

MDEQ Wetland Inventory Maps

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has published wetland inventory maps for every county in Michigan. While these maps are not intended to define specific wetland boundaries (see attachment), NRCS decision makers may find them to be a useful resource in the wetland determination process.

The NRCS-MI MDEQ Wetland Inventory Tool can be used to view the MDEQ maps from within an ArcMap session. The maps are not georeferenced and can not be used as an ArcMap layer, but instead appear as PDF files in a separate Adobe Acrobat application.

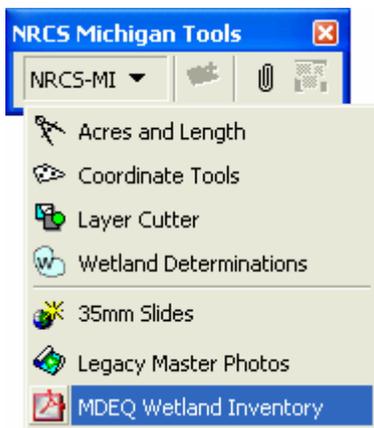
Tool Requirements

The “MDEQ Wetland Inventory” option will be “grayed-out” unless both of these conditions are met:

1. A PDF file of the MDEQ map must reside in the “f:\geodata\wetlands” folder and must be named “mdeq_wi_mi[*FIPS*].pdf” where [*FIPS*] is the 3 digit county FIPS code.
2. A PLSS sections layer (as defined by NRCS-MI) must be present in the current ArcMap data frame.

Displaying Wetland Maps

1. On the NRCS Michigan toolbar, choose the **MDEQ Wetland Inventory** option.



The tool will automatically detect the current county and retrieve the corresponding MDEQ wetland inventory map from the server.

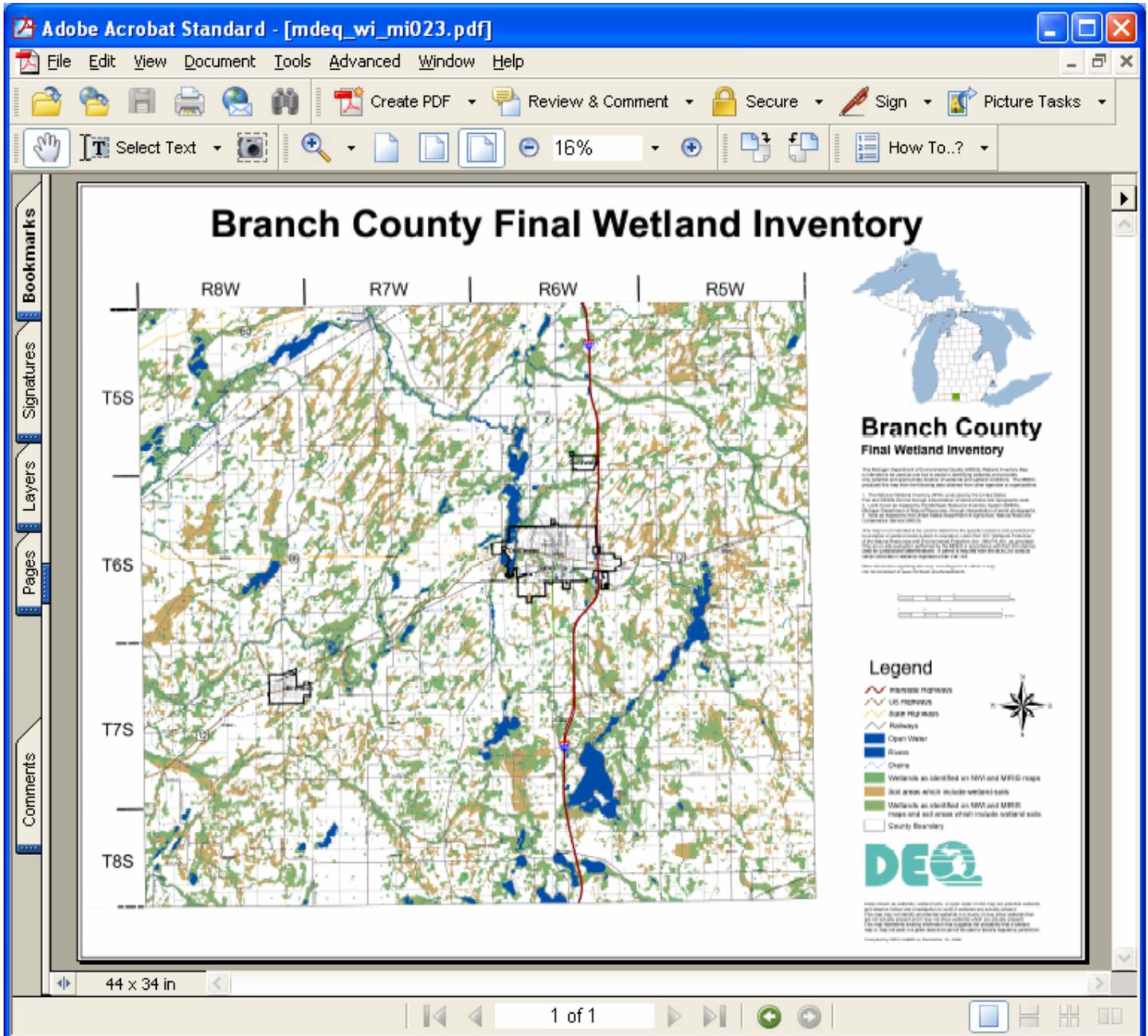
Remember:

- The process of opening the PDF map file may take several seconds. Please be patient.
- If another occurrence of Acrobat is already running, the map will open within that Acrobat session.

Displaying Wetland Maps (continued)

- The MDEQ map for the current county is opened in Adobe Acrobat.

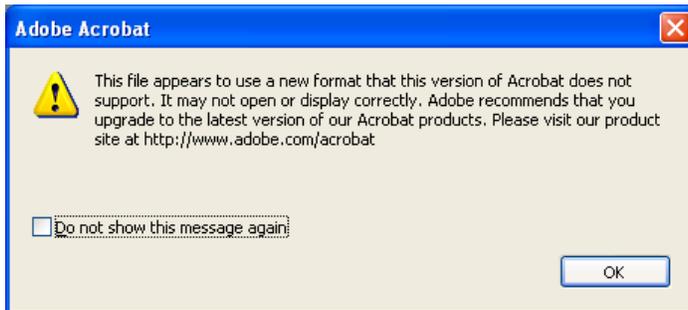
NOTE: If you receive a “new format” message from Acrobat, ignore it and click **OK** to continue.



- Use the Acrobat  **Pan** and  **Zoom** tools to get a closer look. The  **Fit Page** button shows the entire map. The map may be printed with the  **Print** button.
- Click “**File, Exit**” to close Acrobat when finished.

Additional Information

1. Users must be aware of MDEQ source, intent, and disclaimer information. Please read the “fine print” in the legend area of each wetland inventory map.
2. Users may encounter messages from Adobe Acrobat regarding PDF format changes, available upgrades, special features, etc. Click the **OK** button to skip past each message. Often, checking the **Do not show...** box will prevent the message from showing up again.



3. The maps are created and published by MDEQ and are to be used by NRCS for general reference purposes only. **NRCS does not distribute these maps to the public.**

Requests for copies should be directed to the MDEQ wetland information website at <http://www.michigan.gov/deqwetlands>

The original MDEQ release bulletin has been provided on the following page.



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Statewide Wetland Information Available

The Department of Environmental Quality announced today that all county wetland inventories required by the state's wetland regulations have been completed and are available online.

The wetland inventory maps for each county show potential and approximate location of wetlands based on statewide aerial photography and soil information. These maps may be used as a tool in planning and zoning for development and open space, project screening, evaluating landscape condition and trends, and for similar applications.

County wetland inventory maps, however, are not intended to define the specific locations and boundaries of wetlands for regulatory purposes. The DEQ's Wetland Identification Program is available to assist property owners with identifying the specific location of any wetlands on their property and whether the wetlands are regulated.

Issuance of the final county inventory maps follows the review of preliminary maps which were distributed to local agencies and reviewed at public hearings held throughout the state.

County wetland inventory maps may be viewed electronically under "Information – Wetland Inventory Maps" at www.michigan.gov/deqwetlands, or requested in paper format at cost.

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