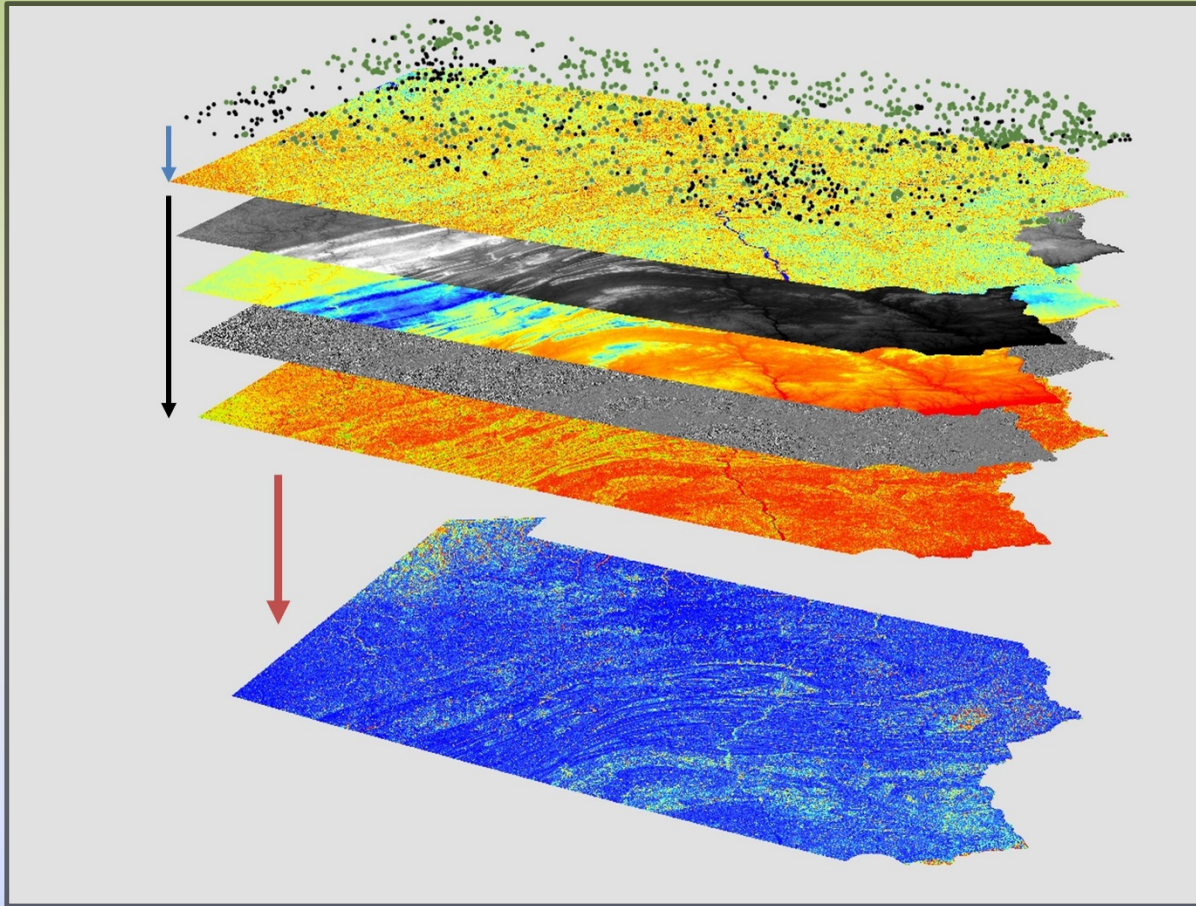


# Modeling wetland features from geostatistical models

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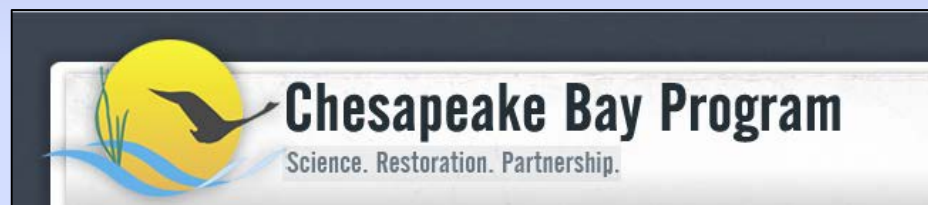
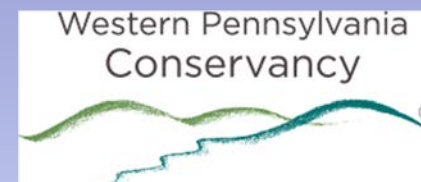


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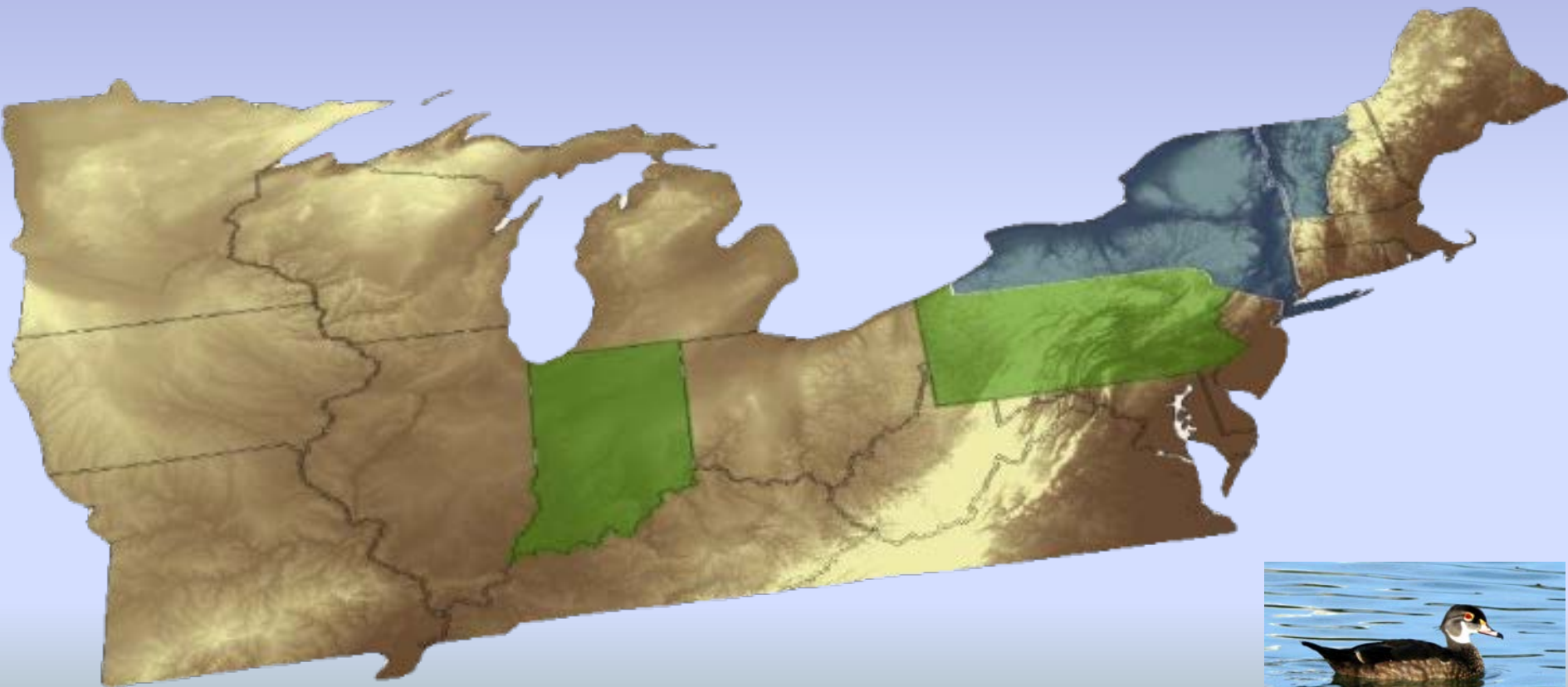
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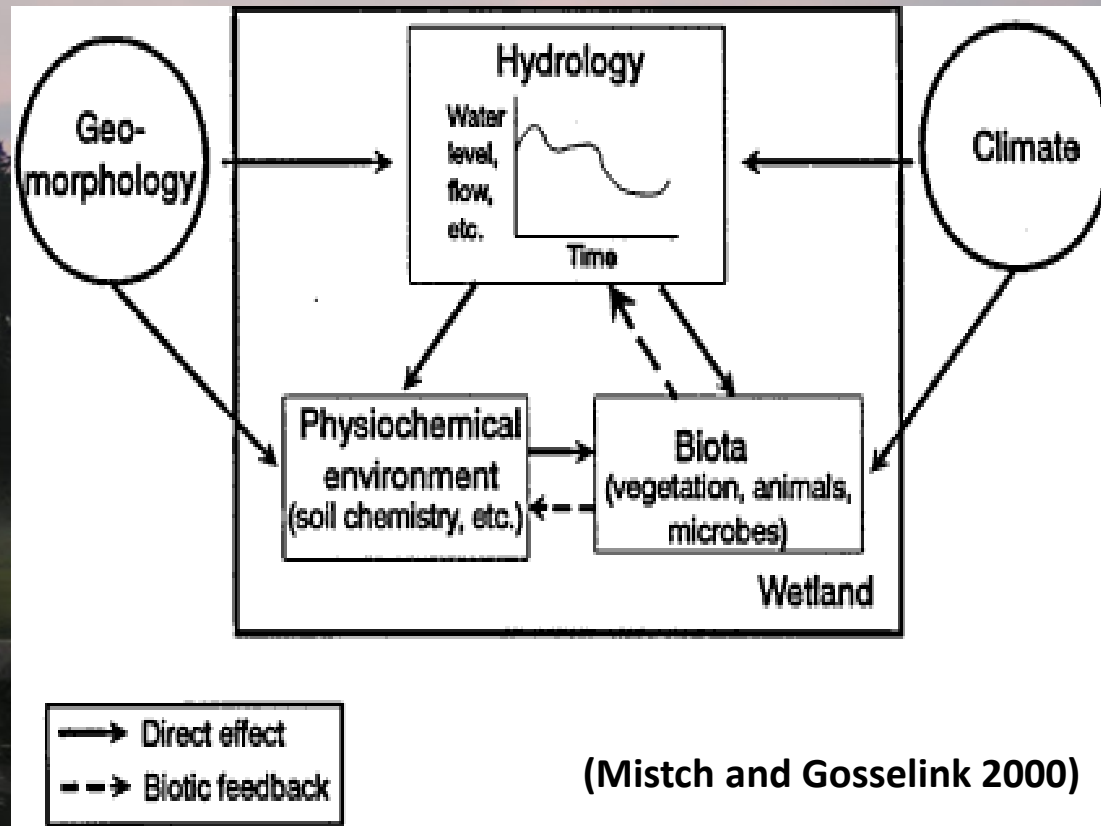


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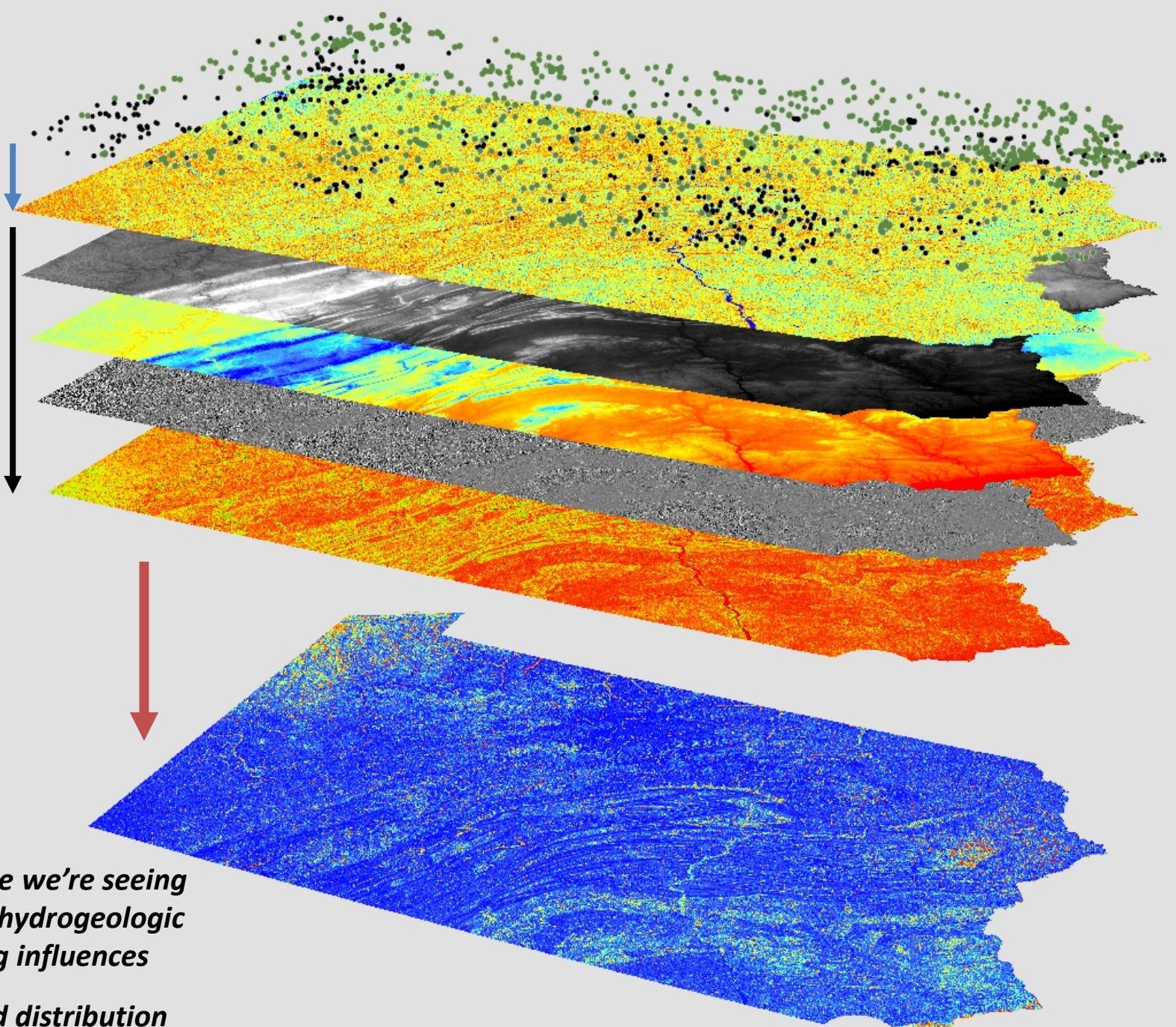
- Completed
- Underway



# What controls wetland distribution & how do we mimic that in a GIS?





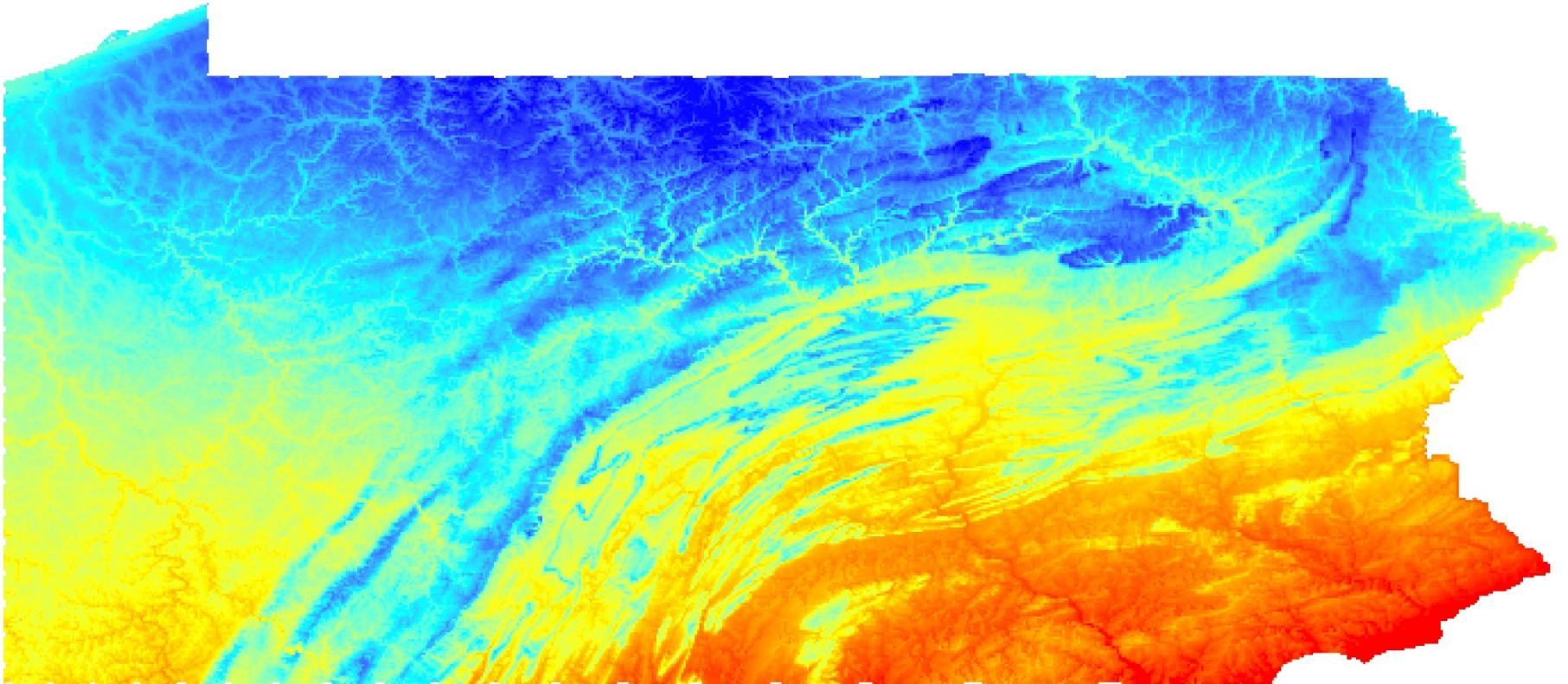


*In essence we're seeing  
how the hydrogeologic  
setting influences  
wetland distribution*



# Climate downscaling

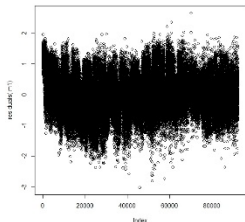
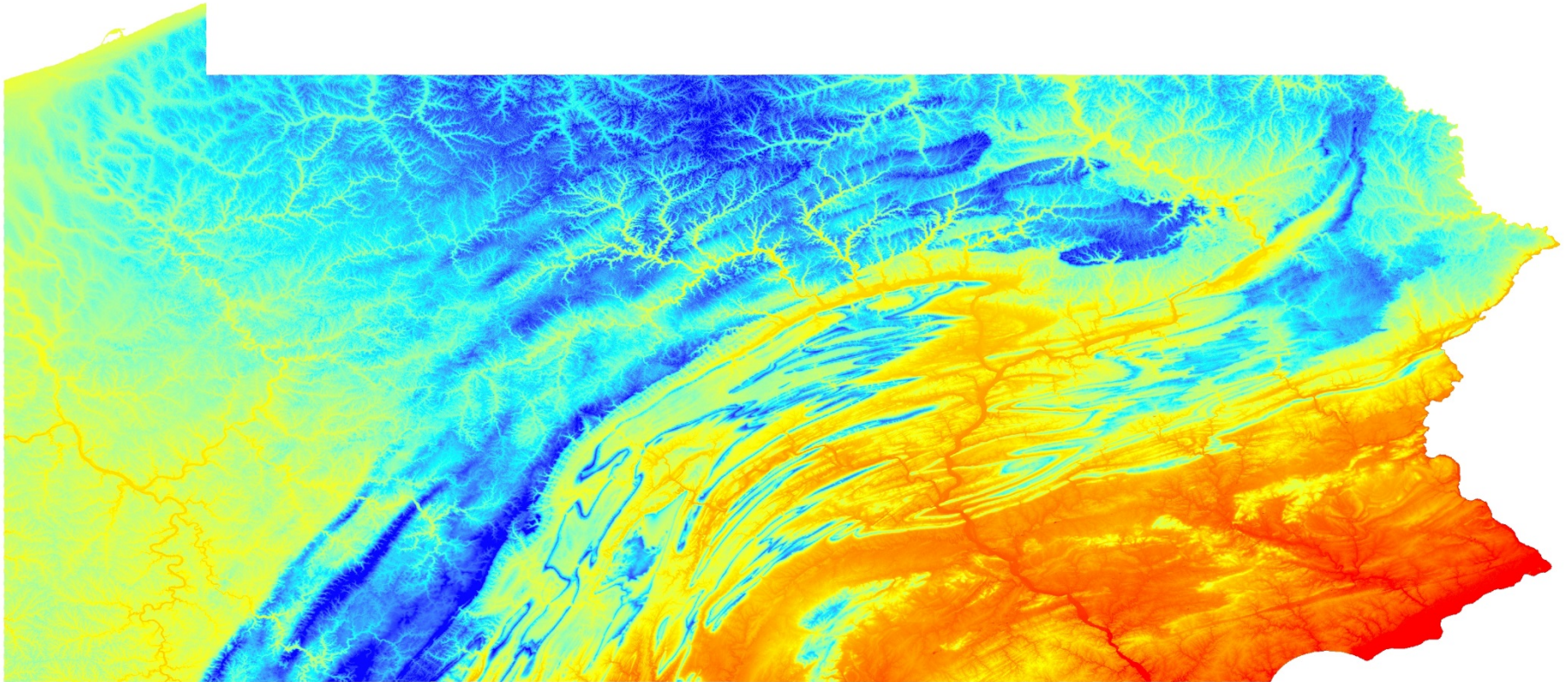
(Principle Components Axis: Temp & Humidity Variables)



**Downscaling needed to get climate on same “spatial resolution” as other predictor variables**

# Prediction to 10m from fitted linear model:

$\text{climpc1} \sim \text{lat} * \text{elev} * \text{aspect}$



$R^2=0.91$  on 92,130 validation observations



A satellite map of Pennsylvania, outlined in white. The terrain is a mix of green and brown, indicating vegetation and land use. A yellow rectangular box highlights a specific area in the eastern part of the state, near the border with Maryland. The text "Study area – all of Pennsylvania" is overlaid in white, italicized font.

*Study area – all of Pennsylvania*



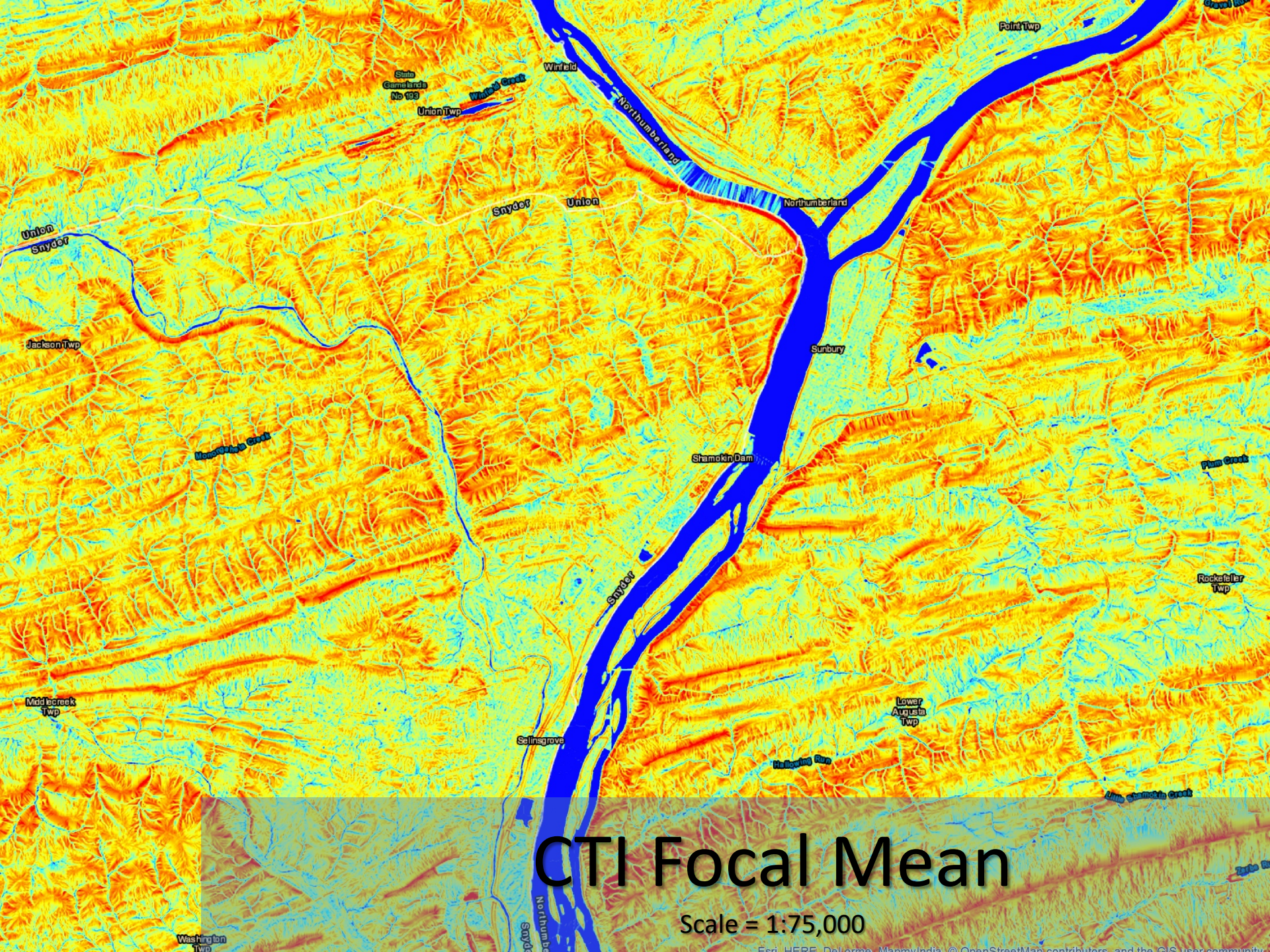


# Aerial:

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# CTI Focal Mean

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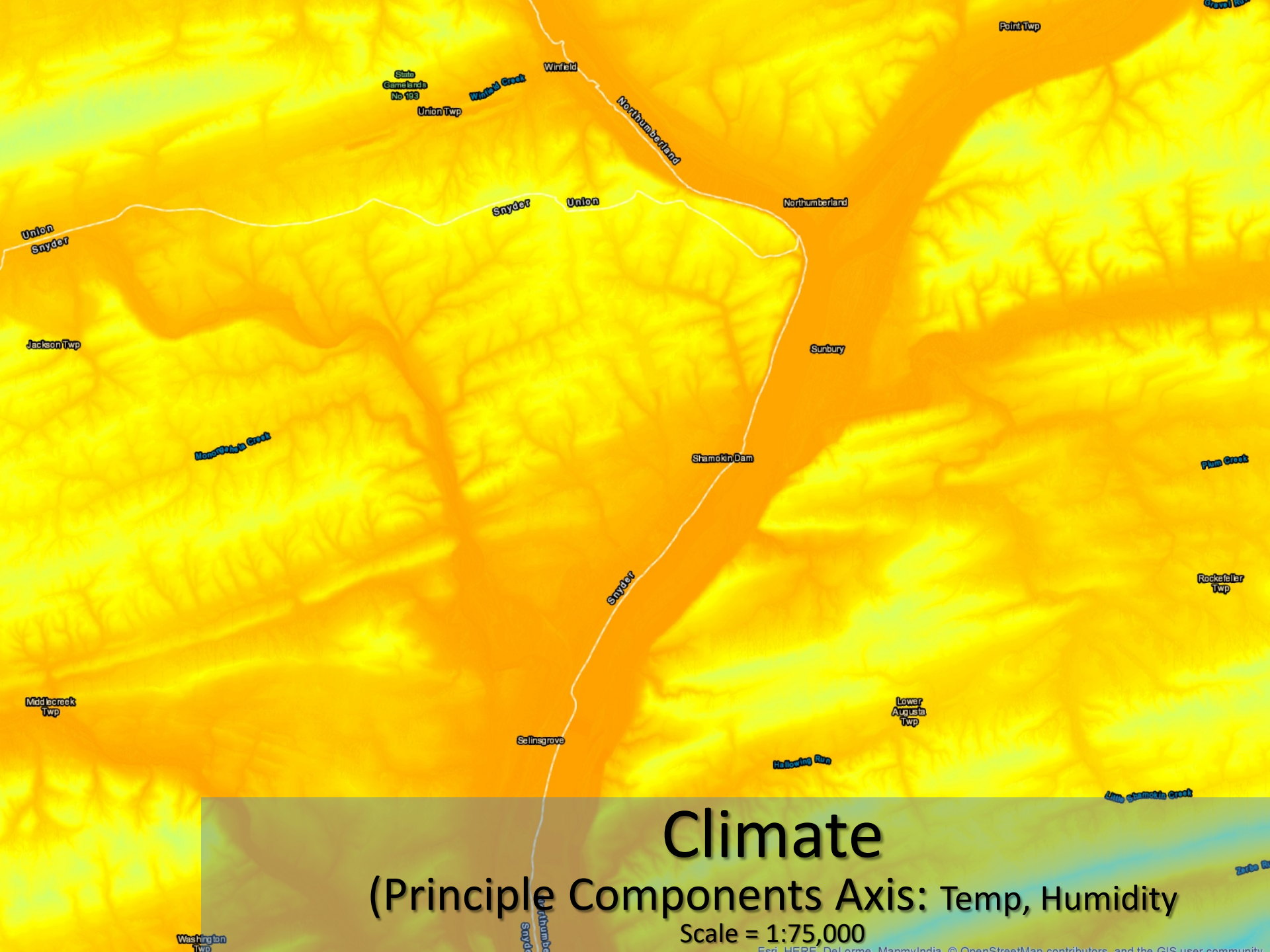


# Topographic Position Index

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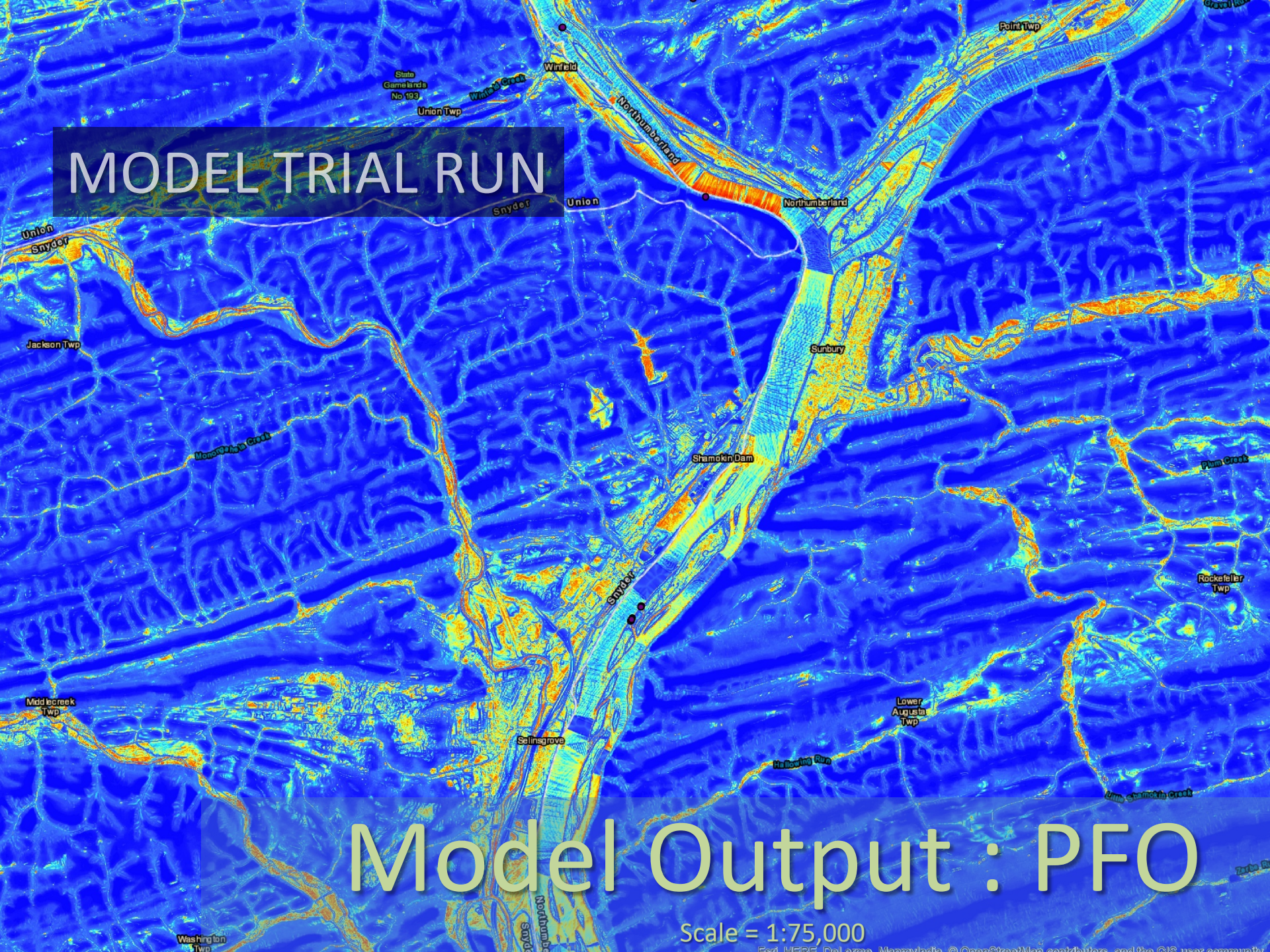


# Climate

(Principle Components Axis: Temp, Humidity)  
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# MODEL TRIAL RUN

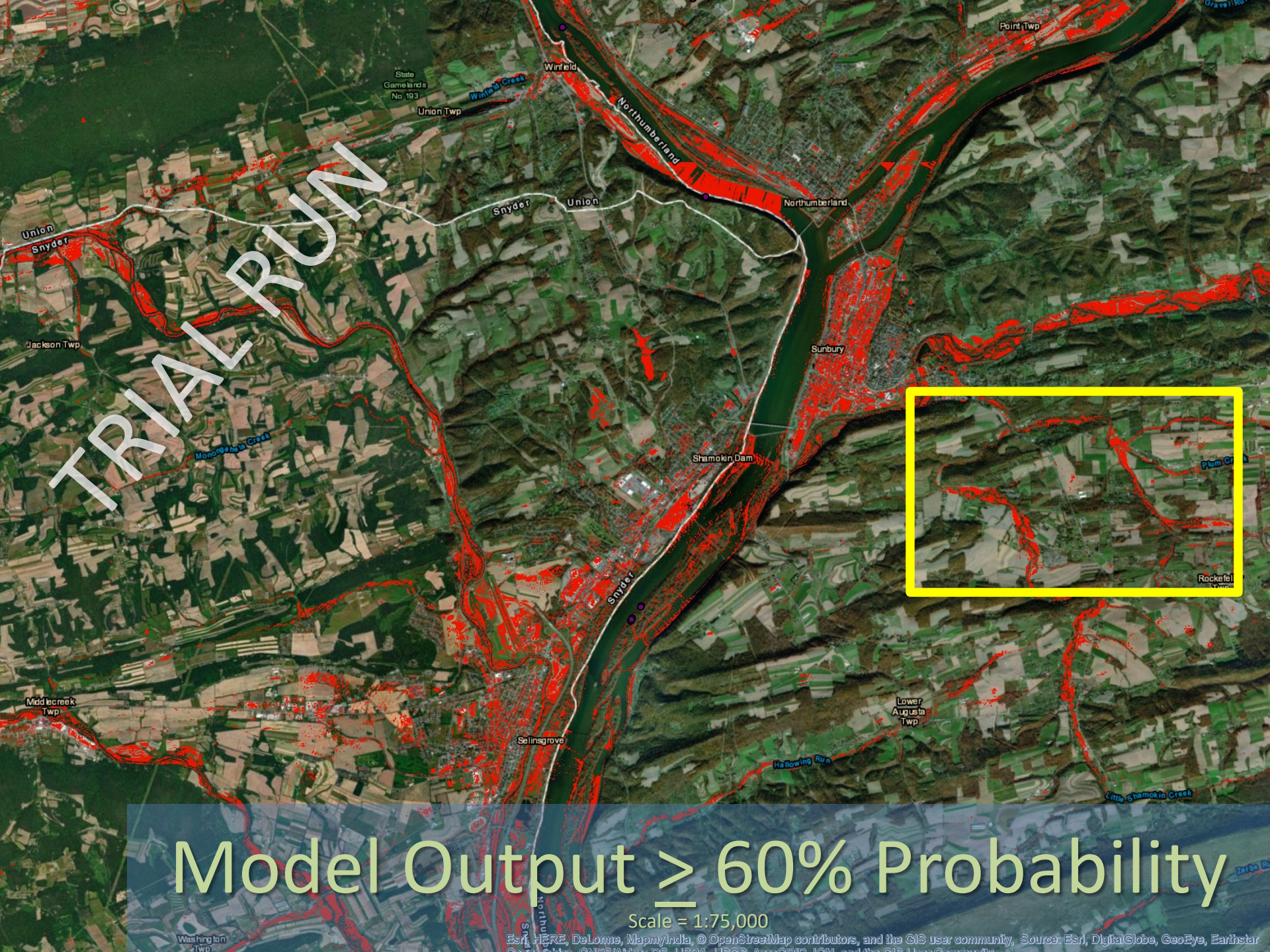
A topographic map of a river watershed, likely the Shamokin River. The map is color-coded to show elevation, with blue representing lower elevations and yellow/orange representing higher elevations. The river channel is prominent, flowing from the top right towards the bottom center. Various tributaries are visible, including Monacaug Creek, Plum Creek, and Little Shamokin Creek. Towns and locations labeled include Union, Snyder, Shamokin Dam, Sunbury, Selinsgrove, and Lower Augusta. The map also shows township boundaries and names like Jackson Twp, Middlecreek Twp, Washington Twp, and Point Twp. A dark blue rectangular box in the upper left corner contains the text "MODEL TRIAL RUN".

## Model Output : PFO

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TRIAL RUN

Model Output  $\geq$  60% Probability

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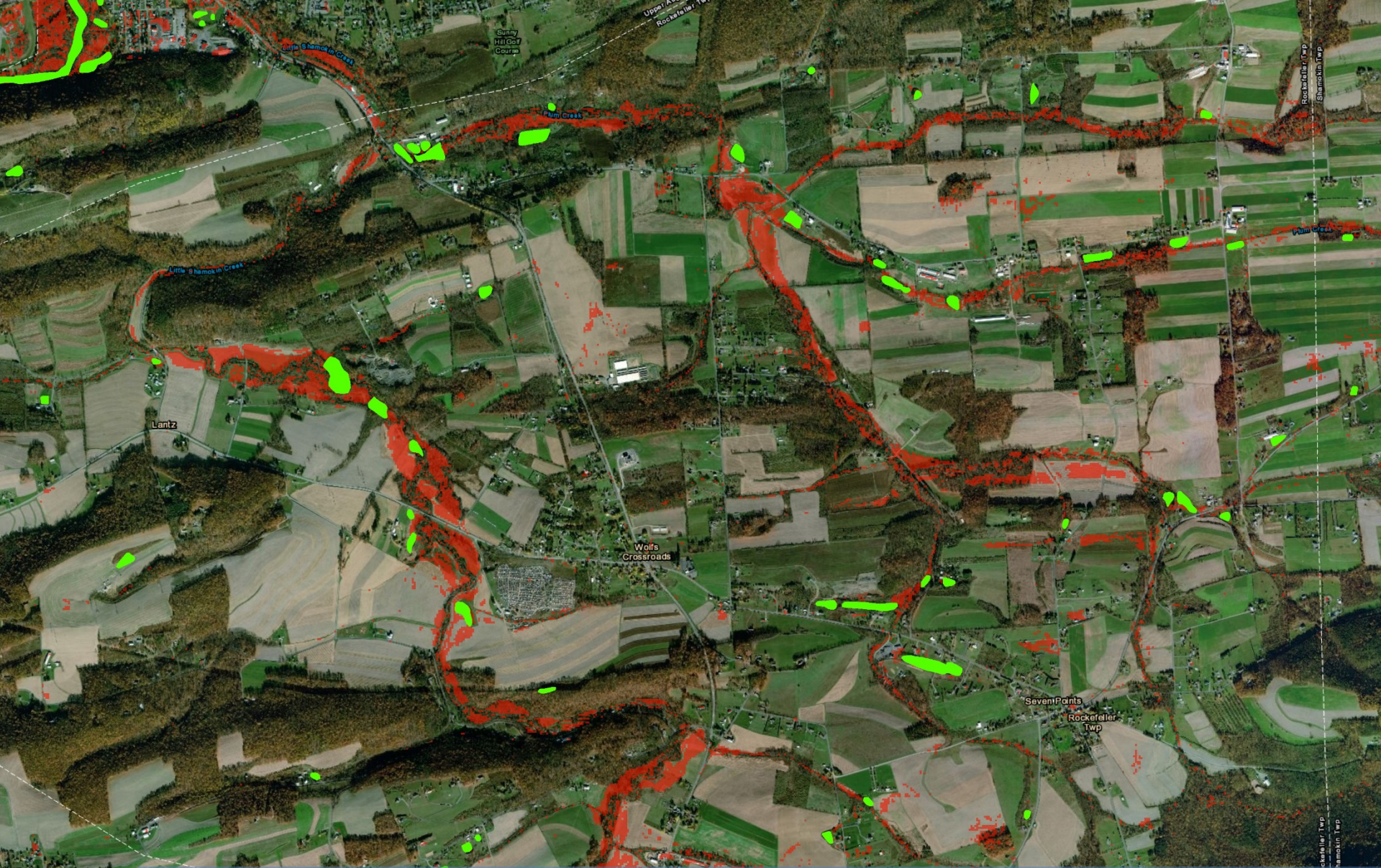


# Model Output Vs. NWI

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# Maxent Output Vs. NWI

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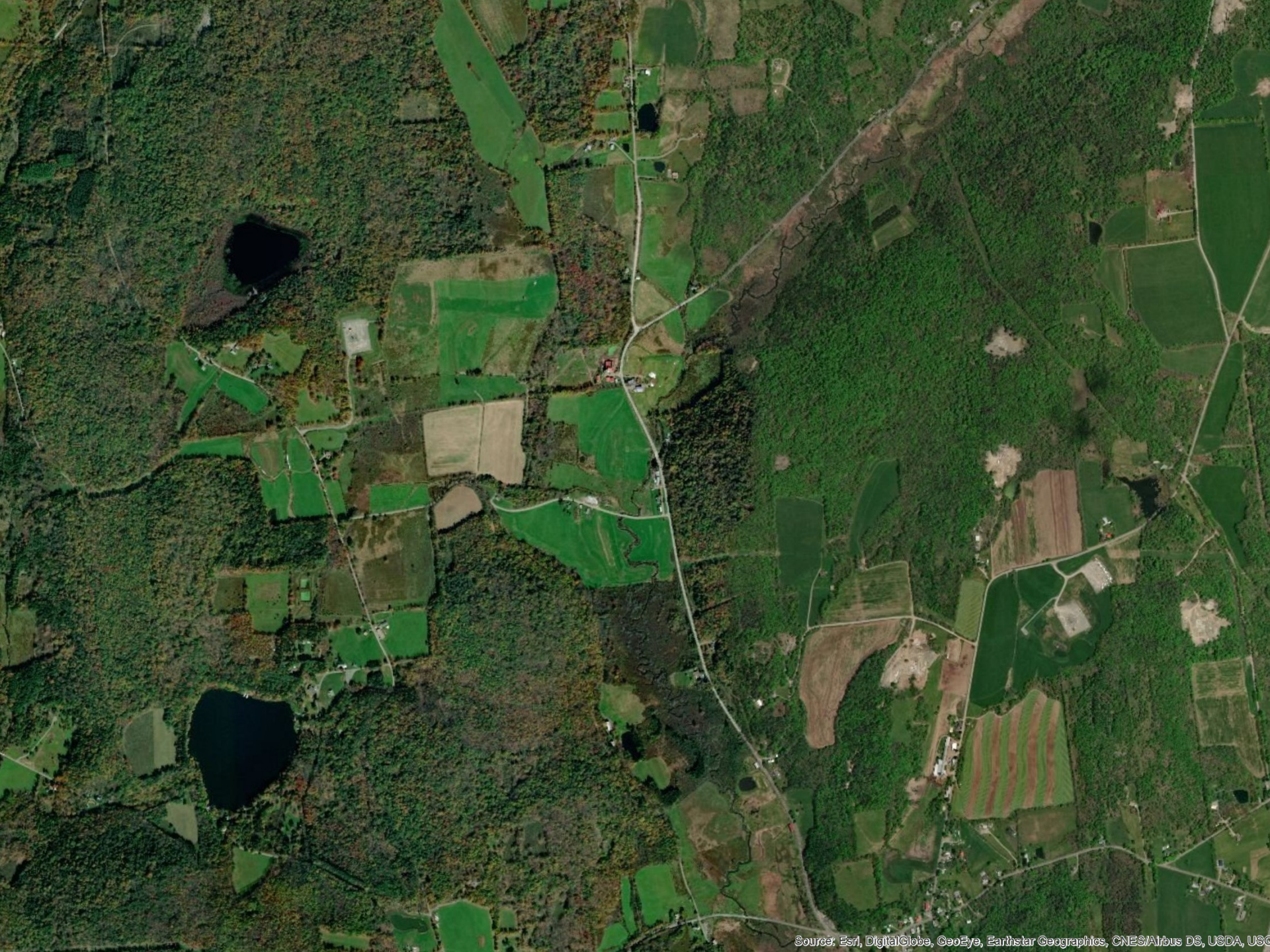
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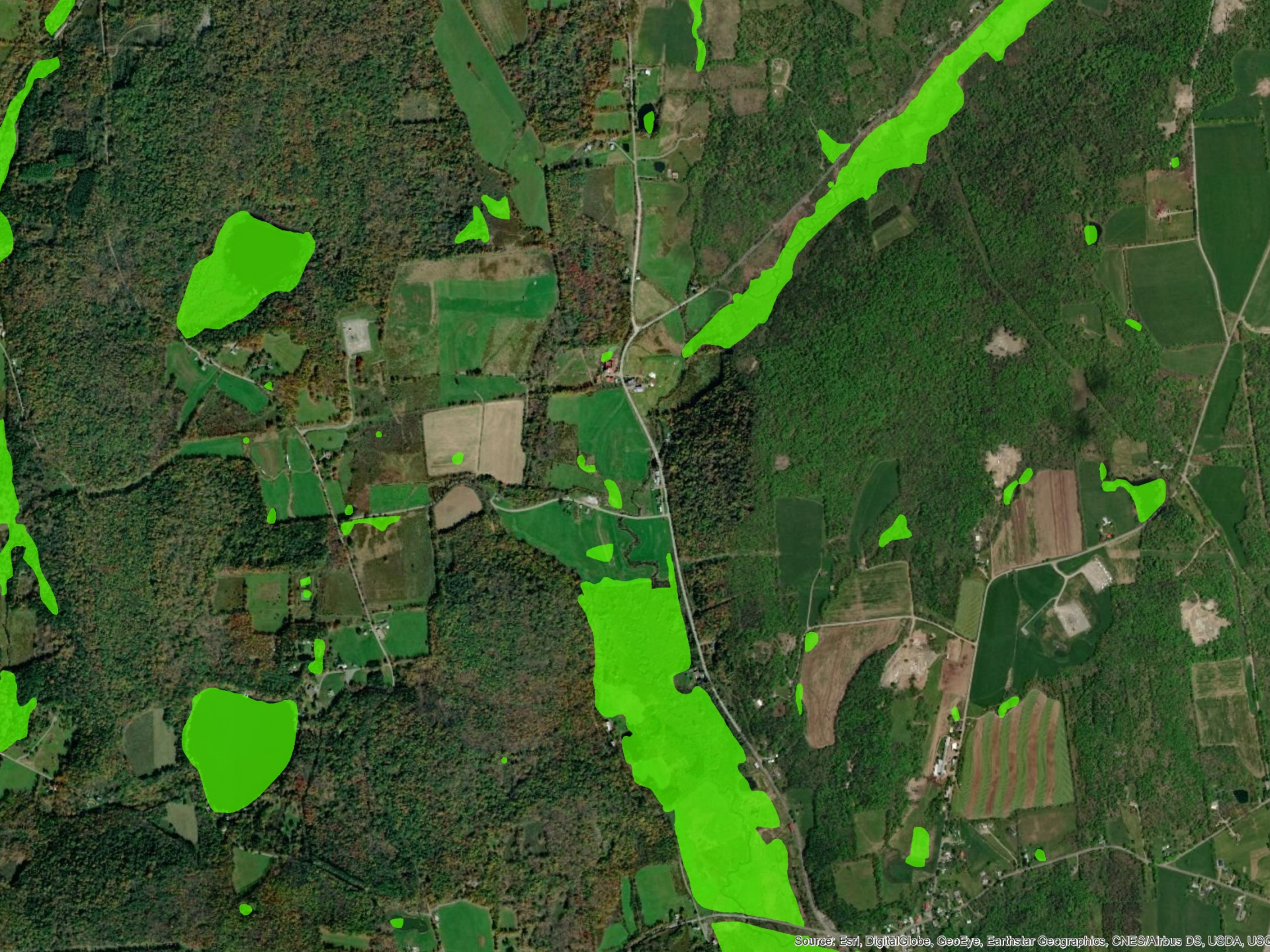
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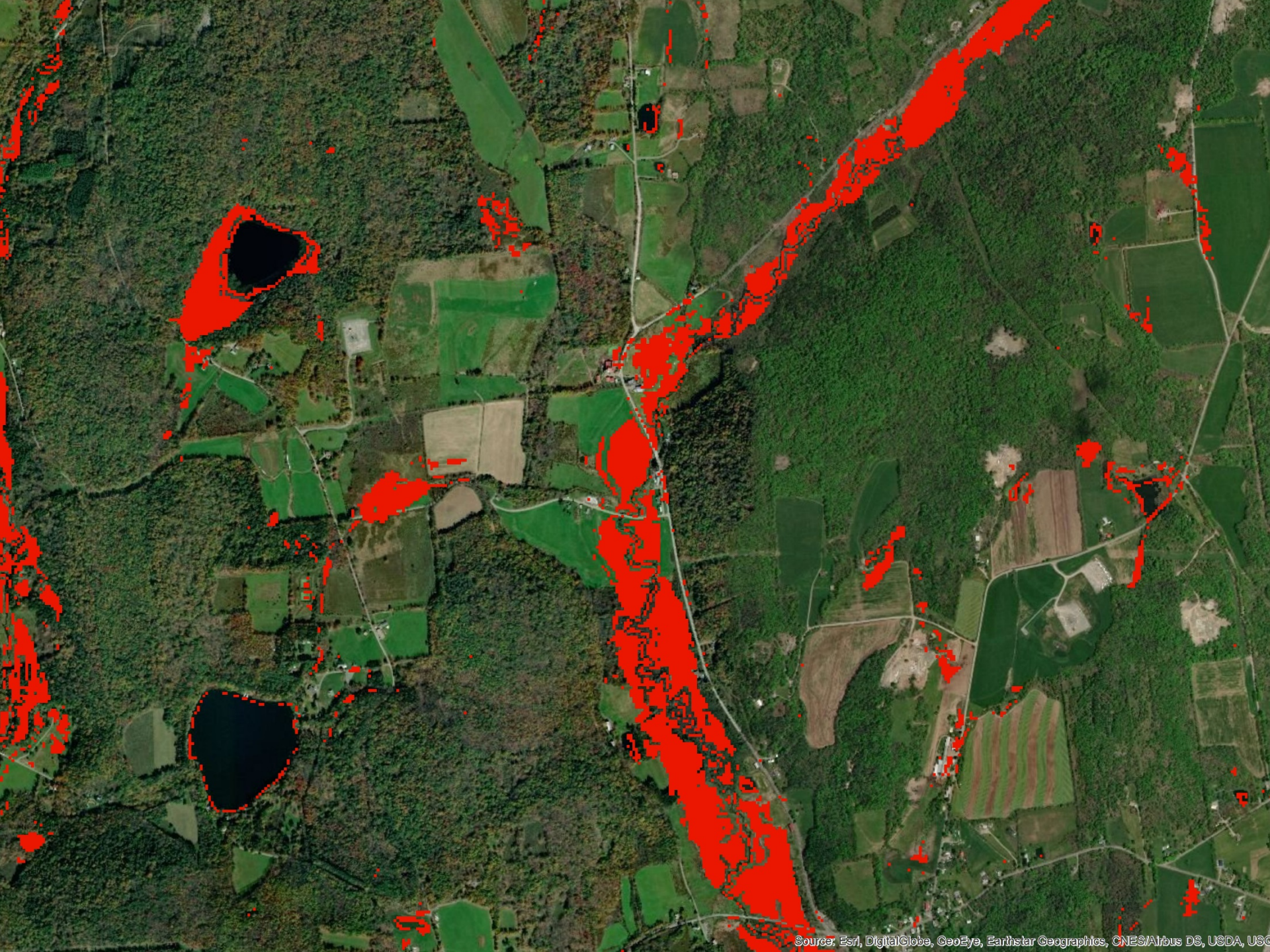






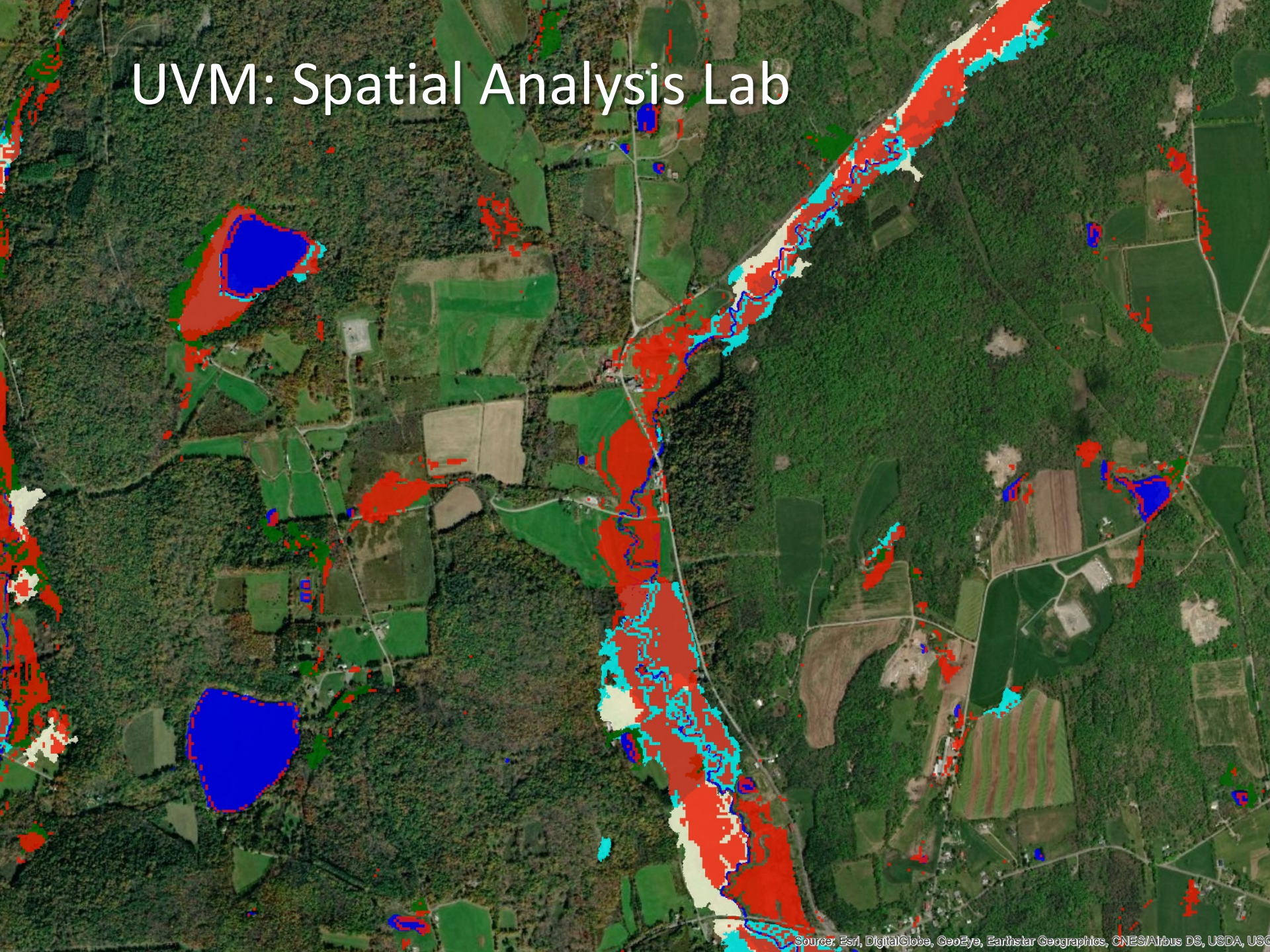






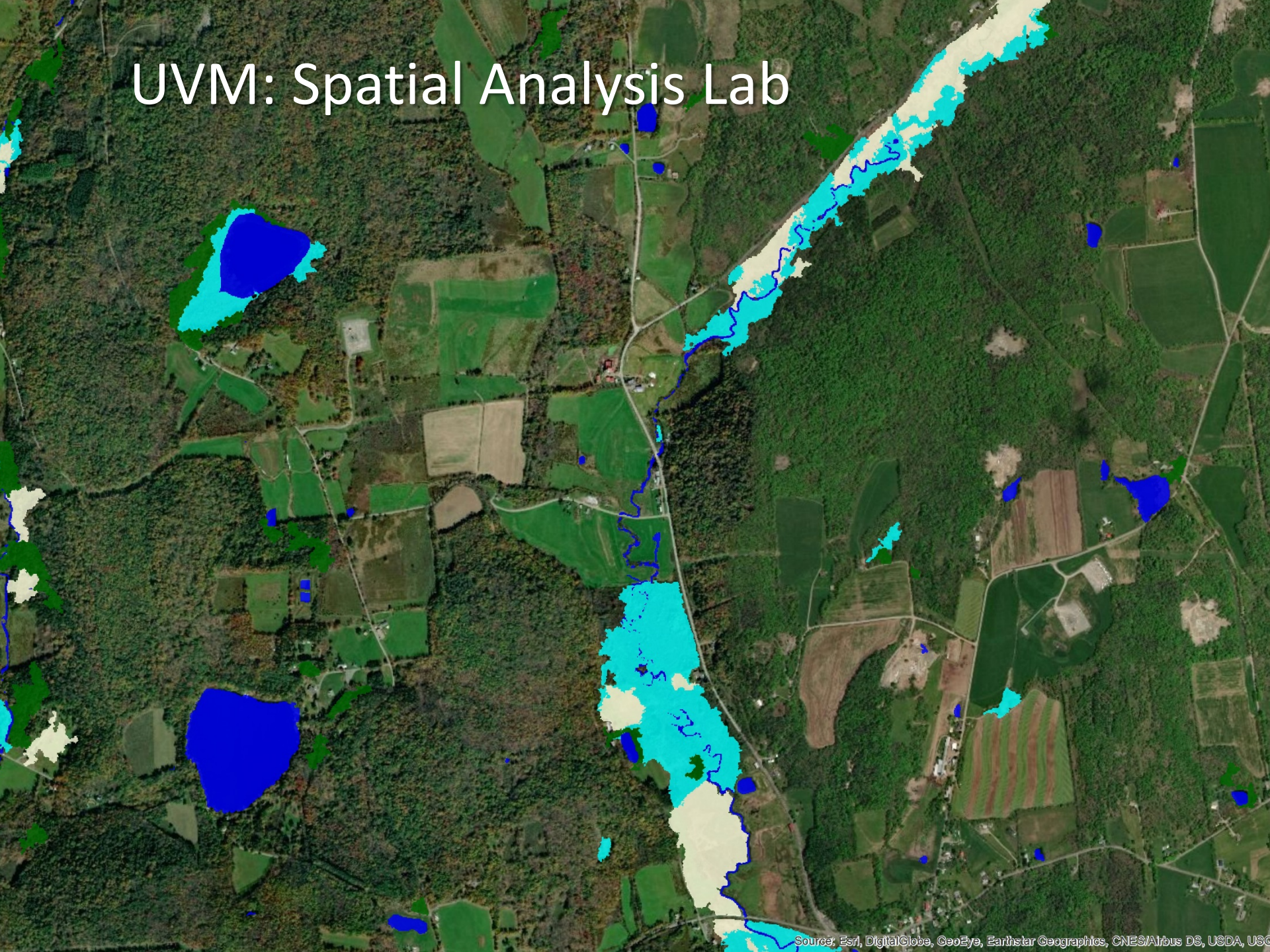


# UVM: Spatial Analysis Lab





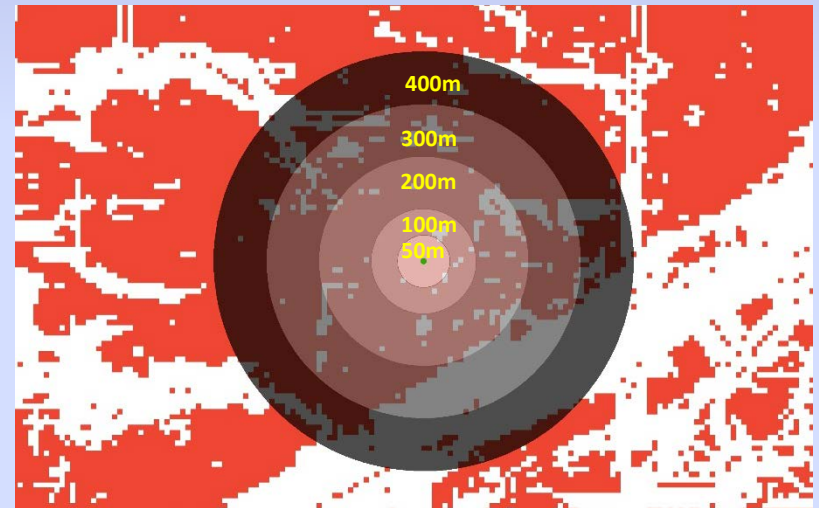
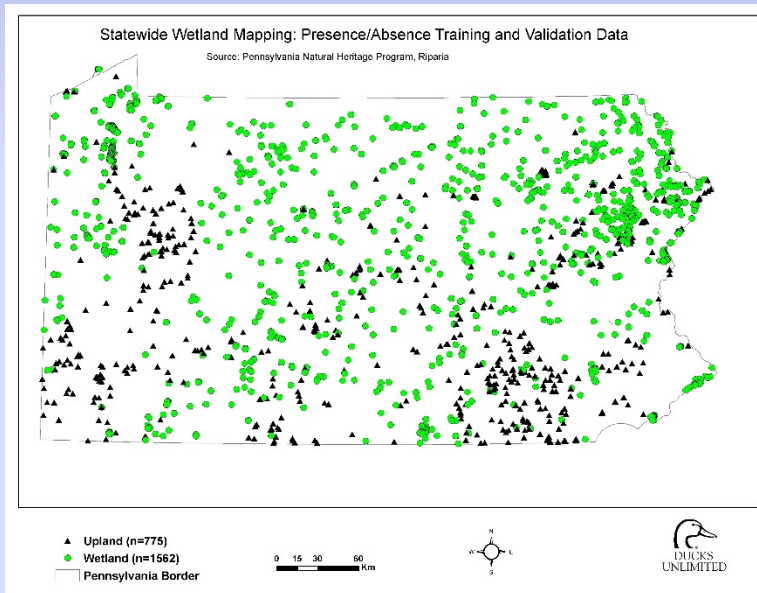
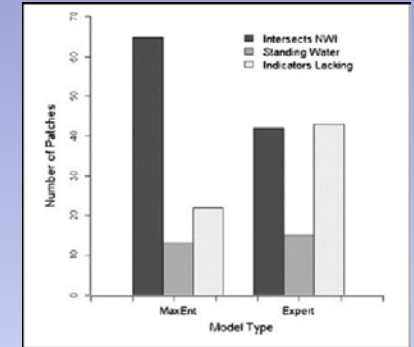
# UVM: Spatial Analysis Lab





# Validation techniques

- **Model-fitting techniques** (e.g.,  $R^2$ , AUC,
- **Point based methods** (of field verified presence / absences)
- **Area based methods** (of field verified presence / absences)
- **Aerial imagery interpretation** (of hydrological indicators)



Let the record show: “scientists do not ground-truth”, we systematically estimate error based on validation observations



# Technical Reports

## Institutional Affiliations of Report

ORIGINAL RESEARCH



### **Fantastic Wetlands and Where to Find Them: Modeling Rich Fen Distribution in New York State with Maxent**

Patrick A. Raney<sup>1,2,3</sup> • Donald J. Leopold<sup>1</sup>

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- Raney P.A., Macfaden, S., O'Neil-Dunne J. (2017) A **LiDAR-aided hydrogeologic modeling and object-based wetland mapping approach for Pennsylvania**. Technical report to Chesapeake Bay Wetlands Work Group. **USC & UVM**
- Raney, P.A., **Identifying potential refugia from climate change in wetlands** (2014) Ph.D. Dissertation. SUNY-ESF, Syracuse, NY **SUNY-ESF**

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Elizabeth A. Hunter • Patrick A. Raney • James P. Gibbs • Donald J. Leopold

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