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# Water Quantity Data Management in the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority

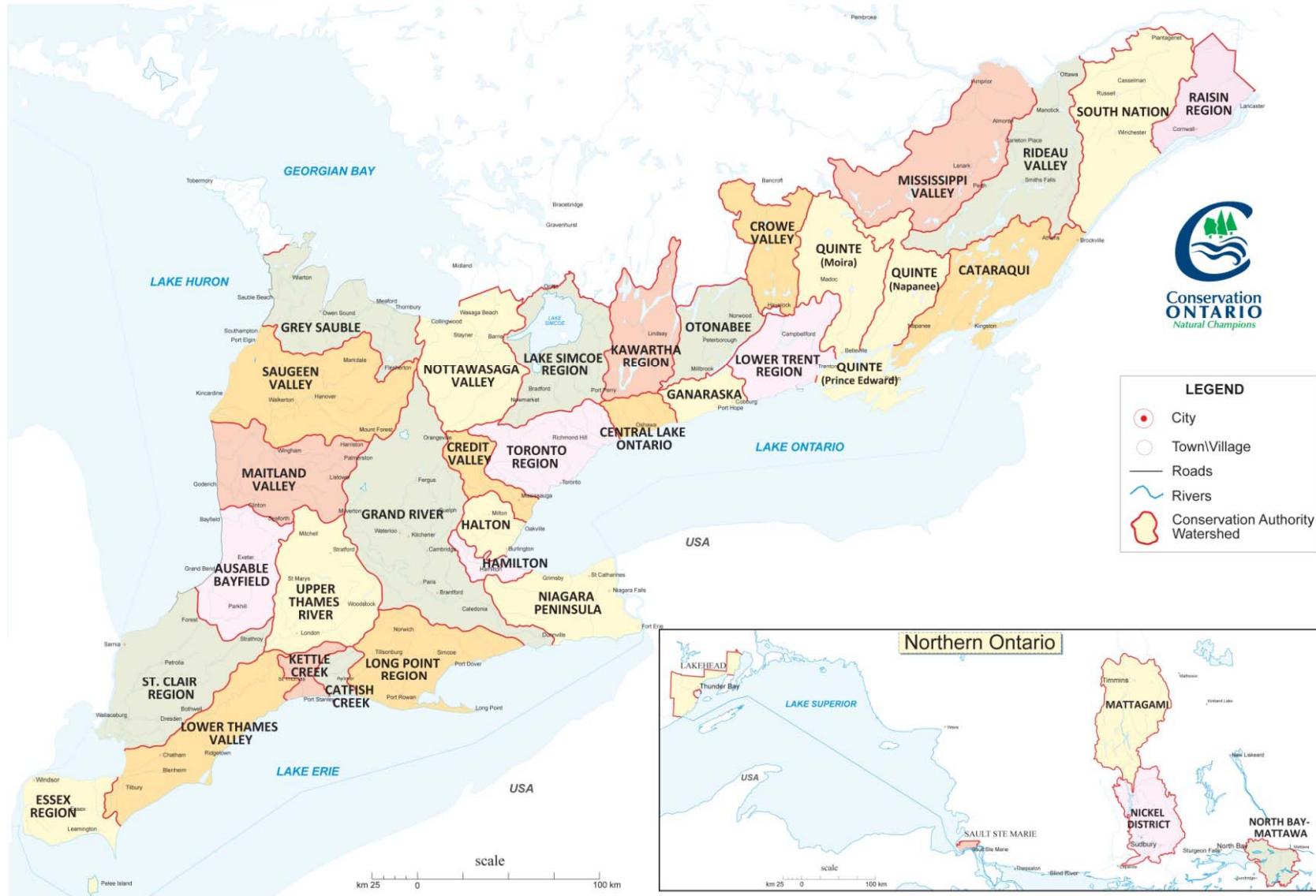
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- WISKI
- SODA
- Future Directions



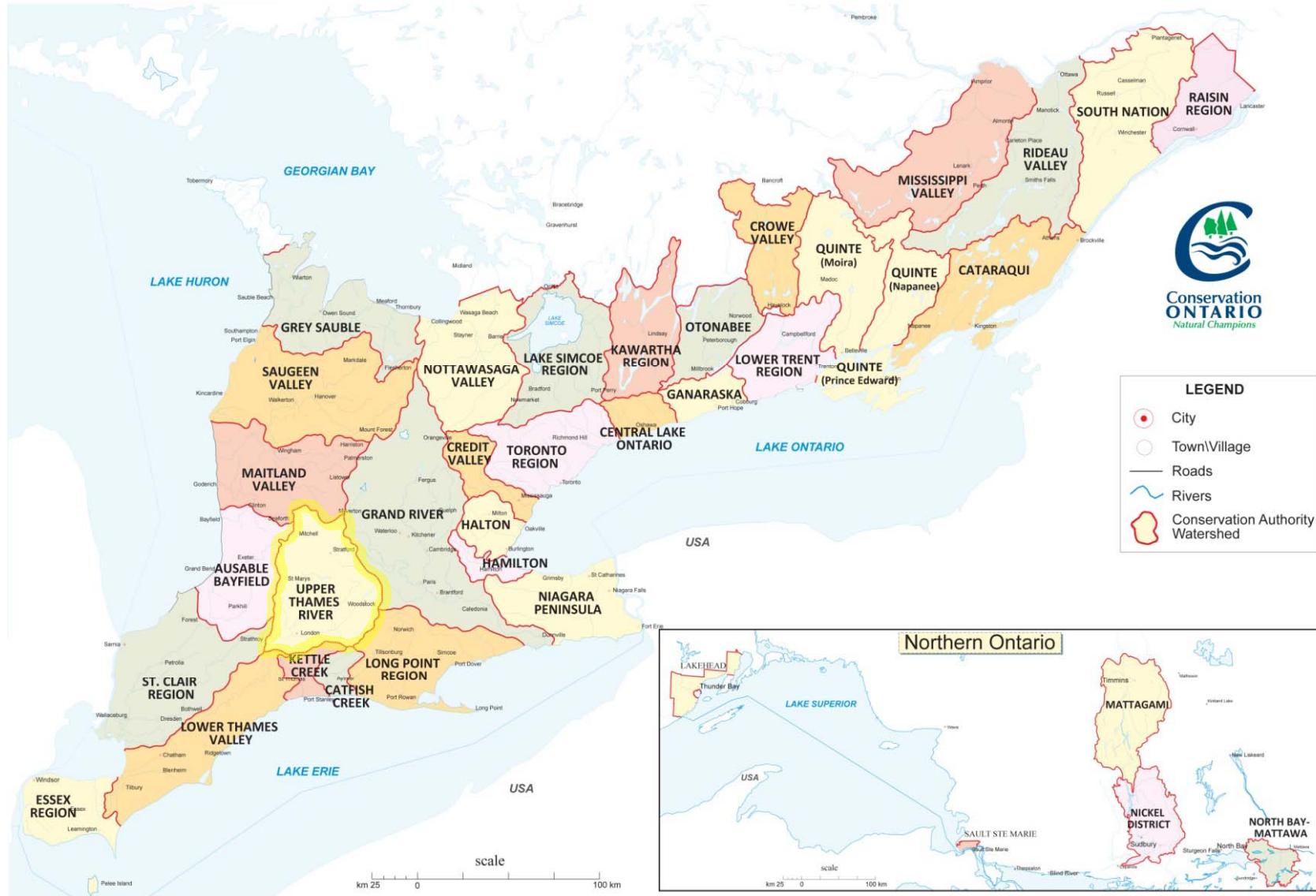
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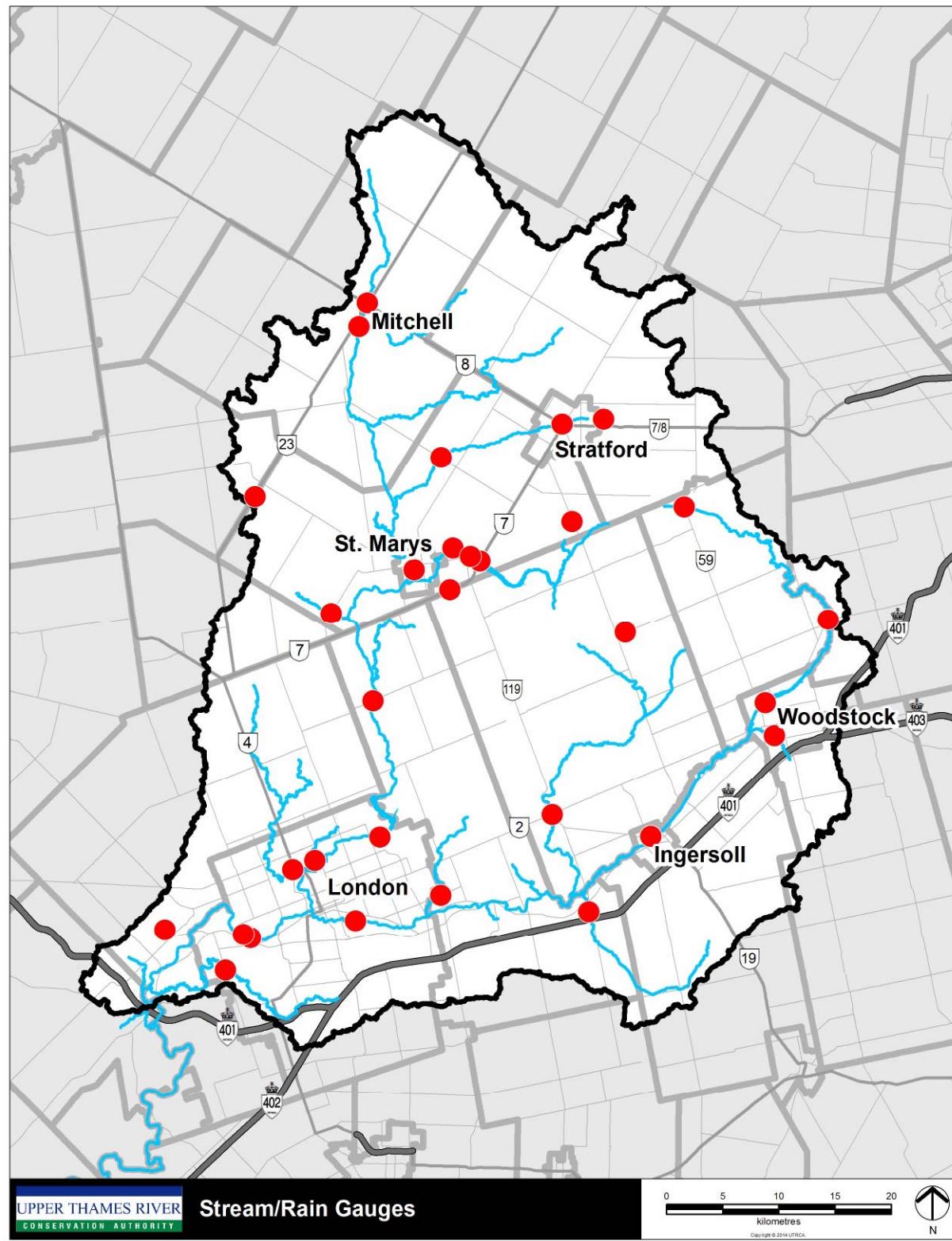


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# UTRCA Stream/ Climate Gauge Network

- 24 river level stations
- 6 reservoir level stations
- 20 rain gauges
- Also measure air temperature, solar radiation, wind speed/ direction, water temperature
- 5 LTVCA river level stations



# History

- UTRCA DATS software – 1984 – 1997
- Commercial BRFU software – 1997 - ~2004
- UTRCA DMS software – 2003- 2011
- WISKI 7 - 2010 - present



# WISKI 7.4 Advantages

- Widespread international use
- Excellent customer support
- Highly customizable/configurable
- Many additional modules available
  - REST-API
  - Water Quality
  - Benthic
  - GIS
  - Alarm management
  - Data acquisition management



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WISKI Explorer [Stations of site]

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Site By Number

- 0 / ---
- 1 / Groundwater
- 2 / Snowcourse
- 3 / EC\_Climate
- 4 / Large Subwatersheds
- 5 / LondonRain
- 6 / Water Quality
- 7 / Conservation Services
- 999 / Test Site

| Label                         | Name                     | Number |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------|
| 00 / Index Station            | Index Station            | 00     |
| 01 / Mitchell                 | Mitchell                 | 01     |
| 02 / Avon                     | Avon                     | 02     |
| 03 / Wildwood Dam             | Wildwood Dam             | 03     |
| 04 / St. Marys                | St. Marys                | 04     |
| 05 / Plover Mills             | Plover Mills             | 05     |
| 05b / Fanshawe Inflow Est...  | Fanshawe Inflow Estimate | 05b    |
| 06 / Fanshawe Dam             | Fanshawe Dam             | 06     |
| 07 / Medway                   | Medway                   | 07     |
| 08 / Innerkip                 | Innerkip                 | 08     |
| 08b / Pittock Inflow estimate | Pittock Inflow estimate  | 08b    |
| 09 / Pittock Dam              | Pittock Dam              | 09     |
| 09b / Cedar Thames Confl      | Cedar Thames Confl       | 09b    |
| 10 / Cedar Cr.                | Cedar Cr.                | 10     |
| 100 / 100                     | 100                      | 100    |
| 11 / Ingersoll                | Ingersoll                | 11     |
| 12 / Thamesford               | Thamesford               | 12     |
| 13 / Waubuno Cr.              | Waubuno Cr.              | 13     |
| 14 / Ealing                   | Ealing                   | 14     |
| 14b / Ealing Surrogate        | Ealing Surrogate         | 14b    |
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- Reports
- Documents
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  - Reports
  - Comparison stations
  - Documents
  - Groups
  - Standard graph groups
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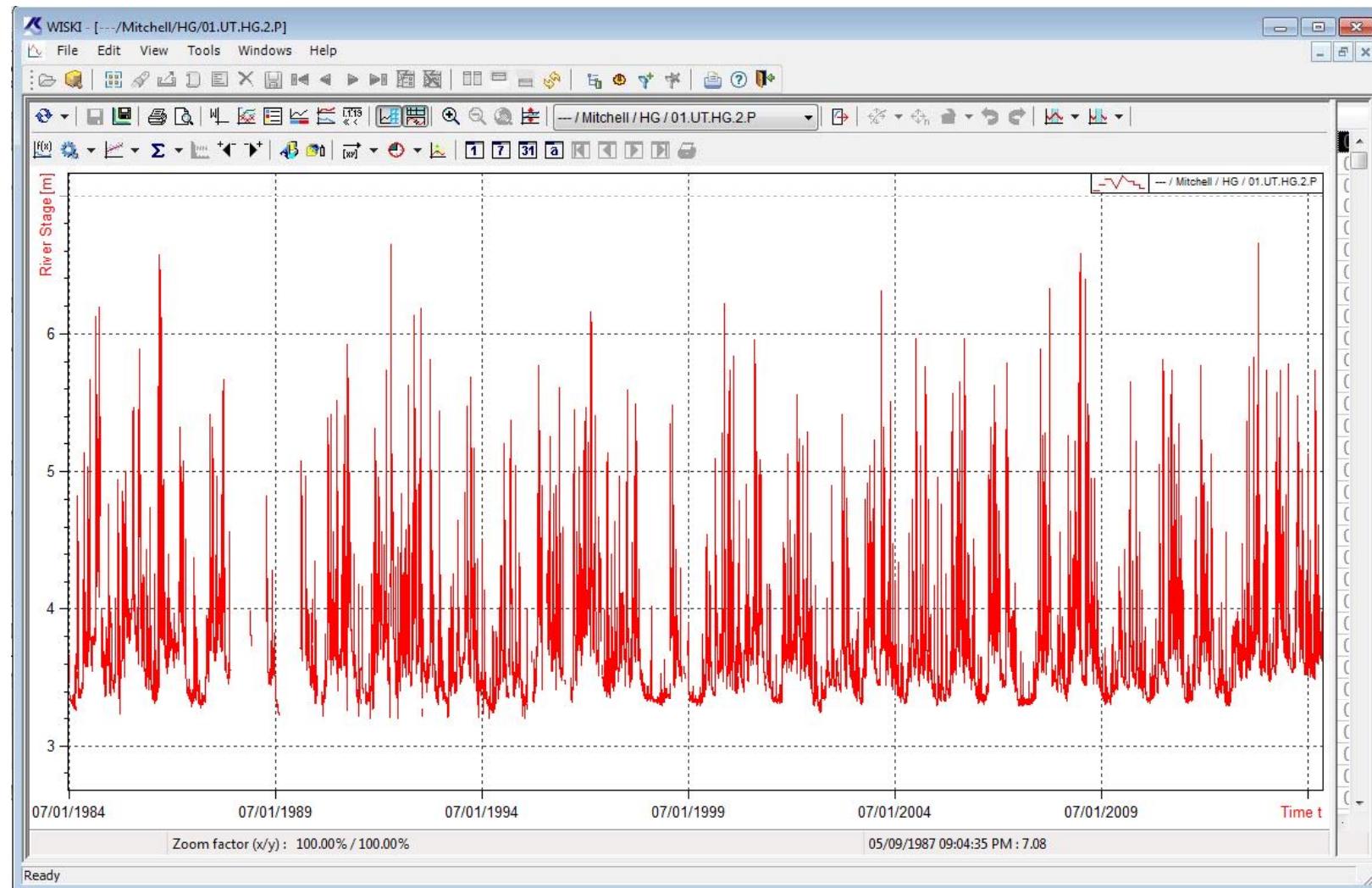
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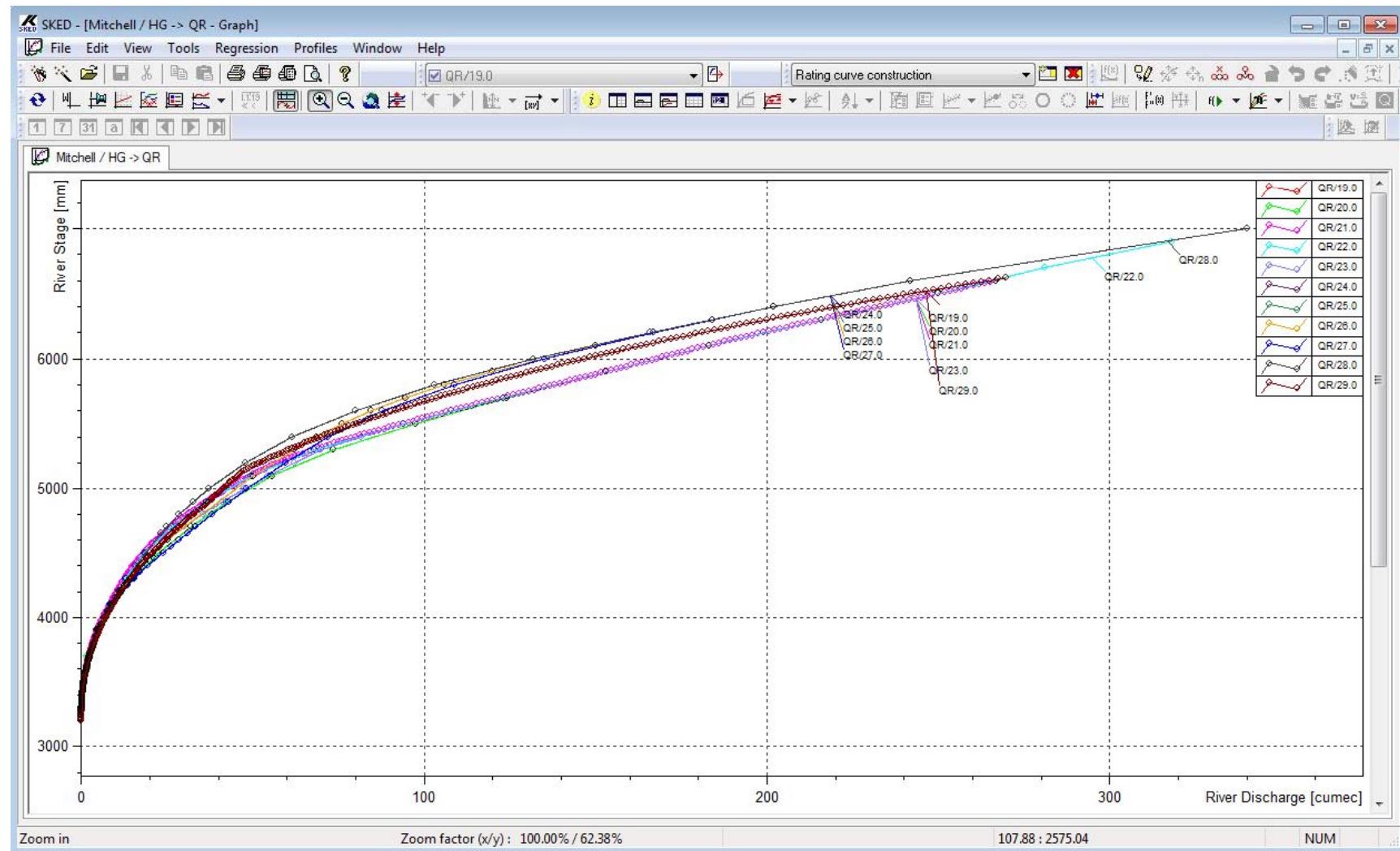
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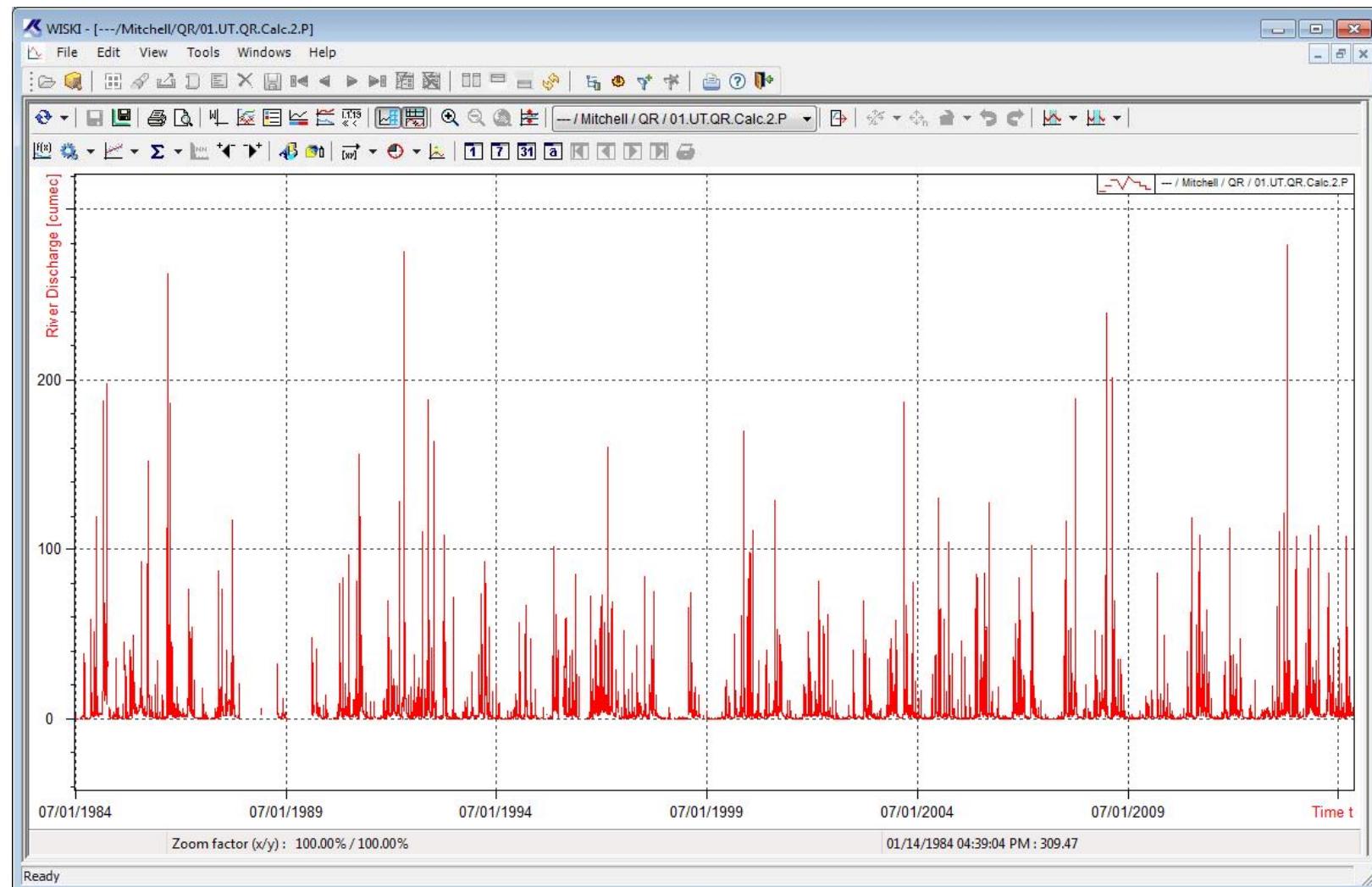
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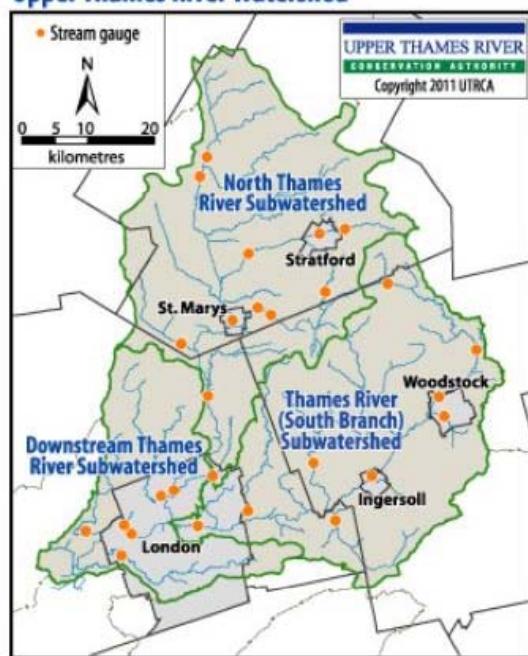
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# Web Published Data

## Thames River Flows & Other Information

### Upper Thames River Watershed



The Upper Thames River Conservation Authority monitors several stream flow and meteorological stations throughout the watershed as part of its Flood Control Program. Links are also provided here to the LOWER THAMES VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY stream gauge network.

These stations measure parameters such as water level, rainfall and air temperature in real-time, recording values on at least an hourly basis. This information is collected from remote sites via telephone modem on a daily basis during low flow periods and more frequently during floods, and then stored.

Water levels are converted to flows, which are measured in cubic metres/second (CMS).

1 cubic metre (1,000 litres) = 2 bathtubs  
100 cubic metres = an in-ground swimming pool

We measure stream flow at 23 locations, rainfall at 16 locations and reservoir levels at four locations. Other meteorological parameters, such as air temperature, wind speed and direction and solar radiation, are also measured at some locations. During the winter months, staff conduct manual snow surveys on a bi-weekly schedule to provide information on the state of the snow pack.

### Thames River Stream Gauges

- > North Thames River
- > South Thames River
- > Downstream Thames River
- > Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority

### River Levels

- > Thames River Flows & Other Information
- > Reservoir Levels
- > Meteorological Information
- > Summary Reports
- > Links

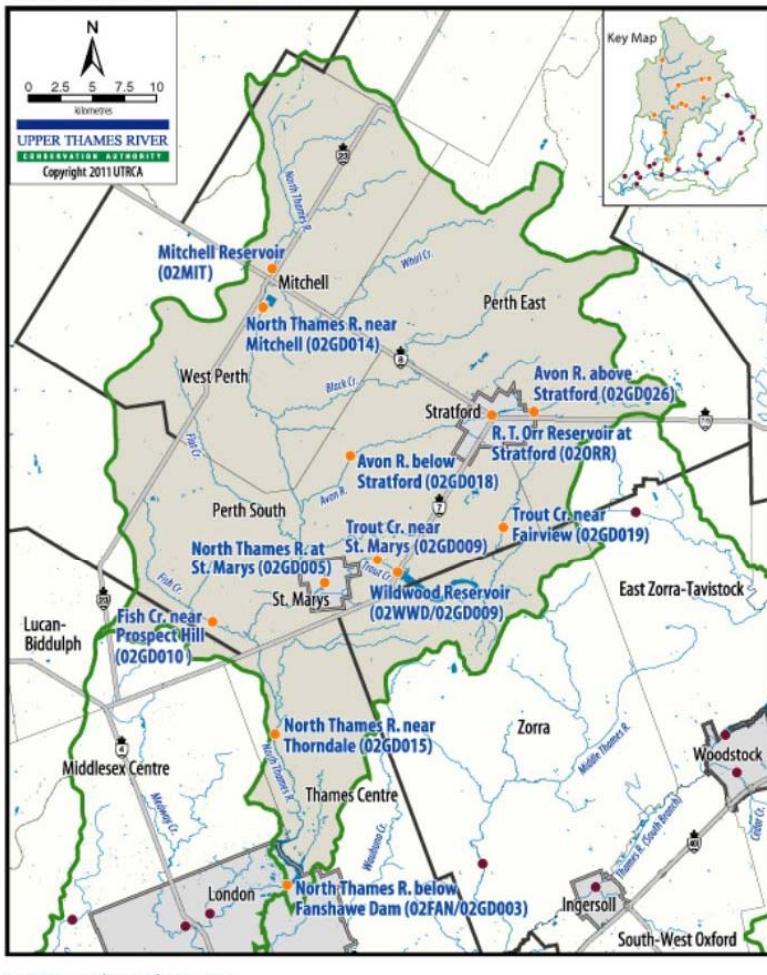
### UTRCA Flood Bulletins

There are no current flood bulletins in the UTRCA watershed.



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## North Thames River Subwatershed



### North Thames River Stream Gauges

- > Avon River above Stratford
- > Avon River below Stratford
- > Fish Creek near Prospect Hill
- > Mitchell Reservoir
- > North Thames River at St Marys
- > North Thames River below Fanshawe Dam
- > North Thames River near Mitchell
- > North Thames River near Thorndale
- > RT Orr Reservoir at Stratford
- > Trout Creek near Fairview
- > Trout Creek near St. Marys
- > Wildwood Reservoir

### South and Downstream Thames River Stream Gauges

- > South Thames River
- > Downstream Thames River
- > Lower Thames Valley CA Stream Gauges

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- > Thames River Flows & Other Information
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# Web Published Data

Upper Thames River Conservation Authority > Water Management > Thames River Levels > North Thames River Stream Gauges >  
North Thames River at St Marys

**UTRCA Streamflow Monitoring System  
North Thames River at St. Marys: Flow (cu.m/sec)  
(Nov 12, 2014 - Nov 20, 2014)**



Nov 19, 2014 10:06 EST. Average Flow = 8.7 cms \*Caution: Provisional Data\*\*\*\*  
**UTRCA Streamflow Monitoring System  
North Thames River at St. Marys: Water Level (m)  
(Nov 12, 2014 - Nov 20, 2014)**



Nov 19, 2014 10:06 EST. Average Level = 3.106 m \*Caution: Provisional Data\*\*\*\*



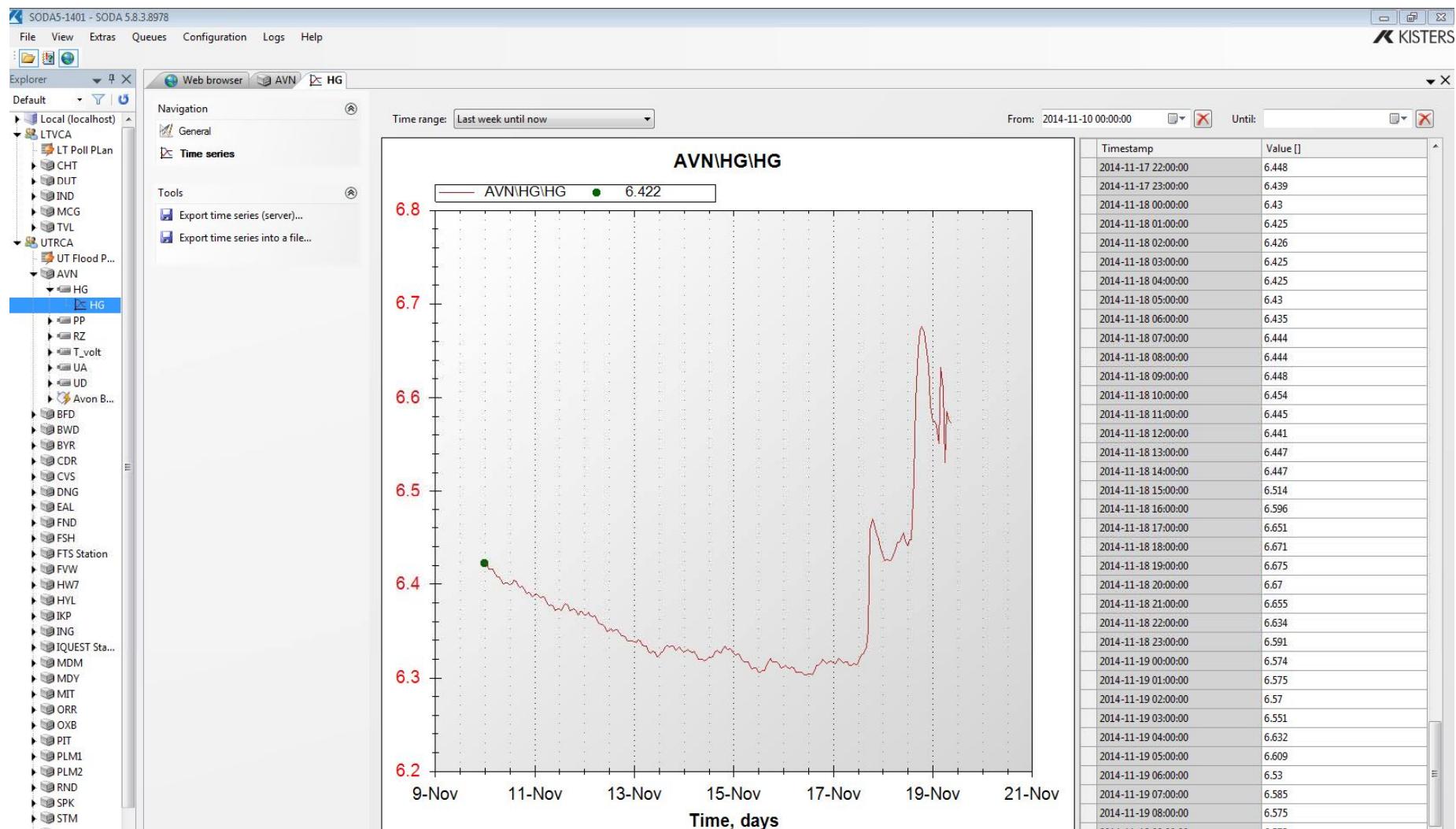
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## UTRCA Data Summary 19-Nov-2014 10:07

| Location           | Time<br>(EST)     | Water Level Summaries |                   |                   |                         |                   |                   |                       |                |                |                       |                |                |  |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|--|
|                    |                   | Last hour<br>(mm)     | Last 2 hr<br>(mm) | Last 3 hr<br>(mm) | Today's Average<br>(mm) | Today max<br>(mm) | Today Min<br>(mm) | 2 Day Average<br>(mm) | 2d max<br>(mm) | 2D min<br>(mm) | 7 Day Average<br>(mm) | 7D max<br>(mm) | 7D min<br>(mm) |  |
|                    |                   |                       |                   |                   |                         |                   |                   |                       |                |                |                       |                |                |  |
| Mitchell           | 19-Nov-2014 09:00 | 3755                  | 3752              | 3751              | 3760                    | 3772              | 3751              | 3748                  | 3825           | 3671           | 3708                  | 3825           | 3667           |  |
| Avon               | 19-Nov-2014 09:00 | 6573                  | 6575              | 6585              | 6577                    | 6632              | 6530              | 6529                  | 6675           | 6425           | 6372                  | 6675           | 6303           |  |
| Wildwood Dam       | 19-Nov-2014 09:00 | 3946                  | 3947              | 3949              | 3953                    | 3961              | 3946              | 3975                  | 4005           | 3946           | 4075                  | 4200           | 3946           |  |
| St. Marys          | 19-Nov-2014 09:00 | 3122                  | 3131              | 3128              | 3120                    | 3131              | 3109              | 3118                  | 3136           | 3082           | 3102                  | 3136           | 3076           |  |
| Plover Mills       | 19-Nov-2014 09:00 | 1756                  | 1762              | 1764              | 1763                    | 1783              | 1751              | 1793                  | 1830           | 1751           | 1772                  | 1835           | 1731           |  |
| Fanshawe Dam       | 19-Nov-2014 07:00 | 633                   | 633               | 632               | 628                     | 633               | 621               | 572                   | 633            | 493            | 555                   | 645            | 432            |  |
| Medway             | 19-Nov-2014 09:00 | 3561                  | 3560              | 3560              | 3554                    | 3562              | 3549              | 3567                  | 3588           | 3549           | 3578                  | 3613           | 3549           |  |
| Innerkip           | 19-Nov-2014 09:00 | 7424                  | 7429              | 7428              | 7409                    | 7429              | 7386              | 7383                  | 7429           | 7329           | 7376                  | 7429           | 7329           |  |
| Pittock Dam        | 19-Nov-2014 09:00 | 1513                  | 1515              | 1517              | 1523                    | 1534              | 1513              | 1547                  | 1594           | 1513           | 1725                  | 1874           | 1513           |  |
| Cedar Cr.          | 19-Nov-2014 09:00 | 3563                  | 3563              | 3563              | 3560                    | 3563              | 3554              | 3566                  | 3582           | 3554           | 3572                  | 3584           | 3554           |  |
| Ingersoll          | 19-Nov-2014 09:00 | 1352                  | 1347              | 1339              | 1349                    | 1363              | 1336              | 1374                  | 1411           | 1336           | 1368                  | 1417           | 1306           |  |
| Thamesford         | 19-Nov-2014 09:00 | 8850                  | 8854              | 8857              | 8869                    | 8897              | 8850              | 8895                  | 8923           | 8850           | 8912                  | 8938           | 8850           |  |
| Ealing             | 19-Nov-2014 09:00 | 454                   | 440               | 426               | 452                     | 507               | 426               | 534                   | 611            | 426            | 555                   | 611            | 426            |  |
| Byron              | 19-Nov-2014 09:00 | 1876                  | 1876              | 1876              | 1912                    | 1962              | 1876              | 1952                  | 1987           | 1876           | 2020                  | 2070           | 1876           |  |
| Dutton             | 19-Nov-2014 09:00 | 3960                  | 3969              | 3970              | 3975                    | 3990              | 3960              | 4041                  | 4117           | 3960           | 4149                  | 4485           | 3960           |  |
| Thamesville        | 19-Nov-2014 09:00 | 22724                 | 22682             | 22669             | 22684                   | 22724             | 22669             | 20867                 | 22724          | 11262          | 13426                 | 22724          | 11249          |  |
| Dingman Cr.        | 19-Nov-2014 05:00 | 5019                  | 5009              | 5000              | 4997                    | 5019              | 4974              | 4950                  | 5019           | 4913           | 4919                  | 5019           | 4899           |  |
| Reynolds Cr.       | 19-Nov-2014 09:00 | 5561                  | 5558              | 5556              | 5560                    | 5570              | 5556              | 5567                  | 5590           | 5533           | 5589                  | 5619           | 5533           |  |
| Fairview           | 19-Nov-2014 09:00 | 11333                 | 11334             | 11335             | 11338                   | 11347             | 11333             | 11351                 | 11363          | 11333          | 11354                 | 11378          | 11333          |  |
| Oxbow Cr.          | 19-Nov-2014 09:00 | 4777                  | 4783              | 4784              | 4774                    | 4786              | 4762              | 4717                  | 4786           | 4672           | 4691                  | 4786           | 4672           |  |
| Below Fanshawe Dam | 19-Nov-2014 09:00 | 6315                  | 6315              | 6316              | 6313                    | 6316              | 6224              | 6313                  | 6318           | 6219           | 6370                  | 6406           | 6219           |  |
| Stoney Cr.         | 19-Nov-2014 09:00 | 7021                  | 7017              | 7015              | 7022                    | 7028              | 7015              | 7028                  | 7037           | 7015           | 7032                  | 7075           | 7015           |  |
| Orr Dam            | 19-Nov-2014 09:00 | -944                  | -945              | -944              | -932                    | -901              | -945              | -610                  | -132           | -945           | -51                   | 129            | -945           |  |
| Mitchell Dam       | 19-Nov-2014 09:00 | -1192                 | -1157             | -1096             | -915                    | -596              | -1219             | -321                  | 112            | -1219          | 6                     | 121            | -1219          |  |
| Chatham            | 19-Nov-2014 09:00 | 1395                  | 1430              | 1444              | 1453                    | 1516              | 1395              | 1542                  | 1656           | 1395           | 1540                  | 1709           | 1395           |  |
| Indian Cr.         | 18-Nov-2014 13:00 | 2537                  | 2537              | 2537              | 2537                    | 2537              | 2537              | 2538                  | 2538           | 2537           | 2539                  | 2541           | 2537           |  |
| McGregor Cr.       | 19-Nov-2014 10:00 | 1062                  | 1067              | 1067              | 1072                    | 1080              | 1062              | 1070                  | 1098           | 1027           | 1081                  | 1098           | 1027           |  |
| Upper Avon         | 19-Nov-2014 09:00 | 6263                  | 6266              | 6266              | 6261                    | 6270              | 6250              | 6249                  | 6299           | 6180           | 6190                  | 6299           | 6162           |  |
| Fish Cr.           | 19-Nov-2014 09:00 | 3392                  | 3393              | 3394              | 3392                    | 3396              | 3389              | 3402                  | 3416           | 3389           | 3395                  | 3426           | 3374           |  |
| Below Wildwood Dam | 19-Nov-2014 09:00 | 5836                  | 5835              | 5836              | 5835                    | 5836              | 5834              | 5836                  | 5844           | 5832           | 5840                  | 5847           | 5832           |  |
| Springbank Dam U/s | 19-Nov-2014 09:00 | 1407                  | 1409              | 1408              | 1427                    | 1465              | 1405              | 1459                  | 1489           | 1405           | 1514                  | 1554           | 1405           |  |
| Springbank Dam D/s | 19-Nov-2014 09:00 | 1423                  | 1425              | 1425              | 1442                    | 1476              | 1421              | 1426                  | 1481           | 1392           | 1444                  | 1481           | 1392           |  |
| Tavistock          | 19-Nov-2014 09:00 | 1711                  | 1720              | 1731              | 1705                    | 1735              | 1657              | 1669                  | 1735           | 1652           | 1660                  | 1735           | 1645           |  |



# SODA data Acquisition



# Future Directions

- Fully implement kiWQM water quality module
- Implement recently available REST-API
- Integration with GIS system
- kiECO benthic module
- South Western Ontario “Hub”



# Questions?

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