

# North 34<sup>th</sup> Street MPART PFAS Town Hall

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# Introductions, Logistics and Agenda

- Introductions – Abigail Hendershott, MPART Executive Director
- Agenda:
  - MPART Overview – Fred Sellers, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy
  - Health – Lisa Fischer, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
  - Investigation Area – Erica Bays, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy
  - Public Drinking Water – James Baker, Public Services Director & City Engineer, City of Kalamazoo
- Q&A

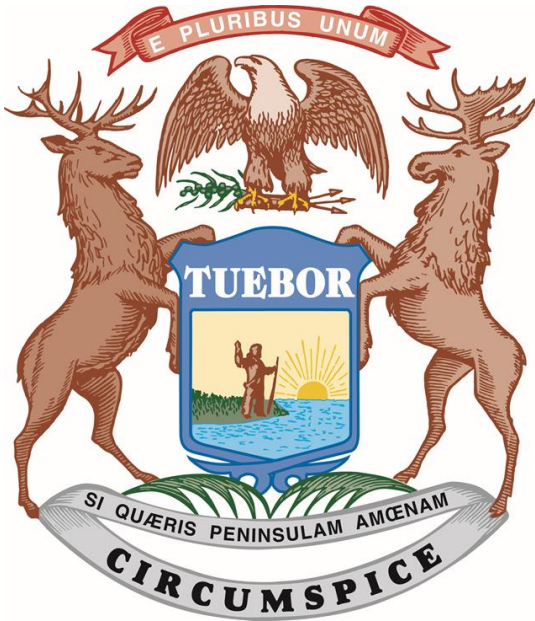
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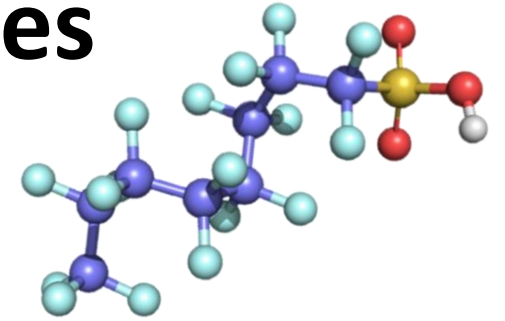
# Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART)



- Executive Order 2019-03
- Unique Multi-Agency Approach
- Leads Coordination and Cooperation Among All Levels of Government
- Directs Implementation of State's Action Strategy



# Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)



## What are they?

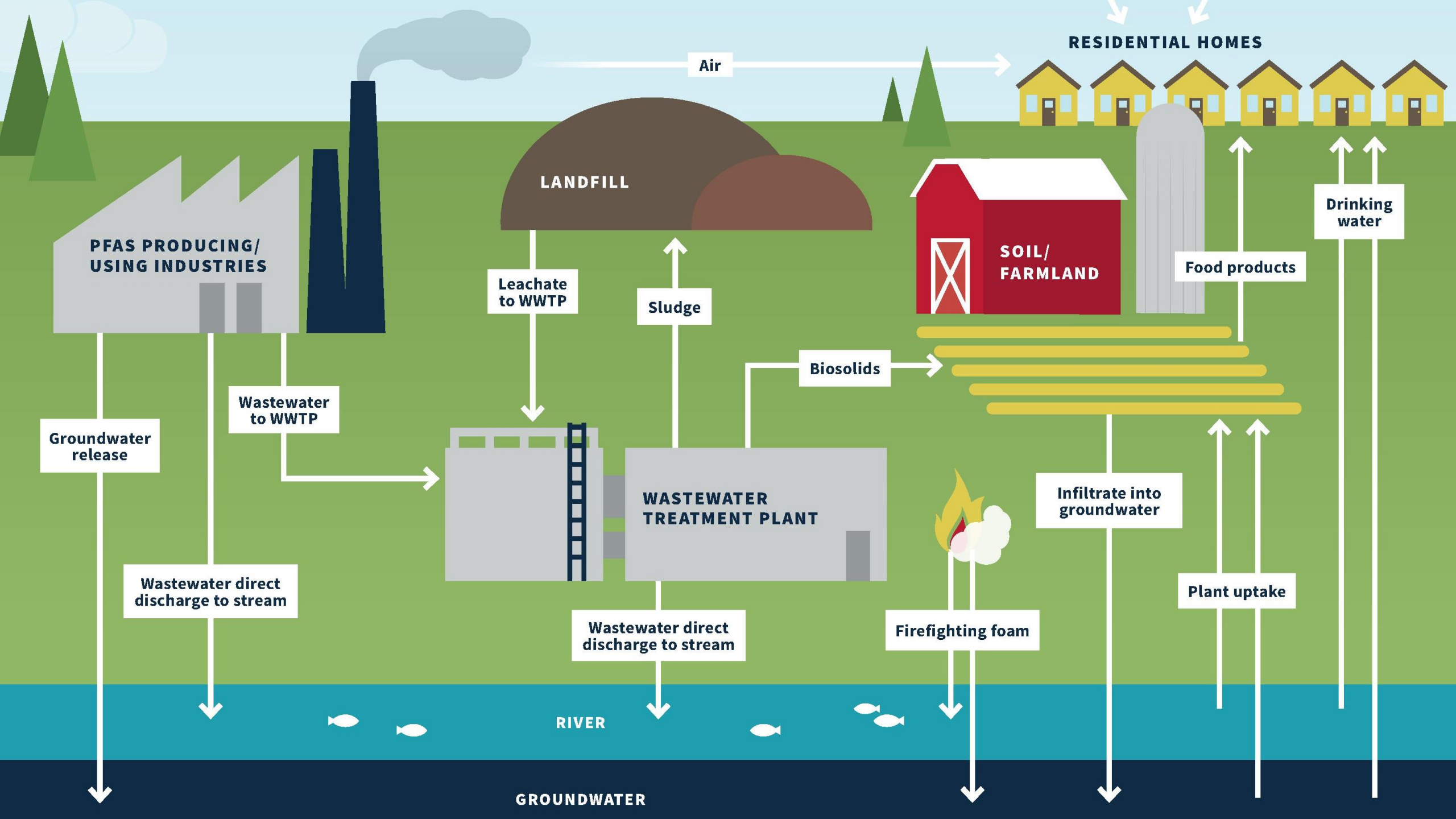
- Strong Carbon-Fluorine Bonds
- Surfactants
- Highly Stable
- Repel Water, Oil, Fat, and Grease
- Began Developing in 1940s
- 5,000+ Compounds Today

## Why the concern?

- Widespread through the ecosystem
- Don't Break Down Easily - Hard to Get Rid of
- Bioaccumulate – Build Up in Our Bodies
- Some PFAS May Affect Health
- Some emerging science/information
- Lack of Federal Standards

# PFAS Uses



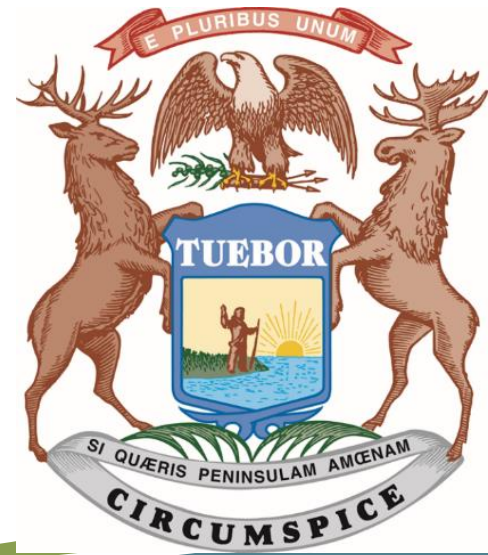




# What is Michigan doing?

## Protect Public Health

- Investigating where PFAS is in the environment
  - Drinking water, groundwater, water bodies
- Developed and enforcing, standards for PFAS in surface water, drinking water, and groundwater cleanup standards
  - Modifying standards as science evolves
- Educating the public to:
  - Prevent future contamination
  - Minimize future use of PFAS



# Michigan PFAS Groundwater Clean-up and Drinking Water Standards

Compound	Standards
PFNA	6 ppt
PFOA	8 ppt
PFOS	16 ppt
PFHxS	51 ppt
GenX (HFPO-DA)	370 ppt
PFBS	420 ppt
PFHxA	400,000 ppt



## Lakes and Streams Investigations

- Collecting water and fish samples





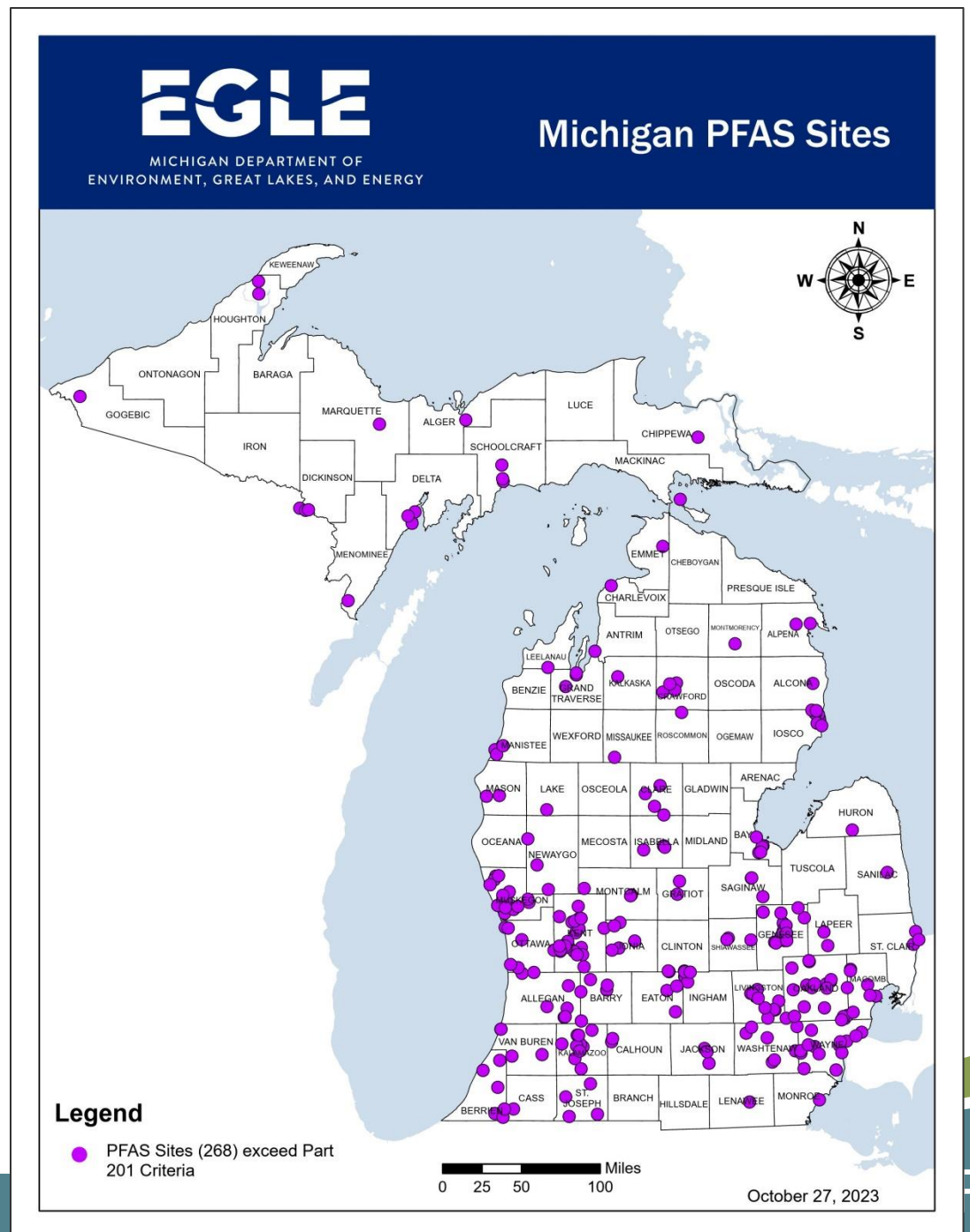
# Fish Sampling

- 800-1000 fish filets sampled every year for PFAS around the state.



# Michigan PFAS Sites

- Prioritized Investigations Based on Known or Suspected Sources, Potential for Exposure
- Protect Drinking Water Pathway
- [List of PFAS Sites and Areas of Interest](#)








# Citizens Advisory Workgroup

[Michigan.gov/MPARTCAWG](https://Michigan.gov/MPARTCAWG)

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- Residents From Impacted Communities
  - Key Charges:
    - Recommend How to Engage and Empower Communities
    - Recommend How to Educate the General Public
  - Residents interested in becoming a CAWG Member:
    - Read the [CAWG Charter](#)
    - Submit a [Membership Registration Form](#)

# PFAS and Health

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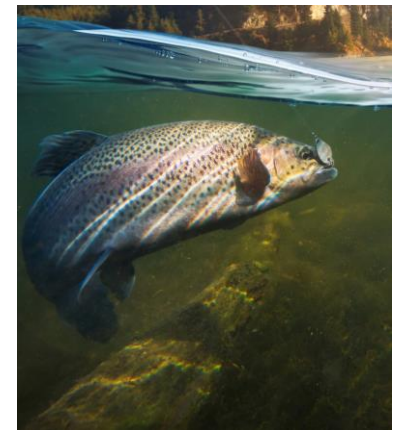
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# The Role of MDHHS/ Local Health Department (LHD)

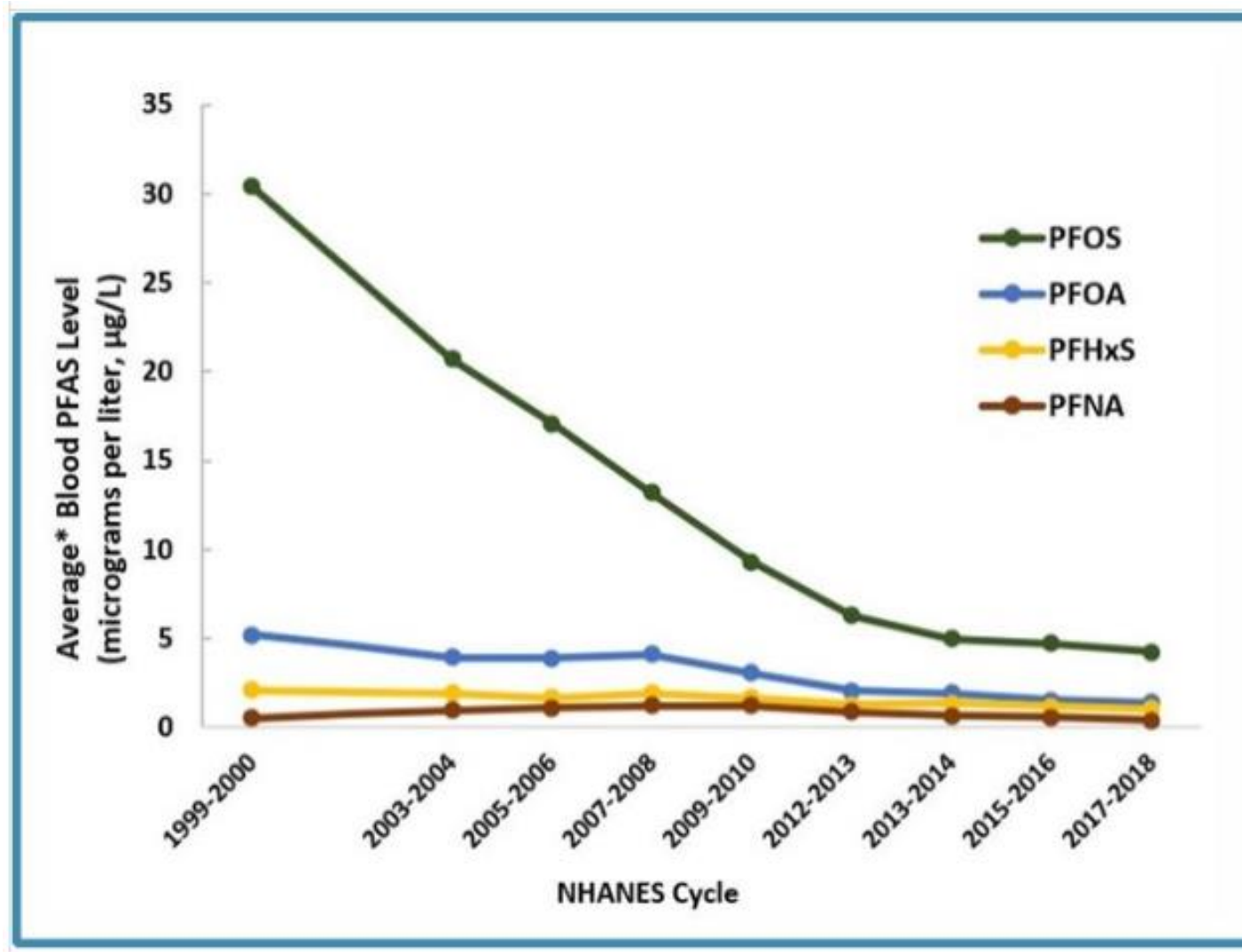
- Understand the health concerns facing your community
- Develop a plan to investigate and address health risks
  - EGLE leads the site investigation
  - MDHHS and the Local Health Department lead the public health planning and response
- Evaluate PFAS exposures to residents in the community
  - Recommend public health actions as needed

# Exposure to PFAS Chemicals

- Drinking contaminated water
- Eating fish caught from water contaminated by PFAS
  - “Eat Safe Fish” Guidelines
- Incidental swallowing of contaminated soil or dust
- Eating food packaged in materials containing PFAS
- Using some consumer products
- PFAS absorption through skin is typically not a concern



# Blood levels of the most common PFAS in people in the United States 2000-2018



# Associated Human Health Outcomes PFOA and/or PFOS

- Reduced fertility
- High blood pressure or pre-eclampsia in pregnant women
- Small decreases in infant birth weight
- Higher cholesterol
  - Especially total cholesterol and LDL cholesterol

# Associated Human Health Outcomes PFOA and/or PFOS

- Thyroid disease
- Liver damage
- Decreased immune system response to vaccines
- Developing certain types of cancer
  - In particular, kidney and testicular cancers\*

\* PFOA only

# Multiple Lines of Consideration for Determining Public Health Response Actions

- MDHHS Comparison Values
- Residential Well Results (individually and collectively)
- Site-specific information (e.g., known source, geology, etc.)



# MDHHS Comparison Values

- MDHHS Comparison Values are the lowest of:
  - MDHHS Public Health Drinking Water Screening Level
  - MPART Health-Based Value or Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)
- Both the MDHHS screening levels and the MCL were set to protect everyone
  - including those most at risk of harm to their health: fetuses and breastfed babies

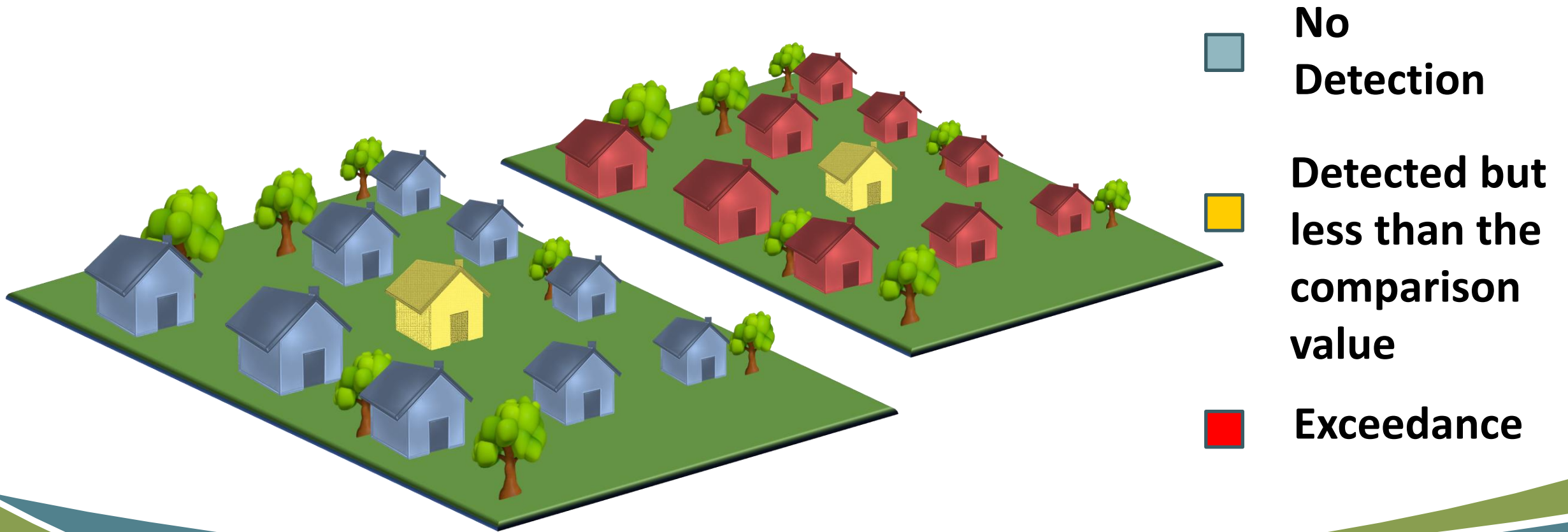
# MDHHS Comparison Values

PFAS	Comparison Values
PFOS	8 ppt <sup>A</sup>
PFOA	8 ppt <sup>B</sup>
PFNA	6 ppt <sup>B</sup>
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# Residential Well Results (individually and collectively)

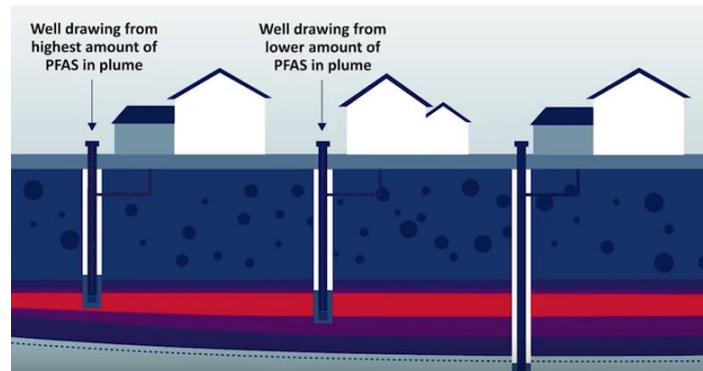


# Site-Specific Information

## Known Source



## Geology



## Plume



## Public Health Response Actions

- No public health actions necessary
- Recommend filter or use of alternate water
  - Need time to conduct investigation
  - Provides residents with protection from potential fluctuations in PFAS levels, if any, while investigation is ongoing
- Education
  - Provide information on PFAS in drinking water



## Eat Safe Fish Guidelines – Gull Lake

Fish Species	Chemicals Causing MI Serving Guideline	Fish Size	MI Servings/Month
Bluegill, Sunfish, Rock Bass	Mercury	Any	8
Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Northern Pike	Mercury	Any	1
Smelt	PFOS	Any	2



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# North 34<sup>th</sup> Street/Former Production Plated Plastics

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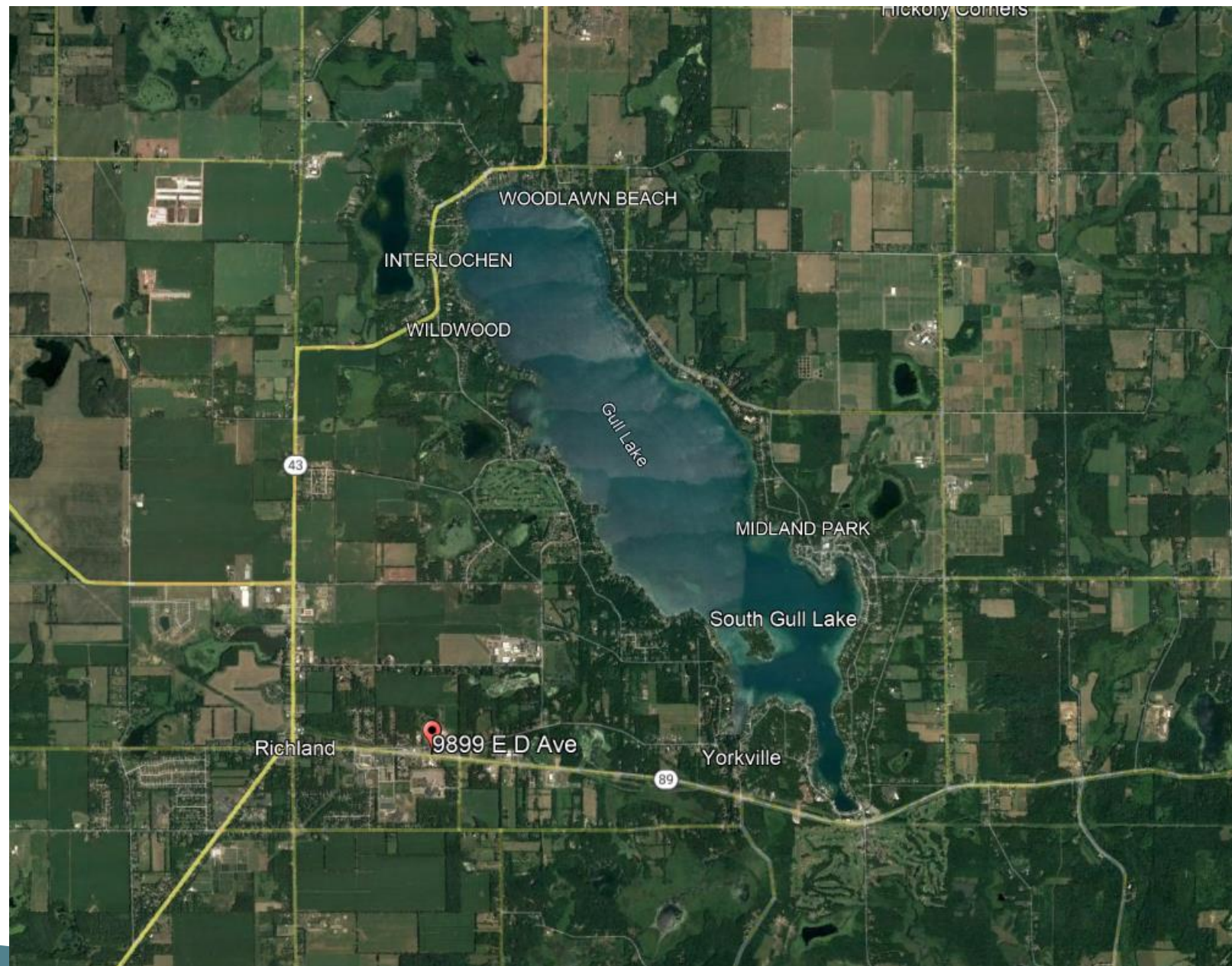
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# Outline

- Where have we been?
- Where we are now?
- Where are we going?

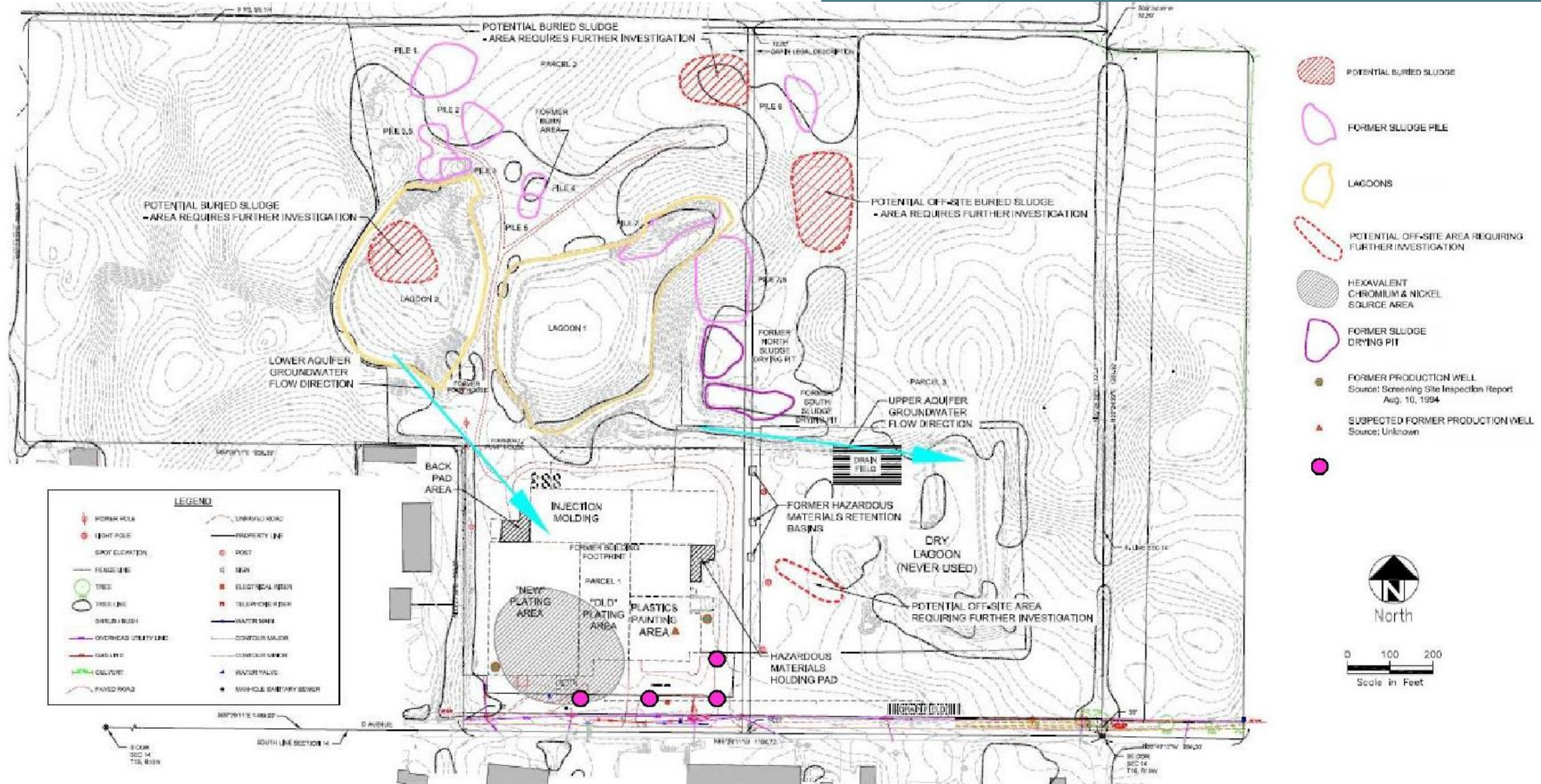


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# Where have we been?

- Production Plated Plastics (PPP) - Former plastics plating company (~1966 – bankruptcy in 1991)
- 1977 – Heavy metal contamination discovered in residential wells
  - PPP replaced affected residential drinking water wells
- 1985 – Chlorinated Volatile Organic Compounds discovered at the site
  - PPP conducted investigations and operated a groundwater cleanup system
- 1988 – Municipal water extended to area impacted by nickel and chromium
- 1991 – PPP bankrupt, State took over response activities



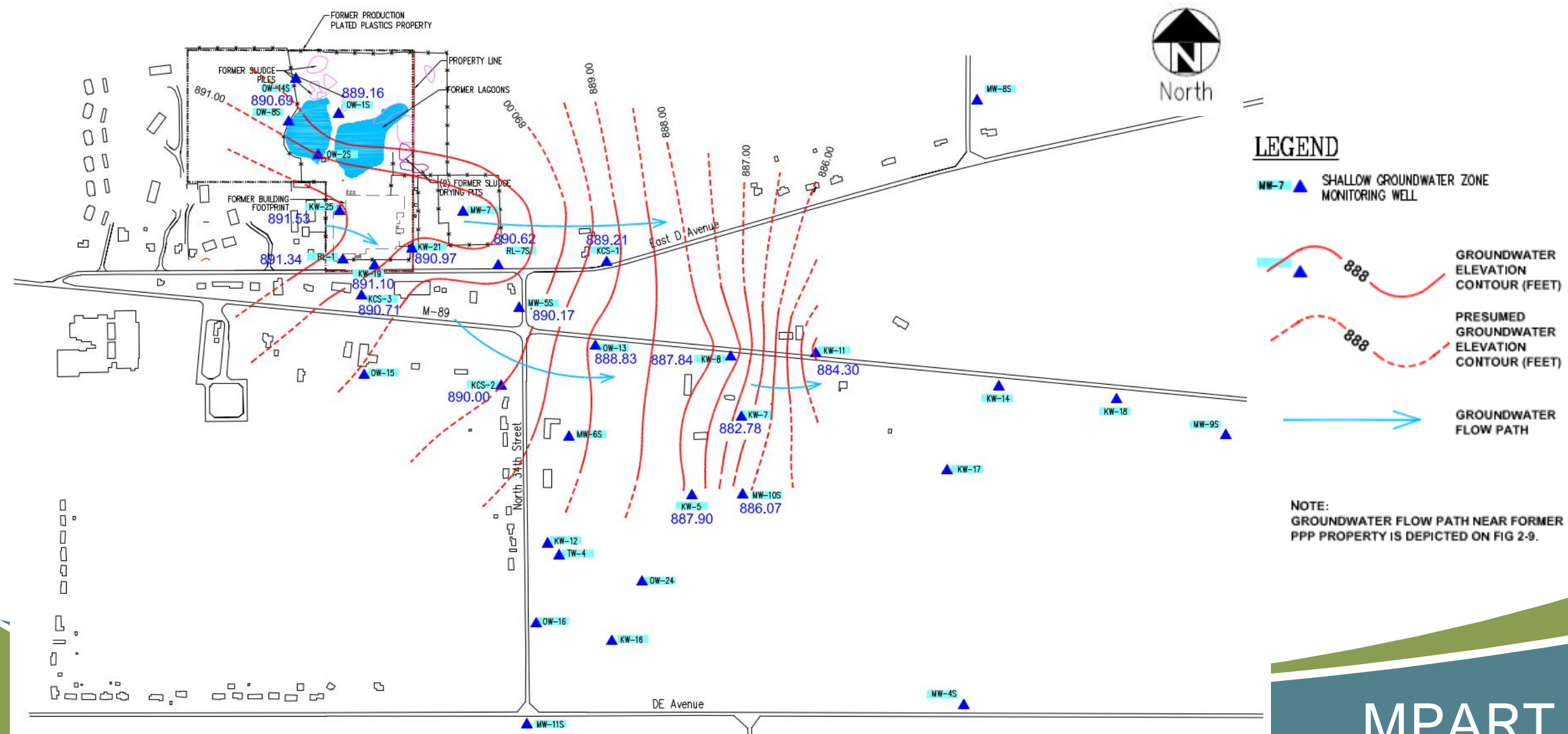


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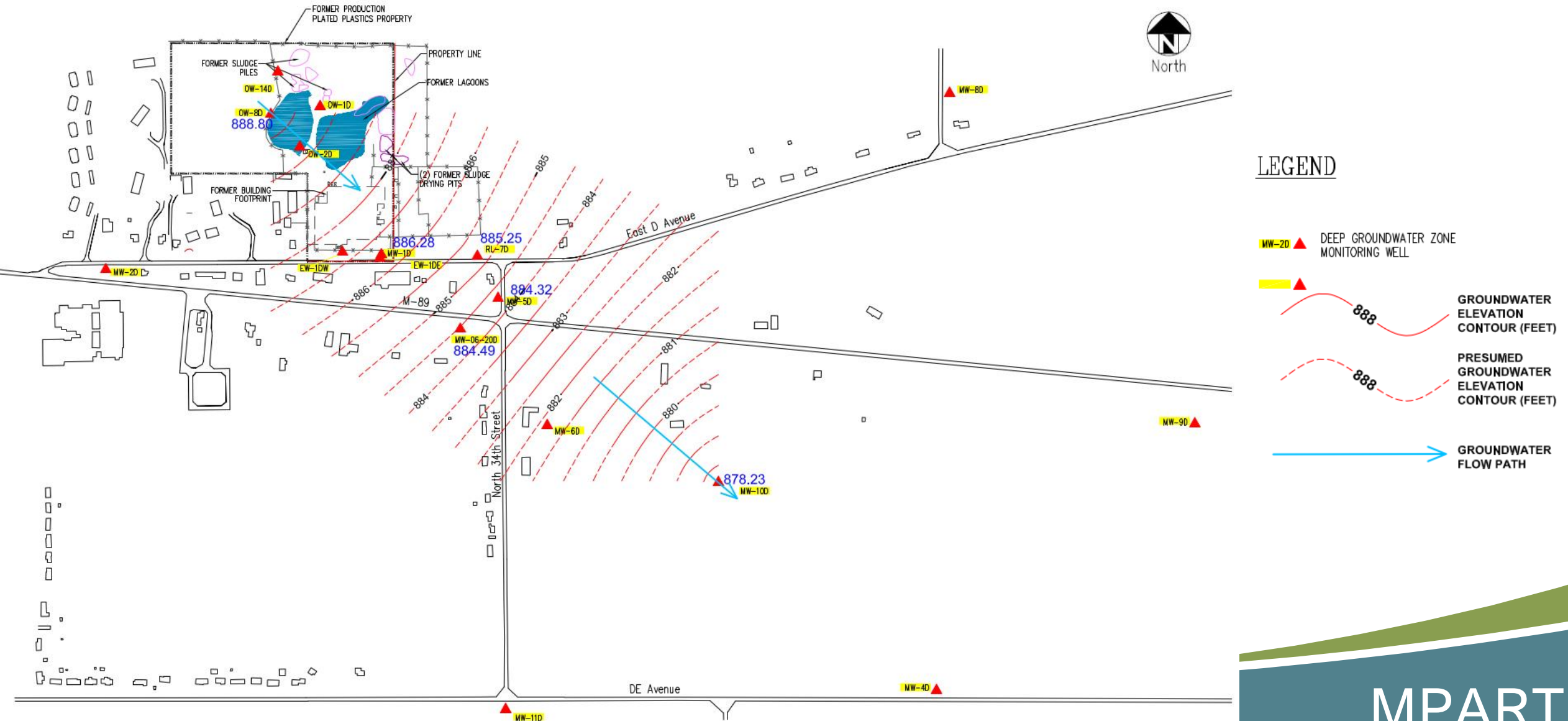
- 2018 – PFAS identified in groundwater cleanup system effluent being discharged to Gull Lake Sewer and Water Authority
  - Cleanup System retrofitted with six 2,000lb GAC vessels for PFAS treatment
  - Begin PFAS Remedial Investigation
- 2021-2022 – Municipal water extended to much of the known area impacted by PFAS within Richland Township
- 2022 – Commenced quarterly groundwater monitoring



# Shallow Groundwater Flow– 2013



# Deep Groundwater Flow– 2013









# 2019

## Water Resources Division Surface Water Data

- Sample results were below criteria

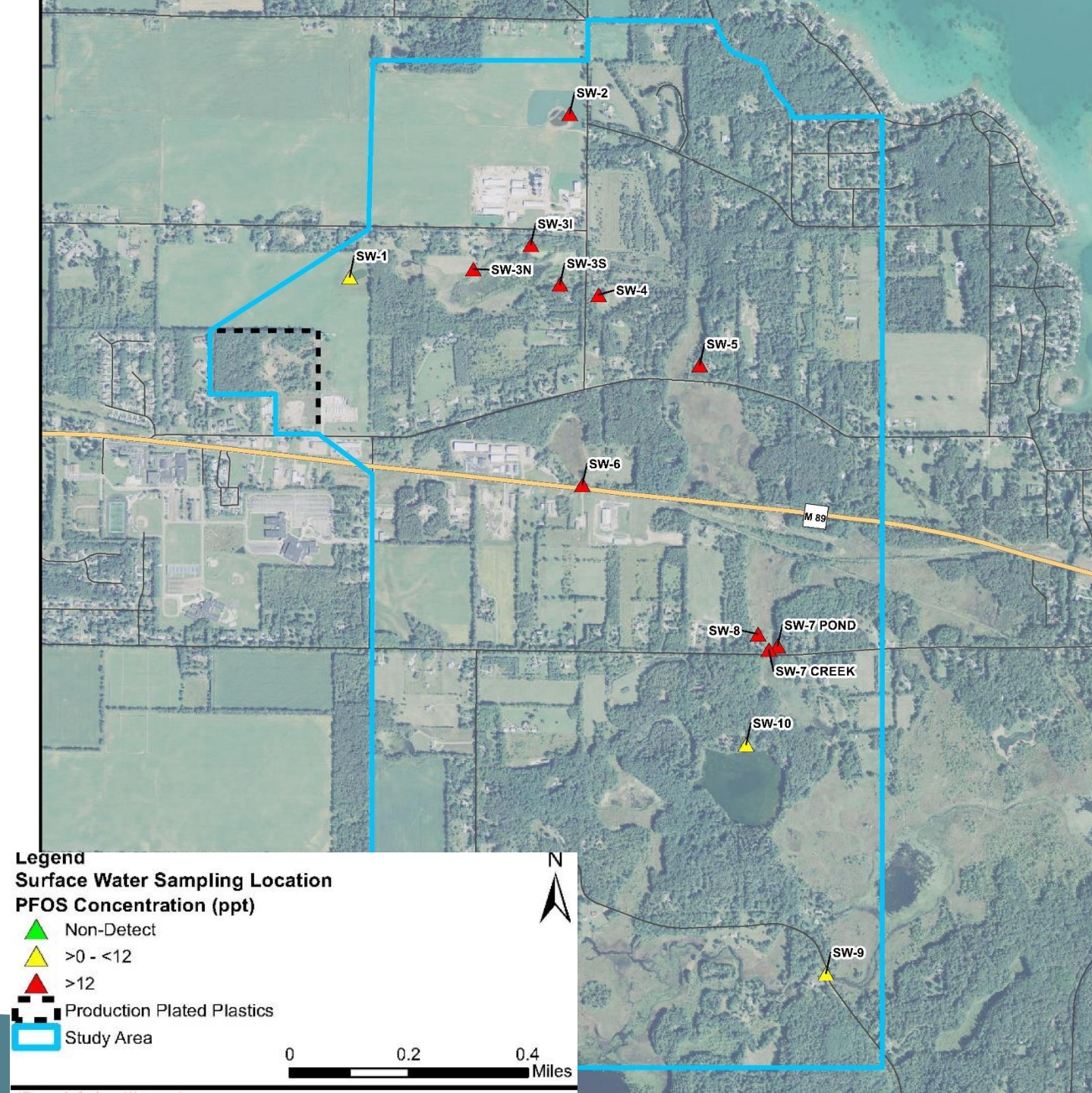
Compound	Criteria (ng/L)
PFOS	12
PFOA	170
PFBS	670,000
PFNA	30





# 2019 RRD Surface Water Data

Criteria	170	30	670000	12
Location ID	PFOA	PFNA	PFBS	PFOS
SW-3N	ND	ND	ND	152
SW-3S	ND	ND	ND	316
SW-4	3.15	ND	ND	67.4
SW-5	ND	ND	ND	41
SW-6	1.75	ND	ND	19.6
SW-7 POND	ND	1.93	ND	40.8
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SW-7 CREEK	ND	ND	2.47	17.9
SW-10	ND	ND	ND	1.75
SW-8	ND	ND	ND	67.5
SW-9	ND	ND	ND	1.64
SW-3I	ND	ND	ND	142
SW-2	ND	ND	ND	15
SW-1	ND	ND	ND	5.4





# Where are we now?

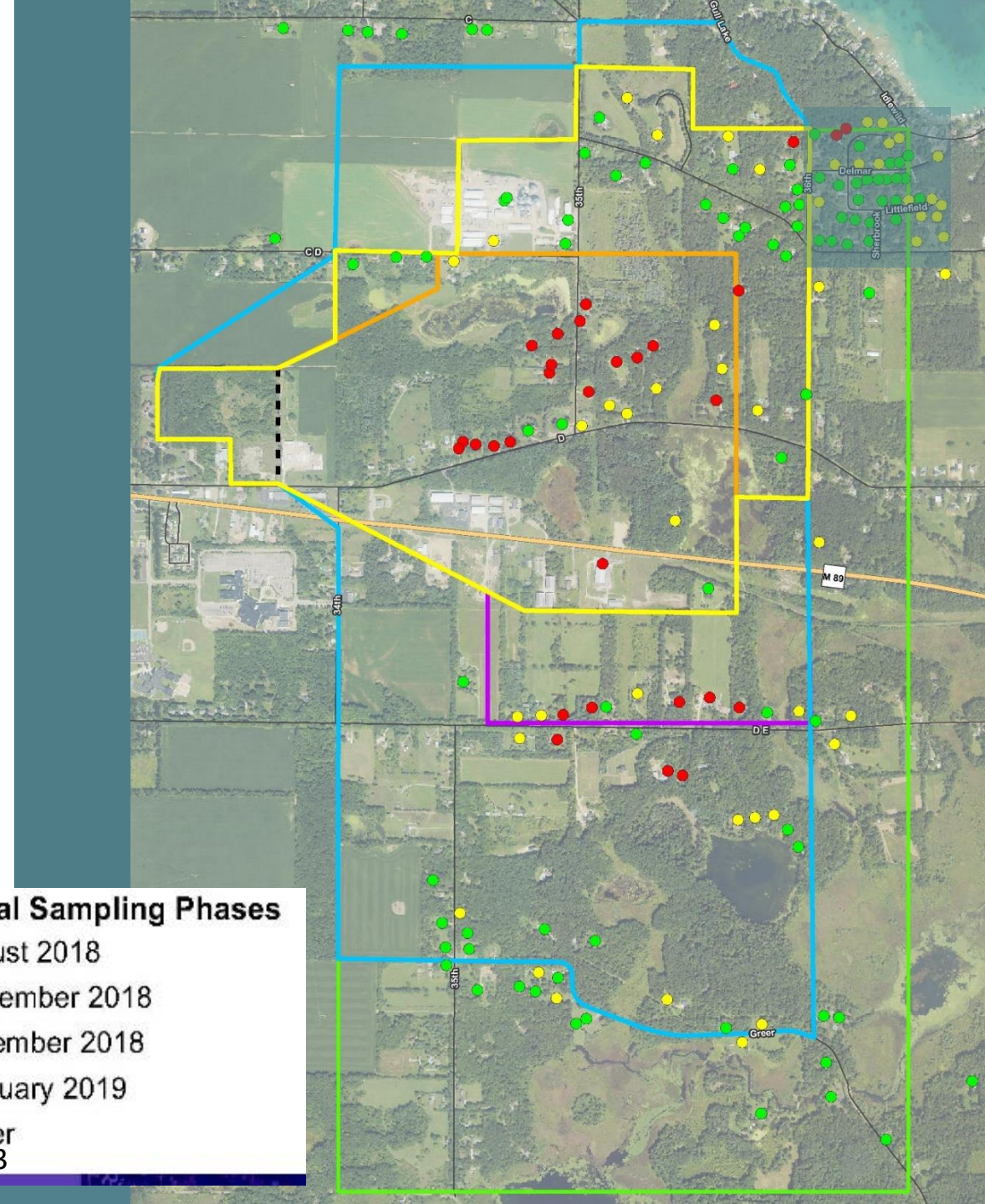
- Residential Wells
  - 4 Phases of sampling
  - Later phases guided by well results

	Exceed Criteria	Between ND and Criteria	ND
Richland Township	26	28	58
Ross Township	2	21	33
Residential Total	<b>28</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>91</b>
Total Residential Wells Sampled since 2018	<b>168</b>		

PFAS Compound	Part 201 Residential and Nonresidential Drinking Water Criteria (ng/L or ppt)
Perfluorobutane Sulfonic Acid (PFBS)	420
Perfluorohexane Sulfonic Acid (PFHxS)	51
Perfluorohexanoic Acid (PFHxA)	400,000
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## Residential Sampling Phases

- August 2018
- September 2018
- December 2018
- February 2019
- Buffer 2023



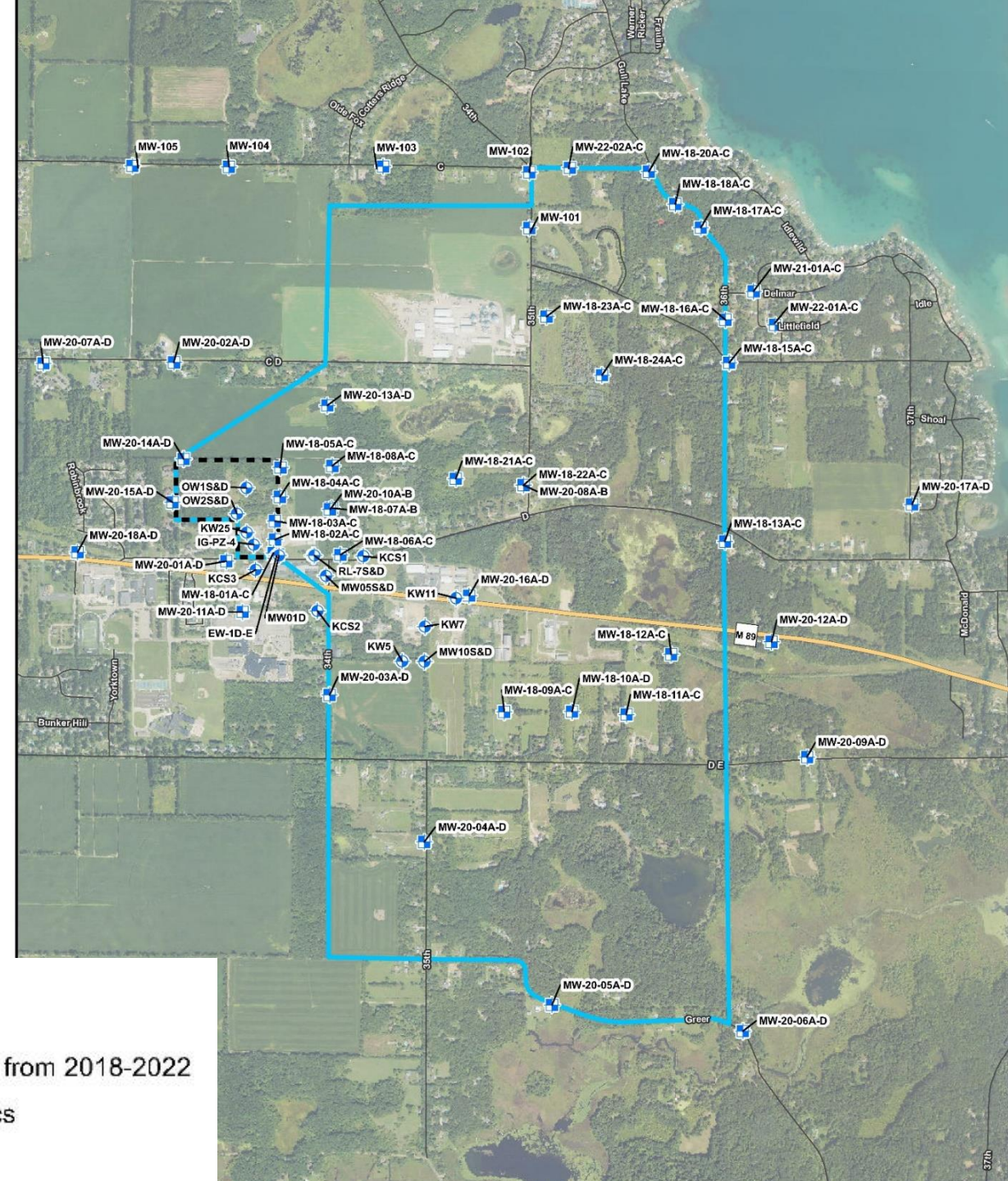


# Where are we now?

- Groundwater Monitoring Wells
  - Existing: 21 wells, 80 samples collected
  - 2018: 66 wells installed; 282 samples collected
  - 2020: 68 wells installed; 286 samples collected
  - 2021/22: 14 wells installed; 66 samples collected
  - Quarterly sampling conducted in 2022-2023

Legend

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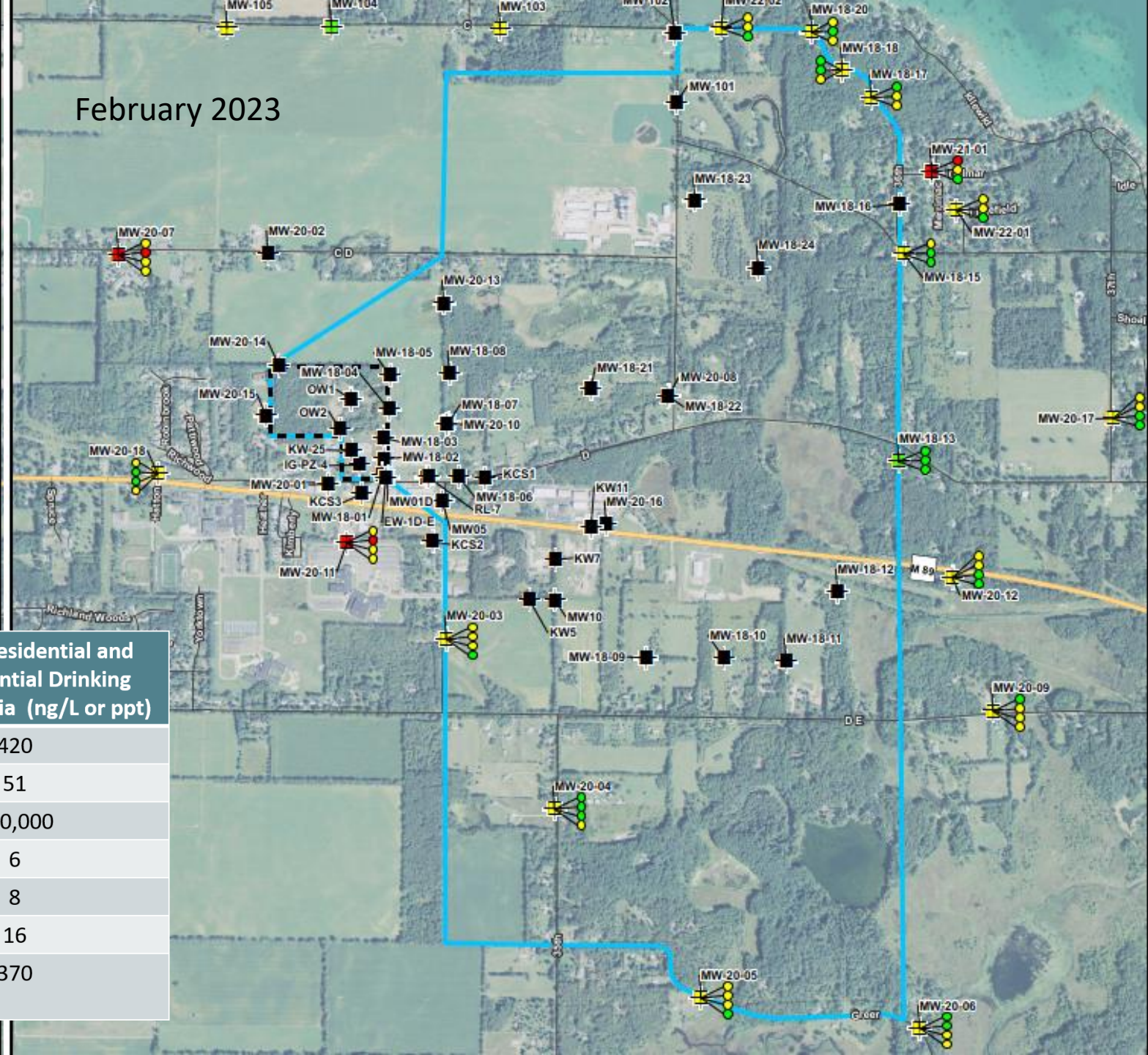
# Quarterly PFAS Groundwater Results

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Monitoring Well

- Non-Detect for Part 201 PFAS Compounds
- Detection below Part 201 PFAS Criteria, but no Exceedance
- One or more Part 201 PFAS Criteria Exceeded
- Not Sampled

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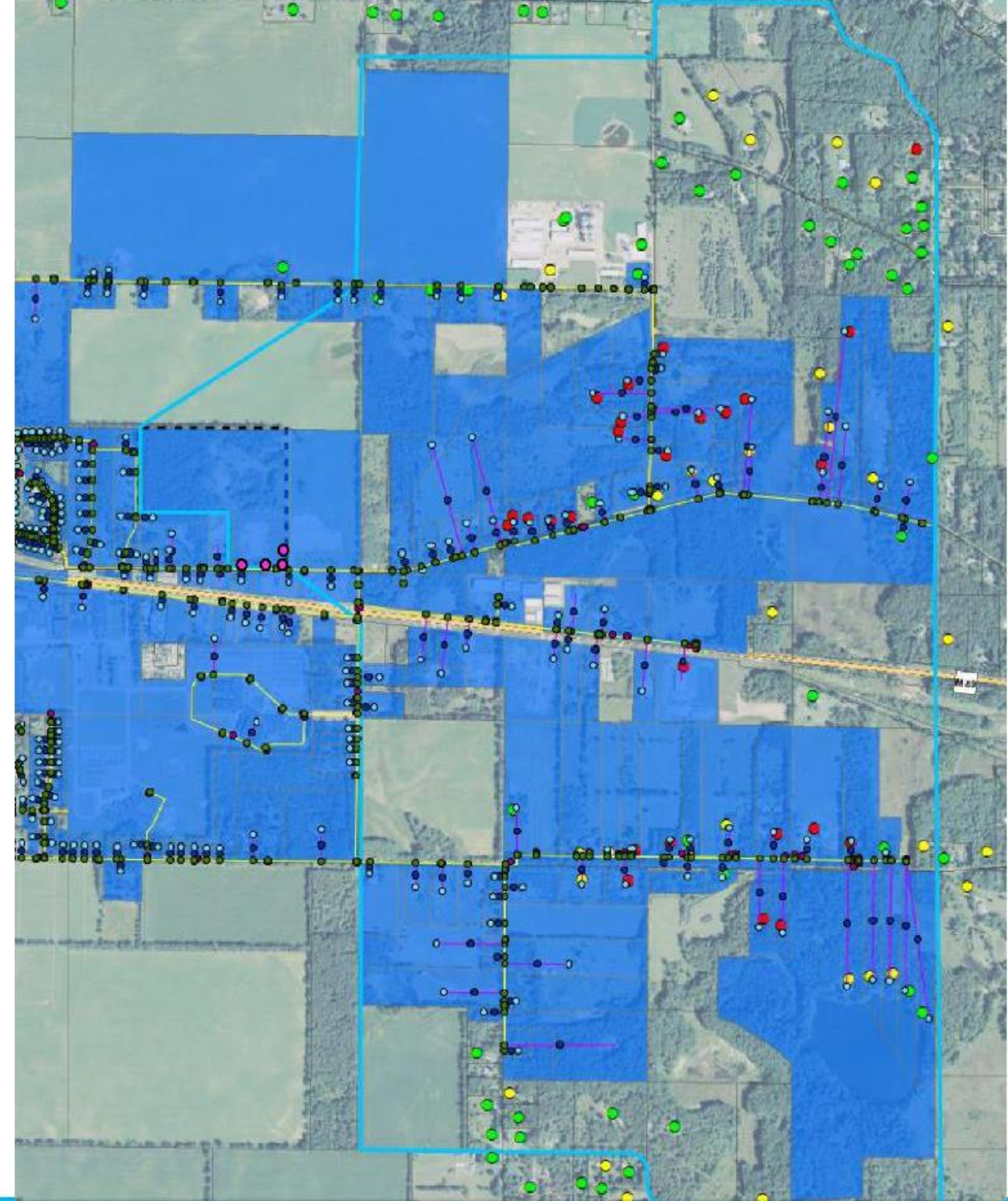
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### Residential Well Sampling Location

- Non-Detect for Part 201 PFAS Compounds
- Detection below Part 201 PFAS Criteria, but no Exceedance
- One or more Part 201 PFAS Criteria Exceeded
- Parcel Boundary
- Parcel with New Municipal Water Connection
- ▤ Production Plated Plastics
- ▭ Study Area

## Legend

- Fittings
- Hydrant Valves
- Hydrants
- Meters
- Service Connections
- System Valves
- Mains
- Service Lines





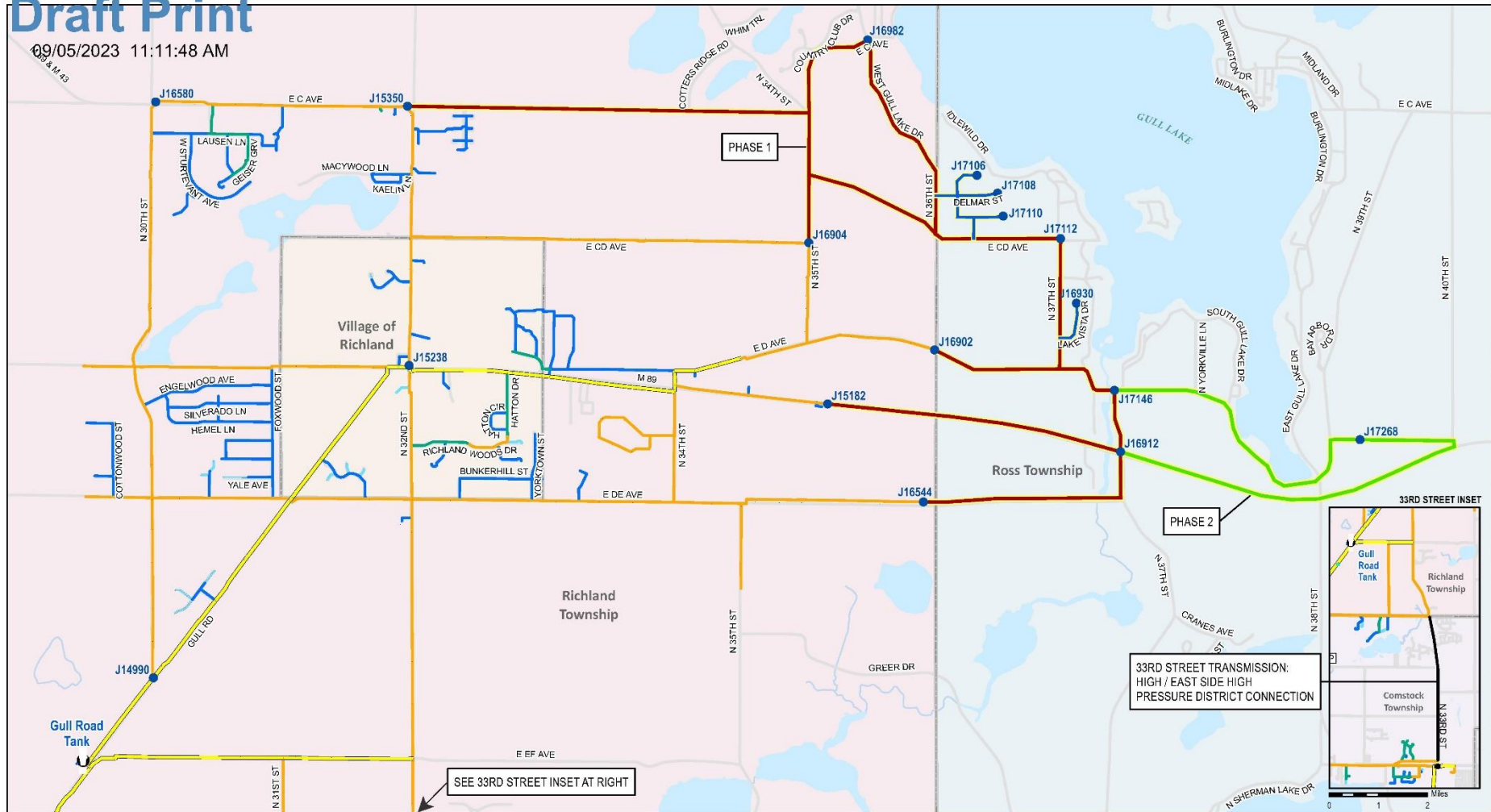
# Where are we going?

- Treatment system decommissioning
  - Injections to decrease concentrations of metals migrating offsite
- Long-term groundwater monitoring for PFAS at perimeter wells only
- Potential evaluation of the groundwater surface water interface pathway at Gull Lake
- Working with the local communities on a long-term solution to mitigate current and potential future exposure to PFAS in the groundwater via the drinking water pathway

# Proposed Municipal Water Extension

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● Select Model Node

Proposed Water Main (Phase 1)

8" 12"

Proposed Water Main (Phase 2)

12"

Existing Water Main

4" and Smaller 6" 8"

10" 12"

16" 20"

24" 30"

Existing Hydrant

Bleeder Station

0 0.25 0.5 0.75 1 Miles

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FIGURE 1: PROPOSED WATER MAIN EXTENSION

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# North 34<sup>th</sup> Street

- The vicinity of 9899 East D Avenue, in Richland Township, Michigan is served by the City of Kalamazoo CWS (East Side High Pressure District)
  - Currently on annual compliance monitoring for PFAS:
  - Compliance monitoring sample results to date have been **non-detect** or **below PFAS MCLs** or for all tested PFAS

# Public Drinking Water

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City Engineer, City of Kalamazoo





# Long Term Drinking Water Recommendations

Specific locations may need to consider future long-term plans for clean safe drinking water alternative sources

Well replacements may not be a feasible alternative

Filters are not considered a viable long-term solution





# Proposed Alternative, Kalamazoo Regional Water System Expansion

Previous Kalamazoo municipal extensions successful in solving PFAS contamination in Parchment, Cooper Township and Richland Township

Funding programs available

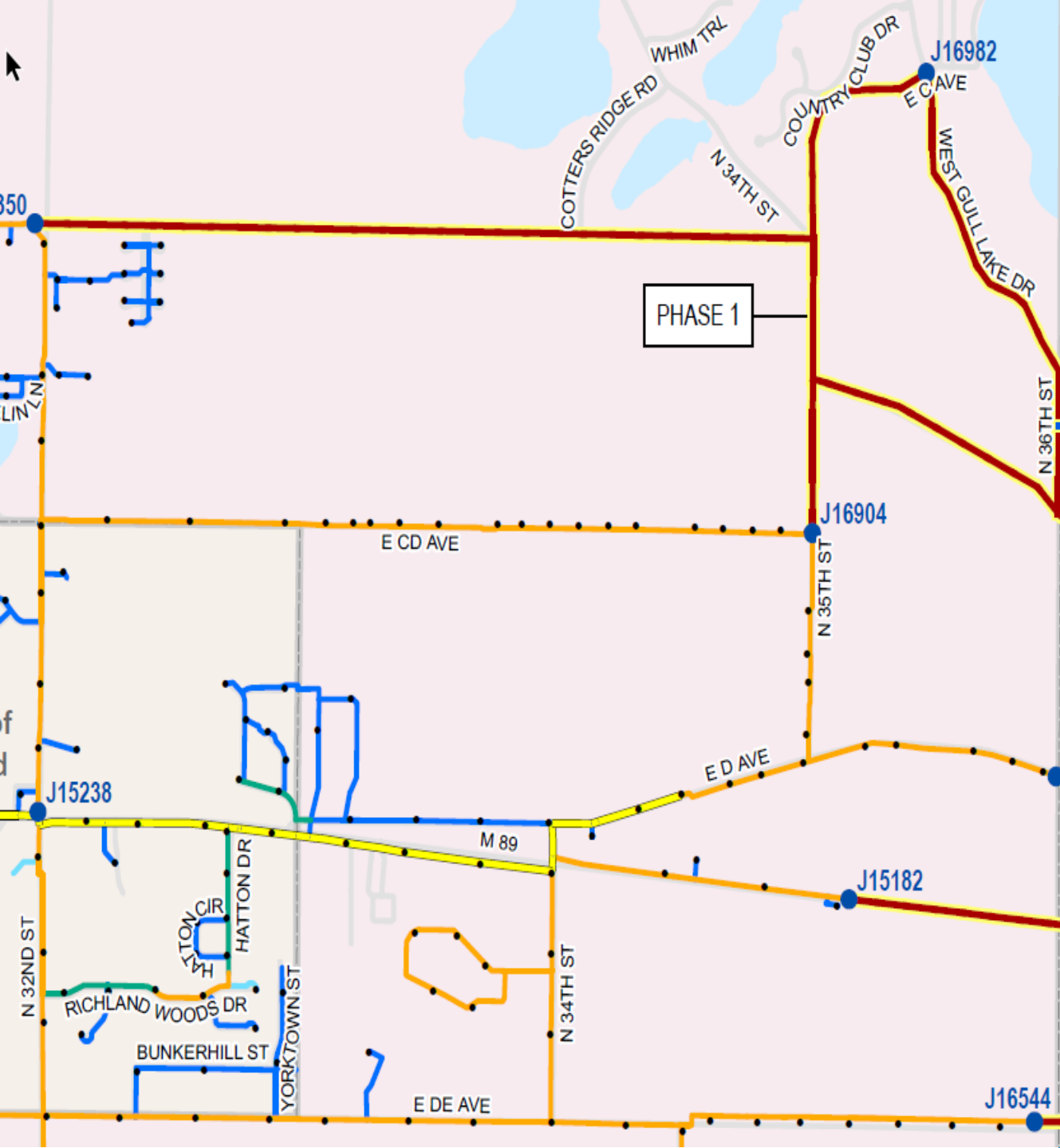
Parchment, Cooper Township and Richland Township extensions connected over 1700 customer locations at no direct customer cost

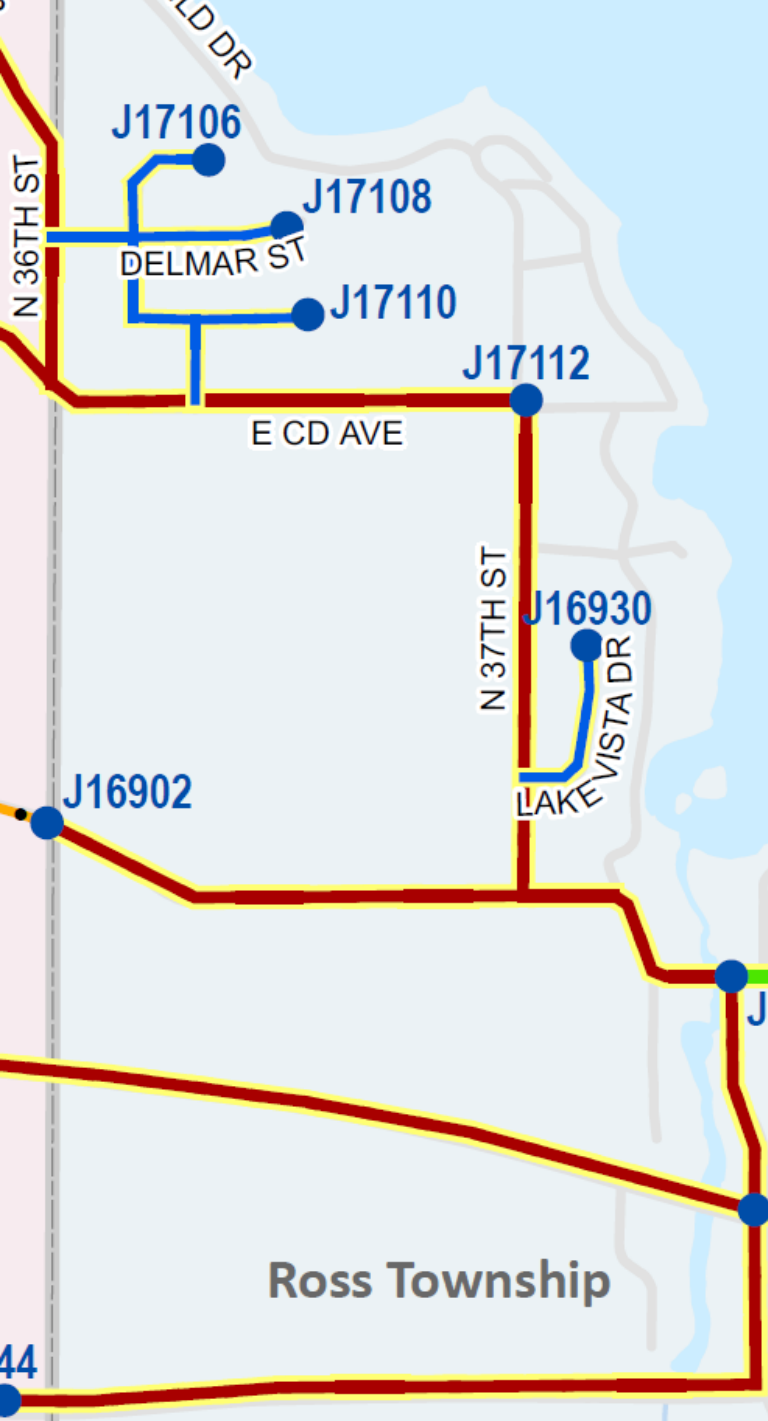


# Proposed Alternative, Richland Twp Water System Expansion

Richland Township water main extensions focused within near and known PFAS investigation areas

Fire hydrants and available fire protection provides an additional benefit and likely reduction in homeowners insurance rates






# Proposed Alternative, Ross Twp Water System Expansion

Ross Township water main extensions focused within near and known PFAS investigation areas

Transmission main (red) and distribution main (blue) to serve the Gull Vista Plat and the Indian Point Plat

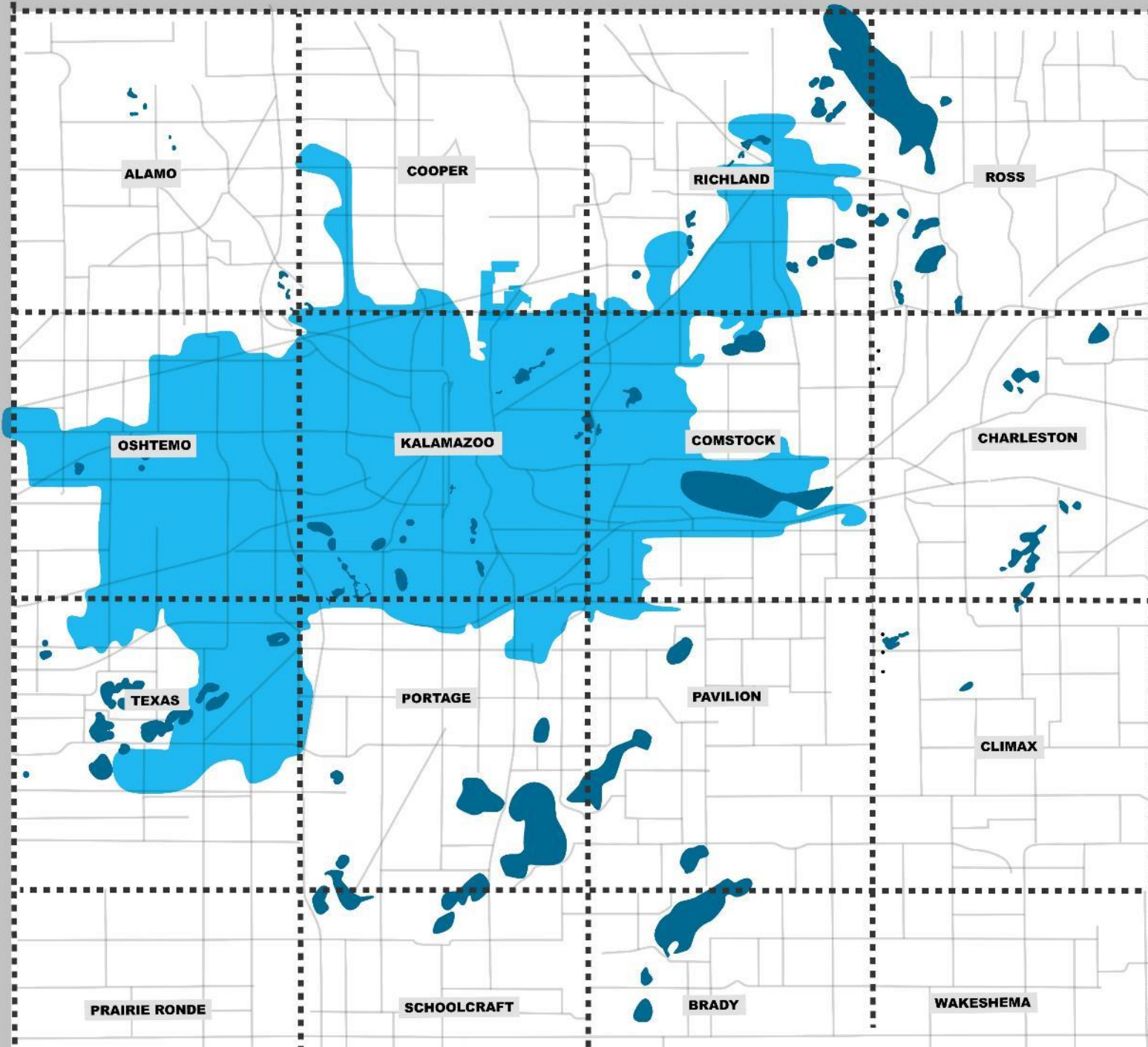
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# **Kalamazoo Regional Water System**



Kalamazoo  
Water  
system





# Michigan's largest groundwater-only water supply

- 41,669 connections
- 839 miles of water main
- 7,000 fire hydrants
- 11 elevated storage facilities
- 11 municipal jurisdictions
- 20 booster/bleeder stations
- 13 point of entry treatment plants
- 94 production wells
- 16 US Geological Survey gauge stations
- 38 million gallons per day average max demand
- 46 million gallons per day max demand (1988)
- 11 municipal jurisdictions represented by 7 voting members to determine Policy and Rates - UPC

# DWSRF FY2025

## Application Timeline

November 1, 2023 – Submit Intent to Apply (ITA) form to EGLE

April 2024 – Complete Project Plan and hold Public Hearing

May 1, 2024 – Submit Project Plan to EGLE

September 2024 – Receive ranking and funding priority from EGLE

October 2024 to September 2025 – Begin construction



# Resources to gain knowledge of contamination

- Sites of Environmental Contamination:
  - <https://www.mcgi.state.mi.us/environmentalmapper/>
- Residential Drinking Water Well Viewer
  - <https://www.mcgi.state.mi.us/waterwellviewer/>
- MPART Website tour:
  - <https://www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse/>
- Contact MDHHS Drinking Water Hotline at 800-648-6942.



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Questions?

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