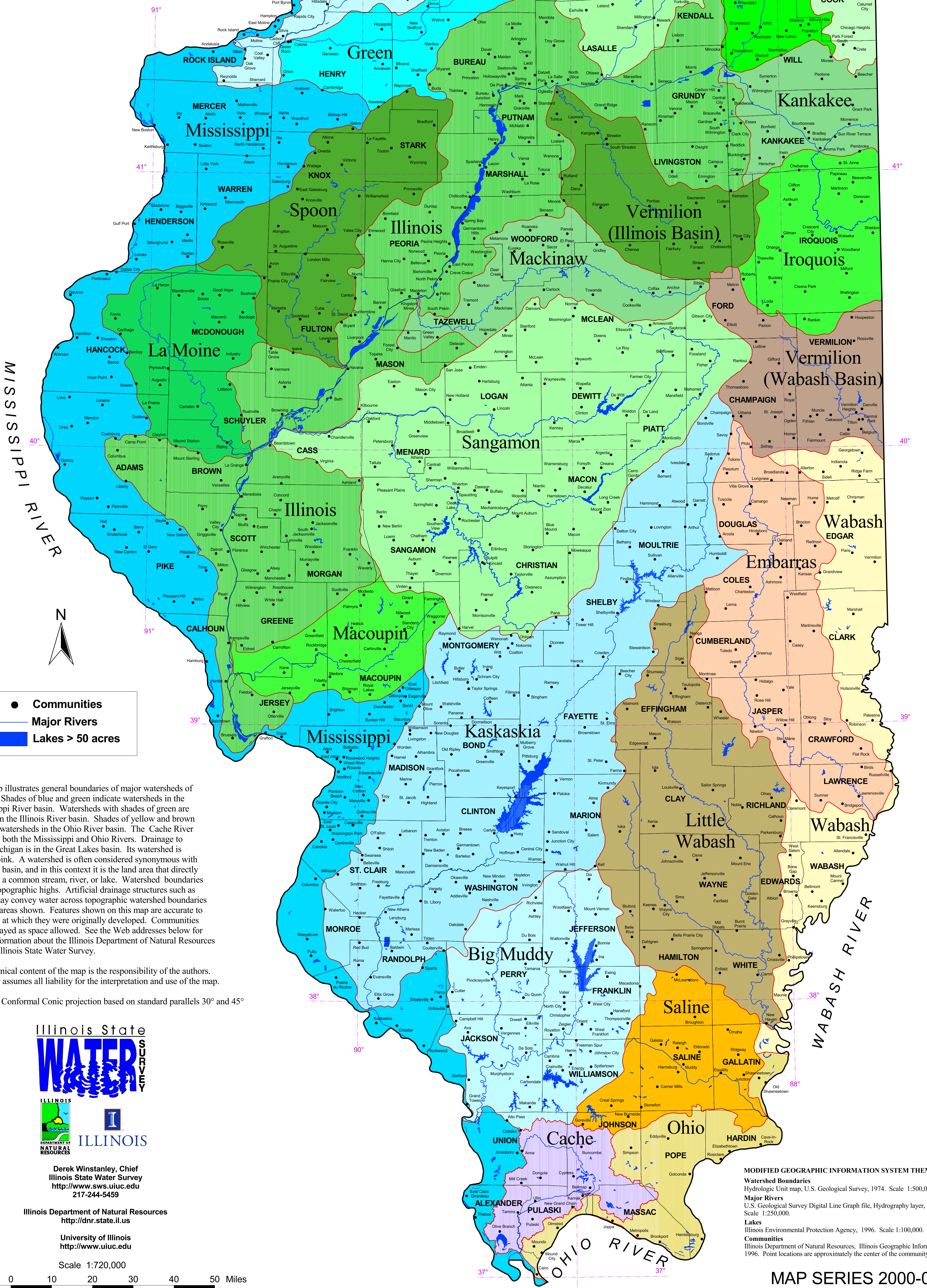


# Major Watersheds of Illinois

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This map illustrates general boundaries of major watersheds of Illinois. Shades of blue and green indicate watersheds in the Mississippi River basin. Watersheds with shades of green are located in the Illinois River basin. Shades of yellow and brown indicate watersheds in the Ohio River basin. The Cache River drains to both the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers. Drainage to Lake Michigan is in the Great Lakes basin. Its watershed is shaded pink. A watershed is often considered synonymous with drainage basin, and in this context it is the land area that directly drains to a common stream, river, or lake. Watershed boundaries follow topographic highs. Artificial drainage structures such as canals may convey water across topographic watershed boundaries in some areas shown. Features shown on this map are accurate to the scale at which they were originally developed. Communities are displayed as space allowed. See the Web addresses below for more information about the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Illinois State Water Survey.

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Lambert Conformal Conic projection based on standard parallels 30° and 45°



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Scale 1:720,000

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MODIFIED GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM THEMES  
Watershed Boundaries  
Hydrologic Unit map, U.S. Geological Survey, 1974. Scale 1:500,000.  
Major Rivers  
U.S. Geological Survey Digital Line Graph file, Hydrography layer, 1980 - 1986. Scale 1:250,000.  
Lakes  
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, 1996. Scale 1:100,000.  
Communities  
Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Illinois Geographic Information System, 1996. Point locations are approximately the center of the community.

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