

WATER

Key Concept: *Wisconsin is a water-rich state with dynamic features, above and below the land, including Great Lakes, streams, rivers, lakes, wetlands, and groundwater.*

- Water moving across the land (rivers), settling above land (lakes and wetlands), and seeping through soil and rocks underground (groundwater) greatly impacts Wisconsin's natural communities and built environments.
- Glacial activity and the topography it created, physical processes such as erosion, and the weather and climate together create the wetlands, lakes, and rivers we see in Wisconsin today.
- There are a variety of lake and wetland types found throughout Wisconsin that serve important roles.
- Streams and rivers are dynamic entities with changing flows, seasonality, water chemistry, and water quality.



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