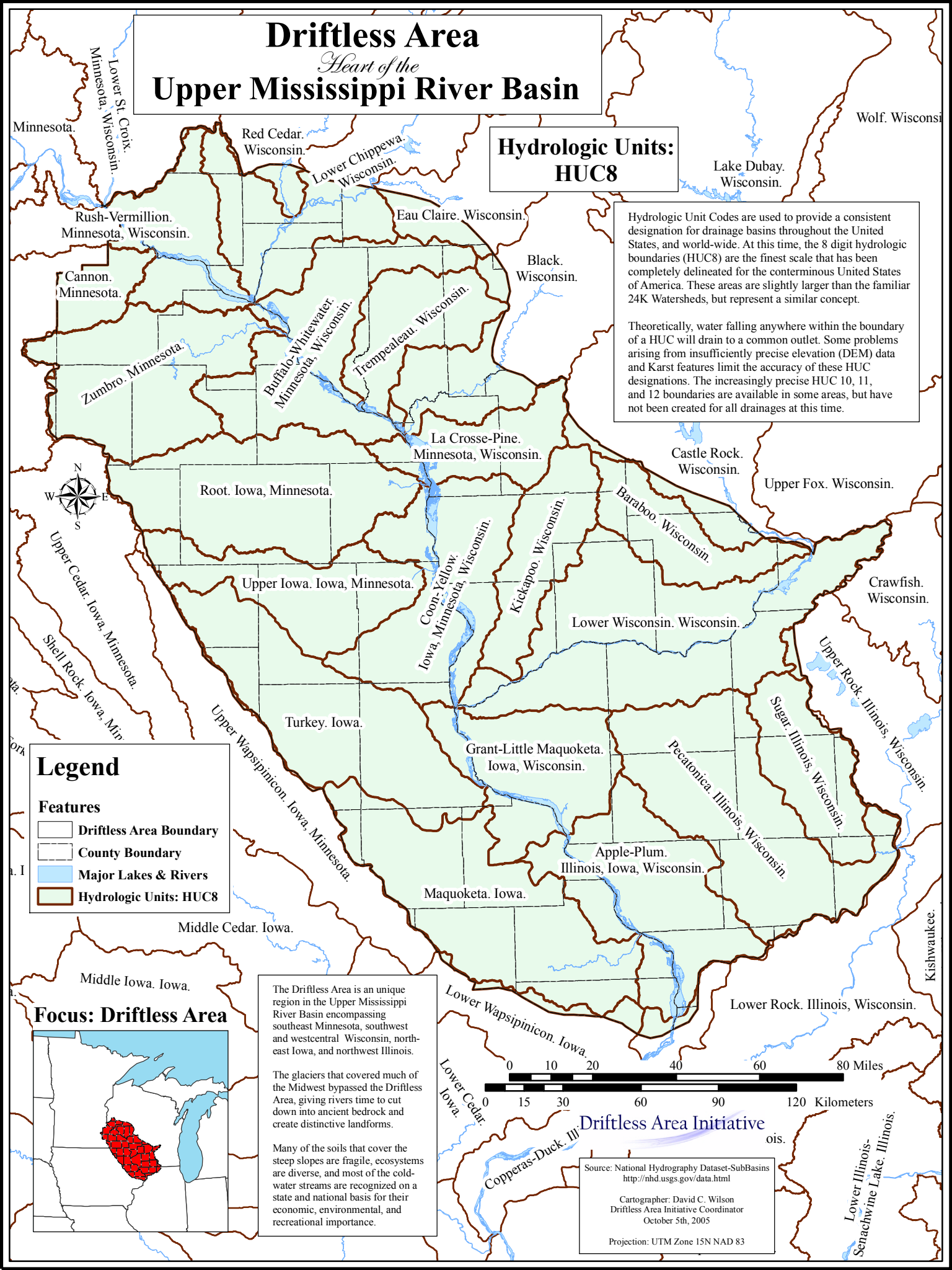
Driftless Area
Heart of the
Upper Mississippi River Basin
Hydrologic Units:
HUC8
Hydrologic Unit Codes are used to provide a consistent designation for drainage basins throughout the United States, and world-wide. At this time, the 8 digit hydrologic boundaries (HUC8) are the finest scale that has been completely delineated for the conterminous United States of America. These areas are slightly larger than the familiar 24K Watersheds, but represent a similar concept.
Theoretically, water falling anywhere within the boundary of a HUC will drain to a common outlet. Some problems arising from insufficiently precise elevation (DEM) data and Karst features limit the accuracy of these HUC designations. The increasingly precise HUC 10, 11, and 12 boundaries are available in some areas, but have not been created for all drainages at this time.
Minnesota.
Lower St. Croix. Minnesota, Wisconsin.
Red Cedar. Wisconsin.
Lower Chippewa. Wisconsin.
Wolf. Wisconsi
Lake Dubay. Wisconsin.
Rush-Vermillion. Minnesota, Wisconsin.
Eau Claire. Wisconsin.
Black. Wisconsin.
Cannon. Minnesota.
Zumbro. Minnesota.
Buffalo-Whitewater. Minnesota, Wisconsin.
Trempealeau. Wisconsin.
La Crosse-Pine. Minnesota, Wisconsin.
Castle Rock. Wisconsin.
Upper Fox. Wisconsin.
Root. Iowa, Minnesota.
Baraboo. Wisconsin.
Upper Cedar. Iowa, Minnesota.
Coon-Yellow. Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin.
Kickapoo. Wisconsin.
Upper Iowa. Iowa, Minnesota.
Crawfish. Wisconsin.
Lower Wisconsin. Wisconsin.
Shell Rock. Iowa, Min
Upper Rock. Illinois, Wisconsin.
Sugar. Illinois, Wisconsin.
Turkey. Iowa.
Upper Wapsipinicon. Iowa, Minnesota.
Grant-Little Maquoketa. Iowa, Wisconsin.
Pecatonica. Illinois, Wisconsin.
Apple-Plum. Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin.
Maquoketa. Iowa.
Middle Cedar. Iowa.
Kishwaukee.
Middle Iowa. Iowa.
Lower Rock. Illinois, Wisconsin.
Lower Wapsipinicon. Iowa.
Lower Cedar. Iowa.
Copperas-Duck. Ill
ois.
Lower Illinois-Senachwine Lake. Illinois.
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Features
Driftless Area Boundary
County Boundary
Major Lakes & Rivers
Hydrologic Units: HUC8
Focus: Driftless Area
The Driftless Area is an unique region in the Upper Mississippi River Basin encompassing southeast Minnesota, southwest and westcentral Wisconsin, northeast Iowa, and northwest Illinois.
The glaciers that covered much of the Midwest bypassed the Driftless Area, giving rivers time to cut down into ancient bedrock and create distinctive landforms.
Many of the soils that cover the steep slopes are fragile, ecosystems are diverse, and most of the cold-water streams are recognized on a state and national basis for their economic, environmental, and recreational importance.
0 10 20 40 60 80 Miles
0 15 30 60 90 120 Kilometers
Driftless Area Initiative
Source: National Hydrography Dataset-SubBasins
http://nhd.usgs.gov/data.html
Cartographer: David C. Wilson
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Projection: UTM Zone 15N NAD 83