Measuring the complicated relationships between land cover, management, and surface water presented by Drs. Diana Karwan and Lucy Rose

Historically, the hydrologic effects of land cover management have been investigated through paired watershed experiments in small streams. We expand upon these studies in order to examine the effects of small scale land cover and management activities on larger streams and rivers. Additionally, we utilize extensive water chemistry data sets to examine spatial and temporal variability in the delivery of water and materials from the landscape to streams and rivers. Our work focuses on the relative importance of on-land versus in-stream hydrologic processes and sources of materials and how they combine to influence water quality in managed lands.

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