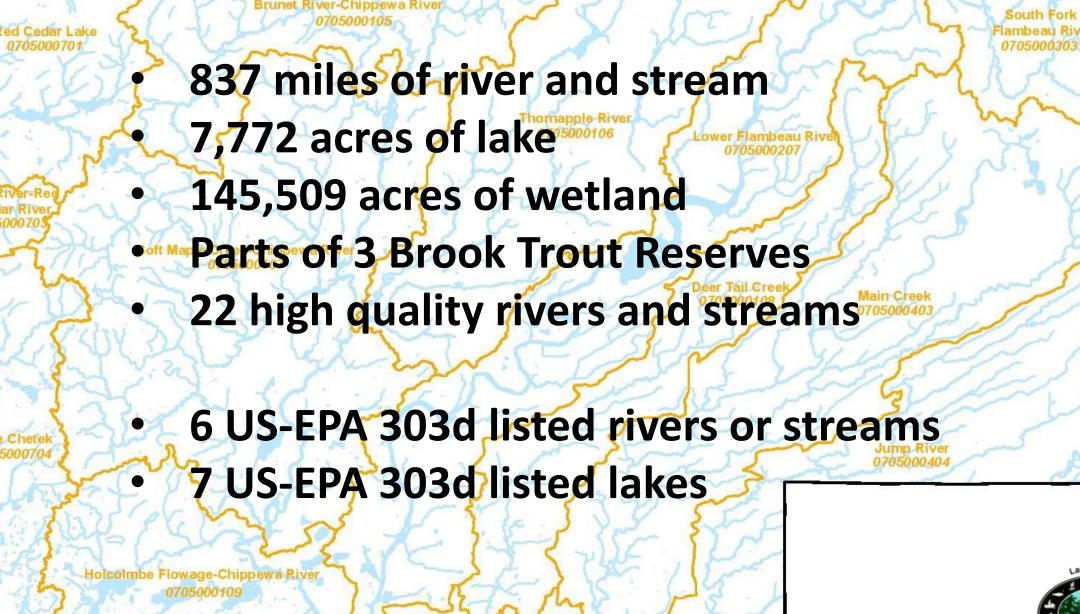
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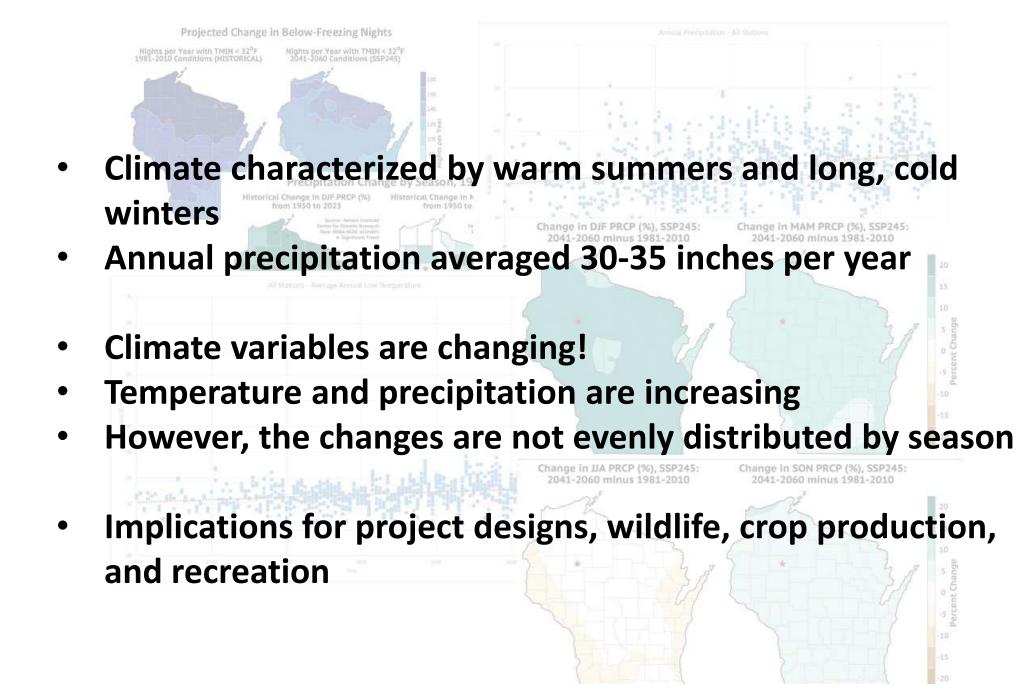
- Lower Proterozoic and Cambrian aged bedrock
- Last glaciation 20,000 years ago

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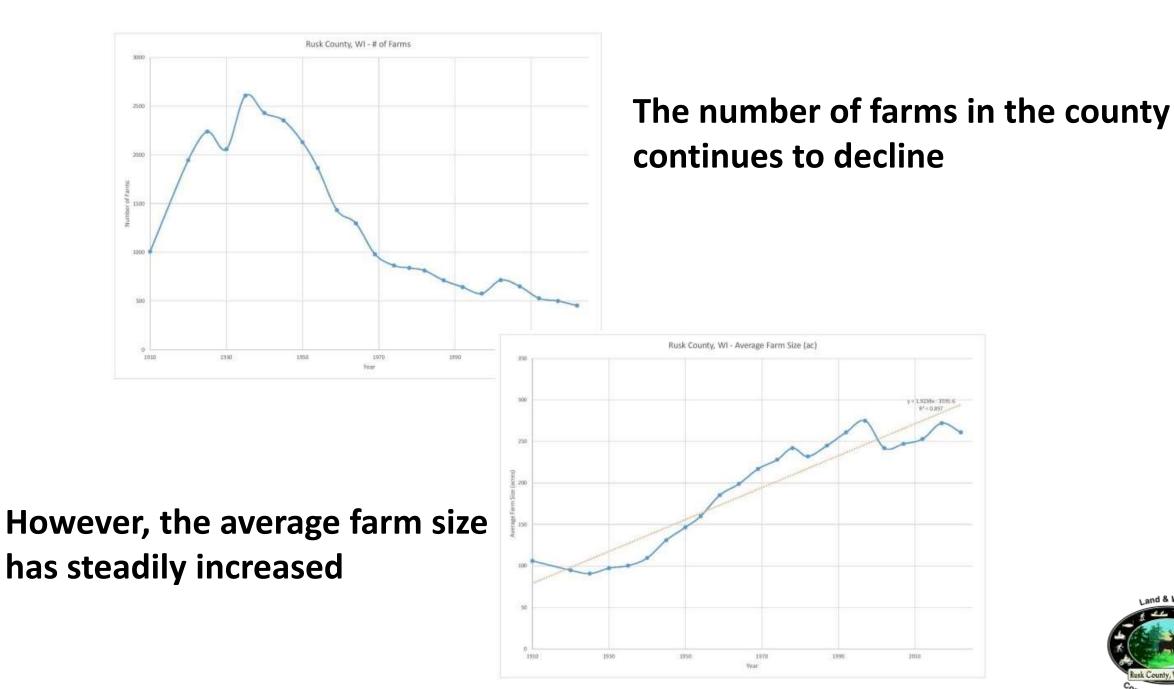
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- Soils are primarily silt loams, with more sandy soils along major river valleys
- Land cover is predominately forest (53%) with the remainder wetland (26%), agriculture (17%), and 4% other types
- Located entirely within the Upper Mississippi River region, within the Chippewa River HUC6 and contains 46 HUC12 watersheds
 - **Groundwater is the only source of drinking water**











Resource Management Priorities

- Sediment & nutrient delivery to surface water
- Soil health
- Protecting high quality waters and watersheds
- Farmer-led watersheds
- Improved digital data
- Education & outreach!!!



Resource Conservation Highlights

- Shoreland Protection Program
- Well Abandonment Program
- Farmer-led watershed group
- Conservation education land
- 2025 Community Green Award
- Devils Creek Watershed Effort
- **Conservation practice installations**



Education and Outreach

- Long-term commitment/long-term benefit
- Focus on K-12
- What works, what doesn't
- Planned initiatives



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