

# BASELINE ASSESSMENT OF WATER QUALITY IN STREAMS OF THE CANNON RIVER WATERSHED

## FLOW ASSESSMENT



**FLOW RATES FOR  
CANNON RIVER TRIBUTARIES**

## 1996 FLOW RATES FOR TRIBUTARIES IN THE CANNON RIVER BASIN

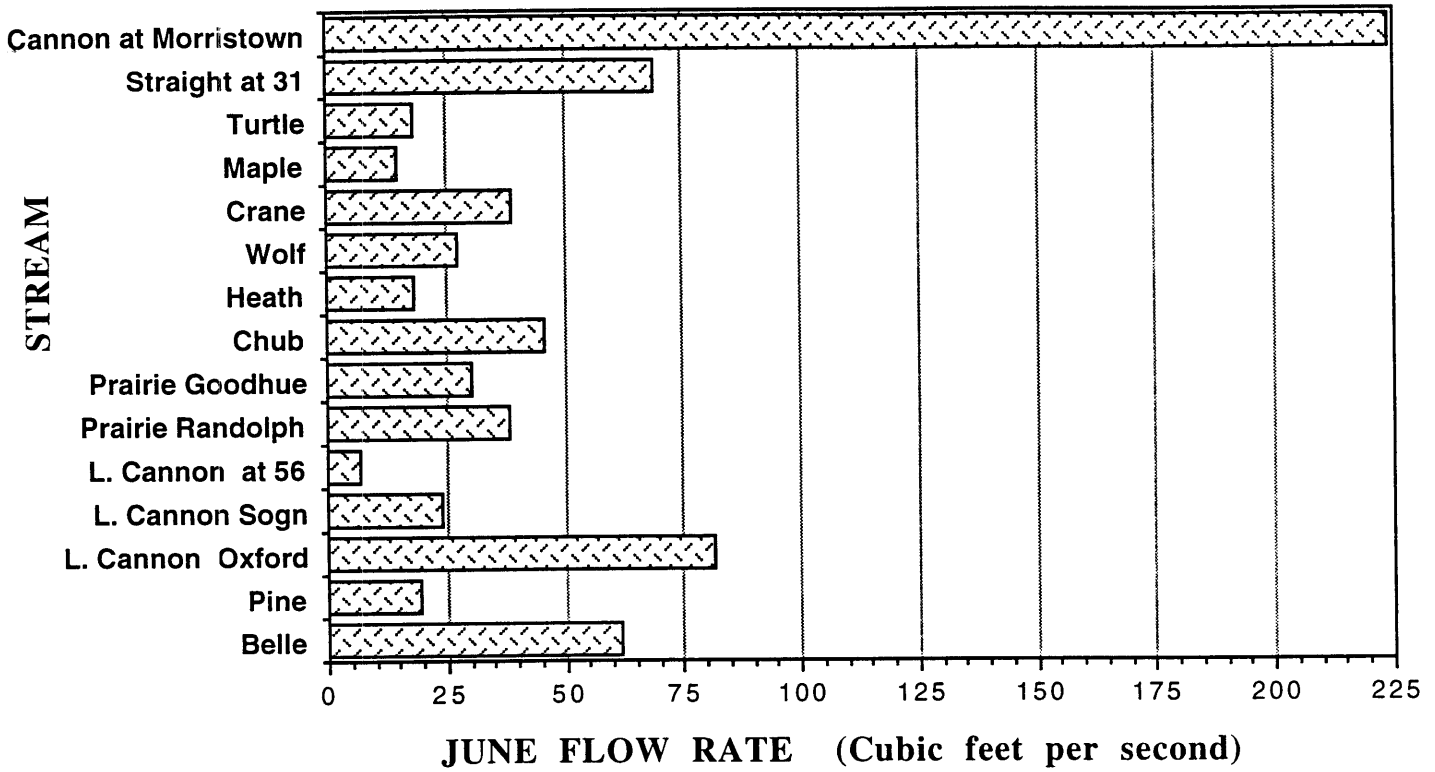
STREAM	MID JUNE FLOW	MID JULY FLOW
Belle Creek near Welch	61.5 ft <sup>3</sup> /sec **	32.1 ft <sup>3</sup> /sec
Pine Creek near Cannon Falls	19.2 ft <sup>3</sup> /sec **	9.1 ft <sup>3</sup> /sec
Little Cannon near Oxford Mill	81.8 ft <sup>3</sup> /sec	44.5 ft <sup>3</sup> /sec
Little Cannon near Sogn	24.1 ft <sup>3</sup> /sec	12.0 ft <sup>3</sup> /sec
Little Cannon near Highway 56	7.1 ft <sup>3</sup> /sec	.4 ft <sup>3</sup> /sec
Prairie Creek near Randolph	38.1 ft <sup>3</sup> /sec	24.3 ft <sup>3</sup> /sec
Prairie Creek near Goodhue Ave.	30.0 ft <sup>3</sup> /sec	13.6 ft <sup>3</sup> /sec
Chub Creeek near Randolph	45.7 ft <sup>3</sup> /sec	17.0 ft <sup>3</sup> /sec
Heath Creek near Sechler Park	18.5 ft <sup>3</sup> /sec	6.7 ft <sup>3</sup> /sec
Wolf Creek Near Dundas	27.2 ft <sup>3</sup> /sec	3.5 ft <sup>3</sup> /sec
Crane Creek near Owatonna	38.9 ft <sup>3</sup> /sec	No July values
Maple Creek near Owatonna	14.6 ft <sup>3</sup> /sec	flow too slow for
Turtle Creek near Interstate 35	18.0 ft <sup>3</sup> /sec	meter to operate
Straight River at Steele Cty 31	68.9 ft <sup>3</sup> /sec	31.2 ft <sup>3</sup> /sec
Upper Cannon near Morristown	223.8 ft <sup>3</sup> /sec	63.0 ft <sup>3</sup> /sec

Locations selected for determining the stream flow were taken as near as possible to the sampling station used for the chemistry and macro-invertebrates. The second criteria for the location was a consistent flow along the transect all the way across the stream. The area of the stream was determined by taking depth measurements at 2 foot intervals along the transect to the nearest half inch. Flow rates were determined using a General Oceanics model 2030 series mechanical flow meter taking flow rates at 4 foot intervals across the stream at a depth midway between the surface and the substrate. Flows were then interpolated for the intermediate points along the transect. The area of each segment was then determined, then multiplied by the flow, and then summed to obtain the total flow at that location.

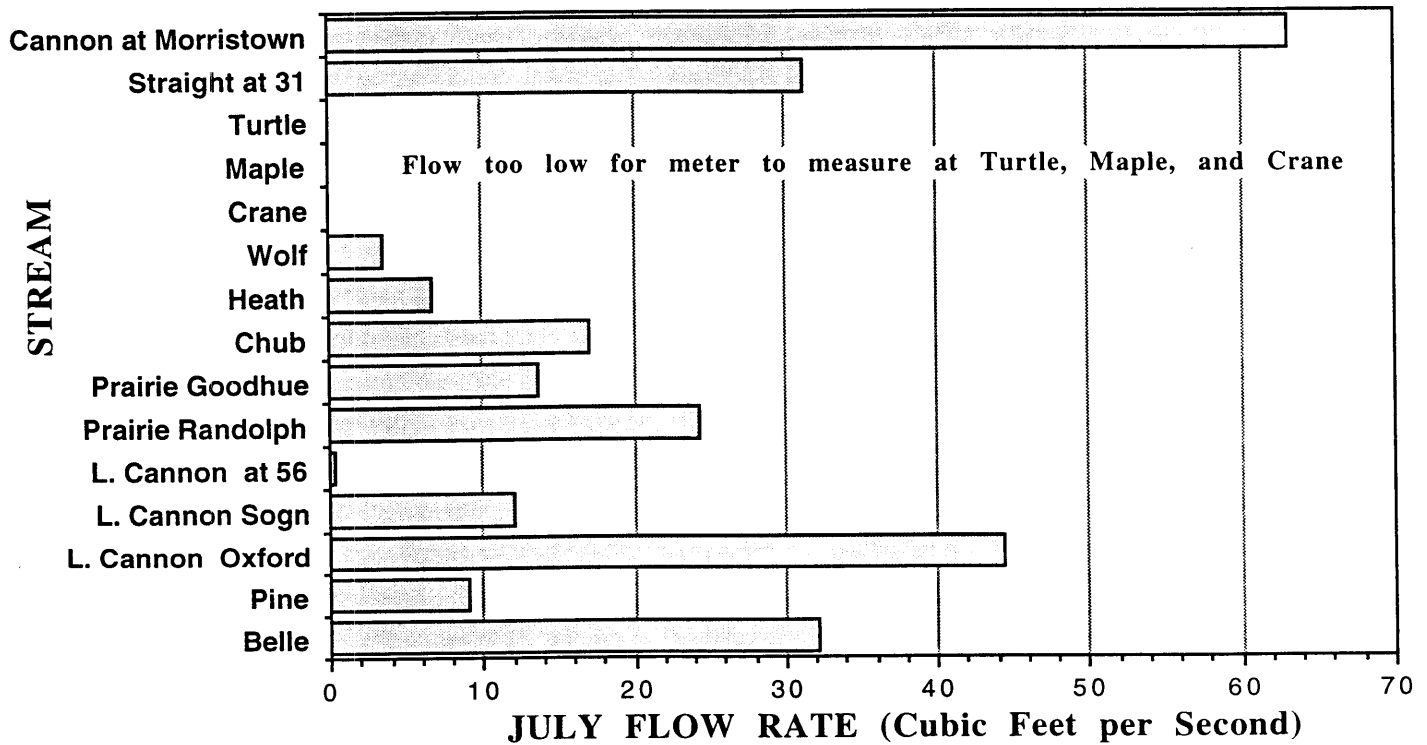
Flows were pretty consistent throughout the 3 day time period the streams were measured as no rain events had occurred. There were 2 exceptions as noted by the \*\*. June flows for Belle and Pine Creeks were affected by a 2 inch rain which fell in those subwatersheds just prior their measurements. However water levels appeared to be only slightly higher due to those rain events.

Graphs, details, and cross-sections of each stream are found in the pages that follow;

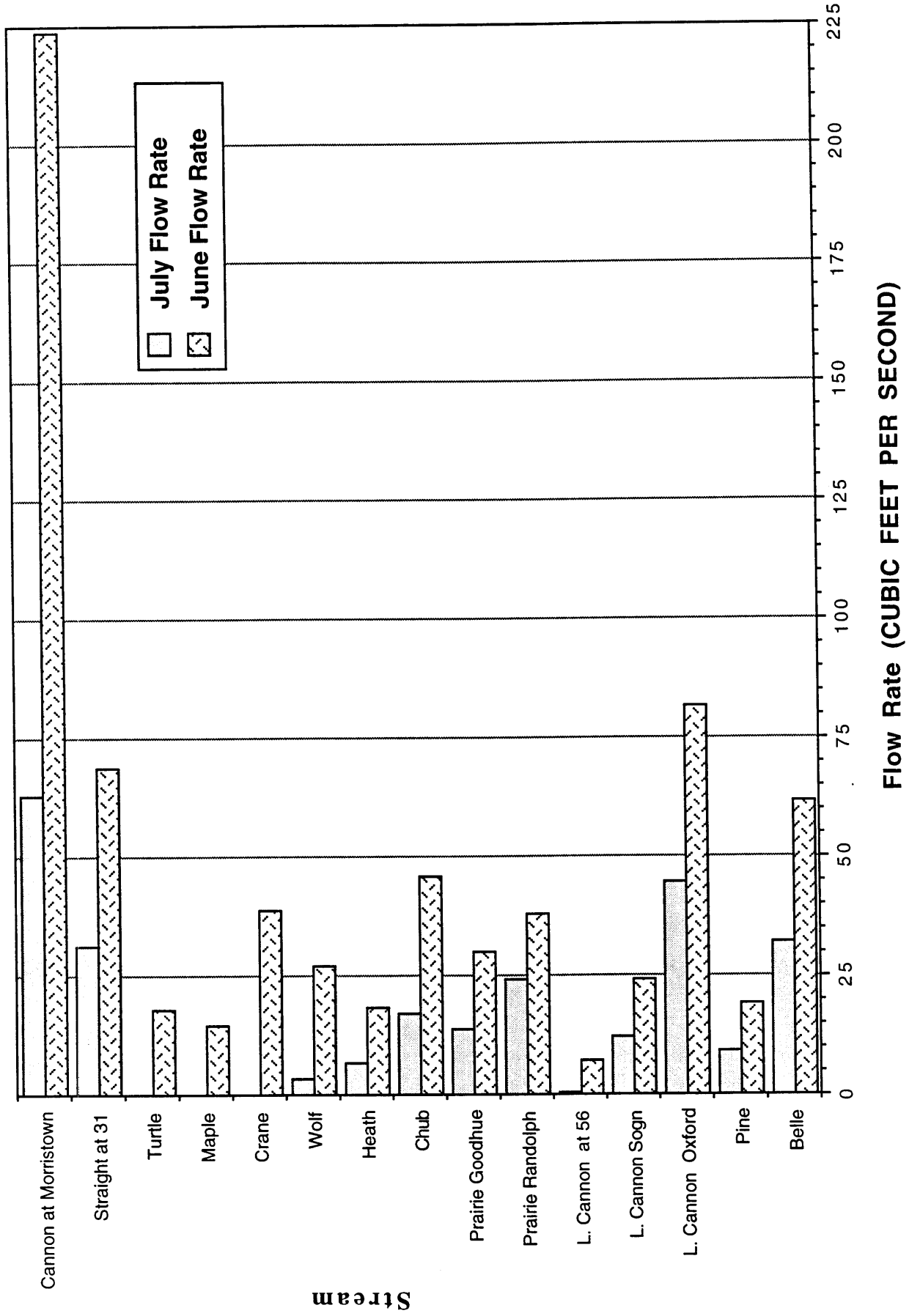
# JUNE 1996 CANNON RIVER BASIN FLOW RATES



# JULY 1996 CANNON RIVER BASIN FLOW RATES



# 1996 CANNON RIVER FLOW RATES



STREAM--BELLE CREEK NEAR WELCH

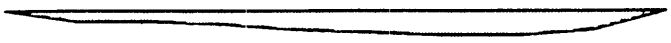
June 18, 1996

Cross-section view looking downstream

Total Area = 19.9792 square feet

Total Flow Rate = 61.484 cubic feet/sec

\*\*\* NOTE - Approximately 2 inches of rain fell in this watershed in the 3 days prior to this data. Water levels were up 2-3 inches from other streams.



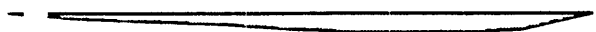
STREAM--BELLE CREEK

JULY 22, 1996

Cross-section view looking downstream

Total Area = 13.5 square feet

Total Flow Rate = 32.0636 cubic feet/sec



STREAM--PINE CREEK

June 12, 1996

Cross-section view looking downstream

Total Area = 11.7917 square feet

Total Flow Rate = 19.1509 cubic feet/sec

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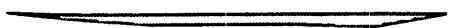
STREAM--PINE CREEK

JULY 22, 1996

Cross-section view looking downstream

Total Area = 8.125 square feet

Total Flow Rate = 9.06566 cubic feet/sec



STREAM--LITTLE CANNON AT OXFORD MILL

June 13, 1996

Cross-section view looking downstream

Total Area = 21.7917 square feet

Total Flow Rate = 81.7874 cubic feet/sec

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STREAM--LITTLE CANNON AT OXFORD MILL

JULY 23, 1996

Cross-section view looking downstream

Total Area = 15.4792 square feet

Total Flow Rate = 44.5245 cubic feet/sec

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STREAM--LITTLE CANNON SOUTH OF SOGN

June 13, 1996

Cross-section view looking downstream

Total Area = 17 square feet

Total Flow Rate = 24.0672 cubic feet/sec

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STREAM--LITTLE CANNON ONE MILE UPSTREAM OF SOGN

JULY 23, 1996

Cross-section view looking downstream

Total Area = 6.9375 square feet

Total Flow Rate = 11.9768 cubic feet/sec

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STREAM--LITTLE CANNON AT HIGHWAY 56

June 13, 1996

Cross-section view looking downstream

Total Area = 9.3125 square feet

Total Flow Rate = 7.13423 cubic feet/sec

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STREAM--LITTLE CANNON AT MINNESOTA HIGHWAY # 56

JULY 23, 1996

Cross-section view looking downstream

Total Area = 6.125 square feet

Total Flow Rate = .39768 cubic feet/sec

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STREAM--PRAIRIE CREEK NEAR RANDOLPH

June 12, 1996

Cross-section view looking downstream

Total Area = 19.5521 square feet

Total Flow Rate = 38.0808 cubic feet/sec

STREAM--PRAIRIE CREEK

JULY 22, 1996

Cross-section view looking downstream

Total Area = 15.8333 square feet

Total Flow Rate = 24.3261 cubic feet/sec

STREAM--PRAIRIE CREEK AT GOODHUE AVENUE

June 13, 1996

Cross-section view looking downstream

Total Area = 17.4167 square feet

Total Flow Rate = 29.9972 cubic feet/sec

STREAM--PRAIRIE CREEK AT GOODHUE AVENUE

JULY 23, 1996

Cross-section view looking downstream

Total Area = 10.2292 square feet

Total Flow Rate = 13.6454 cubic feet/sec



STREAM--CHUB CREEK AT RANDOLPH

June 13, 1996

Cross-section view looking downstream

Total Area = 24. square feet

Total Flow Rate = 45.7497 cubic feet/sec

STREAM--CHUB CREEK

JULY 22, 1996

Cross-section view looking downstream

Total Area = 18.2708 square feet

Total Flow Rate = 16.9571 cubic feet/sec

STREAM--HEATH CREEK

June 12, 1996

Cross-section view looking downstream

Total Area = 8.4375 square feet

Total Flow Rate = 18.5164 cubic feet/sec

STREAM--HEATH CREEK

JULY 23, 1996

Cross-section view looking downstream

Total Area = 4.79167 square feet

Total Flow Rate = 6.66824 cubic feet/sec

STREAM--WOLF CREEK

June 12, 1996

Cross-section view looking downstream

Total Area = 14.4896 square feet

Total Flow Rate = 27.2386 cubic feet/sec

STREAM--WOLF CREEK

July 24, 1996

Cross-section view looking downstream

Total Area = 5.07292 square feet

Total Flow Rate = 3.52588 cubic feet/sec

STREAM--CRANE CREEK NEAR HIGHWAY 14

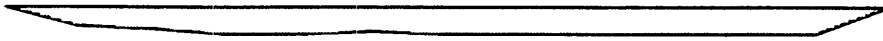
June 14, 1996

Cross-section view looking downstream

Total Area = 38.2917 square feet

Total Flow Rate = 38.8542 cubic feet/sec

July depths very shallow and  
flow too slow to be measured



STREAM--MAPLE CREEK

June 14, 1996

Cross-section view looking downstream

Total Area = 23.0208 square feet

Total Flow Rate = 14.6275 cubic feet/sec



STREAM--TURTLE CREEK

June 14, 1996

Cross-section view looking downstream

Total Area = 18.3333 square feet

Total Flow Rate = 17.9897 cubic feet/sec



STREAM--UPPER CANNON NEAR MORRISTOWN  
June 12, 1996  
Cross-section view looking downstream  
Total Area = 85.375 square feet  
Total Flow Rate = 223.775 cubic feet/sec

STREAM--CANNON RIVER ONE MILE DOWNSTREAM OF MORRISTOWN  
JULY 23, 1996  
Cross-section view looking downstream  
Total Area = 50.8958 square feet  
Total Flow Rate = 62.9869 cubic feet/sec

STREAM--STRAIGHT RIVER AT STEELE COUNTY 31  
June 12, 1996  
Cross-section view looking downstream  
Total Area = 48.4167 square feet  
Total Flow Rate = 68.9094 cubic feet/sec

STREAM--STRAIGHT AT STEELE COUNTY HIGHWAY # 31  
JULY 24, 1996  
Cross-section view looking downstream  
Total Area = 28.8854 square feet  
Total Flow Rate = 31.176 cubic feet/sec