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Conservation**
inspired by nature

Credit Valley Conservation's Real-Time Water Monitoring Network

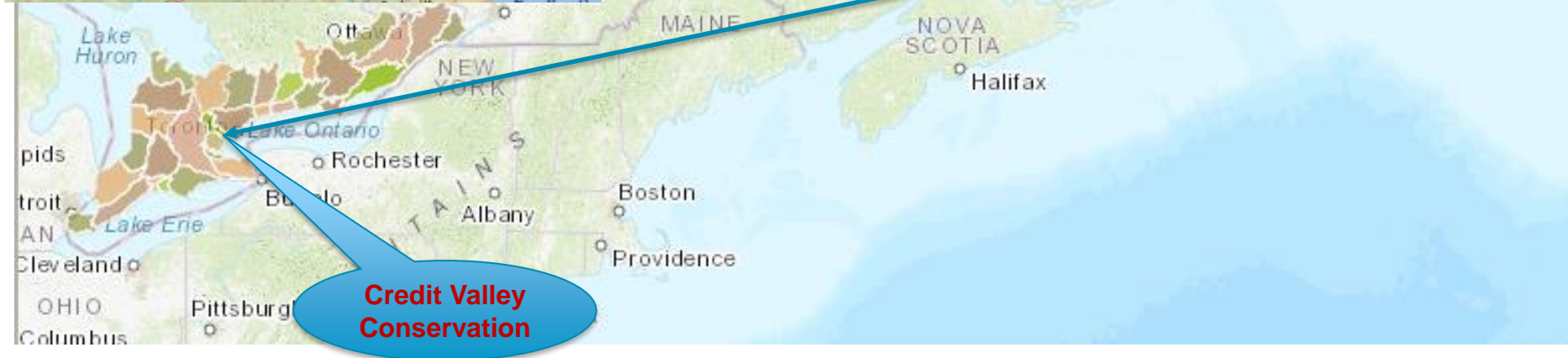
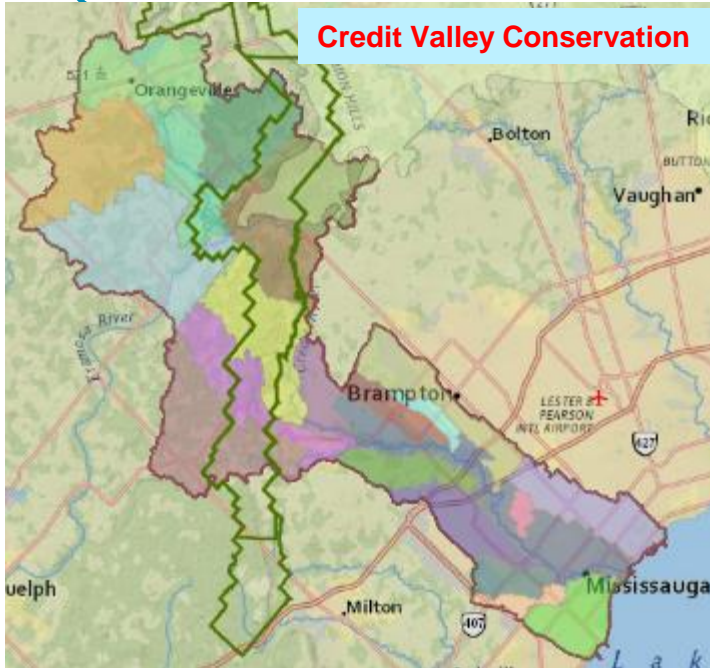
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About Credit Valley Conservation (www.CVC.ca)

Credit Valley Conservation



Water Quality



Water Quality – An Integrator of Many Disciplines

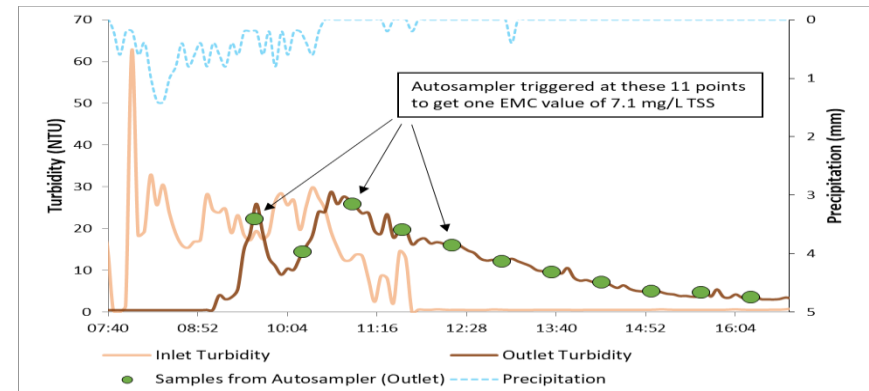
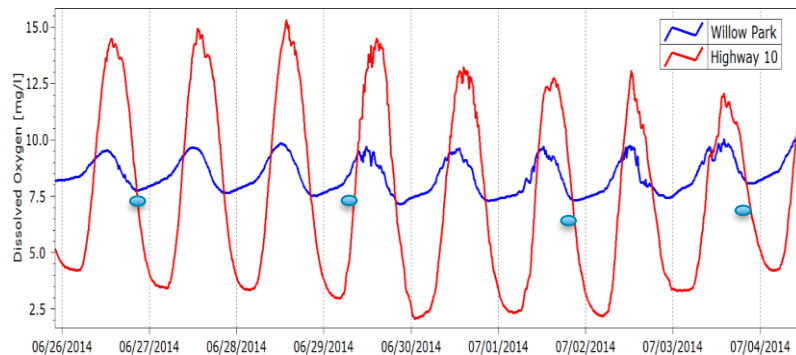


First Step to Evaluate Water Quality

-Monitoring-

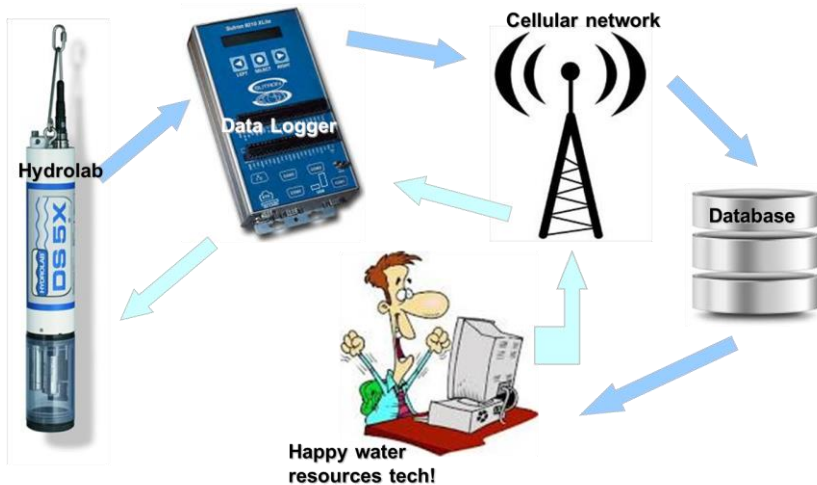


Journey from Traditional to Real-time WQ Monitoring

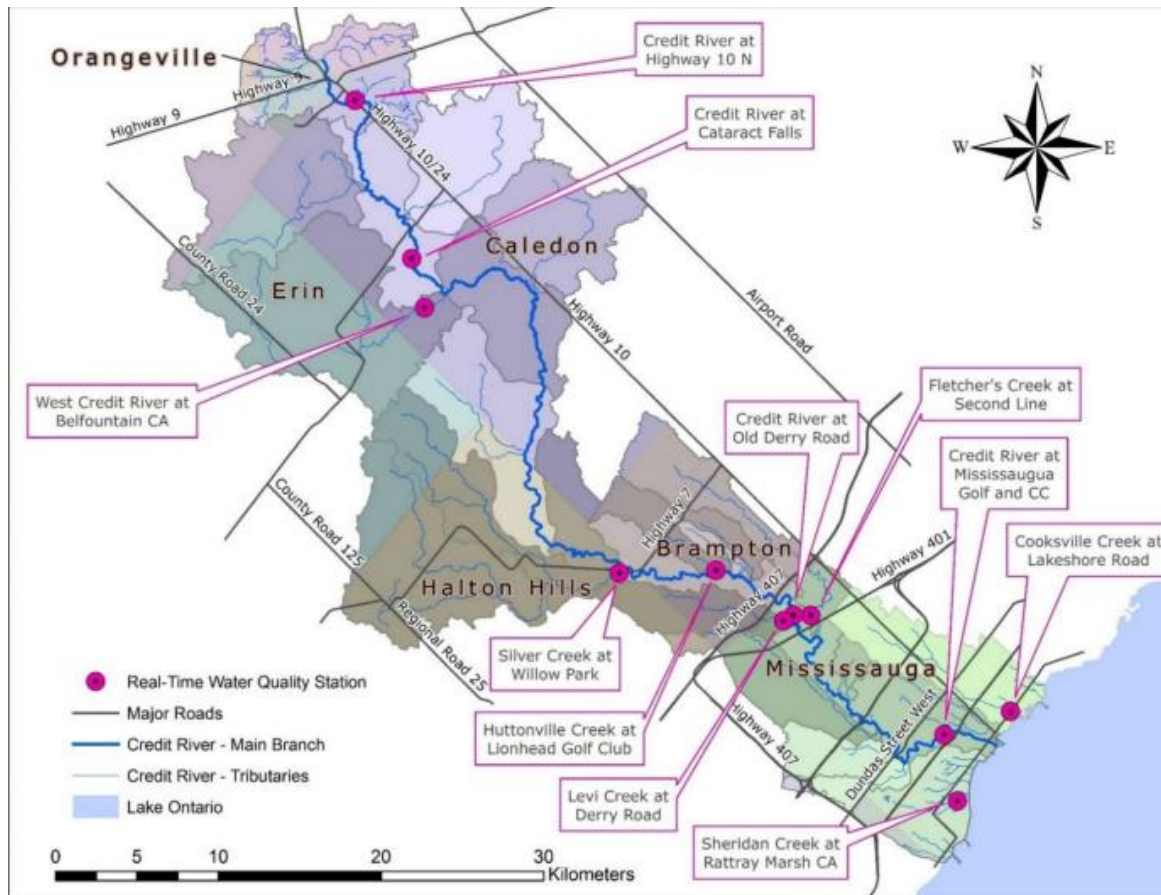


Thanks to Region of Peel for Funding the Real-time Water Quality Program

First Station Installed in **2009**



Eleven Stations Across CVC's Jurisdiction Installed between 2010-2013



Parameters

- Turbidity
- pH
- Dissolved Oxygen
- Chloride
- Conductivity
- Water Temperature
- Air Temperature
- Flow/water level

Data Available at: <https://cvc.ca/real-time-monitoring/>

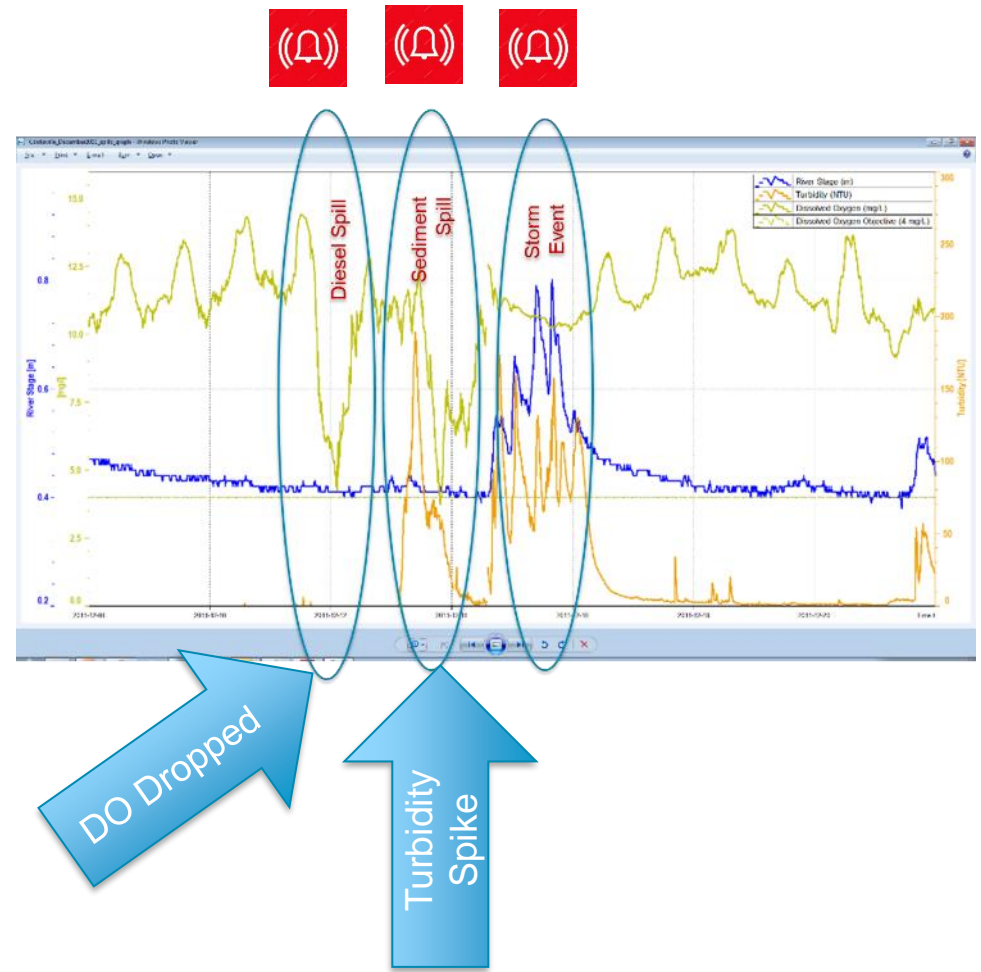
Some Unique Observations Recorded Since 2009



After first storm: August 2009

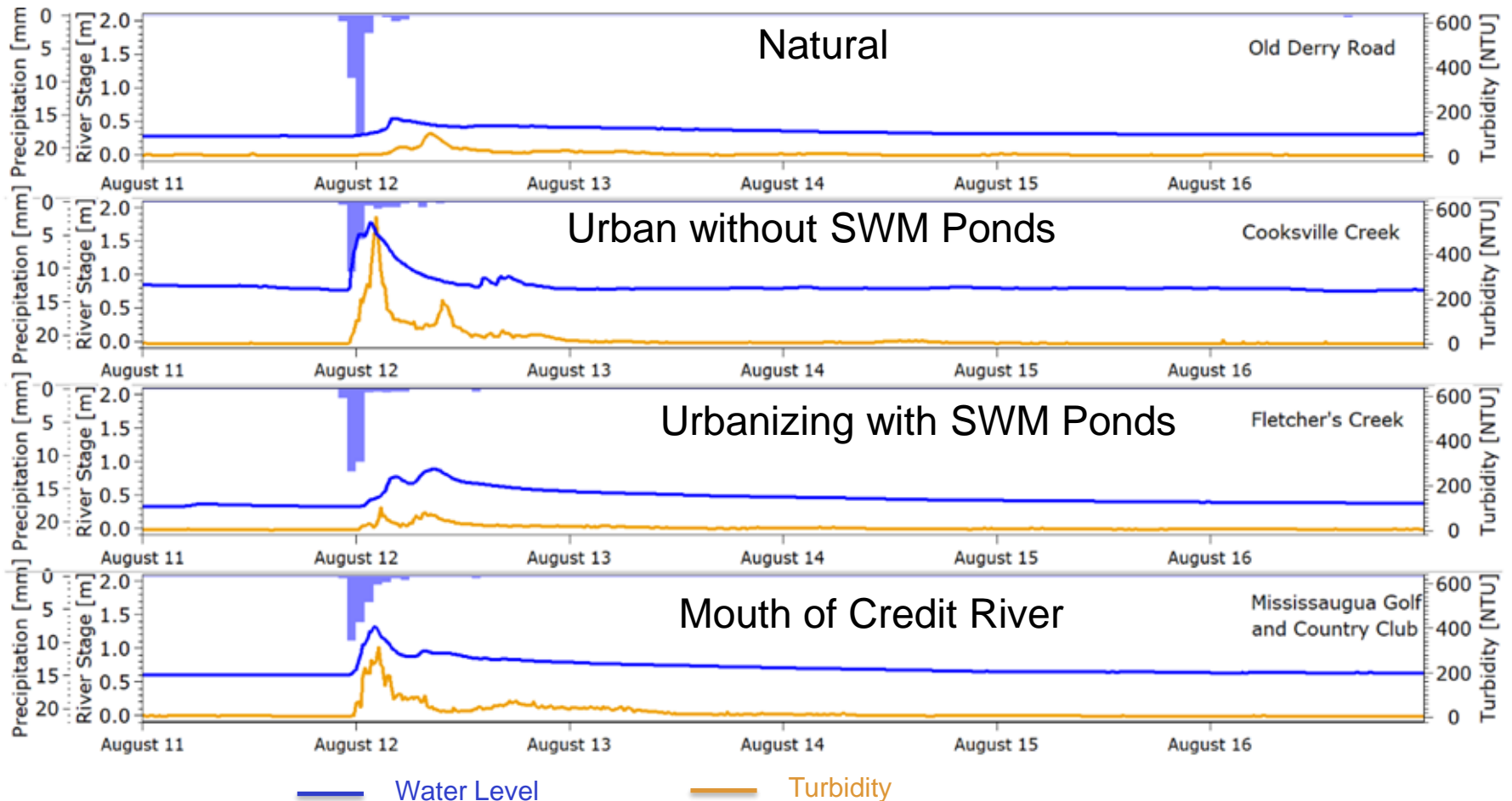


Spills Captured at Cooksville Creek Station



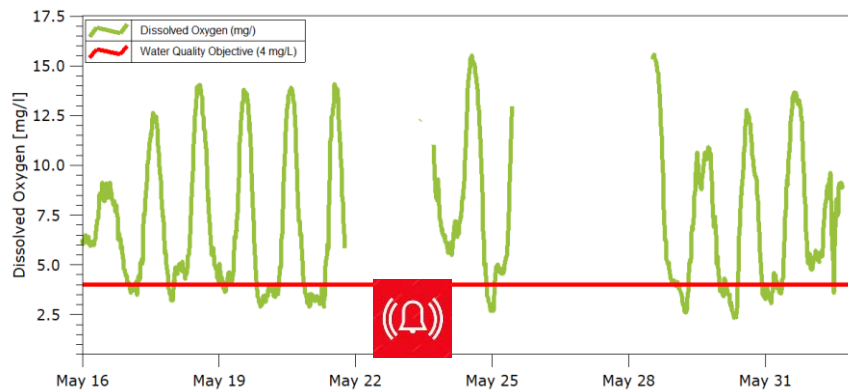
Flow and Turbidity Responses

Urban, Urbanizing and Natural Catchments

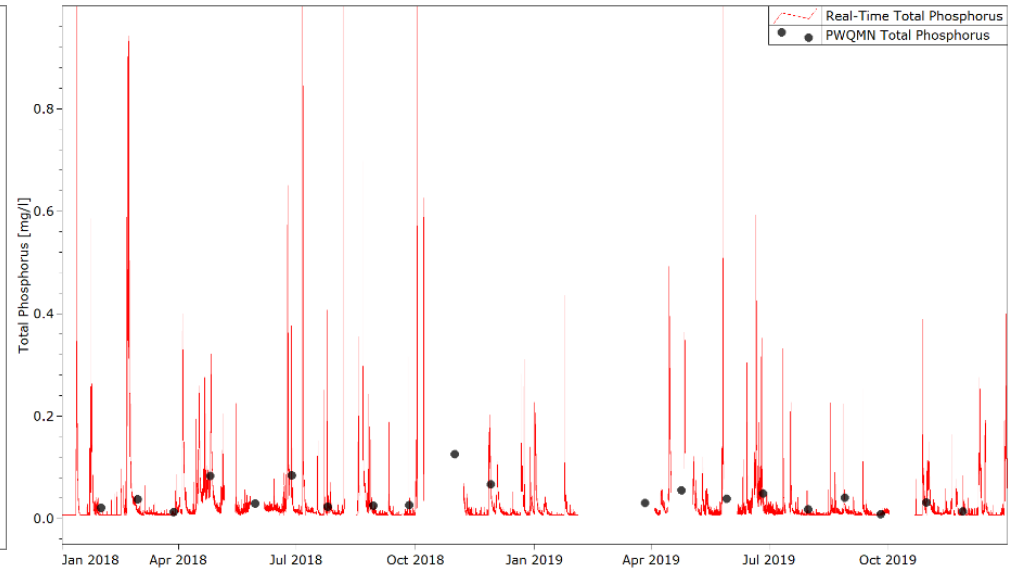
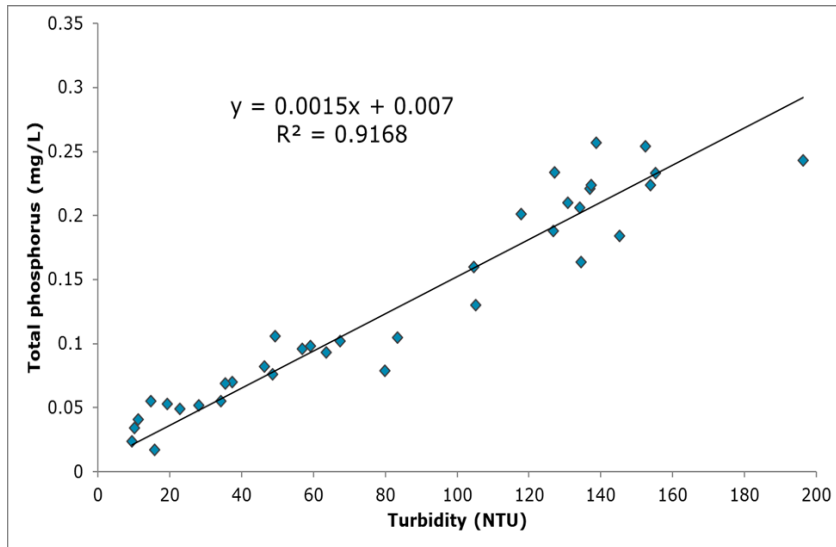


Algae Bloom – Reflecting Climate Change

High Dissolved Oxygen Diurnal Variation

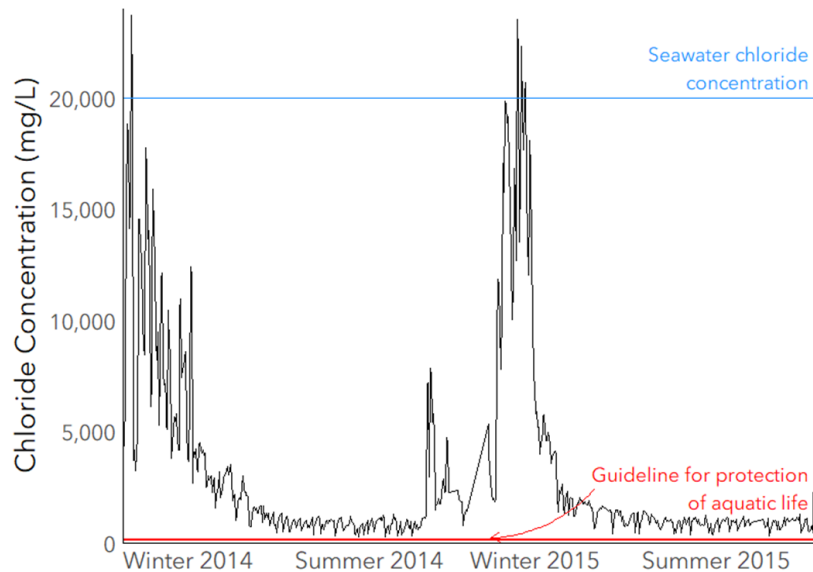


Capturing Event Turbidity for Estimating TSS and TP Loadings

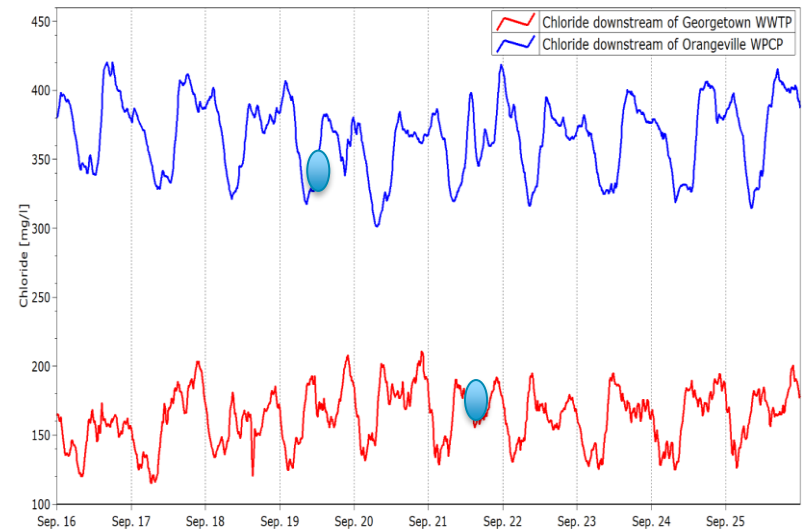


And of course, Eye Opening Chloride Concentrations Captured

Cooksville Creek Chloride Concentration

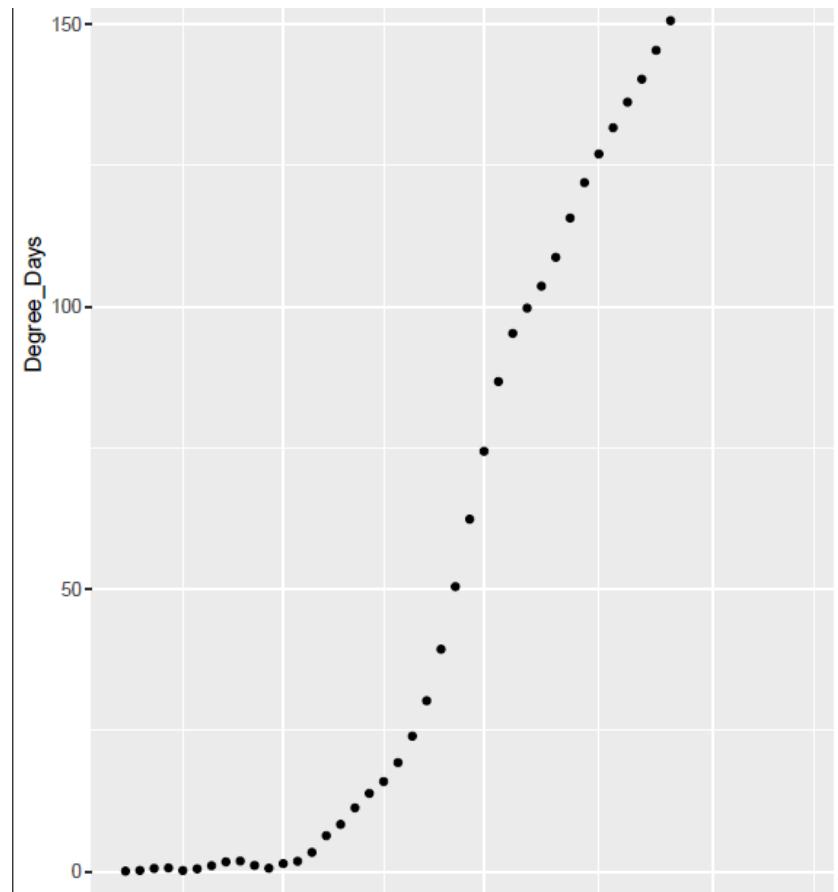


Diurnal Variation in **Chloride** Due to Water Softeners

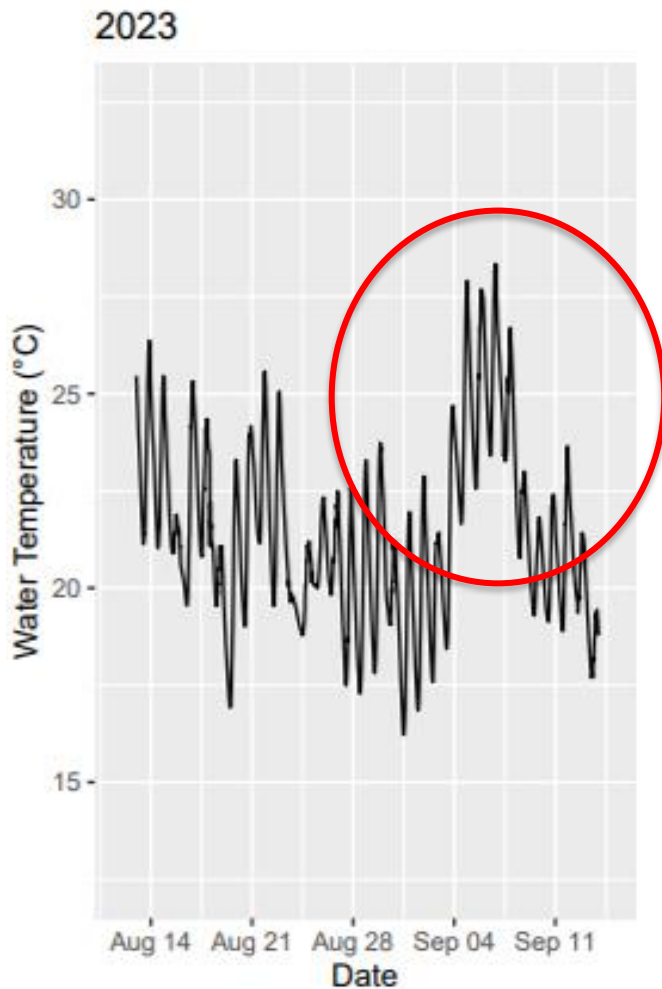


Supporting Redside Dace Research – Degree Days

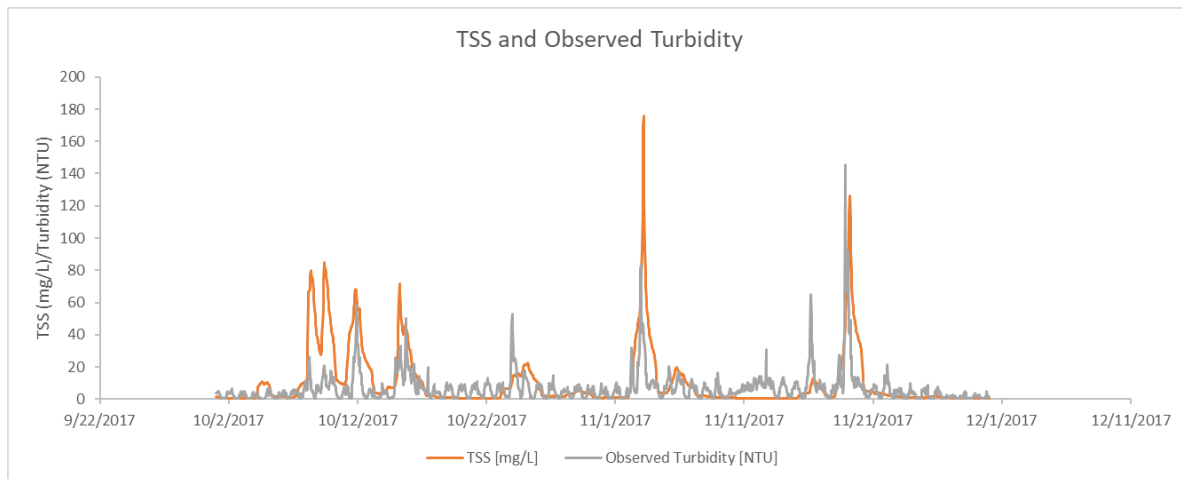
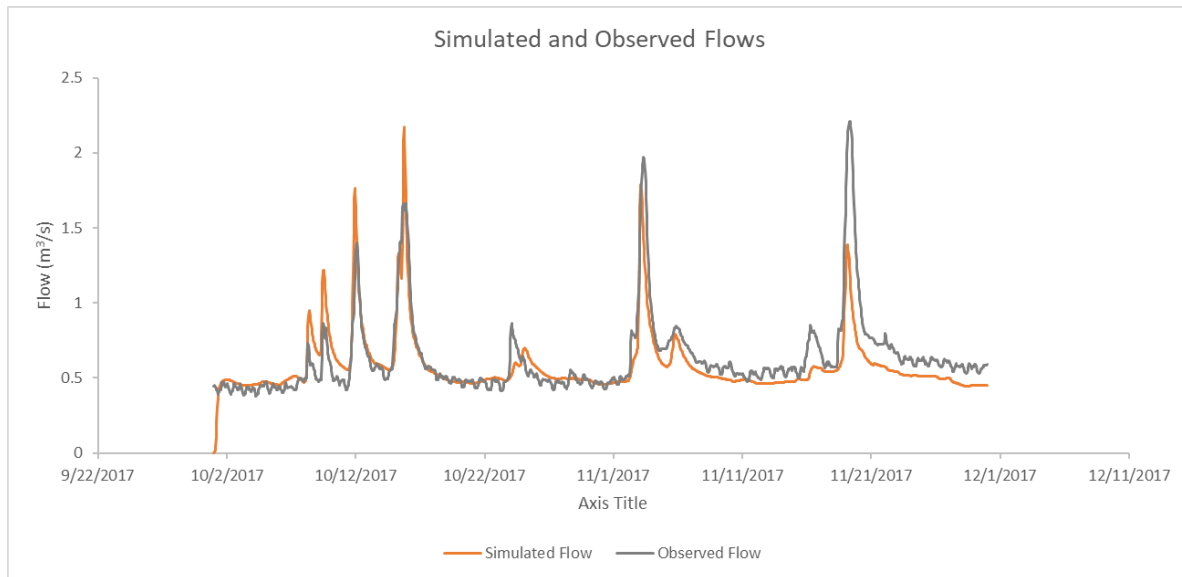
Identifying spawning period
initiation



High fall temperature and Chinook Salmon



We use this Real-time data for model calibrations



Data Hosting and QA/AC




We are using KISTERS Wiski since 2013



Data Quality Assurance Quality Control



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RTWQ Network Operation

The real-time water quality (RTWQ) response program operates a network of 11 real-time water quality monitoring stations. The program was established in 2010 with the broad goal of using real-time technology to gain a comprehensive understanding of watershed stressors including climate change and land-use change.

The real time water quality network accomplishes this by collecting high temporal resolution data for key water quality indicators. Additional benefits of the program include identifying spills, understanding seasonal and diurnal variations in water quality, estimating pollutants loads to Lake Ontario, and developing tools and models

This Wiki will guide CVC staff and other stakeholders through the operations of the RTWQ network. Follow the links below and the table at the bottom of each page to navigate through the documents.

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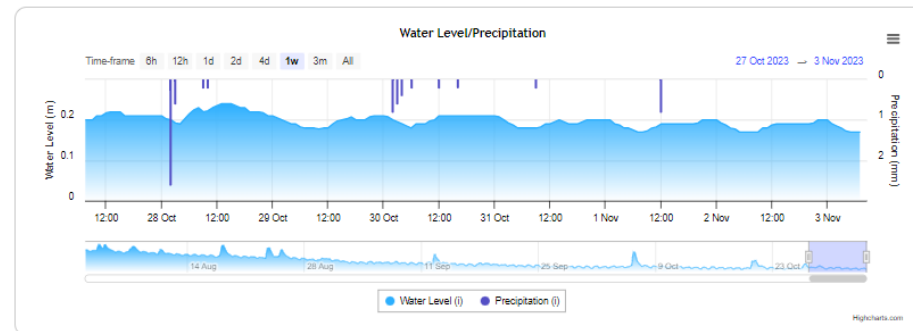
4.1.2.2 Turbidity and Water Level QAQC

4.1.2.3 Specific Conductivity and Chloride QAQC

Real-time data is available to the public on our website

Credit River at Highway 10 N

Station Number: 8190005
Station Type: Water Quality
Municipality: Caledon
Agency/Owner: n/a



Dissolved Oxygen

pH

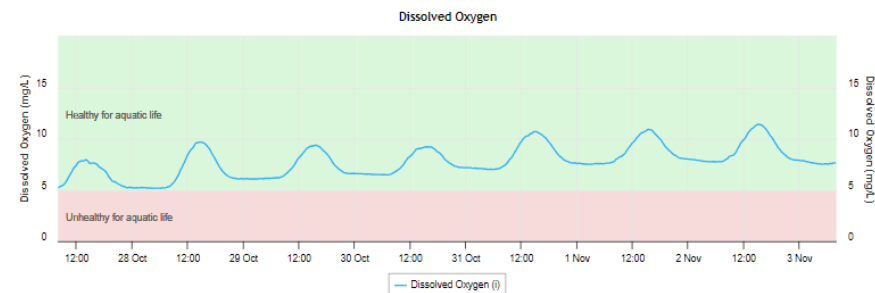
Temperature

Chloride

Specific Conductivity

Turbidity

All Parameters



How to read this chart

The blue line shows the amount of dissolved oxygen in the water. The vertical axis shows dissolved oxygen in milligrams per litre. The horizontal axis shows time. Measurements are taken every 15 minutes.

The green shaded area shows the healthy range of dissolved oxygen values according to provincial water quality guidelines for the protection of aquatic life. The red shaded area shows dissolved oxygen values that are outside of this range and could be harmful for long durations. Dissolved oxygen is heavily influenced by water temperature.

<https://cvc.ca/real-time-monitoring/>

What is coming!!

10-Year Report

The Real-Time Water Quality team (RTWQ) is preparing a 10-year report to summarize continuous, real-time data collected at our monitoring stations.

Parameters

The parameters that will be examined in this report include:

- Water temperature

Software

All data analysis is completed in R, using data extracted from the online KiWIS server. Information for this project is stored in the W drive, at the following location - W:\RTWQ\project_DataAnalysis\10-YrReport\KiWIS_query_KHH. All **scripts** used in the analysis are in the folder "scr" and the raw data files extracted from KiWIS web query service are located in the "data" folder.

Data extraction

RTWQ data is stored in WISKI. The data used in the 10-year report is extracted from KiWIS, an online server that allows you to access data stored in WISKI. Data is extracted from KiWIS via the **CVC_Kisters_API_query_KHH_v2.R** script in R. You can also access the same data through the **online KiWIS server**, following these instructions. However, loading the data through R is more efficient, as multiple datasets for different stations can be extracted at once. It is also easier to perform data interpolation, perform calculations on large volumes of data, extract other metrics from the data, and graph the data once it is in R.

Questions

