Ulster County Culvert Assessment Project

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- Assessing over 400 stream/road culvert crossings on county/town roads following the NAACP aquatic organism passage protocol.
- Evaluating condition and other indicators relevant to flood mitigation and emergency preparedness.
- Using habitat cores as a way of putting aquatic passage in larger landscape connectivity context.

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It's just a small stream...

- Make up a large percentage of stream miles
- Cumulatively provide more habitat than large rivers
- Support species not found in larger streams and rivers
- High productivity
- Provide important spawning & nursery habitat for fish



North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative (NAACC)















North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative (NAACC): Objectives

- Reconnect streams & rivers to support healthier populations of fish & wildlife
- Proactively identify and prioritize sites for stream crossing upgrades/replacements
- Facilitate communication and information sharing among partners





Stream Crossing Survey

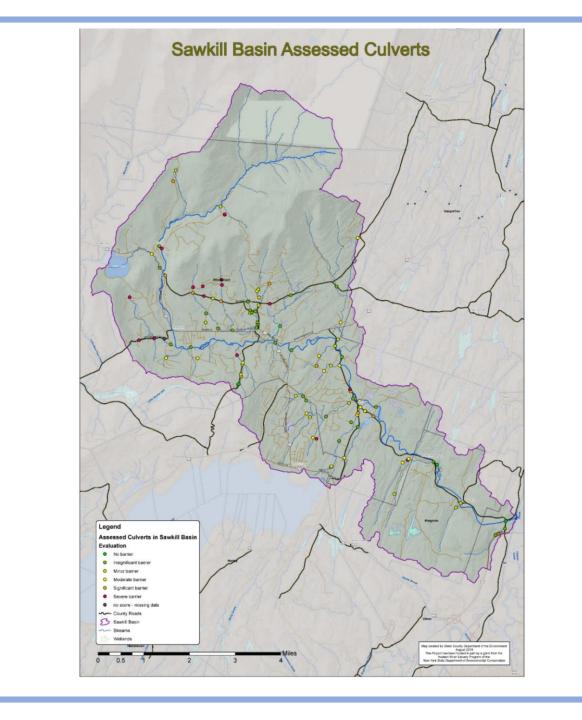
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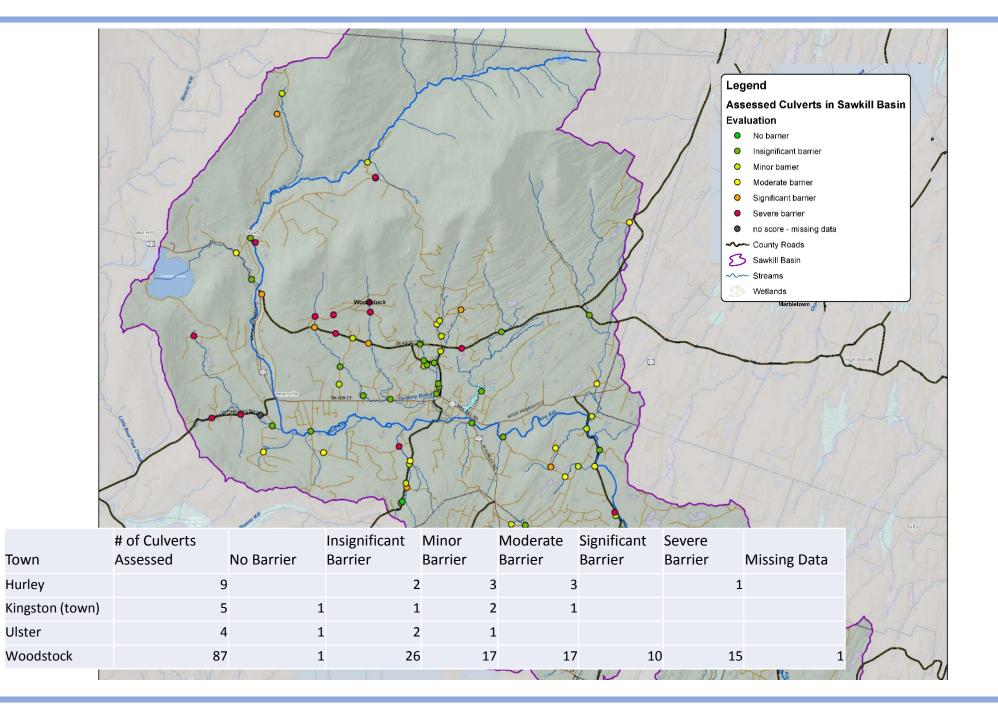
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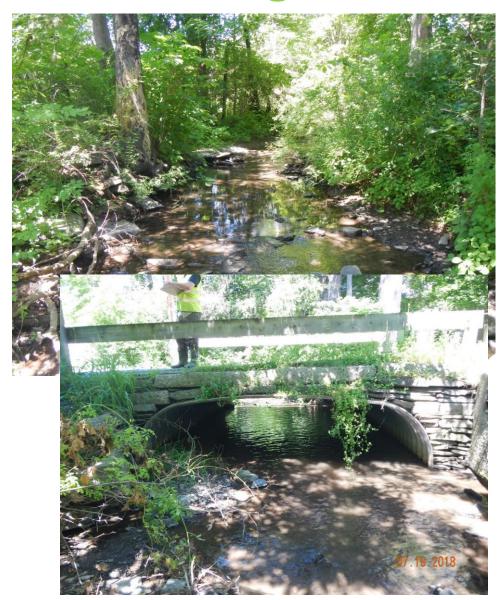


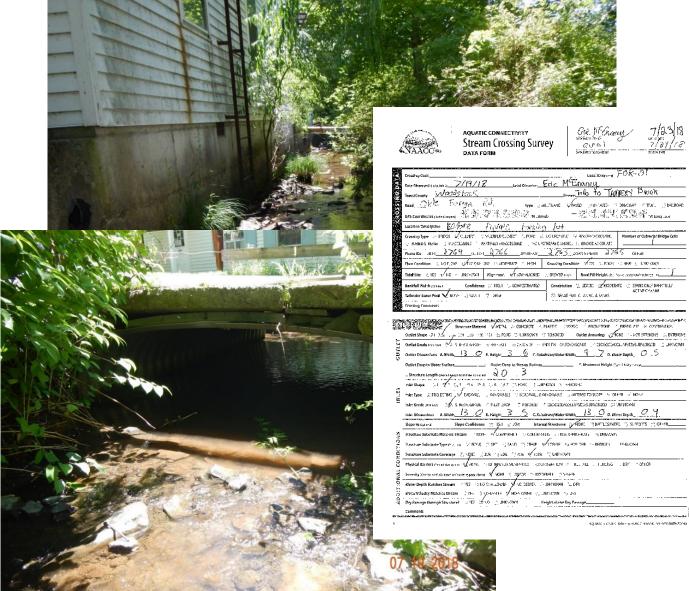






Ferguson Creek- Insignificant Barrier





Bellows Lane- Minor Barrier





Sweet Meadows Before- Severe Barrier

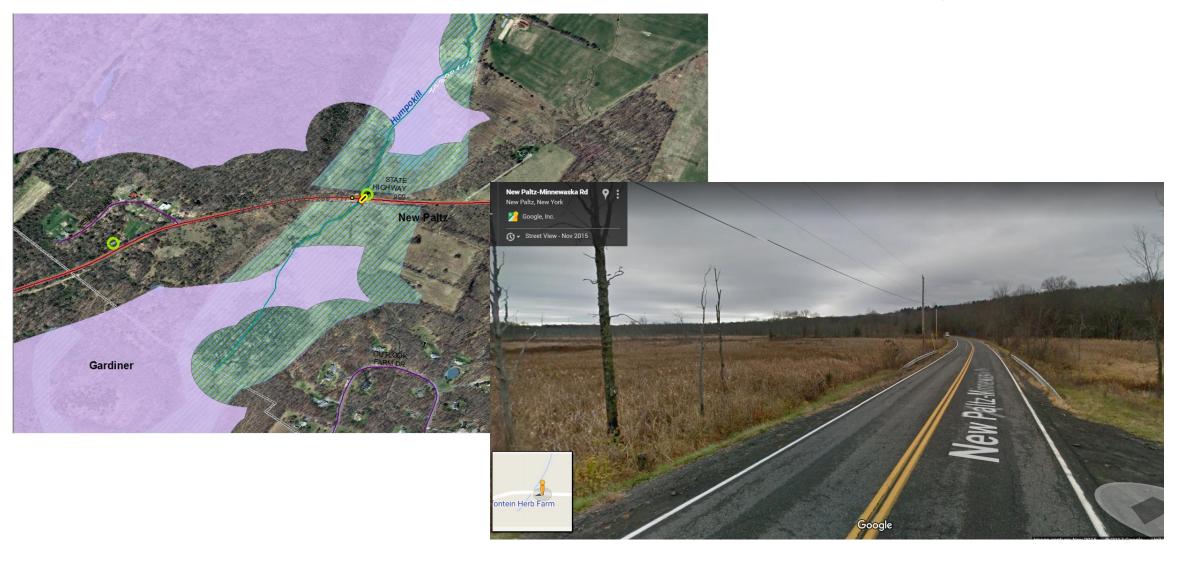




Sweet Meadows After



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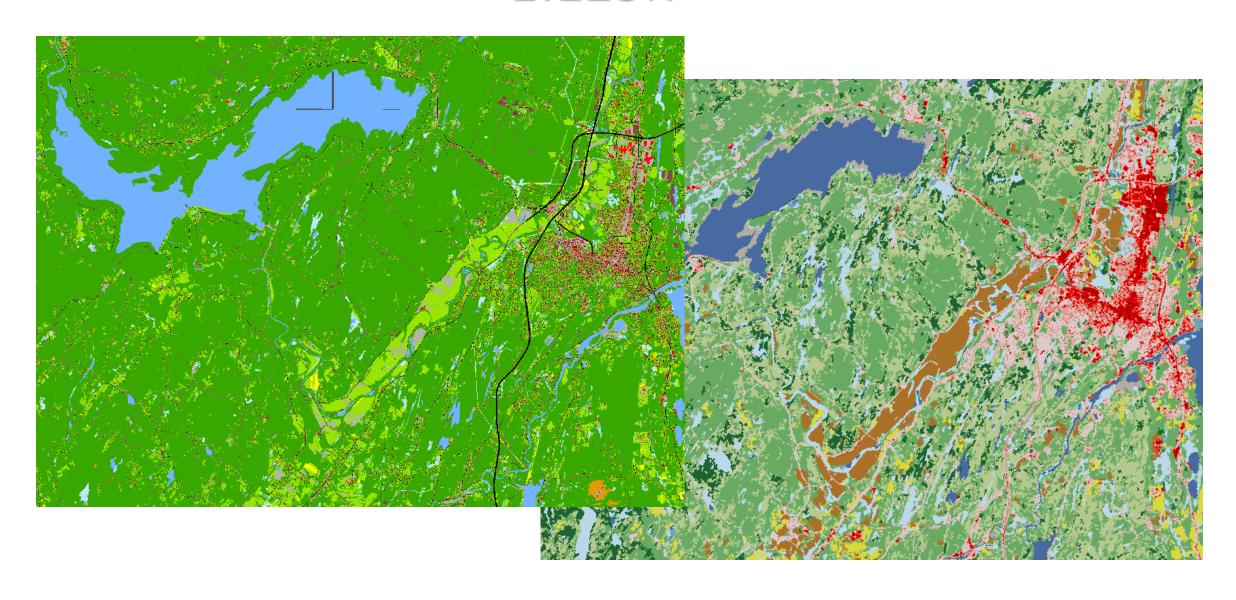
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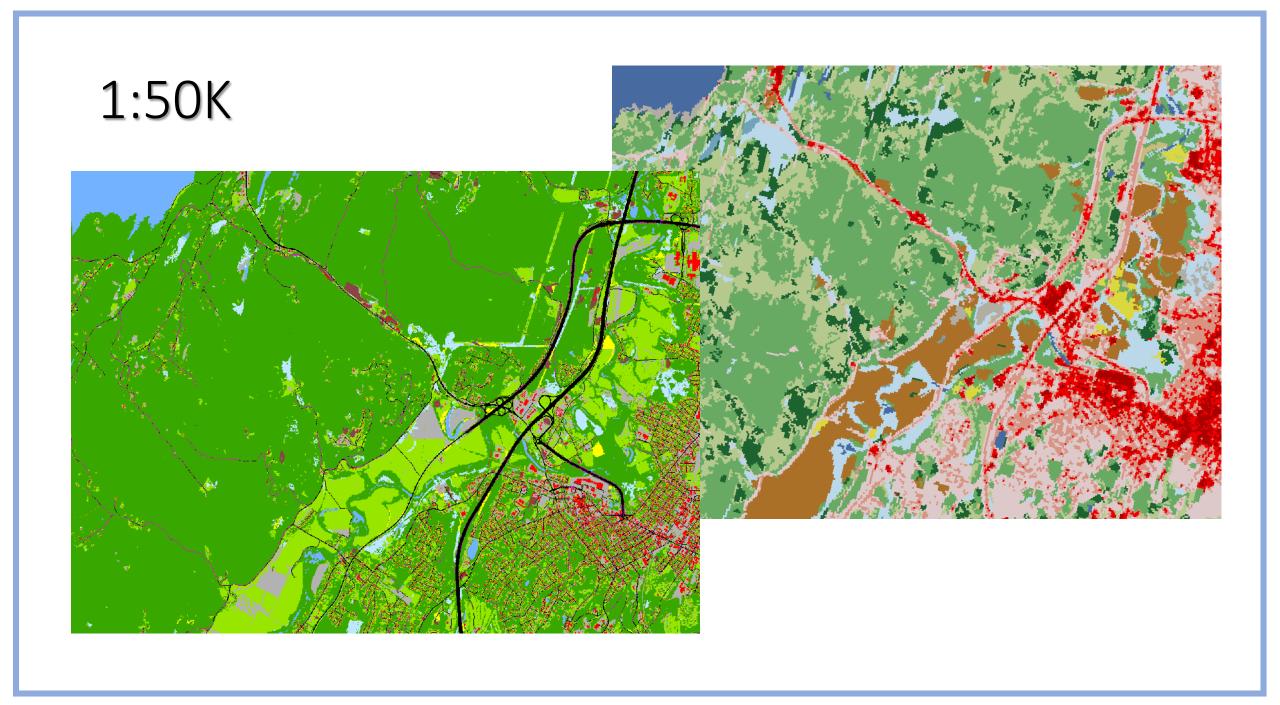


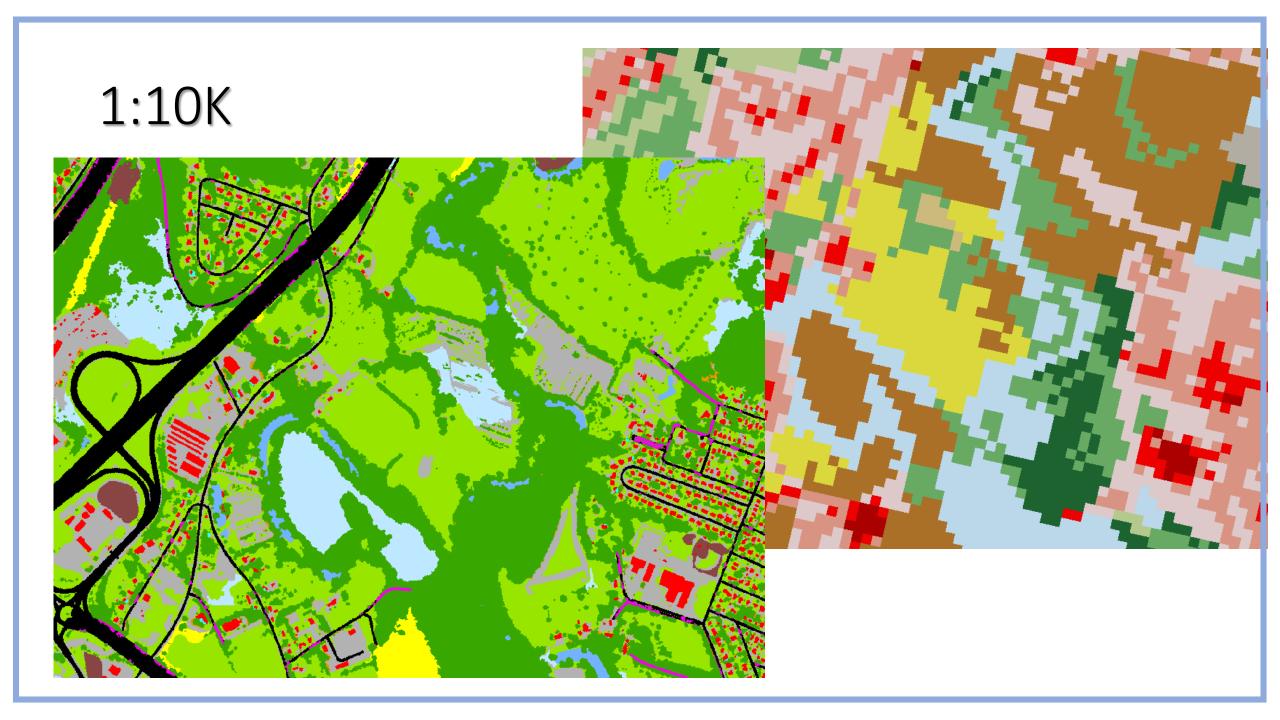
Ulster County Culvert Assessment Project-Updated UC Habitat Cores

- Original cores meant to be reproducible across NYS
- Used national and statewide data sets including the NLCD, a USDS nationally available 30 meter land cover data set
- In 2017, a 1 meter landcover data set was developed for UC, and UC contracted with Green Infrastructure Center, inc. to rebuild the cores layer based on this data

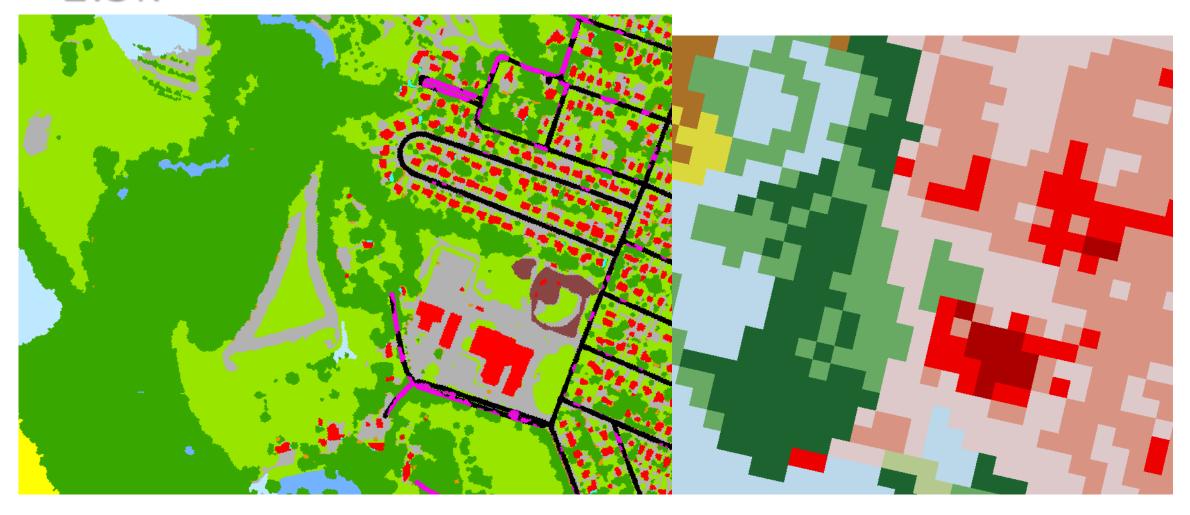
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