

East Suffolk Greenprint Forum



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In 15 minutes we will cover.....

- **Key issues in Suffolk**
- **i) Water quality**
- **li) River management**
- **The Good, the Bad and the Ugly**
- **How you can help your rivers**

Typical Pressures on water environment



some farming practices



Drinking water quality



Invasive signal crayfish



Phosphate from treated sewage discharges



invasive Himalayan balsam



Invasive fish species



nutrient runoff



Poor morphology



Amenity use of pesticides



Low flow/over abstraction



Barrier to fish passage



surface water sewer abuse

Pollution from Waste Water



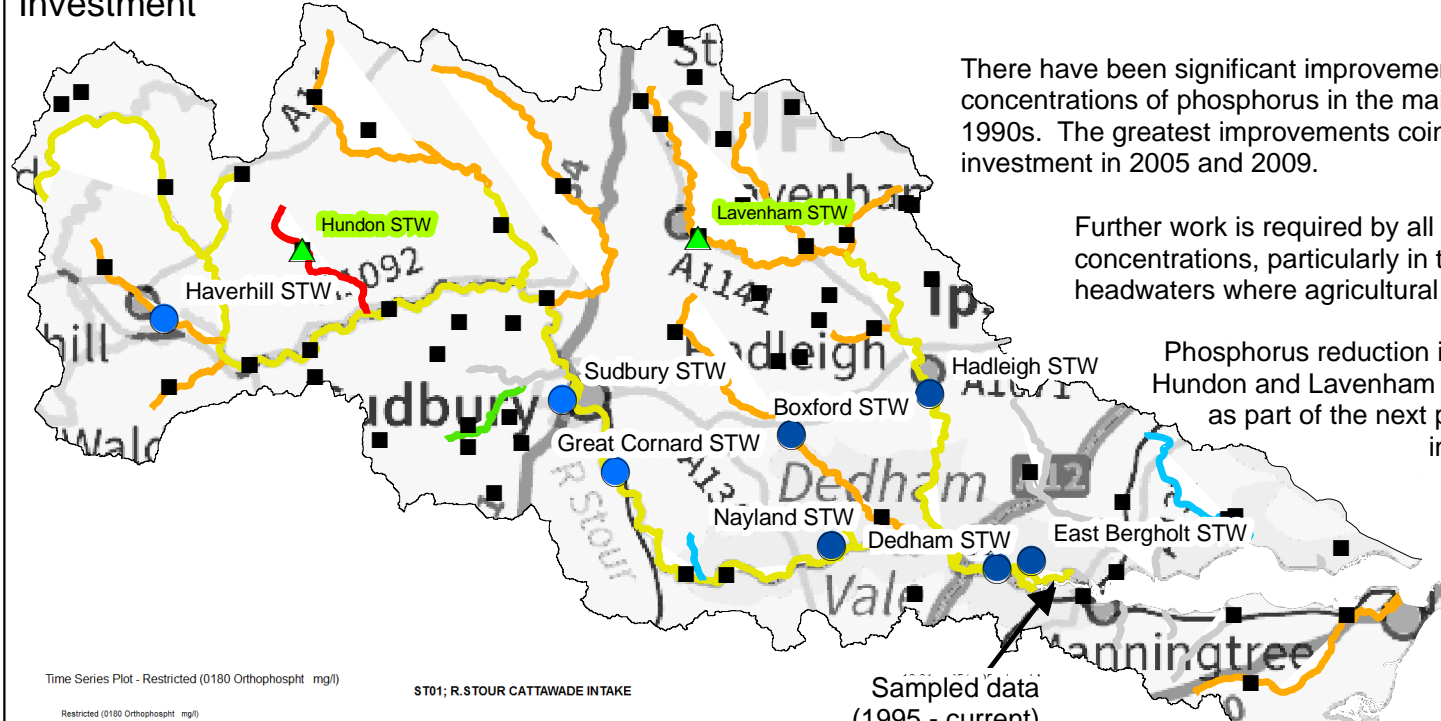


Phosphorus concentrations in the Stour (1995 - current) and Planned Water Company Investment

There have been significant improvements (reductions) in the concentrations of phosphorus in the main river Stour since the 1990s. The greatest improvements coincide with water company investment in 2005 and 2009.

Further work is required by all sectors to further reduce concentrations, particularly in the larger tributaries and headwaters where agricultural inputs dominate.

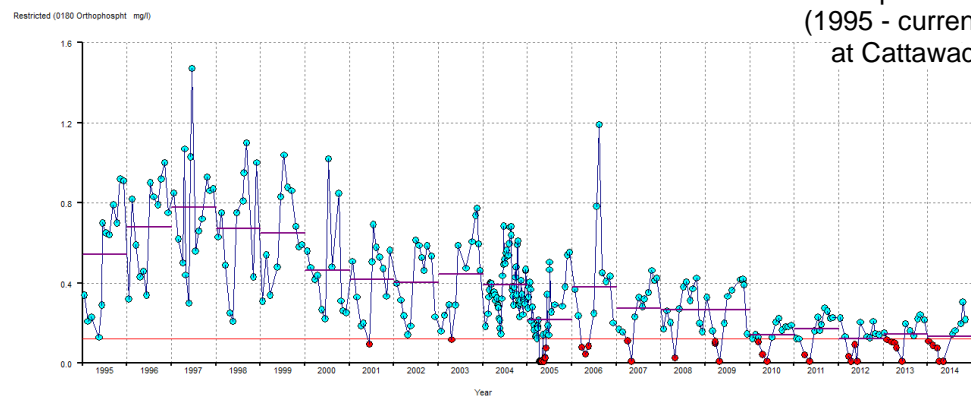
Phosphorus reduction investment is planned at Hundon and Lavenham sewage treatment works as part of the next phase of water company investment (2015 - 2020).



Time Series Plot - Restricted (0180 Orthophosphat mg/l)

ST01; R. STOUR CATTAWADE INTAKE

Sampled data (1995 - current) at Cattawade.

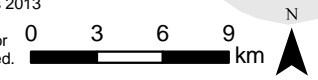


W. Co. Assets with P Removal 2013 Phosphate Status

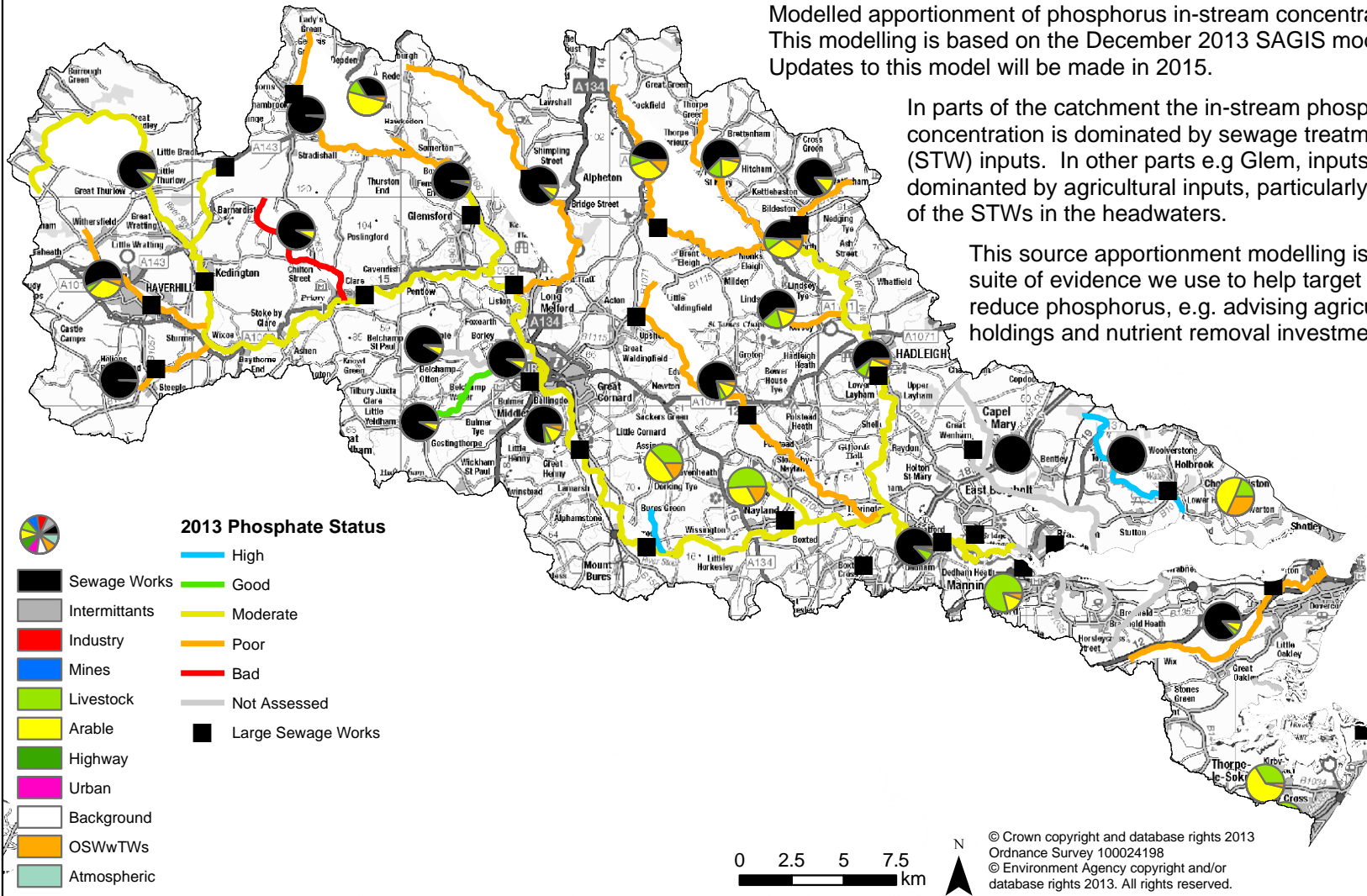
- AMP1 (1990 - 1995)
- AMP2 (1995 - 2000)
- AMP3 (2000 - 2005)
- AMP4 (2005 - 2010)
- AMP5 (2010 - 2015)
- Sewage Treatment Works
- ▲ Planned STW Investment
- High
- Good
- Moderate
- Poor
- Bad
- Not Assessed

Good Status Target (0.12mg/l)

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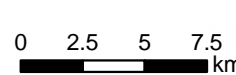
Source Apportionment GIS Outputs for the Stour Catchment



Modelled apportionment of phosphorus in-stream concentrations. This modelling is based on the December 2013 SAGIS model. Updates to this model will be made in 2015.

In parts of the catchment the in-stream phosphorus concentration is dominated by sewage treatment works (STW) inputs. In other parts e.g Glem, inputs are dominated by agricultural inputs, particularly upstream of the STWs in the headwaters.

This source apportionment modelling is part of the suite of evidence we use to help target activities to reduce phosphorus, e.g. advising agricultural holdings and nutrient removal investment at STWs.



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Pollution from Rural Areas, Towns, Cities & Transport



Sustainable river management





Physical Modification





















The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

















What can you do to help your rivers?

- ➔ **Phosphate free detergents**
- ➔ **Use water wisely**
- ➔ **Septic tank management**
- ➔ **Cut back or stop using garden chemicals**
- ➔ **Be careful with paints and oils**
- ➔ **Report pollution- EA Hotline 0800 80 70 60**
- ➔ **Get involved with Essex and Suffolk Rivers Trust**





Thank you

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