



Proposed
Minimum Flows
and Levels for the
Upper Segment of
the Hillsborough
River, from Crystal
Springs to Morris
Bridge, and Crystal
Springs

Internal Draft

Presentation to
NTB Phase II Group

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$$\text{Discharge} = \text{Rainfall} - \text{ET}$$

Rainfall = 50 inches

ET = 40 inches

Discharge = 10 inches

Rainfall = 45 inches

ET = 40 inches

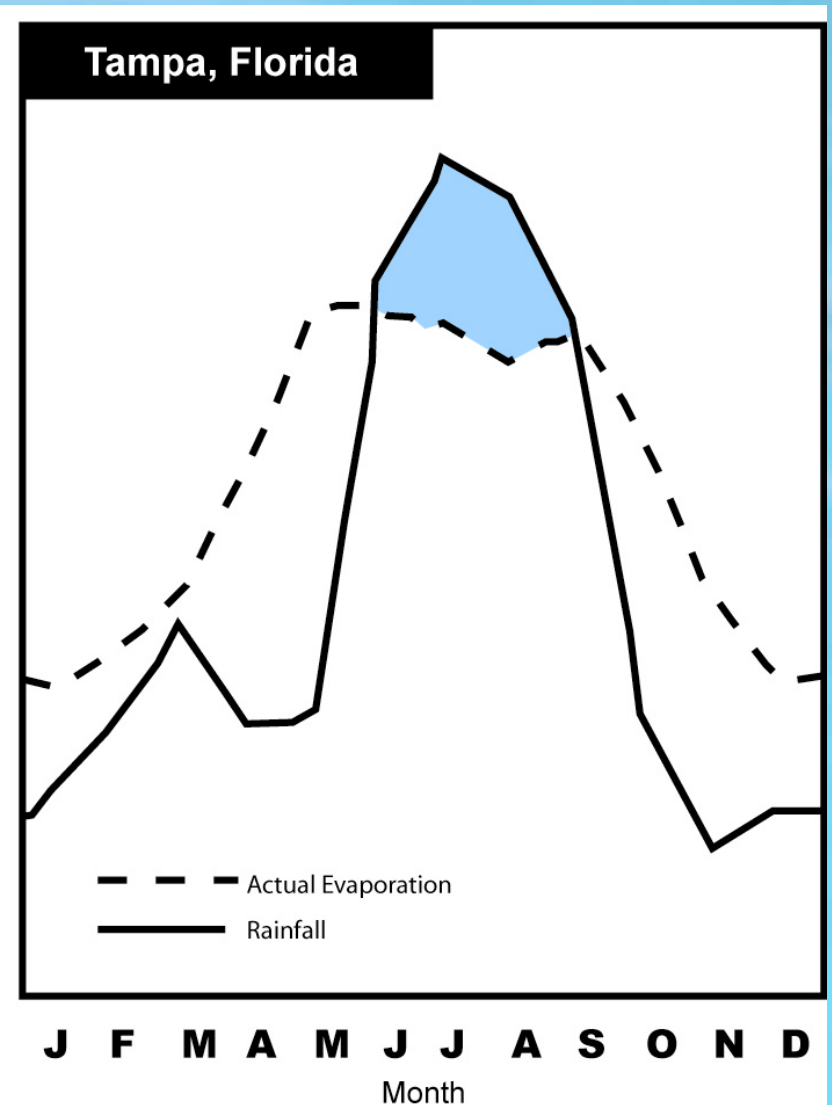
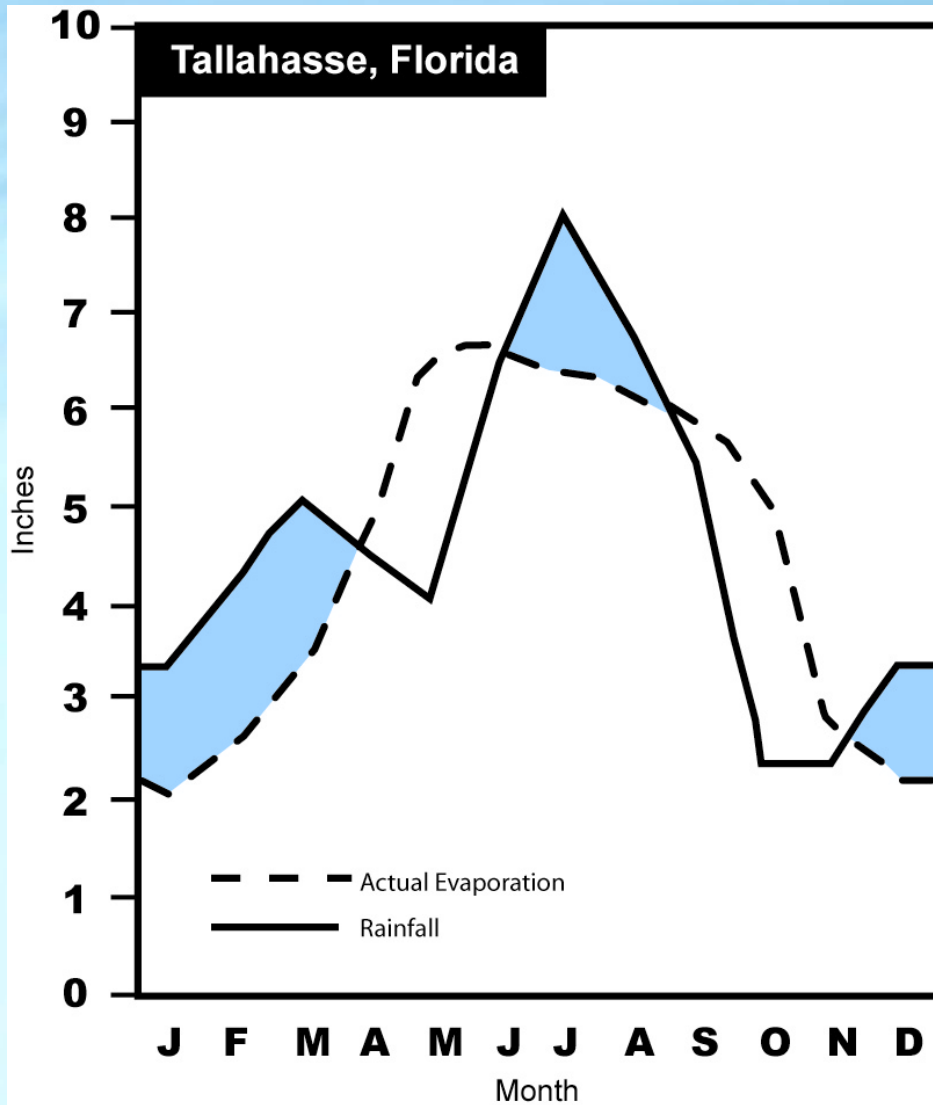
Discharge = 5 inches

POP QUIZ: what are typically the biggest two terms in this equation?

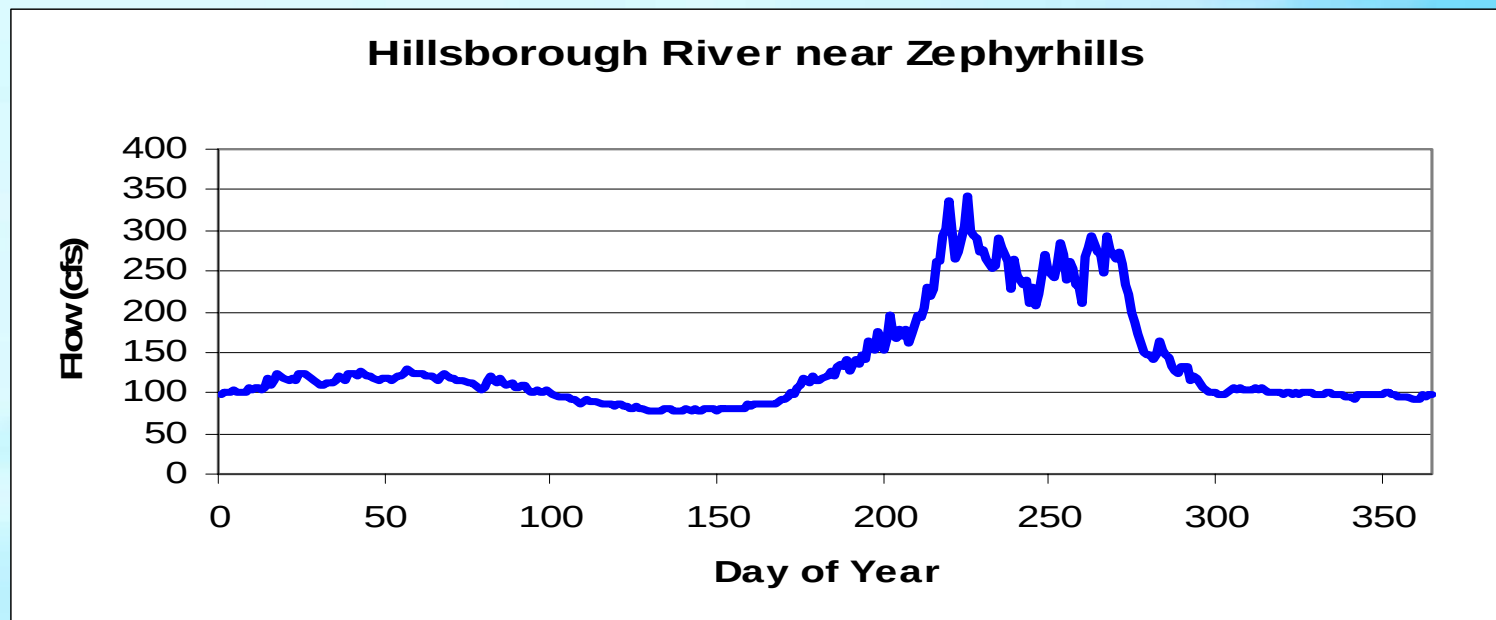
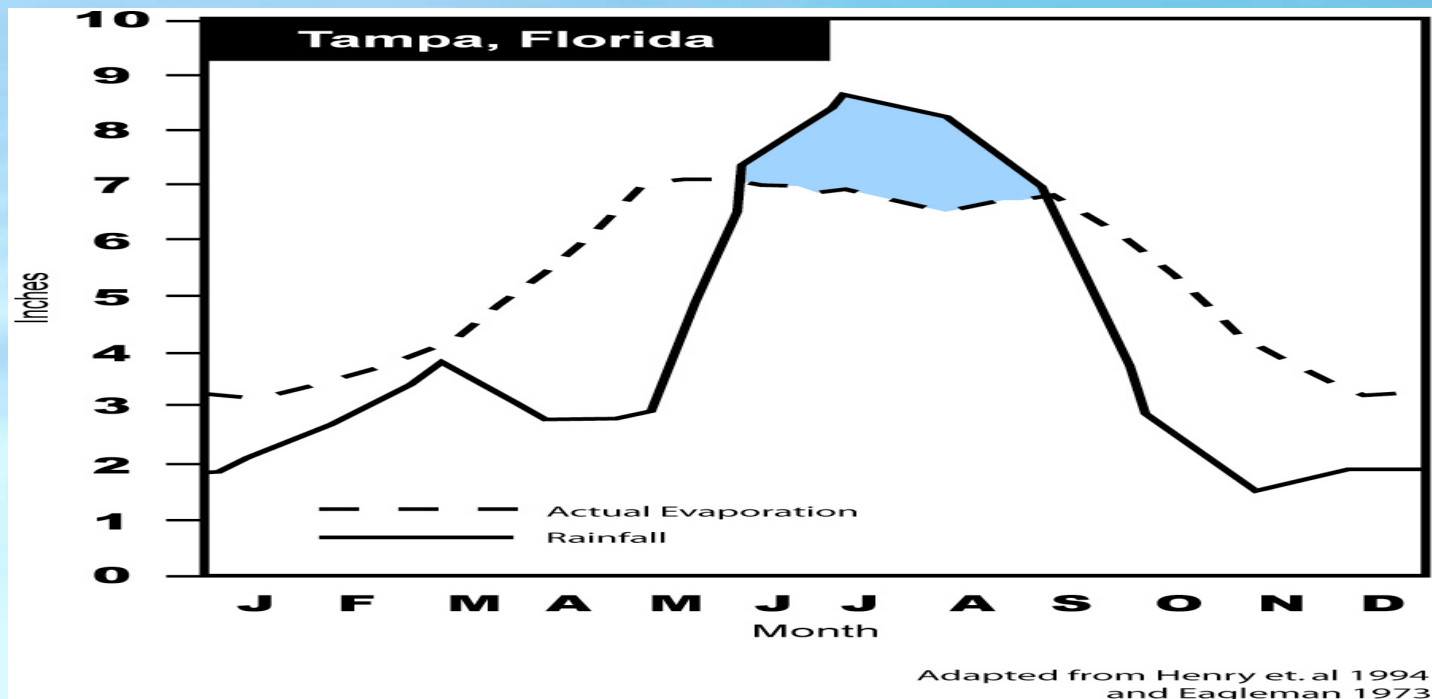
New Math

10% decrease in rainfall

50% decrease in discharge



Adapted from Henry et.al 1994
and Eagleman 1973



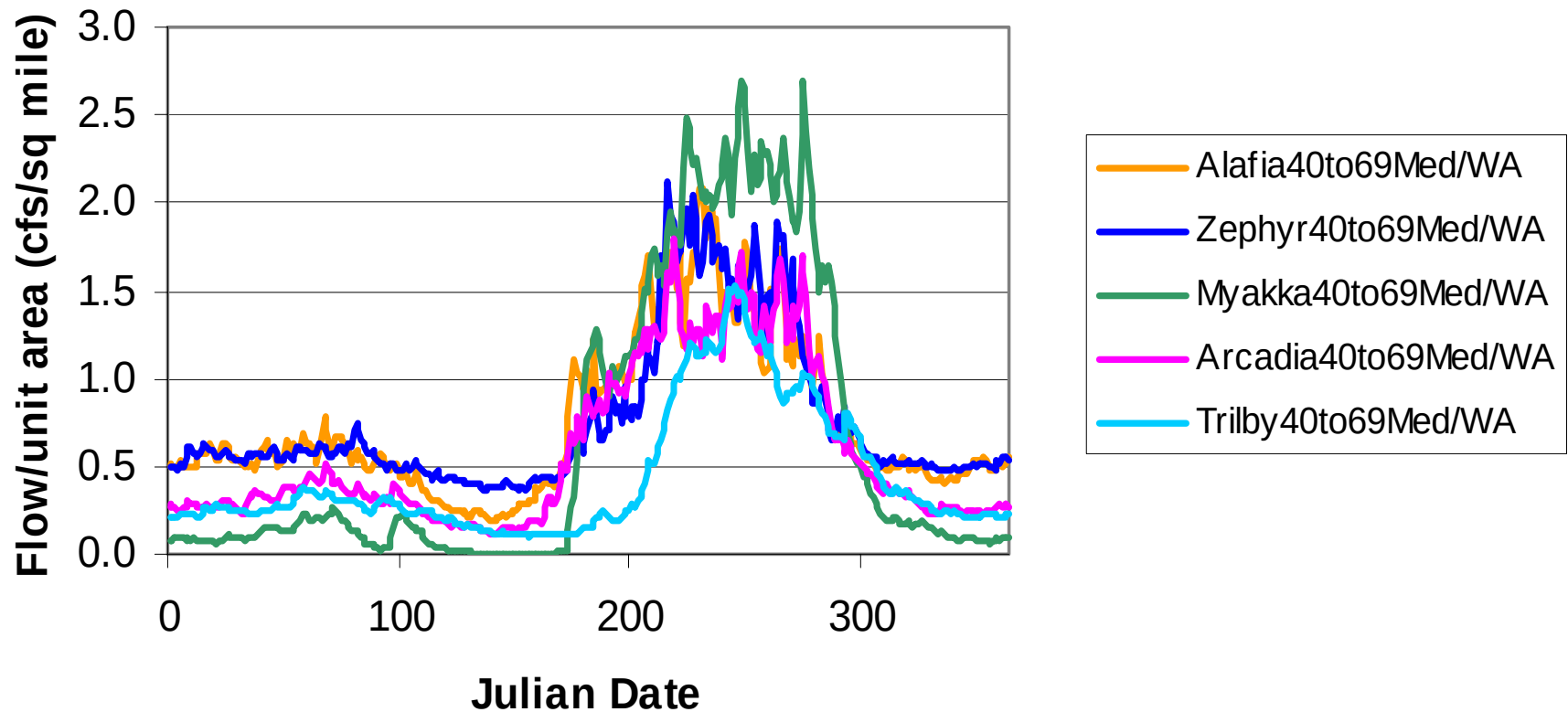
River MFL Approach

- ***Flow Regime – Building Block Approach***
- ***Two benchmark periods***
- ***Multiple MFLs - address seasonality***
- ***Percent of Flow Reduction Technique***
- ***PHABSIM– first application in Florida***
- ***Significant Harm - 15% reduction in available habitat***
- ***River-floodplain connection***

Approach

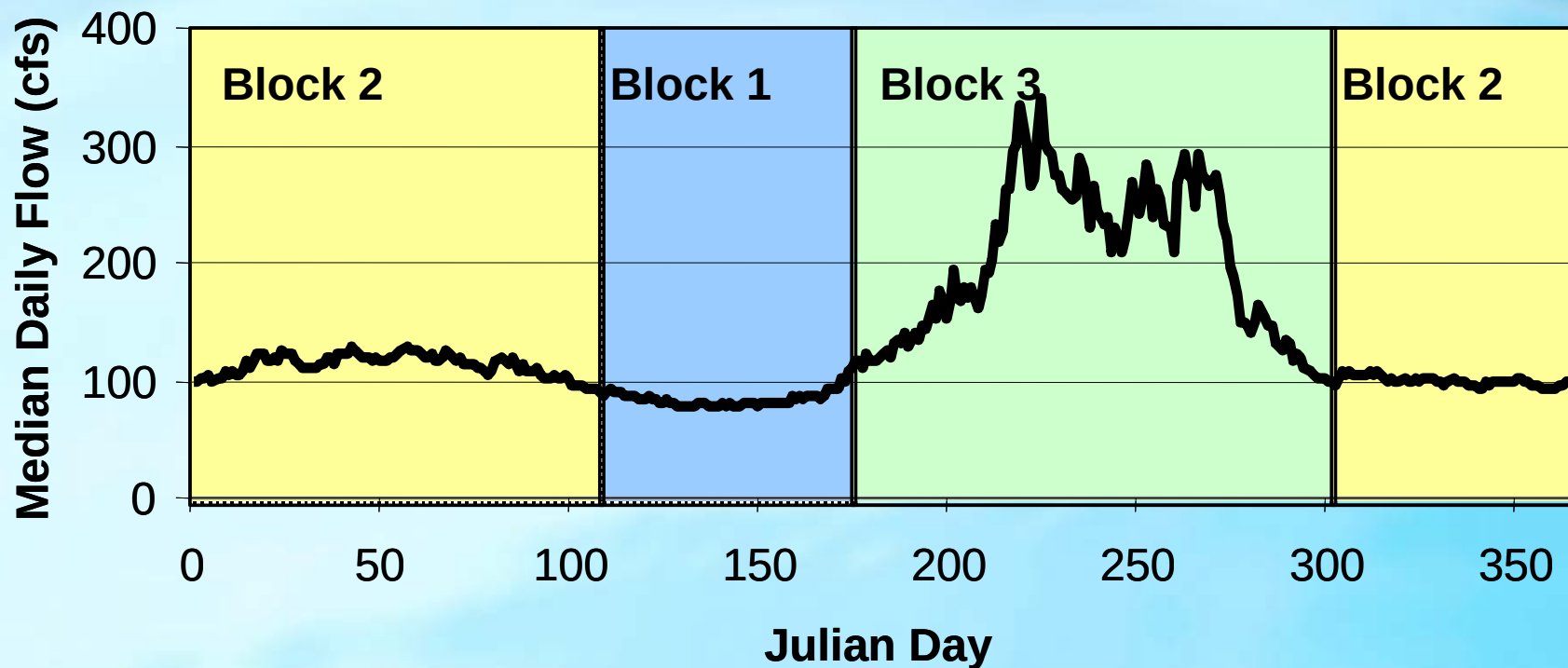
- Flow Regime versus Minimum Flow
- Benchmark Period
- Building Blocks (Peer Review Recommendation)
- % of Flow Reduction / Flow Prescription

Building Block Approach



	Begin Dry (Block 1)	Begin Wet (Block 3)	End Wet (Block 3)
Alafia at Lithia	106	175	296
Hillsborough at Zephyr Hills	112	176	296
Myakka at Sarasota	115	181	306
Peace at Arcadia	110	174	299
Withlacoochee at Croom	130	208	306
Mean w/o Withlacoochee	110	177	300
Mean with Withlacoochee	114	183	301

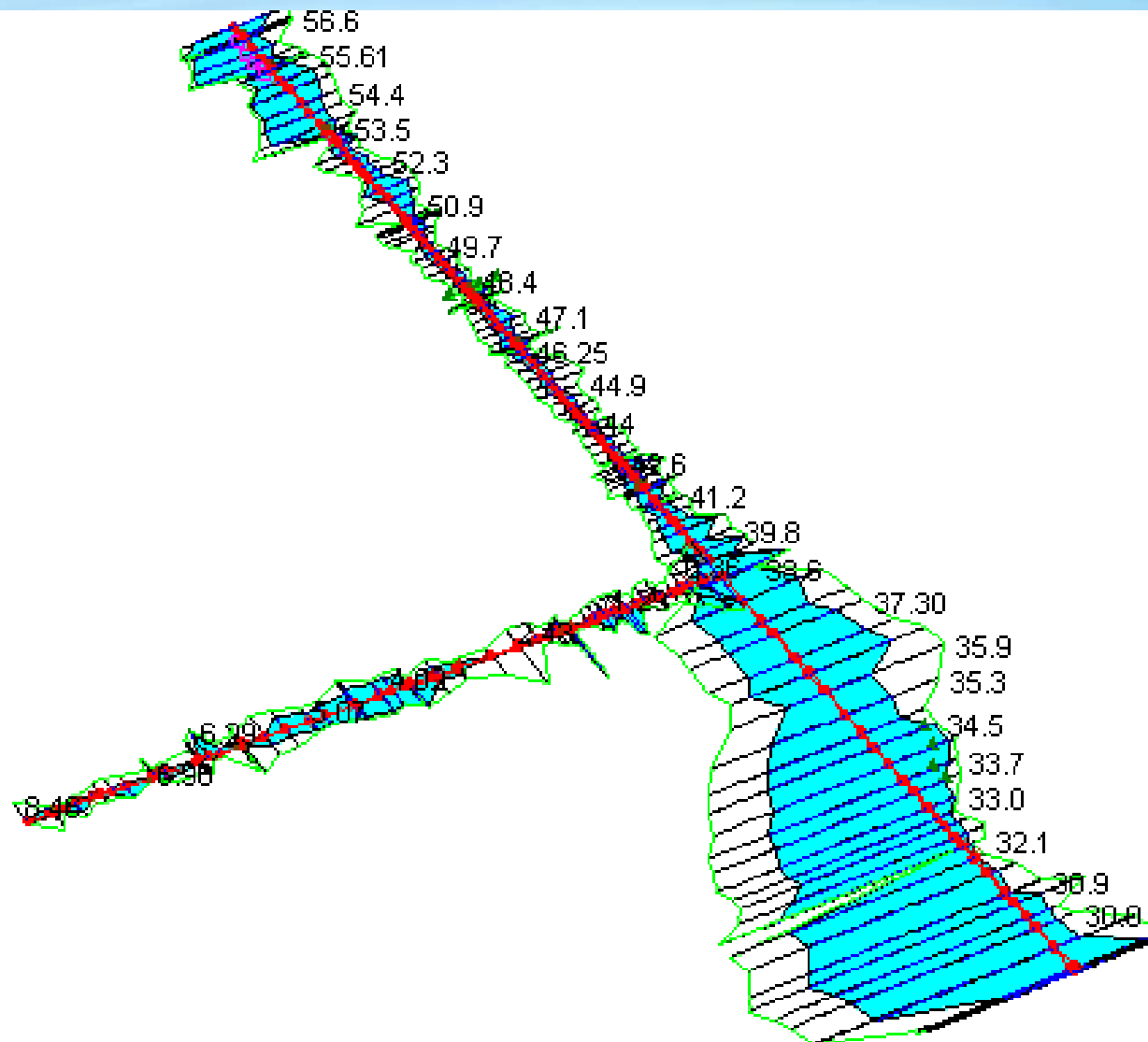
Hillsborough River near Zephyrhills Median Daily Flow for Period of Record



Tools

- HEC-RAS
- Physical Habitat Simulation Analysis
(peer review recommendation)
- Inundation Analysis
- Prescribed Flow Hydrographs

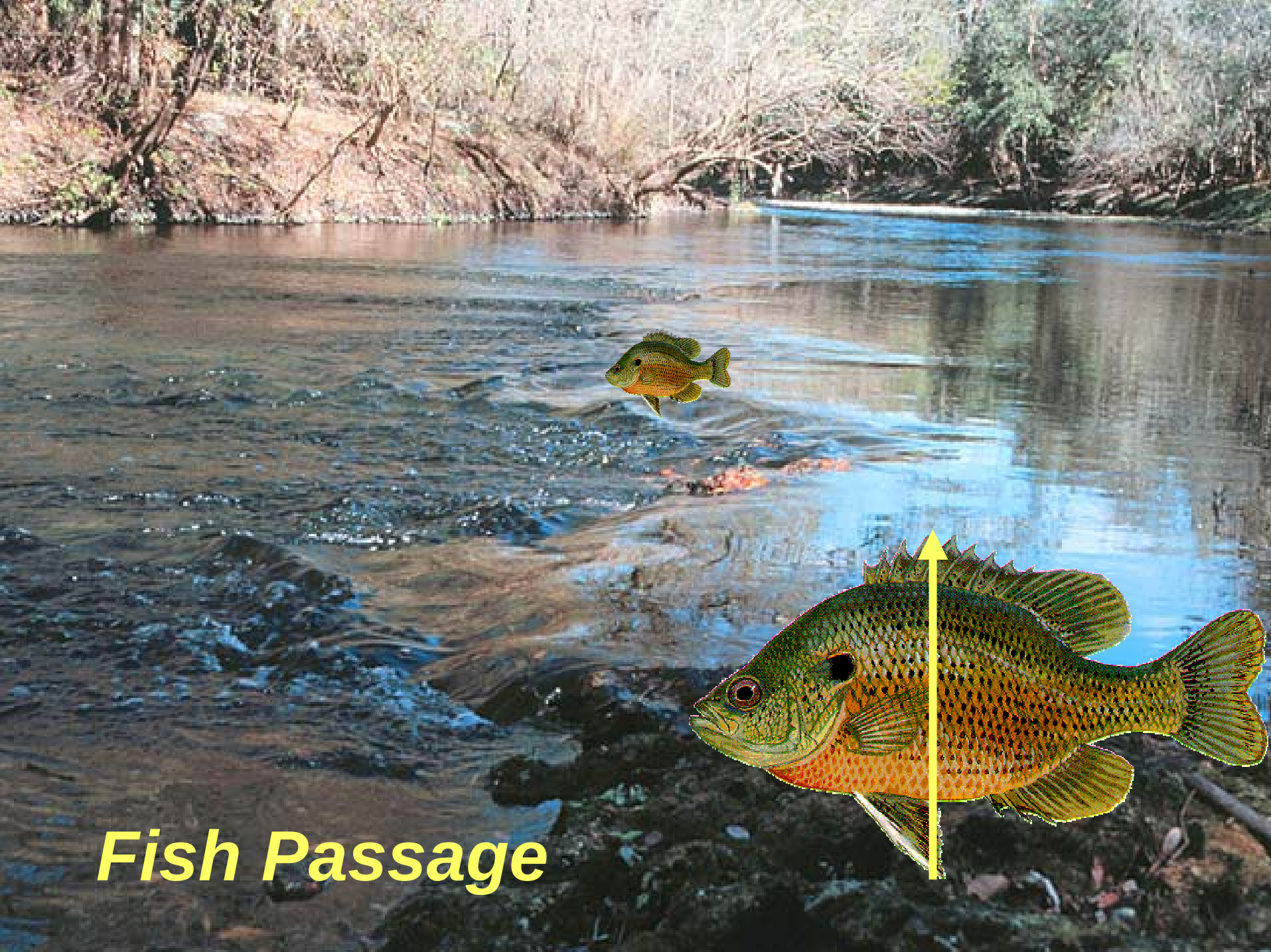
HEC-RAS Modeling



Legend	
	WS z=99.97
	Ground
	Bank Sta
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	Levee



Wetted Perimeter



Fish Passage

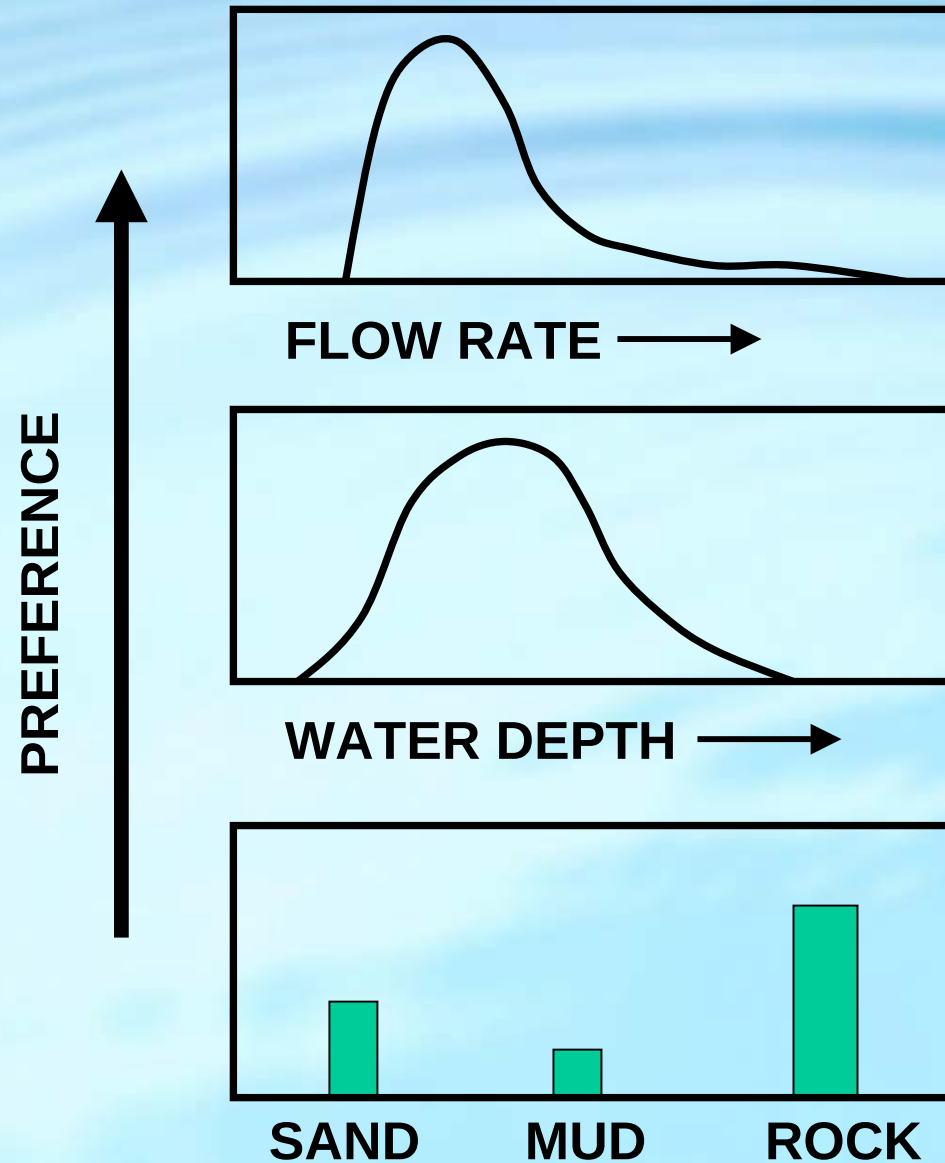
Habitat Suitability Curves

- Macroinvertebrate Diversity
- Largemouth Bass
- Bluegill Sunfish
- Spotted Sunfish



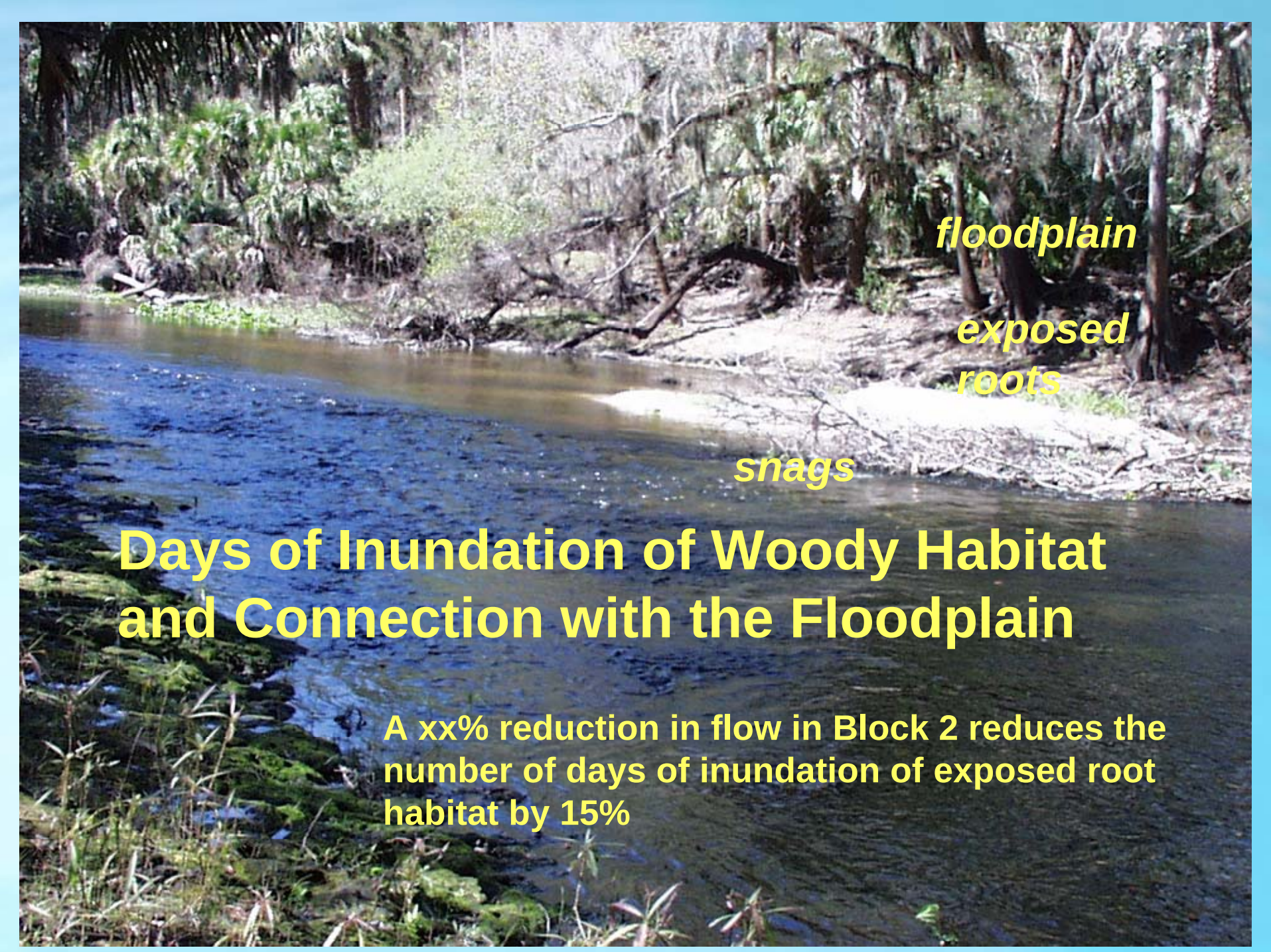
Spotted sunfish (*Lepomis punctatus*)
taken from FFWCC website

PHABSIM – Physical Habitat Simulation System



**HABITAT
SUITABILITY**





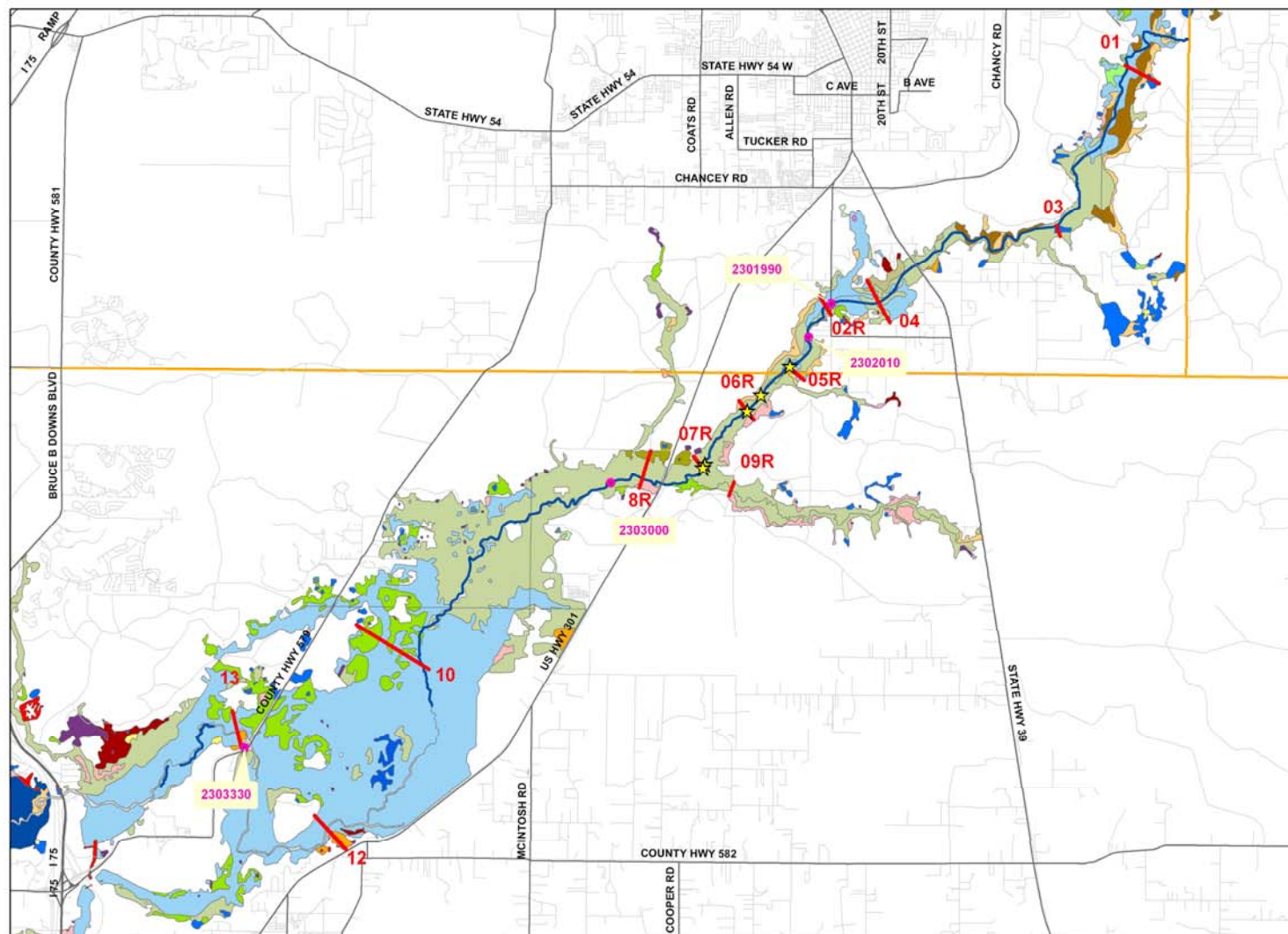
floodplain

*exposed
roots*

snags

Days of Inundation of Woody Habitat and Connection with the Floodplain

**A xx% reduction in flow in Block 2 reduces the
number of days of inundation of exposed root
habitat by 15%**



Legend

- USGS gages
- ☆ Shoals
- Major roads
- Hillsborough River and tributaries
- Transects
- Minor roads
- County Boundaries

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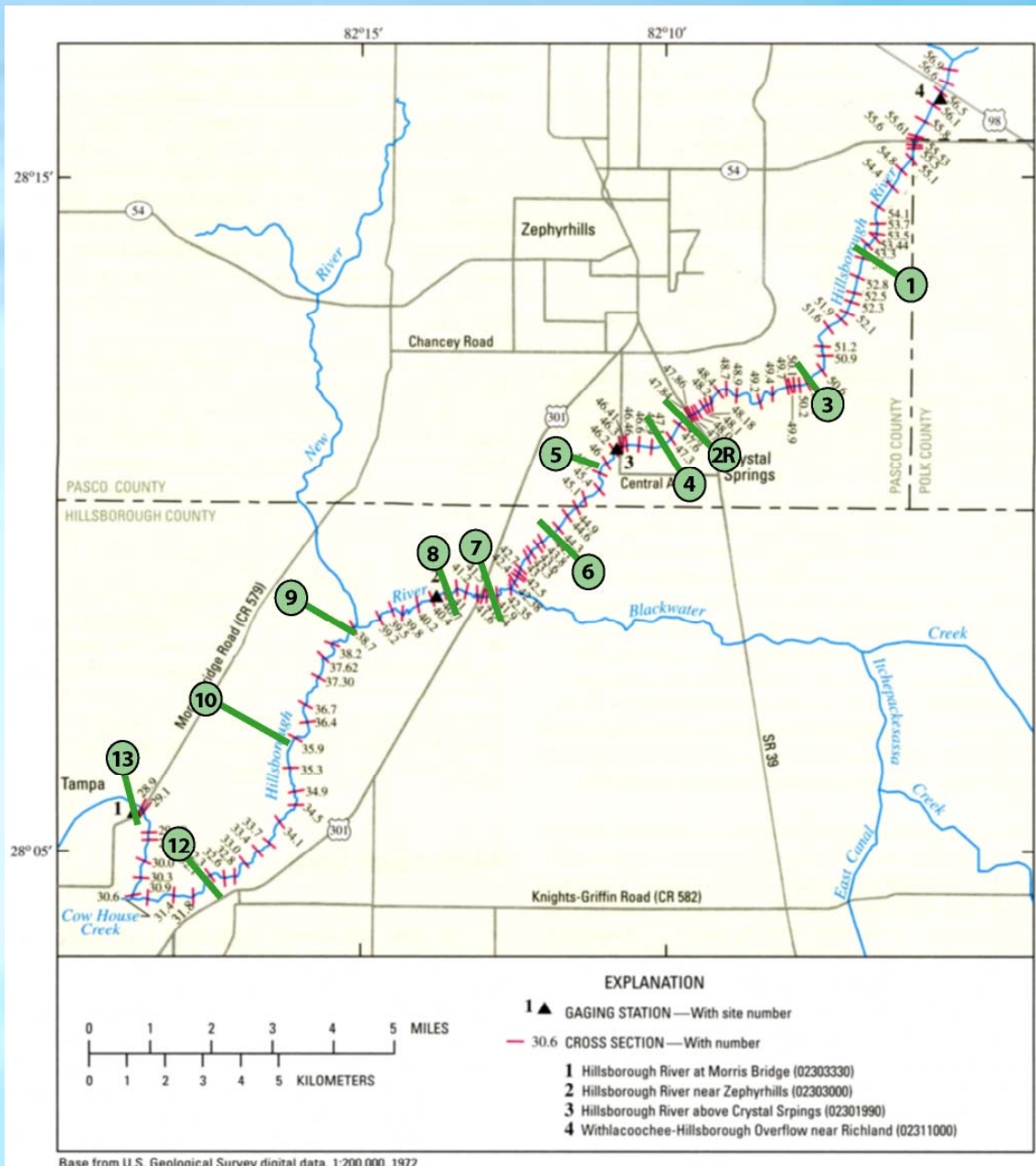
- All excavated & impounded habitat types
- PEM1A
- PFO1/4A
- PFO1A
- PFO4/1A
- PFO4A
- PFO7A
- PFO1/3C
- PFO1C
- PEM1C
- PFO1/4C
- PFO3/1C
- PFO4/1C
- PFO4C
- PFO6C
- PSS1C
- PFO6F
- PFO2/1F
- PFO2/3F
- PFO2F
- PFO6/EM1F
- PUBH
- PEM1F
- R2AB3H
- R2AB3Hh
- R2UBH

All remaining NWM coverage within the study area is upland

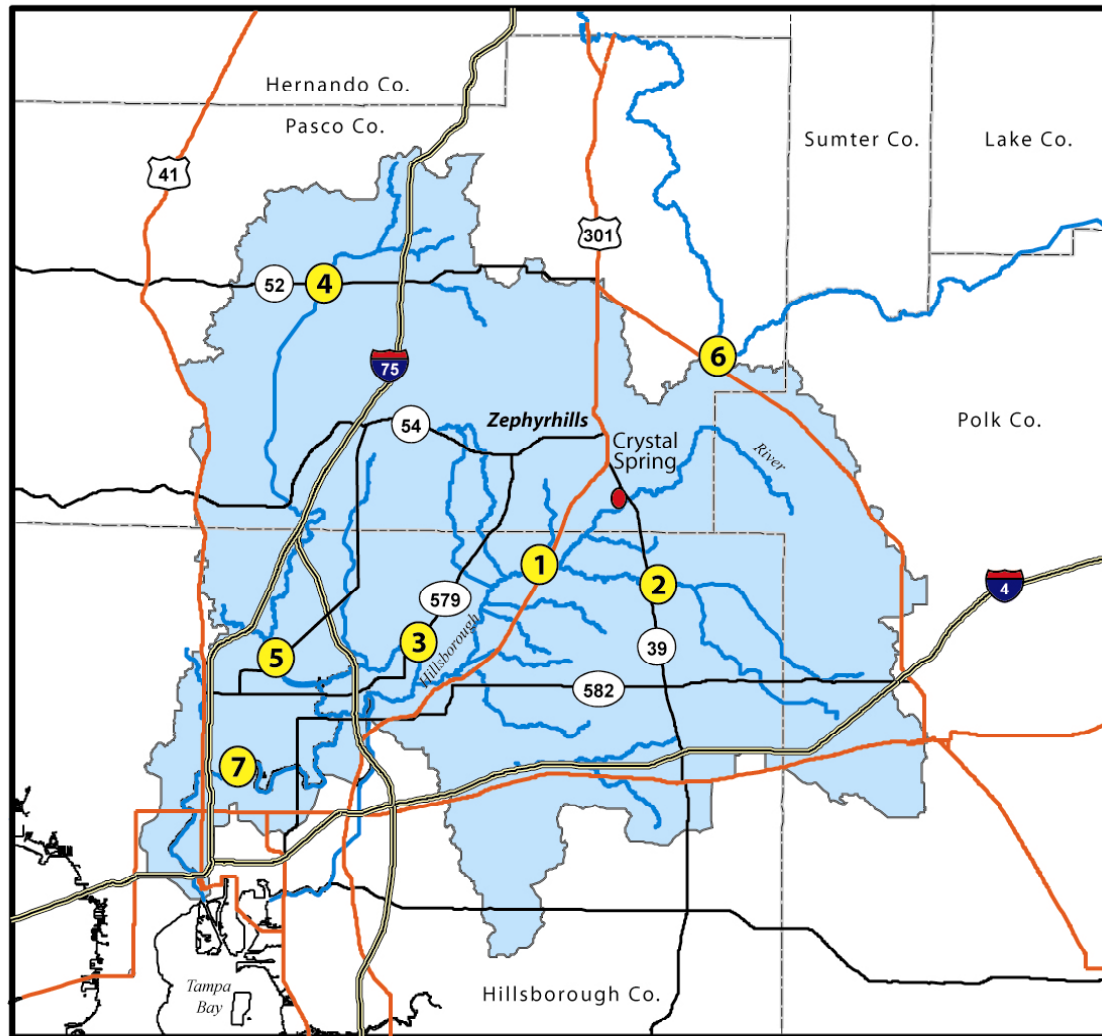
0 625 1,250 2,500 Meters

Habitat type relative coverage along transects on the upper Hillsborough River.

Transect	% Bottomland Forest	% Floodplain Swamp
01	50.00	50.00
02R	60.00	40.00
03	40.00	60.00
04	75.00	25.00
05R	62.50	37.50
06R	100.00	0.00
07R	100.00	0.00
08R	100.00	0.00
09R	88.89	11.11
10	70.59	29.41
12	42.86	57.14
13	56.25	43.75
ALL	70.51	29.49



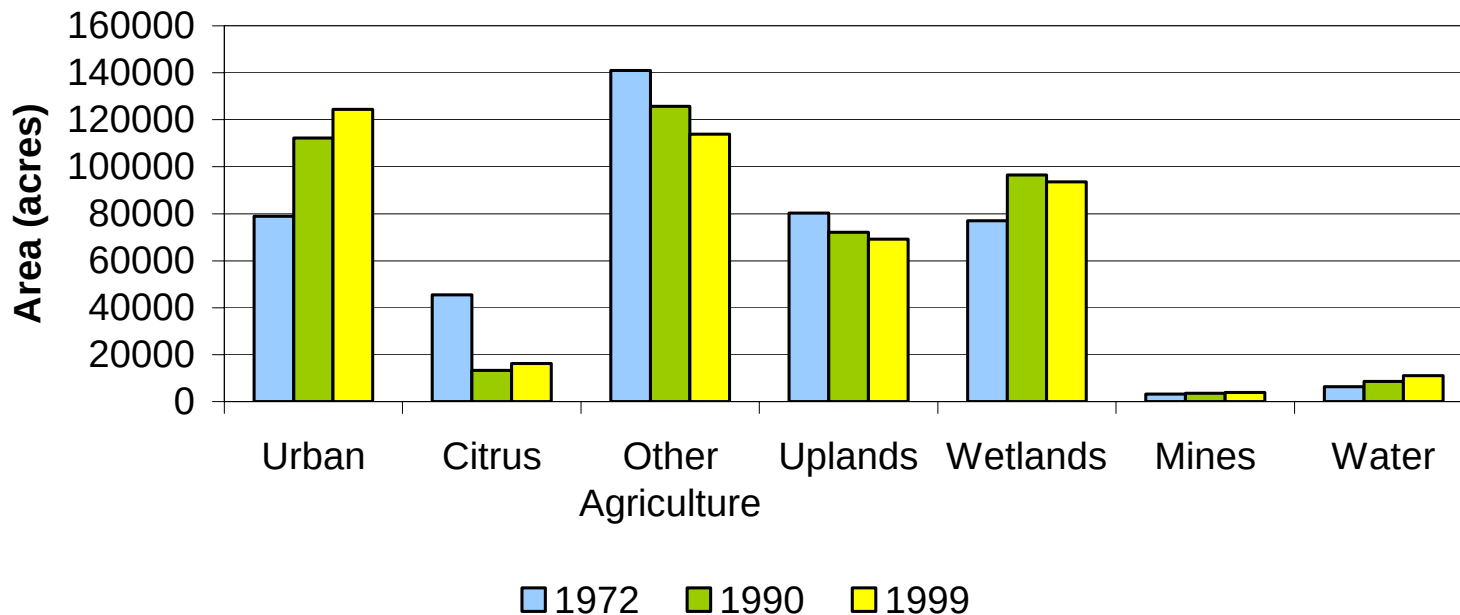
Hillsborough River Watershed Gaging Stations

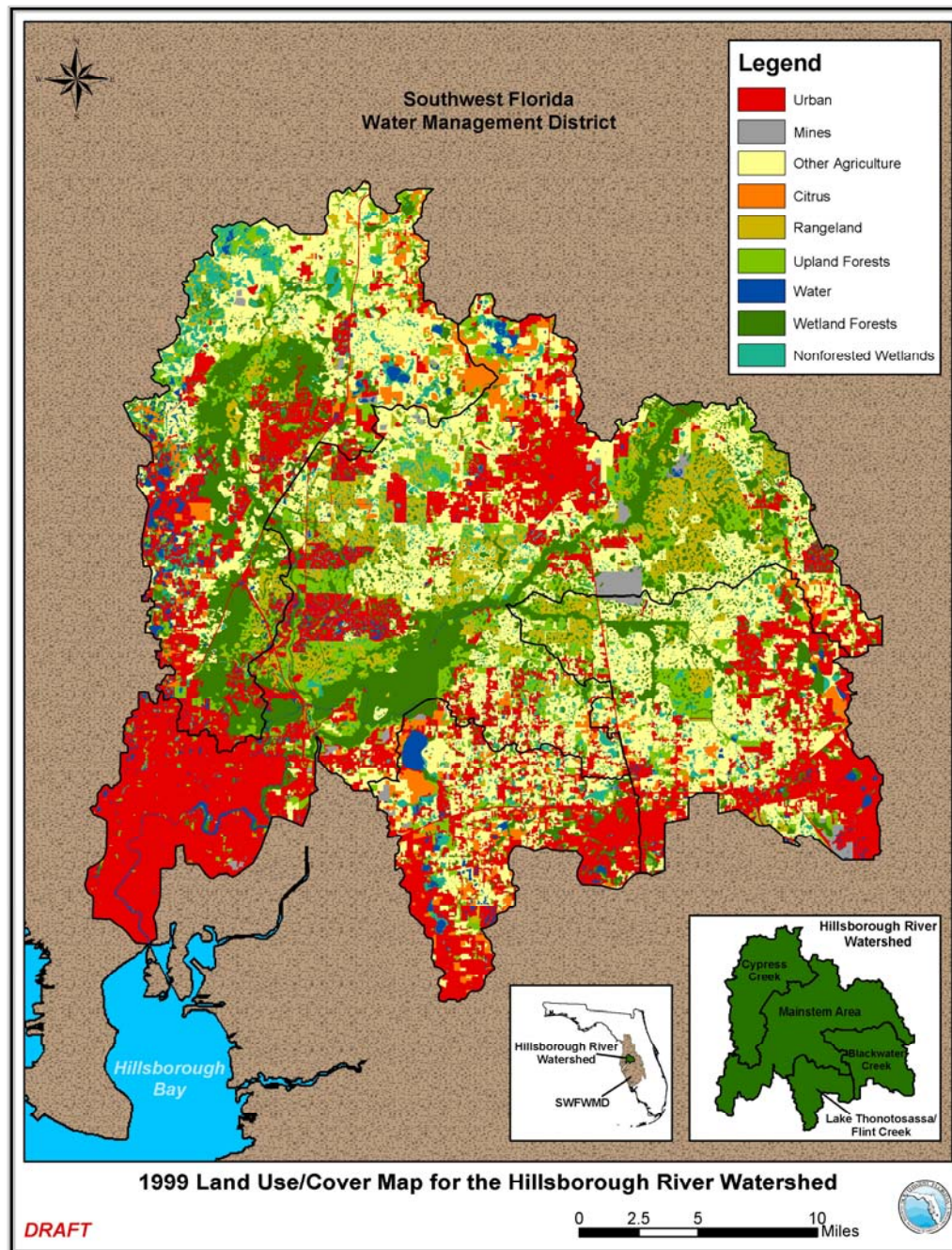


- 1** Hillsborough River near Zephyrhills
- 2** Blackwater Creek near Knights, Florida
- 3** Hillsborough River @ Morris Bridge near Thonotosassa
- 4** Cypress Creek near San Antonio
- 5** Cypress Creek near Sulphur Springs
- 6** Withlacoochee-Hillsborough overflow near Richland
- 7** Hillsborough River @ Rowlett Park Drive near Tampa

Hillsborough River Watershed	1972	1990	1999
Urban	18.28%	25.99%	28.78%
Citrus	10.53%	3.07%	3.76%
Other Agriculture	32.61%	29.11%	26.35%
Uplands	18.56%	16.67%	16.02%
Wetlands	17.80%	22.34%	21.64%
Mines	0.76%	0.84%	0.89%
Water	1.46%	1.98%	2.56%
Total acreage	432176	432176	432176

Land Use/Land Cover - Hillsborough River Watershed

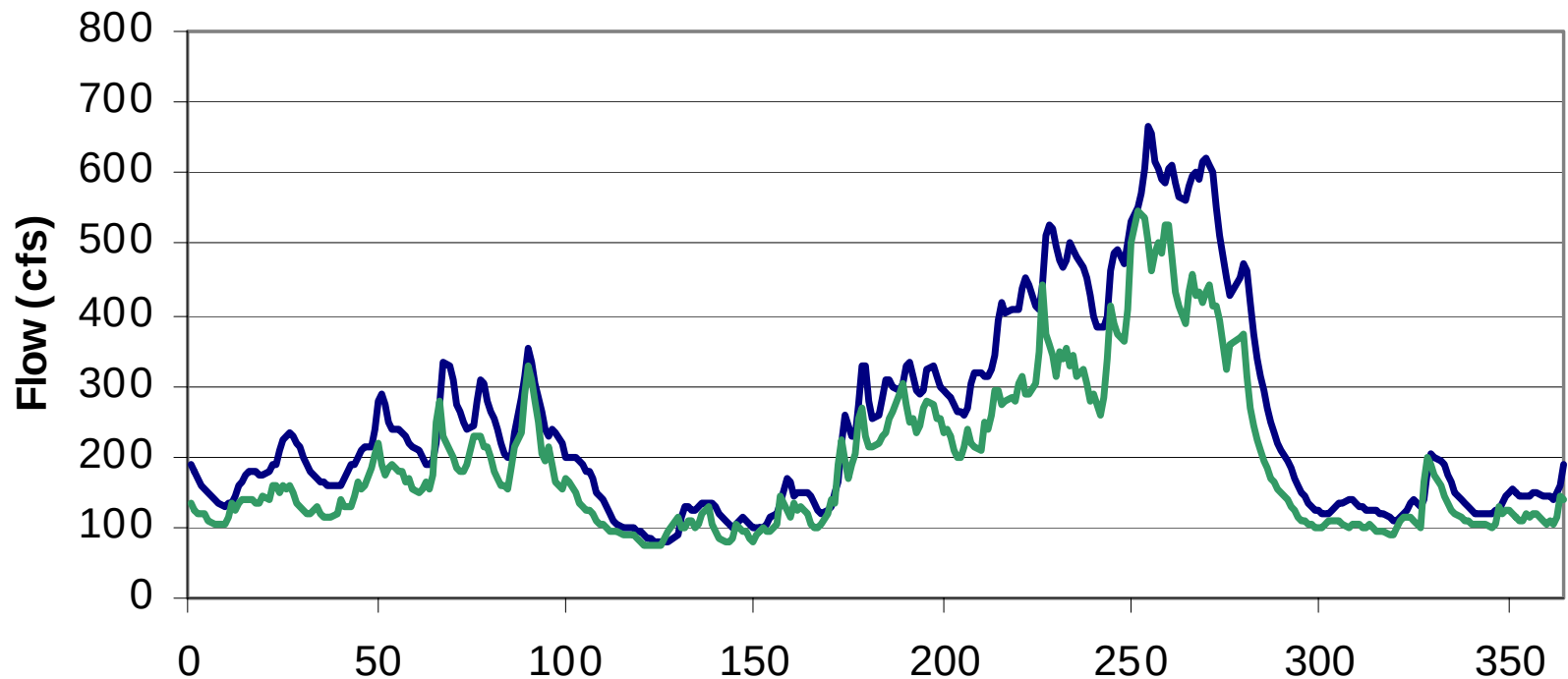




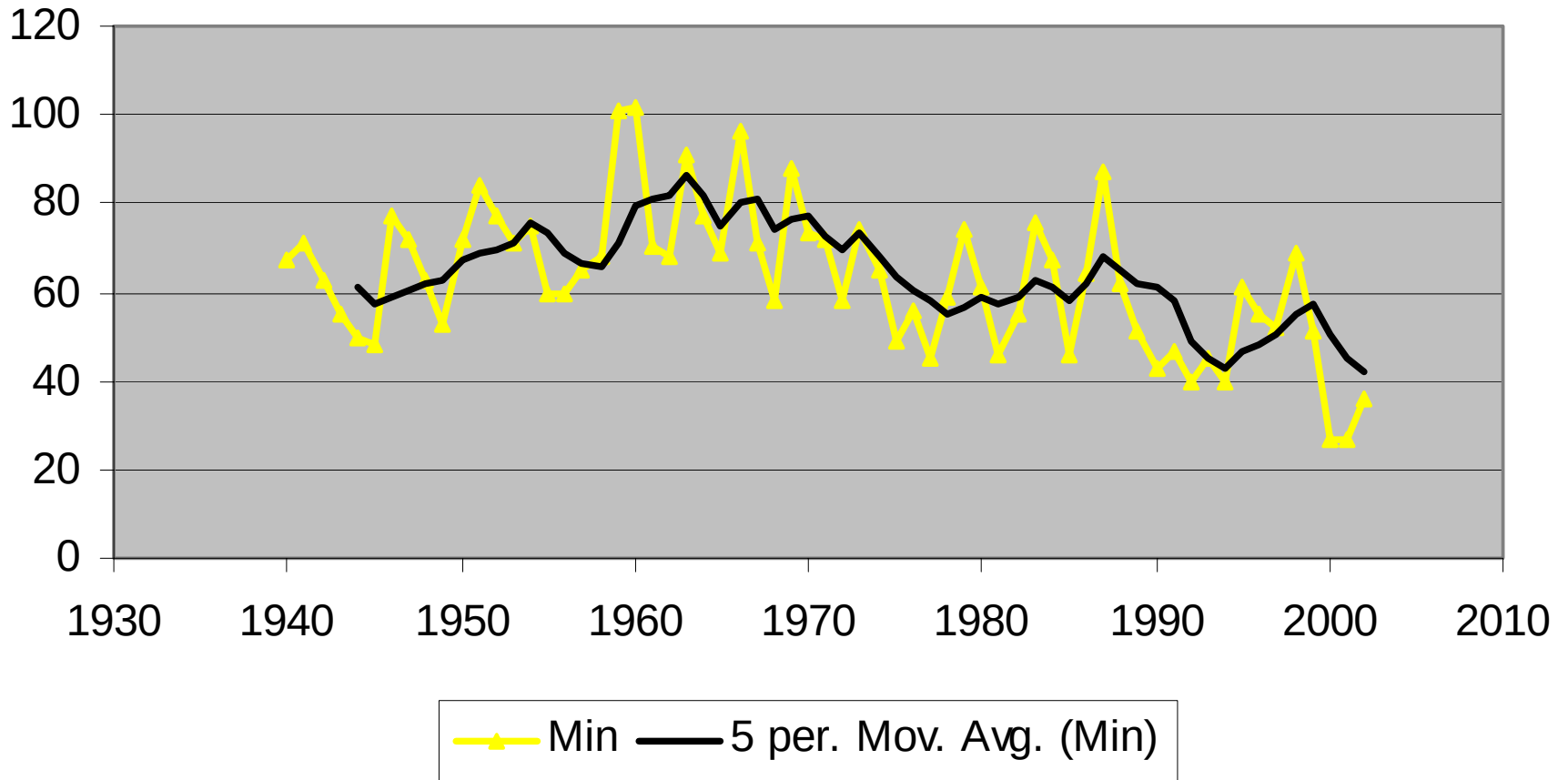
Percent Coverages Based on 1999 Landuse Maps

	Hillsborough	Myakka	Alafia	Peace
Urban	29	14	18	11
Citrus	4	2	5	15
Other Agriculture	26	26	18	29
Uplands	16	34	10	16
Wetlands	22	21	11	16
Mines	1	1	36	10
Water	3	3	3	4
Total Acres	432176	382764	269986	1501318
Square Miles	675	598	422	2346

Comparison of Mean Daily Flows between the Hillsborough River at Morris Bridge (blue) and Zephyrhills (green) gages for the Period 1974 to 1994



Zephyr Min Flow - with 5-yr running mean



SITE	er Pat	40-69 MeanRank	70-94 MeanRank	95-05 MeanRank
BIG CREEK NR CLERMONT, FLA.	SRP	1	1	1
WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER NR HOLDER, FLA.	SRP	2	5	3
WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER AT TRILBY, FLA.	SRP	3	4	4
PEACE RIVER AT BARTOW FL	SRP	4	2	5
JOSHUA CREEK AT NOCATEE FL	SRP	5	12	15
PEACE RIVER AT ZOLFO SPRINGS FL	SRP	6	6	6
BLACKWATER CREEK NEAR KNIGHTS FL	SRP	7	7	7
FISHEATING CREEK AT PALMDALE, FLA.	SRP	8	13	10
HORSE CREEK NEAR ARCADIA FL	SRP	9	9	11
CHARLIE CREEK NEAR GARDNER FL	SRP	10	10	12
HILLSBOROUGH RIVER NEAR TAMPA FL	SRP	11	3	2
ARBUCKLE CREEK NR DE SOTO CITY, FLA.	SRP	12	8	8
ST. JOHNS RIVER NR DELAND, FLA.	SRP	13	16	14
MYAKKA RIVER NEAR SARASOTA FL	SRP	14	18	19
ANCLOTE RIVER NEAR ELFERS FL	SRP	15	11	9
ALAFIA RIVER AT LITHIA FL	SRP	16	14	13
ECONLOCKHATCHEE RIVER NR. CHULUOTA	SRP	17	20	20
LITTLE MANATEE RIVER NEAR WIMAUMA FL	SRP	18	19	18
HILLSBOROUGH RIVER NEAR ZEPHYRHILLS	SRP	19	15	16
NORTH PRONG ALAFIA RIVER AT KEYSVILLE	SRP	20	17	17

highlight changes of 4 or more place jump from one end to other

SITE	er	Pat	Mea	Mea	Mea	40-69 MedianRank	70-94 MedianRank	95-05 MedianRank	Period Begins
BIG CREEK NR CLERMONT, FLA.	SRP	1	1	1		1	1	2	1958
WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER NR HOLDER, FLA.	SRP	2	5	3		10	11	7	
WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER AT TRILBY, FLA.	SRP	3	4	4		5	5	3	
PEACE RIVER AT BARTOW FL	SRP	4	2	5		6	3	5	
JOSHUA CREEK AT NOCATEE FL	SRP	5	12	15		2	10	12	1951
PEACE RIVER AT ZOLFO SPRINGS FL	SRP	6	6	6		13	12	10	
BLACKWATER CREEK NEAR KNIGHTS FL	SRP	7	7	7		3	6	6	
FISHEATING CREEK AT PALMDALE, FLA.	SRP	8	13	10		4	9	11	
HORSE CREEK NEAR ARCADIA FL	SRP	9	9	11		7	7	8	1951
CHARLIE CREEK NEAR GARDNER FL	SRP	10	10	12		8	8	9	1951
HILLSBOROUGH RIVER NEAR TAMPA FL	SRP	11	3	2		11	2	1	
ARBUCKLE CREEK NR DE SOTO CITY, FLA.	SRP	12	8	8		16	13	17	
ST. JOHNS RIVER NR DELAND, FLA.	SRP	13	16	14		20	20	19	
MYAKKA RIVER NEAR SARASOTA FL	SRP	14	18	19		14	17	18	
ANCLOTE RIVER NEAR ELFERS FL	SRP	15	11	9		9	4	4	1946
ALAFIA RIVER AT LITHIA FL	SRP	16	14	13		17	16	14	
ECONLOCKHATCHEE RIVER NR. CHULUOTA	SRP	17	20	20		15	19	20	
LITTLE MANATEE RIVER NEAR WIMAUMA FL	SRP	18	19	18		12	14	15	
HILLSBOROUGH RIVER NEAR ZEPHYRHILLS	SRP	19	15	16		18	15	13	
NORTH PRONG ALAFIA RIVER AT KEYSVILLE	SRP	20	17	17		19	18	16	1951

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Period Tested	Mean	Median	corr_val	p_value	intercept	slope
1939 to 2004	246	209	-0.1207	0.1534	1914.37	-0.8648
1939 to 1994	242	206	-0.2182	0.0179	3205.49	-1.5252
1939 to 1969	287	231	0.1097	0.3954	-3068.16	1.6884
1970 to 1994	187	187	-0.0067	0.9814	308.586	-0.0615
1995 to 2004	265	279	0.1556	0.5915	-21177	10.7310

Kendall's tau & Mann Whitney – Zephyr Annual Flows

Significance level			
1970 to 1994 median = 186.7	less than	1939 to 1969 median = 230.9	0.0008
1995 to 2004 median = 279.7	not equal	1939 to 1969 median = 230.9	0.9395
1970 to 1994 median = 186.7	less than	1995 to 2004 median = 279.7	0.0855

Kendall Tau Analysis of Zephyrhills % Exceedance Flow Data

Period Tested	Mean	Median	corr_val	p_value	intercept	slope	
1939 to 2004	95%	70	70	-0.2098	0.0129	607.455	-0.2727
	90%	75	75	-0.1706	0.0432	568.125	-0.2500
	75%	89	85	-0.1608	0.0568	587.794	-0.2549
	50%	126	121	-0.1226	0.1469	748.114	-0.3182
	30%	209	186	-0.1128	0.1822	1425.86	-0.6286
	10%	258	215	-0.1040	0.2192	1895.28	-0.8519
1939 to 1969	95%	78	75	0.2598	0.0456	-1321.57	0.7143
	90%	83	79	0.2966	0.0222	-1484.6	0.8000
	75%	98	95	0.2575	0.0475	-1493.53	0.8125
	50%	144	127	0.1963	0.1337	-0.481481	0.8889
	30%	251	194	0.0598	0.6555	-1543.33	0.8889
	10%	660	548	0.0161	0.9148	-2441.74	1.5294
1970 to 1994	95%	64	62	-0.3000	0.0373	1658.61	-0.8056
	90%	69	70	-0.2100	0.1470	1391.33	-0.6667
	75%	82	80	-0.1633	0.2619	982.911	-0.4556
	50%	108	103	0.0133	0.9441	-29.1333	0.0667
	30%	162	141	-0.0234	0.8885	768.633	-0.3167
	10%	385	370	-0.0200	0.9070	1640.51	-0.6410
1995 to 2004	95%	63	60	0.1091	0.6962	-2340	1.2000
	90%	68	66	0.0545	0.8763	-2134	1.1000
	75%	81	82	0.0909	0.7555	-1473.56	0.7778
	50%	116	121	0.0727	0.8148	-2323.44	1.2222
	30%	203	189	-0.0364	0.9378	1300.11	-0.5556
	10%	574	543	0.0182	1.0000	-3012.56	1.7778

Mann-Whitney Test of Zephyrhills % Exceedance Flow Data

	1939 to 1969	greater than	1970 to 1994	Significance level
95% Exceed	median = 75		median = 62	0.0012
90% Exceed	median = 79		median = 70	0.0029
75% Exceed	median = 95		median = 80	0.0049
50% Exceed	median = 127		median = 103	0.0033
30% Exceed	median = 194		median = 141	0.0084
10% Exceed	median = 548		median = 370	0.0094

	1939 to 1969	not equal	1995 to 2004	
95% Exceed	median = 74.5		median = 60	0.0852
90% Exceed	median = 79		median = 66	0.1224
75% Exceed	median = 94.5		median = 82	0.1334
50% Exceed	median = 127		median = 121	0.2895
30% Exceed	median = 194		median = 189	0.5464
10% Exceed	median = 548		median = 543	0.8368

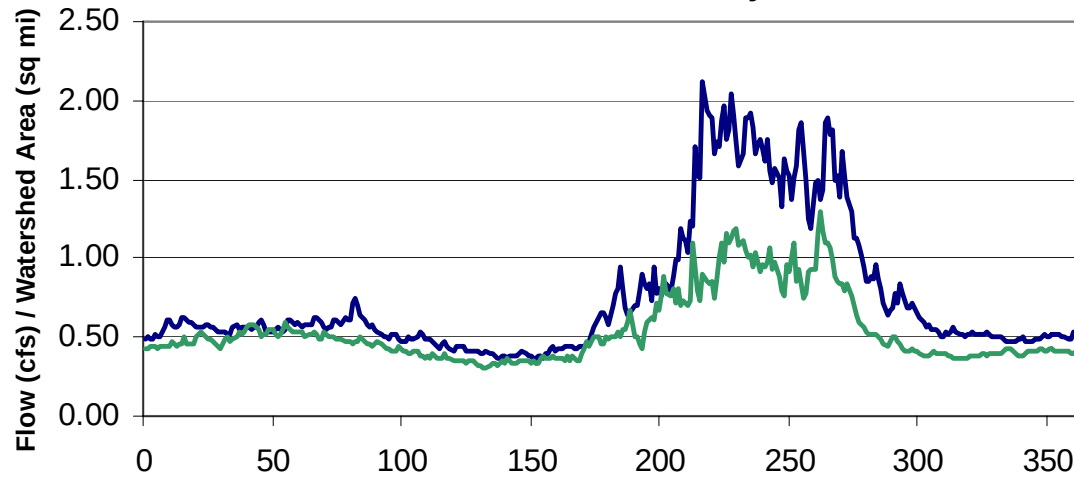
USGS 02303000 HILLSBOROUGH RIVER NEAR ZEPHYRHILLS FL

	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Year	
Mean of 40 to 69 Daily Median Flow/WA:	0.44	0.55	1.36	0.81	
Mean 40 to 69 Daily Median Flow (inches)	1.11	3.61	6.22	10.94	10.94
Percentage of annual flow	10.13	33.01	56.86	100.00	
Mean of 70 to 99 Daily Median Flow/WA:	0.36	0.45	0.76	0.54	
Mean 70 to 94 Daily Median Flow (inches)	0.91	2.93	3.50	7.34	7.34
Percentage of annual flow	12.35	39.92	47.73	100.00	
Mean of 40 to 69 Daily Mean Flow/WA:	0.66	0.80	2.28	1.27	
Mean of 40 to 69 Mean Daily Flow in inches	1.64	5.23	10.44	17.31	17.31
Percentage of annual flow	9.46	30.24	60.30	100.00	
Mean of 70 to 94 Daily Mean Flow/WA:	0.48	0.69	1.28	0.85	
Mean of 70 to 94 Mean Daily Flow in inches	1.20	4.48	5.88	11.56	11.56
Percentage of annual flow	10.38	38.72	50.89	100.00	
Percent Change between periods	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Year	
40 to 69 versus 70 to 94 Median Daily Flows	18.27547	18.91031	43.69994	32.94053	
40 to 69 versus 70 to 94 Mean Daily Flows	26.66714	14.48546	43.62907	33.21078	

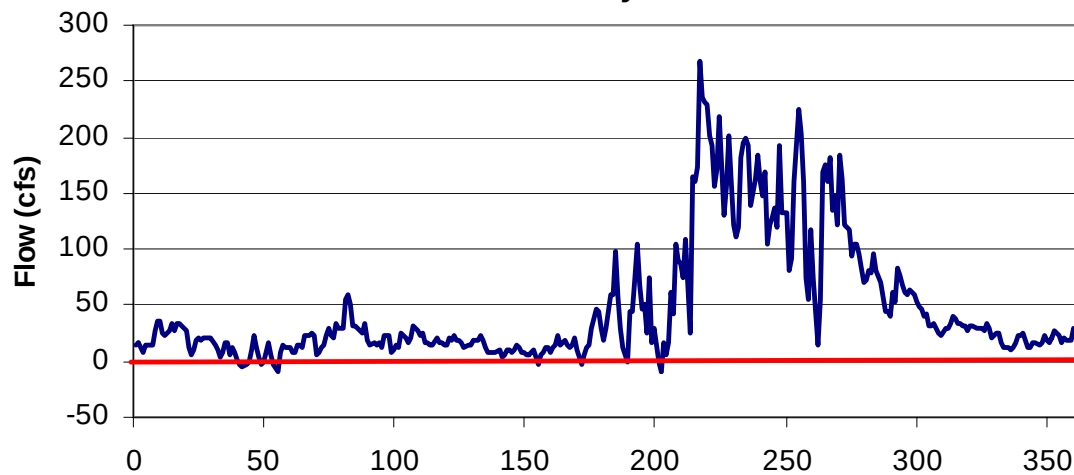
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Mean 70 to 94 Daily Median Flow (inches)	0.91	2.93	3.50	7.34	7.34
Percentage of annual flow	12.35	39.92	47.73	100.00	
Mean of 95 to 05 Daily Median Flow/WA:	0.38	0.49	0.88	0.60	
Mean 95 to 05 Daily Median Flow (inches)	0.96	3.16	4.03	8.15	8.15
Percentage of annual flow	11.78	38.80	49.41	100.00	
Mean of 70 to 94 Daily Mean Flow/WA:	0.48	0.69	1.28	0.85	
Mean of 70 to 94 Mean Daily Flow in inches	1.20	4.48	5.88	11.56	11.56
Percentage of annual flow	10.38	38.72	50.89	100.00	
Mean of 95 to 05 Daily Mean Flow/WA:	0.49	1.04	1.69	1.16	
Mean of 95 to 05 Mean Daily Flow in inches	1.22	6.78	7.76	15.76	15.76
Percentage of annual flow	7.75	43.01	49.25	100.00	
Percent Change between periods	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Year	
40 to 69 versus 70 to 94 Median Daily Flows	-5.919701	-7.917846	-14.91376	-11.01054	
40 to 69 versus 70 to 94 Mean Daily Flows	-1.737597	-51.38778	-31.90431	-36.31736	

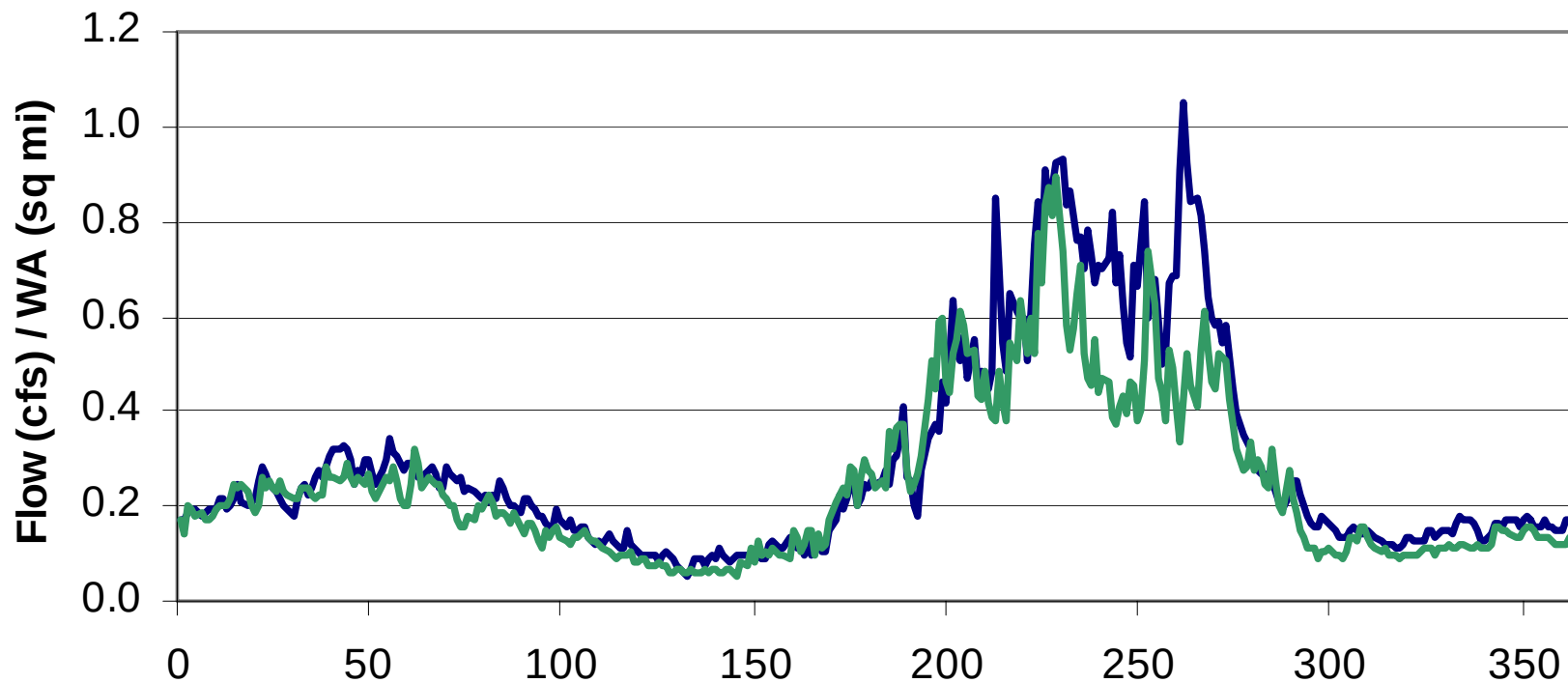
Hillsborough River near Zephyrhills
Comparison of 1940 to 1969 (blue) and 1970 to 1994 (green)
Standardized Median Daily Flows



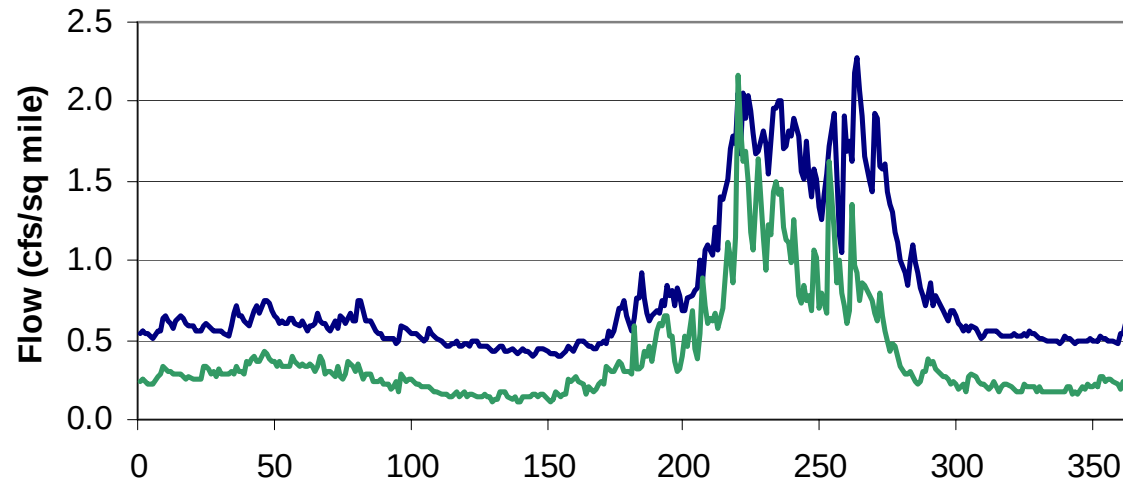
Hillsborough River near Zephyrhills
Difference between 1940 to 1969 and 1970 to 1994
Median Daily Flows



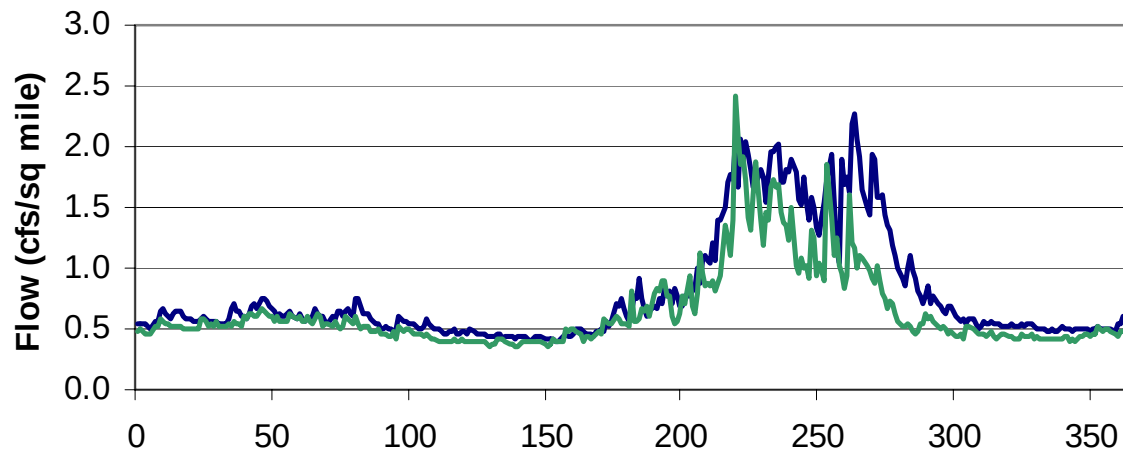
Comparison of Zephyrhills (1970-1994 blue) less 0.25 cfs/sq mile and Blackwater Creek (1970-1994 green) Median Daily Flows



Comparison of Median Daily Flows for the Period 1951 to 1969 at Zephyrhills Gage (blue) and Blackwater Creek Gage (green).



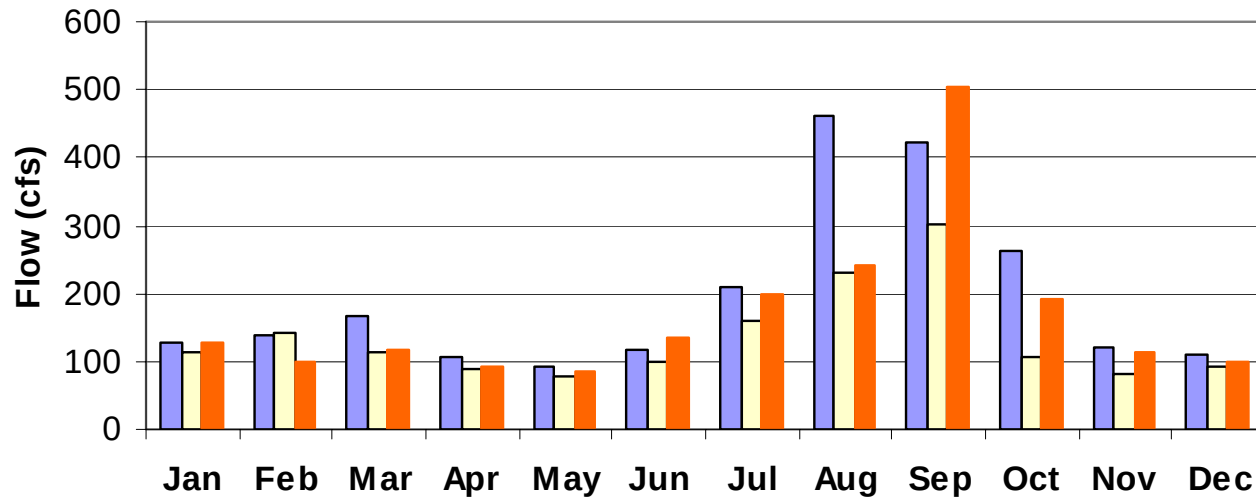
Comparison of Median Daily Flows for the Period 1951 to 1969 at Zephyrhills Gage (blue) and Blackwater Creek Gage (green) after adjusting Blackwater Creek baseflow by 0.25 cfs/sq mile.



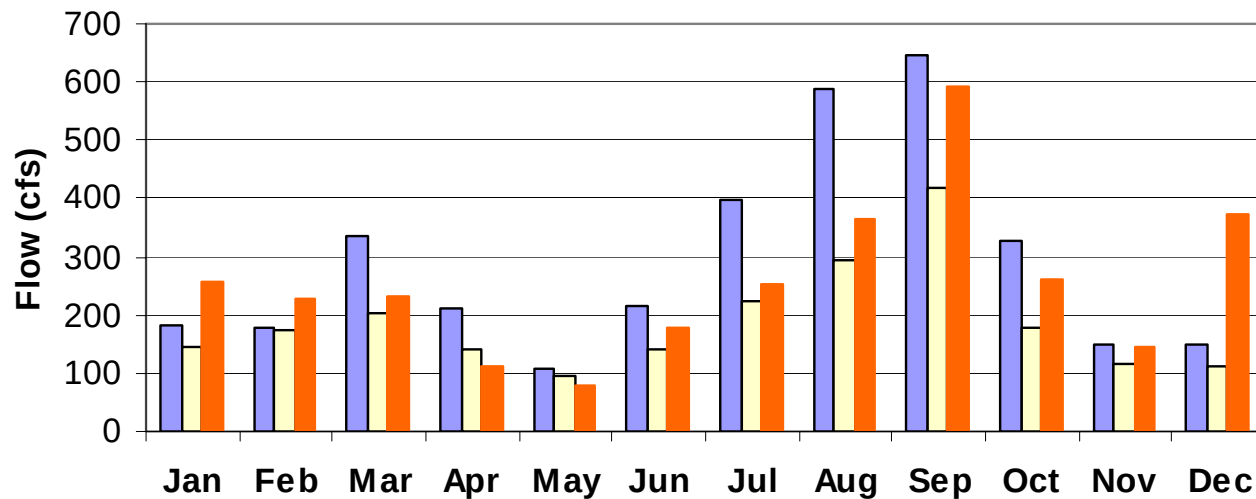
Period	Zephyrhills Gage (ZHGQ) 220 sq miles	Blackwater Creek Gage (BWCQ) 110 sq miles	ZHGQ-60cfs-BWCQ 110 sq miles	ZHGQ-60cfs-BWCQ-OF 110 sq miles
1940 to 1969	18.03			
1951 to 1969	18.35	12.35	24.21	
1960 to 1969	17.31	11	22.14	17.96
	5.75	3.44	11.50	9.27
1970 to 1994	11.56	7.56	10.64	8.69
	-4.2	-4.12	-8.61	-6.74
1995 to 2005	15.76	11.68	19.25	15.43

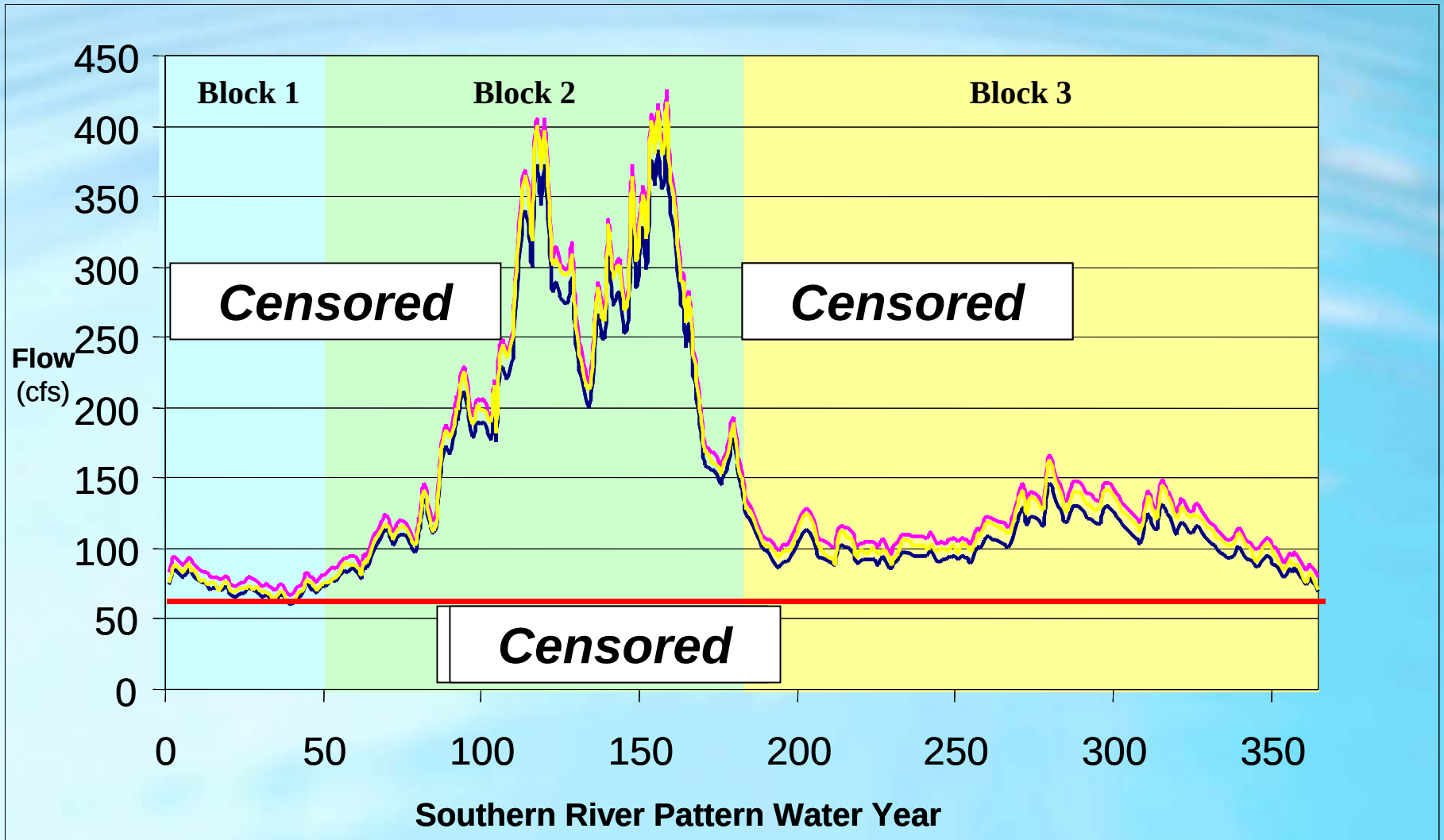
Period	Mean ZHQ	Median ZHQ	Minimum ZHQ	Maximum ZHQ	StLeoRainfall	PCRainfall	HRSPRainfall
1940 to 2005	246	126	64	2424	55.5	53.8	54.0
1940 to 1969	292	144	71	2893	56.3	55.8	55.0
1951 to 1969	297	155	76	2680	54.5	56.2	55.8
1960 to 1969	279	138	78	2857	54.2	54.0	56.2
1970 to 1994	187	108	58	1634	54.4	50.9	52.8
1995 to 2005	257	116	55	2941	56.1	54.8	54.4

Comparison of Median Monthly Flows at Zephyrhills Gage for Three Multidecadal Time Periods (1940-1969 blue, 1970-1994 ivory, 1995-2005 orange)

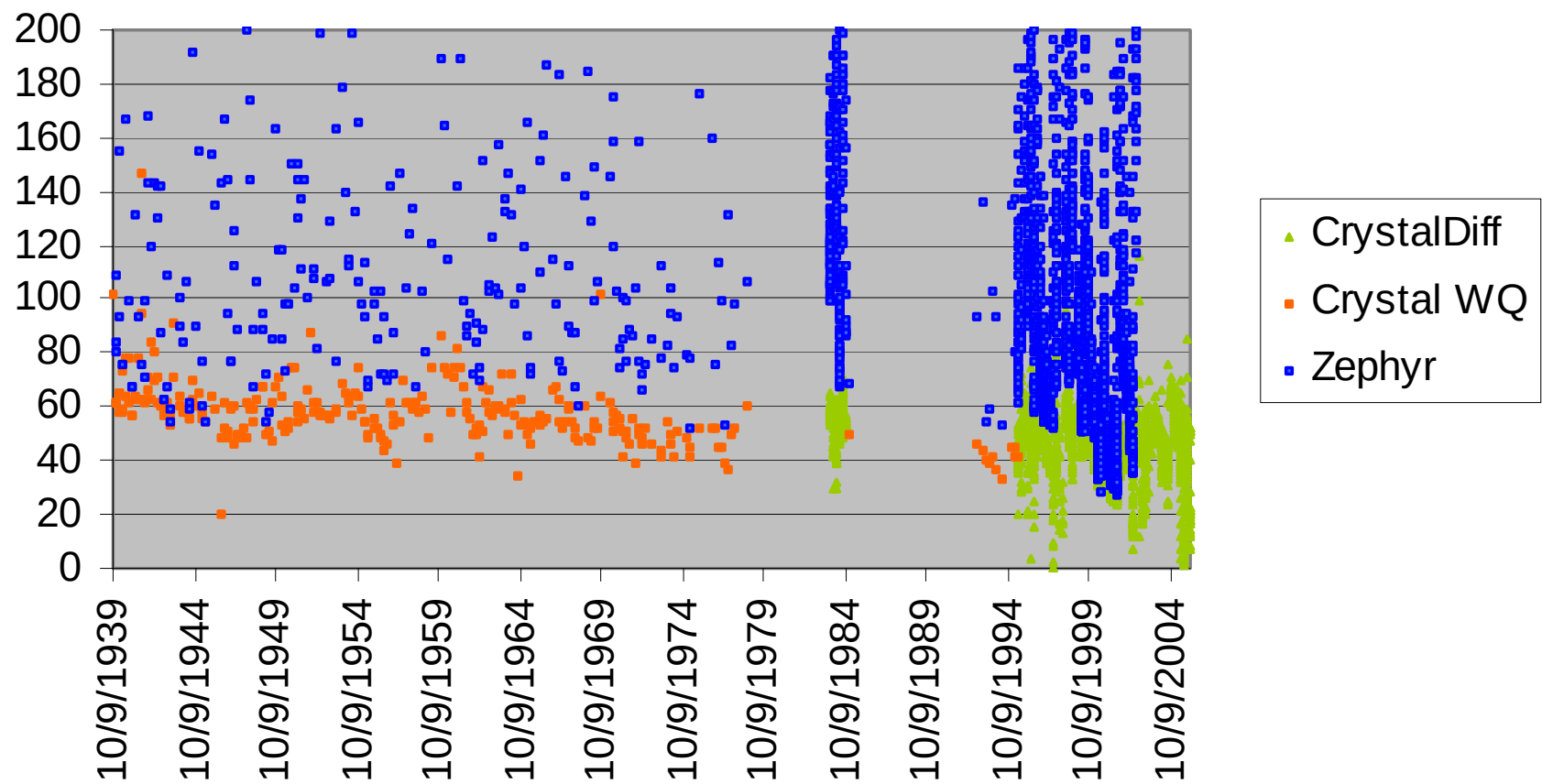


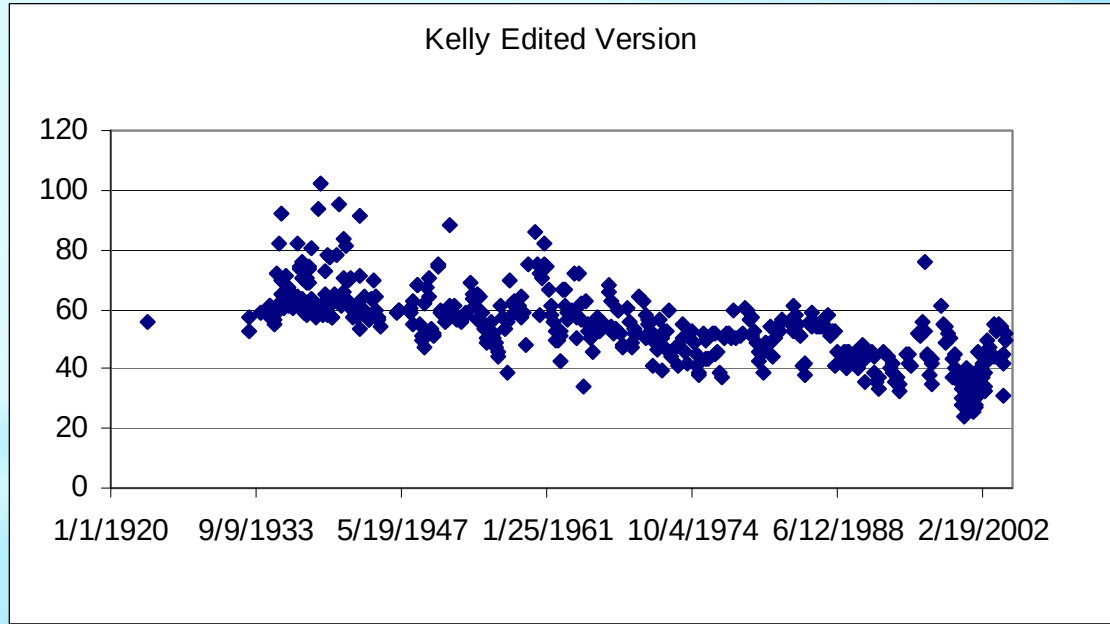
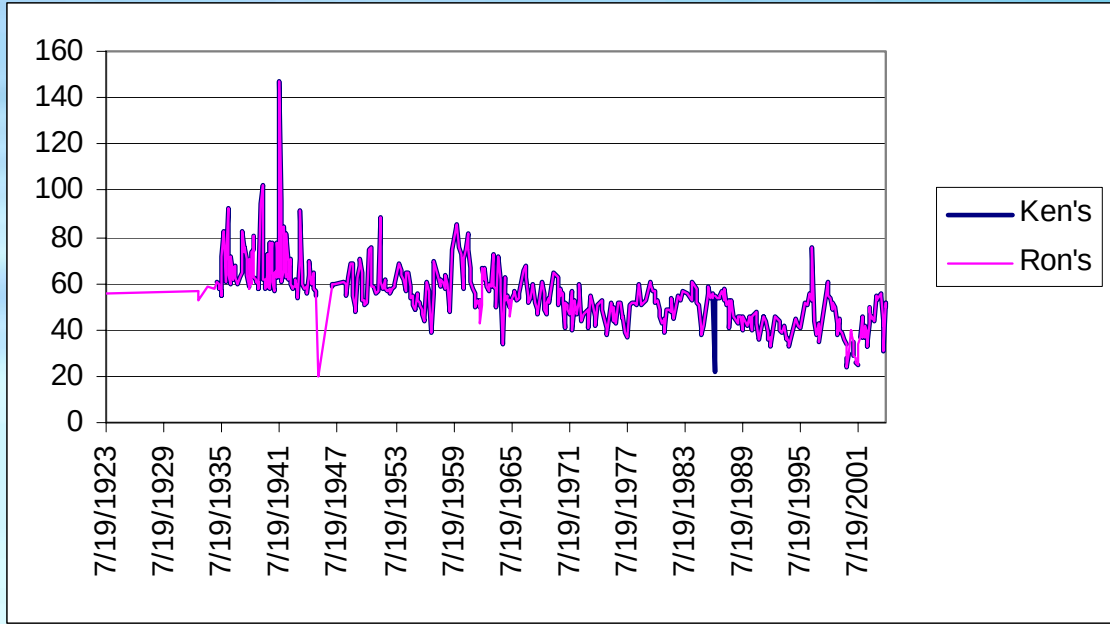
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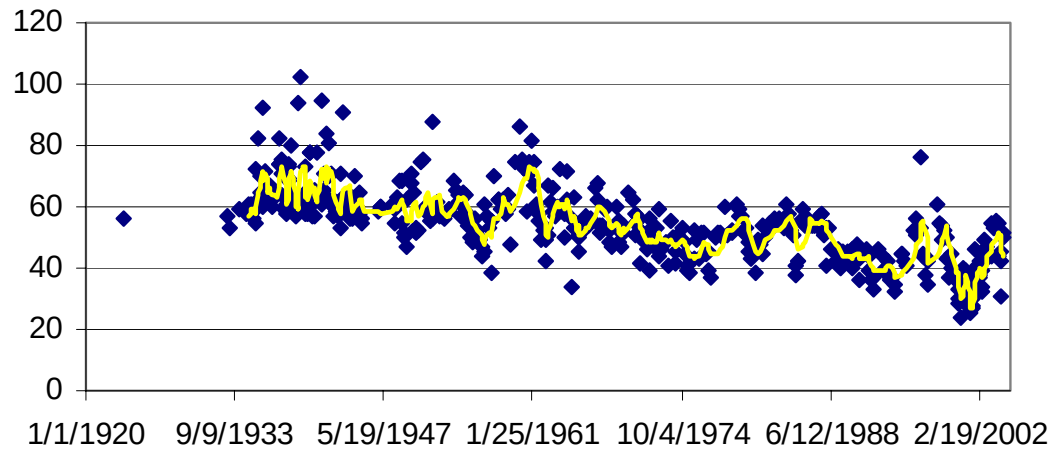




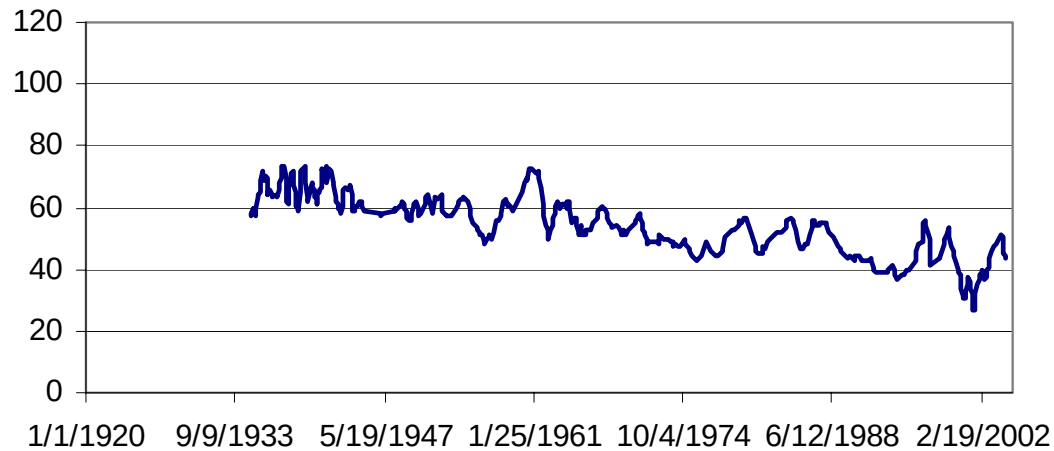




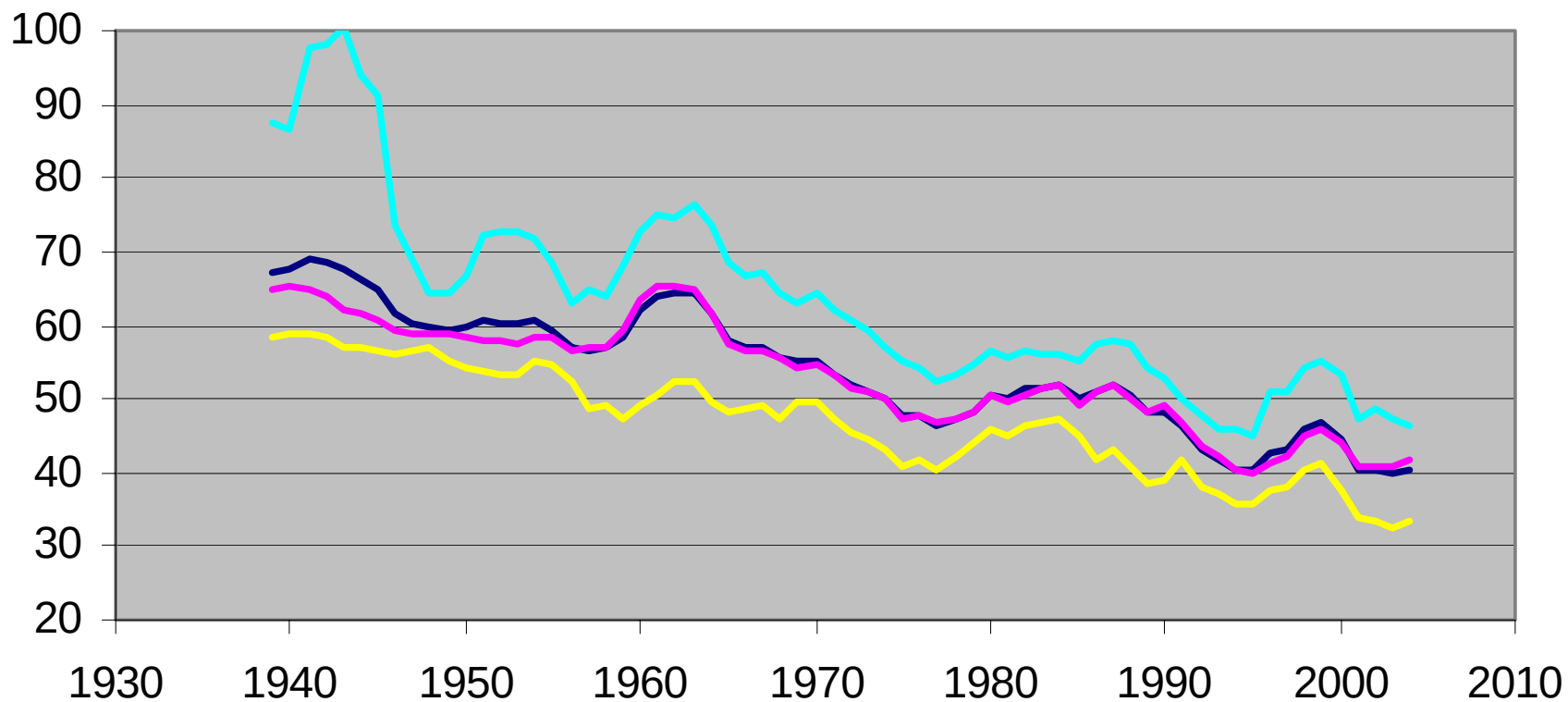
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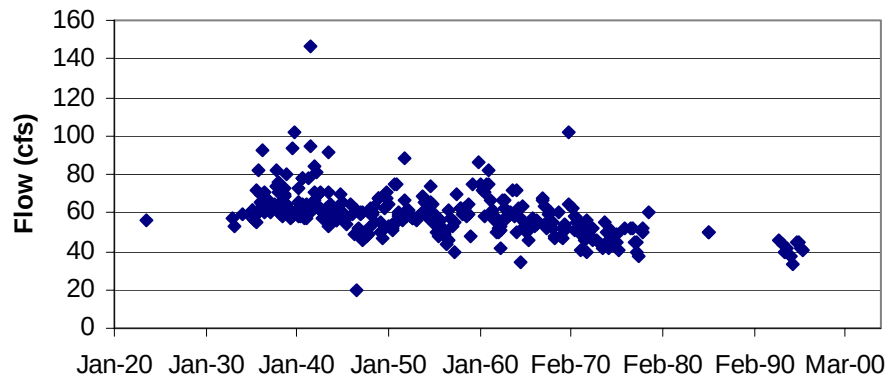
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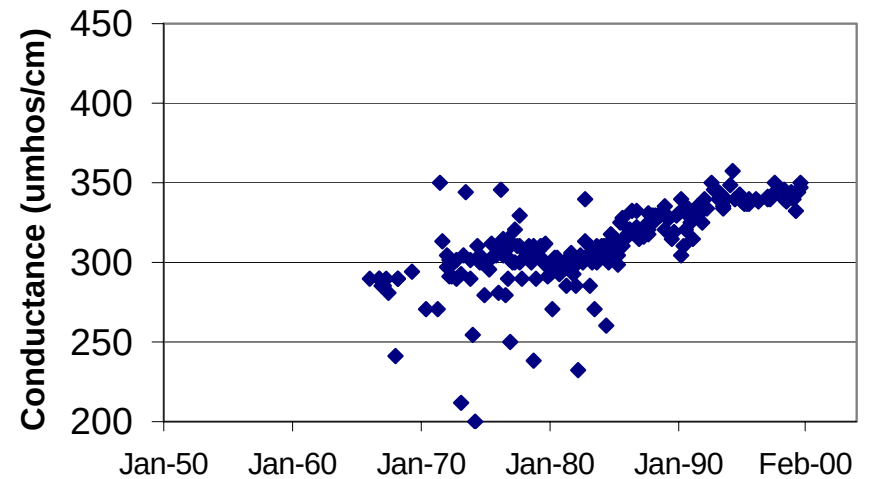
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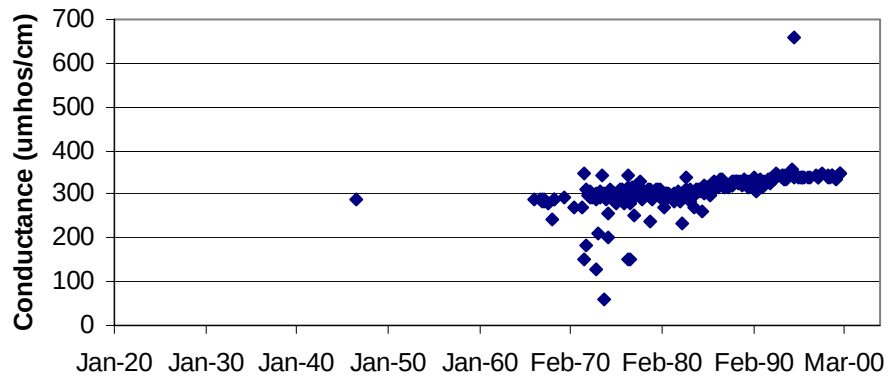
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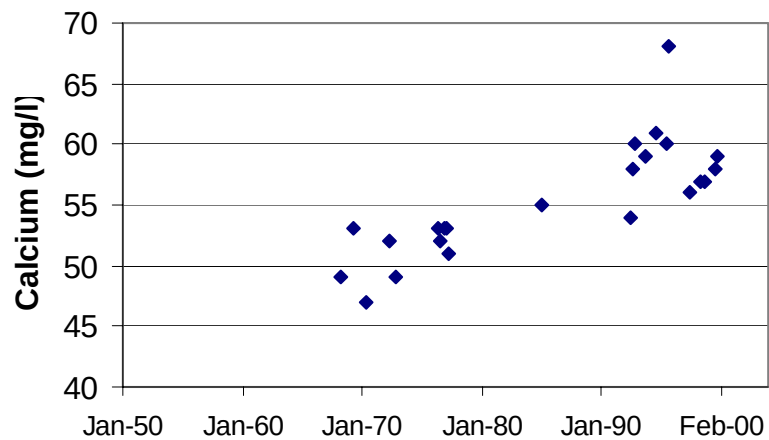
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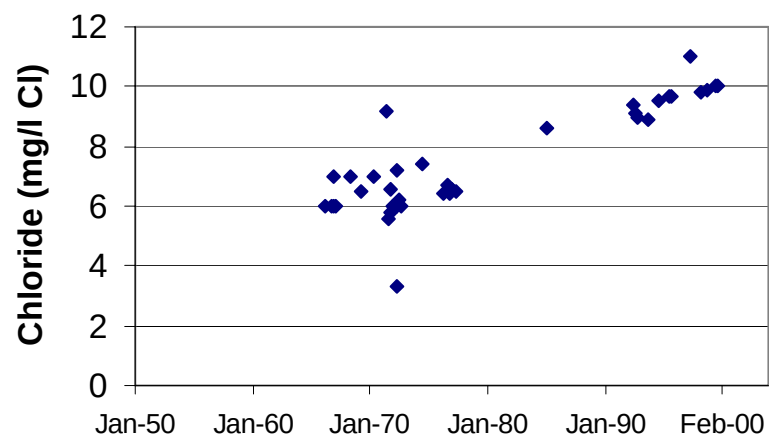
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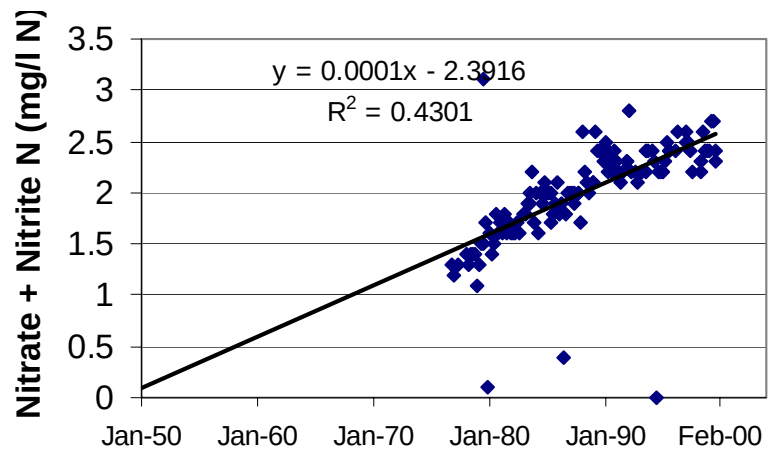
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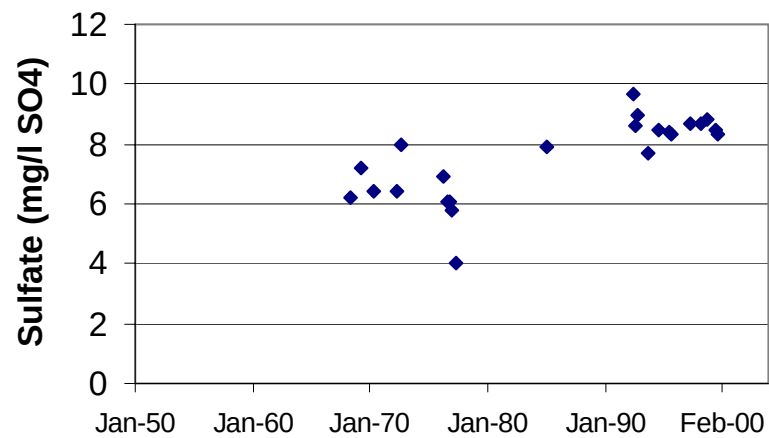
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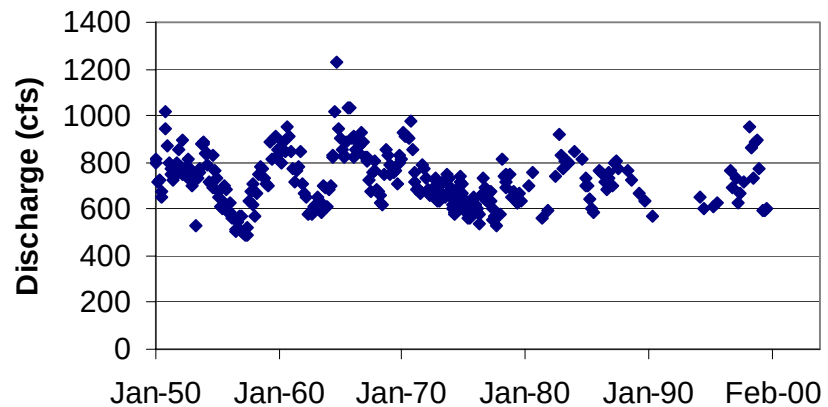
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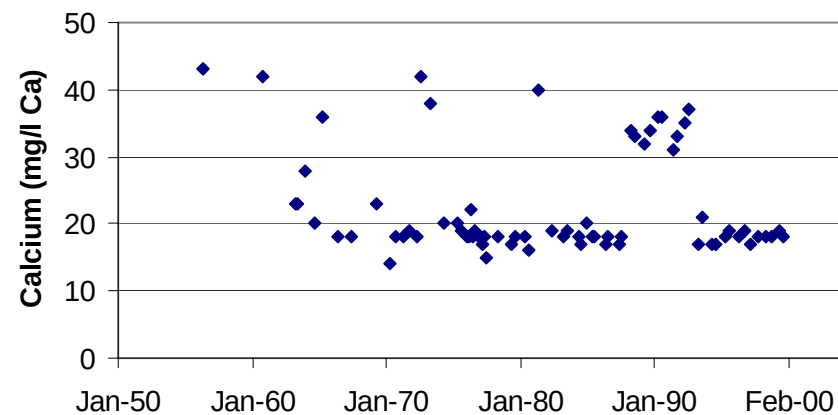
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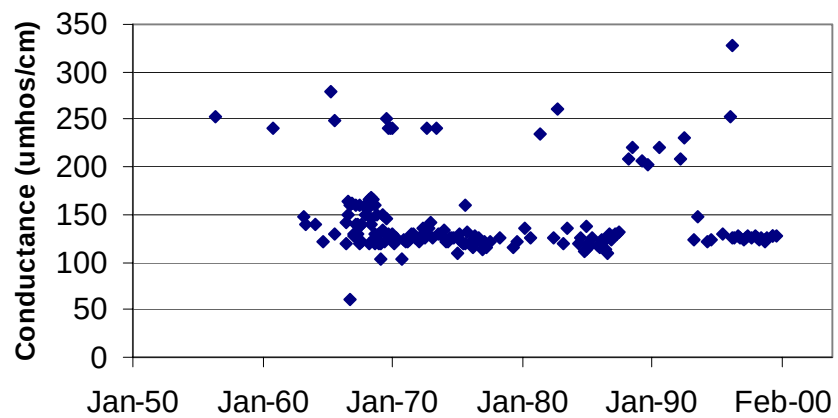
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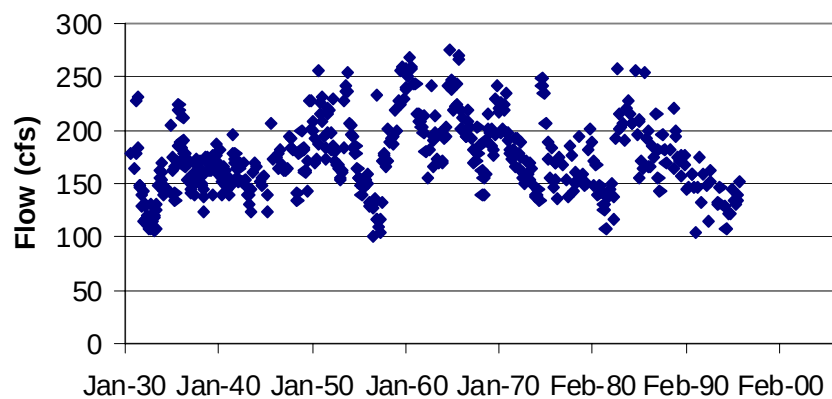
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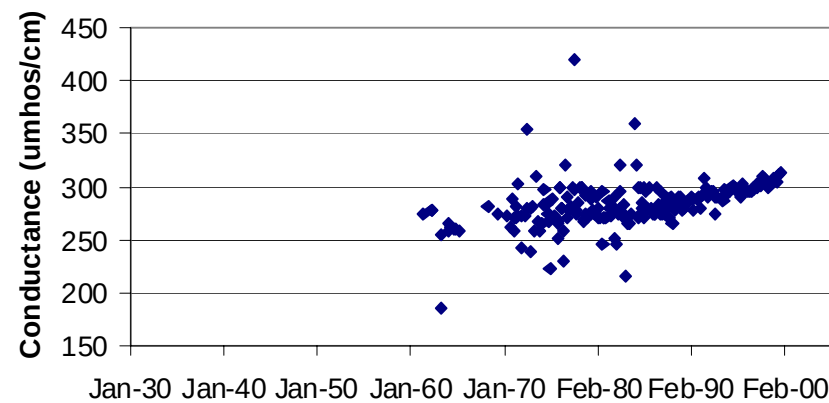
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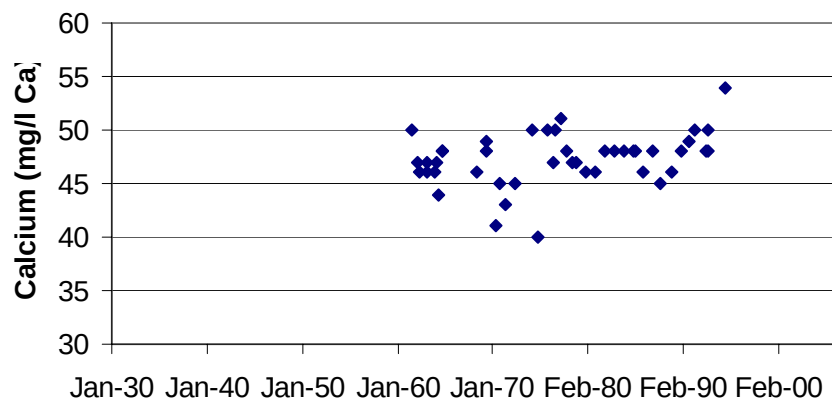
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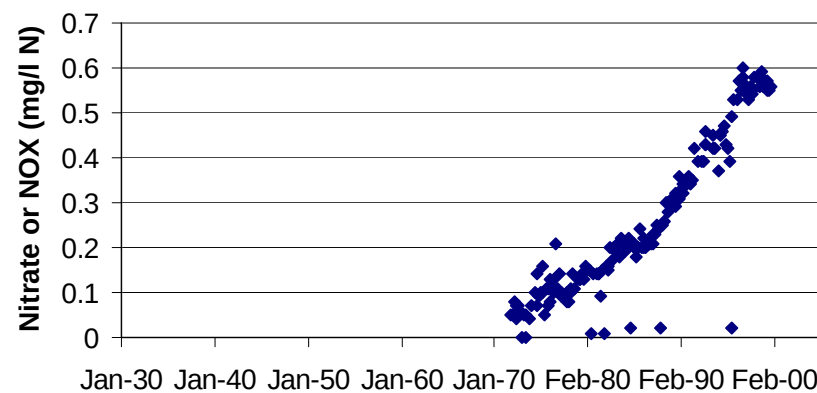
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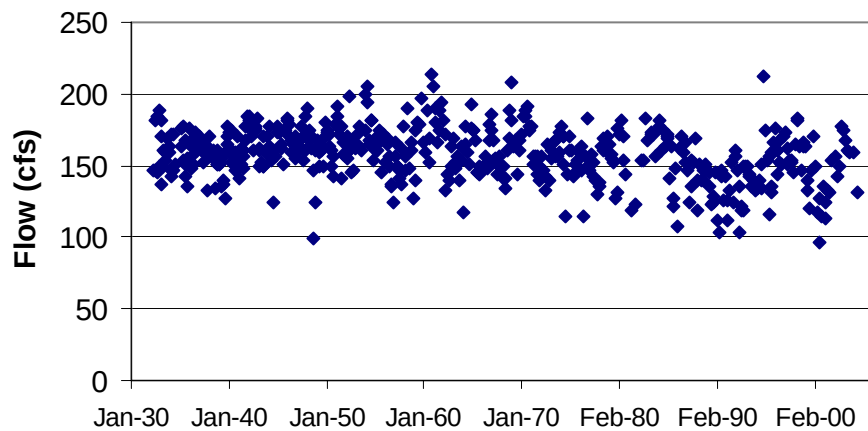
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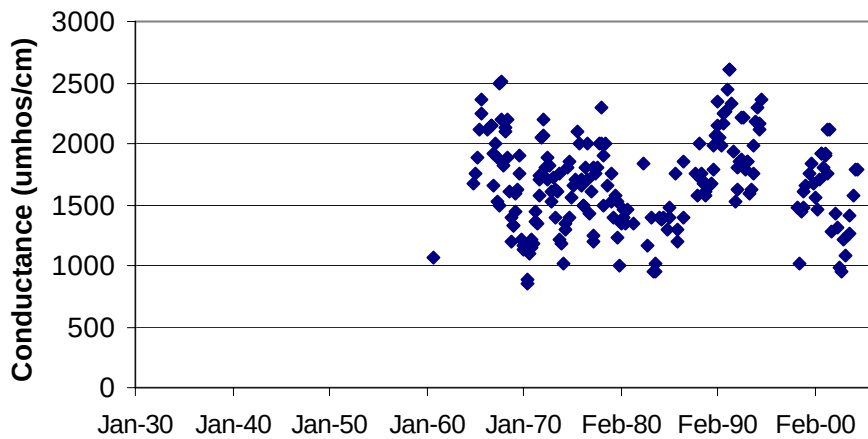
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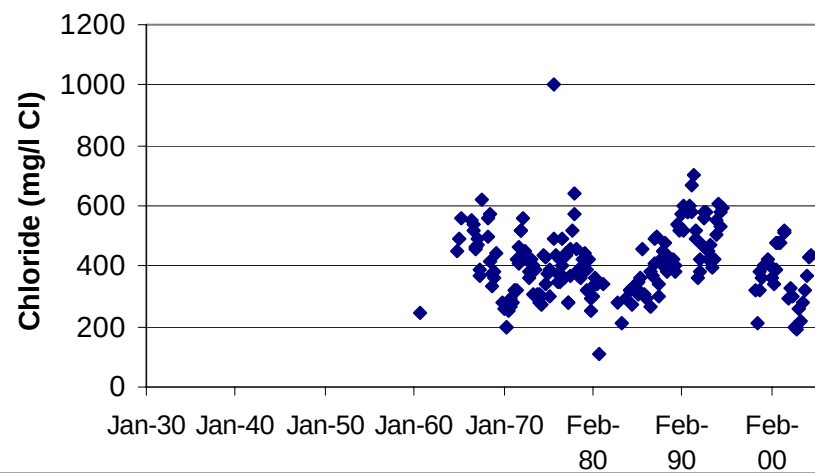
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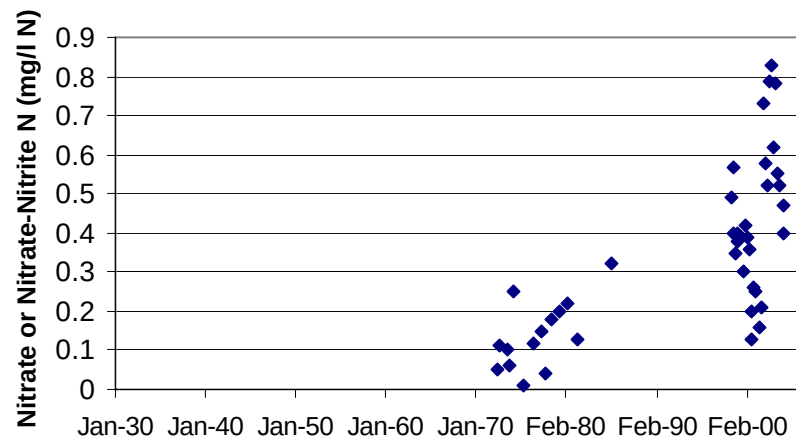
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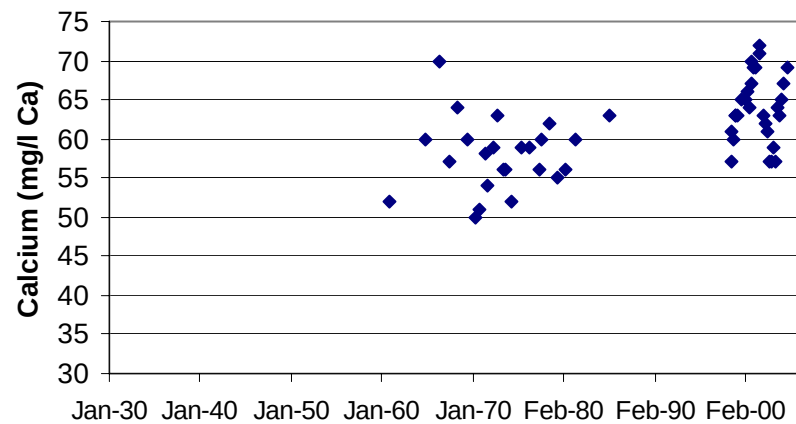
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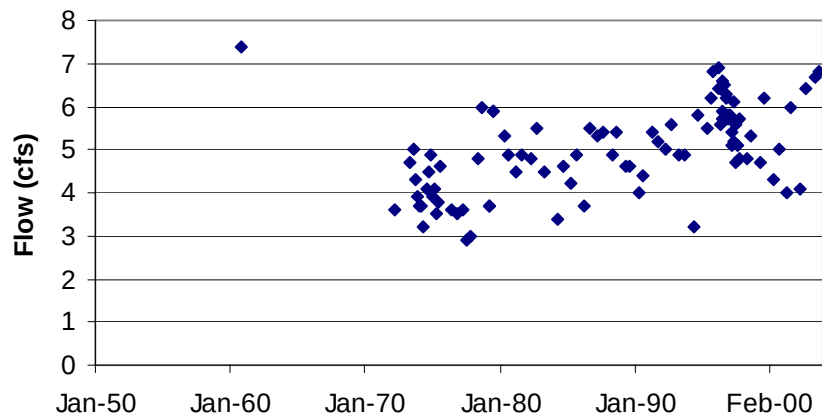
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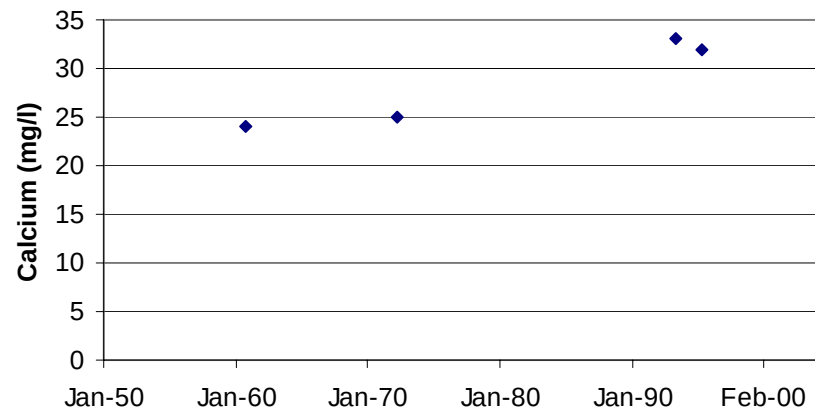
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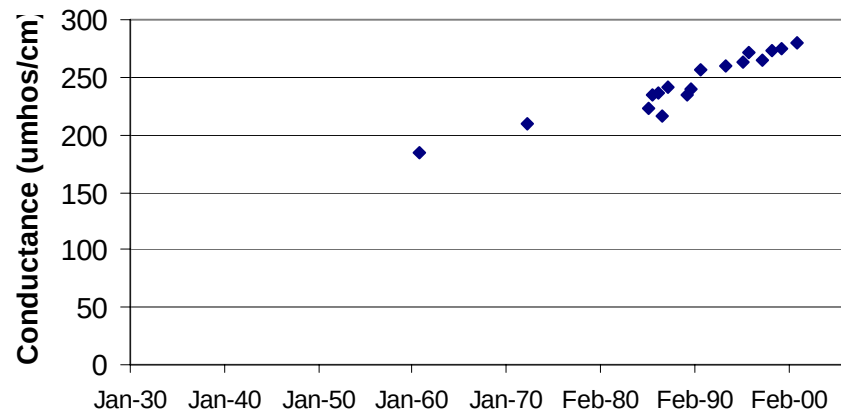
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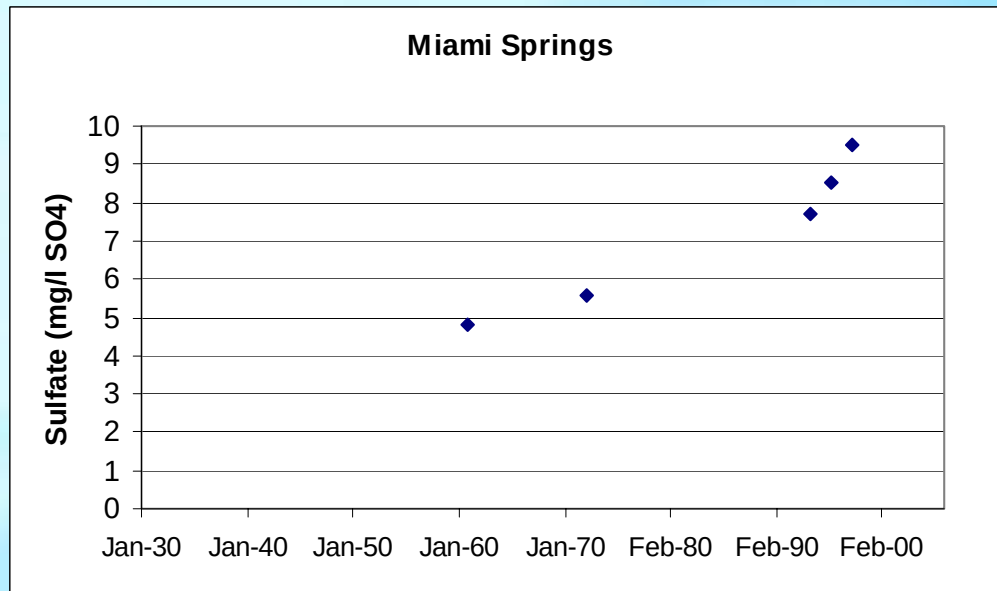
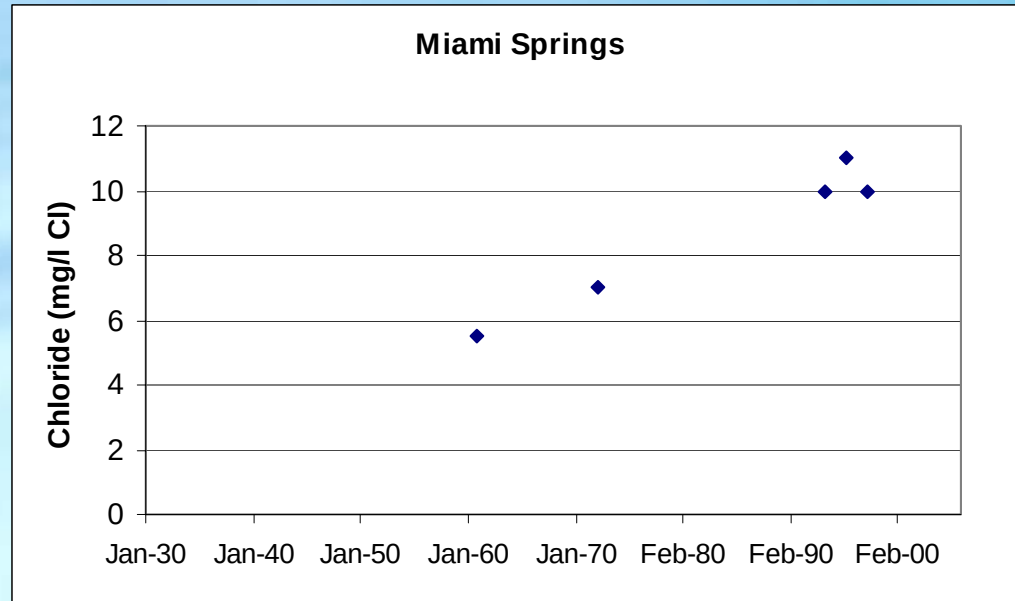


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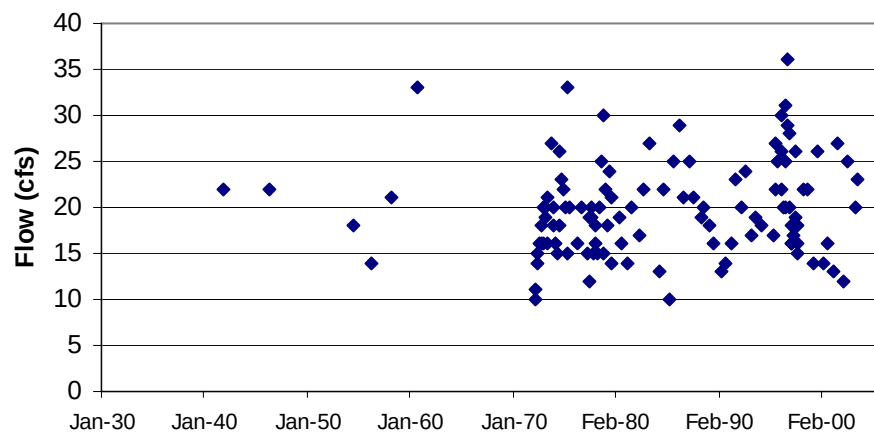


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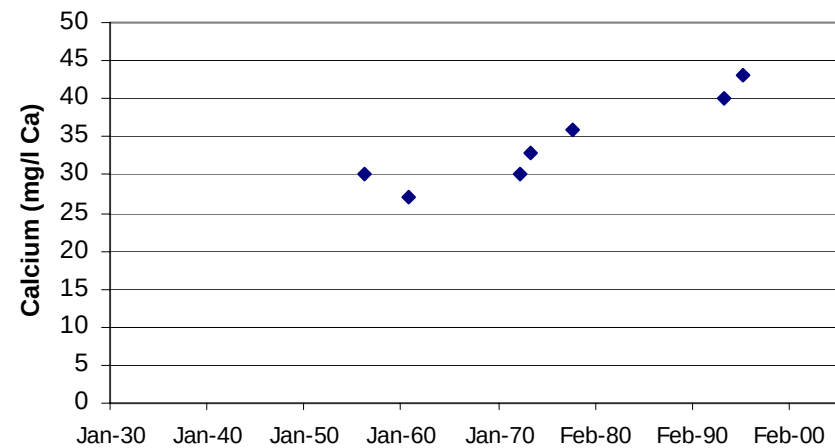




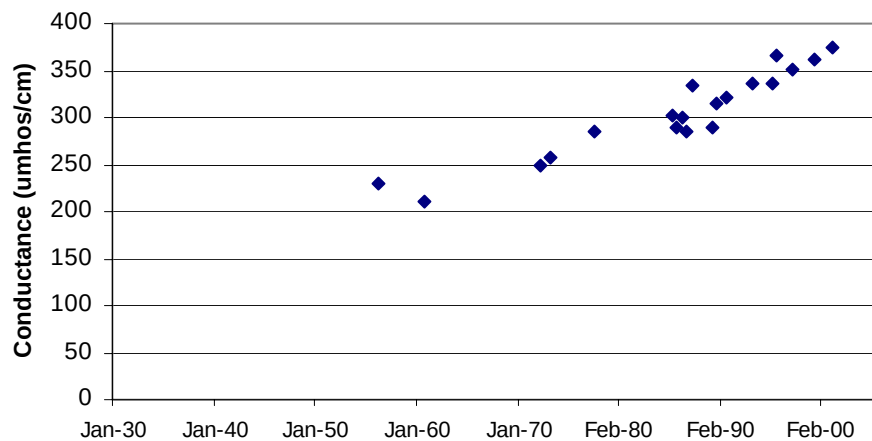
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Cypress Creek near Sulphur Springs FL

