

The Thermal Impacts of Storm Water on a Cold Water Resource

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Luna B. Leopold, c. 1971.

“The health of our waters is the principal measure of how we live on the land.”

-Luna Leopold

WELCOME to RIVER FALLS



"The City on the Kinni"

WHERE LIFE KEEPS GETTING BETTER AND BETTER



Stormwater Discharge at Division Street



Wet Detention Pond at Division Street



Stormwater Discharge at Maple Street



Stormwater Discharge to South Fork of the Kinni

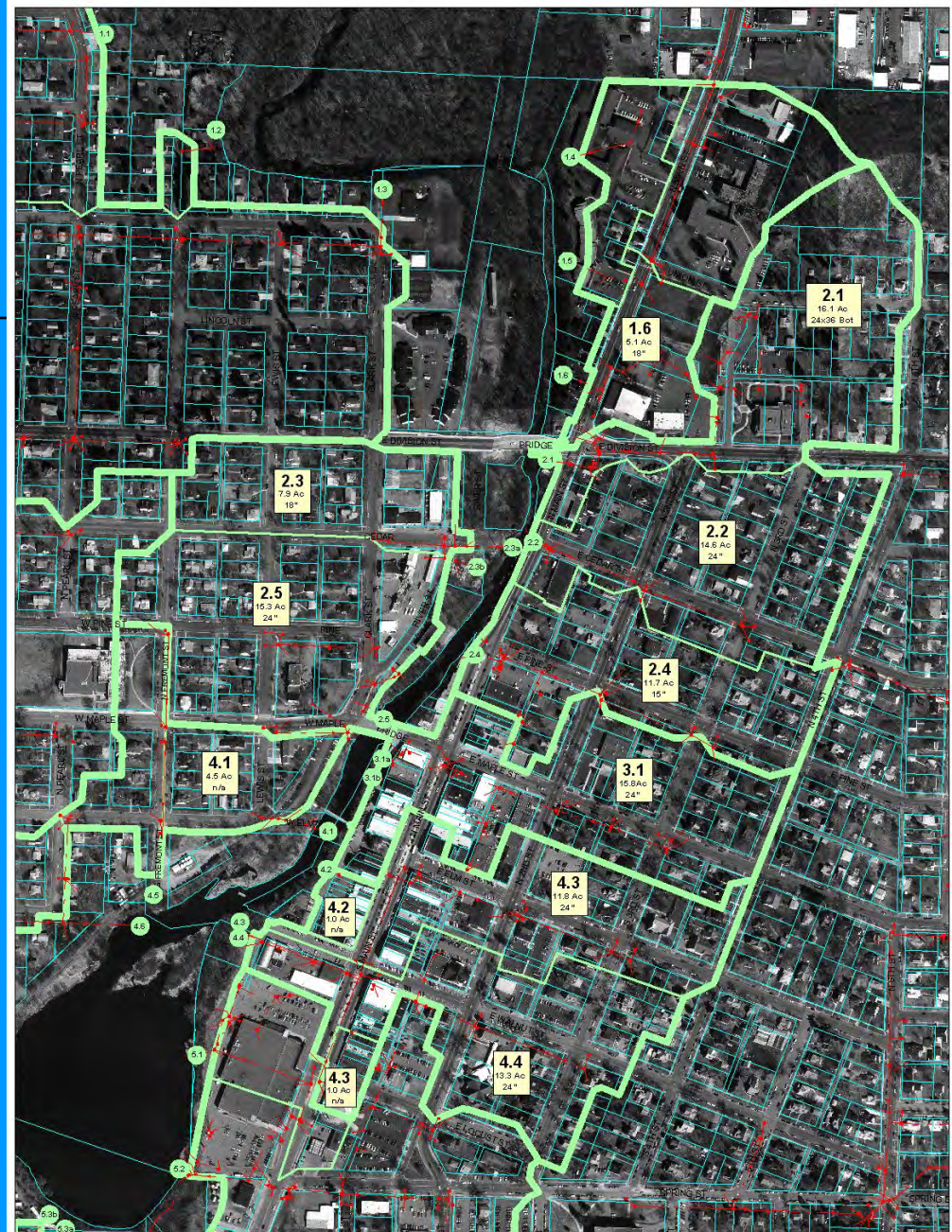


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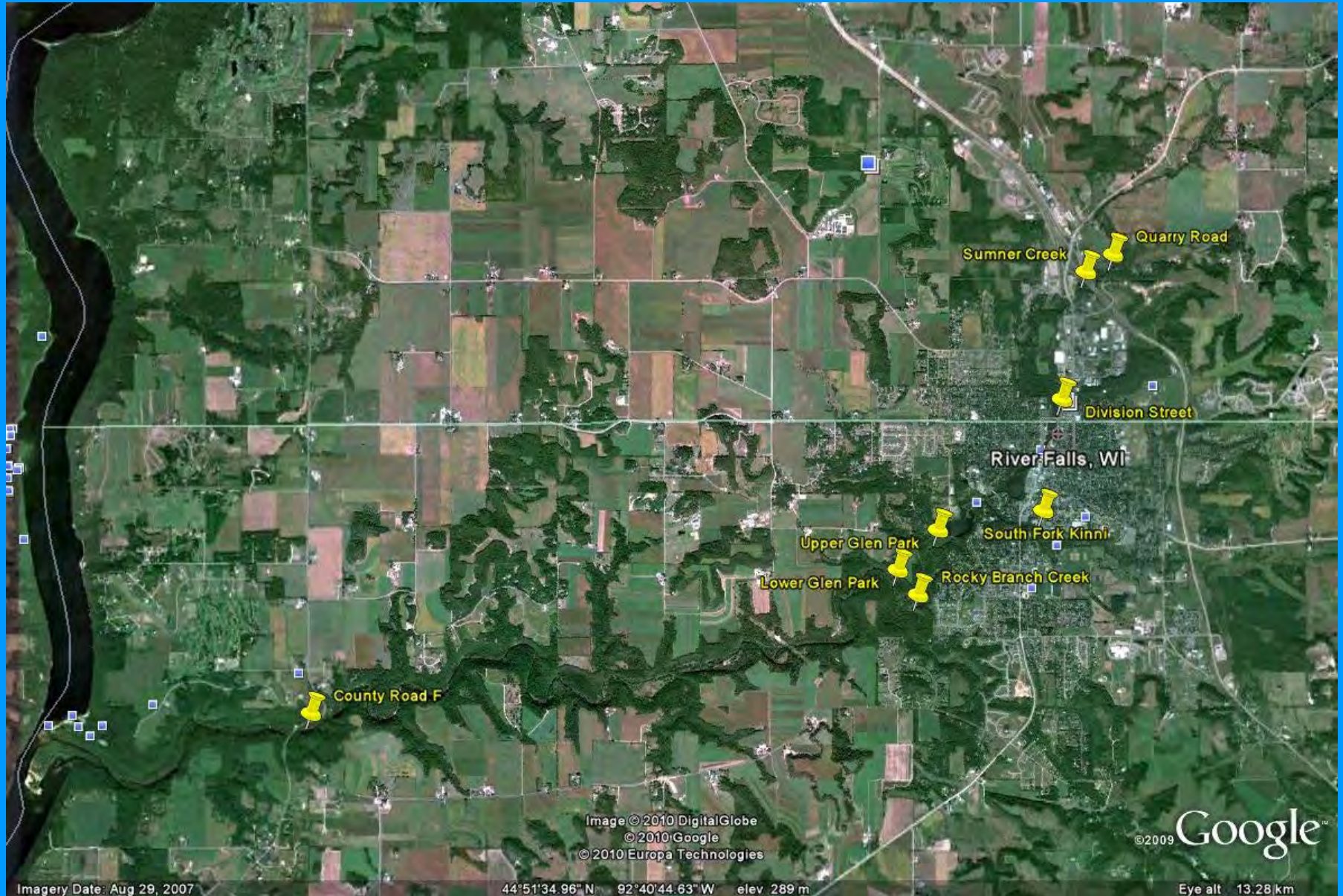
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- Remainder (36 acres, 20 impervious) drain to Lake George



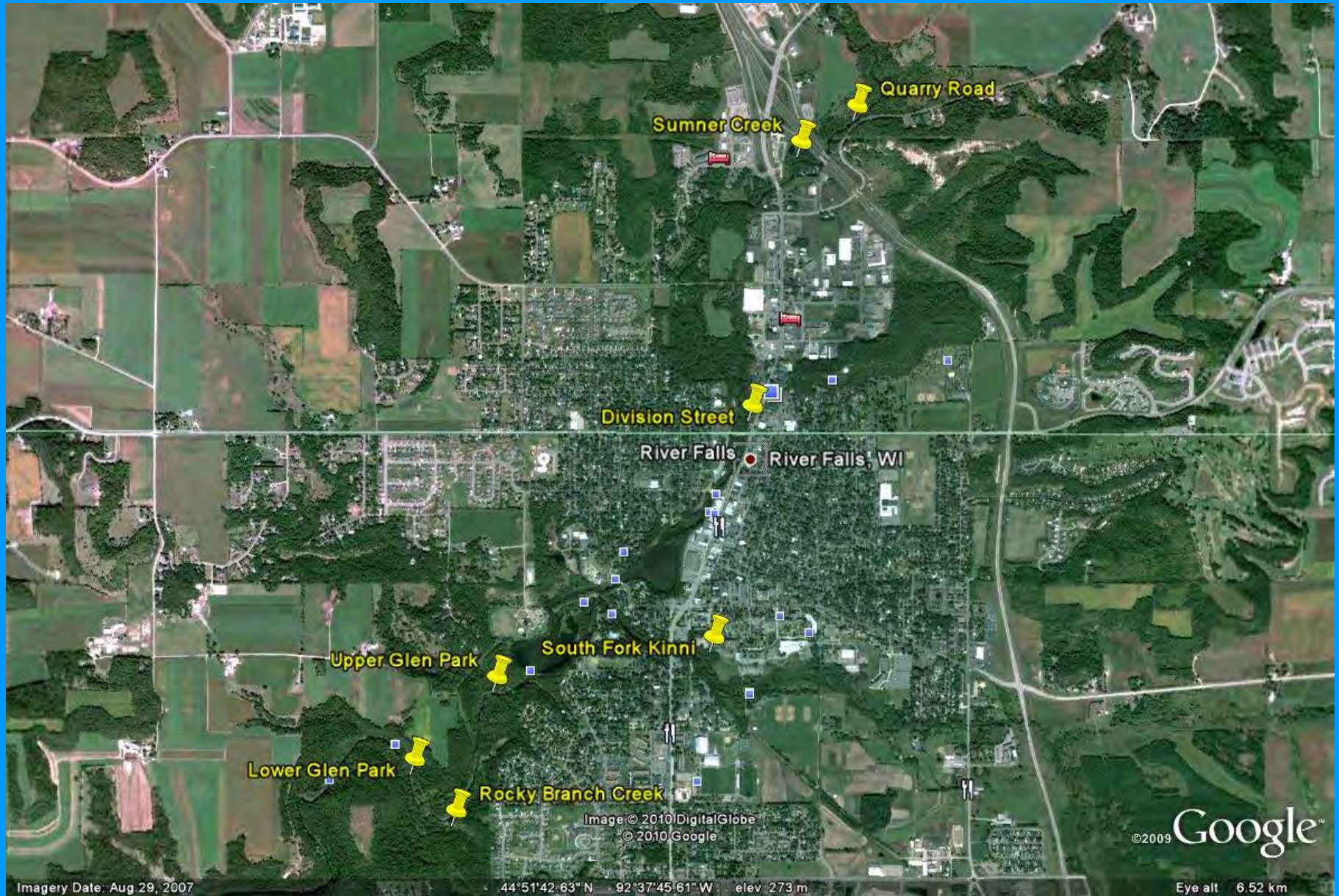
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Thermal Monitoring Instrumentation



Typical Thermal Monitoring Station



Monitoring Station with Camouflage



Monitoring Station with Homeland Security

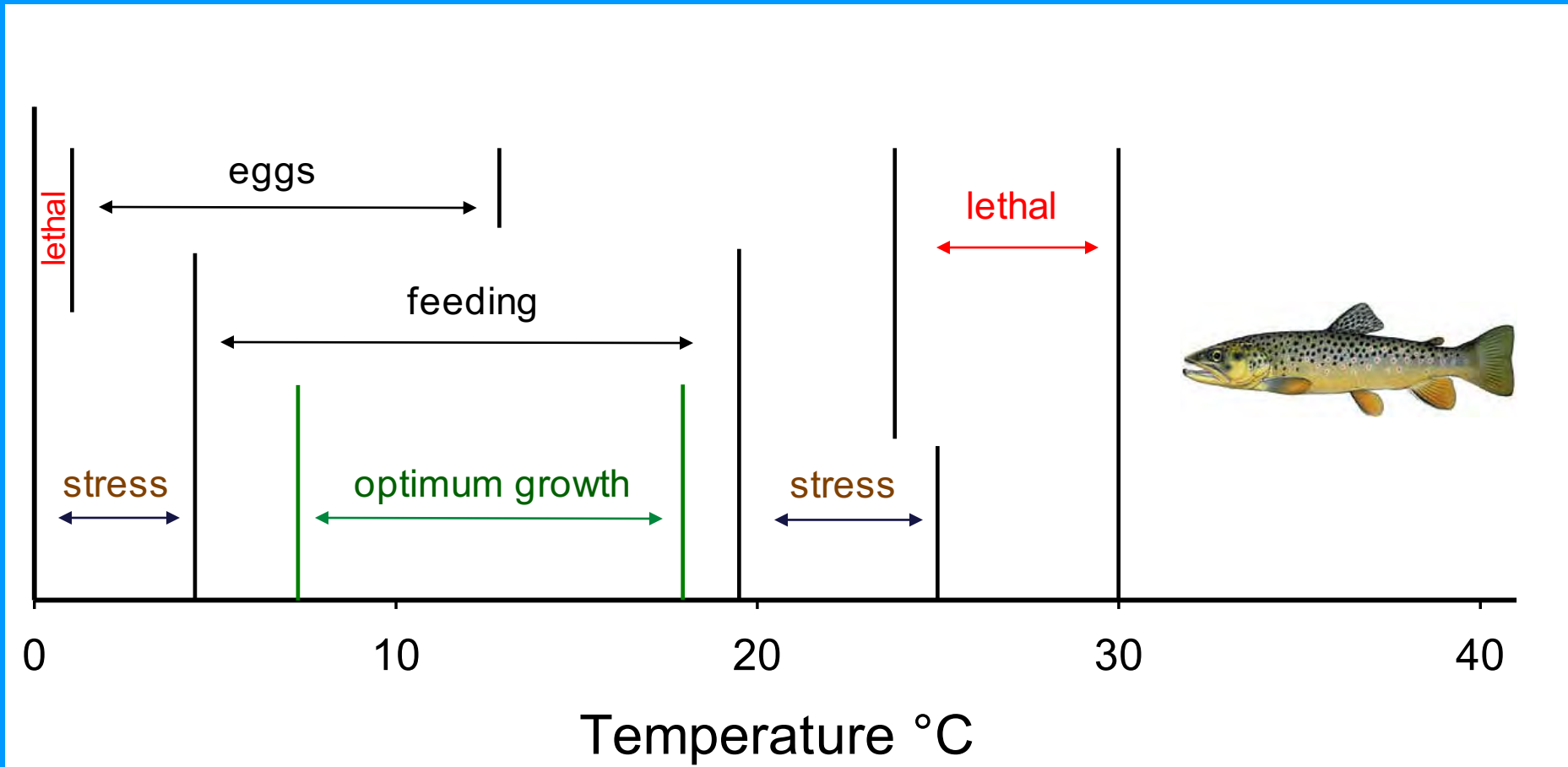


Thermal Preferences of Brown Trout for Survival and Growth (Armour, 1994)



- Physiological Optimum: 17.0 C (12.0 – 20.0 C)
- Growth Optimum: 16.4 C (7.0 – 19.0 C)
- Zero Net Gain Range: 19.5 – 21.2 C
(No Growth; Survival = Mortality)
- Visible Thermal Stress: 19 – 30 C
Lower Value: Avoidance, restlessness, disturbing temperature
Upper Value: Maximum survival temperature for brief periods
- Upper Ultimate Incipient Lethal Temperature: 25 – 30 C
- Critical Thermal Maximum: 29.8

Thermal Preferences of Brown Trout



Elliott, J. M. 1994. Quantitative Ecology and the Brown Trout. Oxford University Press, New York.

Thermal Preferences of Macroinvertebrates

(Galli, 1990)

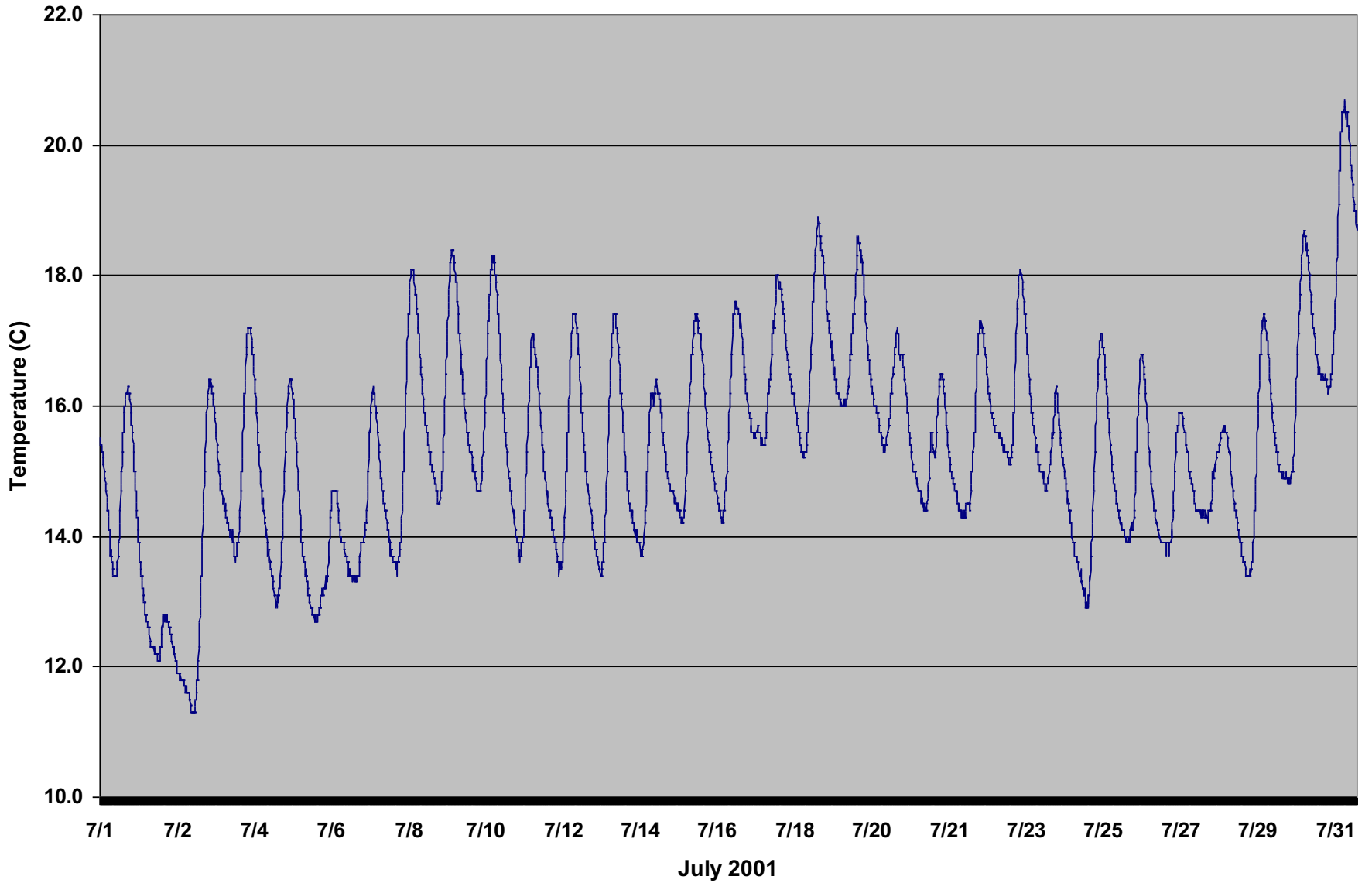


Macroinvertebrates serve as a major food source for trout, and are an integral part of the normal energy and organic material processing system in streams

- Many aquatic insects (esp. mayflies) require a fluctuating diurnal temperature regime
- Temperatures > 17 C exceed the optimum for many stoneflies, mayflies, and caddisflies
- Temperatures > 21 C can severely stress most coldwater macroinvertebrates
- Upper Limiting Temperatures:
 - Stoneflies: 13 – 20 C
 - Mayflies: 12 - < 25 C
 - Caddisflies: 20 – 35 C
- Because of temperature regime alteration, temperature-sensitive or thermally-cued macroinvertebrates are often reduced or eliminated below impoundments, leaving only types with broad tolerance ranges

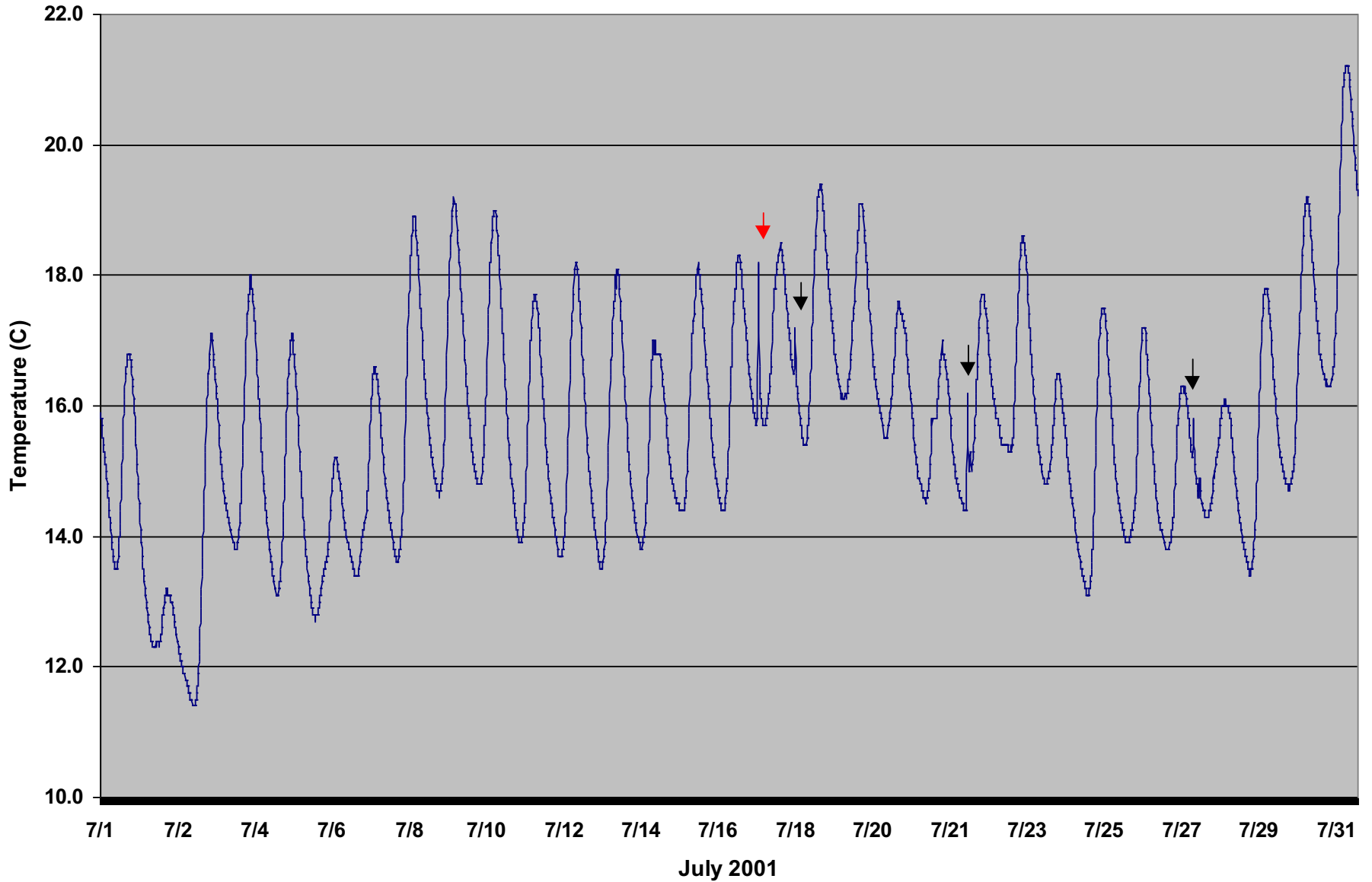
Kinni at Quarry Road

Quarry Road



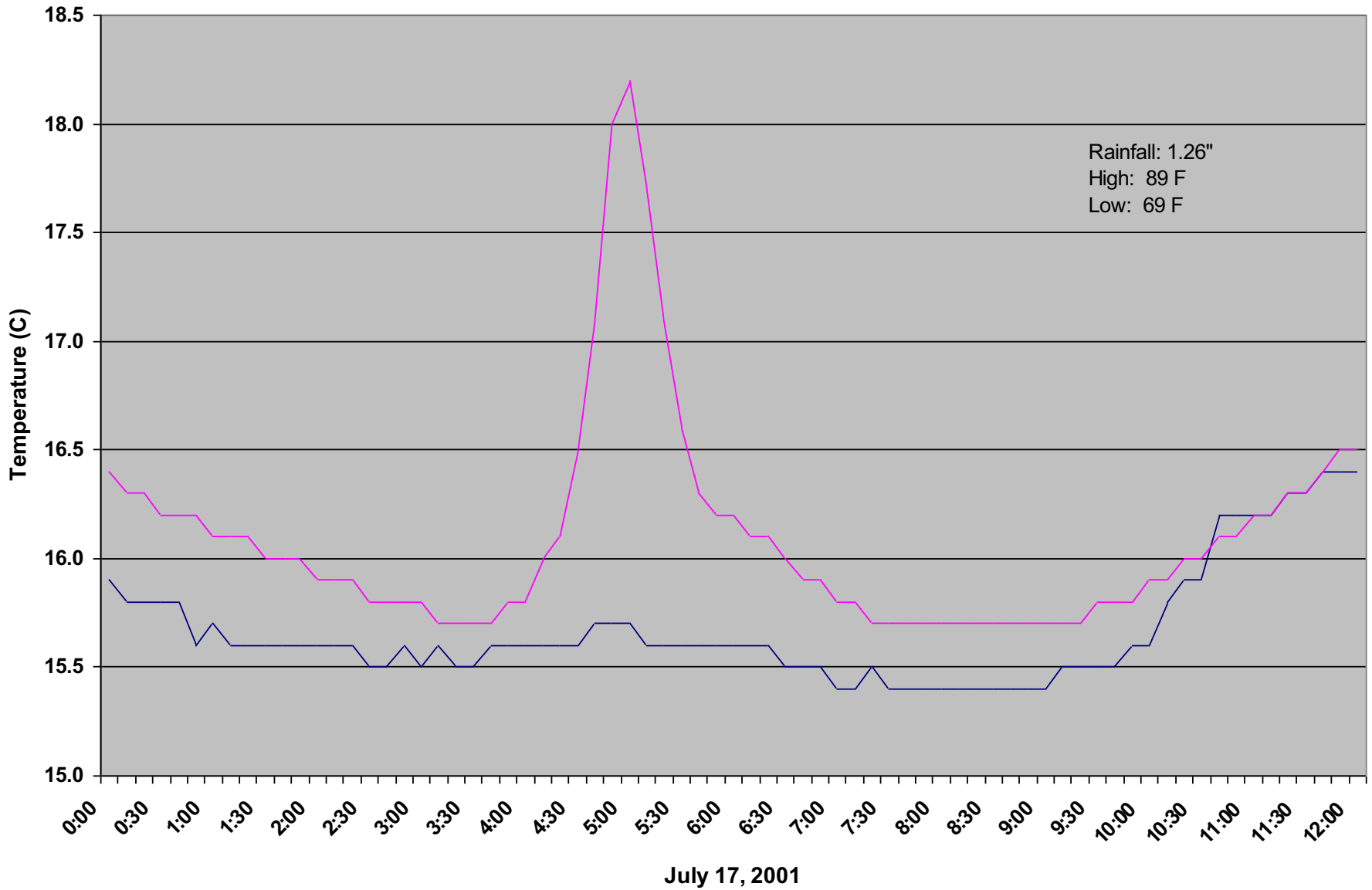
Kinni at Division Street

— Division Street

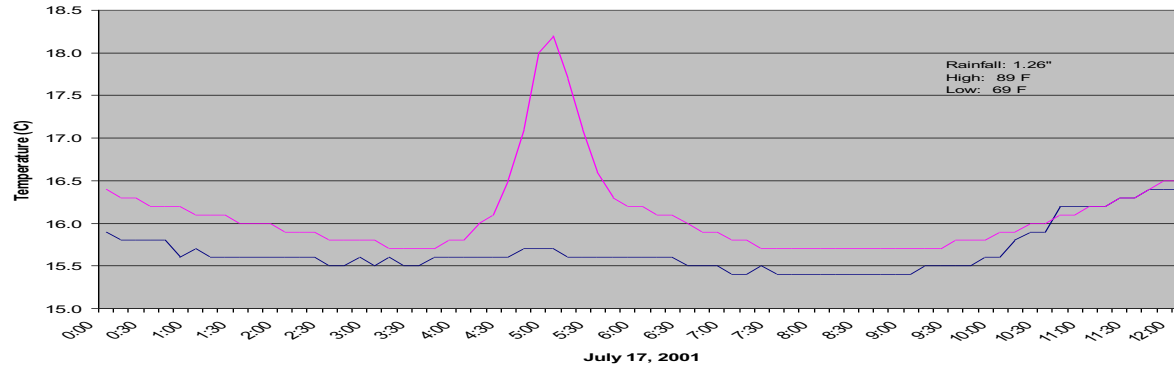


Stormwater-Induced Thermal Spike

— Quarry Road — Division Street



Dynamics of a Thermal Spike



- Antecedent air temperature
- Antecedent pavement temperature
- Timing of rainfall
- Total amount of rainfall
- Intensity of rainfall
- Duration of rainfall

Biological Impacts of a Thermal Spike



Brown Trout (EPA, 1977; Elliot, 1981; Armour, 1994):

- Critical Thermal Maximum: 29.8
- Upper Ultimate Incipient Lethal Temperature: 25 - 30 C
- Maximum temperature for 24-hr. exposure: 24 C
- Maximum temperature for 10-30 min. exposure: 27 - 28 C
- Juvenile fish are far more susceptible to thermal shock
- Temperature changes of less than 0.5 C can be detected; avoidance possible given suitable thermal regime in vicinity

Assessing the Impact of Urban Stormwater Temperature on Brown Trout*



- Maximum daily mean temperatures: ≤ 22 °C
- Maximum temperature for 1-hour exposure (with a safety margin for 100% survival): 25 °C
- Rapid temperature change at the beginning of a rain event must not exceed 7 °C
- Fish-egg development requires daily maximum temperature in winter to be < 12 °C

*Rossi, L. and R. Hari. 2007. Screening procedure to assess the impact of urban stormwater temperature to populations of Brown Trout in receiving water. *Integrated Environmental Assessment and Management* 3(3): 383-392.

Biological Impacts of a Thermal Spike

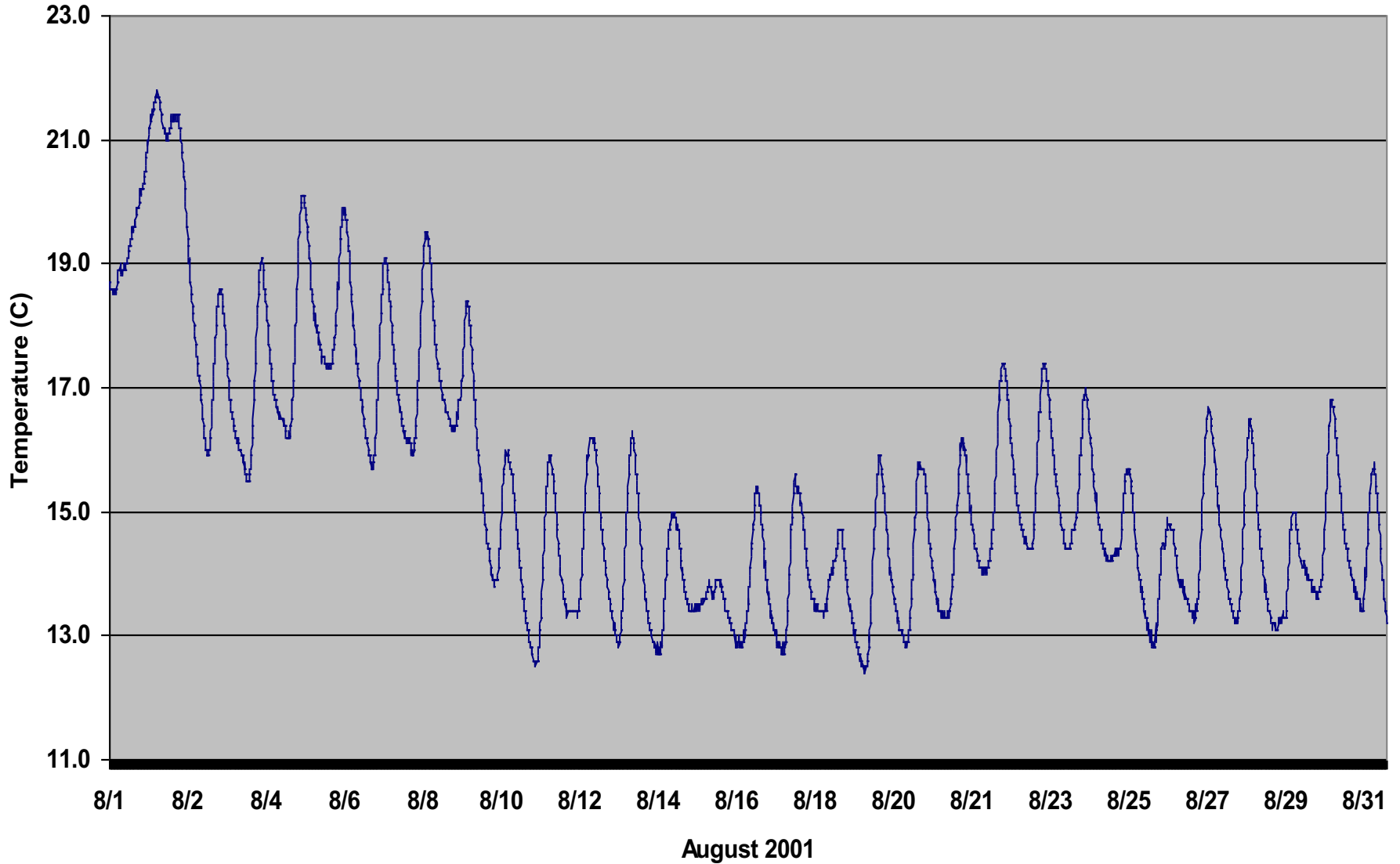


Macroinvertebrates (Galli, 1990):

- Demonstrate little ability to acclimate or compensate for temperature changes
- When exposed to a new thermal regime, metabolic response is immediate in the direction of the temperature change
- Small temperature regime changes may have serious implications:
 - Changes of 1-2 C can reduce insect size and fecundity
 - Increases of 2-3 C could eliminate sensitive species
- Insects are adversely affected by exposure to shock temperatures approaching their upper lethal limits
- Thermal shocks may negatively affect insect growth and long-term survivability by interfering with molting

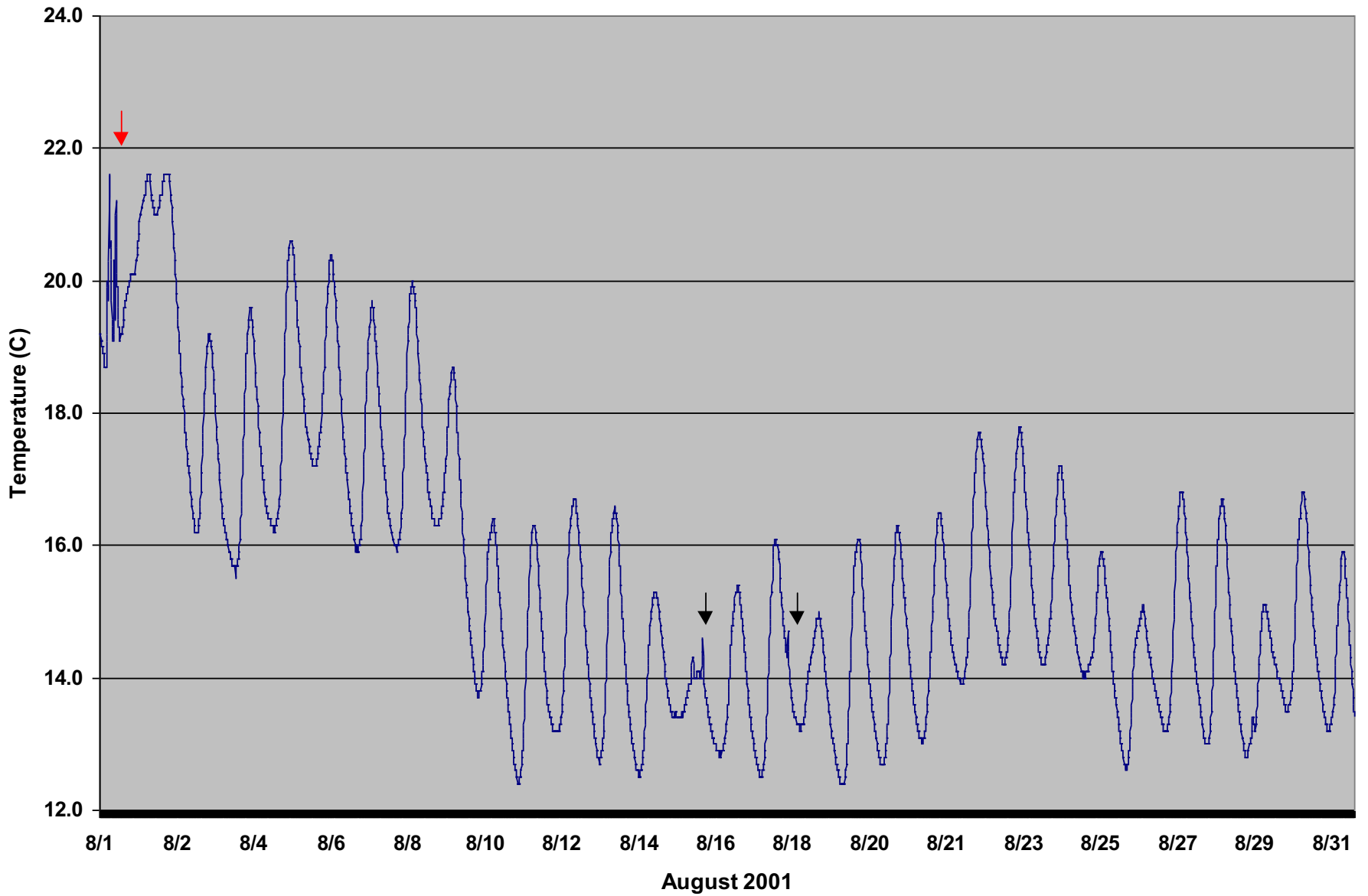
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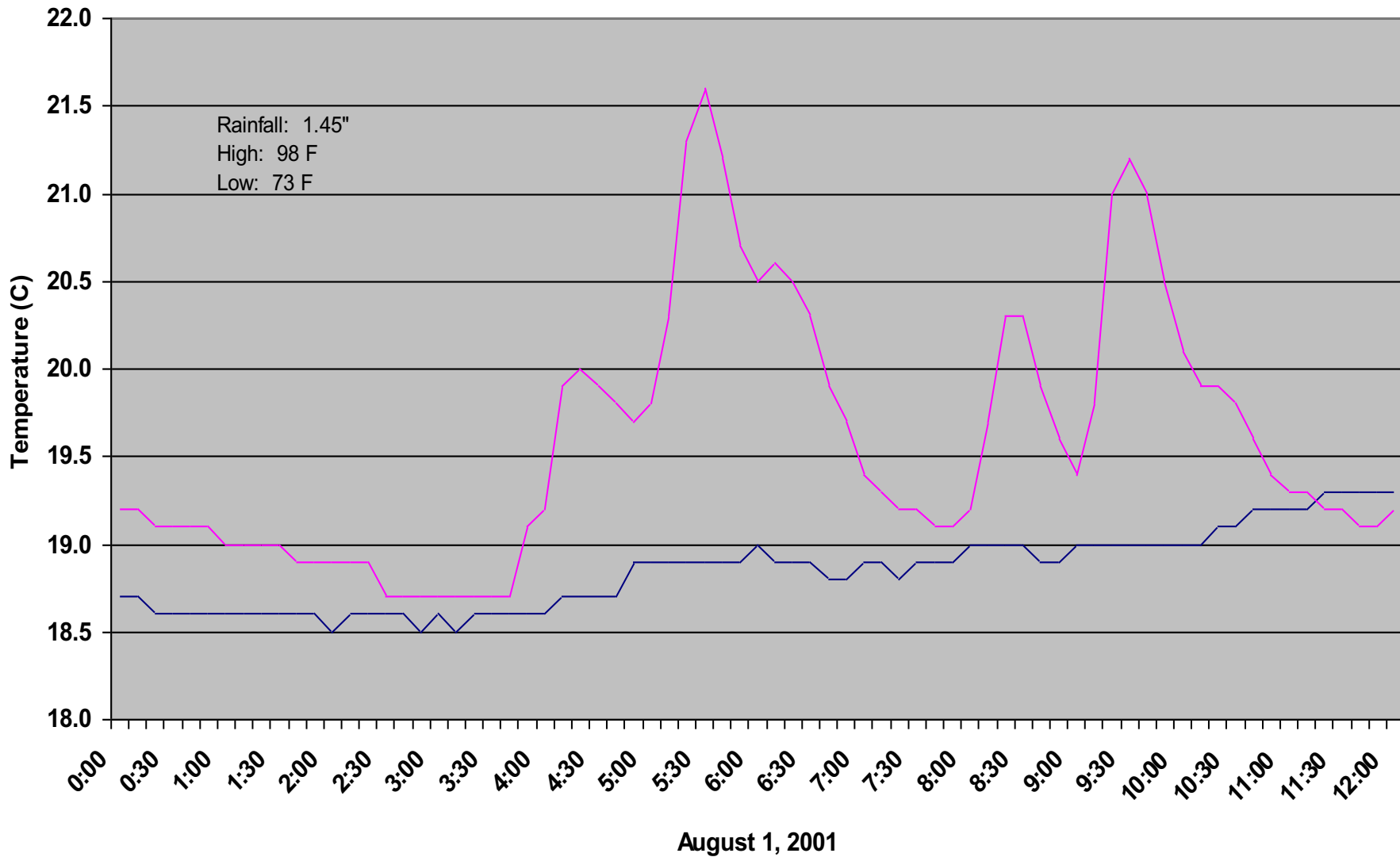
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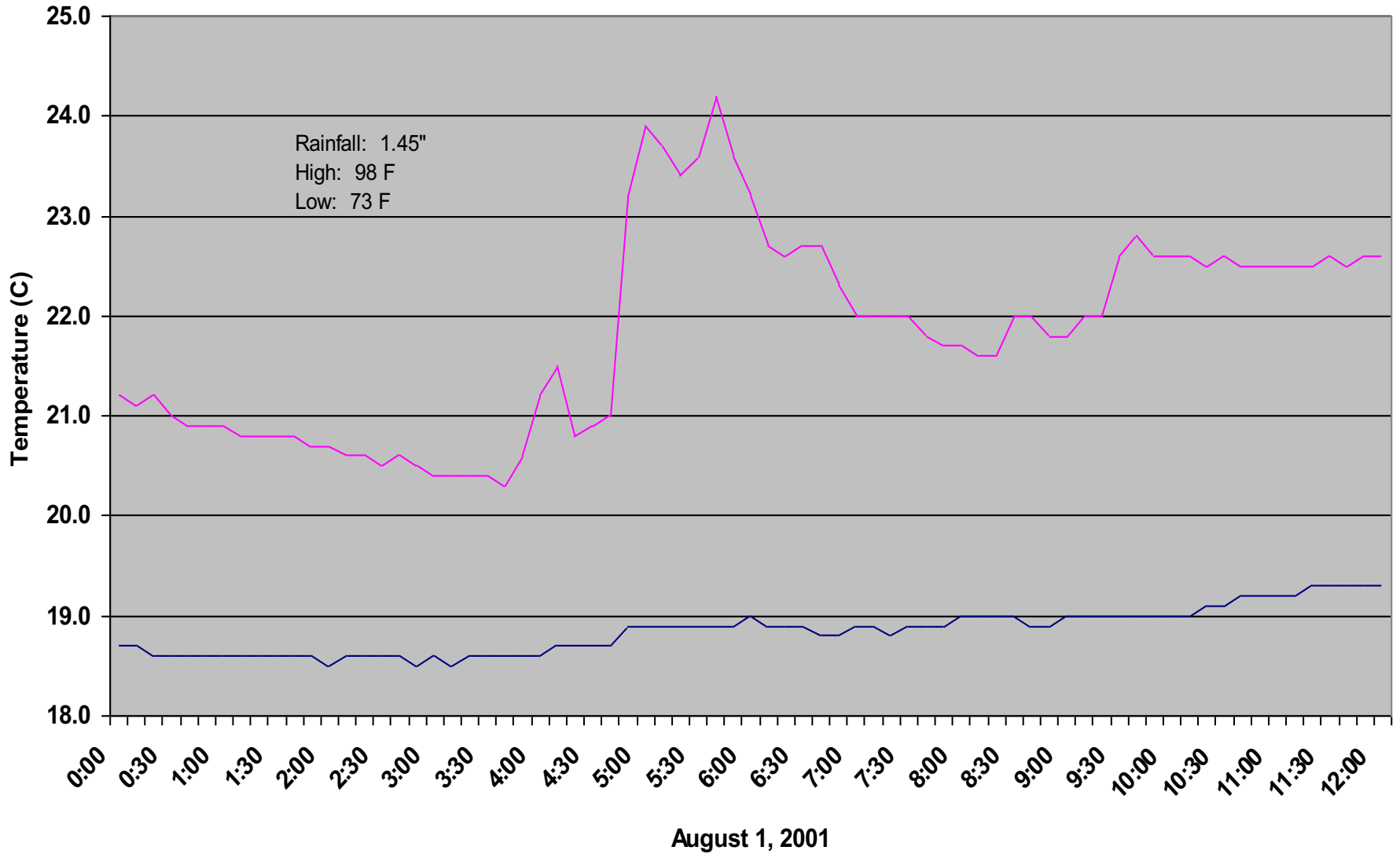
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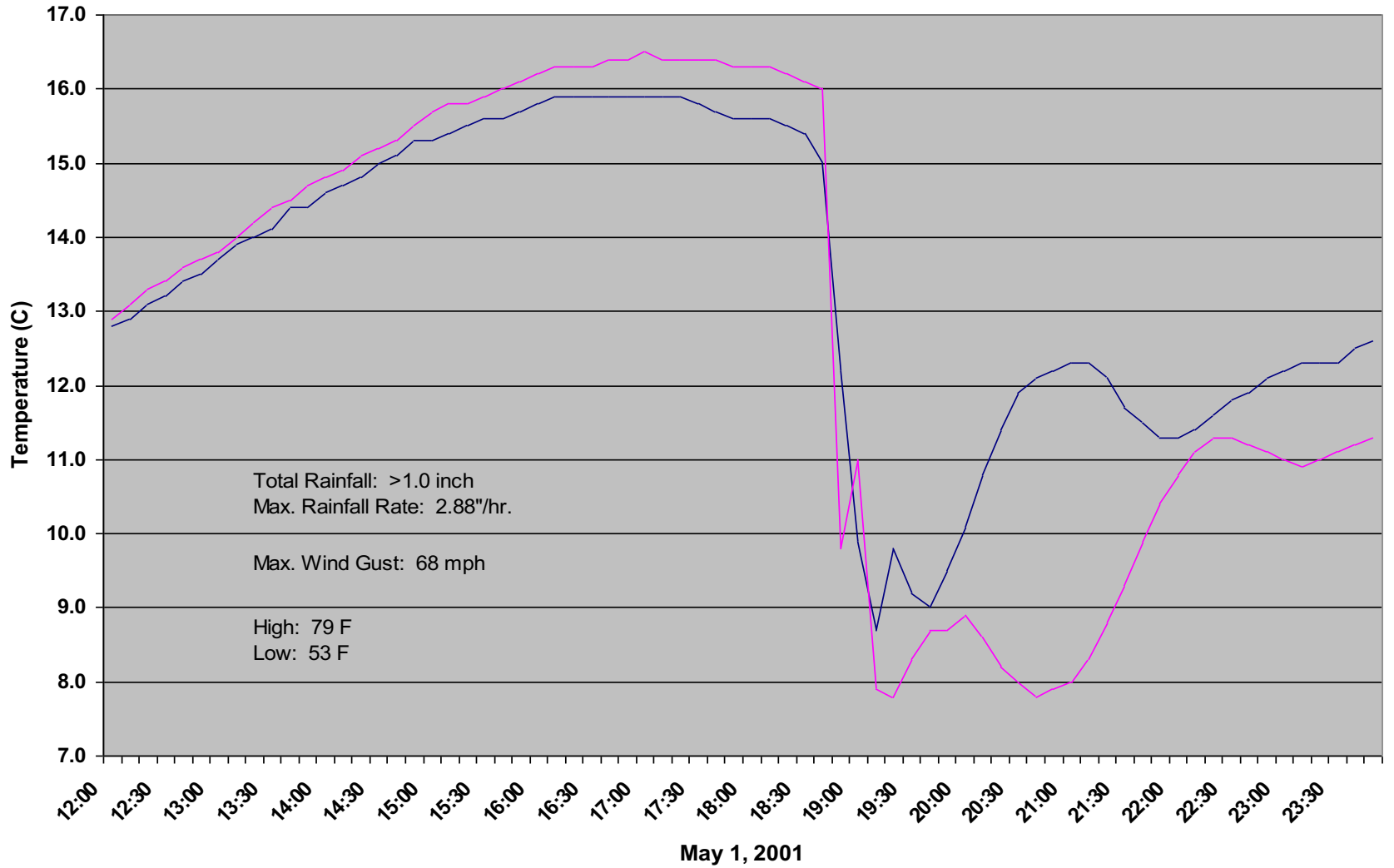
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Quarry Road South Fork



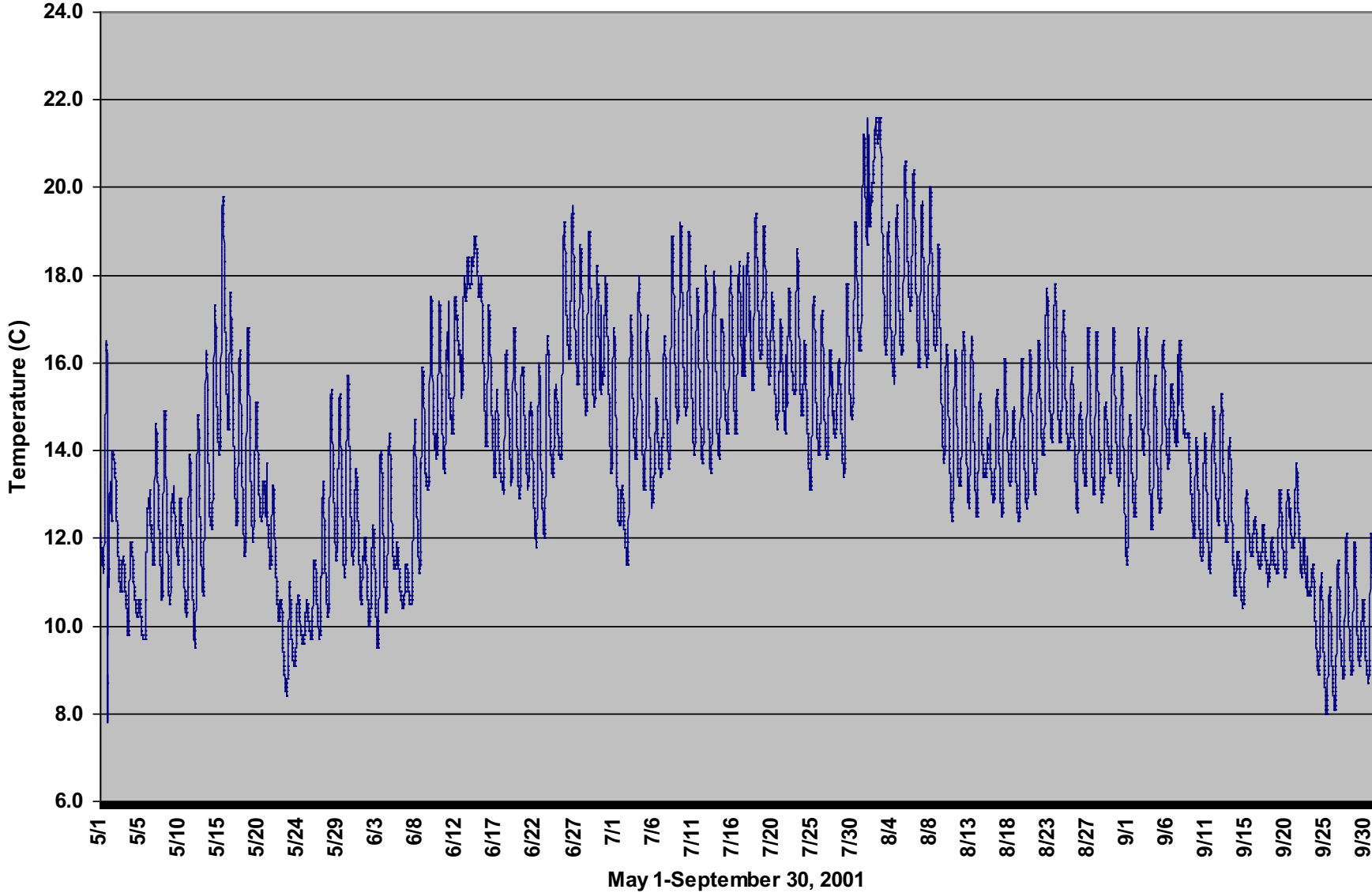
Thermal Impacts of a Hail Storm

— Quarry Road — Division Street



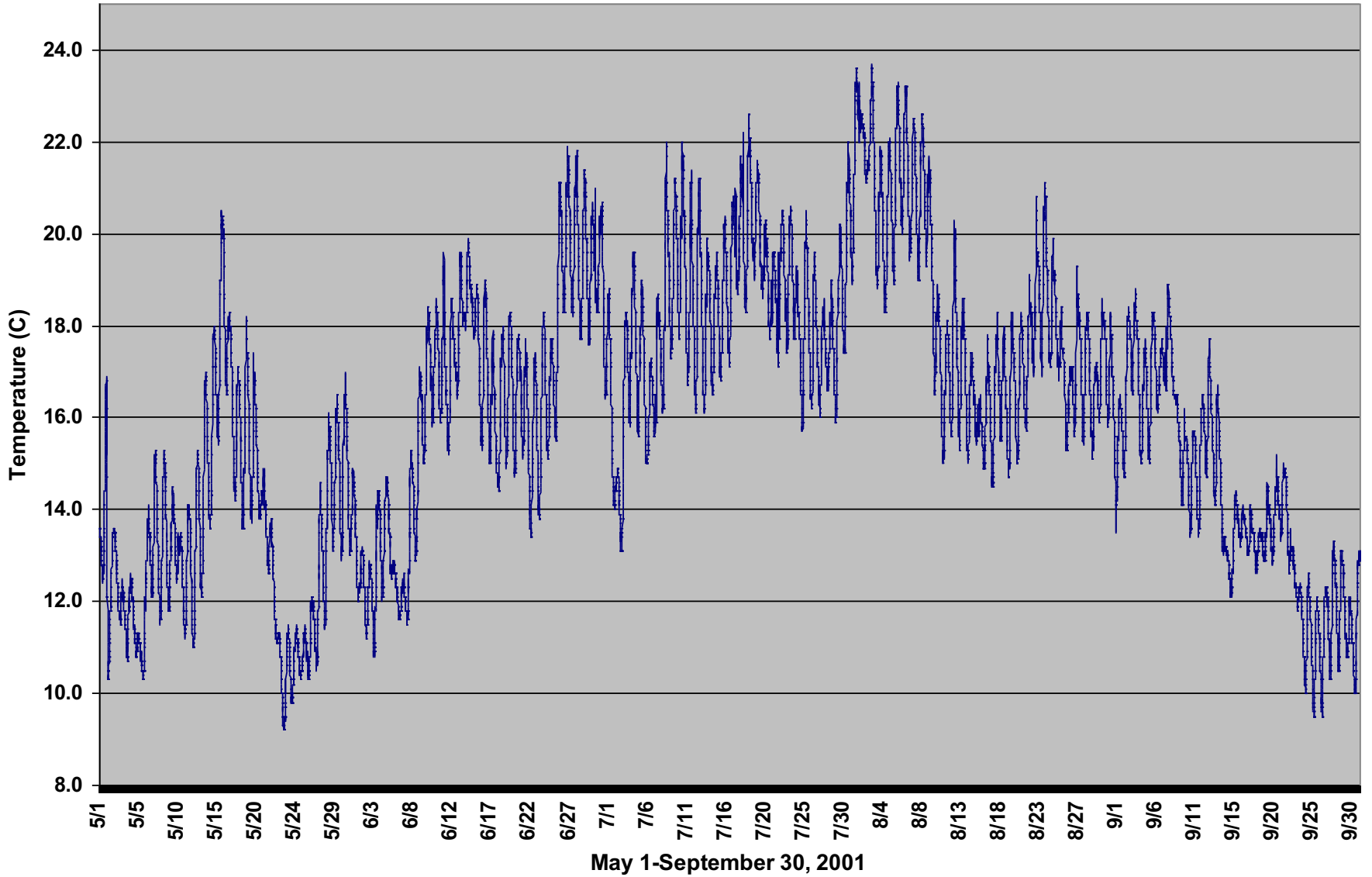
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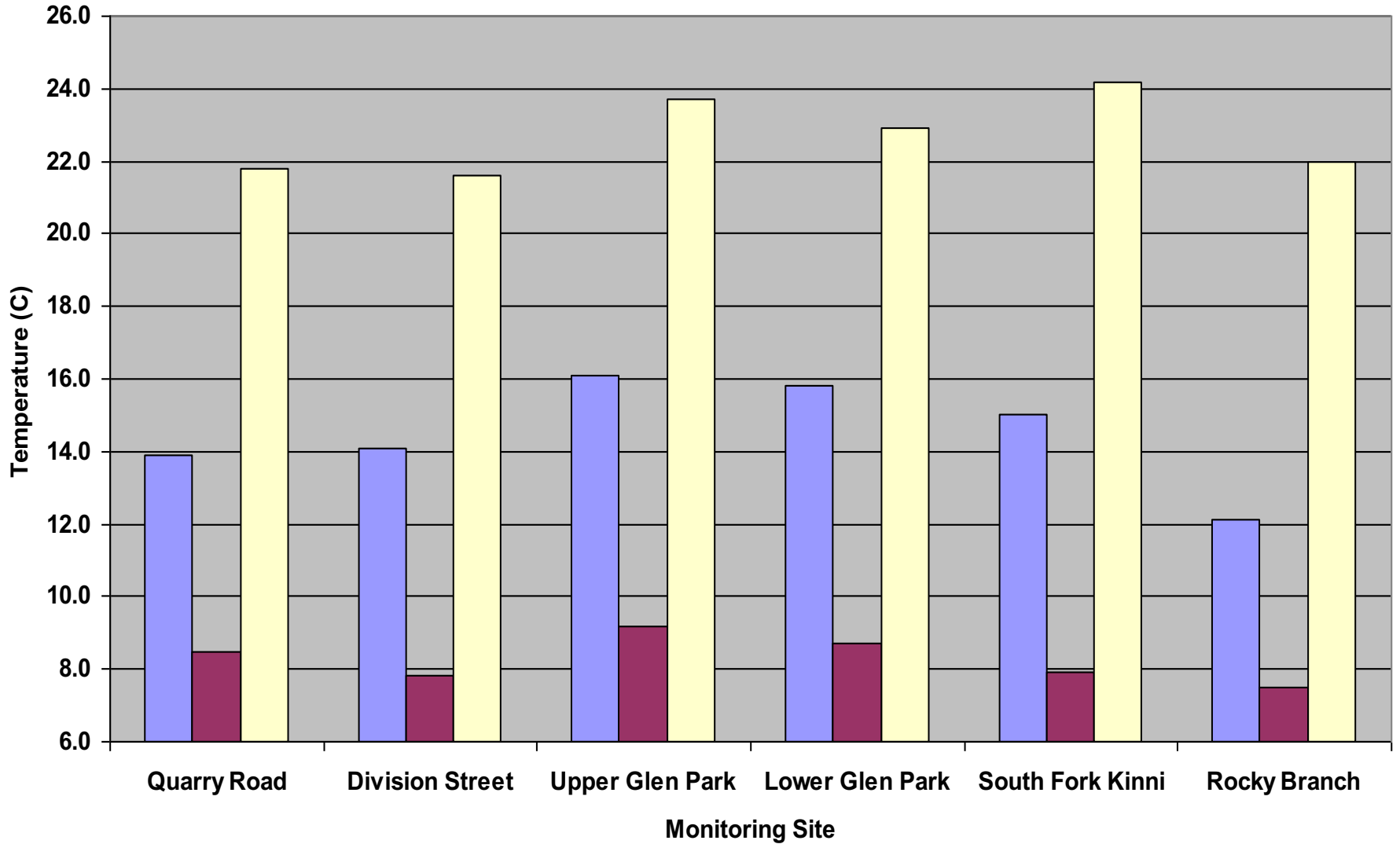
Kinni at Upper Glen Park

— Upper Glen Park



Kinnickinnic River: Summer 2001 Temperatures

Mean Summer Temp. Min. Summer Temp. Max. Summer Temp.



Kinnickinnic River and Tributaries: Summer Temperatures, May-September 2001

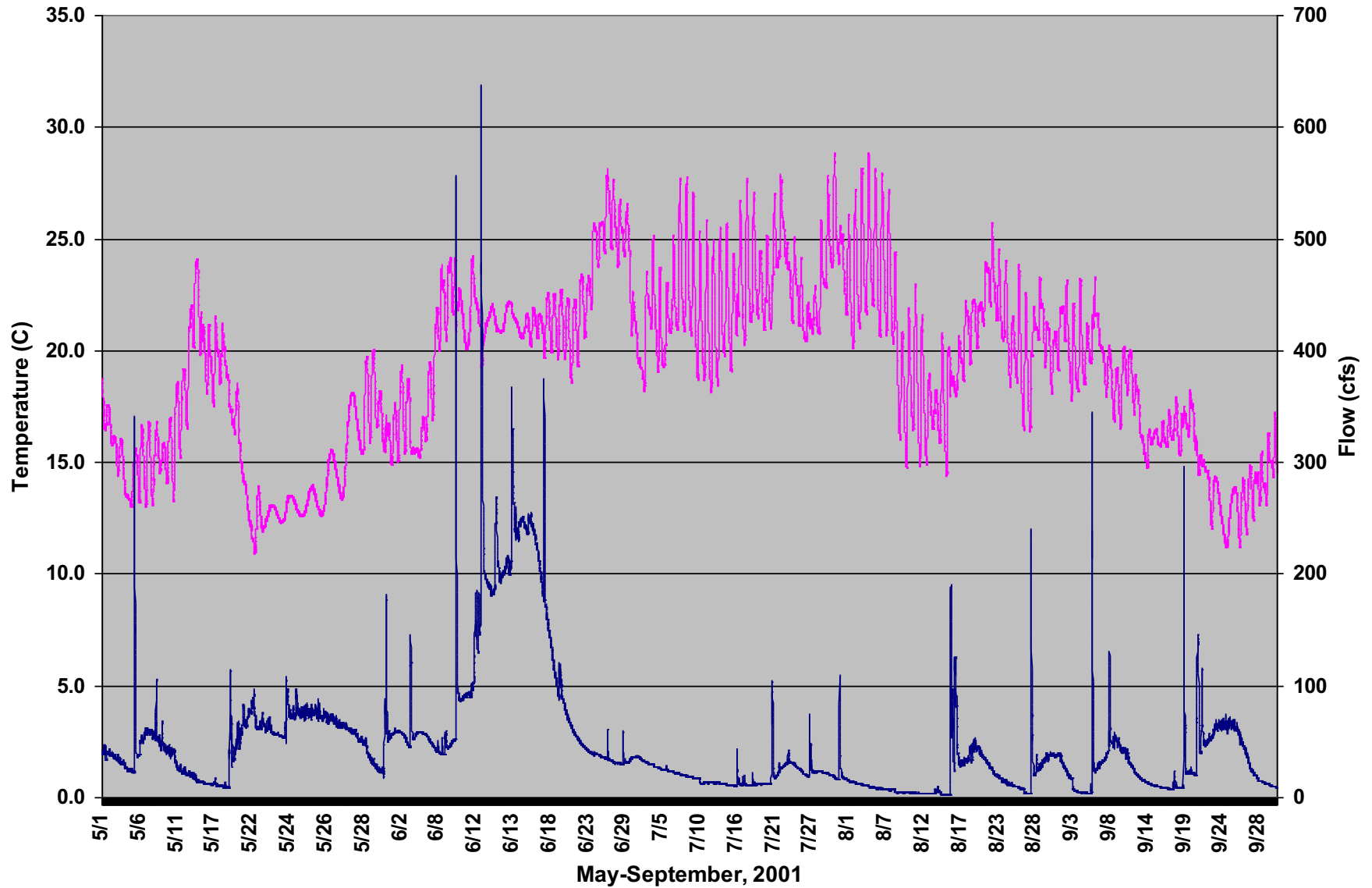
	Quarry Road	Division Street	Upper Glen Park	Lower Glen Park	South Fork Kinni	Rocky Branch
Mean Summer Temp.	13.9	14.1	16.1	15.8	15.0	12.1
Min. Summer Temp.	8.5	7.8	9.2	8.7	7.9	7.5
Max. Summer Temp.	21.8	21.6	23.7	22.9	24.2	22.0
No. Temps. > 20C	200	264	2248	1860	1190	42
% Temps. > 20C	0.9	1.2	10.2	8.4	5.4	0.3
May Temps. > 20C	0	0	40	8	29	0
June Temps. > 20C	0	0	331	277	257	0
July Temps. > 20C	31	43	805	601	408	0
August Temps. > 20C	169	221	1072	974	496	42
Sept. Temps. > 20C	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. Temps. > 21C	108	119	1173	771	475	22
No. Temps. > 22C	0	0	429	212	150	0
No. Temps. > 23C	0	0	104	0	28	0
No. Temps. > 24C	0	0	0	0	1	0

Summary statistics are based upon 22,000 10-minute temperature measurements/site during the May 1-September 30, 2001 summer.

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Nine Mile Creek

Temperature Flow



River Falls Storm Water Quality (1992)

Compared to NURP Monitoring Results

Residential Subwatershed

<u>Water Quality Variable (mg/l)</u>	<u>River Falls Median</u>	<u>NURP Median</u>
TSS (Total Suspended Solids)	240.0	101.0
TKN (Total Nitrogen)	2.6	1.90
TP (Total Phosphorus)	0.75	0.38
Cu (Copper)	0.030	0.033
Pb (Lead)	0.015	0.144
Zn (Zinc)	0.110	0.135

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Commercial Subwatershed

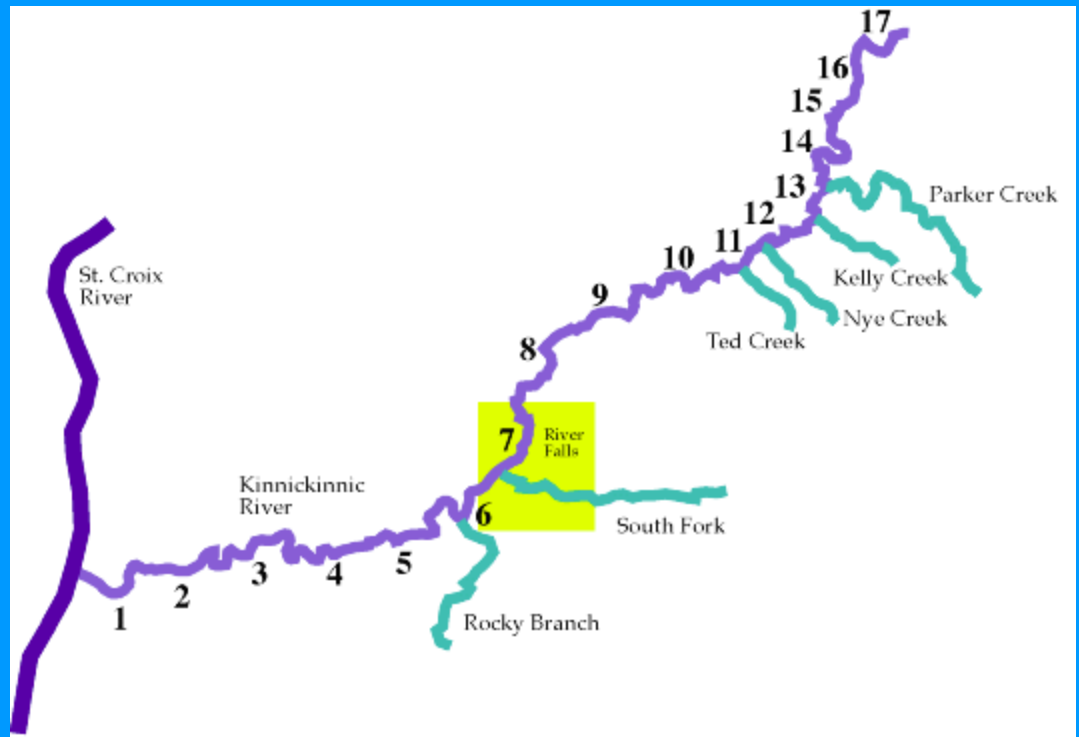
<u>Water Quality Variable (mg/l)</u>	<u>River Falls Median</u>	<u>NURP Median</u>
TSS (Total Suspended Solids)	150.0	69.0
TKN (Total Nitrogen)	2.1	1.20
TP (Total Phosphorus)	0.50	0.20
Cu (Copper)	0.030	0.029
Pb (Lead)	0.080	0.104
Zn (Zinc)	0.190	0.226

Monitoring Begets Monitoring: UW-River Falls



Kinnickinnic River Macroinvertebrate Survey 1999

Figure 1. Macroinvertebrate monitoring sites



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Monitoring Begets Monitoring: City of River Falls



Storm Water Education: “A Storm on the Horizon”

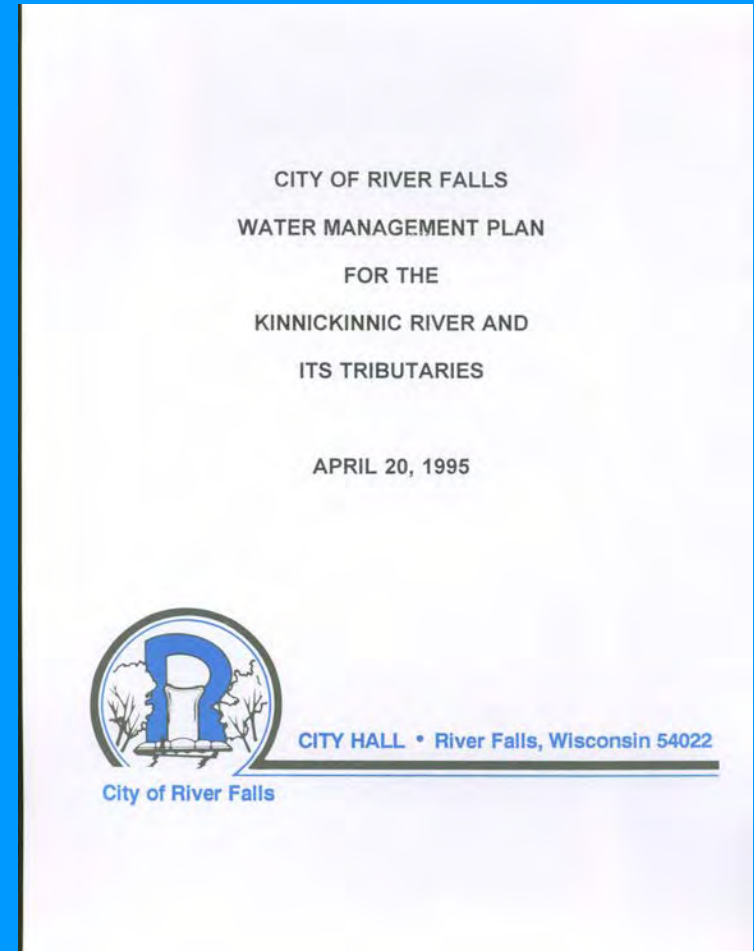


Storm Water Education: “A Storm on the Horizon”

- 15-minute video, professionally produced in 1998 by Kiap-TU-Wish and Palisade Productions of Minneapolis, MN
- Target audience: general public, land use planners, and local decision-makers
- The video:
 - Establishes the value of a cold water resource and its importance to the community
 - Demonstrates the impact of storm water on water resources
 - Describes key tools that enable development to occur while protecting water resources
- 3,000 copies of the video have been distributed locally and nationally
- Silver Award, 1999 Chicago International Film Festival

Monitoring Informs Storm Water Management

- City of River Falls Storm Water Management Plan (1994)
- Kinnickinnic River Priority Watershed Program (1995)
- City of River Falls Storm Water Utility (1996)
- City of River Falls Storm Water Ordinance (2002)
- City of River Falls Shoreland Ordinance (2003)

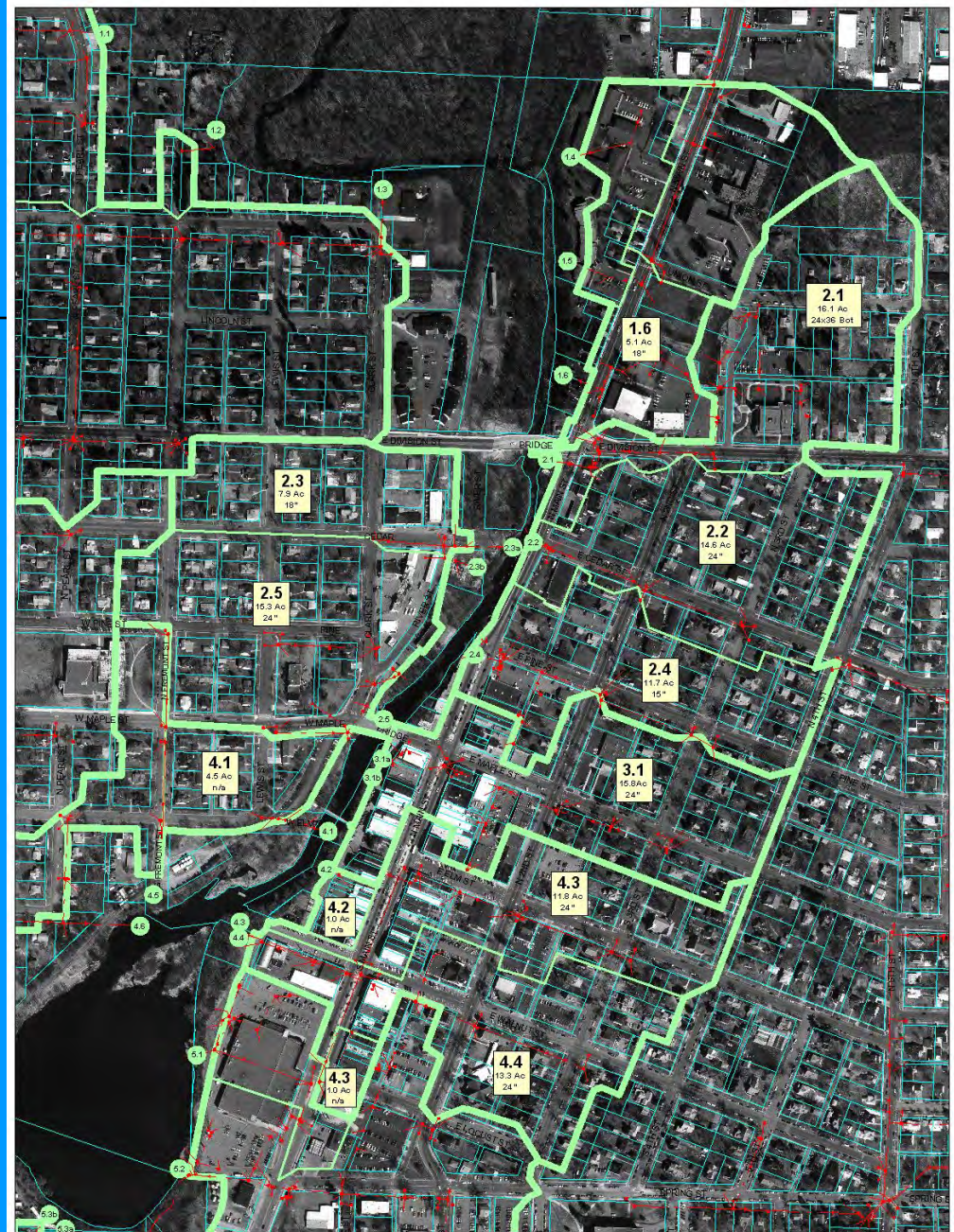


City of River Falls Storm Water Utility Fees

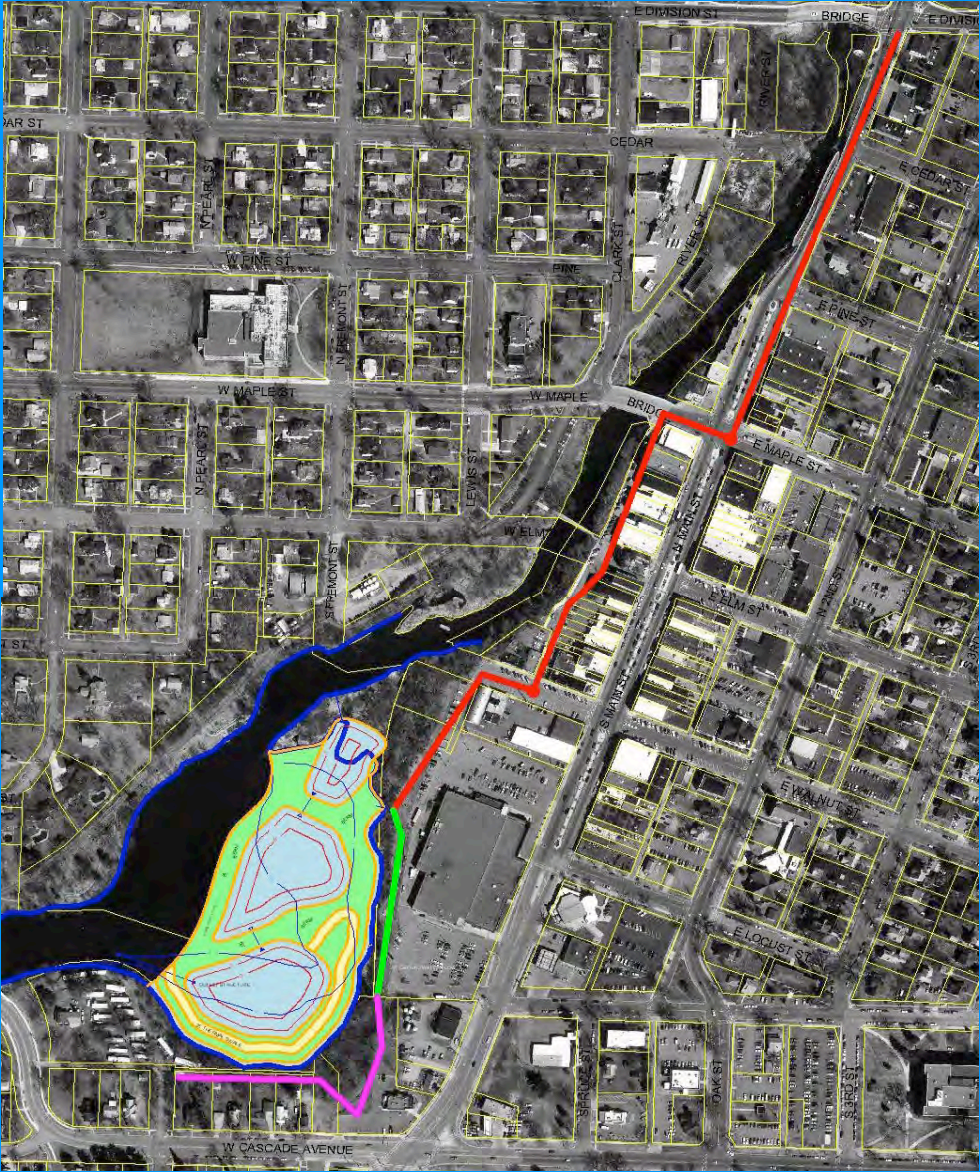
Property Class	Residential Equivalent Factor	Monthly Cost		Curve No.
		Per Acre	Per Hshld	
Maintained Open Space		\$ 2.64		61
Residential	1	15.54	3.14	72
Medium Density Residential	1.3	20.24		75
Public/Quasi-Public (University)	2.22	34.45		82
City Property, Developed	2.72	42.22		85
Industrial	3.3	51.28		88
Office/Service/Churches	3.74	58.11		90
Commercial	4.23	65.71		92
Parks/Open Spaces	exempt	0		
Agriculture	exempt	0		
Roads, Lakes and Rivers	exempt	0		

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Lake George Area Storm Water Treatment Concept Plan:



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- TSS Reduction Benefit: 60-70%

- Thermal Benefit:

 - Baseflow: Up to 1° C

 - Runoff Events: <0.5° C w/o watershed improvements
0.5° – 1°C with watershed improvements

- Cost:

 - Lake Re-Configuration: \$515,000 – 1,012,000

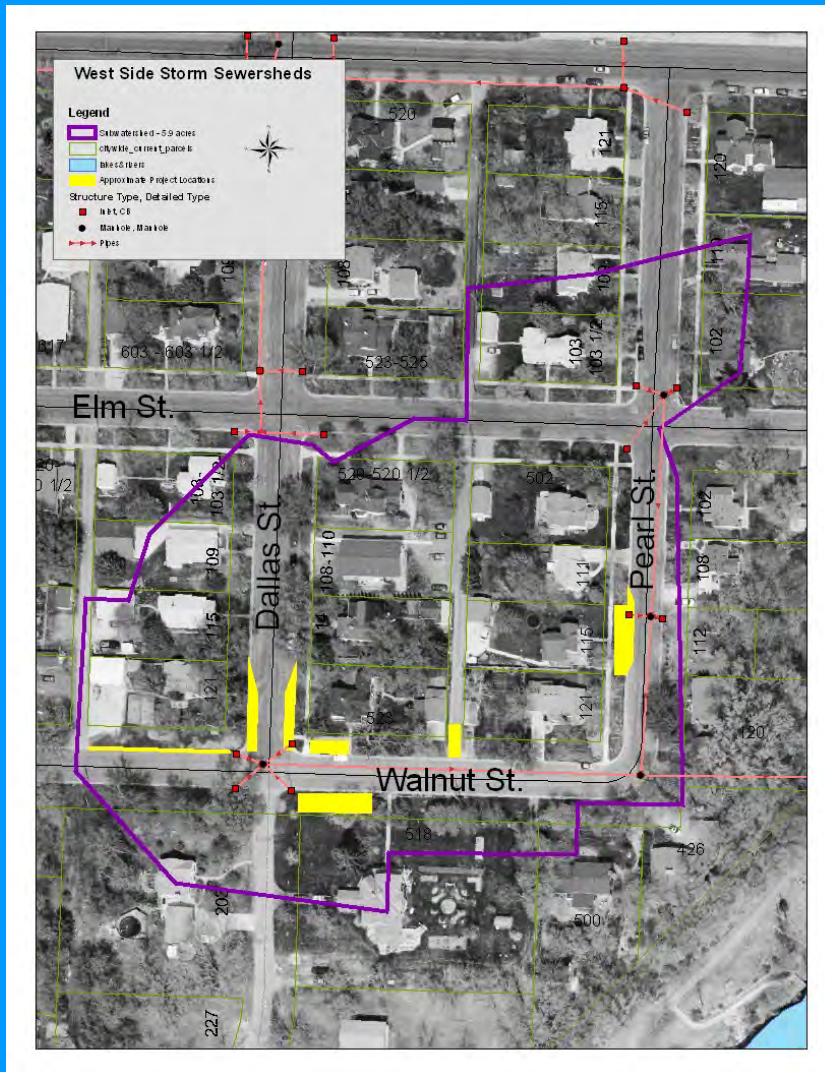
 - North Interceptor: \$944,000 - \$1,200,000

 - East Interceptor: \$184,000 - \$247,000

 - South Interceptor: \$212,000 - \$289,000

 - Total = \$1,855,000 - \$2,748,000

River Falls West Side Storm Water Retrofit Project:



“Our vision was to retrofit an older area of River Falls that was constructed before storm water management practices were installed.”

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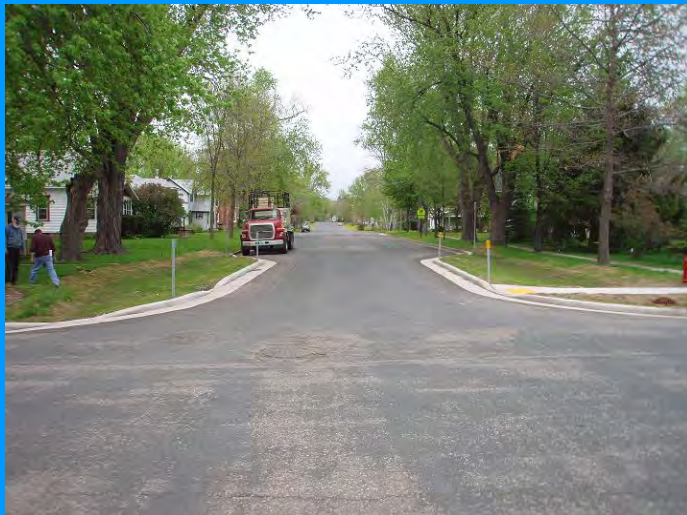
Practices Installed

Curb Bump Outs

The curb line of the street was bumped out into the existing parking lane of the street, and a curb cut provided in the gutter allows water into the practice.

The bump out area is slightly depressed to allow water to pond and soak into the ground before overflowing to the existing curb storm sewer inlet.

Bump outs were installed on Dallas Street and were planted with native, long-rooted grasses. The rain garden on Pearl Street also has a small bump out area to increase the size of the rain garden.



River Falls West Side Storm Water Retrofit Project:

Practices Installed

Pervious Pavers

These pavers are similar to regular pavers, however they have bumps on the edges to create larger void spaces between the pavers. These spaces are then filled with a granular rock material which allows water to flow through it into a storage layer below and eventually infiltrate into the ground.

These are being installed at the end of the alley to capture the runoff from the alley and the garages along it.



River Falls West Side Storm Water Retrofit Project:

Practices Installed

Permeable Concrete

This looks very similar to regular concrete, but it allows water to pass through. Many describe it looking similar to a Rice Krispy bar. This is the first permeable concrete installed in this part of Wisconsin!

A section of existing curb and gutter was removed on Walnut St. and replaced with a solid concrete curb and a permeable concrete gutter section.



River Falls West Side Storm Water Retrofit Project:

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Rain Gardens

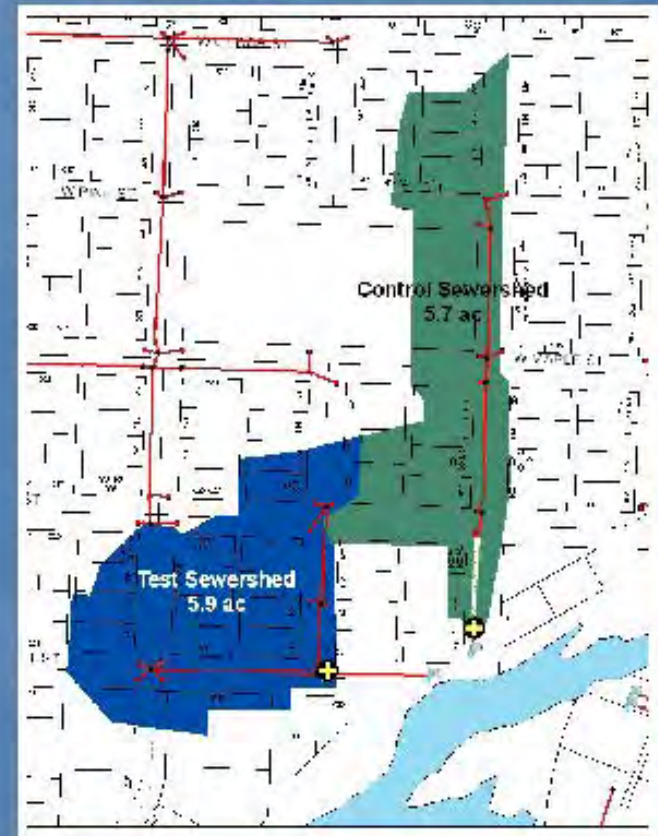
Rain gardens are shallow depressions planted with flowers, grasses, or shrubs. The gardens collect storm water and allow it to soak into the ground. These gardens are taking street runoff through curb cuts.

Rain gardens were installed on Walnut Street and Pearl Street. Due to the time of year that construction occurred, planting of the rain gardens occurred in the spring of 2008.



Monitoring Approach

- Flow meters installed in the outfall pipes of two storm sewersheds.
 - Greyline Instruments - Stingray Flowmeters
 - 18" RCP Pipes
- 2006 & 2007 pre-construction data
- Practices installed October 2007
- 2008 post construction data



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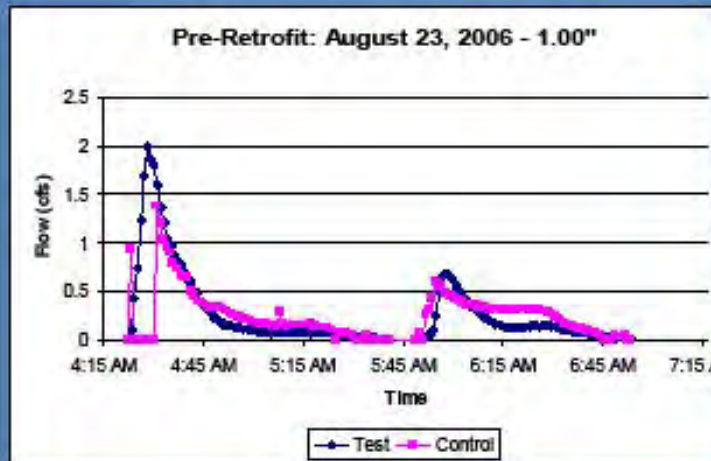


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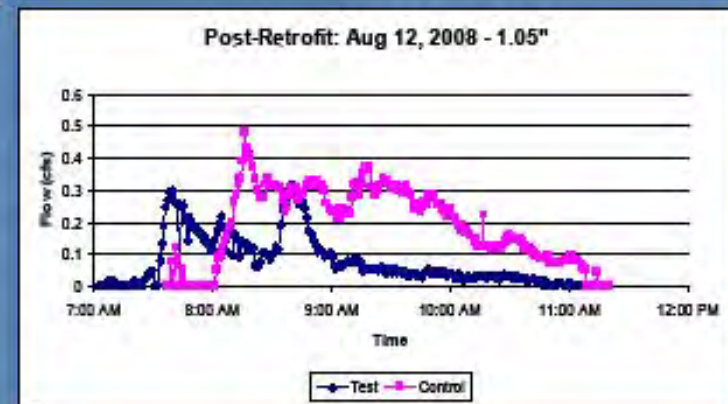


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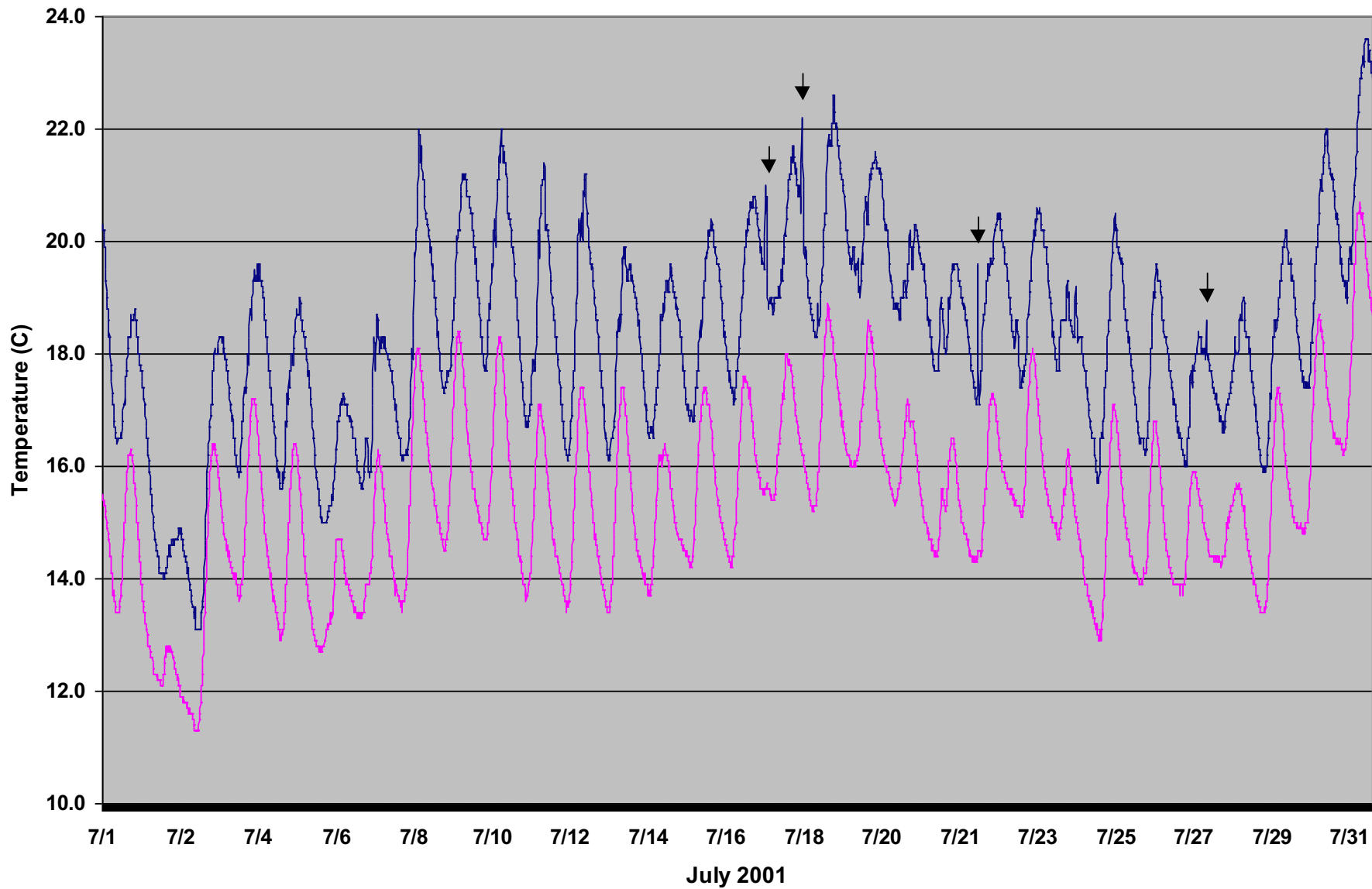
- 1" Events
- August, AM rain
- 3 hours of rain/4hrs rain
- 1/4" rain 6 days prior

	<u>Volume (cf)</u>	<u>Rc</u>
Pre-Retrofit Control	2519	0.12
Pre-Retrofit Test	2301	0.11
Post-Retrofit Control	2485	0.12
Post-Retrofit Test	1145	0.05



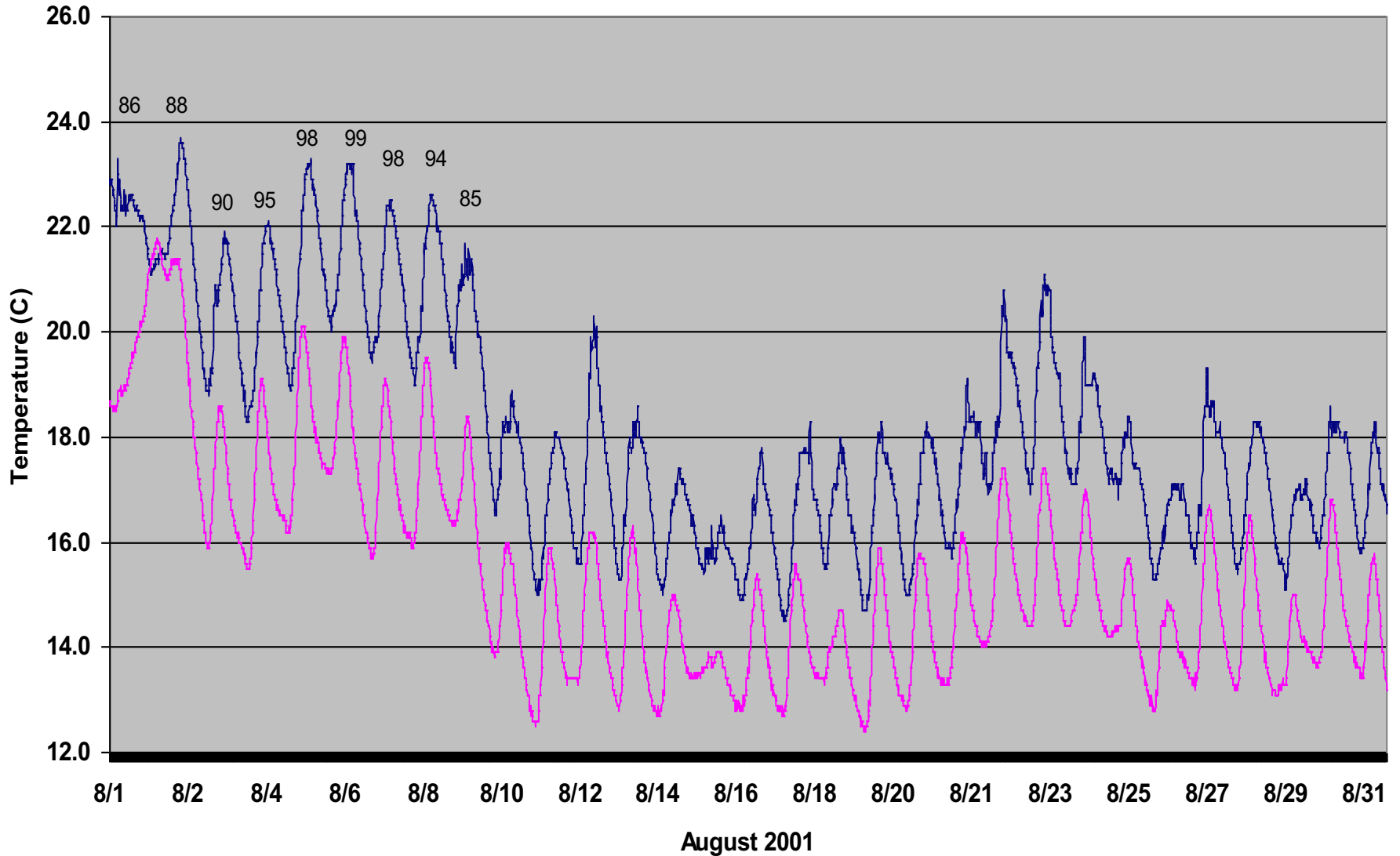
Thermal Impact of Hydropower Impoundments

Upper Glen Park Quarry Road



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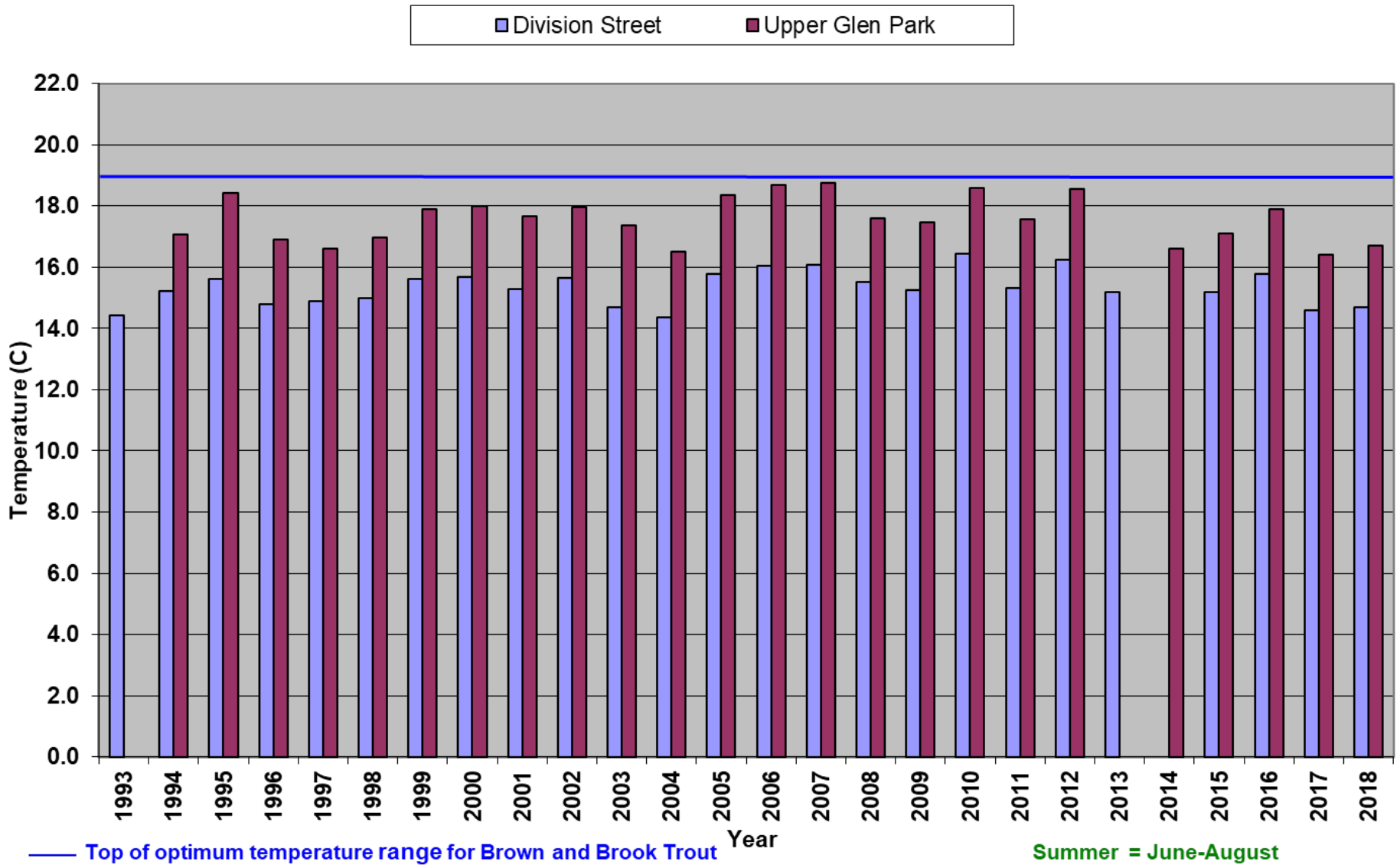
— Upper Glen Park — Quarry Road



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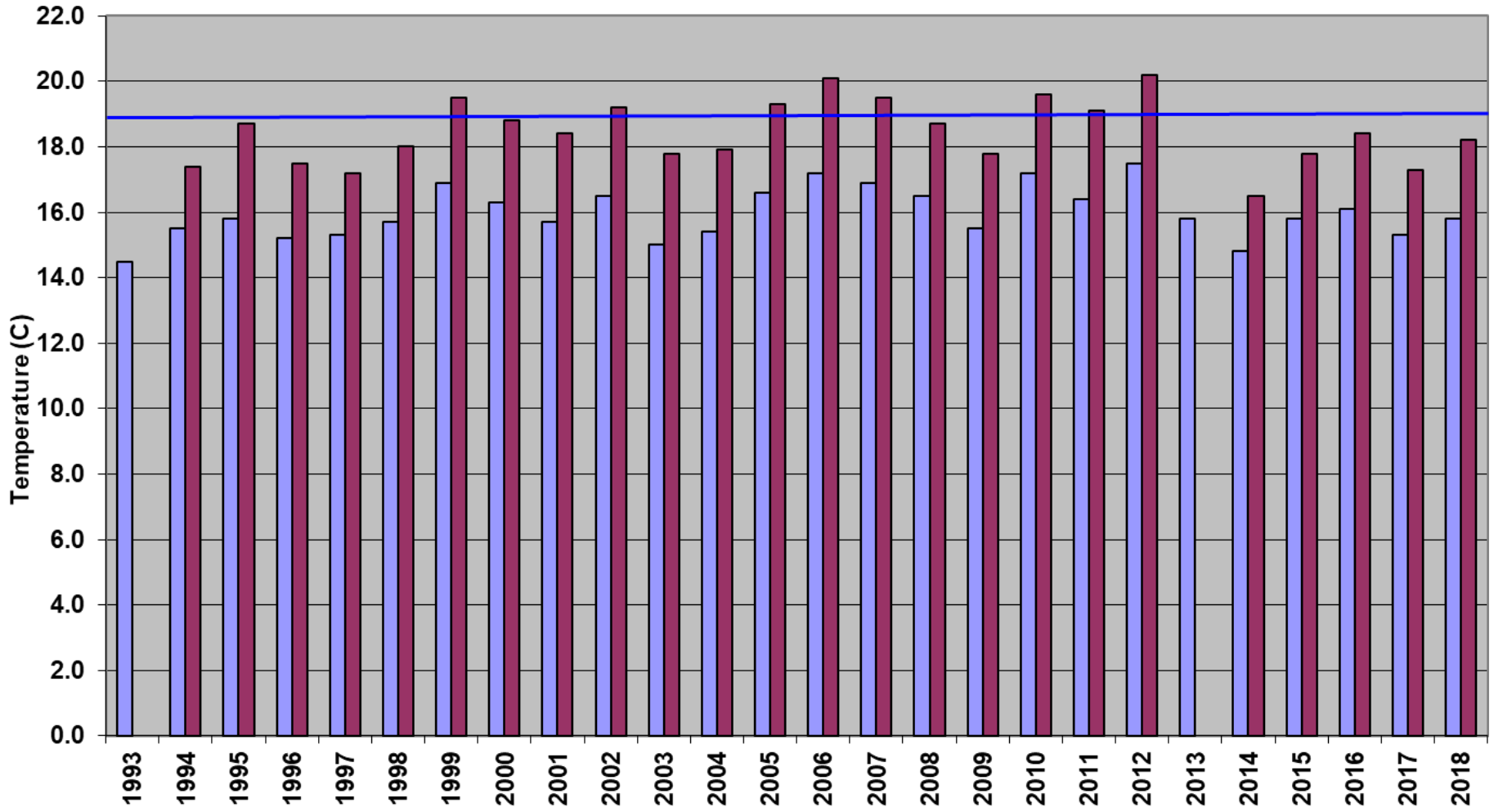
- On average during the 1993-2018 period of record, downstream summer average temperatures at Upper and Lower Glen Park are 2.1-2.4° C (3.8-4.2° F) warmer than the upstream summer average temperatures at Quarry Road and Division Street.
- This temperature differential is even greater in July (the warmest summer month), with downstream temperatures 2.3-2.7° C (4.2-4.7° F) higher than upstream temperatures.
- Throughout the summer period, the downstream temperatures at Upper and Lower Glen Park more frequently exceed the critical temperature thresholds that support healthy coldwater macroinvertebrate and brown trout communities in the Kinnickinnic River.
- During the summer of 2012, the temperature threshold of 19° C was exceeded for a cumulative total of 8.8 days (10% of the summer period) at Division Street. In comparison, this threshold was exceeded for a cumulative total of 38.9 days (42% of the summer period) at Upper Glen Park, thereby posing a much greater thermal risk to the downstream coldwater community.

Kinnickinnic River Mean Summer Temperatures: 1993-2018



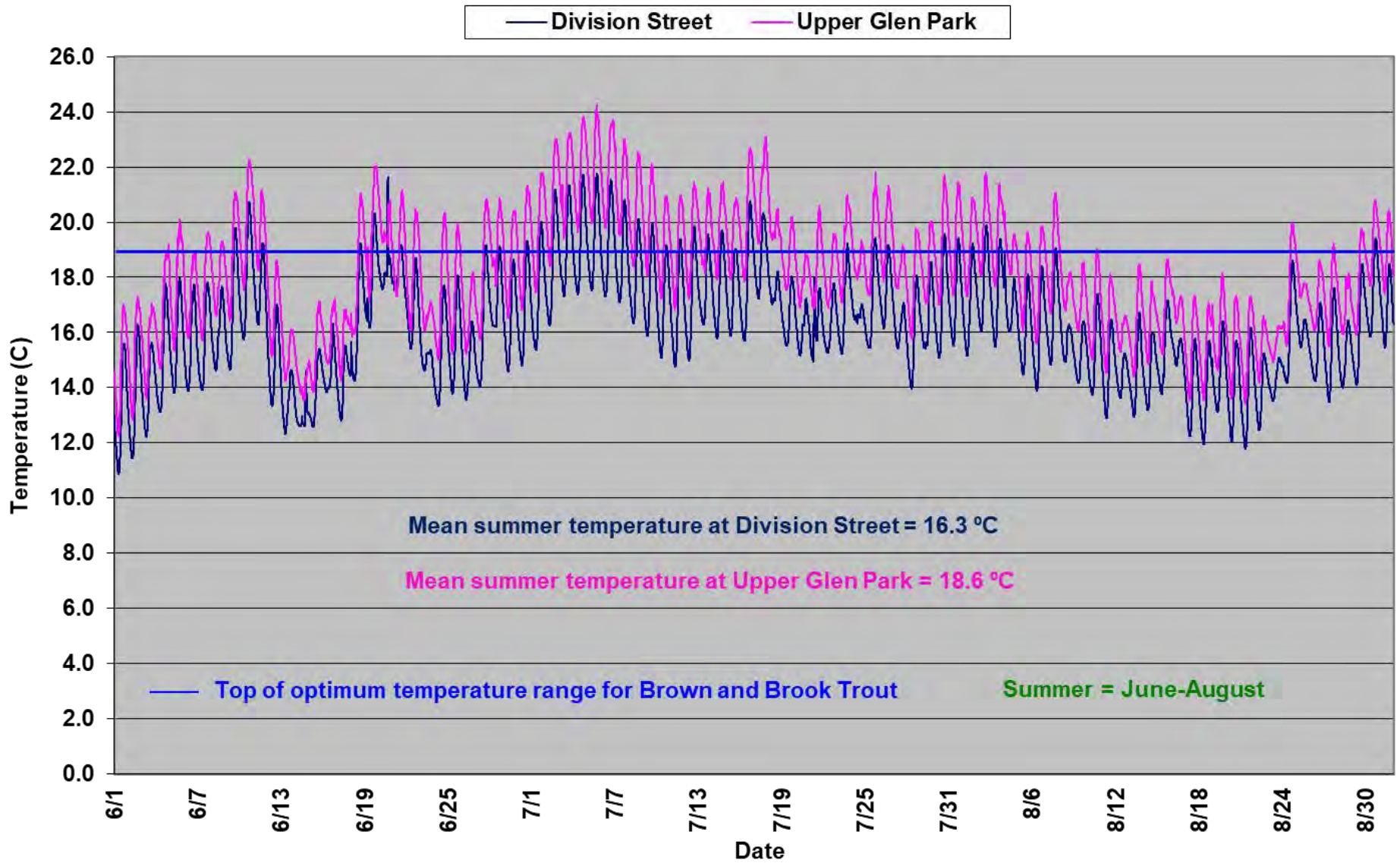
Kinnickinnic River Mean July Temperatures: 1993-2018

■ Division Street ■ Upper Glen Park



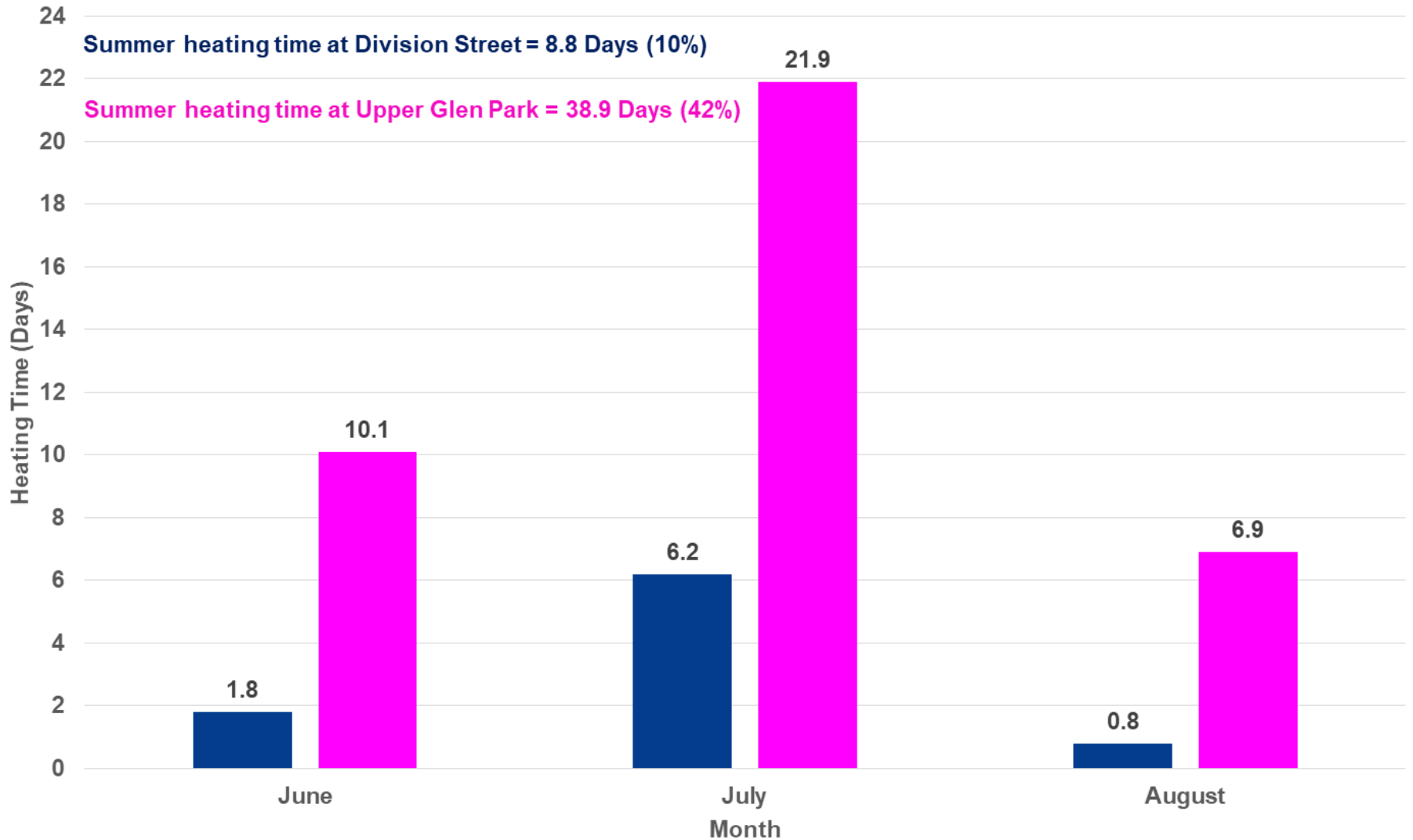
— Top of optimum temperature range for Brown and Brook Trout Year

Kinnickinnic River Temperatures: Summer 2012

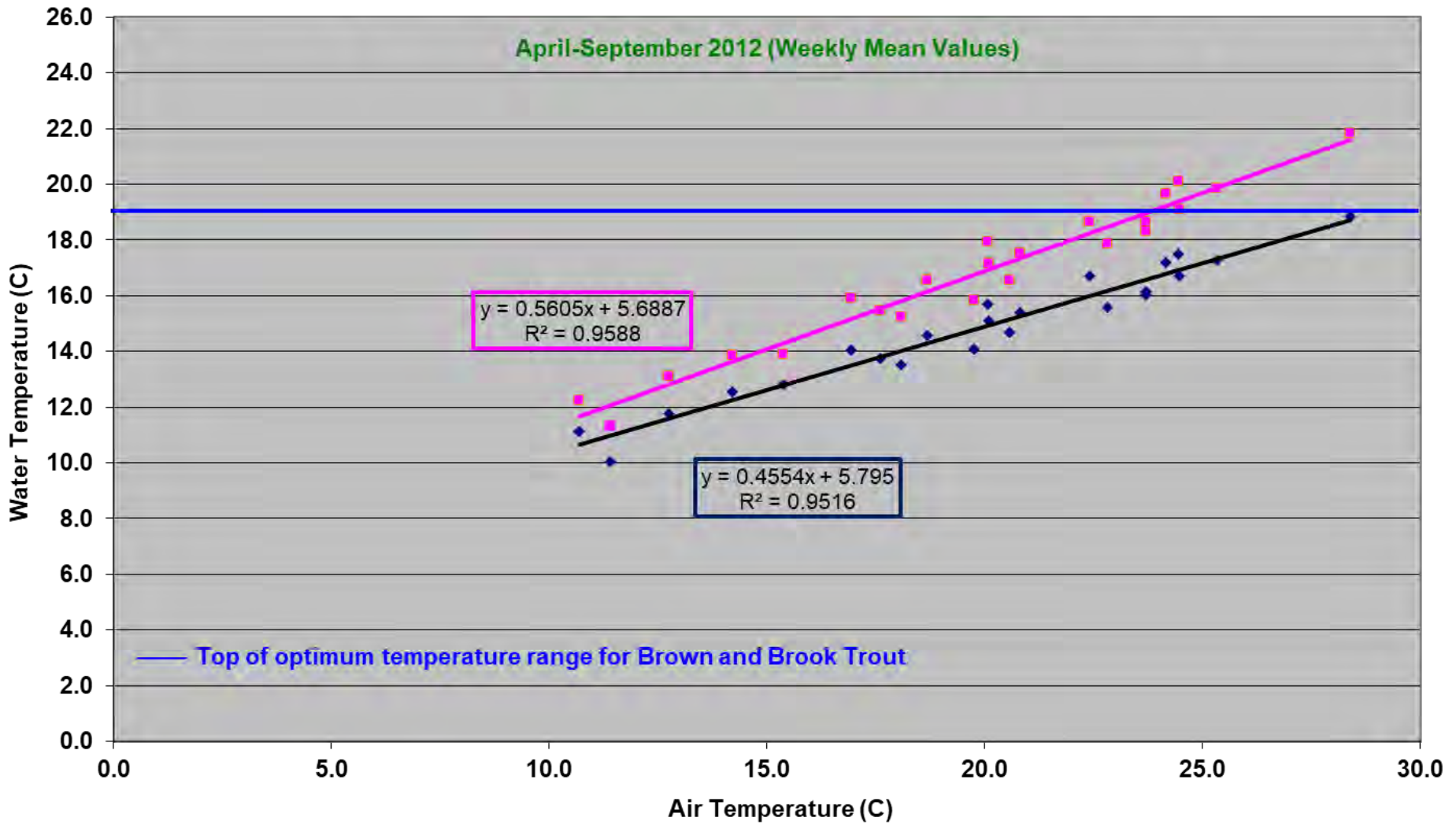


Kinnickinnic River at Division Street and Upper Glen Park Monthly Heating Time Above Optimum Brown Trout Temperature ($\sum \Delta 19\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$) June-August 2012

■ Division Street ■ Upper Glen Park



Kinnickinnic River Air Temperature vs Water Temperature at Division Street and Upper Glen Park



Mitro, Lyons, and Stewart (2007)

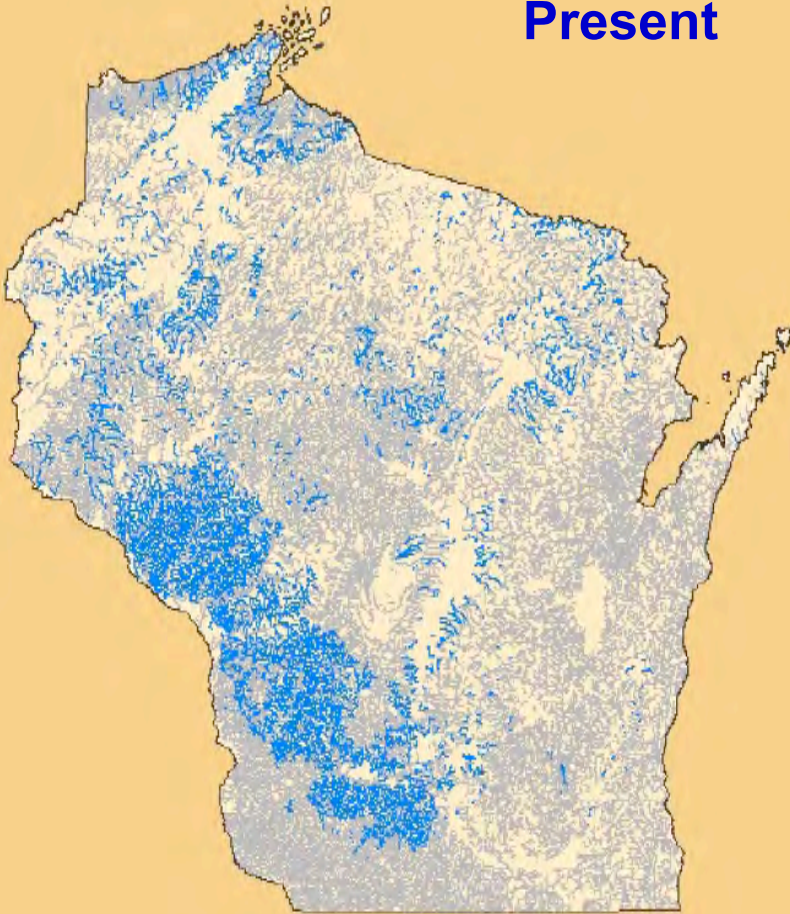
Climate Change, Trout Ecology and the Future of Inland Trout Management in Wisconsin

- Stream temperature is the most important factor that determines where trout can live and cannot live
- A warming climate will affect the distribution of trout
- Extreme precipitation events associated with climate change may limit trout recruitment
- Drought conditions associated with climate change will limit stream flows and fish habitat

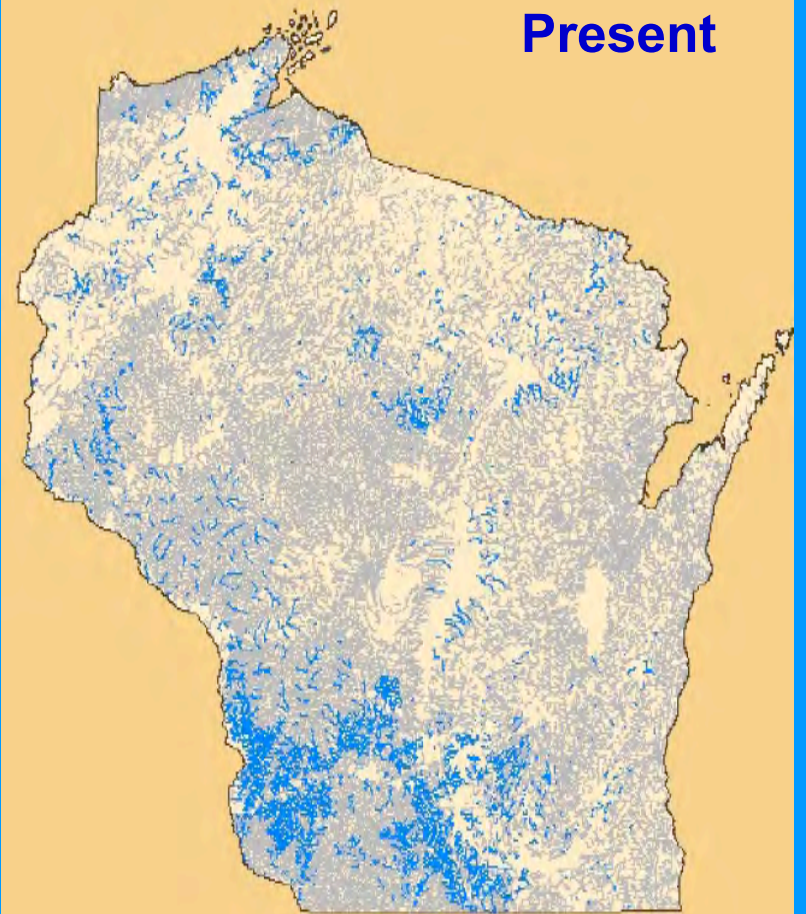


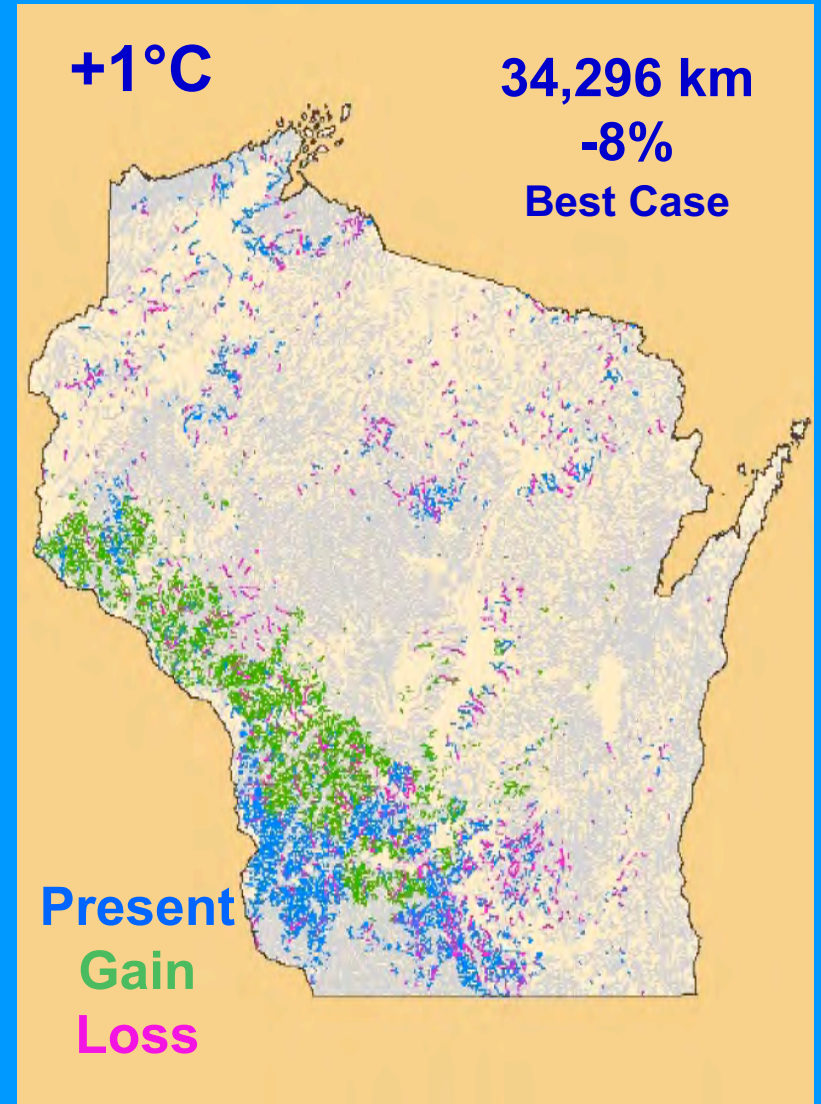
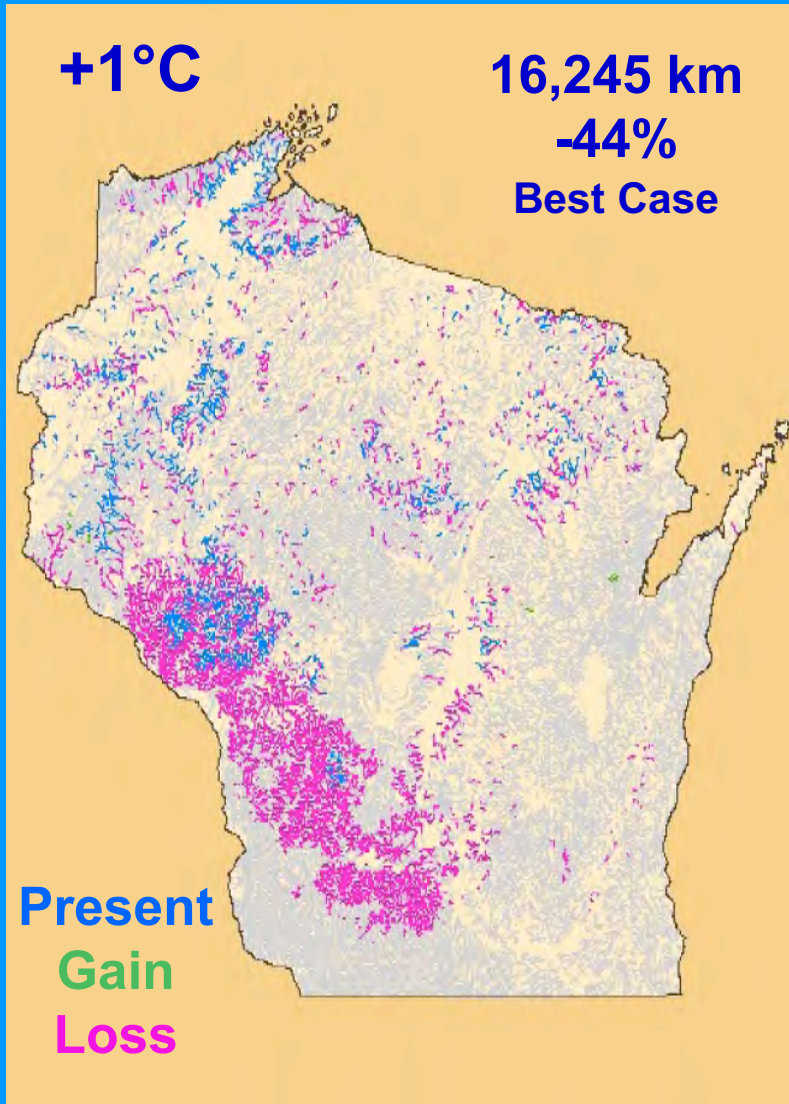


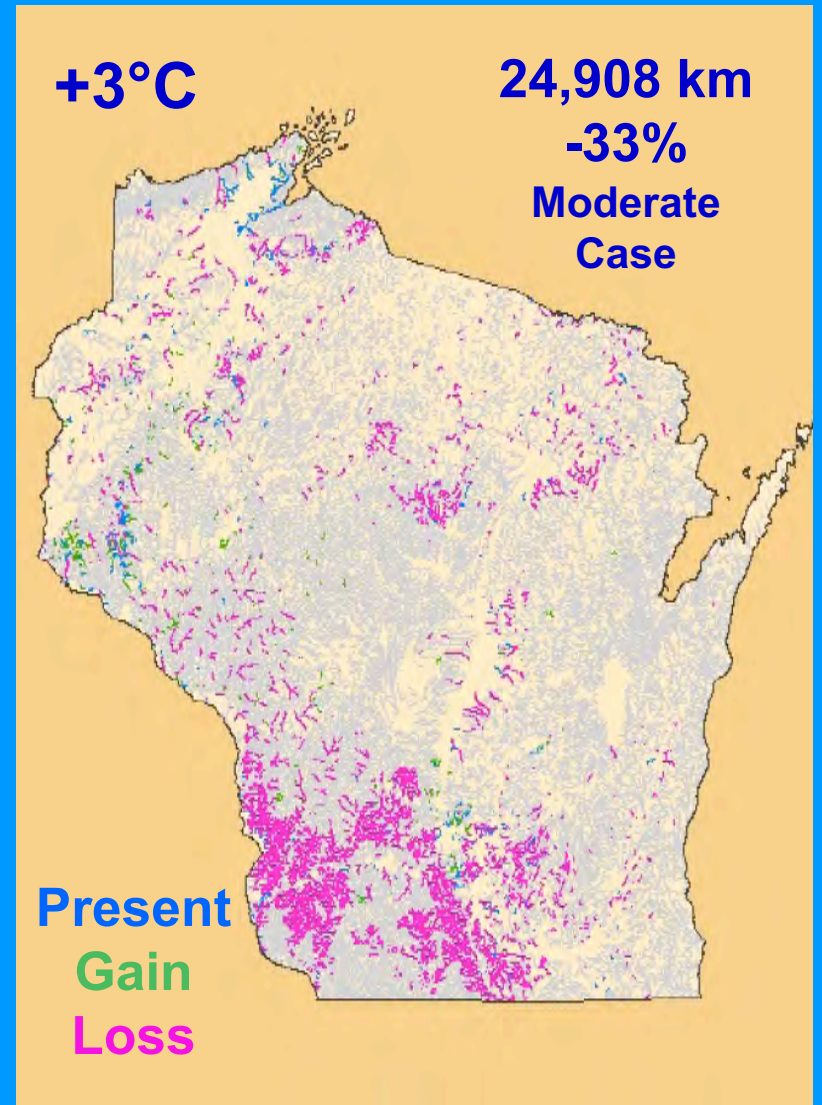
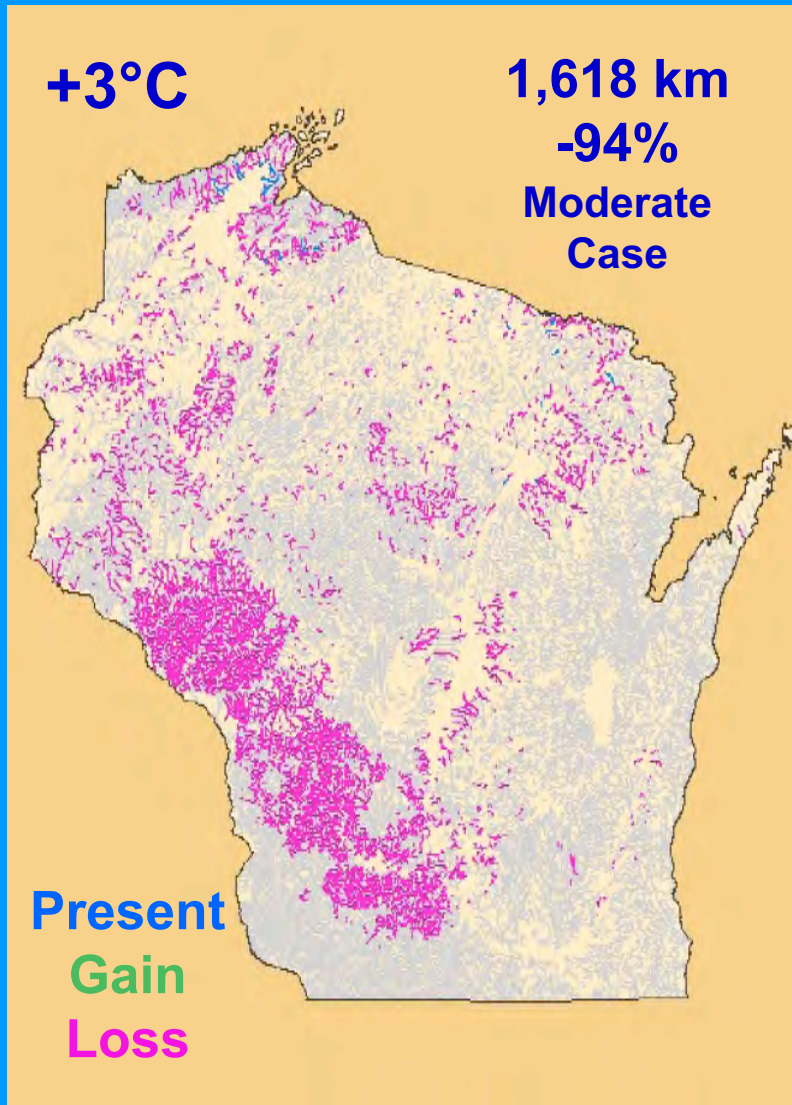
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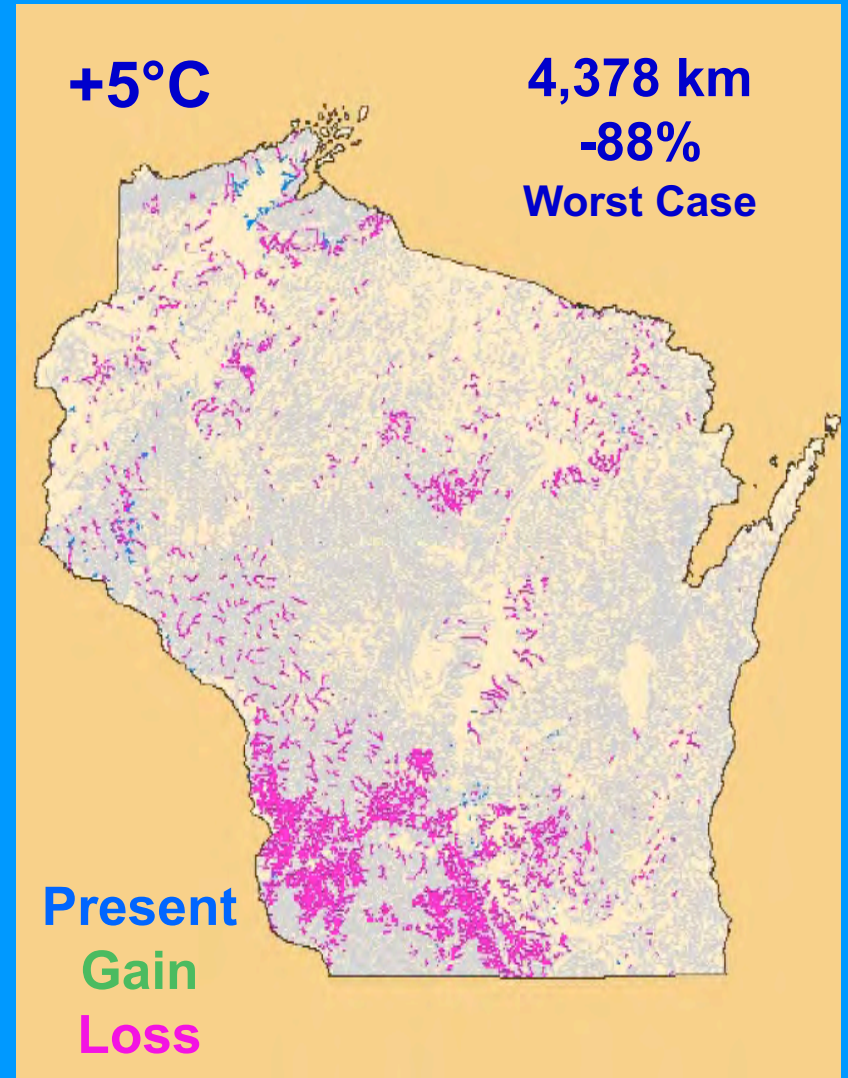
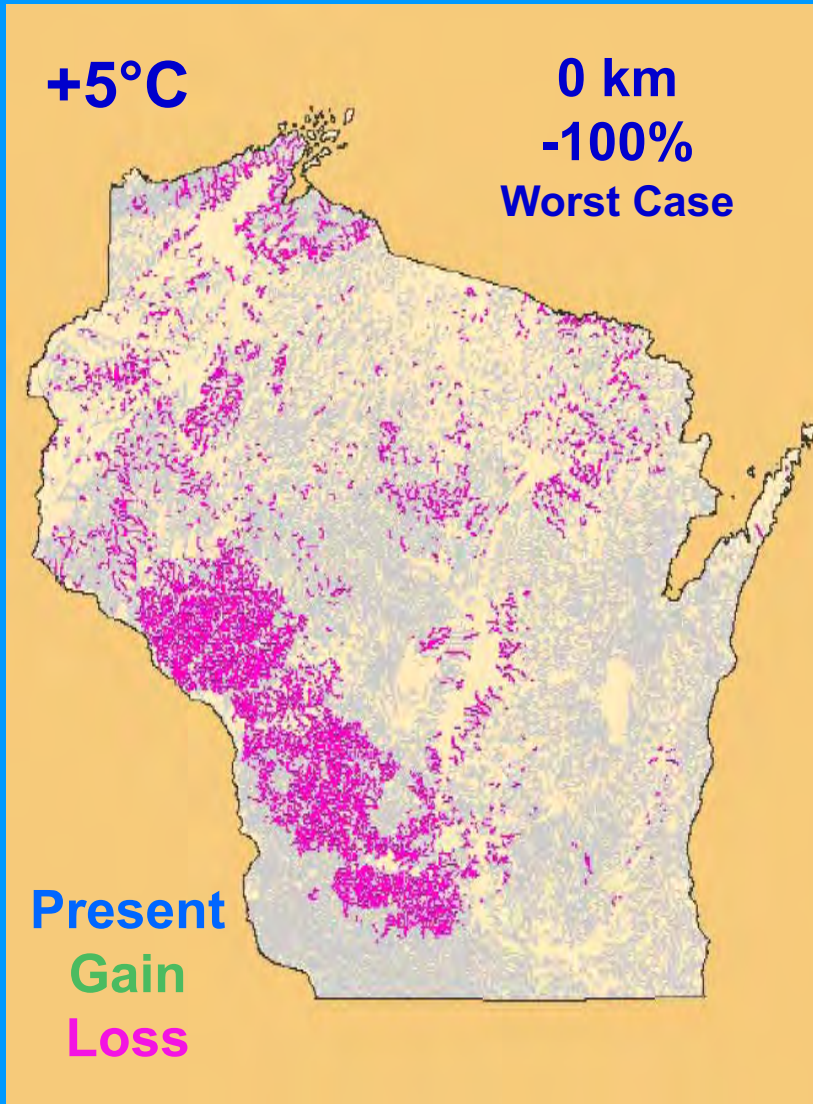


**37,241 km
Present**



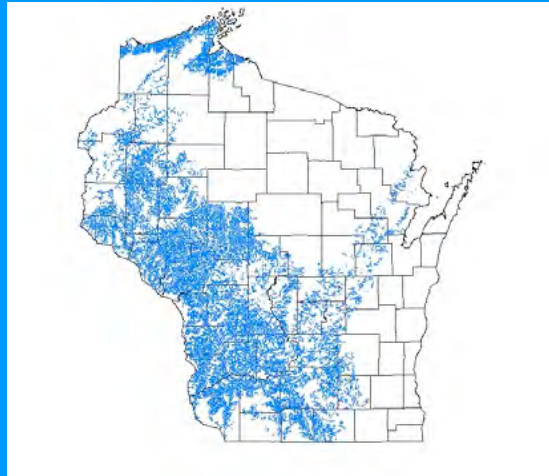




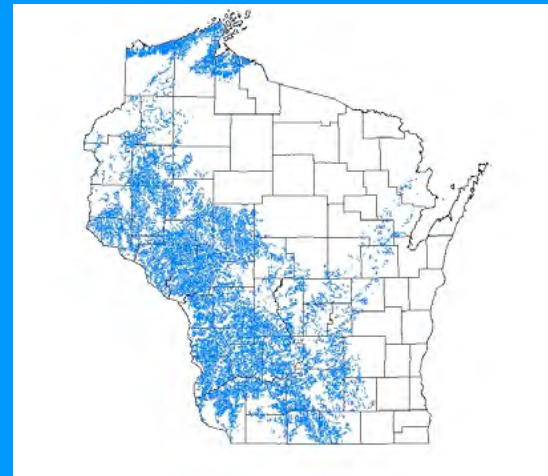


Brown Trout

Current climate

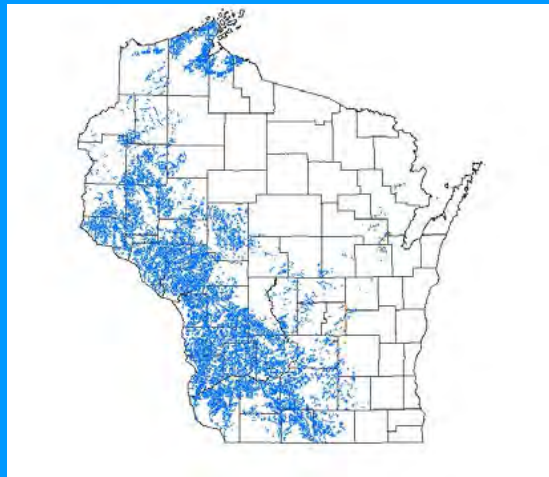


Best case (-7.9%)



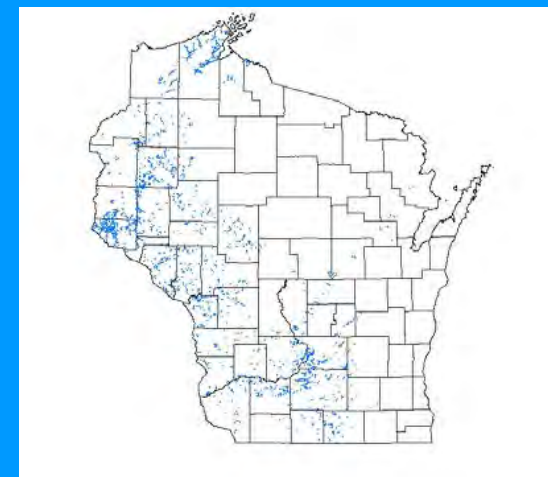
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Moderate case (-33.1%)



3.0 C (2.4 C)

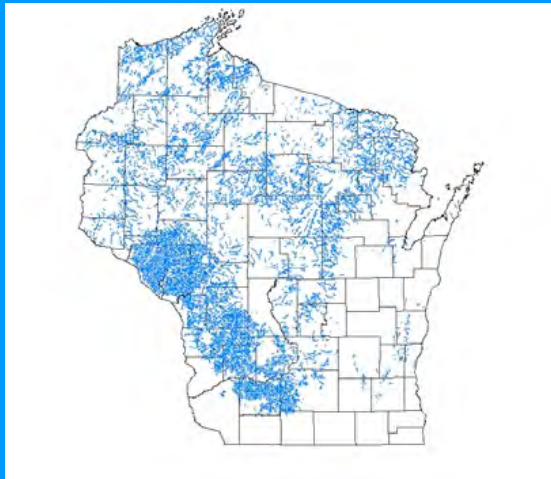
Worst case (-88.2%)



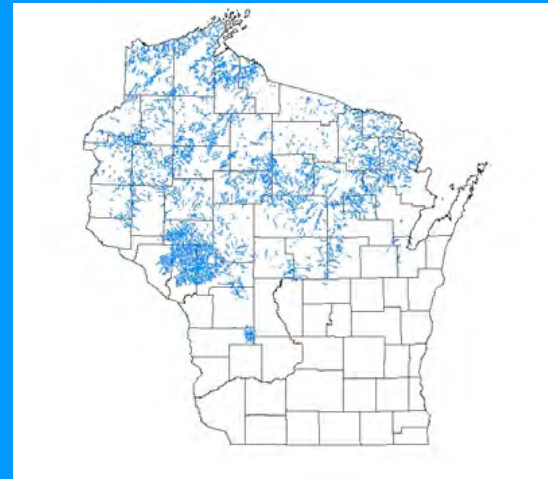
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Brook Trout

Current climate

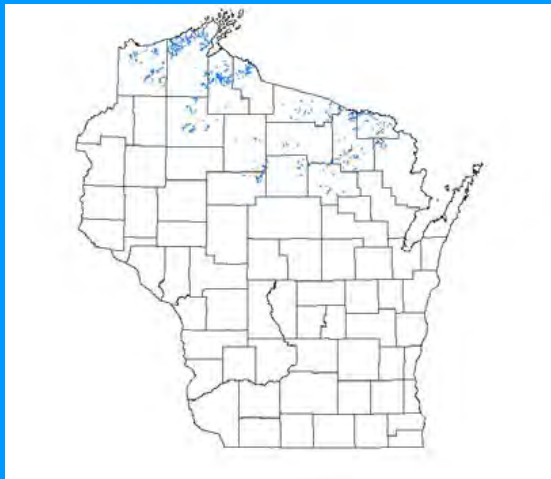


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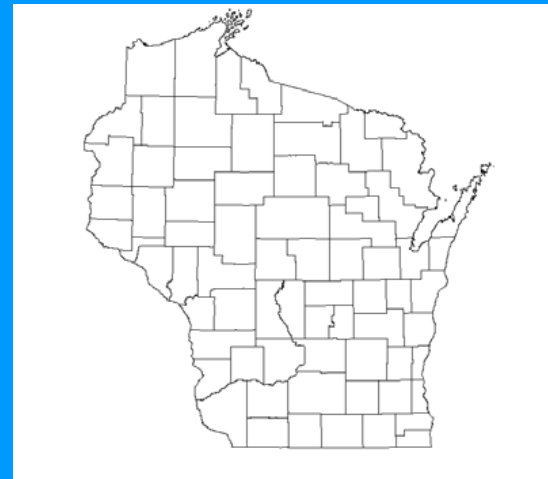
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Moderate case (-94.4%)



3.0 C (2.4 C)

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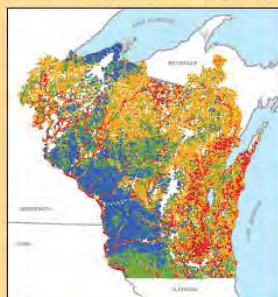


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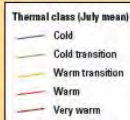
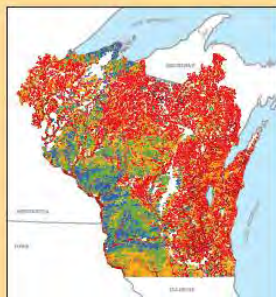
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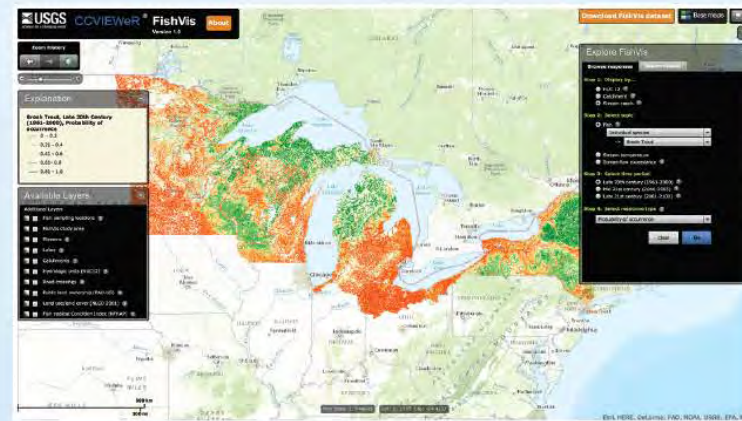


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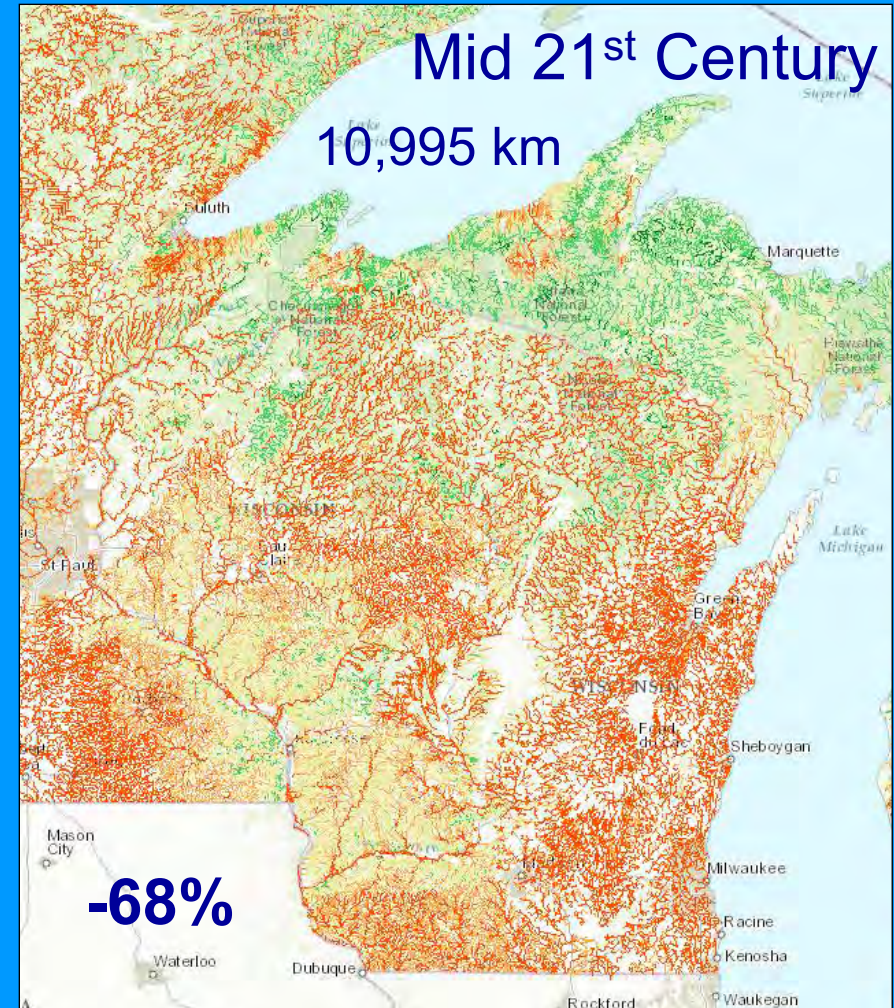
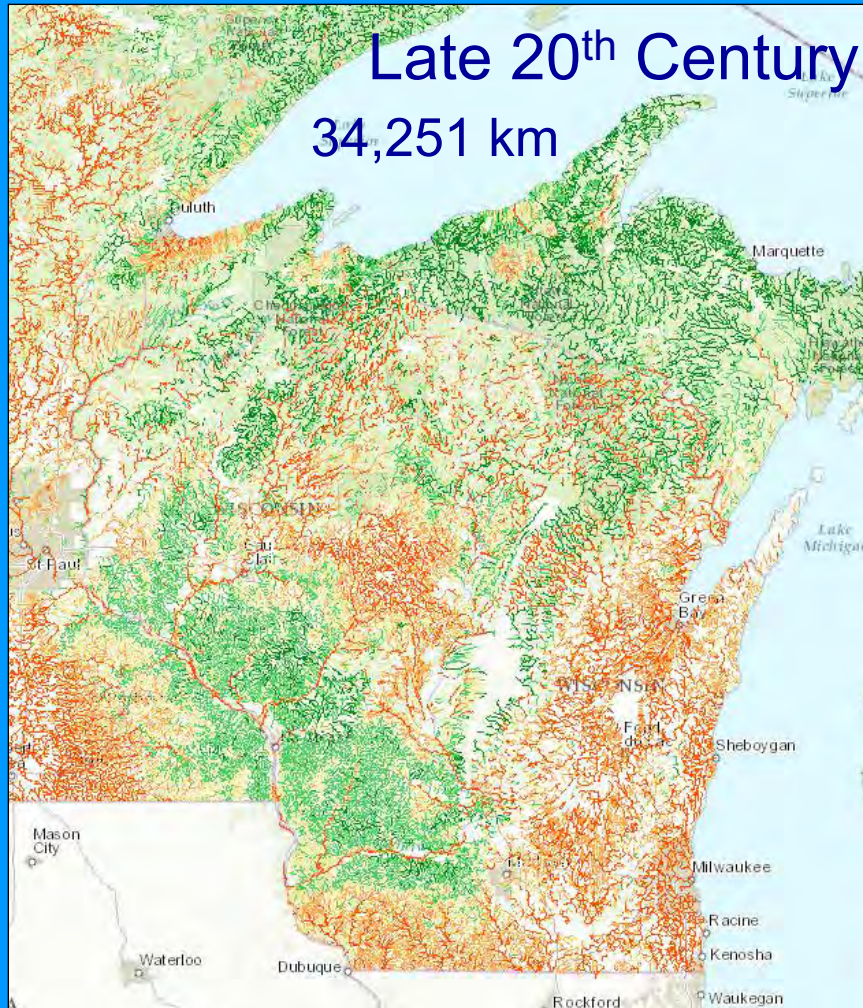
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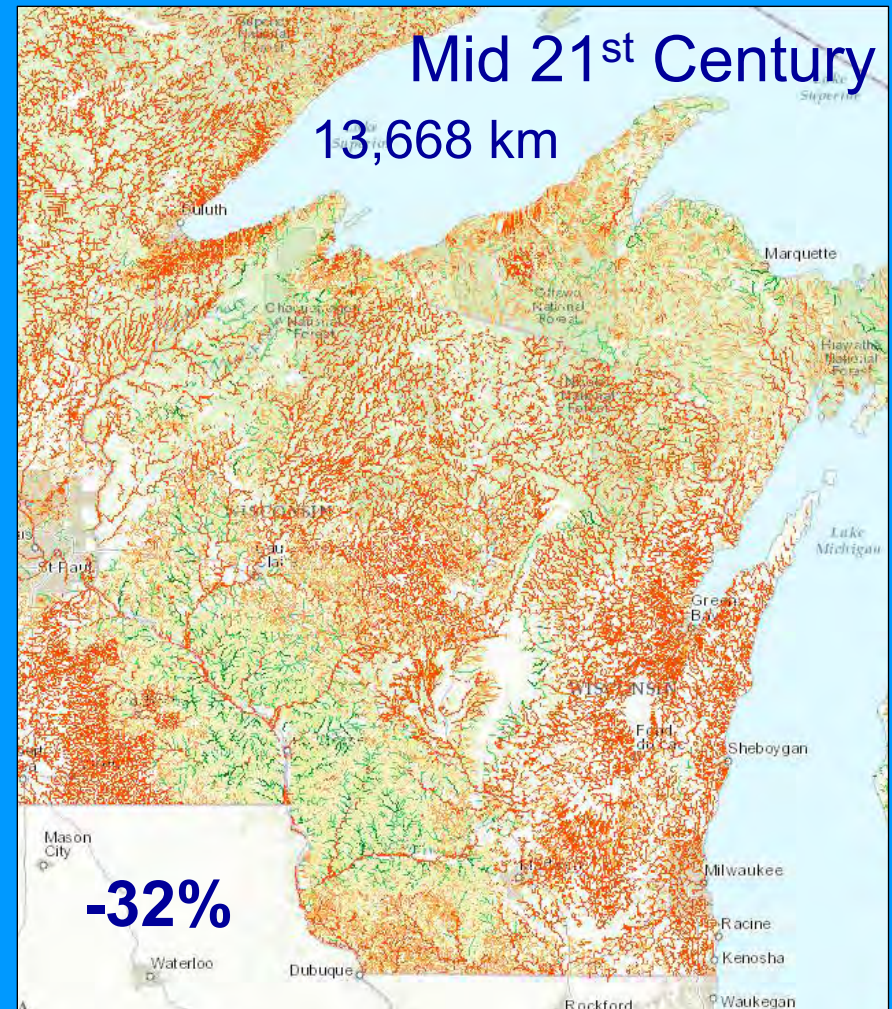
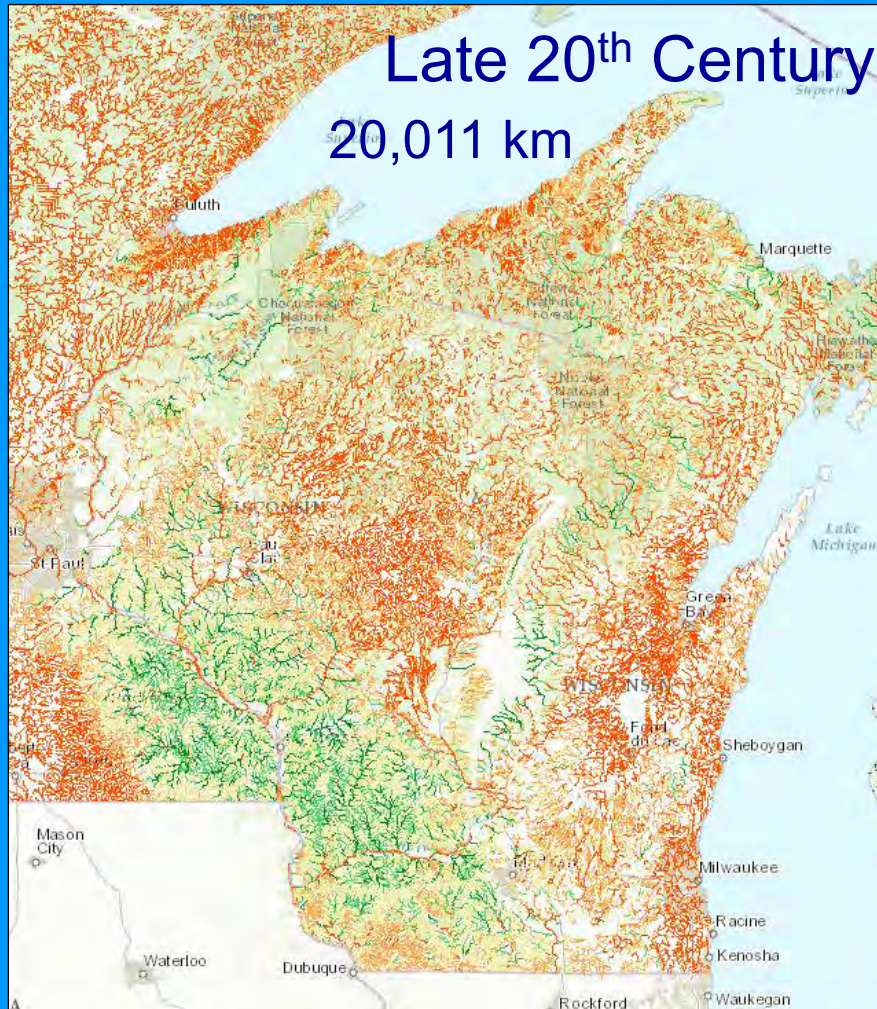
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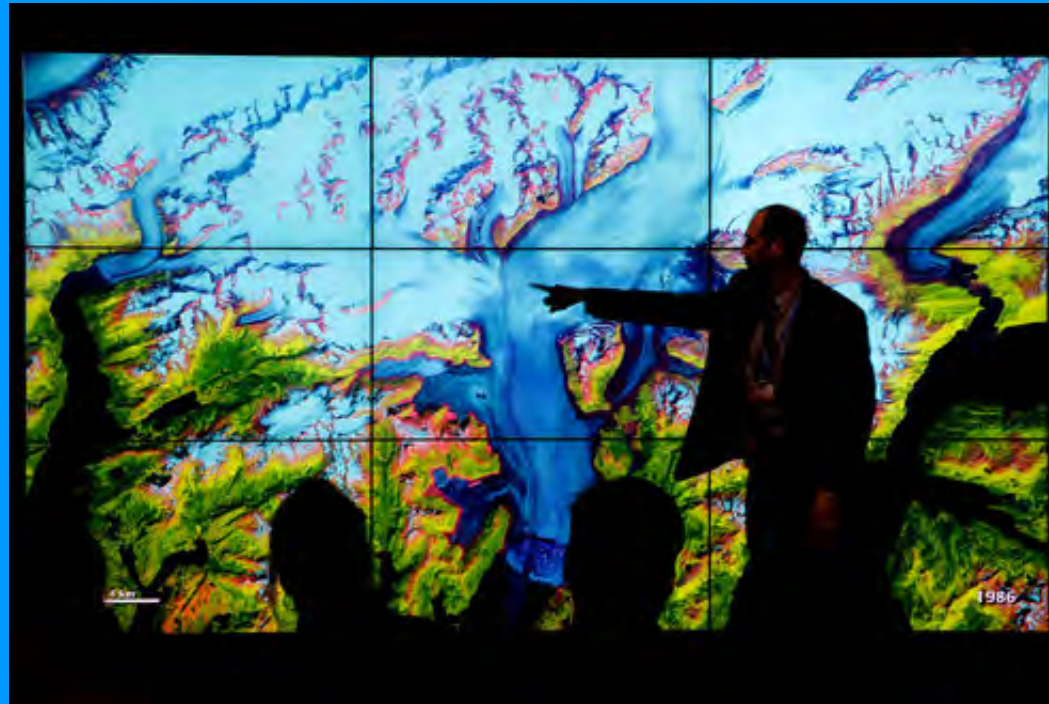


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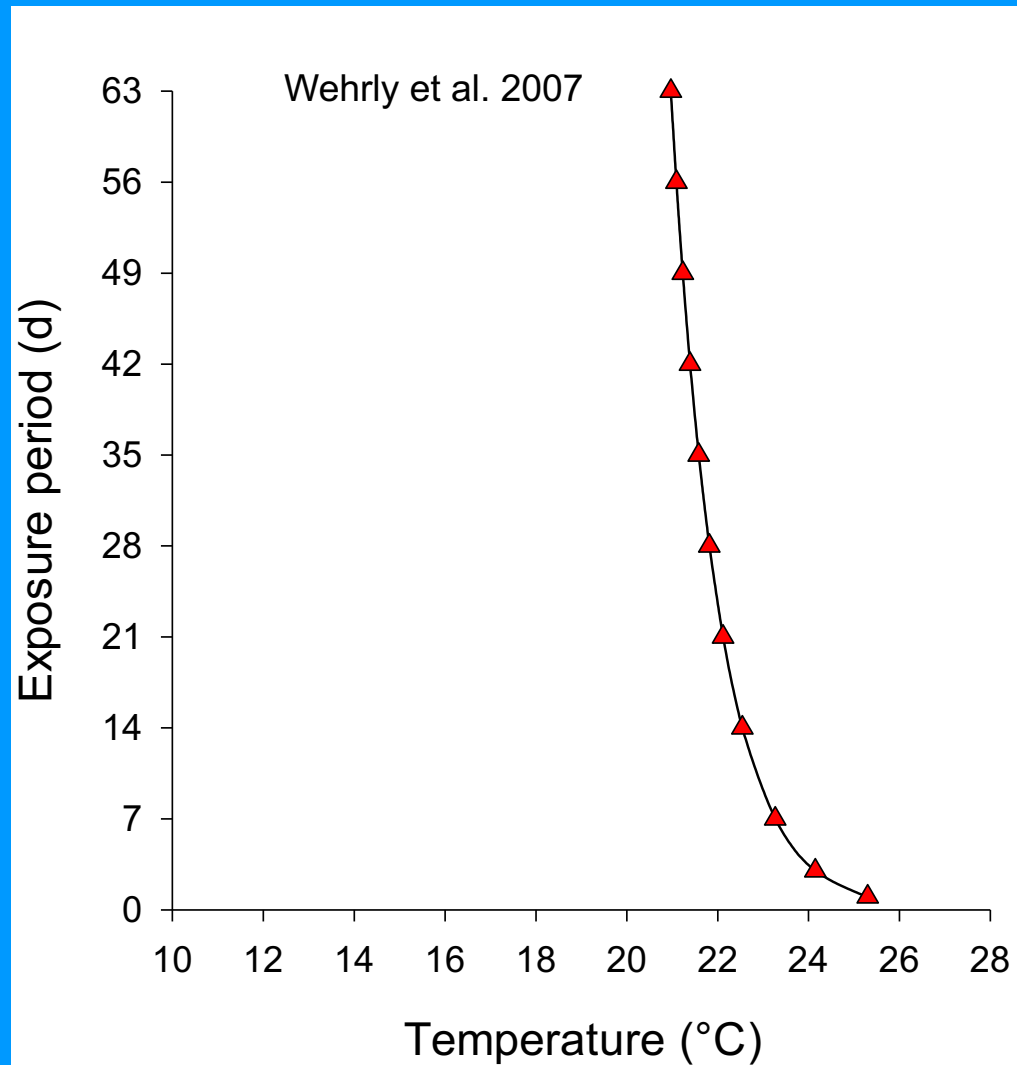


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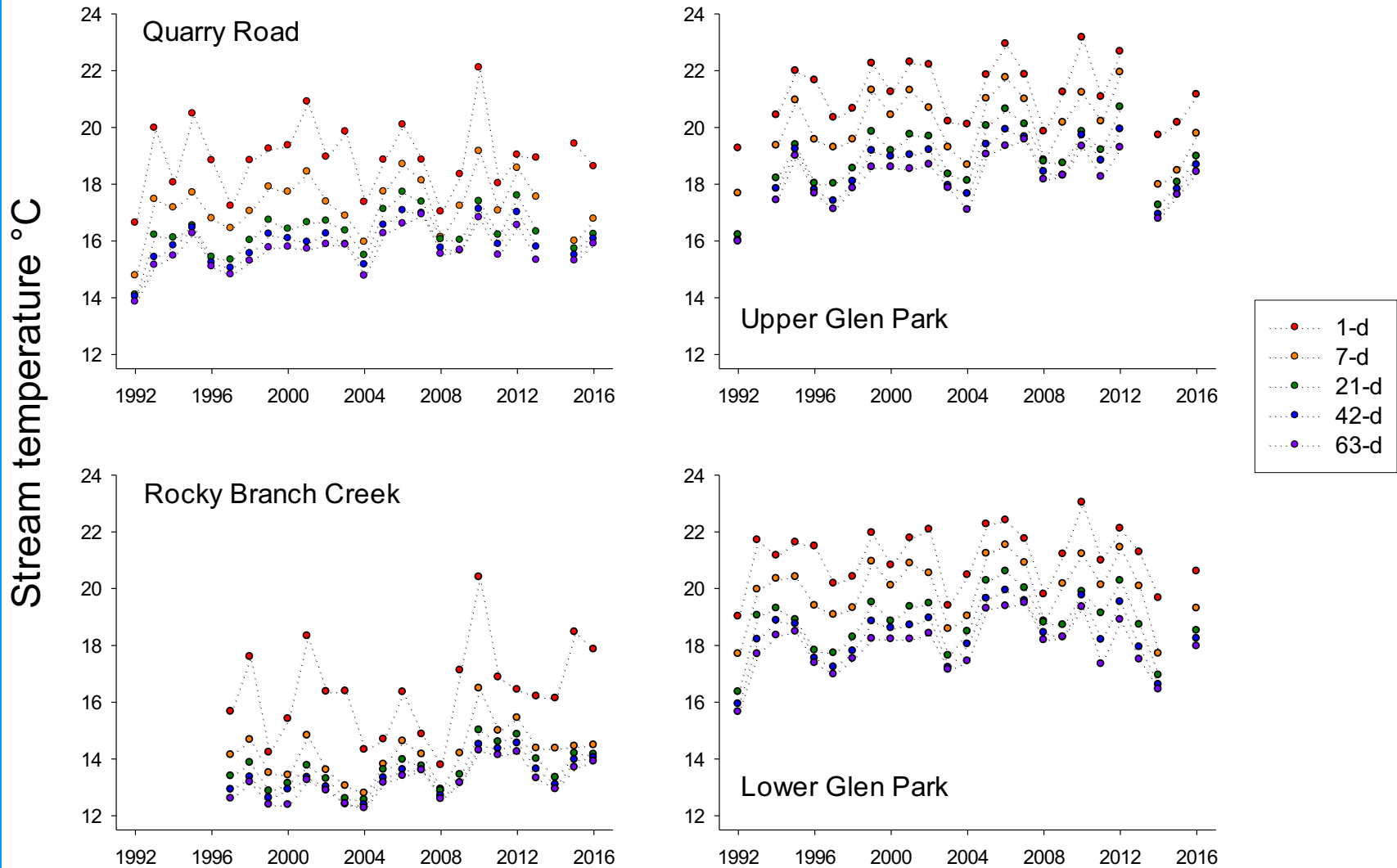
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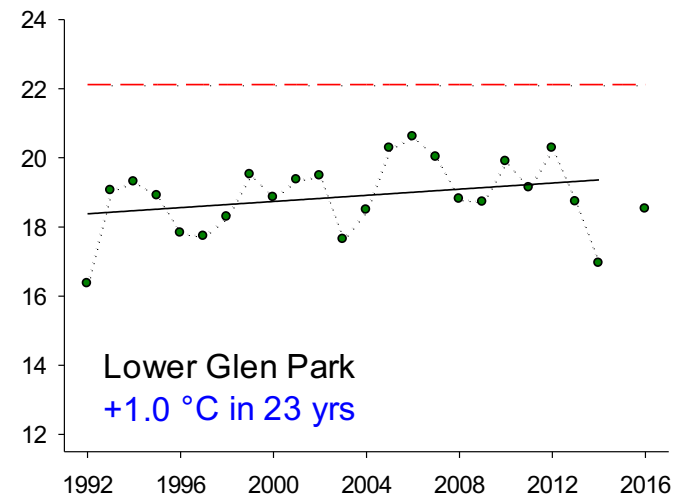
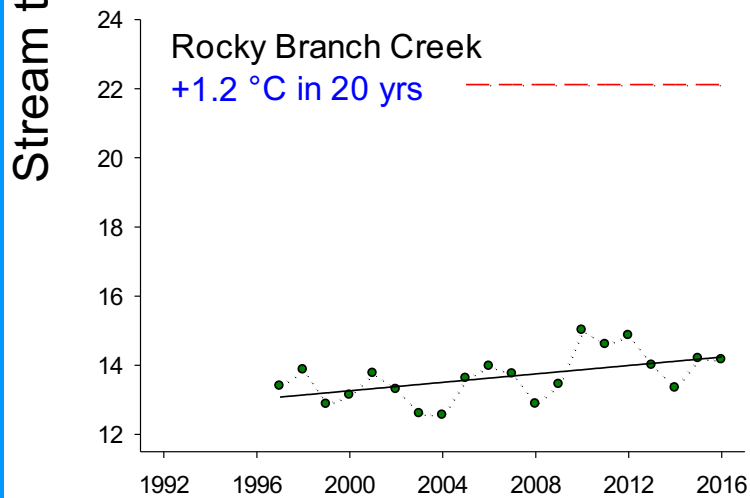
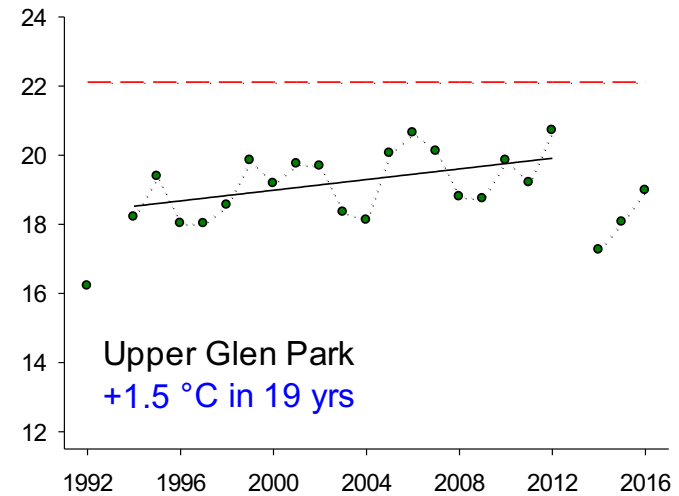
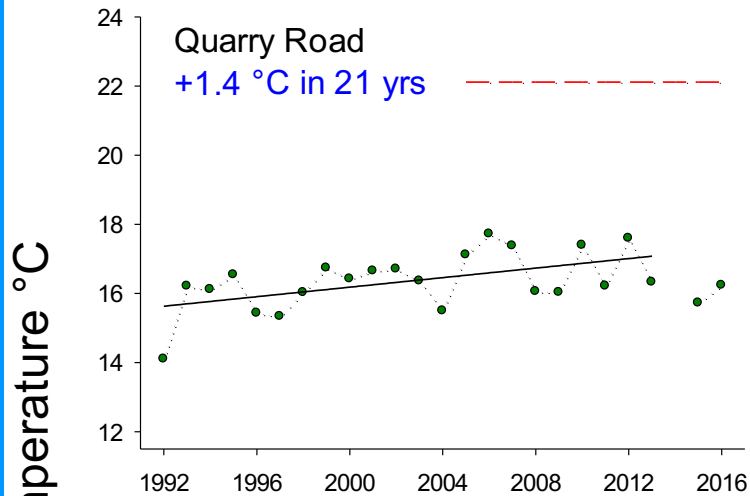
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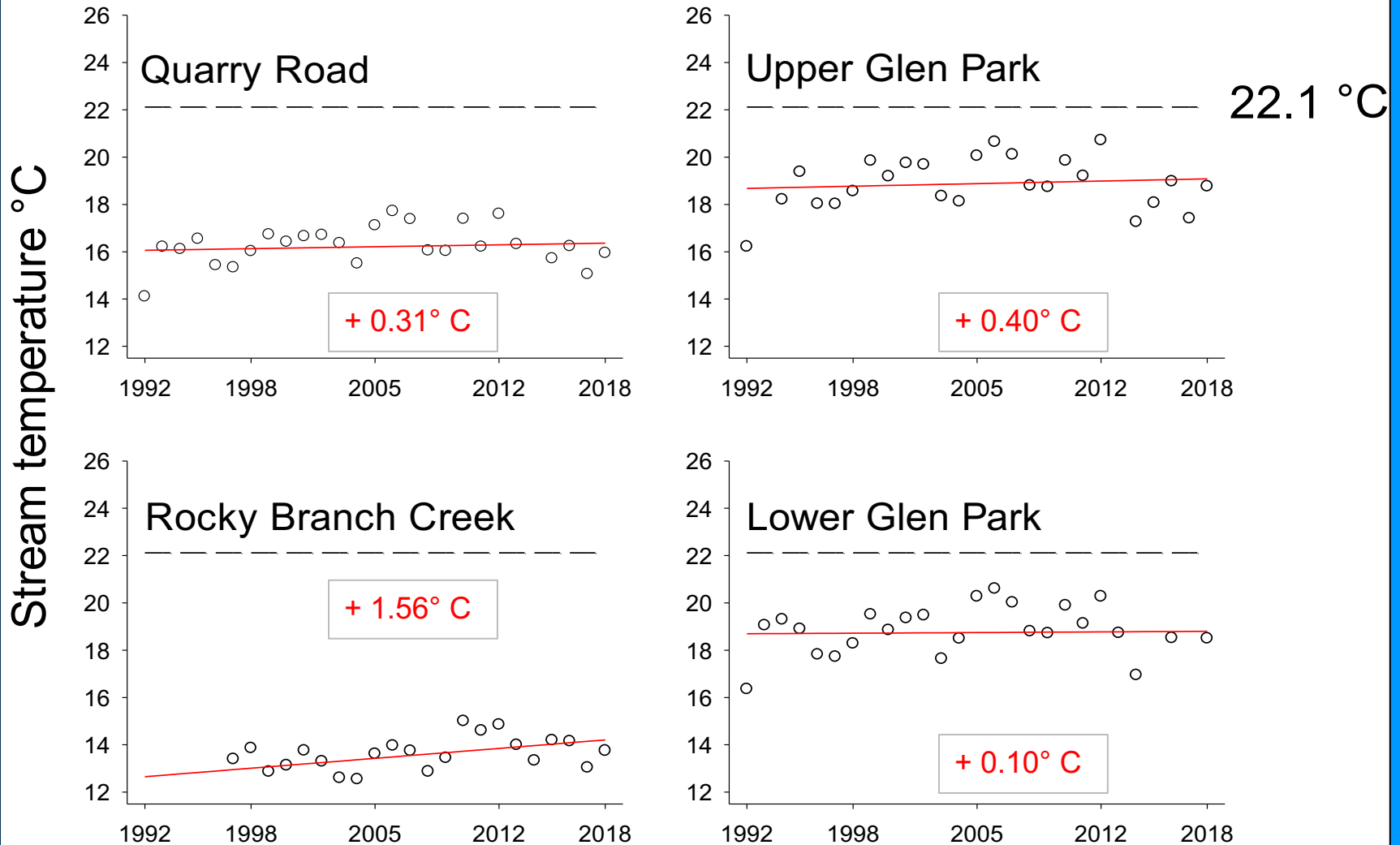
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