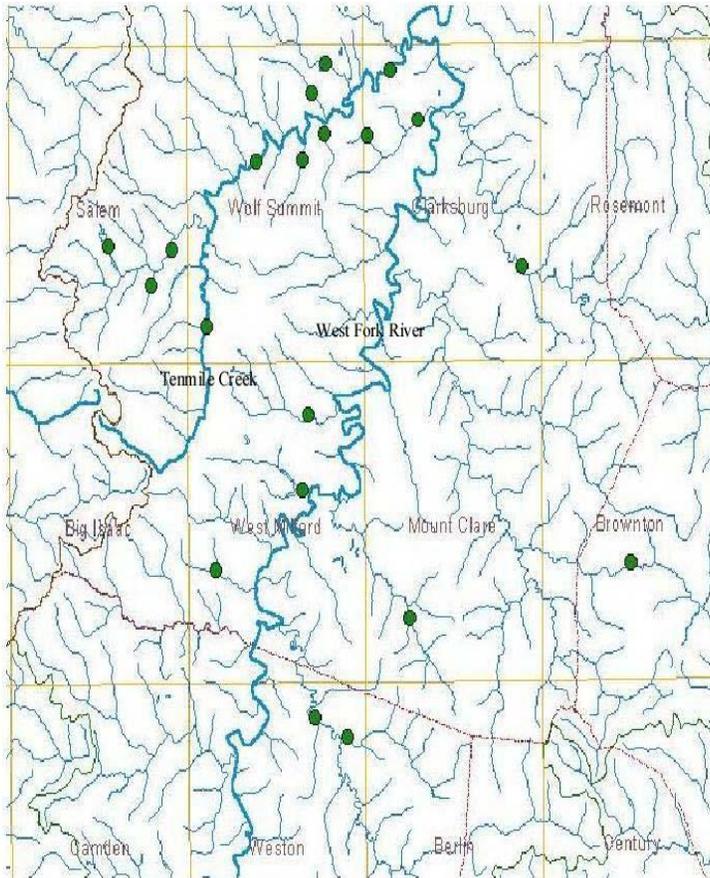
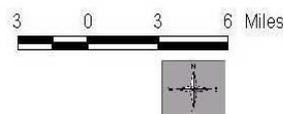


Site selection



Guardians of the West Fork Monitoring Stations

- Volunteer stations
- ~ Major rivers
- County lines
- DNR coded Reach
- 24k quad lines



After the workshop is completed, monitors are encouraged to adopt sampling stations in their watershed. Monitors usually decide on monitoring stations based on where they live or where DEP sites are located on particular rivers. On occasions, stations that the DEP needs monitored are supplied and volunteers are requested to adopt those locations. However, more importantly, monitoring groups are encouraged to write a monitoring study design plan specific to their watersheds protection and restoration goals, as they gain experience and familiarity with program methods. If requested, monitors can receive copies of surveys conducted upstream at other locations to compare with their own results.

Topographic maps are used to chart actual river locations. Program staff then determines longitude and latitude for river monitoring stations. Participants are asked to monitor their selected sites a minimum of twice each year and/or a maximum of four-times each year (once each season). Sites should be spaced a minimum of $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile apart.

Participants have the option of either selecting only one station on a particular river or several. Participants may also elect to monitor more than one stream or river.