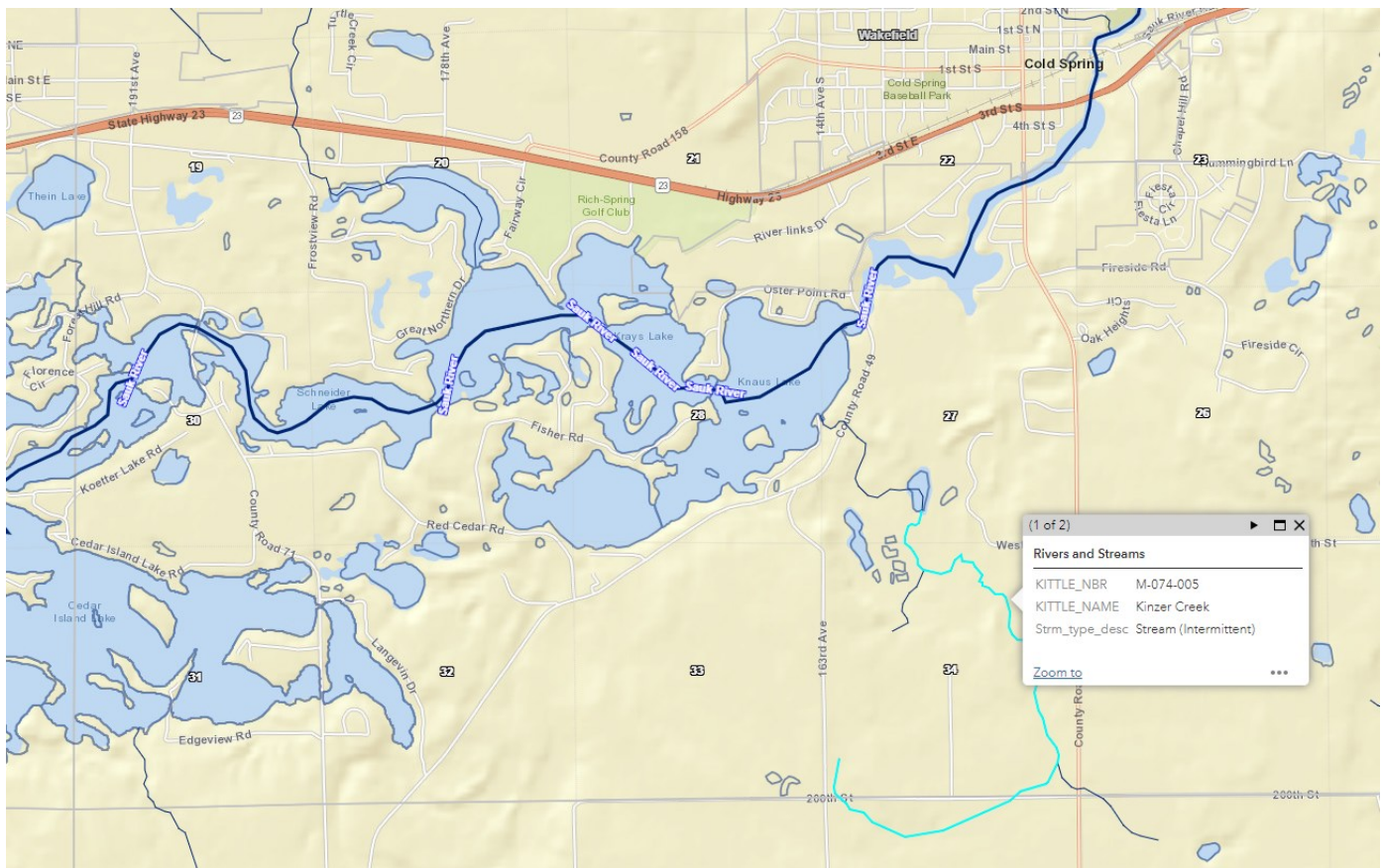


Kinzer Creek

OVERVIEW

The designated portion of Kinzer Creek is a general cold water stream that is protected for trout and drinking water. It is in south central Stearns County just outside of Cold Spring. The source of flow is a wetland complex south of the Sauk River Chain of Lakes, and it outlets into Knaus Lake. Only 1.8 miles of Kinzer is designated as cold water, and a significant portion (0.73 miles) has been ditched just upstream of the designated area.

Kinzer Creek was last assessed for aquatic recreation in 2010, meeting all of the standards for assessed parameters. The SRWD does not currently monitor Kinzer, but it did receive a grant in 2005 to conduct electrofishing, invertebrate sampling, temperature, and discharge monitoring. Details of those results can be found in the MN Department of Natural Resources report below. The creek is not currently stocked for trout.



Helpful Links

Click on each of the below links to go to relevant and specific information.

[MN DNR Fisheries Report](#)

[MPCA Water Quality Dashboard](#)

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County: Stearns

Near: Cold Spring

Drainage Area: 6.65 square miles

Length: 2.9 miles

