

# **Biscayne Bay Southeastern Everglades Ecosystem Restoration (WQ Subteam)**

**DRAFT - Water Quality Evaluation**

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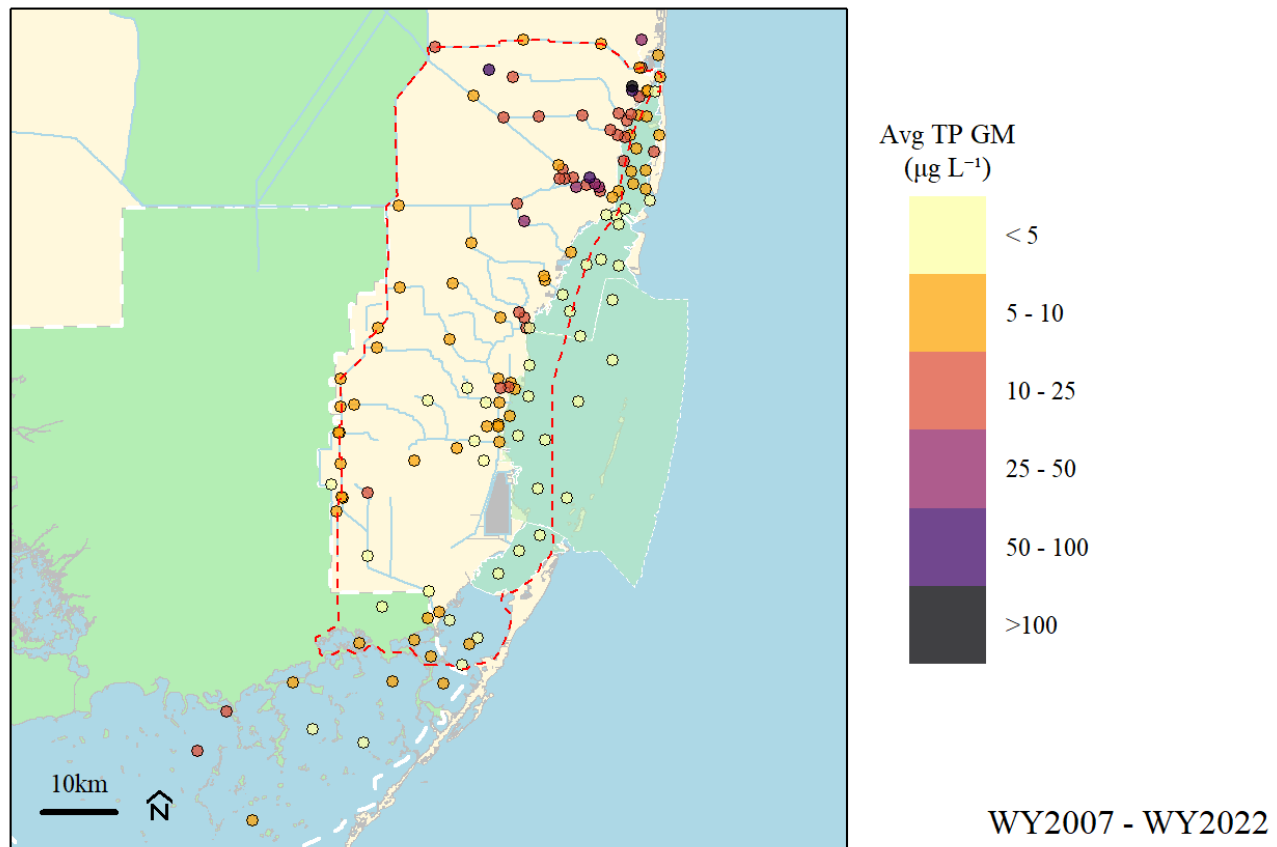
# Objective

- Review and evaluate existing surface water quality across the BBSEER project area using available data.

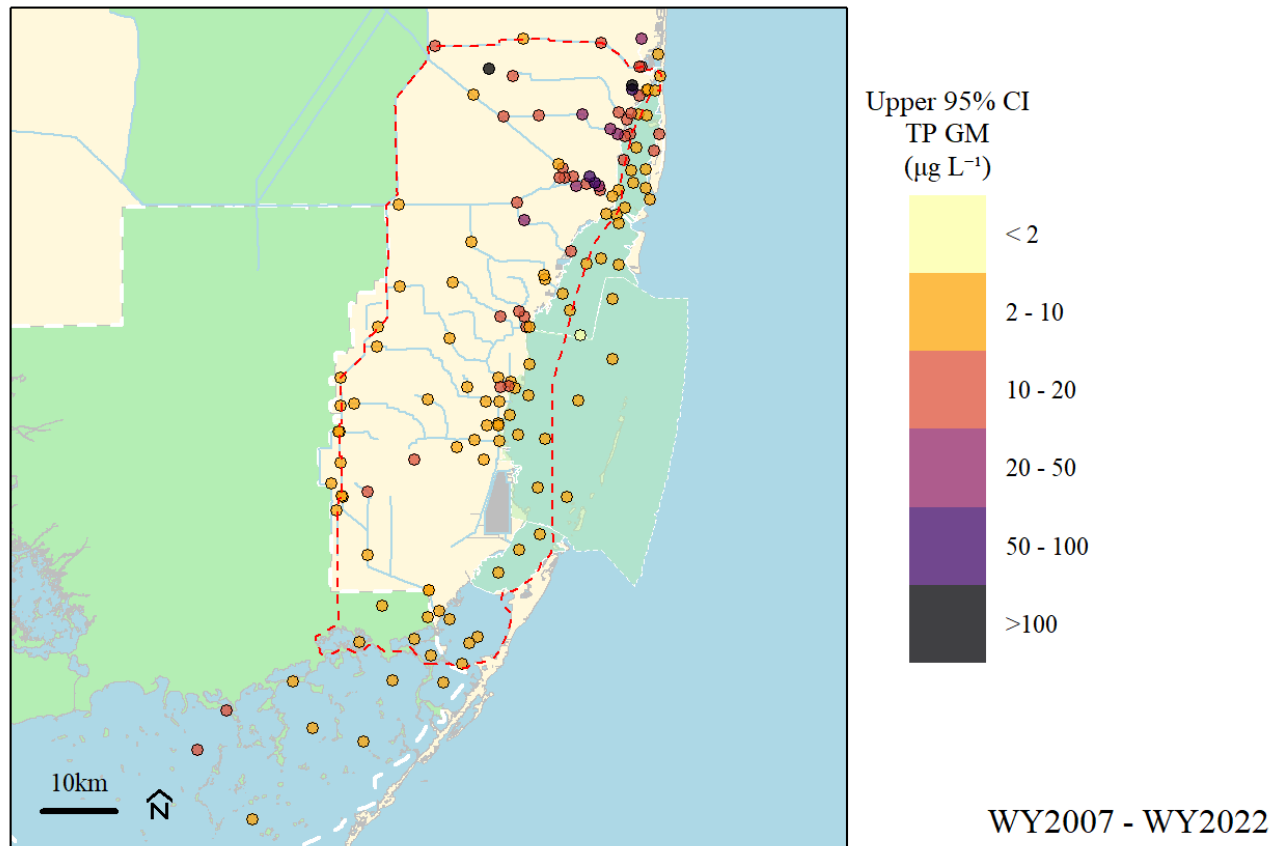
# Approach

- Evaluate data from SFWMD (DBHydro) and Miami-Dade County's Division of Environmental Resources Management between May 2006 to April 2022 (WY2007 - 2022).
- Calculate annual geometric mean (AGM) Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN) concentrations
  - Must have at least three years of continuous data, and
  - a minimum of 4 samples per year with at least one sample in wet and dry seasons
  - where possible (for structures) GM were calculated using data on days with observed discharge (some adjustment is possible).
- Average AGM and upper 95% confidence interval values were calculated for each monitoring location
- Mann-Kendall trend and Thiel Sen slope were also evaluated

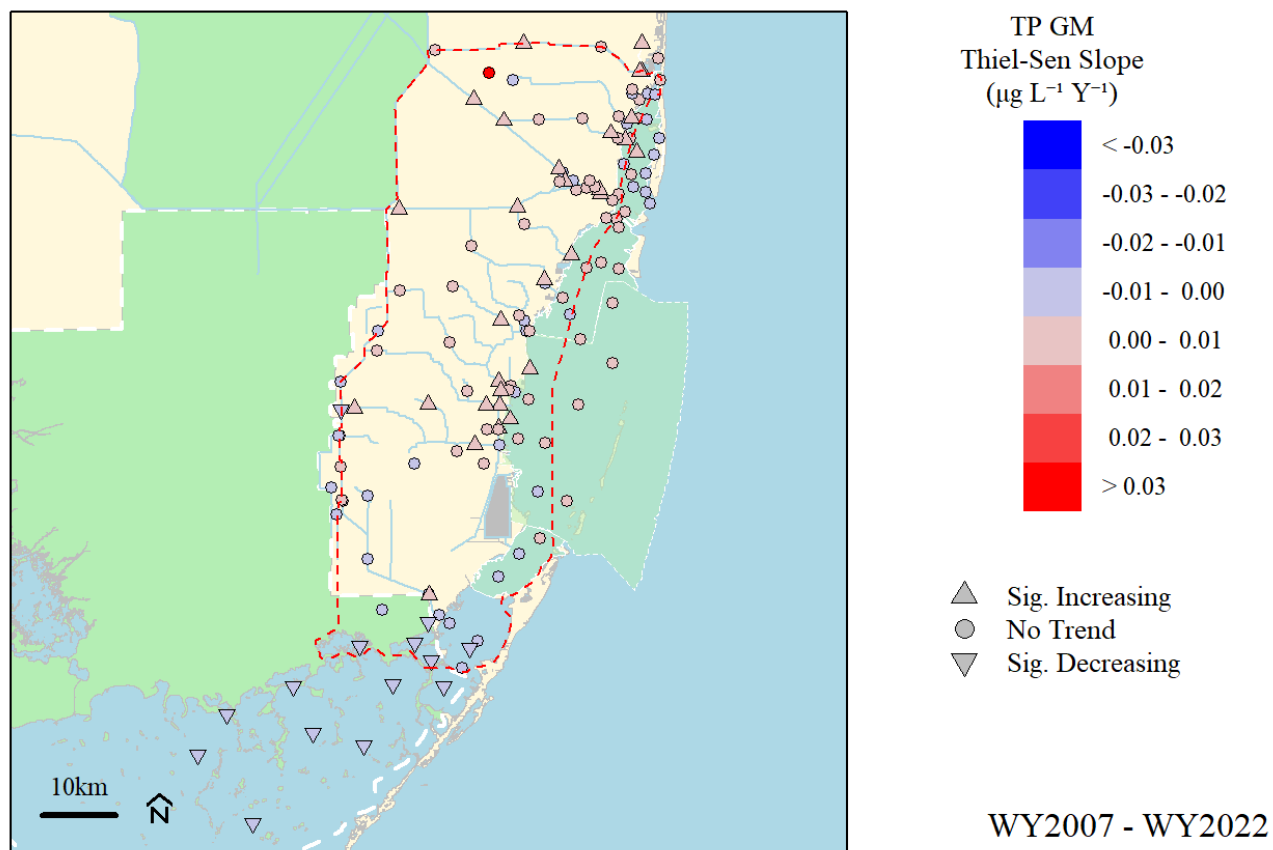
# Total Phosphorus - Average AGM



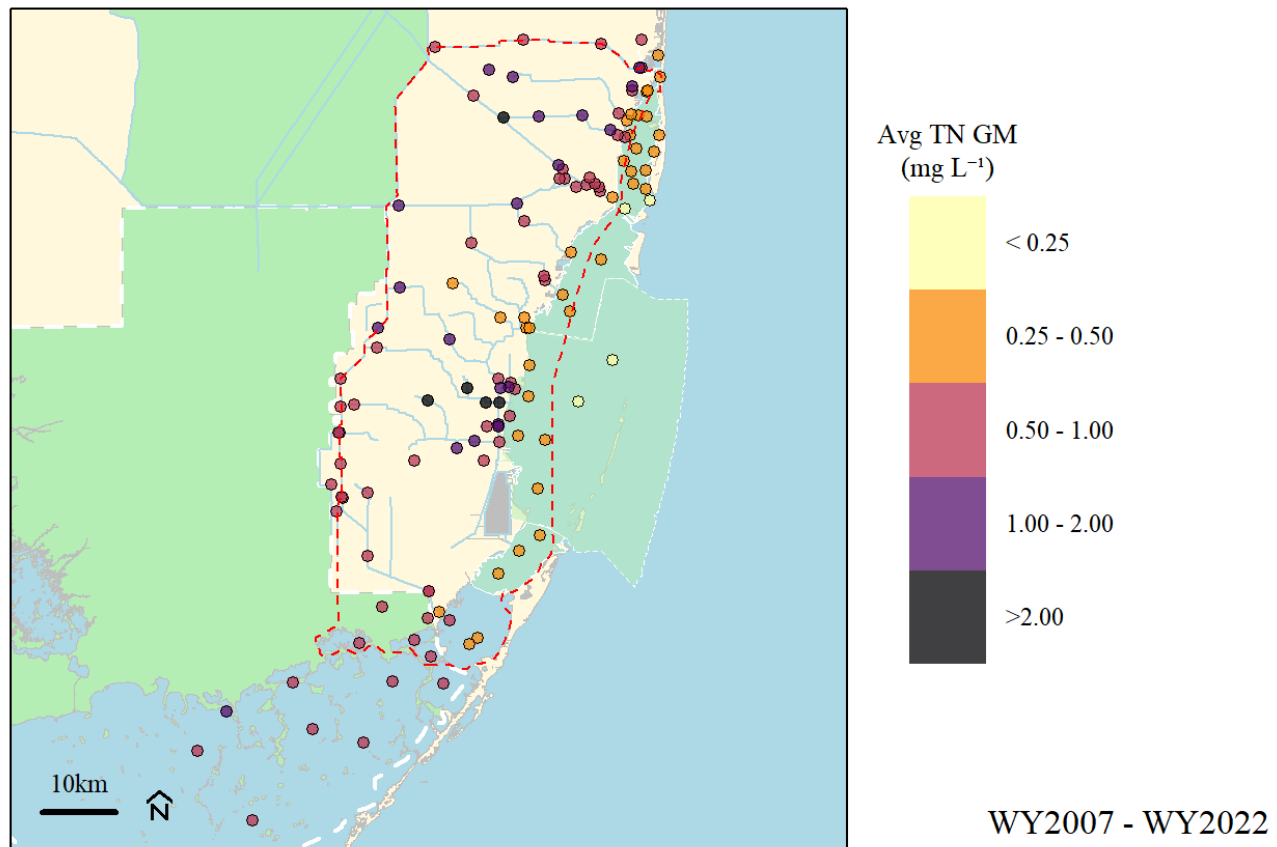
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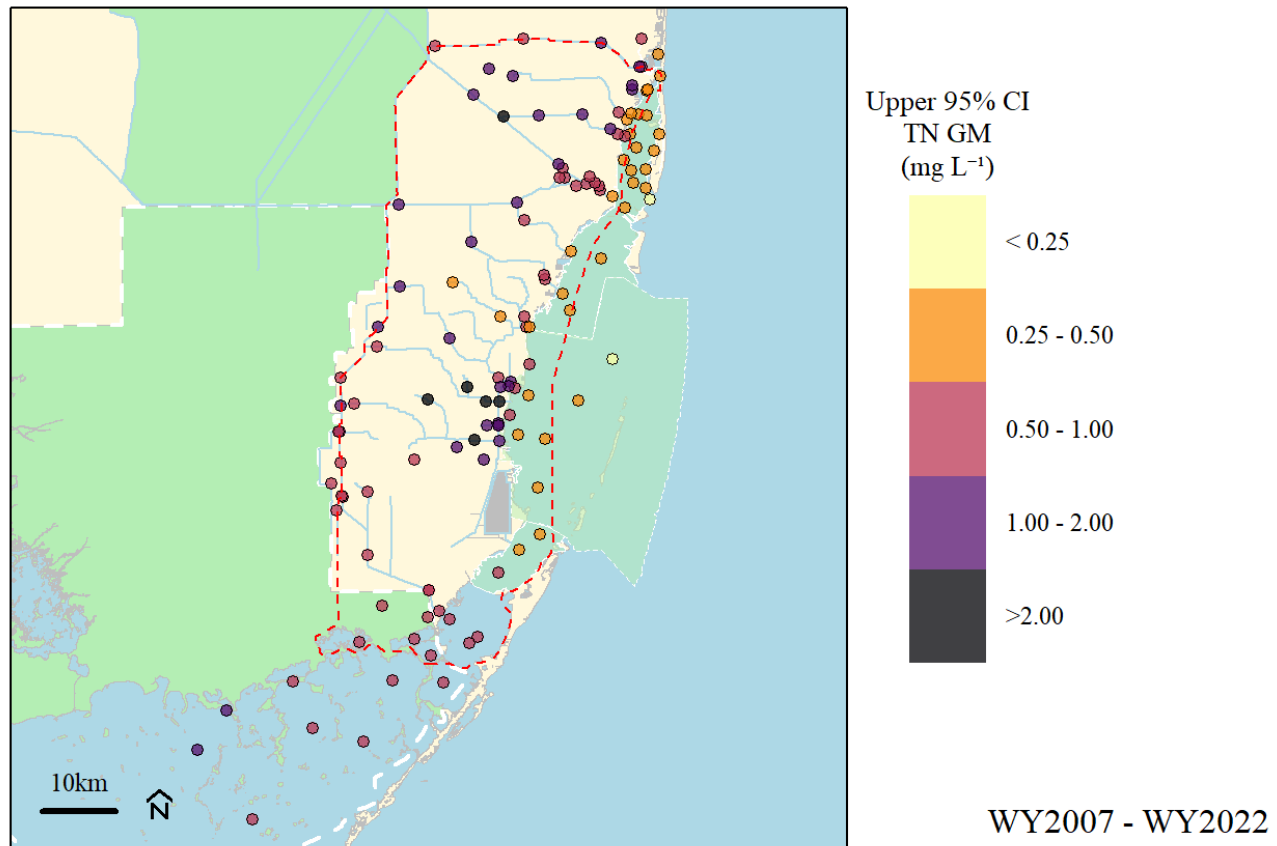
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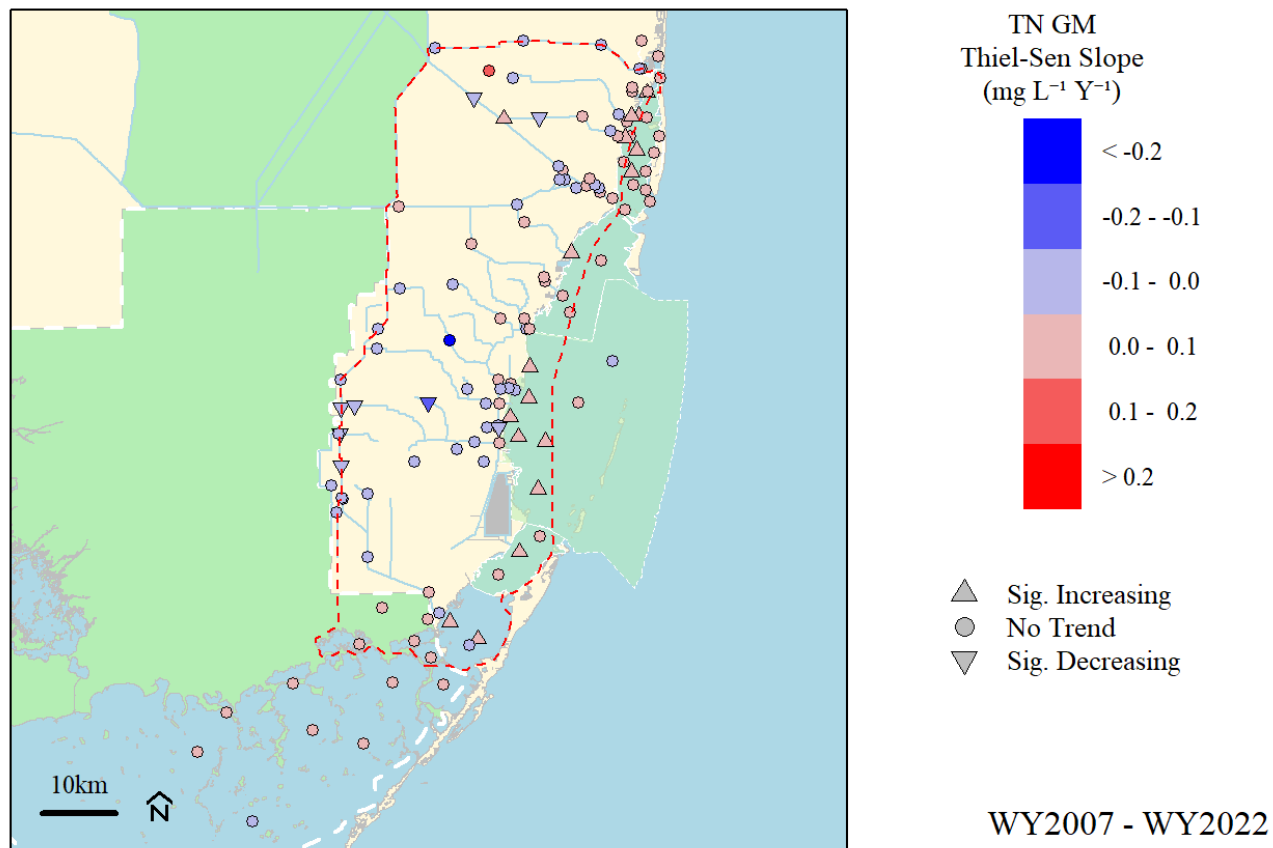
# Total Nitrogen - Average AGM



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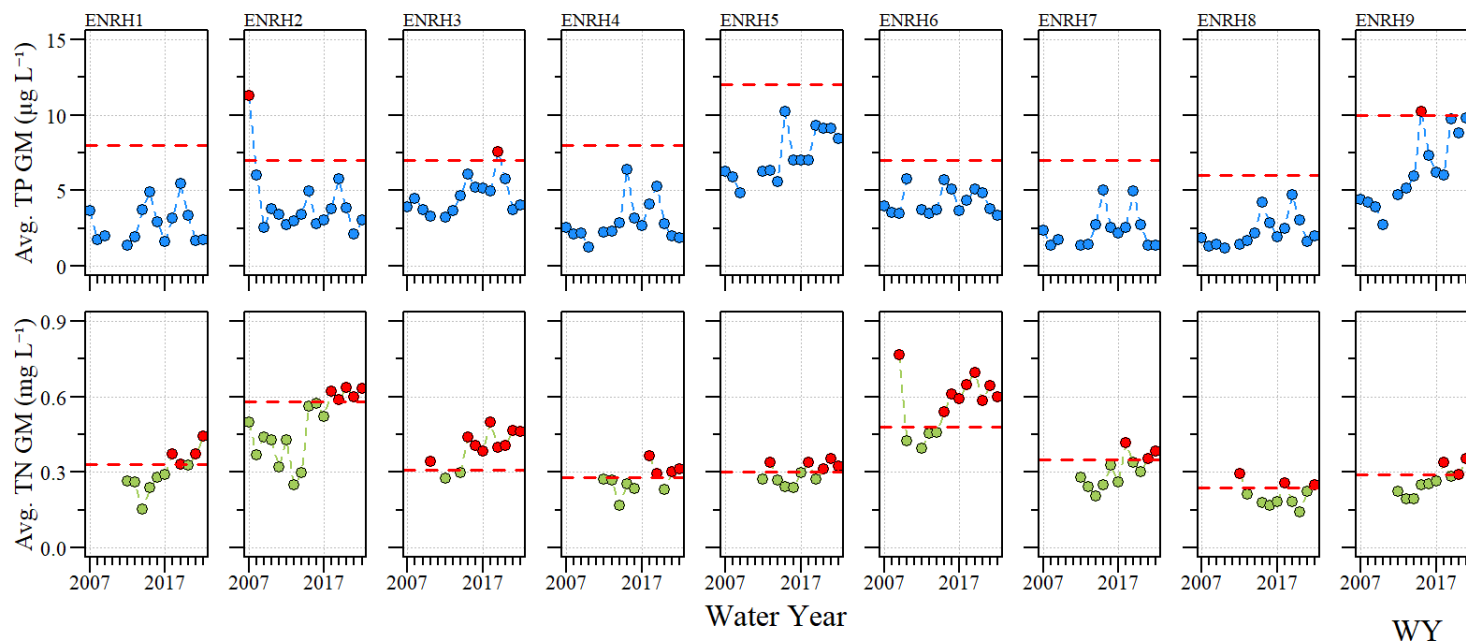


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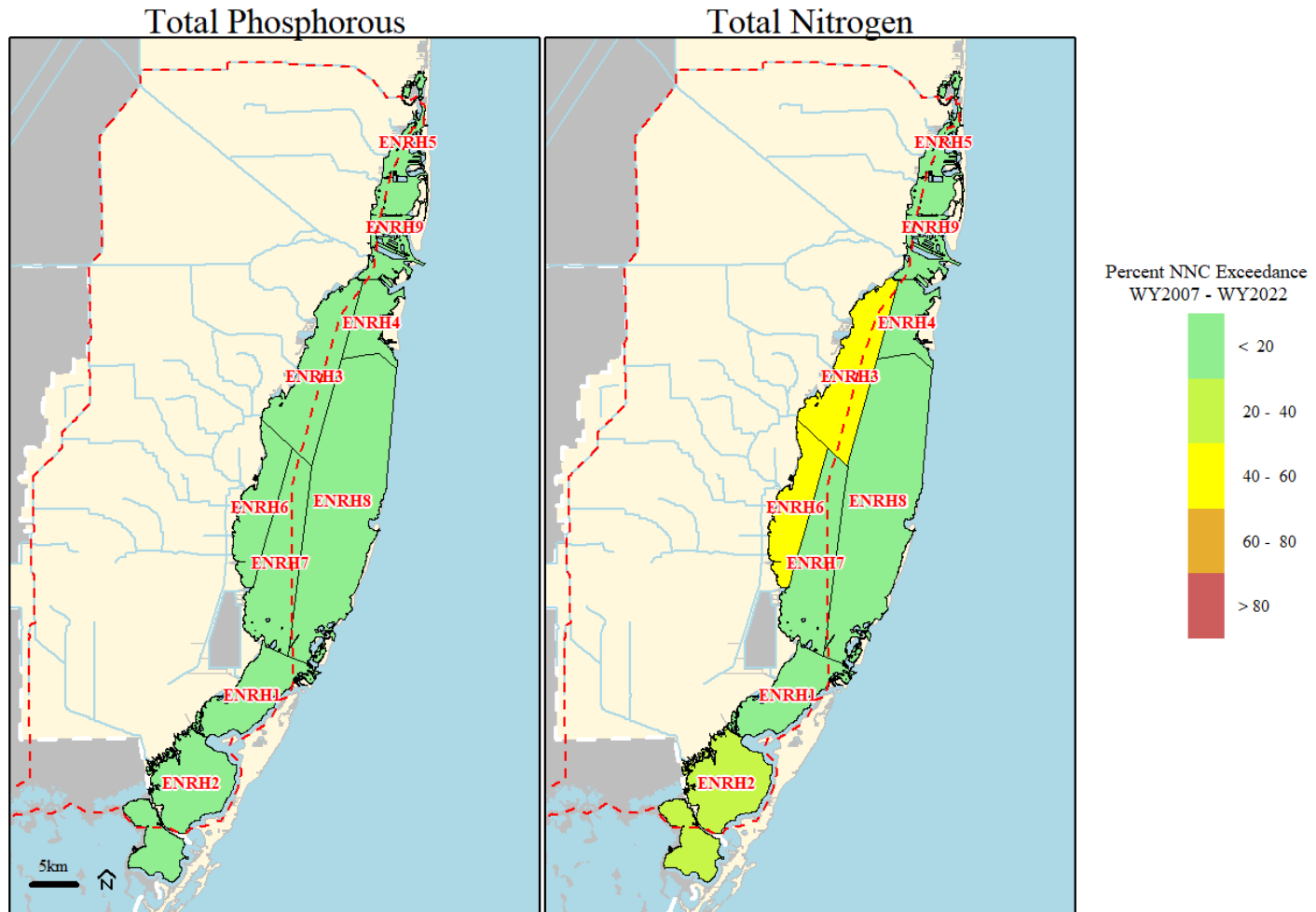


# Biscayne Bay NNC



- Numeric Nutrient Criteria based on Estuary Segments outlined in [62-302.532 FAC](#)
  - Spatially averaged GM concentration by NNC Segment, not to be exceeded 1 in 3 years
  - Each segment has a specific NNC for TN, TP and Chl-a

# Biscayne Bay NNC



# Summary

- High level look at surface water quality by integrating multiple data sets together (>100 monitoring locations used)
- Very little difference in average and upper 95% CI geometric mean TP and TN concentrations (w/ some exceptions)
- Significant monotonic changes in TP and TN concentrations were detected
  - 31 locations significantly increases TP concentration (most in coastal region)
  - 14 locations significantly decreasing TP concentration (S332C & FLAB sites)
  - 17 locations significantly increases TN concentration (most in Biscayne Bay)
  - 8 locations significantly decreasing TN concentration (L31N and Biscayne Bay)
- Some locations did not see statistically significant changes but remarkable change overtime (i.e. BS11)
- Some locations did not see change over time (i.e. near zero slope) but concentrations remain relatively elevated.
- Additional evaluation is needed (including additional data sources if possible)

# Acknowledgements

## Data



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