

Beneficial Use Designations for Stream Reaches: Blue Earth River Watershed (07020009)

Beneficial Use Legend

1A	Domestic Consumption (does not require treatment)
1B	Domestic Consumption (requires moderate treatment)
1C	Domestic Consumption (requires heavy treatment)
2Ae	Aquatic Life and Recreation - Exceptional Cold Water Habitat (streams)
2Ag	Aquatic Life and Recreation - General Cold Water Habitat (lakes and streams)
2Bde	Aquatic Life and Recreation also protected as a source of drinking water - Exceptional Warm Water Habitat (streams)
2Bdg	Aquatic Life and Recreation also protected as a source of drinking water - General Warm Water Habitat (lakes and streams)
2Bdm	Aquatic Life and Recreation also protected as a source of drinking water - Modified Warm Water Habitat (streams)
2Be	Aquatic Life and Recreation - Exceptional Warm Water Habitat (streams)
2Bg	Aquatic Life and Recreation - General Warm Water Habitat (lakes and streams)
2Bm	Aquatic Life and Recreation - Modified Warm Water Habitat (streams)
2D	Aquatic Life and Recreation - Wetlands
3	Industrial Consumption
4A	Agriculture and Wildlife (irrigation)
4B	Agriculture and Wildlife (livestock and wildlife)
4C	Agriculture and Wildlife (wetlands - livestock and wildlife)
5	Aesthetic Enjoyment and Navigation
6	Other Uses
7	Limited Resource Value Water
[WR]	Wild Rice Water

Abbreviations and symbols:

Reach Name and Description: CD = County Ditch; JD = Judicial Ditch; R = River; Cr = Creek; Bk = Brook; Lk = Lake; N = North; S = South; W = West; E = East; Fk = Fork; Br = Branch; M = Middle.

AUID (Assessment Unit Identification code; used interchangeably with WID or Waterbody ID): Some stream miles within the watershed have not been assigned their own AUID. These water bodies are not included in the use table, but are labeled xxxxxxx-999 in the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's databases. The default uses (2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6) apply to these waters.

v (Biological Confirmation): * = Tiered aquatic life use review has not been performed; + = use confirmed; f = use confirmed by fish only; m = use confirmed by macroinvertebrates only.

Uses: See Beneficial Use Legend.

ORVW (Outstanding Resource Value Water): The [month/day/year/letter] code in brackets is the effective date the water resource was designated as an outstanding resource value water. The letter code (P or R) indicates the applicable discharge restrictions in part 7050.0265, subpart 6 or 7, or 7050.0270, subpart 5 or 6. The letter code "P" corresponds to the prohibited discharges provision in part 7050.0265, subpart 7, or 7050.0270, subpart 6. The letter code "R" corresponds to the restricted discharges provision in part 7050.0265, subpart 6, or 7050.0270, subpart 5.

Beneficial use designations for stream reaches[†] in the Blue Earth River Watershed (07020009) (Table originally created August 9, 2016; updated on May 17, 2017; March 2023, as per Minn. R. 7050.0470).

Reach Name and Description	AUID	Uses	√	ORVW
Blue Earth River - Le Sueur R to Minnesota R	07020009-501	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	f	
Elm Creek - Cedar Cr to Blue Earth R	07020009-502	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Center Creek - Lily Cr to Blue Earth R	07020009-503	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Blue Earth River - W Br Blue Earth R to Coon Cr	07020009-504	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Blue Earth River - Willow Cr to Watonwan R	07020009-507	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Blue Earth River - E Br Blue Earth R to South Cr	07020009-508	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Blue Earth River - Rapidan Dam to Le Sueur R	07020009-509	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Blue Earth River - Watonwan R to Rapidan Dam	07020009-510	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
County Ditch 60 - Headwaters to Blue Earth R	07020009-511	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
County Ditch 44 - T101 R25W S16, east line to E Br Blue Earth R	07020009-513	7, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Blue Earth River - Center Cr to Elm Cr	07020009-514	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Blue Earth River - Elm Cr to Willow Cr	07020009-515	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Blue Earth River - South Cr to Center Cr	07020009-516	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Blue Earth River - Coon Cr to Badger Cr	07020009-518	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Cedar Creek (Cedar Run Creek) - Cedar Lk to Elm Cr	07020009-521	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Elm Creek - S Fk Elm Cr to Cedar Cr	07020009-522	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Elm Creek, South Fork - T103 R34W S30, west line to T103 R34W S1, north line	07020009-524	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Center Creek - George Lk to Lily Cr	07020009-526	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Unnamed creek - North Silver Lk to Wilmert Lk	07020009-529	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Unnamed creek - Wilmert Lk to Mud Lk (Bardwell Lk 46-0023-00)	07020009-531	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Unnamed creek - Mud Lk (Bardwell Lk 46-0023-00) to Unnamed Lk (Mud Lk 46-0035-00)	07020009-533	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Unnamed creek - Unnamed lk (Mud Lk 46-0035-00) to Amber Lk	07020009-535	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Unnamed creek (Hall Lake Inlet) - Amber Lk to Hall Lk	07020009-537	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Unnamed creek - Hall Lk to Budd Lk	07020009-539	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Unnamed creek - Budd Lk to Sisseton Lk	07020009-541	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Unnamed creek - Sisseton Lk to George Lk	07020009-543	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Judicial Ditch 8 - Headwaters to JD 3	07020009-545	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	m	
Judicial Ditch 70 - Lk Imogene to Center Cr	07020009-546	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Unnamed ditch - Headwaters to Blue Earth R	07020009-551	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Blue Earth River, East Branch - Brush Cr to Blue Earth R	07020009-553	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Foster Creek - T103 R24W S35, east line to T102 R24W S6, west line	07020009-556	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Foster Creek - T102 R23W S4, south line to Unnamed ditch	07020009-557	7, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Foster Creek - Headwaters to T102 R23W S9, north line	07020009-558	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Cedar Creek - Headwaters to T104 R34W S1, east line	07020009-559	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Elm Creek, South Fork - T104 R34W S36, south line to Elm Cr	07020009-561	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Badger Creek - T102 R27W S18, west line to Blue Earth R	07020009-563	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Foster Creek - T102 R25W S1, east line to E Br Blue Earth R	07020009-564	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	

Blue Earth River - Badger Cr to E Br Blue Earth R	07020009-565	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Unnamed creek - Unnamed cr to Willow Cr	07020009-566	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Elm Creek, North Fork - Headwaters to Elm Cr	07020009-567	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	f	
Judicial Ditch 14 (Badger Creek) - T101 R28W S18, west line to Little Badge Cr	07020009-568	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Foster Creek - Unnamed ditch to T103 R24W S36, west line	07020009-569	7, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Judicial Ditch 13 Branch A - MN/IA border to JD 13	07020009-571	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Willow Creek - Unnamed cr to Unnamed cr	07020009-572	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Willow Creek - Unnamed cr to Unnamed ditch	07020009-573	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Willow Creek - Unnamed ditch to Unnamed cr	07020009-574	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Willow Creek - Unnamed cr to Unnamed cr	07020009-575	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Willow Creek - Unnamed cr to Unnamed cr	07020009-576	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Willow Creek - Unnamed cr to Blue Earth R	07020009-577	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Judicial Ditch 115 - JD 38 to East Chain Lk	07020009-578	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Unnamed creek - East Chain Lk to Unnamed lk (46-0009-00)	07020009-580	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Unnamed creek - Unnamed lk (46-0009-00) to Unnamed lk (46-0010-00)	07020009-582	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Unnamed creek - Unnamed lk (46-0010-00) to Unnamed lk (46-0008-00)	07020009-584	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Unnamed creek - Unnamed lk (46-0008-00) to Sager Lk	07020009-586	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Unnamed creek - Sager Lk to Rose Lk	07020009-588	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Unnamed creek - Unnamed cr to Elm Cr	07020009-590	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Unnamed creek - Martin Lk to Elm Cr	07020009-591	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Judicial Ditch 37 - Headwaters to Unnamed cr	07020009-593	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Judicial Ditch 37 - Unnamed cr to Lk Seymour	07020009-594	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Judicial Ditch 37 - Lk Seymour to Elm Cr	07020009-596	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Unnamed creek - Tile line to Tile line	07020009-597	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
County Ditch 28 - Headwaters to Amber Lk	07020009-598	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Unnamed ditch - Unnamed cr to E Br Blue Earth R	07020009-599	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Unnamed creek - Unnamed lk (46-0038-00) to Martin Lk	07020009-601	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
County Ditch 25 - Headwaters to CD 5	07020009-603	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
County Ditch 5 - CD 25 to JD 6	07020009-604	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
County Ditch 5 - JD 6 to E Br Blue Earth R	07020009-605	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Judicial Ditch 6 - Headwaters to CD 5	07020009-606	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Unnamed ditch - Headwaters to CD 44	07020009-607	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Judicial Ditch 98 - Headwaters to Sager Lk	07020009-610	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Judicial Ditch 7 - MN/IA border to W Br Blue Earth R	07020009-611	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
County Ditch 31 - MN/IA border to Coon Cr	07020009-612	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Judicial Ditch 14 - Headwaters to JD 14	07020009-614	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
County Ditch 14 - CD 14 to E Br Blue Earth R	07020009-615	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
County Ditch 17 - Headwaters to Blue Earth R	07020009-616	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Unnamed creek - Unnamed cr to Willow Cr	07020009-617	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Willow Creek - JD 116 to Unnamed cr	07020009-618	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	

Judicial Ditch 116 - Headwaters to Willow Cr	07020009-619	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
County Ditch 89/Judicial Ditch 24 - Headwaters to Willow Cr	07020009-620	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Unnamed creek - Headwaters to Foster Cr	07020009-621	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Thisius Branch - CD 1 to Foster Cr	07020009-622	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Judicial Ditch 14 - Unnamed cr to Foster Cr	07020009-623	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Unnamed creek - MN/IA border to Brush Cr	07020009-624	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Unnamed creek - Unnamed cr to Willow Cr	07020009-625	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Judicial Ditch 3 - Headwaters to -94.351 43.739	07020009-626	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Judicial Ditch 3 - -94.351 43.739 to Elm Cr	07020009-627	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
County Ditch 26 - Headwaters to CSAH 13	07020009-628	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
County Ditch 26 - CSAH 13 to E Br Blue Earth R	07020009-629	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Elm Creek - Headwaters to 570th Ave	07020009-630	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Elm Creek - 570th Ave to S Fk Elm Cr	07020009-631	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Lily Creek - Headwaters (Fox Lk 46-0109-00) to N Bixby Rd	07020009-632	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Lily Creek - N Bixby Rd to Center Cr	07020009-633	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Dutch Creek - Headwaters to -94.507 43.626	07020009-634	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Dutch Creek - 94.507 43.626 to T102 R31W S24, north line	07020009-635	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Dutch Creek - T102 R31W S13, south line to T102 R31W S18, south line	07020009-636	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Dutch Creek - T102 R30W S19, north line to Hall Lk	07020009-637	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
South Creek - Headwaters (Rose Lk 46-0032-00) to -94.337 43.642	07020009-638	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
South Creek - -94.337 43.642 to -94.300 43.661	07020009-639	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
South Creek - -94.300 43.661 to Blue Earth R	07020009-640	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Little Badger Creek - Headwaters to 345th Ave	07020009-641	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Little Badger Creek - 345th Ave to Badger Cr	07020009-642	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Blue Earth River, West Branch - MN/IA border to 15th St	07020009-643	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Blue Earth River, West Branch - 15th St to Blue Earth R	07020009-644	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Blue Earth River, Middle Branch - MN/IA border to -94.104 43.514	07020009-645	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Blue Earth River, Middle Branch - -94.104 43.514 to W Br Blue Earth R	07020009-646	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Coon Creek - Headwaters to T101 R27W S4, north line	07020009-647	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Coon Creek - T102 R27W S33, south line to Blue Earth R	07020009-648	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Blue Earth River, East Branch - Headwaters to -93.663 43.624	07020009-649	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Blue Earth River, East Branch - -93.663 43.624 to -93.73 43.654	07020009-650	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Blue Earth River, East Branch - -93.73 43.654 to T102 R25W S14, south line	07020009-651	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Blue Earth River, East Branch - T102 R25W S23, north line to Unnamed ditch	07020009-652	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	f	
Blue Earth River, East Branch - Unnamed ditch to Brush Cr	07020009-653	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Brush Creek - Headwaters to Unnamed cr	07020009-654	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Brush Creek - Unnamed cr to E Br Blue Earth R	07020009-655	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Cedar Creek (Cedar Run Creek) - T104 R33W S6, west line to 60th Ave	07020009-656	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Cedar Creek (Cedar Run Creek) - 60th Ave to Cedar Lk	07020009-657	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Badger Creek - Little Badger Cr to -94.136 43.64	07020009-658	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	

Badger Creek - -94.136 43.64 to T102 R28W S13, east line	07020009-659	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Judicial Ditch 38 - Headwaters to 245th Ave	07020009-660	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	f	
Judicial Ditch 38 - 245th Ave to JD 115	07020009-661	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Unnamed creek - Unnamed cr to T101 R30W S34, east line	07020009-662	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Unnamed creek - T101 R30W S35, west line to MN/IA border	07020009-663	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Judicial Ditch 13 - CD 78 to 20th St	07020009-664	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Judicial Ditch 13 - 20th St to 480th Ave	07020009-665	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
Judicial Ditch 13 - 480th Ave to Coon Cr	07020009-666	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
County Ditch 72 - Unnamed ditch to 196th Ave	07020009-667	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
County Ditch 72 - 196th Ave to Lk Charlotte	07020009-668	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
County Ditch 8 - Headwaters to -94.054 43.618	07020009-669	2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	+	
County Ditch 8 - -94.054 43.618 to E Br Blue Earth R	07020009-670	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Unnamed creek - Headwaters to Center Cr	07020009-671	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Unnamed ditch - Bricelyn at 1st St and W along Chicago RR line	07020009-900	7, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	
Unassigned	07020009-999	2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6	*	