The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency evaluated water quality in the Tuscarawas River watershed from 2002 to 2008. Stream conditions are shown on the map. Some streams are naturally better while others have been modified to convey floodwater. Thus, streams may have different Aquatic Life Use “Goals.” Solid colored lines show a stream is attaining its goal. Dashed streams are polluted.

Watershed
A watershed is the area between hills where water collects and is drained away by a stream.

Water Quality Trends
Tuscarawas River water quality is improving. Better fish health has resulted from improved wastewater treatment, increased storm water detention, and as more conservation farming practices occur.

Hydrologic Unit Code - HUC
Small areas in a large watershed are numbered to make organizing tasks easier. Map background colors show typical stream water quality conditions in each unit.

See: http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/ for more information