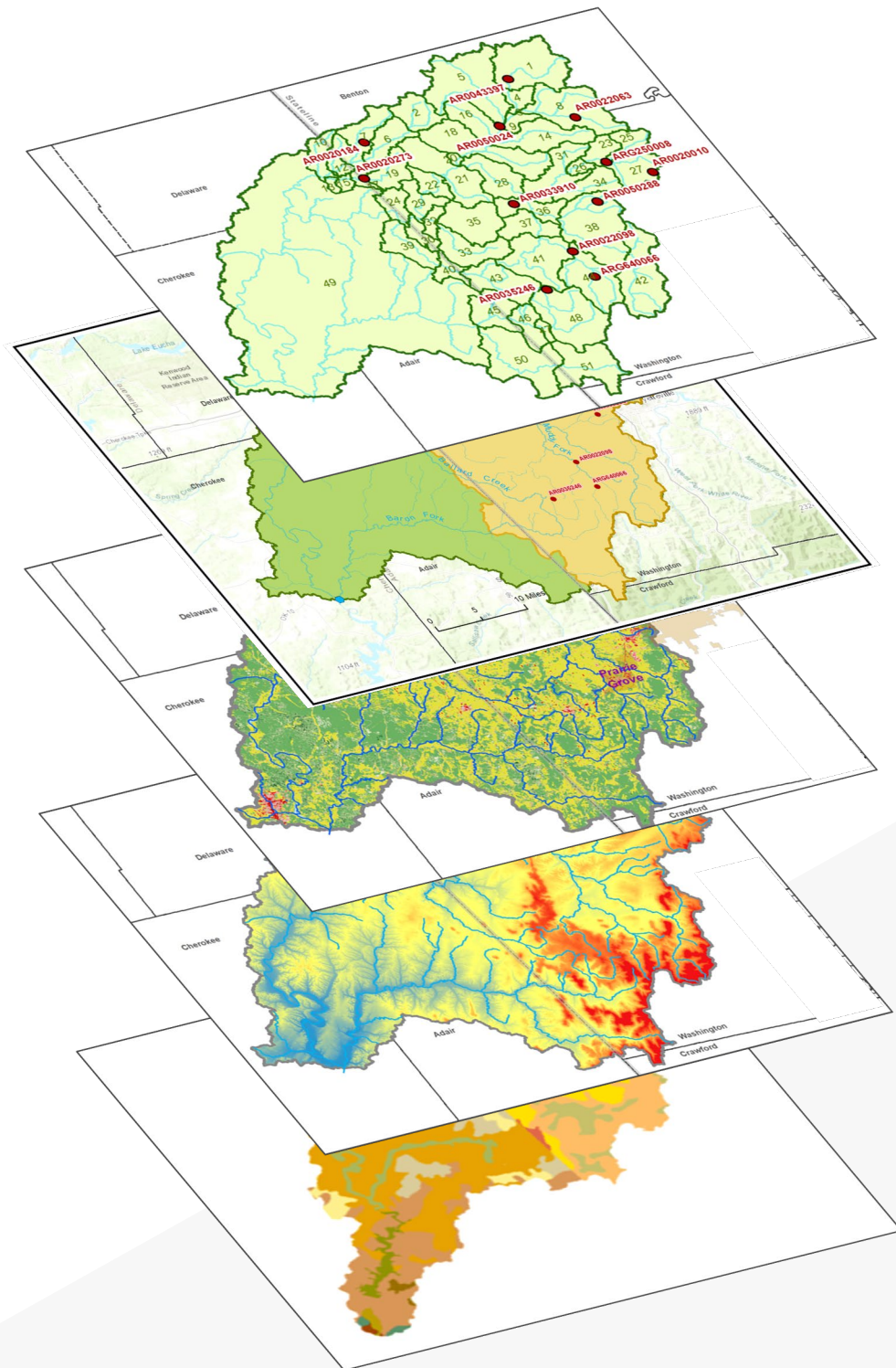
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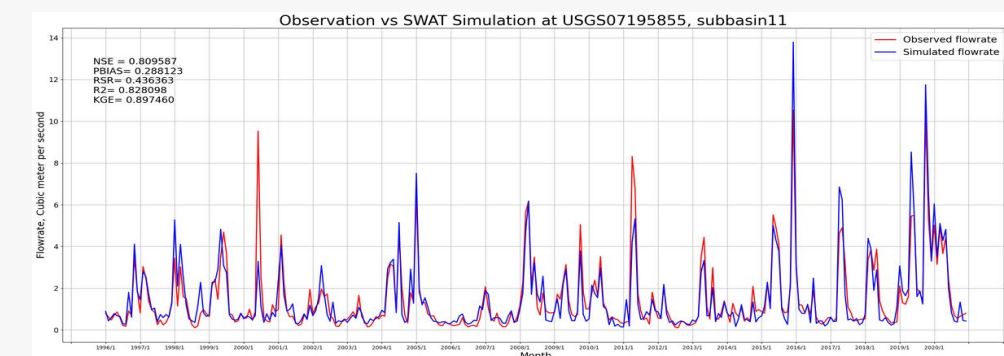
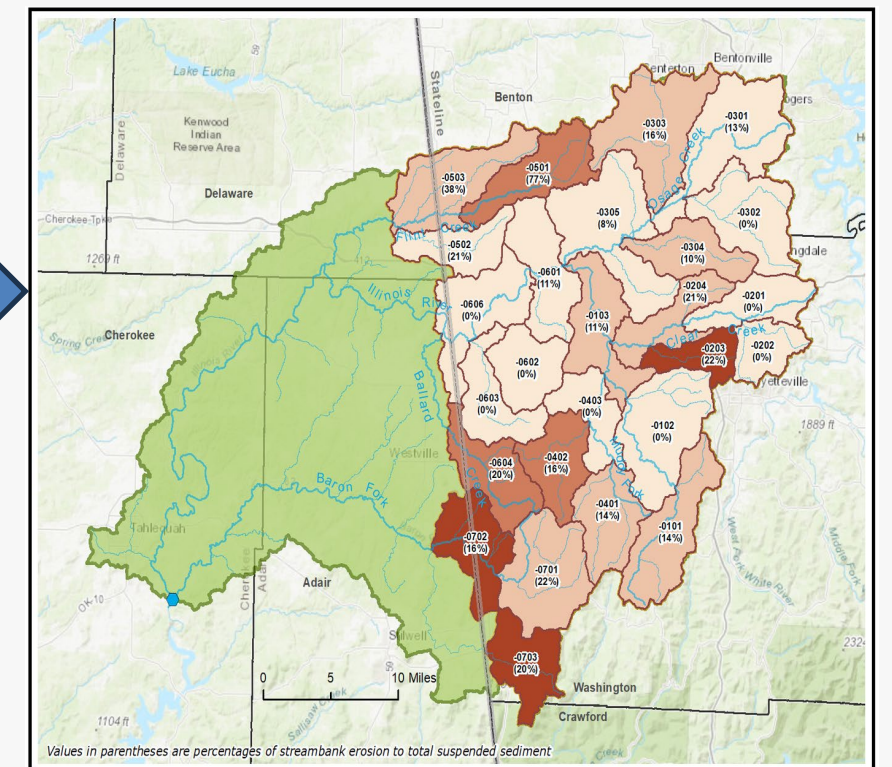
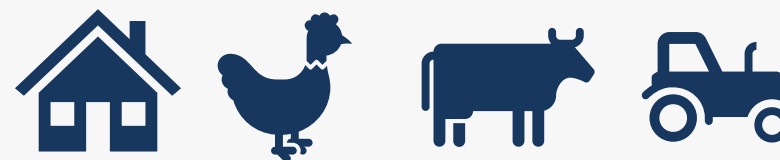
Land Use  
(NLCD 2019)

Topography  
(DEM)

Soils  
(SSURGO)

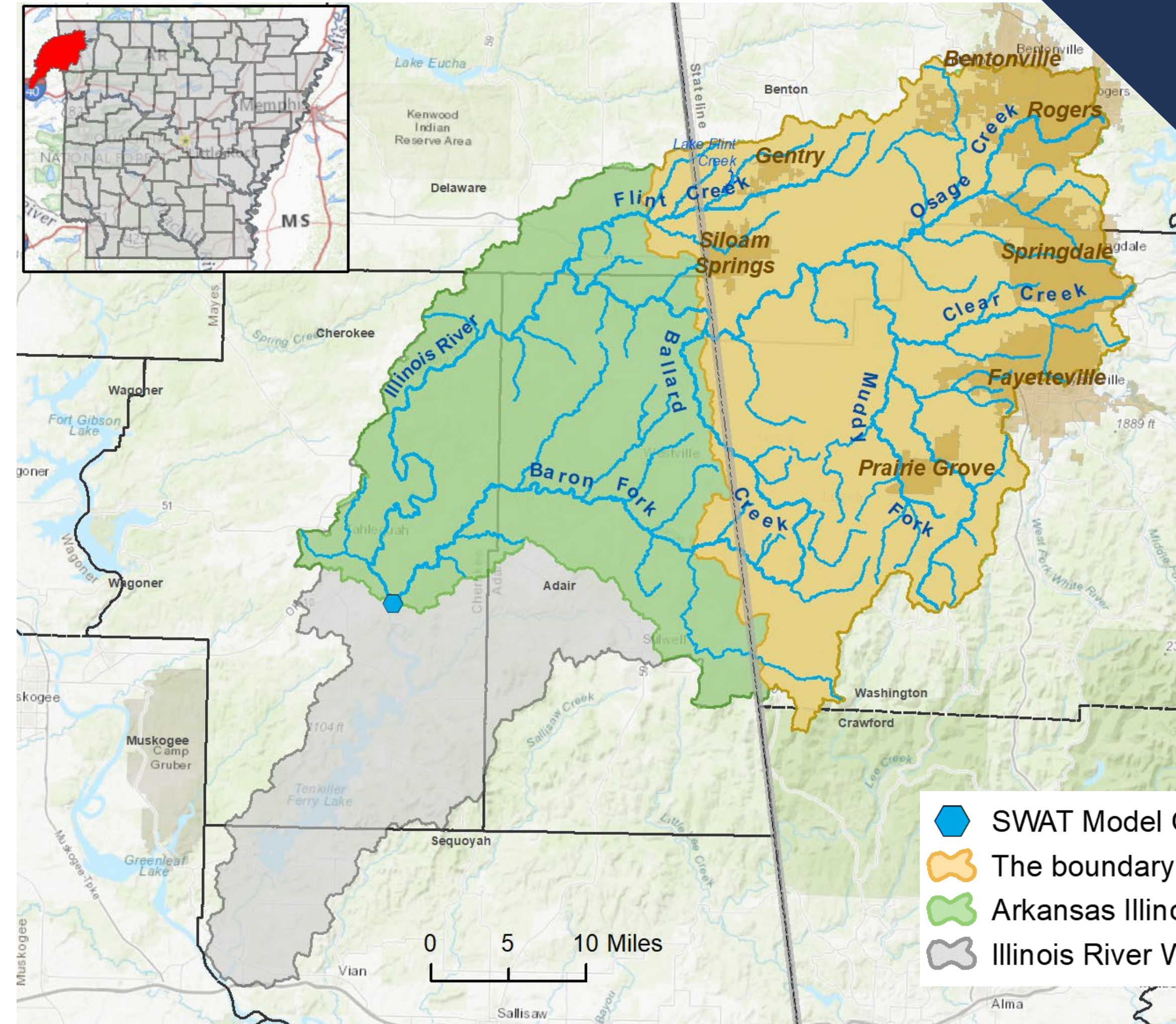






Land Management Practices



# Model Setup

## Geographic Extent



-  SWAT Model Outlet
-  The boundary of HUC12s with more than 50% of area in Arkansas
-  Arkansas Illinois River Model Extent
-  Illinois River Watershed HUC8

0 5 10 Miles

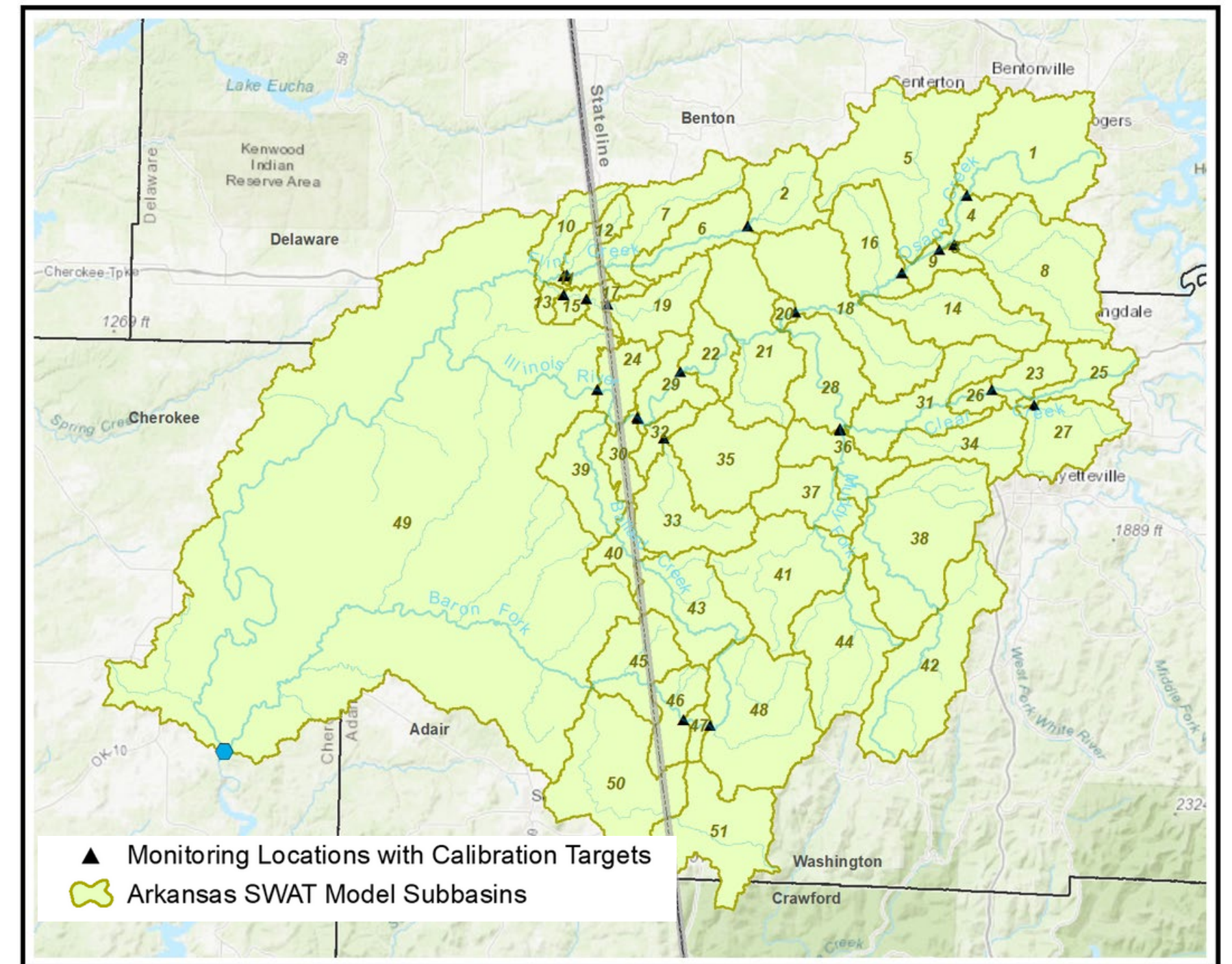
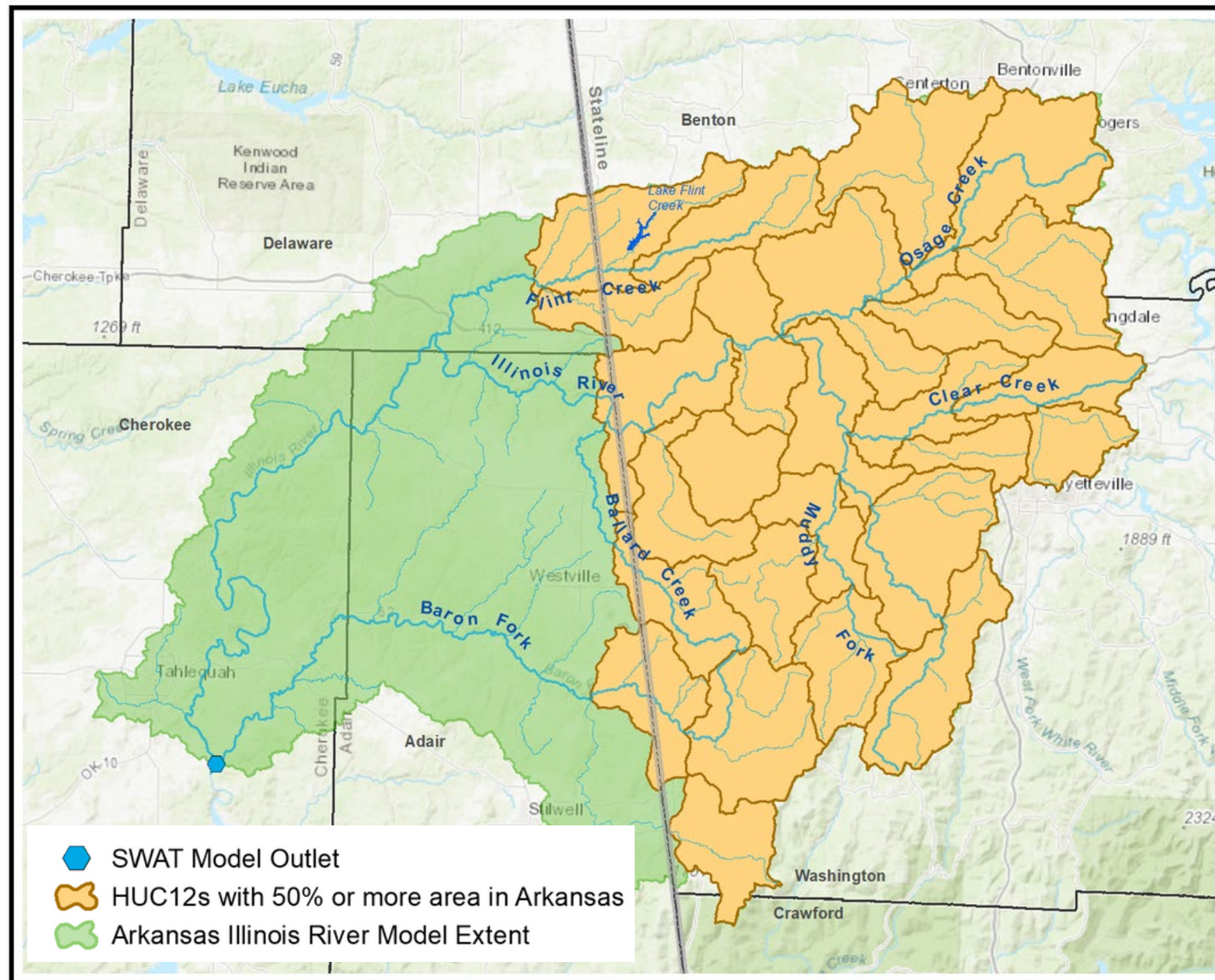
# Model Setup

**28**  
HUC12s  
in AR

**51**  
SWAT  
Subbasins

**2515**  
HRUs

## Geographic Extent



# Inputs

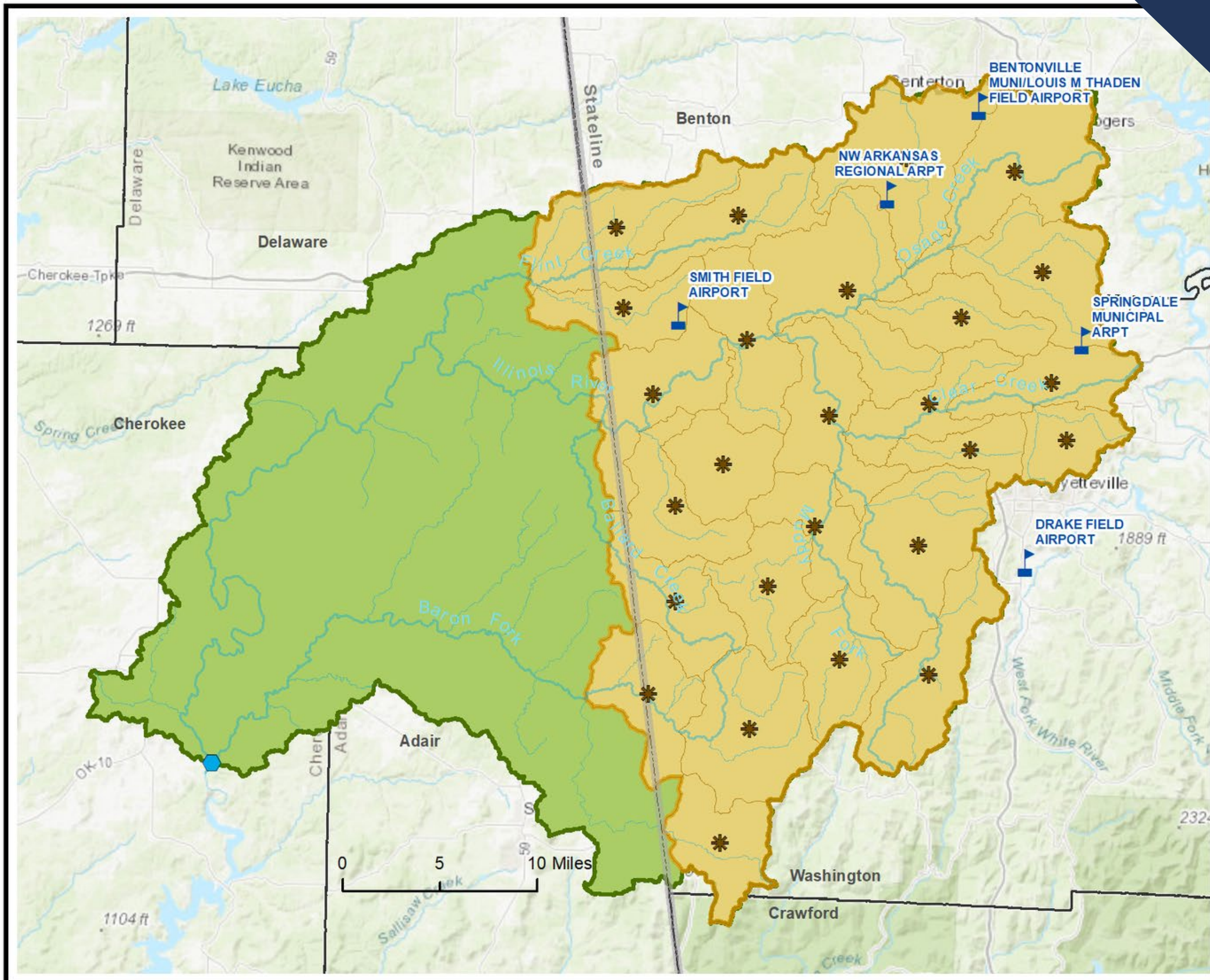
## Weather Data

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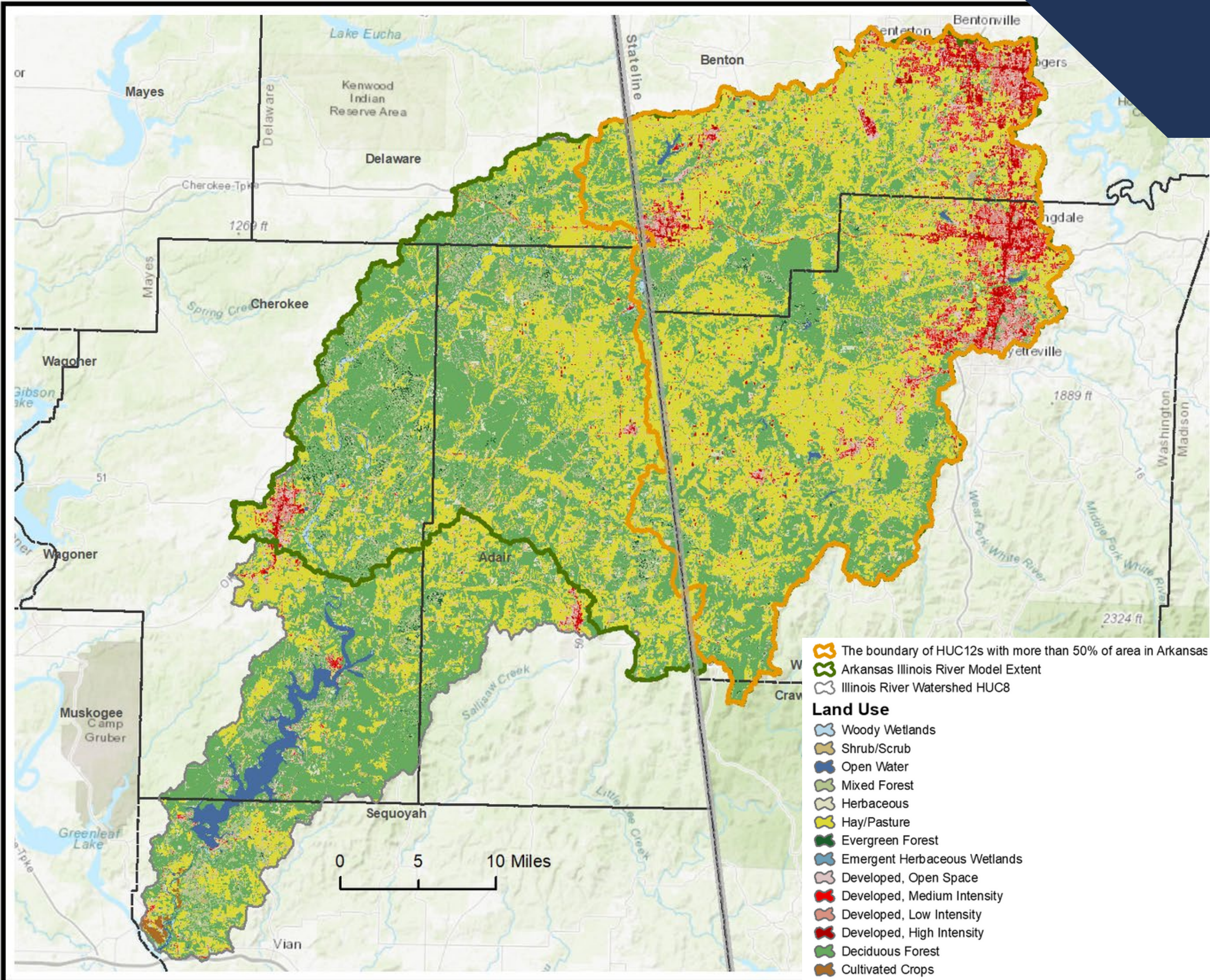
Temperature

Dew Point Temperature

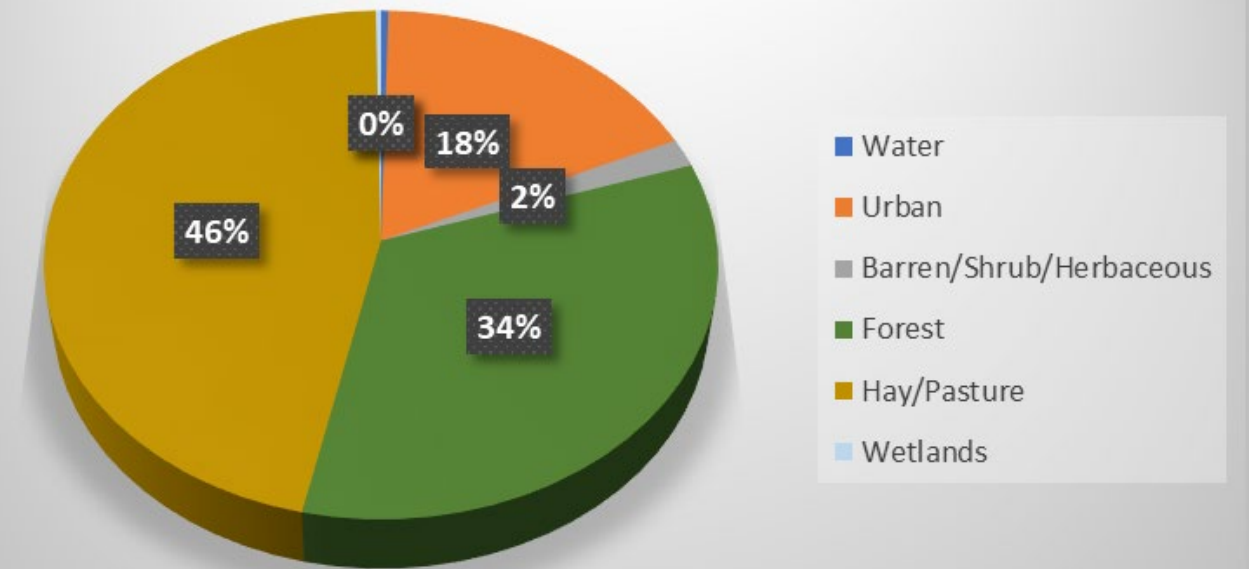
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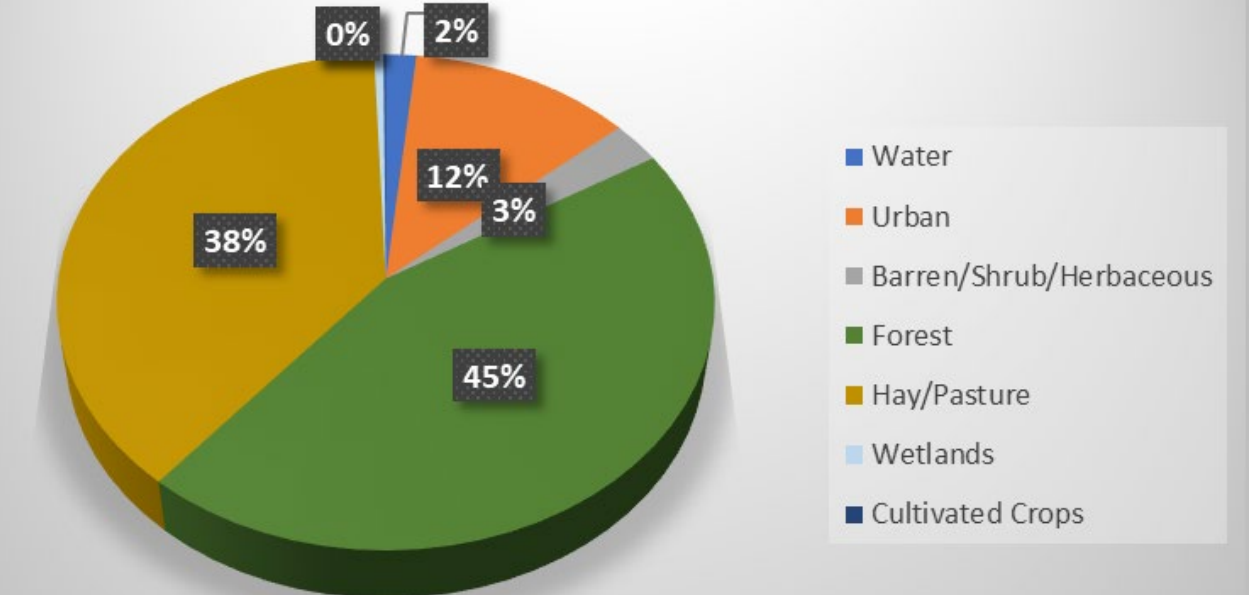
# Inputs



### Arkansas HUC12s Landuse



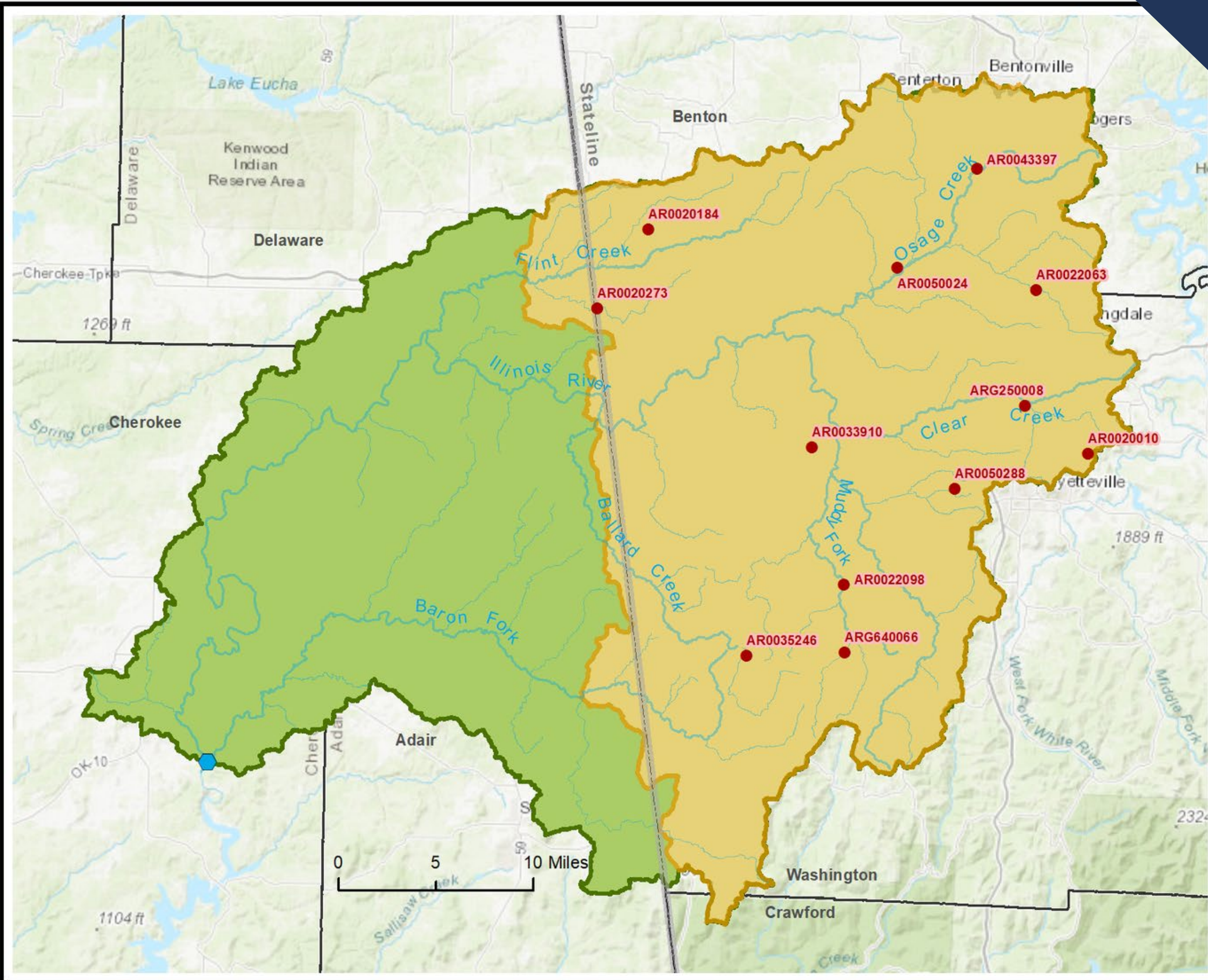
### Illinois River HUC8 Watershed Landuse



# Inputs

## Point Sources

NPDES Permit No.	Facility
AR0020184	City of Gentry WWTP
AR0020273	City of Siloam Springs WWTP
AR0022063	City of Springdale WWTP
AR0022098	City of Prairie Grove WWTP
AR0033910	USDA Forest Service – Lake Wedington Rec Area
AR0035246	City of Lincoln WWTP
AR0043397	City of Rogers WWTP
AR0050024	Northwest Arkansas Conservation Authority – Regional WWTP
AR0050288	City of Fayetteville West Side WWTP (starting June 2008)
ARG250008	Americold – Johnson
AR0020010	City of Fayetteville Noland WWTP Outfall 002 (ending June 2008)
ARG640066	City of Prairie Grove Water Treatment Plant (Filter Backwash)



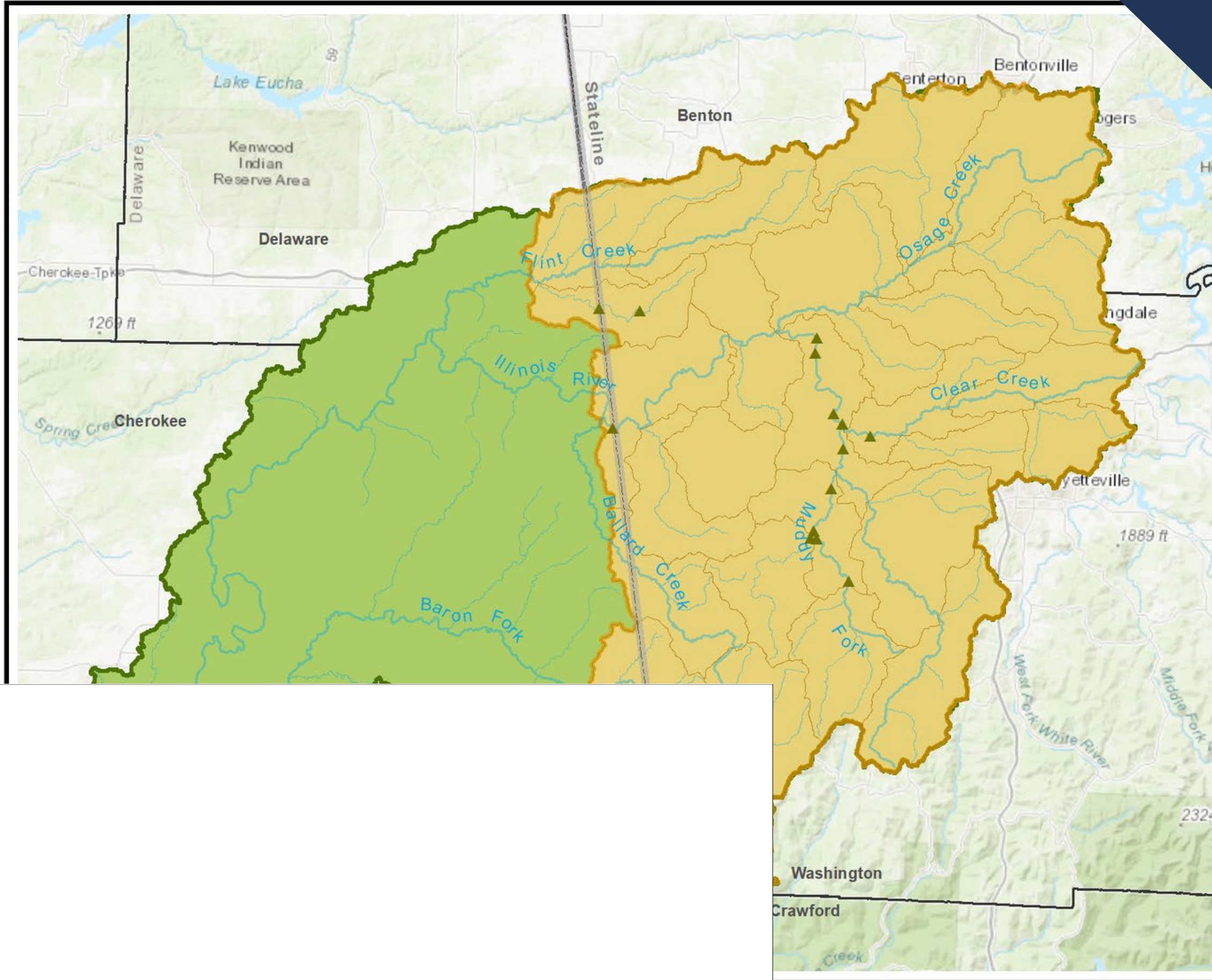


# Inputs

## Streambank Erosion

Simplified Bagnold method used.

Streambank Erosion was not calibrated, but evaluated with observed, available data.





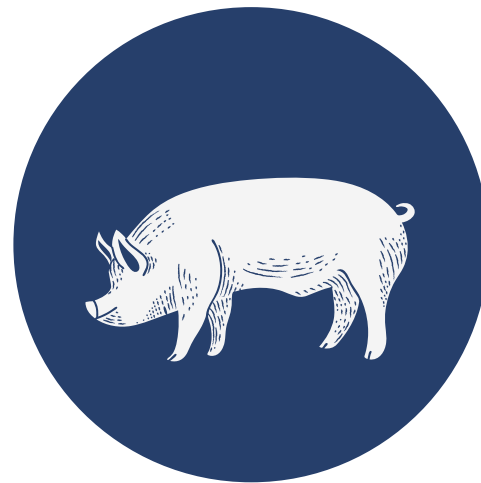
# Management Practices



Urban Land Management  
Fertilization, lawn mowing,  
watering practices were applied  
according to previous studies  
and models.



Cattle Grazing  
Modeled on applicable pasture  
lands based on cattle numbers.



Dairy and Hog Farms  
Dairy and hog farm manure  
application based on ADEQ Permit  
Data System.

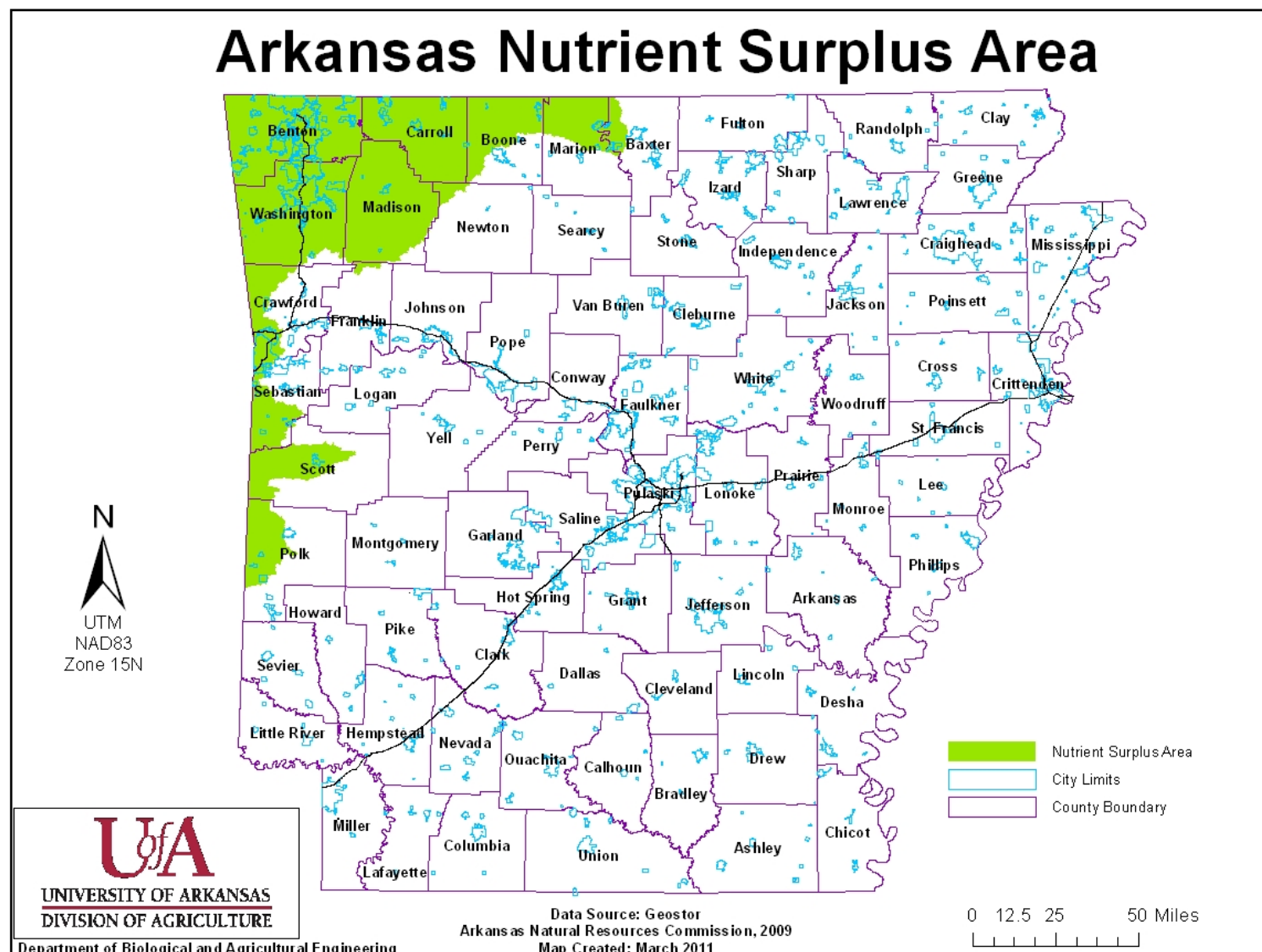


Poultry Litter Application  
Acreage and amounts based on data reported  
by landowners with Nutrient Management Plans  
in 2019.

# Inputs

Total of Poultry Litter Applied Acreage:	24,263
Total of all pasture acreage, only Arkansas HUC12s:	235,455
Percentage of Pasture receiving Poultry Litter:	<b>10%</b>

## Poultry Litter Application



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### Sampling Poultry Litter for Nutrient Content

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**Introduction**  
 Poultry litter is the mixture of bedding materials (rice hulls, sawdust, wood chips, etc.) and materials excreted from the animals during production (Figure 1). Poultry litter is used as fertilizer because it contains significant amounts of the essential plant nutrients: nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P) and potassium (K) (Figure 2).

Testing litter is the most reliable means of accurately determining its nutrient content. The University of Arkansas' Agricultural Diagnostic Lab provides litter testing for a small fee. Collecting a small composite sample of litter can be difficult but is critical to ensure that the nutrient analysis results are representative of the primary litter source. Following litter sampling guidelines will help ensure that analytical results are as accurate and precise as possible. This publication presents the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture's recommendations for sampling poultry litter in-house as well as intermediate storage (e.g., stack) (Tables 1 and 2 inside).

**Why Test Poultry Litter?**  
 The nutrient content of litter is quite variable and is dependent on management and numerous other factors. For a given house, the nutrient content can vary greatly from location to location and from year to year. Testing poultry litter for nutrient content is necessary to determine proper application rates for optimum crop production, soil management, and environmental stewardship. Applying poultry litter without knowing its nutrient content is similar to applying commercial fertilizer without knowledge of its nutrient content (% N-P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>-K<sub>2</sub>O).

In Nutrient Surplus Areas (Figure 3 inside), litter sampling is required by law. All poultry operations must submit one litter sample per year.

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### Phosphorus-Based Nutrient Management Planning

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Historically, nutrient management plans were based primarily on nitrogen (N) to optimize forage production and to minimize nitrate contamination of groundwater. For example, most nutrient management plans written in Arkansas to date have been based on nitrogen since forage crops need much more nitrogen than phosphorus (P). In nitrogen-based plans, the long-term use of poultry litter as fertilizer on forages typically leads to the buildup of soil P. Due to the sensitivity of water quality to P and the excessive P applications in nitrogen-based plans, nutrient management plans are now being written where greater emphasis is given to appropriate P application rates.

This approach does not necessarily mean that application rates will be based on phosphorus instead of nitrogen. If it is determined during the planning process that minimal environmental impact from P exists, then the application rates may well be based on nitrogen. The production ramifications of P-based application rates when using manure are that more acreage will be needed to spread the same amount of manure and that nitrogen needs from the manure itself will be insufficient to meet high production goals.

**Phosphorus Planning Options**

- 1 Forage phosphorus needs based on soil test.
- 2 Environmental Soil Test P thresholds.
- 3 Phosphorus Index (P-Index).

Option 1 would only allow the application of P to pastures where soil test recommendations would warrant P fertilizer needs. The establishment and maintenance of most cool- and warm-season grasses grown as forage in Arkansas do not require additional P when soil test P is greater than 120 lbs/acre, as determined by the University of Arkansas Soil Test Lab (Modified Mehlich 3 extractant). This option is the most restrictive on the use of litter on most forages grown in Arkansas, especially where litter has been used previously.

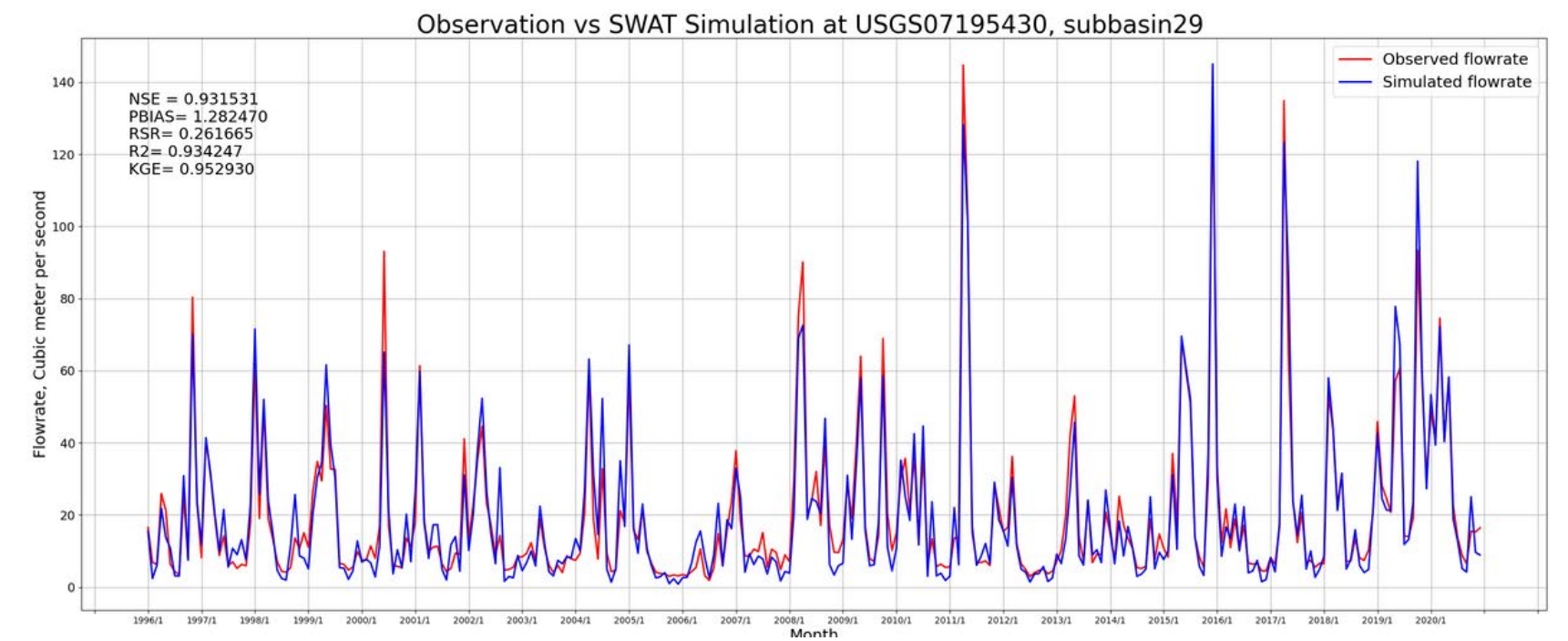
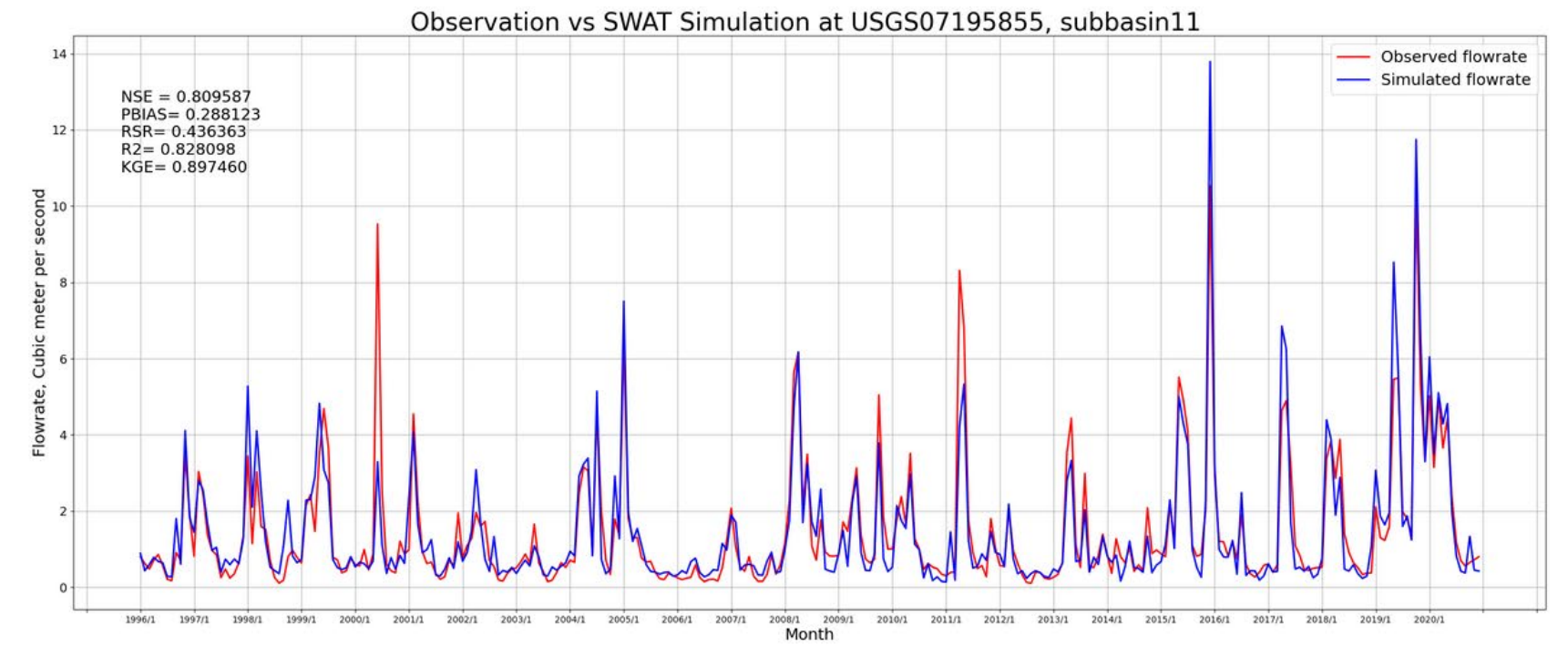
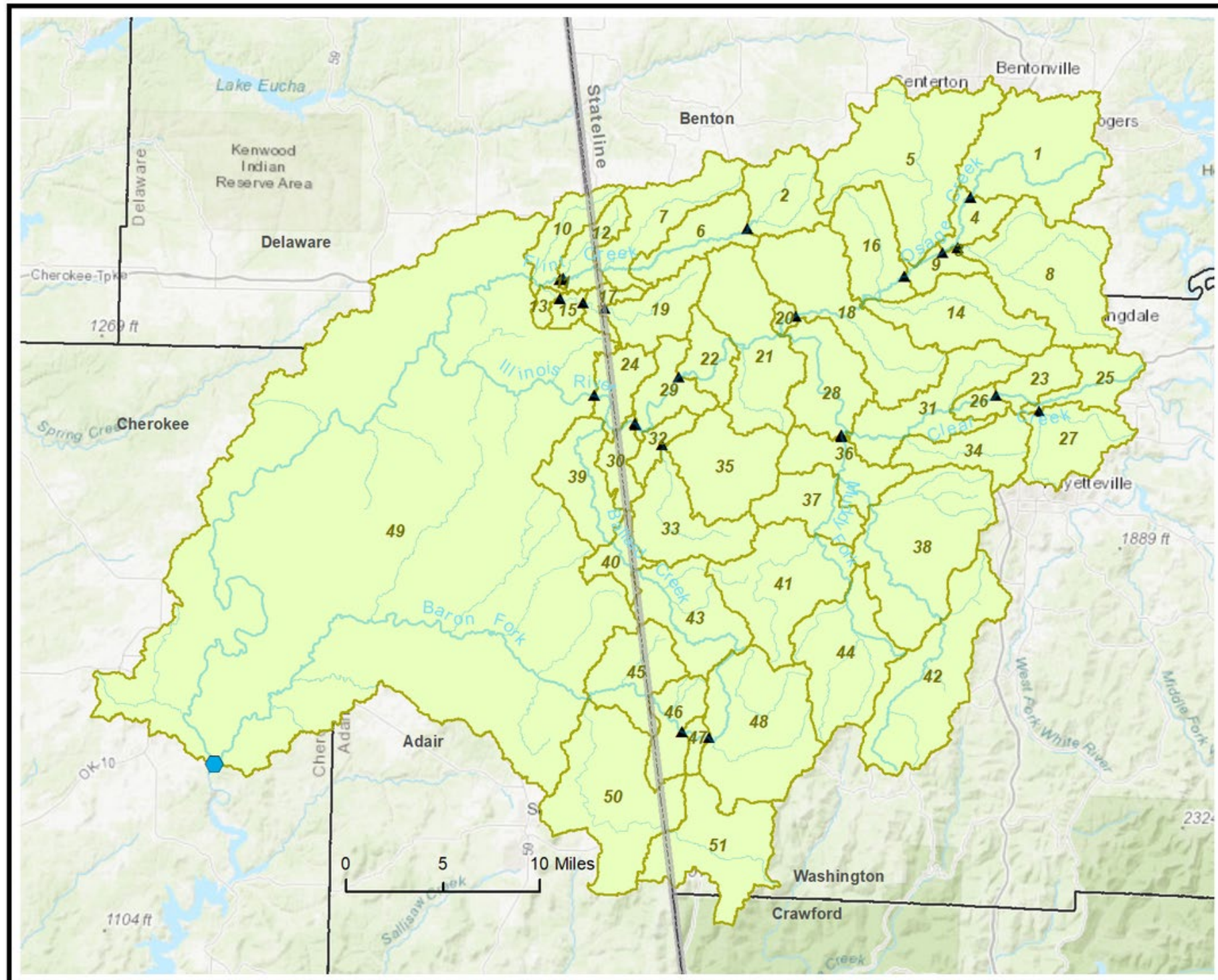
Option 2 is based on research that indicates that the concentration of P in runoff increases with each increase in soil P and at some soil P threshold, the concentration in runoff becomes environmentally questionable. In Arkansas, 300 lbs per acre has been the most discussed threshold. For example, if the soil P in your pasture

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# Calibration

1990 - 2020 simulated  
1996 - 2020 calibrated

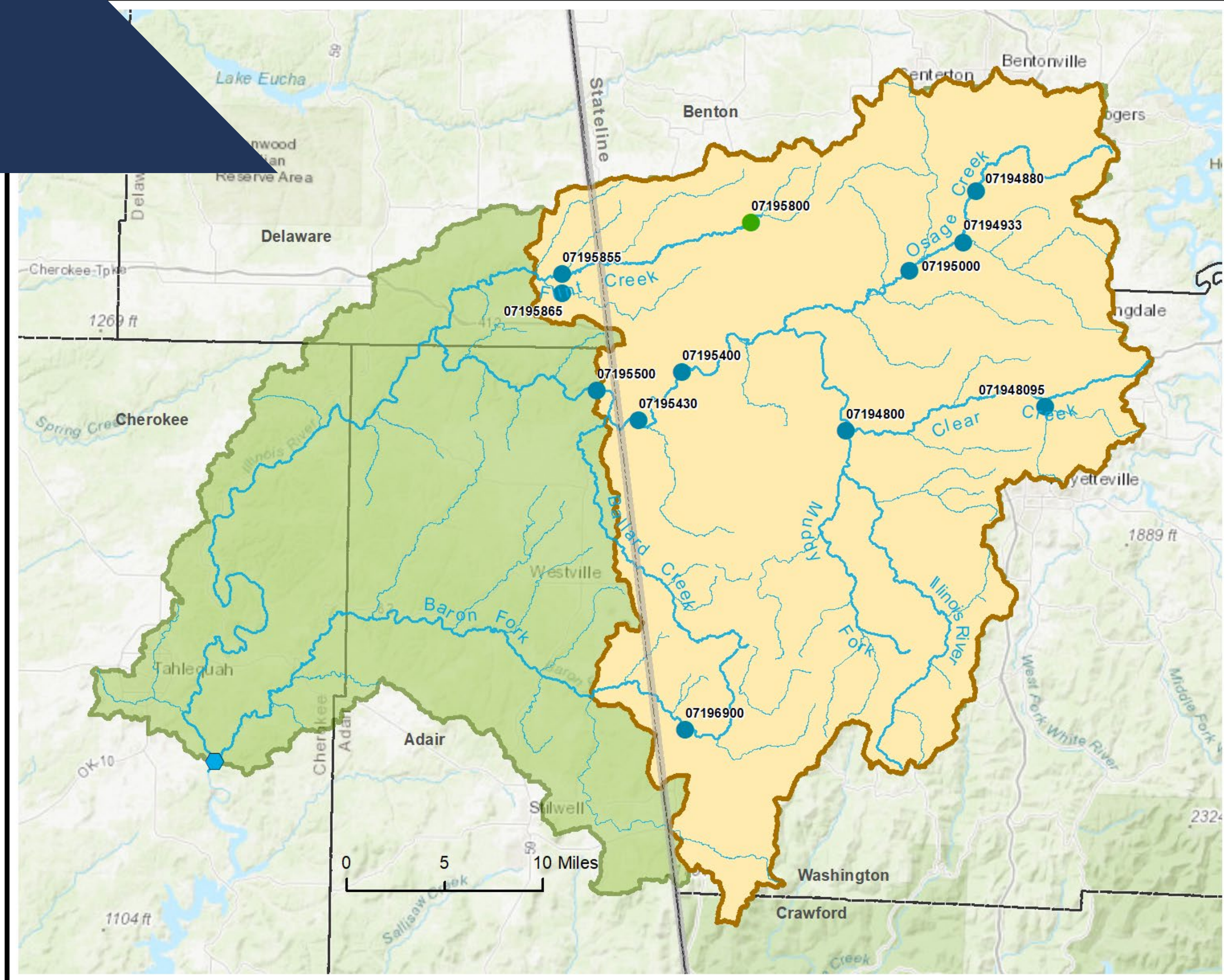


# Calibration

## Stream Flow

### Calibrated Model Performance Category

- Unsatisfactory
- Satisfactory
- Good
- Very Good

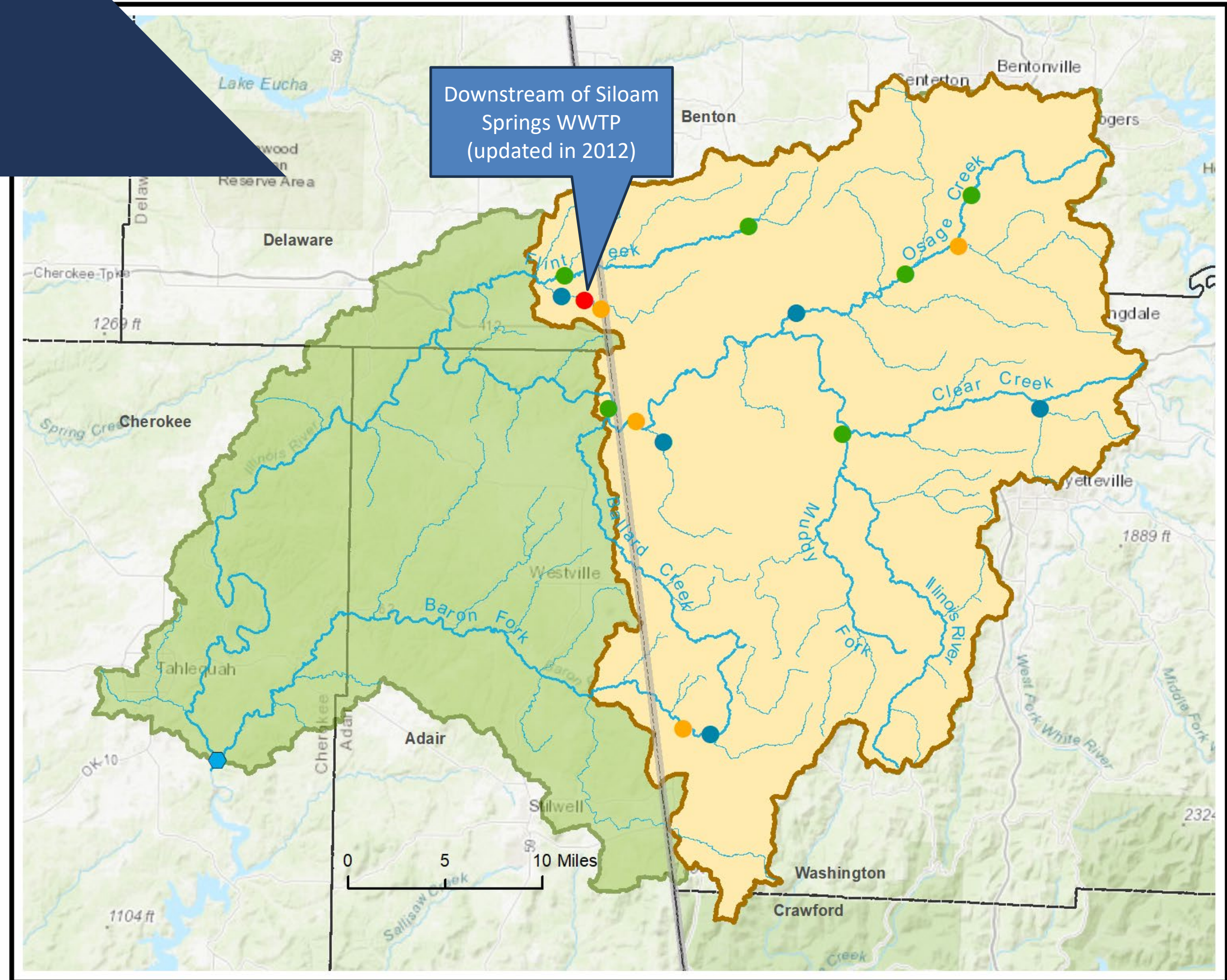


# Calibration

## Suspended Sediment Load

### Calibrated Model Performance Category

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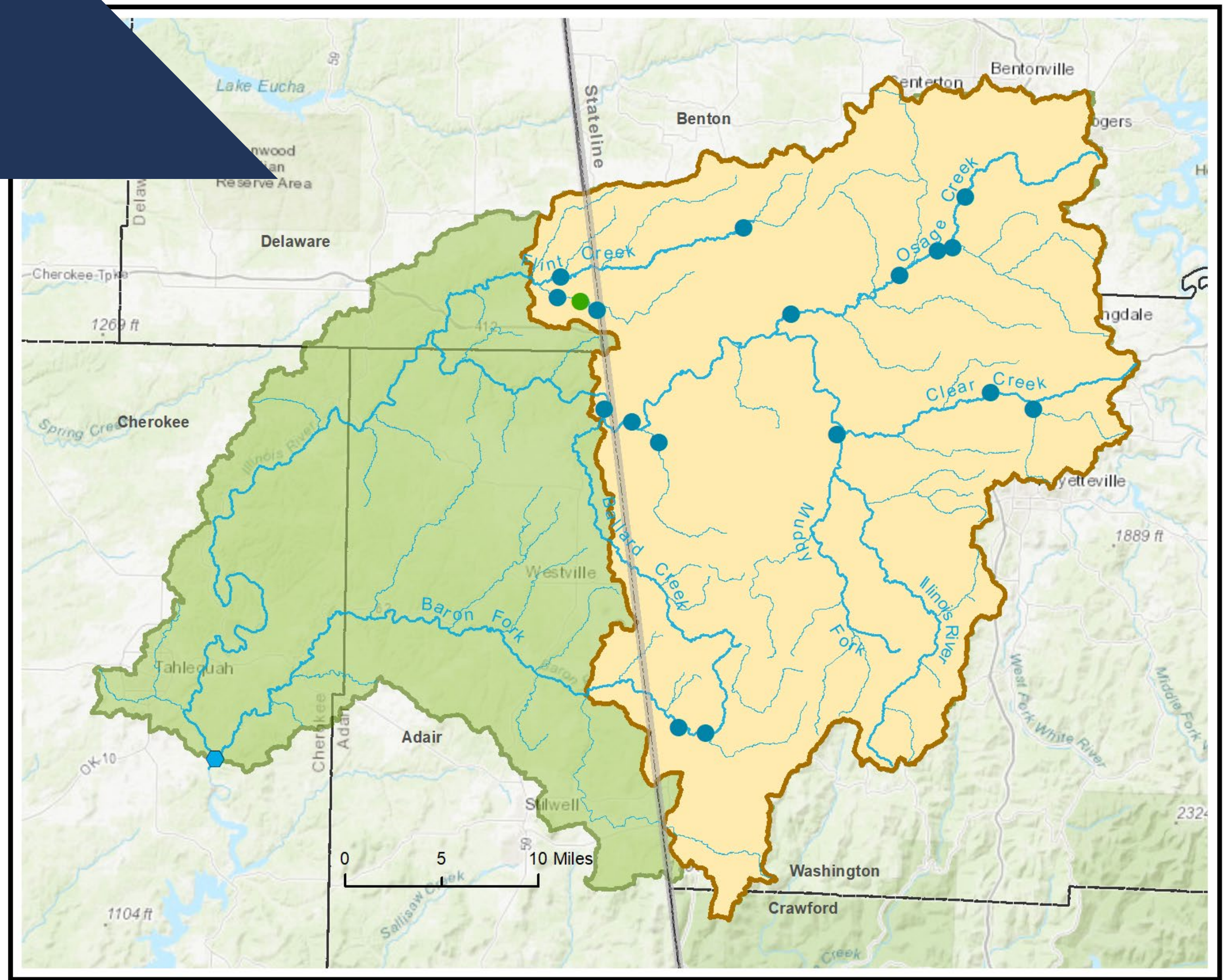


# Calibration

## Total Nitrogen

### Calibrated Model Performance Category

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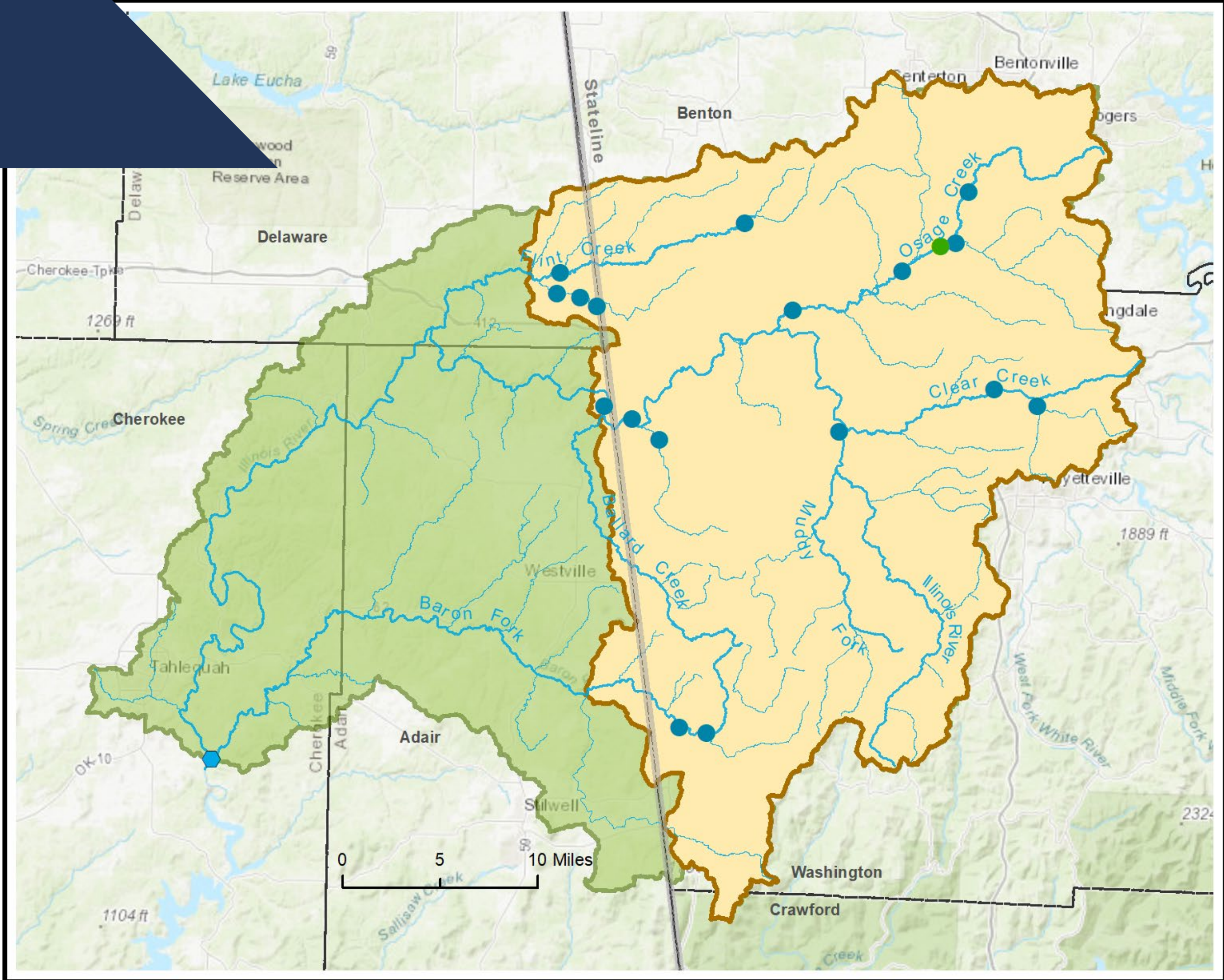


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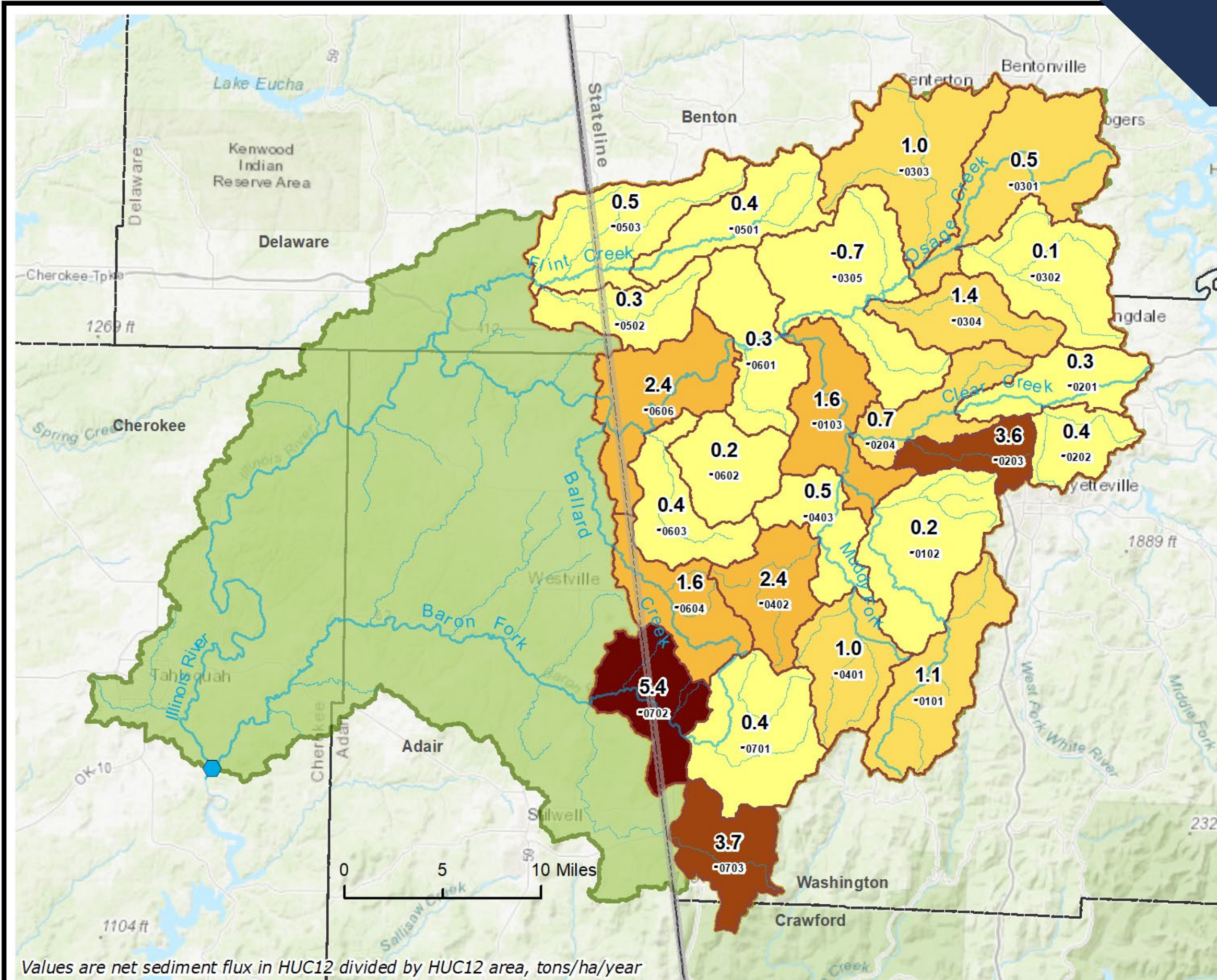


# Results

## Suspended Sediment

### Arkansas Illinois River Watershed HUC12 Suspended Sediment

Net Sediment Flux Divided by HUC12 Area,  
metric tons/ha/year



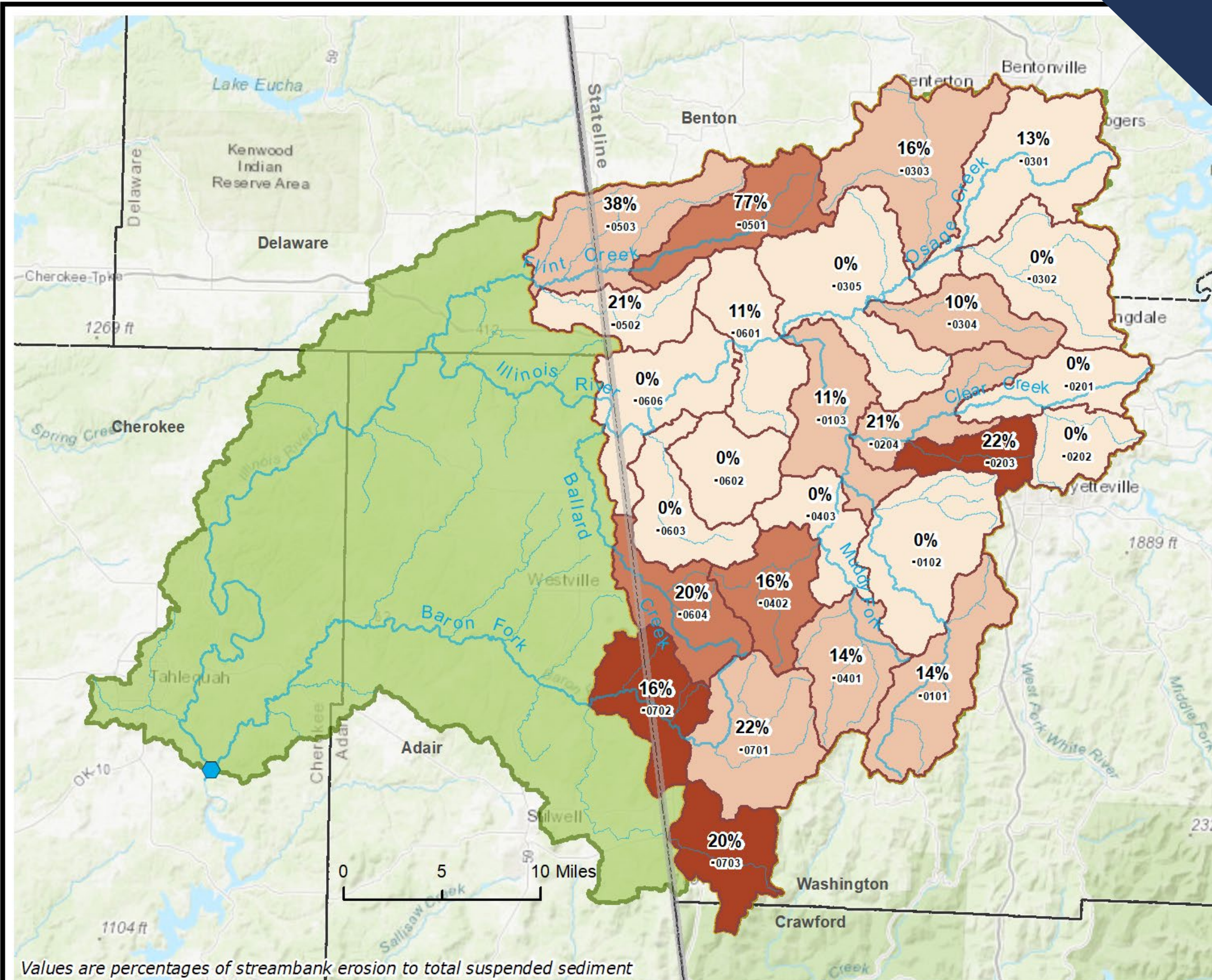
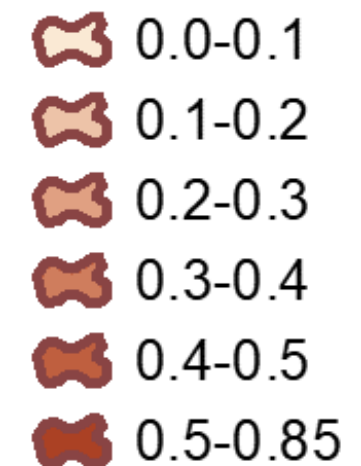
Values are net sediment flux in HUC12 divided by HUC12 area, tons/ha/year

# Results

## Streambank Erosion

### Arkansas Illinois River Watershed HUC12 Streambank Erosion

Streambank Erosion Divided by HUC12 Area,  
metric tons/ha/year

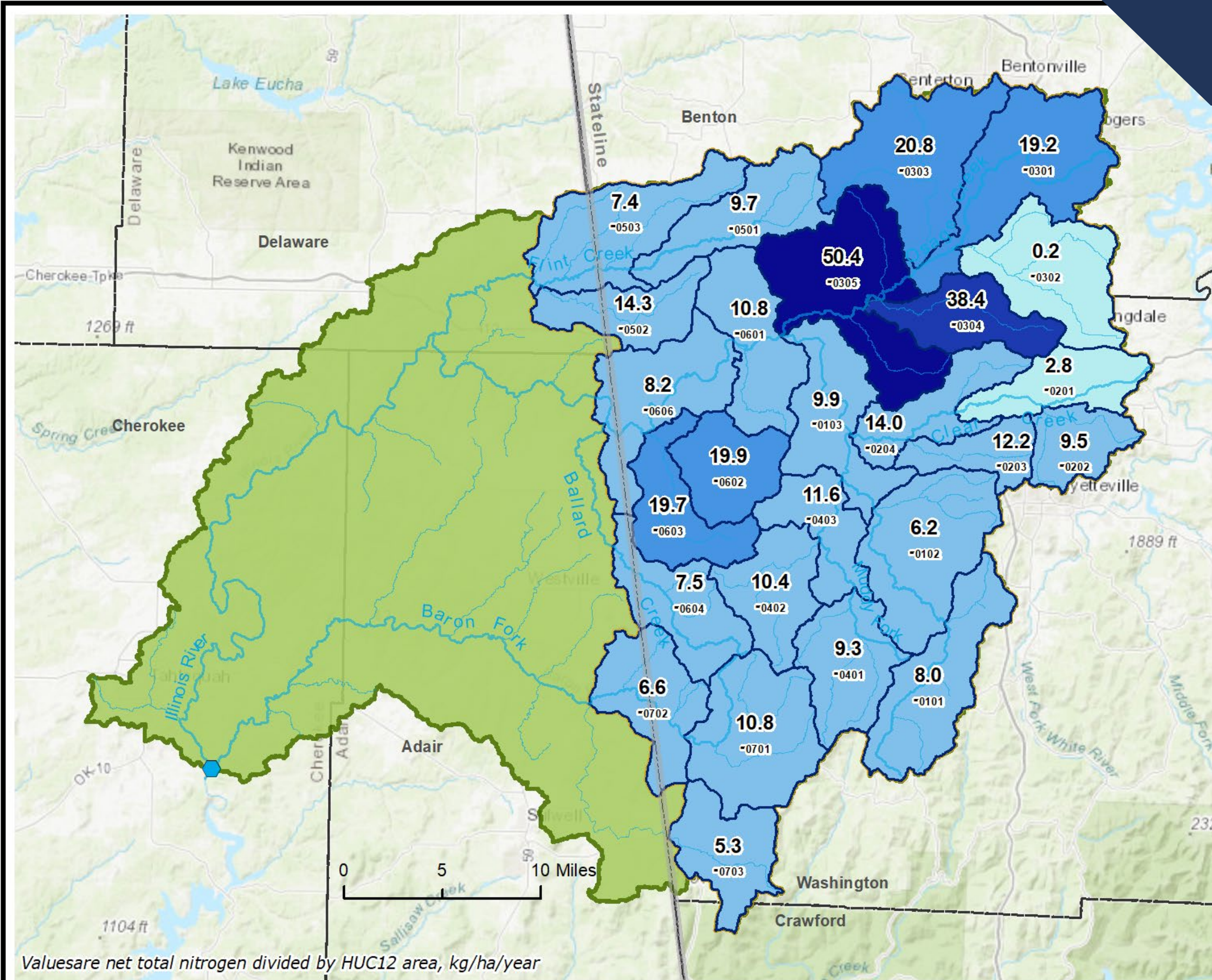


# Results

## Total Nitrogen

### Arkansas Illinois River Watershed HUC12 Total Nitrogen

Net Total Nitrogen Divided by HUC12 Area,  
kg/ha/year



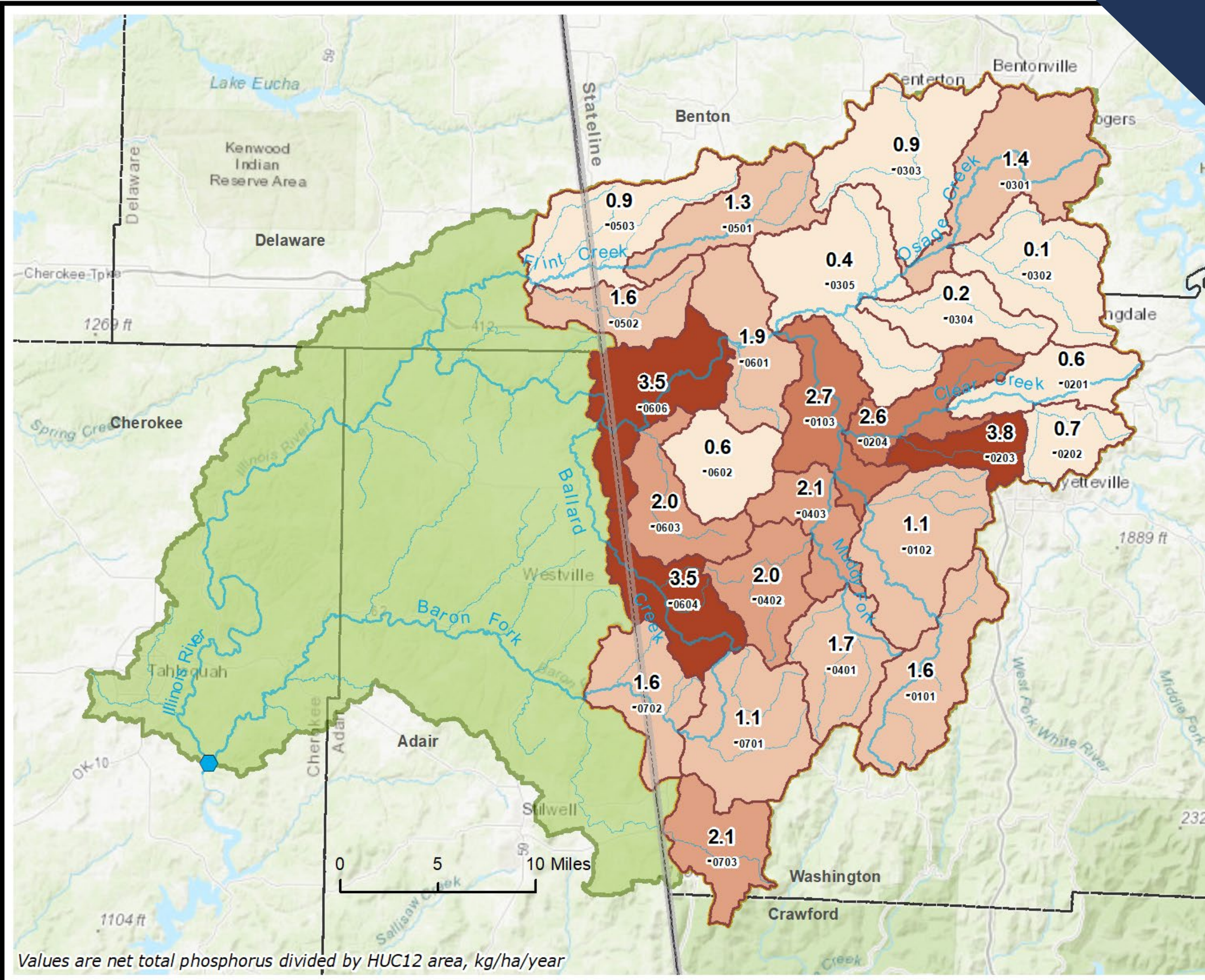
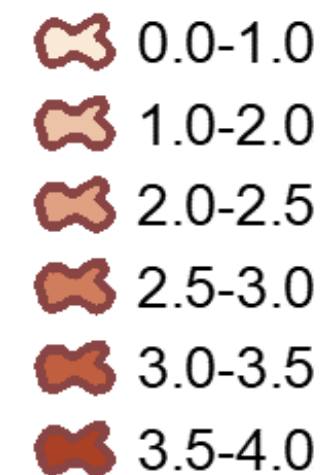
Values are net total nitrogen divided by HUC12 area, kg/ha/year

# Results

## Total Phosphorus

### Arkansas Illinois River Watershed HUC12 Total Phosphorus

Net Total Phosphorus Divided by HUC12 Area,  
kg/ha/year



## SWAT Model

SWAT Result is just one component of overall HUC12 Ranking for prioritizing subwatersheds




WATERSHED  
MANAGEMENT  
PLAN  
*Subwatershed  
Ranking*

## Other Criteria

Other criteria might include water quality impairments and NRCS resource concerns

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