



### Fox River Status Update April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

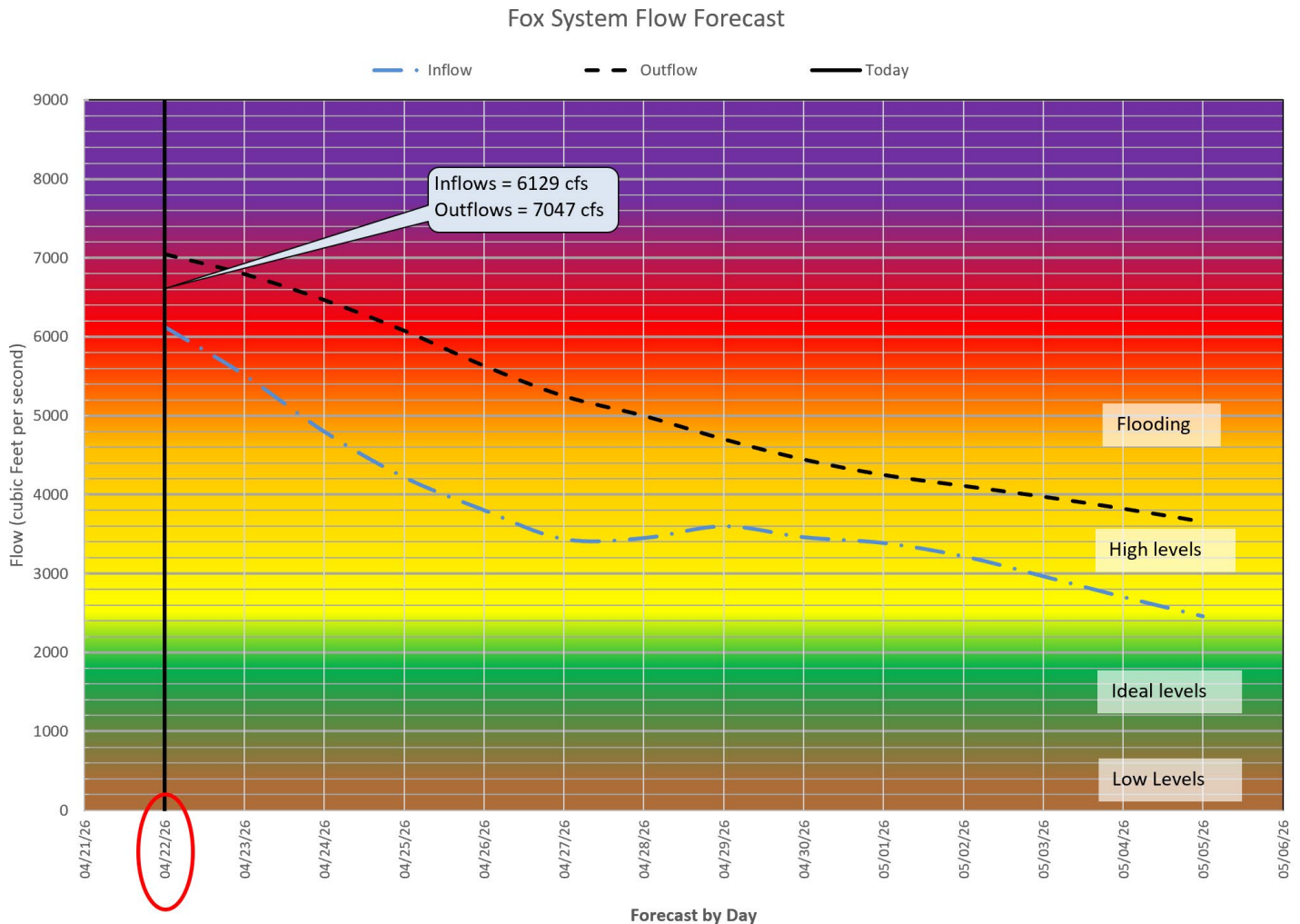
*\*This Update is based on the current forecast and will be adjusted based on future forecasts and rainfall.*

### Summary

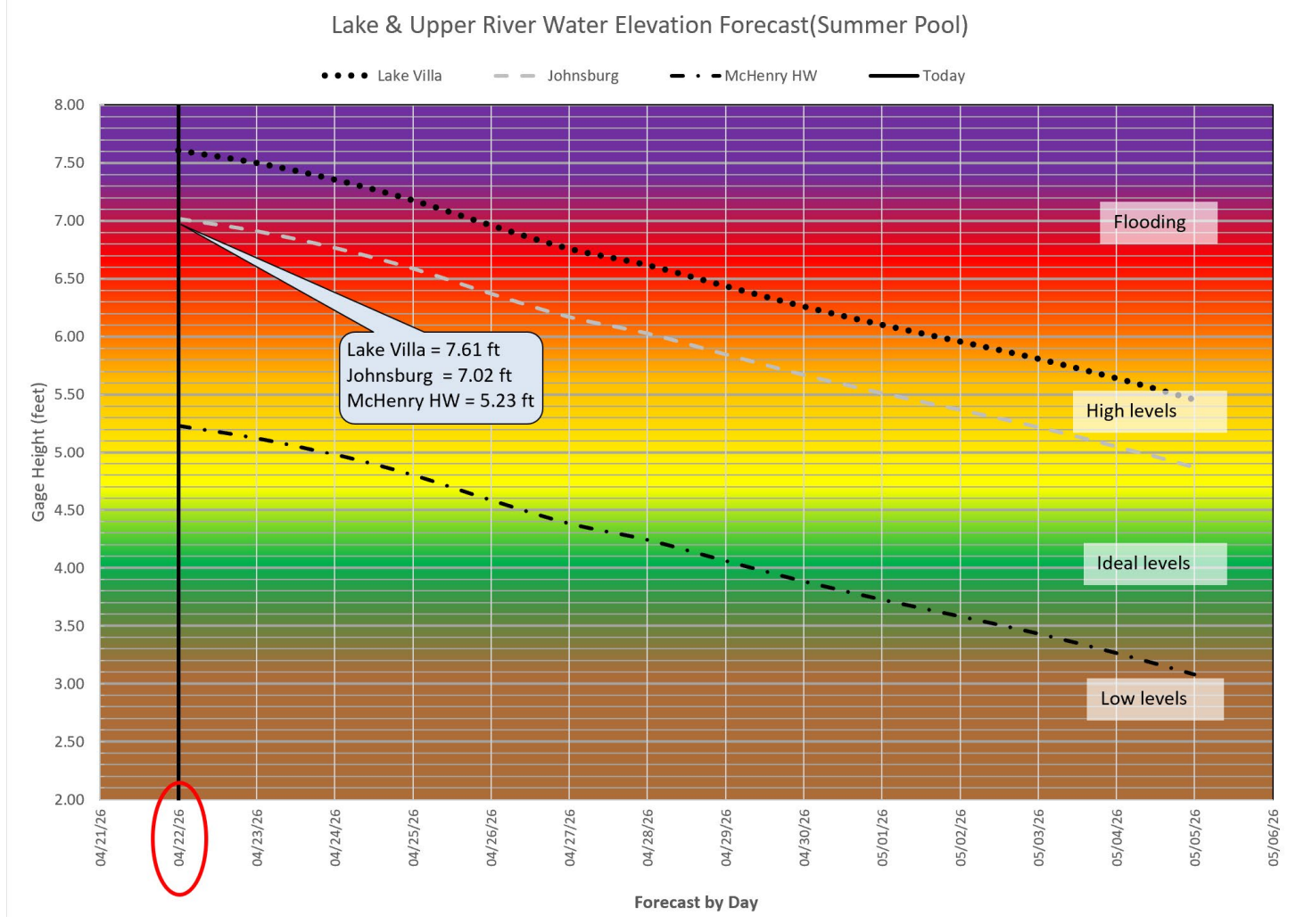
There is now currently between 1.5” and 1.75” of rain forecasted for the watershed over the next 7 Days, (Figure 4). Inflows have dropped by approximately 1800 cfs since Monday and are now less than outflow (Figure 1). Fox Lake appears to be peaking currently, with the Upper River and Pool being slightly lower (Figure 2). The Lower River is still expected to crest near 7.5’ on the Fox River (Tailwater) Near McHenry Gage, (Figure 3).

### Current Conditions and NWS Forecasts

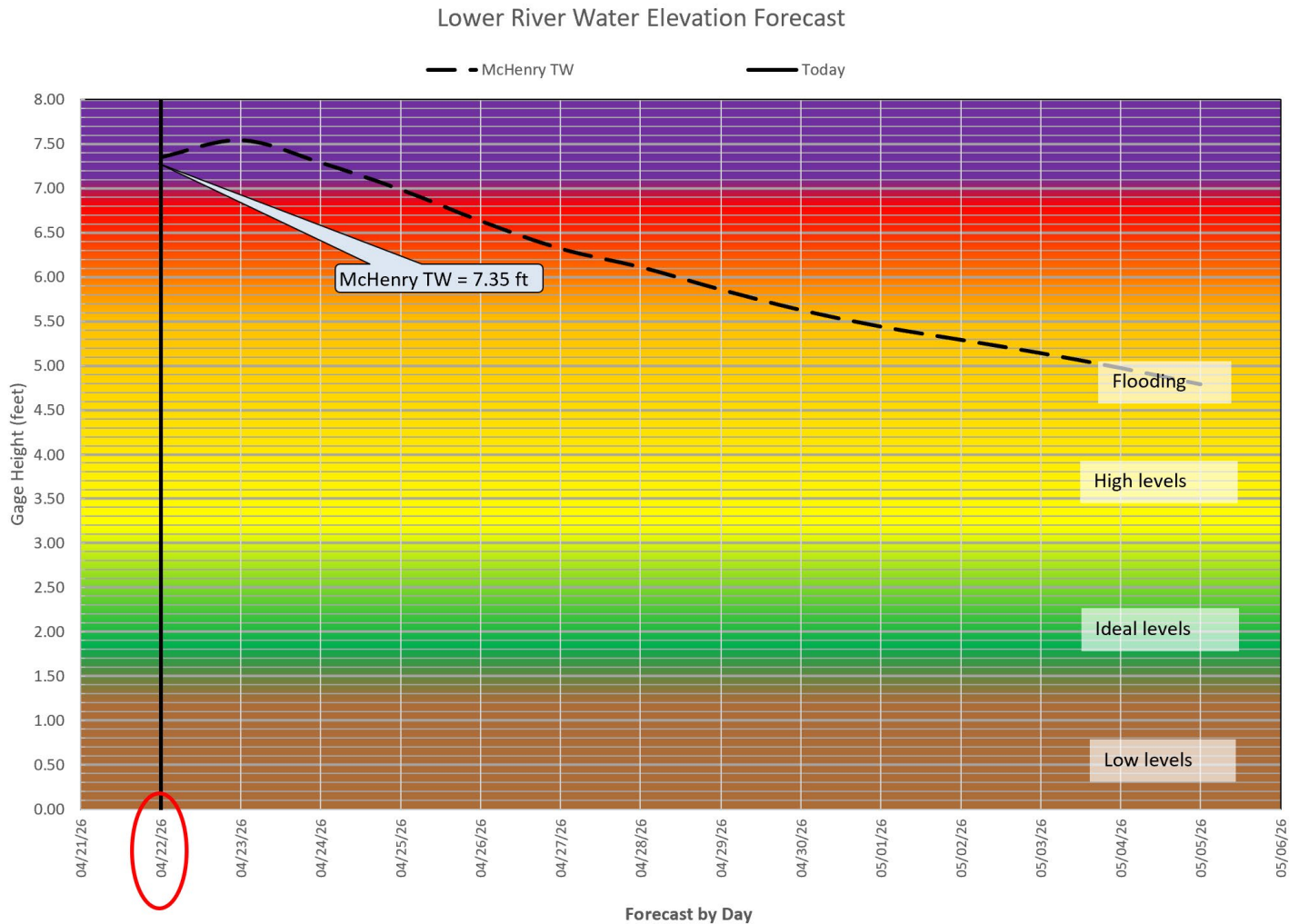
**Figure 1:** National Weather Service Forecasted Inflows



**Figure 2: Estimated Upstream Gage Heights**



**Figure 3: Estimated Downstream Gage Height**



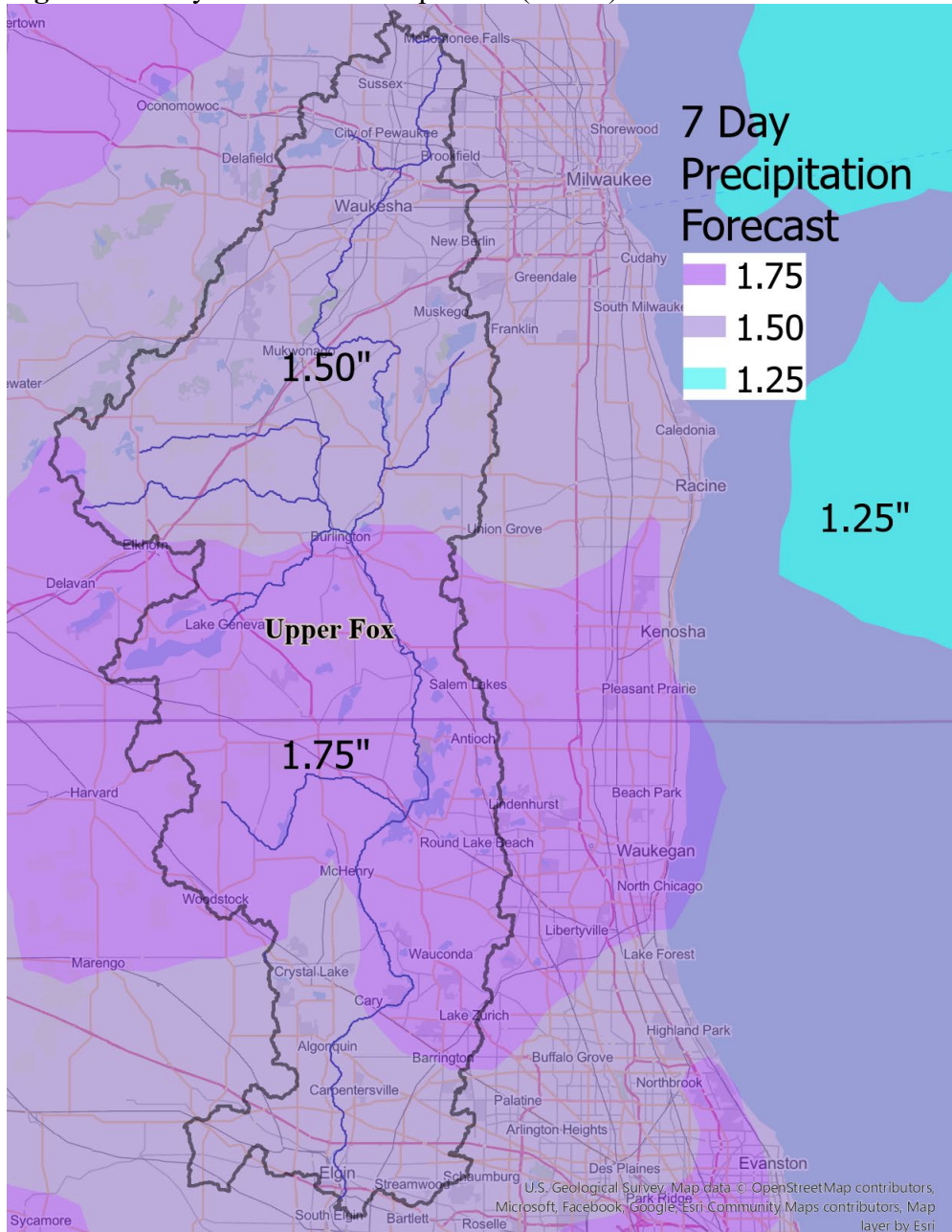
### Current Conditions

Measured flow on the Fox River near New Munster, WI is 4880 cfs and Nippersink Creek near Spring Grove is at 563 cfs. The total Stratton inflow is 6129 cfs. The Fox Lake stage is 7.61 ft; the Stratton Dam Tailwater stage is 7.35 ft. The Fox River at the Algonquin Dam headwater stage is 3.50 ft.

### Forecast

Inflows continue dropping, as shown in **Figure 1**. Fox Lake and areas upstream of the dam appear to be peaking, as shown above in **Figure 2**. The Lower River should expect to see water levels near 7.5' peaking tonight into tomorrow, **Figure 3**. The 7-Day Precipitation forecast is showing 1.5" to 1.75" of rain for watershed over the next week, **Figure 4**. The rain looks as though it will have little impact on water levels continuing to drop.

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



## System Outlook

### Chain O' Lakes Outlook

Water levels are at or very close to the peak.

### 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 is currently forecasted to crest near 7.5' tonight into tomorrow.

**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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