

# WATER

## IN WISCONSIN'S LANDSCAPES

**Key Concept:** *Understand that streams, rivers, lakes, wetlands and groundwater are dynamic features of Wisconsin, above and below the land.*

- Water moving through the land (rivers), settling on the land (lakes and wetlands), and seeping underground (groundwater) greatly impacts Wisconsin's natural and man-made communities.
- Past geologic history, the topography that it created, physical processes such as erosion, and the seasons all have created the wetlands, lakes and rivers we see in Wisconsin today.
- There are a variety of wetland types that serve important roles throughout Wisconsin.
- Streams and rivers are dynamic entities with changing flows, seasonality, water chemistry, and water quality.



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