## The Water Withdrawal Assessment Tool

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## The Water Withdrawal Assessment Process

- Water Withdrawal Assessment Tool WWAT
  - Develop methods, criteria, and definitions for establishing 'adverse resource impacts' for streams and lakes.
  - Make recommendations on the policy aspects of the model

Groundwater  $\rightarrow$  Stream Flow  $\rightarrow$  Fish Populations

Adverse Resource Impact Means: Decreasing that part of the flow such that the streams ability to support <u>Characteristic Fish</u> <u>Populations is Functionally Impaired.</u>

## The Philosophy behind the Approach

- Integrated, science-based approach
- National Scientific Peer Review Panel
- Base the approach on <u>Michigan data</u>
   Science team: USGS, MDEQ, MDNR, UM, MSU
- Process was inclusive
  - Council & guests (across all sectors)
    - Technical and Legal and Mitigation Subcommittees
  - MDA, MDEQ & MDNR on Council

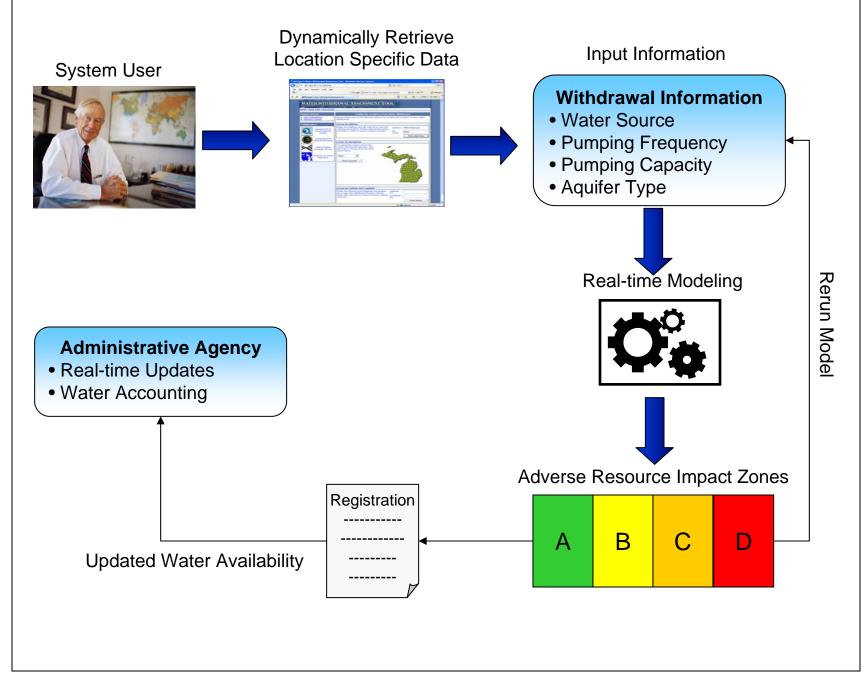
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Three Models Interact within the impact assessment model <u>Withdrawal Model</u> - How much water is in the aquifer, is being withdrawn, and from where and how it will affect stream flow <u>Streamflow Model</u> - How much water is flowing in the stream during summer low flow periods

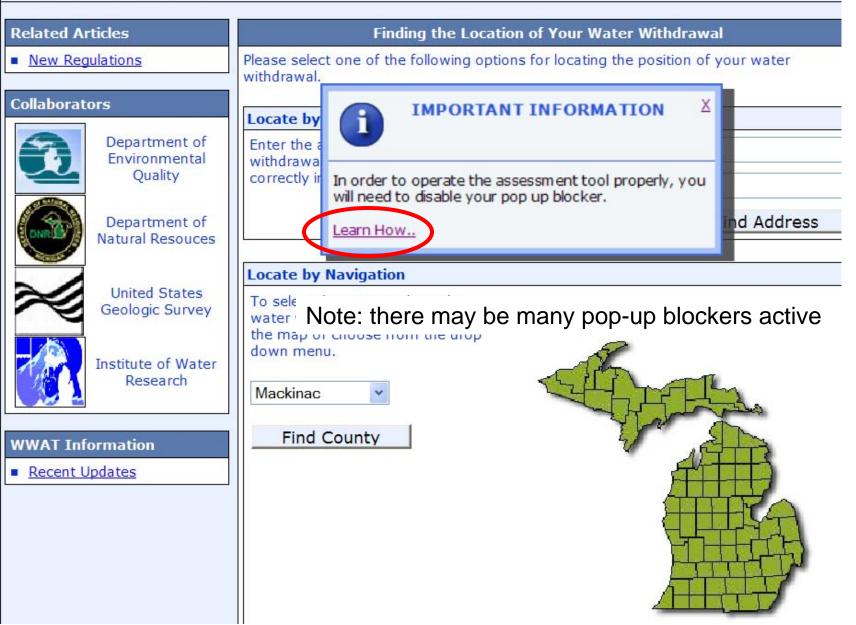
<u>Fish Impact Model</u> - What fish are in the stream and what is the likely effect of removing water on those groups of fish

#### Water Withdrawal Assessment Tool Conceptual Model



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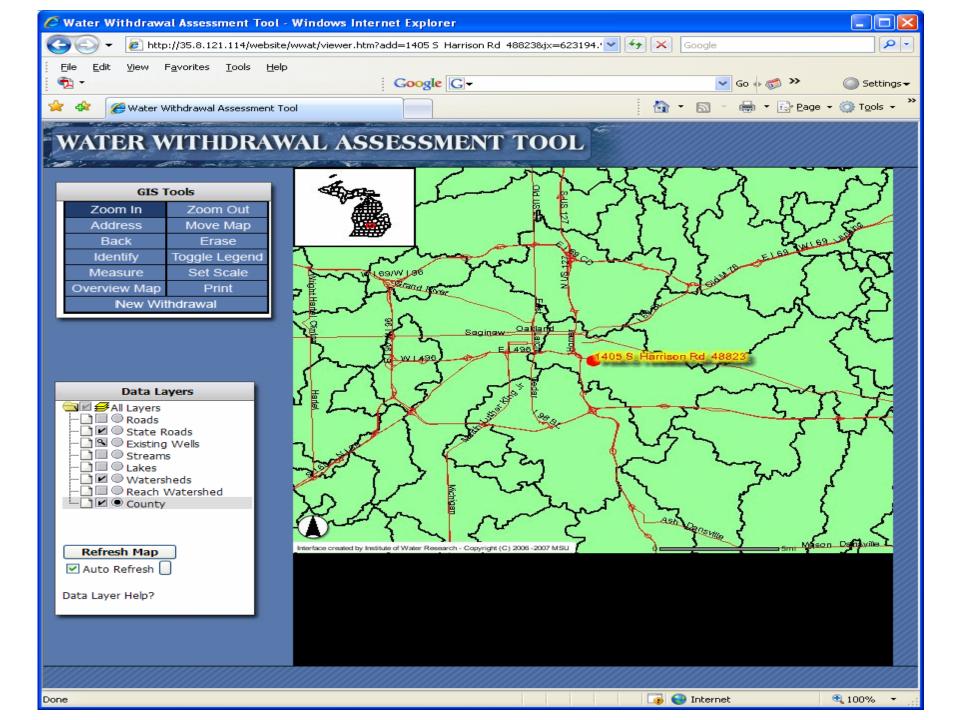
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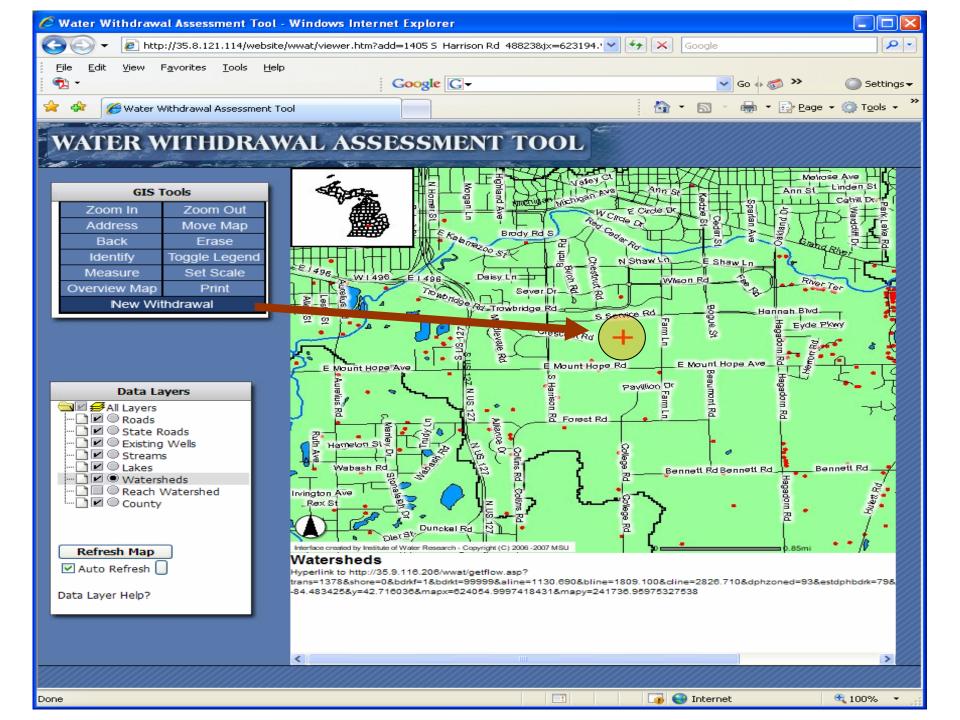


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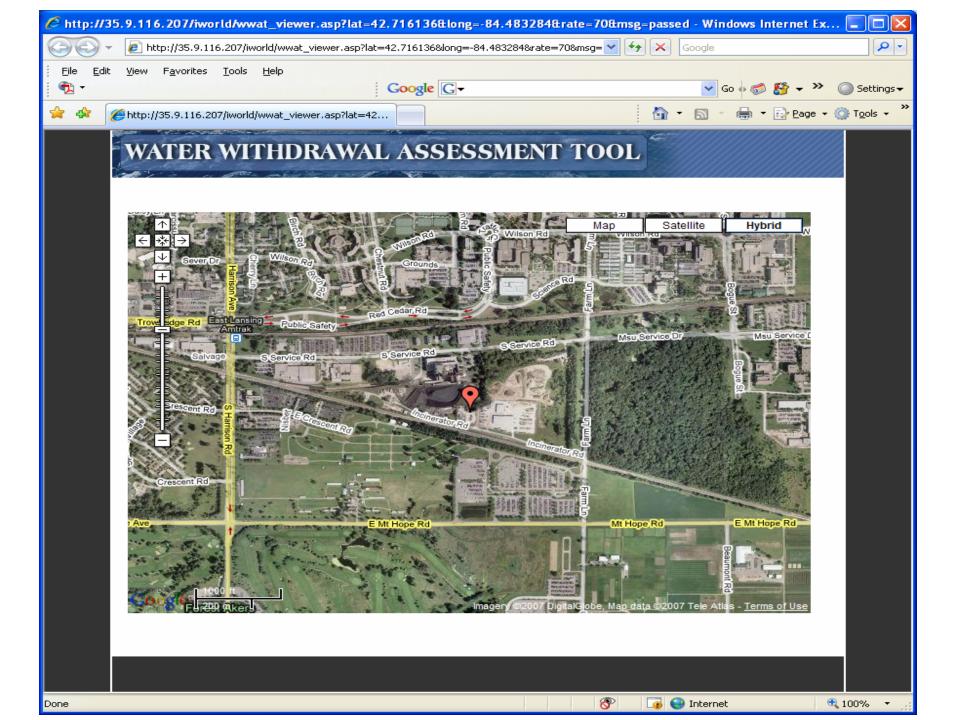
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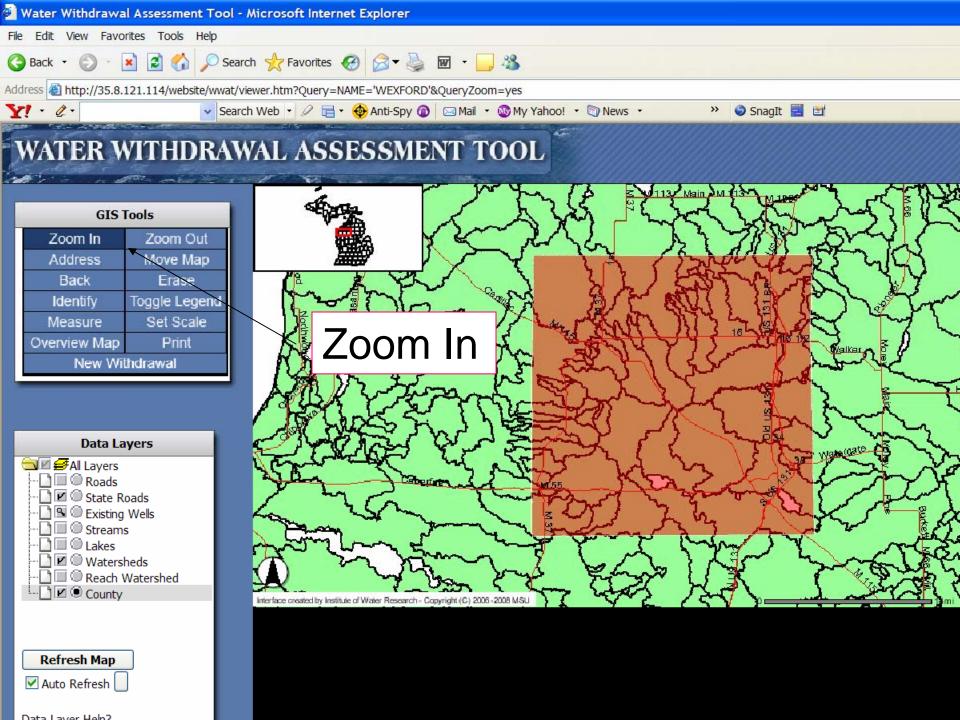
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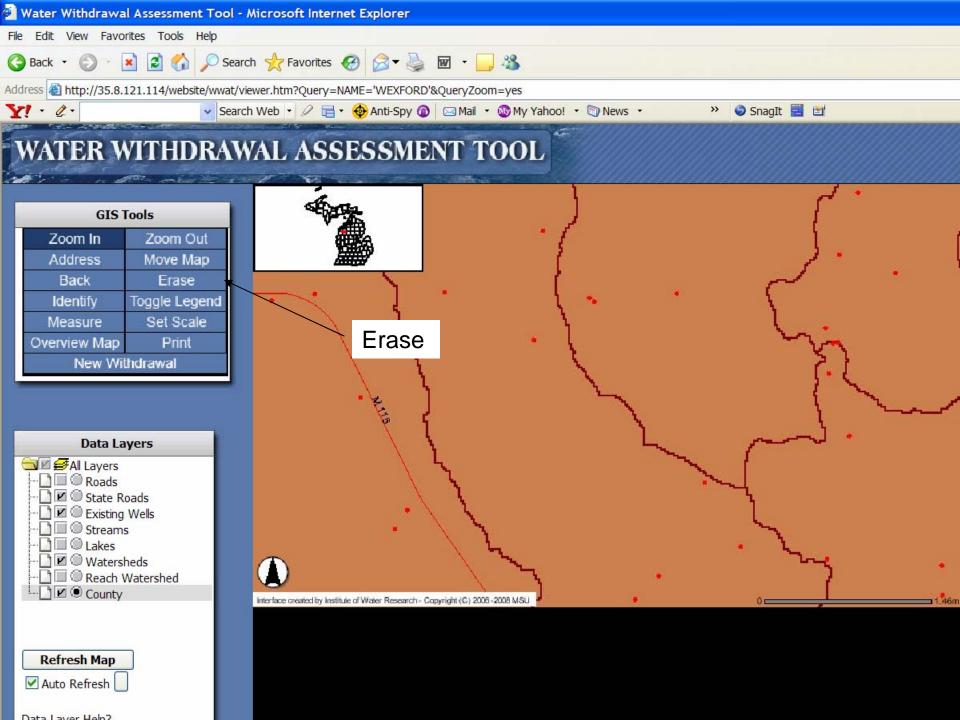
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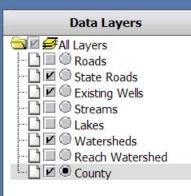




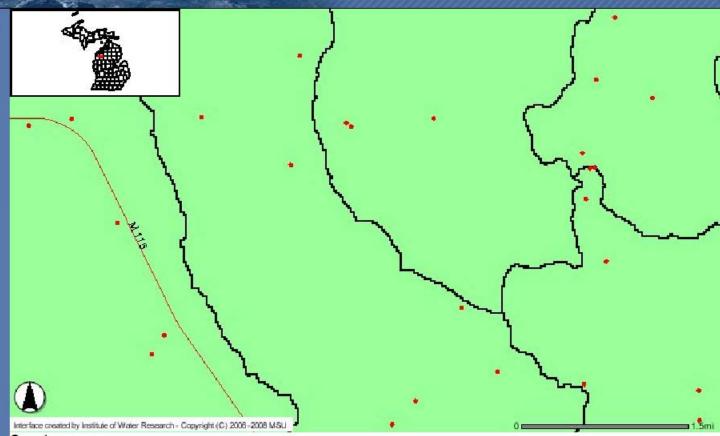


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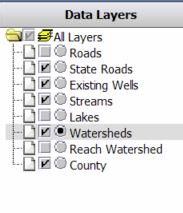


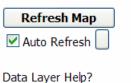
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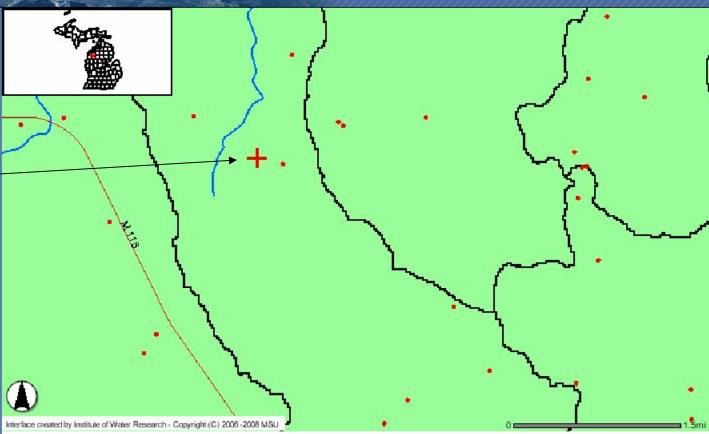
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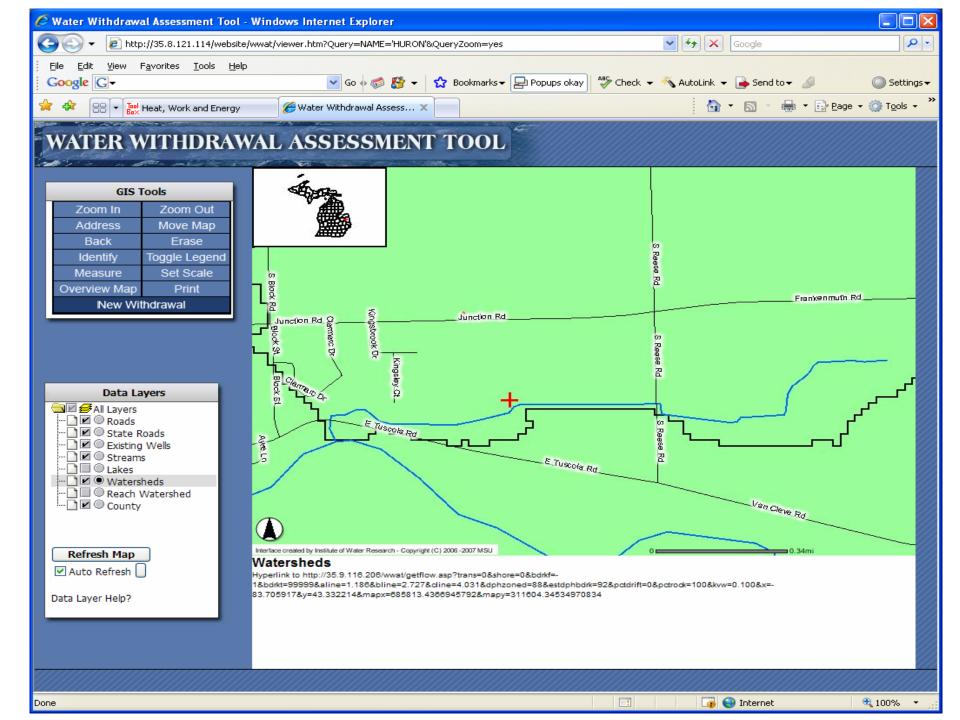






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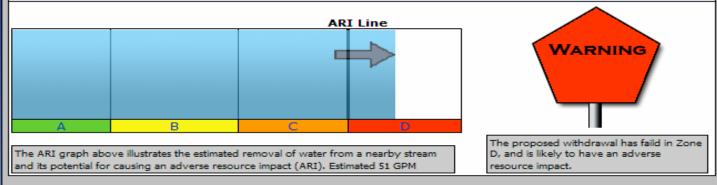
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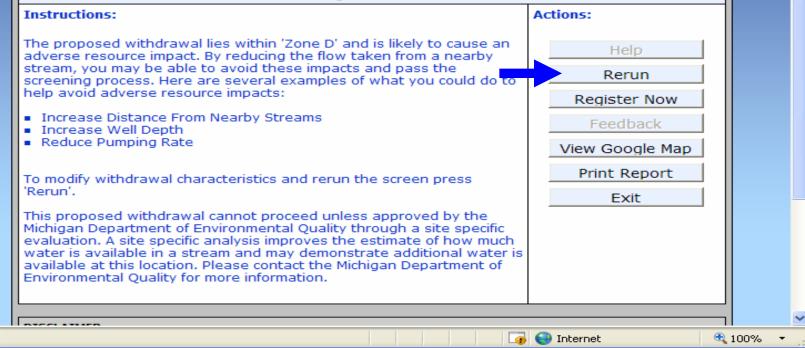
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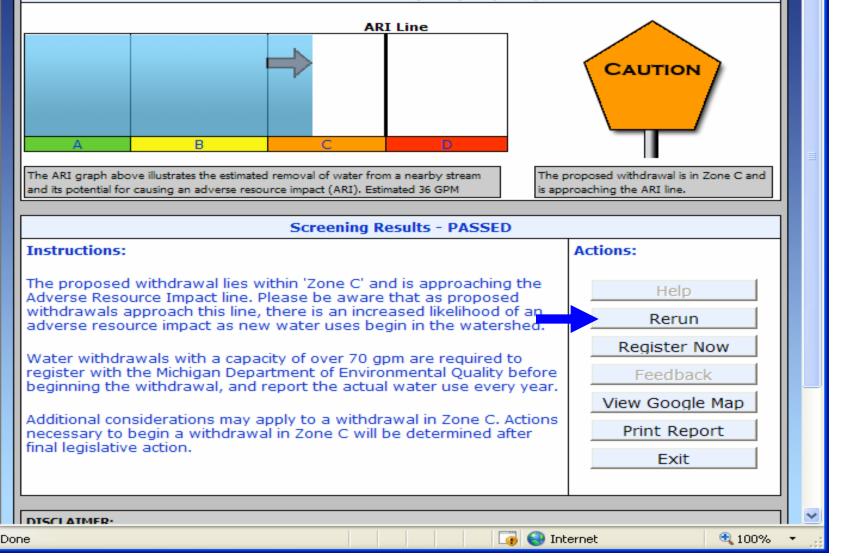
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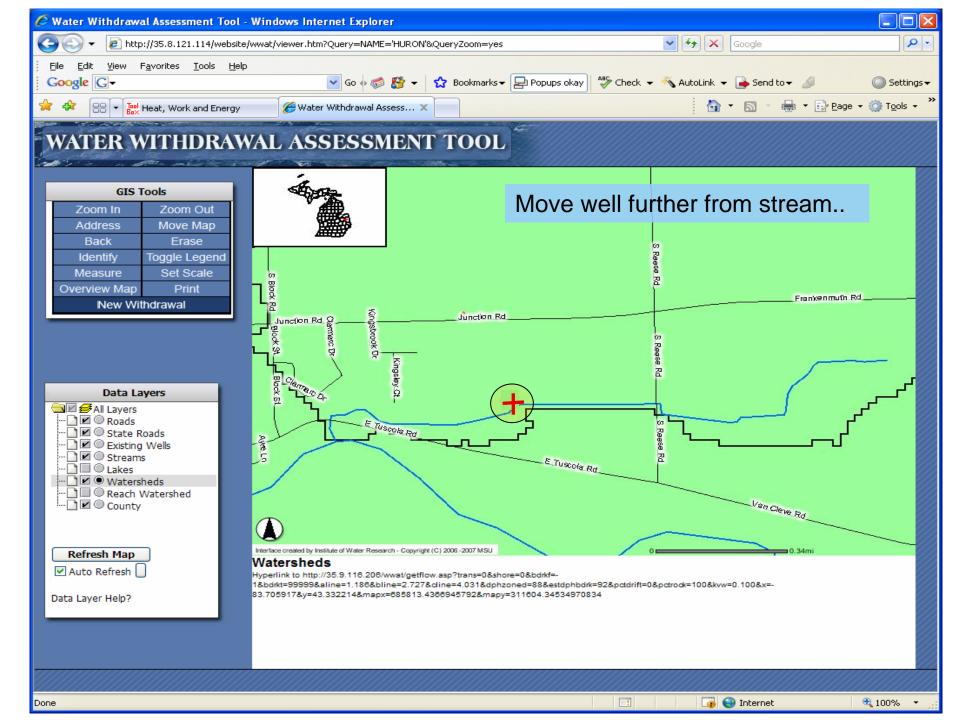
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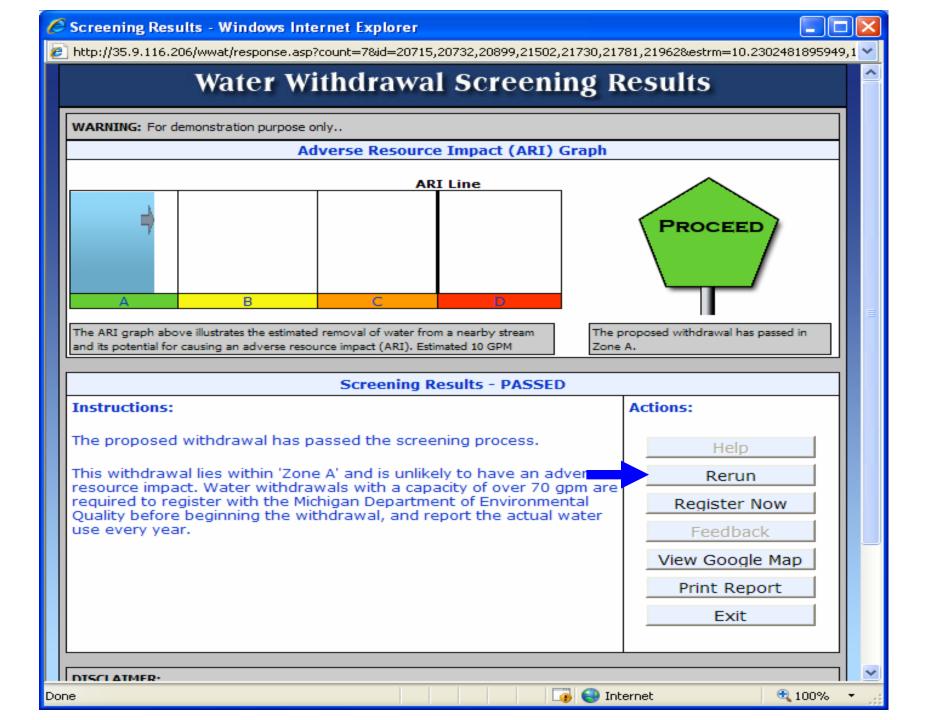
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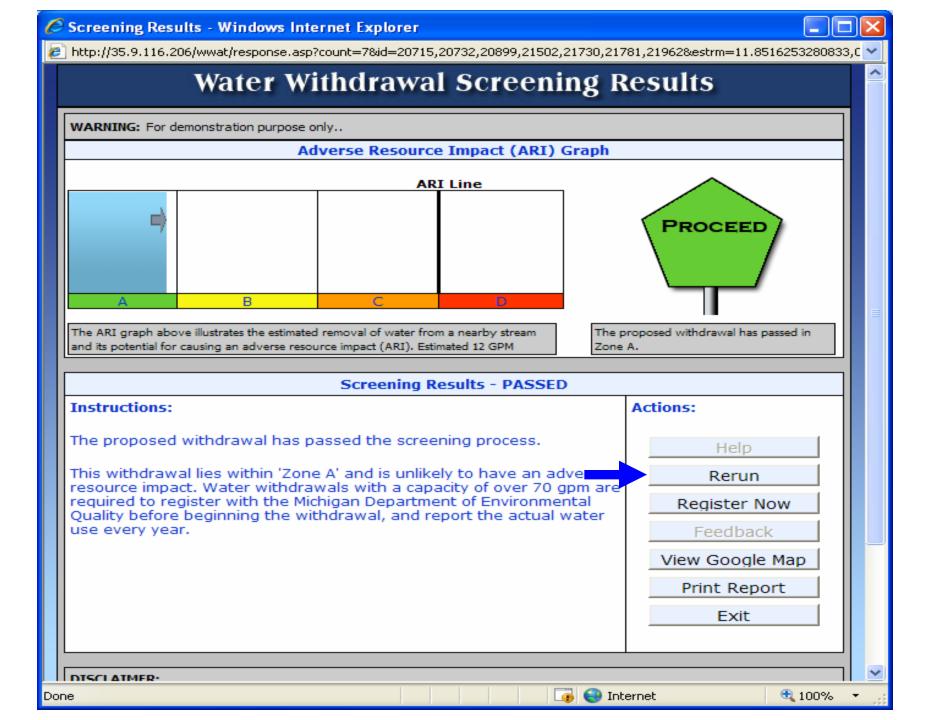




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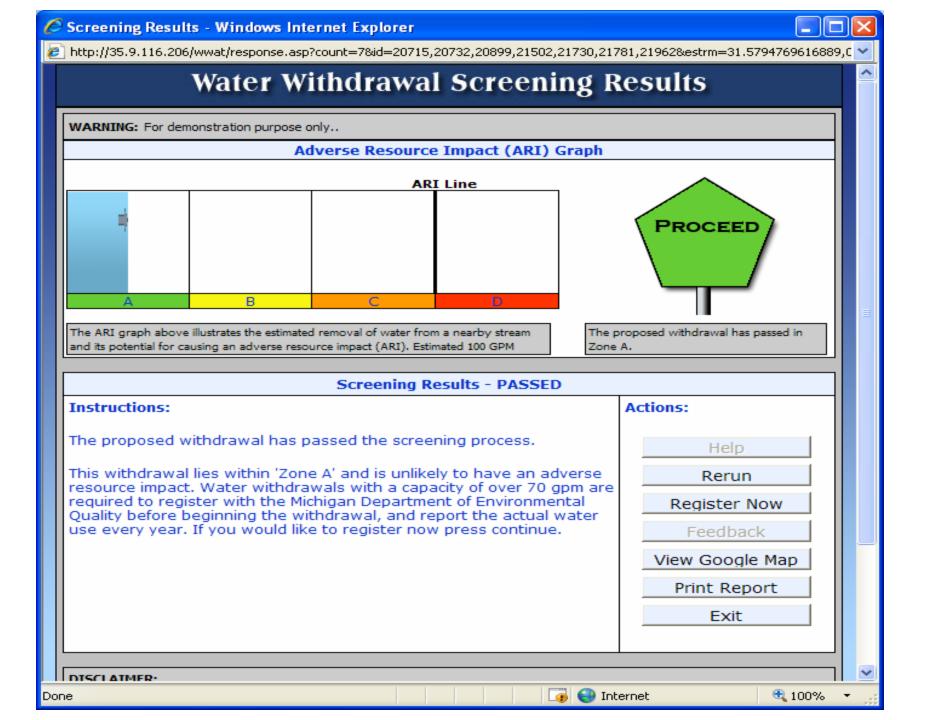
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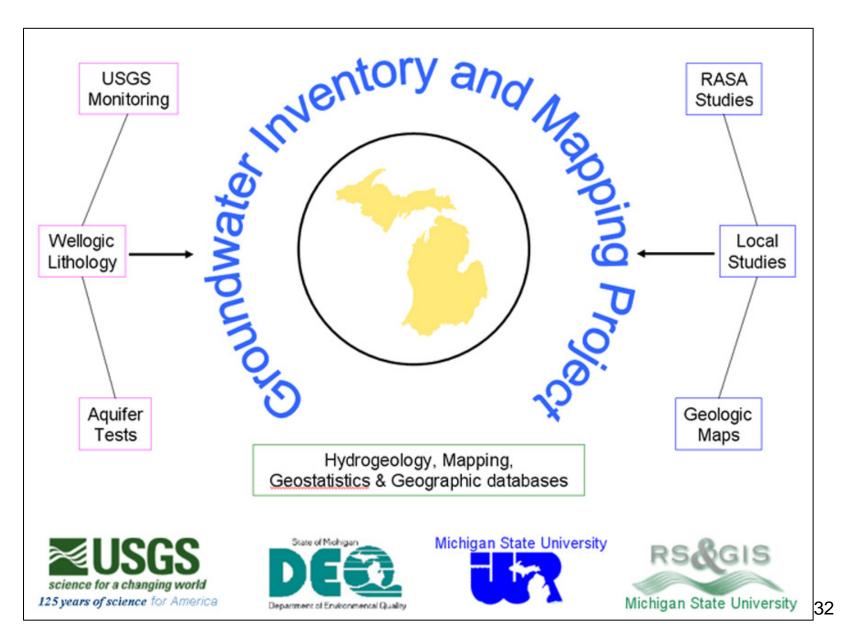
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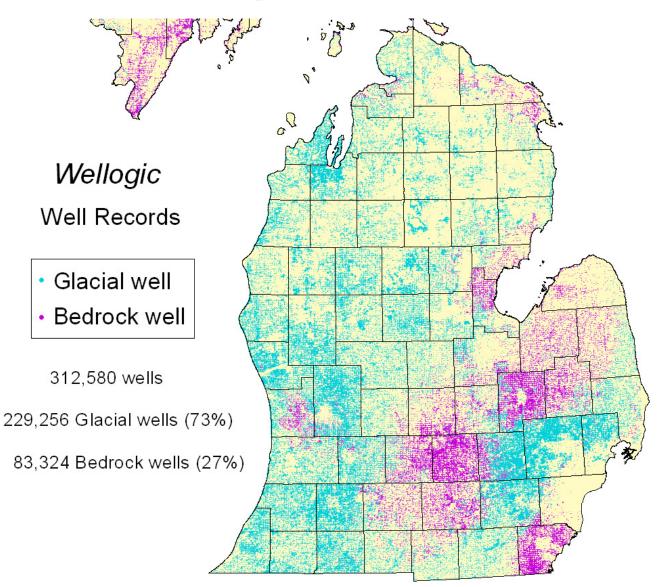
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- Any geologic material that stores and transmits groundwater.
- In Michigan, there are two types:

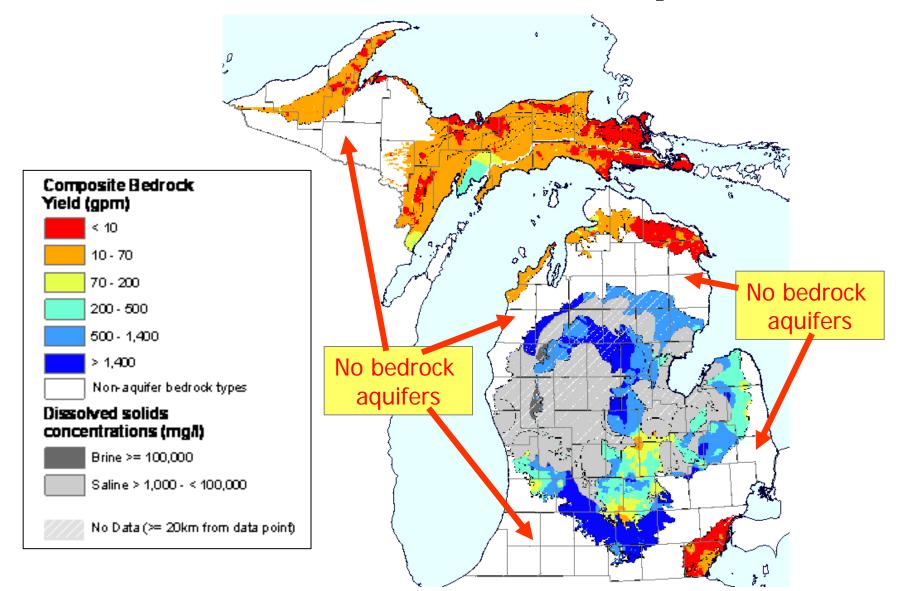
Bedrock Aquifers

Glacial Aquifers

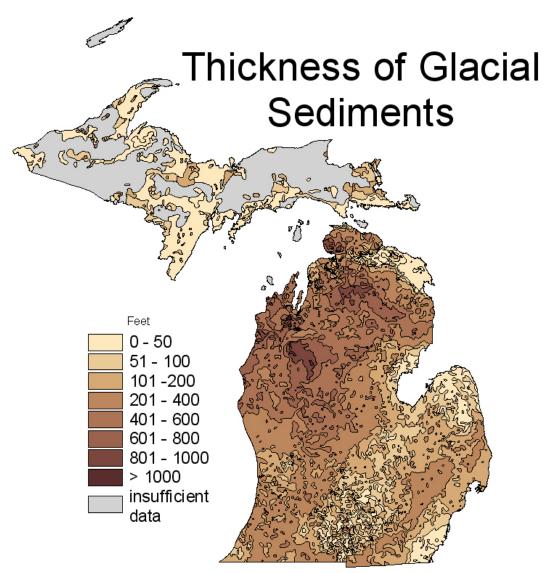
# **Aquifers**



# **Yield from Bedrock Aquifers**



# **Depth to Bedrock Constraint**



# **Glacial Aquifer Characterization**

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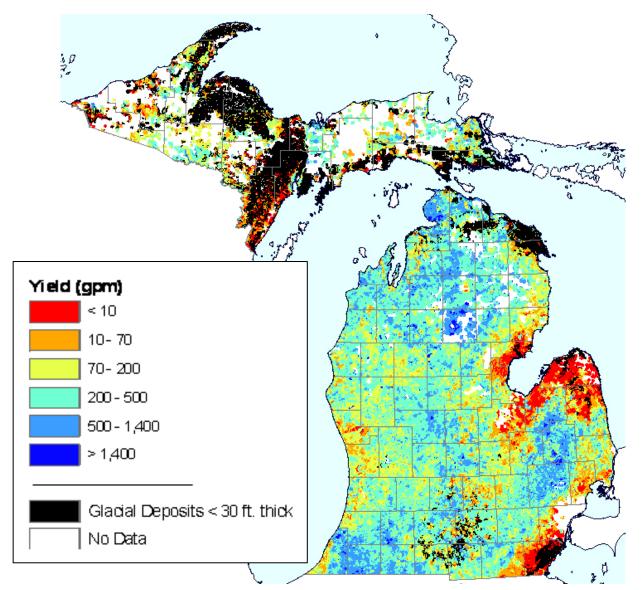
- Marginal aquifer material mixed with
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### Aquifer material dominates

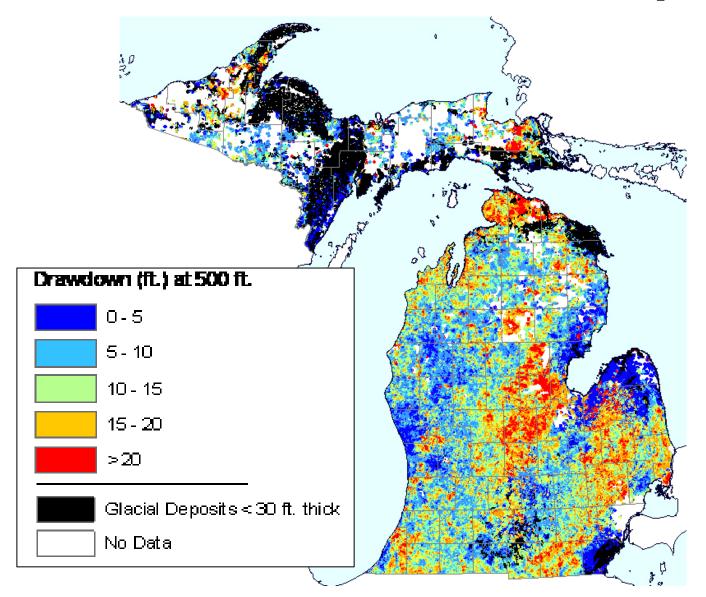
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Each lithology was classified as: Confining, partially confining, marginal, or aquifer material.

# **Yield from Glacial Aquifers**



# **Drawdown from Glacial Aquifers**



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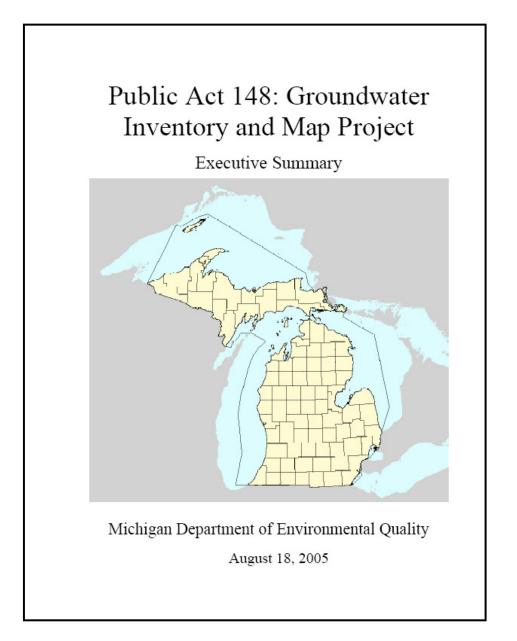


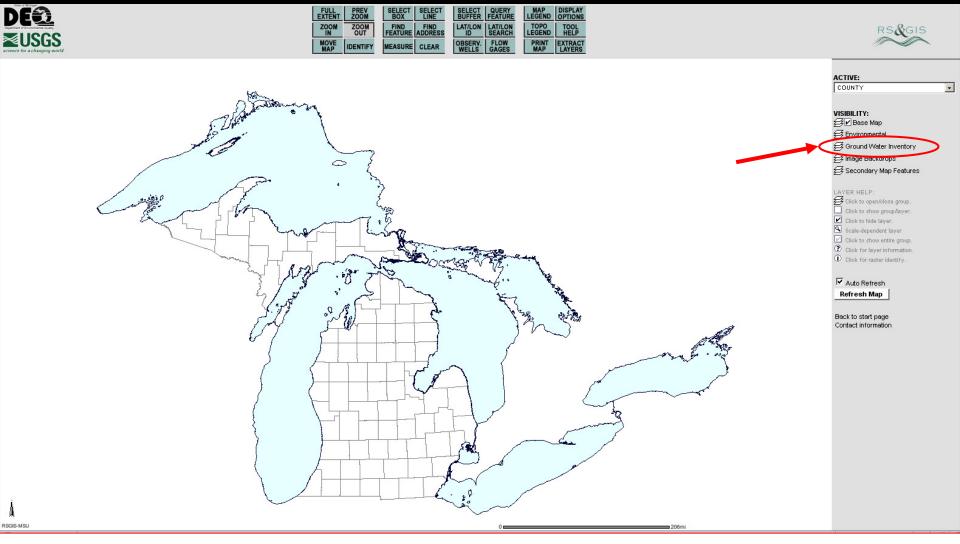
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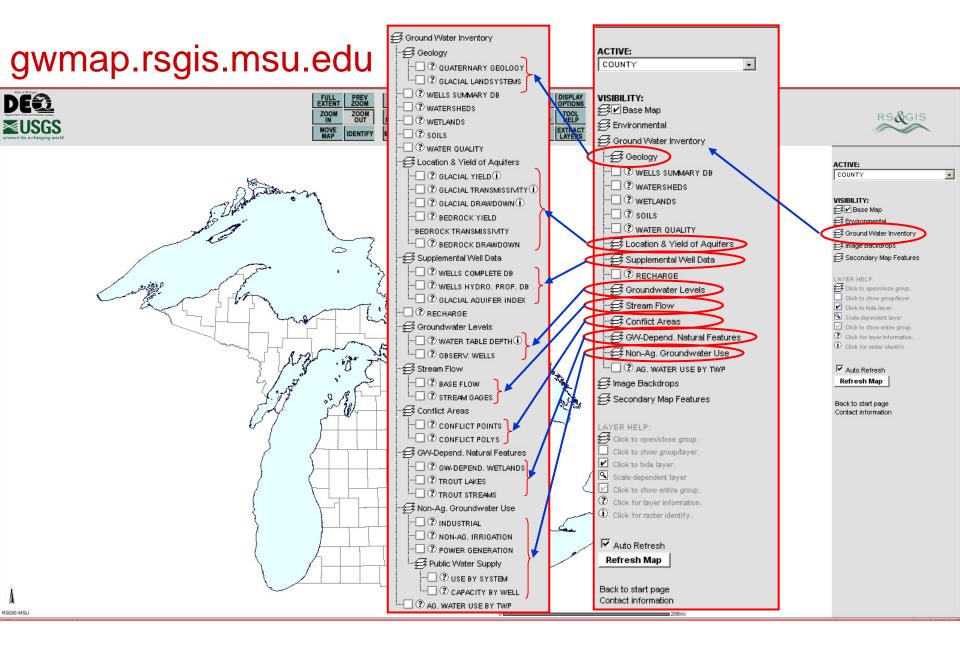


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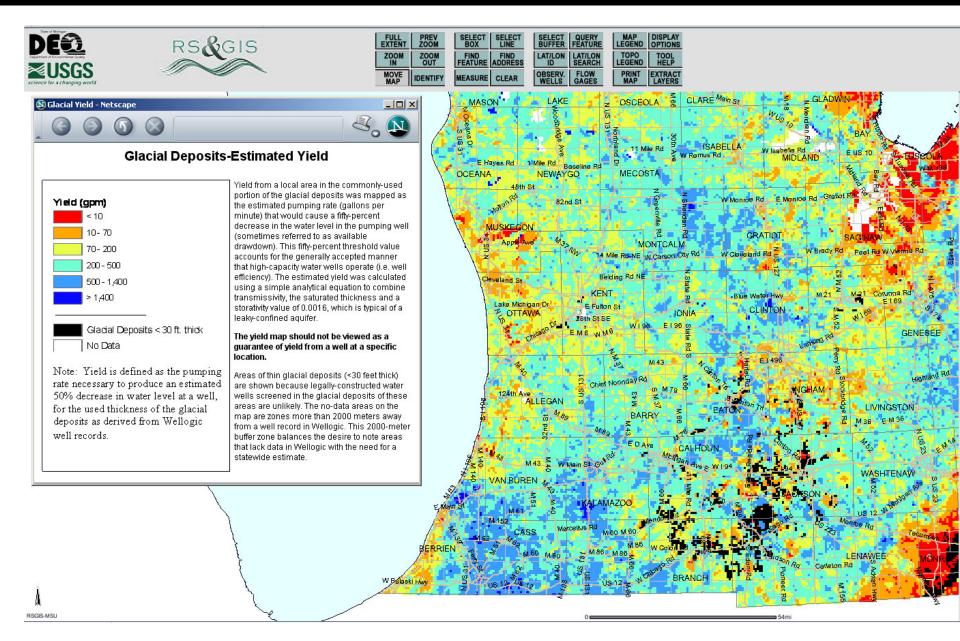
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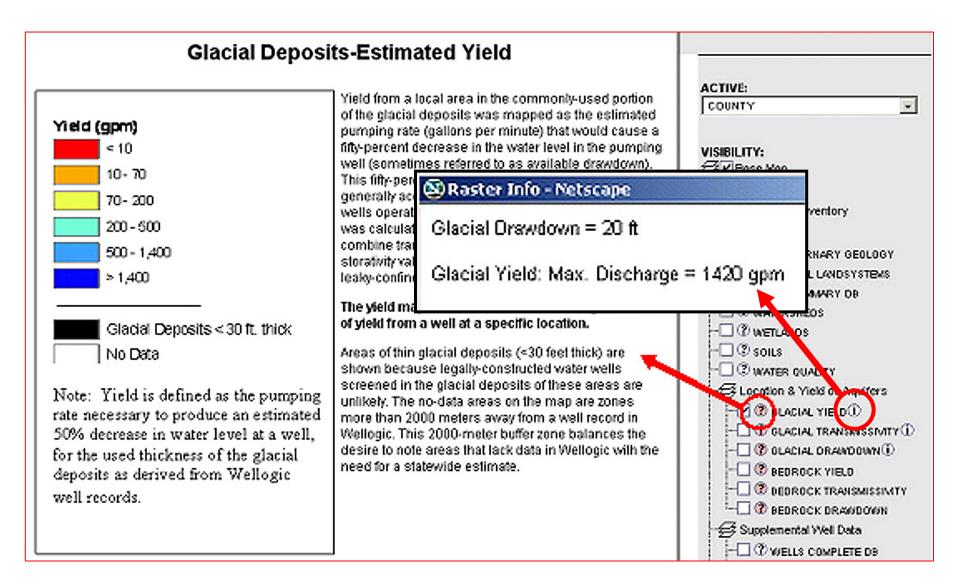




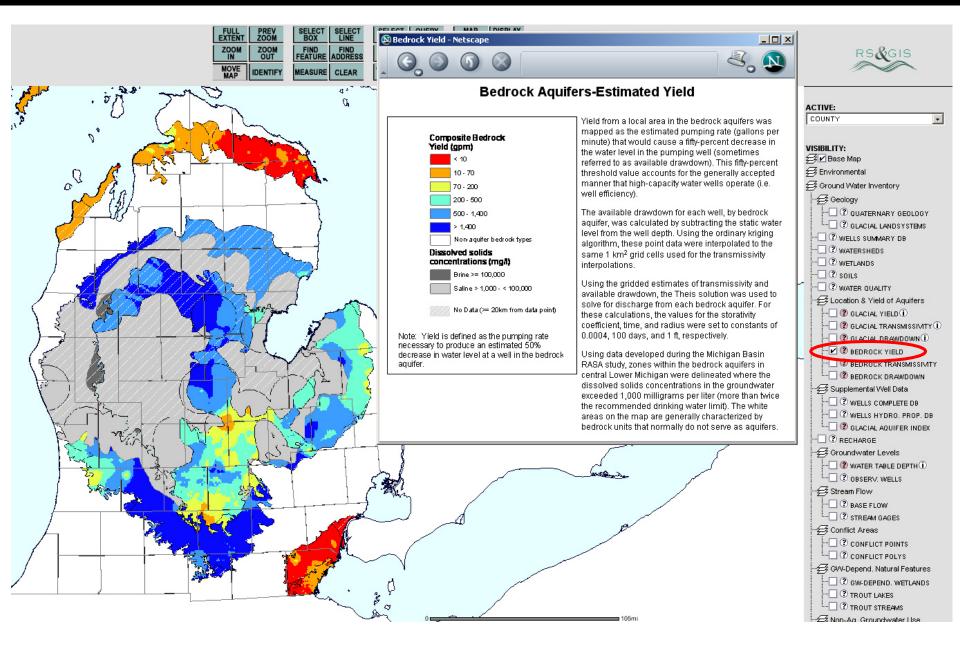
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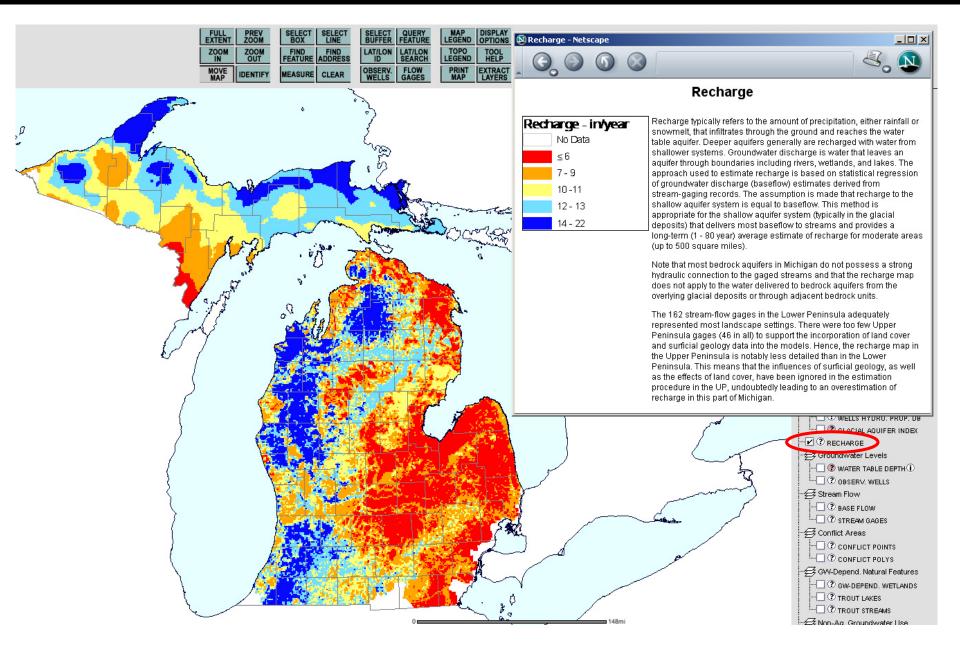
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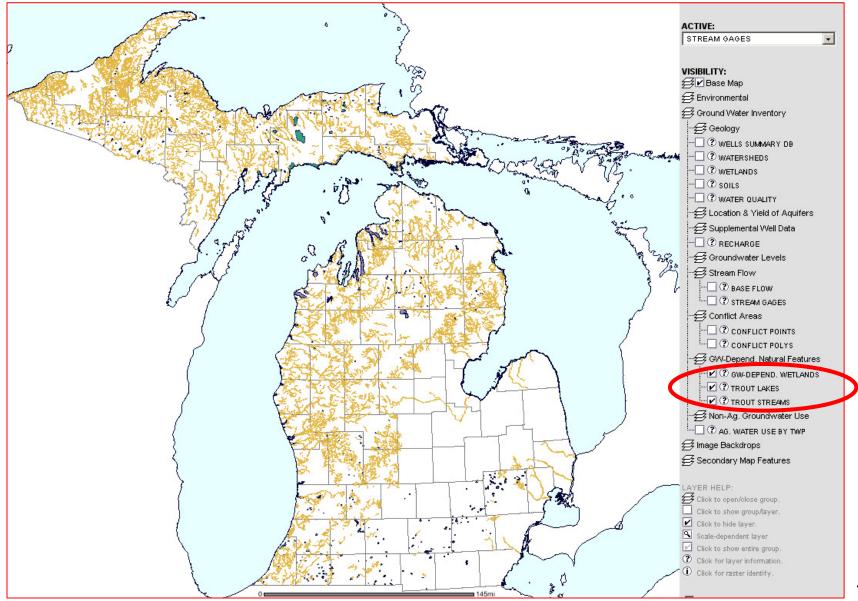
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## **Estimated Recharge To Glacial Aquifers**

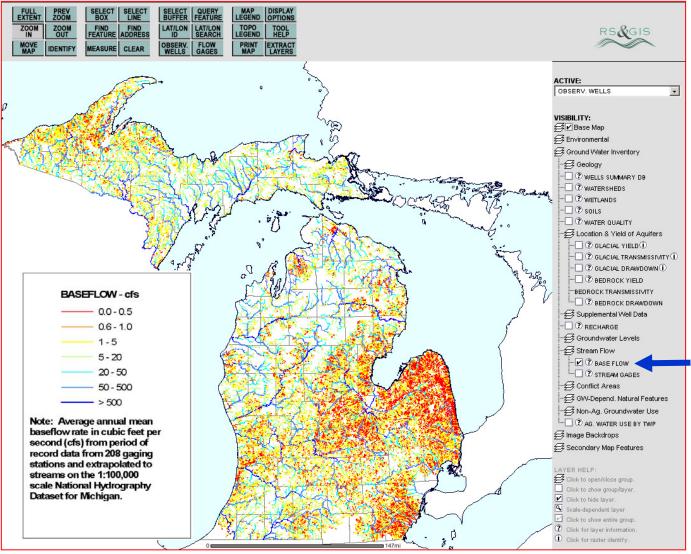


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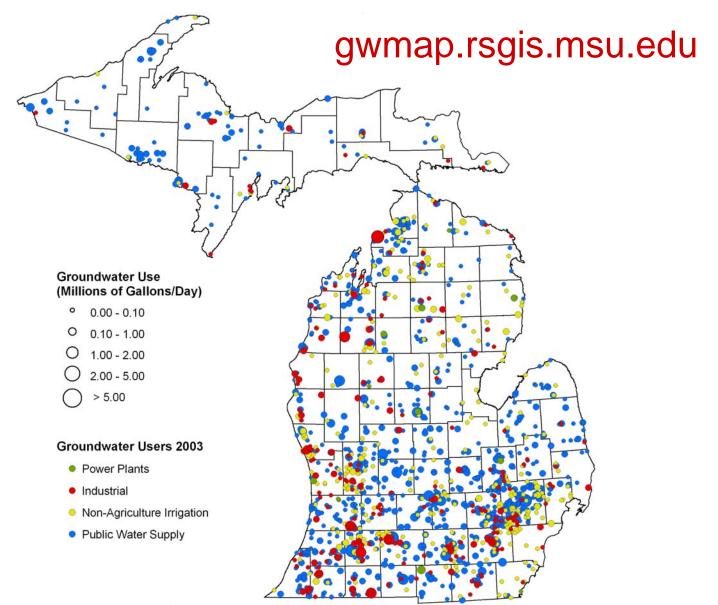
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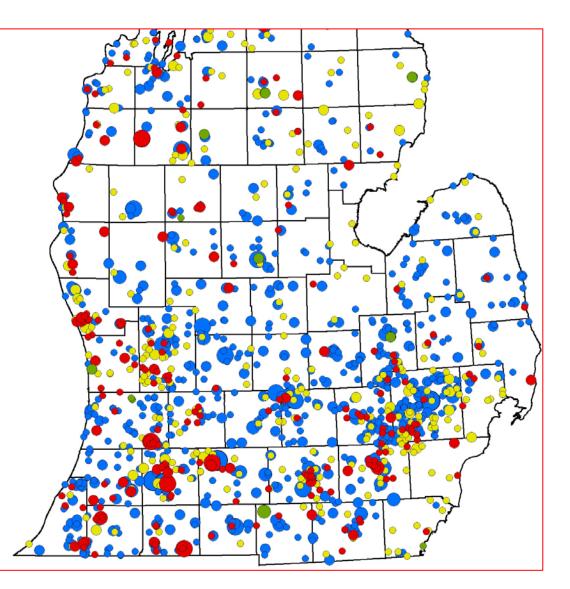
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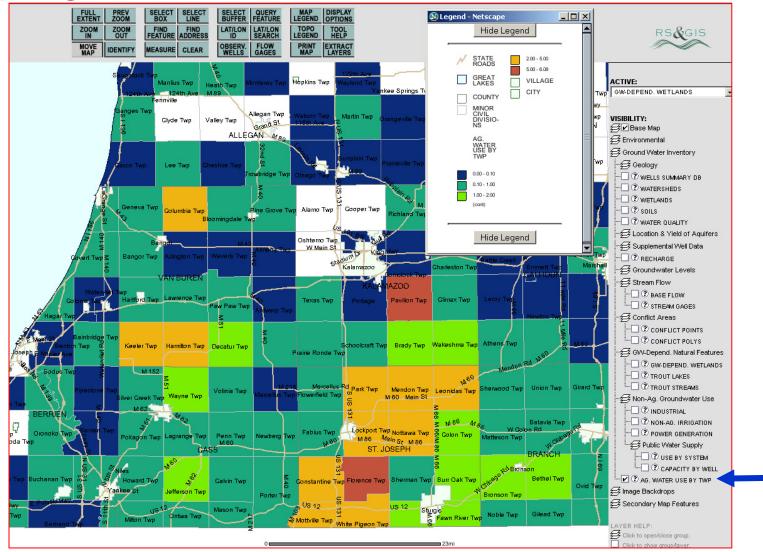
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- Power Plants
- Industrial
- Non-Agriculture Irrigation
- Public Water Supply



## **Agricultural Water Use**



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# New Water Use Regulations

Regulations

### Introduction

The Michigan Senate and House enacted new legislation to manage large water withdrawals in the state using science as the basis for policy development, including a water withdrawal assessment process for high capacity wells. A group of eight bills were approved by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor, filed with the Secretary of State, and assigned a Public Act number. These Public Acts become part of Michigan Compiled Laws and amended Part 327 (Great Lakes Preservation) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), PA 451 of 1994 and the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), PA 399 of 1976.

The amended portion of Part 327 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act 451 of 1994, follows.

Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (EXCERPT) Act 451 of 1994 PART 327 Great Lakes Preservation

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An analysis of the public acts, prepared by nonpartisan Senate Staff, is available below.

Water Resources Compact Analysis

The following sections are amended in The SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT (EXCERPT) Act 399 of 1976

 325.1004 Includes in the amendment: water works systems, use of assessment tool and determination of zone C withdrawal

325.1017 Bottled drinking water



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### Water Use Program

#### **Biosolids & Industrial** Pretreatment

- **Drinking Water**
- Emergency Response for Releases to Water
- Great Lakes
- Groundwater Discharge
- Groundwater Modeling
- Groundwater Conservation Advisory Council
- Inland Lakes & Streams
- Rule 97 Certifications
- Surface Water
- Wastewater Construction
- Water and Wastewater Security

#### Water Management

- Dam Safety Floodplain Management/National Flood Insurance Hydrologic Data Collection & Analysis Michigan's Stream Team Subdivision Floodplain Transportation Review Water Use Program Water Quality Monitoring
- Wetlands Protection
- Campgrounds and Pools

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On Site Wastewater

each enacted laws that require major water users to report water withdrawals made within the Great Lakes Basin. This information provides an environmental baseline for managing water resources in a more integrated manner, and strengthens the legal basis for opposing unwarranted diversions of Great Lakes water. The Water Use Program is responsible for registering large quantity withdrawals, collecting annual water use data, making determinations on the potential impacts to water resources as a result of a proposed withdrawal, and issuing water withdrawal permits.

### Information

- Water Use Program Staff
- Water Use Conservation Measures

### Laws & Rules

- Water Withdrawal Legislation
- The Great Lakes Charter
- The Great Lakes Charter Annex PDF

### **Related Links**

- Agricultural Water Use Reporting Program
- Find Latitude/Longitude Coordinates
- Pay water use reporting fee online via e-Check
- Water Withdrawal Reports, Data

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