

GLMRIS

GREAT LAKES AND MISSISSIPPI RIVER INTERBASIN STUDY



AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES



ECOSYSTEMS



NAVIGATION



RECREATION



FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT



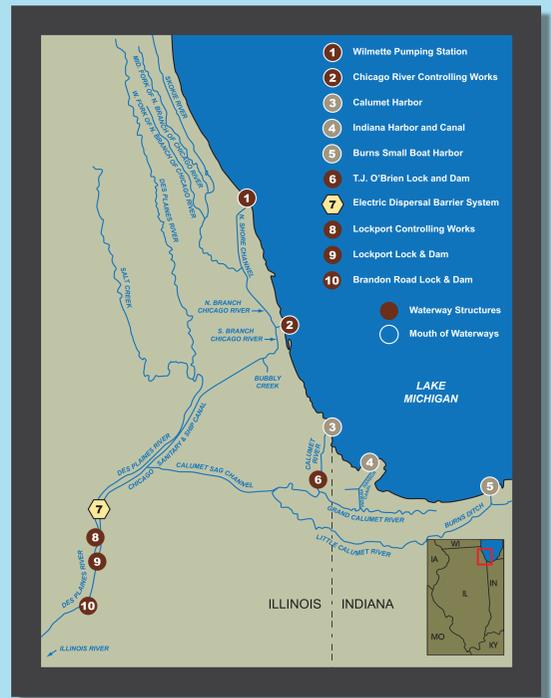
WATER USE

FOCUS AREAS

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is conducting GLMRIS along two concurrent tracks: *Focus Area I*, the Chicago Area Waterway System (CAWS); and *Focus Area II*, Other Pathways.

Chicago Area Waterway System

Focus Area I, as shown in the Chicago Area Waterway System Map to the right, is the only known continuous aquatic pathway between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins and, therefore, poses the greatest potential risk of aquatic nuisance species (ANS) transfer between the basins, via an aquatic pathway.

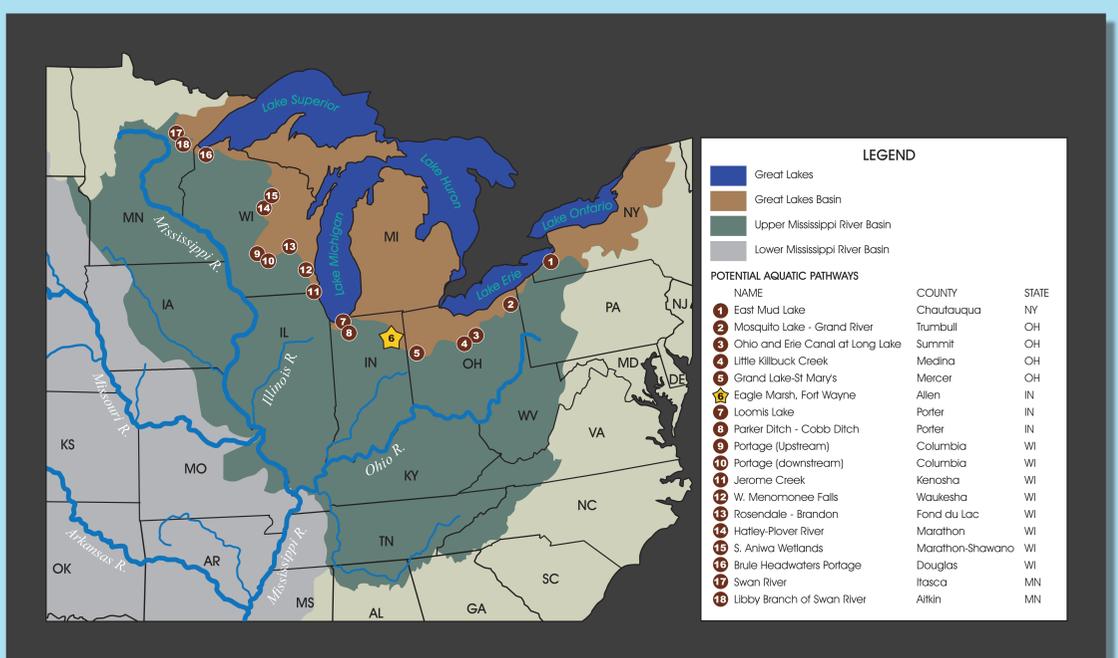


Other Pathways

Focus Area II addresses remaining potential aquatic pathways between the basins. For *Focus Area II*, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has completed the *Other Pathways Preliminary Risk Characterization Report*, which is found on the GLMRIS project website. As shown on the **Other Pathways Map** below, 18 potential aquatic pathways have been initially determined to pose a significant risk of ANS transfer.

Eagle Marsh was identified as having the highest potential risk of ANS transfer. Consequently, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources implemented an interim measure to mitigate this risk.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is coordinating further study at each of these 18 potential aquatic pathways to finalize the risk characterization and determine whether ANS controls are recommended.



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