

Presentation for

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Land-margin interactions: 3 venues – subject to major Δ 's

- 1. watershed systems
- 2. boundary systems
- 3. coastal systems

1. Watershed systems: major changes ~

- Hydrologic modification
- Δ land uses
- Loadings







altered hydrologies

- increased residence times
- trapping and attenuation of flux downstream
- alteration of composition

How are materials transported and transformed within complex watershed systems ?

BSi in Swan Lake Sediments



Accelerated sequestration & trapping in reservoirs

SiO₂ concentrations in Fox River system



Major trend = Population growth

sub-sets of this general trend =

- = agricultural development
- = industrialization
- = urbanization -- the newest trend
- All ⇒ major land use changes which are driving system change
- accelerated weathering & enhanced inputs of soils, nutrients & other by-products of anthropogenic activities









Urbanization & the urban coast



Human Population and Coastal Marine Pollution from Major Rivers





Sediment yields



Nutrient loadings:

urban ~ rural



2. Boundary systems: e.g. wetlands role in alteration of flow, fluxes, etc.











weighted $\omega = 19.0 \text{ mg} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{yr}^{-1}$

Peshtigo wetland phosphorus budget (x 10⁵ mol·yr⁻¹)



a Klump et al. 1997 (estimated from 1970-1990 flow)b Green Bay Mass Balance (1988-1990)

Peshtigo wetland carbon budget (1 x 10⁵ moles)



3. Coastal systems: e.g. EEGLE: Episodic Events Great Lakes Experiment





Coastal habitats: e.g nearshore hardgrounds

- highly dynamic EEGLE
- complex topographic structure
 = largely unmapped & under studied
- rapidly changing ecologies, e.g. ZM cladophora i/a
- = coastal health concerns
- = security issues

BATHYMETRY CONTOUR MAP



HIGH RESOLUTION SHADED RELIEF MAP



HIGH RESOLUTION SURFACE MAP



SEABED CLASSIFICATION AND SURVEY TRACKLINES





SEABED CLASSIFICATION AND BATHYMETRY





Nearhore reefs –> major shift in ecology



Zebra mussels on shallow reef bottom



↑ ZM = ↑ light & nuts = massive "cladophora meadows"...
= impacts on perch ?
↑ viz = ↑ predation?
↑ ZM filter feeding = ↓ food supply for larval fish



Observation: bass defends nest of eggs... But it gets caught... ...and a goby feeding frenzy ensues!

Coastal Health: e.g. Bacterial contamination of beaches :

- numbers & types
- viability
- sources & source functions









DNA Finger-Printing & Source Identification







Milwaukee learned its water lesson, but many other cities haven't



Cryptosporidium oocysts

CDC Safe Water Advisory

Boil tap water one minute
Run water through fine filter
Use bottled water





Morris

(CNN)

The Year That Made Milwaukee

How secure are they?

Unique national security aspects of GL freshwater supplies:

- >15 million people drink GL water
- largest potable water intake systems in the world L. Mich
- susceptibility to biological and chemical contamination
- infrastructure vulnerabilities
 - oceanographic in scale
 - site of largest waterborne disease outbreak in U.S. history



Water supply systems – pts of vulnerability:

- source waters intakes
- treatment facilities
- storage/reservoir systems water towers, in-ground storage
- distribution networks often complex, not well mapped
- building systems pressure & holding tanks, water softeners, etc.
- control systems cyber attacks
- interdependent systems power, chemical reagent supplies, etc.

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Instrumented Ecosystems

ClobeXplorer



Challenge: Observation of high resolution temporal and spatial scale dynamics; Delineation of ecosystem variability from long term ecosystem change

Concept: "Instrumented Ecosystems" – remote sensing via a diverse array of sensors capable of telemetering data in near real time

Design: A Great Lakes Observatory Network

- Sea Grant, NURP & GLERL





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