

# Watershed Sediment Model

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# Primary Focus Areas

- **Support for “Save Our Water” - *Artesian Broad Run Well*:**
  - Base Flow monitoring (depth gages/conductivity)
  - Understand sources of water into BR stream (SL, Cockeysville, etc.)
  - Develop high precision/accuracy models to assess impact of production well:
  - **Maintain relationship with DRBC**
- **Support White Clay Creek Watershed Monitoring:**
  - Support monitoring (*Mayfly system*)
  - Developed Watershed Rain Event RunOff analysis tool
  - Support Broad Run – Somerset Lake Program (*reduce sediment from BR*):
- **Support “Delaware River Basin Sensor Program”:**
  - Data analysis (*gage curves/sediment/, etc.*)
  - Model development to support needs (*eg. Bartram Tidal flow/RunOff flow model*)

# **WHAT** Technology Tool Kit

- **Modeling Stream Flow:**

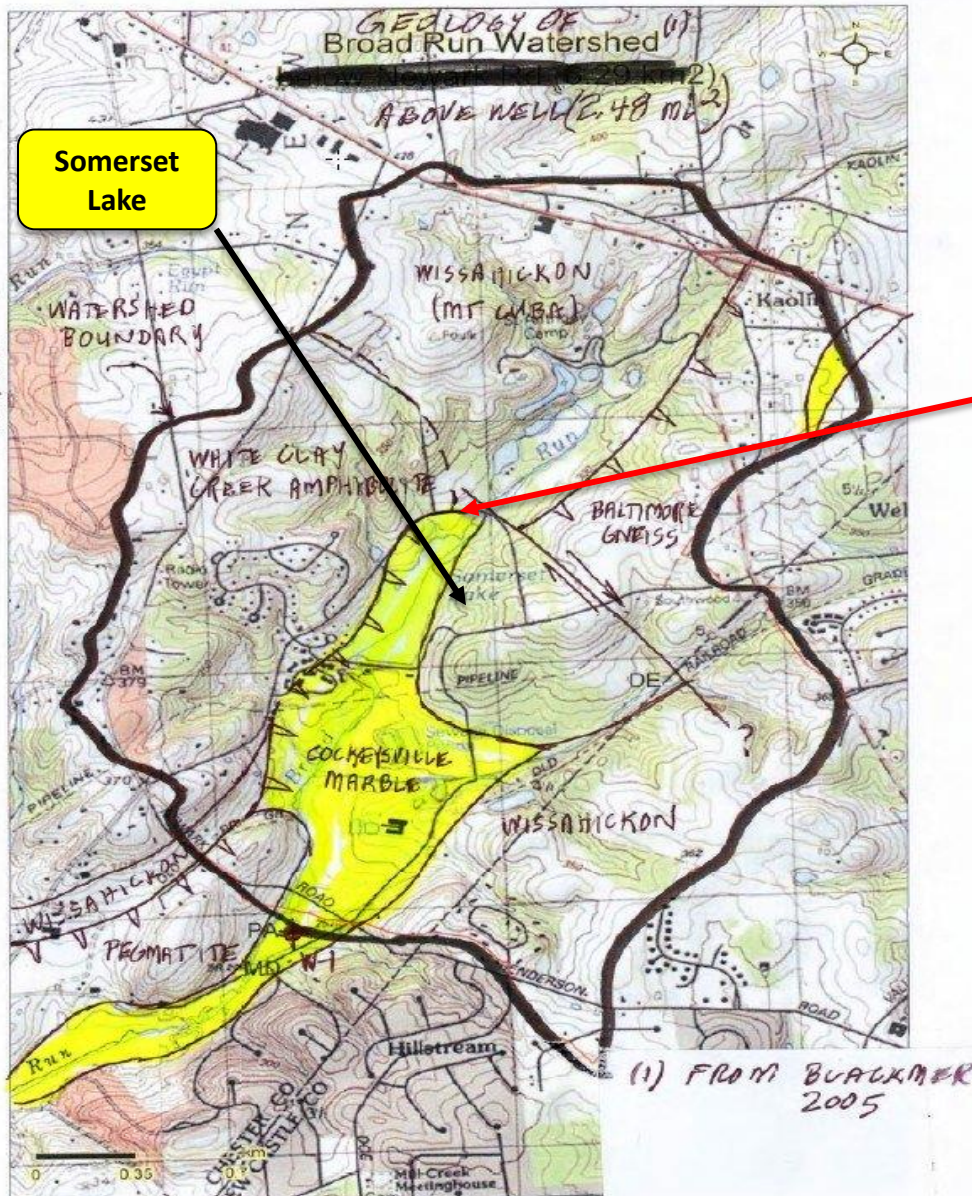
- Daily Base Flow/RunOff Water Balance Models
- Real-time 5 min. - 1 hr. RunOff Models
- Base Flow Correlation with nearby USGS Streams or other Gaged Streams
- Gage/Flow Correlation Analysis
- Cockeysville Aquifer Water Balance Model:
- Rain Event CN RunOff Model:

- **Sensor Data Analysis:**

- Using Conductivity to determine % Cockeysville flow into Broad Run
- Turbidity - TSS: *Sediment Stream Loading Correlation vs. RunOff Intensity*  
*Multiple Watershed Generalize Sediment Loading Correlation*
- Low cost sensor development: IR / Sonic / Turbidity

- **Linear and non-linear Multi-variable Analysis:**

# Broad Run Watershed



**Size:** Above Lake - ~0.727 sq. mi.

**Issue:** Heavy Sediment Loading  
Expensive Dredging needed

### Primary Objectives:

- Quantify Sediment from stream
- Characterize current state
- Develop model to detect changes
- Work w/ SL and NGT to minimize

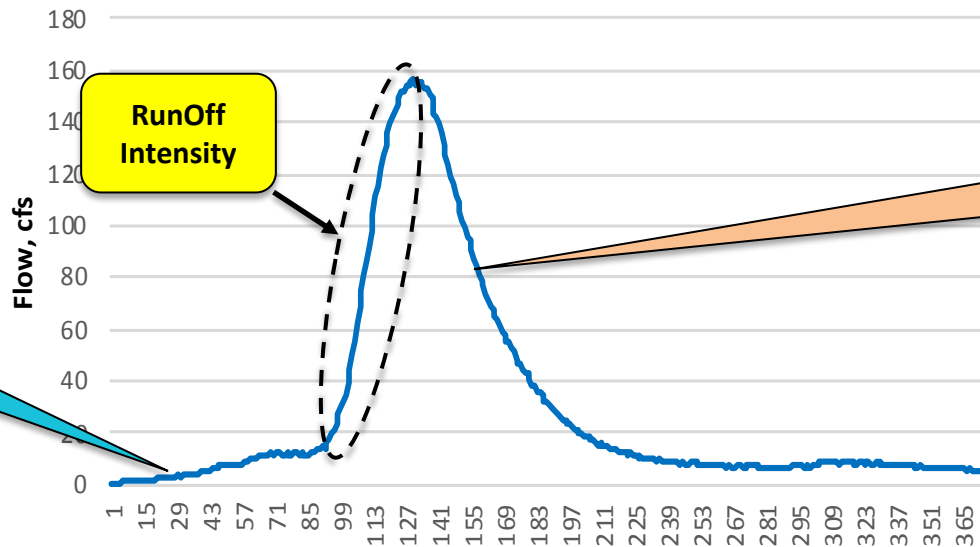
# Watershed Sediment RunOff

Complex and influenced by many variables

Options to Correlate Erosion?

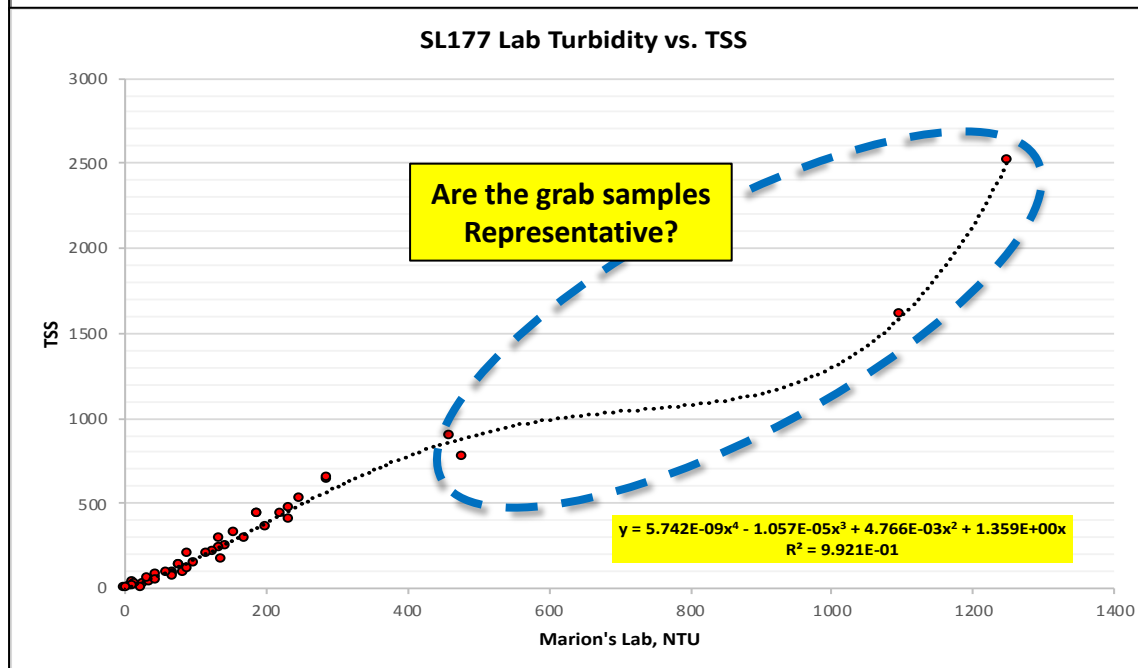
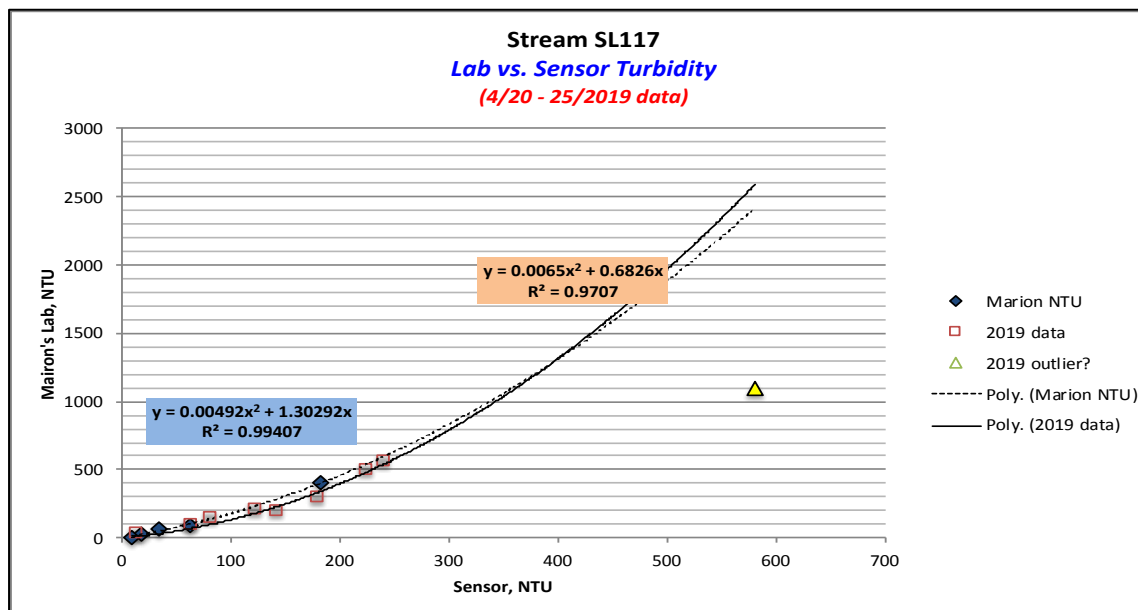
*RO rate and Surface RunOff are critical variables*

**Example RunOff Hydrograph**



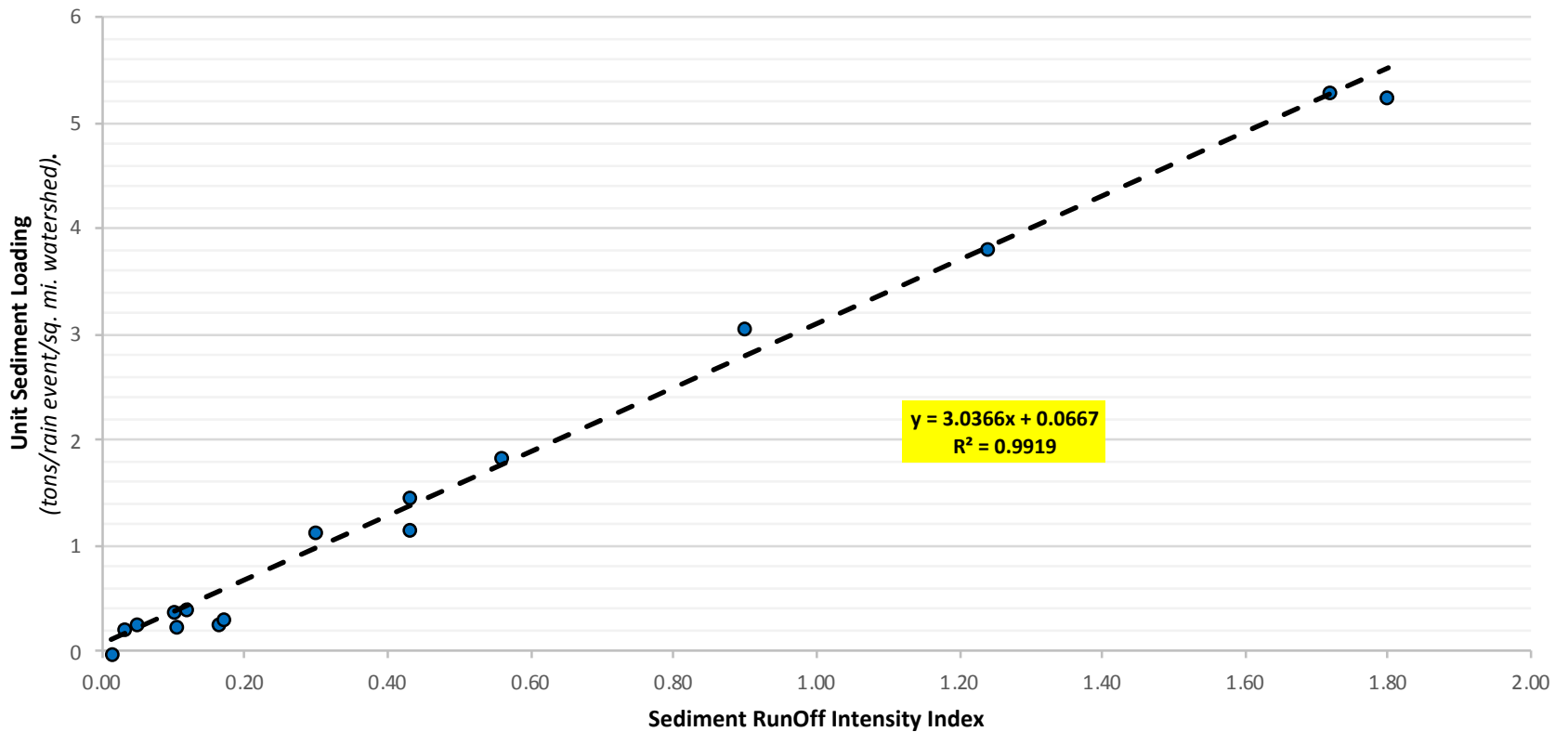
**Sediment RunOff Intensity Index**  
***(SROI)***

$$\text{ROI} * \text{CSRO}$$



## Broad Run @ Somerset Lake

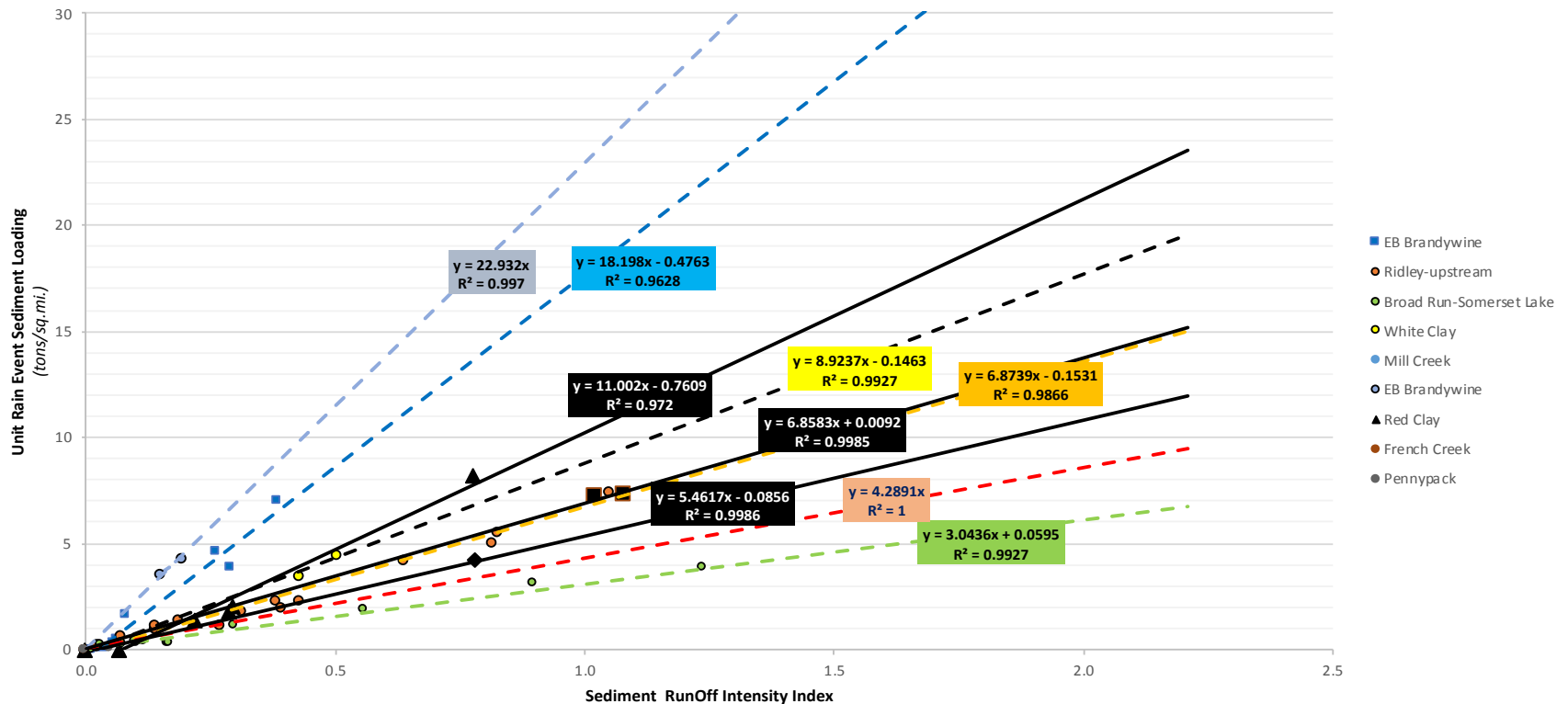
### *RO Sediment Analysis*



# Sediment RunOff Intensity Index

## *Applicable to other Watersheds*

**Watershed RunOff Sediment Loading**  
*Slopes are Unique for a Watershed*



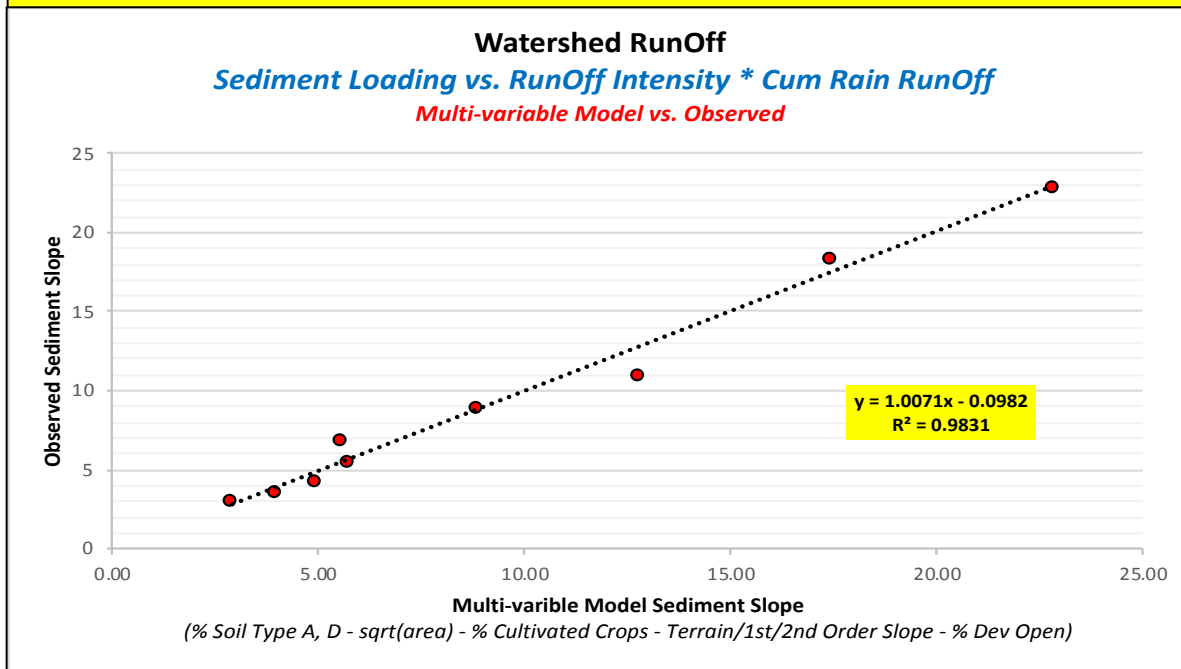
# Watershed Unit Sediment Loading Slope

## *Correlated to Watershed Characteristics*

### Key Variables:

*Sqrt(drainage area)*  
*Terrain Slope*  
*1st & 2<sup>nd</sup> Order Stream Slope*  
*% Soil Type A & D*  
*% Cultivated Crops*

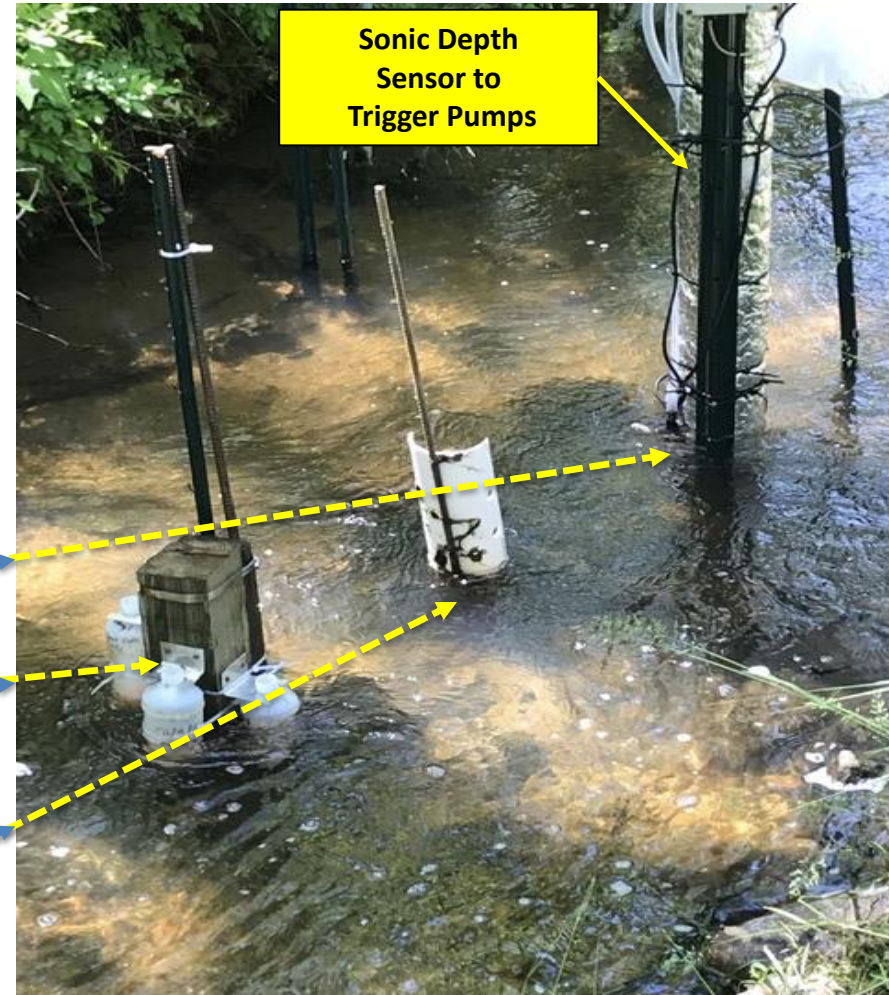
*(from Wiki-Watershed)*

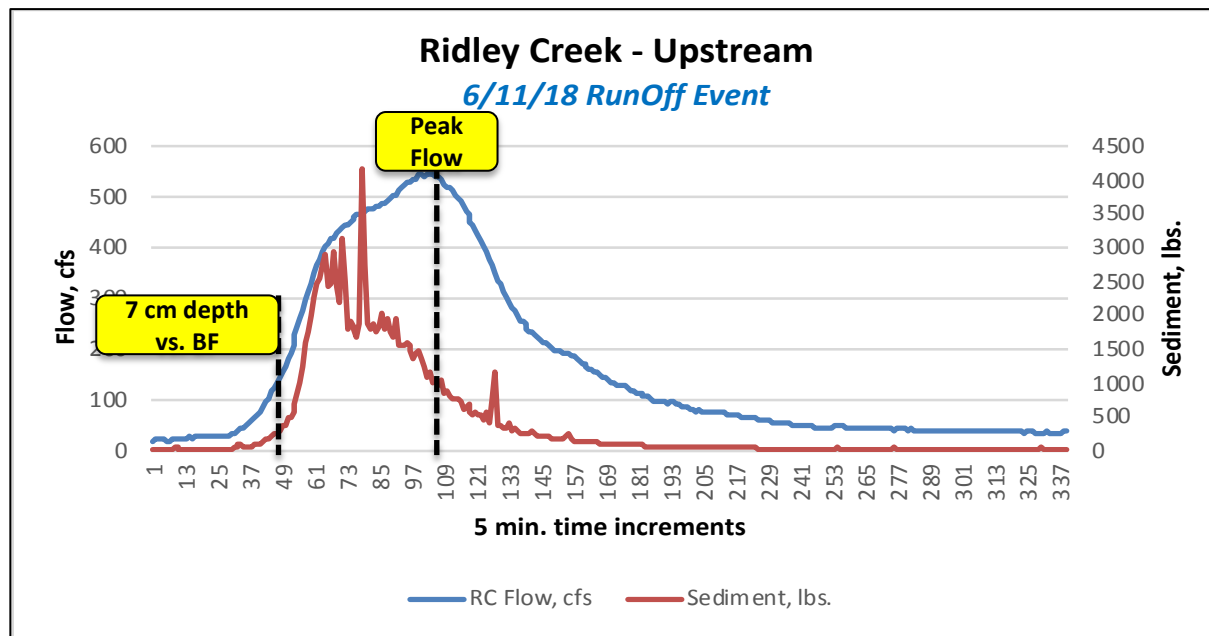


# What if Turbidity Data is Compromised?

## *Debris or Silt Coated Sensor*

- Turbidity Sensor has useful data...BUT may not have sufficient data to integrate over a rain event !
- Option to use an “auto-sampler”:
  - Electronic “Mayfly” System
  - Manual
- Upstream ½ PVC Pipe Shield

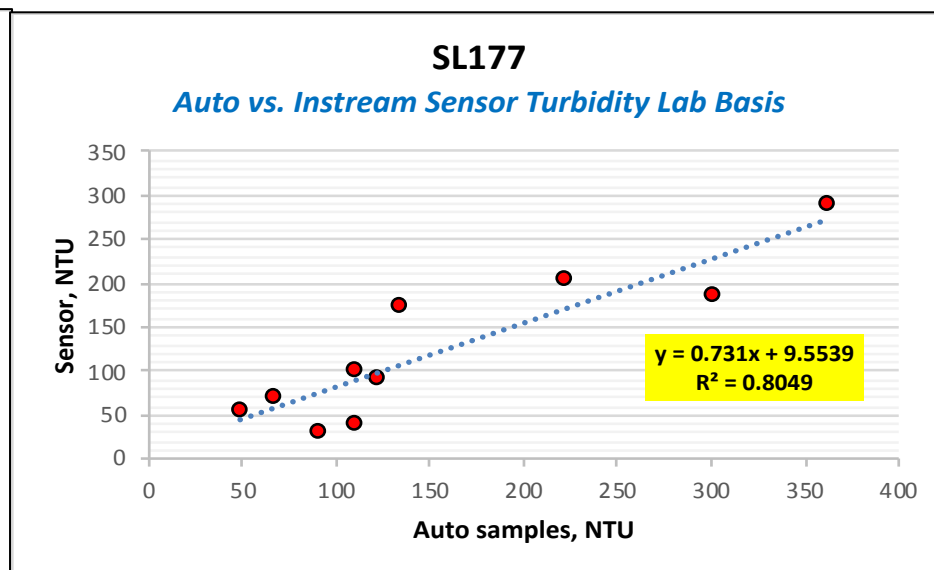
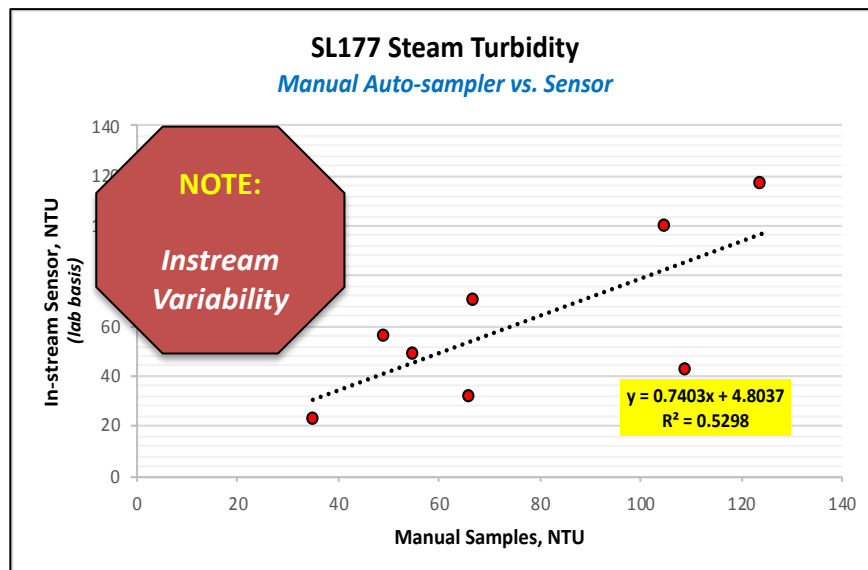




**Avg. Sediment/Flow:**  
 @ Near Peak Flow  
 @ 7 cm > BF

**Cum Total Flow to Peak Flow:**  
 (start of RO to Peak Flow)

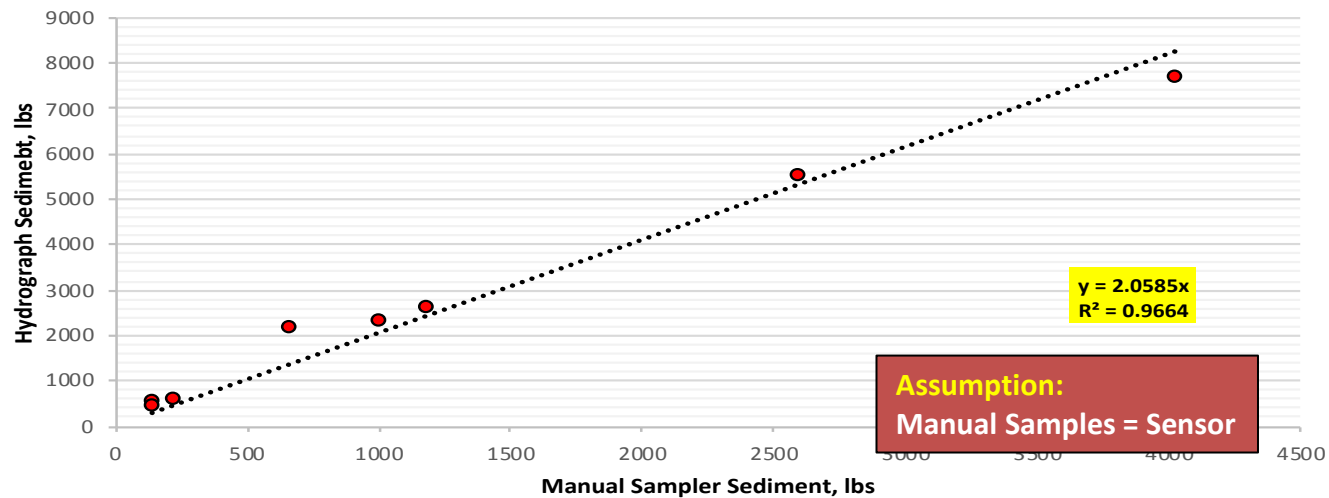
**Estimated Sediment:**  
 (Cum Flow to Peak \*  
 Avg. Sediment/Flow)



## Broad Run @ Somerset Lake

Rain Event Sediment

Manual Sampler vs. Hydrograph Integration



## Rain Event Sediment Correlation

Auto Sampler vs. Hydrograph Slope

