Use Attainability Analysis

1 Water Body Name	Burr Oak Creek
2 Segment Description	Confluence with unnamed tributary to confluence with unnamed tributary
3 Segment Length (mi)	3.8
4 Drainage Area (sq. mi.)	9.62
5 Segment Start Latitude, Longitude (DD)	41.13528, -91.78906
6 Segment End Latitude, Longitude (DD)	41.15288, -91.83146
7 Route of Flow (Next Downstream Adopted Designated Use)	Burr Oak Creek (A1, BWW2, proposed, to A2, BWW2, proposed, to A2, BWW2, existing)
8 NPDES Facility and Permit Number (If Applicable)	Pleasant Plain, City of STP (RUSS) (5171001)
9 Sample Site ID(s)	1253-3, 1253-4
10 Segment County Name(s)	Jefferson
11 Field Work Date(s)	10/1/2015

12 Aquatic Life Use Attainability Analysis - Conclusion

Recommended Highest Attainable Use: Aquatic Life Use	BWW2
40 CFR 131.10(g)(2) (Flow)	The natural low flow conditions of the stream segment are insufficient to create the habitat necessary to support a viable community of game fish. A lack of age ranges and diversity of game fish species indicates a non-reproducing population (see Site Observations Table). A BWW1 designation requires multiple species and age ranges to be viable. Therefore, the highest attainable aquatic life use for this stream segment is BWW2.
40 CFR 131.10(g)(5) (Physical Conditions)	Physical conditions related to the natural features of the water body are insufficient to support a viable community of game fish. Drainage area and stream width (for 1253-4) fall within the "consistently negative" game fish indicator responses (see Table 2 in Appendix I). Because the watershed size falls below the 10-square-mile threshold where game fish maintenance is possible, and because the reach lacks the consistent habitat width and depth necessary for reproduction and recruitment, the physical characteristics of Burr Oak Creek limit it to a BWW2 designation. A lack of age ranges and diversity of game fish species indicates a non-reproducing population (see Site Observations Table). A BWW1 designation requires multiple species and age ranges to be viable. Therefore, the highest attainable aquatic life use for this stream segment is BWW2.

13 Recreational Use Attainability Analysis - Conclusion

Recommended Highest Attainable Use: Recreational Use	A1 Confluence with unnamed tributary (41.14965, -91.82463) to confluence with unnamed tributary (41.15288, -91.83146)
Water levels and flow are sufficient to support full body immersion (see Site Observations Table). Therefore, the highest attainable recreational use for this stream segment is A1.	

Recommended Highest Attainable Use: Recreational Use	A2 Confluence with unnamed tributary (41.13528, -91.78906) to confluence with unnamed tributary (41.14965, -91.82463)

40 CFR 131.10(g)(2) (Flow)	The natural low flow conditions and water levels of the stream segment prevent the attainment of an A1 recreational use (see Site Observations Table). An A1 designation requires the ability for full body immersion. Therefore, the highest attainable recreational use is A2.

14 Flow

Field Work Date	Description
10/1/2015	Based on USGS StreamStats, the stream flow at UAA Site ID #1253-3 on this date was 2.11 cfs, which was within the 25th and 75th percentile flow value range (0.257 cfs - 2.76 cfs).
10/1/2015	Based on USGS StreamStats, the stream flow at UAA Site ID #1253-4 on this date was 2.79 cfs, which was within the 25th and 75th percentile flow value range (0.341 cfs - 3.675 cfs).

Use Attainability Analysis - Data

Site Observations

Use	Site parameter	Site ID #1253-3
AL/R	**15 Latitude, Longitude (DD)**	41.15270, -91.83080
AL/R	**16 Average Depth (in)**	19
AL/R	**17 Maximum Depth (in)**	>39
AL/R	**18 Stream Width (ft)**	12
AL/R	**19 Pools Observed?**	Yes
AL only	**20 Non-Game Fish Present and Counts (Species: Number)**	Green sunfish: 3
	21 Game Fish Present and Counts (Species (Size Range): Number)	None
	22 Stream Habitat (See also: #29 Site Photos)	Stretch is one long deep pool. Culvert at Gingko or Spruce Street, too deep to fish effectively.
R only	**23 Evidence of Use for Primary Contact Recreation? (Yes*/No)**	No
	24 Evidence of Use by Children? (Yes*/No)	No
	25 Evidence of Use for Secondary Contact Recreation? (Yes*/No)	No
AL/R	**26 Additional Description**	Downstream too deep to assess. Long deep pool at site, question if obstruction downstream. 32 inch depth in large box culvert under road.

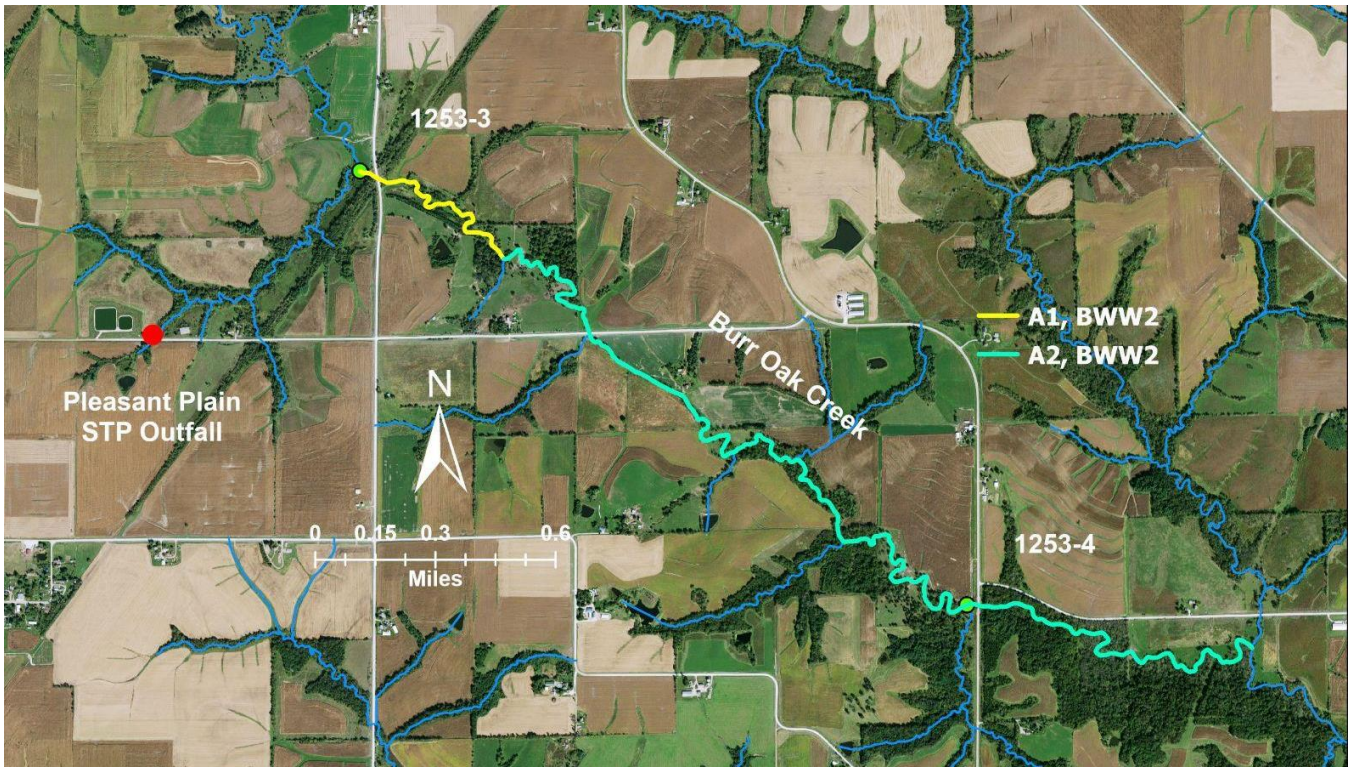
Use	Site parameter	Site ID #1253-4
AL/R	**15 Latitude, Longitude (DD)**	41.13693, -91.80224
AL/R	**16 Average Depth (in)**	3.5
AL/R	**17 Maximum Depth (in)**	30
AL/R	**18 Stream Width (ft)**	8
AL/R	**19 Pools Observed?**	Yes
AL only	**20 Non-Game Fish Present and Counts (Species: Number)**	Not sampled
	21 Game Fish Present and Counts (Species (Size Range): Number)	Not sampled
	22 Stream Habitat (See also: #29 Site Photos)	Not sampled
R only	**23 Evidence of Use for Primary Contact Recreation? (Yes*/No)**	No
	24 Evidence of Use by Children? (Yes*/No)	No

Use	Site parameter	Site ID #1253-4
	25 Evidence of Use for Secondary Contact Recreation? (Yes*/No)	Yes
AL/R	**26 Additional Description**	Minnow trap tied to bridge with bait and minnows in it.

AL = Aquatic Life
R = Recreation
*If yes, elaborate.

27 Supplemental Data
Desktop review verified that the UAA field work is still valid.

28 Map of Segment, Outfall, and Site(s)



29 Site Photos

Figure 1. 1253-3 Recreational use assessment midpoint looking upstream.

Figure 2. 1253-3 Recreational use assessment midpoint looking downstream.

Figure 3. 1253-3 Recreational use assessment downstream looking upstream.

Figure 4. 1253-3 Recreational use assessment downstream looking downstream.

Figure 5. 1253-4 Recreational use assessment midpoint looking upstream.

Figure 6. 1253-4 Recreational use assessment midpoint looking downstream.

Figure 7. 1253-4 Recreational use assessment upstream looking upstream.

Figure 8. 1253-4 Recreational use assessment upstream looking downstream.

Figure 9. 1253-4 Recreational use assessment downstream looking upstream.

Figure 10. 1253-4 Recreational use assessment downstream looking downstream.

Figure 11. 1253-4 Minnow trap.

Appendix I.

c. Stream Flow and Habitat Data

Data analysis results for stream flow and habitat variables were similar to game fish indicator results. Stream width, average thalweg depth, maximum depth, and flow appear to be the characteristics that correlate the best with consistently positive game fish indicators. Stream flow and habitat dimensions (where available) were consistently larger for streams with watershed sizes exceeding 275 square miles. Habitat measurements are not available for the largest sample sites that were sampled by boat instead of the typical wading method.

Ranges of stream size, habitat and flow associated with varying levels of game fish indicator responses are listed in Table 2. These are general statewide values, which may assist in decision making related to the recommendation of warm water aquatic life use designations. In general terms, stream segments that have watershed area, flow and habitat characteristics in the green shaded boxes have a greater probability that game fish indicators will be consistently positive (i.e., consistent with Class B(WW-1)), while stream habitat and flow levels that equate to the red boxes are much less likely to support game fish populations (i.e., Class B(WW-2) or Class B(WW-3)). Stream segments that have a mixture of characteristics, mainly in the yellow range, may require consideration of the additional habitat features collected during the field assessment, to determine the appropriate aquatic life use designation.

Table 2. Generalized statewide ranges of stream habitat indicator levels and associated game fish indicator responses.

Game Fish Indicator Responses	Stream Watershed Area (sq.mi.)	Stream Flow (typical base flow - cfs)	Stream Width Average (ft)	Average Depth (ft)	Avg. Thalweg Depth (ft)	Maximum Depth (ft)
Consistently Positive	>275	>30	>65	>1.2	>2.2	>4.4
Mixed	25-275	0.8-30	11-65	0.2-1.2	0.8-2.2	1.8-4.4
Consistently Negative	<25	<0.8	<11	<0.2	<0.8	<1.8

Iowa uses U.S. EPA's Level IV Ecoregions as a template for wadeable stream biological condition assessment. Stream flow and habitat characteristics can vary from ecoregion to ecoregion. To provide additional insight into where the area of overlap exists between Class B(LR/WW-2) and Class B(WW/WW-1) streams, a query of Iowa's bioassessment database produced 476 habitat assessment records from which a summary of habitat characteristics was prepared (Table 3a-f) (see appendix for full spreadsheet). The summary is grouped by ecoregion and **former** designated uses in order to illustrate the extremes and ranges of overlap in habitat characteristics.