

Linking the Agricultural Landscape of the Midwest to Stream Health with Structural Equation Modeling.

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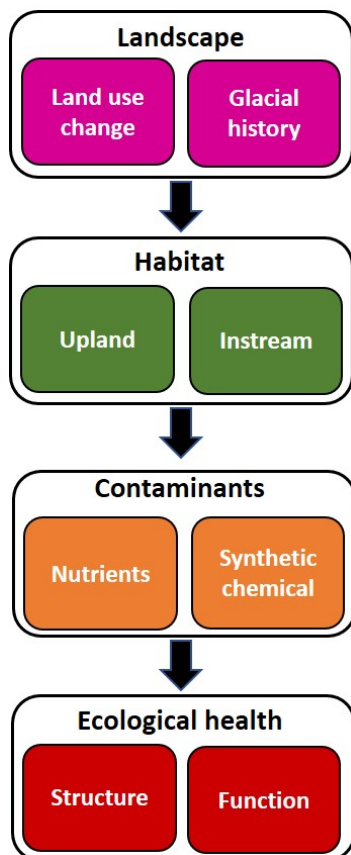


Figure S1. Portrayed in a “meta-model” generalizing how landscape structure and land-use change transmit effects through a hierarchical network culminating in alterations to ecological health. Figures 1- 4 expand in detail results from the Midwest Stream Quality Assessment. Boxes depict types of variables important to midwestern streams and arrows show the spatial- temporal relationships among variables. Glacial history is indicated by the variable Sand Content in Soil in subsequent models.



Figure S2. Map of the 100 sites sampled in the Midwestern Stream Quality Assessment (MSQA) in 2013 and corresponding land uses. Two of the 100 streams sampled for water quality were dropped from this analysis: the ecological survey was not done at one stream because of excessive depth (all streams were sampled using wading protocols), and the other stream was considered an outlier on the basis of basin size ($>6,000 \text{ km}^2$) and its location on the far western edge of the region. Source: <https://webapps.usgs.gov/RSQA/#!/region/MSQA>.

Table S1. Variable definitions and why they were selected to be included in the structural equation models. Note: other variables were also considered for the model, see text for a discussion on why variables were not included in the models.

| <i>Variable</i> | <i>Type of variable</i> | <i>Why used</i> | <i>Predicted effects on ecology</i> | <i>Transformation</i> |
|--|-------------------------|--|---|-------------------------|
| <i>Land use^a</i> | | | | |
| Agricultural Land Use | Predictor | A study design element to assess the effects of agricultural and urban land uses on stream ecosystems. ⁴ | Indirect (-) | NT |
| Urban Land Use | Predictor | A study design element to assess the effects of agricultural and urban land uses on stream ecosystems. ⁴ | Indirect (-) | NT |
| <i>Natural landscape^a</i> | | | | |
| Sand Content in Soil | Covariate ^b | Identified as an important variable in a previous investigation. ¹¹ Also, this quality of soil was correlated with glacial history, which has been shown to be an important landscape factor in previous assessments of ecological integrity in the Midwest. ^{17, 56, 58} | Indirect | NT |
| Basin Area | Covariate ^b | <i>Posteriori</i> variable added to scale the influence of other variables that can be influenced by the size of river or stream or the location within the stream network of the sample location. | Indirect | Log ₁₀ (X) |
| <i>Upland^a</i> | | | | |
| Channel Erosion | Stressor | A metric that determines the proportion of stream sediment comprised of either surface soil from the upland or in channel deposits of sediment. This metric has been modified from Gellis et al. ¹⁶ in that percent surface derived sediment is subtracted from 1 to describe the proportion of sediment that was derived from the channel. ¹⁶ | Indirect (-) | Log ₁₀ (X+1) |
| Percent Riparian Area as Forest | Stressor | Many variables related with riparian condition were identified as important predictors of stream condition. This predictor was selected to represent riparian factors that could affect water quality and ecological integrity and to simplify the number of predictors considered in the model. ¹⁰⁻¹² | Direct (+) and mediator of land-use effects | NT |
| <i>Habitat^a</i> | | | | |
| Percent Riparian Canopy Cover | Stressor | Many variables related with riparian condition were identified as important predictors of stream condition. This predictor was selected to represent riparian factors that could affect water quality and ecological integrity and to simplify the number of predictors considered in the model. ¹⁰⁻¹² | Direct (+) | Arcsin(sqrt(X/100)) |
| Relative Bed Stability | Stressor | d84 and percent fines were used by other investigators. We chose to use Relative Bed Stability as descriptive of both these other predictors to reduce the number of predictors in the model. Related to fish, invertebrates, and algal communities. ¹⁰⁻¹² | Direct (+) | X ^(1/4) |
| Maximum Temperature | Stressor | Found to limit algal communities. ¹⁰ | Direct (-) | NT |
| <i>Synthetic chemicals^a</i> | | | | |
| Bifenthrin in Sediment | Stressor | Found to limit invertebrate communities. ^{21, 22} | Direct (-) | Log ₁₀ (X+1) |
| Imidacloprid | Stressor | Detected broadly in the ecoregion at levels thought to cause effects to invertebrate communities. ¹⁵ | Direct (-) | Log ₁₀ (X+1) |
| Pyrethroid Degradates in Water | Stressor | Found to limit invertebrate communities. ¹¹ | Direct (-) | Log ₁₀ (X+1) |
| Sum of Triazine Herbicides | Stressor | Found to limit algal communities. ¹⁰ | Direct (-) | Log ₁₀ (X+1) |
| <i>Nutrients^a</i> | | | | |
| Ammonia | Stressor | Found to limit invertebrate communities. ¹¹ | Direct (-) | Log ₁₀ (X+1) |
| Total Nitrogen | Stressor | Found to affect fish, invertebrate, and algal communities. ¹⁰⁻¹² | Context dependent direct effects | Log ₁₀ (X) |
| Total Phosphorus | Stressor | Found to affect fish and algal communities. ^{10, 12} | Context dependent direct effects | Log ₁₀ (X) |

a- Class within which variables are nested for developing total effects. b- Indicates variables not included in the total effects class for which it is listed, rather it is treated as a covariate. NT-Not transformed.

Table S2. Estimates of regression coefficients (standardized path coefficients) and covariances for the structural equation model of the relationships between stressors in streams of the Midwestern United States.

| <i>Response</i> | <i>Predictor</i> | <i>Standardized Path Coefficient</i> | <i>Standard Error</i> | <i>Z-score</i> | <i>p-value</i> | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|------|
| <i>Regressions</i> | | | | | | |
| Agricultural Land Use | Sand Content in Soil | 0.18 | 0.093 | 1.954 | 0.051 | 0.07 |
| | Basin Area | 0.19 | 0.068 | 2.795 | 0.005 | |
| Urban Land Use | Sand Content in Soil | -0.21 | 0.079 | -2.599 | 0.009 | 0.04 |
| Total Phosphorus | Sand Content in Soil | -0.31 | 0.078 | -4.039 | 0.000 | 0.37 |
| | Agricultural Land Use | 0.25 | 0.137 | 1.843 | 0.065 | |
| | Urban Land Use | 0.23 | 0.142 | 1.618 | 0.106 | |
| | Percent Riparian Area as Forest | -0.32 | 0.087 | -3.648 | 0.000 | |
| | Relative Bed Stability | -0.17 | 0.097 | -1.745 | 0.081 | |
| Total Nitrogen | Agricultural Land Use | 0.91 | 0.097 | 9.415 | 0.000 | 0.57 |
| | Urban Land Use | 0.54 | 0.135 | 3.984 | 0.000 | |
| | Relative Bed Stability | -0.24 | 0.067 | -3.623 | 0.000 | |
| Ammonia | Basin Area | -0.47 | 0.099 | -4.720 | 0.000 | 0.30 |
| | Percent Riparian Area as Forest | -0.33 | 0.093 | -3.524 | 0.000 | |
| Percent Riparian Area as Forest | Agricultural Land Use | -0.47 | 0.160 | -2.960 | 0.003 | 0.15 |
| | Urban Land Use | -0.48 | 0.140 | -3.431 | 0.001 | |
| Percent Riparian Canopy Cover | Basin Area | -0.32 | 0.086 | -3.742 | 0.000 | 0.35 |
| | Percent Riparian Area as Forest | 0.47 | 0.077 | 6.129 | 0.000 | |
| Maximum Temperature | Sand Content in Soil | -0.33 | 0.074 | -4.489 | 0.000 | 0.28 |
| | Basin Area | 0.28 | 0.100 | 2.761 | 0.006 | |
| | Percent Canopy | -0.25 | 0.105 | -2.384 | 0.017 | |
| Relative Bed Stability | Urban Land Use | 0.21 | 0.098 | 2.165 | 0.030 | 0.35 |
| | Percent Riparian Area as Forest | 0.47 | 0.082 | 5.771 | 0.000 | |
| | Channel Erosion | -0.28 | 0.088 | -3.134 | 0.002 | |
| Channel Erosion | Sand Content in Soil | -0.52 | 0.078 | -6.608 | 0.000 | 0.56 |
| | Urban Land Use | -0.66 | 0.101 | -6.501 | 0.000 | |
| Sum of Triazine Herbicides | Sand Content in Soil | -0.24 | 0.082 | -2.875 | 0.004 | 0.26 |
| | Agricultural Land Use | 0.50 | 0.094 | 5.381 | 0.000 | |
| Imidacloprid | Sand Content in Soil | -0.12 | 0.075 | -1.589 | 0.112 | 0.36 |
| | Agricultural Land Use | 0.31 | 0.129 | 2.382 | 0.017 | |
| | Urban Land Use | 0.74 | 0.115 | 6.400 | 0.000 | |
| Pyrethroid Degradates in Water | Agricultural Land Use | 0.21 | 0.103 | 2.057 | 0.040 | 0.21 |
| | Urban Land Use | 0.33 | 0.145 | 2.264 | 0.024 | |
| | Bifenthrin in Sediment | 0.33 | 0.119 | 2.740 | 0.006 | |
| Bifenthrin in Sediment | Agricultural Land Use | 0.34 | 0.113 | 3.026 | 0.002 | 0.16 |
| | Urban Land Use | 0.46 | 0.133 | 3.453 | 0.001 | |
| | Relative Bed Stability | -0.25 | 0.073 | -3.376 | 0.001 | |
| <i>Covariances¹</i> | | | | | | |
| Agricultural Land Use | Urban Land Use | -0.68 | 0.085 | -8.020 | 0.003 | |
| Total Phosphorus | Total Nitrogen | 0.29 | 0.097 | 3.013 | 0.003 | |
| Imidacloprid | Pyrethroid Degradates in Water | 0.27 | 0.097 | 2.750 | 0.006 | |

¹Variables with covariances are not response or predictor variables, they are covariates. Fit statistics: Model converged normally after 43 interactions. Robust chi-square = 65.368, p-value = 0.328, df = 61, n = 90, Satorra-Bentler correction factor = 0.986, Comparative Fit Index = 0.994, Relative Noncentrality Index = 0.994, Robust Root Mean Square Error of Approximation = 0.028 (90% confidence interval (0.000-0.071)), Standardized Root Mean Square Residual = 0.070, Incremental Fit Index = 0.994

Table S3. Estimates of regression coefficients (standardized path coefficients), covariances, and latent construct and variables for the structural equation model of the relationships between stressors and algal communities in streams of the Midwestern United States.

| <i>Response</i> | <i>Predictor</i> | <i>Standardized Path Coefficient</i> | <i>Standard Error</i> | <i>Z-score</i> | <i>p-value</i> | <i>R²</i> |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| <i>Regressions</i> | | | | | | |
| Agriculture Land Use | Sand Content in Soil | 0.20 | 0.09 | 2.311 | 0.021 | 0.08 |
| | Basin Area | 0.19 | 0.07 | 2.842 | 0.004 | |
| Urban Land Use | Sand Content in Soil | -0.22 | 0.07 | -2.985 | 0.003 | 0.05 |
| Total Phosphorus | Sand Content in Soil | -0.32 | 0.08 | -4.273 | 0.000 | 0.38 |
| | Agriculture Land Use | 0.31 | 0.13 | 2.331 | 0.020 | |
| | Urban Land Use | 0.31 | 0.14 | 2.191 | 0.028 | |
| | Percent Riparian Area as Forest | -0.29 | 0.09 | -3.387 | 0.001 | |
| | Relative Bed Stability | -0.18 | 0.09 | -1.961 | 0.050 | |
| Percent Riparian Area as Forest | Agriculture Land Use | -0.48 | 0.15 | -3.259 | 0.001 | 0.15 |
| | Urban Land Use | -0.53 | 0.14 | -3.91 | 0.000 | |
| Percent Riparian Canopy Cover | Basin Area | -0.31 | 0.09 | -3.504 | 0.000 | 0.36 |
| | Percent Riparian Area as Forest | 0.49 | 0.08 | 6.517 | 0.000 | |
| Maximum Temperature | Sand Content in Soil | -0.36 | 0.07 | -4.973 | 0.000 | 0.30 |
| | Basin Area | 0.29 | 0.10 | 2.953 | 0.003 | |
| | Percent Riparian Canopy Cover | -0.24 | 0.10 | -2.322 | 0.020 | |
| Relative Bed Stability | Urban Land Use | 0.26 | 0.09 | 2.737 | 0.006 | 0.36 |
| | Percent Riparian Area as Forest | 0.46 | 0.08 | 5.794 | 0.000 | |
| Channel Erosion | Channel Erosion | -0.28 | 0.09 | -3.033 | 0.002 | |
| | Sand Content in Soil | -0.51 | 0.08 | -6.597 | 0.000 | 0.58 |
| | Urban Land Use | -0.69 | 0.09 | -7.813 | 0.000 | |
| Sum of Triazine Herbicides | Sand Content in Soil | -0.31 | 0.08 | -3.997 | 0.000 | 0.27 |
| | Agriculture Land Use | 0.49 | 0.09 | 5.463 | 0.000 | |
| Algae Latent Variable | Total Phosphorus | -0.36 | 0.13 | -2.756 | 0.006 | 0.56 |
| | Sum of Triazine Herbicides | -0.26 | 0.13 | -2.029 | 0.042 | |
| | Maximum Temperature | -0.35 | 0.09 | -3.8 | 0.000 | |
| | Percent Riparian Canopy Cover | 0.17 | 0.10 | 1.647 | 0.099 | |
| <i>Covariances¹</i> | | | | | | |
| Agriculture Land Use | Urban Land Use | -0.70 | 0.08 | -8.592 | 0.000 | |
| Total Phosphorus | Sum of Triazine Herbicides | 0.37 | 0.08 | 4.505 | 0.000 | |
| <i>Algae Community Health (Latent Variable)²</i> | | | | | | |
| | Biological Condition Grp ³ 2 | 0.70 | 0.08 | 9.068 | 0.000 | 0.49 |
| | Biological Condition Grp 3 | 0.76 | 0.08 | 9.723 | 0.000 | 0.58 |
| | Biological Condition Grp 4 | -0.49 | 0.13 | -3.887 | 0.000 | 0.24 |

¹Variables with covariances are not response or predictor variables, they are covariates. ² Latent variables are described by indicator variables which are listed below the named construct above. The latent construct and individual indicators are predicted by the structural equation model; thus, both the construct and the indicators have R². ³Relative Abundance of Biological Condition Gradient Group. The model converged normally after 32 interactions. Robust chi-square = 63.215, p-value = 0.330, df = 59, n = 93, Satorra-Bentler correction factor = 1.018, Comparative Fit Index = 0.988, Relative Noncentrality Index = 0.988, Robust Root Mean Square Error of Approximation = 0.028 (90% confidence interval = 0.000-0.072), Standardized Root Mean Square Residual = 0.073, Incremental Fit Index = 0.989

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Table S4. Estimates of regression coefficients (standardized path coefficients) and covariances for the structural equation model of the relationships between stressors and invertebrate communities in streams of the Midwestern United States.

| <i>Response</i> | <i>Predictor</i> | <i>Standardized Path Coefficient</i> | <i>Standard Error</i> | <i>Z-score</i> | <i>p-value</i> | <i>R²</i> |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| <i>Regressions</i> | | | | | | |
| Agricultural Land Use | Sand Content in Soil | 0.18 | 0.09 | 2.017 | 0.044 | 0.07 |
| | Basin Area | 0.19 | 0.08 | 2.381 | 0.017 | |
| Urban Land Use | Sand Content in Soil | -0.21 | 0.08 | -2.627 | 0.009 | 0.04 |
| Total Nitrogen | Agricultural Land Use | 0.92 | 0.09 | 10.034 | 0.000 | 0.59 |
| | Urban Land Use | 0.56 | 0.13 | 4.432 | 0.000 | |
| Ammonia | Relative Bed Stability | -0.26 | 0.07 | -3.965 | 0.000 | |
| | Basin Area | -0.43 | 0.11 | -4.069 | 0.000 | 0.23 |
| | Percent Riparian Area as Forest | -0.25 | 0.10 | -2.474 | 0.013 | |
| Percent Riparian Area as Forest | Agricultural Land Use | -0.47 | 0.14 | -3.362 | 0.001 | 0.15 |
| Relative Bed Stability | Urban Land Use | -0.48 | 0.13 | -3.624 | 0.000 | |
| | Urban Land Use | 0.21 | 0.09 | 2.391 | 0.017 | 0.35 |
| | Percent Riparian Area as Forest | 0.47 | 0.08 | 5.901 | 0.000 | |
| Channel Erosion | Channel Erosion | -0.28 | 0.09 | -3.238 | 0.001 | |
| | Sand Content in Soil | -0.52 | 0.08 | -6.547 | 0.000 | 0.56 |
| | Urban Land Use | -0.66 | 0.10 | -6.454 | 0.000 | |
| Pyrethroid Degradates in Water | Agricultural Land Use | 0.19 | 0.10 | 1.898 | 0.058 | 0.22 |
| | Urban Land Use | 0.30 | 0.14 | 2.138 | 0.032 | |
| | Bifenthrin in Sediment | 0.35 | 0.12 | 2.976 | 0.003 | |
| Bifenthrin in Sediment | Agricultural Land Use | 0.34 | 0.09 | 3.680 | 0.000 | 0.16 |
| | Urban Land Use | 0.46 | 0.13 | 3.532 | 0.000 | |
| | Relative Bed Stability | -0.25 | 0.07 | -3.581 | 0.000 | |
| Multi-metric Index of Macroinvertebrate Community | Percent Riparian Area as Forest | 0.28 | 0.08 | 3.506 | 0.000 | 0.40 |
| | Total Nitrogen | 0.25 | 0.08 | 2.915 | 0.004 | |
| | Ammonia | -0.27 | 0.07 | -3.872 | 0.000 | |
| | Channel Erosion | -0.26 | 0.09 | -2.992 | 0.003 | |
| | Pyrethroid | -0.43 | 0.08 | -5.387 | 0.000 | |
| | Degradates in Water | | | | | |
| <i>Covariances¹</i> | | | | | | |
| Agricultural Land Use | Urban Land Use | -0.68 | 0.08 | -8.254 | 0.000 | |

¹Variables with covariances are not response or predictor variables, they are covariates. The model converged normally after 28 interactions. Robust chi-square = 35.930, p-value = 0.566, df = 38, n = 90, Satorra-Bentler correction factor = 0.980, Comparative Fit Index = 1.000, Relative Noncentrality Index = 1.008, Robust Root Mean Square Error of Approximation = 0.000 (90% confidence interval (0.000-0.067), Standardized Root Mean Square Residual = 0.052, Incremental Fit Index = 1.007

Table S5. Estimates of regression coefficients (standardized path coefficients) and covariances for the structural equation model of the relationships between stressors and fish communities in streams of the Midwestern United States.

| <i>Response</i> | <i>Predictor</i> | <i>Standardized Path Coefficient</i> | <i>Standard Error</i> | <i>Z-score</i> | <i>p-value</i> | <i>R²</i> |
|---|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| <i>Regressions</i> | | | | | | |
| Agricultural Land Use | Sand Content in Soil | 0.19 | 0.09 | 2.159 | 0.031 | 0.07 |
| | Basin Area | 0.19 | 0.08 | 2.432 | 0.015 | |
| Urban Land Use | Sand Content in Soil | -0.22 | 0.07 | -3.050 | 0.002 | 0.05 |
| Percent Riparian Area as Forest | Agricultural Land Use | -0.41 | 0.16 | -2.581 | 0.010 | 0.11 |
| | Urban Land Use | -0.49 | 0.15 | -3.288 | 0.001 | |
| Relative Bed Stability | Agricultural Land Use | 0.28 | 0.13 | 2.234 | 0.025 | 0.39 |
| | Urban Land Use | 0.49 | 0.14 | 3.648 | 0.000 | |
| | Percent Riparian Area as Forest | 0.48 | 0.08 | 6.303 | 0.000 | |
| Channel Erosion | Channel Erosion | -0.28 | 0.10 | -2.917 | 0.004 | |
| | Sand Content in Soil | -0.52 | 0.08 | -6.325 | 0.000 | 0.59 |
| | Urban Land Use | -0.70 | 0.09 | -7.628 | 0.000 | |
| Multi-metric Index of Fish Community | Sand Content in Soil | 0.28 | 0.08 | 3.616 | 0.000 | 0.46 |
| | Relative Bed Stability | 0.43 | 0.06 | 6.733 | 0.000 | |
| | Percent Riparian Area as Forest | 0.30 | 0.06 | 4.747 | 0.000 | |
| <i>Covariances¹</i> | | | | | | |
| Agricultural Land Use | Urban Land Use | -0.73 | 0.07 | -10.859 | 0.000 | |

¹Variables with covariances are not response or predictor variables, they are covariates. The model converged normally after 30 interactions. Robust chi-square = 6.615, p-value = 0.882, df = 12, n = 91, Satorra-Bentler correction factor = 0.950, Comparative Fit Index = 1.000, Relative Noncentrality Index = 1.023, Robust Root Mean Square Error of Approximation = 0.000 (90% confidence interval (0.000-0.051), Standardized Root Mean Square Residual = 0.036, Incremental Fit Index = 1.021

Table S6. Direct, indirect, and total effects (standardized path coefficients) of each predictor of algal, invertebrate, or fish communities observed in streams of the Midwestern United States.

| Predictor Variable | Response variables | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|-------|--------------------------------|----------|-------|-------------------|----------|-------|
| | Algae Latent Variable | | | Macroinvertebrate Multi-metric | | | Fish Multi-metric | | |
| | Direct | Indirect | Total | Direct | Indirect | Total | Direct | Indirect | Total |
| Agricultural Land Use | | -0.25 | -0.25 | | 0.03 | 0.03 | | -0.12 | -0.12 |
| Urban Land Use | | 0.15 | 0.15 | | -0.18 | -0.18 | | 0.11 | 0.11 |
| Sand Content in Soil | | 0.29 | 0.29 | | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.28 | -0.04 | 0.24 |
| Basin Area | | -0.23 | -0.23 | | 0.05 | 0.05 | | -0.02 | -0.02 |
| Percent Riparian Area as Forest | | 0.29 | 0.29 | 0.28 | 0.07 | 0.35 | 0.30 | 0.21 | 0.50 |
| Channel Erosion | | -0.02 | -0.02 | -0.26 | 0.01 | -0.26 | | -0.12 | -0.12 |
| Relative Bed Stability | | 0.08 | 0.08 | | -0.03 | -0.03 | 0.43 | | 0.43 |
| Percent Riparian Canopy Cover | 0.17 | 0.08 | 0.25 | | | | | | |
| Maximum Temperature | -0.35 | | -0.35 | | | | | | |
| Total Phosphorus | -0.36 | -0.10 | -0.46 | | | | | | |
| Sum of Triazine Herbicides | -0.26 | -0.14 | -0.39 | | | | | | |
| Total Nitrogen | | | | 0.25 | | 0.25 | | | |
| Ammonia | | | | -0.27 | | -0.27 | | | |
| Pyrethroid Degradates in Water | | | | -0.43 | | -0.43 | | | |
| Bifenthrin in Sediment | | | | | -0.15 | -0.15 | | | |

Table S7. Covariance matrix and means used to estimate the structural equation model relations among variables of stream condition in the Midwestern United States.

| | Ag Land Use | Urb Land Use | Total P | Total N | NH ₄ | % Rip. as Forest | % Canopy | Temp. | RBS | Erosion | Herbicides | Imidacloprid | Pyrethroid Degradates | Bifenthrin | Sand Content | Basin Area |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|---------|---------|-----------------|------------------|----------|--------|--------|---------|------------|--------------|-----------------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Ag Land Use | 0.954 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Urb Land Use | -0.649 | 0.933 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total P | 0.123 | 0.121 | 1.049 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total N | 0.599 | -0.155 | 0.425 | 0.998 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NH ₄ | -0.16 | 0.162 | 0.125 | -0.06 | 1.037 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| % Rip. as Forest | -0.142 | -0.147 | -0.403 | -0.368 | -0.188 | 0.99 | | | | | | | | | | |
| % Canopy | -0.243 | 0.125 | -0.205 | -0.338 | 0.037 | 0.504 | 0.958 | | | | | | | | | |
| Temp. | -0.017 | -0.047 | 0.102 | -0.043 | 0.169 | -0.061 | -0.315 | 0.919 | | | | | | | | |
| RBS | -0.225 | 0.281 | -0.287 | -0.319 | -0.087 | 0.41 | 0.251 | -0.026 | 0.993 | | | | | | | |
| Erosion | 0.376 | -0.525 | 0.111 | 0.137 | 0.071 | 0.086 | -0.102 | 0.239 | -0.345 | 0.973 | | | | | | |
| Herbicides | 0.418 | -0.329 | 0.342 | 0.123 | 0.03 | 0.118 | 0.029 | 0.167 | -0.075 | 0.301 | 0.952 | | | | | |
| Imidacloprid | -0.238 | 0.522 | 0.242 | -0.094 | 0.123 | 0.039 | 0.194 | 0.101 | 0.282 | -0.273 | 0.21 | 1.013 | | | | |
| Pyrethroid Degradates | 0.02 | 0.209 | 0.265 | 0.2 | 0.016 | -0.146 | 0.024 | 0.002 | -0.119 | -0.075 | 0.181 | 0.379 | 1.009 | | | |
| Bifenthrin | 0.087 | 0.144 | 0.186 | 0.329 | 0.026 | -0.231 | -0.016 | 0.018 | -0.196 | -0.035 | 0.092 | 0.157 | 0.416 | 1.011 | | |
| Sand Content | 0.192 | -0.202 | -0.321 | 0.118 | -0.091 | -0.069 | -0.001 | -0.333 | -0.015 | -0.382 | -0.191 | -0.281 | -0.178 | -0.002 | 1.037 | |
| Basin Area | 0.253 | -0.101 | 0.232 | 0.214 | -0.4 | -0.158 | -0.384 | 0.335 | -0.01 | -0.051 | 0.166 | 0.108 | 0.005 | 0.052 | 0.069 | 0.989 |
| Means | 0 | -0.012 | -0.005 | 0.002 | -0.006 | 0.013 | 0.008 | 0.038 | -0.02 | 0.034 | 0.014 | -0.03 | -0.002 | -0.021 | 0.001 | -0.019 |

Ag Land Use=Agricultural Land Use, Urb Land Use=Urban Land Use, Total P=Total Phosphorous, Total N=Total Nitrogen, NH₄=Ammonia, % Rip. as Forest=Percent Riparian Area as Forest, % Canopy=Percent Riparian Canopy Cover, Temp.=Maximum Temperature, RBS=Relative Bed Stability, Erosion=Channel Erosion, Herbicides=Sum of Triazine Herbicides, Pyrethroid Degradates=Pyrethroid Degradates in water, Bifenthrin=Bifenthrin in Sediment, Sand Content=Sand Content in Soil.

Table S8. Covariance matrix and means used to estimate the structural equation model of stressor effects to algal communities in streams of the Midwestern United States.

| | BCG Grp 2 | BCG Grp 3 | BCG Grp 4 | Agriculture Land Use | Urban Land Use | Total Phosphorus | Riparian Forest Area | Percent Riparian Canopy | Maximum Temperature | Relative Bed Stability | Channel Erosion | Sum of Triazine Herbicides | Sand Content | Basin Area |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| BCG Grp 2 | 1.013 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BCG Grp 3 | 0.513 | 1.028 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BCG Grp 4 | -0.309 | -0.433 | 1.031 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Agriculture Land Use | -0.211 | -0.052 | 0.211 | 1.004 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Urban Land Use | 0.119 | 0.002 | -0.200 | -0.729 | 1.036 | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Phosphorus | -0.437 | -0.353 | 0.210 | 0.109 | 0.127 | 1.018 | | | | | | | | |
| Riparian Forest Area | 0.187 | 0.166 | -0.142 | -0.107 | -0.186 | -0.395 | 1.003 | | | | | | | |
| Percent Riparian Canopy | 0.185 | 0.319 | -0.125 | -0.204 | 0.062 | -0.198 | 0.530 | 0.995 | | | | | | |
| Maximum Temperature | -0.282 | -0.406 | 0.200 | -0.021 | -0.033 | 0.098 | -0.073 | -0.328 | 0.898 | | | | | |
| Relative Bed Stability | 0.166 | 0.131 | -0.248 | -0.268 | 0.338 | -0.273 | 0.385 | 0.220 | -0.022 | 0.998 | | | | |
| Channel Erosion | -0.251 | -0.289 | 0.218 | 0.423 | -0.599 | 0.106 | 0.102 | -0.047 | 0.217 | -0.385 | 1.024 | | | |
| Sum of Triazine Herbicides | -0.375 | -0.250 | 0.240 | 0.430 | -0.373 | 0.336 | 0.126 | 0.083 | 0.144 | -0.104 | 0.360 | 0.994 | | |
| Sand Content | 0.258 | 0.379 | 0.010 | 0.220 | -0.229 | -0.319 | -0.059 | -0.010 | -0.315 | -0.030 | -0.364 | -0.202 | 1.032 | |
| Basin Area | -0.348 | -0.225 | 0.139 | 0.284 | -0.141 | 0.220 | -0.163 | -0.380 | 0.332 | -0.040 | -0.019 | 0.170 | 0.088 | 0.995 |
| Means | -0.013 | 0.011 | -0.01 | -0.01 | 0.018 | -0.009 | 0.002 | -0.031 | 0.052 | -0.004 | -0.007 | -0.034 | 0.016 | -0.017 |

BCG Grp= Relative Abundance of algae in a Biological Condition Gradient Group, Riparian Forest Area= Percent Riparian Area as Forest, Percent Riparian Canopy= Percent Riparian Canopy Cover, Sand Content=Sand Content in Soil.

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Table S9. Covariance matrix and means used to estimate the structural equation model of stressor effects to invertebrate communities in streams of the Midwestern United States.

| | Agricultural Land Use | Urban Land Use | Total Nitrogen | Ammonia | % Rip. as Forest | RBS | Channel Erosion | Pyrethroid Degradates in Water | Bifenthrin in Sediment | Macroinvertebrate Multi-metric | Sand Content in Soil | Basin Area |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|---------|------------------|--------|-----------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|------------|
| Agricultural Land Use | 0.954 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Urban Land Use | -0.649 | 0.933 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Nitrogen | 0.599 | -0.155 | 0.998 | | | | | | | | | |
| Ammonia | -0.16 | 0.162 | -0.06 | 1.037 | | | | | | | | |
| Percent Riparian Area as Forest | -0.142 | -0.147 | -0.368 | -0.188 | 0.99 | | | | | | | |
| Relative Bed Stability | -0.225 | 0.281 | -0.319 | -0.087 | 0.41 | 0.993 | | | | | | |
| Channel Erosions | 0.376 | -0.525 | 0.137 | 0.071 | 0.086 | -0.345 | 0.973 | | | | | |
| Pyrethroid Degradates in Water | 0.02 | 0.209 | 0.2 | 0.016 | -0.146 | -0.119 | -0.075 | 1.009 | | | | |
| Bifenthrin in Sediment | 0.087 | 0.144 | 0.329 | 0.026 | -0.231 | -0.196 | -0.035 | 0.416 | 1.011 | | | |
| Macroinvertebrate Multi-metric | 0.147 | -0.125 | 0.03 | -0.368 | 0.285 | 0.294 | -0.19 | -0.412 | -0.272 | 1.024 | | |
| Sand Content in Soil | 0.192 | -0.202 | 0.118 | -0.091 | -0.069 | -0.015 | -0.382 | -0.178 | -0.002 | 0.346 | 1.037 | |
| Basin Area | 0.253 | -0.101 | 0.214 | -0.4 | -0.158 | -0.01 | -0.051 | 0.005 | 0.052 | 0.246 | 0.069 | 0.989 |
| Means | 0.000 | -0.012 | 0.002 | -0.006 | 0.013 | -0.02 | 0.034 | -0.002 | -0.021 | 0.048 | 0.001 | -0.019 |

% Rip. As Forest=Percent Riparian Area as Forest, RBS=Relative Bed Stability

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Table S10. Covariance matrix and means used to estimate the structural equation model of stressor effects to fish communities in streams of the Midwestern United States.

| | Agricultural Land Use | Urban Land Use | Percent Riparian Area as Forest | Relative Bed Stability | Channel Erosion | Multi-metric Index of Fish Community | Sand Content in Soil | Basin Area |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------------|---------------|
| Agricultural Land Use | 0.970 | | | | | | | |
| Urban Land Use | -0.753 | 1.055 | | | | | | |
| Percent Riparian Area as Forest | -0.054 | -0.179 | 0.965 | | | | | |
| Relative Bed Stability | -0.213 | 0.354 | 0.332 | 0.953 | | | | |
| Channel Erosion | 0.428 | -0.612 | 0.108 | -0.388 | 1.046 | | | |
| Multi-metric Index of Fish Community | -0.043 | 0.011 | 0.427 | 0.519 | -0.232 | 0.980 | | |
| Sand Content in Soil | 0.199 | -0.234 | -0.038 | -0.002 | -0.376 | 0.276 | 1.039 | |
| Basin Area | 0.281 | -0.144 | -0.159 | -0.031 | -0.020 | -0.089 | 0.084 | 1.015 |
| Means | 0.001 | 0.027 | -0.018 | -0.017 | -0.008 | 0.029 | 0.013 | -0.019 |

Table S11. Median variable values for sites classified on glacial history.

| Variable | Pre-Wisconsin | Late-Wisconsin |
|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Channel Erosion | 0.75 | 0.60 |
| Surface Erosion | 0.25 | 0.40 |
| Percent Riparian Canopy Cover | 38.00 | 37.00 |
| Imidacloprid | 31.16 | 41.91 |
| Sum of Triazine Herbicides | 933.47 | 470.06 |
| Pyrethroid Degredates | 2.84 | 0.00 |
| Bifenthrin in Sediment | 0.00 | 0.08 |
| Maximum Temperature | 30.04 | 29.45 |
| Total Phosphorus | 0.17 | 0.08 |
| Total Nitrogen | 2.90 | 3.96 |
| Ammonia | 0.03 | 0.02 |
| Relative Bed Stability | 0.04 | 0.25 |
| MMI_FISH | 53.80 | 61.40 |
| MMI_INSECTS | 38.74 | 51.29 |
| BC_2.RelAbun | 0.05 | 0.06 |
| BC_3.RelAbun | 0.26 | 0.33 |
| BC_4.RelAbun | 0.21 | 0.18 |
| Urban Land Use | 5.29 | 6.95 |
| Agriculture Land Use | 73.41 | 81.48 |
| Sand Content in Soil | 12.67 | 24.86 |
| Percent Riparian Area as Forest | 24.68 | 19.15 |
| Basin Area | 148.76 | 255.64 |
| Base Flow Index | 24.69 | 40.79 |
| Basin Slope | 4.54 | 1.87 |
| Row Crops | 57.83 | 74.44 |

BC= Biological Condition Group, RelAbun=Relative abundance.

Table S12. Summary statistics based on raw data values of each variable used in the structural equation modeling.

| Variable | Median | Range |
|---|--------|--------------|
| Channel Erosion (%) | 0.71 | 0.00-1.00 |
| Surface Erosion (%) | 0.29 | 0.00-1.00 |
| Percent Riparian Canopy Cover (%) | 41 | 0-96 |
| Imidacloprid (ng/POCIS) ¹ | 41.9 | 0.0-2855.9 |
| Sum of Triazine Herbicides (ng/L) | 723.3 | 49.1-3404.9 |
| Pyrethroid Degredates (ng/POCIS) ¹ | 1.61 | 0.0-27.4 |
| Bifenthrin in Sediment (% of likely effects benchmark) ¹ | 0.00 | 0.00-1.29 |
| Maximum Temperature (°C) | 29.78 | 19.85-45.47 |
| Total Phosphorus (mg/L) | 0.12 | 0.01-1.32 |
| Total Nitrogen (mg/L) | 2.90 | 0.11-31.30 |
| Ammonia (mg/L) | 0.03 | 0.00-0.87 |
| Relative Bed Stability | 0.07 | 0.00-6.71 |
| MMI_FISH (score) | 57.6 | 23.1-84.7 |
| MMI_INSECTS (score) | 44.06 | 6.4-87.0 |
| BC_2.RelAbun (%) | 0.06 | 0.00-0.68 |
| BC_3.RelAbun (%) | 0.30 | 0.07-0.91 |
| BC_4.RelAbun (%) | 0.20 | 0.01-0.61 |
| Urban land use (%) | 6.04 | 1.98-99.56 |
| Agriculture land use (%) | 74.8 | 0.05-95.27 |
| Sand Content in Soil (%) | 16.49 | 2.58-78.37 |
| Riparian Area as Forest (%) | 25.8 | 0.00-100.00 |
| Basin Area (km ²) | 164.47 | 3.47-2232.89 |
| Base Flow Index (% of base flow to total streamflow) | 32.49 | 7.00-6.38 |
| Basin Slope (%) | 2.67 | 0.57-11.71 |
| Row Crops (%) | 62.91 | 0.00-95.27 |

¹-See more details in Moran et al. (2011)²¹ and Nowell et al. (2018)¹³. MMI=Multi-metric Index, BC=Biological Condition Group, RelAbund=Relative abundance.