

Geography. The Brush Creek watershed covers northeastern Owen County and an edge of Grant County. The land is in the hills of the bluegrass subregion of the Bluegrass physiographic region, characterized by hilly terrain, very rapid surface runoff, and slow groundwater drainage. Parts of the watershed lie over interbedded shales and limestones (these are 20% limestone; water conduction is poor because of the clay content of the shale). Other areas are underlain by interbedded limestones and shales (>20% limestone, allowing groundwater flow where the clay content is low enough).

Waterways. Brush Creek empties into Eagle Creek just over the Owen County line in Grant County, north of Jonesville. Among the creeks that feed it are Sand Lick Branch, Rudder Branch, Slab Lick Branch, Long Branch, and Buffalo Branch.

Land and water use. Land in the watershed is more than 75% agricultural and about 25% rural and wooded. No businesses or organizations hold permits for discharges into the creeks. See tables for details.

Agency data assessment. The assessed creek segment in this watershed fully supports all its designated uses, based on biological and/or water-quality data. See tables for details.

Watershed rankings. The ranking formula provides a preliminary ranking by synthesizing a broad spectrum of watershed characteristics, current conditions, and threats. This watershed ranks in the group with the lowest need for protection and/or restoration. This rating is for the watershed on average: particular sites and particular waters within the watershed may vary widely. See tables for details.

Volunteer data. No volunteer data were collected in this watershed in 1999.

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Summary of Basin Characteristics and Facilities

General Land-use Characteristics:

Total Land Area (Acres):	<input type="text" value="15,964"/>	Acres	% of Total		
Residential Area:	<input type="text" value="405"/>		<input type="text" value="2.5"/>	Number of Mine Permits:	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Commercial Area:	<input type="text" value="0"/>		<input type="text" value="0.0"/>	Total Permitted Mining Area (Acres):	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Industrial Area:	<input type="text" value="0"/>		<input type="text" value="0.0"/>	Number of Identified Wetland Areas:	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Agricultural Area:	<input type="text" value="11,441"/>		<input type="text" value="71.6"/>	Total Wetland Area (Acres):	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Rural and Wooded Area:	<input type="text" value="4,122"/>		<input type="text" value="25.8"/>		
Other Land-use Area:	<input type="text" value="0"/>		<input type="text" value="0.0"/>		

Withdrawal and Discharge Sites:

Number of Public Water Supplies and Water Withdrawal Sites:	<input type="text" value="0"/>	Number of KPDES Discharge Permits:	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Surface Water Withdrawals:	<input type="text" value="0"/>		
Groundwater Withdrawals:	<input type="text" value="0"/>		
No. of Potable Water Treatment Facilities:	<input type="text" value="0"/>		

Sampling Site Statistics:

Number of USGS Gaging Stations:	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Number of Kentucky Division of Water Sampling Sites:	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Number of Kentucky Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Sampling Sites:	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Number of US Forest Service Sampling Sites:	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Number of US Army Corps of Engineers Sampling Sites:	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Number of Kentucky River Watershed Watch Sampling Sites:	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Number of Lexington-Fayette Urban Co. Gov. Sampling Sites:	<input type="text" value="0"/>

Watershed Indicators and Ranking Categories:

Overall Watershed Ranking:

Protection Ranking

Observed Impacts

Potential Impacts

Restoration Ranking

Low

Low

Low

Medium

Low

Protection Categories:

Indicator	Value	Units	Range of All Watersheds	Mean of All Watersheds
Wetland Areas	1	Acres	0 - 106	12
Surface Drinking Water Sources	0	No. of sources	0 - 14	2
Ground Drinking Water Sources	0	No. of sources	0 - 17	1
Groundwater Sensitivity	2.44	Score	2 - 5	3.21
KY Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Management Areas	0	Acres	0 - 2951	93
U.S. Forest Service Management Areas	0	Acres	0 - 155253	12,600
Kentucky State Park Areas	0	Acres	0 - 1928	42
Nature Preserves Commission Areas	0	Acres	0 - 1430	32
Nature Conservancy Areas	0	Acres	0 - 2473	28
Reference Reach Watersheds	0.00	Score	0 - 100	3.08
Outstanding Resource Watersheds	0.00	Score	0 - 0	0.00
Recognized Stream Resources	0	No. of resources	0 - 8	1
Kentucky Rivers Assessment Scores	1.44	Score	0 - 11	1.80

Observed Impact Categories:

Human Health Impact Categories:

Indicator	Value	Units	Range of All Watersheds	Mean of All Watersheds
Flood Declarations	1	Number since 1970	0 - 10	4
Water Supply Inadequacy	0.00	Score	0 - 2	0.22
Observed Impacts to Surface Drinking Water	1.00	Score	1 - 1	1.00
Observed Impacts to Fish Consumption	1.00	Score	1 - 1	1.00
Observed Impacts to Primary Water Contact	1.00	Score	1 - 3	1.33
Contamination Sites Impacting Human Health	0	Number of sites	0 - 71	4

Ecological Health Impact Categories:

Indicator	Value	Units	Range of All Watersheds	Mean of All Watersheds
Observed Impacts to Aquatic Life	1.00	Score	1 - 3	1.31
Contamination Sites Impacting Ecological Health	0	Number of sites	0 - 71	4

Potential Impact Categories:

Indicator	Value	Units	Range of All Watersheds	Mean of All Watersheds
Potential Contamination Sites	1	Number of sites	1 - 121	12
Potential Pesticide Loading	10	Est. sales in tons	0 - 45	10
Potential Fertilizer Loading	127	Est. tons applied	0 - 2747	394
Agricultural Erosion Potential	5.24	Est. tons erosion / acre	0 - 9	3.20
Livestock Operations Potential Impact	2,546	Animal units	55 - 43826	7,021
KPDES Discharge Violations	0	Number of violations	0 - 541	39
KY Division of Water Citizen Complaints	2	Number of complaints	0 - 53	9
Toxic Release Inventory	0	Score	0 - 11547626	231,638
Population Change Projection	66	Number of persons	-149 - 11030	448
Population Not on Public Sewer Systems	295	Number of persons	12 - 4511	1,114
Mining Area	0	Acres	0 - 6305	355
Surface Water Runoff Potential	75.14	SCS Curve Number	60 - 79	68
KPDES Permitted Discharges	0	Number of sites	0 - 56	6

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Stream and Waterbody Use Support Summary

<i>Total Stream Miles:</i>						
<input type="text" value="24.26"/>	<i>Number of Segments</i>	<i>Stream Miles Assessed</i>	<i>Miles * Fully Supportina</i>	<i>Miles * Partially Supportina</i>	<i>Miles * Not Supportina</i>	<i>Miles * Threatened</i>
<i>Segments Assessed:</i>	1	9.7	9.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>Designated Uses</i>						
<i>Aquatic Life:</i>	1	9.7	9.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>Primary Contact:</i>						
<i>Fish Consumption:</i>						
<i>Drinking Water:</i>						

* Blank values indicate no assessed segments for this category.

<i>Assessed Stream Segments and Waterbodies</i>					
<i>Stream or Waterbody Name *</i>	<i>Starting Milepoint</i>	<i>Ending Milepoint</i>	<i>Segment Length (miles)</i>	<i>Designated Uses *</i>	<i>Overall Level of Support</i>
Brush Creek	0	9.7	9.7	AL	Fully Supporting

**Abbreviations: AL - Aquatic Life Support, PC - Primary Contact Recreation, SC - Secondary Contact Recreation, FC - Fish Consumption, DW - Drinking Water Supply, UT - Unnamed Tributary*

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Withdrawal Sites and Discharge Facilities:

Gaging Stations and Sampling Sites:

<i>KY Dept of Fish and Wildlife Sampling / Assessment Sites</i>					
<i>Stream Segment</i>	<i>Upstream Description</i>	<i>Downstream Description</i>	<i>Total Length of Segment</i>	<i>Upstream Mile Point</i>	<i>Downstream Mile Point</i>
Brush Creek	Sandlick Branch	Mouth	14.2	9.7	0