

Watershed Health Assessment Framework

"Managing for System Health"





Watershed Report Card:

Big Fork River



People and Places:

Watershed Population:

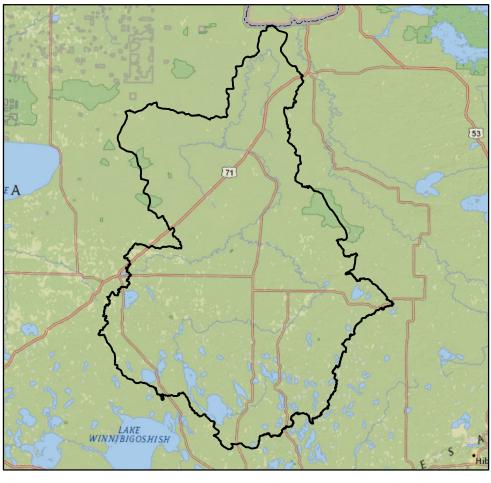
2000 census - 5,217 2010 census - 5,079

Largest Cities - Population:

Marcell - 467 Bigfork - 446 Big Falls - 236 Bowstring - 230 Max - 142

Counties - % of watershed:

Koochiching - 51 % Itasca - 49 %



Watershed Area:

Watershed size:

1,315,135 acres 2,055 square miles

Watershed Surface Area:

Percent Land - 95 % Percent Water - 5 %

HUC8 ID:

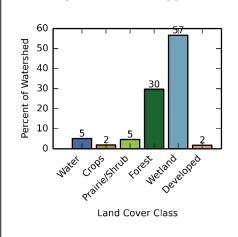
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Basin Name:

Rainy River (0903)

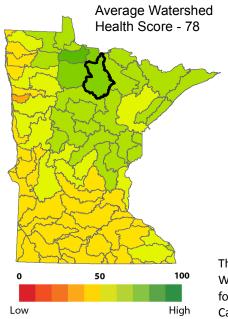
Land Use:

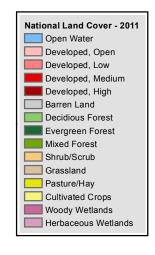
Percent of watershed area by land cover type:



Watershed Health Report - Major Watershed

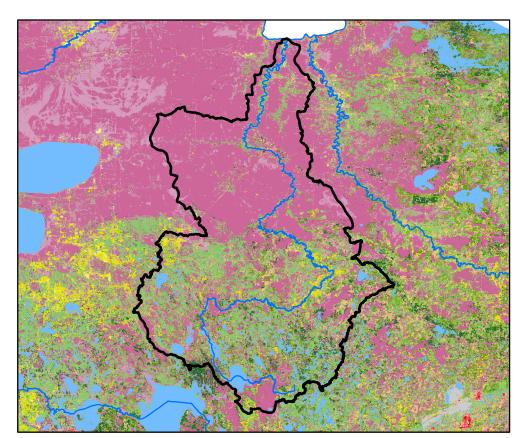
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These health scores are calculated at the Major Watershed (HUC8) scale. Health score names followed by (*) are also calculated at the DNR Catchment scale (subdivided HUC12). Those results are reported on the following pages.

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Hydrology

Component Health Score (index average) 90

Index Scores

Perennial Cover* 98
Impervious Cover* 92
Water Withdrawal* 99
Flow Variability 69
Hydrologic Storage 84
Sub-Scores
Altered Streams* 69
Surface Storage 99



Geomorphology

Component Health Score (index average) 68

Index Scores

Soil Erosion 77
Potential* 73

Groundwater Susceptibility 73

Climate

Vulnerability



Biology

Component Health Score (index average) 58

Index Scores

Terrestrial Habitat Quality* 61

Stream Species 77

Quality* 59

At-Risk Species 69

Richness

33



Connectivity

98

Component Health Score (index average) 75

Index Scores

Terrestrial Habitat
Connectivity

Aquatic
Connectivity*

89

Connectivity*



Water Quality

Component Health Score (index average) 97

Non-Point Pollution Sources 95

Sub-Score Phosphorus Risk* 95

Localized Pollution Sources* 98

