Lac Qui Parle River WATERSHED HEALTH ASSESSMENT SCORES

Mean (average) Health Score 47 **Minimum Health Index Score** 5

Minimum Health Index: Biology - Habitat Quality

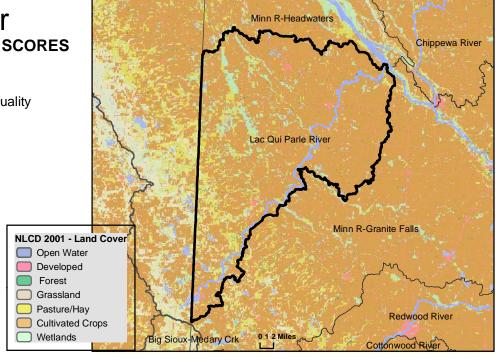
Watershed Assessment Tool

http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/watershed tool





Watershed Health Scores compare and rank various aspects of ecological health across Minnesota. Index values are based on a variety of data sources, calculations and scientific approaches. Each index is scored on a scale from 0 to 100, with 0 being the least desirable result or condtion to 100 being the best existing condition or most desirable result. Major watershed scale rankings may mask the range of conditions that occur at more local scales. A high score may indicate the least impacted condition in Minnesota, not necessarily a healthy condition.



COMPONENT SCORES



HYDROLOGY

Mean Watershed

Health Scores

Health Score

0 - 20

62 Mean (Ave.) 19 Minimum Index

INDEX SCORES

Perennial Cover 19 95 * Impervious Cover Withdrawal 99 * Storage 37 61 Flow Variability

Metric Sub-Scores Storage:

Stream/Ditch Ratio 46 Surface storage 28



GEOMORPHOLOGY

Mean (Ave.) 48 22 Minimum Index

INDEX SCORES

Soil Erosion 73 Susceptibility Groundwater 50 Susceptibility Climate 22 Vulnerability

BIOLOGY

Mean (Ave.) 39 Minimum Index

INDEX SCORES

Terrestrial Habitat 5 Quality 74 Stream Species Species Richness 53 At-Risk Species 23 Richness

CONNECTIVITY

Mean (Ave.) 24 Minimum Index 8

INDEX SCORES

Terrestrial Habitat Connectivity **Aquatic Connectivity** Riparian 51 Connectivity **Metric Sub-Scores**

Aquatic Connectivity:

Bridges/Culverts 10

WATER QUALITY

Mean (Ave.) 64 38 Minimum Index

INDEX SCORES

Non-Point Source 38 Point Source 93 *

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Assessments

Metric Sub-Scores

Non-Point Source: **Nutrient Application** 34

Riparian Impervious

^{*}These index values are influenced by very low scores associated with dense urban use of resources. This gives comparatively high scores for outstate Minnesota. Viewing input data is necessary to evaluate possible watershed scale concerns.