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Data Analysis & Integration to Improve Water Quality in Agricultural Landscapes

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Using innovative approaches to address three global water challenges.

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Supply*



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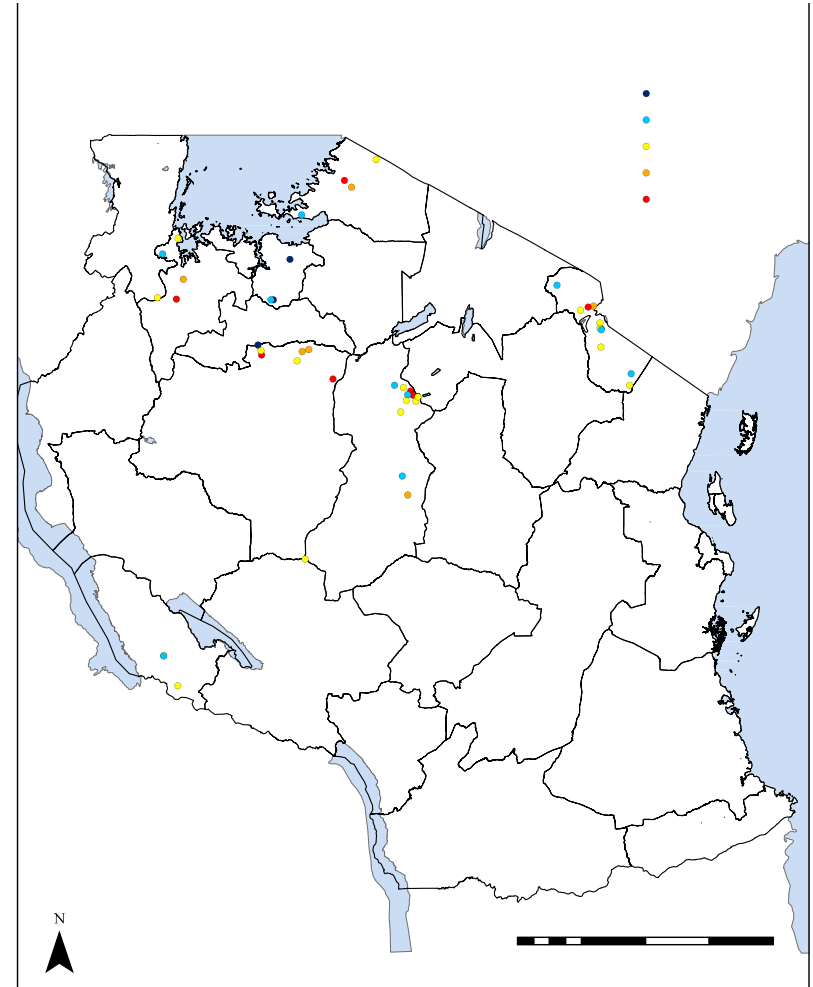
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Tanzania Drinking Water Wells



- ~5,000 nonfunctional wells
- 45 well pilot program
- Expand to remaining wells
- Water + Power + Econ. Dev.



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Coastal Resilience: Developing Global Relationships

- Leadership Team for UNESCO Coastal Resilience Collaborative.
 - Other university partners include MIT, Stanford, LSU and other key government and university partners from around the world.
- Also invited to be on the UN R!SE team (sea level rise) with key government, industry and university partners
 - In process of framing an initial set of candidate projects for R!SE





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**IT
CAME FROM THE LAKE**

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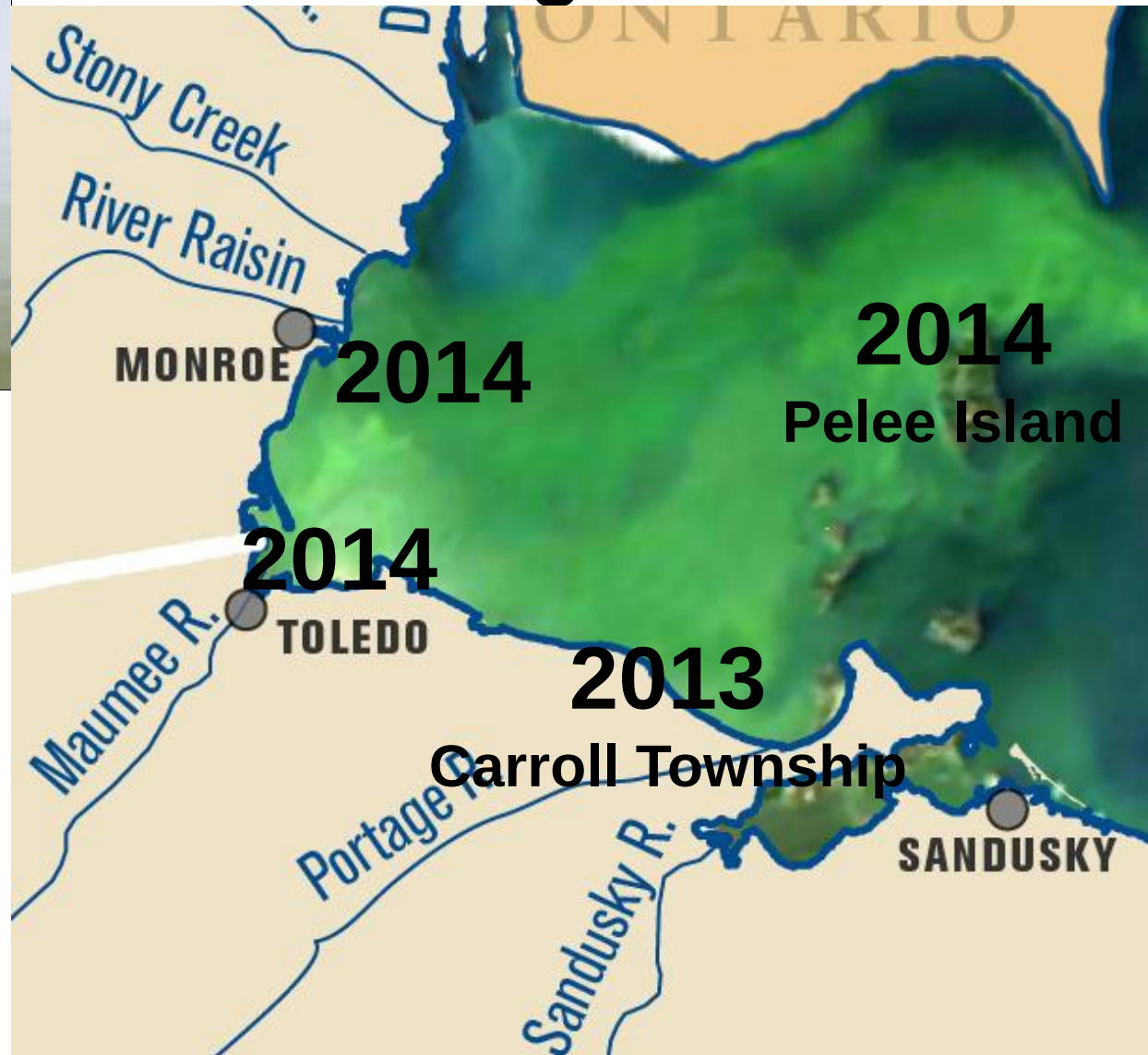
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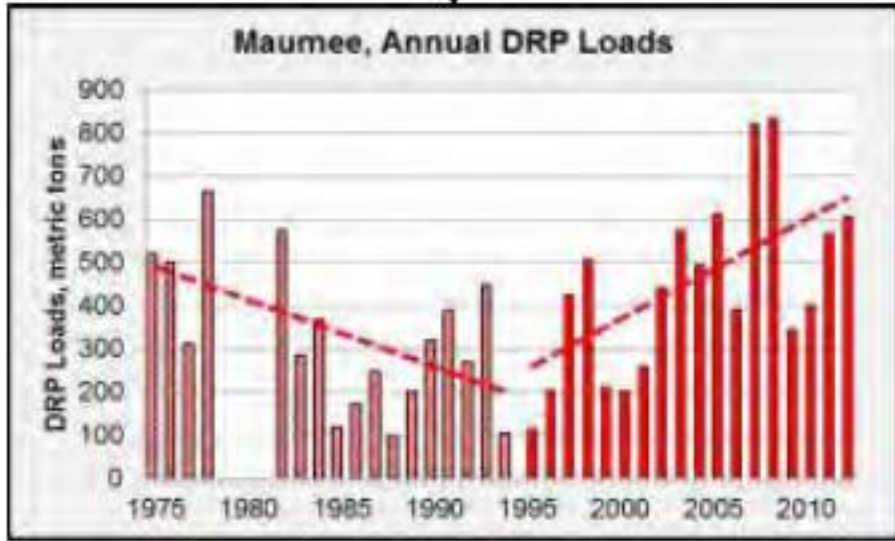
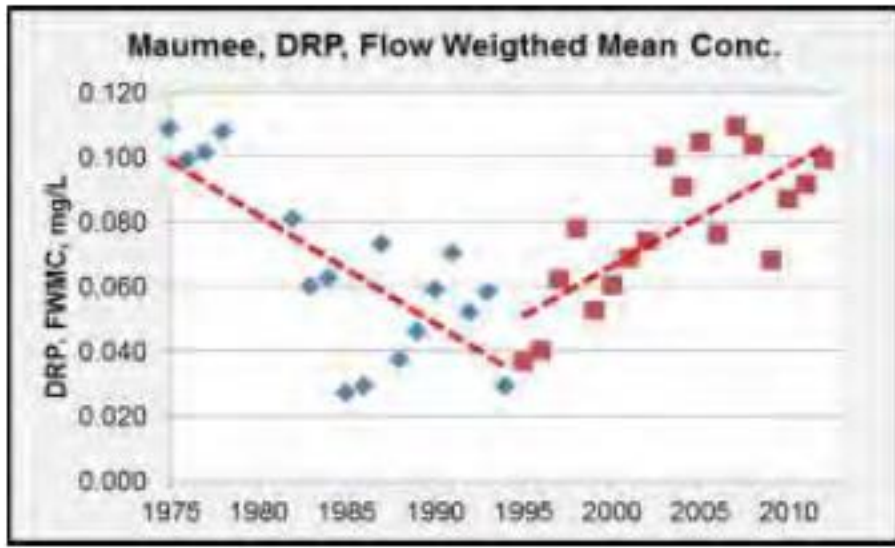
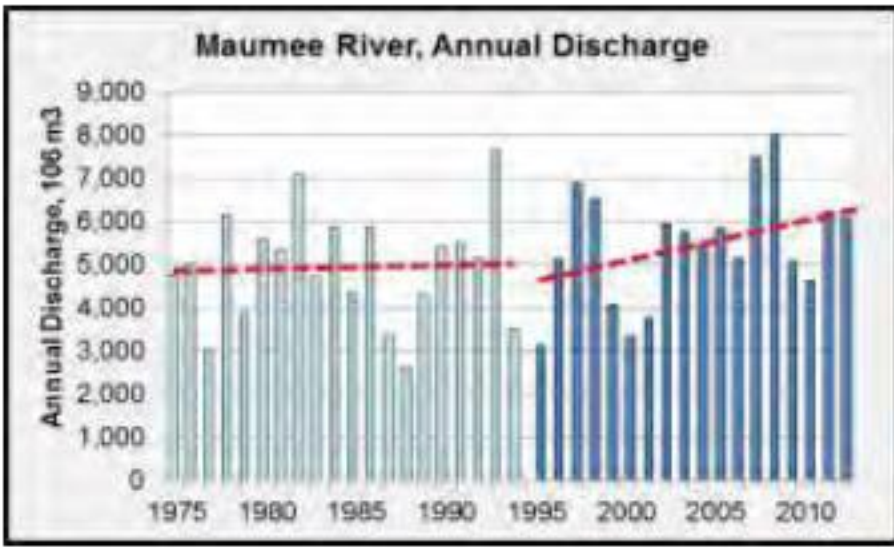


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Drinking Water Bans





**Why Focus on
Dissolved
Phosphorus ?**

Lake Erie P Task
Force Report II 2013

Figure 3-8. Annual discharges and flow-weighted mean concentrations and loads of DRP
(Discharge data from USGS Streamgauge Maumee River at Waterville (04193500) and
graphed by Heidelberg University, NCWQR)



Focus on Dissolved Phosphorus...

Reduction Recommendations:

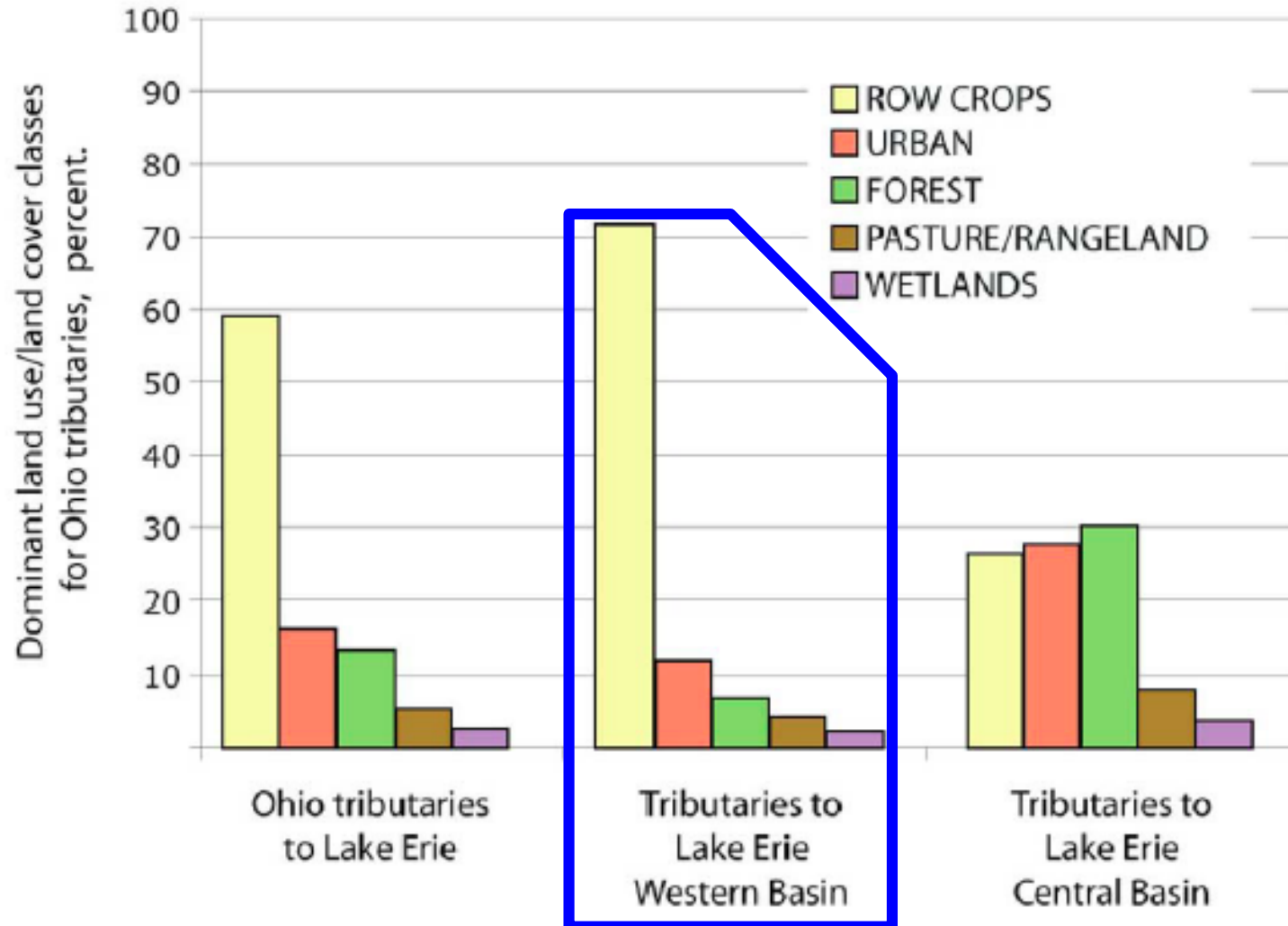
Spring Total Phosphorus: 37% (1275→800MT)

Annual Total Phosphorus: 39% (2630→1600MT)

Spring Dissolved Phosphorus: 41%
(256→150MT)

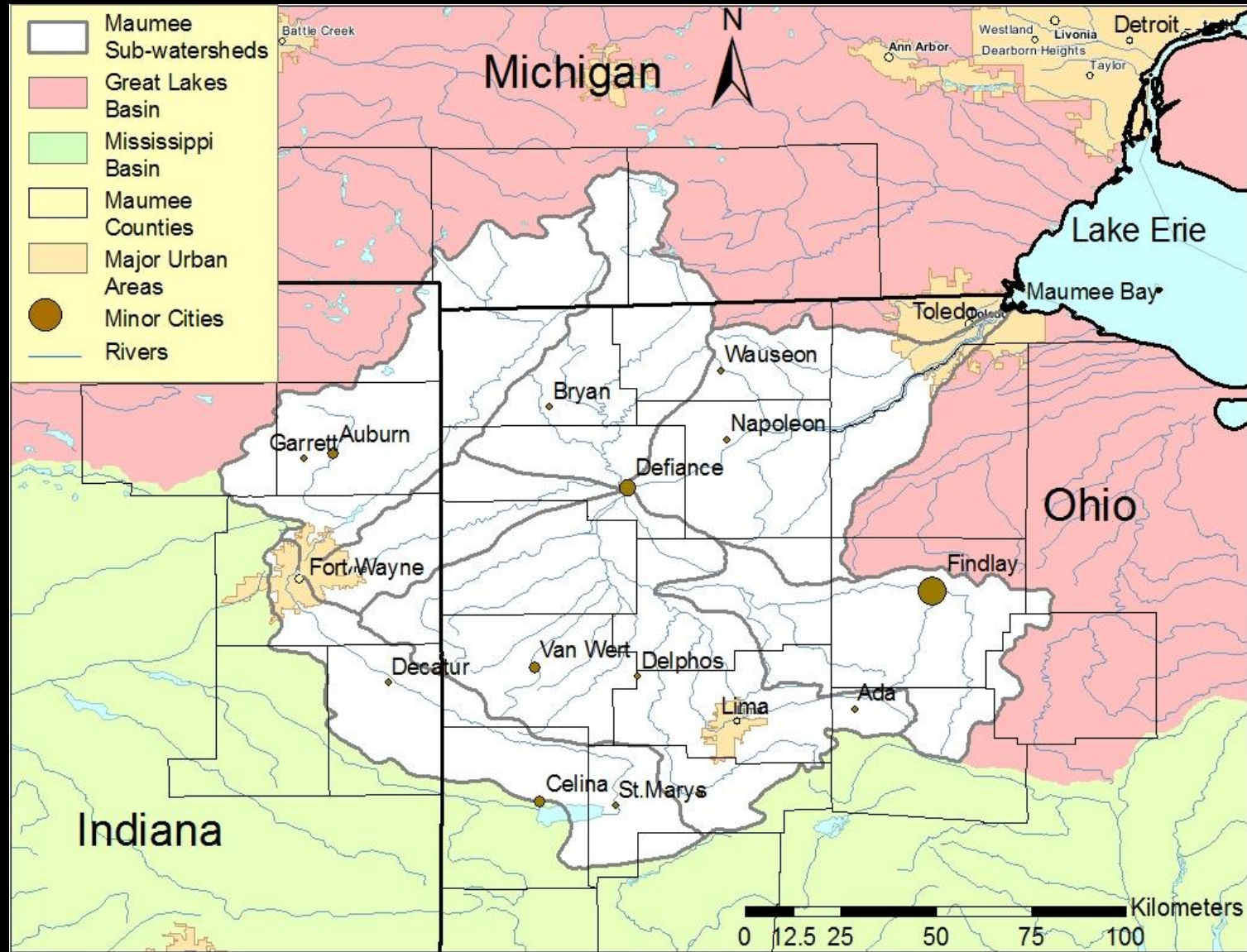


Focus on Agricultural runoff...



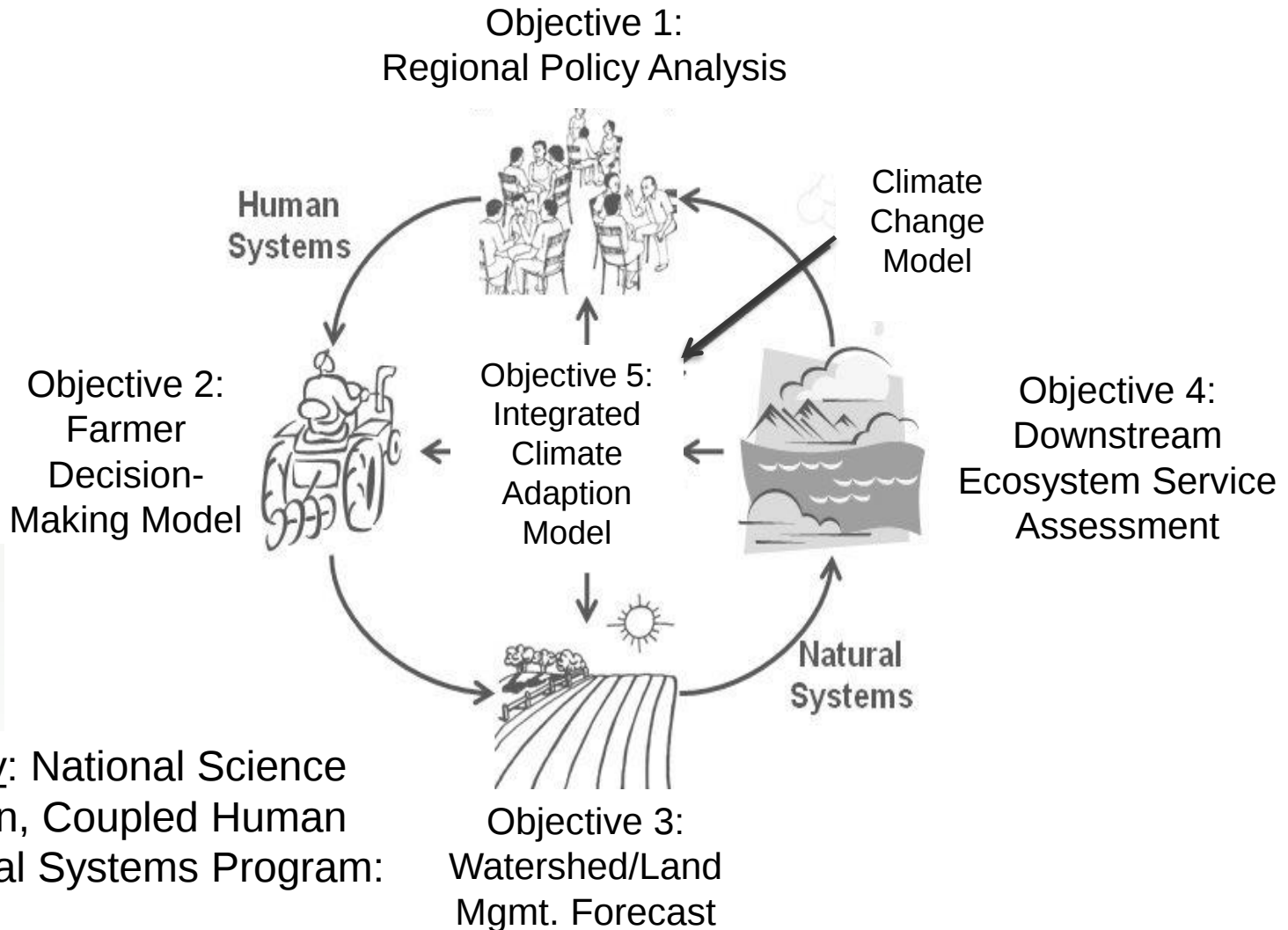
Maumee Watershed

Largest in Great Lakes~17,000km², 85% agriculture





Maumee Watershed Project



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Best Management Practices (BMPs)	Probability of Adoption, in Percent			
	Will Never	Unlikely	Likely	Will Definitely
Planting cover crops after fall harvest	6	46	43	5
Delaying broadcasting when the forecast predicts a 50% or more chance of at least 1 inch of total rainfall in the next 12 hours	3	22	54	21
Managing field water levels with drainage management systems	10	48	34	8
Avoiding winter or frozen ground surface application of phosphorus	6	13	40	41
Placement of fertilizer at least 2-3 inches below the soil surface	4	33	49	14
Following soil test trends to maintain the agronomic range for phosphorus in the soil (15-30 ppm)	3	13	56	28

- Farmer Characteristics
- Contextual Data
- Predictive Models



Topsoil and nutrient runoff during storm events



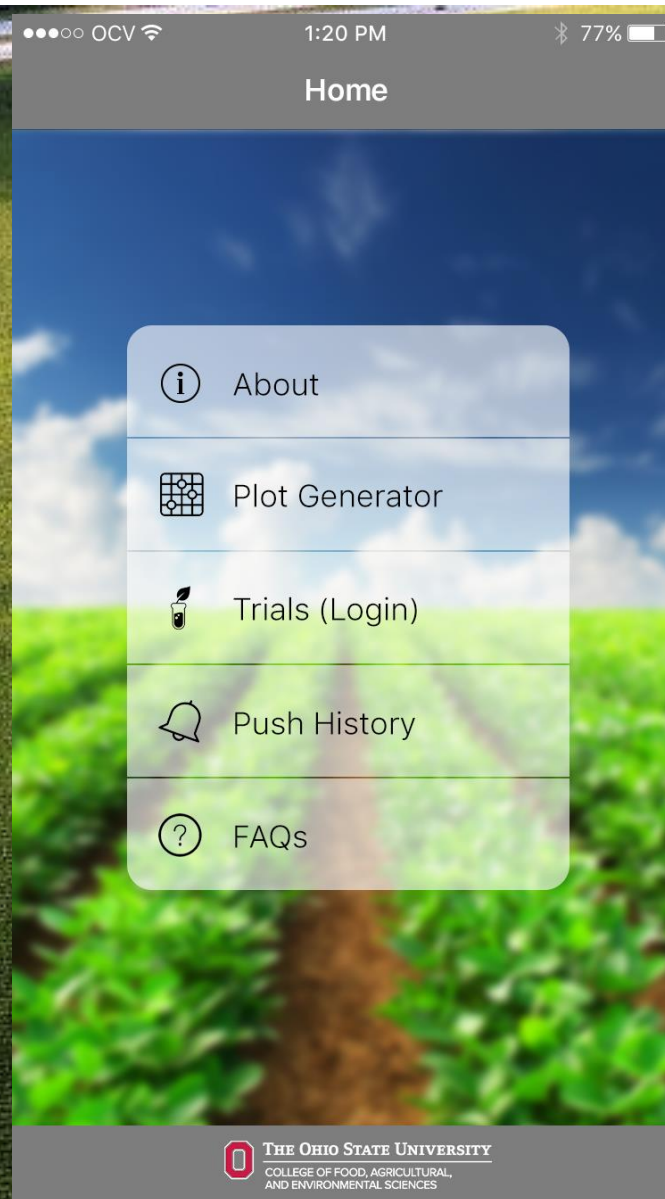
Manure and livestock bedding applied to frozen field

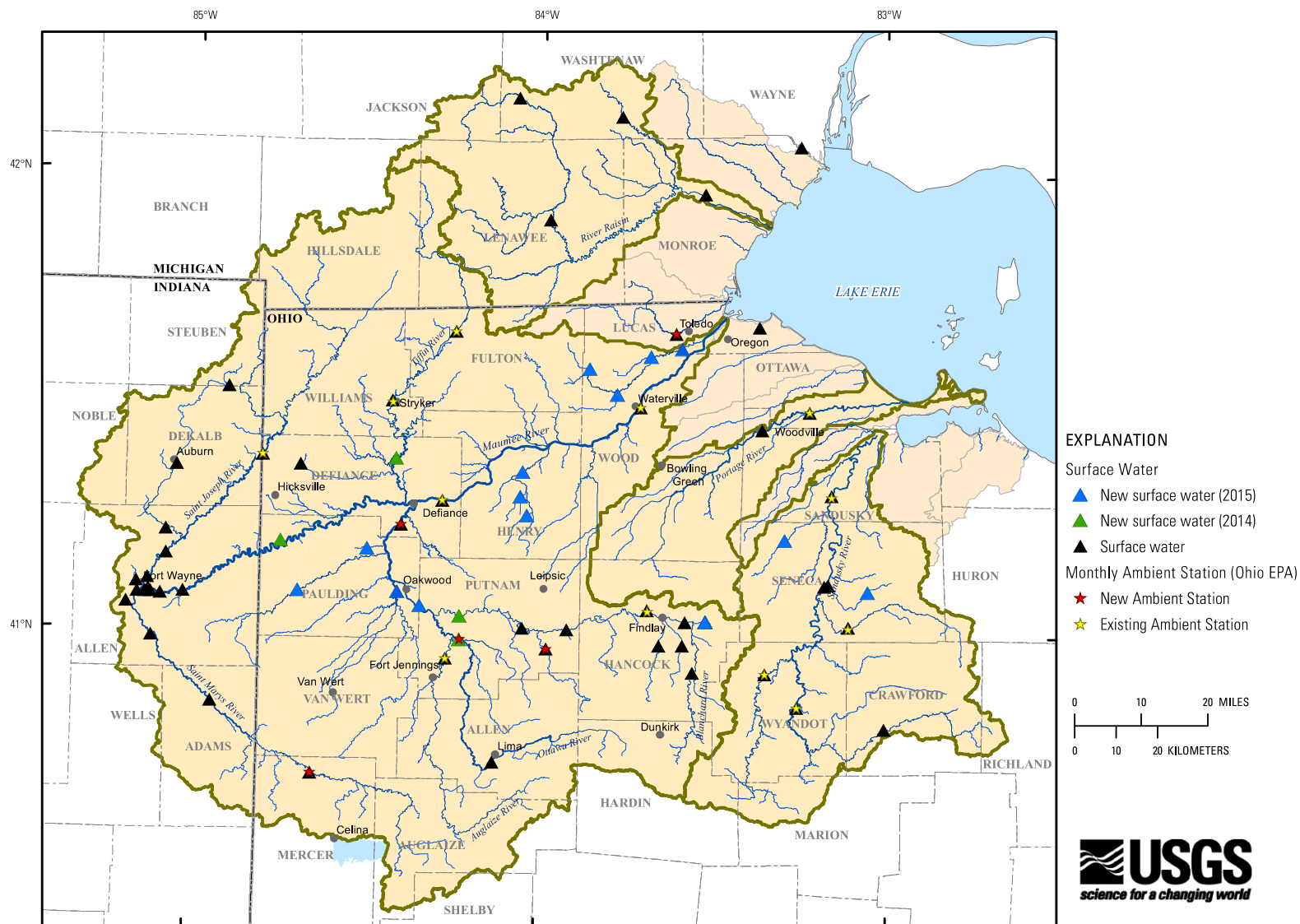


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Precision Agriculture & Data

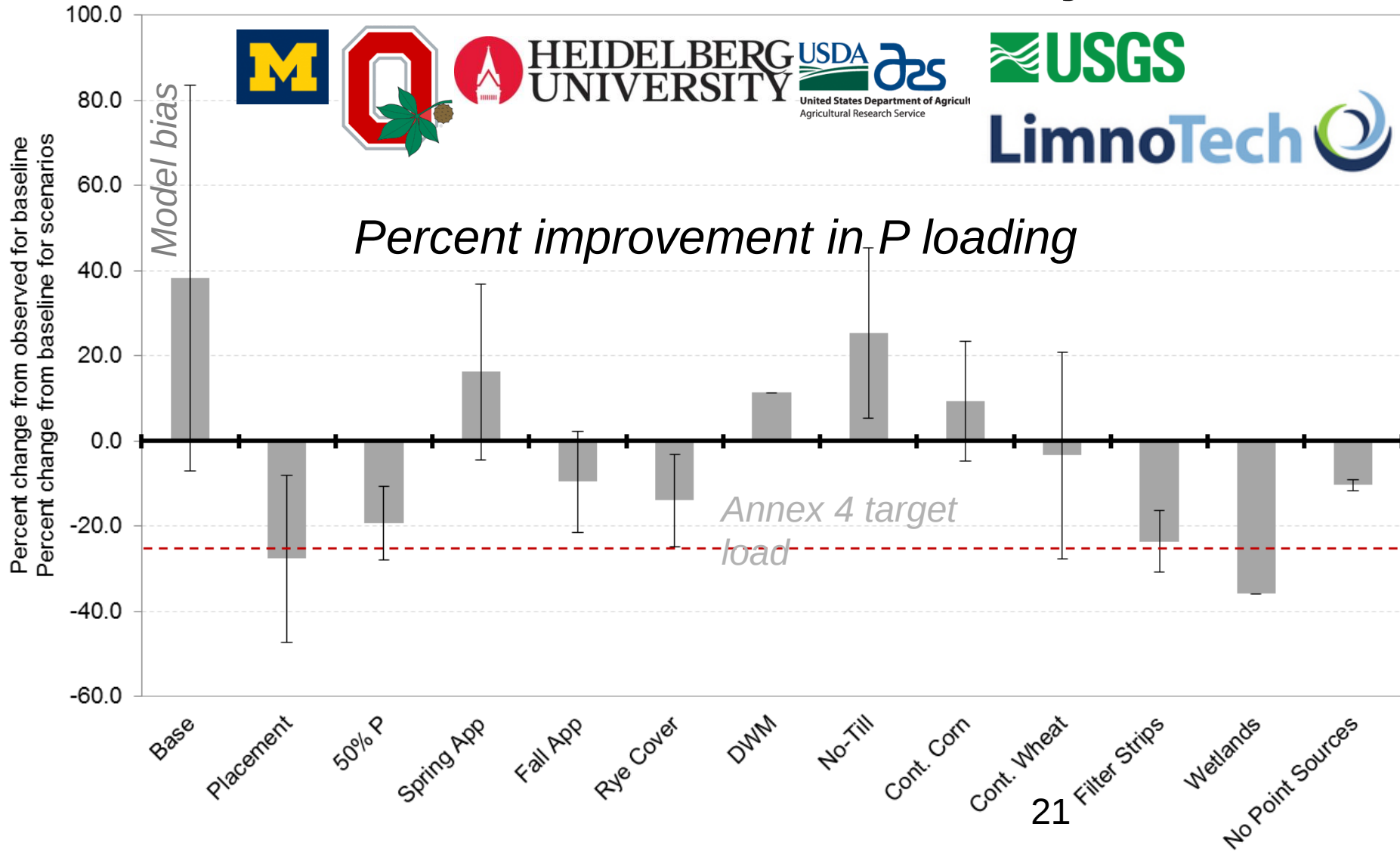




Water Quality Stations and Stream Gages in Western Lake Erie Basin, February 2015

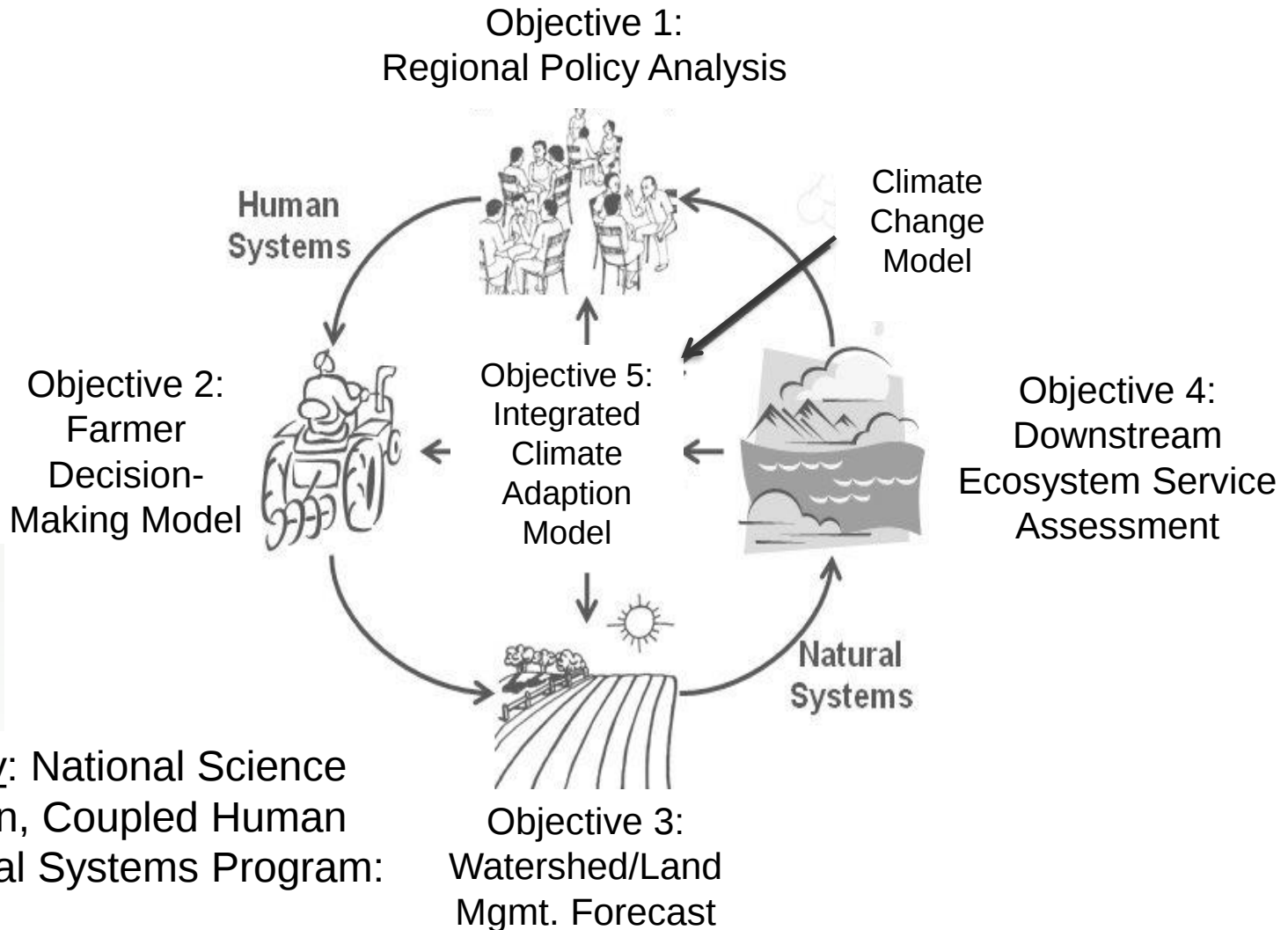


Multi watershed model analysis





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