

2018-2023 NPS Management Plan

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Purpose of the Plan

- The plan's purpose is twofold:
 - First, it provides context for the State's NPS Management Program's:
 - History
 - Development Process
 - Function and Purpose
 - Management Processes
 - Objectives and Goals

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- The plan's purpose is twofold:
 - Secondly, it serves as a resource to those interested in NPS management such as:
 - State agencies
 - Federal agencies
 - Local governments
 - Landowners
 - Other stakeholders
- The ultimate goal is to restore waterbodies.

Management Plan Facts

- EPA requires the plan be updated every 5 years
- The current plan covers (2018-2023)
- Was approved by EPA in August 2018.

Updates and Changes

- Lower Little River was added as a priority watershed.
- The Plan was shortened to better reflect what the program actually addresses and make it more user friendly .
- Emphasizes that it's a non-regulatory program (took out things covered by regulation; such as mining, septic systems, etc.)
- Milestones were changed to be more specific and more attainable (metrics).

Short Term Milestones

- 11 short term milestones are identified in the Plan
- They are applicable to the timeframe of the Plan
- The milestones are more specific and quantifiable

Milestone Examples

- Milestone #2: Conduct strategic baseline monitoring in priority 12 digit HUCs to assist in the development of Watershed Based Plans
- Goal: To have 3 to 4 priority watersheds with baseline monitoring

Milestone Examples

- Milestone #9: Review ADEQ's currently approved 303(d) list for waterbody delistings
- Goal: To develop and submit 2 to 3 success stories

Milestone Examples

- Milestone #10: Work with partners to initiate 9 element Watershed Management Plans
- Goal: To have 2 to 3 Plans accepted by EPA

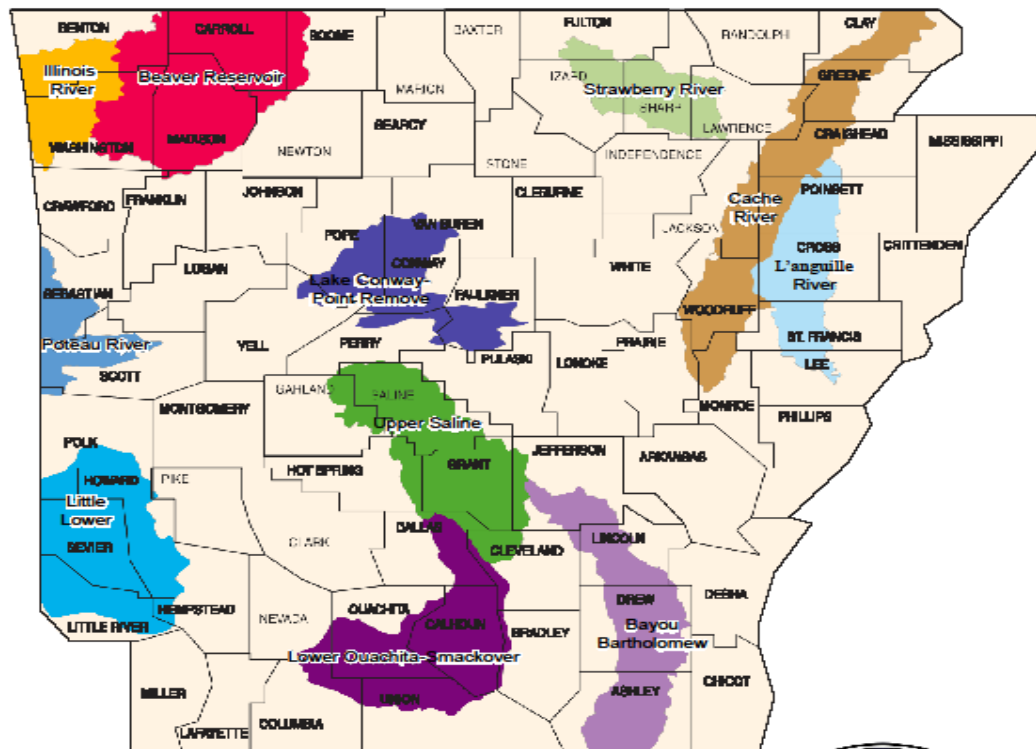
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Priority Watersheds 2018 - 2023

- Bayou Bartholomew
- Illinois River
- L'Anguille River
- Lake Conway-Point Remove
- Lower Little
- Poteau River
- Upper Saline
- Strawberry River
- Cache River
- Lower Ouachita – Smackover
- Upper White (Beaver Reservoir)

Priority Watersheds

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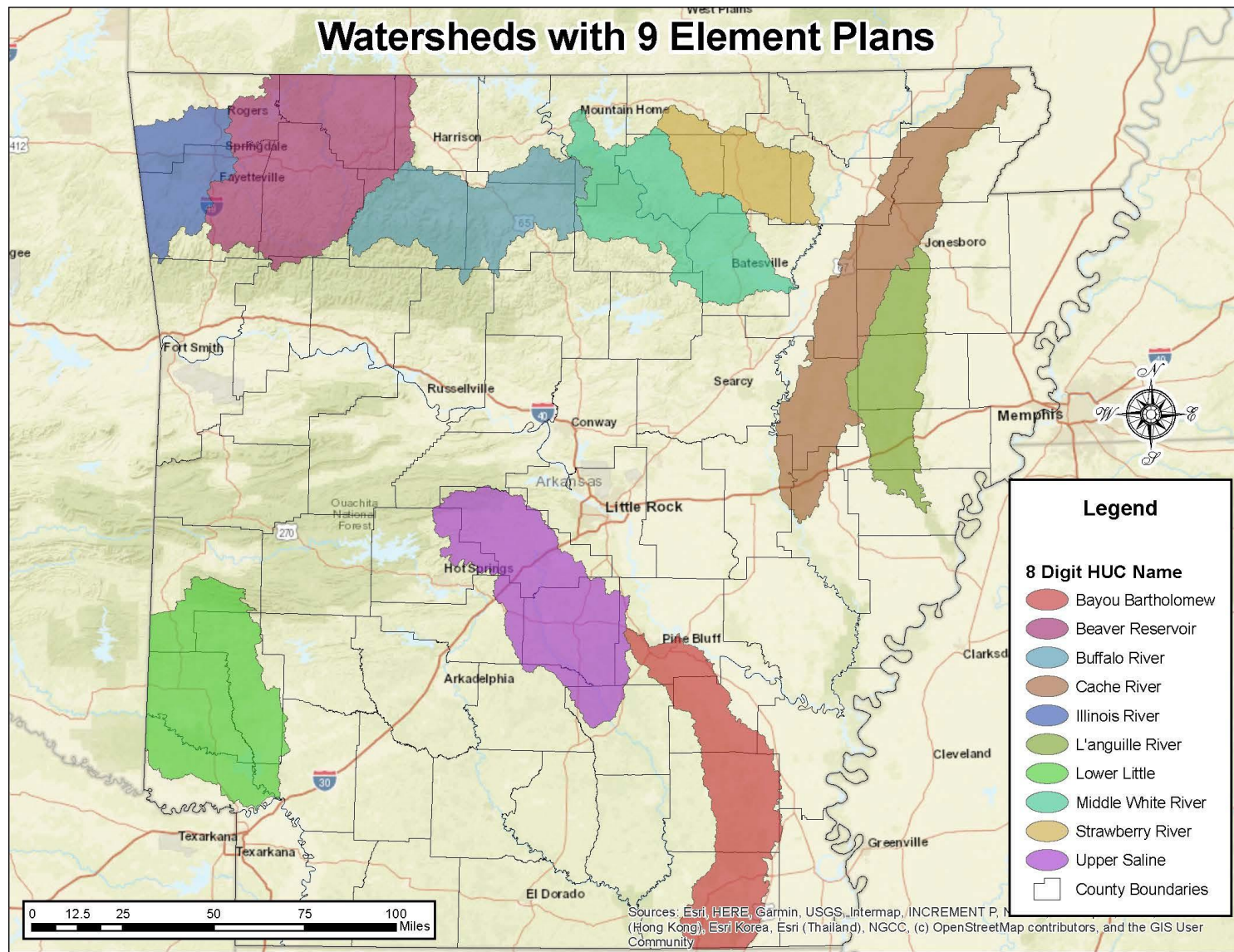
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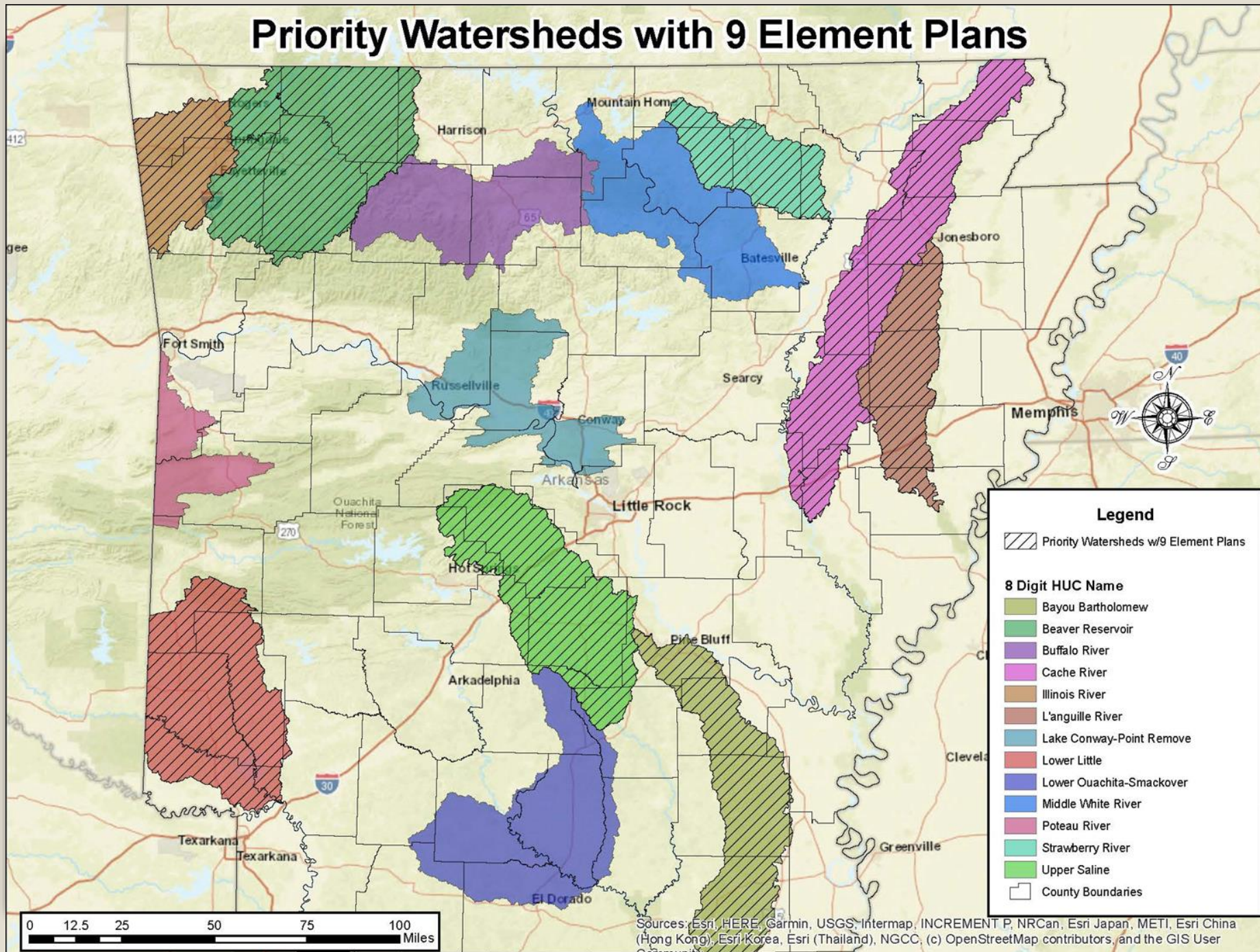
Watersheds with EPA Accepted Nine Element WMP

- Bayou Bartholomew (BBA)
- Buffalo River (FTN & Assoc.)
- Cache River (FTN & Assoc.)
- Illinois River (Tetra Tech, U of A – Fayetteville and FTN & Assoc.)
- L'Anguille River (L'Anguille River Coalition and Arkansas Audubon)
- Lower Little (FTN & Assoc.)
- Strawberry River (FTN & Assoc.)
- Upper Saline River (The Nature Conservancy)
- Upper White River & Beaver Lake (ANRC and Beaver Water Alliance)
- Middle White River (FTN & Assoc.)

Watersheds with 9 Element Plans



Priority Watersheds with 9 Element Plans



Current Management Priorities of NPS Program in Arkansas

- Priority watershed as defined by the Arkansas NPS Management Program (Risk matrix process) for "*Project Funding*"
- An EPA accepted WMP (9 element)
- Implementation project, results should be quantified by monitoring, load reduction model or justified calculations
- Budgets scrutinized and potentially reduced
- Stakeholder or partner involvement required
- **Must** demonstrate sustainability. **We can't keep funding the same thing(s) repeatedly. When the \$'s are not available does implementation cease?**

Looking to the Future

- The Plan is a living and adaptive document.
- Stakeholder involvement
- Program is starting to tackle more urban issues (LID, green infrastructure, etc.).
- Reassess in 2022

Questions?

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