



### Fox River Status Update April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

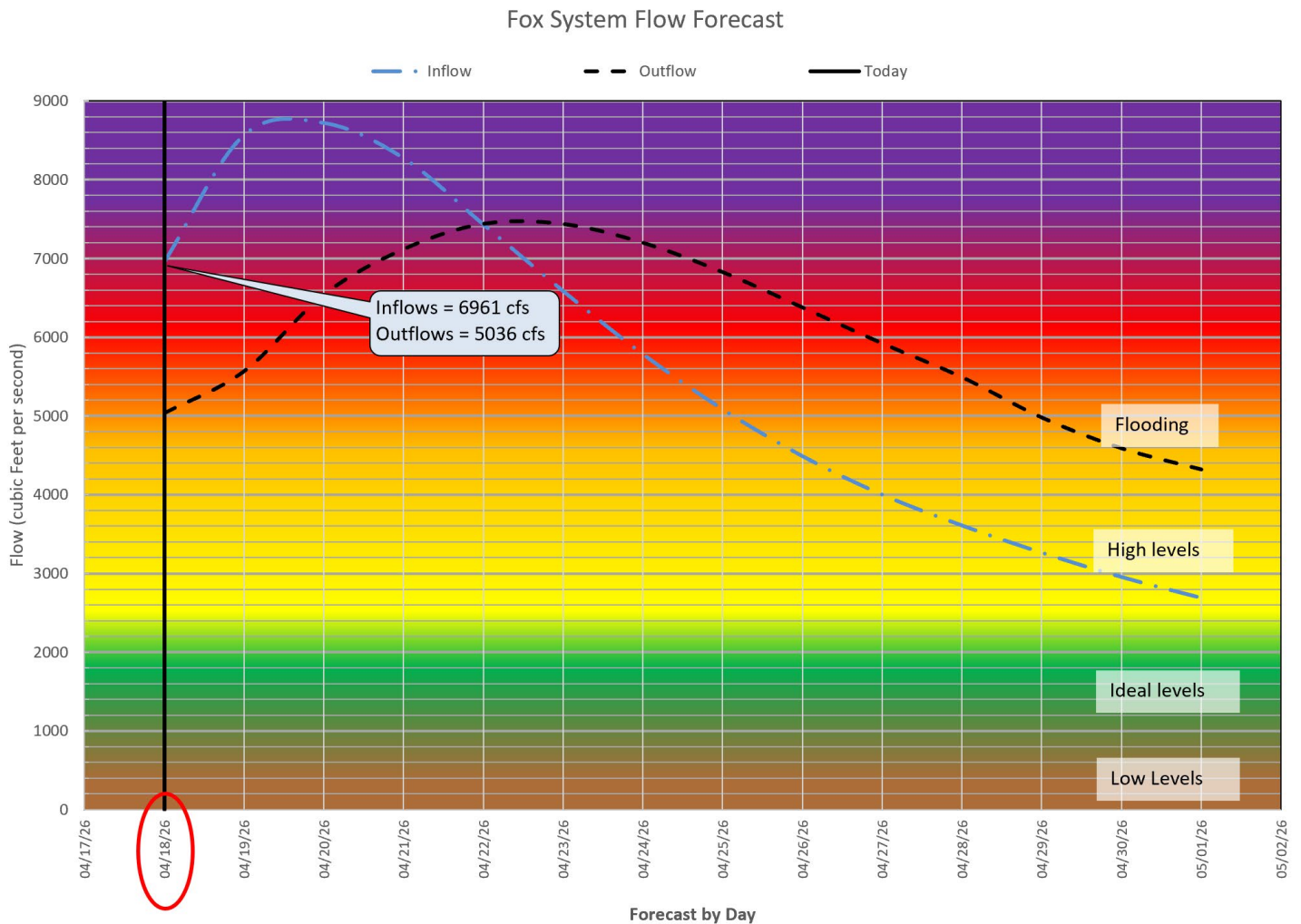
*\*This Update is based on the current forecast and will be adjusted based on future forecasts and rainfall.*

### Summary

This update is being released due to yesterday's rainfall. Inflows are now forecasted to peak near 8700 cfs on Monday (Figure 1). Fox Lake is now forecasted to peak at ~7.3' on Wednesday, with the Upper River and Pool will be slightly lower (Figure 2). The Lower River is expected to rise to near 8.00' on the Fox River (Tailwater) Near McHenry Gage, that would exceed 2017 (Figure 3). There is currently between 0.25" and 0.50" of rain forecasted for the watershed over the next 7 Days, (Figure 4).

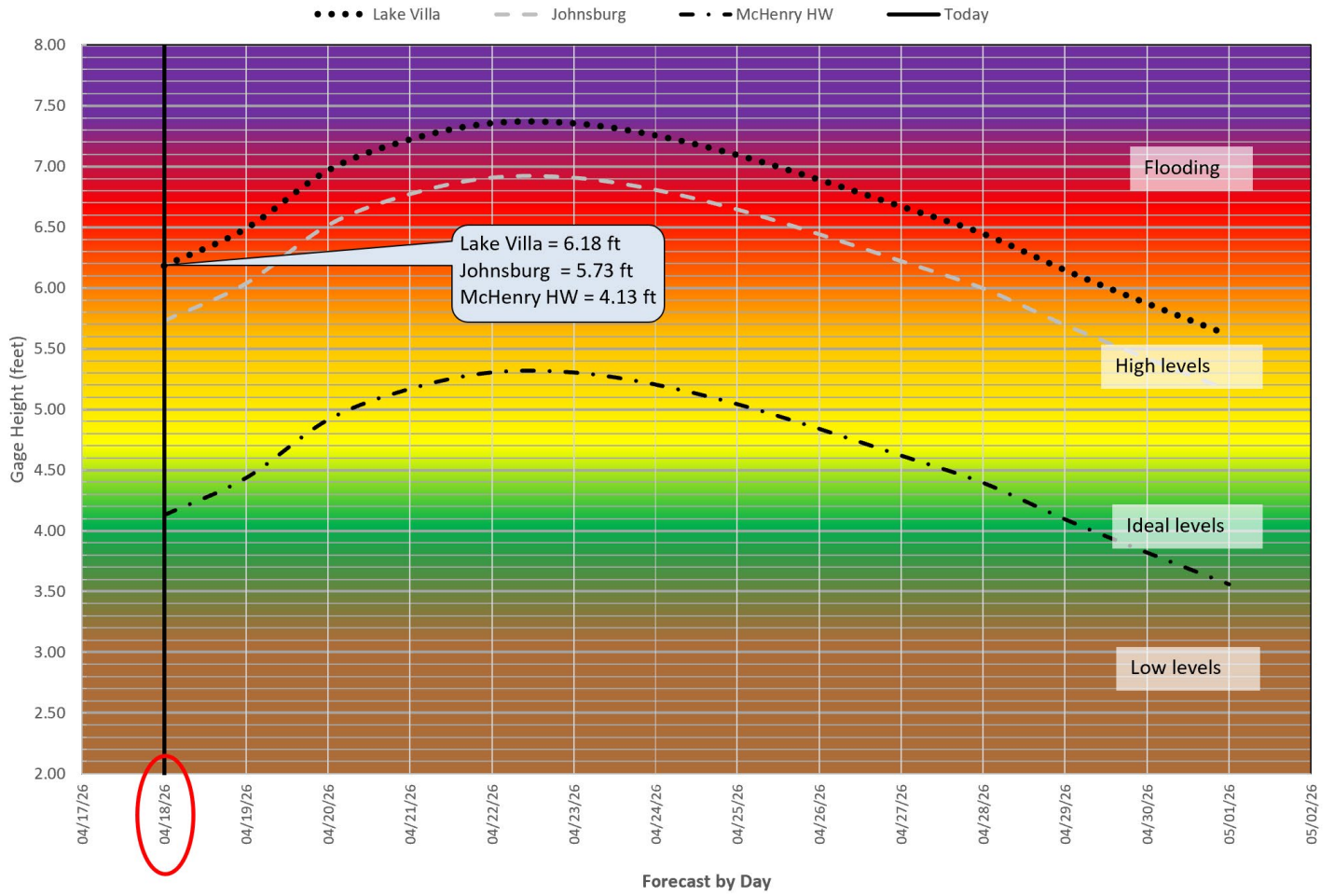
### Current Conditions and NWS Forecasts

**Figure 1:** National Weather Service Forecasted Inflows

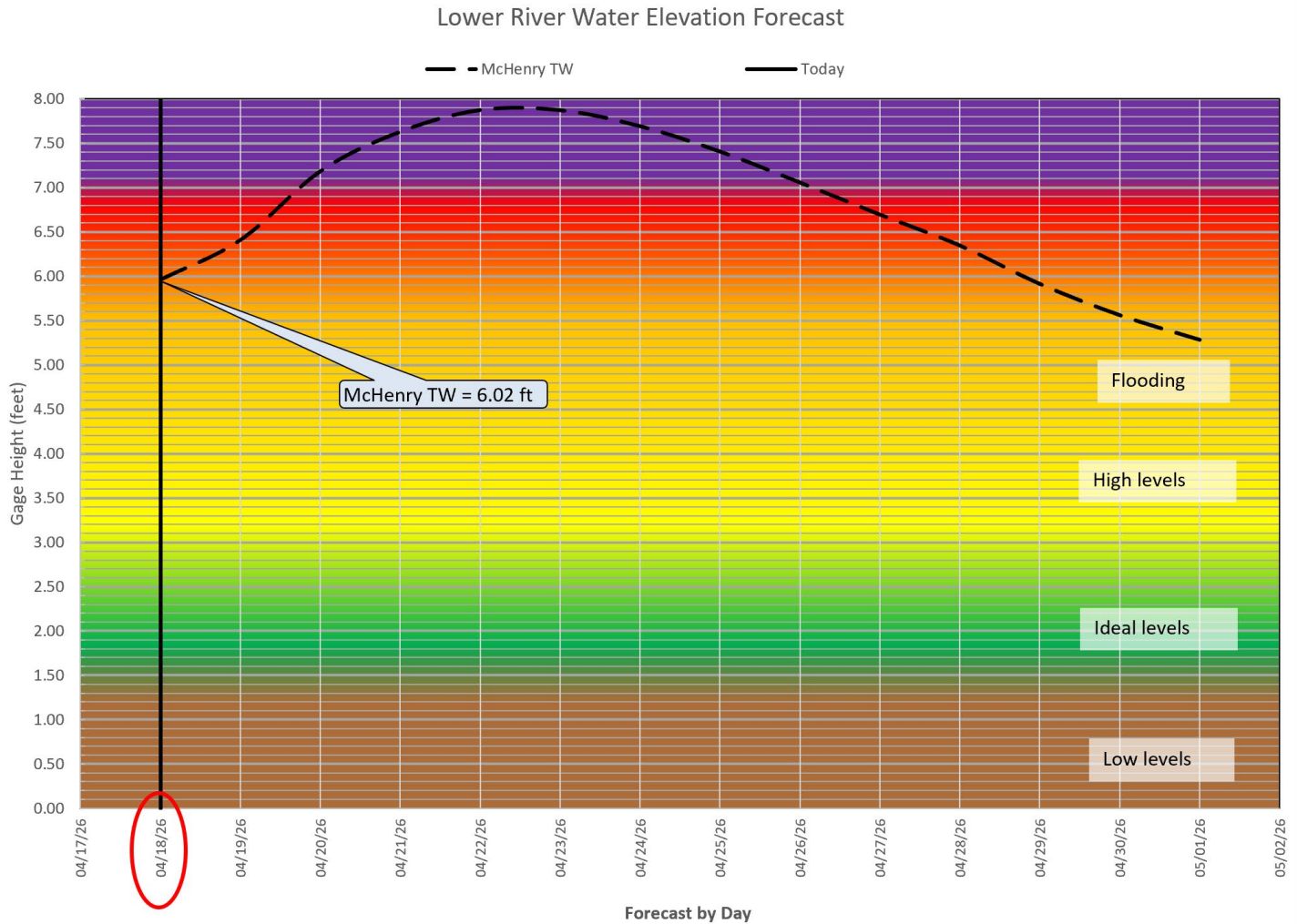


**Figure 2: Estimated Upstream Gage Heights**

Lake & Upper River Water Elevation Forecast(Summer Pool)



**Figure 3: Estimated Downstream Gage Height**



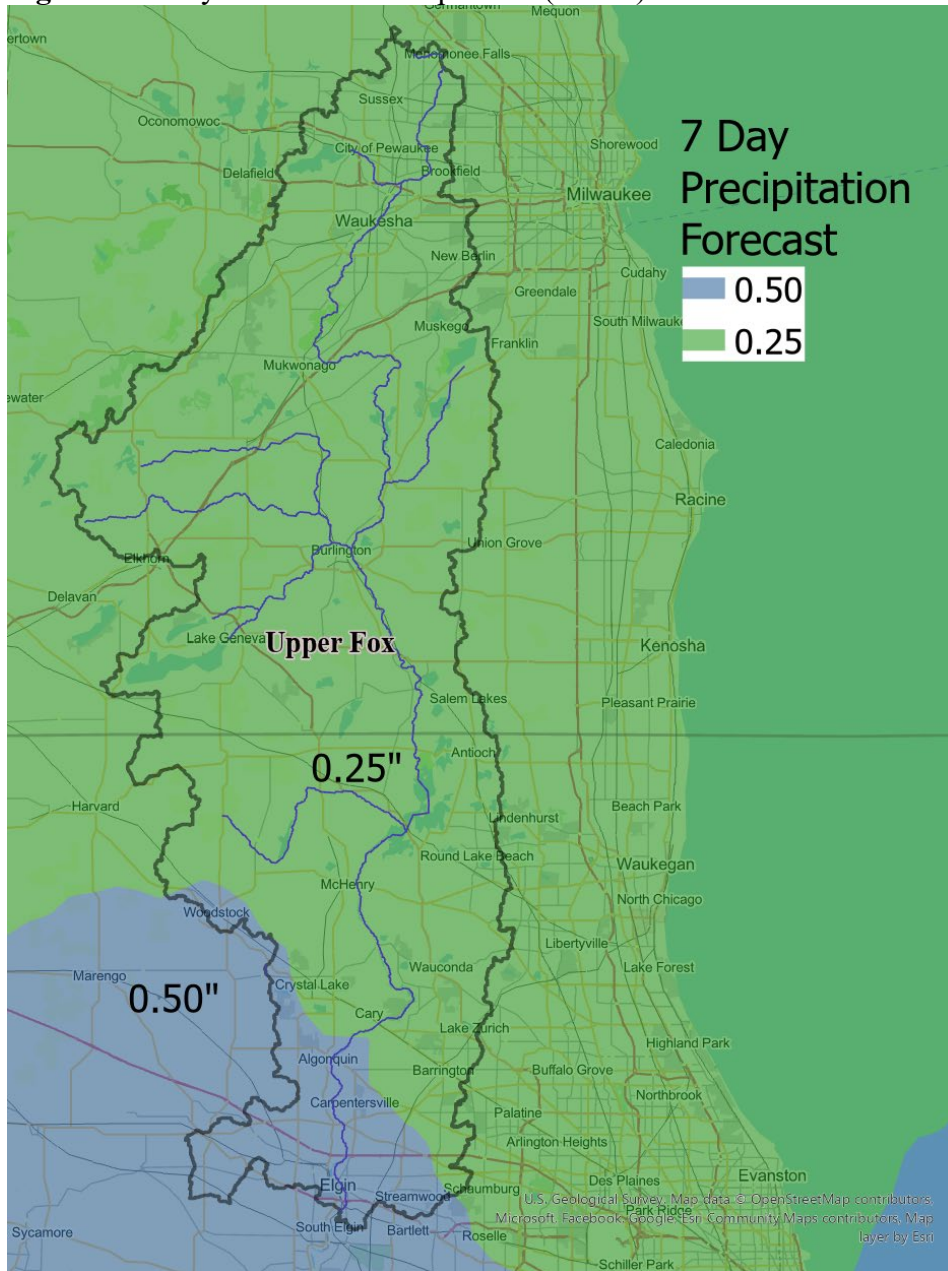
### Current Conditions

Measured flow on the Fox River near New Munster, WI is 4770 cfs and Nippersink Creek near Spring Grove is at 1620 cfs. The total Stratton inflow is 6961 cfs. The Fox Lake stage is 6.18 ft; the Stratton Dam Tailwater stage is 6.02 ft. The Fox River at the Algonquin Dam headwater stage is 2.75 ft.

### Forecast

Inflow forecasts have jumped by almost 2000 cfs, as shown in **Figure 1**. Fox Lake and areas upstream of the dam are forecasted to see levels approaching 7.3', as shown above in **Figure 2**. The Lower River should expect to see water levels approaching 8.0' as well, **Figure 3**. The 7-Day Precipitation forecast is showing 0.25" to 0.50" of rain for watershed over the next week, **Figure 4**.

**Figure 4: 7 Day Forecasted Precipitation (inches) for the Fox River Watershed**



## System Outlook

### Chain O' Lakes Outlook

Water levels are now forecasted to peak on Wednesday ~7.3'.

### McHenry Pool Area Outlook

The Pool and Upper River should expect to see conditions a little lower than the lakes.

### Lower River Outlook

The lower river should expect to see water levels near 8.0'.

**IDNR-OWR will continue to monitor conditions and make changes as necessary pending future forecasts and conditions. Future updates will be made should forecasts change.**

Thank you and stay safe,

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