Phosphorus and the Kawartha Lakes

(Land use, Lake Morphology and Phosphorus Loading)



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Executive Summary

The following document was prepared for the Kawartha Lake Stewards Association to address concerns over possible elevated phosphorus concentrations in the Kawartha Lakes. The project was undertaken by Michael White (Ph.D. candidate) in partial fulfilment of a reading course requirement (WEGP590) and supervised by Dr. Marguerite Xenopoulos. Submitted with this document is a CD containing all raw data used in the synthesis of this report including ArcMap® files and other pertinent information.

The development of this reading course/research was initiated by the Kawartha Lake Stewards Association (KLSA). KLSA approached Trent University with concerns regarding unnatural eutrophication of their aquatic systems due to suspected increases in phosphorus concentrations. Using archived data, KLSA would like to know the following; do lakes in their watersheds have higher than "normal" phosphorus concentrations, where are the areas of concern, what is the relationship of phosphorus with current watershed land use patterns (potential sources), and recommendations for future investigations into this issue.

The findings of this report (based on data mining sources) conclude that the morphology of many of the Kawartha Lakes, shallow with an abundance of littoral areas, geology, located between the granitic Canadian Shield to the north and glacial till to the south, along with high agricultural land use to the south make the Kawartha Lakes inherently susceptible to having above average (20-30 μ g/l) phosphorus concentrations. The results found within should be viewed cautiously, as the data utilized in its synthesis was not initially collected under a unified design; therefore, the results may prove spurious should detailed field investigations be undertaken as is suggested in the conclusion of this report. All ecological studies are subject to erroneous results leaving room for misinterpretation. This report is a summation of available data on which to base direction for further/future research.

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1.0 Introduction

Area Description

The Kawartha Lakes watershed contains 31 sub-watersheds and covers an area of approximately 8,990 km². It contains numerous lakes, many of the largest form part of the Trent Severn Waterway. The southern half of the watershed is dominated by glacial till and littered with drumlins and of course the Oak Ridges Moraine. The northern half of the watershed is predominantly Canadian Shield and is the start of "cottage country". For a detailed history and description of the study area please see THE KAWARTHA LAKES (Walters, 2006).

Importance of Phosphorus

Human induced nutrient enrichment, or eutrophication, of aquatic ecosystems has been the focus of much research over the past two decades (Beasley et al., 1985; Hart et al., 2004; Makarewicz and Bertram, 1991; Schindler et al., 1971; Sims et al., 1998). Even though other nutrients are associated with eutrophication, phosphorus is of major concern as it is usually the most limiting nutrient in freshwater ecosystems (Schindler, 1977). The relationship between lake eutrophication (nutrient loading) and phytoplankton abundance became common knowledge about 30 years ago (Schindler, 1987; Vollenweider, 1976) and we now understand that lakes are subject to regime shifts from clear macrophyte dominated systems to turbid phytoplankton dominated systems (Bayley and Prather, 2003; Genkai-Kato and Carpenter, 2005). The driving force behind the clear to turbid shift is elevated phosphorus concentrations (Delerck et al., 2005; Jeppesen et al., 2005; Portielje and Rijsdijk, 2003). The elevated phosphorus concentrations correspond to increased phytoplankton production (Table 1.1).

The Phosphorus Cycle

Phosphorus is found in both soluble and insoluble forms, which together account for the total phosphorus (TP) in a lake ecosystem. The insoluble forms occur predominantly from dead or decaying organisms (leaf litter, aquatic macrophytes, phytoplankton, zooplankton, etc.) and eventually falls to the lake bottom, while the soluble forms stay suspended in the lake water column. Soluble phosphorus is comprised of numerous complex compounds; however, a proportion is soluble reactive phosphorus (SRP). SRP is readily used (absorbed) by phytoplankton and macrophytes and thus increases lake productivity. Almost all natural sources of phosphorus (~90%) enter a lake system in the insoluble form, whereas, phosphorus from anthropogenic (human induced) sources are predominately of the soluble form (~90%) (Mackie, 2001). This means that phosphorus entering aquatic systems from human sources is immediately available for primary production. The insoluble phosphorus, which has fallen to the lake sediment, can be converted to soluble form and is not trapped there permanently. The mobilization process can be quite complex, but in its simplest form insoluble phosphorus can be reduced to a soluble state at the sediment-water interface through decreasing redox potential and pH levels. These conditions exist when lake sediment oxygen levels decrease and become anoxic (depleted of oxygen). This anoxic condition occurs in lakes when algae die and fall to the lake bottom. As the dead algae are decomposed bacteria consume oxygen and favourable conditions for phosphorus mobilization occur (Mackie, 2001). Thus, once a lake becomes eutrophic (turbid algal state) this negative feedback loop can make restoration efforts challenging.

So what does this tell us? It is possible to limit anthropogenic sources of phosphorus, creating an initial decrease in levels; however, long-term reduction may take many years as the insoluble phosphorus is mobilized and absorbed by plant species. The easiest way to restore a lake is to prevent it from becoming eutrophic in the first place. Recent studies suggest that the degree and rate at which a lake can reduce its phosphorus concentration depends on many factors; these are discussed in the following section.

Lake Recovery Potential

The undesirable phenomenon of lake eutrophication has lead to many restoration efforts. Current research has been devoted to discovering the underling drivers in the reoligotrophication process. Søndergaard et al. (2005) conducted an excellent study of 12 lakes in Denmark to determine lake response to reduced nutrient loads. Their findings demonstrate that internal loading of phosphorus can significantly delay lake recovery (up to 10 years) and that lake morphology (shallow vs. deep basins) must also be considered in restoration efforts. The shallow basins do not stratify (have one thermal layer) and are subject to more wave action thereby altering phosphorus resuspension and remobilization. A similar study by Jeppesen et al. (2005), which incorporated the same Danish lakes into a larger data set of 35 case studies, had similar conclusions concerning reduced nutrient loading. They found that internal loading delayed lake recovery; lower phosphorus levels did not stabilize until 10-15 years had past. Interestingly, fish biomass was found to decline in the majority of cases; however, piscivorous (fish that eat other fish) increased in 80% of the case studies. Phytoplankton community structure reverted back to oligotrophic species, but submerged macrophyte communities reappeared in only 50% of the lakes for which data was available. As Declerck et al. (2005) point out, phosphorus can both directly and indirectly affect aquatic diversity. It can act directly on plants, which absorb it, or indirectly through changes in macrophyte communities creating habitat and refuge for fish and zooplankton.

Two of the most important factors controlling lake response to reduced nutrient loads are mean depth (calculated as the lake volume divided by its surface area) and macrophyte abundance (Genkai-Kato and Carpenter, 2005). Curiously, the lakes most resistant in recovering to a clear state are lakes of intermediate size. These problematic lakes have a mean depth around 10 meters. They are too deep to be aided by macrophytes (which decrease water turbidity by acting as nutrient traps, thus limiting the resuspension of sediment material and negatively affecting algal growth (Portielje and Rijsdijk, 2003)) and too shallow to mitigate internal phosphorus loading through dilution in the hypolimnion (Genkai-Kato and Carpenter, 2005). This suggests that some of the Kawartha Lakes may not be able to revert to a clear state once a shift to a turbid algal dominated one has occurred.

Trophic State	Total Phosphorus µg/L	Chlorophyll a
Oligotrophic (Clear water)	< 10	< 2
Mesotrophic	10 - 20	2 - 5
Eutrophic (Turbid water)	> 30	> 5

Table 1.0 Values for spring total phosphorus and average summer chlorophyll a levels in lakes of three trophic states. Modified from Mackie (2001).

Problem Formulation (What about the Kawartha Lakes?)

Of the many anthropogenic (human induced) sources of phosphorus four are likely to be the significant contributors to the Kawartha Lakes phosphorus levels; agriculture (fertilizer runoff), faulty septic systems, urban runoff, and wastewater treatment facilities. Historical anthropogenic inputs of phosphorus to sediments are also likely in the Kawartha Lakes watershed along with many other natural and unnatural sources but these would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to reduce. Phosphorus loading by invasive animal populations is also a concern. Emerging evidence suggest that dreissenids (Zebra mussels) can negatively affect phosphorus cycling within lakes (Hecky et al., 2004). It has been postulated that the dreissenids retain phosphorus in nearshore areas where it can accumulate and may be linked with the nuisance filamentous green algae *Cladophora*. Dreissenids invasions in the Kawartha Lakes could be contributing to their high macrophyte (aquatic plants) abundances by filtering phytoplankton (and the phosphorus contained in them) and depositing it as pseudo-feces onto the lake bottom. This causes a reduction of phosphorus concentrations in open water areas but conversely increases concentrations in the sediment-water interface and littoral (nearshore) areas. Similar to dreissenids, there is evidence that geese can significantly elevate nutrient levels (Olson et al., 2005), this may be a problem in the Kawartha lakes area if populations are high.

The Kawartha Lake Stewards Association (KLSA) is concerned about the phosphorus levels in their region. The reason for this concern is that phosphorus levels are currently around 17 μ g/L and it is possible that a concentration of > 20 μ g/L may lead to foul-smelling algal blooms and a shift towards a turbid algae dominated lake system (KLSA, 2005). Should a shift in lake regime to a turbid system occur it would be difficult and costly, if not impossible, to remediate. The following pages are a summary of archived data with which to assess the history, patterns and possible sources of phosphorus in the Kawartha Lakes.

Study Methodology

The first step in assessing phosphorus levels is to assemble all historical data for the lakes of concern. The data contained in this report were primarily acquired through past studies conducted by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) (Hutchinson et al., 1994; MOE, 1976), Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) (Hutchinson et al., 1994), KLSA (KLSA, 2006), MOE's Lake Research Partner program (MOE, 2006) and the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Natural Resources Values and Information System (NRVIS) data base (MNR, 2002).

Using a combination of statistical techniques, regression (Sigma Plot©, Jump©), ordination (PC-ORD©), and analyses of variance (ANOVA)(Jump©) archived data will be utilized to address the following questions:

- 1. What are the land use characteristics of the Kawartha Lakes watersheds?
- 2. Is land use correlated with phosphorus concentrations in lakes within the Kawartha Lakes watershed?
- 3. What lake morphological variables are correlated with phosphorus concentrations?
- 4. Have phosphorus levels been increasing or decreasing in the lakes within the Kawartha Lakes watershed?
- 5. What patterns in lake phosphorus concentrations can be determined from the archived data?

The chapters that follow will help elucidate these questions and provide insight into the complex relationships of phosphorus in the Kawartha Lakes.

2.0 Watershed Land Classification and Delineation

Introduction

The first step in determining land use relationships with lake phosphorus concentrations is establishing where and what kinds of land use are prevalent. This first chapter is devoted to determining both, the quantity and location of quaternary (MNRs most detailed watershed delineation) watersheds, and the land use within each.

Methodology

Ontario's NRVIS database (MNR, 2002) and the Water Resources and Information Project (WRIP)(MNR, 2006) were utilized to acquire land class information and watershed delineations. These datum were then overlaid and analysed using ArcMap® to determine watershed boundaries and the land uses within them.

Results

It was found that the Kawartha Lakes watershed (8,990 km²) consists of 31 quaternary watersheds. As seen in Figure 2.1, of the possible 28 land uses identified by the NRVIS datum the Kawartha Lakes Watershed is represented by 21 different land uses. Interestingly, the chain of lakes running West/East through the middle of the watershed (Trent Severn Waterway) run parallel with a transition zone between forested Canadian Shield (metamorphosed limestone and/or granite) catchments to the north and agricultural glacial till catchments to the south. This transition zone includes a significant limestone alvar plain that runs through the Kawartha Lakes watershed. Principal Components Analysis (PCA) demonstrates a clear gradient between forested and agricultural catchments (Figure 2.2). Exact watershed areas and percent land classifications for each of the 31 watersheds are located in appendix A.



Figure 2.1 NRVIS land classification for the 31 watersheds of the Kawartha Lakes region. Note that forested areas are located in the north on the Canadian Shield and agricultural areas are located to the south on glacial till. Watershed Id's are depicted in white pentagons.



Figure 2.2 PCA ordination of Watershed characterization. Note the majority of the separation is along Axis 1, which demonstrates a clear distinction between forested and agricultural landscapes. Vector length is proportionate to it influence on site separation. This shows graphically the same separation that is shown visually from a land classification map (Figure 2.1). The dashed orange line present in the ordination (left) is transposed on the watershed schematic (right) and demonstrates that the PCA separation in land use is synonymous with the visual separation shown in a land use map. The dashed orange line also represents areas where limestone alvar plain habitat can be found.

Take Home Message

Previous models of lake phosphorus concentrations and catchment related phosphorus dynamics would be problematic if applied to the Kawartha Lakes area. This is due to the unique situation of having lakes located between two extreme geological features combined with unusually shallow lake systems (most have artificially high water levels due to dam creation for the Trent Severn Waterway, this causes the historical floodplain to be inundated with water, which decrease mean depth and increases littoral habitats where macrophytes can proliferate). The landscape to the south of the Kawartha Lakes is dominated by cultivated land with glacial till, while the area to the north is dominated by forested areas and impermeable bedrock.

3.0 Phosphorus Loading Potential

Introduction

The eutrophication of aquatic systems has been a known phenomenon for many years and much research has been undertaken to predict the potential influence of land use on aquatic phosphorus loading. An excellent application of this research in southern Ontario predicts the phosphorus-loading potential of a watershed based on base flow (minimum amount of water available to streams) and cropland. More details on the model can be found online and should be consulted to fully understand this chapter (Metcalfe et al., 2005).

Methodology

The predictive model utilized in this chapter is a direct application of research conducted by Metcalfe et al. (2005) and assigns a value to a watershed based on its potential to contribute phosphorus to watercourses. The values range from 1 - 15, with 1 having a low potential to contribute phosphorus and 15 having the highest potential. This scale was developed after analysing real data from thirteen reference watersheds scattered from Kitchener, ON, to Cornwall, ON. The model incorporates the Base Flow Index (BFI) and percent cropland for a watershed to calculate its phosphorus loading potential (Table 3.1). It then applies the equation:

Phosphorus Susceptibility Index = (% Cropland Class – BFI Class) + 8

Thus, once you figure out the % Cropland and BFI value of a watershed (using available government provided geospatial landscape datum) you can predict its phosphorus loading potential.

land Class	Upper boundary BFI (%)
5 1	0.124
2	0.202
4 3	0.28
2 4	0.358
3 5	0.436
3 6	0.514
6 T	0.592
8	1
	Iand Class 5 1 7 2 4 3 2 4 3 5 3 6 5 7 8 8

Table 3.1 Arbitrary division of classes used in determining the phosphorus loading potential of a watershed. Modified from (Metcalfe et al., 2005).

Results

Although the Kawartha Lakes watershed has a relatively low phosphorus loading potential when compared to the majority of southern Ontario, Figure 3.1, it is unique in that it has an altered waterway (permanently flooded historical flood plain) with which to concentrate its nutrient loading. The 31 quaternary watersheds had percent cropland classes between 1 and 3, and BFI classes between 4 and 8. This resulted in a range of phosphorous susceptibility index values from 1 to7. Comparable to the land classification results in chapter 2, we see a distinct separation along the chain of lakes, with low phosphorus loading potential to the north and high loading potential to the south (Figure 3.2). This model predicts that the southern watersheds will contribute more phosphorus to the Kawartha Lakes than the northern watersheds.

Take Home Message

This model should be interpreted with caution as it does not take into account other morphological variables (i.e. shallow lakes, drainage basin ratio) that may compound the phosphorus loading issue. Although there are many factors that can contribute phosphorus to a watershed; sewage treatment plants, aerial deposition, faulty septic systems and animal feces (beef, poultry, hog operations and large populations of geese and zebra mussels), clearly arable land plays an important component in elevating phosphorus concentrations in water bodies.



Figure 3.1 Quaternary watershed phosphorus susceptibility in Southern Ontario. Kawartha Lakes watersheds are outlined in black. Base picture taken from (Metcalfe et al., 2005).



Figure 3.2 Phosphorus susceptibility for the 31 quaternary watersheds of the Kawartha lakes. Susceptibility is determined through modeled base flow and percent agricultural landscape. Note, water entering the Kawartha Lakes from southern catchments is more likely to have higher phosphorus concentrations. Watershed Id's can be found on page 6 in Figure 2.1.

4.0 Land Class and Lake Morphology Correlations with Phosphorus

Introduction

Chapter 4 focuses on one of the major goals of this report, which was to utilize the NRVIS database (outlined in chapter 1) to determine what relationships exist between land use and phosphorus concentrations in the Kawartha Lakes; as nutrient concentrations in watercourses have often been attributed to the land use activities inhabiting them (Beasley et al., 1985; Cooke and Prepas, 1998). A second focus was to resolve any relationships that phosphorus concentrations may demonstrate with lake morphology, similar to findings in other geographic areas (Genkai-Kato and Carpenter, 2005).

Methodology

Multiple linear regression analyses were employed to determine the relationship between phosphorus concentrations and land use/lake morphology characteristics. The "dependant" variable phosphorus was tested for a linear relationship with each "independent" land use/lake morphology variable. Land use information was gathered from the NRVIS database, lake morphology information from the MNR's lake database, and phosphorus concentrations were mean August 2005 values taken from KLSA's dataset. Three analyses were preformed to test for linearity with phosphorus concentrations: increasing watershed contributions, lake buffer of land use (200 m), and lake morphology. In order to test the relationship of watershed accumulation with phosphorus concentration it was necessary to establish which watersheds contribute to each particular lake. Table 4.1, outlines watershed contributions for each of the nine lakes used in analyses. The following nine lakes were the sole lakes with suitable datum for both the watershed land use analysis and lake morphology analysis; Big Bald, Upper Stony, Balsam, Cameron, Sturgeon, Pigeon, Upper Buckhorn, Lovesick, and Katchewanooka Lakes. Similarly, surrounding land use, from shore to 200m, was calculated for each lake using ArcMap®; see appendix B for exact values. A two hundred meter buffer was used as most literature emphasises that a 100-300m buffer is effective at alleviating nutrient runoff and to incorporate the effect of shoreline development. Eleven lakes had suitable datum for the 200m lake buffer analysis; Upper Stony, Upper Buckhorn, Sturgeon, Pigeon, Lovesick, Lower Stony, Katchewanooka, Chemong, Cameron, Big Bald, and Balsam Lakes.

Finally, a linear model was created using four significant variables, from the above-mentioned analyses, that demonstrated the highest r^2 value for the model. The degrees of freedom limited the model to four predictors, as there were only nine observations (lakes) with appropriate datum. Raw data incorporated in analyses can be found in appendix C.

Lake Name	Contributing Watershed IDs	Total # of Contributing Watersheds
Big Bald	10	1
Upper Stony	8, 14	2
Balsam	1, 2, 3, 7, 13, 16	6
Cameron	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 13, 16, 19	11
Sturgeon	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 13, 16, 17, 19 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 30, 31	19
Pigeon	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31	23
Upper Buckhorn	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31	24
Lovesick	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31	25
Katchewanooka	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28,29,30,31	27

Table 4.1 Watersheds employed in land class/lake morphology correlations withphosphorus. See Figure 2.1 for watershed locations.

Results – Watershed Accumulation

Interestingly, seven out of twenty-eight land classes demonstrated significant linear relationships (p < 0.05) with phosphorus concentration (freshwater marsh $r^2 = 0.87$, coniferous swamp $r^2 = 0.62$, open fen $r^2 = 0.54$, coniferous plantation $r^2 = 0.78$, mixed forest mostly deciduous $r^2 = 0.59$, pasture/abandoned field $r^2 = 0.82$, and cropland r^2 =0.86) (Figure 4.1, a-g). Freshwater marsh, coniferous swamp, open fen, coniferous plantation, pasture/abandoned fields, and cropland all demonstrated positive relationships with phosphorus concentrations. Only mixed forest-mostly deciduous proved to have a significant negative relationship with phosphorus concentration. Surprisingly, settlement/developed land did not demonstrate a relationship with phosphorus concentrations (Figure 4.1, i).

Results - Buffer

No significant results were found between land use within 200m of a lake and phosphorus concentrations. Individual linear regressions can be found in appendix C.

Results - Lake Morphology

Linear regression of phosphorus concentration and lake morphology descriptors (maximum depth, mean depth, lake area, shoreline perimeter, island perimeter, total perimeter) resulted in only one significant relationship. Mean depth was negatively correlated (p = 0.013, $r^2 = 0.61$) with phosphorus concentration (Figure 4.1, h).



Figure 4.1 Linear regression of total phosphorus with proportion of watershed land classifications for; a) freshwater marsh, b) coniferous swamp, c) open fen, d) pasture and abandoned fields, e) coniferous plantation, f) mixed forest mostly deciduous, g) cropland, h) mean lake depth, i) settlement and developed land. Phosphorus concentrations are calculated from mean August 2005 values (N = 9).

Results - Multiple Regression Model

The four variables resulting in the highest significant r^2 value (p = 0.026, r^2 = 0.90) using a standard least squares multiple regression model were; mean depth, freshwater marsh, pasture/abandoned fields, and cropland (Figure 4.2). See appendix C for full description of statistical output.



Figure 4.2 Multiple regression predictive model of phosphorus concentrations constructed using the following four environmental predictors; mean depth, freshwater marsh, pasture/abandoned fields, and cropland. Dashed lines delineate 95% confidence intervals.

Conclusion

Phosphorus concentrations in the Kawartha Lakes watershed are highly correlated with land cover; in particular, wetlands, fens, bogs and marshes are good predictors of phosphorus in the Kawartha Lakes. Phosphorus concentrations increased in lakes as the percentage of arable land (cropland/pasture/abandoned fields) contributing to its hydrologic input increased. Congruently, lakes decreased in phosphorus concentration as the percent forest cover increased among its contributing watersheds. Wetlands clearly play a role in elevating a lakes phosphorus concentration; however, the shallower a lake is the more likely it will have an abundance of wetlands making it difficult to say whether it is increased wetlands that elevate phosphorus, or shifts in a lakes nutrient cycling capacity as a result of having a shallower lake basin. It is likely that a combination of the two factors is influencing lake phosphorus concentrations in the Kawartha Lakes watershed.

Although settlement and developed land did not demonstrate a significant relationship with phosphorus concentration they should still be investigated as possible areas of concern during various times of the year.

Take Home Message

Cultivated Land + Shallow Lakes = Elevated Phosphorus

Clearly other sources of phosphorus need to be explored including, urban storm water runoff, waste treatment facilities, golf courses, faulty septic systems, biofouling (Zebra mussels, Canadian Geese), and atmospheric deposition before it is possible to assess the particular mechanisms behind phosphorus concentrations in the Kawartha Lakes watershed. The take home message from this chapter is simply that the lakes belonging to the TSW, and south of the system, are subject to having higher phosphorus concentrations because they are artificially shallow systems in an agricultural area. It is also important to remember that regression analysis is an excellent tool for determining relationships between environmental variables but it does not prove causality.

5.0 Past and Present Phosphorus levels in the Kawartha Lakes

Introduction

This is the final chapter to present new datum and concentrates on elucidating patterns in phosphorus concentrations across both time, and the lake continuum (Balsam to Katchewanooka Lake).

Methodology

Appropriate historical datum was found from two sources (Hutchinson et al., 1994; MOE, 1976). Datum from 1972, 1976 (MOE, 1976) 2003, 2004, and 2005 (KLSA, 2006) were compared using two techniques; analysis of variance (ANOVA) with Tukey's tests for significance, and interpretation of spline curve scatter plot. Similarly, consistently sampled phosphorus concentrations for Sturgeon Lake 1971-1991 (Hutchinson et al., 1994) were analysed using linear regression. A second linear regression was performed using the 1971-1991 data along with KLSA's data from 2003-2005. Finally, non-linear regression was employed to determine if any patterns exist in phosphorous concentration along the lake continuum (Balsam-Katchewanooka). ANOVA analyses could only be conducted to compare three different years of datum, 1972, 1976 and 2005. Other years could not be utilized, as the datum was incomplete for a legitimate analysis. Similarly, the following ten lakes were utilized in the ANOVA analysis as no suitable data was found for other lakes; Balsam, Big Bald, Upper Buckhorn, Cameron, Clear, Katchewanooka, Pigeon, Upper Stony, Lower Stony and Sturgeon.

Results

ANOVA analysis demonstrated a significant response in phosphorus concentration across years. A Tukey's post-hoc test revealed that 2005 total phosphorus concentrations had decreased significantly (p < 0.05) from 1972 levels (Figure 5.1).

Linear regression demonstrated a marginally significant (p = 0.069, $r^2 = 0.17$) negative trend in phosphorus concentrations across years (1971-1991) and a significant (p = 0.02, $r^2 = 0.22$) negative trend across years when the KLSA (2003-2005) datum was included (Figure 5.2).

The spline curve scatter plot is not a test of significance but demonstrates that Figures 5.1 and 5.2 should be interpreted cautiously. Figure 5.3 obscures the decreasing trend in phosphorus concentrations: had appropriate 2003 datum been available, ANOVA analysis may have revealed that phosphorus concentrations had reverted back to 1972 levels.

Finally, Figure 5.4 shows a significant non-linear (logistic 3-parameter) (p < 0.001, r² = 0.80) positive relationship of lake accumulation with phosphorus

concentration. This demonstrates that lakes phosphorus concentration increase along the lake continuum.





Figure 5.1 Bar graph showing mean August total phosphorus concentrations and standard deviations for ten Kawartha lakes (Balsam, Big Bald, Upper Buckhorn, Cameron, Clear, Katchewanooka, Pigeon, Sturgeon, Upper and Lower Stony) for 1972, 1976 and 2005. Different letters denote significant differences between means following ANOVA procedure and Tukey's test (p = 0.001)(N=10).



Figure 5.2 Linear regression of August total phosphorus concentrations across years for Sturgeon lake from a) 1971-1991, N = 21, b) 1971-2005, N = 24. Note, it appears phosphorus concentrations have remained relatively constant since 1988.



Figure 5.3 Spline curve of seven Kawartha Lakes along a down stream/lake gradient from Balsam Lake to Katchewanooka Lake. Phosphorus levels are pooled August concentrations and patterns should be interpreted cautiously as sample intensity varies greatly between years and lakes.



Figure 5.4 Lake chain outline overlaid by a non-linear regression (logistic, 3 parameter, solid black line) of mean August 2005 phosphorus concentrations with lake position. Lake position is defined as 1 plus the number of lakes that eventually feed into it. Lakes used in analyses are either part of the Trent Severn Waterway or contribute to it. Water flows form Balsam Lake (left) through to Katchewanooka Lake (right). Dotted line represents a plausible repetition of the logistic pattern after the dilution and resultant decrease in phosphorus concentration has occurred from the confluence of Upper Stony Lake and Lovesick Lake at Burleigh Falls.

Conclusion

The majority of the archived data and subsequent analyses used in this chapter suggest that phosphorus levels have declined in the Kawartha Lakes watershed, which is congruent with the finding of Robillard and Fox (2006); however, the results should be interpreted cautiously. There is evidence that phosphorus levels are closely linked with precipitation patterns, where wet years have higher phosphorus concentrations than dry years (Novotny and Olem, 1994). According to Environment Canada the Kawartha Lakes area had a much higher average rainfall in 1972 than it did in either 1976 or 2005. Similarly, 1976 had a higher average rainfall in 1976 than it did in 2005; however, it is ostensible that phosphorus levels have been decreasing over time. Fortunately, the datum from Sturgeon Lake was collected annually and demonstrates a clear decreasing trend in phosphorus concentrations over time (Figure 5.3). It would appear that phosphorus concentrations have remained relatively stable in Sturgeon Lake from 1988 through to 2005 at approximately $17 \mu g/l$.

Finally, the results authenticate that lake phosphorus concentrations increase as water flows East through the lake continuum from Balsam Lake to Lovesick Lake. The increasing logistic pattern is then disrupted as phosphorus poor water enters the system from Upper Stony Lake and dilutes the phosphorus rich water of Lovesick Lake below Burleigh Falls in Lower Stony Lake. The lakes' phosphorus concentrations continue to increase after dilution at Lower Stony Lake as demonstrated by the successively higher phosphorus concentrations in Clear and Katchewanooka Lakes.

Take Home Message

Phosphorus levels have declined approximately 7 μ g/l over the past 20 years and are currently around 14 μ g/l. Phosphorus concentrations are known to increase in wet years and decrease in dry years: 2005 was a dry year. Phosphorus concentrations increase as water flows from Balsam Lake along the Trent Severn Waterway to Rice Lake. There is a slight dilution and resultant reduction in phosphorus concentration as phosphorus poor water enters the system from Upper Stony Lake via Lower Stony Lake (Figure 5.4).

6.0 Conclusions

The Kawartha Lakes watershed is a unique chain of lakes unlike any that have been extensively studied. Many lake models have been developed; however, to this author's knowledge none have been developed to fully incorporate the diverse array of characteristics particular to the Kawartha Lakes:

- "Unnaturally" Shallow basin. Mean depth between 1.8 and 6.3 m.
- Regulated water level due to canal traffic between Georgian Bay and Lake Ontario.
- North shore of lakes exposed to bedrock, south shores exposed to glacial till.
- Southern half of watershed used mainly for Agriculture, northern half mostly forested (Figure 2.1).
- Highly inhabited and intensively used for recreational purposes. (Close proximity to major urban centres)

The findings of this report deal predominantly with land use and lake morphology relationships with phosphorus concentrations. It is evident that lake phosphorus concentrations increase when the proportion of cropland contributing to its hydrological budget increases (Figures 3.2, 4.1, 4.2).

Congruent with land use, phosphorus concentrations also increase with decreasing mean lake depth. These findings are analogous to those outlined in chapter 1 (Genkai-Kato and Carpenter, 2005; Jeppesen et al., 2005; Søndergaard et al., 2005).

Phosphorus concentrations of the Kawartha Lakes exhibit a decreasing trend across years (Figure 5.1, 5.2). The longevity of this trend is questionable and should be investigated in more detail; however, phosphorus concentrations have decreased province wide with the introduction of phosphate regulation in the late 70's and early 80's.

Finally, phosphorus concentrations increase as water flows through the TSW (Figure 5.4). The dilution effect at Stony Lake is convincing evidence that landscape controls (i.e. land use) dictate elevated phosphorus concentrations.

This report is a summation of available information and should not be considered a final resolution regarding phosphorus concentrations in the Kawartha Lakes watershed. Many other avenues should be explored as the potential for unconsidered/untested major sources of phosphorus are anticipated. The findings of this report resolve the importance of lake depth and land use with phosphorus concentrations in lentic systems within the Kawartha Lakes watershed.

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Appendices

Appendix A Watershed Land classification

Percent land classification for each of the 31	watersheds draining into the Kawartha Lakes	s. See Figure 2.1 for watershed locations.
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Land Class / Watershed ID	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Water	15.00%	18.49%	15.12%	13.61%	10.77%	6.75%	13.08%	7.46%
Coastal mudflats	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Intertidal marsh	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Supertidal marsh	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Freshwater marsh	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.04%	0.03%	0.00%
Deciduous swamp	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.41%	0.51%	0.38%
Conifer swamp	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.45%	0.68%	0.18%
Open fen	0.47%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Treed fen	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Open bog	0.00%	0.02%	0.00%	0.08%	0.00%	0.06%	0.00%	0.00%
Treed bog	0.76%	1.88%	1.23%	2.10%	1.97%	1.66%	0.90%	2.20%
Tundra heath	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Dense deciduous	30.54%	17.13%	28.36%	14.49%	12.81%	7.74%	7.84%	11.31%
Dense coniferous	2.48%	2.21%	1.64%	2.18%	3.37%	9.11%	3.71%	6.94%
Coniferous plantation	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.03%	0.00%	0.00%
Mixed forest mainly deciduous	18.41%	16.51%	16.38%	14.82%	17.72%	12.57%	7.08%	18.47%
Mixed forest mainly coniferous	18.72%	22.88%	20.13%	23.58%	31.30%	33.17%	24.56%	34.40%
Sparse coniferous	1.39%	1.67%	2.41%	3.20%	3.81%	4.31%	2.61%	4.02%
Sparse deciduous	10.90%	15.23%	11.44%	21.27%	15.21%	13.18%	32.85%	10.88%
Recent cutovers	1.25%	0.65%	0.80%	2.27%	0.39%	0.42%	0.24%	0.45%
Recent burns	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Old cutover and burns	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Bedrock/sand/minetailings	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.66%	1.02%	1.12%	1.62%
Settlement and developed land	0.00%	1.07%	0.00%	1.18%	0.86%	0.41%	1.13%	1.54%
Pasture and abandoned fields	0.07%	2.25%	2.50%	1.24%	1.14%	4.82%	1.60%	0.08%
Cropland	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	3.87%	2.05%	0.06%
Alvar	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Unclassified	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Total area (m ²)	235694375	568402500	274629375	303890000	521921250	511340625	262040625	333803125

Land Class / Watershed ID	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Water	13.56%	4.80%	2.64%	8.30%	12.10%	12.04%	14.64%	21.90%
Coastal mudflats	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Intertidal marsh	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Supertidal marsh	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Freshwater marsh	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.04%	0.00%	0.00%	0.10%
Deciduous swamp	1.29%	1.85%	2.39%	0.86%	1.89%	0.17%	3.55%	2.20%
Conifer swamp	0.78%	1.68%	0.46%	0.63%	1.07%	0.08%	2.87%	2.71%
Open fen	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	0.00%	0.00%	0.50%	0.00%
Treed fen	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Open bog	0.11%	0.00%	0.11%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Treed bog	1.39%	4.77%	1.73%	2.07%	0.00%	3.27%	0.59%	0.00%
Tundra heath	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Dense deciduous	5.70%	7.92%	3.93%	6.88%	11.85%	4.50%	10.70%	9.89%
Dense coniferous	3.98%	5.06%	10.59%	12.45%	20.72%	9.89%	9.65%	13.00%
Coniferous plantation	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Mixed forest mainly deciduous	19.46%	19.76%	15.46%	17.17%	9.68%	14.68%	3.95%	5.70%
Mixed forest mainly coniferous	31.87%	40.99%	45.06%	43.82%	24.34%	37.39%	13.52%	4.97%
Sparse coniferous	7.00%	3.17%	2.28%	0.69%	0.00%	3.98%	3.98%	0.00%
Sparse deciduous	11.09%	7.11%	7.80%	5.64%	2.85%	10.16%	12.43%	2.25%
Recent cutovers	0.03%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.14%	0.00%	0.00%
Recent burns	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Old cutover and burns	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Bedrock/sand/minetailings	3.22%	0.10%	0.00%	0.10%	0.00%	2.18%	8.53%	0.05%
Settlement and developed land	0.09%	0.20%	0.08%	0.00%	0.00%	1.29%	0.00%	0.00%
Pasture and abandoned fields	0.20%	1.81%	5.60%	0.62%	5.85%	0.21%	5.67%	12.98%
Cropland	0.22%	0.78%	1.65%	0.76%	9.63%	0.02%	9.41%	16.93%
Alvar	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	7.32%
Unclassified	0.00%	0.00%	0.22%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Total area (m²)	370907500	204029375	145009375	184938125	68408125	148426250	474902500	221445625
Land Class / Watershed ID	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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Water	11.78%	22.11%	11.61%	0.34%	1.85%	1.04%	2.26%	0.25%
Coastal mudflats	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Intertidal marsh	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Supertidal marsh	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Freshwater marsh	0.81%	0.97%	0.50%	0.00%	0.69%	0.18%	0.13%	0.01%
Deciduous swamp	1.21%	2.24%	2.01%	3.26%	3.83%	5.37%	3.54%	1.78%
Conifer swamp	2.53%	2.25%	4.68%	12.76%	6.88%	3.15%	5.75%	1.87%
Open fen	0.00%	0.13%	0.00%	1.03%	0.22%	0.14%	1.01%	0.00%
Treed fen	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Open bog	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Treed bog	0.00%	0.07%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Tundra heath	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Dense deciduous	5.63%	10.47%	7.73%	11.08%	8.93%	9.36%	8.91%	10.57%
Dense coniferous	12.91%	8.65%	11.79%	17.11%	14.39%	7.06%	9.73%	3.40%
Coniferous plantation	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.24%	0.00%	0.00%
Mixed forest mainly deciduous	2.21%	3.21%	2.32%	1.65%	1.91%	1.49%	2.25%	1.17%
Mixed forest mainly coniferous	4.33%	5.82%	4.15%	6.03%	6.41%	4.87%	4.40%	2.57%
Sparse coniferous	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Sparse deciduous	2.28%	6.86%	2.20%	3.82%	3.23%	3.83%	2.10%	2.48%
Recent cutovers	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Recent burns	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Old cutover and burns	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Bedrock/sand/minetailings	0.00%	0.00%	0.33%	0.17%	0.10%	0.07%	0.00%	0.10%
Settlement and developed land	2.05%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	3.59%	0.00%	0.00%
Pasture and abandoned fields	20.77%	12.43%	20.95%	16.72%	22.28%	17.00%	28.04%	20.28%
Cropland	33.49%	24.78%	31.73%	26.02%	29.28%	42.61%	31.88%	55.53%
Alvar	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Unclassified	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Total area (m ²)	400200625	533998750	130961250	280700625	213991250	803167500	161599375	228590625

Land Class / Watershed ID	27	28	29	30	31
Water	25.19%	0.37%	0.80%	0.35%	19.65%
Coastal mudflats	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Intertidal marsh	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Supertidal marsh	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Freshwater marsh	1.43%	0.11%	0.02%	0.10%	2.30%
Deciduous swamp	2.72%	2.00%	1.79%	1.94%	2.73%
Conifer swamp	2.80%	4.30%	2.91%	3.59%	2.91%
Open fen	0.00%	0.06%	0.03%	0.08%	0.05%
Treed fen	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Open bog	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Treed bog	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Tundra heath	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Dense deciduous	8.20%	12.74%	11.84%	9.38%	6.46%
Dense coniferous	4.23%	14.20%	12.91%	8.06%	6.11%
Coniferous plantation	0.18%	0.00%	0.12%	1.44%	0.43%
Mixed forest mainly deciduous	1.46%	5.34%	4.39%	2.46%	1.45%
Mixed forest mainly coniferous	3.67%	4.58%	5.46%	5.29%	2.85%
Sparse coniferous	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Sparse deciduous	2.16%	1.60%	3.16%	2.04%	1.67%
Recent cutovers	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Recent burns	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Old cutover and burns	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Bedrock/sand/minetailings	0.33%	0.83%	0.54%	0.22%	0.01%
Settlement and developed land	0.22%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.90%
Pasture and abandoned fields	14.10%	12.66%	15.94%	14.87%	13.85%
Cropland	33.30%	41.21%	40.08%	50.20%	38.63%
Alvar	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Unclassified	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Total area (m ²)	373797500	130019375	257659375	191311250	342918125

Appendix B Land classification buffer (200 meters)

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Lake Name	Stony	Buckhorn	Sturgeon	Pigeon	Lovesick	Stony	Katchanoka	a Chemong	Cameron	Bald	Balsam
Water	25.63%	7.46%	6.90%	4.99%	13.14%	11.93%	4.51%	4.30%	9.54%	6.68%	6.28%
Freshwater marsh	0.00%	1.57%	6.75%	16.79%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	7.63%	0.00%	0.86%
Deciduous swamp	8.59%	8.87%	2.96%	3.63%	19.65%	8.15%	9.89%	5.03%	3.66%	8.85%	2.12%
Conifer swamp	7.95%	2.06%	4.14%	2.04%	11.33%	4.84%	4.67%	1.39%	2.18%	7.99%	2.96%
Dense deciduous	6.52%	12.29%	6.58%	14.55%	9.54%	10.93%	5.29%	7.64%	16.66%	16.84%	16.43%
Dense coniferous	13.60%	6.90%	15.82%	9.38%	8.95%	23.09%	17.49%	9.72%	7.63%	11.18%	19.58%
Mixed forest mainly deciduous	3.56%	1.70%	2.95%	4.79%	7.63%	5.34%	0.74%	1.71%	5.06%	2.56%	8.99%
Mixed forest mainly coniferous	15.76%	5.96%	6.00%	3.61%	8.29%	15.87%	6.54%	3.86%	5.11%	8.61%	9.42%
Sparse deciduous	13.39%	18.76%	1.36%	6.91%	16.28%	14.21%	4.99%	7.88%	0.83%	33.63%	1.88%
Bedrock/sand/minetailings	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.23%	0.00%	0.00%
Pasture and abandoned fields	2.02%	5.61%	11.92%	5.27%	0.52%	0.57%	4.01%	11.26%	15.21%	0.00%	12.40%
Cropland	2.98%	28.81%	34.62%	28.04%	4.66%	5.06%	41.86%	47.21%	26.25%	3.67%	15.93%
Alvar	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	3.15%

Two hundred meter buffer percent land classification for eleven Kawartha Lakes

Appendix C Statistical output

Stats for Figure 2.2

******** PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS ANALYSIS -- Sites in Variable space ********* PC-ORD, Version 4.36 25 Sep 2006, 20:08

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AXIS	Eigenvalue	% of Variance	Cum.% of Var.	Broken-stick Eigenvalue
1	8.143	38.777	38.777	3.645
2	2.101	10.006	48.782	2.645
3	1.991	9.483	58.265	2.145
4	1.580	7.522	65.787	1.812
5	1.307	6.225	72.012	1.562
6	1.021	4.864	76.876	1.362
7	0.959	4.566	81.442	1.195
8	0.715	3.405	84.847	1.053
9	0.644	3.065	87.912	0.928
10	0.550	2.617	90.529	0.816

VARIANCE EXTRACTED, FIRST 10 AXES

FIRST 6 EIGENVECTORS

Eigenvector										
Variable	1	2	3	4	5	6				
water	0.2974	0.1919	-0.1313	-0.0032	0.0572	0.0287				
freshwat	-0.1540	-0.1773	-0.3693	-0.1286	-0.0351	0.0361				

deciduou	-0.2521	-0.1579	0.0578	0.2214	0.1660	-0.1238
conifer	-0.2670	0.0775	0.1870	0.1724	0.2350	0.1442
open fen	-0.1061	0.2552	0.2201	0.2178	0.5145	0.2486
open bog	0.1684	-0.2973	0.1274	-0.1882	0.3698	-0.3419
treed bo	0.2819	-0.1480	0.0274	-0.0226	-0.0462	0.2957
dense de	0.0793	0.5641	-0.0721	-0.0196	0.0498	-0.3005
dense co	-0.1390	0.0828	0.4576	-0.1301	-0.2271	0.1925
conifero	-0.1012	-0.1270	-0.2834	-0.0933	-0.0387	-0.2697
mixed fo	0.3175	0.0418	0.1066	-0.1941	-0.0533	0.0820
mixed fo	0.3057	-0.1953	0.1612	-0.0830	-0.0141	0.1959
sparse c	0.2718	-0.2089	-0.0105	0.3770	-0.0406	-0.0972
sparse d	0.2616	0.0770	-0.1149	0.2185	0.1159	-0.0370
recent c	0.2038	0.2948	-0.2168	-0.1433	0.2639	-0.2107
bedrock/	0.0909	-0.1756	0.0084	0.6571	-0.1711	-0.2215
settleme	0.0216	-0.1502	-0.4222	-0.0945	0.0208	0.4097
pasture	-0.3215	-0.0472	-0.0544	-0.0400	0.0842	0.0086
cropland	-0.3192	-0.0721	-0.1979	-0.0403	0.0156	-0.1066
alvar	-0.0528	0.1092	0.2355	-0.1383	-0.4767	-0.3116
unclassi	0.0572	-0.3674	0.2720	-0.2779	0.3186	-0.2641

COORDINATES (SCORES) OF Sites

		 I	Axis (Compone:	 nt)			
ŝ	Sites	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	 1n	3.3818	3.8900	-0.7607	-0.5074	1.1317	-0.9656
2	2n	3.8389	1.2780	-1.1791	-0.6652	0.2404	0.1723
3	3n	3.4528	2.7657	-0.9519	-0.4530	0.0746	-0.9778
4	4n	5.0861	1.1369	-1.7101	-1.0756	1.9813	-1.2162
5	5n	3.6788	0.2985	-0.6070	0.0096	-0.4576	0.6859
6	бn	2.9838	-0.9461	0.2877	-0.1168	0.0723	0.0334
7	7n	3.0816	0.1622	-1.1661	0.9703	-0.0143	0.5649
8	8n	3.4525	-0.2164	-0.4338	-0.0107	-0.6817	1.1612
9	9n	4.2061	-2.0957	0.6645	0.6673	0.6235	-0.8903
10	10n	3.1512	-1.1601	0.7402	-0.1120	-0.7447	1.8185
11	11n	2.7549	-4.5676	3.2048	-2.5971	2.4643	-1.5962

12	12n	2.3713	-0.4134	1.1374	-0.8083	-1.0289	1.4625
13	13n	0.4209	0.7011	1.1287	-0.7299	-0.9064	0.4998
14	14n	3.5804	-1.0842	0.0096	0.1992	-1.0733	1.9239
15	20n	-3.3582	1.3663	2.2749	1.4251	2.2814	1.3206
16	21n	-2.8833	-0.0325	0.5431	0.3362	0.4968	0.3621
17	22n	-2.5185	-0.9625	-1.9023	0.0885	0.4889	0.9169
18	23n	-3.0357	0.7579	1.0182	0.9315	1.9599	0.7848
19	24n	-2.0942	-0.0138	-0.6374	-0.0979	-0.1305	-0.6098
20	25n	-2.8053	-0.0358	-0.1611	0.6377	0.4981	-0.8599
21	26n	-2.5254	-0.4517	-0.8549	0.2633	0.2485	-0.6129
22	28n	-1.8978	0.4495	0.5466	-0.0422	-0.3128	-0.1285
23	29n	-1.7584	0.2835	0.2128	-0.1874	-0.4127	-0.3122
24	30n	-2.6244	-0.6793	-1.5537	-0.5239	-0.2921	-1.6370
25	15A	2.8532	-1.7260	-0.0101	5.9425	-1.2677	-1.5887
26	15B	-2.0230	1.6330	1.8349	1.3185	1.9236	0.8630
27	16A	-0.8120	1.5995	2.6266	-1.4448	-3.1158	-0.9098
28	16B	-2.6371	0.3633	1.3189	-0.4154	-2.0876	-1.6769
29	17A	-2.0181	0.0030	1.4828	-0.5869	-0.9733	0.6165
30	17B	-2.4230	-1.3527	-3.0704	-0.8737	-0.1250	1.7024
31	18A	0.0500	1.7202	0.5784	-0.0144	-0.2281	-0.2763
32	18B	-2.3090	-0.2616	-0.4665	0.0022	0.2203	0.0391
33	19A	-2.1121	-0.1717	-0.0764	-0.6628	-0.6196	0.2484
34	19B	-2.5686	-0.0687	0.4672	0.1292	-0.0292	0.0635
35	27NoRice	-2.5735	-0.5643	-1.4544	-0.1600	-0.0304	-0.6847
36	31NoScug	-3.3667	-1.6045	-3.0815	-0.8359	-0.1738	-0.2968

Writing weighted average scores on 6 axes for 21 Variable into file for graphing.

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Pearson and Kendall Correlations with Ordination Axes N= 36

Axis:		1			2			3				
	r	r-sq	tau	r	r-sq	tau	r	r-sq	tau			
water	.849	.720	.603	.278	.077	.086	185	.034	121			
freshwater	marsh	439	.193	522	257	.066	194	521	.272	229		
deciduous	swamp	719	.518	605	229	.052	147	.082	.007	.125		
conifer sw	amp	.762 .	580 -	.736	.112	.013	.035	.264	.070	.166		
open fen	303	.092	377	.370	.137	.229	.311	.096	.078			
open bog	.480	.231	.388	431	.186	152	.180	.032	.022			
treed bog	.804	.647	.645	214	.046	105	.039	.001	008			
dense deci	duous	.226	.051	.083	.818	.669	.600	102	.010	057		
dense coni	ferous	397	.157	286	.120	.014	.111	.646	.417	.502		
coniferous	plantat	ion -	.289	.083 -	260 -	.184	.034 -	271 -	400	.160 -	340	
mixed fore	st main]	ly decid	luous	.906	.821	.663	.061	.004	.102	.150	.023	.156
mixed fore	st main]	ly conif	erous	.872	.761	.565	283	.080	041	.228	.052	.203
sparse con	iferous	.775	.601	L .657	7303	.092	2132	2015	5.000	0027	7	
sparse dec	iduous	.746	.557	.492	.112	.012	.044	162	.026	073		
recent cut	overs	.582	.338	.586	.427	.183	.180	306	.094	290		
bedrock/sa	nd/minet	ailings	.25	59 .06	57 .17	7025	55 .00	6519	97 .02	.00	.00	70
settlement	and dev	veloped	land	.061	.004	.327	218	.047	338	596	.355	377
pasture an	d abando	oned fie	lds -	917	.841 -	660 -	068	.005	.010 .	077	.006	.013
cropland	911	.830	662	105	.011	192	279	.078	125			
alvar	151	.023	110	.158	.025	.187	.332	.110	.273			
unclassifi	ed .1		27 .0)745	533 .2	2842	236 .3	384 .1	147 .:	236		

PCA Kawartha

Coefficients of determination for the correlations between ordination distances and distances in the original n-dimensional space:

	R Squared					
Axis	Increment	Cumulative				
1	.878	.878				
2	048	.829				
3	073	.756				

Increment and cumulative R-squared were adjusted for any lack of orthogonality of axes.

Axis pair	r	Orthogonality,% = 100(1-r^2)
1 vs 2	0.000	100.0
1 vs 3	0.000	100.0
2 vs 3	0.000	100.0

Number of entities = 36 Number of entity pairs used in correlation = 630 Distance measure for ORIGINAL distance: Sorensen (Bray-Curtis)











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Watershed Accumulation











variate Fit of Average P (ug/I) By settlement and developed land	Bivariate Fit of Average P (ug/I) By pasture and abandoned fields
22.5 20- 	22.5 20- 6 17.5- 4 15- 9 12.5- 10- 7.5
0 .0025 .005 .0075 .01 .0125 .015	0 .025 .05 .075 .1
settlement and developed land	pasture and abandoned fields
Linear Fit	Linear Fit
Linear Fit	Linear Fit
Average P (ug/l) = 18.476066 - 656.70486 settlement and developed land	Average P (ug/l) = 7.503731 + 131.61737 pasture and abandoned fields
Summary of Fit	Summary of Fit
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Lake Order

4.7180645

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5.92

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Lake Accumulation

0.704879 0.187105

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0.0070







Regression Model



Effect Tests						
Source	Nparm	DF	Sum	n of Squares	F Ratio	Prob > F
Mean Depth	1	1		4.3919304	0.9924	0.3755
freshwater marsh	1	1		2.2437244	0.5070	0.5158
pasture and abandoned fields	1	1		1.4656076	0.3312	0.5958
cropland	1	1		1.3184873	0.2979	0.6142
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7.5 10.0 12.5 15.0	17.5	20.0	22.5			
Average P (ug/l)	Predicte	ed				





Stats for Figure 5.2



Means	Comparis	ons		
Dif=Mea	an[i]-Mean[j]			
	1972	1976	2005	
1972	0.0000	4.5000	8.5932	
1976	-4.5000	0.0000	4.0932	
2005	-8.5932	-4.0932	0.0000	
Alpha=	0.05			
Compar	isons for all	pairs using	Tukey-Kramer HSD	
	q*			
2.47	942			

-LSD		
1972	1976	2005
-5.5751	-1.0751	3.0180
-1.0751	-5.5751	-1.4820
3.0180	-1.4820	-5.5751
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Positive values show pairs of means that are significantly different.

Stats for Figure 5.2

Linear	Regressi	on Sturgeon Lak	xe (1971-1991)		
R	Rsqr	Adj Rsqr	Standard Error of	Estimate	
0.4060	0.1648	0.1208	10.3854		
	Co	efficient Std. Er	ror t	Р	VIF
y0 a	1461.62 -0.72	94 741.4219 47 0.3743	1.9714 -1.9363	0.0634 0.0679	107029.0375< 107029.0375<
Analysi	s of Var	iance:			
Uncorre	ected for	the mean of the ol	oservations:		
	DF	SS	MS		
Regress	ion 2	14652.4165	7326.2082		
Residua	1 19	2049.2835	107.8570		
Total	21	16701.7000	795.3190		
Correct	ed for the	mean of the obse	ervations:		
	DF	SS	MS	F	Р
Regress	ion 1	404.3688	404.3688	3.7491	0.0679
Total	20	2453.6524	122.6826		

Linear	Regressi	on for Sturgeon	Lake (1971-2005)		
R	Rsqr	Adj Rsqr	Standard Error of	Estimate	
0.4718	0.2226	0.1873	9.7774		
	Co	efficient Std. Er	ror t	Р	VIF
y0 a	1072.34 -0.52	74417.3058800.2103	2.5697 -2.5102	0.0175 0.0199	43719.0043< 43719.0043<
Analysi	is of Vari	iance:			
Uncorre	ected for	the mean of the o	bservations:		
	DF	SS	MS		
Regress	ion 2	15421.4112	7710.7056		
Residua	ıl 22	2103.1613	95.5982		
Total	24	17524.5725	730.1905		
Correct	ed for the	mean of the obse	ervations:		
	DF	SS	MS	F	Р
Regress	ion 1	602.3622	602.3622	6.3010	0.0199
Total	23	2705.5235	117.6315		

Stats for Figure 5.4

Nonline	ear Regres	sion (logistic	e 3-parameter)	Lake Accumula	tion	
R = 0.8	9691933	Rsqr = 0	0.80446428	Adj Rsqr = 0.79	224329	
Standar	d Error of	Estimate = 2	2.4057			
	Coeffi	cient	Std. E	rror t	Р	
a	27.9780	8.5912	3.2566	0.0027		
b	-0.7417	0.2828	-2.6223	0.0133		
x0	2.8435	2.6516	1.0724	0.2916		
Analys	is of Varia DF	nce: SS	MS	F	Р	
Regress	sion2	761.9472	380.9736	65.8265	< 0.0001	
Residua	al32	185.2014	5.7875			
Total	34	947.1486	27.8573			
PRESS	= 220.420 -Watson S	19	614			
Duroin	vi utson b	aubtic = 2.1	011			
Normal	lity Test:	Passed	(P = 0.5509)			
Constan	nt Variance	e Test:	Passed ($P = 0$.	2507)		

Appendix D Raw Data

Data used in Figure 3.2

Watershed ID	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
% Cropland	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	2%	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%	10%	0%	9%	17%
Corrected BFI	93%	84%	88%	79%	69%	64%	67%	61%	70%	63%	64%	68%	66%	67%	68%	66%
BFI Class	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Crop Class	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Susceptibility Index	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Data used in Figure 3.2

Watershed ID	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
% Cropland	33%	25%	32%	26%	29%	43%	32%	56%	46%	52%	33%	41%	40%	50%	39%
Corrected BFI	55%	70%	53%	44%	52%	51%	46%	39%	37%	43%	75%	53%	57%	50%	66%
BFI Class	7	8	7	6	7	7	5	4	4	4	7	6	6	5	8
Crop Class	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	3
Susceptibility Index	2	1	2	3	2	3	4	7	6	7	3	4	4	5	3

Data used in Figure 5.1

Lake	TP 1972	TP 1976	TP 2005
BALSAM LAKE	16.00	10.00	10.11
BIG BALD LAKE	21.00	20.00	12.01
BUCKHORN LAKE (UPPER)	23.00	22.00	17.48
CAMERON LAKE	16.00	9.00	12.85
CLEAR LAKE	24.00	15.00	16.28
KATCHEWANOOKA LAKE	30.00	19.00	16.14
PIGEON LAKE	26.00	25.00	14.84
STONY LAKE	24.00	20.00	13.56
STURGEON LAKE	27.00	26.00	13.83
UPPER STONEY LAKE	14.00	10.00	7.96

Data used in Figure 5.2

2		1.9010	0.1																		
Year	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
Mean	31.8	25.4	27.7	41.8	21.3	23.4	22.1	19.4	35.2	32.5	35.4	59.8	30.2	25	18.2	19.5	12.6	15.8	15.7	22.2	12
SD	23.5	10.2	8.1	38.8	9	17.4	7.8	7.6	53.1	53.2	37.1	63.2	31.7	17.8	9.7	12.7	3.9	8	8.8	15.8	1
n	16	17	12	9	10	9	9	8	11	12	12	12	20	15	13	12	12	13	10	11	3

Data used to in Figure 5.3

Lake	TP 1972	TP 1976	TP 2003	TP2004	TP 2005
BALSAM LAKE	16.00	10.00	14.7	12.11	10.11
CAMERON LAKE	16.00	9.00	-	-	12.85
STURGEON LAKE	27.00	26.00	17.60	17.94	13.83
PIGEON LAKE	26.00	25.00	19.77	16.36	14.84
BUCKHORN LAKE (UPPER)	23.00	22.00	27.80	16.64	17.48
CLEAR LAKE	24.00	15.00	17.80	15.16	16.28
KATCHEWANOOKA LAKE	30.00	19.00	24.50	19.03	16.14

Data used in Figure 5.4

Lake Name	Lake Order	Lake Ac2	Average P (ug/l)	AREA	PER	I_SHLIN E	MAX DEP	MNDEP	Total PER
BALSAM LAKE	1	1	9.813333	4664.7	63.6	15.1	12.8	5	78.7
BIG BALD LAKE	1	1	11.6425	201	21.4	2.9	9.5	2.5	24.3
BUCKHORN LAKE (UPPER)	3	10	19.648	3188.8	70.5	41.7	14.3	2.1	112.2
CAMERON LAKE	2	2	10.755	1303.2	23.2	0	18.3	6.3	23.2
CHEMONG LAKE	1	1	14.96	2277.9	76.9	6.3	6.4	2.4	83.2
CLEAR LAKE	1	15	15.93	1054.3	24.1	5.5	12.2	5.6	29.6
JULIAN LAKE	1	1	5.045	86	4.2	0.1	13.4	4.7	4.3
KATCHEWANOOKA LAKE	3	16	17.205	350.9	20.3	5	10.1	1.8	25.3
LOVESICK LAKE	3	12	21.505	257.2	17.8	13.5	25	2.5	31.3
PIGEON LAKE	3	7	18.765	5344.4	122.9	24.3	17.4	3	147.2
SANDY LAKE	1	1	4.385	370.1	10.6	0.4	12.8	4.8	11
STONY LAKE	3	3	14.70667	2824.9	71.4	12.6	32	5.9	84
STURGEON LAKE	2	4	15.844	4495.1	85.4	11.6	10.7	2.8	97
UPPER STONEY LAKE	1	1	8.347	2824.9	71.4	12.6	32	5.9	84
WHITE LAKE (DUMMER)	1	1	11.16	176.2	7.4	0.8	7	3	8.2

Appendix E Basin Contribution Diagrams

Blue basin outline defines true exact watershed contribution Black basin outline (Bold) delineates undefined contribution of watershed.

























Appendix F Stream Contribution Maps

The flow diagrams in this appendix are estimated mean annual flows. Red arrows indicate hydrological inputs, while green arrows can be either inputs or outputs depending on the lake in question. Black lines delineate watershed boundaries. The following stream flow data, provided by Kevin Walters, was used to create the preceding four flow diagrams of the Kawartha Lakes.

Lake Section	Inflow Source	Lake	Drainage (km^2)	Water Surplus (ft)	Mean AnnFlow (cfs)	Location
UPPER LAKES	Gull River		1280	1.16	573.28	@ Norland
	NorthernTribs		32	1.16	14.33	
	Other Tribs		24	1.16	10.75	
		Shadow/Silver	5	1.00	1.93	@Coboconk
	Staples 'River'		53	1.00	20.46	
	Corben Creek		72	1.10	30.58	
	Other Tribs		107	1.08	44.62	
	TSWCanalto Talbot				0.00	
		Balsam	52	1.00	20.08	@ Rosedale
	Burnt River		1356	1.16	607.32	
	Pearns Creek		40	1.05	16.22	
	Martin Creek		46	1.05	18.65	
	Other Tribs		17	1.05	6.89	
		Cameron	16	1.00	6.18	@ Fenelon Falls
CENTRAL	Rutherford Creek		9	1.08	3.75	
	Martin Creek		29	1.08	12.09	
	Hawkers Creek		52	1.08	21.68	
	McLarens Creek		54	0.93	19.39	
	Scuaoa River		1025	0.90	356.18	
	Emily Creek		162	0.93	58.17	
	Other Tribs		138	1.00	53.28	
		Sturgeon	57	1.00	22.01	@ Bobcavgeon
	Nogies Creek	etaigeett	192	1.10	81.54	e zezea,geen
	Fels Creek		19	1.08	7.92	
	Miskwa Ziibi Creek		195	1.08	81.31	
	Pigeon River		246	0.90	85.48	
	Potash Creek		24	0.92	8 53	
	Chemona Tribs		37	0.90	12.86	
	Other Tribs		322	1.00	124.32	
		'I ake Kawartha'	130	1.00	50 19	@ Buckhorn
	Mississagua River	Lano Hamarina	396	1.12	171.24	Buokinom
	Deer Bay Creek		160	1 12	69 19	
	Moore Lake Creek		11	1.00	4 25	
	Other Tribs		34	1.00	13.92	
		The Lovesicks	16	1.00	6.18	@ Burleiah
	Fels Creek (River)		342	1.08	142 61	C
	Jacks Creek		93	1.00	38 78	
	Julia Creek		6	1.00	2 32	
	Other Tribs		113	1.00	43.63	
		Stony-Clear	31	1.00	11 07	@Youngs Point.
	Miller Creek	Otoriy-Olcal	36	0.92	12 79	e realige reini,
	Other Tribe - Katch		45	1.00	17.75	
	Other Tribe - White		75	1.00	2 90	
	Other Thos - White	Outlet Lakes	6	1.00	2.30	@Lakafiald
			7074	1.00	2.52	@Lakelleid,
	Otonabee @	Sum	7360		0.00	
			7300		0.00	Flow Divided 15+/- to Indian, Balance to
	Totals				2909.46	Otonabee

Trent Severn Waterway Flow Overview



Upper Kawartha Lakes

(Balsam and Cameron Lakes)


Central Kawartha Lakes

(Sturgeon, Kawartha (Pigeon, Upper Buckhorn, Chemong) Lower Buckhorn and Lovesick Lakes)



Lower Kawartha Lakes

(Stony, Clear and Katchewanooka Lakes)



Appendix G Future Considerations

The following are three areas for future study:

Empirical Modeling of Phosphorus in the Kawarthas

Building a lake model is an excellent way of establishing where information/research is needed concerning phosphorus dynamics in the Kawartha Lakes watershed. Contact a modeling professor to see if she/he has any interested students. A comprehensive model needs to incorporate the many components essential to lake nutrient cycling (i.e. residence time, settling velocity, thermocline depth, etc.).

Detailed Study of Pigeon Lake

Located approximately halfway along the lake chain, Pigeon Lake is an excellent lake to study intensively for the following reasons:

Oliver research centre is already located there. (Potential phosphorus projects for undergraduate students)

Has two distinct rivers entering the north ends for comparative study of nutrient loads from southern cropland catchments (Pigeon river) and northern forested catchments (Nogies creek).

Can test the effect of Bobcaygeon (urbanization, sewage treatment etc.).

Quantify the potential for sediments to release phosphorus

Quantify the potential for zebra mussels, fish and other invertebrates to excrete phosphorus

Quantify the P changes in Pigeon Lake through time

There is increasing evidence that Zebra Mussels are not an answer to phosphorus reductions but rather a short-term reduction in phosphorus concentrations that only compounds future challenges in phosphorus regulation (Hecky et al., 2004). Dr. Eric Sager is already working on Macrophyte relationships with phosphorus concentrations; a companion (unified) study with Zebra Mussels would be beneficial as it is highly probable that they are the key players in phosphorus cycling in the Kawartha Lakes.

Upstream/Downstream Assessments

This is a variant of a traditional control/impact experimental design and very simple to employ. Create six monitoring stations (sampling sites), two above the phosphorus source in question and four at successive intervals downstream (10, 50, 100, 200meters).