

CONDITIONS IN LONG CREEK



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A Maine urban stream



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Long Creek Monitoring

- Long Creek Watershed Management District
- 10 + years of data



Stream Channel Restoration, 2019

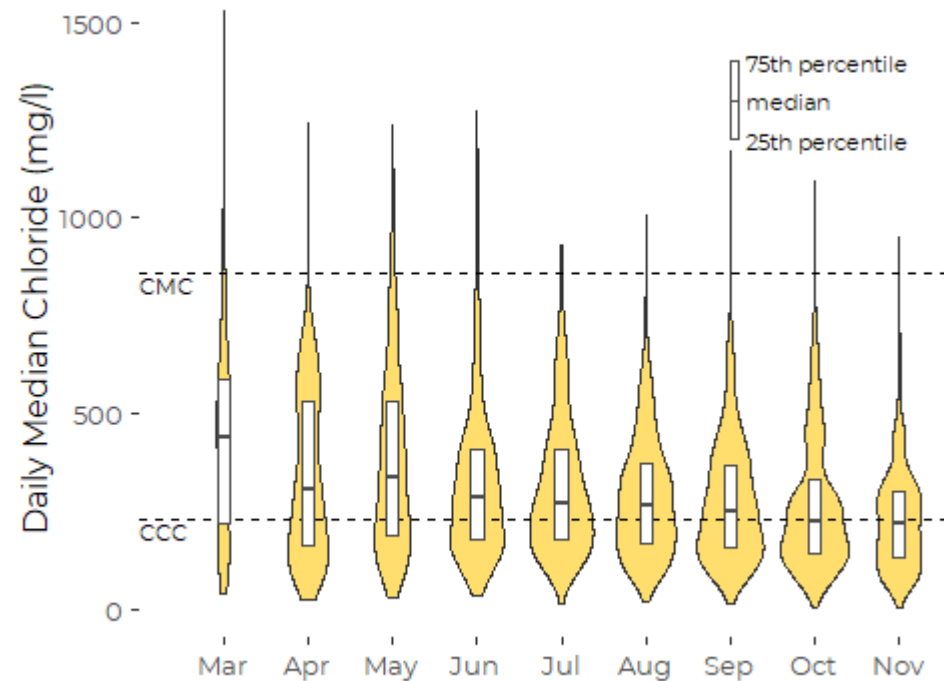
An Urban Watershed



- Sondes at six “primary” locations
- 9 to 10 months a year
 - Temperature
 - Conductivity
 - Oxygen

Chlorides

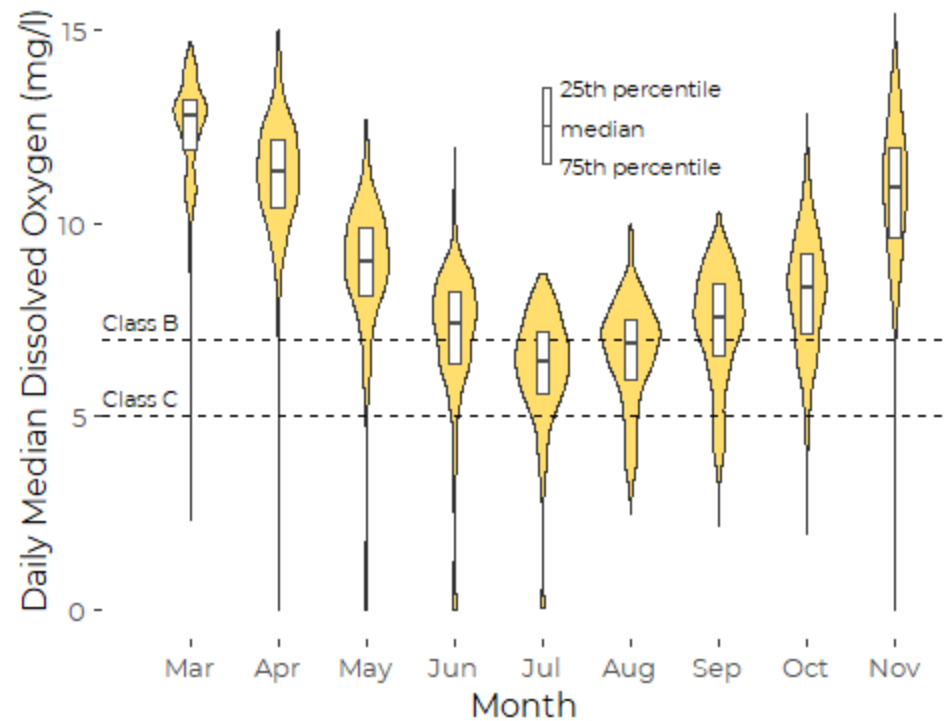
- Conditions are worse downstream
- Often above chronic exposure thresholds
- Chlorides reflect IC
- Highest in spring



Dissolved Oxygen

□ Low oxygen

- Upstream
- Low flow
- Hot weather

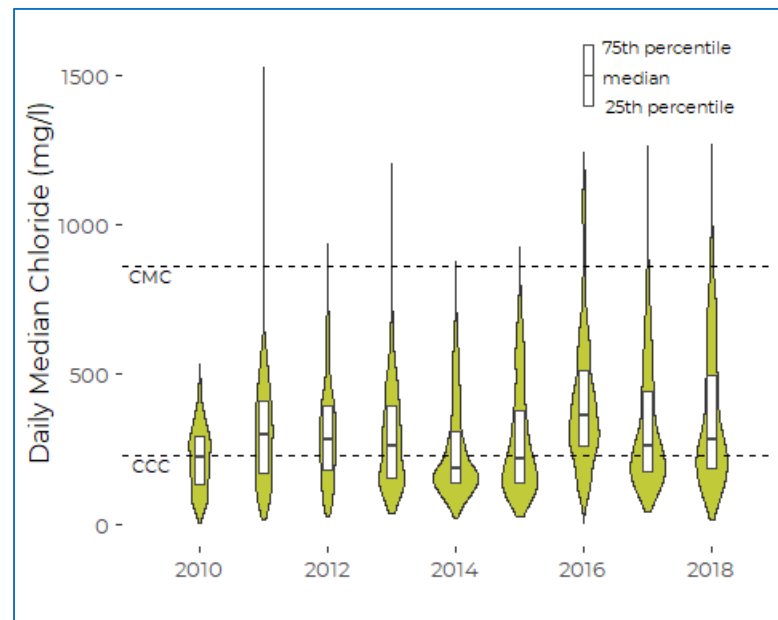
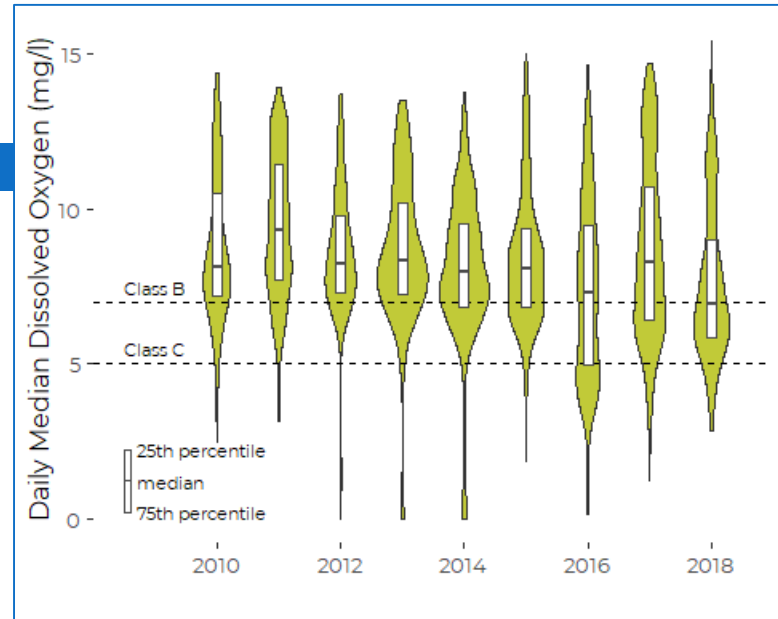


Class B: DO > 7 mg/l,
Class C: DO > 5 mg/l

Trends

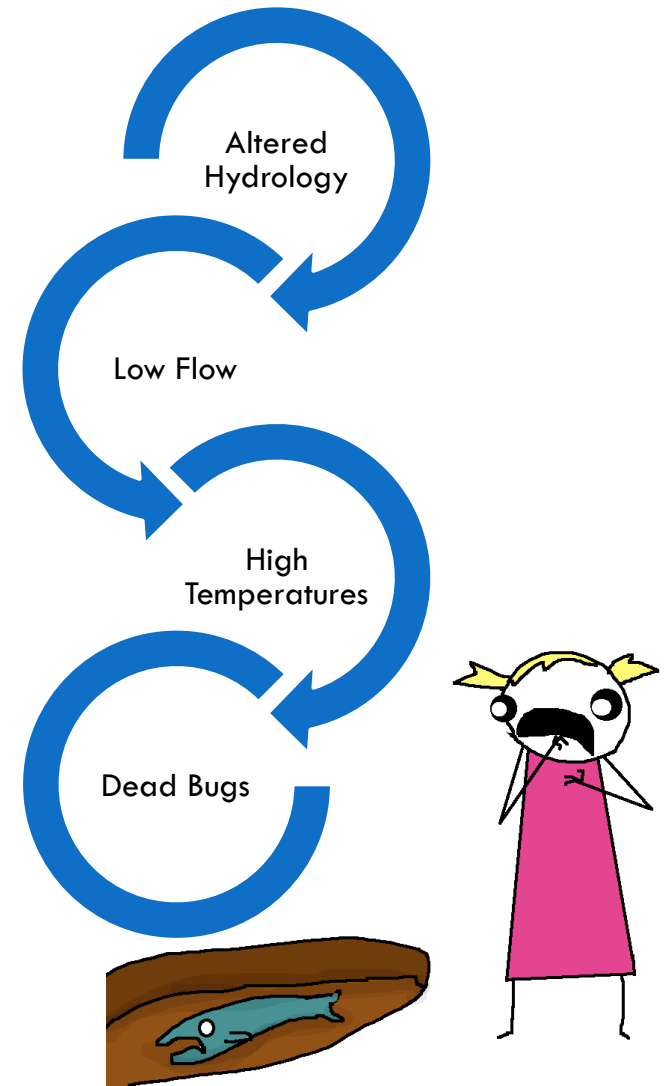
- Dissolved oxygen
 - Conditions trending downward
 - 2016 and 2018 bad

- Chloride
 - High year to year variability
 - 2016 and 2018 bad
 - Trend not robust



Challenges

- Chronic elevated chlorides
- Difficult summer conditions
- Upper vs. lower watershed





Thank you.

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