

A man in a white shirt and dark pants stands on a wooden boardwalk overlooking a stream in a forest. The boardwalk is made of light-colored wooden planks and is elevated above the water. The stream is narrow and flows through a lush, green forest with many trees and bushes. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day.

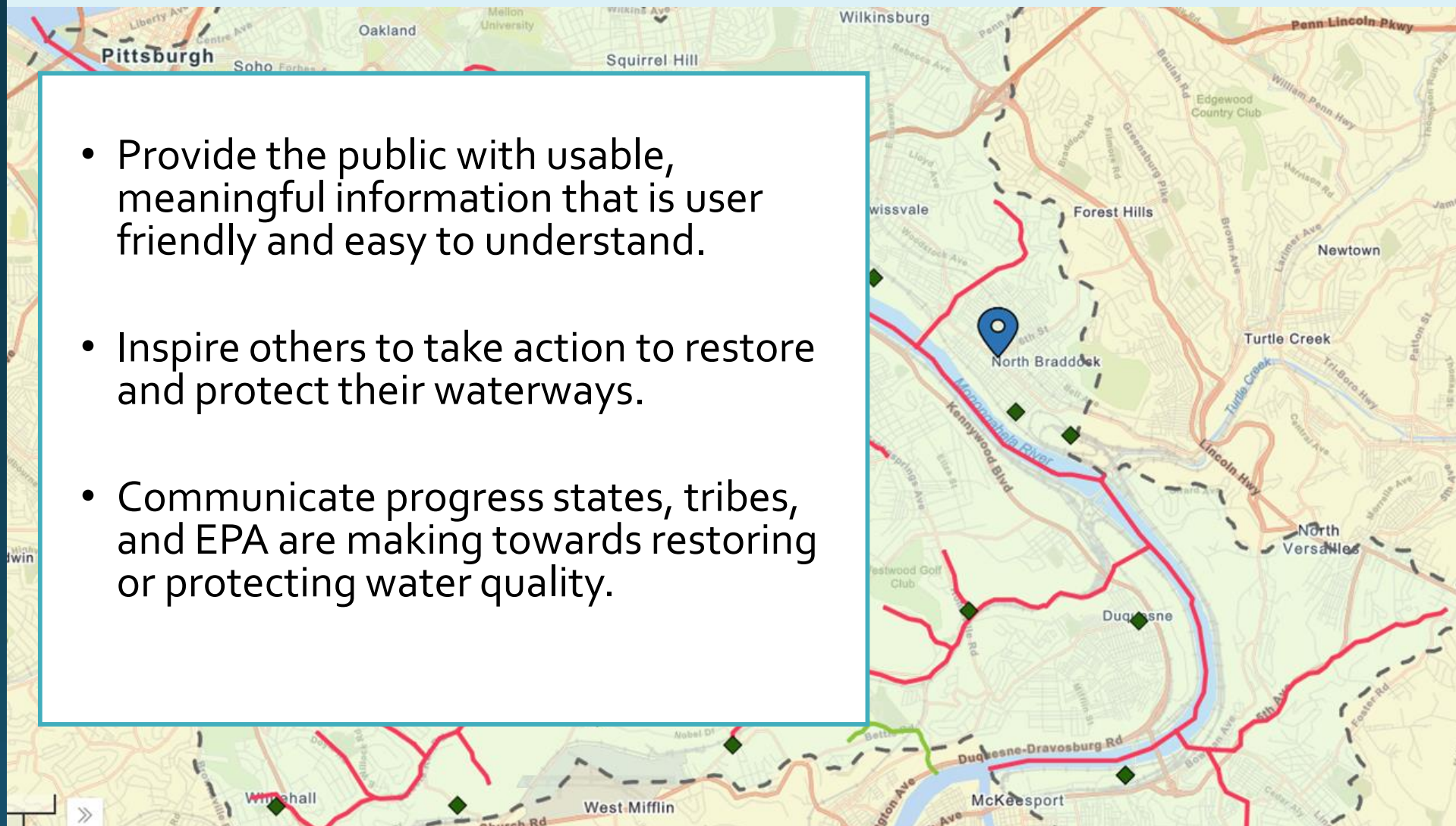
Communicating Success with How's My Waterway

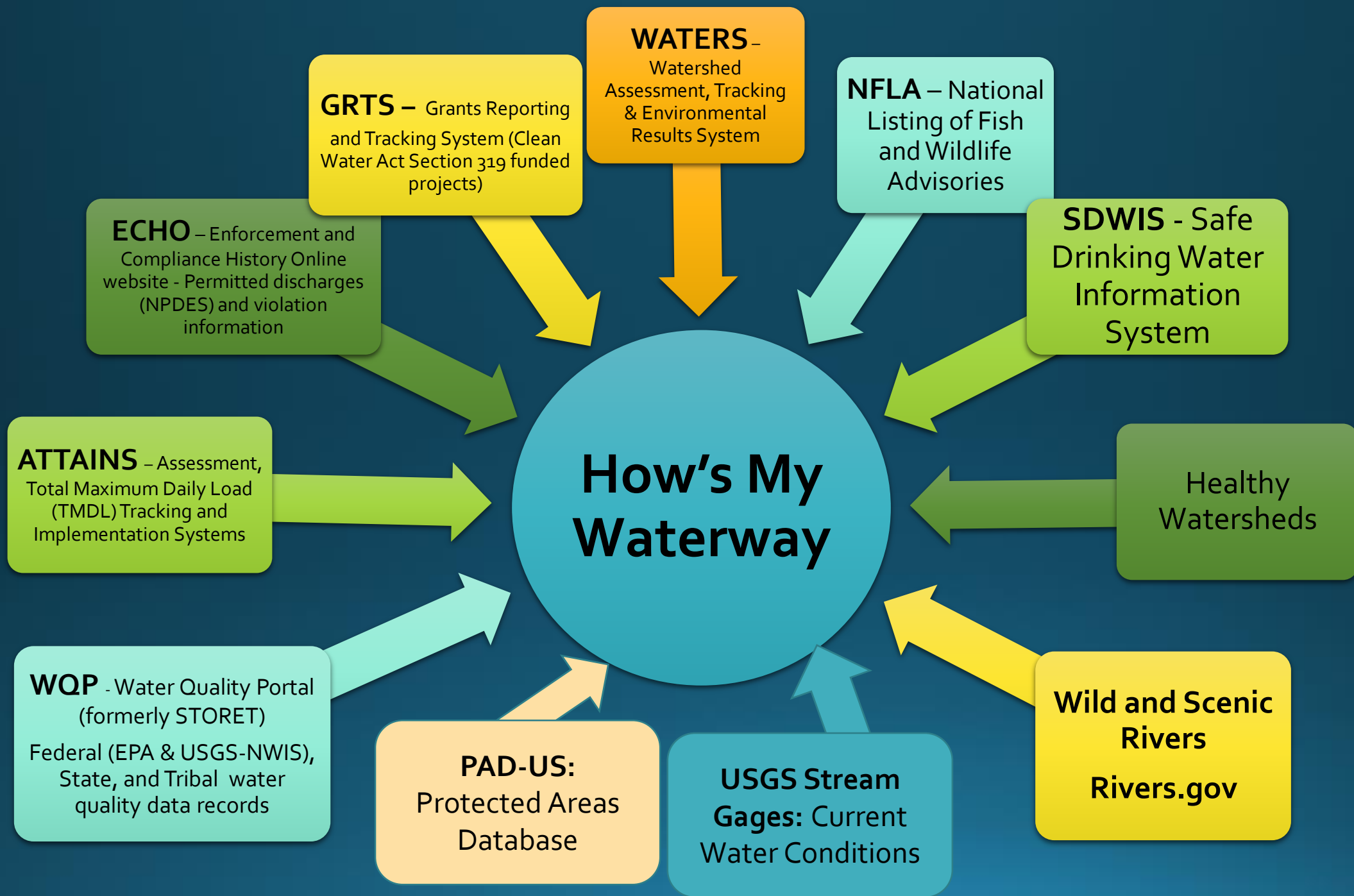
Kiki Schneider, US EPA, Office of Water

How Do you Tell the Water Story?

How's My Waterway Goals:

- Provide the public with usable, meaningful information that is user friendly and easy to understand.
- Inspire others to take action to restore and protect their waterways.
- Communicate progress states, tribes, and EPA are making towards restoring or protecting water quality.








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States, Tribes and Territories can add links to websites and other relevant information they'd like to share in How's My Waterway. CA has added a link to their waterboards website and a public hearing.

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-  **California Documents** >
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-  **More Information for California** ▾

Links below open in a new browser tab.

- <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/> EXIT
- [Board Adoption Hearing, begins 1:52:30](#) EXIT

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Metrics from ATTAINS and a paragraph describing your water program can be added to How's My Waterway

Pennsylvania by the Numbers

125,119

Total Public Lake Acres
acres

1,999,028

Total Freshwater Wetland Acres
acres

85,568

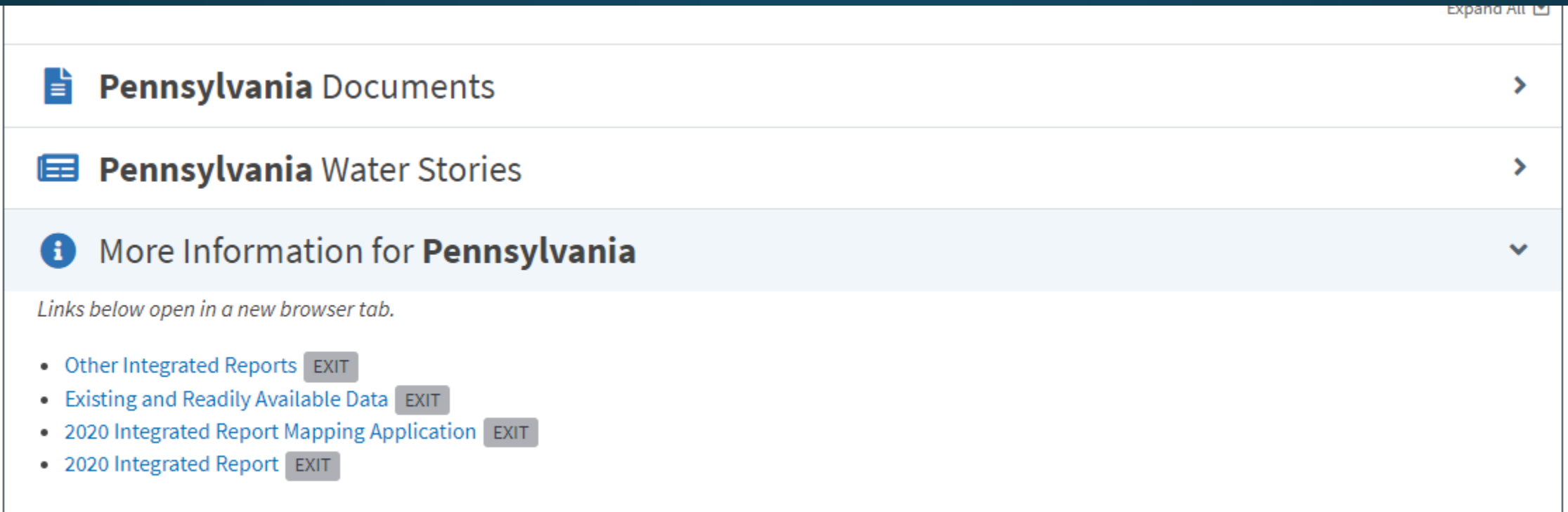
Total Stream Miles
miles


Waters not assessed do not show up in summaries below.







The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) is responsible for protecting and describing water quality status of the surface waters of Pennsylvania. Within PADEP, the Water Quality Division in the Bureau of Clean Water assesses the quality of streams, rivers, and lakes through routine and targeted monitoring of chemistry, biology, and physical habitat. These assessments describe whether the water meets water quality criteria (benchmarks or standards), fish are safe to eat, if levels of bacteria pose a higher risk for illness during swimming or boating, and if water is a good source of drinking water. These results are published every two years in the Pennsylvania Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report as required by Clean Water Act Sections 303(d) and 305(b). [Show less](#)

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



PA has added links to past integrated reports, data, a PA mapping application and their integrated report as a storymap.



Expand All 


-  **Pennsylvania Documents** 
-  **Pennsylvania Water Stories** 
-  **More Information for Pennsylvania** 

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- [Other Integrated Reports](#) 
- [Existing and Readily Available Data](#) 
- [2020 Integrated Report Mapping Application](#) 
- [2020 Integrated Report](#) 


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The ability to add any relevant assessment documents is available in ATTAINS and will show up on the waterbody report page in the next How's My Waterway update. Below is an example from Tennessee.

 **Fillauer Creek**
Assessment Unit ID: TN06020002009_0200

Waterbody Condition: Impaired (Issues Identified)

Existing Plans for Restoration: Yes

 **303(d) Listed:** No

Year Reported: 2022

Organization Name (ID): Tennessee (TDECWR)

What type of water is this?
River (7.4 Miles)

Where is this water located?
Fillauer Creek from South Mouse Creek to headwaters. Ecoregion 67g & 67f Bradley County

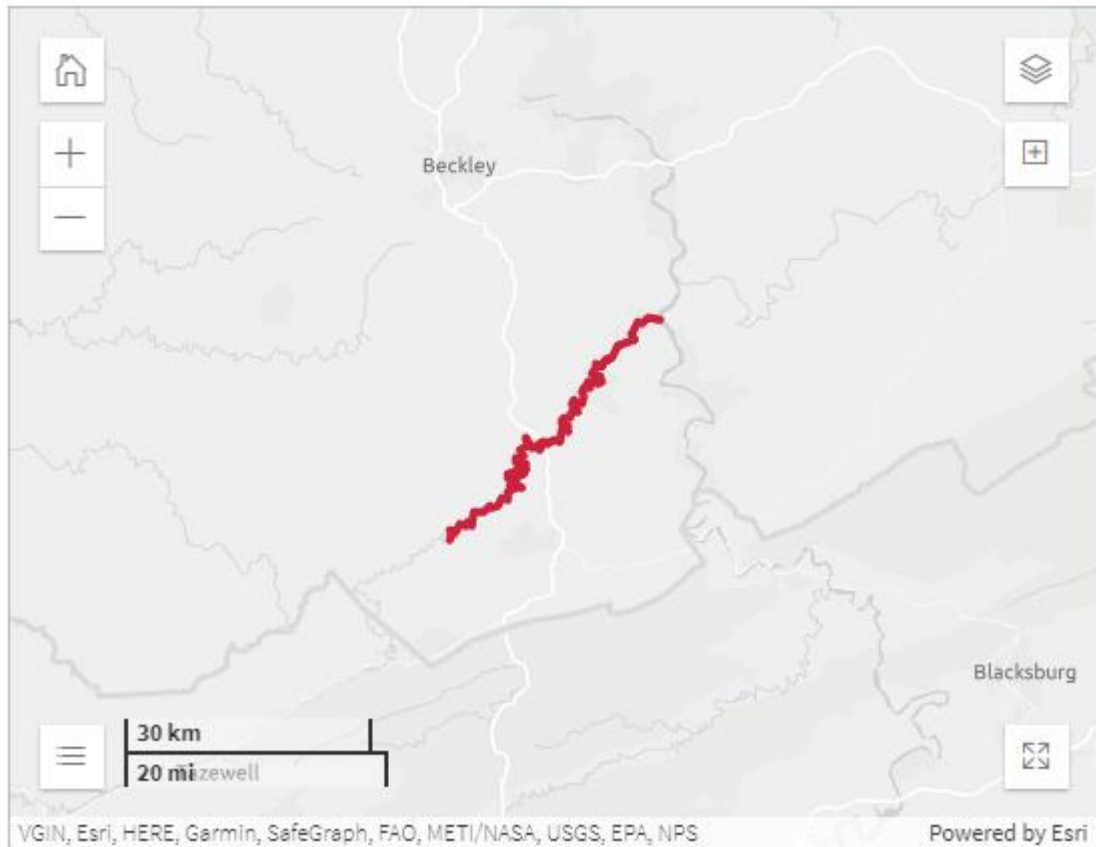
Assessment Documents


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Fillauer Creek (TN06020002009_0200) TDEC 2020	—	Decision Rationale
Fillauer Creek (TN06020002009_0200) MS4 E coli 2020	—	Decision Rationale

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Photos of waterbodies and audio files with pronunciations of those waters will be available in the coming months to add to ATTAINS. These will show up on the waterbody report page.



 **Bluestone River** 
Assessment Unit ID: WVKNB_01

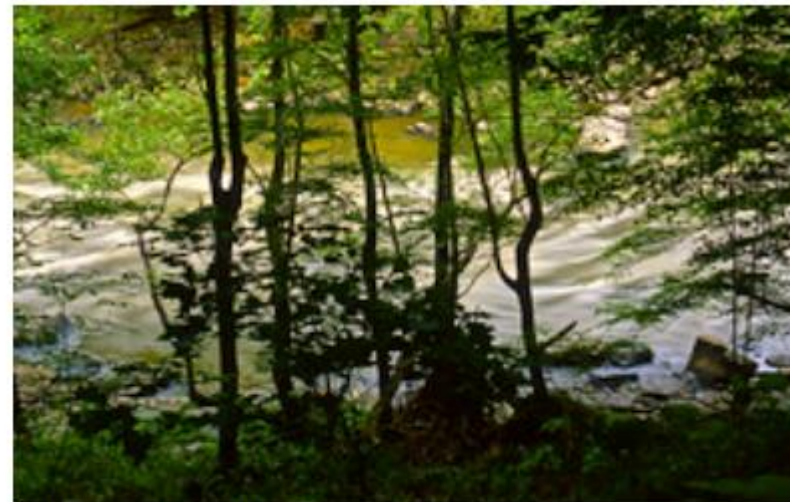


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Quick Demo of these features
mywaterway.epa.gov