

# Long-term Nutrient Monitoring Trends and Coastal Louisiana

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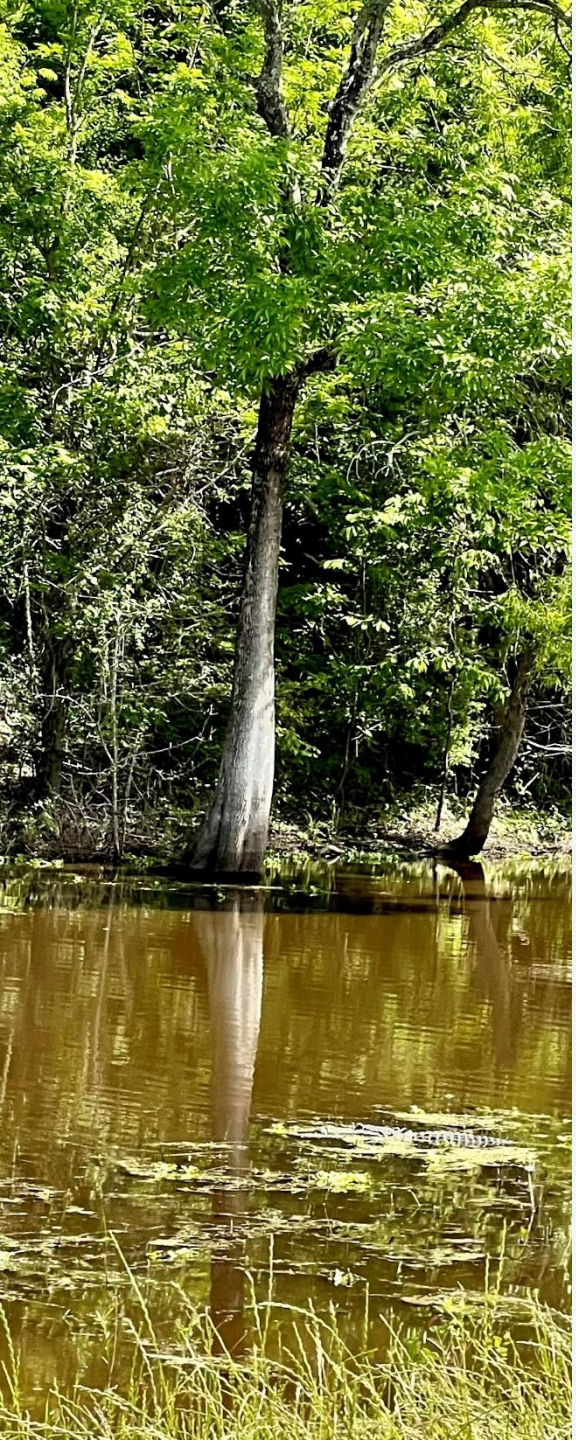
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## LEAU Web Portal

The LDEQ Water Quality Standards and Assessment Section (WQSAS) manages water quality data in a structured database. The data is stored in a set of relational directories and tables, commonly referred to as the Louisiana Environmental Assessment Utility (LEAU) database. This data is used for establishing water quality criteria or standards, assessment of conditions, and development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs). Final data is available here by a web query tool. The public is invited to search for data by project or by querying the available map. The public may also obtain the data by contacting [Public Records](#).

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### Projects

A table of all water quality projects is available to see project related data. Collection data related to projects can also be accessed through this table.

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### Ambient Water Quality

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality collects ambient surface water data at approximately 125 sites across the state each month.

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### Sites Map

The LEAU Web Portal features a map of all sites where the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality is collecting data.

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Fish tissue and related mercury data for over 500 locations statewide are available for a variety of species and media (tissue, water, sediment, vegetation).

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### Reference Guide

Data tables use reference codes for efficiency purposes. To view code translations visit the Reference Guide page.

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# LDEQ Water Quality Monitoring

- Monitoring state waters to identify priority watersheds.
- Monitoring effluents in waters with elevated nutrients.
- Coordinating with nonpoint source communities to promote storm water best management practices and model ordinances.
- Publicly available LDEQ water quality data is available through the LEAU Web Portal.

<https://waterdata.deq.louisiana.gov>



# LDEQ Water Quality Standards & Assessment

- Dissolved Oxygen
  - *Dissolved Oxygen*—the amount of oxygen dissolved in water, commonly expressed as a concentration in terms of milligrams per liter (mg/L) (LAC 33:IX.1105).
  - Weight-of-evidence approach (physiological, water quality, biological, and habitat data; modeling; literature; other states)
  - Inland Rivers & Streams; Coastal Waters
- Minerals (Chlorides, Sulfates, TDS)
  - Statewide & site-specific; TDS ion component analysis; literature reviews; toxicity studies.
- Nutrients
  - Nutrient stressor-response study including water quality, chlorophyll-a (seston and periphyton), macroinvertebrates, fish, habitat data collection



# LDEQ Nonpoint Source (NPS) Pollution Program

- LDEQ's *Nonpoint Source Annual Report* estimated that in 2019, program efforts resulted in an estimated annual reduction of 23,809 pounds of nitrogen and 4,646 pounds of phosphorus from nonpoint sources to Louisiana water bodies.
- The 2023 report (most recent) estimated a reduction of 19,282 pounds of nitrogen and estimated 3,623 pounds of phosphorus from nonpoint sources to Louisiana water bodies.



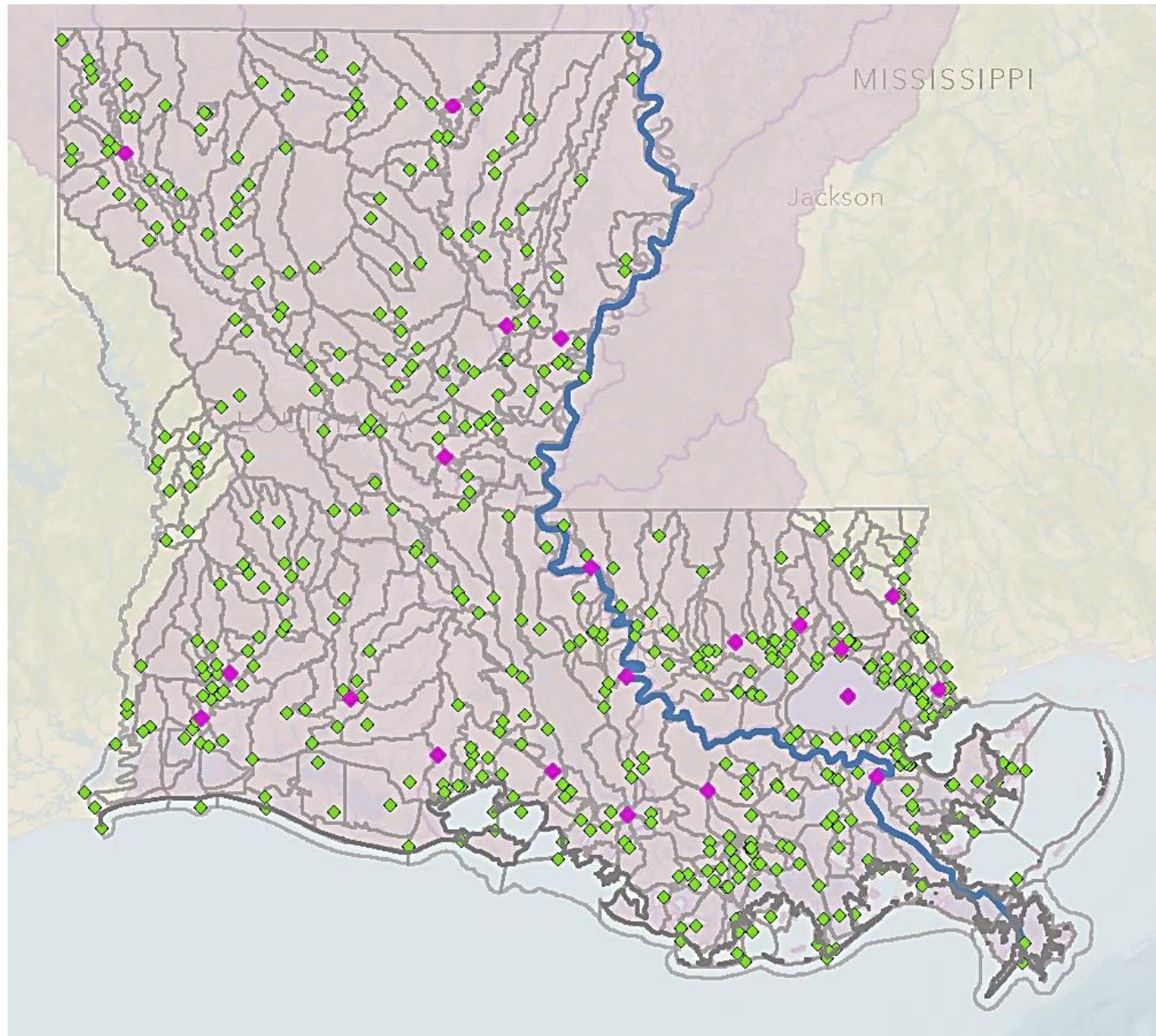
# Louisiana's Nutrient Reduction & Management Strategy

## Ten Strategic Components of a Strategy for Louisiana

|    |                                                                         |
|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | • Stakeholder Engagement                                                |
| 2  | • Decision Support Tools                                                |
| 3  | • Regulations, Policies, and Programs                                   |
| 4  | • Management Practices and Restoration Activities                       |
| 5  | • Status and Trends                                                     |
| 6  | • Watershed Characterization, Source Identification, and Prioritization |
| 7  | • Incentives, Funding, and Economic Impact Analysis                     |
| 8  | • Targets and Goals                                                     |
| 9  | • Monitoring                                                            |
| 10 | • Reporting                                                             |

- The Hypoxia Task Force (HTF) was established in 1997 to address eutrophication and hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico, and called for each state to develop a strategy in 2008.
- Louisiana implemented its Nutrient Reduction & Management Strategy (NRMS) in 2014, which identified Ten Strategic Components for a Louisiana Nutrient Management Strategy.
- Identifies and describes methods for pollution control and nutrient capture.
- Incentives facilitate voluntary participation in efforts to manage nutrients through realizing opportunities for both nutrient reduction and assimilation.





Left: LDEQ's active Ambient Water Quality Monitoring Sites (~482, green) sampled regularly as part of the four-year cyclical monitoring rotation & long-term ambient monitoring sites (21, pink) sampled monthly.

Above: The Mississippi River Basin drainage area and major sub-basins.

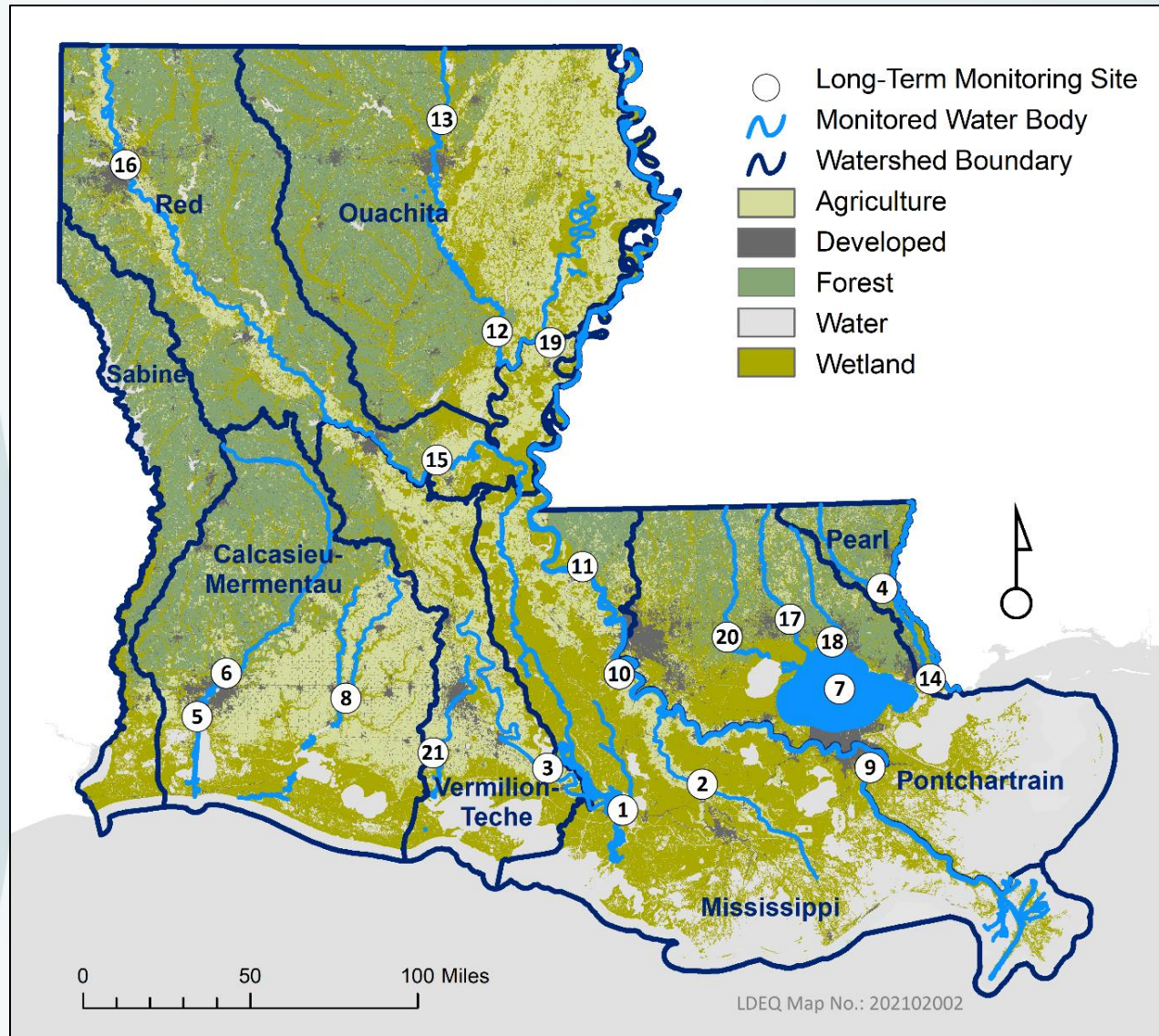
# Long-term monitoring site information

| Site Name                               | Map #     | LDEQ Site #       | LDEQ               | LDEQ Basin Name                    |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
|                                         |           |                   | Subsegment         |                                    |
| <b>Atchafalaya River – Morgan City</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>0039</b>       | <b>LA010501_00</b> | <b>Atchafalaya River Basin</b>     |
| <b>Bayou Lafourche – Thibodaux</b>      | <b>2</b>  | <b>0293</b>       | <b>LA020401_00</b> | <b>Barataria Basin</b>             |
| <b>Bayou Teche – Adeline</b>            | <b>3</b>  | <b>0030</b>       | <b>LA060401_00</b> | <b>Vermilion-Teche River Basin</b> |
| Bogue Chitto River – Bush               | 4         | 0064              | LA090501_00        | Pearl River Basin                  |
| <b>Calcasieu River – Burton Landing</b> | <b>5</b>  | <b>0026</b>       | <b>LA030304_00</b> | <b>Calcasieu River Basin</b>       |
| <b>Calcasieu River – Moss Bluff</b>     | <b>6</b>  | <b>0093</b>       | <b>LA030201_00</b> | <b>Calcasieu River Basin</b>       |
| <b>Lake Pontchartrain –Metairie</b>     | <b>7</b>  | <b>0138</b>       | <b>LA041001_00</b> | <b>Lake Pontchartrain Basin</b>    |
| <b>Mermentau River – Mermentau</b>      | <b>8</b>  | <b>0003</b>       | <b>LA050401_00</b> | <b>Mermentau River Basin</b>       |
| <b>Mississippi River – Belle Chasse</b> | <b>9</b>  | <b>0051, 0320</b> | <b>LA070301_00</b> | <b>Mississippi River Basin</b>     |
| <b>Mississippi River – Plaquemine</b>   | <b>10</b> | <b>0053, 0319</b> | <b>LA070301_00</b> | <b>Mississippi River Basin</b>     |
| Mississippi River – St. Francisville    | 11        | 0055, 0318, 4031  | LA070201_00        | Mississippi River Basin            |
| Ouachita River – Harrisonburg           | 12        | 0085              | LA080201_00        | Ouachita River Basin               |
| Ouachita River – Sterlington            | 13        | 0013              | LA080101_00        | Ouachita River Basin               |
| <b>Pearl River – Slidell</b>            | <b>14</b> | <b>0105</b>       | <b>LA090202_00</b> | <b>Pearl River Basin</b>           |
| Red River – Marksville                  | 15        | 0024              | LA100201_00        | Red River Basin                    |
| Red River – Shreveport                  | 16        | 0120              | LA100101_00        | Red River Basin                    |
| <b>Tangipahoa River –Robert</b>         | <b>17</b> | <b>0033</b>       | <b>LA040701_00</b> | <b>Lake Pontchartrain Basin</b>    |
| <b>Tchefuncte River – Madisonville</b>  | <b>18</b> | <b>0106</b>       | <b>LA040802_00</b> | <b>Lake Pontchartrain Basin</b>    |
| Tensas River – Clayton                  | 19        | 0159              | LA081201_00        | Ouachita River Basin               |
| <b>Tickfaw River – Springville</b>      | <b>20</b> | <b>0116</b>       | <b>LA040501_00</b> | <b>Lake Pontchartrain Basin</b>    |
| <b>Vermilion River – Perry</b>          | <b>21</b> | <b>0001</b>       | <b>LA060802_00</b> | <b>Vermilion-Teche River Basin</b> |

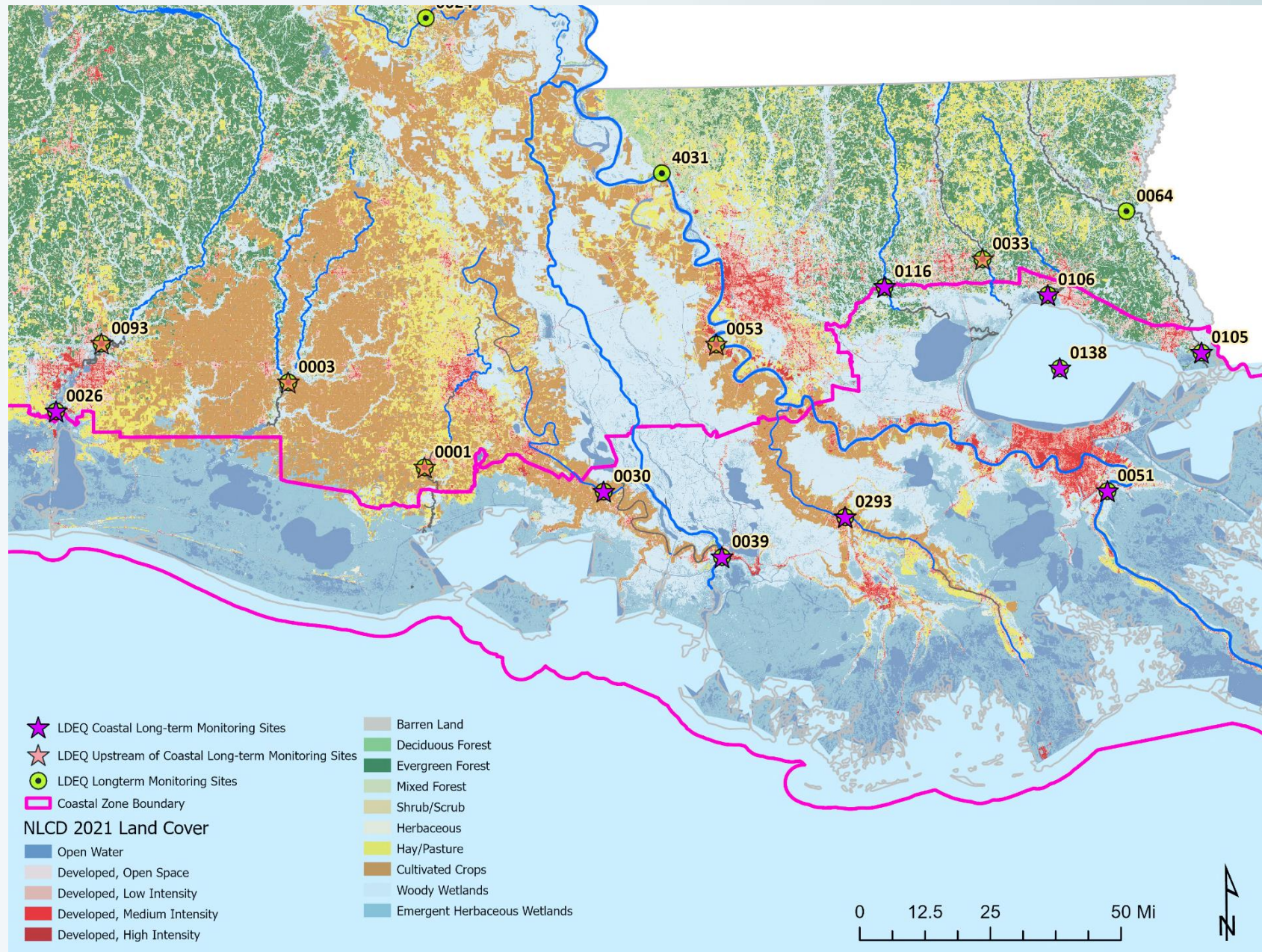
Sites in bold & highlighted orange are coastal/coastal upstream sites.



# ‘Nitrogen and Phosphorus Trends of Long-Term Ambient Water Quality Monitoring Sites in Louisiana’



- Developed in support of NRMS Strategic Action 5.h. to determine trends in nutrient water quality at long-term monitoring stations.
- First trend analysis released 2015, this update released Nov. 2021.



# Coastal sites

- 9 sites within the coastal zone boundary (magenta)
- 5 sites directly upstream of long-term coastal zone sites (orange)

Long-term ambient water quality monitoring sites for Louisiana and within the coastal (saltwater) zone. Land use from NLCD Cropland Data Layer 2021.

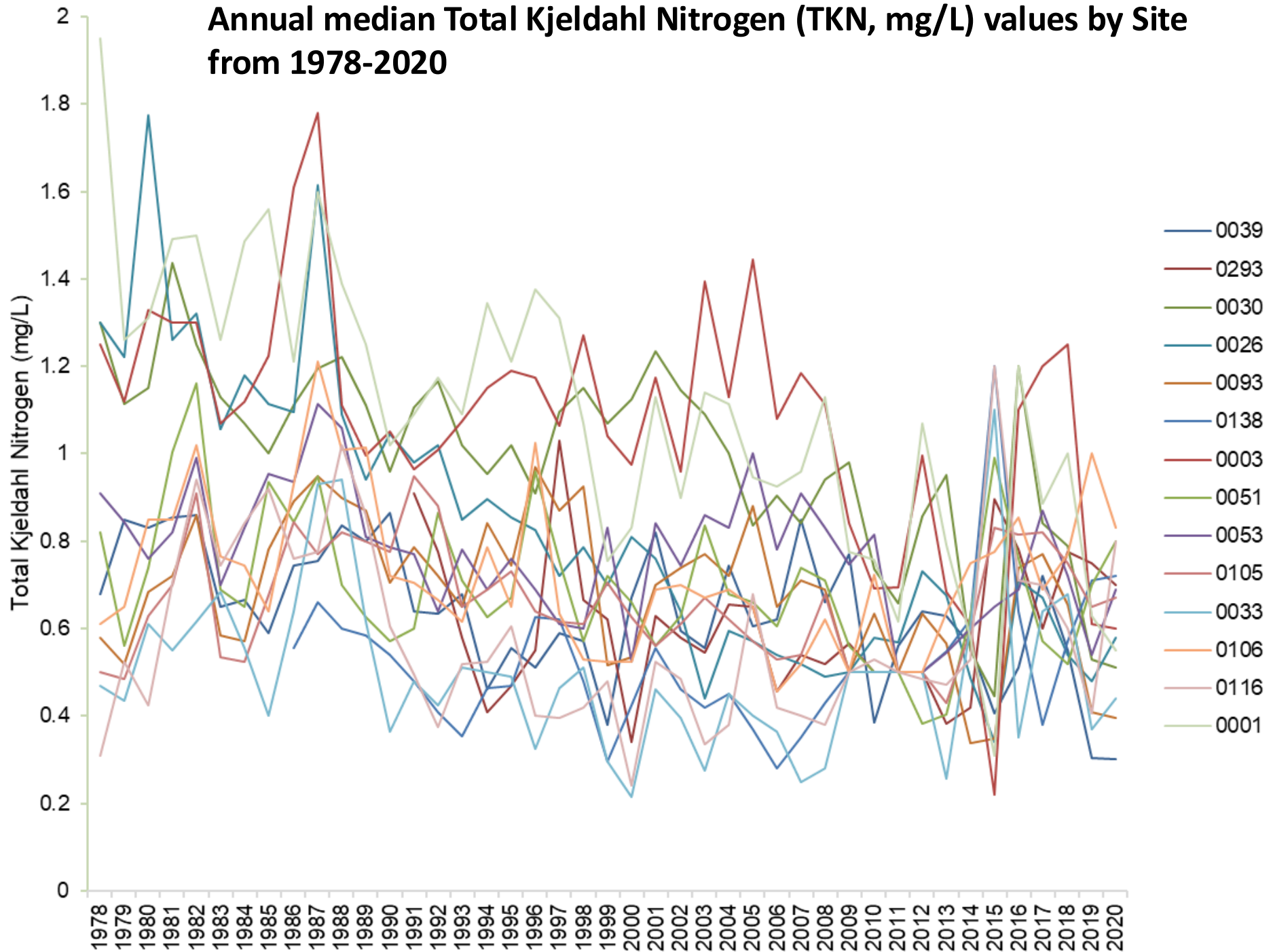
# Methods

- Analyzed monthly nutrient concentration data from AWQMN long-term monitoring sites from Oct. 1, 1978 – Sept. 30, 2020 for trends by site and watershed.
- Nutrient parameters included Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN, mg/L), Nitrate-nitrite (NO<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>, mg/L), and Total Phosphorus (TP, mg/L)
- Utilized nonparametric methods with R (RStudio)
  - Kaplan-Meier descriptive statistics, Kendall's tau correlation analyses, censored Seasonal Kendall trend analyses.
- Also preformed a land use correlation between median nutrient concentrations, which included correlation with Total Suspended Sediment (TSS) data.



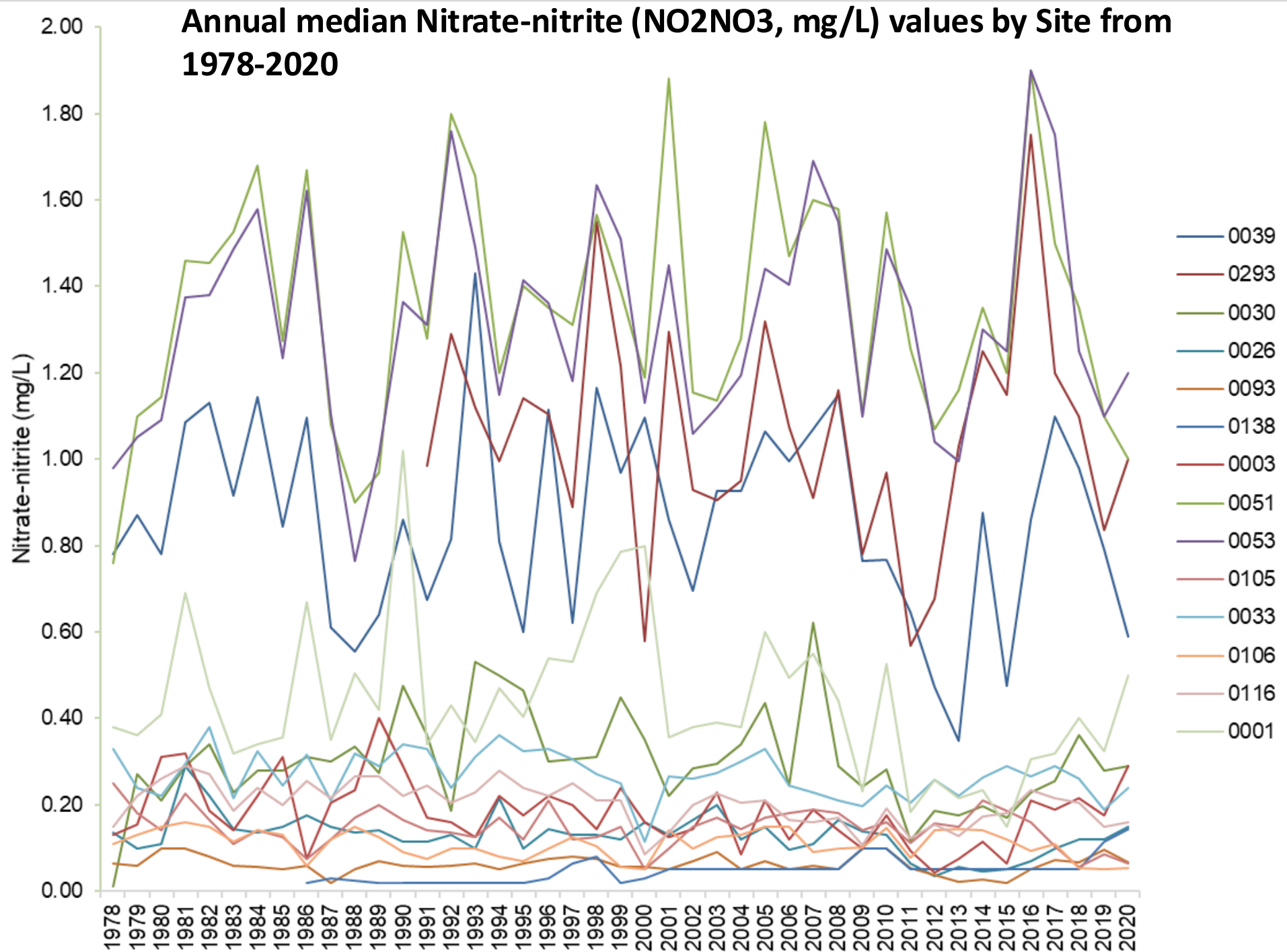


## Annual median Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN, mg/L) values by Site from 1978-2020



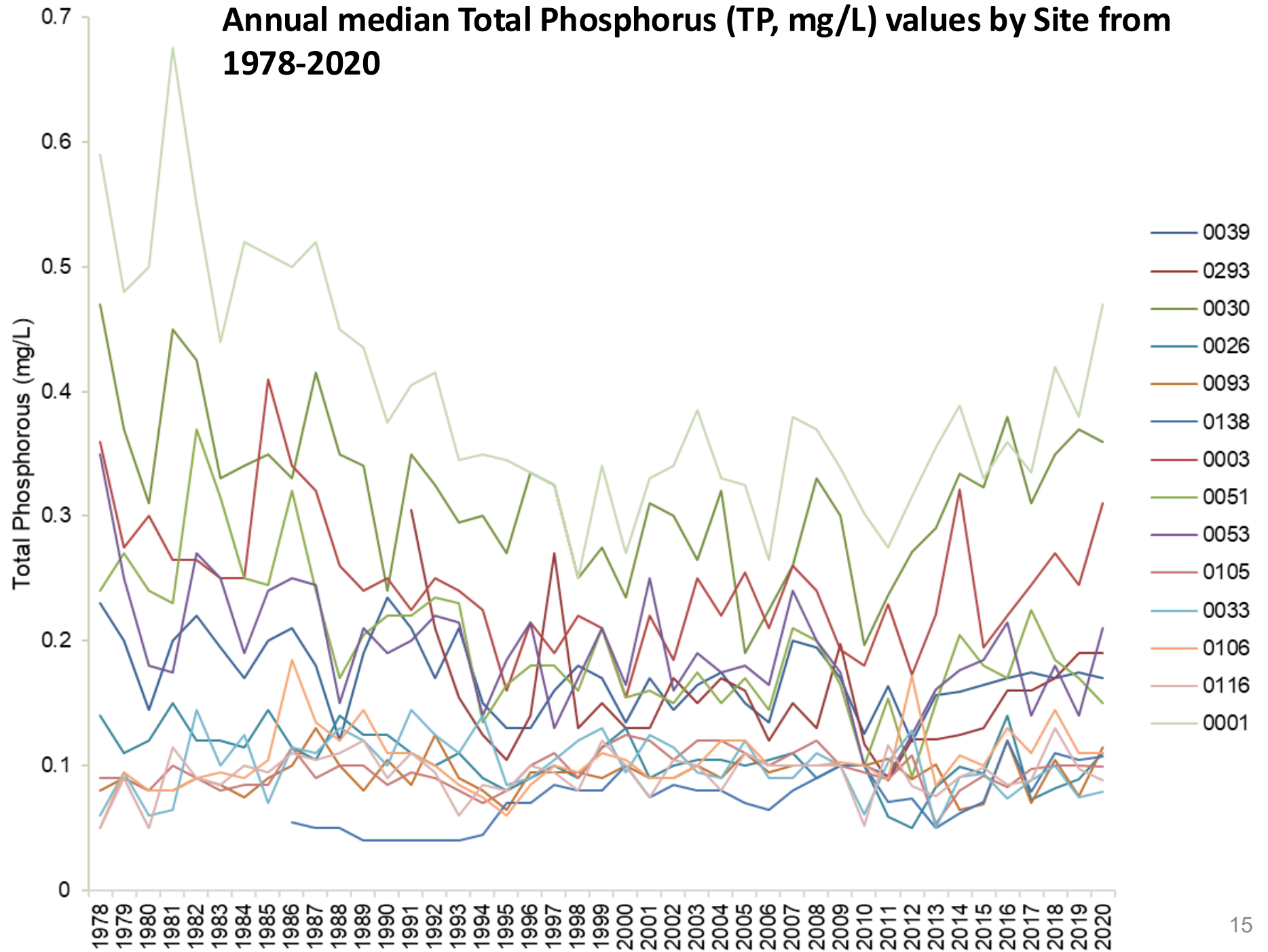


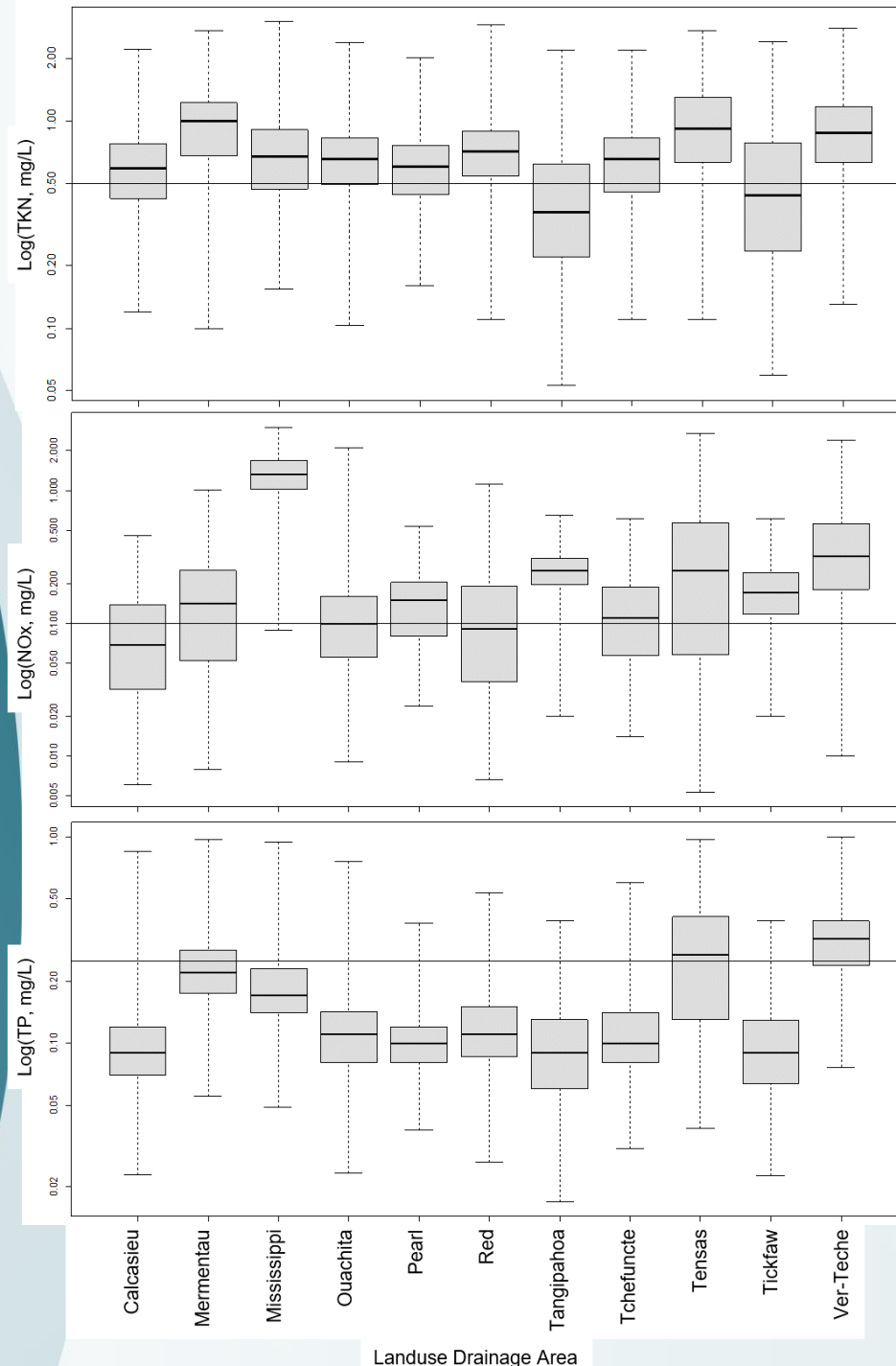
**Annual median Nitrate-nitrite (NO<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>, mg/L) values by Site from 1978-2020**



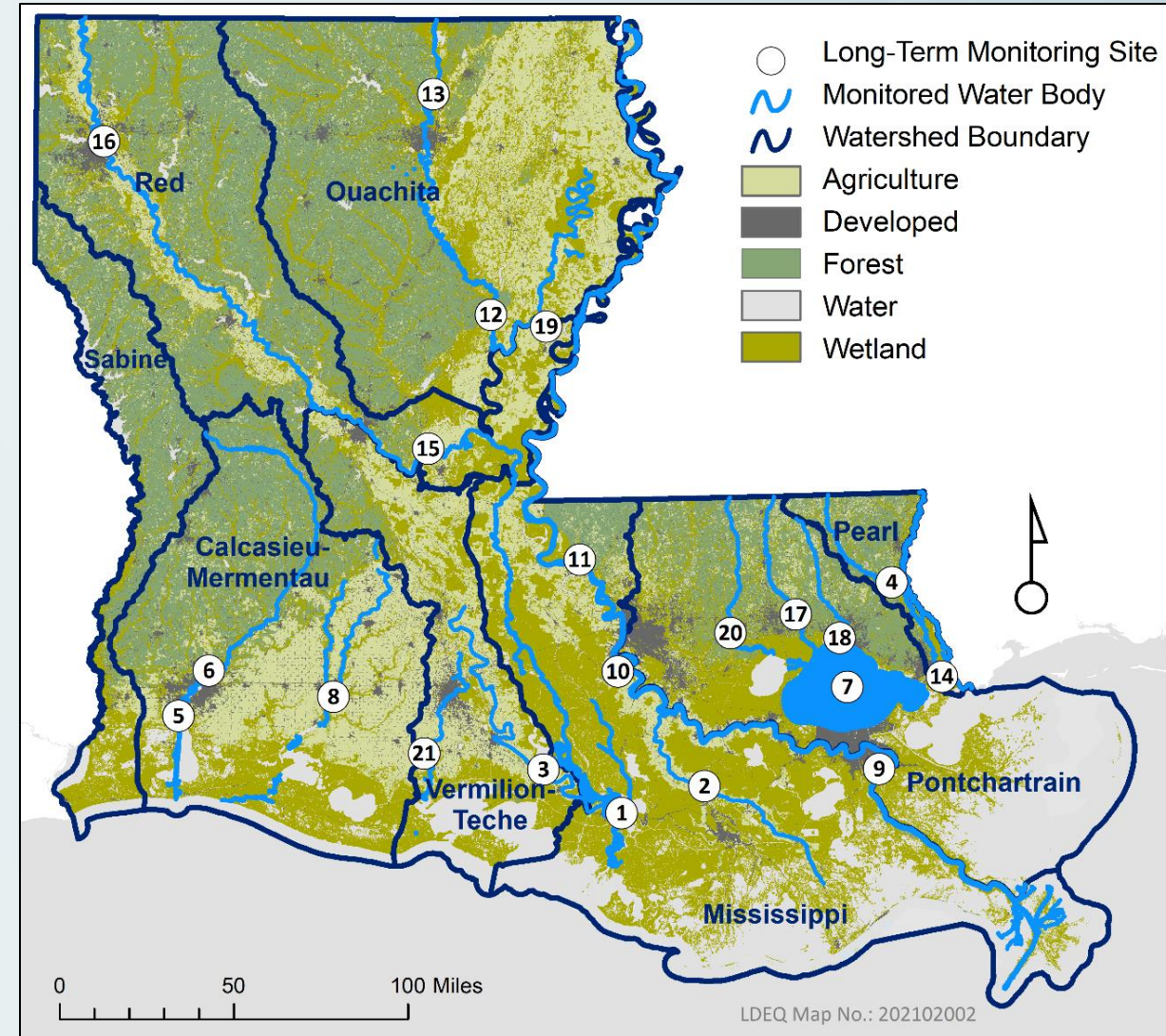


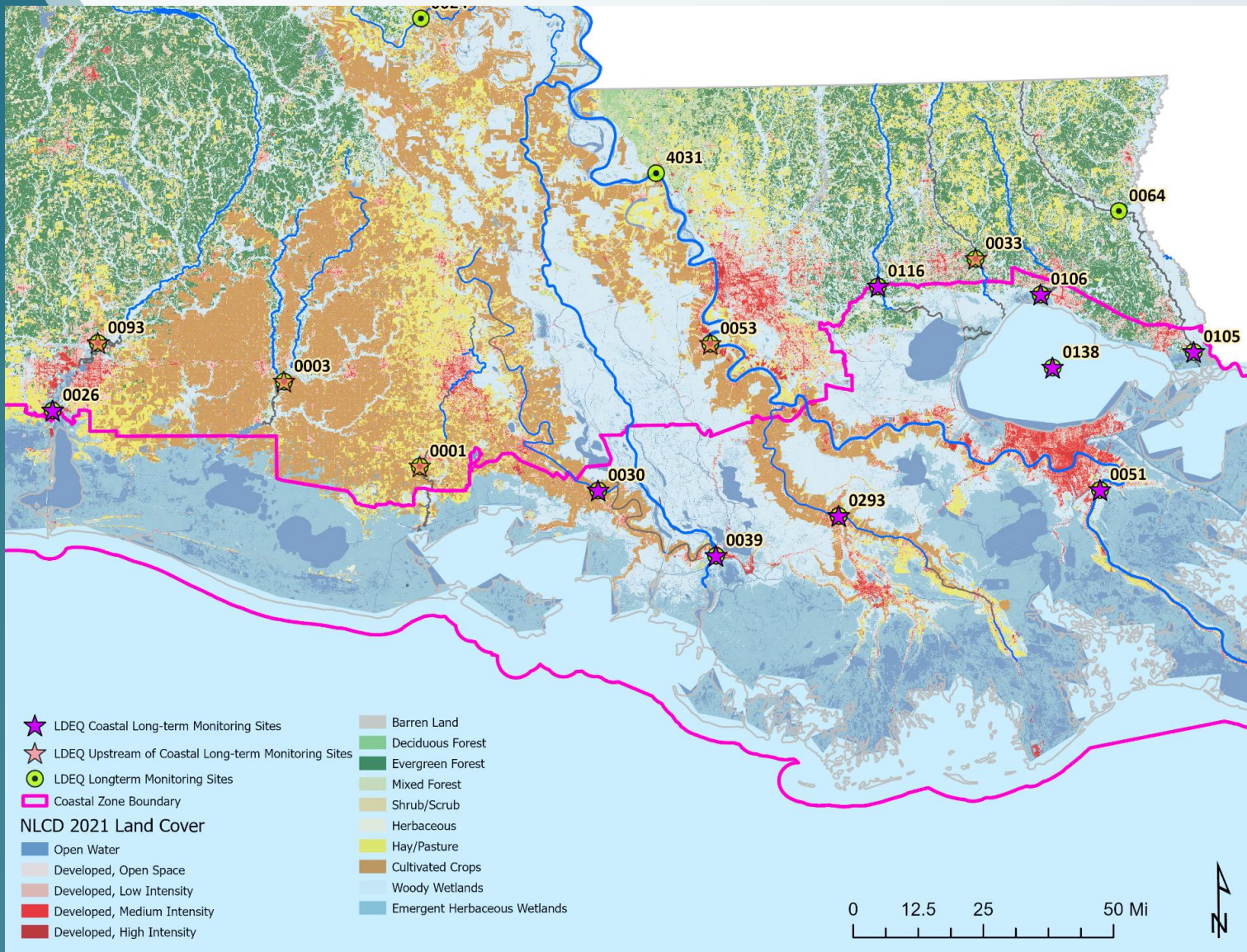
## Annual median Total Phosphorus (TP, mg/L) values by Site from 1978-2020





# Median nutrient levels by watershed





| Site Name                              | LDEQ Site #      |
|----------------------------------------|------------------|
| Atchafalaya River – Morgan City        | 0039             |
| Bayou Lafourche – Thibodaux            | 0293             |
| Bayou Teche – Adeline                  | 0030             |
| Bogue Chitto River – Bush              | 0064             |
| Calcasieu River – Burton Landing       | 0026             |
| Calcasieu River – Moss Bluff           | 0093             |
| Lake Pontchartrain –Metairie           | 0138             |
| Mermentau River – Mermentau            | 0003             |
| Mississippi River – Belle Chasse       | 0051, 0320       |
| Mississippi River – Plaquemine         | 0053, 0319       |
| Mississippi River – St. Francisville   | 0055, 0318, 4031 |
| Ouachita River – Harrisonburg          | 0085             |
| Ouachita River – Sterlington           | 0013             |
| <b>Pearl River – Slidell</b>           | <b>0105</b>      |
| Red River – Marksville                 | 0024             |
| Red River – Shreveport                 | 0120             |
| <b>Tangipahoa River –Robert</b>        | <b>0033</b>      |
| <b>Tchefuncte River – Madisonville</b> | <b>0106</b>      |
| Tensas River – Clayton                 | 0159             |
| <b>Tickfaw River – Springville</b>     | <b>0116</b>      |
| <b>Vermilion River – Perry</b>         | <b>0001</b>      |

Long-term ambient water quality monitoring sites for Louisiana. Land use from NLCD Cropland Data Layer 2021.

# Range of nutrient parameter values and Censored Seasonal Kendall long-term trends by site from 1978-2020 (mg/L, $p \leq 0.05$ )

| Site               | Site No. | Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) |        |      |       | Nitrate + Nitrite (NOx) |        |       |       | Total Phosphorous (TP) |        |       |       |
|--------------------|----------|-------------------------------|--------|------|-------|-------------------------|--------|-------|-------|------------------------|--------|-------|-------|
|                    |          | Min                           | Median | Max  | Trend | Min                     | Median | Max   | Trend | Min                    | Median | Max   | Trend |
| <b>All Sites</b>   |          | 0.01 <sup>a</sup>             | 0.72   | 25.0 |       | 0.01 <sup>a</sup>       | 0.22   | 379.0 |       | 0.01 <sup>a</sup>      | 0.14   | 121.0 |       |
| Atchafalaya        | 0039     | 0.02 <sup>a</sup>             | 0.66   | 8.36 | ↓     | 0.01 <sup>a</sup>       | 0.84   | 2.38  | ↓     | 0.02 <sup>a</sup>      | 0.17   | 0.64  | ↓     |
| Lafourche          | 0293     | 0.10                          | 0.59   | 3.46 | NS    | 0.05                    | 1.0    | 2.54  | NS    | 0.01 <sup>a</sup>      | 0.15   | 37.6  | NS    |
| Teche              | 0030     | 0.10                          | 1.02   | 9.1  | ↓     | 0.01 <sup>a</sup>       | 0.28   | 2.38  | NS    | 0.03 <sup>a</sup>      | 0.31   | 2.54  | ↓     |
| Calcasieu—BL       | 0026     | 0.02 <sup>a</sup>             | 0.79   | 7.1  | ↓     | 0.01 <sup>a</sup>       | 0.13   | 20.2  | ↓     | 0.01 <sup>a</sup>      | 0.10   | 1.49  | ↓     |
| Calcasieu—MB       | 0093     | 0.02 <sup>a</sup>             | 0.69   | 2.72 | ↓     | 0.01 <sup>a</sup>       | 0.06   | 20.2  | ↓     | 0.01 <sup>a</sup>      | 0.09   | 0.85  | NS    |
| Lake Pontchartrain | 0138     | 0.05 <sup>a</sup>             | 0.50   | 5.8  | NS    | 0.01 <sup>a</sup>       | 0.05   | 1.3   | NS    | 0.01 <sup>a</sup>      | 0.07   | 0.73  | ↑     |
| Mermentau          | 0003     | 0.10                          | 1.10   | 4.77 | ↓     | 0.01 <sup>a</sup>       | 0.17   | 1.13  | ↓     | 0.01 <sup>a</sup>      | 0.24   | 1.10  | ↓     |
| Mississippi—BC     | 0051     | 0.01 <sup>a</sup>             | 0.69   | 10.2 | ↓     | 0.02 <sup>a</sup>       | 1.35   | 9.38  | NS    | 0.01 <sup>a</sup>      | 0.20   | 2.60  | ↓     |
| Mississippi—Pla    | 0053     | 0.03 <sup>a</sup>             | 0.77   | 6.0  | ↓     | 0.05                    | 1.3    | 3.27  | NS    | 0.02 <sup>a</sup>      | 0.19   | 47.6  | ↓     |
| Pearl              | 0105     | 0.05 <sup>a</sup>             | 0.67   | 8.39 | NS    | 0.01 <sup>a</sup>       | 0.15   | 1.8   | NS    | 0.01 <sup>a</sup>      | 0.10   | 0.80  | ↓     |
| Tangipahoa         | 0033     | 0.02 <sup>a</sup>             | 0.50   | 25.0 | ↓     | 0.02 <sup>a</sup>       | 0.27   | 0.82  | ↓     | 0.01 <sup>a</sup>      | 0.10   | 0.72  | ↓     |
| Tchefuncte         | 0106     | 0.02 <sup>a</sup>             | 0.73   | 2.6  | ↓     | 0.01 <sup>a</sup>       | 0.11   | 0.62  | NS    | 0.01 <sup>a</sup>      | 0.10   | 0.80  | NS    |
| Tickfaw            | 0116     | 0.01 <sup>a</sup>             | 0.55   | 4.0  | ↓     | 0.01 <sup>a</sup>       | 0.2    | 0.82  | ↓     | 0.01 <sup>a</sup>      | 0.10   | 0.78  | NS    |
| Vermilion          | 0001     | 0.10                          | 1.06   | 5.7  | ↓     | 0.01 <sup>a</sup>       | 0.4    | 1.92  | ↓     | 0.05                   | 0.38   | 1.51  | ↓     |



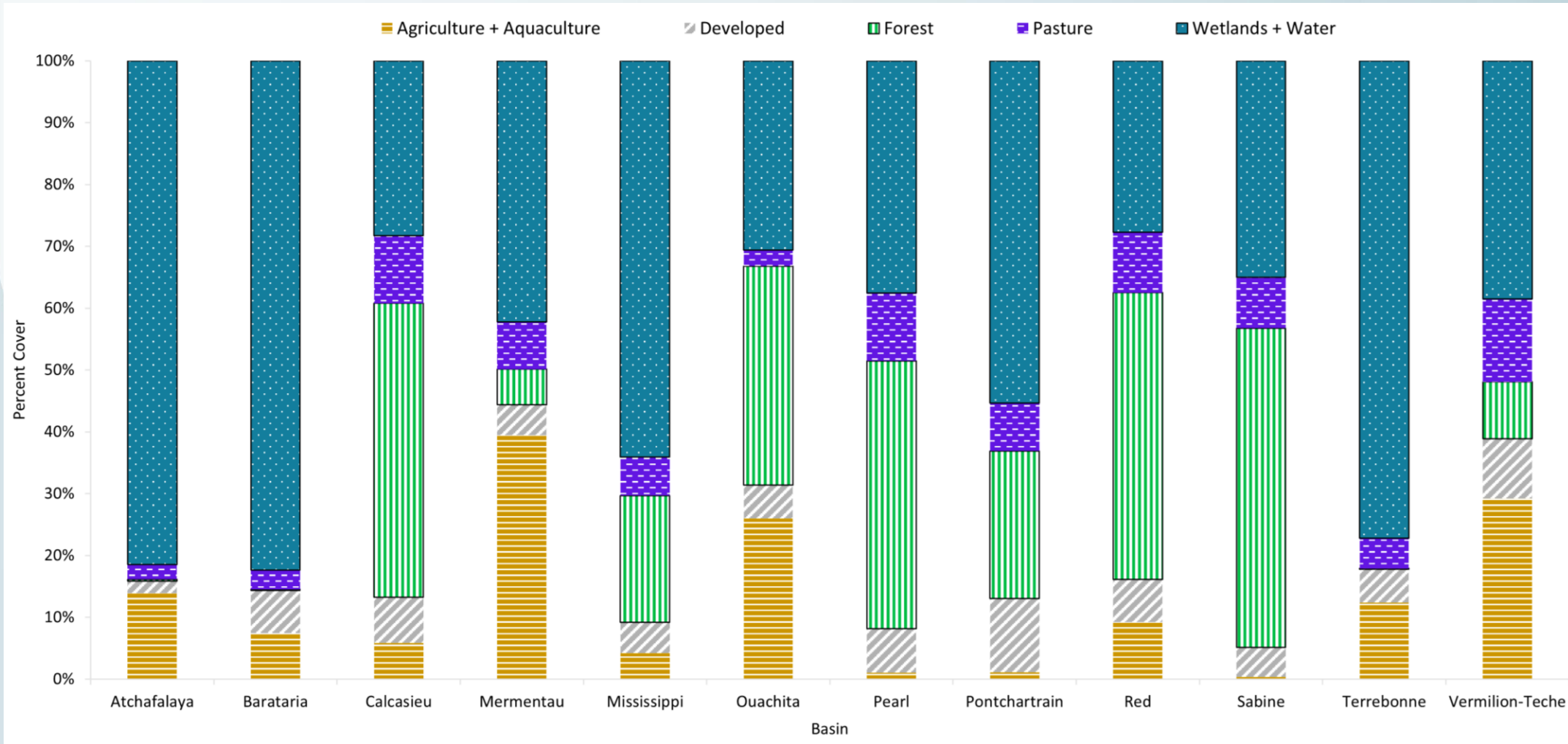
# Long-term seasonal trends

| Site Name       | Site #    | Season | Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen |       |      |       |       |  | Nitrite + Nitrate |       |      |       |       |  | Total Phosphorus |       |      |       |       |
|-----------------|-----------|--------|-------------------------|-------|------|-------|-------|--|-------------------|-------|------|-------|-------|--|------------------|-------|------|-------|-------|
|                 |           |        | n                       | tau   | pval | slope | trend |  | n                 | tau   | pval | slope | trend |  | n                | tau   | pval | slope | trend |
| Calcasieu-MB    | 0093      | Spring | 122                     | -0.21 | 0.00 | -0.01 | ↓     |  | 125               | -0.20 | 0.00 | 0.00  | ↓     |  | 124              | 0.01  | 0.85 | 0.00  | NS    |
|                 |           | Summer | 116                     | -0.20 | 0.00 | -0.01 | ↓     |  | 123               | -0.08 | 0.21 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 120              | 0.05  | 0.44 | 0.00  | NS    |
|                 |           | Fall   | 112                     | -0.15 | 0.02 | 0.00  | ↓     |  | 117               | -0.08 | 0.19 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 114              | -0.07 | 0.24 | 0.00  | NS    |
|                 |           | Winter | 117                     | -0.18 | 0.00 | -0.01 | ↓     |  | 121               | -0.15 | 0.01 | 0.00  | ↓     |  | 119              | -0.05 | 0.41 | 0.00  | NS    |
| Calcasieu-BL    | 0026      | Spring | 122                     | -0.40 | 0.00 | -0.02 | ↓     |  | 126               | -0.24 | 0.00 | 0.00  | ↓     |  | 124              | -0.13 | 0.03 | 0.00  | ↓     |
|                 |           | Summer | 114                     | -0.47 | 0.00 | -0.02 | ↓     |  | 122               | -0.19 | 0.00 | 0.00  | ↓     |  | 117              | -0.18 | 0.00 | 0.00  | ↓     |
|                 |           | Fall   | 114                     | -0.41 | 0.00 | -0.02 | ↓     |  | 117               | -0.10 | 0.13 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 116              | -0.27 | 0.00 | 0.00  | ↓     |
|                 |           | Winter | 115                     | -0.51 | 0.00 | -0.02 | ↓     |  | 119               | -0.17 | 0.01 | 0.00  | ↓     |  | 117              | -0.29 | 0.00 | 0.00  | ↓     |
| Vermilion       | 0001      | Spring | 121                     | -0.44 | 0.00 | -0.03 | ↓     |  | 127               | -0.12 | 0.05 | 0.00  | ↓     |  | 125              | -0.27 | 0.00 | 0.00  | ↓     |
|                 |           | Summer | 118                     | -0.27 | 0.00 | -0.01 | ↓     |  | 126               | -0.05 | 0.44 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 123              | -0.15 | 0.01 | 0.00  | ↓     |
|                 |           | Fall   | 115                     | -0.30 | 0.00 | -0.01 | ↓     |  | 123               | -0.10 | 0.09 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 118              | -0.14 | 0.03 | 0.00  | ↓     |
|                 |           | Winter | 115                     | -0.36 | 0.00 | -0.02 | ↓     |  | 120               | -0.05 | 0.40 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 116              | -0.31 | 0.00 | -0.01 | ↓     |
| Mermentau       | 0003      | Spring | 114                     | -0.33 | 0.00 | -0.02 | ↓     |  | 128               | -0.10 | 0.11 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 125              | -0.09 | 0.16 | 0.00  | NS    |
|                 |           | Summer | 117                     | -0.14 | 0.02 | -0.01 | ↓     |  | 126               | -0.12 | 0.05 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 122              | -0.07 | 0.25 | 0.00  | NS    |
|                 |           | Fall   | 115                     | -0.13 | 0.04 | 0.00  | ↓     |  | 122               | -0.25 | 0.00 | 0.00  | ↓     |  | 118              | -0.06 | 0.37 | 0.00  | NS    |
|                 |           | Winter | 116                     | -0.32 | 0.00 | -0.02 | ↓     |  | 120               | -0.21 | 0.00 | 0.00  | ↓     |  | 120              | -0.24 | 0.00 | 0.00  | ↓     |
| Teche           | 0030      | Spring | 123                     | -0.24 | 0.00 | -0.01 | ↓     |  | 128               | 0.00  | 0.99 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 126              | -0.11 | 0.07 | 0.00  | NS    |
|                 |           | Summer | 124                     | -0.31 | 0.00 | -0.01 | ↓     |  | 128               | -0.03 | 0.59 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 125              | -0.14 | 0.02 | 0.00  | ↓     |
|                 |           | Fall   | 116                     | -0.27 | 0.00 | -0.01 | ↓     |  | 123               | 0.00  | 1.00 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 120              | -0.07 | 0.29 | 0.00  | NS    |
|                 |           | Winter | 118                     | -0.33 | 0.00 | -0.02 | ↓     |  | 120               | 0.03  | 0.58 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 118              | -0.23 | 0.00 | 0.00  | ↓     |
| Atchafalaya     | 0039      | Spring | 112                     | -0.20 | 0.00 | -0.01 | ↓     |  | 118               | -0.21 | 0.00 | -0.01 | ↓     |  | 115              | -0.24 | 0.00 | 0.00  | ↓     |
|                 |           | Summer | 108                     | -0.27 | 0.00 | -0.01 | ↓     |  | 110               | 0.04  | 0.56 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 108              | -0.08 | 0.21 | 0.00  | NS    |
|                 |           | Fall   | 103                     | -0.20 | 0.00 | -0.01 | ↓     |  | 112               | -0.10 | 0.11 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 108              | 0.07  | 0.27 | 0.00  | NS    |
|                 |           | Winter | 101                     | -0.15 | 0.03 | -0.01 | ↓     |  | 105               | 0.01  | 0.90 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 102              | -0.11 | 0.10 | 0.00  | NS    |
| Mississippi-Pla | 0053/0319 | Spring | 118                     | -0.22 | 0.00 | -0.01 | ↓     |  | 128               | -0.14 | 0.02 | -0.01 | ↓     |  | 121              | -0.22 | 0.00 | 0.00  | ↓     |
|                 |           | Summer | 105                     | -0.16 | 0.01 | -0.01 | ↓     |  | 125               | 0.07  | 0.27 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 115              | -0.19 | 0.00 | 0.00  | ↓     |
|                 |           | Fall   | 104                     | -0.01 | 0.92 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 121               | -0.02 | 0.71 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 108              | 0.00  | 0.98 | 0.00  | NS    |
|                 |           | Winter | 112                     | -0.25 | 0.00 | -0.01 | ↓     |  | 124               | 0.02  | 0.72 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 114              | -0.22 | 0.00 | 0.00  | ↓     |

# Long-term seasonal trends

| Site Name      | Site #    | Season | Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen |       |      |       |       |  | Nitrite + Nitrate |       |      |       |       |  | Total Phosphorus |       |      |       |       |
|----------------|-----------|--------|-------------------------|-------|------|-------|-------|--|-------------------|-------|------|-------|-------|--|------------------|-------|------|-------|-------|
|                |           |        | n                       | tau   | pval | slope | trend |  | n                 | tau   | pval | slope | trend |  | n                | tau   | pval | slope | trend |
| Lafourche      | 0293      | Spring | 66                      | 0.00  | 0.97 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 76                | -0.12 | 0.14 | -0.01 | NS    |  | 70               | 0.02  | 0.82 | 0.00  | NS    |
|                |           | Summer | 75                      | -0.08 | 0.34 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 85                | 0.03  | 0.72 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 83               | -0.04 | 0.63 | 0.00  | NS    |
|                |           | Fall   | 56                      | -0.06 | 0.50 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 68                | 0.19  | 0.02 | 0.01  | ↑     |  | 63               | 0.02  | 0.82 | 0.00  | NS    |
|                |           | Winter | 70                      | -0.03 | 0.76 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 81                | 0.03  | 0.74 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 78               | 0.05  | 0.56 | 0.00  | NS    |
| Tickfaw        | 0116      | Spring | 115                     | -0.24 | 0.00 | -0.01 | ↓     |  | 121               | -0.28 | 0.00 | 0.00  | ↓     |  | 116              | -0.07 | 0.28 | 0.00  | NS    |
|                |           | Summer | 98                      | -0.16 | 0.02 | -0.01 | ↓     |  | 109               | -0.12 | 0.06 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 106              | -0.03 | 0.61 | 0.00  | NS    |
|                |           | Fall   | 101                     | -0.02 | 0.75 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 114               | 0.12  | 0.07 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 109              | 0.08  | 0.20 | 0.00  | NS    |
|                |           | Winter | 102                     | -0.20 | 0.00 | -0.01 | ↓     |  | 109               | -0.29 | 0.00 | 0.00  | ↓     |  | 105              | -0.10 | 0.13 | 0.00  | NS    |
| Tangipahoa     | 0033      | Spring | 121                     | -0.17 | 0.01 | -0.01 | ↓     |  | 129               | -0.16 | 0.01 | 0.00  | ↓     |  | 127              | -0.20 | 0.00 | 0.00  | ↓     |
|                |           | Summer | 113                     | -0.24 | 0.00 | -0.01 | ↓     |  | 125               | -0.02 | 0.78 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 121              | -0.12 | 0.05 | 0.00  | NS    |
|                |           | Fall   | 109                     | -0.10 | 0.13 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 121               | 0.07  | 0.26 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 117              | -0.01 | 0.92 | 0.00  | NS    |
|                |           | Winter | 115                     | -0.21 | 0.00 | -0.01 | ↓     |  | 125               | -0.31 | 0.00 | 0.00  | ↓     |  | 121              | -0.18 | 0.00 | 0.00  | ↓     |
| Tchefuncte     | 0106      | Spring | 110                     | -0.14 | 0.03 | -0.01 | ↓     |  | 117               | -0.13 | 0.03 | 0.00  | ↓     |  | 118              | -0.08 | 0.18 | 0.00  | NS    |
|                |           | Summer | 98                      | -0.17 | 0.01 | -0.01 | ↓     |  | 112               | -0.06 | 0.34 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 105              | 0.04  | 0.53 | 0.00  | NS    |
|                |           | Fall   | 95                      | -0.08 | 0.24 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 114               | -0.03 | 0.67 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 107              | 0.14  | 0.03 | 0.00  | ↑     |
|                |           | Winter | 103                     | -0.27 | 0.00 | -0.01 | ↓     |  | 110               | 0.15  | 0.02 | 0.00  | ↑     |  | 104              | 0.13  | 0.06 | 0.00  | NS    |
| Pontchartrain  | 0138      | Spring | 95                      | -0.11 | 0.12 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 103               | -0.02 | 0.76 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 104              | 0.15  | 0.02 | 0.00  | ↑     |
|                |           | Summer | 94                      | -0.07 | 0.34 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 107               | 0.03  | 0.60 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 101              | 0.14  | 0.03 | 0.00  | ↑     |
|                |           | Fall   | 80                      | 0.07  | 0.36 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 97                | -0.03 | 0.68 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 93               | 0.22  | 0.00 | 0.00  | ↑     |
|                |           | Winter | 95                      | -0.14 | 0.05 | -0.01 | ↓     |  | 103               | 0.07  | 0.30 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 97               | 0.31  | 0.00 | 0.00  | ↑     |
| Mississippi-BC | 0051/0320 | Spring | 119                     | -0.20 | 0.00 | -0.01 | ↓     |  | 127               | -0.19 | 0.00 | -0.01 | ↓     |  | 125              | -0.30 | 0.00 | 0.00  | ↓     |
|                |           | Summer | 111                     | -0.17 | 0.01 | -0.01 | ↓     |  | 124               | 0.07  | 0.27 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 118              | -0.26 | 0.00 | 0.00  | ↓     |
|                |           | Fall   | 102                     | -0.10 | 0.15 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 118               | 0.00  | 0.95 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 109              | -0.16 | 0.01 | 0.00  | ↓     |
|                |           | Winter | 108                     | -0.21 | 0.00 | -0.01 | ↓     |  | 120               | 0.01  | 0.94 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 117              | -0.21 | 0.00 | 0.00  | ↓     |
| Pearl          | 0105      | Spring | 115                     | -0.11 | 0.07 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 124               | -0.10 | 0.10 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 117              | -0.01 | 0.91 | 0.00  | NS    |
|                |           | Summer | 113                     | -0.15 | 0.02 | 0.00  | ↓     |  | 123               | -0.06 | 0.31 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 122              | 0.06  | 0.35 | 0.00  | NS    |
|                |           | Fall   | 107                     | -0.09 | 0.17 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 121               | 0.03  | 0.67 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 113              | 0.04  | 0.57 | 0.00  | NS    |
|                |           | Winter | 110                     | -0.15 | 0.02 | -0.01 | ↓     |  | 120               | 0.02  | 0.71 | 0.00  | NS    |  | 116              | 0.04  | 0.53 | 0.00  | NS    |

# Land use by LDEQ watershed



Land use categories aggregated from NLCD 2021 Cropland Data Layer to LDEQ watersheds

# Land use correlations

| Drainage Area | Water Quality Parameter |                 |      |       | Land Use |        |           |            |             |           |         |             |
|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------|-------|----------|--------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|---------|-------------|
|               | TKN                     | NO <sub>x</sub> | TP   | TSS   | Wetlands | Forest | Developed | Grasslands | Agriculture | Rice/Aqua | N-fixer | non N-fixer |
|               | mg/L                    |                 |      |       | % cover  |        |           |            |             |           |         |             |
| Calcasieu     | 0.59                    | 0.07            | 0.09 | 15.00 | 18%      | 50%    | 8%        | 18%        | 6%          | 4%        | 0%      | 2%          |
| Mermentau     | 0.99                    | 0.14            | 0.22 | 16.00 | 20%      | 13%    | 8%        | 12%        | 47%         | 29%       | 4%      | 13%         |
| Mississippi   | 0.67                    | 1.32            | 0.17 | 67.00 | 3%       | 23%    | 5%        | 36%        | 32%         | 0%        | 11%     | 20%         |
| Ouachita      | 0.65                    | 0.10            | 0.11 | 18.00 | 21%      | 49%    | 6%        | 11%        | 13%         | 1%        | 4%      | 7%          |
| Pearl         | 0.60                    | 0.15            | 0.10 | 27.00 | 18%      | 53%    | 7%        | 19%        | 2%          | —         | 1%      | 1%          |
| Red           | 0.71                    | 0.09            | 0.11 | 27.50 | 4%       | 24%    | 4%        | 49%        | 18%         | 0%        | 1%      | 17%         |
| Tangipahoa    | 0.37                    | 0.25            | 0.09 | 13.00 | 16%      | 44%    | 7%        | 32%        | 1%          | —         | 0%      | 1%          |
| Tchefuncte    | 0.65                    | 0.11            | 0.10 | 6.00  | 17%      | 48%    | 12%       | 22%        | 0%          | —         | 0%      | 0%          |
| Tensas        | 0.91                    | 0.25            | 0.27 | 39.00 | 30%      | 0%     | 3%        | 0%         | 67%         | 4%        | 0%      | 63%         |
| Tickfaw       | 0.45                    | 0.17            | 0.09 | 15.00 | 23%      | 51%    | 4%        | 21%        | 0%          | —         | 0%      | 0%          |
| Ver-Teche     | 0.88                    | 0.32            | 0.32 | 38.00 | 27%      | 12%    | 11%       | 18%        | 32%         | 6%        | 11%     | 15%         |

|             |       | TKN    | NO <sub>x</sub> | TP     |
|-------------|-------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| TSS         | tau   | 0.463  | 0.330           | 0.539  |
|             | p-val | 0.050  | 0.160           | 0.026  |
| Wetlands    | tau   | 0.183  | 0.164           | 0.229  |
|             | p-val | 0.435  | 0.542           | 0.342  |
| Forest      | tau   | -0.624 | -0.345          | -0.686 |
|             | p-val | 0.008  | 0.165           | 0.004  |
| Developed   | tau   | -0.110 | -0.164          | -0.076 |
|             | p-val | 0.639  | 0.542           | 0.751  |
| Agriculture | tau   | 0.661  | 0.200           | 0.686  |
|             | p-val | 0.005  | 0.445           | 0.004  |
| Grasslands  | tau   | -0.220 | 0.091           | -0.229 |
|             | p-val | 0.349  | 0.761           | 0.342  |

|             |       | TKN   | NO <sub>x</sub> | TP    |
|-------------|-------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| Non N-fixer | tau   | 0.514 | 0.200           | 0.610 |
|             | p-val | 0.029 | 0.445           | 0.011 |
| N-fixer     | tau   | 0.404 | 0.164           | 0.534 |
|             | p-val | 0.086 | 0.542           | 0.027 |
| Rice/Aqua   | tau   | 0.477 | 0.018           | 0.496 |
|             | p-val | 0.042 | 1.000           | 0.039 |



# Summary of Trends Analysis

- Overall nutrient concentration decreases for the majority of long-term monitoring sites within the state
  - Slight increases in the Bogue Chitto (NO<sub>x</sub>, TP) and Pontchartrain sites in Southeast LA (TP).
- Correlation analysis shows forested areas are associated with lower TKN and lower TP concentrations.
  - Sites in drainage areas with highest proportion forest cover (Pearl, Tickfaw, Calcasieu, Ouachita, Tchefuncte, and Tangipahoa) have the lowest median TKN and median TP values
  - Sites in drainage areas with highest agricultural land use (Tensas, Mermentau, Mississippi, Vermilion-Teche, and Red) have the highest median TKN and TP values.



# Thank you

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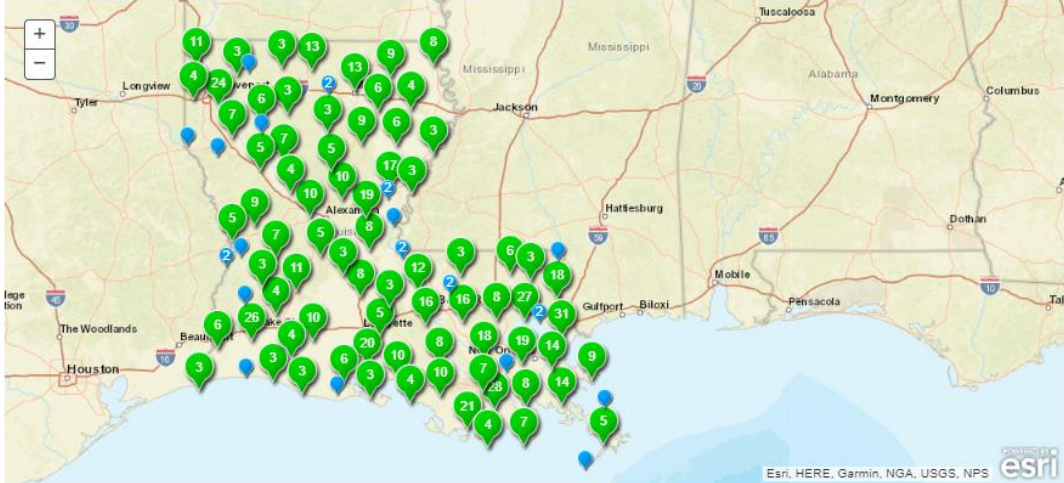
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## Project: WQ1958001 - Statewide Water Quality Monitoring Network

**Name:** Statewide Water Quality Monitoring Network  
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Map



The map displays the state of Louisiana with numerous green circular markers, each containing a number, representing water quality monitoring sites. The markers are distributed across the state, with a higher concentration in the central and eastern regions. Major cities and highways are labeled on the map. The map is powered by Esri, HERE, Garmin, NGA, USGS, and NPS.

Sites

# Links

- <https://deq.louisiana.gov/page/nutrient-management-strategy>
- <https://waterdata.deq.louisiana.gov/Projects/WQ1958001>
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