St. Croix R-Stillwtr WATERSHED HEALTH ASSESSMENT SCORES

Health Scores Mean (average) Health Score **Minimum Health Index Score** Minimum Health Index: Connectivity - Aquatic Health Score 0 - 20

81 - 100

Mean Watershed

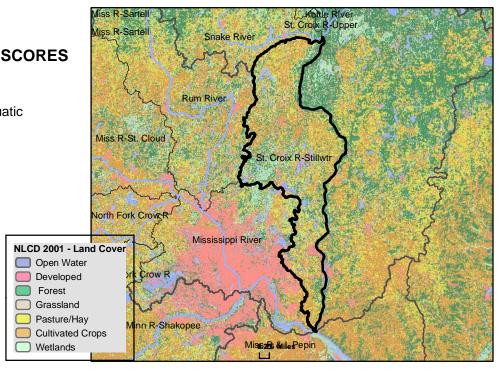
Watershed Assessment Tool

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

59

13



HYDROLOGY

75 Mean (Ave.) 64 Minimum Index

INDEX SCORES

Perennial Cover 64 69 * Impervious Cover Withdrawal 97 * Storage 76 66 Flow Variability

Metric Sub-Scores Storage:

Stream/Ditch Ratio 62 Surface storage 90



GEOMORPHOLOGY

Mean (Ave.) 60 29 Minimum Index

INDEX SCORES

Soil Erosion 72 Susceptibility Groundwater 29 Susceptibility Climate 78 Vulnerability

BIOLOGY

Mean (Ave.) 57 Minimum Index 16

INDEX SCORES

Terrestrial Habitat 16 Quality 76 Stream Species Species Richness 77 At-Risk Species 59 Richness

CONNECTIVITY

Mean (Ave.) 39 Minimum Index 13

INDEX SCORES

Terrestrial Habitat 19 Connectivity **Aquatic Connectivity** Riparian 84 Connectivity

Metric Sub-Scores Aquatic Connectivity:

Bridges/Culverts 16

WATER QUALITY

Mean (Ave.) 62 49 Minimum Index

INDEX SCORES

Non-Point Source 49 Point Source 88 *

50 Assessments

Metric Sub-Scores

Non-Point Source:

Nutrient Application 84 Riparian Impervious 13

^{*}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.