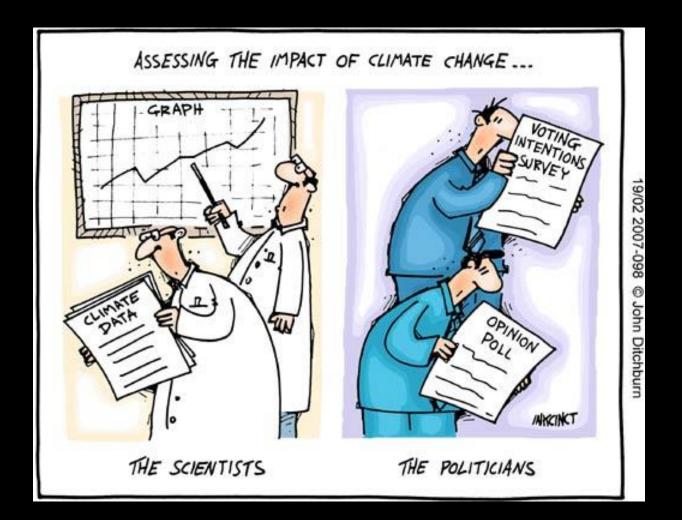
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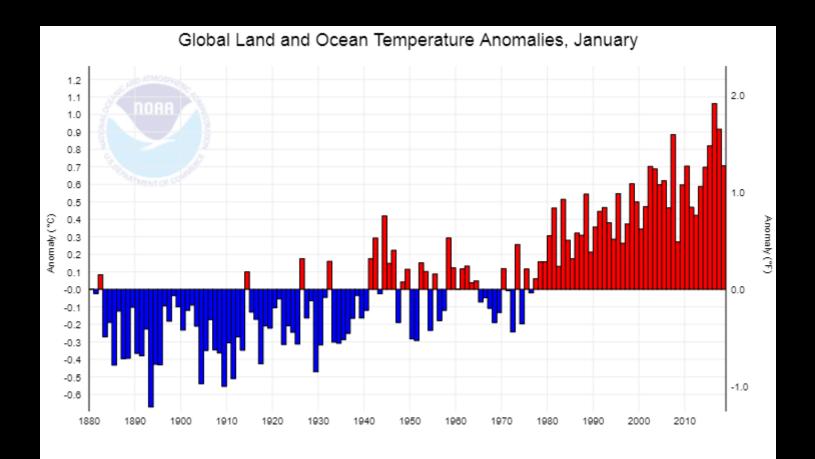


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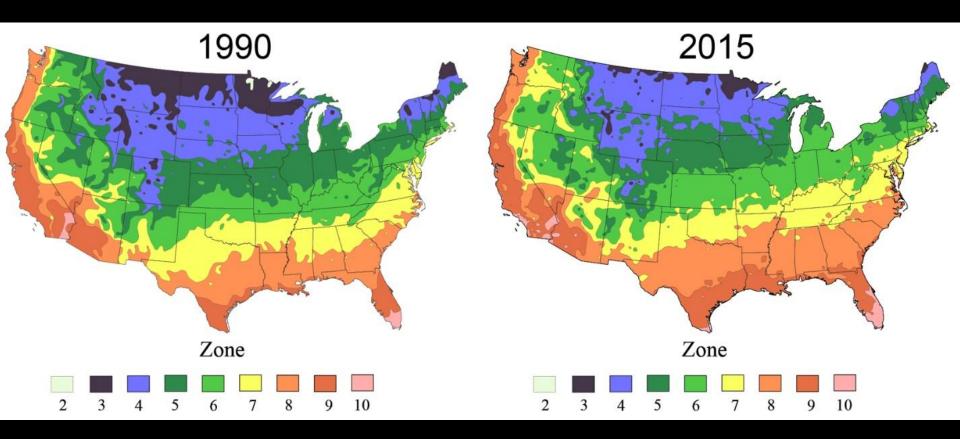


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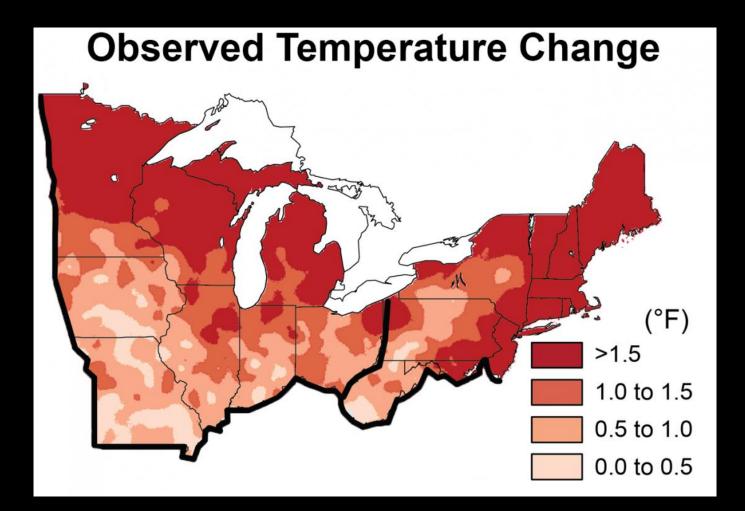
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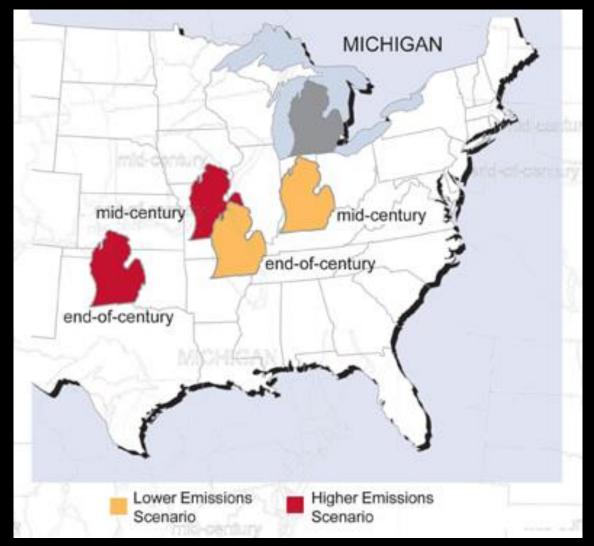
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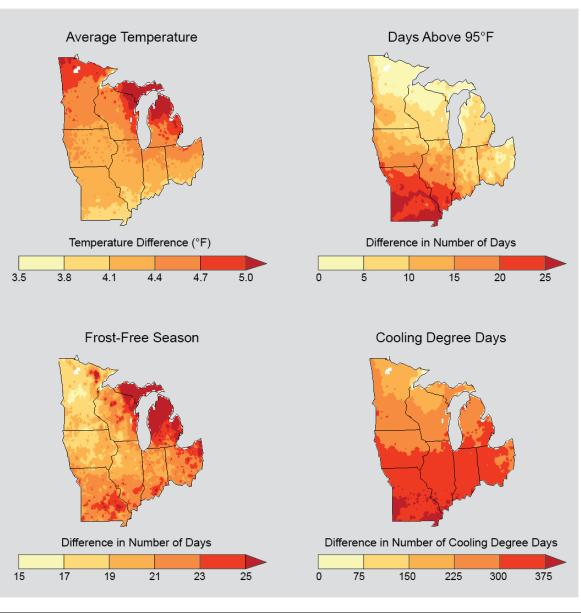
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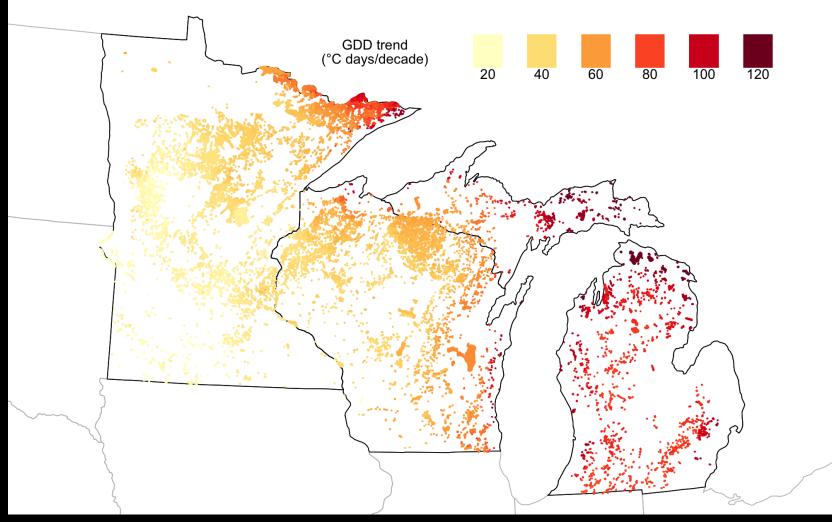
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Projected mid-century changes in temperature for the Midwestern U.S. Figure source: Third National Climate Assessment: Chapter 18: Midwest.

Lake Temperature Change 1979-2015

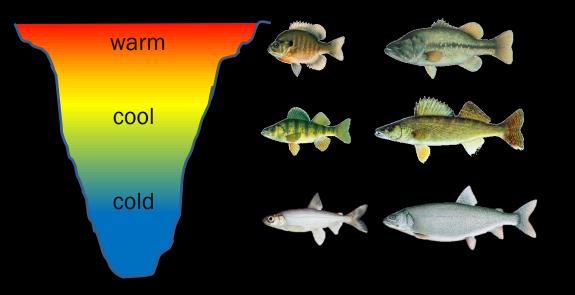


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Climate Change Effects on Lakes

- Increased period of stratification
- Reduced dissolved oxygen
- Reduced ice cover
- Biota

Potential Effects on Fishes



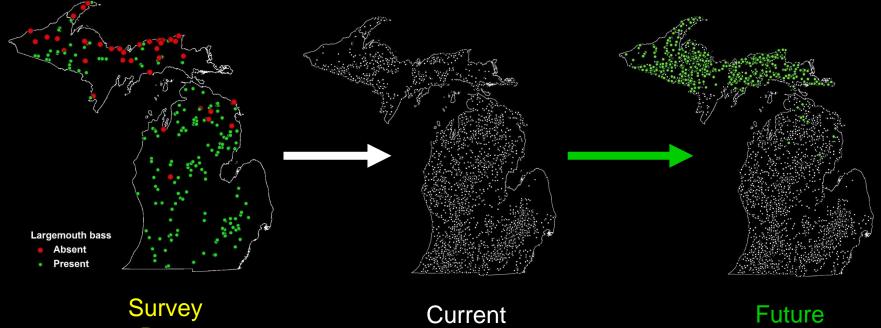
- Habitat suitability
- Growth
- Spawning

Assessing Climate Change Effects on Lake Fishes in Michigan

Needs

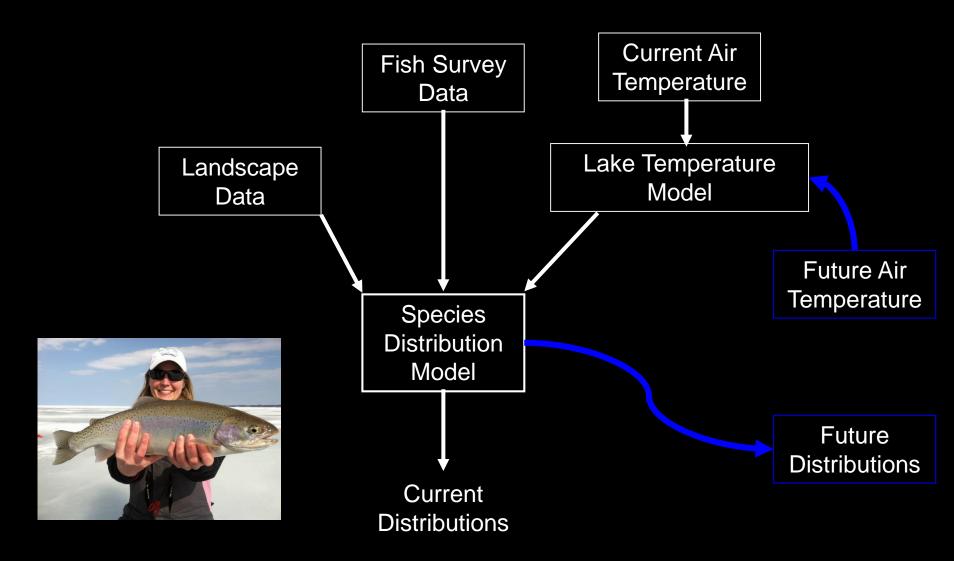
- How will lake temperatures and fish species respond?
- What lakes and fish species are sensitive/resileint to change?

Species Distribution Modeling

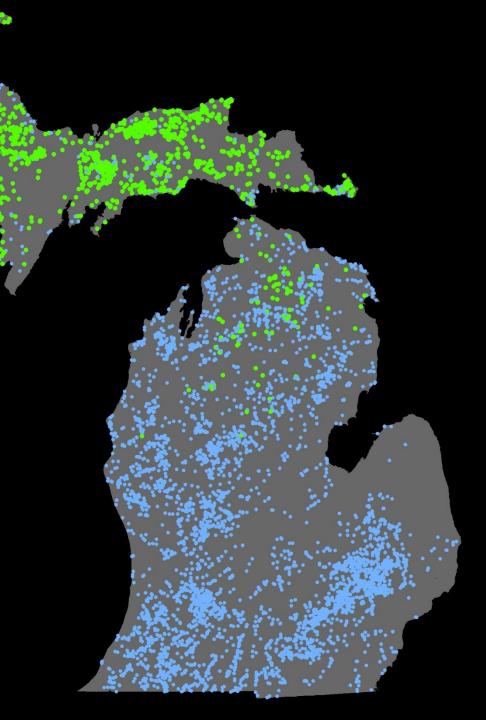


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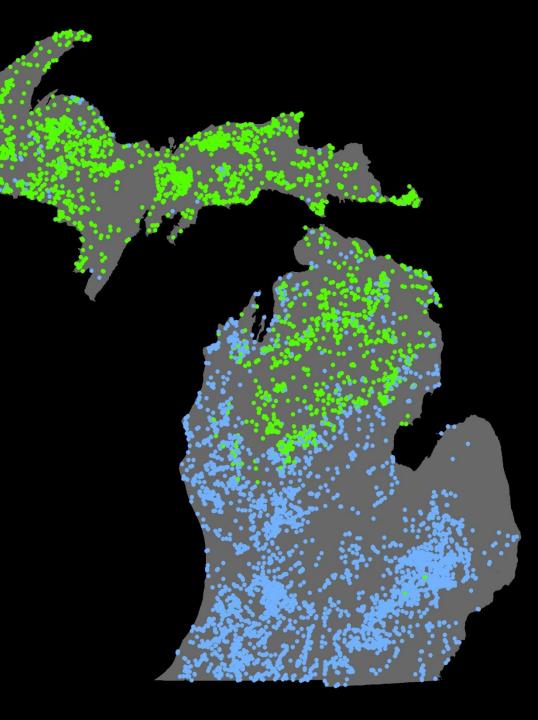
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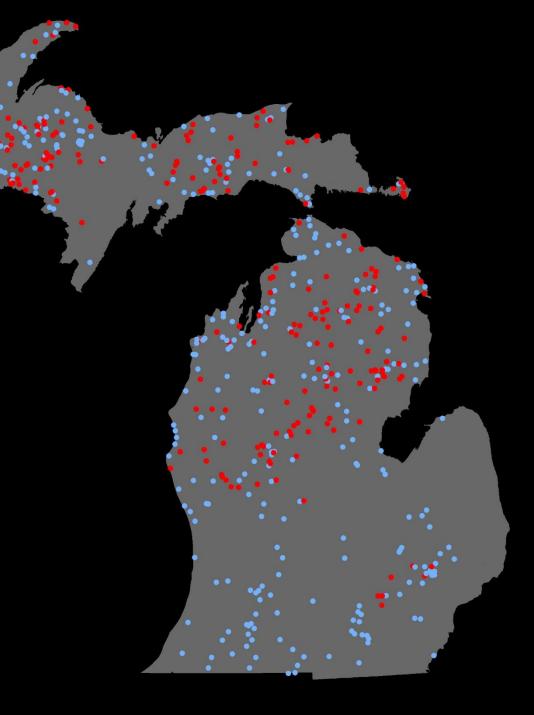
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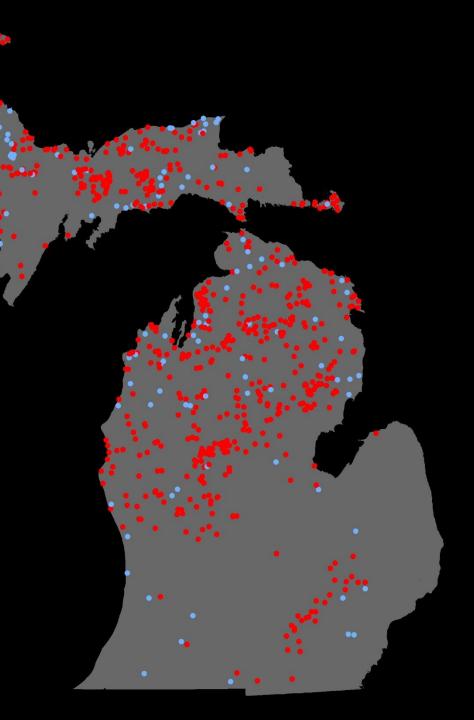
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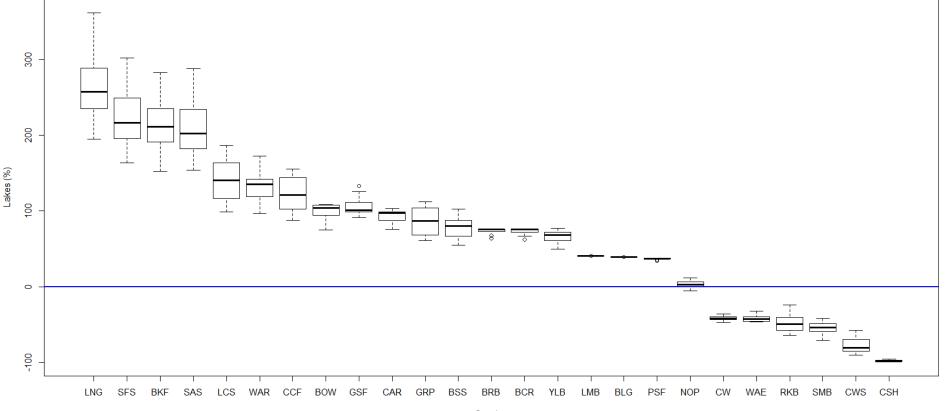




White Sucker







Species

Species Changes

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A Framework for Assessing Conditions and Prioritizing Actions in the Midwest Glacial Lakes Fish Habitat Partnership

Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership

• ~40,000 lakes



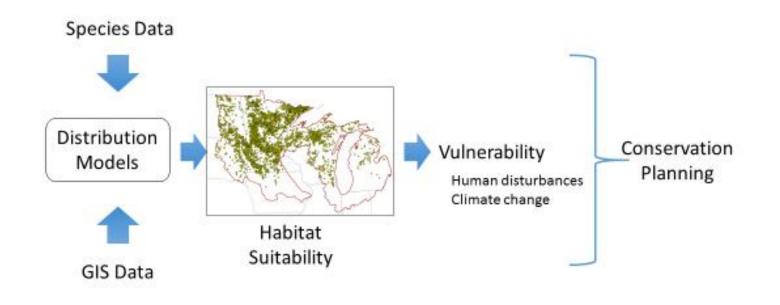


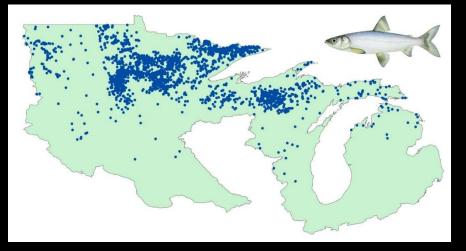
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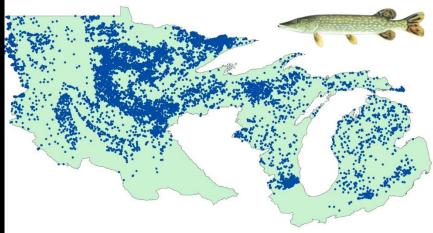
- Types and location of waters
- Condition and resiliency
- Prioritizing actions and funding

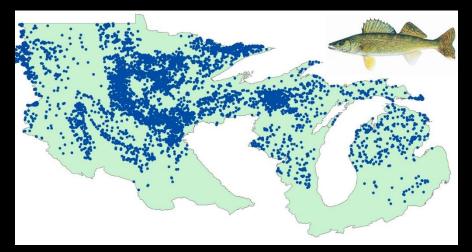


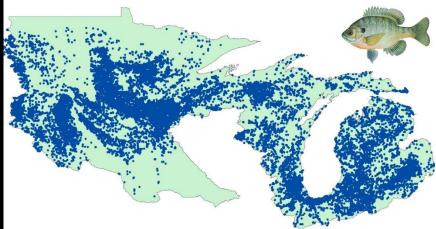
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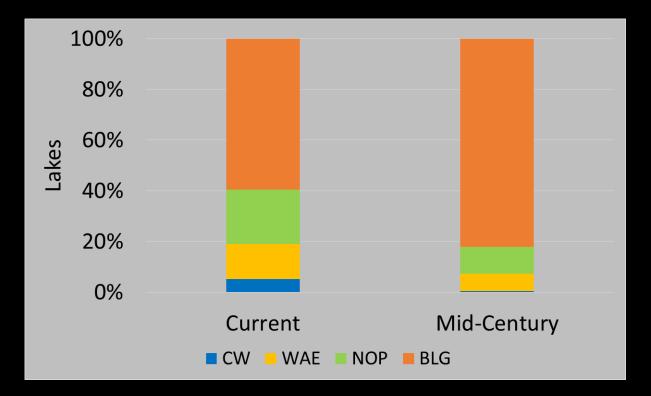






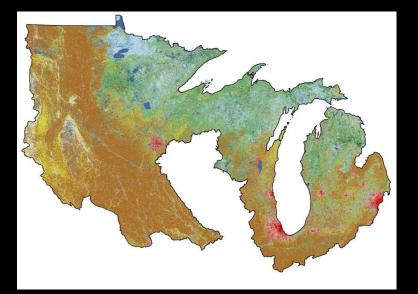


Assessing Climate Change



Assessing Human Disturbance

• Ag+Urban in lake catchment





Assessing Protection

• Protected lands in 100m buffer





Prioritization

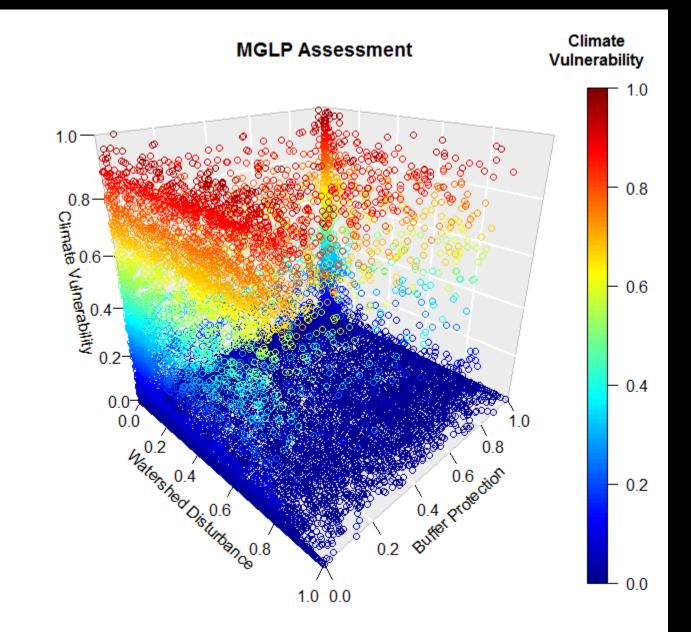


Strategies Matrix

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	Vigilance	Restoration Opportunity	Achieve Realistic goals
	Protection Opportunity	Best Mgt Practices	Achieve Realistic goals

Ag + Development in Catchment







What else are we doing?

- Aquatic Habitat Grant Program
- Wildlife Action Plan
- Monitoring for change
- Additional research



