



Digital Watershed



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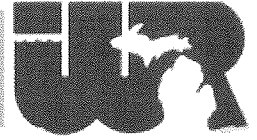
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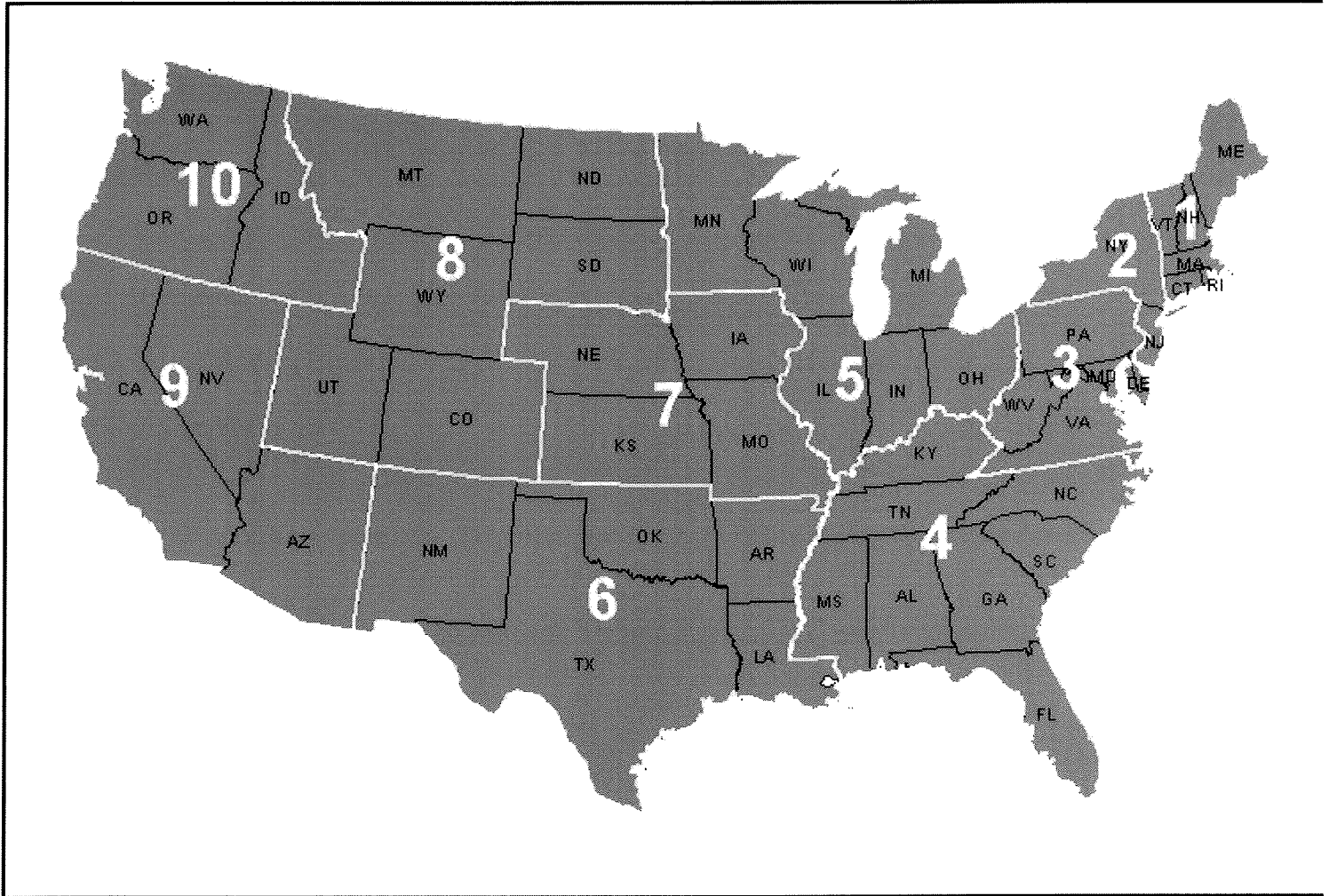
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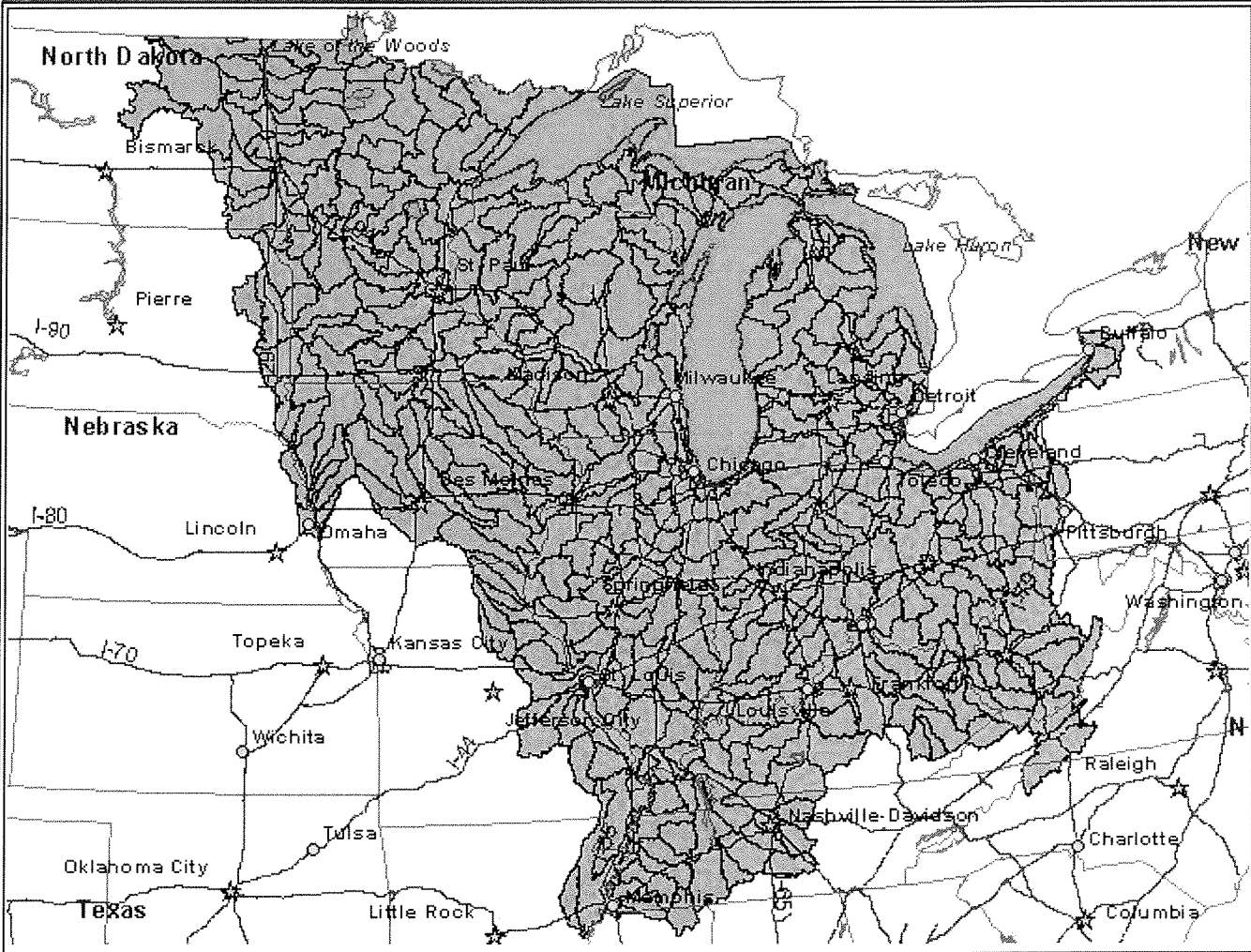
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Locating a Watershed



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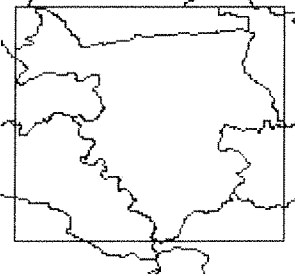
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Map Information

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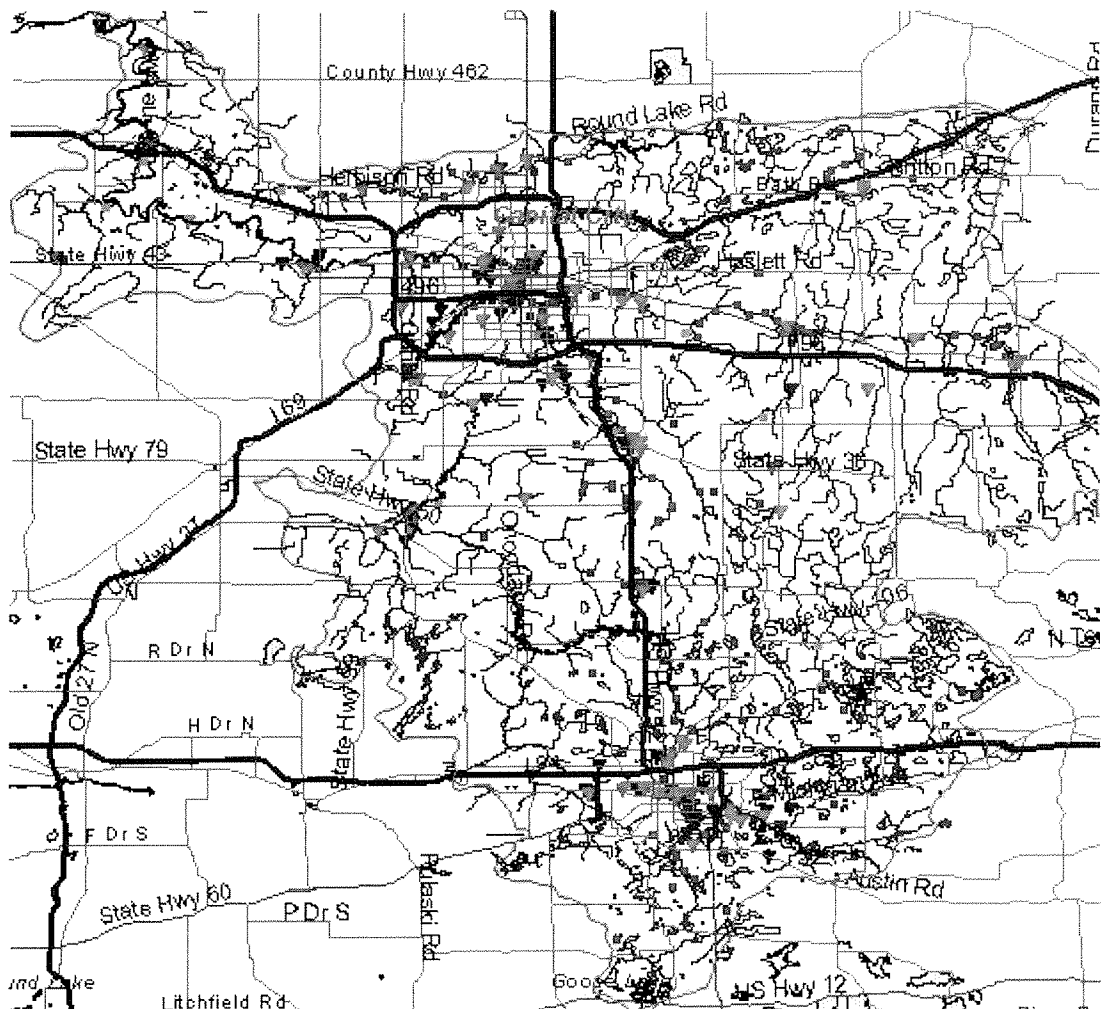
Key Map



Legend

- Watershed Boundary
- StreetMap USA
- Airport
- Highway
- Primary road
- Secondary and connector
- Water body
- Park
- State
- Permit Compliance System
- Industrial Facilities Discharge
- Toxic Release Inventory
- Water Quality Stations
- USGS Gage Stations
- River

GIS Tools



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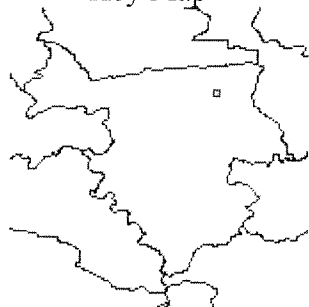
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- Photo
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- Cataloging Unit Boundaries
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GIS Tools



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Irrigation and Water Use Update

Changing Aspects of Michigan's Water

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Managing OUR Water

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- Riparian Rights
- Reasonable Use Doctrine

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Balancing

Public Private

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Reasonable

- Sustaining the Aquifer
- Maintaining EcoSystem Services

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287,000 - MI Wells

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Water withdrawal data can be retrieved by county and watershed for water years 1997-2003 for the four major sectors of water withdrawal: Thermoelectric Power Generation, Public Water Supply, Self-Supplied Industrial, Agricultural Irrigation, and Golf Course Irrigation.

Michigan Water Use by County and Watershed

Data source from: **DEQ**

This web site is a compilation of water use data from the Michigan Water Use Reporting Program, Department of Environmental Quality. For a program overview and reporting requirements, please visit the following web site, <http://www.mdeq.state.mi.us/WRP/WRP.html>.

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Magnitude of Water Cycle Components


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Rainfall Yearly Average

ANNUAL MEAN PRECIPITATION

- 26-28"
- 28-30"
- 30-32"
- 32-34"
- 34-36"
- 36-38"



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Annual Rainfall 30" - 34" Assume 33"

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Evaporation

- 22" with deep rooted Perennials
- 20" with cold season grasses

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Land Use/Land Cover in MI

- Urban and built-up land
- Agricultural land
- Rangeland
- Forest land
- Inland waters
- Wetland
- Barren land

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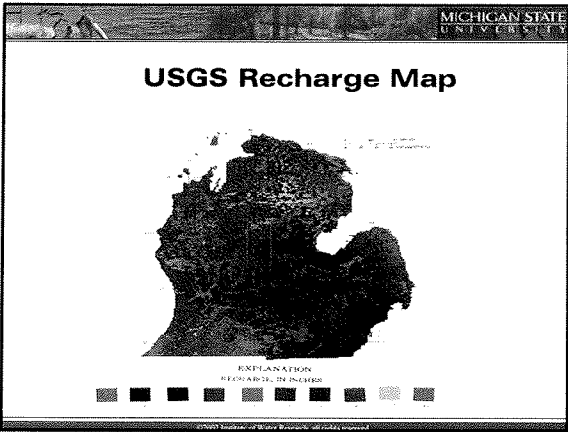
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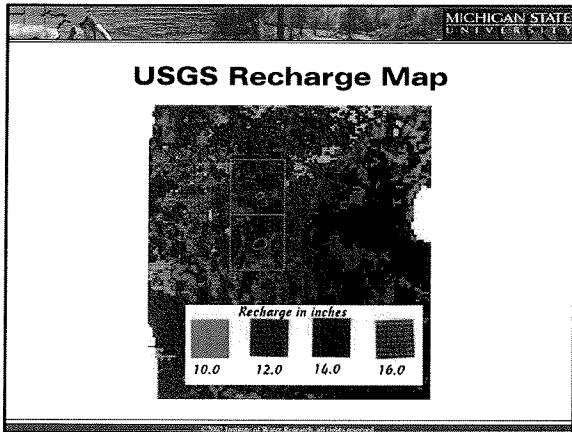
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Net radiation using three types of satellite data of Michigan Sep 26, 1979.

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Hierarchical groundwater modeling: the Saginaw County groundwater conflict

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Saginaw GW conflict background

- Agriculture in many areas in Michigan relies on large amounts of groundwater withdrawals for irrigation.
- Residential wells in several areas of Saginaw County, Michigan, recently went dry after the beginning of the irrigation season.
- The relationship between the water-level declines in residential wells and ground-water withdrawals from irrigation wells has been the subject of many local investigations in the past.

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THE PROBLEM

- Residential Wells in Drift and Bedrock Experienced Problems
- The magnitude of Impact

The diagram illustrates the interaction between two wells. On the left is a 'HIGH CAPACITY WELL' with a 'Pumping level' indicated. A dashed line shows the 'Cone of depression' around it, with a 'Radius of influence' extending to the right. A 'Static level' is shown as a horizontal line. The 'Drawdown' is the vertical distance between the static level and the water level in the high capacity well. On the right is a 'LOW CAPACITY WELL' located within the radius of influence of the high capacity well. The water level in the low capacity well is shown to be lower than its static level. A 'Property Size' is indicated by a horizontal line above the low capacity well, suggesting that the drawdown from the high capacity well is affecting the property's water supply.

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Solution

New tool to address groundwater conflict

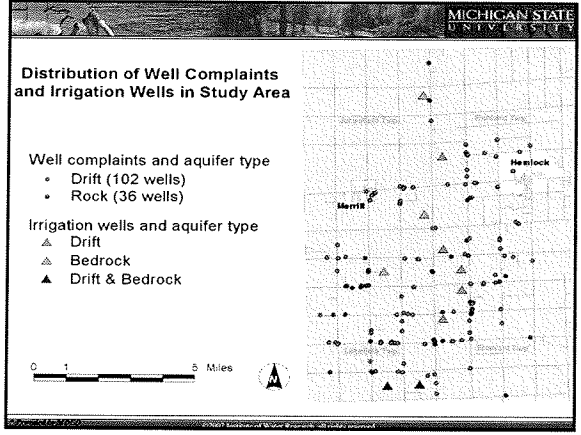
- Hierarchical modeling
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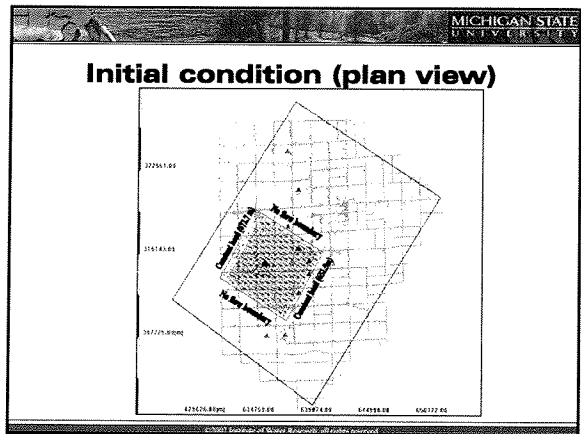
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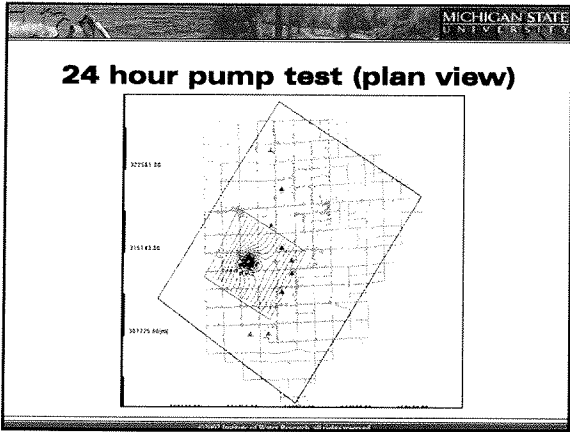
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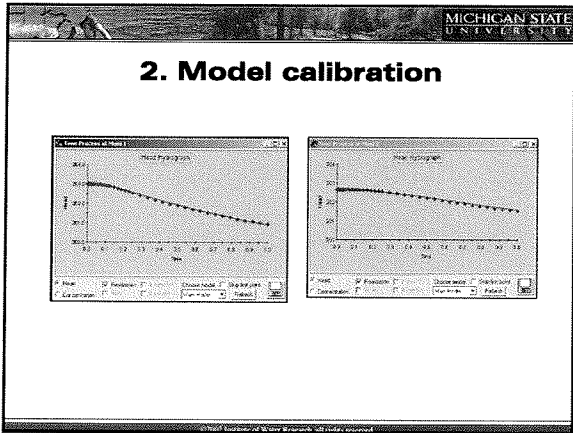
- The traditional method of modeling is inadequate to model large areas.
- The modeling of large areas is infeasible and too expensive
- The traditional method is inadequate for simulating the more detailed local and site flow dynamics at individual well fields

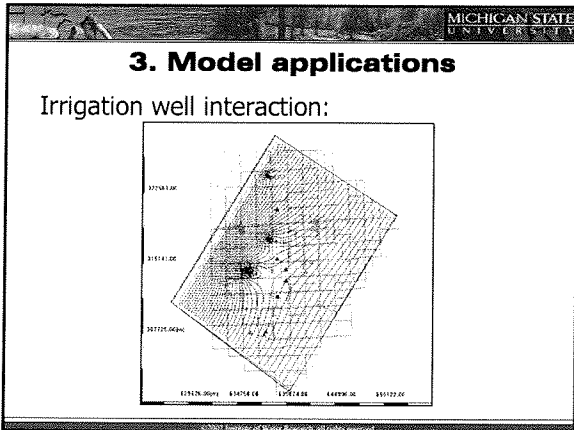
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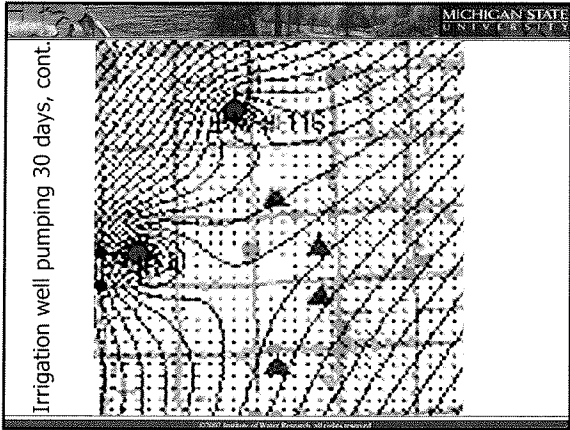


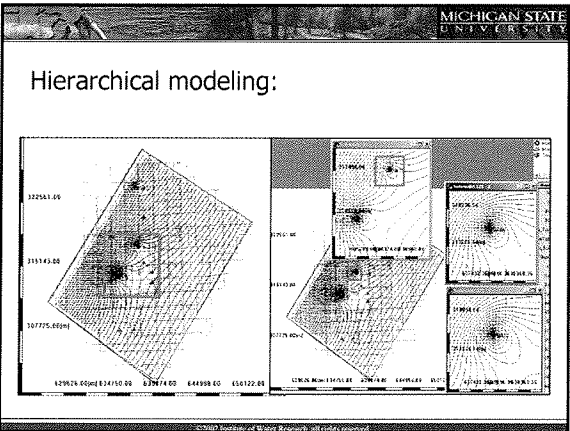






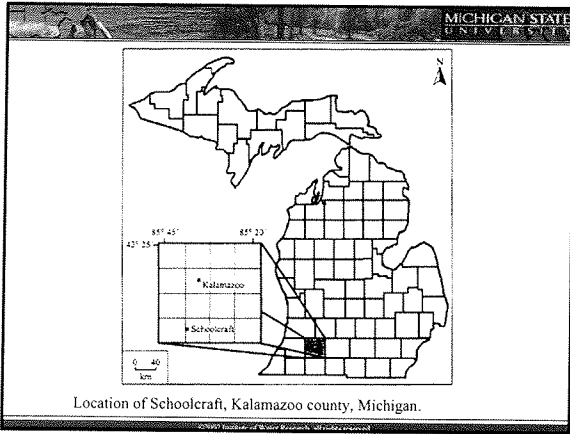


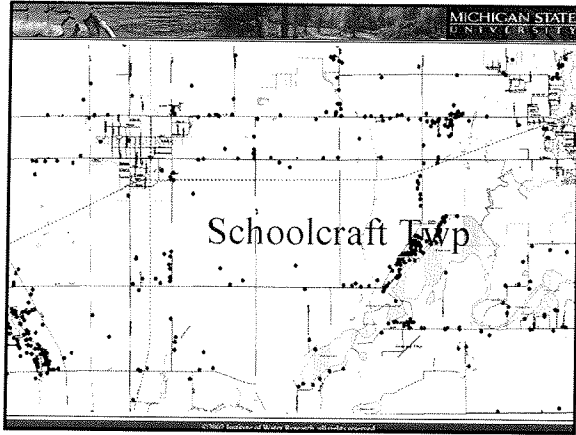


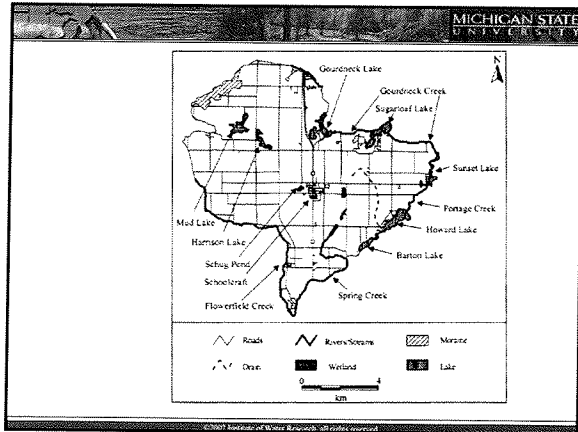


IWR-WM project

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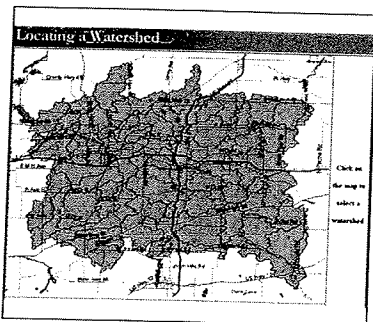
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Range of Activities in Research, Education and Training

The Institute supports a variety of research projects and educational and training programs that address critical state concerns in water related issues. Examples of projects include:

- Classification of Michigan lakes by integrating fish assemblages, landscape features and water quality. Some of the variables include watershed area, lake area, ecoregion, water inputs, total phosphorus, chlorophyll, secchi depth, alkalinity, and lake connectivity to streams.
- Development of several computerized decision support systems to facilitate making decisions about water-related issues such as wetland functions, risk modeling, and ecological processes including the first online soil erosion assessment tool using the Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation (RUSLE) which allows users to estimate soil erosion for a specific site based on site data and information.
- Development of an interactive watershed information system that can be used over the internet. This system, "Understanding Your Watershed: An Interactive Mapping Program to Explore Michigan Watersheds," is designed for use as a convenient and versatile tool that provides access to data sets, maps, and reports. Through the use of this tool, planners have unique opportunities to visualize and understand the complexity of land-water interrelationships critical to the development of effective watershed plans.
- Development of an internet-based professional certificate program in watershed management. Four courses are offered and are designed to address the need for a multi-disciplinary approach to watershed management that includes an understanding of issues and solutions in the areas of engineering, biology, hydrology, and chemistry, and problem-solving in the areas of law, policy, community development, and economics.
- Production of a guidebook, in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, that details the watershed planning process and provides a step by step approach for developing a watershed management plan. The booklet also provides the necessary steps for obtaining state funding for implementing plans.



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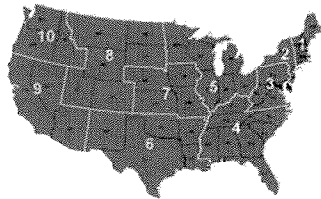
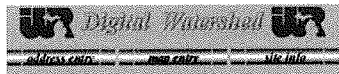
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- ★ The **digital watershed website** is designed to provide both a centralized information repository and an online computing center for watersheds in the United States. One can access the watershed information system at <http://www.iwr.msu.edu/dw>.
- ★ The Institute of Water Research and Northwestern Michigan College (NMC) Water Studies Institute (WSI) are partnering on the development of a joint watershed education program. The WSI and IWR are working collaboratively to adapt IWR's existing VU watershed education program (with over 200 students/year) to include a "localized" experiential education course, which may encompass learning and participation in watershed management projects or research in the Traverse City region.
- ★ Ez-Mapper Site Locator
This site was created to assist farmers, citizens, and planners in developing digital maps that can be used in a variety of documents, including, Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans (CNMP). By typing an address, city, and zip code or using a locator map, users can retrieve a map containing, aerial photos, streets, streams, and soils information. <http://www.iwr.msu.edu/cnmp/>
- ★ The Institute is assisting in the coordination of MSU-WATER, a comprehensive watershed management initiative that will strive to protect the water that runs through Michigan State University's East Lansing campus, and also generate new solutions for water resources problems that can be adopted by other communities across the state, nation and world. Led by faculty, staff and students within the University, MSU-WATER will assess physical, chemical, biological and human factors in order to identify the most pressing water-related issues and research opportunities.
- ★ A 3-D modeling program developed by Dr. Shu-Guang Li called Interactive and Hierarchical Modeling of Groundwater Systems is being utilized to study the effects of pumping irrigation wells in Western Saginaw County. The purpose and scope of this project is to model a pilot study involving the effects of pumping irrigation wells on yields of residential wells in a section of Saginaw County. This model will be a preliminary 3-D representation of the groundwater flow in Saginaw County. The longer-term objective for Dr. Li and his research team is to extend the pilot project to a full implementation of a statewide groundwater model of Michigan.
- ★ IWR is designing an information system to assist nine National Park units in Michigan (Sleeping Bear Dunes, Pictured Rocks, and Isle Royale), Wisconsin (Apostle Islands and St. Croix National Scenic River), Minnesota (Voyageurs National Park, Mississippi National River Recreation Area, and Grand Portage National Monument), and the Indiana Dunes in planning and implementing a long-term ecological monitoring program. The system will include data layers on climate, water and air resources, human population growth, and land use.



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