

2008 Pennsylvania Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report - Streams  
Category 3 Waterbodies, Insufficient Information to Assess

All wadable streams were considered assessed for at least one use as of April 2007. There are still some unassessed wadable segments appearing on the GIS coverage. These are artifacts of the GIS conversion to the National Hydrography Data Layer of streams.

The Department used an internally created stream layer until 2004 but then transferred the spatial information in that layer to the NHD stream layer. Because there were more braids, unnamed tributaries, and stream sinuosity in the NHD as compared to the Department's layer there were areas the line traces did not match close enough to merge. These segments appear as unassessed in the NHD but are actually artifacts of the merging process. These segments are fixed as they are discovered and time permits.