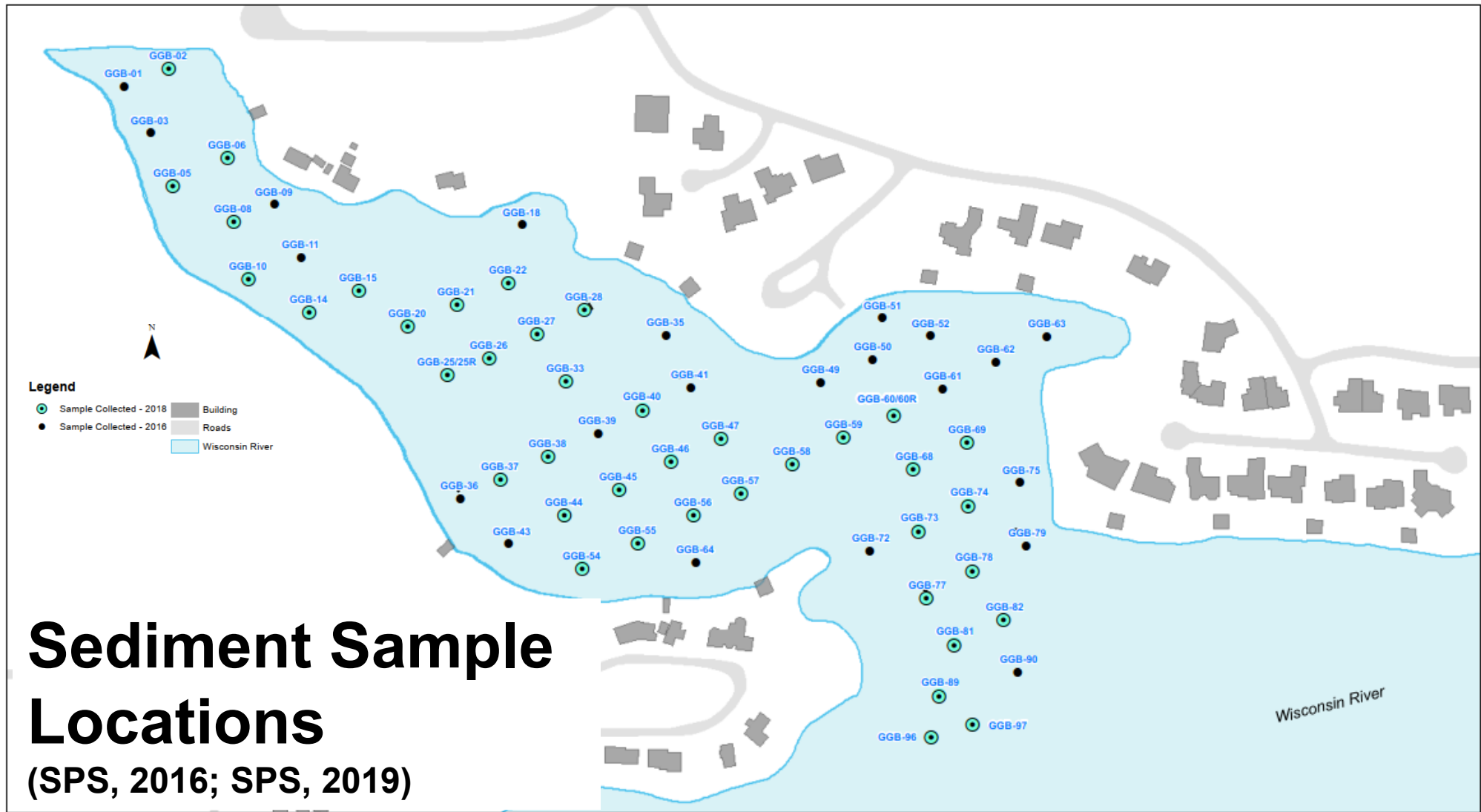


Gruber's Grove Bay Sediment Update

April 20, 2023

Agenda

- 1. Summary of total mercury data**
- 2. Sediment maps**
- 3. Discussion**
- 4. Next steps**



Total Mercury Data

Sediment Data Summary

- **63 surface samples**
- **63 subsurface samples**
- **Areas within both sediment layers exceeded background**

Total Mercury Summary Statistics (mg/kg)

Data Grouping	No. of Samples	Minimum	Maximum	Median	Upper Confidence Limit
Surface	63	0.022	6.3	1.5	2.1
Subsurface	63	0.0093	12.4	0.25	1.8

Sediment Maps for Mercury

- **Maps for total mercury concentration** were prepared for two sediment horizons based on the most complete sample datasets (2016 and 2018).
 - Surface: 0 to 0.5 ft
 - Subsurface: Greater than 0.5 ft

References:

SPS, 2016. Gruber's Grove Bay, Sediment Sampling Report, Badger Army Ammunition Plant. Sediment Sampling Report – Final. SpecPro Professional Services, LLC. July 2016.

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Surface sediment (0 to 0.5 ft)
Total mercury concentration
exceeded background across
the main channel of GGB.

Sediment Surface Layer Estimates

- Surface Sample Locations

Bathymetric Contours - 2016

- Bathymetric Contours - 2016

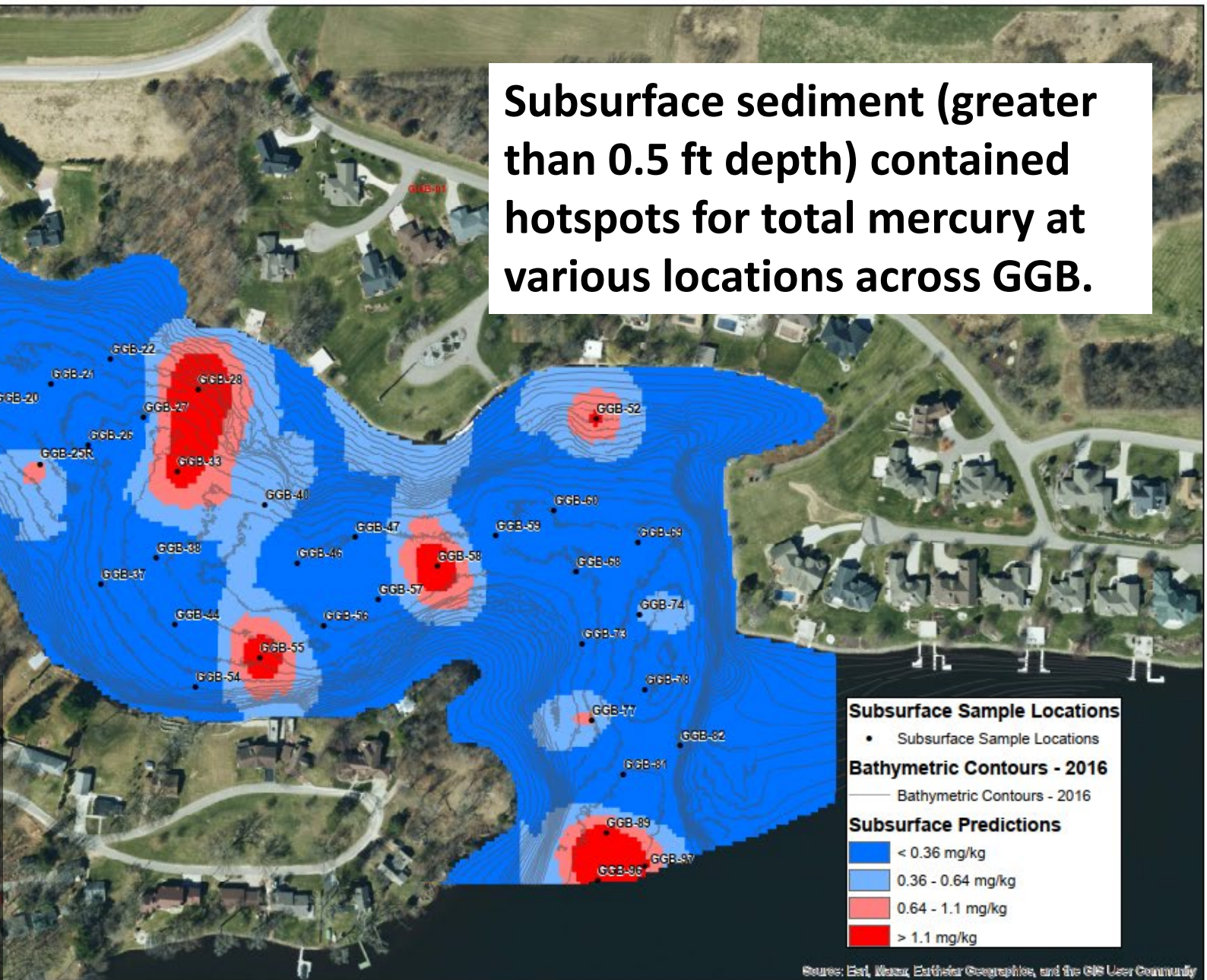
Surface Predictions

- < 0.36 mg/kg
- 0.36 - 0.64 mg/kg
- 0.64 - 1.1 mg/kg
- > 1.1 mg/kg

Source: East, Water, Earthier Geographics, and the GIS User Community

Subsurface sediment (greater than 0.5 ft depth) contained hotspots for total mercury at various locations across GGB.

Sediment Subsurface Layer Estimates



Source: Est. Water, Estuarine Geophysics, and the GGB User Community

Summary

- **Sampling grid was limited along margins of sediment occurrence.**
 - This limited our ability to clearly identify boundaries for mercury at some locations of GGB.
- **Existing sample datasets did not allow for accurate estimates for changes over time.**
 - This was due to differing characterization priorities for each sampling event.

Next Steps

Additional work in progress will be presented at the next RAB meeting:

- **Human health and ecological risk assessment review -**
Risk interpretation from previous data collected within GGB after remedial dredging efforts in 2006.
- **Review of receptors** in the conceptual site model.
- The Army is evaluating the need for additional sampling and a **Data Gaps Investigation (DGI)** is being considered.
 - A DGI identifies key needs for additional investigation work to develop remediation plans. The information acquired during a data gap investigation should aid in decision making.

Thank you

QUESTIONS?