



Northeast U.S. Streamflow and Groundwater Levels

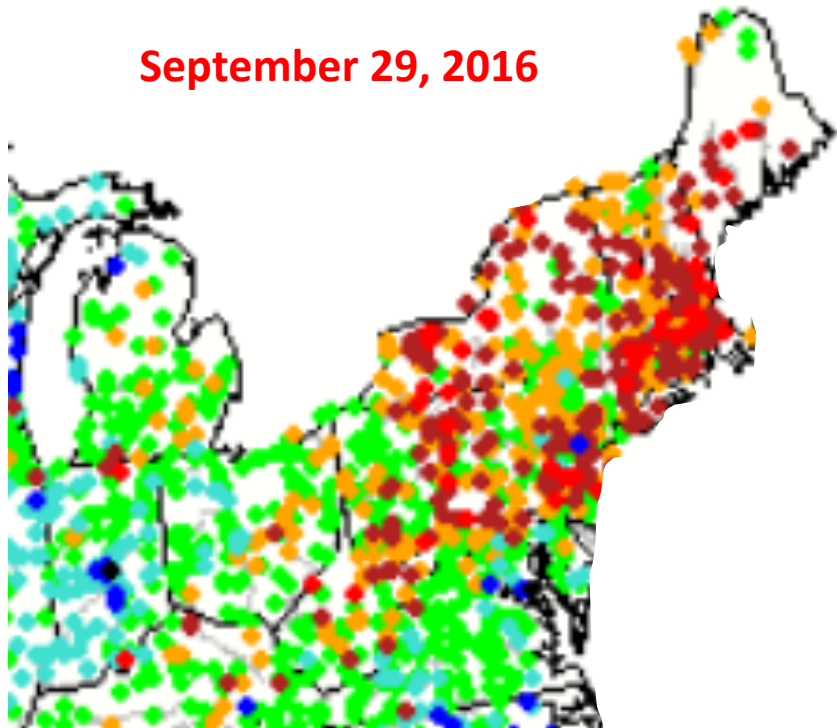
**A Drought Update
February 28, 2017**

William Coon, Hydrologist

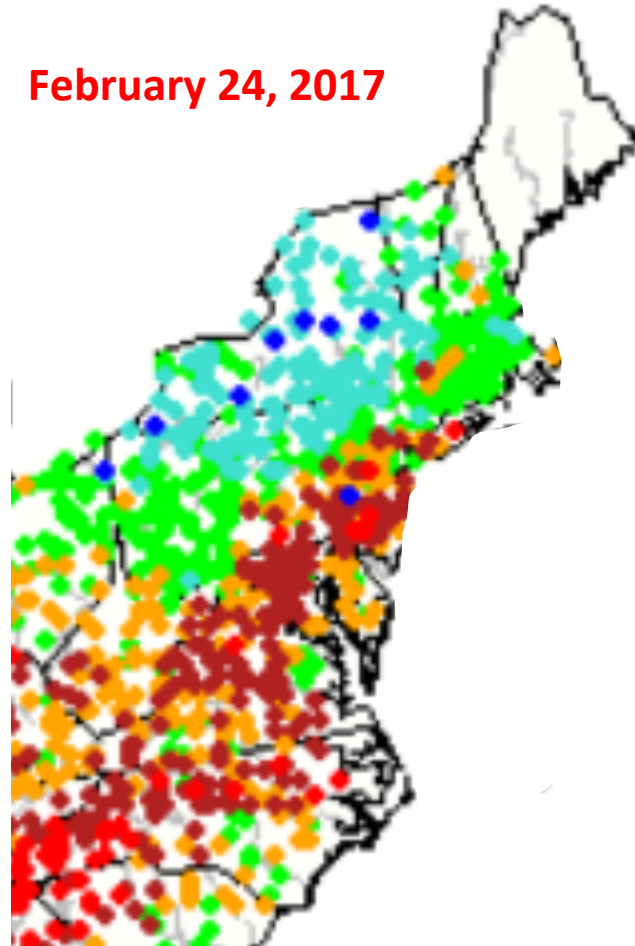


Daily Streamflow – Compared to Historical Streamflow

September 29, 2016



February 24, 2017

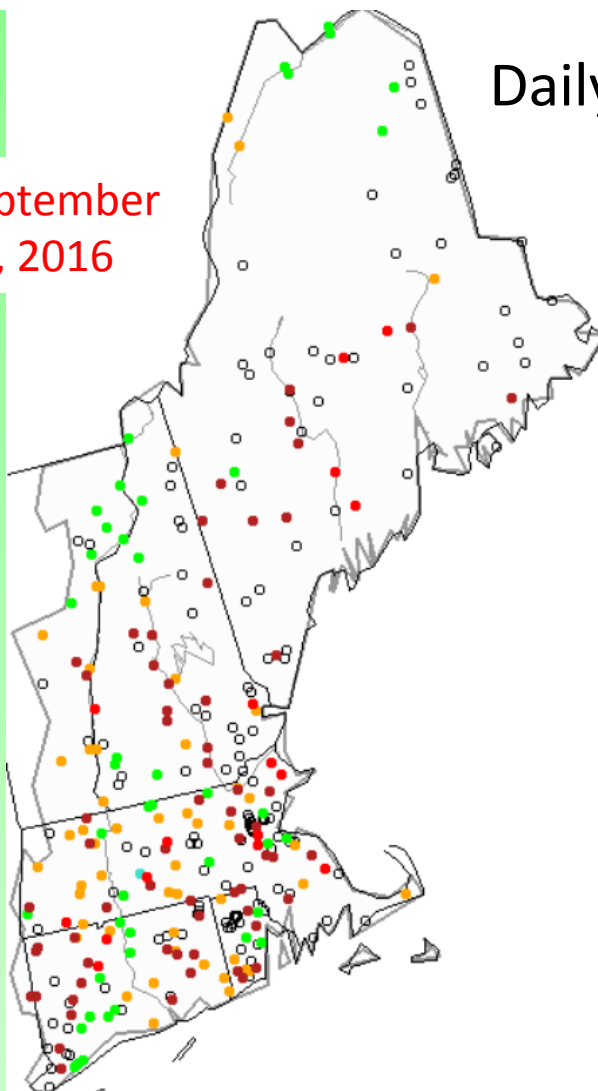


Explanation - Percentile classes

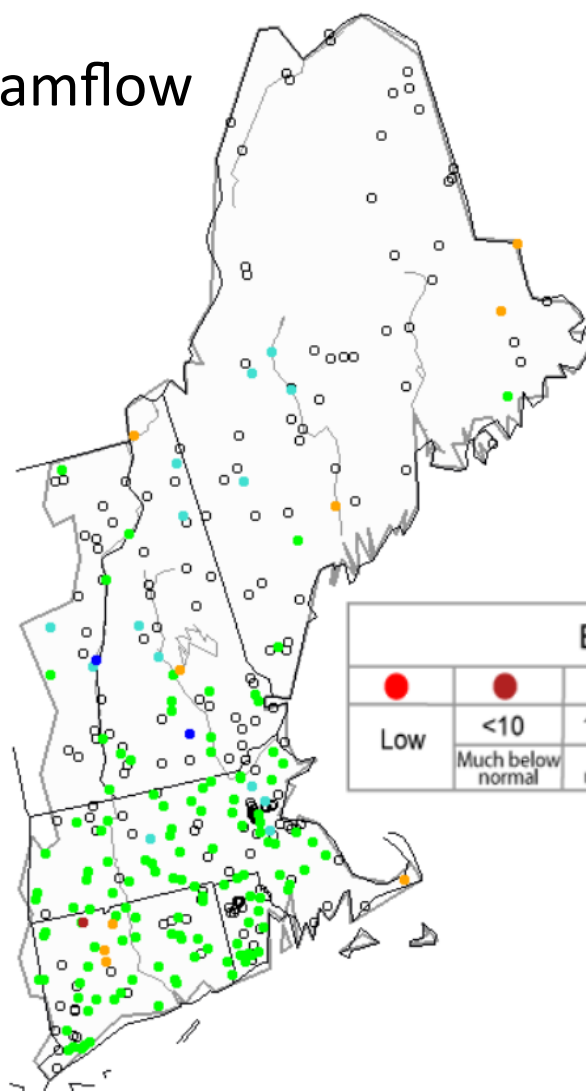
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Daily Streamflow

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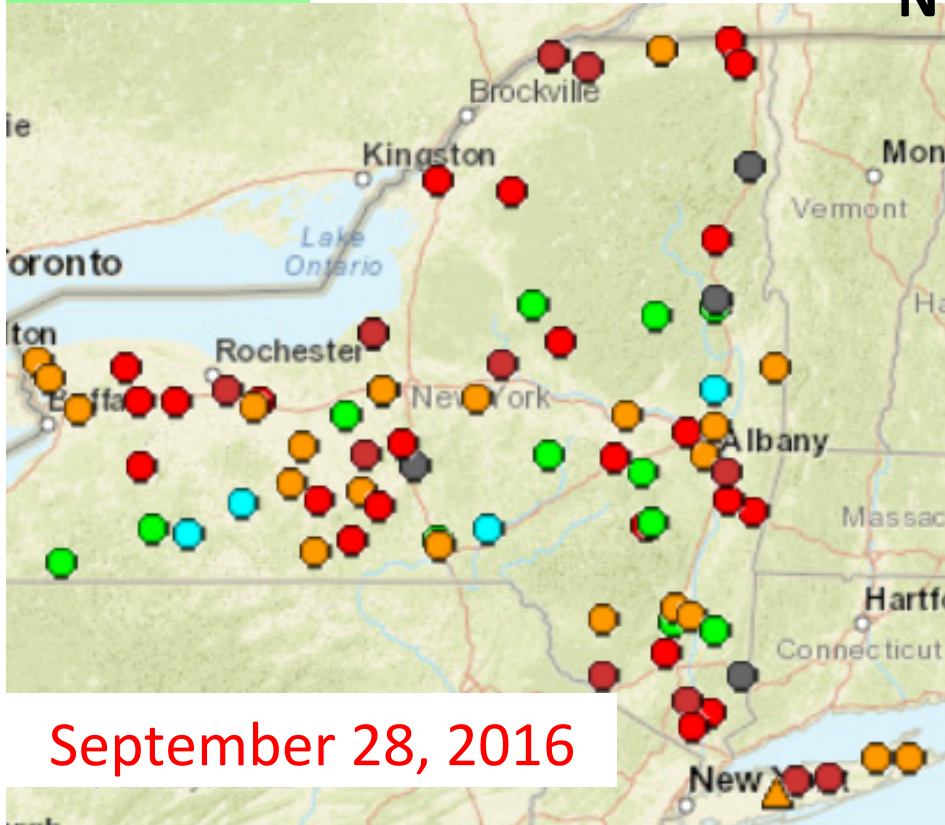
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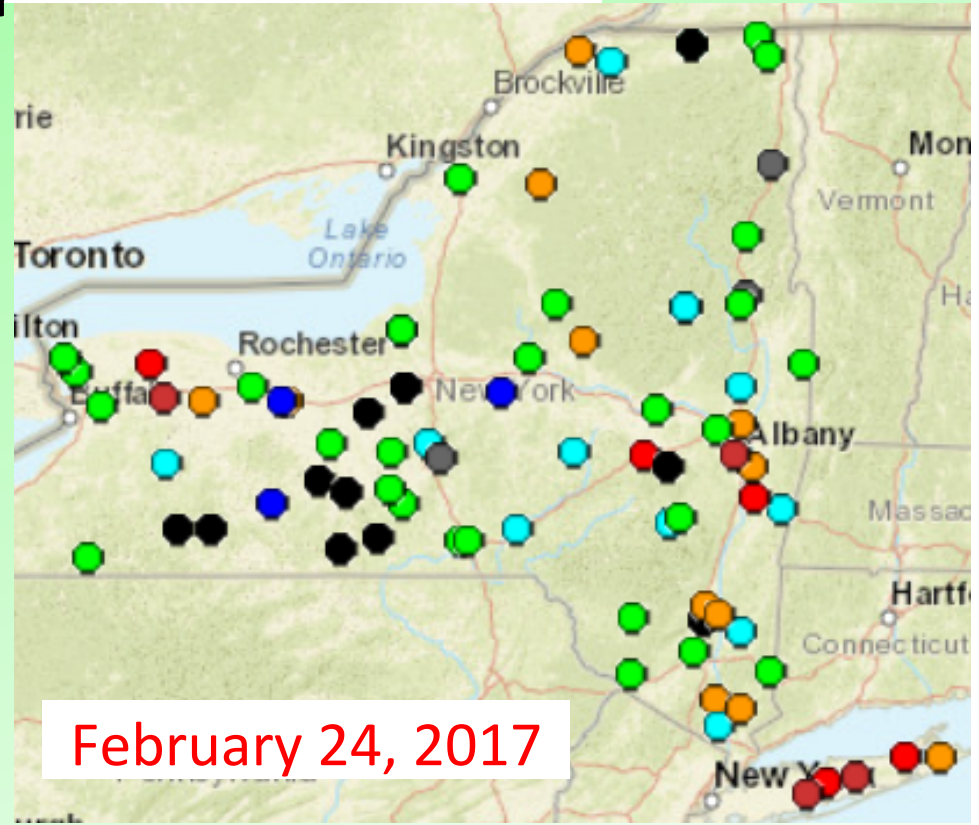
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Groundwater Climate Response Network - NY



September 28, 2016



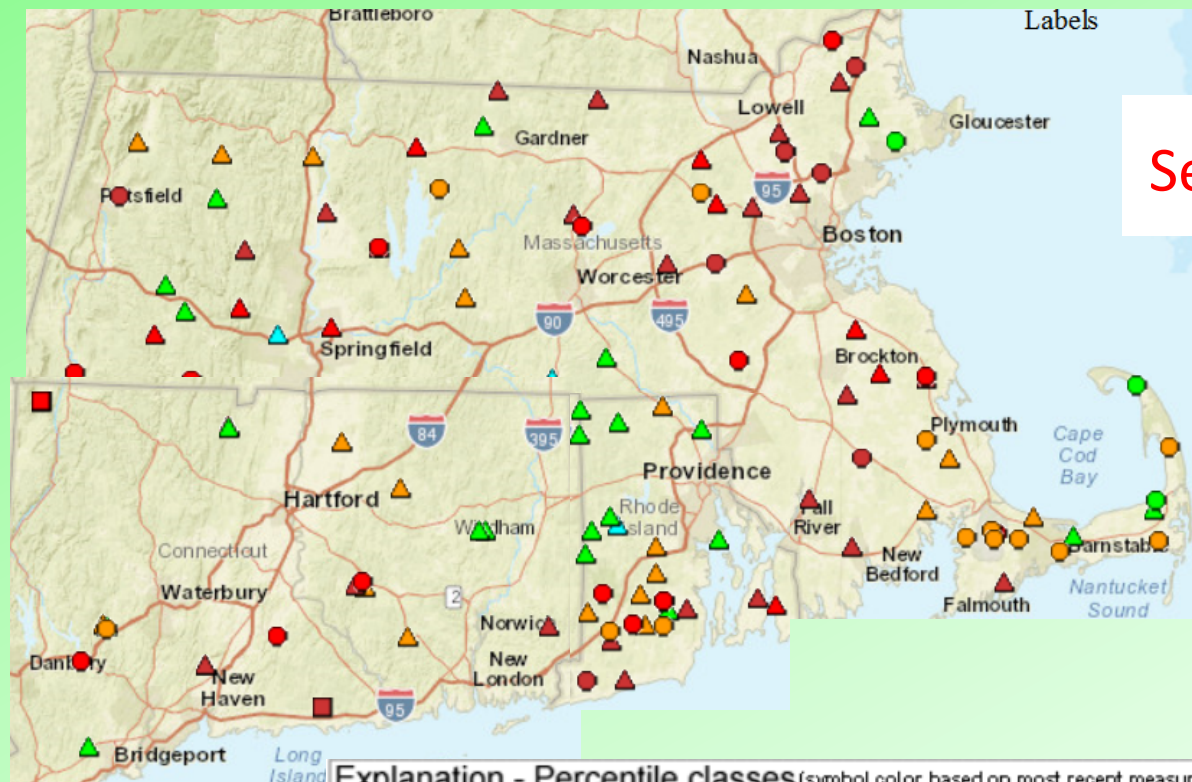
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Explanation - Percentile classes (symbol color based on most recent measurement)							Wells		Springs	
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Groundwater Climate Response Network – MA, CT, RI

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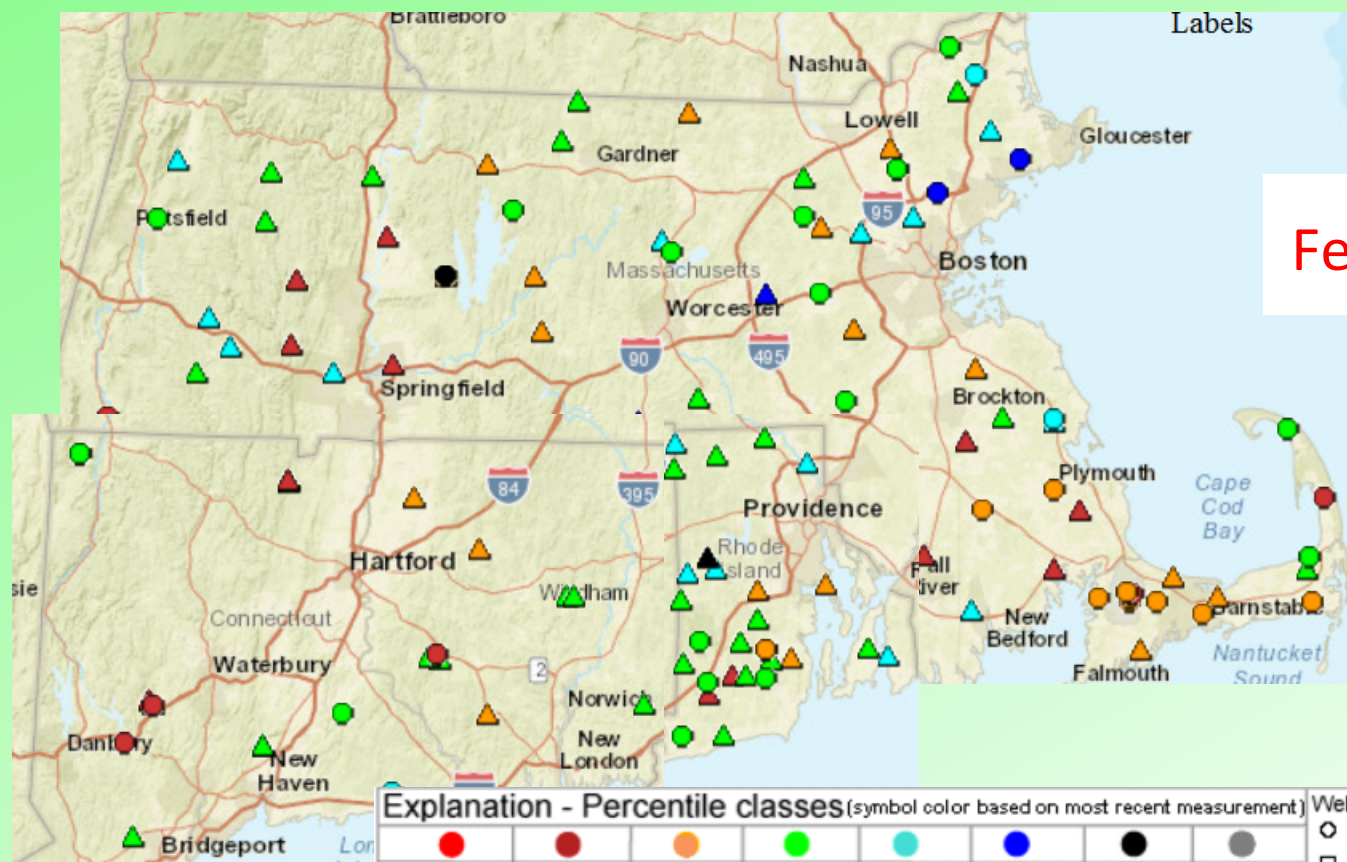


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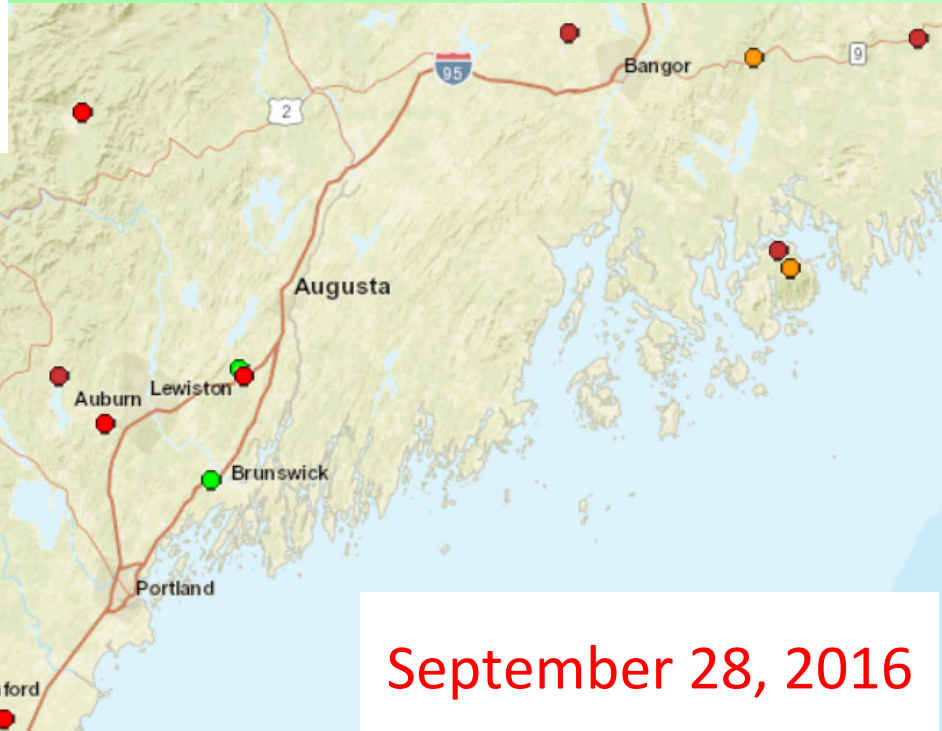
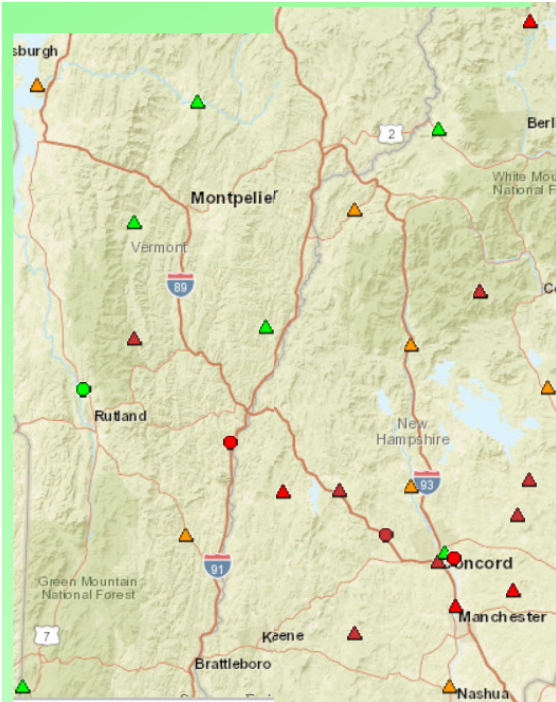
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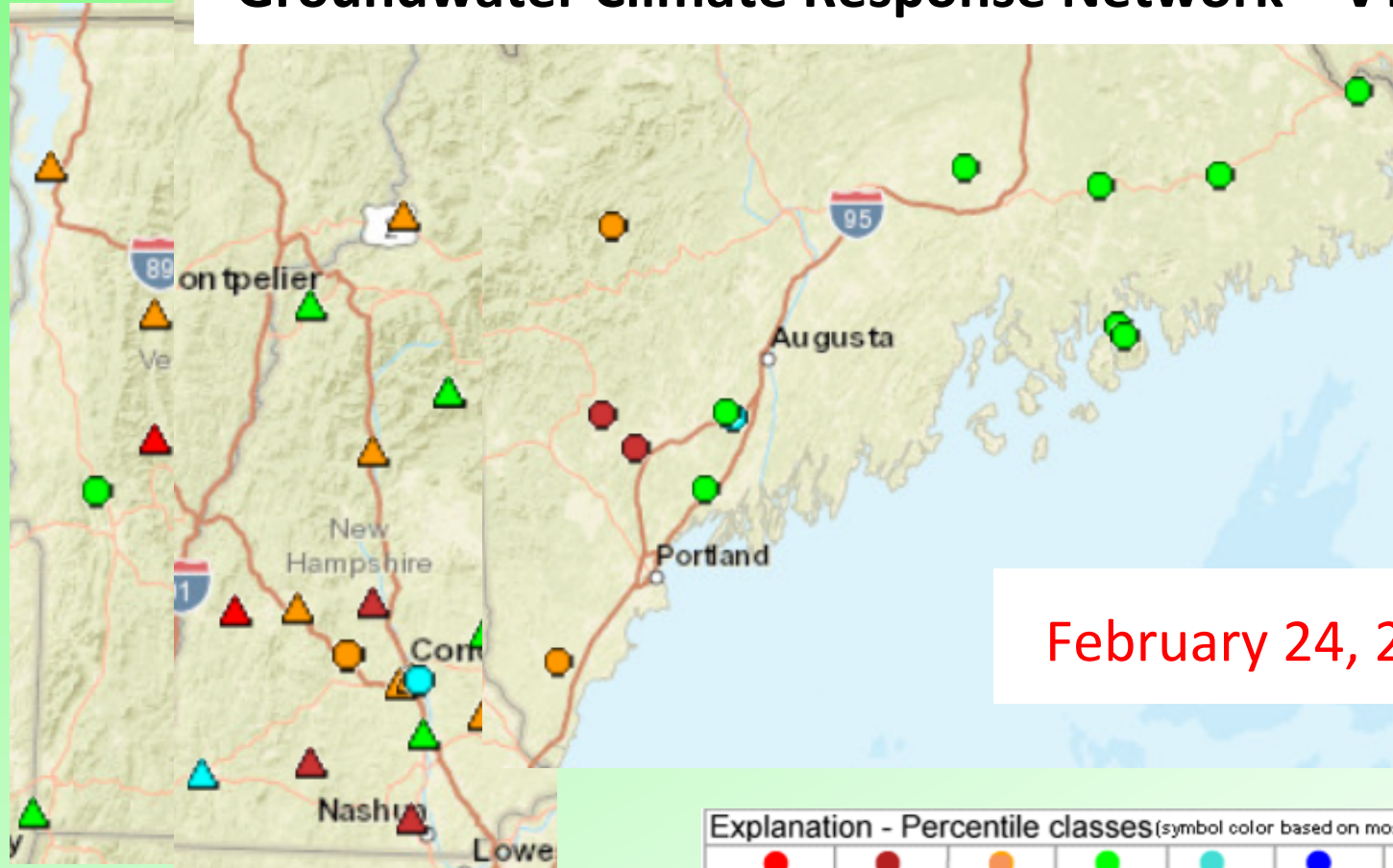
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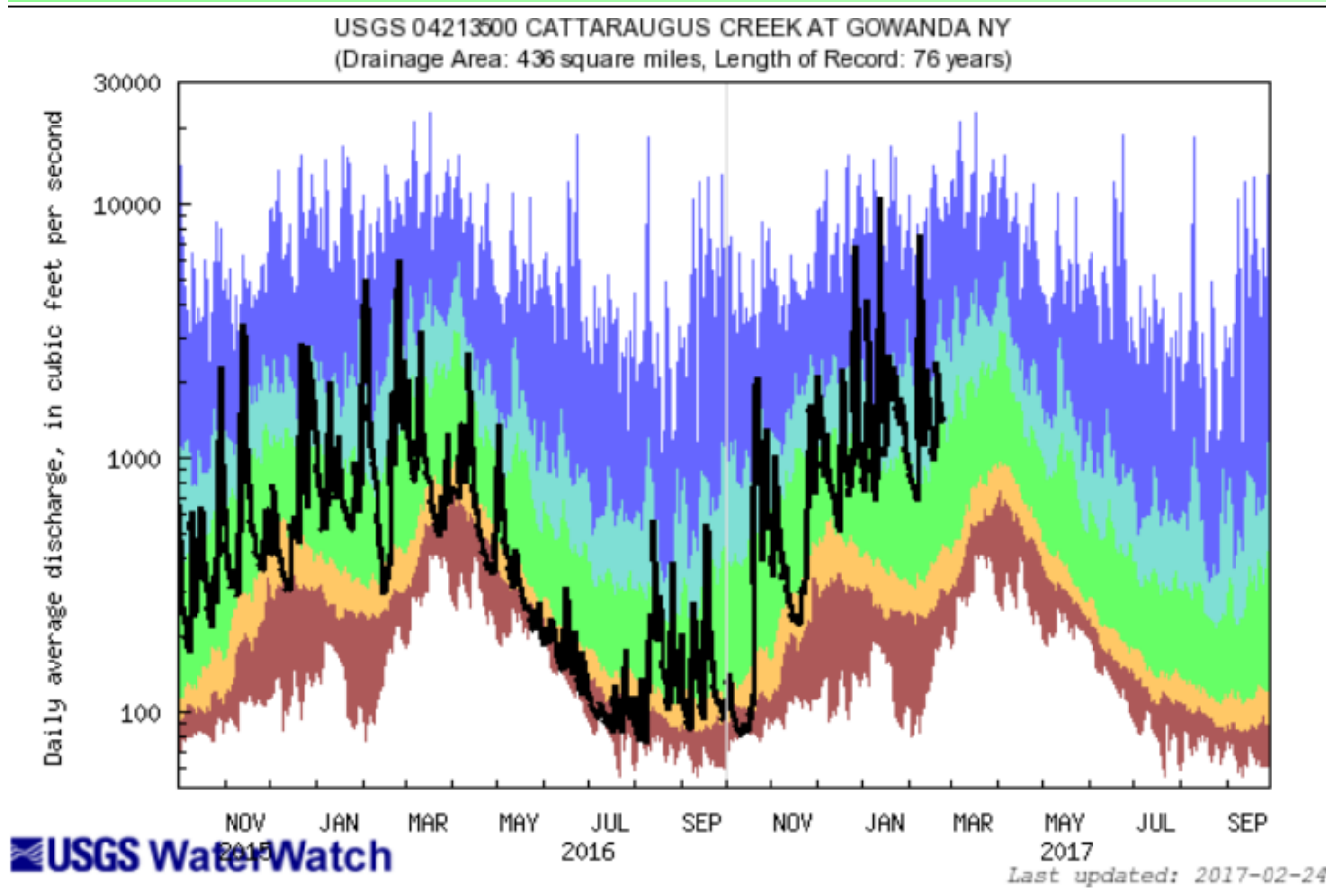
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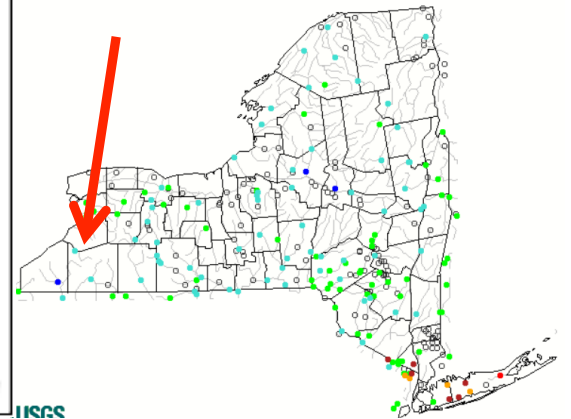
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Cattaraugus Creek at Gowanda, NY – 76 years of record



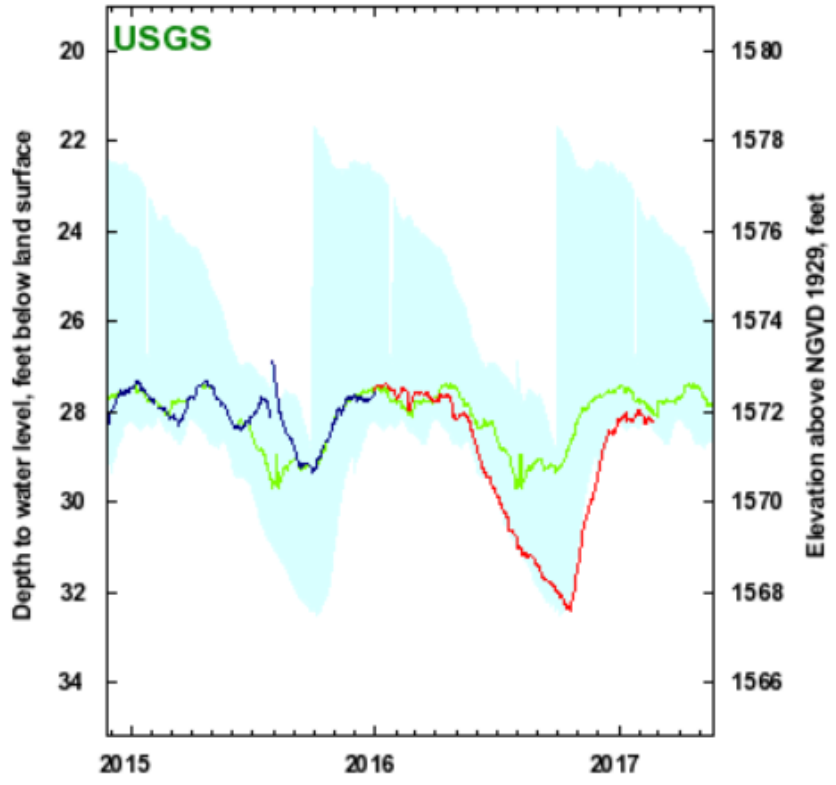
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Cattaraugus County, NY Bedrock aquifer, 8 years

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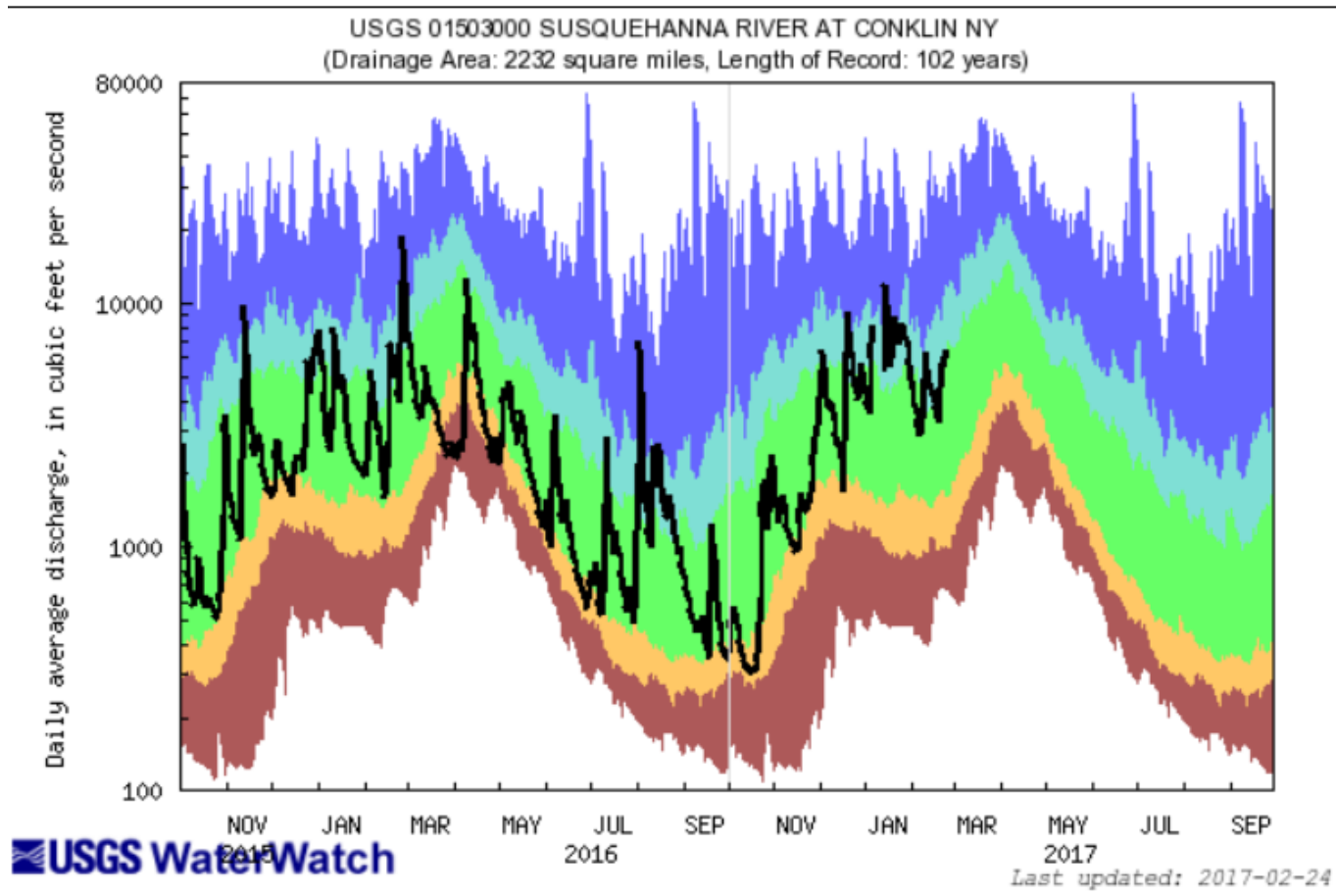


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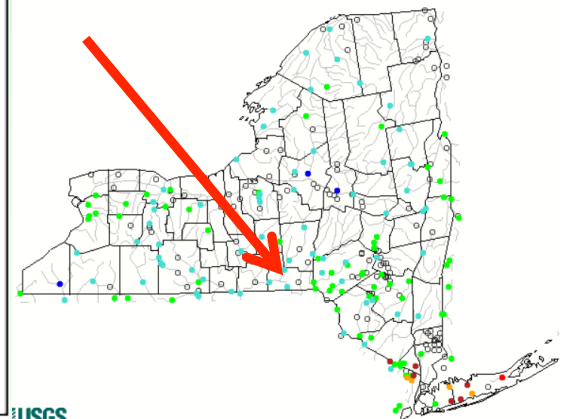
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Susquehanna River at Conklin, NY – 102 years of record



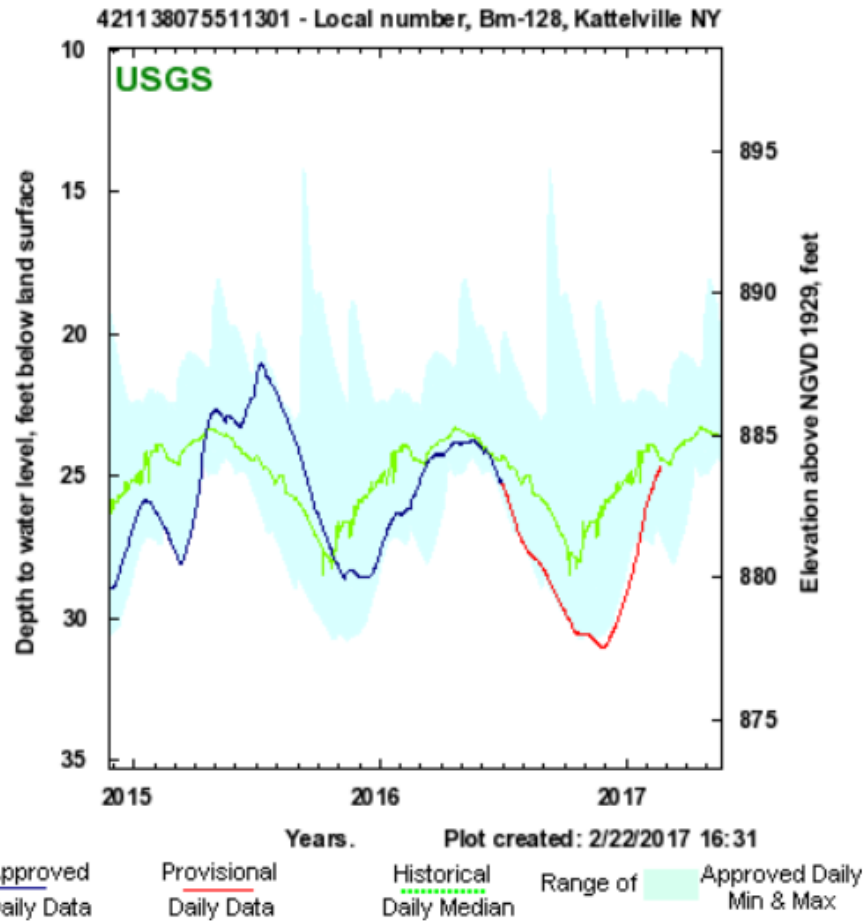
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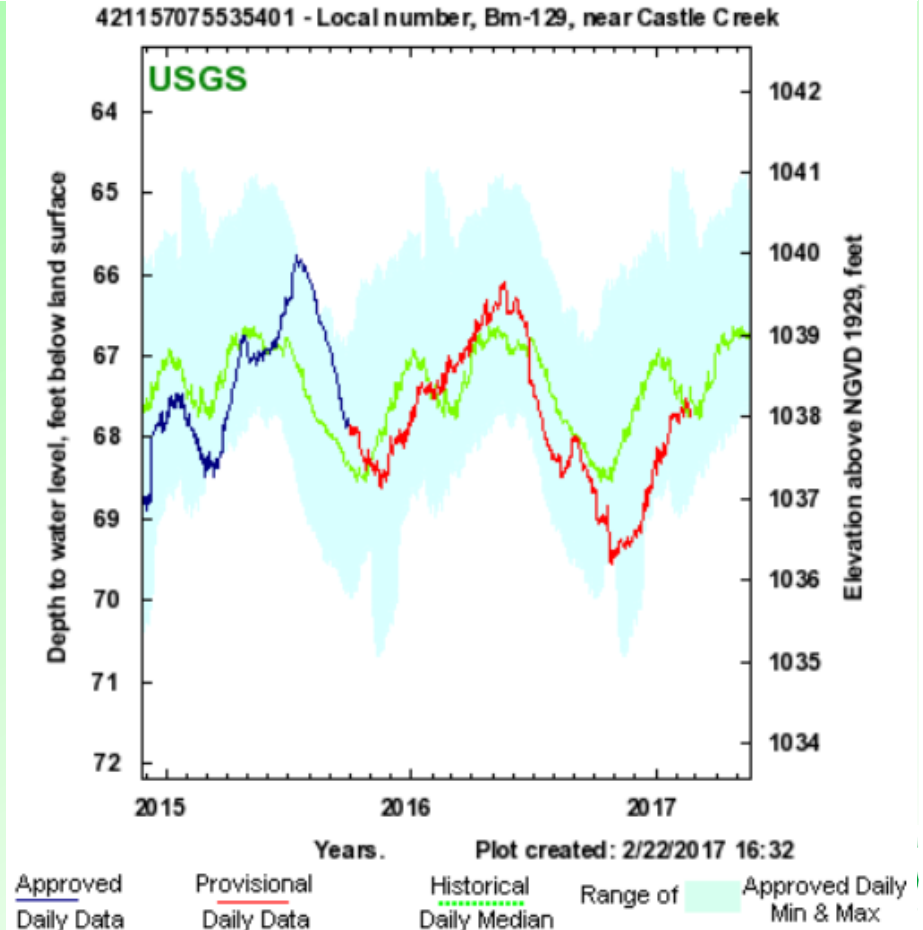
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Broome County, NY

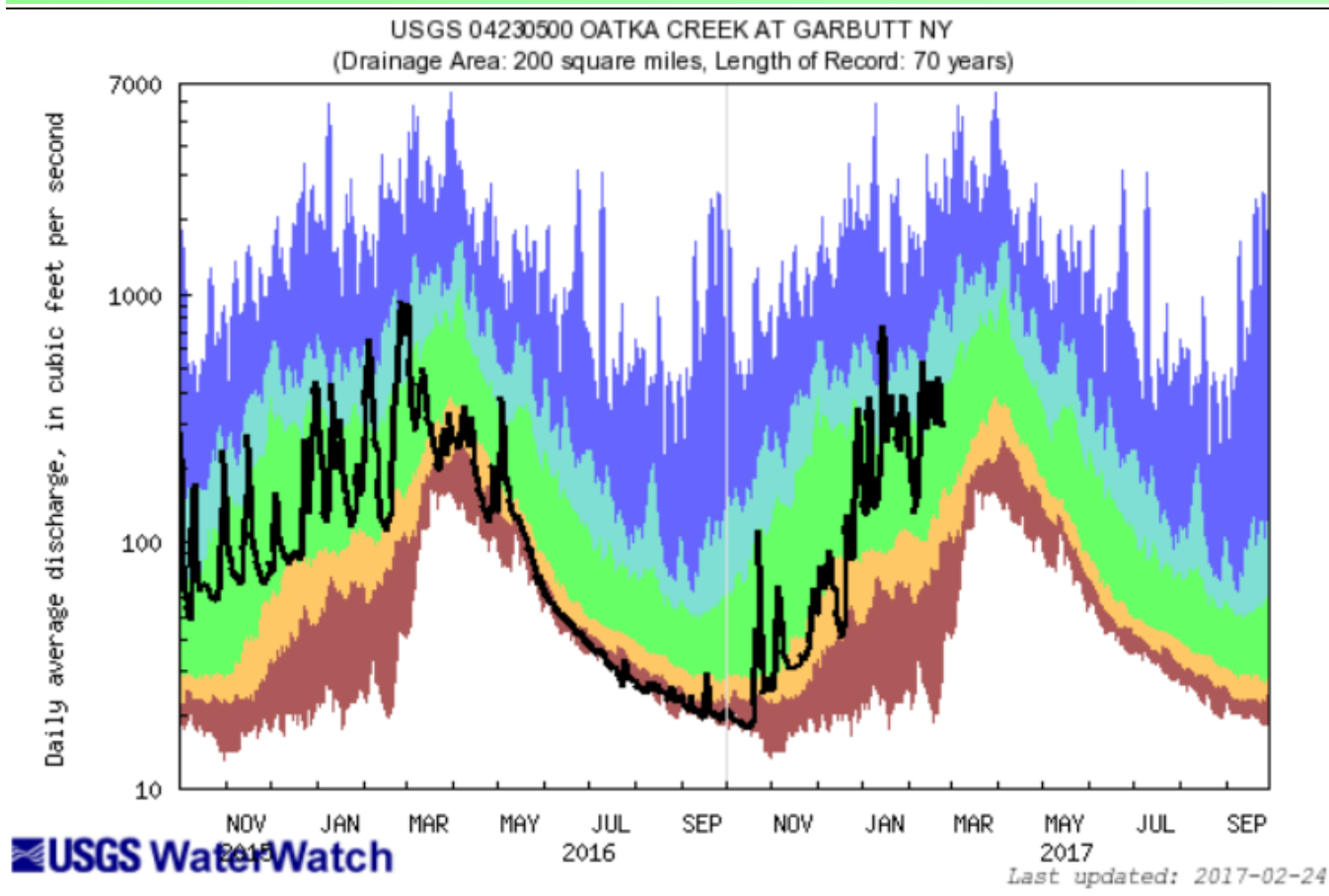
Sand-gravel aquifer, 36 yrs



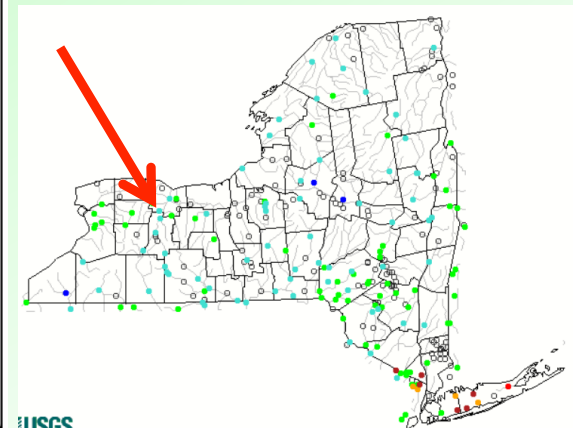
Bedrock aquifer, 31 yrs



Oatka Creek at Garbutt, NY – 70 years of record



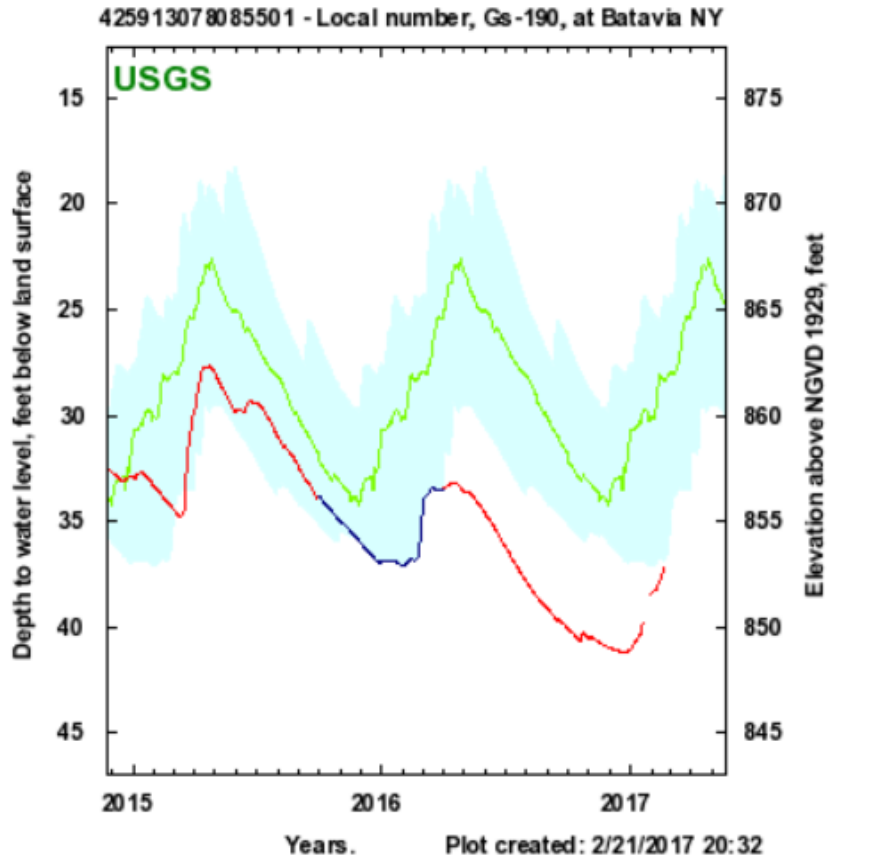
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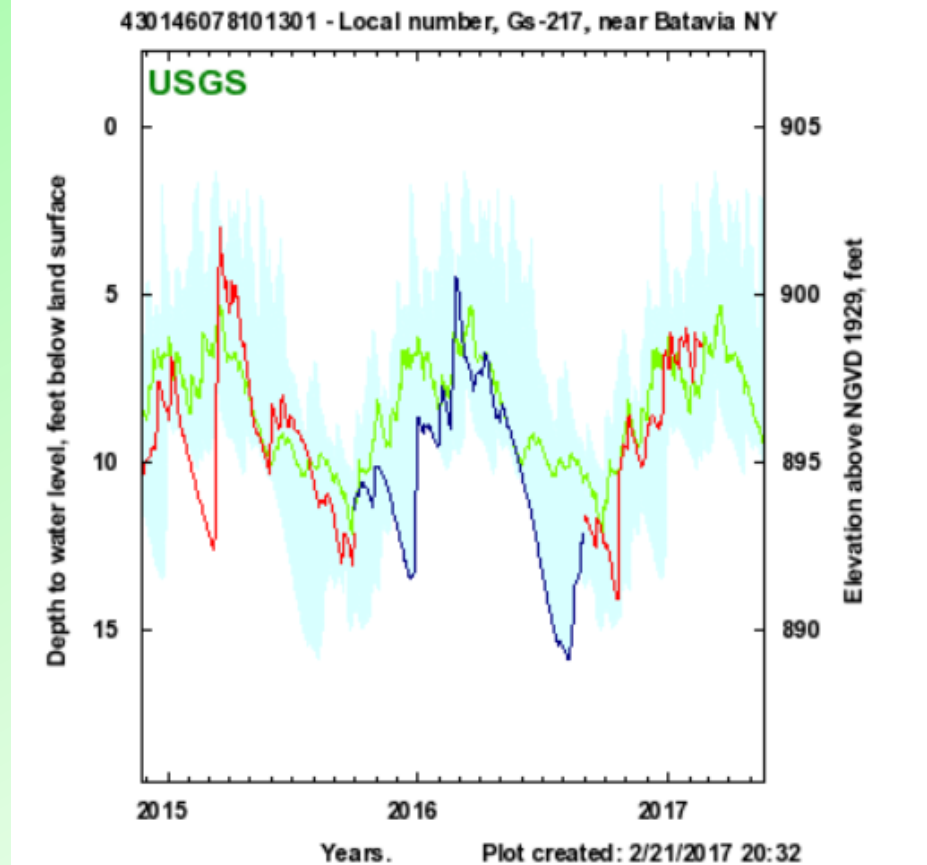
Genesee County, NY

Sand-gravel aquifer, 18 yrs

Bedrock aquifer, 18 yrs

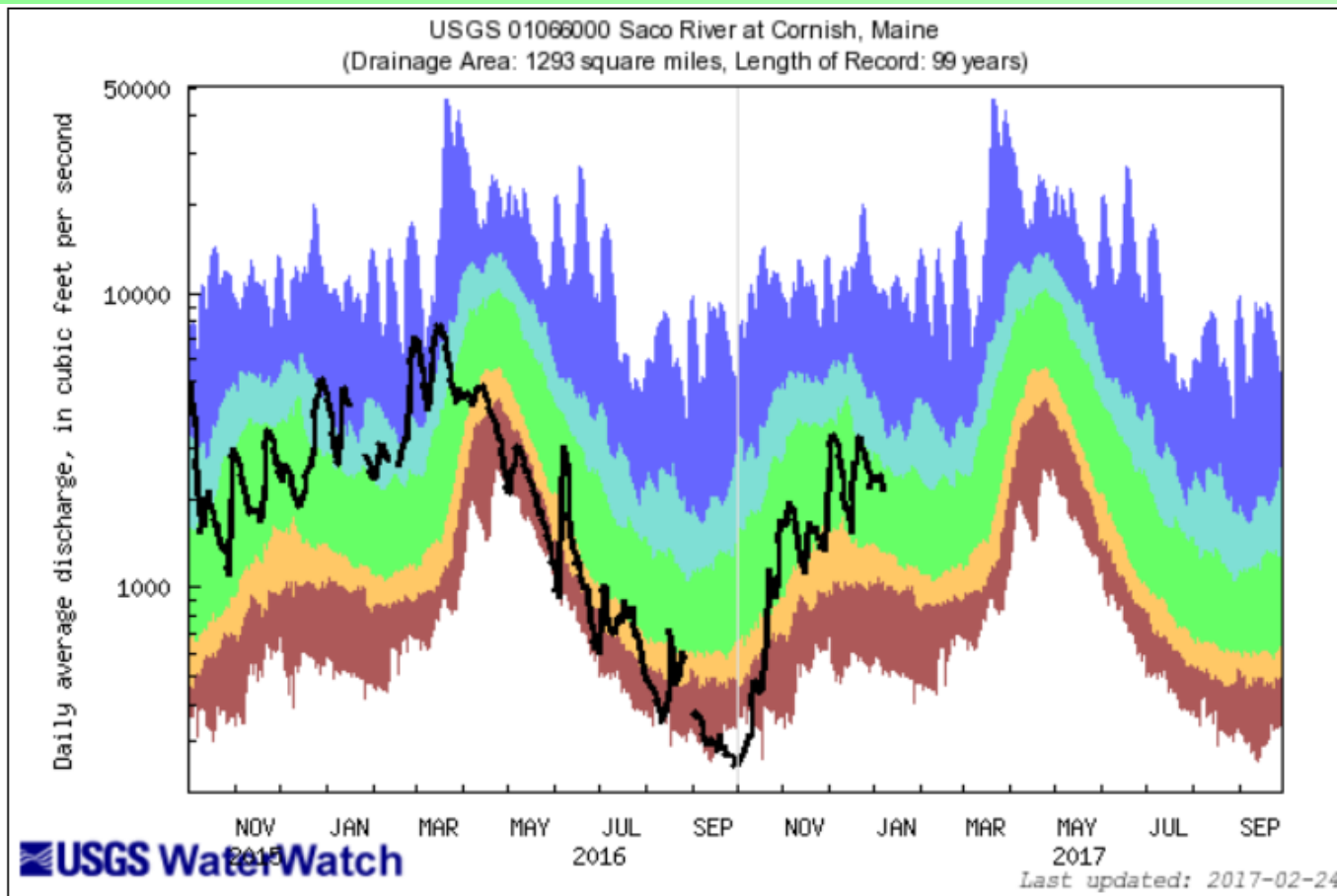


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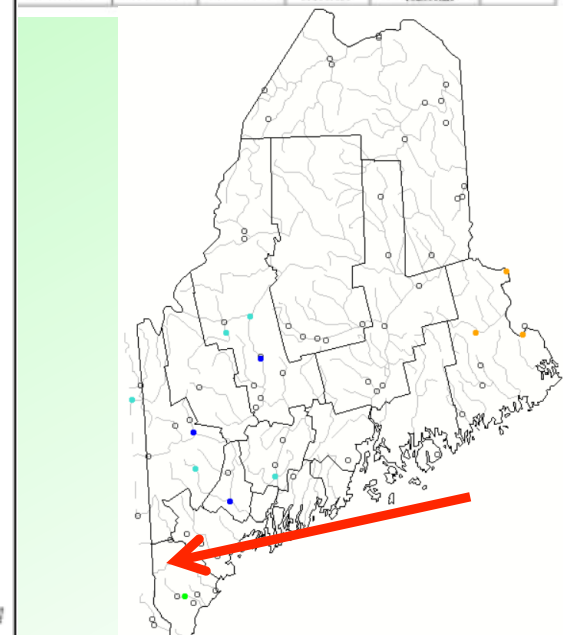


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Saco River at Cornish, ME – 99 years of record

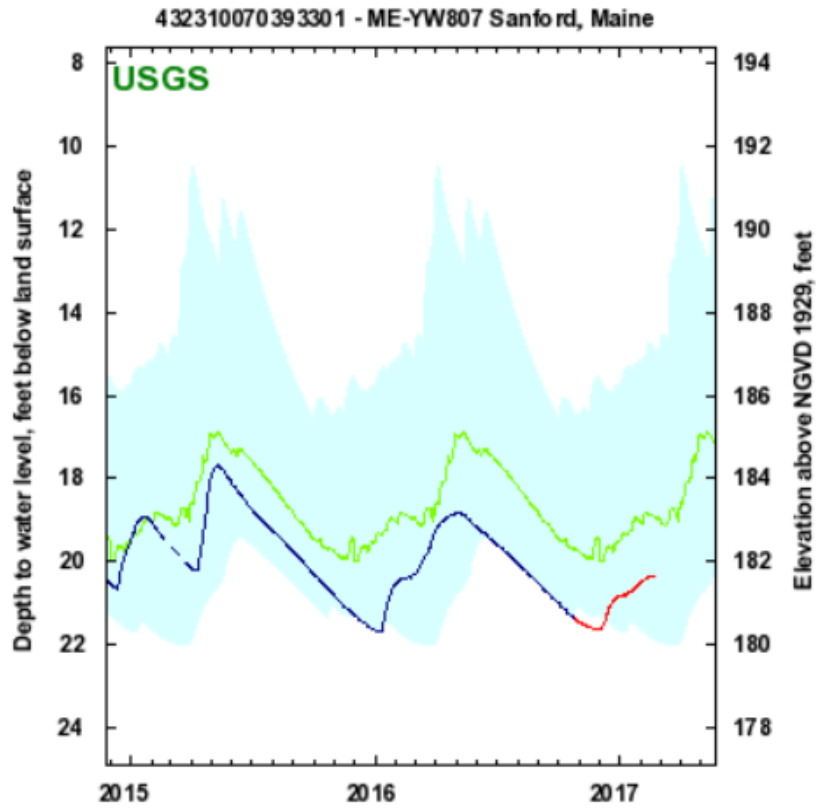


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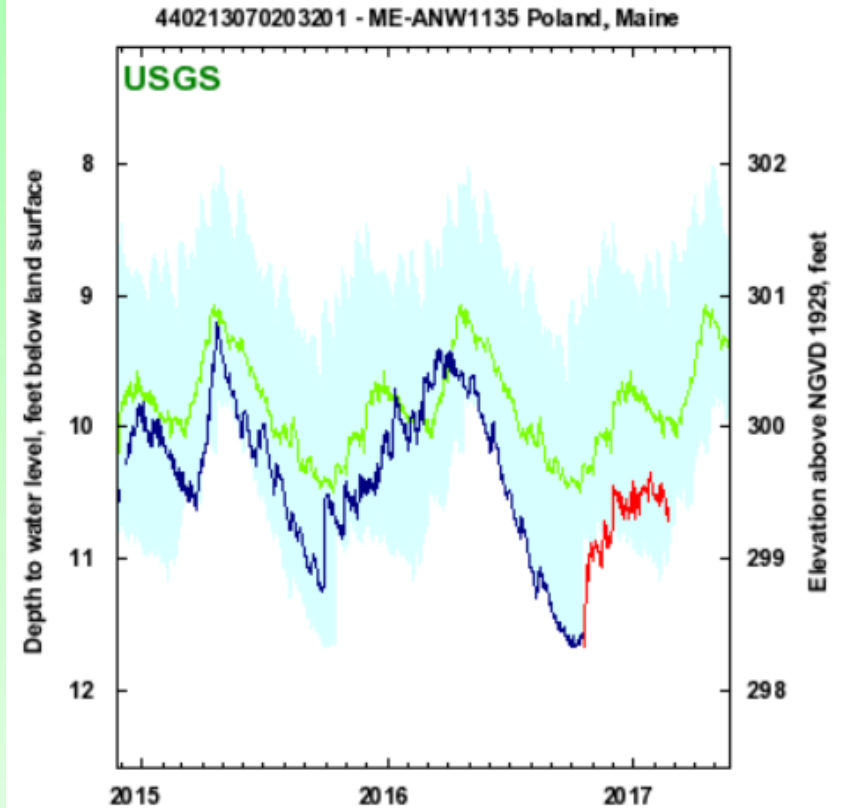
York and Androscoggin Counties, ME

Sand-gravel aquifer, 27 yrs



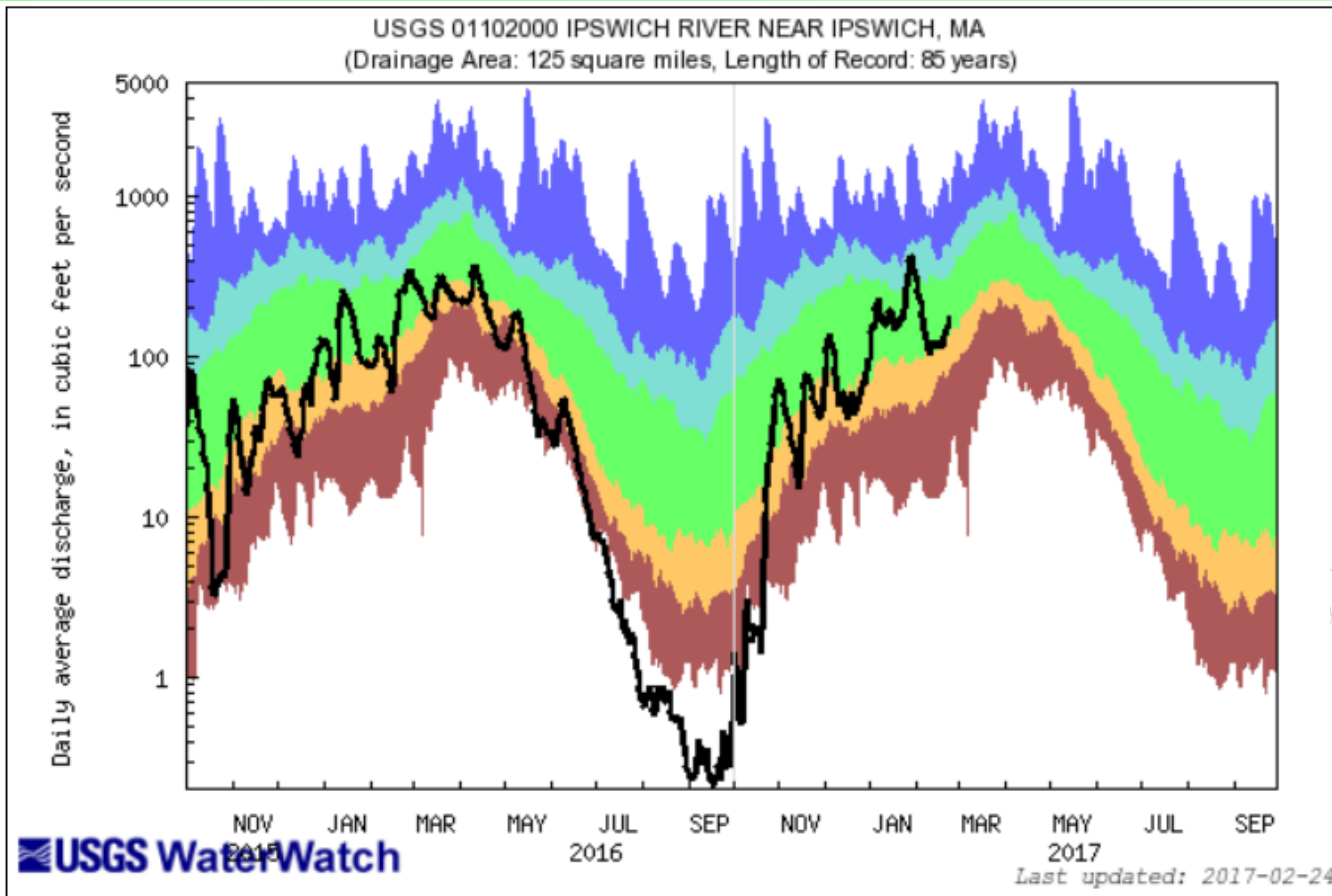
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Bedrock aquifer, 16 yrs

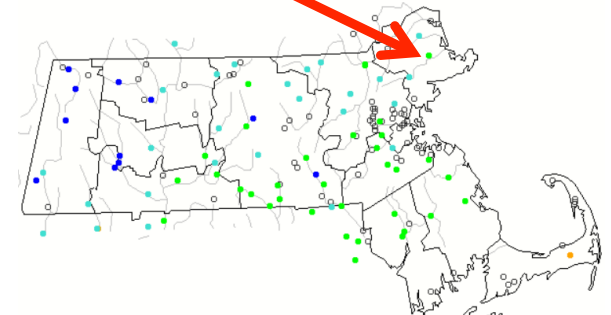


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Ipswich River near Ipswich, MA – 85 years of record (affected by withdrawals and regulation)

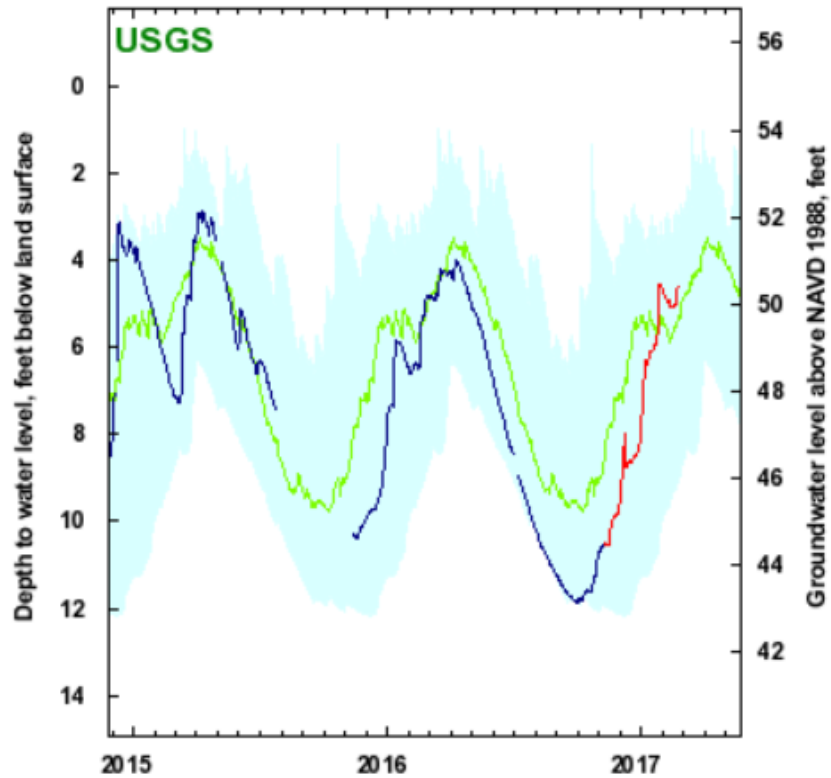


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Essex County, MA Sand-gravel aquifer, 52 yrs

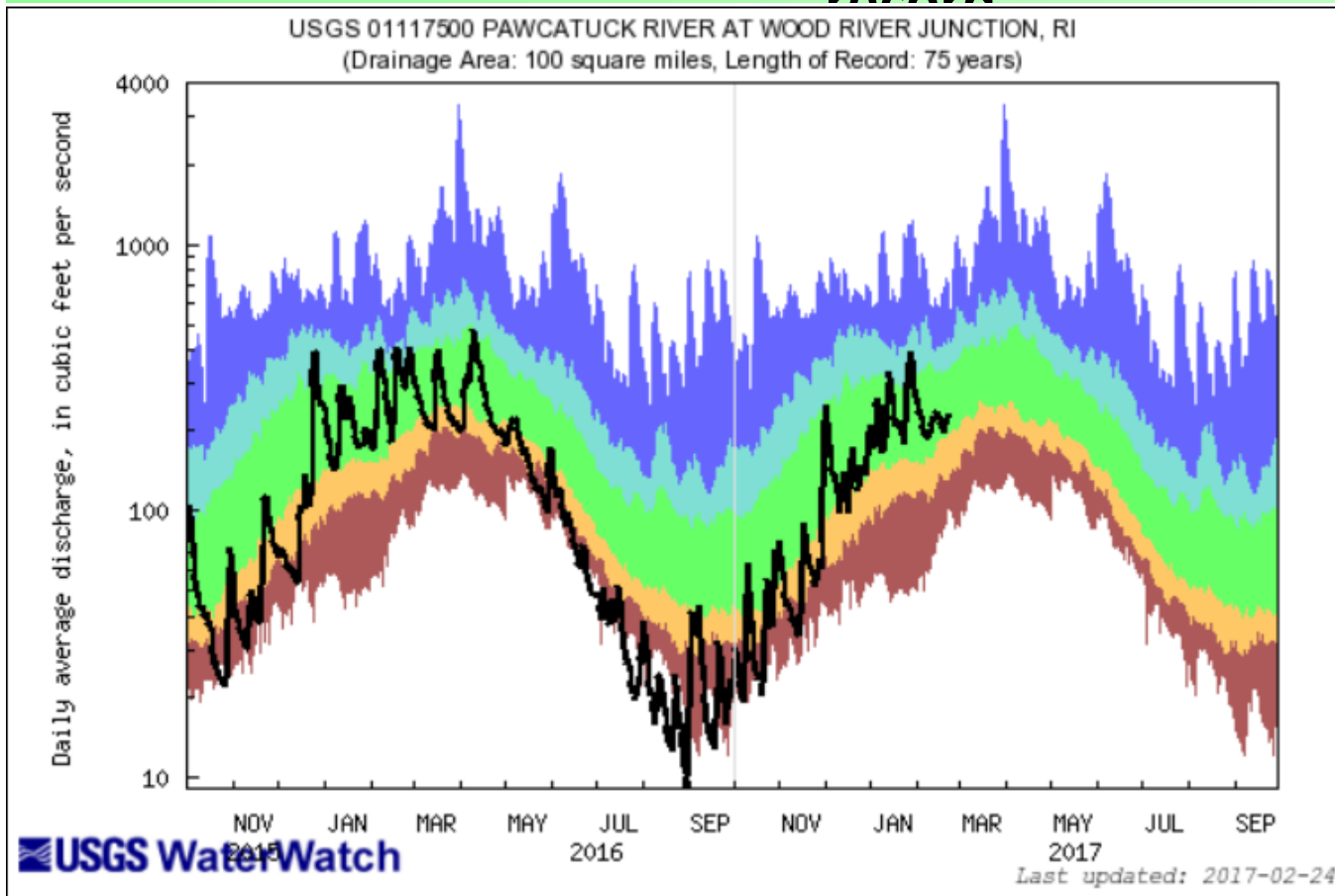
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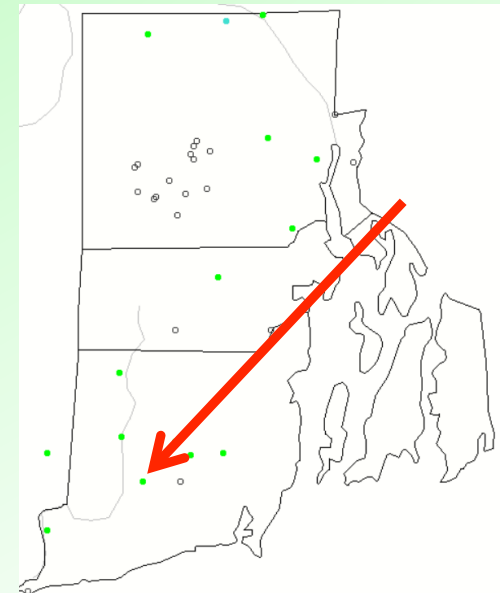
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Pawcatuck River at Wood River Junction, RI – 75 years of record



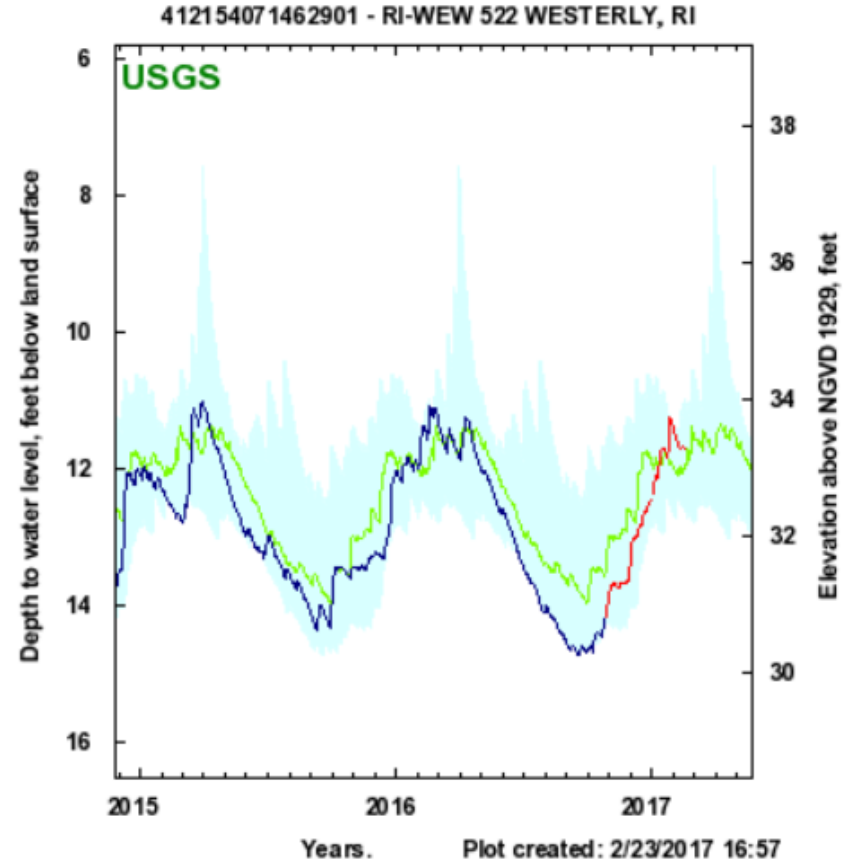
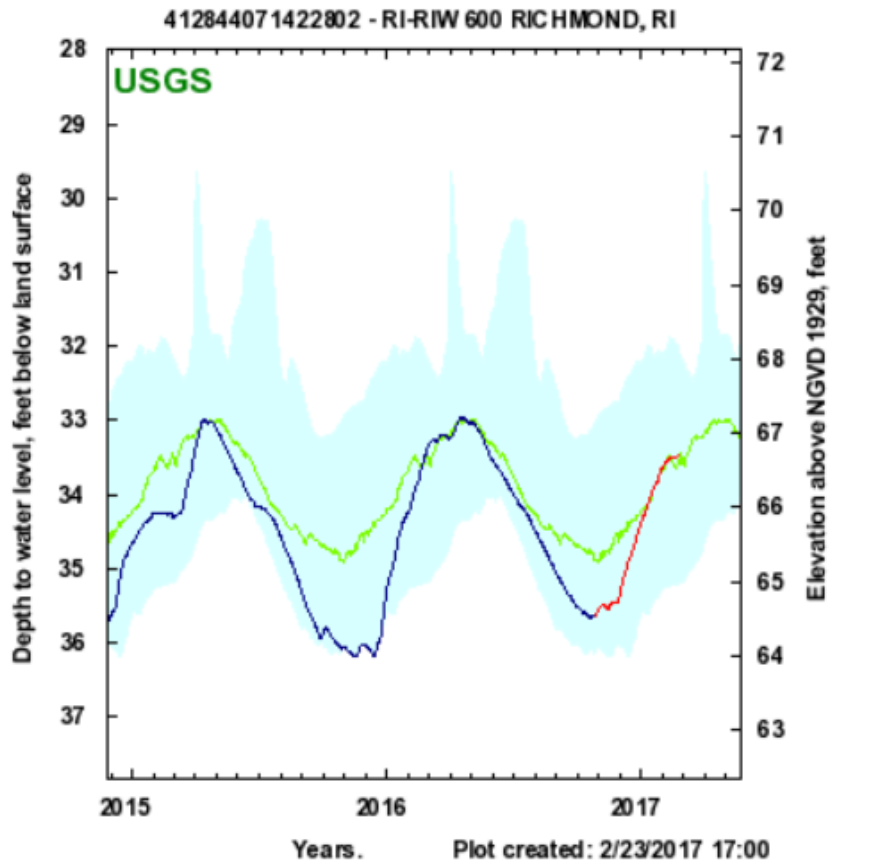
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Washington County, RI

Sand-gravel aquifer, 39 yrs

Sand-gravel aquifer, 50 yrs

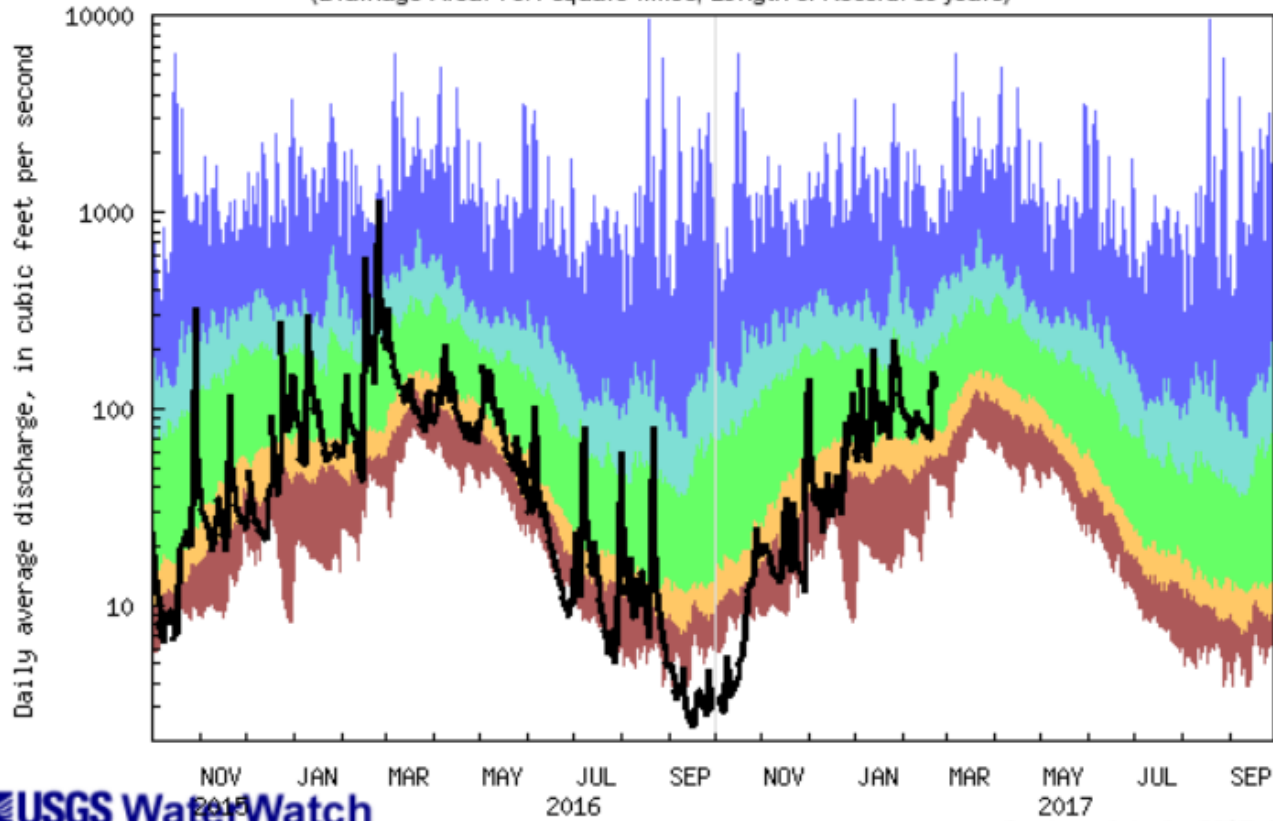


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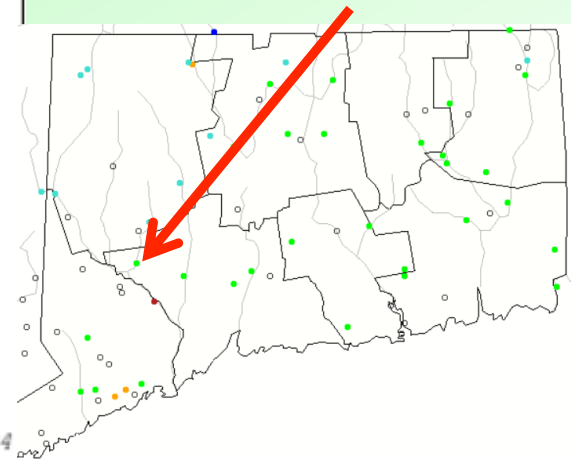
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Pomperaug River at Southbury, CT – 83 years of record

USGS 01204000 POMPERAUG RIVER AT SOUTHBURY, CT
(Drainage Area: 75.1 square miles, Length of Record: 83 years)



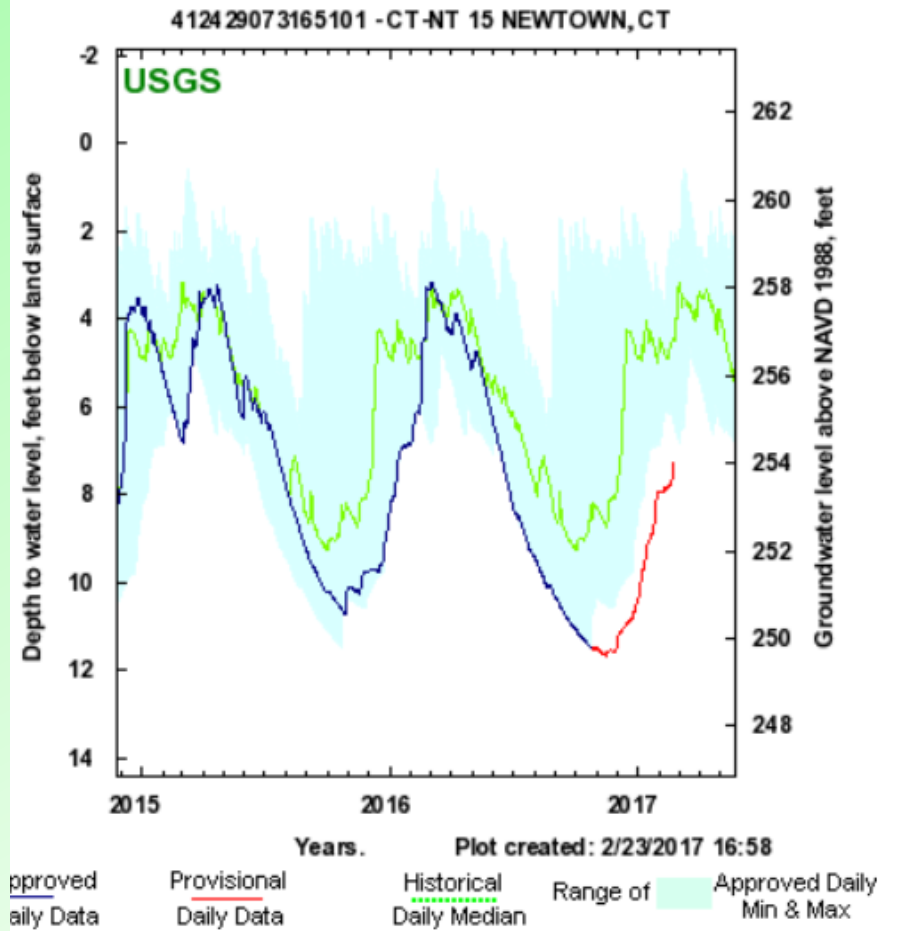
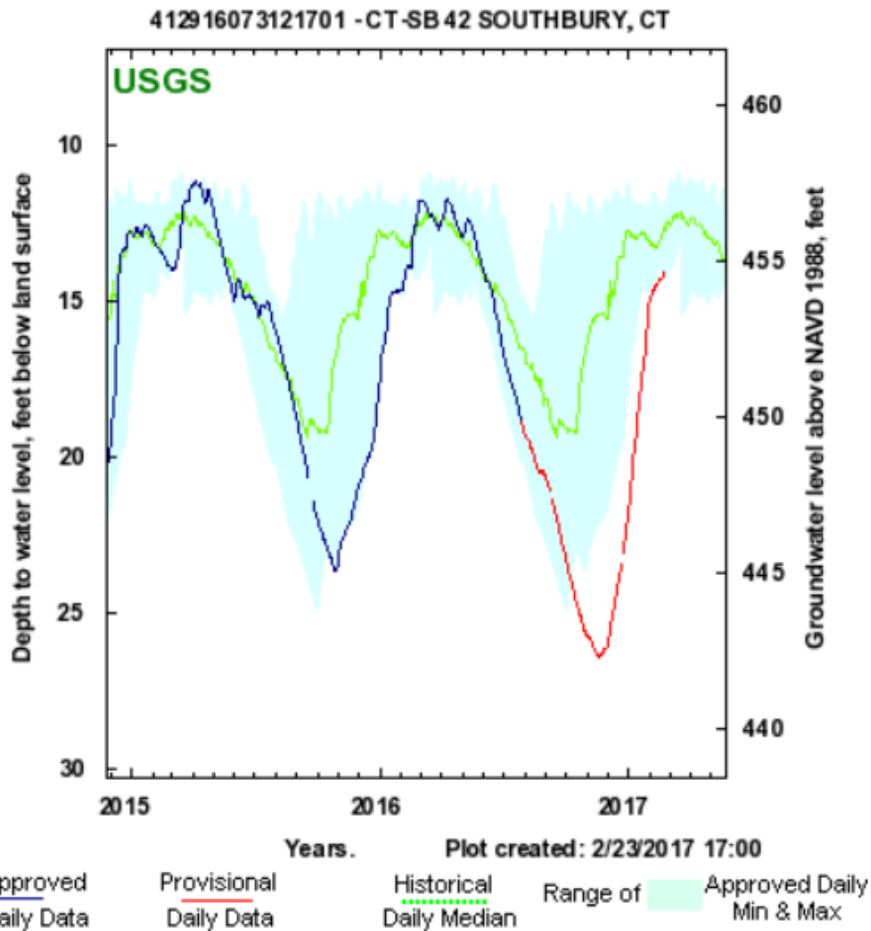
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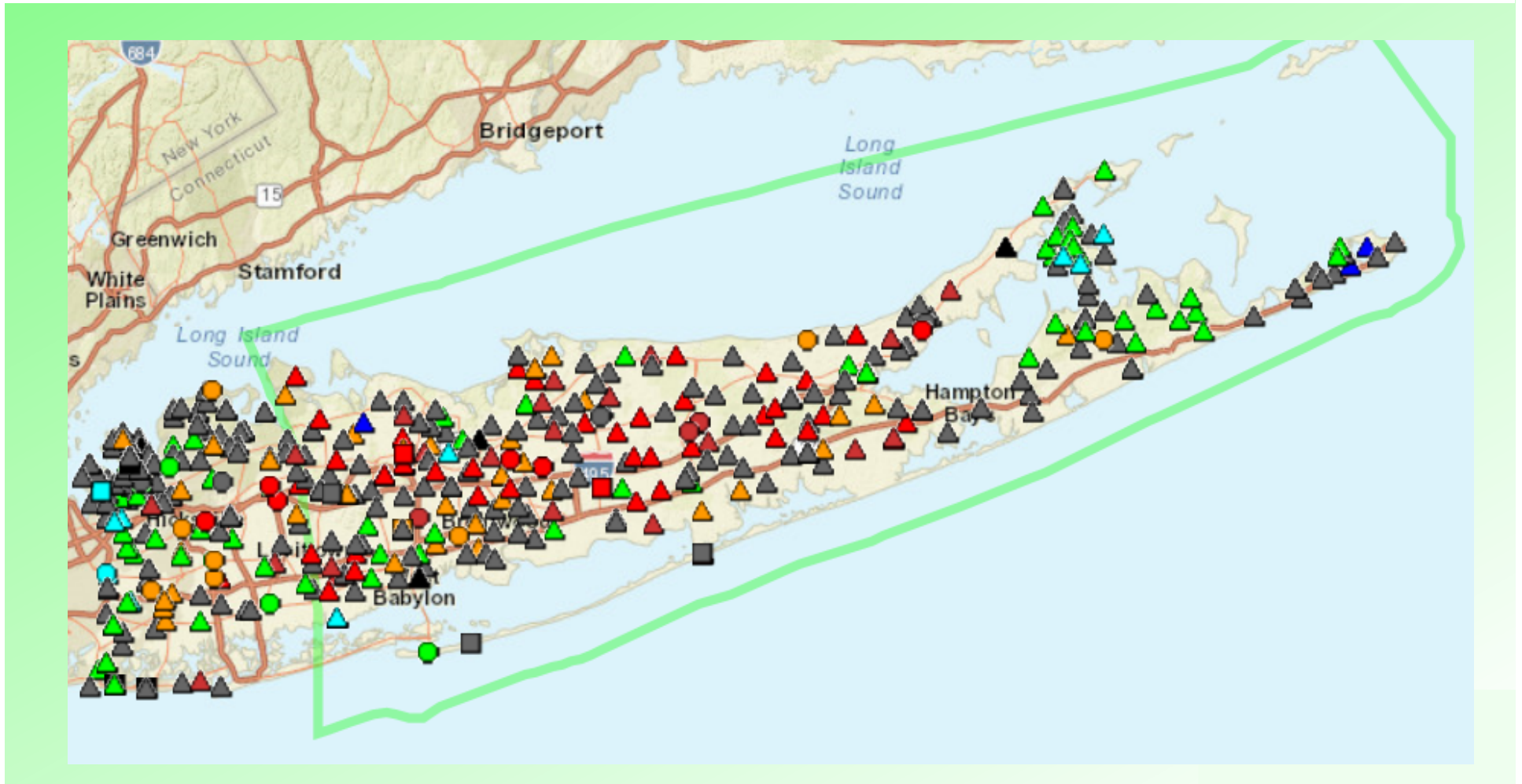
New Haven and Fairfield Counties, CT

"Till" aquifer, 24 yrs

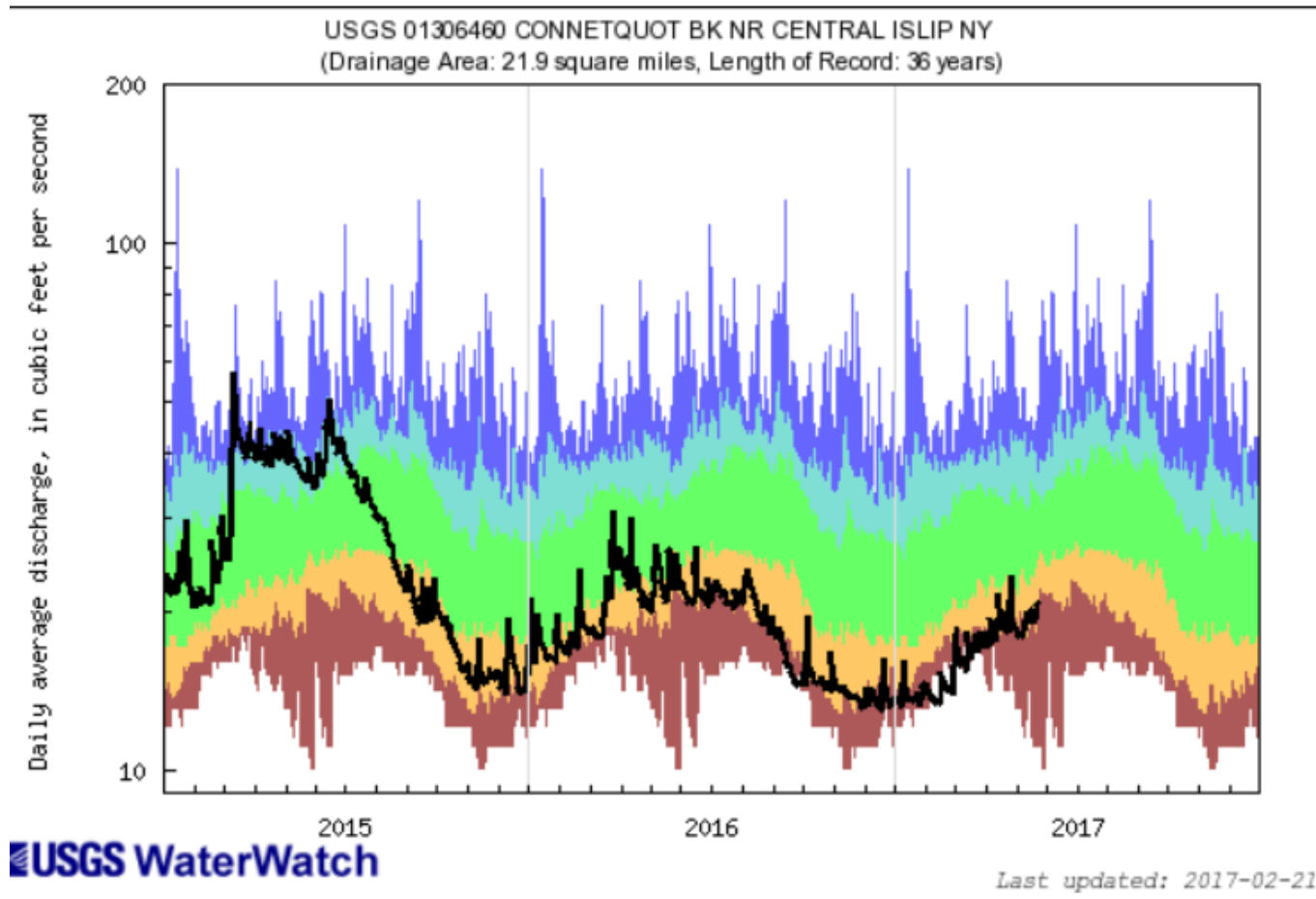
Sand-gravel aquifer, 50 yrs



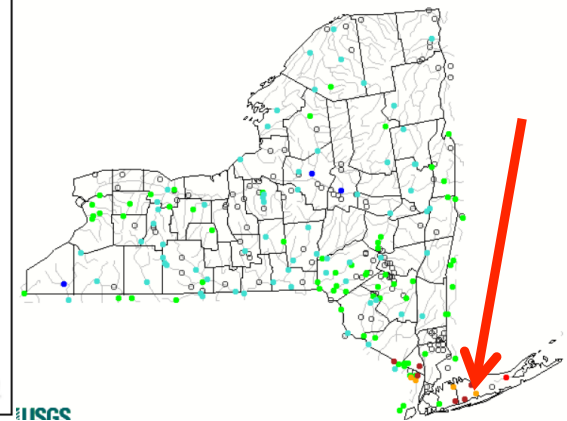
Groundwater Conditions, Suffolk County, February 2017



Connetquot Brook near Central Islip, NY – 36 years of record



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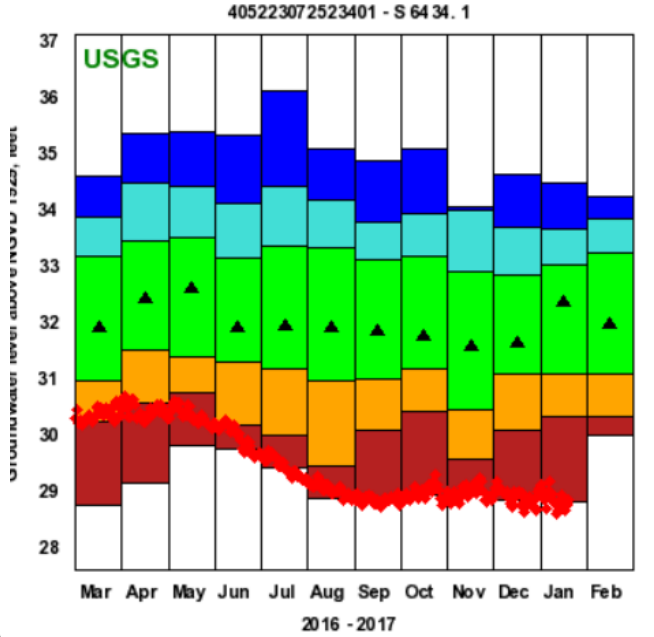
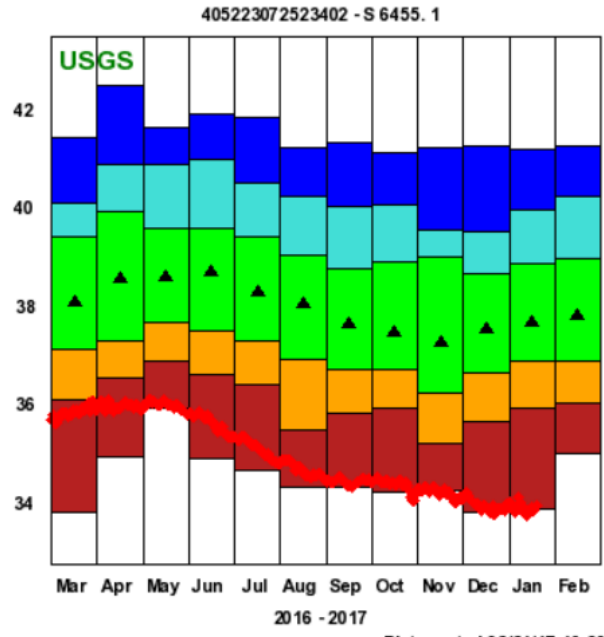
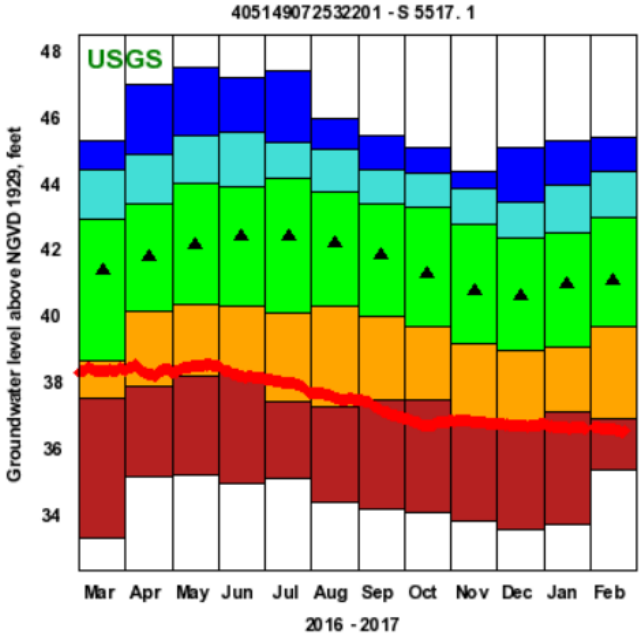
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Suffolk County, NY

Depth: 91 ft
 Aquifer: Upper Glacial
 Record: 68 yr

962 ft
 Magothy
 66 yr

1395 ft
 Lloyd
 66 yr



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Massachusetts Reservoirs



<http://geology.com/state-map/maps/massachusetts-rivers-map.gif>

Quabbin Reservoir

Sept. 1, 2016 – 85.1% of capacity
Feb. 1, 2017 – 79.9% of capacity

Wachusett Reservoir

Sept. 1, 2016 – 91.0 % of capacity
Feb. 1, 2017 – 91.3% of capacity

Overall Status “Below Normal”

Source: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority



New York City Reservoirs



<http://www.dos.ny.gov/watershed/images/lgmap.jpg>

Percent of Capacity

Sept. 28, 2016 – 70.7%
(Normal – 76.0%)

Feb. 27, 2017 – 87.1%
(Normal – 87.2%)

Source: New York City Environmental Protection

Summary

Streamflows in the Northeast are generally in normal or above-normal flow ranges, except for parts of CT and southeastern NY (Long Island), where they are below normal.

GW levels in New York are generally in normal or above-normal ranges, however, below-normal water levels can be found scattered across the State, especially on Long Island.

GW levels in New England States are a “mix” with many wells still reporting below-normal levels throughout the six-State area.



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