

Rouge River Subwatershed

Lower 2

The Lower 2 Rouge River Subwatershed is located entirely in Wayne County and has a drainage area of 21,024 acres, or 32.85 square miles. This subwatershed includes portions of the cities of Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Romulus, Wayne, and Westland. The largest land use category is residential housing. The Lower 2 Subwatershed is almost completely built out with only 3% urban open space left in the subwatershed. An estimated 32% of the subwatershed is covered by impervious surfaces such as roads, rooftops and parking lots. The high percentage of impervious surfaces in the Lower 2 Subwatershed delivers runoff much more quickly to the Lower Rouge River which results in high peak flows, much higher velocities and an unstable stream channel. Recreation areas in the Lower 2 subwatershed include: Wayne County's Lower Rouge Parkway which runs through Wayne, Inkster, Dearborn and Dearborn Heights, Inkster Valley Golf Course, Dearborn Hills Golf Course and Ford Field in Dearborn.

