



# Total Maximum Daily Load Information Sheet

## West Fork Drywood Creek

Water Body ID: 1317

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### Water Body Segment at a Glance:

**County:** Vernon  
**Nearby City:** Bronaugh  
**Length:** 8.1 miles  
**Pollutant:** Low dissolved oxygen  
**Source:** Unknown



### Scheduled for TMDL development:

TMDL development schedules are subject to change.

The most current schedule for TMDL development is available on the department's website at [dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/tmdl/wpc-tmdl-progress.htm](http://dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/tmdl/wpc-tmdl-progress.htm)

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### Description of the Problem

A water body is considered impaired when it fails to meet applicable water quality standards. Water quality standards consist of designated uses, water quality criteria, an antidegradation policy and implementation procedures. West Fork Drywood Creek is impaired due to exceedances of water quality criteria that protect aquatic life.

### Designated uses of West Fork Drywood Creek\*

- Warm Water Habitat (WWH)
- Whole Body Contact Recreation Category B (WBC-B)
- Secondary Contact Recreation (SCR)
- Human Health Protection (HHP)
- Irrigation (IRR)
- Livestock and Wildlife Protection (LWP)

\*In addition to these specific uses, all waters of the state are protected by the general water quality criteria that are specified in the state's Water Quality Standards at 10 CSR 20-7.031(4).

### Use that is impaired

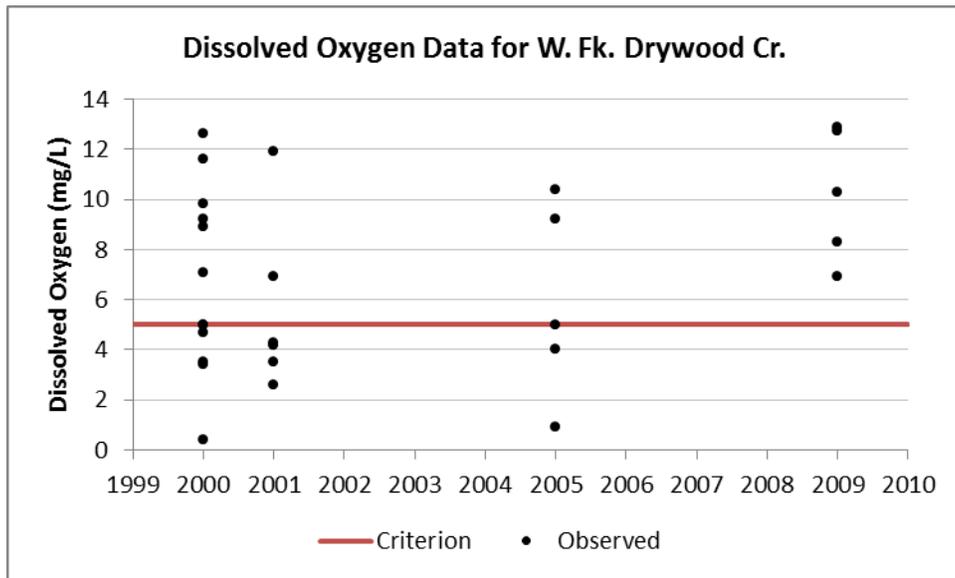
- Warm Water Habitat (WWH)

**Criteria that apply**

- The dissolved oxygen criterion applicable to West Fork Drywood Creek is found in Table A of Missouri’s Water Quality Standards at 10 CSR 20-7.031. Table A states that the minimum allowable dissolved oxygen concentration for waters designated as warm water habitat is 5 milligrams per liter (mg/L).

**Background Information and water quality data**

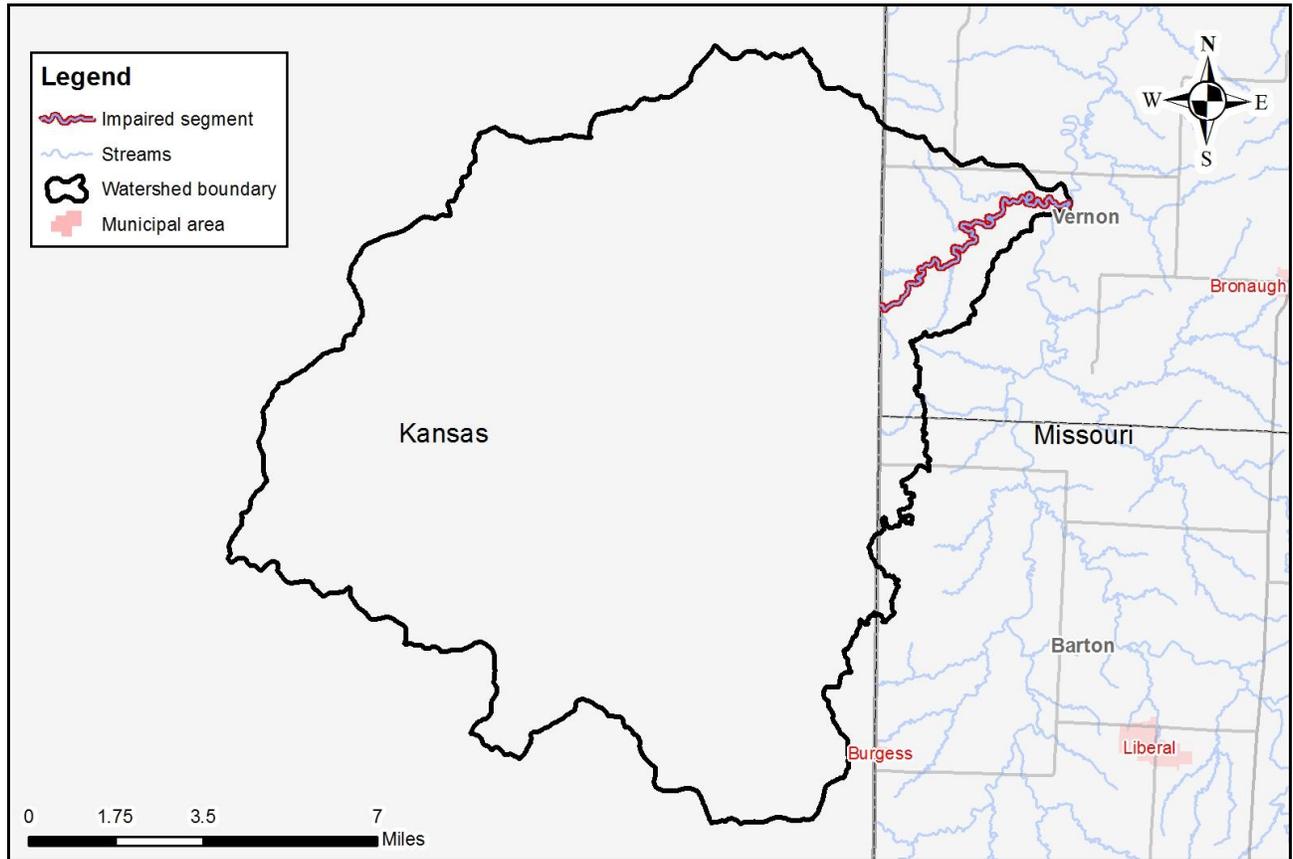
Dissolved oxygen is important as many aquatic organisms require high levels of oxygen to survive. The department judges a stream to be impaired due to low dissolved oxygen if more that 10 percent of measurements in a water body fail to meet the water quality criterion. In the case of West Fork Drywood Creek, 10 of 28 samples, or 36 percent, did not meet the water quality criterion.



**TMDL for West Fork Drywood Creek**

The West Fork Drywood Creek TMDL will calculate the maximum amount of each listed pollutant that the stream can receive and still meet water quality standards. The TMDL will also identify all potential or suspected pollutant sources in the watershed and distribute the allowable pollutant loads among those various sources. When developed, the West Fork Drywood Creek TMDL will use the most current and available data. For this reason, the final TMDL may present information that differs from that contained in this information sheet.

## Map of the West Fork Drywood Creek watershed



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