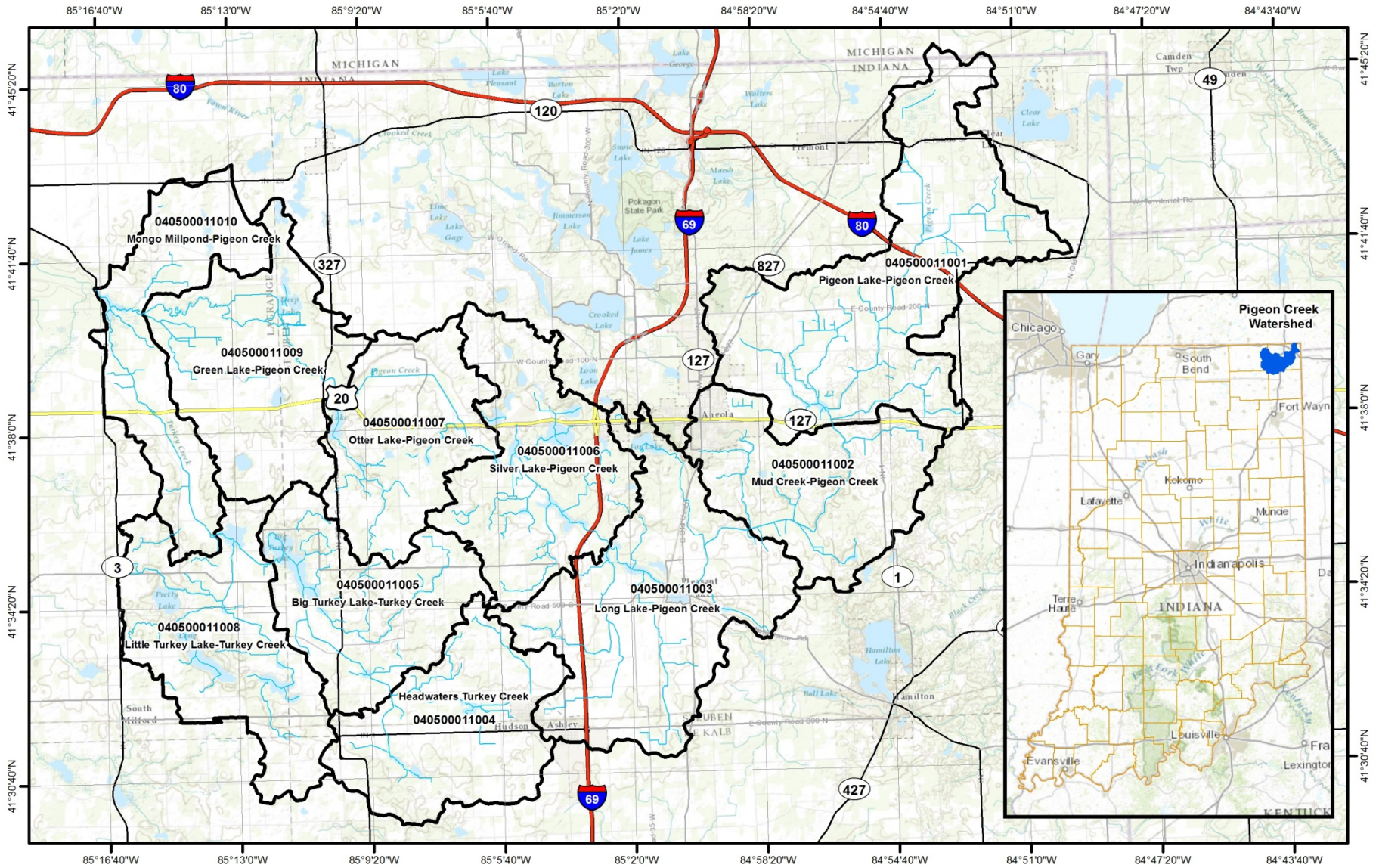




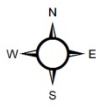
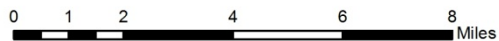
Pigeon Creek Watershed Management Plan

2014



Legend

-  Subwatershed Boundary
-  Streams



2013 Pigeon Creek Watershed



Summary

- Key findings and what is unique about this plan
- Watershed features and characteristics
- Problems, causes, and pollution loading
- Critical areas
- Recommendations and Best Management Practices
 - Load reductions
- Cost estimates
- Responsible parties and available resources
- Monitoring

Key Differences with the Pigeon Creek Plan

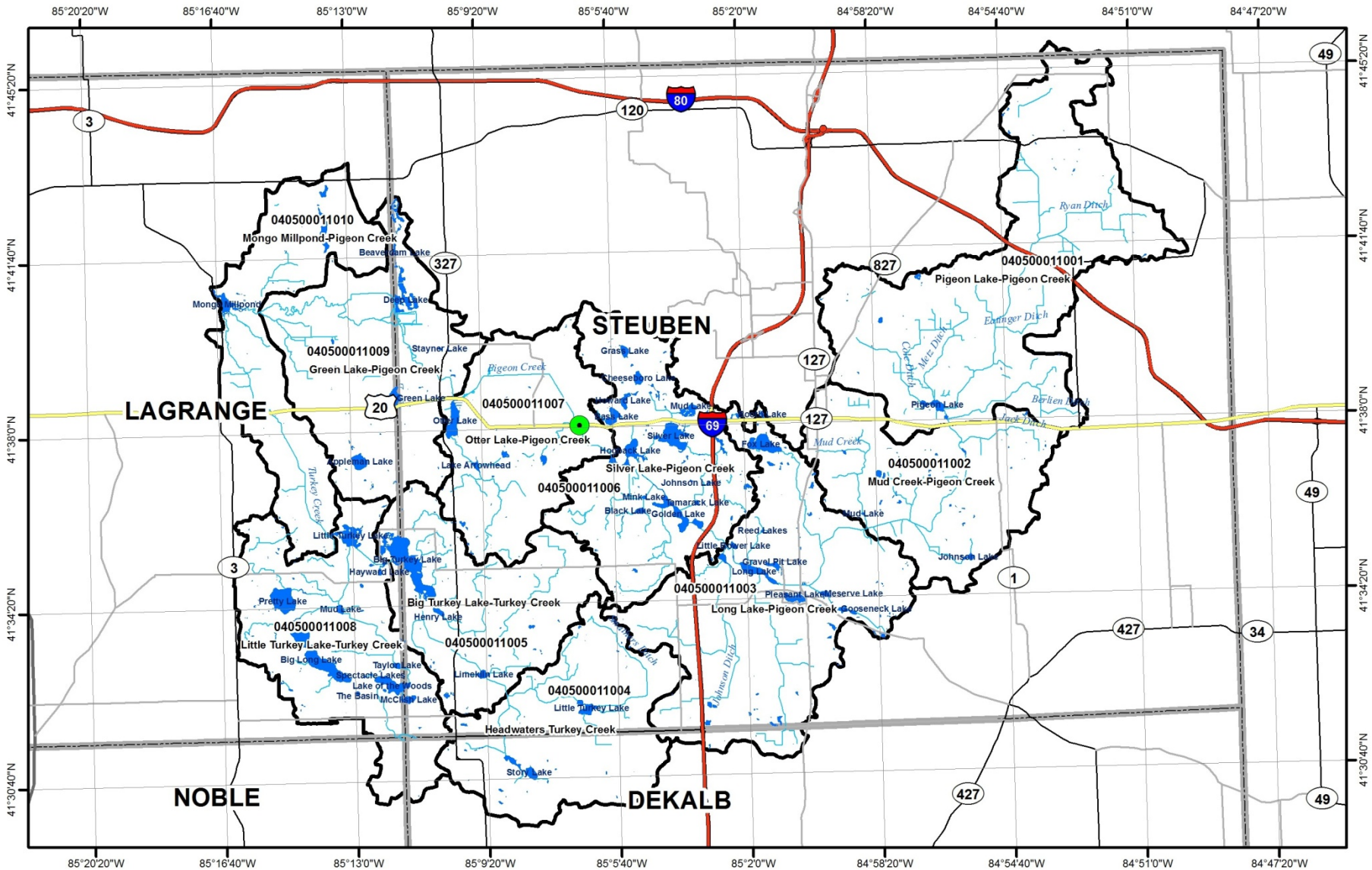
- Emphasis on fully utilizing GIS rather than just making maps
 - Custom Landuse layer
 - Advanced spatial analysis
- Data driven critical areas analysis
- Watershed survey and meetings with individual landowners
 - Site-specific practices identified
- Parcel specific pollution load model
 - Ability to analyze loading by property
- Direct linkage with TMDL

Key Findings

- The watershed produces high bacteria and nutrient loading, and a moderate sediment load
 - 1.16 lbs/acre/year for phosphorus
 - 7.13 lbs/acre/year of nitrogen
 - 0.94 tons/acre/year of sediment
 - 2.72 billion colony-forming units/acre/year
- Water quality sampling indicates frequent exceedences in bacteria
- 9 lakes and 179 stream miles impaired (70%)

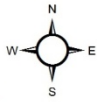
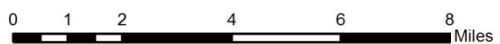
Key Findings

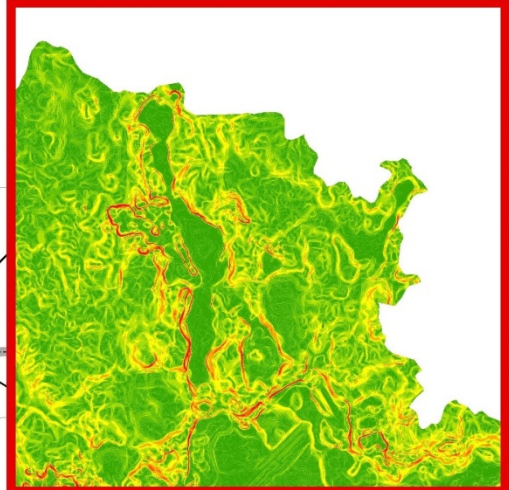
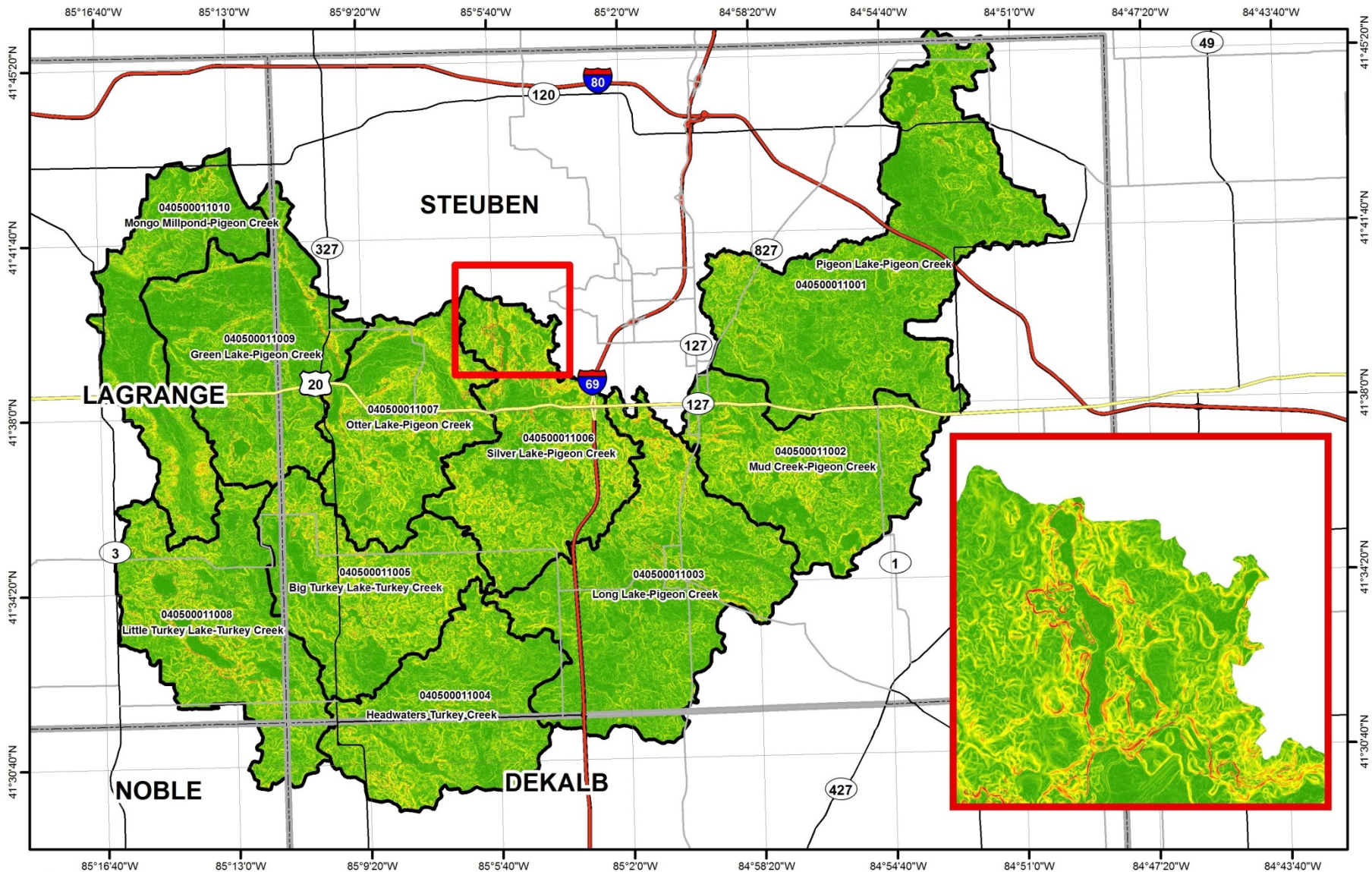
- Sediment and nutrient loads originating from crop and pasture
- Bacteria load originating from failing septics, concentrated feed areas, and residential runoff
- Wastewater plants operating well within permitted limits
- Much work in the watershed has already been completed
- To meet pollution reduction targets, large scale practice implementation is required



- Legend**
- USGS Gauge
 - Subwatershed Boundary
 - Lakes/Reservoir
 - Streams
 - County Boundary

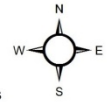
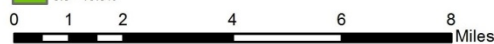
2013 Pigeon Creek Lakes and Streams

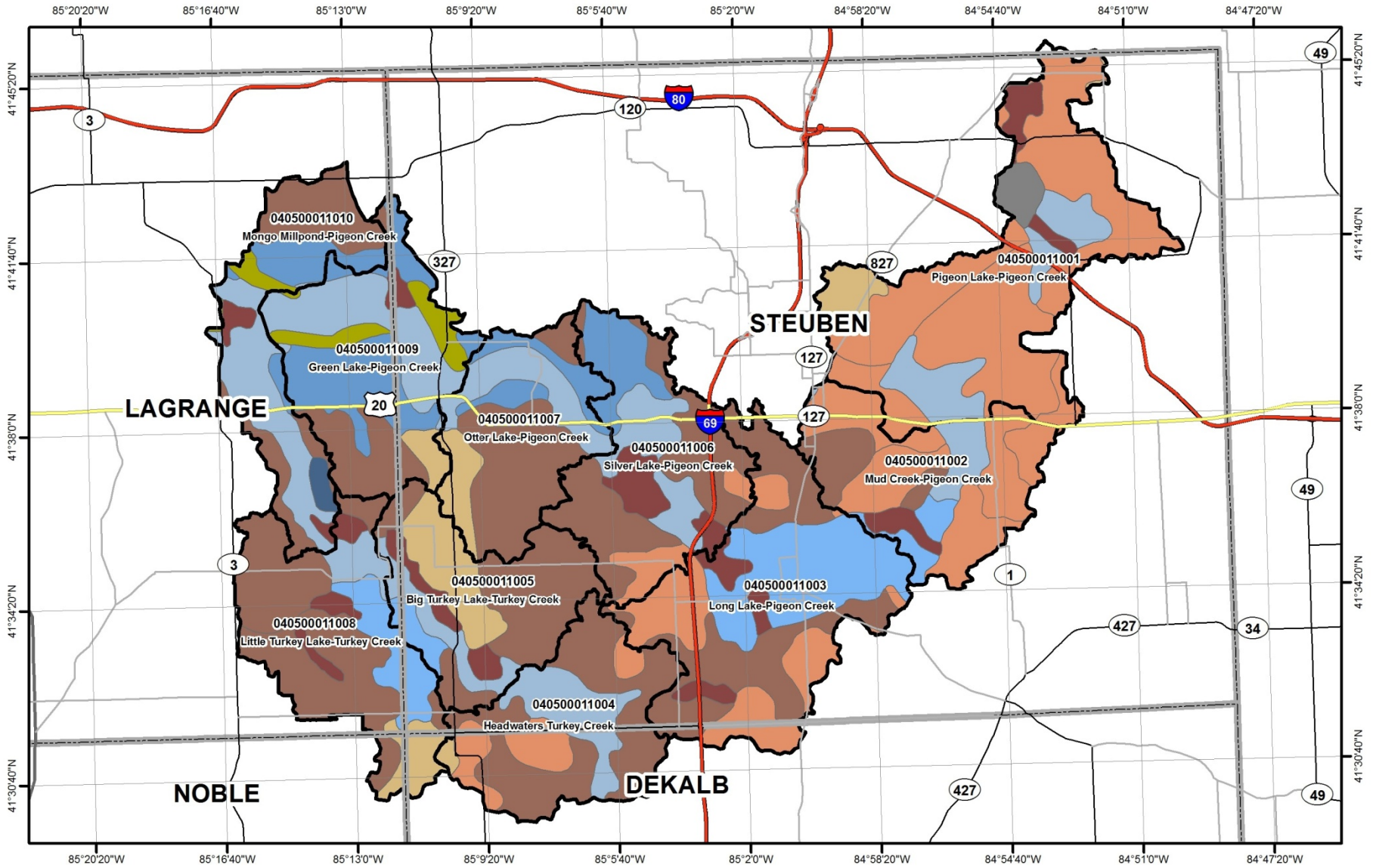




Pigeon Creek Percent Slope

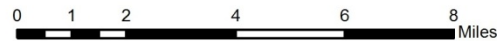
- Legend**
- Subwatershed Boundary
 - County Boundary
 - Watershed Slope**
 - 0 - 5.5%
 - 5.5 - 16.5%
 - 16.5 - 33.1%
 - 33.1 - 57.9%
 - 57.9 - 96.6%
 - 96.6 - 165.6%
 - 165.6 - 703.9%





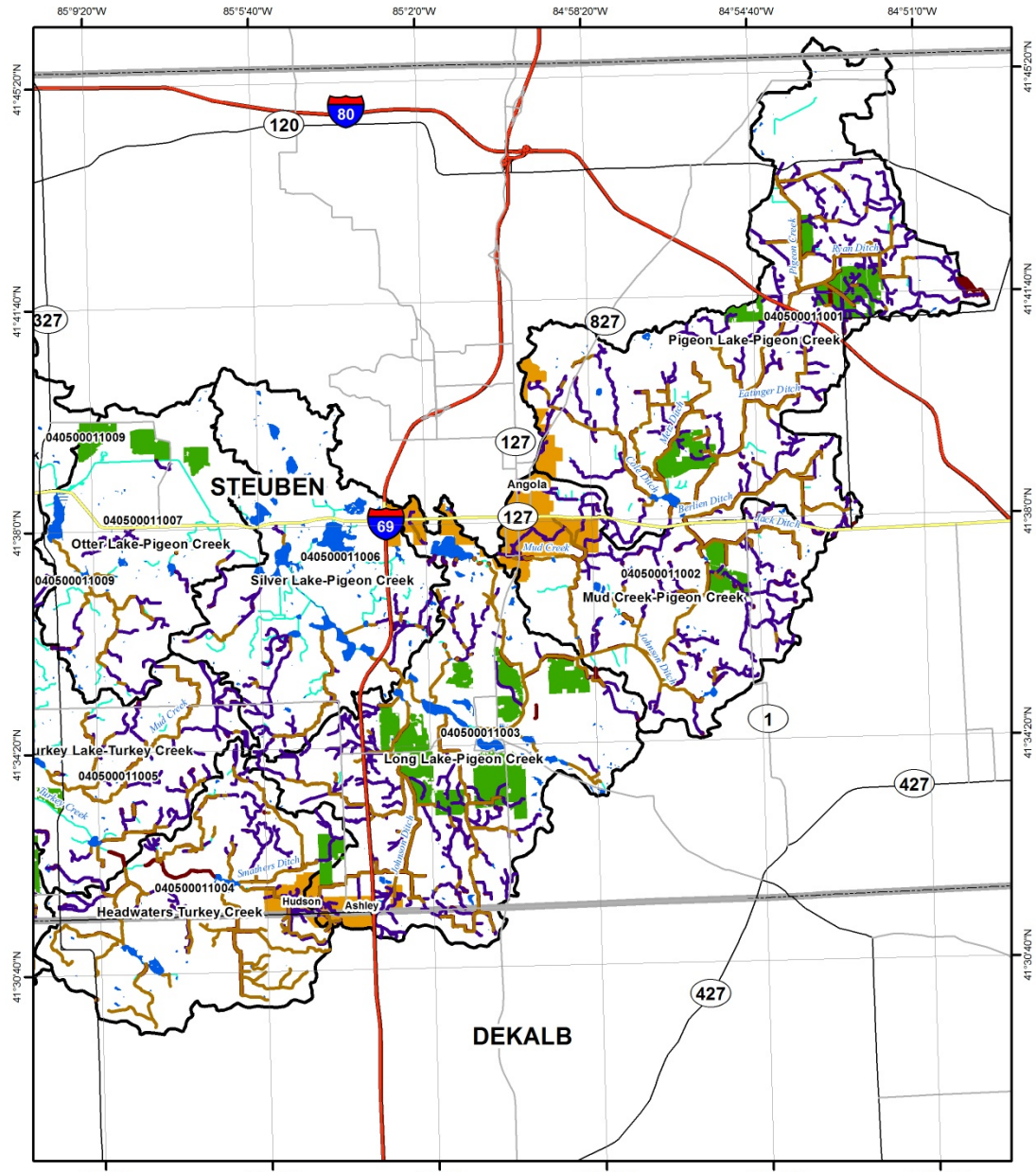
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| Surficial Geology | Wisconsinan, Till (Huron-Erie Lobe), Silty clay-loam to clay-loam | Subwatershed Boundary |
| Holocene, n.a. Muck | Wisconsinan, Outwash, Ice-contact stratified drift | County Boundary |
| Wisconsinan to Holocene, Aeolian, Dune sand | Wisconsinan, Outwash, Intensely pitted outwash deposits | |
| Wisconsinan to Holocene, Lacustrine, Lake silt and clay | Wisconsinan, Outwash, Outwash-fan deposits | |
| Wisconsinan, Complex Drift, Mixed drift | Wisconsinan, Outwash, Undifferentiated outwash | |
| Wisconsinan, Till (Huron-Erie Lobe), Loam till | | |



2013 Pigeon Creek Surficial Geology





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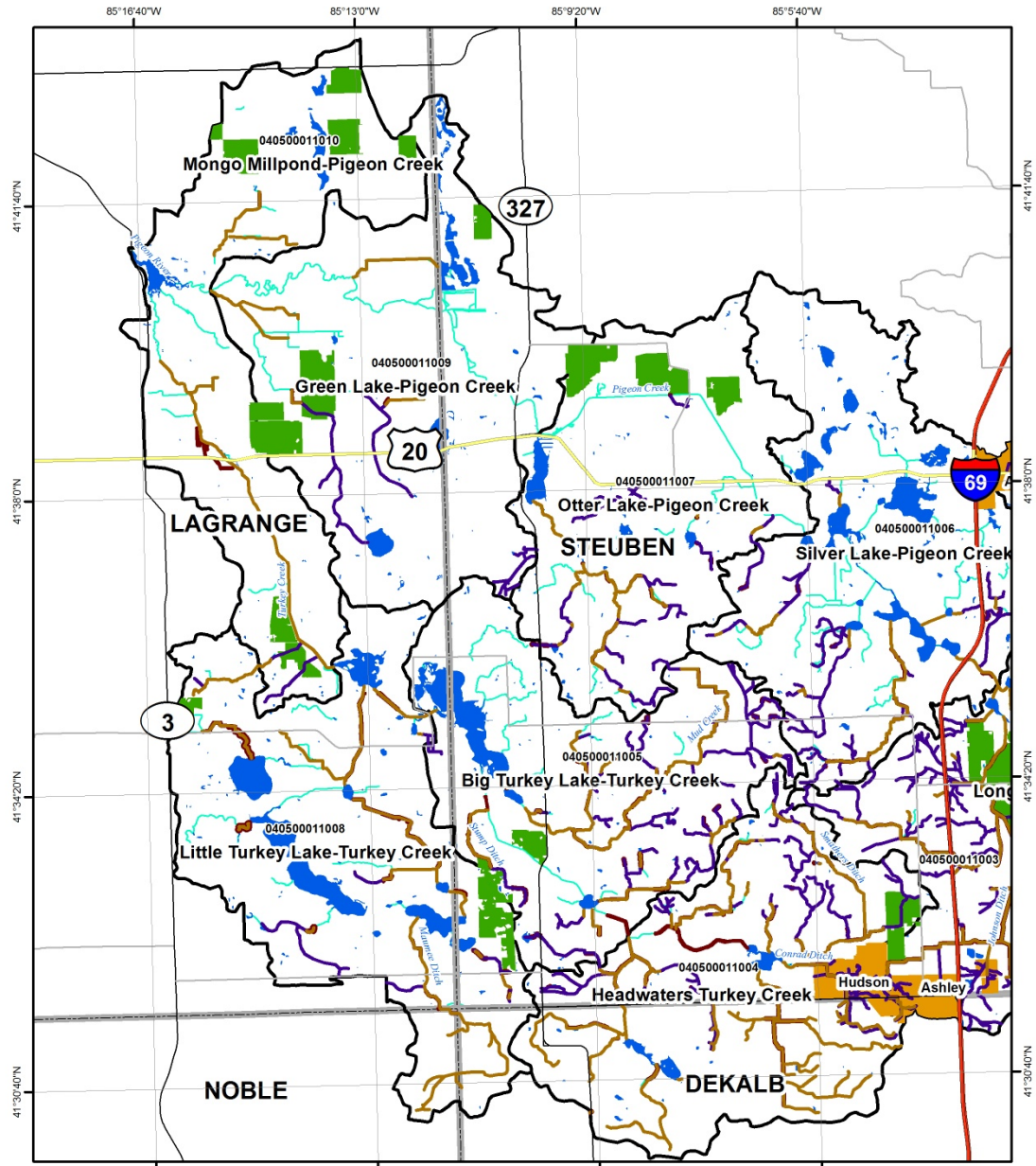
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Irrigated Field	Municipalities
Channelized Stream/Ditch	Lakes/Reservoir
Tile Line	Streams
County Boundary	

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2013 Upper Pigeon Creek Hydrologic Modifications

St. Joseph River Basin

Pigeon Creek



Legend

- Irrigated Field
- Legal Ditch
- Channelized Stream/Ditch
- Tile Line
- Subwatershed Boundary
- Municipalities
- Lakes/Reservoir
- Streams
- County Boundary

2013 Lower Pigeon Creek Hydrologic Modifications

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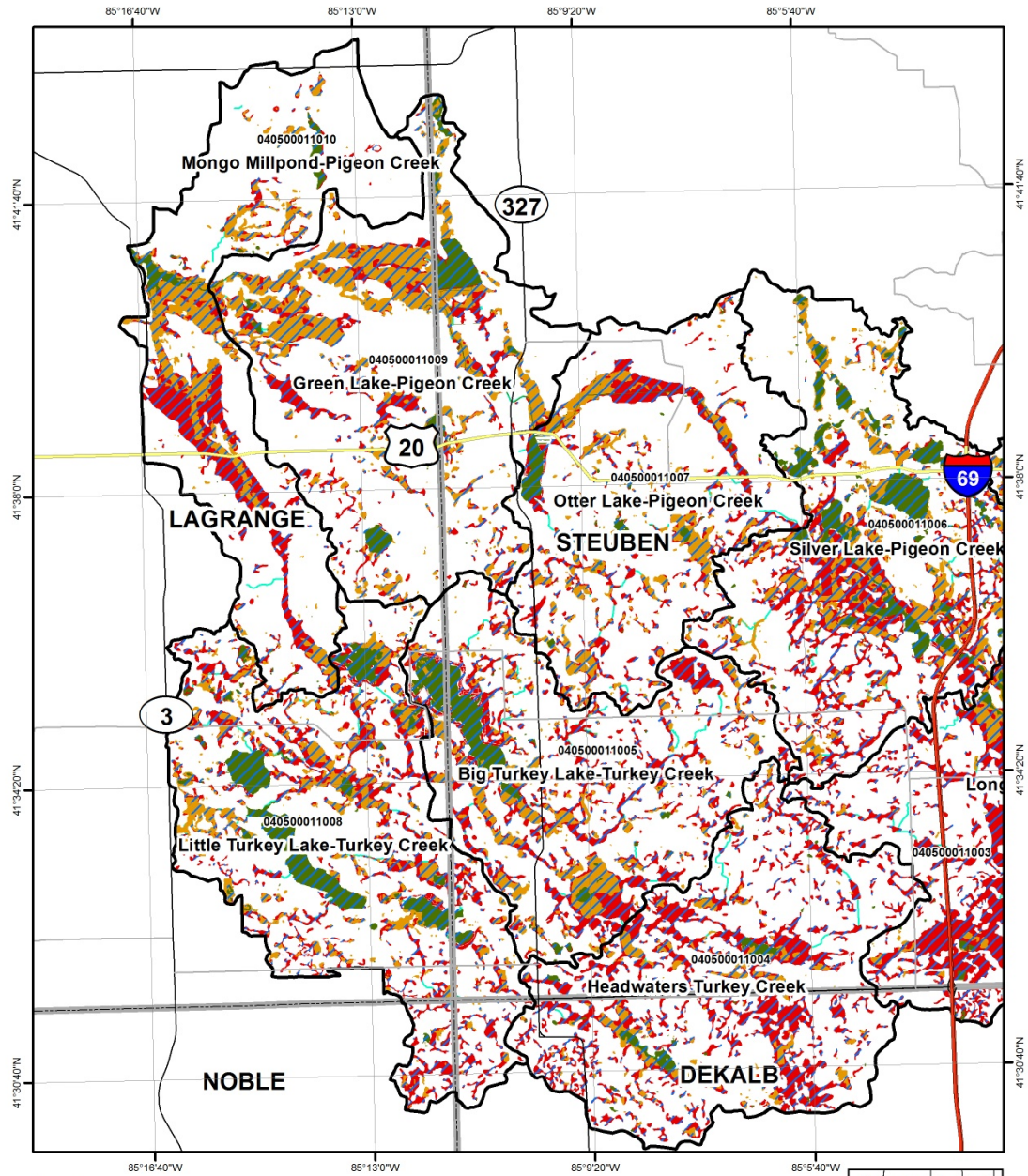
St. Joseph River Basin
Pigeon Creek

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CONSULTING

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Soil & Water
Conservation District

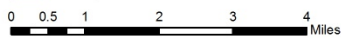
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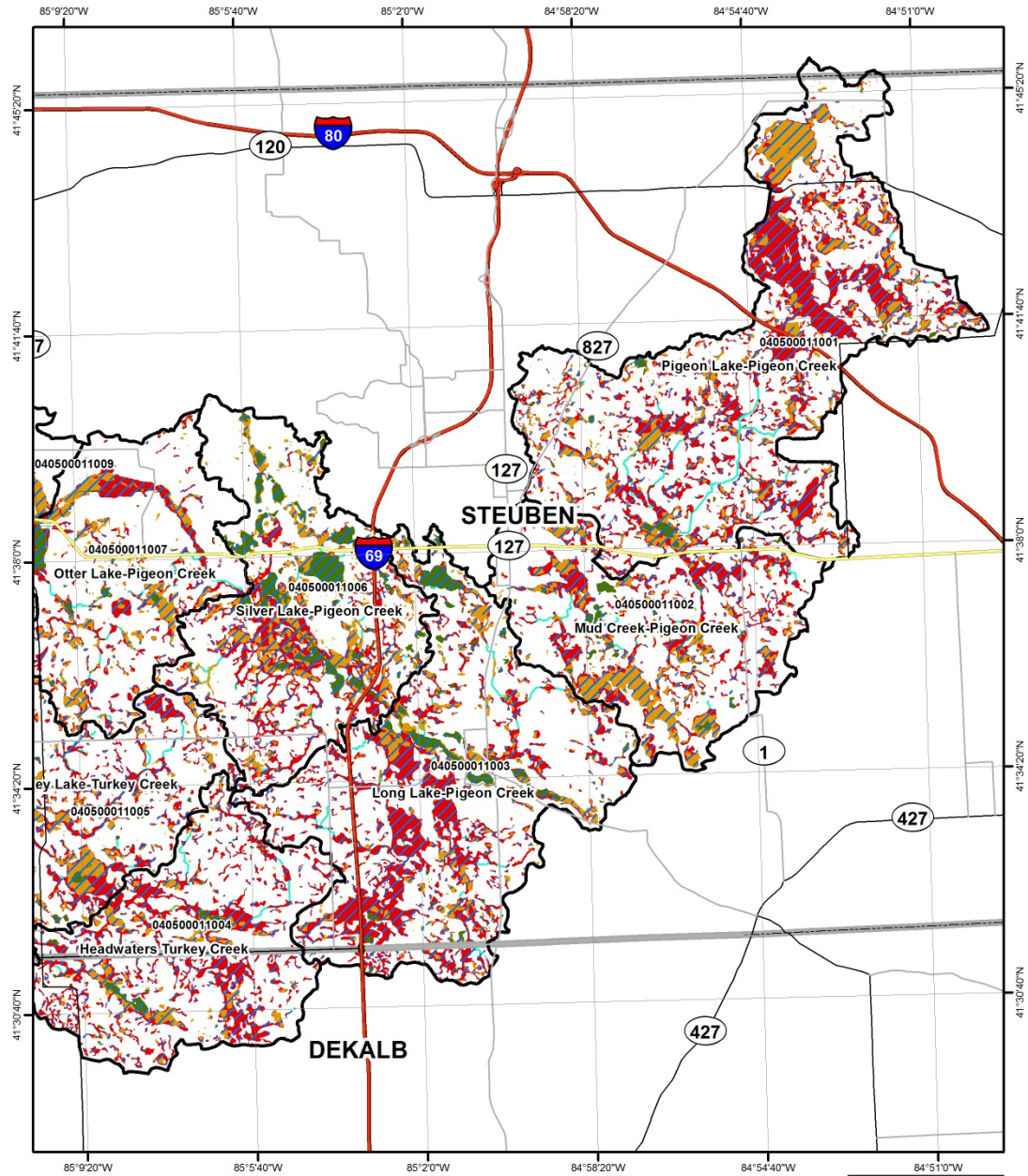
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- Legend**
- Subwatershed Boundary
 - County Boundary
 - Wetlands, Presettlement
 - Wetlands, Current
 - Current Wetlands, Need Protection
 - Current Wetlands, Need Restoration
 - Streams

2013 Lower Pigeon Creek Wetlands





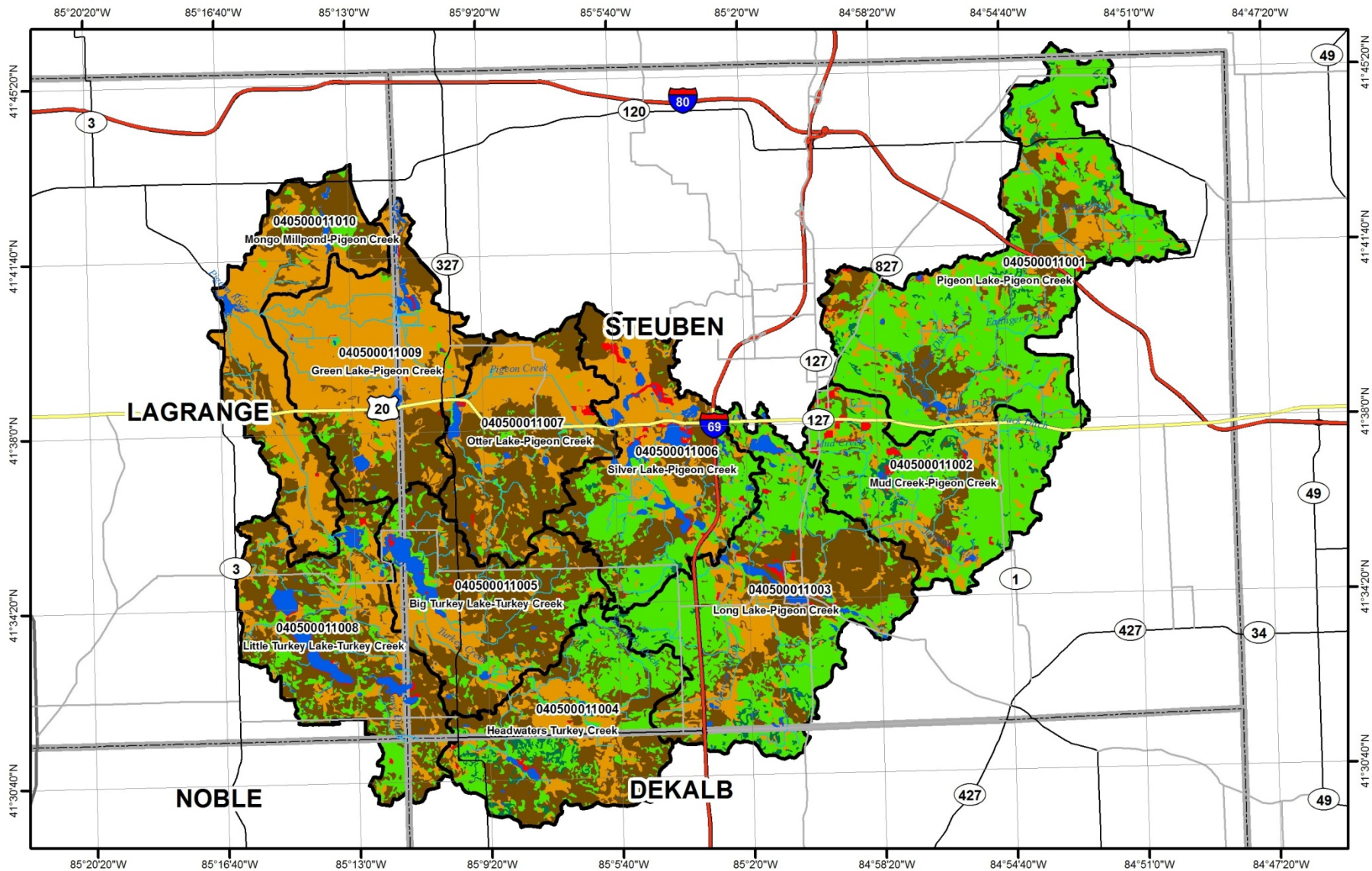
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Subwatershed Boundary	Current Wetlands; Need Protection
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Wetlands; Presettlement	Streams
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2013 Upper Pigeon Creek Wetlands



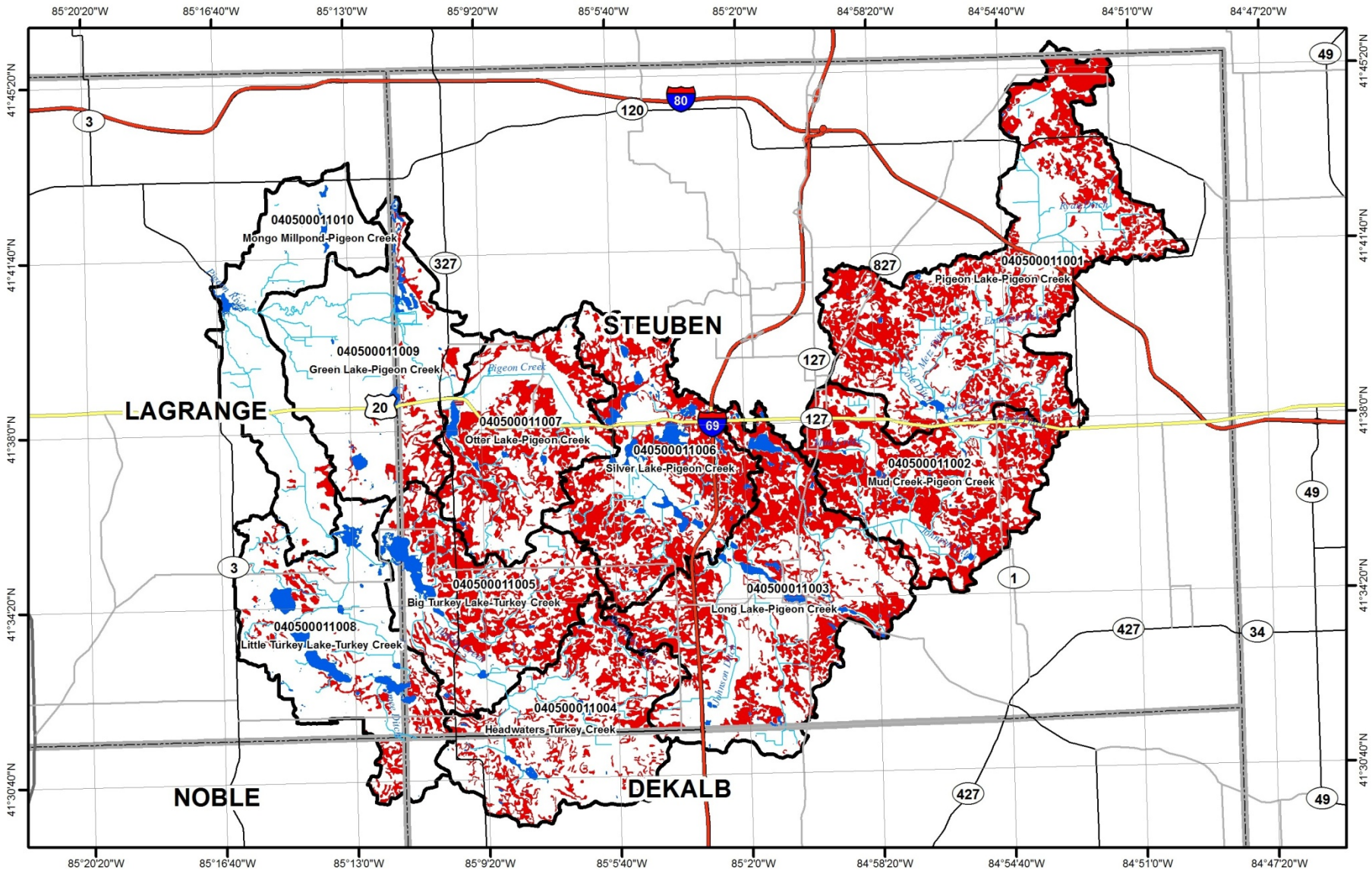


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| Unclassified | Streams |
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| B | Subwatershed Boundary |
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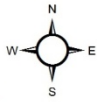
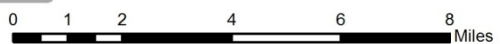
2013 Pigeon Creek Hydrologic Soils Groupings





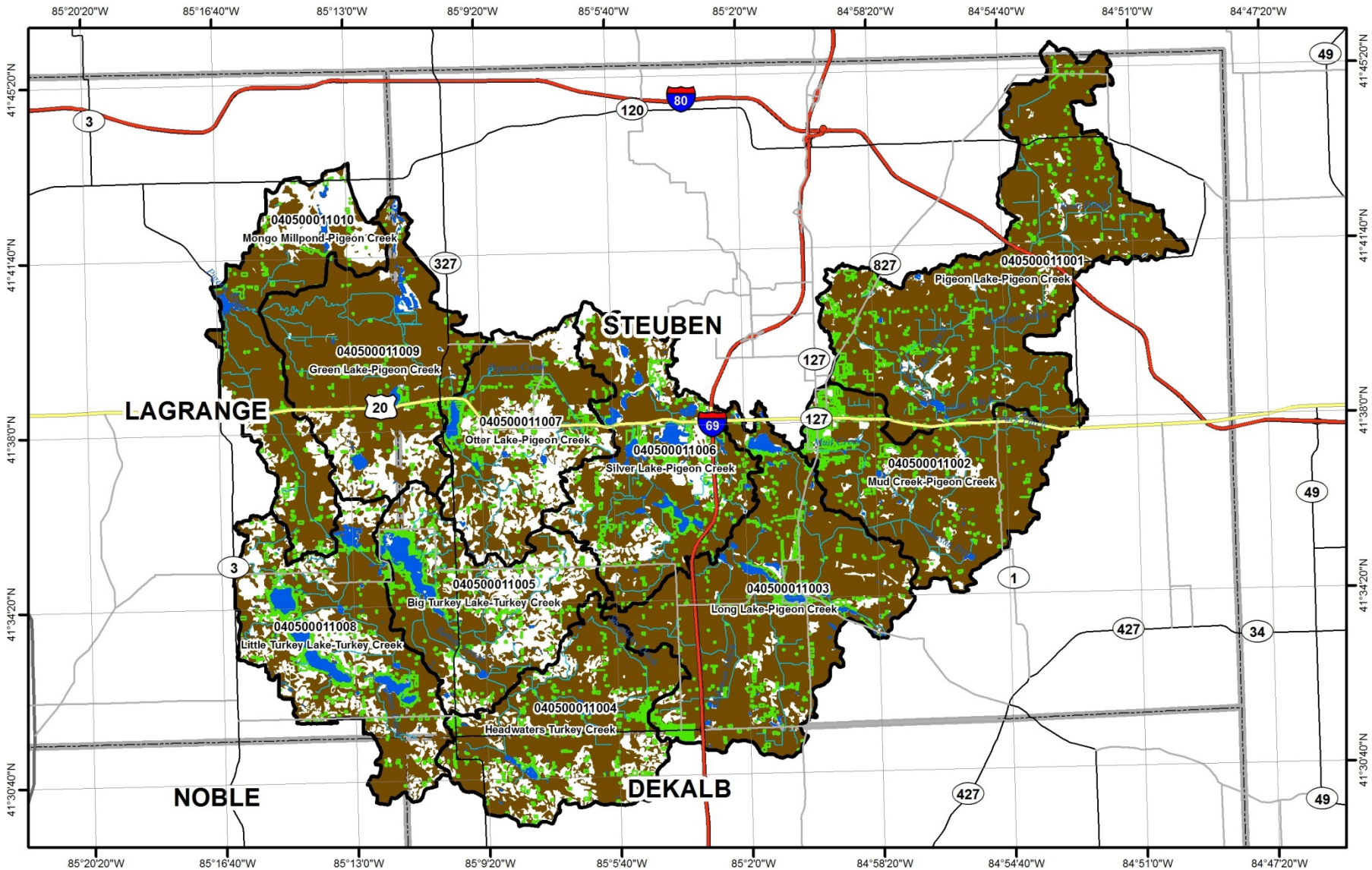
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- HEL Soils
- Lakes/Reservoir
- Subwatershed Boundary
- Streams
- County Boundary



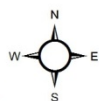
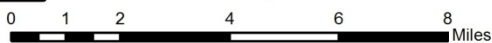
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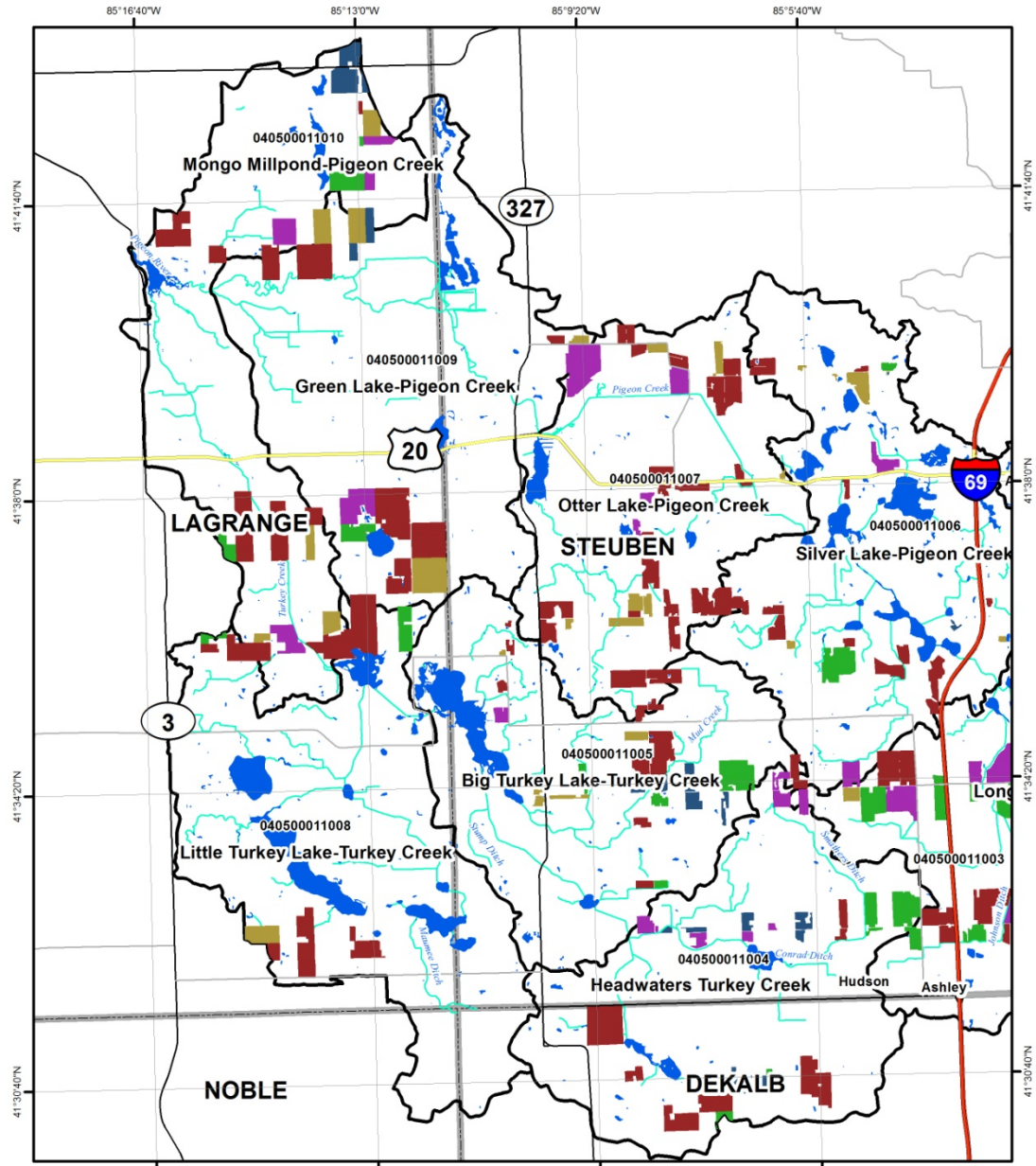
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- Residential Areas
- Septic Limited Soils
- Subwatershed Boundary
- County Boundary
- Lakes/Reservoir
- Streams



2013 Pigeon Creek Limiting Soils for Septic





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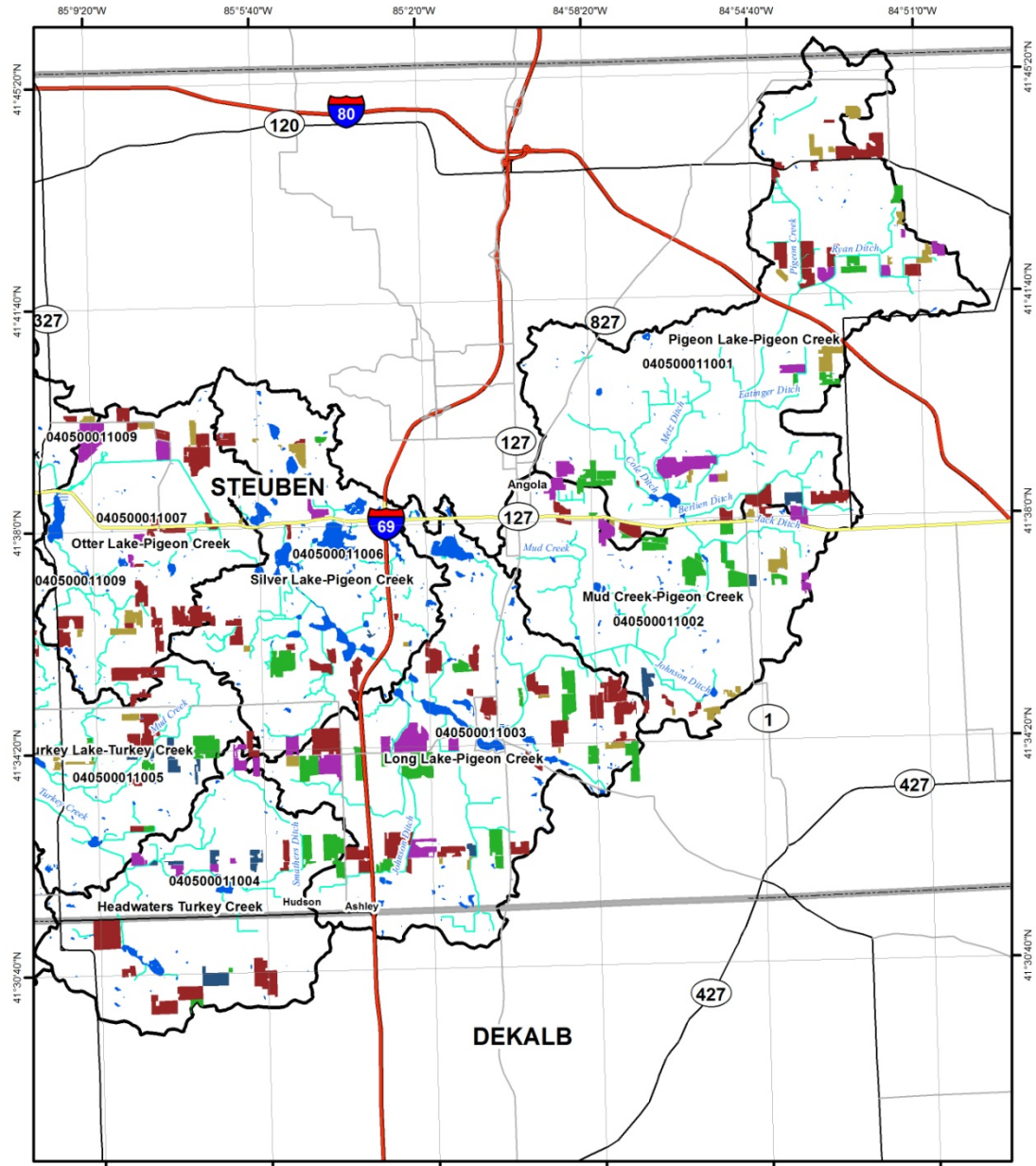
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Mulch-till	County Boundary
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Reduced-till	Streams
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2013 Lower Pigeon Creek Tillage Data

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St. Joseph River Basin



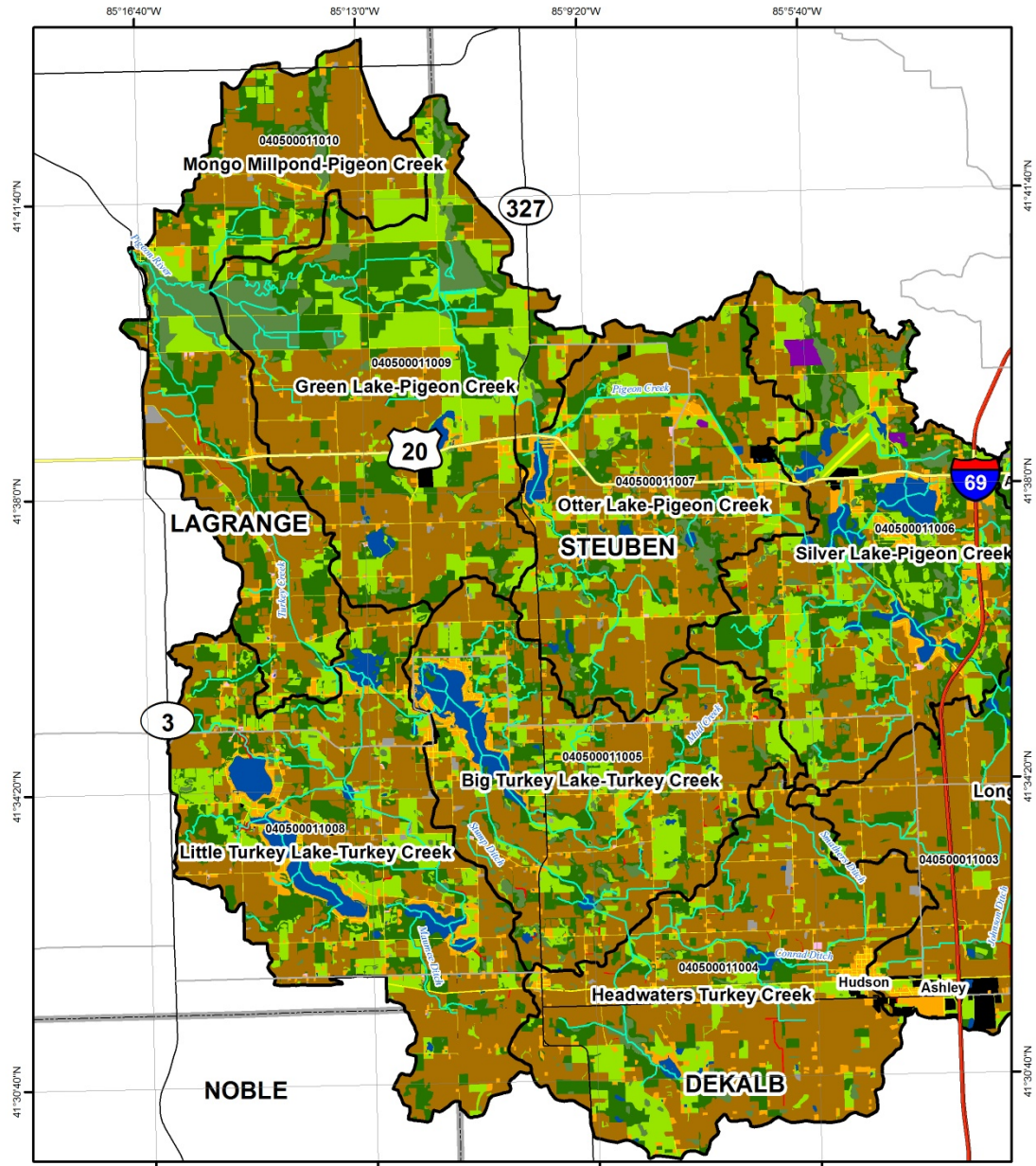
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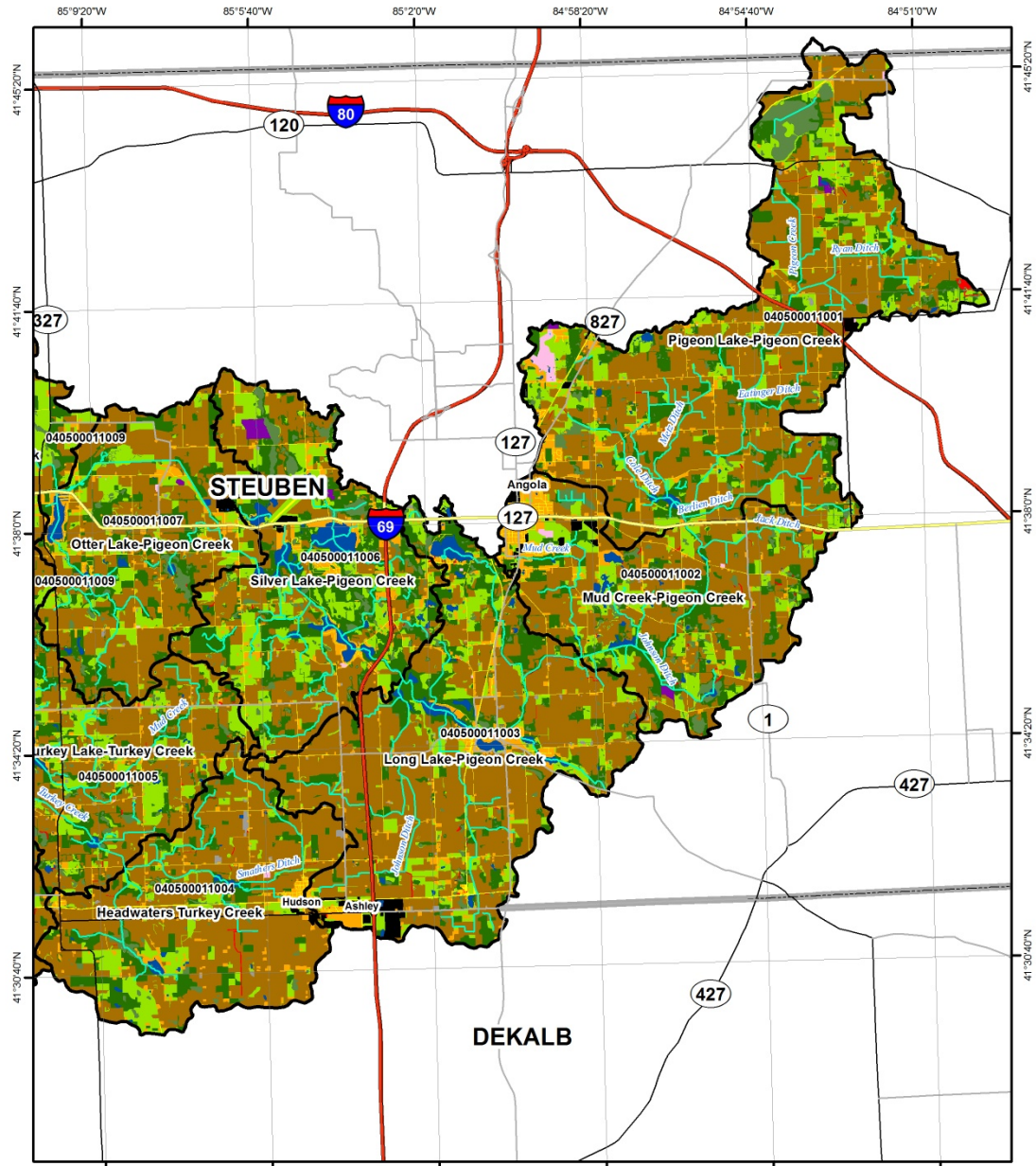
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Row Crop	Legal Ditch	County Boundary
Woodland	Commercial/Industrial	Streams
Residential	Road & Railroad Right-of-Way	
Open Water Lake/Pond	Quarry	
Open Water Stream/River	Other	

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2013 Lower Pigeon Creek Landuse

St. Joseph River Basin
Pigeon Creek

NORTHWATER
 Stevens County
 Soil & Water Conservation Service
 NRCS



Legend

Landuse/Landcover Category	Farm Building & Confinement	Subwatershed Boundary
Open Space	Legal Ditch	County Boundary
Row Crop	Commercial/Industrial	Streams
Woodland	Road & Railroad Right-of-Way	
Residential	Quarry	
Open Water Lake/Pond	Other	
Open Water Stream/River		

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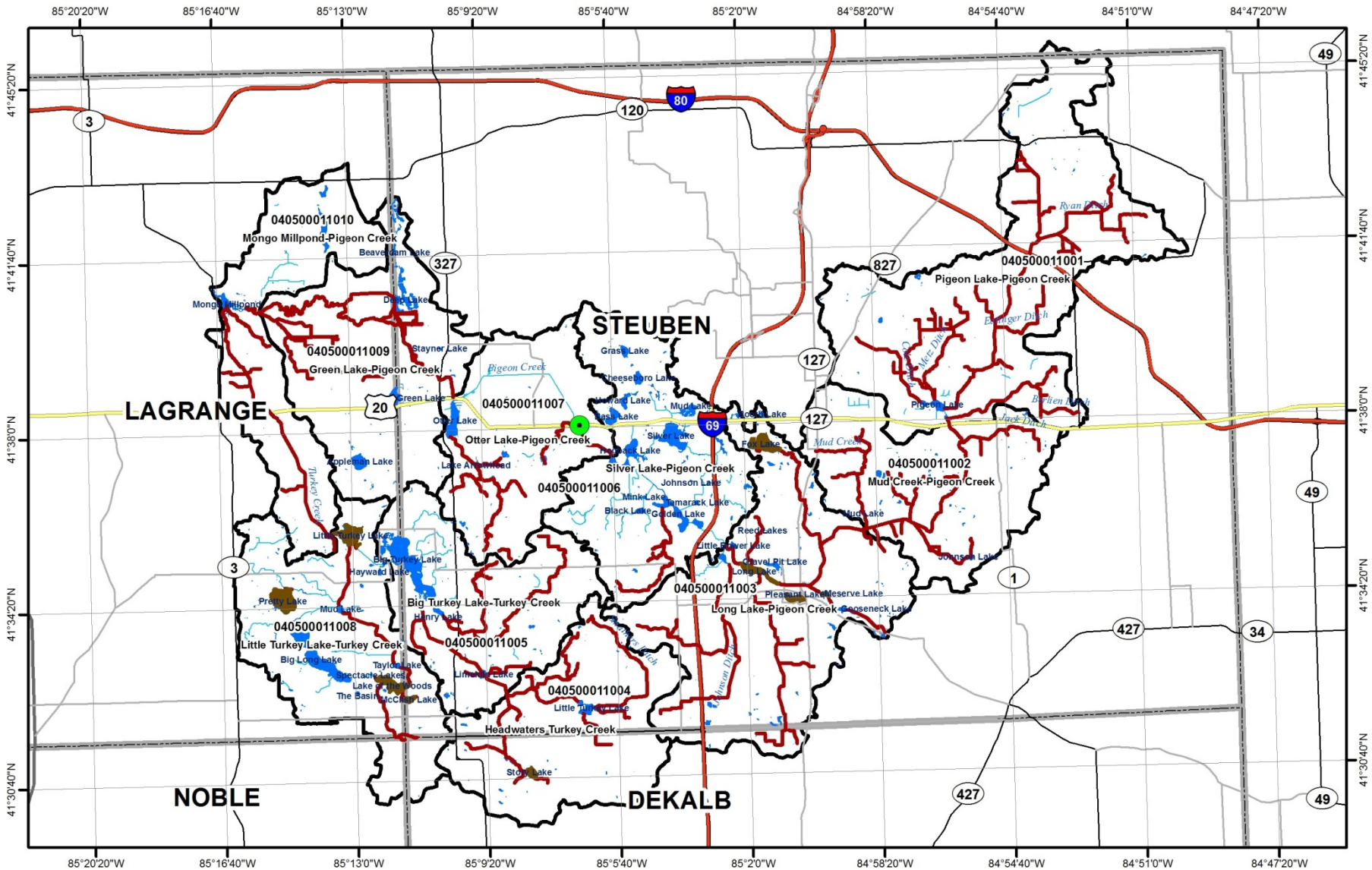
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Problems

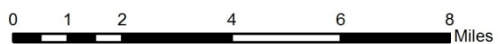
- 38 streams (179 miles) of category 4 and 5 impaired waterbodies
 - Low Dissolved Oxygen
 - High chloride
 - High bacteria
- Nine lakes (783) acres are listed as impaired
 - IBC
 - PCBs
 - Mercury
 - Phosphorus



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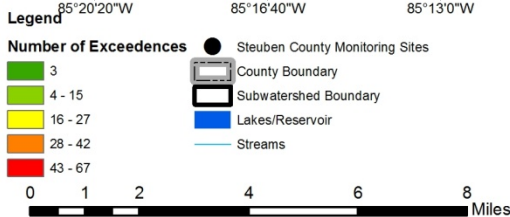
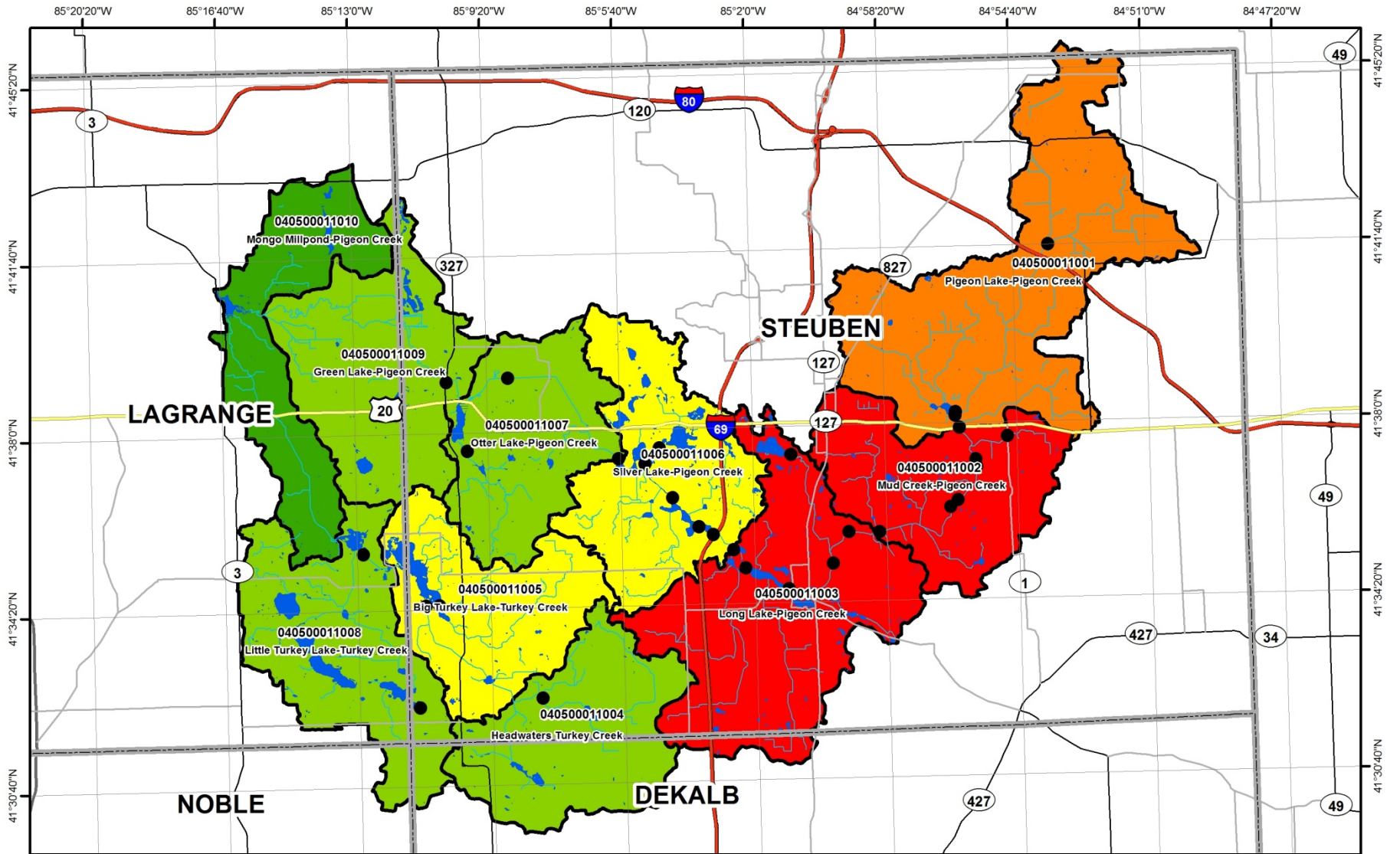
- USGS Gauge
- 2012 303(d) Impaired Lakes
- 2012 303(d) Impaired Streams
- Streams
- Lakes/Reservoir
- County Boundary
- Subwatershed Boundary

2013 Pigeon Creek Impaired Lakes and Streams



Problems

- 269 of 627 (43%) total samples that exceeded the reference limit of 235 CFU/100 mL for bacteria
- 40 of 577 (7%) total samples that exceeded of the reference limit of 0.30-mg/L for phosphorus
- 39 of 239 (16%) total samples that exceeded the reference limit of 10 mg/L for nitrogen
- 46 of 574 (8%) total samples that exceeded the reference limit of 30 mg/L limit for sediment

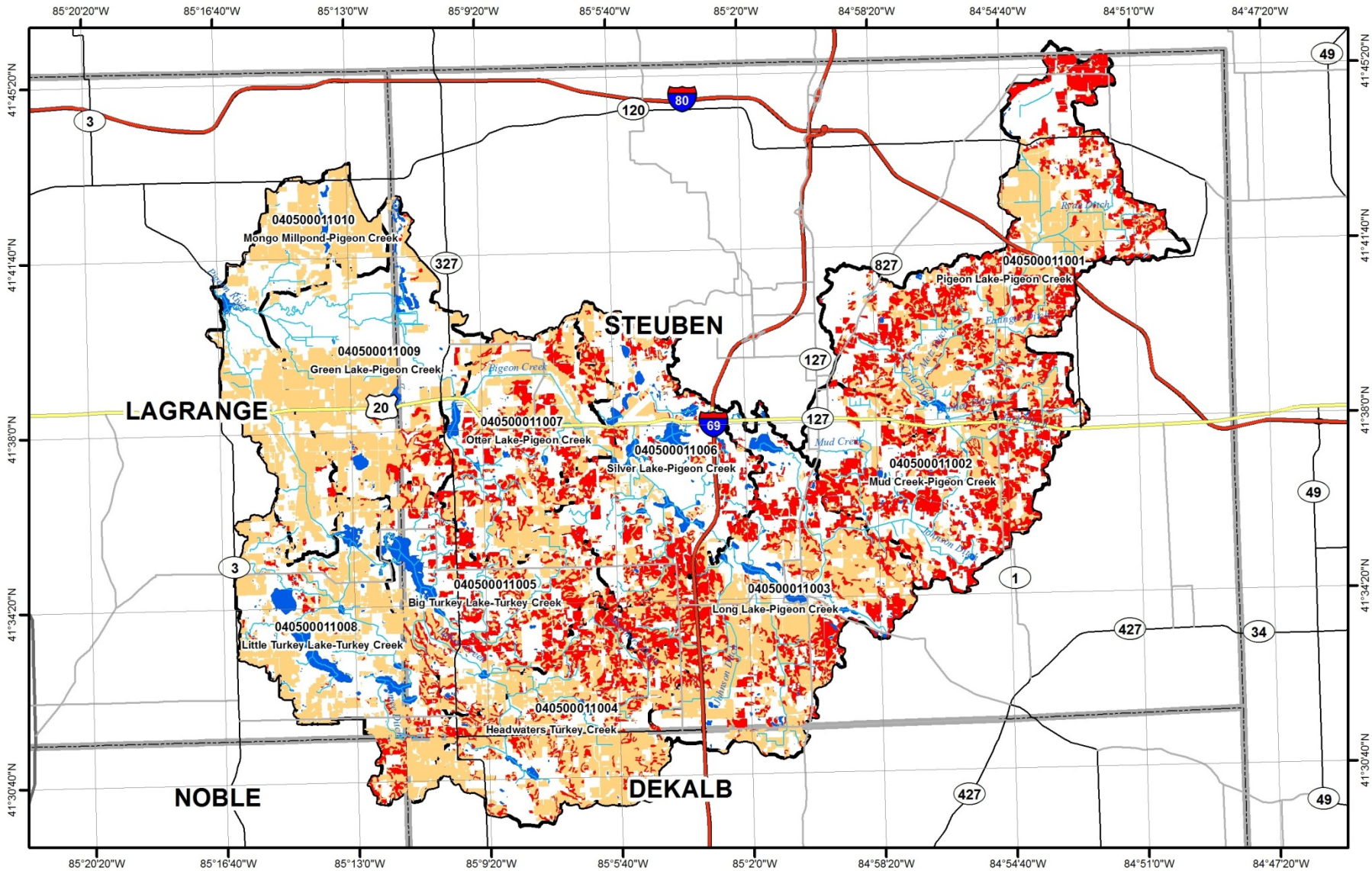


2013 Pigeon Creek Number of Exceedences Bacteria Standard



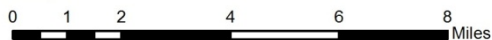
Problems & Causes/Sources

- Excessive bacteria
 - Runoff from agricultural sources
 - Septic systems
 - Urban runoff
- Excessive nutrients and sediment
 - Runoff from agricultural sources
 - Watershed modifications
 - Urban runoff
- Flooding
 - Lack of storage and capacity
 - Impervious surfaces



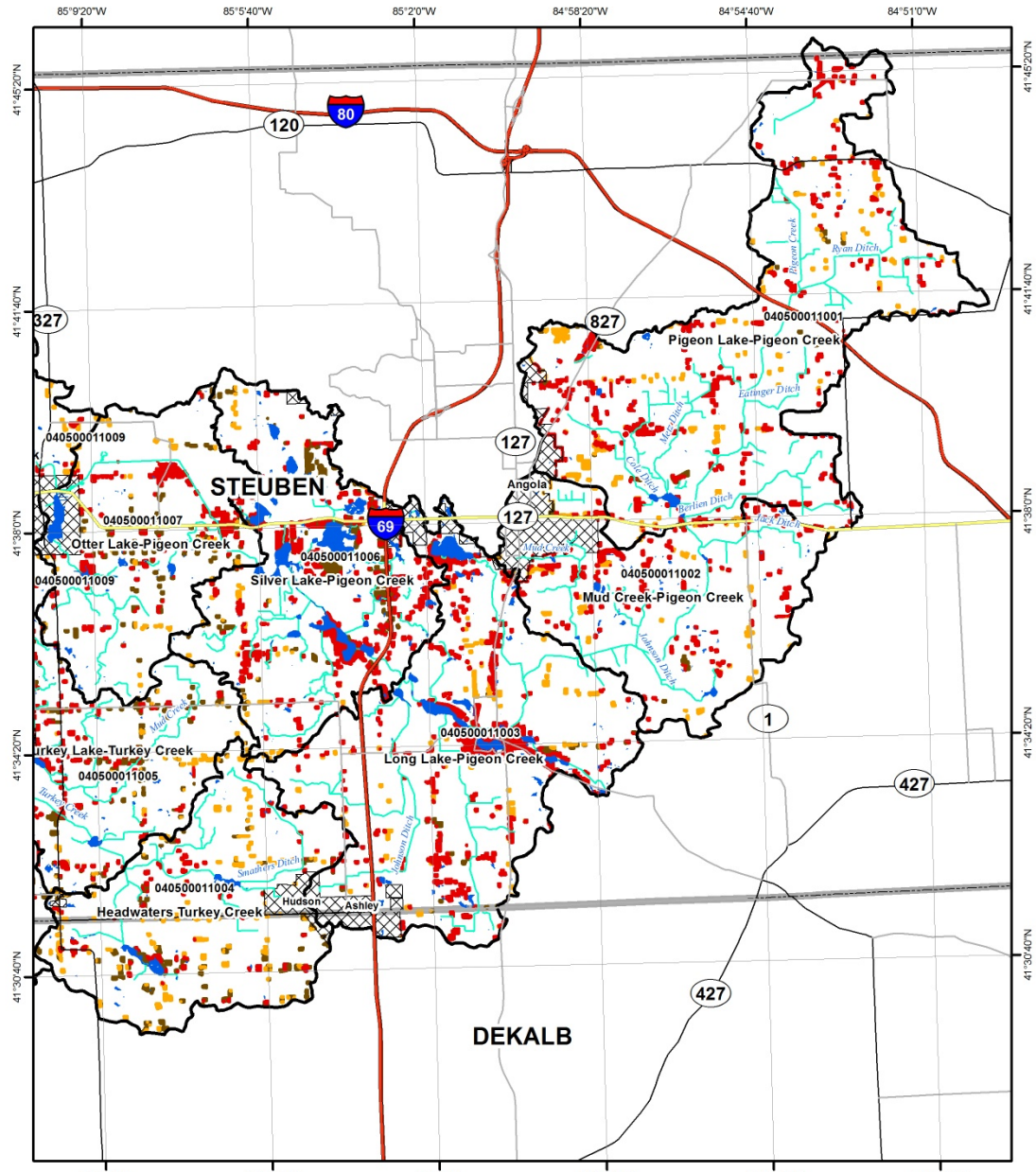
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- HEL Row Crops
- Row Crops
- Lakes/Reservoir
- County Boundary
- Subwatershed Boundary
- Streams



**2013 Pigeon Creek
HEL Row Crop Soils**





Legend

Sewered Areas	County Boundary
Septic within 500ft of a Stream	Subwatershed Boundary
Septic on Limiting Soils	Lakes/Reservoir
Residential Septic	Streams

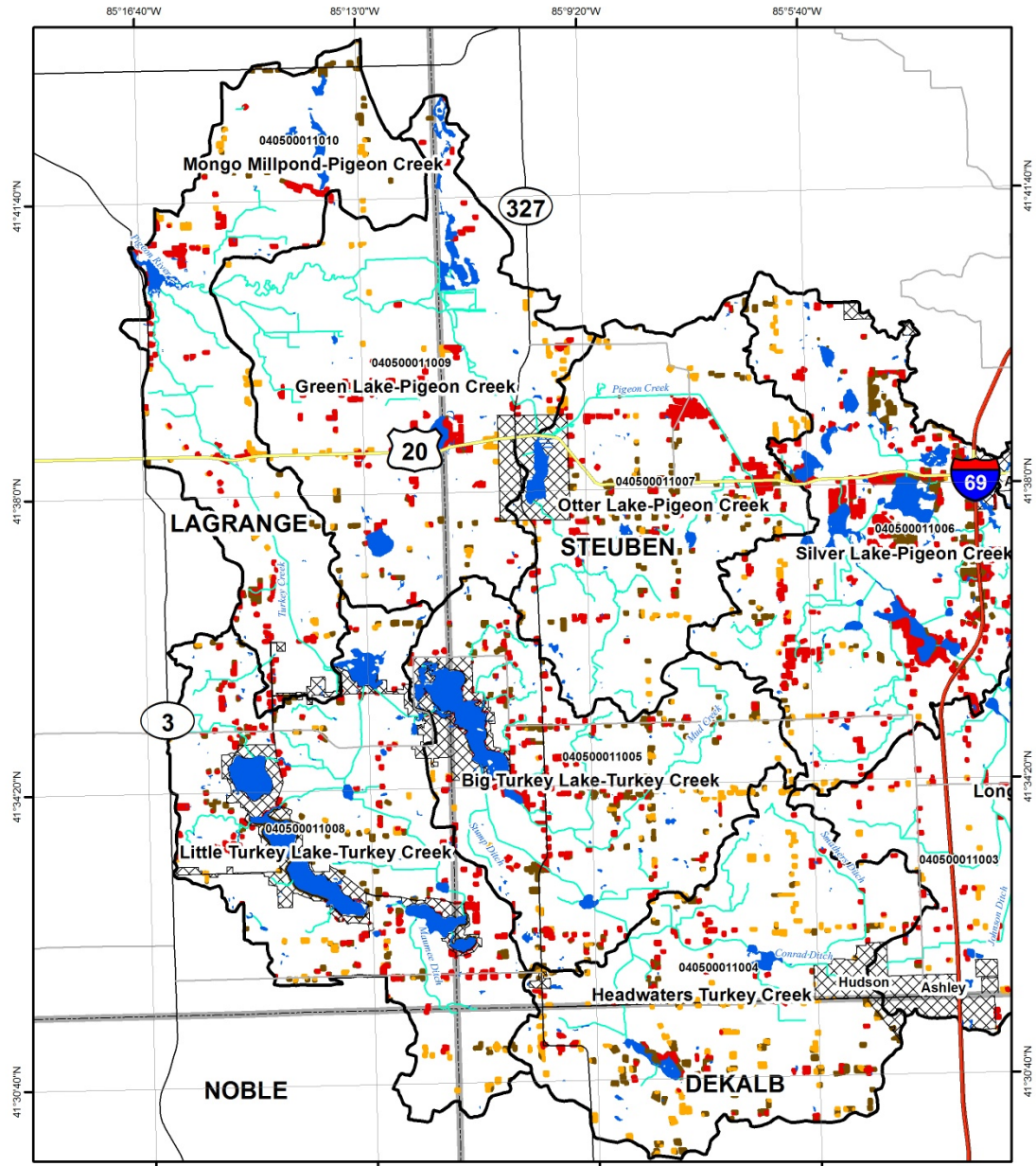
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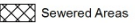
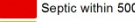
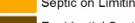
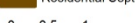
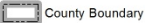
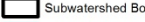
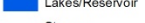
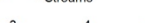
**2013 Upper Pigeon Creek
Septic Systems**

NORTHWATER
 Steuben County
 City of Angola
 NRCIS

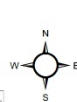
St. Joseph River Basin

Pigeon Creek



- Legend**
-  Sewered Areas
 -  Septic within 500ft of a Stream
 -  Septic on Limiting Soils
 -  Residential Septic
 -  County Boundary
 -  Subwatershed Boundary
 -  Lakes/Reservoir
 -  Streams

2013 Lower Pigeon Creek Septic Systems





Model Overview

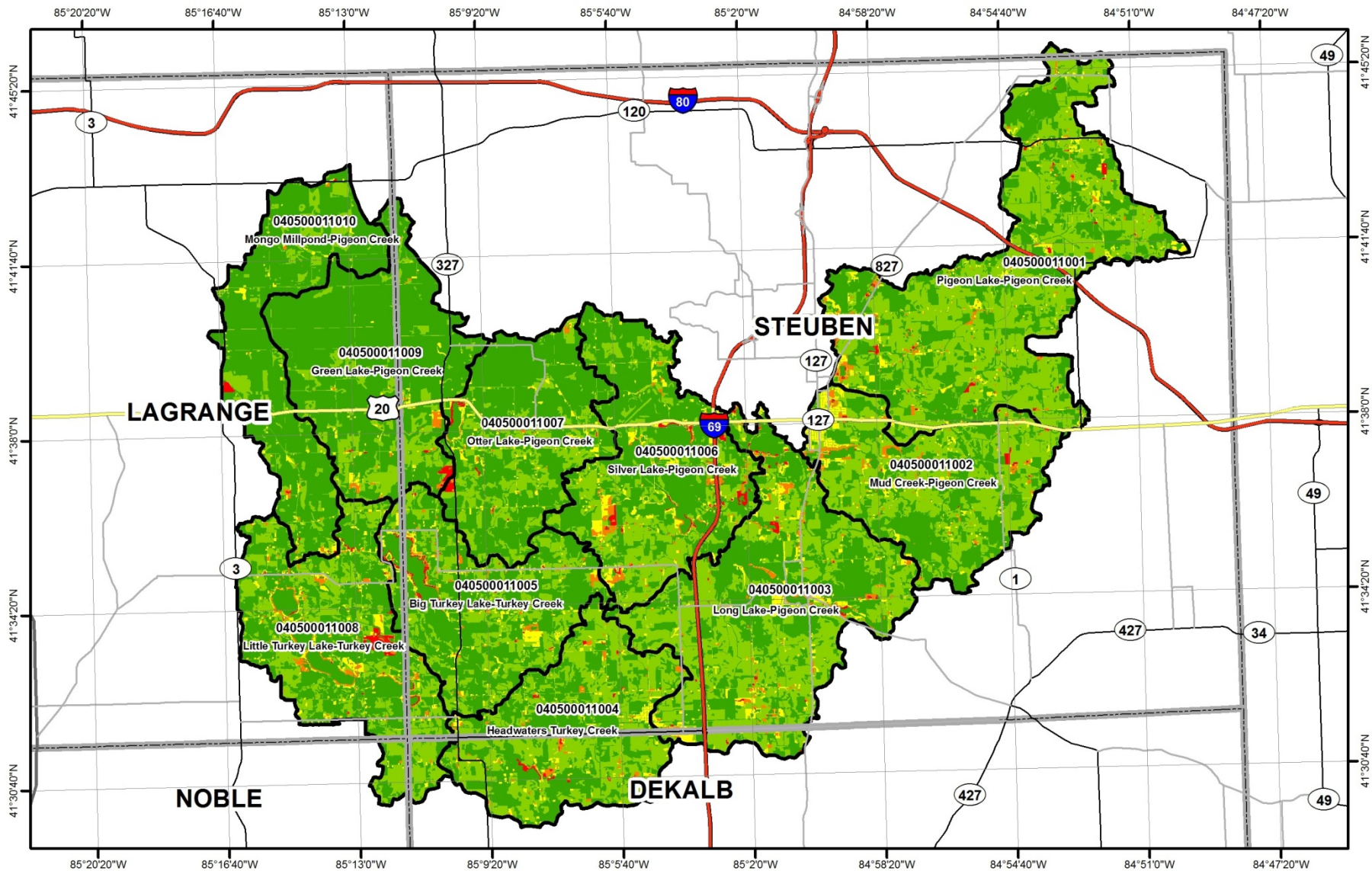
- SWAMM
 - Spatial Watershed Assessment and Management Model
 - GIS based pollution load model
- Purpose/use
 - Identify priority land parcels
 - Quantify upland pollutant loadings
 - Quantify load reductions from practice implementation
 - Link implementation with watershed plan targets and track plan success
- Major Model Components
 - Soils, landuse, precipitation

Pollution Loading from all Sources

Subwatershed Name	2012 HUC12 Subwatershed Codes	Watershed Acres	Phosphorus Load (lbs/yr)	Nitrogen Load (lbs/yr)	Sediment Load (tons/ yr)	Fecal Coliform (billion CFU/yr)
Pigeon Lake-Pigeon Creek	40500011001	22,036	28,745	190,871	23,581	53,337
Mud Creek-Pigeon Creek	40500011002	11,641	19,351	99,877	14,485	38,933
Long Lake-Pigeon Creek	40500011003	18,620	25,186	159,298	20,213	49,853
Headwaters Turkey Creek	40500011004	11,798	15,721	100,827	14,045	34,690
Big Turkey Lake-Turkey Creek	40500011005	11,015	11,296	73,206	9,685	32,204
Silver Lake-Pigeon Creek	40500011006	12,954	11,236	73,461	9,904	36,608
Otter Lake-Pigeon Creek	40500011007	10,491	12,896	63,731	8,920	30,109
Little Turkey Lake-Turkey Creek	40500011008	13,256	13,980	93,259	12,455	38,507
Green Lake-Pigeon Creek	40500011009	13,581	9,038	57,312	8,275	28,189
Mongo Millpond-Pigeon Creek	40500011010	10,520	11,107	57,500	6,448	27,053
Total		135,911	158,556	969,341	128,012	369,481

Pollution Loading

- Highest per acre nitrogen and phosphorus load = Pigeon Lake
 - 1.24 lbs/ac/yr P
 - 8.50 lbs/ac/yr N
- Highest per acre sediment load = Mud Creek
 - 1.22 tons/ac/yr
- Highest per acre bacteria load = Long Lake
 - 1.84 billion CFU/ac/yr

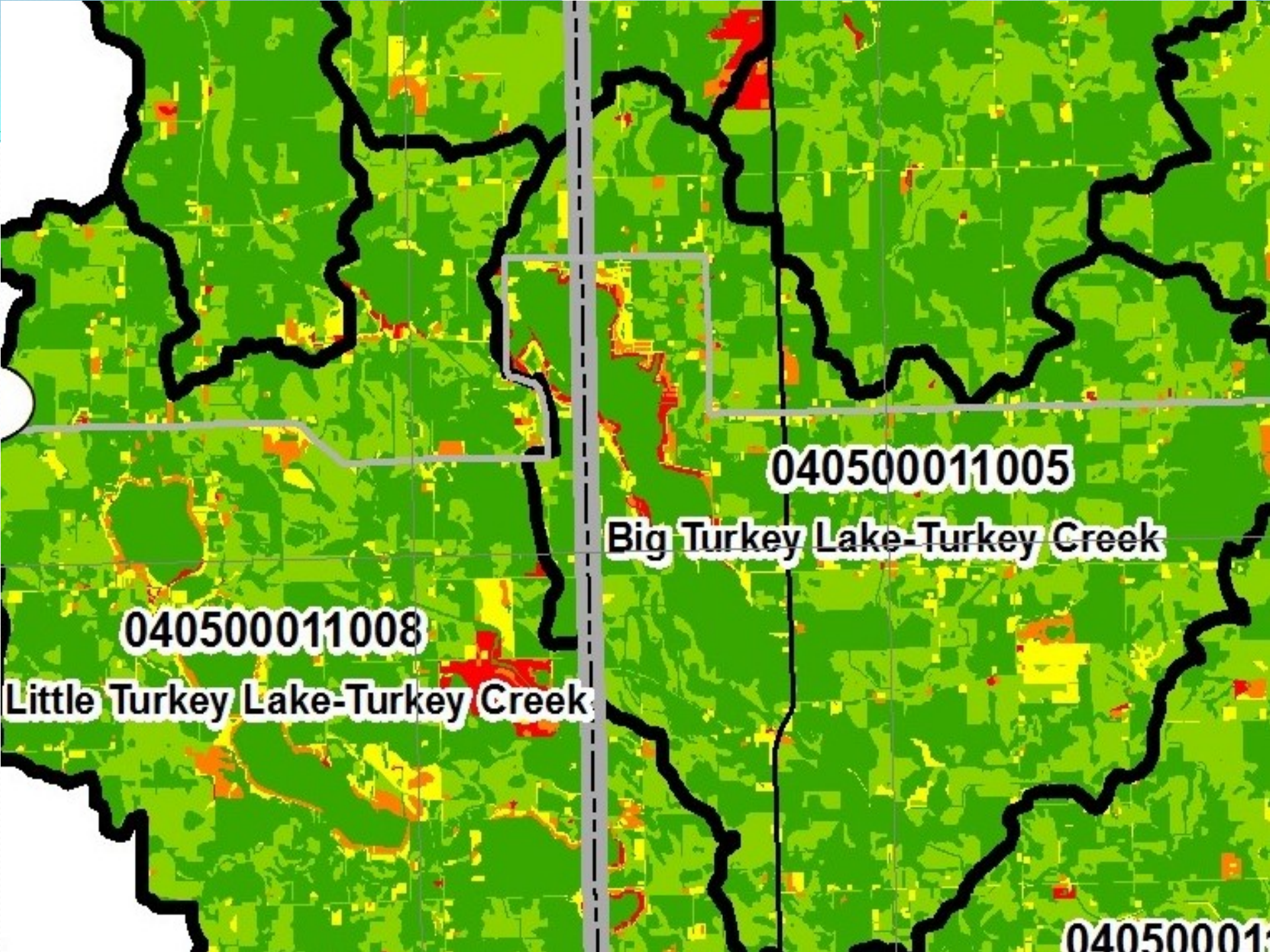


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2013 Pigeon Creek Annual Bacteria Loading (Fecal Coliform)





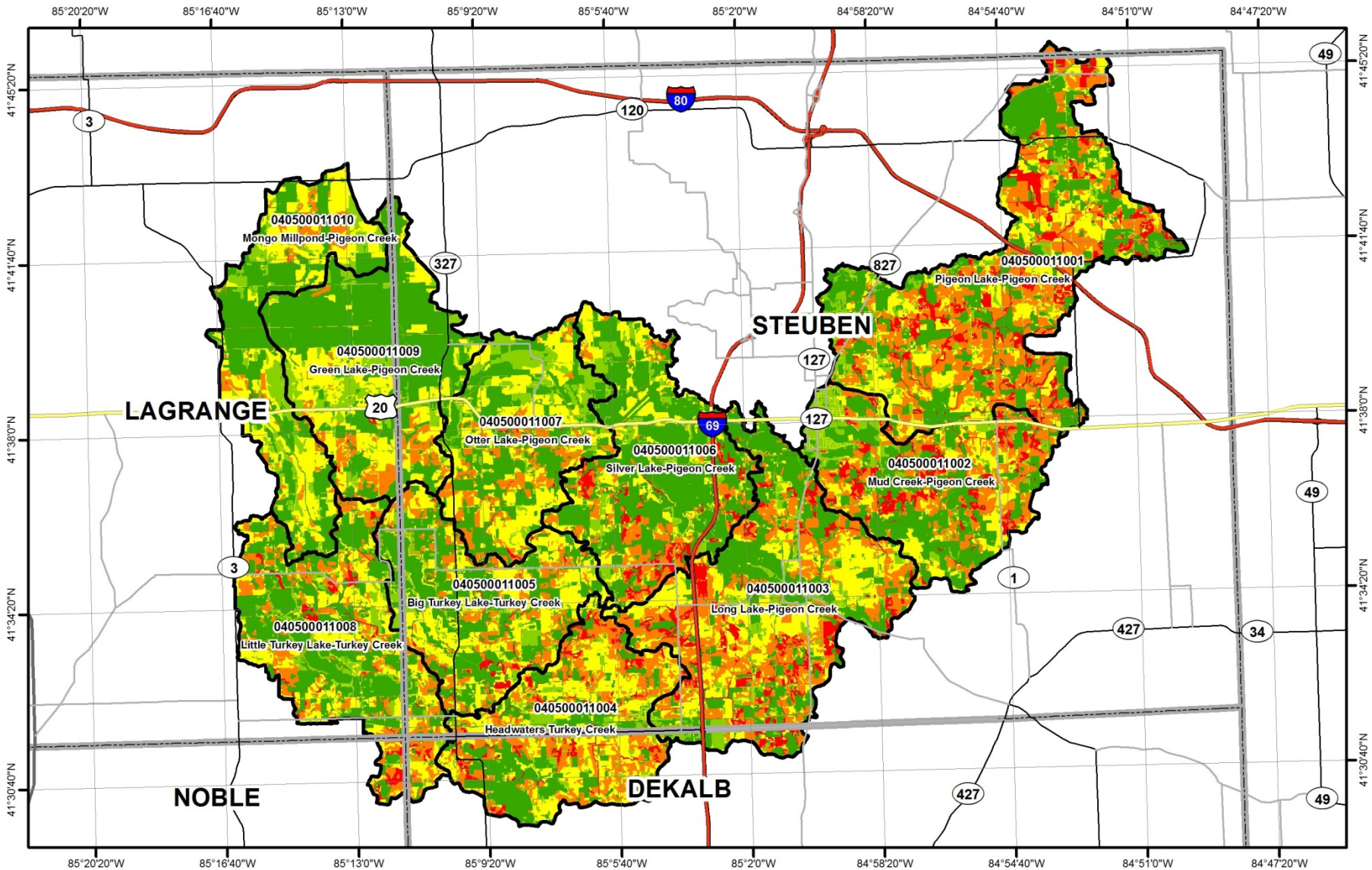
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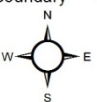
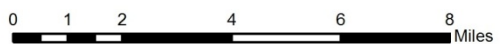
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Little Turkey Lake-Turkey Creek

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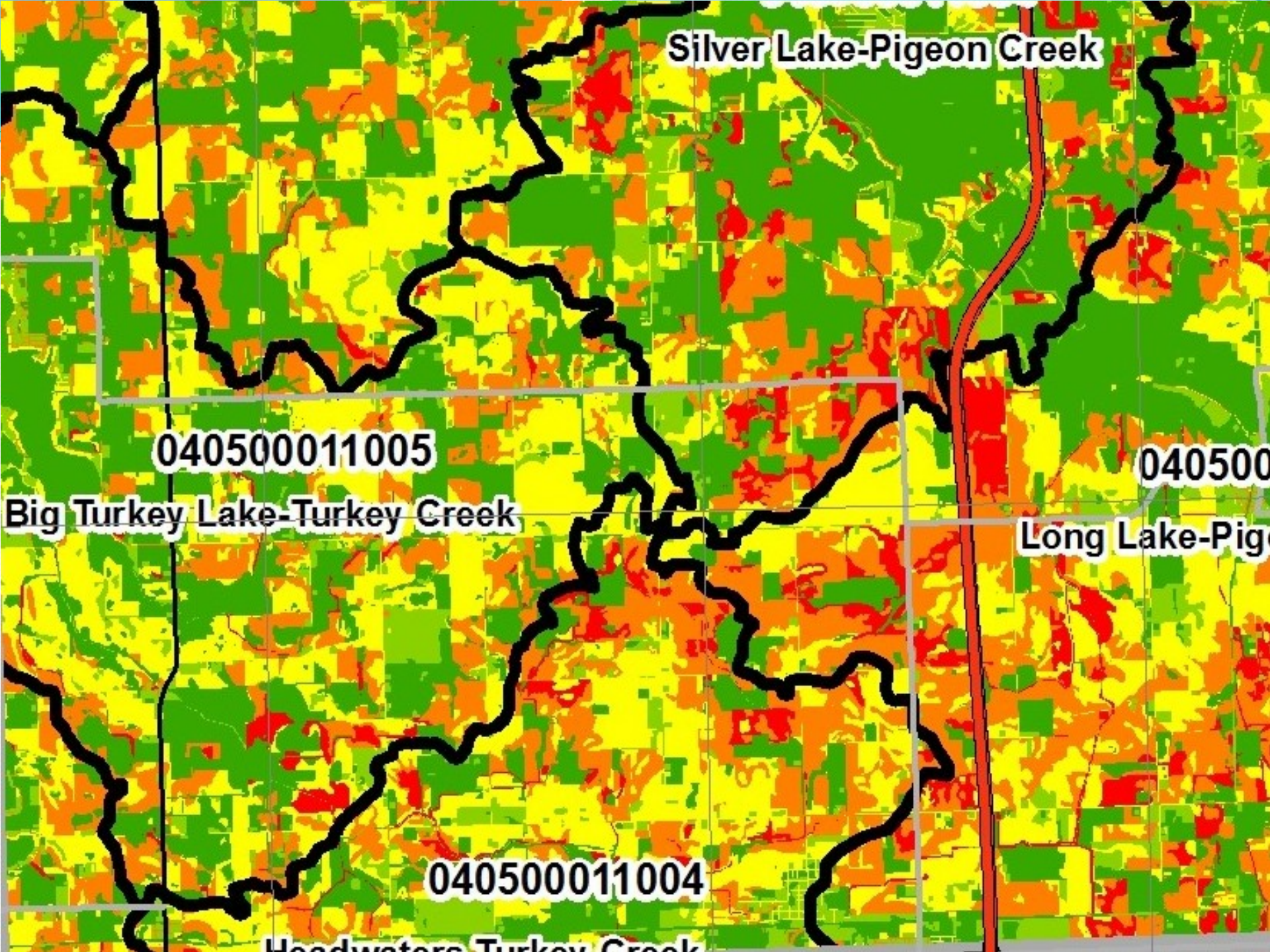


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2013 Pigeon Creek Annual Phosphorus Loading





Silver Lake-Pigeon Creek

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Big Turkey Lake-Turkey Creek

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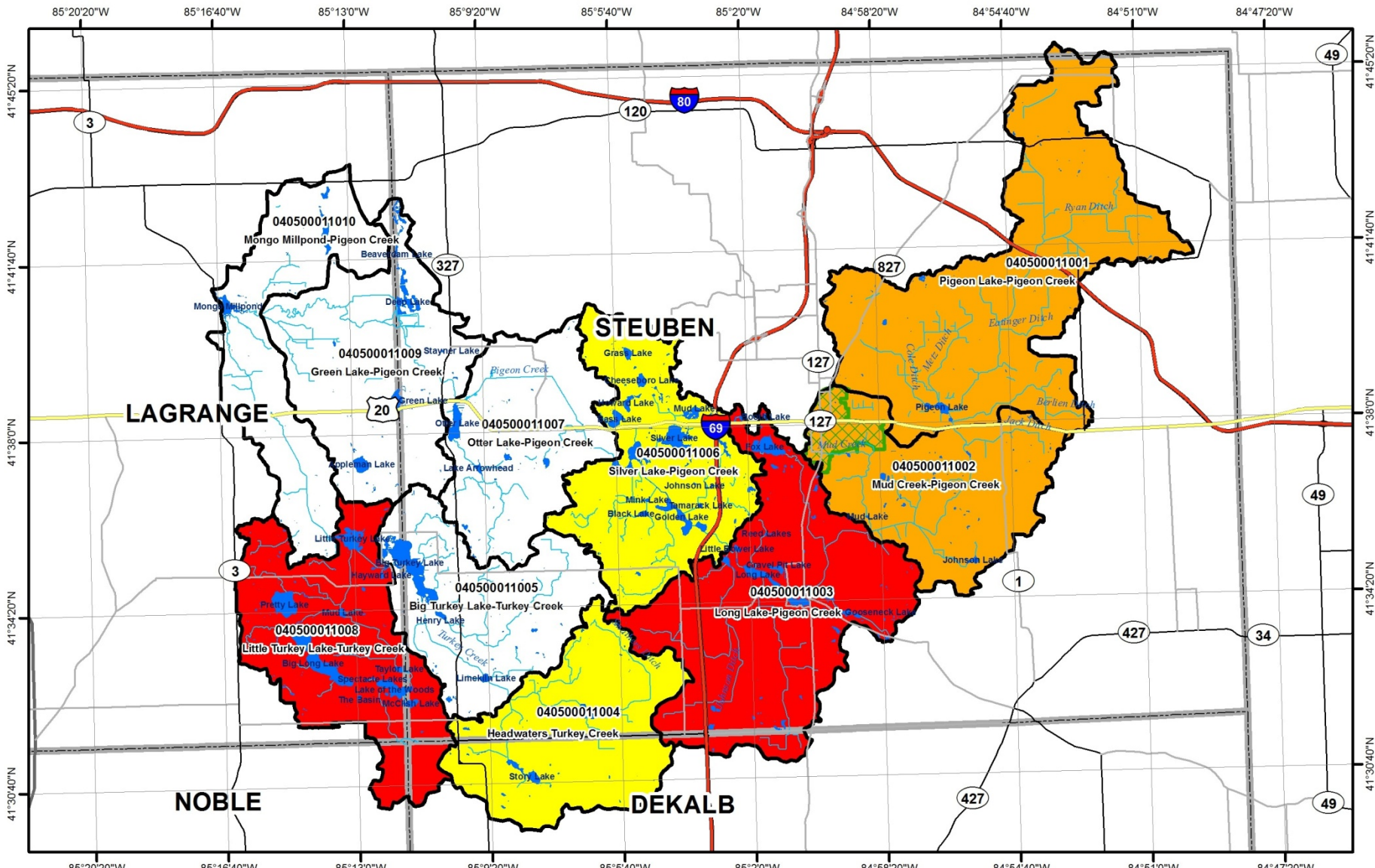
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Headwaters Turkey Creek

Critical Areas

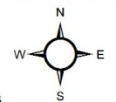
- 3 types: reduce bacteria, reduce sediment and nutrients, and reduce flooding
- Reduce Bacteria
 - Little Turkey Lake, Silver lake, Long Lake
- Reduce nutrients and sediment
 - Long Lake, Pigeon Lake, Mud Creek
- Reduce Flooding
 - Long Lake, Mud Creek, Headwaters Turkey Creek



Legend

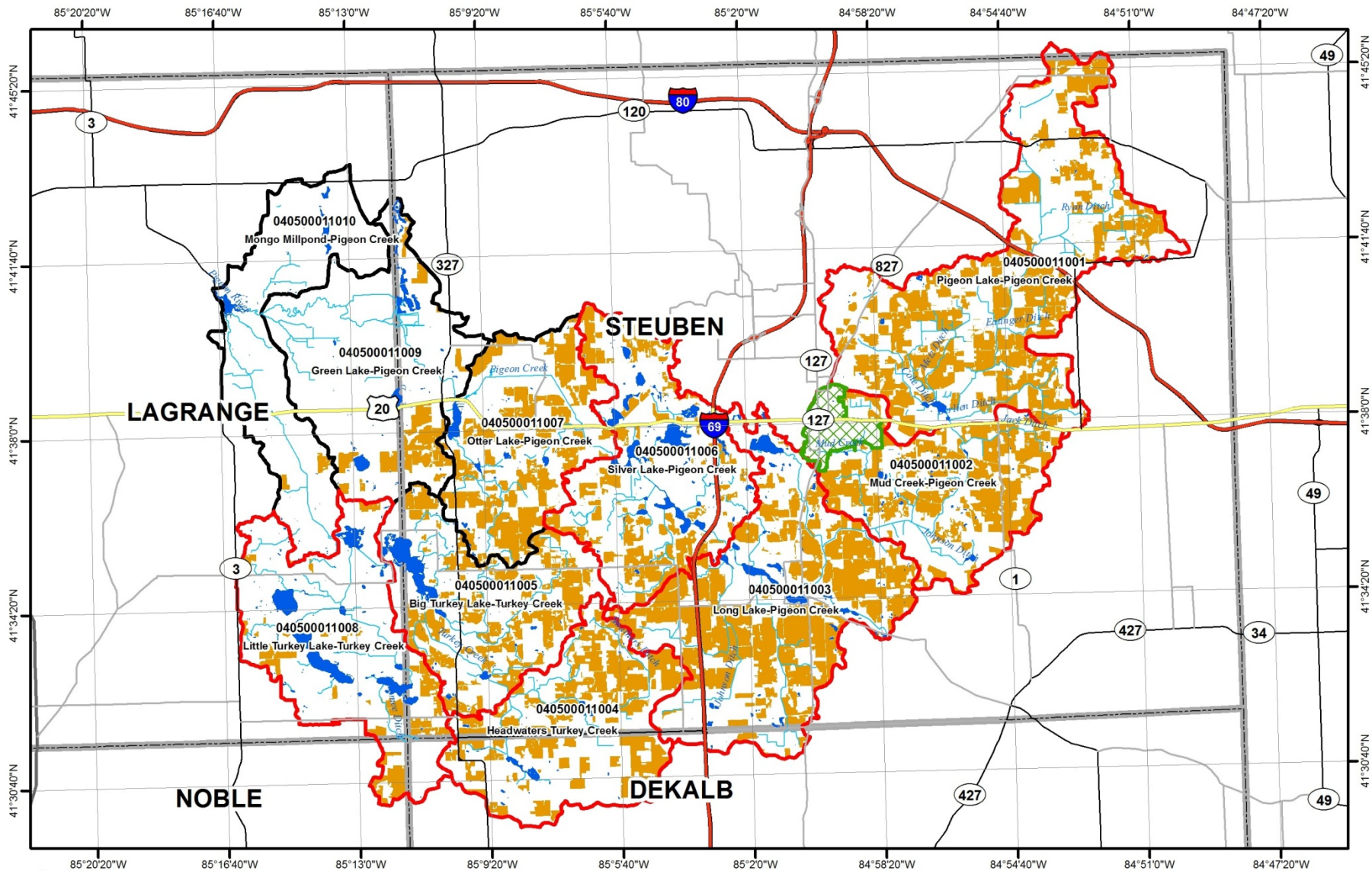
- Subwatershed Boundary
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- Tertiary
- Urban Critical Area
- Lakes/Reservoir
- County Boundary
- Streams

2013 Pigeon Creek Critical Areas (Subwatersheds)



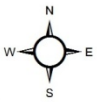
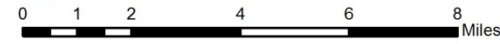
Recommendations & BMPs

- Basin-Wide Recommendations
 - Cover Crops are recommended on 39,186 acres (29%)
 - Terraces or Water and Sediment Control Basins are recommended to treat 25,916 acres (19%)
 - Blind Inlets are recommended for the treatment of 51,870 acres (38%)
 - Wetland restoration is recommended on 12,054 acres (9%)
 - septic systems through an inspection and maintenance program can be directed to 2,667 acres (2%).
 - 5,334 individual homes



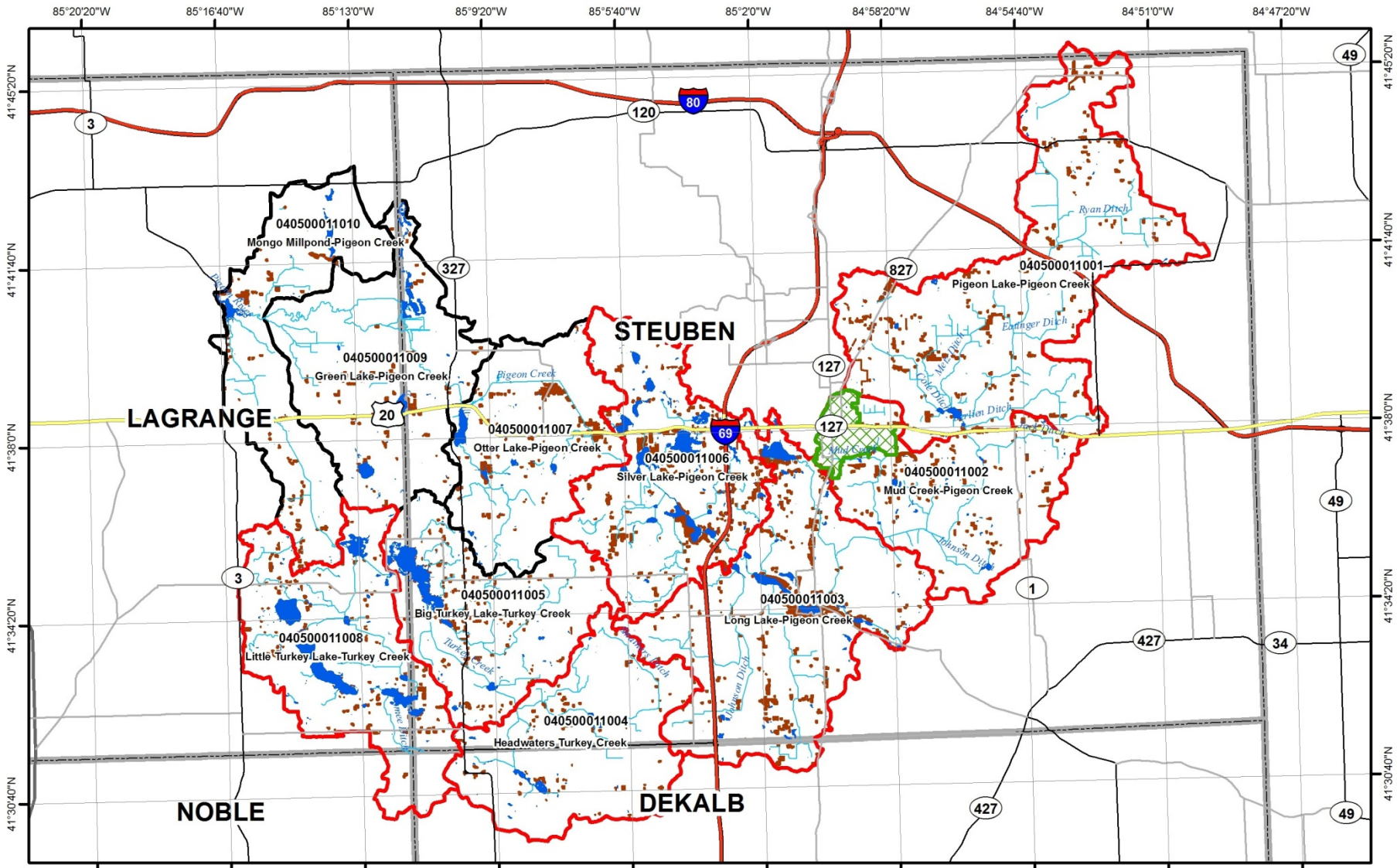
Legend

- Cover Crop Areas
- Subwatershed Boundary
- Urban Critical Area
- County Boundary
- Critical Area
- Streams
- Lakes/Reservoir



2013 Pigeon Creek Recommended Cover Crops





2013 Pigeon Creek Recommended Septic Inspection/Maintenance

Legend

- Septic Inspection/Maintenance Areas
- Subwatershed Boundary
- Urban Critical Area
- Critical Area
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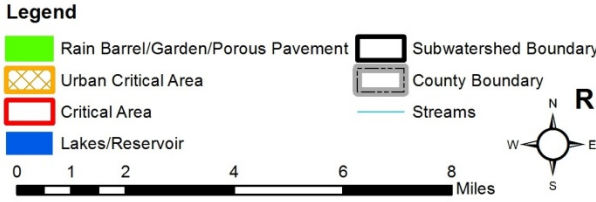
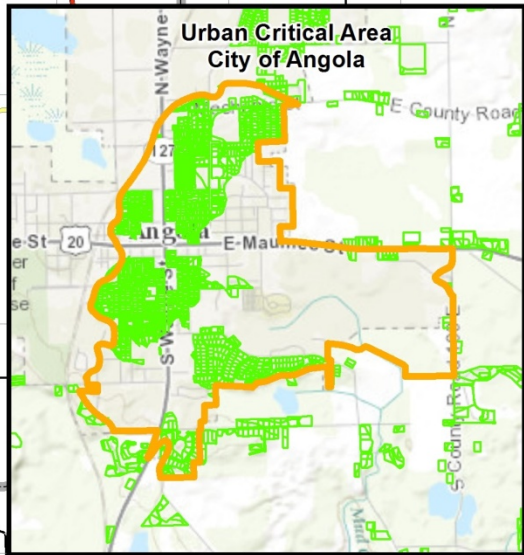
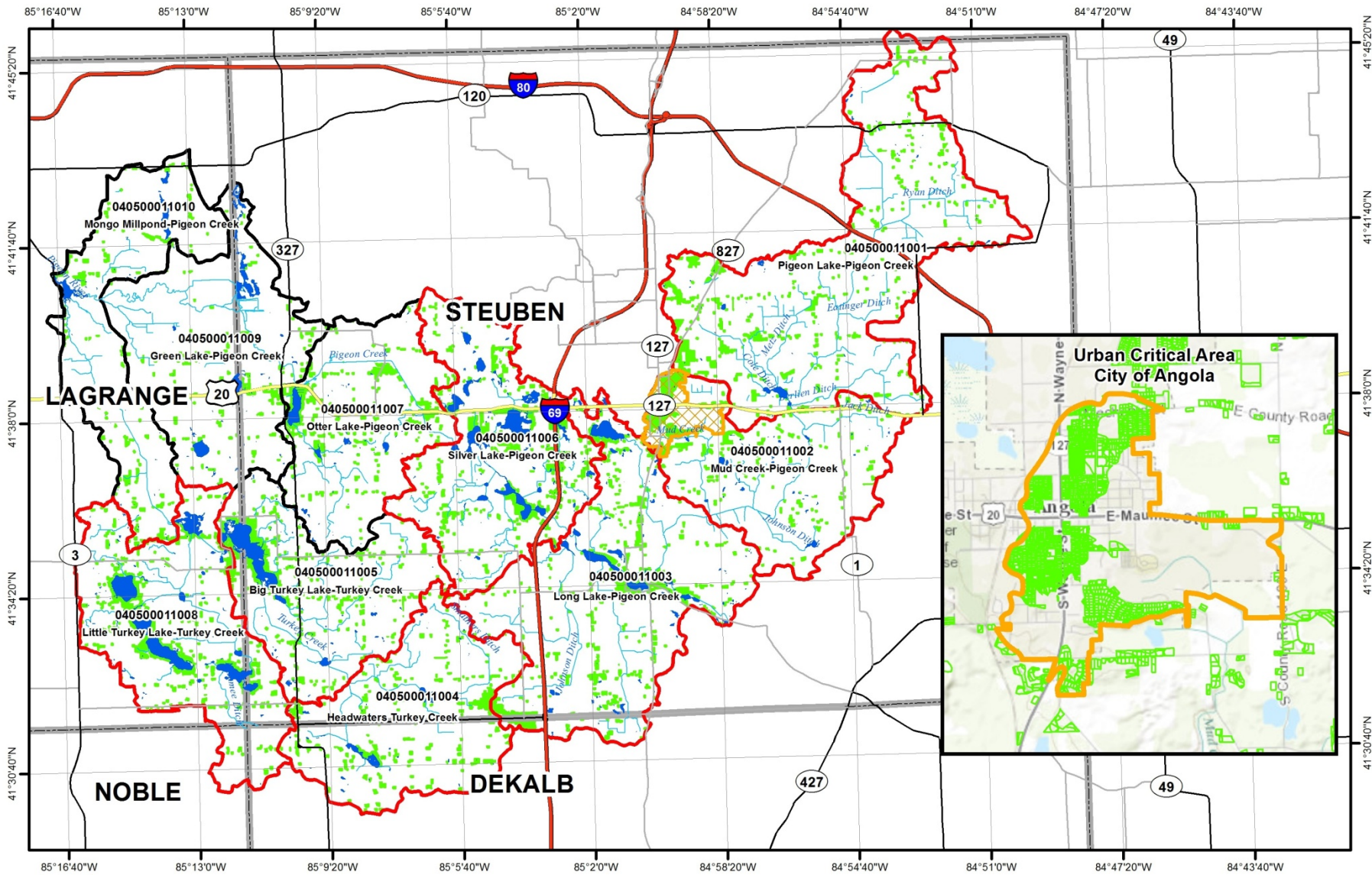
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Recommendations & BMPs

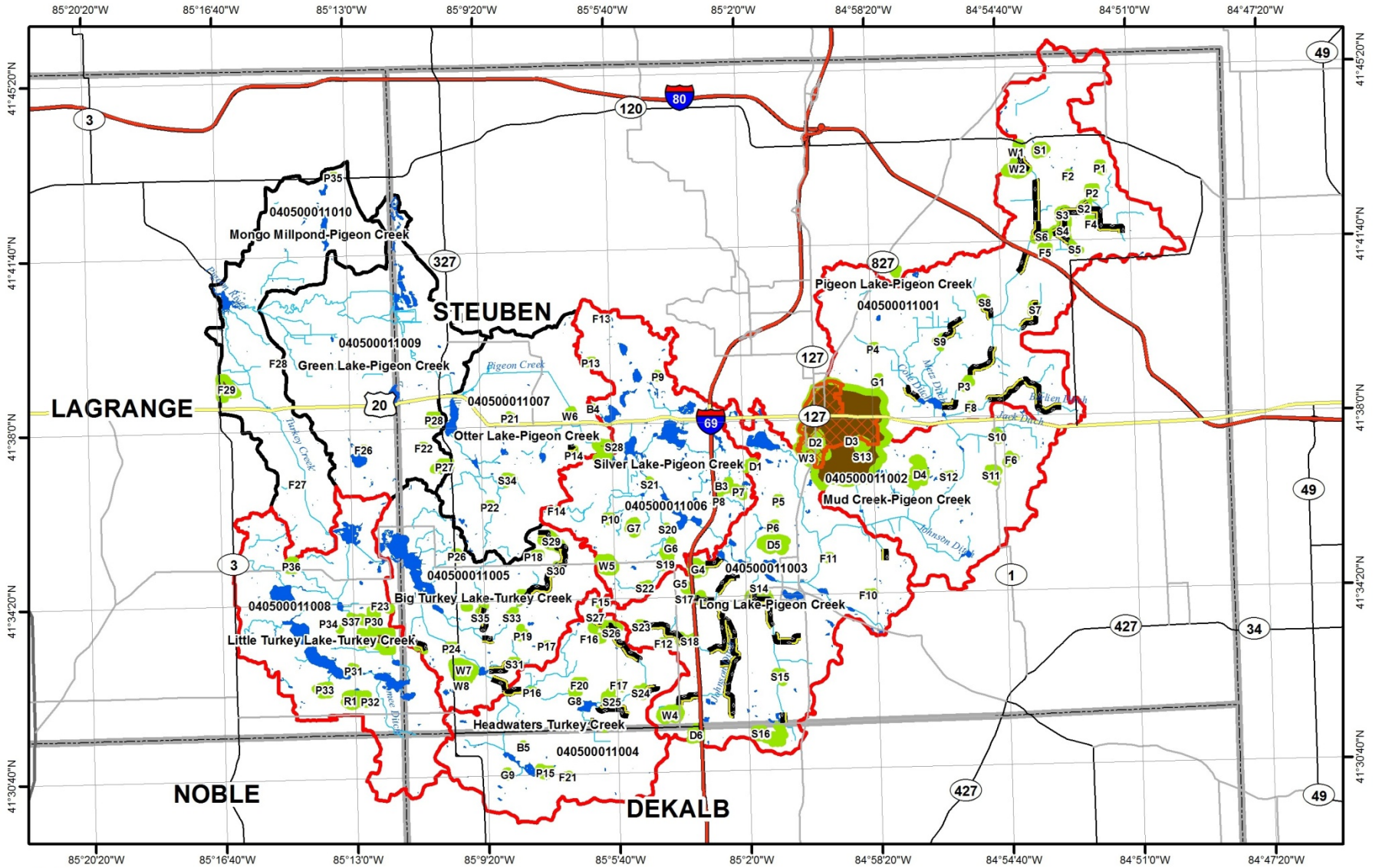
- Basin-Wide
 - Denitrifying bioreactors are recommended for the treatment of 51,870 acres (38%)
 - Rain barrels, rain gardens, and porous pavement are recommended for 6,724 acres (5%)



2013 Pigeon Creek Recommended Rain Barrels Ran Gardens & Porous Pavement

Recommendations & BMPs

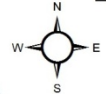
- Site-Specific
 - 9 grassed waterways
 - 5 terraces/sediment basins
 - 6 ponds
 - 29 small animal feed area waste treatment systems
 - 1 rock riffle
 - 8 wetlands
 - 60 two-stage ditches (176,485 feet)
 - 39 filter strips
 - 36 sites for pasture management
 - Other: streambank stabilization and detention for truck stop



Legend

- Two-Stage Ditch
- Lakes/Reservoir
- Site-Specific BMP Locations
- Subwatershed Boundary
- Urban Critical Area
- County Boundary
- Critical Area
- Streams

**2013 Pigeon Creek
Site-Specific
Best Management Practices**



Expected Load Reduction Percentages from Basin-Wide BMPs

Subwatershed Name	2012 HUC12 Subwatershed Codes	Load Reduction Phosphorus (lbs/yr)	Load Reduction Nitrogen (lbs/yr)	Load Reduction Sediment (tons/yr)	Load Reduction Bacteria (billion CFU/yr)
Pigeon Lake-Pigeon Creek	40500011001	82%	93%	100%	63%
Mud Creek-Pigeon Creek	40500011002	62%	87%	100%	62%
Long Lake-Pigeon Creek	40500011003	80%	95%	100%	63%
Headwaters Turkey Creek	40500011004	74%	87%	93%	68%
Big Turkey Lake-Turkey Creek	40500011005	75%	81%	100%	67%
Silver Lake-Pigeon Creek	40500011006	67%	69%	90%	59%
Otter Lake-Pigeon Creek	40500011007	58%	80%	100%	68%
Little Turkey Lake-Turkey Creek	40500011008	54%	64%	70%	54%
Green Lake-Pigeon Creek	40500011009	48%	52%	51%	62%
Mongo Millpond-Pigeon Creek	40500011010	35%	49%	40%	64%
Total		67%	81%	96%	63%

Expected Load Reduction Percentages from Site-Specific BMPs

Subwatershed Name	2012 HUC12 Subwatershed Codes	Load Reduction Phosphorus (lbs/yr)	Load Reduction Nitrogen (lbs/yr)	Load Reduction Sediment (tons/yr)	Load Reduction Bacteria (billion CFU/yr)
Pigeon Lake-Pigeon Creek	40500011001	5%	5%	1%	2%
Mud Creek-Pigeon Creek	40500011002	5%	5%	9%	6%
Long Lake-Pigeon Creek	40500011003	5%	5%	4%	2%
Headwaters Turkey Creek	40500011004	3%	4%	2%	2%
Big Turkey Lake-Turkey Creek	40500011005	5%	6%	2%	1%
Silver Lake-Pigeon Creek	40500011006	3%	2%	4%	1%
Otter Lake-Pigeon Creek	40500011007	1%	1%	1%	0.4%
Little Turkey Lake-Turkey Creek	40500011008	2%	3%	1%	5%
Green Lake-Pigeon Creek	40500011009	0.5%	1%	0.1%	1%
Mongo Millpond-Pigeon Creek	40500011010	1%	1%	1%	2%
Total		4%	4%	3%	2%

Cost Estimates

- Basin-wide BMPs
 - *\$1,362,177,180.*
 - **Note: This includes 1 billion \$\$ just for porous pavement or 6,724 acres @ 164,000/ac**
- Site-specific BMPs
 - *\$31,867,495*
- Grand total
 - *\$1,394,044,674.*

Responsible Parties & Resources

- Responsible Parties
 - SWCD
 - NRCS
 - Private Landowners (agricultural and residential)
 - Health Department
 - County Assessor
 - Municipalities
- Resources
 - Grant funds
 - USDA programs
 - Private funds

Monitoring

- Track implementation of plan recommendations
 - Set milestones/targets – Described in the plan
- Monitor water quality and track changes in watershed conditions
 - Number of water quality samples exceeding standards
 - Feet or number of impaired lakes and streams



Any Questions?