

Milford Reservoir RCPP

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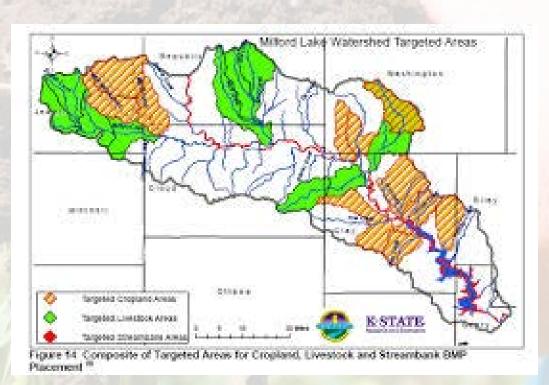
Lake Inflow	Current Avg. Condition	TMDL	% Reduction Needed
TP- Annual Load (lbs./yr)	1,216,912	148,341	88%
TP – Lake Concentration (μg/L)	287	83	71%
TN - Annual Load (lbs./yr)	4,875,835	674,882	86%
TN - Daily Load (lbs./day)	20,706	2,866	86%
TN – Lake Concentration (lbs./day)	1,722	428	75%



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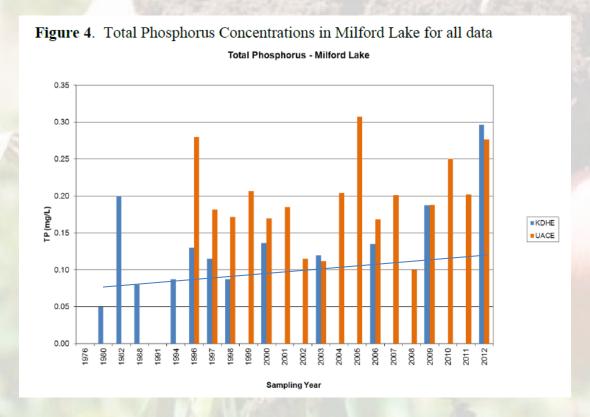
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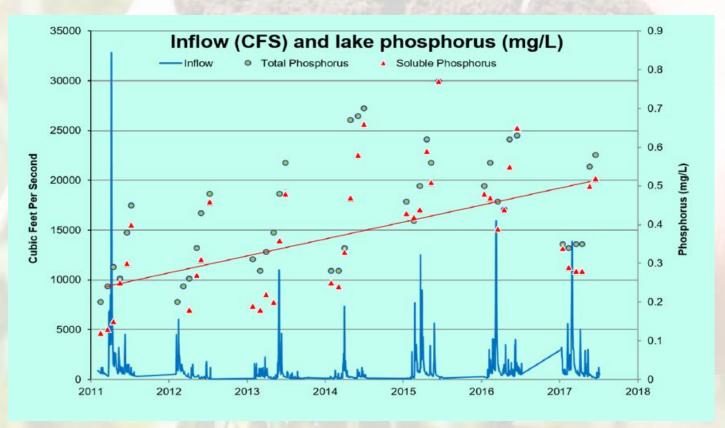
What about P?

TP increasing over time



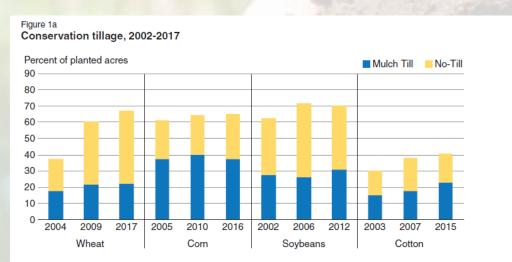
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Soluble P increasing over time



What about P?

Less Sediment but more P?



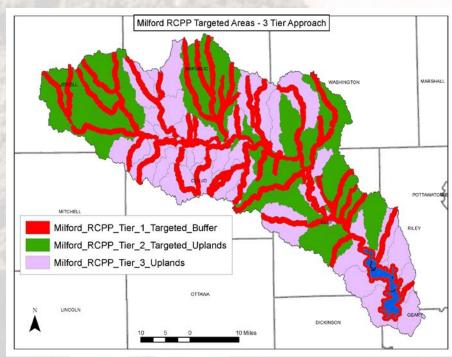
Note: No-till is based on the absence of tillage operations reported in the Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS). Mulch till is indicated when the Soil Tillage Intensity Rating (STIR) is less than or equal to 80 (for the entire season) with some tillage operations.

Source: USDA Agricultural Resource Management Survey data for 2002-2017.



What to do about it?

- RCPP Focus the Right Practices in the Right Places
 - 3 Tier Targeting Approach
 - Primary Practices
 - Livestock Exclusion Practices
 - Reduced Tillage
 - Precision Nutrient Management
 - Cover Crops



Why Nutrient Management?

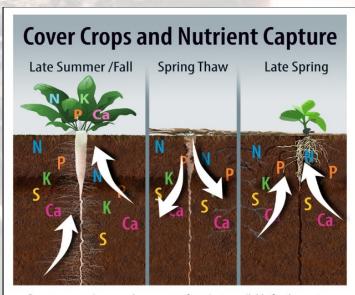
- Precision Agriculture Technology
 - Data Acquisition to create Soil Management Zones
 - Grid Soil Sampling
 - Soil Series Mapping
 - Yield Monitoring
 - Normalized Differential Vegetative Index
 - Drones, Satellite Imagery, Aerial Imagery
 - Variable Rate Technology
 - Nutrient and Seeding Application

Figure 1b: Soil Management Zone Map (Source: AAFC)



Why Cover Crops?

- Cover Crops Uptake and Cycle Nutrients in Field
 - Reduce Leaching Below Crop Root Zone
 - Reduce Losses in Erosion and Dissolved Runoff
 - Reduce Losses in Gaseous Form Denitrification
 - Brings Nutrients into Root Zone from Below
 - Fix Nitrogen (Legumes)
 - ~30% P Reduction
 - Nutrient Reduction Strategies



Cover crops can increase the amount of nutrients available for the next crop by taking up nutrients that remain in the soil and holding them in plant tissue until they are released the next spring, when they can be used by the following crops. *Courtesy: Cover Crop Solutions*

Why Cover Crops?

- Cover Crops Improve Soil Health
 - Soils are not P deficient
 - Soils are deficient in plant available P
 - Soil Biology determines how much P is made available each year



