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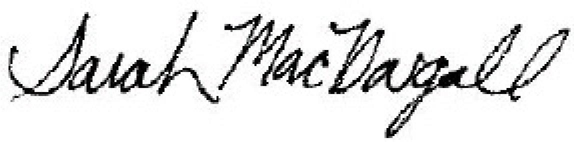

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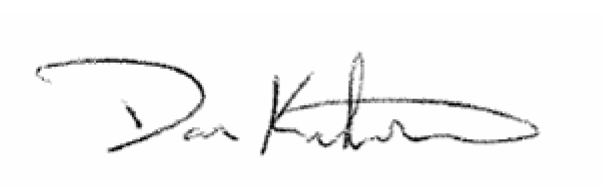

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Executive Summary

A Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) analysis was conducted for Hoods Pond in Derry, New Hampshire. Hoods Pond is currently listed as impaired for primary contact recreation by the State of New Hampshire because of the presence of hepatotoxic cyanobacteria. This effort included the construction of a nutrient budget and setting a target value for phosphorus such that algal growth and bloom formation would no longer impair primary contact recreation. The TMDL is then allocated among sources of phosphorus such that in-lake phosphorus concentrations meet the target and Hoods Pond supports its designated uses. The analysis suggests that the current loads of phosphorus to Hoods Pond must be reduced by 75% overall in order to meet the target in-lake phosphorus value of 12µg/L. The load allocation puts primary emphasis on reducing watershed phosphorus sources over other sources due to the relative load contribution from the watershed and practical implementation considerations. It is expected that these reductions would be phased in over a period of several years. Additional monitoring is first recommended to confirm that nutrient related violations still exist. Successful implementation of this TMDL will be based on compliance with water quality criteria in Env-Wq 1700. Guidance for obtaining Clean Water Act (Section 319) funding for nonpoint source control is presented in Section 7.0. Suggestions for enhancement of the current monitoring program and general phosphorus loading reduction strategies are also provided.

1.0 Introduction

The Federal Clean Water Act (CWA) provides regulations for the protection of streams, lakes, and estuaries within the United States. Section 303(d) of the CWA requires individual states to identify waters not meeting current state water quality standards due to pollutant discharges and to determine Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for these waters. A TMDL sets the maximum amount of a pollutant that a waterbody can receive and still support designated uses. A large number of New Hampshire lakes are on the 2006, 2008 and 2010 303(d) list due to impairment of designated uses by chlorophyll *a* (chl *a*), cyanobacteria blooms or dissolved oxygen (DO) depletion (NHDES, 2006, 2008b, 2010b). Hoods Pond is included on the 2006, 2008, and 2010 lists due to the impairment of primary contact recreation caused by the presence of hepatotoxic cyanobacteria. Hepatotoxic cyanobacteria are indicative of nutrient enrichment. Phosphorus is the primary limiting nutrient in northern temperate lakes, hence eutrophication due to phosphorus enrichment is the likely cause of the presence of hepatotoxic cyanobacteria. Nitrogen can also play a role in determining the type of algae present and the degree of eutrophication of a waterbody. However, phosphorus is typically more important and more easily controlled. A TMDL for total phosphorus (TP) as a surrogate for hepatotoxic cyanobacteria has been prepared for Hoods Pond and the results are presented in this report.

The TMDL will be expressed as:

TMDL = Waste Load Allocation (WLA) + Load Allocation (LA) + Margin of Safety (MOS)

The WLA includes the load from permitted discharges, the LA includes non-point sources and the MOS ensures that the TMDL will support designated uses given uncertainties in the analysis and variability in water quality data.

Determining the maximum daily nutrient load that a lake can assimilate without exceeding water quality standards is challenging and complex. First, many lakes receive a high proportion of their nutrient loading from non-point sources, which are highly variable and are difficult to quantify. Secondly, lakes demonstrate nutrient loading on a seasonal scale, not a daily basis. Loading during the winter months may have little effect on summer algal densities. Finally, variability in loading may be very high in response to weather patterns, and the forms in which nutrients enter lakes may cause increased variability in response. Therefore, it is usually considered most appropriate to quantify a lake TMDL as an annual load and evaluate the results of that annual load on mid-summer conditions that are most critical to supporting recreational uses. Accordingly, the nutrient loading capacity of lakes is typically determined through water quality modeling, which is usually expressed on an annual basis. Thus, while a single value may be chosen as the TMDL for each nutrient, it represents a range of loads with a probability distribution for associated water quality problems (such as algal blooms). Uncertainty is likely to be very high, and the resulting TMDL should be viewed as a nutrient-loading goal that helps set the direction and magnitude of management, not as a rigid standard that must be achieved to protect against eutrophication. While daily expression of the TMDL is provided in this report, the annual mean load should be given primacy when developing and evaluating the effectiveness of nutrient loading reduction strategies.

The purpose of the Hoods Pond TMDL is to establish TP loading targets that, if achieved, will result in consistency with the State of New Hampshire Water Quality criteria Env-Wq 1703.14. Water quality that is consistent with state standards is, *a priori*, expected to protect designated uses. AECOM prepared this TMDL analysis according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA) protocol for developing nutrient TMDLs (USEPA, 1999). The main objectives of this TMDL report include the following:

- Describe water body, standards and numeric target value;
- Describe potential sources and estimate the existing TP loading to the lake;
- Estimate the loading capacity;

- Allocate the load among sources;
- Provide alternate allocation scenarios;
- Suggest elements to be included in an implementation plan;
- Suggest elements to be included in a monitoring plan;
- Provide reasonable assurances that the plans will be acted upon; and
- Describe public participation in the TMDL process.

This TMDL for TP will identify the causes of impairment and the pollutant sources and is expected to fulfill the first of the nine requirements for a watershed management plan required to qualify a project for Section 319 restoration funding (see Section 7.0).

2.0 Description of Water Body, Standards and Target

2.1 Waterbody and Watershed Characteristics

Hoods Pond (NHLAK700061203-03-01) is located in Derry, New Hampshire and is within the Merrimack River Basin (Figure 2-1). Hoods Pond is a very shallow, unstratified 2.4-hectare (ha) natural lake that is dammed. It has a maximum depth of 1.8 meters (m) (6.0 ft) and a mean depth of 1.1 m (3.6 ft). The lake volume is 25,691cubic meters (m^3) with a rapid flushing rate of approximately 368 times per year. The watershed area is 1605 ha and is entirely within the Town of Derry. Derry, a city of 34,290 residents, has experienced tremendous growth with a nearly 200% increase from 1970 to 2005 (ELMIB, 2007). Hoods Pond has a warm water fishery with brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*), pickerel (*Esox niger*), horned pout (*Ictalurus sp.*), and bluegill (*Lepomis macrochirus*) as the most common species (NH Fish and Game, 2007). Select characteristics of Hoods Pond and its watershed are presented in Table 2-1.

Table 2-1. Characteristics of Hoods Pond, Derry, NH.

Parameter	Value
Assessment Unit Identification	NHLAK700061203-03-01
Lake Area (ha)	2.4
Lake Volume (m^3)	25,691
Watershed Area (ha)	1602
Watershed/Lake Area	669
Mean Depth (m, ft)	1.1, 3.6
Max Depth (m, ft)	1.8, 6.0
Flushing Rate (yr^{-1})	368
Surface TP (*u*g/L, n=1)*	54
Surface TN: TP Ratio	13
Impaired Uses and Causes of Impairment**	*Primary Contact Recreation*: Hepatotoxic cyanobacteria (5-M); Source Unknown
Lake Bottom Anoxia	No

*Water quality statistics are calculated from 1997 data.
**Source: 2006, 2008 & 2010 NH 303d Lists of Threatened or Impaired Waters that Require a TMDL. Category '5'= TMDL Required, Category 'M'= Marginal Impairment, and Category 'P'= Priority Impairment.

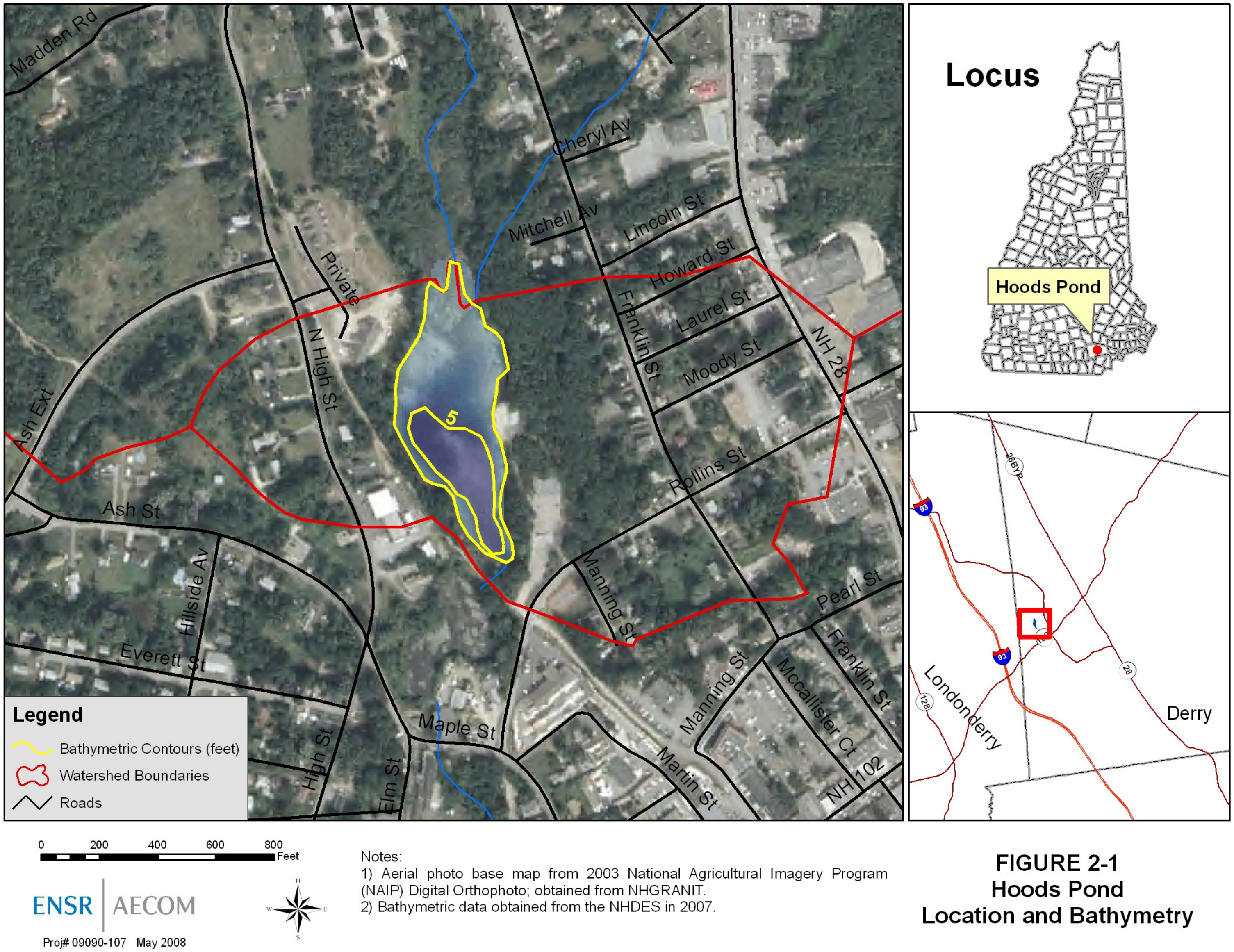

Figure 2-1. Hoods Pond Location and Bathymetry.

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) conducted summer water quality monitoring on Hoods Pond in 1997 for Lake Trophic Studies. NHDES conducted additional water quality monitoring in October 2011. Data results are presented in Table 2-2. The pond is shallow and does not stratify, so an anoxic zone does not form. Secchi disk transparencies (SDT) were low at 0.8 m. Cyanobacteria blooms containing hepatotoxic microcystins in summer have been observed; summer measured chl *a* concentrations were 1.88 µg/L. The average of the measured summer surface TP concentration in 1997 and 2011 was 41 µg/L. The average summer color in 1997 and 2011 was 115 PCUs. These limited data may not represent the entire range of conditions occurring in Hoods Pond but at least provide a relative idea of the range Based on the 1997 trophic survey, Hoods Pond is mesotrophic.

Table 2-2. Hoods Pond Summer Water Quality Summary Table 1997 and 2011.

	Surface TP (*ug*/L)	**SDT (m)**	**Apparent Color (PCU)**	**Chl a* (*ug*/L)**	**DO ** (mg/L)**
n	2	1	2	2	19
Value	-	0.8	-	-	-
Min	27	-	90	1.88	7.1
Mean	41	-	115	1.88	7.6
Median	41	-	115	1.88	7.6
Max	54	-	140	1.88	7.9

n = number of samples; SDT= Secchi Disk Transparency, Chl *a*= Chlorophyll *a*, DO= Dissolved Oxygen
* Uncorrected for phaeophytin
** DO values are from each discrete observation in the data set regardless of depth

2.2 Designated Uses

Hoods Pond is assigned a surface water classification of B by the State of New Hampshire. Surface water classifications establish designated uses for a waterbody. Designated uses are desirable uses that must be protected, but are not specifically associated with quantifiable water quality standards. According to RSA 485-A:8, Class B waters, '"shall be of the second highest quality." These waters are considered acceptable for fishing, swimming and other recreational purposes and may be used as water supplies after adequate treatment.

As indicated above, State statute (RSA 485-A:8) is somewhat general with regards to designated uses for New Hampshire surface waters. Upon further review and interpretation of the regulations (Env-Wq 1700), the general uses can be expanded and refined to include the seven specific designated uses shown in Table 2-3 (NHDES, 2008a).

Table 2-3. Designated Uses for New Hampshire Surface Waters.

Designated Use	NH DES Definition	Applicable Surface Waters
Aquatic Life	Waters that provide suitable chemical and physical conditions for supporting a balanced, integrated and adaptive community of aquatic organisms.	All surface waters
Fish Consumption	Waters that support fish free from contamination at levels that pose a human health risk to consumers.	All surface waters
Shellfish Consumption	Waters that support a population of shellfish free from toxicants and pathogens that could pose a human health risk to consumers	All tidal surface waters
Drinking Water Supply After Adequate Treatment	Waters that with adequate treatment will be suitable for human intake and meet state/federal drinking water regulations.	All surface waters
Primary Contact Recreation (i.e. swimming)	Waters suitable for recreational uses that require or are likely to result in full body contact and/or incidental ingestion of water	All surface waters
Secondary Contact Recreation	Waters that support recreational uses that involve minor contact with the water.	All surface waters
Wildlife	Waters that provide suitable physical and chemical conditions in the water and the riparian corridor to support wildlife as well as aquatic life.	All surface waters

2.3 Applicable Water Quality Standards

The New Hampshire State Water Quality Standards for nutrients in Class B waters (Env-Wq 1703.14) are:

(1) Class B waters shall contain no phosphorus in such concentrations that would impair any existing or designated uses, unless naturally occurring.

(2) Existing discharges containing either phosphorus or nitrogen that encourage cultural eutrophication shall be treated to remove phosphorus or nitrogen to ensure attainment and maintenance of water quality standards.

(3) There shall be no new or increased discharge of phosphorus into lakes or ponds.

(4) There shall be no new or increased discharge(s) containing phosphorus or nitrogen to tributaries of lakes or ponds that would contribute to cultural eutrophication or growth of weeds or algae in such lakes and ponds.

Applicable water quality standards for DO include the following:

Env-Wq 1703.07 (b): Except as naturally occurs, or in waters identified in RSA 485-A:8, III, or subject to (c) below, Class B waters shall have a DO content of at least 75% of saturation, based on a daily mean, and an instantaneous minimum DO concentration of at least 5 mg/L.

Env-Wq 1703.07 (d): Unless naturally occurring or subject to (a) above, surface waters within the top 25 percent of depth of thermally unstratified lakes, ponds, impoundments and reservoirs or within the epilimnion shall contain a DO content of at least 75 percent saturation, based on a daily mean and an instantaneous minimum DO content of at least 5 mg/L. Unless naturally occurring, the DO content below those depths shall be consistent with that necessary to maintain and protect existing and designated uses.

The NH DES policy for interim nutrient threshold for primary contact recreation (i.e. swimming) in NH lakes is 15 µg/L chl *a* (NH DES, 2008a). Lakes were also listed as impaired for swimming if surface blooms (or "scums") of cyanobacteria were present. A lake was listed even if scums were present only along a downwind shore.

2.4 Anti-degradation Policy

Anti-degradation provisions are designed to preserve and protect the existing beneficial uses of New Hampshire's surface waters and to limit the degradation allowed in receiving waters. Anti-degradation regulations are included in Part Env-Wq 1708 of the New Hampshire Surface Water Quality Regulations. According to Env-Wq 1708.02, anti-degradation applies to the following:

- All new or increased activity including point and nonpoint source discharges of pollutants that would lower water quality or affect the existing or designated uses;
- A proposed increase in loading to a waterbody when the proposal is associated with existing activities;
- An increase in flow alteration over an existing alteration; and
- All hydrologic modifications, such as dam construction and water withdrawals.

2.5 Priority Ranking and Pollutant of Concern

Hoods Pond (NHLAK700061203-03-01) is listed on the 2006, 2008 and 2010 303(d) list as having a primary contact recreation use impairment due to the presence of hepatotoxic cyanobacteria (NHDES, 2006, 2008b, 2010b). Hoods Pond periodically experiences cyanobacteria blooms in summer. Hoods Pond is listed by the NHDES as a low priority for TMDL development. This preliminary ranking is based on the waterbody impairment and whether the pollutants pose a threat to human health or to federally listed, threatened or endangered species (NHDES, 2010a). The final ranking takes into account public interest/support, availability of resources for development, administrative or legal factors, and likelihood of implementation. When the 303(d) lists were prepared, it was unknown if funding would be available for development of this TMDL; consequently it was given a low ranking at the time. Designated use impairment is also ranked. Hoods Pond is listed as marginally impaired (category 5-M) for primary contact recreation due to the presence of hepatotoxic cyanobacteria. It is likely that the impairments observed in Hoods Pond are attributable to nutrient enrichment, specifically TP. Control of TP sources to Hoods Pond should therefore improve conditions related to hepatoxic cyanobacteria such that designated uses are supported. A summary of the impairments and causes of impairment are presented in Table 2-1.

2.6 Numeric Water Quality Target

To develop a TMDL for this waterbody, it is necessary to derive a numeric TP target values (e.g., in-lake concentration) for determining acceptable nutrient loads. The suggested TP values are described in the following paragraphs. The derivation of these targets and discussion of alternative approaches in setting targets are presented in Appendix A. It is notable that all three approaches presented result in very similar target concentrations.

At present, numeric criteria for TP do not exist in New Hampshire's state water quality regulations. However in 2009 (NHDES, 2009) NHDES developed TP and chl a criteria based on lake trophic level and used this criteria to make assessments in 2010. The results of this analysis was used to select a quantitative target in-lake TP concentration that will attain the narrative water quality standard. Wind accumulation of surface blooms or "scum" can be cause for impairment in New Hampshire lakes. It is difficult to relate the presence of these scums to TP loads. However, setting a TP target based in part on minimizing the probability of excessive summer chl a should be sufficient to minimize scum formation related to cyanobacteria blooms. Reducing algal productivity through control of TP should also reduce hypolimnetic DO depletion, which is not listed as a cause for designated use impairment in Hoods Pond.

The numeric (in-lake) water quality target for TP for Hoods Pond is 12 ug/l, based on the discussion presented in Appendix A. As mentioned the target is primarily based on criteria developed by NHDES in 2009 (NHDES 2009) for TP and chl a by lake trophic class. The target number is supported by evaluation of the Trophic Status Indices (TSI) developed by Carlson (1977) and a probabilistic assessment of the likelihood of blooms (Walker 1984, 2000). The "weight of evidence" suggests that 12 ug/L is an appropriate target that will allow Hoods Pond to support its designated uses. This target incorporates a margin of safety (described further in Section 5.3). The target concentration corresponds to non-bloom conditions, as reflected in suitable (designated use support) measures of both secchi disk transparency (SDT) and chl a.

3.0 ENSR-LRM Model of Current Conditions

Current TP loading was assessed using the ENSR-LRM methodology, which is a land use export coefficient model developed by AECOM for use in New England and modified for New Hampshire lakes by incorporating New Hampshire land use TP export coefficients when available and adding septic system loading into the model (CTDEP and ENSR, 2004). Documentation for ENSR-LRM is provided in Appendix B.

The major direct and indirect nonpoint sources of TP to Hoods Pond include:

- Atmospheric deposition (direct precipitation to the lake)
- Surface water base flow (dry weather tributary flows, including any groundwater seepage into streams from groundwater)
- Stormwater runoff (runoff draining to tributaries or directly to the lake)
- The septic system load was not estimated because the surrounding residential and commercial areas are sewered. No data on the mean waterfowl population was available, so the waterfowl load was not estimated. Also, internal TP recycling was not estimated because the lake does not stratify.

There are no permitted point source discharges of nutrients in this watershed. Construction activities in the watershed that disturb greater than one acre of land and convey stormwater through pipes, ditches, swales, roads or channels to surface water require a federal General Permit for Stormwater Discharge from Construction Activities. However, construction discharges are not incorporated in the model due to their variability and short-term impacts. In addition, a portion of the watershed is served by municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4), which also requires a stormwater discharge permit. Loads originating in the MS4 area of the watershed are accounted for in the waste load allocation (WLA) portion of this TMDL (Section 5.2).

The watershed of Hoods Pond was divided into four subwatersheds based on tributary inputs and topography (Figure 3-1). The Rainbow Pond and Scobie Pond subwatersheds are routed through the Shields Brook subwatershed. Water that drains directly to Hoods Pond is called Direct Drainage. TP loads were estimated for each subwatershed based on runoff and groundwater land use export coefficients. The TP loads were attenuated based on the slope, soils, and location of wetlands since there were no tributary monitoring data available. Loads from the watershed as well as direct sources were then used to predict in-lake concentrations of TP, chl *a*, SDT, and algal bloom probability. The estimated load and in-lake predictions were then compared to mean/median in-lake concentrations. The attenuation factors for each subwatershed were used as calibration tools to achieve a close agreement between predicted in-lake TP and observed mean/median TP. However, perfect agreement between modeled concentrations and monitoring data were not expected as monitoring data are limited for some locations and are biased towards summer conditions when TP concentrations are expected to be lower than the annual mean predicted by the loading model.

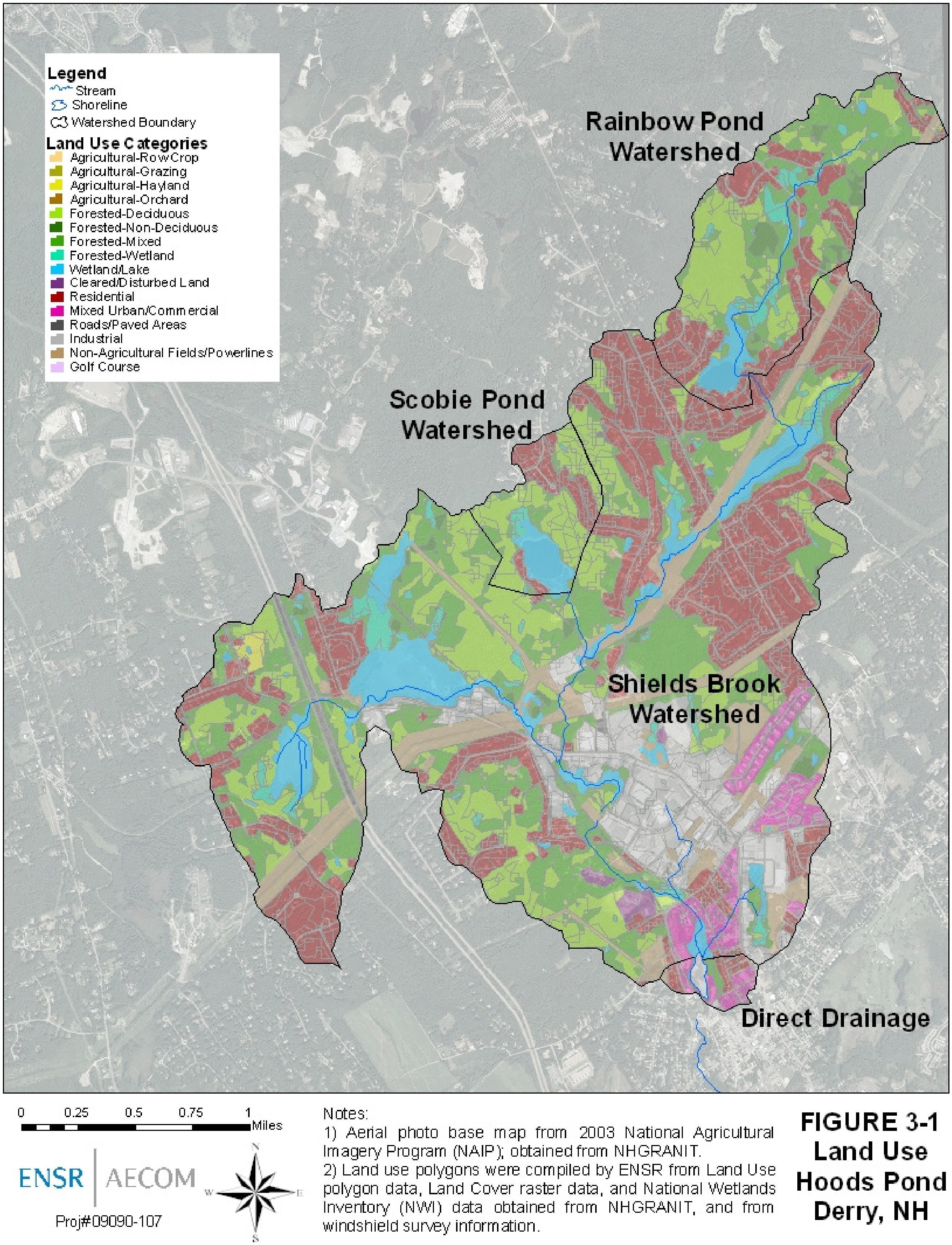

Figure 3-1. Hoods Pond Watershed Land Use.

3.1 Hydrologic Inputs and Water Loading

Calculating TP loads to Hoods Pond requires estimation of the sources of water to the lake. The three primary sources of water are: 1) atmospheric direct precipitation; 2) runoff, which includes all overland flow to the tributaries and direct drainage to the lake; and 3) baseflow, which includes all precipitation that infiltrates and is then subsequently released to surface water in the tributaries or directly to the lake (i.e., groundwater). Baseflow is roughly analogous to dry weather flows in streams and direct groundwater discharge to the lake. The water budget is broken down into its components in Table 3-1.

- Precipitation - Mean annual precipitation was assumed to be representative of a typical hydrologic period for the watershed. The annual precipitation value was derived from the USGS publication: Open File Report 96-395, "Mean Annual Precipitation and Evaporation - Plate 2", 1996 and confirmed with precipitation data from weather stations in Epping, Durham, and Concord. For the Hoods Pond watershed, 1.06 m of annual precipitation was used.
- Runoff - For each landuse category, annual runoff was calculated by multiplying mean annual precipitation by basin area and a land use specific runoff fraction. The runoff fraction represents the portion of rainfall converted to overland flow.
- Baseflow - The baseflow calculation was calculated in a manner similar to runoff. However, a baseflow fraction was used in place of a runoff fraction for each land use. The baseflow fraction represents the portion of rainfall converted to baseflow.

Runoff and baseflow fractions from Dunn and Leopold (1978) were assumed to be representative for NH land uses and are listed in Tables C-1 and C-2 in Appendix C. The hydrologic budget was calibrated to a representative standard water yield for New England (Sopper and Lull, 1970; Higgins and Colonell 1971, verified by assessment of yield from various New England USGS flow gauging stations). The water load was attenuated (reduced) 20% in the Rainbow Pond and Scobie Pond subwatersheds in order to account for the presence of wetland complexes. Rainbow Pond and Scobie Pond drain into the Shields Brook watershed and the cumulative water load is attenuated 11% to achieve better agreement with the standard water yield for New England. The attenuation was also verified based on best professional judgment and guidance from the Center for Watershed Protection (2000). Table C-8 provides a detailed comparison of the attenuation factors and the standard water yields used to calibrate the hydrologic budgets. More detail on the methodology for hydrologic budget estimation and calibration is presented in Appendix B.

Table 3-1. Hoods Pond Water Budget.

WATER BUDGET	M^3/YR
Atmospheric	25,440
Watershed Runoff	5,016,094
Watershed Baseflow	4,405,890
Total	9,447,424

3.2 Nutrient Inputs

Land Use Export

The Hoods Pond watershed and subwatershed boundaries were delineated using NHDES delineations and corrected with USGS topographic maps when necessary (NHDES, 2007). Land uses within the watershed were determined using several sources of information including: (1) Geographic Information System (GIS) data, (2) analysis of aerial photographs and (3) ground truthing (when appropriate).

The TP load for each subbasin was calculated using export coefficients for each land use type. The subbasin loads were adjusted based upon proximity to the lake, soil type, presence of wetlands, and attenuation provided by Best Management Practices (BMPs) for water or nutrient export mitigation. The watershed load (baseflow and runoff) was combined with direct loads (atmospheric, internal load, septic system, and waterfowl) to calculate TP loading. The generated load to the lake was then input into a series of empirical models that provided predictions of in-lake TP concentrations, chl a concentrations, algal bloom frequency and water clarity. Details on model input parameters and major assumptions used to estimate the baseline loading (i.e., existing conditions) for Hoods Pond are described below.

- Areal land use estimates were generated from land use and land cover GIS data layers from NH GRANIT. For Hoods Pond, data sources are: 1998 Rockingham County Land Use layer, the 2001 NH Land Cover Assessment layer © Complex Systems Research Center, University of New Hampshire, and National Wetland Inventory (1971-1992). Land use categories were matched with the ENSR-LRM land use categories and their respective TP export coefficients. Table C-3 lists ENSR-LRM land use categories in which the GRANIT categories were matched. Land cover data and aerial photographs were used to determine certain land use classifications, such as agriculture and forest types. Selected land uses were confirmed on the ground during a watershed survey. Watershed land use is presented spatially in Figure 3-1 and summarized in Table 3-2.
- TP export coefficient ranges were derived from values summarized by Reckhow et al. (1980), Dudley et al. (1997) as cited in MEDEP (2003) and Schloss and Connor (2000). Table C-3 provides ranges for export coefficients and Table C-4 provides the runoff and baseflow export coefficient for each land use category in Hoods Pond and the sources for each export coefficient.
- Areal loading estimates were attenuated within the model based on natural features such as porous soils, wetlands or by anthropogenic sources, such as implemented physical BMPs that would decrease loading. The TP attenuation factors applied to each subwatershed are listed in Table C-9. The Rainbow Pond subwatershed was attenuated 50% and the Scobie Pond subwatershed was attenuated 70%. These subwatersheds were calibrated to 20% higher than the summer epilimnetic concentrations because mean annual TP concentrations are usually higher than summer epilimnetic concentrations (Nurnberg 1996, 1998). No data was available to calibrate the Shields Brook subwatershed so the attenuation was set at 42% to calibrate it to 20% higher than the average in-lake summer epilimnetic concentration of 49 ug/L. Annual areal loading of TP from the watershed (Rainbow Pond, Scobie Pond, Shields Brook, and Direct Drainage subwatersheds) is estimated to be 504.4 kg/yr which represents greater than 99% of the total load to the lake.

Table 3-2. Land Use Categories by Hoods Pond Subwatersheds.

	Area (Hectares)			
	Shields Brook Subwatershed	Rainbow Pond Subwatershed	Scobie Pond Subwatershed	Direct Drainage
Urban 1 (Residential)	319.7	56.5	17.3	4.8
Urban 2 (Mixed Urban/Commercial)	41.8	0.0	0.0	7.3
Urban 3 (Roads)	49.6	4.5	1.1	1.4
Urban 4 (Industrial)	138.6	1.7	0.0	0.5
Urban 5 (Parks, Recreation, Institutional)	121.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Agric 4 (Hayland-Non Manure)	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Forest 1 (Deciduous)	223.6	61.1	34.7	0.0
Forest 2 (Non-Deciduous)	9.4	8.7	0.0	0.0
Forest 3 (Mixed Forest)	263.7	58.0	6.2	0.0
Forest 4 (Wetland)	28.7	13.0	3.3	1.9
Open 1 (Wetland / Pond)	89.7	11.5	11.4	0.0
Open 3 (Bare/Open)	7.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	1297.1	215.0	74.1	16.3

Atmospheric Deposition

Nutrient inputs from atmospheric deposition were estimated based on a TP coefficient for direct precipitation. The atmospheric load of 0.25 kg/ha/yr includes both the mass of TP in rainfall and the mass in dryfall (Wetzel, 2001). The sum of these masses is carried by rainfall. As a result, the concentration calculated for use in the loading estimate of 24 µg/L is similar to the mean concentration (25 µg/L) observed in rainfall in Concord, NH (NHDES, 2008 Unpublished Data). The coefficient was then multiplied by the lake area (ha) in order to obtain an annual atmospheric deposition TP load. The contribution of atmospheric deposition to the annual TP load to Hoods Pond was estimated to be 0.6 kg/yr or approximately 0.1% of the total load.

3.3 Phosphorus Loading Assessment Summary

The current TP load to Hoods Pond was estimated to be 505 kg/yr from all sources. The TP load according to source is presented in Table 3-3.

Loading from the watershed was overwhelmingly the largest source at 504.4 kg/yr (greater than 99% of the TP load). In particular, TP loading from the largest subwatershed, Shields Brook (includes Rainbow Pond and Scobie Pond), was the highest at 489 kg/yr (Table 3-3). Direct drainage to the lake contributes 15.4 kg/yr.

Direct precipitation provides less than 0.1% of the annual TP load.

Table 3-3. Hoods Pond Phosphorus Loading Summary.

TP INPUTS	Modeled Current TP Loading (kg/yr)	% of Total Load
Atmospheric	0.6	0.1
Watershed Load-Shields Brook (Includes Scobie Pond and Rainbow Pond)	489.0	96.8
Watershed Load-Direct Drainage	15.4	3.1
Total	**505.0**	**100**

3.4 Phosphorus Loading Assessment Limitations

While the analysis presented above provides a reasonable accounting of sources of TP loading to Hoods Pond, there are several limitations to the analysis:

- Precipitation varies among years and hence hydrologic loading will vary. This may greatly influence TP loads in any given year, given the importance of runoff to loading.
- Spatial analysis has innate limitations related to the resolution and timeliness of the underlying data. In places, local knowledge was used to ensure the land use distribution in the ENSR-LRM model was reasonably accurate, but data layers were not 100% verified on the ground. In addition, land uses were aggregated into classes which were then assigned export coefficients; variability in export within classes was not evaluated or expressed.
- TP export coefficients as well as runoff/baseflow exports were representative but also had limitations as they were not calculated for the study water body, but rather are regional estimates.
- Water quality data for Hoods Pond and its tributaries are quite limited with summer samples collected on only two days (one in 1997 and one in 2011). This restricts calibration of the model.

3.5 Lake Response to Current Phosphorus Loads

TP load outputs from the ENSR-LRM Methodology were used to predict in-lake TP concentrations using five empirical models. The models include: Kirchner-Dillon (1975), Vollenweider (1975), Reckhow (1977), Larsen-Mercier (1976), and Jones-Bachmann (1976). These empirical models estimate TP from system features, such as depth and detention time of the waterbody. The load generated from the export portion of ENSR-LRM was used in these equations to predict in-lake TP. The mean predicted TP concentration from these models was compared to measured (observed) values. Input factors in the export portion of the model, such as export coefficients and attenuation, were adjusted to yield an acceptable agreement between measured and average predicted TP. Because these empirical models account for a degree of TP loss to the lake sediments, the in-lake concentrations predicted by the empirical models are lower than those predicted by a straight mass-balance (86 μg/L) where the mass of TP entering the lake is equal to the mass exiting the lake without any retention. Also, the empirical models are based on relationships derived from many other lakes. As such, they may not apply accurately to any one lake, but provide an approximation of predicted in-lake TP concentrations and a reasonable estimate of the direction and magnitude of change that might be expected if loading is altered. These empirical modeling results are presented in Table 3-4.

The TP load estimated using ENSR-LRM methodology translates to predicted mean in-lake concentrations ranging from 43 to 53 μg/L. The mean in-lake TP concentration of the five empirical models was 49 μg/L. The average measured summer surface TP concentration is 41 ug/L based on a measurement of 54 ug/L in 1997 and 27 ug/L in 2011.

Predicted TP concentrations are typically higher than observed data collected during the summer months. Summer epilimnetic concentrations are typically lower than mean annual concentrations. The empirical models all predict mean annual TP concentrations assuming fully mixed conditions. Nurnberg (1996) shows summer epilimnetic concentrations as 14% lower than annual concentrations using a dataset of 82 dimictic lakes while Nurnberg (1998) shows a difference of 40% using a dataset of 127 stratified lakes.

Table 3-4. Predicted In-lake Total Phosphorus Concentration using Empirical Models.

Empirical Equation	Equation	Predicted TP (*ug*/L)
Mass Balance	TP=L/(Z(F))*1000	53
Kirchner-Dillon 1975	TP=L(1-Rp)/(Z(F))*1000	53
Vollenweider 1975	TP=L/(Z(S+F))*1000	53
Larsen-Mercier 1976	TP=L(1-Rlm)/(Z(F))*1000	51
Jones-Bachmann 1976	TP=0.84(L)/(Z(0.65+F))*1000	45
Reckhow General 1977	TP=L/(11.6+1.2(Z(F)))*1000	43
Average of Above 5 Model Values		***49***
Observed Summer Surface TP (1997 and 2011, n=2)		***41***

Variable	Description	Units	Equation
L	Phosphorus Load to Lake	g P/m2/yr	
Z	Mean Depth	m	Volume/area
F	Flushing Rate	flushings/yr	Inflow/volume
S	Suspended Fraction	no units	Effluent TP/Influent TP
Qs	Areal Water Load	m/yr	Z(F)
Vs	Settling Velocity	m	Z(S)
Rp	Retention Coefficient (settling rate)	no units	((Vs+13.2)/2)/(((Vs+13.2)/2)+Qs)
Rlm	Retention Coefficient (flushing rate)	no units	1/(1+F^0.5)

Once TP estimates were derived, annual mean chl *a* and SDT can be predicted based on another set of empirical equations: Carlson (1977), Dillon and Rigler (1974), Jones and Bachman (1976), Oglesby and Schaffner (1978), Vollenweider (1982), and Jones, Rast and Lee (1979). Bloom frequency was also calculated based on equations developed by Walker (1984, 2000) using a natural log mean chl *a* standard deviation of 0.5. These predictions are presented in Table 3-5. As shown, predicted average summer chl *a* concentrations (23.5 ug/L) are higher than measured values (1.9 ug/L). This could be due to the few samples (n =2) which may not have captured more severe algal blooms and/or it could be a result of the relatively high color in the pond which can suppress algal growth by reducing the amount of light in the water column (Wetzel, 2001).

Table 3-5. Predicted In-lake Chlorophyll *a* and Secchi Disk Transparency Predictions based on an Annual Average In-lake Phosphorus Concentration of 49 µg/L.

Empirical Equation	Equation	Predicted Value
Mean Chlorophyll		***ug/L***
Carlson 1977	Chl=0.087*(Pred TP)^1.45	24.6
Dillon and Rigler 1974	Chl=10^(1.449*LOG(Pred TP)-1.136)	20.6
Jones and Bachmann 1976	Chl=10^(1.46*LOG(Pred TP)-1.09)	23.8
Oglesby and Schaffner 1978	Chl=0.574*(Pred TP)-2.9	25.2
Modified Vollenweider 1982	Chl=2*0.28*(Pred TP)^0.96	23.5
Average of Model Values		**23.5**
Observed Summer Chl a (average of 1997 & 2011, n=2)		***1.9***
Peak Chlorophyll		***ug/L***
Modified Vollenweider (TP) 1982	Chl=2*0.64*(Pred TP)^1.05	76.2
Vollenweider (CHL) 1982	Chl=2.6*(AVERAGE(Pred Chl))^1.06	73.9
Modified Jones, Rast and Lee 1979	Chl=2*1.7*(AVERAGE(Pred Chl))+0.2	80.2
Average of Model Values		**76.8**
Bloom Probability		***% of Summer***
Probability of Chl >15 *u*g/L	See Walker 1984 & 2000	74.2%
Secchi Transparency		***m***
Mean: Oglesby and Schaffner 1978	Chl=10^(1.36-0.764*LOG(Pred TP))	1.2
Max: Modified Vollenweider 1982	Chl=9.77*Pred TP^-0.28	3.3
Observed Summer SDT (1997, n=1)		***0.80***
Variable	**Description**	**Units**
"Pred TP"	The average TP calculated from the 5 predictive equation models in Table 3-4	*u*g/L
"Pred Chl"	The average of the 3 predictive equations calculating mean chlorophyll	*u*g/L

4.0 Total Maximum Daily Load

4.1 Maximum Annual Load

The annual load capacity is defined by the US EPA in 40 C.F.R. § 130.2(f) as, "The greatest amount of loading that a water can receive without violating water quality standards." The loading capacity is to be protective even during critical conditions, such as summertime conditions for TP loading to nutrient enriched lakes. The ENSR-LRM loading and lake response model was used to calculate the target annual TP load in (kg TP/yr) from the 12 µg/L target in-lake TP concentration discussed in Section 2.6. Further documentation of the ENSR-LRM model can be found in Appendix B.

The total maximum annual TP load that is expected to result in an in-lake annual mean TP concentration of 12 µg/L was estimated to be 124.0 kg/yr, which represents a 75% reduction from existing conditions (Table 4-1).

4.2 Maximum Daily Load

Although a daily loading timescale is not meaningful for ecological prediction or long-term watershed management of lakes, this TMDL will present daily pollutant loads of TP in addition to the annual load. USEPA believes that there is some flexibility in how the daily loads may be expressed (USEPA, 2006). Several of these options are presented in "Options for Expressing Daily Loads in TMDLs" (USEPA, 2007).

The Hoods Pond dataset and associated empirical model necessitates a statistical estimation of a maximum daily load because long periods of continuous simulation data and extensive flow and loading data are not available. US EPA (2007) provides such an approach.

The following expression assumes that loading data are log-normal distributed and is based on a long term mean load calculated by the empirical model and an estimation of the variability in loading.

$$MDL = LTA * e^{[z\sigma - 0.5\sigma^2]}$$

Where:

MDL = maximum daily limit
LTA = long-term average
Z = z-statistic of the probability of occurrence
$\sigma^2 = \ln(CV^2 + 1)$
CV= coefficient of variation

For the Hoods Pond TMDL a coefficient of variation (CV) of 1.1 and a 95% probability level of occurrence (z = 1.64) were used. The CV was calculated as the mean of the CV of loading from 18 subwatersheds draining to Goose Pond and Bow Lake in New Hampshire (Schloss, 2008 unpublished data). The long term average (LTA) load of 0.34 kg/day was calculated by dividing the annual load (124.0 kg) by 365 days. The total maximum daily load of TP is 0.99 kg/day, or approximately 2.17 lbs/day.

4.3 Future Development

Since the human population within a watershed may continue to grow and contribute additional TP to the impaired lakes, TMDLs often include an allocation for growth and associated future TP loading. For example, in Maine, target TP loading from anticipated future development is equivalent to a 1.0 µg/L change in in-lake TP concentration (Dennis et al. 1992). However, the NH water quality regulation Env-Wq 1703.3(a) General Water Quality Criteria states, "The presence of pollutants in the surface waters shall not justify further introduction of pollutants from point and/or nonpoint sources." With regard to at least impaired waterbodies, it is the policy of NHDES that existing loads due to development are held constant, allowing no additional loading. In order for any future allocation of pollutant load(s) to be granted for an impaired waterbody, the load would need to be reduced elsewhere in the watershed. Given the antidegradation statement above (Section 2.4), this TMDL has been developed assuming no future increase in TP export from these impaired watersheds. However, it should be recognized that the NHDES has no mechanism for regulation/enforcement of TP export from developments of single house lots that do not require a Section 401 Water Quality Certification or fall under the thresholds for alteration of terrain permits (100,000 square feet of disturbance or 50,000 square feet within 250 feet of a lake). Municipalities can, however, regulate such development by revising their land use ordinances/regulations to require no additional loading of TP from new development.

4.4 Critical Conditions

Critical conditions in Hoods Pond typically occur during the summertime, when the potential (both occurrence and frequency) for nuisance algal blooms are greatest. The loading capacity for TP was set to achieve desired water quality standards during this critical time period and also provide adequate protection for designated uses throughout the year. This was accomplished by using a target concentration based on summer epilimnetic data and applying it as a mean annual concentration in the predictive models used to establish the mean annual maximum load. Since summer epilimnetic values are typically about 20% less than mean annual concentrations (Nurnberg 1996, 1998), an annual load allocation based on mean annual concentrations will be sufficiently low to protect designated uses impacted by TP in the critical summer period.

4.5 Seasonal Variation

As explained in Section 4.4, the Hoods Pond TMDL takes into account seasonal variations because the target annual load is developed to be protective of the most sensitive (i.e., biologically responsive) time of year (summer), when conditions most favor the growth of algae.

4.6 Reduction Needed

Current TP loading and in-lake concentrations are greater than required to support designated uses. The target TP concentration established in Section 2.6 was set in order to ensure that designated uses were supported. The degree of TP load reduction required to meet designated uses is calculated by subtracting the target load (Section 4.1) from the existing load estimated with ENSR-LRM (Section 3.3). Percent reductions are summarized in Table 4-1. Calculations are detailed in Table C-11 found in Appendix C.

Using the estimated target load presented in Section 4.1, the TP load needs to be reduced to 124.0 kg/yr or a mean of 0.34 kg/d. Based on the daily analysis requirement discussed in Section 4.2, the maximum daily load should be less than 0.98 kg/d in order to meet the water quality target of 12 µg/L. This would require an overall reduction of 75% in the total load (i.e., atmospheric and total watershed load). As some sources are less controllable than others, the actual reduction to be applied to achieve this goal will vary by source (see Section 5 TMDL Allocation). A 76% reduction in the Shields Brook subwatershed and a 48.7% reduction in the Direct Drainage subwatershed are required to achieve the 12 µg/L target TP concentration.

Table 4-1. Hoods Pond Total Phosphorus Annual Load Reduction at Target Criteria of 12 µg/L.

TP INPUTS	Modeled TP Load to Attain 12 ug/L Target (kg/yr)	Modeled Current TP Load (kg/yr)	Reduction (%)
Atmospheric	0.6	0.6	
Internal	0.0	0.0	
Waterfowl	0.0	0.0	
Septic System	0.0	0.0	
Watershed Load- Shields Brook (Includes Rainbow Pond and Scobie Pond)	115.5	489.0	76%
Watershed Load- Direct Drainage	7.9	15.4	48.7%
Total	**124.0**	**505.0**	**75%**

4.7 TMDL Development Summary

There is currently no numerical water quality criteria for TP in the State of New Hampshire. However, the relationship between TP and algal biomass is well documented in scientific literature and TP thresholds based on trophic status and nutrient response parameters have been developed and used to make assessments.. This TMDL was therefore developed for TP and is designed to protect Hoods Pond and its designated uses impacted by the presence of potentially hepatotoxic cyanobacteria.

As discussed in Appendix A and section 2.6, a numerical TP target of 12 ug/L was selected for Webster Lake. Water quality was linked to TP loading by:

- Choosing a preliminary target in-lake TP level, based on historic state-wide and in-lake water quality data, best professional judgment, and through consultation with NHDES and US EPA sufficient to attain water quality standards and support designated uses. The preliminary in-lake TP concentration target is 12 µg/L.

- Using the mean of five empirical models that link in-lake TP concentration and load, calibrated to lake-specific conditions, to estimate the load responsible for observed in-lake TP concentrations.

- Determining the overall mean annual in-lake TP concentration from those models, given that the observed in-lake concentrations may represent only a portion of the year or a specific location within the lake.

- Using the predicted mean annual in-lake TP concentration to predict Secchi disk transparency, chl *a* concentration and algal bloom frequency.

- Using the aforementioned empirical models to determine the TP load reduction needed to meet the numeric concentration target.

- Using a GIS-based spreadsheet model to provide a relative estimate of loads from watershed land areas and uses under current and various projected scenarios to assist stakeholders in developing TP reduction strategies.

Documentation of the model approach is presented in Appendix B. This approach is viewed as combining an appropriate level of modeling with the available water quality and watershed data to generate a reasonably reliable estimate of TP loading and concentration under historic, current, and potential future conditions. It offers a rational estimate of the direction and magnitude of change necessary to support the designated uses protected by New Hampshire.

5.0 TMDL Allocation

The allocations for the Hoods Pond TMDL are expressed as both annual loads and daily loads. However, annual loads better align with the design and implementation of watershed and lake management strategies. The TMDL requires an allocation of the total load of the resource. The allocation includes a waste load allocation (WLA), load allocation (LA), and margin of safety (MOS). The sum of these allocations is equal to the target annual load or TMDL for the resource. Each of these allocations is defined in detail in the following subsections. Seasonal variation is also included in the loading allocations.

The equation for the Hoods Pond TMDL analysis is as follows:

$$TMDL = LA + WLA + MOS$$

In the case of Hoods Pond, the TMDL is equivalent to the target annual load of 124.0 kg/yr. Allocations of this load are described below.

5.1 Wasteload Allocations (WLAs) and Load Allocations (LAs)

Wasteload allocations identify the portion of the loading capacity that is allocated to point sources and load allocations identify the portion of the loading capacity that is allocated to nonpoint sources and natural background. Point sources in this watershed include stormwater outfalls and stormwater runoff from present or future construction activities. The portion of the watershed covered by municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4) is presented in Table 5-1 and Figure 5-1. Nonpoint sources may include diffuse stormwater runoff, surface water base flow (including groundwater seepage), septic systems, internal recycling, waterfowl, and atmospheric deposition. The real challenge in splitting out point sources from nonpoint sources resides with the available data. In order to accurately develop allocations for these two categories of sources it is essential to have not only a complete accounting of each point source, but also a delineation of the associated drainage area and an estimate of existing pollutant loading. Generating this loading estimate is further compounded by the fact that stormwater discharges are highly variable in frequency, duration, and quality. Because sufficient information at the parcel level was simply not available in this watershed, it is infeasible to draw a distinction between stormwater from existing or future regulated point sources, non-regulated point sources, and nonpoint sources. Therefore, a single wasteload allocation (WLA) has been set for the entire watershed, which includes both point and nonpoint sources (Table 6-1). This allocation is also expressed as a percent reduction (Table 6-1). This is the reduction needed from all controllable sources in order to ensure that designated uses are fully supported in this waterbody.

5.2 Margin of Safety (MOS)

An MOS in this TMDL accounts for substantial uncertainty in inputs to the models. In addition, the empirical equations used to predict in-lake TP concentrations, mean and maximum chl *a*, SDT, and bloom probability also introduces variability into the predictions described in Section 3.5. See Appendix A for a discussion of the MOS for each of the three approaches used to set the target. In addition, setting the TMDL based on a target of 12 ug/L in Hoods Pond may incorporate an MOS due to the relatively high color in the pond (140 PCU measured in 2011). That is, high color is often an indication of dissolved organic matter (DOM) such as humic and fulvic acids which can suppress the amount of light in the water column (Wetzel, 2001). Reduction in light, can in turn, suppress the rate of photosynthesis and algal growth. In addition DOM can bind phosphorus from the water column rendering it unavailable for algal growth (Wetzel, 2001) This may be the case in Hoods Pond as the summer data collected in 1997 and 2011 indicate high TP concentrations (27 to 54 ug/L) but low chl a (1.88 ug/L). Although it's possible algal blooms were not captured because samples were only collected on two days, one would typically expect higher chl a results for the levels of TP measured in the pond. If indeed this is due to the high color (i.e., DOM), the TMDL target TP concentration (and TMDL) could be higher before nutrient related responses (i.e., cyanobacteria, chl a and/or dissolved oxygen) result in water quality impairments.

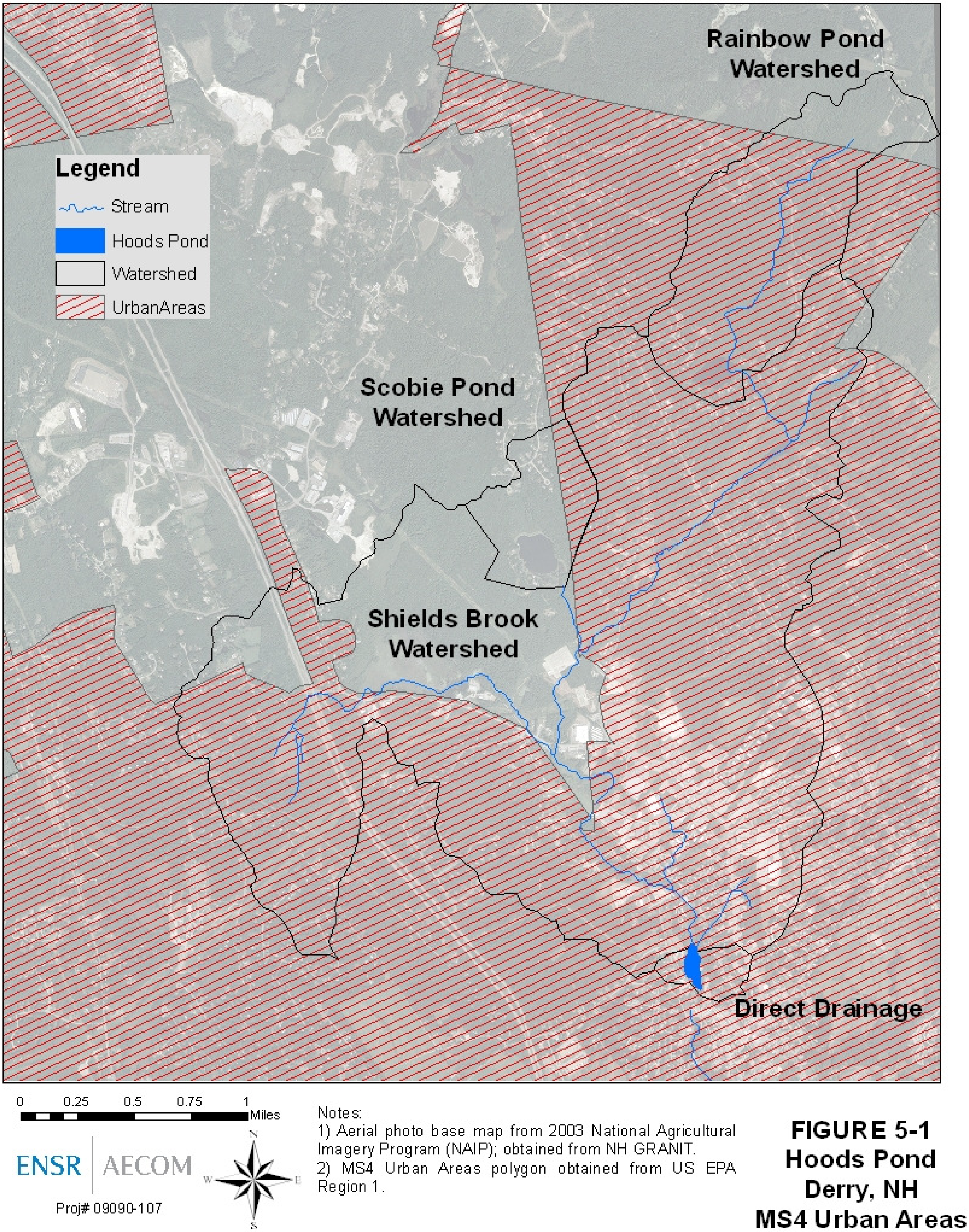

Figure 5-1. MS4 Urbanized Areas in Hoods Pond Watershed.

Table 5-1. MS4 and Non-MS4 Areas within the Hoods Pond Watershed.

	ha	%
Shields Brook		
MS4 Area	1050	81%
Non-MS4 Area	247	19%
Total Area	1297	
Rainbow Pond		
MS4 Area	177	82%
Non-MS4 Area	38	18%
Total Area	215	
Scobie Pond		
MS4 Area	17	23%
Non-MS4 Area	57	77%
Total Area	74	
Direct Drainage		
MS4 Area	16	100%
Non-MS4 Area	0	0%
Total Area	16	
Total MS4 Area	**1260**	**79%**
Total Non-MS4 Area	**343**	**21%**
Total Hoods Pond Watershed	**1602**	

6.0 Evaluation of Loading Scenarios

The ENSR-LRM model was used to evaluate a natural background and target loading scenarios and the probable lake response to these loadings. These scenarios included:

- Current Loading
- Natural Environmental Background Loading
- Target Load Based on 12 µg/L Target

The current loading scenario is discussed above in Section 3.0. Each scenario described below represents a change from the current loading scenario. The discussion of each scenario includes only the portions of the current loading scenario that were altered for the specific simulation. A comparison of the results of each of the alternative scenarios is presented in Tables 6-1 and 6-2. More detailed model output can be found in Tables C-10 to C-11 in Appendix C.

Table 6-1. Comparison of Phosphorus Loading Scenarios for Hoods Pond.

Inputs	Current Load (kg/yr)	Natural Environmental Background (kg/yr)	Target Load to Obtain 12 *u*g/L In-lake Concentration (kg/yr)
Atmospheric	0.6	0.6	0.6
Shields Brook Watershed (Includes Scobie and Rainbow)	489.0	98.0	115.5
Direct Drainage Watershed	15.4	1.5	7.9
Total Load (All Sources)	505.0	100.1	124.0
Total Overall Load Reduction	0.0	404.9	381.0
Percent Overall Reduction	0%	80%	75%
Shields Brook Watershed (Includes Scobie and Rainbow)	489.0	98.0	115.5
Reduction	0	391.0	373.5
Percent Reduction	0%	80%	76%
Direct Drainage Watershed	15.4	1.5	7.9
Reduction	0	13.9	7.5
Percent Reduction	0%	90%	48.7%
Total Watershed	504.4	99.5	123.4
Total Watershed Reduction	0	404.9	381.0
Percent Watershed Reduction	0%	80%	76%

Table 6-2. Lake Water Quality Response to Different Loading Scenarios for Hoods Pond.

Parameters	Current Load	Natural Environmental Background	Target Load to Obtain 12 *u*g/L In-lake Concentration
TP Load (kg/yr)	505.0	100.1	124.0
Mean Annual TP (*u*g/L)	49.0	9.3	12.0
Mean Secchi Disk Transparency (m)	1.2	4.2	3.4
Mean Chlorophyll *a* (*u*g/L)	23.5	2.7	3.8
Peak Chlorophyll *a* (*u*g/L)	76.8	10.0	13.8
Probability of Summer Bloom (Chl *a* > 15 *u*g/L)	74.2%	0.0%	0.1%

6.1 Natural Environmental Background Phosphorus Loading

Natural environmental background levels of TP in the lake were evaluated using the ENSR-LRM model. Natural background was defined as background TP loading from non-anthropogenic sources. Hence, land uses in the watershed were set to its assumed "natural" state of forests and wetlands. Loading was then calculated using the ENSR-LRM model as described above. This estimate is useful as it sets a realistic lower bound of TP loading and in-lake concentrations possible for Hoods Pond. Loadings and target concentrations below these levels are very unlikely to be achieved.

All developed land was converted to forests. The developed land was split into mixed, deciduous, and coniferous forest categories in the same percentages as the current watershed forest composition. Wetland areas were not changed because it was assumed no wetland had been lost due to development. This assumption may not be valid due to the extent of urban development as some wetlands may have been filled. Background TP loads under this scenario were 100.1 kg/yr total. The Shields Brook watershed complex contributes 98.0 kg/yr and Direct Drainage contributes 1.5 kg/yr (Table 6-1, Table 6-2). The calculated background loading of TP to Hoods Pond would result in a mean in-lake TP concentration of 9.3 µg/L, a mean Secchi Disk transparency of 4.2 m, and a bloom probability of 0.0%. Estimated TP loading to the lake under this scenario is 80% lower than current loads to the lake. The lake would support designated uses under this scenario as in-lake predicted TP concentrations (9.3 µg/L) are below the target value (12 µg/L).

6.2 Reduction of Watershed Loads to Meet In-lake Target of 12 µg/L

The target in lake TP concentration and load for Hoods Pond was set to 12 µg/L and 124.0 kg/yr respectively (see section 2.6 and 6.0). Loads associated with this scenario are presented in Table 6-1 and predicted in-lake concentrations and bloom probabilities are presented in Table 6-2. This translates to an overall load reduction of 381.0 kg/yr or 75% of the total load. Watershed loads were reduced in order for the total target load to equal 12 ug/L. A reduction of 76% of the loads from the Shields Brook subwatershed and a reduction of 48.7% from Direct Drainage would be required to meet the annual load of 124.0 kg/yr related to the TMDL. Other combinations will also achieve standards provided the total annual watershed load is no more than approximately 123.4 kg/yr. These reductions apply to both the WLA (MS4 areas) and LA. A reduction of 76% may not be technologically achievable as it is more than the maximum estimated achievable reduction of approximately 60-70% (Center for Watershed Protection, 2000). However, any TP reductions will achieve progress towards the goal of in-lake TP concentrations of 12 µg/L. It should further be noted that a load reduction of 76% may not be necessary due to the high color in the pond (see section 5.3) which may allow higher phosphorus loadings without concomitant algal blooms that impact designated uses. In other words, the target of 12 ug/L and total load of 124.0 kg/yr may be conservative (i.e., low). Conceptual implementation guidance for watershed control is provided in Section 7.0. This load reduction scenario is expected to result in Hoods Pond supporting the use of primary contact recreation based on meeting criteria for cyanobacteria.

7.0 Implementation Plan

The following TP control implementation plan provides recommendations for future BMP work and necessary water quality improvements. The recommendations are intended to provide options of potential watershed and lake management strategies that can improve water quality to meet target loads. Note that providing a comprehensive diagnostic/feasibility study is beyond the scope of this report, but we have attempted to narrow the range of management options in accordance with known loading issues and desired loading reductions.

The successful implementation of this TMDL will be based on compliance with water quality criteria for cyanobacteria scums (as well as thresholds for other nutrient related response parameters such as dissolved oxygen and chl *a*) and not on meeting the overall TP reduction target (75%). It is anticipated that TP reductions associated with this TMDL will be conducted in phases.

As discussed in Section 3.3, watershed TP loading is the predominant source (greater than 99%) of TP to Hoods Pond. Implementing BMPs to reduce the watershed load is the most effective strategy to reduce the TP loading into Hoods Pond in order to attain an in-lake TP concentration of 12 µg/L. Experience suggests that aggressive implementation of watershed BMPs may result in a maximum practical TP loading reduction of

60-70%. Greater reductions are possible, but consideration of costs, space requirements, and legal ramifications (e.g., land acquisitions, jurisdictional issues), limit attainment of such reductions. Most techniques applied in a practical manner do not yield greater than 60% reductions in TP loads (Center of Watershed Protection, 2000). Better results may be possible with widespread application of low impact development techniques, as these reduce post-development volume of runoff as well as improve its quality, but there is not enough of a track record yet to generalize attainable results on a watershed basis.

The actual reduction in watershed loading necessary to meet the 12 µg/L limit is approximately 76%, and it is assumed that this reduction would be obtained mainly from the runoff portion of the load. This level of reduction is beyond the practical maximum suggested by Center of Watershed Protection (2000), but may be achievable with very aggressive action. However, as stated in section 6.2, a watershed load reduction of 76% may not be necessary due to the high color in the pond (see section 5.3) which may allow higher phosphorus loadings without concomitant algal blooms that impact designated uses. In other words, the target of 12 ug/L and total load of 124.0 kg/yr may be conservative (i.e., low) For this reason, implementation should be phased in over a period of several years, with monitoring and adjustment as necessary.

There are a number of BMPs that could appropriately be implemented in the Hoods Pond watershed (Table 7-1). BMPs fall into three main functional groups: 1) Recharge / Infiltration Practices, 2) Low Impact Development Practices, and 3) Extended Detention Practices. The table lists the practices, the pollutants typically removed and the degree of effectiveness for each type of BMP. Specific information on the BMPs is well summarized by the Center for Watershed Protection (2000).

Some of these practices may be directly applicable to the Hoods Pond watershed. The natural wetlands in the Shields Brook subwatershed naturally function to slow runoff water thereby encouraging infiltration of water and removal of TP through settling, soil adsorption and plant uptake. These functions should be preserved.

Maintaining buffers between lawn areas and surface water and encouraging minimal use of fertilizers is recommended. If fertilizer must be used, low or no phosphorus fertilizers are recommended for lake protection.

Detention practices can improve the quality of storm water originating from the highways and developments in the Hoods Pond watershed. Designing and installing BMPs that encourage infiltration or stormwater detention would reduce channel erosion and reduce TP concentrations by settling and contact with the soil prior to entry to the lake.

Retrofitting developed land with low impact designs is a highly desirable option, especially near the lake. Numerous homes are very close to the lake and there is little vegetated buffer between lawns and the lake. There are a great number of impervious surfaces throughout the watershed. Installing LID measures to slow and infiltrate runoff will help to improve water quality. Educational programs can help raise the awareness of homeowners and inform them how they can alter drainage on their property to reduce nutrients entering the pond. Another option to engage the community is through technical assistance programs, such as BMP training for municipal officials and septic system inspection programs. Guidelines for evaluating TP export to lakes are found in “Phosphorus Control in Lake Watersheds: A Technical Guide to Evaluating New Development” (Dennis et al., 1992). Recent guidance for low impact living on the shoreline, “Landscaping at the Waters Edge: An Ecological Approach”, has been developed by UNH Cooperative Extension (2007).

Section 319 of the Clean Water Act was established to assist states in nonpoint source control efforts. Under Section 319, grant money can be used for technical assistance, financial assistance, education training, technology transfer, demonstration projects and monitoring to assess the success of specific nonpoint source implementation projects. The 319 grant money can be used only for source control in MS4 permitted areas when the control exceeds the requirements of the stormwater management plan for the MS4 areas.

US EPA has identified a minimum of nine elements that must be included in a management plan for achieving improvements in water quality. A summary of the nine elements is provided below. The full description can be found in US EPA (2005).

1) Identification of causes of impairment and pollutant sources.
2) An estimate of the load reductions expected from management measures.
3) A description of the nonpoint source measures needed to achieve load reductions.
4) An estimate of the technical and financial assistance needed and the cost.
5) An information and education component.
6) A schedule for implementation.
7) Description of milestones to determine if goals are being met.
8) Criteria to determine progress in reducing loads.
9) Monitoring to evaluate effectiveness of implementation efforts over time.

This TMDL was written to meet the criteria of the first element. Application materials and instructions for 319 funding can be obtained through:

Nonpoint Coordinator
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
29 Hazen Drive
P.O. Box 95
Concord, NH 03302
http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/was/categories/grants.htm

For more information on the Phase II requirements of the stormwater regulations contact:

Stormwater Coordinator
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
29 Hazen Drive
P.O. Box 95
Concord, NH 03302
http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/stormwater/index.htm

Proactive planning can prevent the further degradation of lake water quality. However, past resistance to zoning regulations creates difficulties for proactive planning. The TMDL process is intended to give a direction and goal for planning and watershed management. As the lake improves, the implementation strategy should be re-evaluated using current data and modeling and the plan for further load reduction adapted accordingly.

Table 7-1. Best Management Practices Selection Matrix.

Management Practice	Runoff Volume (↑)	Peak Flow Rates (↑)	Bankfull Flow (↑)	Baseflow (↓)	Mod. Sed. Transport	Channel Morph. Changes [1]	In-Stream Temp. (↑)	Sediment conc. (↑)	Nutrient conc. (↑)	Metal Conc. (↑)	Hydrocarbon Conc. (↑)	Bacteria/Pathogens (↑)	Organic carbon Conc. (↑)	MTBE Conc. (↑)	Pesticide conc. (↑)	Deicer conc. (↑)	New Development	Retrofit	Urban	Sub-Urban	Residential Sub-Division	Commercial	Industrial	Notes
Recharge / Infiltration Practices[2]																								
Infiltration Swale	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Moderate	Good	Moderate	Well Suited	Moderately Suited	Moderately Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Permeable site soils required. Pre-treatment recommended.
Infiltration Trench/Galley	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Moderate	Good	Moderate	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Permeable site soils required. Pre-treatment recommended.
Retention/Infiltration Basin	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Moderate	Good	Moderate	Well Suited	Moderately Suited	Moderately Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Permeable site soils required. Pre-treatment recommended.
Low Impact Development Practices																								
Bioretention	Good	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Moderate	Good	Moderate	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	
Disconnecting Impervious Area	Good	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Minimal	Well Suited	Well Suited	Moderately Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	
Flow Path Practices	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Well Suited	Not Applicable	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Includes increasing roughness, sheet flow, flow path length, and flattening slopes.
Green Roof	Good	Good	Good	Minimal	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Well Suited	Moderately Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Moderately Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	
Minimize Disturbance Area	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Well Suited	Not Applicable	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Used as a component of LID site design.
Minimize Site Imperviousness	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Well Suited	Not Applicable	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Includes imiting use of sidewalks, and reducing road/driveway length/width.
Porous Pavement	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	
Preserve Infiltratable Soils	Good	Moderate	Moderate	Good	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Well Suited	Not Applicable	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Used as a component of LID site design.
Preserve Natural Depression Areas	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Well Suited	Not Applicable	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Used as a component of LID site design.
Rain Barrels/Cisterns	Good	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Good	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	
Rain Garden	Good	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Moderate	Good	Moderate	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	
Soil Amendment	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Well Suited	Well Suited	Moderately Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Moderately Suited	Moderately Suited	Used as a component of LID site design.
Vegetated Filter Strip	Good	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Well Suited	Well Suited	Moderately Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	
Vegetation Preservation	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Well Suited	Not Applicable	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Used as a component of LID site design.
Extended Detention Practices																								
Created Wetland/Biofilter Detention	Moderate	Good	Moderate	Minimal	Moderate	Moderate	Adverse	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Minimal	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Well Suited	Moderately Suited	Moderately Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	
Extended Detention Pond	Minimal	Good	Moderate	Minimal	Moderate	Moderate	Adverse	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Good	Moderate	Moderate	Minimal	Moderate	Minimal	Well Suited	Moderately Suited	Moderately Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	
Wet Detention	Minimal	Good	Moderate	Minimal	Moderate	Moderate	Adverse	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Good	Adverse	Moderate	Minimal	Moderate	Minimal	Well Suited	Moderately Suited	Moderately Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	
Other Best Management Practices																								
Deep Sump Catch Basins	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Moderate	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Pre-treatment prior to infiltration BMPs
Sand/Organic Filter	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Minimal	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	
Swale	Moderate	Good	Moderate	Minimal	Moderate	Moderate	Minimal	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Good	Moderate	Moderate	Minimal	Moderate	Minimal	Well Suited	Moderately Suited	Moderately Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Dry swale with some infiltration.
Water Quality Inlet	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Moderate	Minimal	Minimal	Moderate	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Well Suited	Includes proprietary hydrodynamic devices. Pre-treatment prior to exfiltration BMPs.

Columns "Runoff Volume" through "Deicer conc." fall under **Ability to Mitigate**; columns "New Development" through "Industrial" fall under **Applicability**.

Key
- Adverse Impact
- Moderate Mitigation
- Good Mitigation
- Minimal Mitigation
- Moderately Suited
- Well Suited
- Not Applicable

[1] Impacts include channel enlargement/Incision/embededness, changes in pool/riffle structure, and reduced channel sinousity.
[2] Recharge and infiltration measures require permeable soils and pre-treatment is recommended. See specific BMP descriptions for more information.

8.0 Monitoring Plan

NHDES collected summer water quality data on August 19, 1997 for Lake Trophic Studies sampling and again in 2011 (based comments received after issuing the Draft Report for public review). As this is the only summer data available, it is recommended that Hoods Pond become active in the Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP) through NHDES or with Lakes Lay Monitoring Program (LLMP) at UNH. The deepest site in the center of the lake should be the primary sampling location in Hoods Pond (Figure 2-1). Water quality samples should be collected at the surface as the pond is shallow and does not stratify. A composite sample of the water column should be tested for chl *a*, a DO profile from top to bottom should be conducted and a Secchi disk transparency measurement should also be taken.

It is recommended that VLAP or LLMP sampling be initiated to document the in-lake response, trends, and compliance with water quality criteria following implementation of TP reduction measures. As discussed in the previous section, successful implementation of this TMDL will be based on compliance with water quality criteria for cyanobacteria scums as well as thresholds for other nutrient related response parameters such as dissolved oxygen and chl *a*). These water quality variables should be the focus of the VLAP or LLMP. It is recommended that prior to initiating any expensive phosphorus control measures, monitoring should be conducted to confirm that nutrient related water quality violations exist. This is especially relevant in light of the limited historical monitoring and the relatively high color of Hoods Pond which may suppress the anticipated impacts of TP on cyanobacteria, chl a and dissolved oxygen (see section 5.3 and 6.2). NHDES staff will continue to sample and document the extent and severity of reported cyanobacteria scums through microscopic identification, cell counts and toxicity tests.

Assuming violations of nutrient related response parameters (cyanobacteria, chl a and/or dissolved oxygen) exist, and to help prioritize implementation of TP reduction measures, it may be instructive for stakeholders to collect dry and wet weather watershed TP samples (along with estimates of flow) in some of the tributaries draining suspected sources such as highly developed land. The TP loads should be calculated using concentration and flow data. Tributaries impacted by humans (i.e., not natural) with the highest TP load would be the target of initial efforts to reduce TP.

Although waterfowl are not believed to be a major source of TP loading, a survey of waterfowl would help confirm model input.

Implementation of the monitoring plan is contingent on the availability of sufficient staff and funding.

9.0 Reasonable Assurances

The TMDL provides reasonable assurances that nonpoint source reductions will occur by providing information on the cooperative efforts of the NHDES and watershed stakeholders to initiate the process of addressing nonpoint source pollution in the watershed. The successful reduction in nonpoint TP loading, however, depends on the willingness and motivation of stakeholders to get involved and the availability of federal, state, and local funds.

As discussed in section 5.1, sufficient data are simply not available in this watershed to draw an accurate distinction between nonpoint watershed sources and point sources of phosphorus. Given the difficulty in accurately separating these sources, the allocations in this TMDL are characterized as a single wasteload allocation (WLA) which includes both point and nonpoint sources. The State fully acknowledges that it will take a concerted effort to reduce phosphorus loading to the maximum extent practicable from as many sources as possible in order to fully support designated uses in this waterbody. In many cases, phosphorus reductions from individual sources can and should be greater than the prescribed reductions in this TMDL, in order to make up for areas of the watershed where greater reductions are not attainable.

Reasonable assurance that non-regulated point source and nonpoint source load reductions will occur include the following:

-RSA 485-A:12, which requires persons responsible for sources of pollution that lower the quality of waters below the minimum requirements of the classification to abate such pollution, will be enforced.

-NHDES will work with watershed stakeholders to identify specific phosphorus sources within the watershed. Technical assistance is available to mitigate phosphorus export from existing nonpoint sources.

Requests for 319 funding to implement specific BMPs within the watershed shall receive high priority. The new NHDES Stormwater Manual provides information on site design techniques to minimize the impact of development on water quality as well as BMPs for erosion and sediment control and treatment of post-construction stormwater pollutants. Also of use to municipalities is the Innovative Land Use Planning Techniques Handbook, which provides model municipal ordinances including one on post-construction stormwater management. Both documents are accessible on the NHDES website at www.des.nh.gov. DES staff also provides assistance by working with Lake Associations to identify LID projects that would qualify for 319 funding.

-Per RSA 483-A:7 Lakes Management and Protection Plans, the lakes coordinator and the Office of Energy and Planning, in cooperation with regional planning agencies, and appropriate council on resources and development agencies, shall provide technical assistance and information in support of lake management and local shoreland planning efforts consistent with the guidelines established under RSA 483-A:7, and compatible with the criteria established under RSA 483-A:5.

-For lakes included in the NHDES Volunteer Lake Assessment Program, NHDES staff will meet with participants on an annual basis during field sampling visits and annual workshops to discuss TP reduction opportunities and assist them with securing 319 grants where eligible.

10.0 Public Participation and List of Substantive Changes in the Final Report

10.1 Public Participation, Comments, and Response to Comments

Public Participation , Comments and Response to Comments

US EPA regulations (40 CFR 130.7 (c) (ii)) require that calculations to establish TMDLs be subject to public review. On May 17, 2010, a public notice announcing the availability of the draft TMDL for public review and comment was posted on the DES website (http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/tmdl/categories/publications.htm). On that date, three copies of the draft report and two copies of the public notice were mailed to the Town of Derry's Town Administrator and one copy of each was mailed to the Town of Derry's Town Engineer. DES requested that one copy of the draft report be kept at Town Hall and the public notices be posted on the public bulletin boards at Town Hall and at the Town Library.

NHDES received comments from the Town of Derry's Town Engineer, Mr. Craig Durrett. Those comments are listed below with DES's responses underneath each comment in italics.

DES Response to Comments Received from the Town of Derry

Comment 1:

Section 2.1, 3rd and 4th sentences – There may be an error in the reported maximum depth in feet (maybe 6.0 ft and not 3.6 ft). We also believe the flushing rapid flushing rate of 368 times per year to be too high. What is this based on?

DES Response:

Section 2.1, 3rd sentence was changed to the correct maximum depth of 6.0 ft (as is indicated correctly in Table 2-1 in that section).

The flushing rate is based on the NHDES 1997 Hoods Pond Lake Trophic Report cited in the References section of the report.

Comment 2:

Section 2.1, 5th Sentence – The report incorrectly states that the watershed area is entirely within the Town of Derry. Nearly half the watershed is in the Town of Londonderry. The approximate location of the town line is drawn on the attached Figure 3-1. Representatives from Londonderry Public Works associated with their town's stormwater program were not aware of this Draft TMDL report.

DES Response:

Section 2.1 of the report was changed to include the Town of Londonderry in the description of the watershed area. Since nearly half of the watershed is located in the Town of Londonderry, DES contacted the town to make them aware of the Draft Report and to provide pertinent information. On January 12th 2012, DES forwarded a copy of the Draft Report to the Town of Londonderry's Engineer who forwarded the report to Public Works Director and Conservation Commission for review and comment. DES did not receive any comments on the report from the Town of Londonderry.

Comment 3:

Section 2.5 – It is unclear on what the statement "Hoods Pond periodically experiences cyanobacteria blooms in summer" is based on.

DES Response:

The statement in the report was based on a 2005 beach inspection report which noted "Algae mats, scums throughout". The beach inspection report was used as the basis to include Hoods Pond on the 2006 , 2008, and 2010 303(d) lists of impaired waters as having a primary contact recreation use impairment.

Comment 4:

Section 3.2, 1st bullet – It is noted that aerial land use estimates were generated based on sources of data ranging from 1998 through 2001, with some wetland inventory as far back as 1971-1992. The Town believes that it would have been more appropriate to use more current data, preferably utilizing the 2008 flyover of which the Town's own IT/GIS is based. This would more accurately reflect land use changes that have occurred since the start of the Town's NPDES MS4 program and implementation of BMP's and improvements required under new stormwater ordinance and regulations.

DES Response:

Agreed, the use of the most current data is always preferable when developing GIS based modeling and predictions. As depicted and described in Figure 3-1, the consultants did compile land use polygon data using the NHGRANIT and National Wetlands Inventory GIS data and used the 2003 aerial photo base map from the National Agricultural Imagery Program (NAIP). In addition, they conducted a windshield survey in 2009 to determine/verify the current land uses in the watershed. Section 3.4 describes that "In places, local knowledge was used to ensure the land use distribution in the ENSR-LRM model was reasonably accurate, but data layers were not 100% verified on the ground." Appendix B of the report includes the Land Use export coefficients that were used in the model. The land use export coefficients and loading model are considered reasonably accurate based on the discussion above and recognizing there is a margin of safety built into the model. That being said, the model can be modified to reflect changes in watershed land use over time as well as include load reductions attributed to BMP implementation projects that have been completed. Pending resources, DES staff may be able to assist the municipalities with this effort.

Comment 5:

Section 3.2 Land Use Export – It is unclear whether nutrient inputs values used in the model give any consideration to installed stormwater control BMPs associated with development/redevelopment that have been placed into use over the last 10 years or if it's based on the assumption that no property (commercial, industrial, residential development) has any BMP or means of stormwater pollution control.

DES Response:

See response to Comment #4 above.

Comment 6:

Section 3.2 Atmospheric Deposition – It appears that nutrient input values are given only to that which directly falls on Hood Pond via direct precipitation. How are values for input that directly falls on tributaries or other surface water that drain to Hood Pond. Is direct precipitation to these other waters given attenuation factors?

DES Response:

Nutrient input values for direct precipitation was applied only to the lake and not the tributaries. The nutrient load from tributaries is accounted for in the subwatershed load where the tributary is located. The Watershed Schematic (Figure 2) in Appendix B provides information on how the load from subwatersheds, and tributaries located within them, are accounted for in the model. Appendix B states "Fortunately, except where the lake is large and the watershed is small, atmospheric inputs tend not to have much influence on the final concentrations of TP or N in the lake, so this is not a portion of the model on which extreme investigation is usually necessary." Since the atmospheric load from precipitation falling on the pond is estimated to be only 0.12% of the total phosphorus load (see Table 3-3 in the report), it is unlikely that the atmospheric load that falls on tributaries would have a significant influence on the final in-lake TP concentrations.

Comment 7:

Section 3.4 Limitations – The Town emphasizes the limitations of the model in that there was little field verification of land uses, and the water quality is extremely limited with only one known sample collected in 1997.

DES Response:

Agreed. Section 3.4 acknowledges the limitations to the model analysis, including the lack of water quality data, and that these limitations restrict the model calibration and predictions. Pending resources, more water quality data should be collected from the lake and it's tributaries. As stated in Section 7.0 of the report, The TMDL process is intended to give a direction and goal for planning and watershed management. As the lake improves, the implementation strategy should be re-evaluated using current data and modeling and the plan for further load reduction adapted accordingly.

In response to this comment DES collected additional water quality samples in the pond to shed light on the current in-lake water quality conditions. On October 18, 2011 DES collected water quality samples (see table below) at several depths at the deep spot of Hoods Pond. Results indicated that the level of Total Phosphorous (TP) in the pond on that day ranged from 27 to 31 ug/L. Results from the 2011 sampling also indicated that the apparent color in the pond is elevated (140 PCU). This finding may explain the lack of blooms (Comment #3 above) because the color may be interfering with light absorption which can suppress algae growth. Further sampling/analysis, especially during the growing season (warmer months) would help determine the causal relationship between nutrients and algal bloom frequency.

Date	Depth (m)	Apparent Color (PCU)	Chlor a ug/L	pH Units	TP ug/L	Temp (°F)	DO %Sat	DO mg/L
10/18/2011	0.5	140	1.88	6.41	28	59.3	78.8	7.91
10/18/2011	1.0			6.45	27	58.8	77.1	7.5
10/18/2011	1.5			6.41	27	56.6	69.8	7.25
10/18/2011	2.0			6.36	31	55.3	51.3	5.42

DES incorporated the 2011 data (above) into the model by recalibrating the baseline model run to a target TP of 41 ug/L, which is the average of the 1997 and 2011 summer TP measurements. Recalibration was accomplished by adjusting the attenuation values in the subwatersheds. Results indicated a lower baseline *(i.e., existing) load of 505 kg/yr of TP versus 816.9 kg/yr in the draft TMDL issued for public comment (which was calibrated to a target TP equal to the 1997 TP measured concentration of 54 ug/L). The revised baseline model run was then used as a base for the predevelopment and TMDL target (12 ug/L TP) model runs. Lowering the existing baseline load, resulted in a TMDL based on a target in-lake concentration of 12 ug/L instead of the pre-development TP concentration (which was used in the draft TMDL issued for public comment). As such, the percent TP reductions needed to achieve standards in the various watersheds have been reduced from 80% to 90% to 48.7% to 76%.*

Finally in recognition of the limited data used to calibrate the model, and the relatively high color in Hoods Pond which can suppress the impact of TP on algal growth, the following was added to Section 8.0 (Monitoring): "It is recommended that prior to initiating any expensive phosphorus control measures, monitoring should be conducted to confirm that nutrient related water quality violations exist. This is especially relevant in light of the limited historical monitoring and the relatively high color of Hoods Pond which may suppress the anticipated impacts of TP on cyanobacteria, chl a and dissolved oxygen (see section 5.3 and 6.2)."

In addition, the following was added to Section 7.0 (Implementation):

"However, as stated in section 6.2, a watershed load reduction of 76% may not be necessary due to the high color in the pond (see section 5.3) which may allow higher phosphorus loadings without concomitant algal blooms that impact designated uses. In other words, the target of 12 ug/L and total load of 124.0 kg/yr may be conservative (i.e., low). For this reason, implementation should be phased in over a period of several years, with monitoring and adjustment as necessary."

Comment 8:

Section 3.5 Lake Response to Current Phosphorous Loads – Disagreement between the model results and the in-lake data is reported as being due to the lack of representative data in which the model may be calibrated. This emphasizes the point that one sample from 1997 should not be used as a measured (observed) value for comparing the model, and we agree that more data should be collected, along with field verification of land use, in order to verify accuracy of the predicted current conditions.

DES Response:

Agreed. See response to #7 above.

Comment 9:

Section 4.3 Future Development (last two sentences) – The 50,000 square feet of disturbance within 250 feet of a lake criteria applies to properties under the jurisdiction of the comprehensive Shoreline Protection Act (CSPA) of which no water bodies within the Hood Pond watershed fall under the CSPA. The Town has adopted and enforces a Stormwater Ordinance and Stormwater System Design Regulations to control all nonpoint source pollution.

DES Response:

Properties that fall within the jurisdiction of the CSPA are subject to the regulations set forth in the applicable state statue, however, the CSPA regulations do allow for communities to enact local ordinances that are more protective than state regulations and DES encourages the development of additional local measures/ordinances to protect natural resources statewide. Since the overwhelming majority of the nutrient load is coming from watershed runoff, any efforts to reduce runoff from nonpoint source pollution will serve to improve the water quality in the pond.

Comment 10:

Table 4.1, TP Inputs for Septic Systems – The Town believes the TP inputs for septic systems is underestimated. As stated earlier, nearly half the entire watershed is located in the Town of Londonderry, the portion of which relies entirely on on-site subsurface disposal systems. While a portion of the watershed in Derry is serviced by municipal sewer that is conveyed to a WWTP located outside of the watershed, the town suspects a contribution of TP from this source exists in the rainbow Lake subwatershed. A plan showing current municipal sewer is included for your use.

DES Response:

The on-site subsurface systems in Londonderry if working properly should not contribute significantly to the nutrient load in the pond and we are not aware of any current information that suggests any of the systems are in failure. Consequently, septic systems were not broken out as a separate source of significant TP loads. Any contribution from septic systems is currently included in the watershed load for the calibrated baseline model run. If it was determined that septic systems are a significant source, the watershed load would have to be reduced by the same amount that the septic load was increased so that the total calibrated baseline load under existing conditions would remain the same (505 kg/yr).

Comment 11:

Figure 5-1, Footnote2) - What is the date of the MS4 Urban Areas Polygon obtained from the US EPA Region 1?

DES Response:

EPA Region 1 based their MS4 map on the 200 Census data, which is the latest data currently available. The census is repeated every ten years with the most recent conducted in 2010. There is a lag time between when the census data is collected and when it is made available to the public. At this time it is anticipated that at least some of the 2010 census data will become available to the public in 2012, however certain products, like MS4 maps, may take longer to compile and may not be available until a later date.

Comment 12:

Section 7.0 Implementation Plan – The implementation Plan discusses several actions that can be taken to achieve the proposed 80-90% reduction supposedly needed to reduce TP loading in the watershed.

a) The proposed level of reduction is based on out-of-date data and should be recalculated following the collection of current data and further field verification of land uses. It also does not appear to consider any construction design efforts and BMPs implemented over the last 10 years to reduce nonpoint source pollution.

b) Since being incorporated into the NPDES Phase MS4 program in 1999, the Town of Derry has implemented most of the BMPs identified in the report (and listed in appendix B, page B-25) including a regular program of street sweeping and catch basin cleaning, land development and stormwater ordinances and stormwater design regulations that require incorporation of BMPs, and public outreach programs. More recent (current) data is essential to determining a more reliable proposed reduction level given the time frame and efforts since the one sampling event on which the report and model is based.

DES Response:

Please see response to comment #7 above which indicates that DES collected additional water quality data in 2011, that this data was used to recalibrate the model and that prior to implementing any expensive measures to control total phosphorus, more water quality data should be collected to better understand the *current conditions. The implementation measures described in Section 7.0 are provided as suggestions for the communities to consider when evaluating options to reduce loading and improve water quality in the pond. The actions listed are intended to be a starting point and are not meant to dictate the actual measures or prioritization of projects in the watershed. As the water quality in the pond improves, the implementation strategies can and should be re-evaluated and adapted accordingly.*

Comment 13:

Table 7-1 – This table was unreadable as a download from the DES website. The Town requested and received a legible copy from the TMDL Program coordinator. However, others who may have obtained the document in the same manner would have encountered the same problem.

DES Response:

The DES webmaster has corrected the problem on the website.

Comment 14:

Waterfowl – Waterfowl is not considered to be a major source. While this may be true for Hood Pond itself as the Town discourages feeding of waterfowl in Hood Pond, there are large areas of wetlands associated with Hood Pond's tributaries that have large populations of ducks, geese, and heron.

DES Response:

Runoff from each land use type, including wetlands in the subwatersheds, is included in the model (see Section 3.0 and Table 3-2 of the report and Appendix B Load Generation pages B-6 and B-9). Total phosphorus (TP) loadings due to waterfowl (should there be any), and other sources are included in the watershed TP loads. The baseline model run was calibrated by adjusting the watershed TP loads until there was a good match between measured and predicted TP concentration in the pond. Of the approximate 30 lakes that were modeled for nutrient TMDLs in NH, it has been shown that even when there is a significant population of waterfowl in the impaired waterbody itself, the proportion of loading from waterfowl is typically very small when compared to other sources. That said, DES encourages efforts to humanely discourage the presence of waterfowl from public bathing areas in lakes and ponds as they may also be a source of bacteria which can cause illness.

Comment 15:

Appendix B – The model example systems include scenarios where a WWTF that discharges inside the watershed and one where there is limited sewer area around the lake with waste directed out of the watershed to a regional WWTF. To assist with a more reasonable model prediction we have attached a map showing areas of Derry in and around the watershed that are serviced by municipal sewer.

DES Response:

The model example scenarios in Appendix B are meant to give the reader an understanding of how the model "works" and is not meant to depict any particular situation or scenario. DES appreciates that the Town has provided the municipal sewer map around the pond.

10.2 Substantive Changes Made to the Final Report

The final report was modified throughout to acknowledge that Hoods Pond was included on the NHDES 2010 303(d) list of impaired waters.

Since the issuance of the Draft Report for Public Comment, NHDES collected additional water quality monitoring data in Hoods Pond. Additional sampling was conducted in 2011 and the results have been incorporated throughout the Final Report where applicable. As indicated below the model was recalibrated based on the average of data collected in 1997 and 2011. This resulted in a revised TMDL, allocations, and percent reductions throughout the report.

Section 2.0 Description of Waterbody, Standards and Target:

The inclusion of the 2011 lake monitoring data is reflected in the narrative portion of Section 2. Table 2-1 was also modified to include the 2011 monitoring data.

Section 2.6 was modified to include a discussion of the in-lake target of 12 ug/L based on criteria developed by DES in 2009 which is based on the trophic status of lakes to determine the in-lake target for meeting the narrative water quality standards for TP and chlor a.

Section 3.0 ENSR-LRM Model of Current Conditions:

This section contains the detailed information pertaining to the set up and use of the 5 empirical models and the export model used for baseline and predictive runs. Incorporation of the water quality monitoring data collected in 2011 resulted in a reduction in the average loads to the lake. Section 3.3 and Tables 3-3 through 3-5 were revised to reflect the revised current loads and the percent contributions of the total phosphorous. Additional information regarding the difference between predicted and observed TP values is provided in Section 3.5.

Section 4.0 Total Maximum Daily Load

Section 4 was modified to include the revised TP load to the lake and the percent reductions needed to meet the in-lake water quality target of 12 ug/L. The loads and percent reductions for each subwatershed were similarly revised in Table 4.1.

Section 5.0 TMDL Allocation

Section 5.2 includes a discussion of color/dissolved organic matter and their affect on light transparency and photosynthesis, which could be suppressing/masking algae blooms in the lake.

Section 6.0 Evaluation of Alternative Loading Scenarios:

This section includes a narrative of each alternative loading scenario used in the model. Each of those narratives includes the revised internal load information. In addition, Tables 6-1 and 6-2 were modified to reflect the new loading and percent reductions resulting from the revised background and target model run scenarios. Section 6.2 was modified to reflect the in-lake target of 12 ug/L of TP and the percent reduction targets to meet the TMDL.

Section 8.0 Implementation

This section was revised to encourage additional monitoring in the Pond prior to initiating implementation measures to reduce loads.

Section 10.0 Public Participation

The comments received and the DES response to comments received is included in the public participation section of the report.

Appendix A

Section 1.3.1 in Appendix A was modified to reflect the in-lake target of 12 ug/L.

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Appendix A:

Methodology for Determining Target Criteria

1.0 Derivation of Total Phosphorus (TP) Target Values

As part of its contract with the US EPA, Region 1, AECOM is assisting the NHDES in developing Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for 30 nutrient-impaired waterbodies in New Hampshire, under *Task 1, Development of Lake Phosphorus TMDLs*. To develop TMDLs for these waterbodies it is necessary to derive numeric total phosphorus (TP) target values (e.g., in-lake concentrations) for determining acceptable watershed nutrient loads. The background, approach, and TP target values are provided below.

1.1 Regulatory Background

As part of the national Nutrient Strategy originally set forth by the “Clean Water Action Plan” (US EPA, 1998), US EPA has directed the States to promulgate nutrient criteria or alternative means to address and reduce the effects of elevated nutrients (eutrophication) in lakes and ponds, reservoirs, rivers and streams, and wetlands. Where available, these nutrient criteria can be useful in developing TMDLs as well as in demonstrating potential compliance due to the implementation strategy selected to reduce impairment.

At this time, New Hampshire has not established a numeric water quality standard (or nutrient criterion) for TP to protect the designated water uses. Rather, New Hampshire has established a series of use-specific assessment criteria that are used to identify and list waters for impairment of designated uses under the unified Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 305(b) and Section 303(d) Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methodology (CALM) (NH DES, 2008a). Thus, while the 30 lakes considered by this investigation are considered likely to be impacted by excessive nutrients, the specific listed impairments are for the phytoplankton primary photopigment chlorophyll *a* (chl *a*) and the presence of cyanobacteria (indicator for primary contact recreation) and/or dissolved oxygen (DO) (indicator for aquatic life support) (NHDES, 2006, 2008b).

1.1.1 New Hampshire Water Use Assessment Criteria

The following assessment criteria have been established for evaluation compliance with water use support and for reporting and identifying waterbodies for listing on the unified CWA Section 305(b)/303(d) list in New Hampshire:

1.1.1.1 Chlorophyll *a*

Assessment for the trophic indicator photopigment chl *a* is evaluated through comparison of samples generally collected during the summer index period (defined as May 24 – September 15) to the freshwater chl *a* interim criterion of 15 ppb (0.015 mg/L) (NH DES, 2008a). If the criterion is exceeded then the waterbody is considered non-supporting for the primary contact recreation water use.

As discussed in section 1.3.1 below, NHDES has also developed chlor a criteria for the protection of aquatic life based on lake trophic class (NHDES, 2009).

1.1.1.2 Dissolved Oxygen

Applicable water quality standards for DO include the following:

Env-Wq 1703.07 (b): Except as naturally occurs, or in waters identified in RSA 485-A:8, III, or subject to (c) below, class B waters shall have a DO content of at least 75% of saturation, based on a daily mean, and an instantaneous minimum DO concentration of at least 5 mg/L.

Env-Wq 1703.07 (d): Unless naturally occurring or subject to (a) above, surface waters within the top 25 percent of depth of thermally unstratified lakes, ponds, impoundments and reservoirs or within the epilimnion shall contain a DO content of at least 75 percent saturation, based on a daily mean and an instantaneous minimum DO content of at least 5 mg/L. Unless naturally occurring, the DO content below those depths shall be consistent with that necessary to maintain and protect existing and designated uses.

1.1.1.3 Cyanobacteria

A lake is listed as not supporting primary contact recreation if cyanobacteria scums are present. Reduction of TP loading will reduce the likelihood of scum formation.

1.1.2 Linkage of Assessment Criteria to TP TMDLs

The chl *a,* cyanobacteria and DO assessment criteria described above provide NH DES with a consistent and efficient means to identify and list impaired waters for purposes of 305(b)/303(d). However, these parameters are not amenable to development of a TMDL for correction of these impairments for several reasons including:

- these are merely secondary indicators of eutrophication but not the primary cause (i.e., excessive nutrients);
- measurement of these parameters is complicated by physical (e.g., light availability) and temporal considerations (e.g., pre-dawn measurements);
- it is not feasible to establish watershed load allocations for chl *a* or DO;
- there are limited control technologies or best management practices (BMPs) for these parameters; and/or
- it is much more technically and economically feasible to address the primary cause (i.e., excessive nutrients) as a means to reduce or eliminate impairments.

While AECOM uses the term “excessive nutrients” as the primary cause, it is generally understood, and for purposes of this TMDL development assumed that, TP is the limiting nutrient for plant growth in these waters. Therefore, it is necessary to derive numeric TP target values that are both protective of the water uses and correlate to lake conditions under which the chl *a,* the presence of cyanobacteria scums and DO assessment criteria are met. TP is used as a surrogate for impairments related to chl *a*, cyanobacteria scums and DO.

1.2 Proposed TP TMDL Target Values

According to the 40 CFR Part 130.2, the TMDL for a waterbody is equal to the sum of the individual loads from point sources (i.e., wasteload allocations or WLAs), and load allocations (LAs) from nonpoint sources (including natural background conditions). Section 303(d) of the CWA also states that the TMDL must be established at a level necessary to implement the applicable water quality standards with seasonal variations and a margin of safety (MOS) which takes into account any lack of knowledge concerning the relationship between effluent limitations and water quality. In equation form, a TMDL may be expressed as follows:

TMDL = WLA + LA + MOS

Where:

WLA = Waste Load Allocation (i.e., loadings from point sources);
LA = Load Allocation (i.e., loadings from nonpoint sources including natural background); and
MOS = Margin of Safety.

TMDLs can be expressed in terms of either mass per time, toxicity or other appropriate measure [40 CFR, Part 130.2 (i)). However, in light of legal action, the US EPA has issued guidance that TMDLs should be expressed on a daily timescale to meet the wording of the legislation that created the program. Yet for lakes, daily nutrient loading limits are of little use in management, as lakes integrate loading over a much longer time period to manifest observed conditions. Expression of nutrient loads on seasonal to annual time scales is appropriate, although daily loads will be reported to meet program guidelines.

The MOS can be either explicit or implicit. If an explicit MOS is used, a portion of the total target load is allocated to the MOS. If the MOS is implicit, a specific value is not assigned to the MOS. Use of an implicit MOS may be appropriate when assumptions used to develop the TMDL are believed to be so conservative that they sufficiently account for the MOS.

1.3 Potential approaches to Derivation of TP target values.

While the need for development of nutrient criteria for lakes is well-documented, there is no clear consensus among the States or federal agencies regarding the best means to accomplish this goal, due to the complexity in defining precisely what concentrations will be protective of waterbodies' water quality as well as their designated uses. Some of the more common approaches include:

- Use of NH DES water quality recommendations;
- Use of nutrient levels for commonly accepted trophic levels; and
- Use of probabilistic equations to establish targets to reduce risk of adverse conditions.

1.3.1 Target based on population of NH lakes

In the *Lake and Reservoir Technical Guidance Manual* (US EPA, 2000a), the US EPA provided a statistical approach for determining nutrient criteria that was subsequently used to develop a set of ecoregion-specific ambient water quality recommendations that were issued in 2000-2001 (US EPA, 2000b; US EPA 2000c).

The US EPA approach consists of selecting a pre-determined percentile from the distribution of measured variables from either (1) known reference lakes, (i.e., the highest quality or least impacted lakes) or (2) general population of lakes including both impaired and non-impaired lakes. The US EPA defined reference lakes as those representative of the least impacted conditions or what was considered to be the most attainable conditions for lakes within a state or ecoregion.

NHDES used a similar statistical approach when developing preliminary TP criteria for freshwaters in New Hampshire (NH DES, 2005). The NH DES evaluation identified statistically significant relationships between chl *a* and TP for lakes. Statistical relationships were based on: 1) the median of TP samples taken at one-third the water depth in unstratified lakes and at the mid-epilimnion depth in stratified lakes; and 2) the median of composite chl *a* samples of the water column to the mid-metalimnion depth in stratified lakes and to the two-thirds water depth in unstratified lakes during the summer months (June through September). A total of 168 lakes were included in the analysis of which 23 were impaired for chl *a* (i.e., lakes with chl *a* greater than or equal to 15 µg/L). Of the 23 impaired lakes, approximately 14 were stratified (60%) and 9 were unstratified (40%).

Figure A-2 shows the cumulative frequency plots for the impaired and non-impaired lakes. Based on Figure A-2, an initial TP target of 11.5 µg/L was selected. As shown, 20% of the impaired lakes and 80% of the non-impaired lakes have TP concentrations $\leq$ 11.5 µg/L which means that 20% of the non-impaired lakes have TP concentrations $\geq$ 11.5 µg/L). After rounding, a target of 12 µg/L strikes a reasonable balance between the percent of lakes that are impaired at concentrations below this level and the percent of lakes that are not impaired at concentrations above this concentration. A value of 12 µg/L is very similar to TP targets set by other methods discussed below.

Setting the TMDL based on an in-lake target concentration of 12 µg/L includes an implicit MOS for the following reasons. As discussed above, the target of 12 µg/L is primarily based on summer epilimnetic concentrations. This TMDL, however, is based on empirical models that predict mean annual TP lake concentrations assuming fully mixed conditions. Studies on other lakes indicate that mean annual concentrations can be 14% to 40% higher than summer epilimnetic concentrations (Nurnberg 1996, 1998). A value of 15 µg/L could have been used in the models to predict the TMDL. However, in order to include an MOS, 12 µg/L was used. By setting the target equal to 12 µg/L in the models used to determine the TMDL, an implicit MOS of approximately 20% is therefore provided.

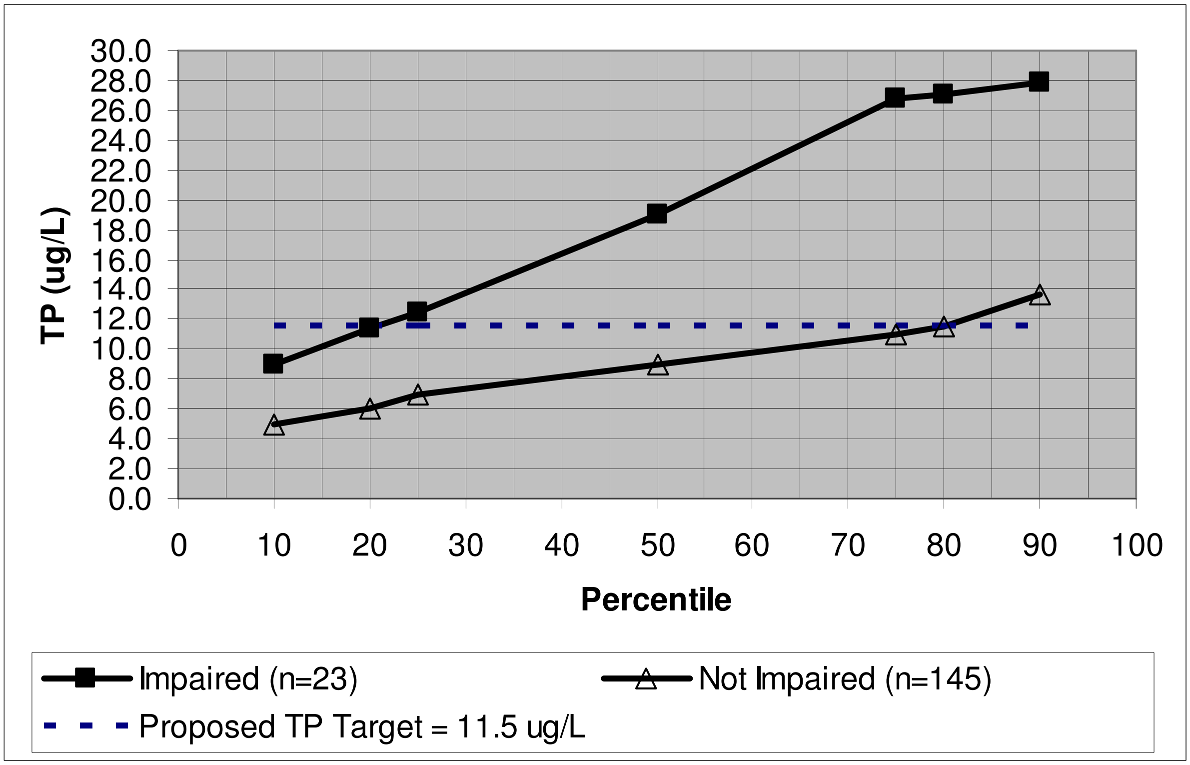

Figure A-2: Cumulative Frequency Distribution of TP Concentrations in Impaired and Unimpaired New Hampshire Lakes.

In 2009, DES refined its analysis to include TP and chlorophyll a thresholds based on trophic criteria and the EPA reference approach (NHDES, 2009[1]). EPA guidance recommends using the distributions of water quality parameters in reference lakes (i.e., lakes with minimal human disturbance) and all lakes to identify targets for water quality criteria. The 75th percentile of concentrations in the reference lakes provides one estimate of the criteria. The 25th percentile in all lakes is another estimate. The two values bound the range of potential criteria concentrations for a parameter. Using the reference approach, the summer epilimnetic TP and chlorophyll a target concentrations are the following:

	Oligotrophic	Mesotrophic	Eutrophic
TP (ug/L)	< 8	≤ 12	≤ 28
Chlorophyll a (ug/L)	< 3.3	≤ 5	≤ 11

[1] See http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/wqs/documents/20090122_lake_phos_criteria.pdf

The above concentrations are currently being used to assess lakes and agree fairly well with literature values from other trophic studies presented in the section 1.3.2. Since Hoods Pond is mesotrophic (NHDES, 1997), a TP target of 12 ug/L would apply.

The target of 12 ug/L for mesotrophic lakes may be somewhat conservative (i.e., low) for colored lakes such as Hoods Pond since color can attenuate light in the water column and suppress algal growth and its impacts on designated uses.

1.3.2 Trophic State Classification of Water bodies

Trophic state is an alternative means of setting a TP target concentration. One of the more powerful paradigms in limnology is the concept and classification of lakes as to their so-called trophic state. A trophic state classification is typically based on a generally recognized set or range of chemical concentrations and physical and biological responses. Lakes are generally classified as oligotrophic, mesotrophic, or eutrophic; the three states representing a gradient between least affected to most impacted waterbodies. Classification is based on the proximity of a lake's chemistry and biology to the list of characteristic for a specific trophic type. Classification may be based on both quantitative (e.g., chemical concentrations, turbidity) and/or qualitative factors (e.g., presence of pollution-tolerant species, aesthetic appearance).

While this system is widely accepted, there is no consensus regarding the absolute nutrient or trophic parameter value that defines a waterbody trophic state, although some guidelines have been suggested (US EPA, 1999). Indeed, it should be remembered that classification of lakes into the categories produces an arbitrary difference among lakes that may show very little differences in nutrient concentration. Despite its limitations, the trophic state concept is easily understood and widely used by limnologists, lake associations, state agencies, etc., to classify lakes and manage lakes. Further, it can be used as an indirect means of linking impairment of designated uses with critical nutrient levels or threshold values (i.e., the transition from one trophic state to another is likely associated with effects on designated uses).

To provide a means of quantifying the decision-making about trophic classification, waterbodies may be classified according to the Carlson Trophic State Index (TSI), a widely used indicator of trophic state (Carlson 1977). Carlson's TSI is an algal biomass-based index that relates the relationship between trophic parameters to levels of lake productivity. The TSI method provides three equations relating log-transformed concentrations of TP, chl *a*, and SDT to algal biomass, resulting in three separate TSI scores (e.g., TSI(TP), TSI(chl *a*), TSI(SDT)). The three equations are scaled such that the same TSI value should be obtained for a lake regardless of what parameter is used. Comparison of the results of the TSI system to more traditional trophic state classification identified TSI scores that are associated with the transition from one trophic state to another (Carlson, 1977).

For purposes of comparison, we initially used a system assuming thresholds or criteria for the transition from an oligotrophic to a mesotrophic state (estimated as a TSI value of 35) and for transition from a mesotrophic state to a eutrophic state (estimated as a TSI value of 50). The selected TSI thresholds are based on general lake attributes and are not specific to the New England ecoregions. However, Table A-2 represents a first approximation of the range of trophic indicators assigned to a trophic state.

Table A-2. Trophic Status Classification based on water quality variables

Variables	**Oligotrophic (TSI < 30)**	**Mesotrophic ($30 \leq$ TSI < 50)**	**Eutrophic (TSI > 50)**
TP (μg/L)	<10	10-24	>24
Chl *a* (μg/L)	<1.5	1.5-7.2	>7.2
SDT (m)	>6	2-6	<2

1.3.3. Probabilistic Approach to Setting TP Target Goal

Target TP goals can also be determined using a probabilistic approach that aims at reducing the level and frequency of deleterious algal blooms (as indicated by chl *a* levels). The concept is to set a TP criterion that achieves a desired probability (i.e., risk) level of incurring an algal bloom in a lake system. Based on the level of acceptable risk or how often a system can experience an exceedance of an adverse condition (in this case defined as a chl *a* level of 15 µg/L), the TP criterion is selected.

Water quality modeling performed by Walker (1984, 2000) provides a means to calculate the TP level associated with any set level of exceedance of any set target level. For these TMDLs, the goal is to minimize the potential risk of exceedance of 15 µg/L chl *a* (summer algal bloom), but not place the criterion so low that it could not realistically be achieved due to TP contributions from natural background conditions. The corresponding TP concentration is used as the basis for developing target TMDLs, although not as the final target TP value, since it incorporates no MOS factor and does not account for uncertainty in the TP loading and concentration estimates.

Based on our analysis of Hoods Pond, the background TP concentration of 9.3 µg/L corresponded to a potential risk of exceedance of 15 µg/L chl *a* in summer of 0.0%, consistent with the target value of 12 µg/L derived in Section 1.3.2 above and suggesting that a TP value close to 12 µg/L would lead to the desired low probability of summer algal blooms and a mean chl *a* level that will support all expected lake uses.

For this method, the MOS is implicit due to conservative assumptions because the Walker bloom probability model is based on summer water quality data. However, the TP concentrations predicted by the ENSR-LRM model are annual mean concentrations which are typically higher than summer values. Applying the bloom probability model to annual mean concentrations rather than lower summer concentrations will result in an overestimate of the probability of blooms occurring in the summer.

1.4 Summary of Derivation of TP Target Goal

As part of its US EPA/NH DES contract for developing TMDLs for 30 nutrient-impaired New Hampshire waterbodies, AECOM developed an approach and rationale for deriving numeric TP target values for determining acceptable watershed nutrient loads. These TP target values are protective of the water uses and correlate to lake conditions under which the existing New Hampshire chl *a*, cyanobacteria, and DO assessment criteria are met.

To derive these criteria, the following options were considered: (1) examination of the distribution of TP concentrations in impaired and unimpaired lakes in New Hampshire and by trophic class; (2) use of nutrient levels for commonly-accepted trophic levels; and (3) use of probabilistic equations to establish targets to reduce risk of adverse conditions. All three approaches yield a similar target value. Because the first option uses data from New Hampshire lakes, it is viewed as the primary target setting method. The other two methods confirm the result of the first method, a target of 12 µg/L is appropriate. This target would lead to the desired low probability of algal blooms and a mean chl *a* level that supports all expected lake uses in mesotrophic lakes such as Hoods Pond. Based on the data that went in the data for these analyses, there is an MOS of approximately 20%.

For watersheds that do not have permitted discharges such as MS4 systems (i.e., WLA = 0), the LA term simplifies to the amount of watershed TP load needed to produce a modeled in-lake concentration of 12 µg/L. Urban watersheds will need to account for the influence of stormwater when determining acceptable loads.

Based on the above discussion, a target value of 12 µg/L TP will be used to establish target TP loading for the 30 nutrient New Hampshire TMDLs. However there are a few exceptions:

- If modeling indicates that TP loadings under "natural" conditions will result in TP concentrations greater than 8 ug/L for oligitrophic lakes or 12 µg/L for mesotrophic lakes, then the TMDL target will be set equal to the modeled TP concentration corresponding to the all natural loading scenario for that lake. There is no need, nor is it usually feasible, to reduce loadings below those occurring under natural conditions. Furthermore, state surface water quality standards allow exceedances of criteria (i.e, targets) if they are due to naturally occurring conditions. For example, Env-Wq 1703.14 (b) states the following:

  "Class B waters shall contain no TP or nitrogen in such concentrations that would impair any existing or designated uses, unless naturally occurring."

- If observed monitoring data indicates actual chl *a* violations are occurring in the lake at TP concentrations less than 12 µg/L, then the target shall be set equal to either 1) the median concentration of the sampling data with a 20% reduction to incorporate an MOS (or another percent reduction determined appropriate for that particular lake) or 2) to the modeled concentration corresponding to background (i.e. natural) conditions.

Appendix B:

ENSR-LRM Methodology Documentation

APPENDIX B:
LLRM – Lake Loading Response Model Users Guide
(also called SHEDMOD or ENSR-LRM)

Model Overview

The Lake Loading Response Model, or LLRM, originated as a teaching tool in a college course on watershed management, where it was called SHEDMOD. This model has also been historically called ENSR-LRM. The intent was to provide a spreadsheet program that students could use to evaluate potential consequences of watershed management for a target lake, with the goal of achieving desirable levels of phosphorus (TP), nitrogen (N), chlorophyll a (Chl) and Secchi disk transparency (SDT). For the NH Lake TMDLs only TP, Chl and SDT were simulated. As all cells in the spreadsheet are visible, the effect of actions could be traced throughout the calculations and an understanding of the processes and relationships could be developed.

LLRM remains spreadsheet based, but has been enhanced over the years for use in watershed management projects aimed at improving lake conditions. It is still a highly transparent model, but various functions have been added and some variables have been refined as new literature has been published and experience has been gained. It is adaptable to specific circumstances as data and expertise permit, but requires far less of each than more complex models such as SWAT or BASINS. This manual provides a basis for proper use of LLRM.

Model Platform

LLRM runs within Microsoft Excel. It consists of three numerically focused worksheets within a spreadsheet:

1. Reference Variables – Provides values for hydrologic, export and concentration variables that must be entered for the model to function. Those shown are applicable to the northeastern USA, and some would need to be changed to apply to other regions.
2. Calculations – Uses input data to generate estimates of water, N and TP loads to the lake. All cells shaded in blue must have entries if the corresponding input or process applies to the watershed and lake. If site-specific values are unavailable, one typically uses the median value from the Reference Variables sheet.
3. Predictions – Uses the lake area and inputs calculated in the Calculations sheet to predict the long-term, steady state concentration of N, TP and Chl in the lake, plus the corresponding SDT. This sheet applies five empirical models and provides the average final results from them.

Watershed Schematic

Generation of a schematic representation of the watershed is essential to the model. It is not a visible part of the model, but is embodied in the routing of water and nutrients performed by the model and it is a critical step. For the example provided here, the lake and watershed shown in Figure 1 is modeled. It consists of a land area of 496.5 hectares (ha) and a lake with an area of 40 ha. There are two defined areas of direct drainage (F and G), from which water reaches the lake by overland sheetflow, piped or ditched stormwater drainage, or groundwater seepage (there are no tributaries in these two drainage basins). There is also a tributary (Trib 1) that is interrupted by a small pond, such that the corresponding watershed might best be represented as two parts, upstream and downstream of that pond, which will provide some detention and nutrient removal functions. There is another tributary (Trib 2) that consists of two streams that combine to form one that then enters the lake, the classic "Y' drainage pattern. With differing land uses associated with each of the upper parts of the Y and available data for each near the confluence, this part of the watershed is best subdivided into three drainage areas. As shown in Figure 2, the watershed of Figure 1 is represented as the lake with two direct drainage units, a tributary with an upper and lower drainage unit, and a tributary with two upper and one lower drainage units. The ordering is important on several levels, most notably as whatever nutrient loading attenuation occurs in the two lower tributary basins will apply to loads generated in the corresponding upper basins. Loads are generated and may be managed in any of the drainage basins, but how they affect the lake will be determined by how those loads are processed on the way to the lake. LLRM is designed to provide flexibility when testing management scenarios, based on watershed configuration and the representation of associated processes.

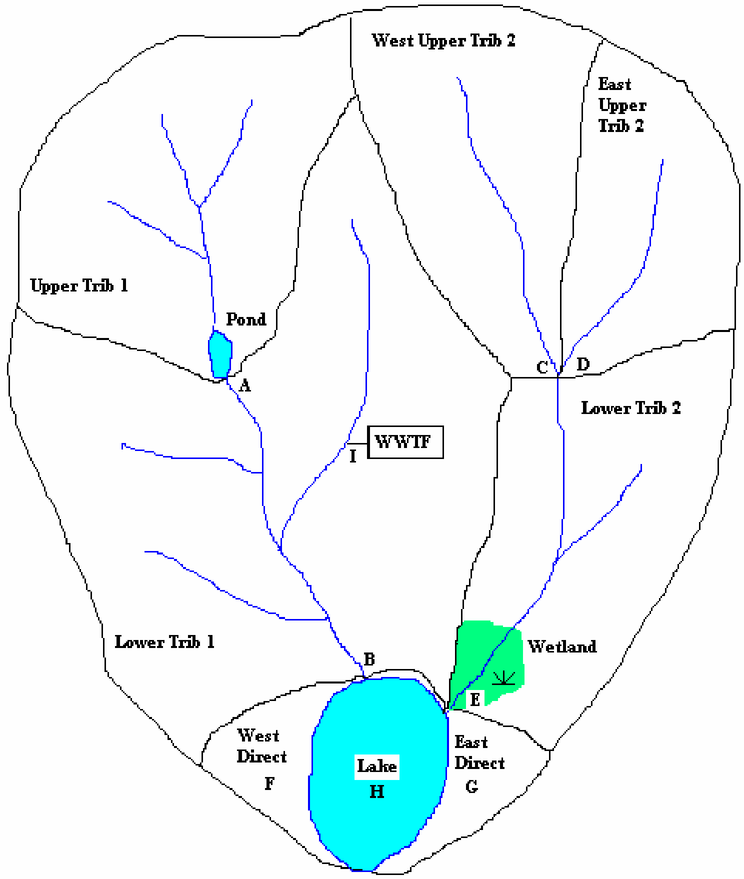

Figure 1. Watershed Map for Example System

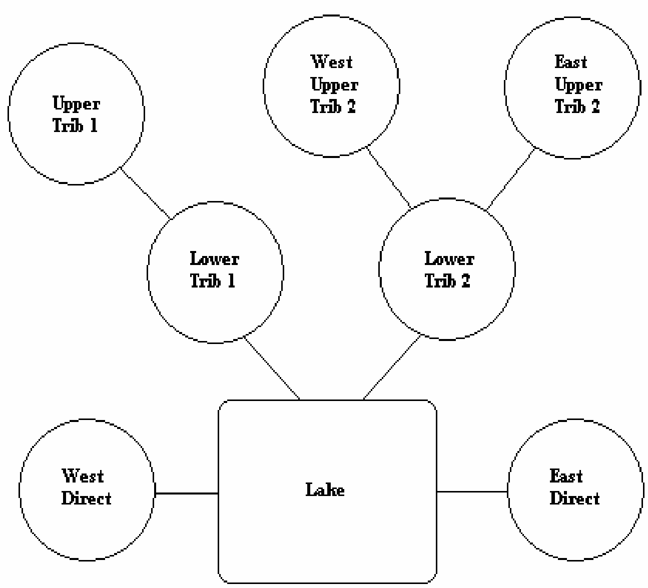

Figure 2. Watershed Schematic for Example System

Model Elements

There are three main types of inputs necessary to run LLRM:

1. Hydrology inputs – These factors govern how much water lands on the watershed and what portion is converted to runoff or baseflow. The determination of how much precipitation becomes runoff vs. baseflow vs. deep groundwater not involved in the hydrology of the target system vs. loss to evapotranspiration is very important, and requires some knowledge of the system. All precipitation must be accounted for, but all precipitation will not end up in the lake. In the northeast, runoff and baseflow may typically account for one to two thirds of precipitation, the remainder lost to evapotranspiration or deep groundwater that may feed surface waters elsewhere, but not in the system being modeled. As impervious surface increases as a percent of total watershed area, more precipitation will be directed to runoff and less to baseflow. There are two routines in the model to allow “reality checks” on resultant flow derivations, one using a standard areal water yield based on decades of data for the region or calculated from nearby stream gauge data, and the other applying actual measures of flow to check derived estimates.
2. Nutrient yields – Export coefficients for N and TP determine how much of each is generated by each designated land use in the watershed. These export values apply to all like land use designations; one cannot assign a higher export coefficient to a land use in one basin than to the same land use in another basin. Differences are addressed through attenuation. This is a model constraint, and is imposed partly for simplicity and partly to prevent varied export assignment without justification. Where differing export really does exist for the same land uses in different basins of the watershed, attenuation can be applied to adjust what actually reaches the lake. Nutrient export coefficients abound in the literature, and ranges, means and medians are supplied in the Reference Variables sheet. These are best applied with some local knowledge of export coefficients, which can be calculated from land area, flow and nutrient concentration data. However, values calculated from actual data will include attenuation on the way to the point of measurement. As attenuation is treated separately in this model, one must determine the pre-attenuation export coefficients for entry to initiate the model. The model provides a calculation of the export coefficient for the “delivered” load that allows more direct comparison with any exports directly calculated from data later in the process.
3. Other nutrient inputs – five other sources of N and TP are recognized in the model:
    a. Atmospheric deposition – both wet and dry deposition occur and have been well documented in the literature. The area of deposition should be the entire lake area. Choice of an export coefficient can be adjusted if real data for precipitation and nutrient concentrations is available.
    b. Internal loading – loads can be generated within the lake from direct release from the sediment (dissolved TP, ammonium N), resuspension of sediment (particulate TP or N) with possible dissociation from particles, or from macrophytes (“leakage” or scenescence). All of these modes have been studied and can be estimated with a range, but site specific data for surface vs. hypolimnetic concentrations, pre-stratification whole water column vs. late summer hypolimnetic concentrations, changes over time during dry periods (limited inflow), or direct sediment measures can be very helpful when selecting export coefficients.
    c. Waterfowl and other wildlife – Inputs from various bird species and other water dependent wildlife (e.g., beavers, muskrats, mink or otter) have been evaluated in the literature. Site specific data on how many animals use the lake for how long is necessary to generate a reliable estimate.
    d. Point sources – LLRM allows for up to three point sources, specific input points for discharges with known quantity and quality. The annual volume, average concentration, and basin where the input occurs must be specified.
    e. On-site wastewater disposal (septic) systems – Septic system inputs in non-direct drainage basins is accounted for in baseflow export coefficients, but a separate process is provided for direct drainage areas where dense housing may contribute disproportionately. The number of houses in two zones (closer and farther away, represented here as <100 ft and 100-300 ft from the lake) can be specified, with occupancy set at either seasonal (90 days) or year round (365 days). For the NH lake nutrient TMDLs, one zone of 125 feet from the lake was used. The number of people per household, water use per person per day, and N and TP concentrations and attenuation factors must be specified. Alternatively, these inputs can be accounted for in the baseflow export coefficient for direct drainage areas if appropriate data are available, but this module allows estimation from what is often perceived as a potentially large source of nutrients.

LLRM then uses the input information to make calculations that can be examined in each corresponding cell, yielding wet and dry weather inputs from each defined basin, a combined total for the watershed, a summary of other direct inputs, and total loads of TP and N to the lake, with an overall average concentration for each as an input level. Several constraining factors are input to govern processes, such as attenuation, and places to compare actual data to derived estimates are provided. Ultimately, the lake area and loading values are transferred to the Prediction sheet where, with the addition of an outflow TP concentration and lake volume, estimation of average in-lake TP, N, Chl and SDT is performed. The model is best illustrated through an example, which is represented by the watershed in Figures 1 and 2. Associated tables are directly cut and pasted from the example model runs.

Hydrology

Water is processed separately from TP and N in LLRM. While loading of water and nutrients are certainly linked in real situations, the model addresses them separately, then recombines water and nutrient loads later in the calculations. This allows processes that affect water and nutrient loads differently (e.g., many BMPs) to be handled effectively in the model.

Water Yield

Where a cell is shaded, an entry must be made if the corresponding portion of the model is to work. For the example watershed, the standard yield from years of data for a nearby river, to which the example lake eventually drains, is 1.6 cubic feet per square mile (cfsm) as shown below. That is, one can expect that in the long term, each square mile of watershed will generate 1.6 cubic feet per second (cfs). This provides a valuable check on flow values derived from water export from various land uses later in the model.

COEFFICIENTS	
STD. WATER YIELD (CFSM)	1.6
PRECIPITATION (METERS)	1.21

Precipitation

The precipitation landing on the lake and watershed, based on years of data collected at a nearby airport, is 1.21 m (4 ft, or 48 inches) per year, as shown above. Certainly there will be drier and wetter years, but this model addresses the steady state condition of the lake over the longer term.

Runoff and Baseflow Coefficients

Partitioning coefficients for water for each land use type have been selected from literature values and experience working in this area. Studies in several of the drainage basins to the example lake and for nearby tributaries outside this example system support the applied values with real data. It is expected that the sum of export coefficients for runoff and baseflow will be <1.0; some portion of the precipitation will be lost to deep groundwater or evapotranspiration.

	RUNOFF EXPORT COEFF.			BASEFLOW EXPORT COEFF.		
	Precip	P Export	N Export	Precip	P Export	N Export
	Coefficient	Coefficient	Coefficient	Coefficient	Coefficient	Coefficient
LAND USE	(Fraction)	(kg/ha/yr)	(kg/ha/yr)	(Fraction)	(kg/ha/yr)	(kg/ha/yr)
Urban 1 (Residential)	0.30	0.65	5.50	0.15	0.010	5.00
Urban 2 (Roads)	0.40	0.75	5.50	0.10	0.010	5.00
Urban 3 (Mixed Urban/Commercial)	0.60	0.80	5.50	0.05	0.010	5.00
Urban 4 (Industrial)	0.50	0.70	5.50	0.05	0.010	5.00
Urban 5 (Parks, Recreation Fields, Institutional)	0.10	0.80	5.50	0.05	0.010	5.00
Agric 1 (Cover Crop)	0.15	0.80	6.08	0.30	0.010	2.50
Agric 2 (Row Crop)	0.30	1.00	9.00	0.30	0.010	2.50
Agric 3 (Grazing)	0.30	0.40	5.19	0.30	0.010	5.00
Agric 4 (Feedlot)	0.45	224.00	2923.20	0.30	0.010	25.00
Forest 1 (Upland)	0.10	0.20	2.86	0.40	0.005	1.00
Forest 2 (Wetland)	0.05	0.10	2.86	0.40	0.005	1.00
Open 1 (Wetland/Lake)	0.05	0.10	2.46	0.40	0.005	0.50
Open 2 (Meadow)	0.05	0.10	2.46	0.30	0.005	0.50
Open 3 (Excavation)	0.40	0.80	5.19	0.20	0.005	0.50
Other 1	0.10	0.20	2.46	0.40	0.050	0.50
Other 2	0.35	1.10	5.50	0.25	0.050	5.00
Other 3	0.60	2.20	9.00	0.05	0.050	20.00

Setting export coefficients for the division of precipitation between baseflow, runoff and other components (deep groundwater, evapotranspiration) that do not figure into this model is probably the hardest part of model set-up. Site specific data are very helpful, but a working knowledge of area hydrology and texts on the subject is often sufficient. This is an area where sensitivity testing is strongly urged, as some uncertainly around these values is to be expected. There is more often dry weather data available for tributary streams than wet weather data, and some empirical derivation of baseflow coefficients is recommended. Still, values are being assigned per land use category, and most basins will have mixed land use, so clear empirical validation is elusive. As noted, sensitivity testing by varying these coefficients is advised to determine the effect on the model of the uncertainty associated with this difficult component of the model.

Nutrient Yields for Land Uses

Phosphorus and Nitrogen in Runoff

The values applied in the table above are not necessarily the medians from the Reference Variables sheet, since there are data to support different values being used here. There may be variation across basins that is not captured in the table below, as the same values are applied to each land use in each basin; that is a model constraint. Values for “Other” land uses are inconsequential in this case, as all land uses are accounted for in this example watershed without creating any special land use categories. Yet if a land use was known to have strong variation among basins within the watershed, the use of an “Other” land use class for the strongly differing land use in one or another basin could incorporate this variability.

Phosphorus and Nitrogen in Baseflow

Baseflow coefficients are handled the same way as for runoff coefficients above. While much of the water is likely to be delivered with baseflow, a smaller portion of the TP and N loads will be delivered during dry weather, as the associated water first passes through soil. In particular, TP is removed effectively by many soils, and transformation of nitrogen among common forms is to be expected.

The table above is commonly adjusted to calibrate the model, but it is important to justify all changes. Initial use of the median TP export value for a land use may be based on a lack of data or familiarity with the system, and when the results strongly over- or under-predict actual in-lake concentrations, it may be necessary to adjust the export value for one or more land use categories to achieve acceptable agreement. However, this should not be done without a clear understanding of why the value is probably higher or lower than represented by the median; the model should not be blindly calibrated, and field examination of conditions that affect export values is strongly recommended.

Other Nutrient Inputs

Atmospheric Deposition

Both wet and dry deposition nutrient inputs are covered by the chosen values, and are often simple literature value selections. Where empirical data for wet or dry fall are available, coefficients should be adjusted accordingly. Regional data are often available and can be used as a reality check on chosen values. Choices of atmospheric export coefficients are often based on dominant land use in the contributory area (see Reference Variables sheet), but as the airshed for a lake is usually much larger than the watershed, it is not appropriate to use land use from the watershed as the sole criterion for selecting atmospheric export coefficients. Fortunately, except where the lake is large and the watershed is small, atmospheric inputs tend not to have much influence on the final concentrations of TP or N in the lake, so this is not a portion of the model on which extreme investigation is usually necessary.

For the example system, a 40 ha lake is assumed to receive 0.2 kg TP/ha/yr and 6.5 kg N/ha/yr, the median values from the Reference Variables sheet. The model then calculates the loads in kg/yr to the lake and uses them later in the summary.

AREAL SOURCES	Affected Lake Area (ha)	P Export Coefficient (kg/ha/yr)	N Export Coefficient (kg/ha/yr)	P Load (from coeff) (kg/yr)	N Load (from coeff) (kg/yr)	Period of Release (days)	P Rate of Release (mg/m2/day)	N Rate of Release (mg/m2/day)	P Load (from rate) (kg/yr)	N Load (from rate) (kg/yr)
Direct Atmospheric Deposition	40	0.20	6.50	8	260					
Internal Loading	20	2.00	5.00	40	100	100	2.00	5.00	40	100

Internal Loading

Internal release of TP or N is generally described as a release rate per square meter per day. It can be a function of direct dissolution release, sediment resuspension with some dissociation of available nutrients, or release from rooted plants. The release rate is entered as shown in the table above, along with the affected portion of the lake, in this case half of the 40 ha area, or 20 ha. The period of release must also be specified, usually corresponding to the period of deepwater anoxia or the plant growing season. The model then calculates a release rate as kg/ha/yr and a total annual load as shown in the table above.

For the NH lake nutrient TMDLs, the release rate from internal loading was calculated using water quality data (pre-stratification vs. late summer hypolimnetic TP concentrations or late summer hypolimnetic vs. late summer epilimnetic TP concentrations) and dividing by the anoxic area of the lake.

Waterfowl or Other Wildlife

Waterfowl or other wildlife inputs are calculated as a direct product of the number of animal-years on the lake (e.g., 100 geese spending half a year = 50 bird-years) and a chosen input rate in kg/animal/yr, as shown in the table below. Input rates are from the literature as shown in the Reference Variables sheet, while animal-years must be estimated for the lake.

NON-AREAL SOURCES	Number of Source Units	Volume (cu.m/yr)	P Load/Unit (kg/unit/yr)	N Load/Unit (kg/unit/yr)	P Conc. (ppm)	N Conc. (ppm)	P Load (kg/yr)	N Load (kg/yr)		
Waterfowl	50		0.20	0.95			10	47.5		
Point Sources										
PS-1		45000			3.00	12.00	135	540		
PS-2		0			3.00	12.00	0	0		
PS-3		0			3.00	12.00	0	0		
Basin in which Point Source occurs (0=NO 1=YES)										
	BASIN 1	BASIN 2	BASIN 3	BASIN 4	BASIN 5	BASIN 6	BASIN 7	BASIN 8	BASIN 9	BASIN 10
PS-1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
PS-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PS-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Point Source Discharges

LLRM allows for three point source discharges. While some storm water discharges are legally considered point sources, the point sources in LLRM are intended to be daily discharge sources, such as wastewater treatment facility or cooling water discharges. The annual volume of the discharge must be entered as well as the average concentration for TP and TN, as shown in the table above. The model then calculates the input of TP and TN. It is also essential to note which basin receives the discharge, denoted by a 1 in the appropriate column. As shown in the table above, the example system has a discharge in Basin 4, and no discharges in any other basin (denoted by 0).

On-Site Wastewater Disposal Systems

While the input from septic systems in the direct drainage areas around the lake can be addressed through the baseflow export coefficient, separation of that influence is desirable where it may be large enough to warrant management consideration. In such cases, the existing systems are divided into those within 100 ft of the lake and those between 100 and 300 ft of the lake, each zone receiving potentially different attenuation factors. For the NH lake TMDLs, a single 125 foot zone was used. A further subdivision between dwelling occupied all year vs. those used only seasonally is made. The number of people per dwelling and the water use per person per day are specified, along with the expected concentrations of TP and TN in septic system effluent, as shown in the table below. The model then calculates the input of water, TP and TN from each septic system grouping. If data are insufficient to subdivide systems along distance or use gradients, a single line of this module can be used with average values entered.

DIRECT SEPTIC SYSTEM LOAD												
Septic System Grouping (by occupancy or location)	Days of Occupancy/Yr	Distance from Lake (ft)	Number of Dwellings	Number of People per Dwelling	Water per Person per Day (cu.m)	P Conc. (ppm)	N Conc. (ppm)	P Attenuation Factor	N Attenuation Factor	Water Load (cu.m/yr)	P Load (kg/yr)	N Load (kg/yr)
Group 1 Septic Systems	365	<100	25	2.5	0.25	8	20	0.2	0.9	5703	9.1	102.7
Group 2 Septic Systems	365	100 - 300	75	2.5	0.25	8	20	0.1	0.8	17109	13.7	273.8
Group 3 Septic Systems	90	<100	50	2.5	0.25	8	20	0.2	0.9	2813	4.5	50.6
Group 4 Septic Systems	90	100 - 300	100	2.5	0.25	8	20	0.1	0.8	5625	4.5	90.0
Total Septic System Loading										31250	31.8	517.0

Subwatershed Functions

The next set of calculations addresses inputs from each defined basin within the system. Basins can be left as labeled, 1, 2, 3, etc., or the blank line between Basin # and Area (Ha) can be used to enter an identifying name. In this case, basins have been identified as the East Direct drainage, the West Direct drainage, Upper Tributary #1, Lower Tributary #1, East Upper Tributary #2, West Upper Tributary #2, and Lower Tributary #2, matching the watershed and schematic maps in Figures 1 and 2.

Land Uses

The area of each defined basin associated with each defined land use category is entered, creating the table below. The model is set up to address up to 10 basins; in this case there are only seven defined basins, so the other three columns are left blank and do not figure in to the calculations. The total area per land use and per basin is summed along the right and bottom of the table. Three “Other” land use lines are provided, in the event that the standard land uses provided are inadequate to address all land uses identified in a watershed. It is also possible to split a standard land use category using one of the “Other” lines, where there is variation in export coefficients within a land use that can be documented and warrants separation.

Land use data is often readily available in GIS formats. It is always advisable to ground truth land use designation, especially in rapidly developing watersheds. The date on the land use maps used as sources should be as recent as possible.

BASIN AREAS											
	BASIN 1	BASIN 2	BASIN 3	BASIN 4	BASIN 5	BASIN 6	BASIN 7	BASIN 8	BASIN 9	BASIN 10	TOTAL
	E. Direct	W. Direct	Upper T1	Lower T1	W. Upper T2	E. Upper T2	Lower T2				
LAND USE	AREA (HA)	AREA (HA)	AREA (HA)	AREA (HA)	AREA (HA)	AREA (HA)	AREA (HA)	AREA (HA)	AREA (HA)	AREA (HA)	AREA (HA)
Urban 1 (Residential)	12.0	8.5	8.4	47.4	6.7	4.5	18.1				105.5
Urban 2 (Roads)	3.7	5.5	0.0	5.9	0.8	0.6	2.3				18.8
Urban 3 (Mixed Urban/Commercial)	3.6	5.8	0.0	5.9	0.8	0.6	2.3				19.0
Urban 4 (Industrial)	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.5	0.0	0.0	0.0				23.5
Urban 5 (Parks, Recreation Fields, Institutional)	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				3.2
Agric 1 (Cover Crop)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	12.3	0.0	0.0				13.1
Agric 2 (Row Crop)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.2	0.0	0.0				16.2
Agric 3 (Grazing)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.0				4.0
Agric 4 (Feedlot)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0				0.5
Forest 1 (Upland)	7.7	17.5	50.3	90.3	9.2	32.0	33.6				240.6
Forest 2 (Wetland)	0.0	0.2	0.0	14.5	0.0	0.0	1.9				16.6
Open 1 (Wetland/Lake)	2.5	0.6	2.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	14.2				19.4
Open 2 (Meadow)	2.0	1.3	0.0	10.2	0.1	0.0	0.2				13.8
Open 3 (Excavation)	0.1	0.1	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0				2.5
Other 1											0.0
Other 2											0.0
Other 3											0.0
TOTAL	31.6	42.6	60.7	200.9	50.6	37.7	72.4	0	0		496.5

Load Generation

At this point, the model will perform a number of calculations before any further input is needed. These are represented by a series of tables with no shaded cells, and include calculation of water, TP and TN loads from runoff and baseflow as shown below. These loads are intermediate products, not subject to attenuation or routing, and have little utility as individual values. They are the precursors of the actual loads delivered to the lake, which require some additional input information.

WATER LOAD GENERATION: RUNOFF											
	BASIN 1	BASIN 2	BASIN 3	BASIN 4	BASIN 5	BASIN 6	BASIN 7	BASIN 8	BASIN 9	BASIN 10	TOTAL
	E. Direct	W. Direct	Upper T1	Lower T1	W. Upper T2	E. Upper T2	Lower T2				
LAND USE	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)
Urban 1 (Residential)	43560	30855	30492	172056	24182	16277	65563	0	0	0	382985
Urban 2 (Roads)	18005	26457	0	28676	4030	2713	10927	0	0	0	90808
Urban 3 (Mixed Urban/Commercial)	26136	42108	0	43014	6045	4069	16391	0	0	0	137763
Urban 4 (Industrial)	0	0	0	142175	0	0	0	0	0	0	142175
Urban 5 (Parks, Recreation Fields, Institutional)	0	3872	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3872
Agric 1 (Cover Crop)	0	0	0	1387	22325	0	0	0	0	0	23712
Agric 2 (Row Crop)	0	0	0	0	58806	0	0	0	0	0	58806
Agric 3 (Grazing)	0	0	0	0	14520	0	0	0	0	0	14520
Agric 4 (Feedlot)	0	0	0	0	2723	0	0	0	0	0	2723
Forest 1 (Upland)	9325	21175	60863	109263	11126	38720	40600	0	0	0	291073
Forest 2 (Wetland)	0	150	0	8746	0	0	1153	0	0	0	10049
Open 1 (Wetland/Lake)	1494	334	1210	56	0	37	8591	0	0	0	11722
Open 2 (Meadow)	1210	768	0	6199	38	0	122	0	0	0	8336
Open 3 (Excavation)	593	454	0	10991	0	0	0	0	0	0	12038
Other 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL (CU.M/YR)	100323	126173	92565	522564	143794	61816	143347	0	0	0	1190582
TOTAL (CFS)	0.11	0.14	0.10	0.59	0.16	0.07	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.33

WATER LOAD GENERATION: BASEFLOW											
	BASIN 1	BASIN 2	BASIN 3	BASIN 4	BASIN 5	BASIN 6	BASIN 7	BASIN 8	BASIN 9	BASIN 10	TOTAL
	E. Direct	W. Direct	Upper T1	Lower T1	W. Upper T2	E. Upper T2	Lower T2				
	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)
Urban 1 (Residential)	21780	15428	15246	86028	12091	8139	32781	0	0	0	191492
Urban 2 (Roads)	4501	6614	0	7169	1008	678	2732	0	0	0	22702
Urban 3 (Mixed Urban/Commercial)	2178	3509	0	3585	504	339	1366	0	0	0	11480
Urban 4 (Industrial)	0	0	0	14218	0	0	0	0	0	0	14218
Urban 5 (Parks, Recreation Fields, Institutional)	0	1936	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1936
Agric 1 (Cover Crop)	0	0	0	2775	44649	0	0	0	0	0	47424
Agric 2 (Row Crop)	0	0	0	0	58806	0	0	0	0	0	58806
Agric 3 (Grazing)	0	0	0	0	14520	0	0	0	0	0	14520
Agric 4 (Feedlot)	0	0	0	0	1815	0	0	0	0	0	1815
Forest 1 (Upland)	37301	84700	243452	437052	44504	154880	162402	0	0	0	1164291
Forest 2 (Wetland)	0	1203	0	69969	0	0	9220	0	0	0	80393
Open 1 (Wetland/Lake)	11953	2672	9680	450	0	294	68728	0	0	0	93777
Open 2 (Meadow)	7260	4605	0	37192	226	0	732	0	0	0	50016
Open 3 (Excavation)	297	227	0	5496	0	0	0	0	0	0	6019
Other 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Point Source #1	0	0	0	45000	0	0	0	0	0	0	45000
Point Source #2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Point Source #3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL (CU.M/YR)	85270	120894	268378	708932	178122	164330	277961	0	0	0	1803888
TOTAL (CFS)	0.10	0.14	0.30	0.79	0.20	0.18	0.31	0.00	0.00	0.000	2.02

LOAD GENERATION: RUNOFF P											
	BASIN 1	BASIN 2	BASIN 3	BASIN 4	BASIN 5	BASIN 6	BASIN 7	BASIN 8	BASIN 9	BASIN 10	TOTAL
	E. Direct	W. Direct	Upper T1	Lower T1	W. Upper T2	E. Upper T2	Lower T2				
LAND USE	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)
Urban 1 (Residential)	7.8	5.5	5.5	30.8	4.3	2.9	11.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	68.6
Urban 2 (Roads)	2.8	4.1	0.0	4.4	0.6	0.4	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.1
Urban 3 (Mixed Urban/Commercial)	2.9	4.6	0.0	4.7	0.7	0.4	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.2
Urban 4 (Industrial)	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.5
Urban 5 (Parks, Recreation Fields, Institutional)	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6
Agric 1 (Cover Crop)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	9.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.5
Agric 2 (Row Crop)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.2
Agric 3 (Grazing)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6
Agric 4 (Feedlot)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	112.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	112.0
Forest 1 (Upland)	1.5	3.5	10.1	18.1	1.8	6.4	6.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	48.1
Forest 2 (Wetland)	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7
Open 1 (Wetland/Lake)	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9
Open 2 (Meadow)	0.2	0.1	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4
Open 3 (Excavation)	0.1	0.1	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
Other 1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other 2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other 3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	15.6	20.6	15.7	79.4	147.1	10.2	23.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	312.2

LOAD GENERATION: RUNOFF N											
	BASIN 1	BASIN 2	BASIN 3	BASIN 4	BASIN 5	BASIN 6	BASIN 7	BASIN 8	BASIN 9	BASIN 10	TOTAL
	E. Direct	W. Direct	Upper T1	Lower T1	W. Upper T2	E. Upper T2	Lower T2				
LAND USE	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)
Urban 1 (Residential)	66.0	46.8	46.2	260.7	36.6	24.7	99.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	580.3
Urban 2 (Roads)	20.5	30.1	0.0	32.6	4.6	3.1	12.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	103.2
Urban 3 (Mixed Urban/Commercial)	19.8	31.9	0.0	32.6	4.6	3.1	12.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	104.4
Urban 4 (Industrial)	0.0	0.0	0.0	129.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	129.3
Urban 5 (Parks, Recreation Fields, Institutional)	0.0	17.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.6
Agric 1 (Cover Crop)	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6	74.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	79.4
Agric 2 (Row Crop)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	145.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	145.8
Agric 3 (Grazing)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.8
Agric 4 (Feedlot)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1461.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1461.6
Forest 1 (Upland)	22.0	50.1	143.9	258.3	26.3	91.5	96.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	688.0
Forest 2 (Wetland)	0.0	0.7	0.0	41.3	0.0	0.0	5.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	47.5
Open 1 (Wetland/Lake)	6.1	1.4	4.9	0.2	0.0	0.1	34.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	47.7
Open 2 (Meadow)	4.9	3.1	0.0	25.2	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.9
Open 3 (Excavation)	0.6	0.5	0.0	11.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.9
Other 1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other 2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other 3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	139.9	182.0	195.0	796.6	1775.2	122.5	261.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3472.2

LOAD GENERATION: BASEFLOW P											
	BASIN 1	BASIN 2	BASIN 3	BASIN 4	BASIN 5	BASIN 6	BASIN 7	BASIN 8	BASIN 9	BASIN 10	TOTAL
	E. Direct	W. Direct	Upper T1	Lower T1	W. Upper T2	E. Upper T2	Lower T2				
LAND USE	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)
Urban 1 (Residential)	0.12	0.09	0.08	0.47	0.07	0.04	0.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.06
Urban 2 (Roads)	0.04	0.05	0.00	0.06	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.19
Urban 3 (Mixed Urban/Commercial)	0.04	0.06	0.00	0.06	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.19
Urban 4 (Industrial)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.24
Urban 5 (Parks, Recreation Fields, Institutional)	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03
Agric 1 (Cover Crop)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.13
Agric 2 (Row Crop)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.16
Agric 3 (Grazing)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04
Agric 4 (Feedlot)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Forest 1 (Upland)	0.04	0.09	0.25	0.45	0.05	0.16	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.20
Forest 2 (Wetland)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.08
Open 1 (Wetland/Lake)	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10
Open 2 (Meadow)	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07
Open 3 (Excavation)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Other 1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other 2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other 3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Point Source #1	0.00	0.00	0.00	135.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	135.00
Point Source #2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Point Source #3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	0.25	0.33	0.35	136.42	0.46	0.22	0.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	138.50

LOAD GENERATION: BASEFLOW N											
	BASIN 1	BASIN 2	BASIN 3	BASIN 4	BASIN 5	BASIN 6	BASIN 7	BASIN 8	BASIN 9	BASIN 10	TOTAL
	E. Direct	W. Direct	Upper T1	Lower T1	W. Upper T2	E. Upper T2	Lower T2				
LAND USE	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)
Urban 1 (Residential)	60.00	42.50	42.00	236.99	33.31	22.42	90.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	527.53
Urban 2 (Roads)	18.60	27.33	0.00	29.62	4.16	2.80	11.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	93.81
Urban 3 (Mixed Urban/Commercial)	18.00	29.00	0.00	29.62	4.16	2.80	11.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	94.88
Urban 4 (Industrial)	0.00	0.00	0.00	117.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	117.50
Urban 5 (Parks, Recreation Fields, Institutional)	0.00	16.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.00
Agric 1 (Cover Crop)	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.91	30.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	32.66
Agric 2 (Row Crop)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.50
Agric 3 (Grazing)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
Agric 4 (Feedlot)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.50
Forest 1 (Upland)	7.71	17.50	50.30	90.30	9.20	32.00	33.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	240.56
Forest 2 (Wetland)	0.00	0.25	0.00	14.46	0.00	0.00	1.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.61
Open 1 (Wetland/Lake)	1.23	0.28	1.00	0.05	0.00	0.03	7.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.69
Open 2 (Meadow)	1.00	0.63	0.00	5.12	0.03	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.89
Open 3 (Excavation)	0.06	0.05	0.00	1.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.24
Other 1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other 2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other 3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Point Source #1	0.00	0.00	0.00	540.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	540.00
Point Source #2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Point Source #3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	106.60	133.54	93.30	1066.71	154.61	60.06	155.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	1770.36

Load Routing Pattern

The model must be told how to route all inputs of water, TP and TN before they reach the lake. Since attenuation in an upstream basin can affect inputs in an upstream basin that passes through the downstream basin, the model must be directed as to where to apply attenuation factors and additive effects. In the table below, each basin listed on the lines labeled on the left that passes through another basin labeled by column is denoted with a 1 in the column of the basin through which it passes. Otherwise, a 0 appears in each shaded cell. All basins pass through themselves, so the first line has a 1 in each cell. Basins 1 and 2 go direct to the lake, and so all other cells on the corresponding lines have 0 entries. Basin 3 passes through Basin 4 (see Figure 2), and so the line for Basin 3 has a 1 in the column for Basin 4. Likewise, Basins 5 and 6 pass through Basin 7, so the corresponding lines have a 1 entered in the column for Basin 7.

ROUTING PATTERN										
	(Basin in left hand column passes through basin in column below if indicated by a 1)									
1=YES 0=NO XXX=BLANK	BASIN 1	BASIN 2	BASIN 3	BASIN 4	BASIN 5	BASIN 6	BASIN 7	BASIN 8	BASIN 9	BASIN 10
	E. Direct	W. Direct	Upper T1	Lower T1	W. Upper T2	E. Upper T2	Lower T2			
	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)
INDIVIDUAL BASIN	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
BASIN 1 OUTPUT	XXX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BASIN 2 OUTPUT	0	XXX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BASIN 3 OUTPUT	0	0	XXX	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
BASIN 4 OUTPUT	0	0	0	XXX	0	0	0	0	0	0
BASIN 5 OUTPUT	0	0	0	0	XXX	0	1	0	0	0
BASIN 6 OUTPUT	0	0	0	0	0	XXX	1	0	0	0
BASIN 7 OUTPUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	XXX	0	0	0
BASIN 8 OUTPUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	XXX	0	0
BASIN 9 OUTPUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	XXX	0
BASIN 10 OUTPUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	XXX

CUMULATIVE DRAINAGE AREAS										
	(Total land area associated with routed water and nutrients)									
1=YES 0=NO XXX=BLANK	BASIN 1	BASIN 2	BASIN 3	BASIN 4	BASIN 5	BASIN 6	BASIN 7	BASIN 8	BASIN 9	BASIN 10
	E. Direct	W. Direct	Upper T1	Lower T1	W. Upper T2	E. Upper T2	Lower T2			
	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)
INDIVIDUAL BASIN	31.6	42.6	60.7	200.9	50.6	37.7	72.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
BASIN 1 OUTPUT	XXX	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
BASIN 2 OUTPUT	0.0	XXX	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
BASIN 3 OUTPUT	0.0	0.0	XXX	60.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
BASIN 4 OUTPUT	0.0	0.0	0.0	XXX	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
BASIN 5 OUTPUT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	XXX	0.0	50.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
BASIN 6 OUTPUT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	XXX	37.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
BASIN 7 OUTPUT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	XXX	0.0	0.0	0.0
BASIN 8 OUTPUT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	XXX	0.0	0.0
BASIN 9 OUTPUT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	XXX	0.0
BASIN 10 OUTPUT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	XXX
TOTALS	31.6	42.6	60.7	261.6	50.6	37.7	160.7	0.0	0.0	0.0

The model then combines the appropriate watershed areas as shown above, generating larger sub-watersheds that are used later to calculate overall export coefficients, comparative water yields, and related checks for model accuracy.

Load Routing and Attenuation

With the loads calculated previously for each basin under wet and dry conditions and the routing of those loads specified, the model can then combine those loads and apply attenuation values chosen to reflect expected losses of water, TP or TN while the generated loads are on their way to the lake.

Water

Water is attenuated mostly by evapotranspiration losses. Some depression storage is expected, seepage into the ground is possible, and wetlands can remove considerable water on the way to the lake. In general, a 5% loss is to be expected in nearly all cases, and greater losses are plausible with lower gradient or wetland dominated landscapes. In the example system, only the lower portion of Tributary 2 is expected to have more than a 5% loss, with a 15% loss linked to the wetland associated with this drainage area and tributary (see Figure 1).

WATER ROUTING AND ATTENUATION										
	BASIN 1	BASIN 2	BASIN 3	BASIN 4	BASIN 5	BASIN 6	BASIN 7	BASIN 8	BASIN 9	BASIN 10
	E. Direct	W. Direct	Upper T1	Lower T1	W. Upper T2	E. Upper T2	Lower T2			
SOURCE	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)	(CU.M/YR)
INDIVIDUAL BASIN	185594	247067	362153	1231497	321916	226145	421308	0	0	0
BASIN 1 OUTPUT	XXX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BASIN 2 OUTPUT	0	XXX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BASIN 3 OUTPUT	0	0	XXX	344045	0	0	0	0	0	0
BASIN 4 OUTPUT	0	0	0	XXX	0	0	0	0	0	0
BASIN 5 OUTPUT	0	0	0	0	XXX	0	305820	0	0	0
BASIN 6 OUTPUT	0	0	0	0	0	XXX	214838	0	0	0
BASIN 7 OUTPUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	XXX	0	0	0
BASIN 8 OUTPUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	XXX	0	0
BASIN 9 OUTPUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	XXX	0
BASIN 10 OUTPUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	XXX
CUMULATIVE TOTAL	185594	247067	362153	1575542	321916	226145	941966	0	0	0
BASIN ATTENUATION	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.85	1.00	1.00	1.00
OUTPUT VOLUME	176314	234714	344045	1496765	305820	214838	800671	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reality Check from Flow Data				1500000.0			800000.0			
Calculated Flow/Measured Flow	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	0.998	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	1.001	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Reality Check from Areal Yield X Basin Area	174638.7	235450.8	335258.2	1444750.2	279386.8	208035.3	887509.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Calculated Flow/Flow from Areal Yield	1.010	0.997	1.026	1.036	1.095	1.033	0.902	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!

The resulting output volume for each basin is calculated in the table below, and two reality check opportunities are provided. First any actual data can be added for direct comparison; average flows are available for only two points, the inlets of the two tributaries, but these are useful. In many cases no flow data may be available. The model therefore generates an estimate of the expected average flow as a function of all contributing upstream watershed area and the water yield provided near the top of the Calculations sheet (covered previously). While this flow estimate is approximate, it should not vary from the modeled flow by more than about 20% unless there are unusual circumstances.

In the example, the ratio of the calculated flow from the complete model generation and routing to the estimated yield from the contributing drainage area ranges from 0.902 to 1.095, suggesting fairly close agreement. As some ratios are lower than 1 and others are higher than 1, no model-wide adjustment is likely to bring the values into closer agreement. Slight changes in attenuation for each basin could be applied, but are not necessary when the values agree this closely.

Phosphorus

The same approach applied to attenuation of water is applied to the phosphorus load, as shown in the table below. Here attenuation can range from 0 to 1.0, with the value shown representing the portion of the load that reaches the terminus of the basin. With natural or human enhanced removal processes, it is unusual for all of the load to pass through a basin, but it is also unusual for more than 60 to 70% of it to be removed. What value to pick depends on professional judgment regarding the nature of removal processes in each basin. Infiltration, filtration, detention and uptake will lower the attenuation value entered below, and knowledge of the literature on Best Management Practices is needed to make reliable judgments on attenuation values.

LOAD ROUTING AND ATTENUATION: PHOSPHORUS										
	BASIN 1	BASIN 2	BASIN 3	BASIN 4	BASIN 5	BASIN 6	BASIN 7	BASIN 8	BASIN 9	BASIN 10
	E. Direct	W. Direct	Upper T1	Lower T1	W. Upper T2	E. Upper T2	Lower T2			
	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)
BASIN 1 INDIVIDUAL	15.8	20.9	16.3	215.8	147.6	10.4	24.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
BASIN 1 OUTPUT	XXX	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
BASIN 2 OUTPUT	0.0	XXX	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
BASIN 3 OUTPUT	0.0	0.0	XXX	12.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
BASIN 4 OUTPUT	0.0	0.0	0.0	XXX	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
BASIN 5 OUTPUT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	XXX	0.0	118.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
BASIN 6 OUTPUT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	XXX	7.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
BASIN 7 OUTPUT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	XXX	0.0	0.0	0.0
BASIN 8 OUTPUT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	XXX	0.0	0.0
BASIN 9 OUTPUT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	XXX	0.0
BASIN 10 OUTPUT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	XXX
CUMULATIVE TOTAL	15.8	20.9	16.3	228.0	147.6	10.4	149.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
BASIN ATTENUATION	0.90	0.90	0.75	0.85	0.80	0.75	0.70	1.00	1.00	1.00
OUTPUT LOAD	14.2	18.8	12.2	193.8	118.1	7.8	104.9	0.0	0.0	0.0

In the example system, the direct drainage basins were assigned values of 0.90, representing a small amount of removal mainly by infiltration processes. Upper Tributary #1 has a small pond and was accorded a value of 0.75 (25% removal); a larger pond might have suggested a value closer to 0.5. Lower Tributary #1 has an assigned value of 0.85 based on channel processes that favor uptake and adsorption. West and East Upper Tributary #2 have value based on drainage basin features as evaluated in the field, while the wetland associated with Lower Tributary #2 garners it the lowest load pass-through at 0.7. A more extensive wetland with greater sheet flow might have earned a value near 0.5. Resulting output loads are then calculated.

Nitrogen

The same process used with water and TP attenuation applies to TN, but attenuation of TN is rarely identical to that for TP. Nitrogen moves more readily through soil, and while transformations occur in the stream, losses due to denitrification require slower flows and low oxygen levels not commonly encountered in steeper, rockier channels. However, losses from uptake and possibly denitrification are possible in wetland areas, such as that associated with Lower Tributary #2. Accordingly, attenuation values are assigned as shown in the table below, with generally lower losses for TN than for TP. As with TP attenuation, choosing appropriate values does require some professional judgment.

LOAD ROUTING AND ATTENUATION: NITROGEN										
	BASIN 1	BASIN 2	BASIN 3	BASIN 4	BASIN 5	BASIN 6	BASIN 7	BASIN 8	BASIN 9	BASIN 10
	E. Direct	W. Direct	Upper T1	Lower T1	W. Upper T2	E. Upper T2	Lower T2			
	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)	(KG/YR)
BASIN 1 INDIVIDUAL	246.5	315.6	290.1	1863.3	1929.8	182.6	416.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
BASIN 1 OUTPUT	XXX	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
BASIN 2 OUTPUT	0.0	XXX	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
BASIN 3 OUTPUT	0.0	0.0	XXX	232.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
BASIN 4 OUTPUT	0.0	0.0	0.0	XXX	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
BASIN 5 OUTPUT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	XXX	0.0	1543.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
BASIN 6 OUTPUT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	XXX	146.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
BASIN 7 OUTPUT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	XXX	0.0	0.0	0.0
BASIN 8 OUTPUT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	XXX	0.0	0.0
BASIN 9 OUTPUT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	XXX	0.0
BASIN 10 OUTPUT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	XXX
CUMULATIVE TOTAL	246.5	315.6	290.1	2095.4	1929.8	182.6	2106.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
BASIN ATTENUATION	0.95	0.95	0.80	0.90	0.80	0.80	0.75	1.00	1.00	1.00
OUTPUT LOAD	234.2	299.8	232.1	1885.8	1543.8	146.0	1579.8	0.0	0.0	0.0

Load and Concentration Summary

Water

Water loads were handled to the extent necessary in the previous loading calculations, and are used in this section only to allow calculation of expected TP and TN concentrations, facilitating reality checks with actual data.

Phosphorus

Using the calculated load of TP for each basin and the corresponding water volume, an average expected concentration can be derived, as shown in the table below. Where sampling provides actual data, values can be compared to determine how well the model represents known reality. Sufficient sampling is needed to make the reality check values reliable; it is not appropriate to assume that either the data or the model is necessarily accurate when the values disagree. However, with enough data to adequately characterize the concentrations observed in the stream, the model can be adjusted to produce a better match. Estimated and actual concentrations are used to generate a ratio for easy comparison.

The TP loads previously calculated represent the load passing through each basin, but do not represent what reaches the lake, as not all basins are terminal input sources. The model must be told which basins actually drain directly to the lake, and for which the exiting load is part of the total load to the lake.

LOAD AND CONCENTRATION SUMMARY: PHOSPHORUS											
	BASIN 1	BASIN 2	BASIN 3	BASIN 4	BASIN 5	BASIN 6	BASIN 7	BASIN 8	BASIN 9	BASIN 10	
	E. Direct	W. Direct	Upper T1	Lower T1	W. Upper T2	E. Upper T2	Lower T2				
OUTPUT (CU.M/YR)	176314	234714	344045	1496765	305820	214838	800671	0	0	0	
OUTPUT (KG/YR)	14.2	18.8	12.2	193.8	118.1	7.8	104.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	
OUTPUT (MG/L)	0.081	0.080	0.035	0.129	0.386	0.036	0.131	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	
REALITY CHECK CONC. (FROM DATA)	0.078	0.076	0.040	0.150	0.325	0.035	0.125				
CALCULATED CONC./MEASURED CONC.	1.035	1.056	0.886	0.863	1.188	1.038	1.049	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	
BASIN EXPORT COEFFICIENT	0.45	0.44	0.20	0.74	2.33	0.21	0.65	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	
TERMINAL DISCHARGE?	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	
(1=YES 2=NO)											
LOAD TO RESOURCE											TOTAL
WATER (CU.M/YR)	176314	234714	0	1496765	0	0	800671	0	0	0	2708464
PHOSPHORUS (KG/YR)	14.2	18.8	0.0	193.8	0.0	0.0	104.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	331.8
PHOSPHORUS (MG/L)	0.081	0.080	0.000	0.129	0.000	0.000	0.131	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	0.123

For the example system, the ratio of the calculated concentration to average actual values derived from substantial sampling (typically on the order of 10 or more samples representing the range of dry to wet conditions) ranges from 0.886 to 1.188, or from 11% low to 19% high, within a generally acceptable range of $\pm$20%. This is not a strict threshold, especially with lower TP concentrations where detection limits and intervals of expression for methods can produce higher percent deviation with very small absolute differences. Yet in general, <20% difference between observed and expected watershed basin output values is considered reasonable for a model at this level of sophistication.

That some values are higher than expected and others lower suggests that now model-wide adjustment will improve agreement (such as an export coefficient change), but attenuation values for individual basins could be adjusted if there is justification.

For the example system, Basins 1, 2, 4 and 7 contribute directly to the lake, and are so denoted by a 1 in their respective columns on the line for terminal discharge. These loads will be summed to derive a watershed load of TP to the lake.

Nitrogen

The model process followed for TN is identical to that applied to TP loads from basins. For TN in the example system, comparison of expected vs. observed values yields a range of ratios from 0.929 to 1.188, representing 7% low to 19% high. Only one out of seven values is lower than 1, so perhaps some adjustment of the TN export coefficients is in order, but most individual basin values are within 8% of each other, so without clear justification, the judgment exercised in the original choices for export coefficients and attenuation is not generally overridden. The same basins denoted as terminal discharges for TP are so noted for TN, allowing calculation of the total watershed load of TN to the lake.

LOAD AND CONCENTRATION SUMMARY: NITROGEN											
	BASIN 1	BASIN 2	BASIN 3	BASIN 4	BASIN 5	BASIN 6	BASIN 7	BASIN 8	BASIN 9	BASIN 10	
	E. Direct	W. Direct	Upper T1	Lower T1	W. Upper T2	E. Upper T2	Lower T2				
OUTPUT (CU.M/YR)	176314	234714	344045	1496765	305820	214838	800671	0	0	0	
OUTPUT (KG/YR)	234.2	299.8	232.1	1885.8	1543.8	146.0	1579.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	
OUTPUT MG/L	1.328	1.277	0.675	1.260	5.048	0.680	1.973	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	
REALITY CHECK CONC. (FROM DATA)	1.430	1.240	0.650	1.180	4.250	0.650	1.830				
CALCULATED CONC./MEASURED CONC.	0.929	1.030	1.038	1.068	1.188	1.046	1.078	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	
BASIN EXPORT COEFFICIENT	7.41	7.03	3.82	7.21	30.52	3.88	9.83	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	
TERMINAL DISCHARGE?	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	
(1=YES 2=NO)											
LOAD TO RESOURCE											TOTAL
WATER (CU.M/YR)	176314	234714	0	1496765	0	0	800671	0	0	0	2708464
NITROGEN (KG/YR)	234.2	299.8	0.0	1885.8	0.0	0.0	1579.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	3999.7
NITROGEN (MG/L)	1.328	1.277	0.000	1.260	0.000	0.000	1.973	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	1.477

Grand Totals

The final portion of the Calculation sheet is a summary of all loads to the lake and a grand total load with associated concentrations for TP and TN, as shown below. The breakdown of sources is provided for later consideration in both overall target setting and in consideration of BMPs. For the example system, the watershed load is clearly dominant, and would need to be addressed if substantial reductions in loading were considered necessary. The loads of water, TP and TN are then transferred automatically to the Prediction sheet to facilitate estimation of in-lake concentrations of TP, TN and Chl and a value for SDT. The derived overall input concentration for TP is also transferred; the in-lake predictive models for TN do not require that overall input concentration, but the comparison of TP and TN input levels can be insightful when considering what types of algae are likely to dominate the lake phytoplankton.

LOAD SUMMARY			
DIRECT LOADS TO LAKE	P (KG/YR)	N (KG/YR)	WATER (CU.M/YR)
ATMOSPHERIC	8.0	260.0	484000
INTERNAL	40.0	100.0	0
WATERFOWL	10.0	47.5	0
SEPTIC SYSTEM	31.8	517.0	31250
WATERSHED LOAD	331.7	3998.4	2707372
TOTAL LOAD TO LAKE	421.5	4922.9	3222622
(Watershed + direct loads)			
TOTAL INPUT CONC. (MG/L)	0.131	1.528	

Water Quality Predictions

Prediction of TP, TN, Chl and SDT is based on empirical equations from the literature, nearly all pertaining to North American systems. Only a few additional pieces of information are needed to run the model; most of the needed input data are automatically transferred from the Calculations sheet. As shown below, only the concentration of TP leaving the lake and the lake volume must be entered on the Prediction sheet. If the outflow TP level is not known, the in-lake surface concentration is normally used. If the volume is not specifically known, an average depth can be multiplied by the lake area to derive an input volume, which will then recalculate the average depth one cell below. The nature of the TN prediction models does not require any TN concentration input.

IN-LAKE MODELS FOR PREDICTING CONCENTRATIONS: Current Conditions					
THE TERMS					
	PHOSPHORUS				
SYMBOL	**PARAMETER**	**UNITS**	**DERIVATION**	**VALUE**	
TP	Lake Total Phosphorus Conc.	ppb	From in-lake models	To Be Predicted	
KG	Phosphorus Load to Lake	kg/yr	From export model	422	
L	Phosphorus Load to Lake	g P/m2/yr	KG*1000/A	1.054	
TPin	Influent (Inflow) Total Phosphorus	ppb	From export model	131	
TPout	Effluent (Outlet) Total Phosphorus	ppb	From data, if available	75	Enter Value (TP out)
I	Inflow	m3/yr	From export model	3222622	
A	Lake Area	m2	From data	400000	
V	Lake Volume	m3	From data	1625300	Enter Value (V)
Z	Mean Depth	m	Volume/area	4.063	
F	Flushing Rate	flushings/yr	Inflow/volume	1.983	
S	Suspended Fraction	no units	Effluent TP/Influent TP	0.573	
Qs	Areal Water Load	m/yr	Z(F)	8.057	
Vs	Settling Velocity	m	Z(S)	2.330	
Rp	Retention Coefficient (settling rate)	no units	((Vs+13.2)/2)/(((Vs+13.2)/2)+Qs)	0.491	
Rlm	Retention Coefficient (flushing rate)	no units	1/(1+F^0.5)	0.415	
	NITROGEN				
SYMBOL	**PARAMETER**	**UNITS**	**DERIVATION**	**VALUE**	
TN	Lake Total Nitrogen Conc.	ppb	From in-lake models	To Be Predicted	
KG	Nitrogen Load to Lake	kg/yr	From export model	4923	
L1	Nitrogen Load to Lake	g N/m2/yr	KG*1000/A	12.31	
L2	Nitrogen Load to Lake	mg N/m2/yr	KG*1000000/A	12307	
C1	Coefficient of Attenuation, from F	fraction/yr	2.7183^(0.5541(ln(F))-0.367)	1.01	
C2	Coefficient of Attenuation, from L	fraction/yr	2.7183^(0.71(ln(L2))-6.426)	1.30	
C3	Coefficient of Attenuation, from L/Z	fraction/yr	2.7183^(0.594(ln(L2/Z))-4.144)	1.85	

Phosphorus Concentration

TP concentration is predicted from the equations shown below. The mass balance calculation is simply the TP load divided by the water load, and assumes no losses to settling within the lake. Virtually all lakes have settling losses, but the other equations derive that settling coefficient in different ways, providing a range of possible TP concentration values. Where there is knowledge of the components of the settling calculations, a model might be selected as most representative or models might be eliminated as inapplicable, but otherwise the average of the five empirical models (excluding the mass balance calculation) is accepted as the predicted TP value for the lake.

THE MODELS				
	PHOSPHORUS	**PRED.**	**PERMIS.**	**CRITICAL**
		CONC.	**CONC.**	**CONC.**
NAME	**FORMULA**	**(ppb)**	**(ppb)**	**(ppb)**
Mass Balance	TP=L/(Z(F))*1000	131		
(Maximum Conc.)				
Kirchner-Dillon 1975	TP=L(1-Rp)/(Z(F))*1000	67	18	36
(K-D)				
Vollenweider 1975	TP=L/(Z(S+F))*1000	101	27	55
(V)				
Larsen-Mercier 1976	TP=L(1-Rlm)/(Z(F))*1000	76	21	41
(L-M)				
Jones-Bachmann 1976	TP=0.84(L)/(Z(0.65+F))*1000	83	22	45
(J-B)				
Reckhow General (1977)	TP=L/(11.6+1.2(Z(F)))*1000	50	13	27
(Rg)				
Average of Model Values		75	20	41
(without mass balance)				
Measured Value		75		
(mean, median, other)				
From Vollenweider 1968				
Permissible Load (g/m2/yr)	Lp=10^(0.501503(log(Z(F)))-1.0018)	0.28		
Critical Load (g/m2/yr)	Lc=2(Cp)	0.57		

The predicted in-lake TP concentration can be compared to actual data (an average value is entered in the shaded cell as a reality check) and to calculation of the permissible and critical concentrations as derived from Vollenweider's 1968 work. For the example lake, the predicted TP level of 75 ug/L is an exact match for the measured value of 75 ug/L, but both are well above the critical concentration.

The permissible concentration is the value above which algal blooms are to be expected on a potentially unacceptable frequency, while the critical concentration is the level above which unacceptable algal growths are to be expected, barring extreme flushing, toxic events, or light limitation from suspended sediment.

Use of the range of values derived from these empirical equations provides some sense for the uncertainty in the analysis. Changing input loads, lake volume, or other key variables allows for sensitivity analysis.

Nitrogen Concentration

Prediction of TN is based on three separate empirical equations from the same work, each calculating settling losses differently. A mass balance equation is applied as well, as with the prediction of TP. An actual mean value is normally entered in the shaded cell as a reality check. For the example system, the actual mean TN value is within the range of predicted values, but is about 5.6% lower than the average of predicted values. One might consider adjusting export coefficients or attenuation rates in the Calculations sheet, to bring these values closer together, but the discrepancy is relatively minor.

	NITROGEN	
Mass Balance	TN=L/(Z(F))*1000	1528
(Maximum Conc.)		
Bachmann 1980	TN=L/(Z(C1+F))*1000	1011
Bachmann 1980	TN=L/(Z(C2+F))*1000	923
Bachmann 1980	TN=L/(Z(C3+F))*1000	789
Average of Model Values		908
(without mass balance)		
Measured Value		860
(mean, median, other)		

Chlorophyll Concentration, Water Clarity and Bloom Probability

Once an average in-lake TP concentration has been established, the Predictions sheet derives corresponding Chl and SDT values, as shown below. Five different equations are used to derive a predicted Chl value, and an average is derived. Peak Chl is estimated with three equations, with an average generated. Average and maximum expected SDT are estimated as well. Bloom frequency is based on the relationship of mean Chl to other threshold levels from other studies, and the portion of time that Chl is expected to exceed 10, 15, 20, 30 and 40 ug/L is derived.

A set of shaded cells are provided for entry of known measured values for comparison. For the example lake, the average and peak Chl levels predicted from the model are slightly higher than actual measured values, while the average and maximum SDT from the model are slightly lower than observed values, consistent with the Chl results. Agreement is generally high, however, with differences between 10 and 20%. There were not enough data to construct a dependable actual distribution of Chl over the range of thresholds provided for the example lake.

There are other factors besides nutrients that can strongly affect the standing crop of algae and resulting Chl levels, including low light from suspended sediment, grazing by zooplankton, presence of heterotrophic algae, and flushing effects from high flows. Consequently, close agreement between predicted and actual Chl will be harder to achieve than for predicted and actual TP. Knowledge of those other potentially important influences can help determine if model calibration is off, or if closer agreement is not rationally achievable.

PREDICTED CHL AND WATER CLARITY			
MODEL	**Value**	**Mean**	**Measured**
Mean Chlorophyll (ug/L)			
Carlson 1977	45.9		
Dillon and Rigler 1974	38.4		
Jones and Bachmann 1976	44.7		
Oglesby and Schaffner 1978	40.4		
Modified Vollenweider 1982	35.5	41.0	37.5
Peak Chlorophyll (ug/L)			
Modified Vollenweider (TP) 1982	119.7		
Vollenweider (CHL) 1982	133.1		
Modified Jones, Rast and Lee 1979	139.5	130.8	118.1
Secchi Transparency (M)			
Oglesby and Schaffner 1978 **(Avg)**	0.8		1.0
Modified Vollenweider 1982 **(Max)**	2.9		3.1
Bloom Probability			
Probability of Chl >10 ug/L **(% of time)**	99.5%		
Probability of Chl >15 ug/L **(% of time)**	96.1%		
Probability of Chl >20 ug/L **(% of time)**	88.2%		
Probability of Chl >30 ug/L **(% of time)**	64.6%		
Probability of Chl >40 ug/L **(% of time)**	42.0%		

Evaluating Initial Results

LLRM is not meant to be a “black box” model. One can look at any cell and discern which steps are most important to final results in any give case. Several quality control processes are recommended in each application.

Checking Values

Many numerical entries must be made to run LLRM. Be sure to double check the values entered. Simple entry errors can cause major discrepancies between predictions and reality. Where an export coefficient is large, most notably with Agric4, feedlot area, it is essential that the land use actually associated with that activity be accurately assessed and entered.

Following Loads

For any individually identified load that represents a substantial portion of the total load (certainly >25%, perhaps as small a portion as 10%), it is appropriate to follow that load from generation through delivery to the lake, observing the losses and transformations along the way. Sometimes the path will be very short, and sometimes there may be multiple points where attenuation is applied. Consider dry vs. wet weather inputs and determine if the ratio is reasonable in light of actual data or field observations. Are calculated concentrations at points of measurement consistent with the actual measurements? Are watershed processes being adequately represented? One limitation of the model involves application of attenuation for all loads within a defined basin; loads may enter at the distal or proximal ends of the basin, and attenuation may not apply equally to all sources. Where loading and attenuation are not being properly represented, consider subdividing the basin to work with drainages of the most meaningful sizes.

Reality Checks

LLRM can be run with minimal actual water quality data, but to gain confidence in the predictions it is necessary to compare results with sufficient amounts of actual data for key points in the modeled system. Ideally, water quality will be tested at all identified nodes, including the output points for all basins, any point source discharges, any direct discharge pipes to the lake, and in the lake itself. Wet and dry weather sampling should be conducted. Flow values are highly desirable, but without a longer term record, considerable uncertainty will remain; variability in flow is often extreme, necessitating large data sets to get representative statistical representation. Where there are multiple measurement points, compare not just how close predicted values are to observed values, but the pattern. Are observed values consistently over- or underpredicted? A rough threshold of $\pm$20% is recommended as a starting point, with a mix of values in the + or – categories.

Sensitivity Testing

The sensitivity of LLRM can be evaluated by altering individual features and observing the effect on results. For any variable for which the value is rather uncertain, enter the maximum value conceivable, and record model results. Then repeat the process with the minimum plausible value, and compare to ascertain how much variation can be induced by error in that variable. Which variables seem to have the greatest impact on results? Those variables should receive the most attention in reality checking, ground truthing, and future monitoring, and would also be the most likely candidates for adjustment in model calibration, unless the initially entered values are very certain.

For example, the runoff coefficients for TP from the various land uses were set below the median literature values, based on knowledge of loads for some drainage areas from actual data for flow and concentration. However, it is possible that the actual load generated from various land uses is higher than initially assumed, and it is the attenuation that should be adjusted to achieve a predicted in-lake concentration that matches actual data. If the median TP export for runoff is entered into the Calculations sheet, substituting the unshaded values for the shaded values in the table below, the resulting in-lake TP prediction is 89 ug/L, much higher than the 75 ug/L from real data.

LAND USE	Original P Export Coefficient (kg/ha/yr)	New P Export Coefficient (kg/ha/yr)
Urban 1 (Residential)	0.65	1.10
Urban 2 (Roads)	0.75	1.10
Urban 3 (Mixed Urban/Commercial)	0.80	1.10
Urban 4 (Industrial)	0.70	1.10
Urban 5 (Parks, Recreation Fields, Institutional)	0.80	1.10
Agric 1 (Cover Crop)	0.80	0.80
Agric 2 (Row Crop)	1.00	2.20
Agric 3 (Grazing)	0.40	0.80
Agric 4 (Feedlot)	224.00	224.00
Forest 1 (Upland)	0.20	0.20
Forest 2 (Wetland)	0.10	0.20
Open 1 (Wetland/Lake)	0.10	0.20
Open 2 (Meadow)	0.10	0.20
Open 3 (Excavation)	0.80	0.80
Other 1	0.20	0.20
Other 2	1.10	1.10
Other 3	2.20	2.20

To get a closer match for the known in-lake value, attenuation would have to be adjusted (reduction in the portion of the generated load that reaches the lake) by about 0.1 units (10%), as shown below. This would result in a predicted in-lake TP concentration of 77 ug/L, not far above the measured 75 ug/L. It is apparent that choice of export coefficients is fairly important, but that error in those choices can be compensated by adjustments in attenuation that are not too extreme to be believed. Yet those choices will affect the results of management scenario testing, and should be made carefully. The intent is to properly represent watershed processes, both loading and attenuation, not just the product of the two.

	BASIN 1 E. Direct	BASIN 2 W. Direct	BASIN 3 Upper T1	BASIN 4 Lower T1	BASIN 5 W. Upper T2	BASIN 6 E. Upper T2	BASIN 7 Lower T2
ORIGINAL BASIN ATTENUATION	0.90	0.90	0.75	0.85	0.80	0.75	0.70
NEW BASIN ATTENUATION	0.80	0.80	0.65	0.75	0.70	0.65	0.60

Aside from changes in all export coefficients, one might consider the impact of changing a single value. As that value applies to all areas given for the corresponding land use, its impact will be proportional to the magnitude of that area relative to other land uses. A change in forested land use exports may be very influential if most of the watershed is forested. A much larger change would be necessary to cause similar impact for a land use that represents a small portion of the watershed.

Model Calibration

Actual adjustment of LLRM to get predicted results in reasonable agreement with actual data can be achieved by altering any of the input data. The key to proper calibration is to change values that have some uncertainty, and to change them in a way that makes sense in light of knowledge of the target watershed and lake. One would not change entered land use areas believed to be correct just to get the predictions to match actual data. Rather, one would adjust the export coefficients for land uses within the plausible range (see Reference Variables sheet), and in accordance with values that could be derived for selected drainage areas (within the target system or nearby) from actual data. Or one could adjust attenuation, determining that a detention area, wetland, or other landscape feature had somewhat greater or lesser attenuation capacity that initially estimated. Justification for all changes should be provided; model adjustment should be transparent and amenable to scrutiny.

For the example system, it may be appropriate to adjust either TN export coefficients or attenuation to get the average of the three empirical equation results for TN (see Predictions sheet) to match the observed average more closely. In the example, a predicted TN concentration of 908 ug/L was derived, while the average of quite a few in-lake samples was 860 ug/L. With a difference of <6%, this is not a major issue, but since all but one of the individual basin predictions for TN concentration were also overpredictions, adjustment can be justified.

If all the TN export coefficients in the Calculations sheet are reduced by 10%, an entirely plausible situation, the new TN prediction for the lake becomes 861 ug/L, a very close match for the observed 860 ug/L. Export coefficients were not changed selectively by land use; all were simply adjusted down a small amount, well within the range of possible variation in this system. Alternatively, if the TN attenuation coefficient for each basin is reduced in the Calculations sheet by 0.05 (representing 5% more loss of TN on the way to the lake), the new predicted in-lake TN concentration becomes 842 ug/L, not far below the observed 860 ug/L. Attenuation in each basin was adjusted the same way, showing no bias. Either of these adjustments (export coefficients or attenuation values) would be reasonable within the constraints of the model and knowledge of the system.

The only way to change the export coefficient for land use in a single basin is to split off that land use into one of the “Other” categories and have it appear in only the basins where a different export coefficient is justified. This is hardly ever done, and justification should involve supporting data. Likewise, if one basin had a particularly large load and a feature that might affect that load, one might justify changing the attenuation for just that one basin, but justification should be strong to interject this level of individual basin bias.

Model Verification

Proper verification of models involves calibration with one set of data, followed by running the model with different input data leading to different results, with data to verify that those results are appropriate. Where data exist for conditions in a different time period that led to different in-lake conditions, such verification is possible with LLRM, but such opportunities tend to be rare. If the lake level was raised by dam modification, and in-lake data are available for before and after the pool rise, a simple change in the lake volume (entered in the Predictions sheet) can simulate this and allow verification. If in-lake data exist from a time before there was much development in the watershed, this could also allow verification by changing the land use and comparing results to historic TP and TN levels in the lake. However, small changes in watershed land use are not likely to yield sufficiently large changes in in-lake conditions to be detectable with this model. Additionally, as LLRM is a steady state model, testing conditions in one year with wetter conditions against another year with drier conditions, with no change in land use, is really not a valid approach.

Model verification is a function of data availability for at least two periods of multiple years in duration with different conditions that can be represented by the model. Where available, use of these data to verify model performance is strongly advised. If predictions under the second set of conditions do not reasonably match the available data, adjustments in export coefficients, attenuation, or other features of the model may be needed. Understanding why conditions are not being properly represented is an important aspect of modeling, even when it is not possible to bring the model into complete agreement with available data.

Scenario Testing

LLRM is meant to be useful for evaluating possible consequences of land use conversions, changes in discharges, various management options, and related alterations of the watershed or lake. The primary purpose of this model is to allow the user to project possible consequences of actions and aid management and policy decision processes. Testing a conceived scenario involves changing appropriate input data and observing the results. Common scenario testing includes determining the likely "original" or "pre-settlement" condition of the lake, termed "Background Condition" here, and forecasting the benefit from possible Best Management Practices (BMPs).

Background Conditions

Simulation of Background Conditions is most often accomplished by changing all developed land uses to forest, wetland or water, whichever is most appropriate based on old land use maps or other sources of knowledge about watershed features prior to development of roads, towns, industry, and related human features. Default export coefficients for undeveloped land use types are virtually the same, so the distinction is not critical if records are sparse.

For the example system, all developed land uses were converted to forested upland, although it is entirely possible that some wetlands were filled for development before regulations to protect wetlands were promulgated, and some may even have been filled more recently. The resulting land use table, shown below, replaces that in the original model representing current conditions. The watershed area is the same, although in some cases diversions may change this aspect as well. Many lakes have been created by human action, such that setting all land uses to an undeveloped state would correspond to not having a lake present, but the assumption applied here is that the user is interested in the condition of the lake as it currently exists, but in the absence of human influences.

BASIN AREAS

LAND USE	BASIN 1 E. Direct AREA (HA)	BASIN 2 W. Direct AREA (HA)	BASIN 3 Upper T1 AREA (HA)	BASIN 4 Lower T1 AREA (HA)	BASIN 5 W. Upper T2 AREA (HA)	BASIN 6 E. Upper T2 AREA (HA)	BASIN 7 Lower T2 AREA (HA)	BASIN 8 AREA (HA)	BASIN 9 AREA (HA)	BASIN 10 AREA (HA)	TOTAL AREA (HA)
Urban 1 (Residential)											0.0
Urban 2 (Roads)											0.0
Urban 3 (Mixed Urban/Commercial)											0.0
Urban 4 (Industrial)											0.0
Urban 5 (Parks, Recreation Fields, Institutional)											0.0
Agric 1 (Cover Crop)											0.0
Agric 2 (Row Crop)											0.0
Agric 3 (Grazing)											0.0
Agric 4 (Feedlot)											0.0
Forest 1 (Upland)	27.1	40.6	60.7	176.0	50.5	37.6	56.2				448.7
Forest 2 (Wetland)	0.0	0.2	0.0	14.5	0.0	0.0	1.9				16.6
Open 1 (Wetland/Lake)	2.5	0.6	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	14.2				17.5
Open 2 (Meadow)	2.0	1.3	0.0	10.2	0.1	0.0	0.2				13.8
Open 3 (Excavation)											0.0
Other 1											0.0
Other 2											0.0
Other 3											0.0
TOTAL	31.6	42.7	60.7	200.8	50.6	37.7	72.5	0	0		496.6

Also altered in this example, but not shown explicitly here, are the internal load (reduced to typical background levels of 0.5 mg TP/m2/d and 2.0 mg TN/m2/d), point source (removed), septic system inputs (removed), and attenuation of TP and TN (values in cells lowered by10%, representing lesser transport to the lake through the natural landscape).

Resulting in-lake conditions, as indicated in the column of the table below labeled "Background Conditions," include a TP concentration of 16 ug/L and a TN level of 366 ug/L. Average Chl is predicted at 5.7 ug/L, leading to a mean SDT of 2.7 m. Bloom frequency is expected to be 8.6% for Chl >10 ug/L and 1.5% for Chl >15 ug/L, with values >20 ug/L very rare. While the example lake appears to have never had extremely high water clarity, it was probably much more attractive and useable than it is now, based on comparison with current conditions in the table. If this lake was in an ecoregion with a target TP level of <16 ug/L, it is expected that meeting that limit would be very difficult, given apparent natural influences.

SUMMARY TABLE FOR SCENARIO TESTING	Existing Conditions		Background Conditions	Complete Build-out	WWTF Enhanced	Feasible BMPs
	Calibrated Model Value	Actual Data	Model Value	Model Value	Model Value	Model Value
Phosphorus (ppb)	75	75	16	83	49	24
Nitrogen (ppb)	861	860	366	965	745	540
Mean Chlorophyll (ug/L)	40.7	37.5	5.7	46.7	23.3	9.3
Peak Chlorophyll (ug/L)	130.0	118.1	20.1	148.5	76.1	31.6
Mean Secchi (m)	0.8	1.0	2.7	0.8	1.2	2.0
Peak Secchi (m)	2.9	3.1	4.5	2.8	3.3	4.0
Bloom Probability						
Probability of Chl >10 ug/L	99.5%		8.6%	99.8%	92.6%	34.4%
Probability of Chl >15 ug/L	96.0%		1.5%	97.8%	73.6%	11.3%
Probability of Chl >20 ug/L	87.9%		0.3%	92.6%	52.3%	3.7%
Probability of Chl >30 ug/L	64.1%		0.0%	73.8%	22.5%	0.5%
Probability of Chl >40 ug/L	41.5%		0.0%	52.5%	9.2%	0.1%

Changes in Land Use

Another common scenario to be tested involves changes in land use. How much worse might conditions become if all buildable land became developed? For the example system, with current zoning and protection of some undeveloped areas, a substantial fraction of currently forested areas could still become low density residential housing. Adjusting the land uses in the corresponding input table to reflect a conversion of forest to low density urban development, as shown below, and adding 28 septic systems to that portion of the loading analysis (not shown here) an increase in TP, TN and Chl is derived, and a decrease in SDT are observed (see summary table above). TP rises to 83 ug/L and TN to 965 ug/L, but the change in Chl and SDT are not large, as the lake would already be hypereutrophic.

BASIN AREAS

LAND USE	BASIN 1 E. Direct AREA (HA)	BASIN 2 W. Direct AREA (HA)	BASIN 3 Upper T1 AREA (HA)	BASIN 4 Lower T1 AREA (HA)	BASIN 5 W. Upper T2 AREA (HA)	BASIN 6 E. Upper T2 AREA (HA)	BASIN 7 Lower T2 AREA (HA)	BASIN 8 AREA (HA)	BASIN 9 AREA (HA)	BASIN 10 AREA (HA)	TOTAL AREA (HA)
Urban 1 (Residential)	16.0	18.5	23.4	87.4	6.7	12.5	38.6				203.1
Orginal Urban 1	12.0	8.5	8.4	47.4	6.7	4.5	18.1				
Urban 2 (Roads)	3.7	5.5	0.0	5.9	0.8	0.6	2.3				18.8
Urban 3 (Mixed Urban/Commercial)	3.6	5.8	0.0	5.9	0.8	0.6	2.3				19.0
Urban 4 (Industrial)	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.5	0.0	0.0	0.0				23.5
Urban 5 (Parks, Recreation Fields, Institutional)	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				3.2
Agric 1 (Cover Crop)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	12.3	0.0	0.0				13.1
Agric 2 (Row Crop)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.2	0.0	0.0				16.2
Agric 3 (Grazing)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.0				4.0
Agric 4 (Feedlot)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0				0.5
Forest 1 (Upland)	3.7	7.5	35.3	50.3	9.2	24.0	13.0				143.0
Original Forest 1	7.7	17.5	50.3	90.3	9.2	32.0	33.6				240.6
Forest 2 (Wetland)	0.0	0.2	0.0	14.5	0.0	0.0	1.9				16.6
Open 1 (Wetland/Lake)	2.5	0.6	2.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	14.2				19.5
Open 2 (Meadow)	2.0	1.3	0.0	10.2	0.1	0.0	0.2				13.8
Open 3 (Excavation)	0.1	0.1	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0				2.5
Other 1											0.0
Other 2											0.0
Other 3											0.0
TOTAL	31.6	42.7	60.7	200.9	50.6	37.8	72.5				496.8

Changes in Wastewater Management

Managing wastewater is often a need in lake communities. In LLRM, wastewater treatment facilities (WWTF) are represented as point sources, with flow and concentration provided. On-site wastewater disposal (septic) systems are part of the baseflow of drainage areas with tributaries, and can be represented that way for direct drainage areas as well, but the option exists to account separately for septic systems in the direct drainage area. Changes to point sources or septic systems can be made in LLRM to simulate possible management actions.

In the example system, there is one small WWTF that discharges into Lower Tributary #1 and 250 residential units that contribute to septic system inputs in the two defined direct drainage areas (see Figure 1). If the units now served by septic systems were tied into the WWTF via a pumping station, the flow through the WWTF would increase from 45,000 cu.m/yr under current conditions to 71,953 cu.m/yr, the amount of wastewater calculated to be generated by those 250 residential units. If WWTF effluent limits for TP and TN were established at 0.1 and 3.0 mg/L, respectively, the concentration in the discharge would be reduced from 3.0 and 12.0 mg/L (current values from monitoring) to the new effluent limits. The result would be a higher flow from the WWTF with lower TP and TN levels, and an elimination of septic system inputs in the model, both simple changes to make, as shown in the table below.

NON-AREAL SOURCES												
	Number of Source Units	Volume (cu.m/yr)	P Load/Unit (kg/unit/yr)	N Load/Unit (kg/unit/yr)	P Conc. (ppm)	N Conc. (ppm)	P Load (kg/yr)	N Load (kg/yr)				
Waterfowl	50		0.20	0.95			10	47.5				
Point Sources												
PS-1		71953			0.10	3.00	7.2	215.9				
PS-2		0			3.00	12.00	0	0				
PS-3		0			3.00	12.00	0	0				
Basin in which Point Source occurs (0=NO 1=YES)												
	BASIN 1	BASIN 2	BASIN 3	BASIN 4	BASIN 5	BASIN 6	BASIN 7	BASIN 8	BASIN 9	BASIN 10		
PS-1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		
PS-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
PS-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
DIRECT SEPTIC SYSTEM LOAD												
Septic System Grouping (by occupancy or location)	Days of Occupancy/Yr	Distance from Lake (ft)	Number of Dwellings	Number of People per Dwelling	Water per Person per Day (cu.m)	P Conc. (ppm)	N Conc. (ppm)	P Attenuation Factor	N Attenuation Factor	Water Load (cu.m/yr)	P Load (kg/yr)	N Load (kg/yr)
Group 1 Septic Systems	365	<100	0	2.5	0.25	8	20	0.2	0.9	0	0.0	0.0
Group 2 Septic Systems	365	100 - 300	0	2.5	0.25	8	20	0.1	0.8	0	0.0	0.0
Group 3 Septic Systems	90	<100	0	2.5	0.25	8	20	0.2	0.9	0	0.0	0.0
Group 4 Septic Systems	90	100 - 300	0	2.5	0.25	8	20	0.1	0.8	0	0.0	0.0
Total Septic System Loading										0	0.0	0.0

The result, shown in the summary table for scenario testing above, is an in-lake TP concentration of 49 ug/L and a new TN level of 745 ug/L. These are both substantial reductions from the current levels, but continued elevated Chl (mean = 23.3 ug/L, peak = 76.1 ug/L) and a high probability of algal blooms is expected. Water clarity improves slightly (from 0.8 to 1.2 m on average), but at the cost of the sewerage and treatment, this is unlikely to produce a success story.

Best Management Practices

The application of BMPs is generally regarded as the backbone of non-point source pollution management in watershed programs. Considerable effort has been devoted to assessing the percent removal for various pollutants that can be attained and sustained by various BMPs. BMPs tend to fall into one of two categories: source controls and pollutant trapping. Source controls limit the generation of TP and TN and include actions like bans on lawn fertilizers containing TP or requirements for post-development infiltration to equal pre-development conditions, and would be most likely addressed in LLRM by a change in export coefficient. Pollutant trapping limits the delivery of generated loads to the lake and includes such methods as detention, infiltration, and buffer strips, and is most often addressed in LLRM by changes in attenuation values.

There are limits on what individual BMPs can accomplish. While some site specific knowledge and sizing considerations help modify general guidelines, the following table provides a sense for the level of removal achievable with common BMPs.

Range and Median for Expected Removal (%) for Key Pollutants by Selected Management Methods, Compiled from Literature Sources for Actual Projects and Best Professional Judgment Upon Data Review.

	TSS	Total P	Soluble P	Total N	Soluble N	Metals
Street sweeping	5-20	5-20	<5	5-20	<5	5-20
Catch basin cleaning	5-10	<10	<1	<10	<1	5-10
Buffer strips	40-95 (50)	20-90 (30)	10-80 (20)	20-60 (30)	0-20 (5)	20-60 (30)
Conventional catch basins (Some sump capacity)	1-20 (5)	0-10 (2)	0-1 (0)	0-10 (2)	0-1 (0)	1-20 (5)
Modified catch basins (deep sumps and hoods)	25 (25)	0-20 (5)	0-1 (0)	0-20 (5)	0-1 (0)	20 (20)
Advanced catch basins (sediment/floatables traps)	25-90 (50)	0-19 (10)	0-21 (0)	0-20 (10)	0-6 (0)	10-30 (20)
Porous Pavement	40-80 (60)	28-85 (52)	0-25 (10)	40-95 (62)	-10-5 (0)	40-90 (60)
Vegetated swale	60-90 (70)	0-63 (30)	5-71 (35)	0-40 (25)	-25-31 (0)	50-90 (70)
Infiltration trench/chamber	75-90 (80)	40-70 (60)	20-60 (50)	40-80 (60)	0-40 (10)	50-90 (80)
Infiltration basin	75-80 (80)	40-100 (65)	25-100 (55)	35-80 (51)	0-82 (15)	50-90 (80)
Sand filtration system	80-85 (80)	38-85 (62)	35-90 (60)	22-73 (52)	-20-45 (13)	50-70 (60)
Organic filtration system	80-90 (80)	21-95 (58)	-17-40 (22)	19-55 (35)	-87-0 (-50)	60-90 (70)
Dry detention basin	14-87 (70)	23-99 (65)	5-76 (40)	29-65 (46)	-20-10 (0)	0-66 (36)
Wet detention basin	32-99 (70)	13-56 (27)	-20-5 (-5)	10-60 (31)	0-52 (10)	13-96 (63)
Constructed wetland	14-98 (70)	12-91 (49)	8-90 (63)	6-85 (34)	0-97 (43)	0-82 (54)
Pond/Wetland Combination	20-96 (76)	0-97 (55)	0-65 (30)	23-60 (39)	1-95 (49)	6-90 (58)
Chemical treatment	30-90 (70)	24-92 (63)	1-80 (42)	0-83 (38)	9-70 (34)	30-90 (65)

While BMPs in series can improve removal, the result is rarely multiplicative; that is, application of two BMPs expected to remove 50% of TP are unlikely to result in 0.5 X 0.5 = 0.25 of the load remaining (75% removal) unless each BMP operates on a different fraction of TP (particulates vs. soluble, for example). This is where judgment and experience become critical to the modeling process. In general, BMPs rarely remove more than 2/3 of the load of P or N, and on average can be expected to remove around 50% of the P and 40% of the N unless very carefully designed, built and maintained. The luxury of space is not often affordable, forcing creativity or greater expense to achieve higher removal rates.

In the example system, setting attenuation for all basins to 0.5 for P and 0.6 for N is viewed as a practical level of BMP application for a first cut at what BMPs might be able to do for the lake. Careful consideration of which BMPs will be applied where in which basins is in order in the final analysis, but to set a reasonable approximation of what can be achieved, these are supportable attenuation values. Note that values are not set at 0.5 or 0.6 of the value in place in the calibrated model, but rather a low end of 0.5 or 0.6. If, as with Basin 7 (Lower Tributary #2) in the example system, the attenuation values for P and N under current conditions are 0.70 and 0.75, the practical BMP values of 0.5 and 0.6, respectively, represent less of a decline through BMPs than for the direct drainage areas, which have current condition attenuation values of 0.9 for P and 0.95 for N.

In addition to setting P attenuation at 0.5 for P in all basins and 0.6 for N in all basins in the example system, the WWTF has been routed to a regional WWTF out of the watershed, and the all areas within 300 ft of the lake have been sewered, with that waste also going to the regional WWTF. Consequently, the WWTF and direct drainage septic system inputs have been eliminated. Finally, internal loading has been reduced to 0.5 mg P/m/day and 2.0 mg N/m^2/day, achievable with nutrient inactivation and lowered inputs over time.

The results, as indicated in the summary table for scenario testing above, include an in-lake P concentration of 24 ug/L and an N level of 540 ug/L. The predicted mean Chl is 9.3 ug/L, with a peak of 31.6 ug/L. SDT would be expected to average 2.0 m and have a maximum of 4.0 m. While much improved over current conditions, these are marginal values for supporting the range of lake uses, particularly contact recreation and potable water supply. As a first cut assessment of what BMPs might do for the system, it suggests that more extreme measures will be needed, or that in-lake maintenance should be planned as well, since algal blooms would still be expected. Further scenario testing with the model, combined with cost estimation for potential BMPs, may shed light on the cost effectiveness of rehabilitating the example lake.

Appendix C:

Land Use Categories, Export Coefficients and Additional Calculations

Table C-1. Runoff and baseflow fraction ranges.

	Low	Med	High
Baseflow fraction	0.10	0.40	0.95
Runoff fraction	0.01	0.20	0.40

Table C-2. Runoff and baseflow factions used in the model for Hoods Pond.

Landuse Category	Runoff Fraction	Baseflow Fraction
Urban 1 (Residential)	0.40	0.25
Urban 2 (Mixed Urban/Commercial)	0.50	0.15
Urban 3 (Roads)	0.60	0.05
Urban 4 (Industrial)	0.60	0.05
Urban 5 (Parks, Recreation Fields, Institutional)	0.30	0.30
Agric 1 (Cover Crop)	0.15	0.30
Agric 2 (Row Crop)	0.30	0.30
Agric 3 (Grazing)	0.30	0.30
Agric 4 (Hayland-Non Manure)	0.30	0.30
Forest 1 (Deciduous)	0.30	0.40
Forest 2 (Non-Deciduous)	0.30	0.40
Forest 3 (Mixed Forest)	0.30	0.40
Forest 4 (Wetland)	0.05	0.40
Open 1 (Wetland / Pond)	0.05	0.40
Open 2 (Meadow)	0.15	0.30
Open 3 (Cleared/Disturbed Land)	0.30	0.30

Table C-3. Land use categories from NH GRANIT land use data used in Hoods Pond ENSR-LRM.

ENSR-LRM LAND USE	Land Use Code[1]	Land Use Description	Land Cover Code[2]	Land Cover Description	NWI code[3]	Windshield Survey
Urban 1 (Residential)	11	Residential			not wetland area	
	24	Farmstead				
Urban 2 (Mixed Urban/Commercial)	13	Mixed Urban/ Commercial			not wetland area	
Urban 3 (Roads)	14	Transportation/Roads	140			
	15	Railroads				
	16	Auxiliary Transportation				
Urban 4 (Industrial)	12	Industrial				
Urban 5 (Parks, Recreation Fields, Institutional)	70	Playing Fields/Recreation	170			
	70	Power lines, Nonagriculture Fields	700			
Agric 1 (Cover Crop)	20	Agriculture				X
Agric 2 (Row Crop)	20	Agriculture	211	Row Crops		X
Agric 3 (Grazing)	20	Agriculture		Hay/rotation/permanent pasture		X
Agric 4 (Hayland-no manure)	20	Agriculture	212	Hay/rotation/permanent pasture		
Agric 5 (Orchard)	20	Agriculture	221	Fruit Orchard		
Forest 1 (Deciduous)	40	Forested	412	Beech/oak		
	40	Forested	414	Paper birch/aspen		
	40	Forested	419	Other hardwoods		
Forest 2 (Non-Deciduous)	40	Forested	421	White/red pine		
	40	Forested	422	Spruce/fir		
	40	Forested	423	Hemlock		
	40	Forested	424	Pitch pine		
Forest 3 (Mixed)	40	Forested	430	Mixed forest		
Forest 4 (Wetland)	40	Forested			PF___	
			610	Forested wetlands		
Open 1 (Wetland / Lake)	50	Water	500	Non-forested wetlands		
	60	Open wetland	620	Open water		
					PSS_, L1_, PEM__	
Open 2 (Meadow)						X
Open 3 (Cleared/Disturbed Land)	70	Gravel pits, quarries				X
			790	Cleared/other open		
			710	Disturbed		
Other 1:						

[1] Land Use data prepared by GRANIT using 1998 data for Rockingham and Strafford County. Land use in other counties are created by ENSR using 2003 aerial photos and land cover data.

[2] Land cover data created by GRANIT using Lansat 5 and 7 imagery and other available raster and vector data.

[3] National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) data is used to improve the accuracy of wetland areas that are either not delineated in the land use and land cover data or poorly represented by raster cells. Priority ranking is given to the Land Use data set for all non-wetland areas, NWI data for wetland areas, and Land cover for forest type areas.

Table C-4. Land use export coefficients (kg/ha/yr) used in Hoods Pond TMDL.*

ENSR-LRM Land Use	Runoff P export coefficient range	Runoff P export coefficient used	Source	Baseflow P export coefficient range	Baseflow P export coefficient used	Source
Urban 1 (Residential)	0.11-8.42	0.9*	Reckhow et al. 1980, Schloss et al. 2000-Table 5	0.001-0.05	0.01	ENSR Unpublished Data; Mitchell et al. 1989
Urban 2 (Mixed Urban/Commercial)	0.11-8.42	1.1	Reckhow et al. 1980	0.001-0.05	0.01	"
Urban 3 (Roads)	0.60-10	1.5*	Dudley et al. 1997	0.001-0.05	0.01	"
Urban 4 (Industry)	0.11-8.42	1.5*	Reckhow et al. 1980	0.001-0.05	0.01	"
Urban 5 (Park/Institutional/Recreation/Cemetery)	0.19-6.23	0.8	Reckhow et al. 1980	0.001-0.05	0.01	"
Agric 1 (Cover Crop)	0.10-2.90	0.8	Reckhow et al. 1980	0.001-0.05	0.01	"
Agric 2 (Row Crop)	0.26-18.26	2.2	Reckhow et al. 1980	0.001-0.05	0.01	"
Agric 3 (Grazing)	0.14-4.90	0.8	Reckhow et al. 1980	0.001-0.05	0.01	"
Agric 4 (Hayland-No Manure)	0.35	0.35*	Dennis and Sage 1981	0.001-0.05	0.01	"
Forest 1 (Deciduous)	0.034-0.973	0.15	Schloss et al. 2000- Table 4	0.001-0.010	0.004	"
Forest 2 (Non-Deciduous)	0.01-0.138	0.093	Schloss et al. 2000- Table 4	0.001-0.010	0.004	"
Forest 3 (Mixed)	0.01-0.138	0.093	Schloss et al. 2000- Table 4	0.001-0.010	0.004	"
Forest 4 (Wetland)	0.003-0.439	0.082	Schloss et al. 2000-Table 4	0.001-0.010	0.004	"
Open 1 (Wetland / Pond)	0.009-0.25	0.065*	Schloss et al. 2000-Table 5	0.001-0.010	0.004	"
Open 2 (Meadow)	0.02-0.83	0.8	Reckhow et al. 1980	0.001-0.010	0.01	"
Open 3 (Bare Open)	0.25-1.75	0.8	Reckhow et al. 1980	0.001-0.010	0.01	"

*Value is not a median

Table C-5. Internal loading calculations in Hoods Pond model.

Hoods Pond does not stratify. Internal loading was not estimated.

Table C-6. Septic system calculations in Hoods Pond model

The area surrounding Hoods Pond is sewered. There is no septic system input.

Table C-7. Waterfowl calculations in Hoods Pond model

There is no waterfowl estimate due to lack of data.

Table C-8. Water routing and attenuation factors used in Hoods Pond model.

	Rainbow	Scobie	Shields Brook	Direct Drainage
Water Load Calculated using Annual Precipitation (m3/yr)	1,496,857	501,069		107,724
Attenuation Factor	20%	20%		10%
Directly Inputs to Hoods Pond			x	x
Cumulative Water Load of Rainbow, Scobie, and Shields due to Routing			10,477,565	
Attenuation Factor			11%	
Attenuated Water Load- Used in Model (m^3/yr)	1,197,486	400,855	9,325,033	96,951
Calibration Check				
Water Load Calculated using Standard Water Yield (m^3/yr)	1,261,518	434,854	9,308,490	95,380

Table C-9. TP attenuation factors used in Hoods Pond model.

	Rainbow	Scobie	Shields Brook	Direct Drainage
TP Load Before Attenuation (kg/yr)	25.6	9.7	153.2	1.6
Attenuation Factor	50%	70%		2%
Directly Inputs to Hoods Pond			x	x
Cumulative TP Load of Rainbow, Scobie, and Shields due to Routing			168.9	
Attenuation Factor			75%	
Attenuated TP Load-Used in Model (kg/yr)	12.8	2.9	126.7	1.5

* Rainbow Pond data from 2003 NHDES Trophic Report, Scobie Pond data from 1997 NHDES Trophic Report

Table C-10. Predicted water quality parameters for Hoods Pond in the pre-development scenario.

Hoods Pond- Pre-development scenario

Empirical Equation	Equation	Predicted TP (*ug*/L)
Mass Balance	TP=L/(Z(F))*1000	10
Kirchner-Dillon 1975	TP=L(1-Rp)/(Z(F))*1000	10
Vollenweider 1975	TP=L/(Z(S+F))*1000	10
Larsen-Mercier 1976	TP=L(1-Rlm)/(Z(F))*1000	10
Jones-Bachmann 1976	TP=0.84(L)/(Z(0.65+F))*1000	9
Reckhow General 1977	TP=L/(11.6+1.2(Z(F)))*1000	8
Average of Above 5 Model Values		***9.3***

Variable	Description	Units	Equation
L	Phosphorus Load to Pond	g P/m2/yr	
Z	Mean Depth	m	Volume/area
F	Flushing Rate	flushings/yr	Inflow/volume
S	Suspended Fraction	no units	Effluent TP/Influent TP
Qs	Areal Water Load	m/yr	Z(F)
Vs	Settling Velocity	m	Z(S)
Rp	Retention Coefficient (settling rate)	no units	((Vs+13.2)/2)/(((Vs+13.2)/2)+Qs)
Rlm	Retention Coefficient (flushing rate)	no units	1/(1+F^0.5)

Empirical Equation	Equation	Predicted Value
Mean Chlorophyll		***ug*/L**
Carlson 1977	Chl=0.087*(Pred TP)^1.45	2.2
Dillon and Rigler 1974	Chl=10^(1.449*LOG(Pred TP)-1.136)	1.9
Jones and Bachmann 1976	Chl=10^(1.46*LOG(Pred TP)-1.09)	2.1
Oglesby and Schaffner 1978	Chl=0.574*(Pred TP)-2.9	2.4
Modified Vollenweider 1982	Chl=2*0.28*(Pred TP)^0.96	4.8
Average of Model Values		**2.7**
Peak Chlorophyll		
Modified Vollenweider (TP) 1982	Chl=2*0.64*(Pred TP)^1.05	13.3
Vollenweider (CHL) 1982	Chl=2.6*(AVERAGE(Pred Chl))^1.06	7.4
Modified Jones, Rast and Lee 1979	Chl=2*1.7*(AVERAGE(Pred Chl))+0.2	9.3
Average of Model Values		**10.0**
Bloom Probability		***% of Summer***
Probability of Chl >15 *ug*/L	See Walker 1984 & 2000	0.0%
Secchi Transparency		***m***
Mean: Oglesby and Schaffner 1978	Chl=10^(1.36-0.764*LOG(Pred TP))	4.2
Max: Modified Vollenweider 1982	Chl=9.77*Pred TP^-0.28	5.2

Table C-11. Predicted water quality parameters for Hoods Pond in the target scenario.

Hoods Pond- Target Scenario with In-lake Conc of 12 *u*g/L TP

Empirical Equation	Equation	Predicted TP (*u*g/L)
Mass Balance	TP=L/(Z(F))*1000	13
Kirchner-Dillon 1975	TP=L(1-Rp)/(Z(F))*1000	13
Vollenweider 1975	TP=L/(Z(S+F))*1000	13
Larsen-Mercier 1976	TP=L(1-Rlm)/(Z(F))*1000	12
Jones-Bachmann 1976	TP=0.84(L)/(Z(0.65+F))*1000	11
Reckhow General 1977	TP=L/(11.6+1.2(Z(F)))*1000	11
Average of Above 5 Model Values		***12***

Variable	Description	Units	Equation
L	Phosphorus Load to Pond	g P/m2/yr	
Z	Mean Depth	m	Volume/area
F	Flushing Rate	flushings/yr	Inflow/volume
S	Suspended Fraction	no units	Effluent TP/Influent TP
Qs	Areal Water Load	m/yr	Z(F)
Vs	Settling Velocity	m	Z(S)
Rp	Retention Coefficient (settling rate)	no units	((Vs+13.2)/2)/(((Vs+13.2)/2)+Qs)
Rlm	Retention Coefficient (flushing rate)	no units	1/(1+F^0.5)

Empirical Equation	Equation	Predicted Value
Mean Chlorophyll		***u*g/L**
Carlson 1977	Chl=0.087*(Pred TP)^1.45	3.2
Dillon and Rigler 1974	Chl=10^(1.449*LOG(Pred TP)-1.136)	2.7
Jones and Bachmann 1976	Chl=10^(1.46*LOG(Pred TP)-1.09)	3.1
Oglesby and Schaffner 1978	Chl=0.574*(Pred TP)-2.9	4.0
Modified Vollenweider 1982	Chl=2*0.28*(Pred TP)^0.96	6.1
Average of Model Values		**3.8**
Peak Chlorophyll		
Modified Vollenweider (TP) 1982	Chl=2*0.64*(Pred TP)^1.05	17.4
Vollenweider (CHL) 1982	Chl=2.6*(AVERAGE(Pred Chl))^1.06	10.7
Modified Jones, Rast and Lee 1979	Chl=2*1.7*(AVERAGE(Pred Chl))+0.2	13.2
Average of Model Values		**13.8**
Bloom Probability		***% of Summer***
Probability of Chl >15 *u*g/L	See Walker 1984 & 2000	0.1%
Secchi Transparency		***m***
Mean: Oglesby and Schaffner 1978	Chl=10^(1.36-0.764*LOG(Pred TP))	3.4
Max: Modified Vollenweider 1982	Chl=9.77*Pred TP^-0.28	4.9