

LOWLAND: Commercial Forest/Rural Upstream of Agriculture; Suburban and Rural Uses

Common Problems for this WMU scenario:

- Upper basins forestry management measures can lead to sedimentation and increased stream discharge
- Lower basin channelization (ditching) of runoff and lack of floodplain storage

Understanding implications of watershed integrity:

Water flow processes are not intact for both the upper and lower watersheds. Restoration of aquatic habitat will have a lower likelihood of success unless process degradation is addressed.

General Management Recommendations

Upper Watershed (Red AUs prioritized for Restoration)

- Employ forestry practices that maximize cover and minimizes roads and erosion
- Cluster new development, minimize impervious cover, increase forested cover especially along riparian corridors

Lower Watershed (Light yellow AUs higher prioritized for Restoration):

- Restore depression wetland and/or increase storage during winter periods on agricultural parcels
- Urban areas Manage stormwater using LID measures to reduce surface discharge

Nookachamps (WRIA 3)



