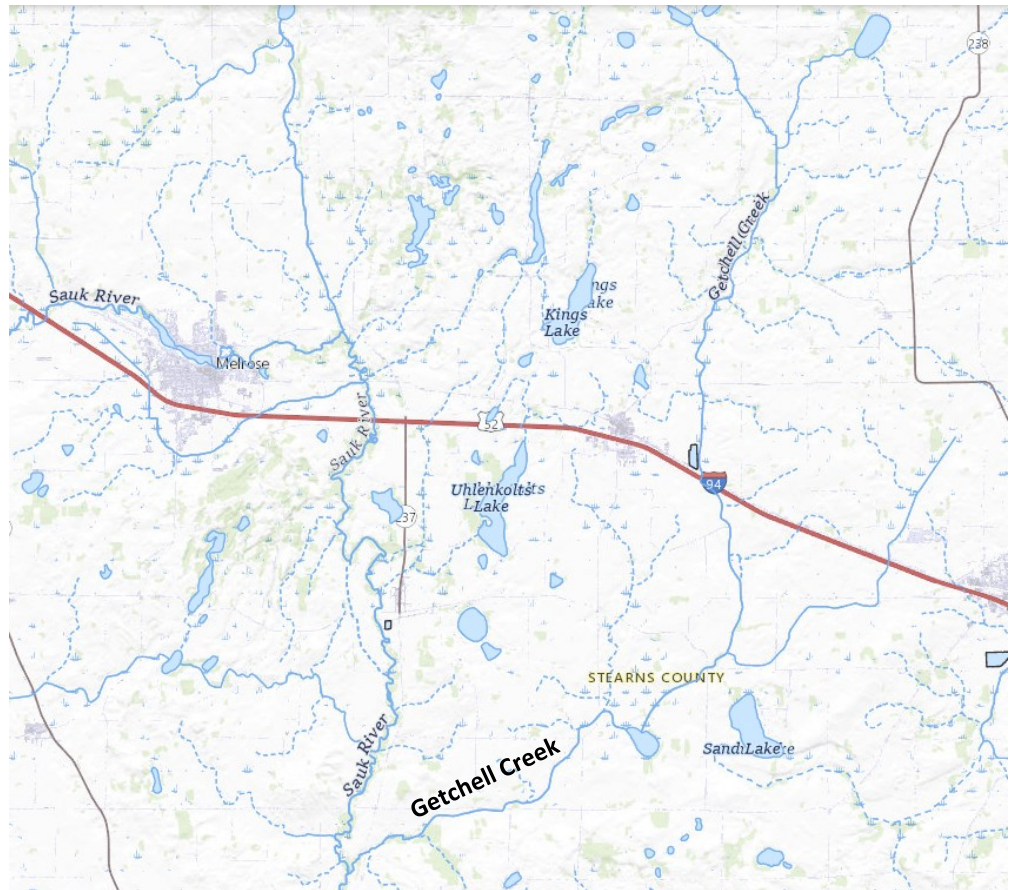


Getchell Creek

OVERVIEW

Getchell Creek is a warmwater stream found in central Stearns County. It begins in St. Anna Lake, which is east of the city of St. Rosa, and flows south until it reaches the Sauk River south of New Munich. This creek is unique because, for a stretch of the waterway, it is designated as a public drainage system (County Ditch #26). Just south of where County Ditch #15 enters CD #26/Getchell, the waterway flows through Getchell Lake. It then travels about 6 miles SW until dumping into the Sauk River. In total, Getchell Creek is approximately 18.7 miles. It is listed as impaired for dissolved oxygen, fish bioassessments, and *E. coli*.

The SRWD has been monitoring Getchell since 1995. In more recent news, the District has been awarded \$1.19 million of Outdoor Heritage Funds to implement streambank restoration projects and complete re-meandering construction downstream of Getchell Lake. This work will help to stabilize the bank by slowing the water down and allowing the creek to access its floodplain.



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County: Stearns

Near: St. Anthony, Freeport, New Munich

Drainage Area: 60.88 square miles

Length: 18.65 miles

