



### Fox River Status Update April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026

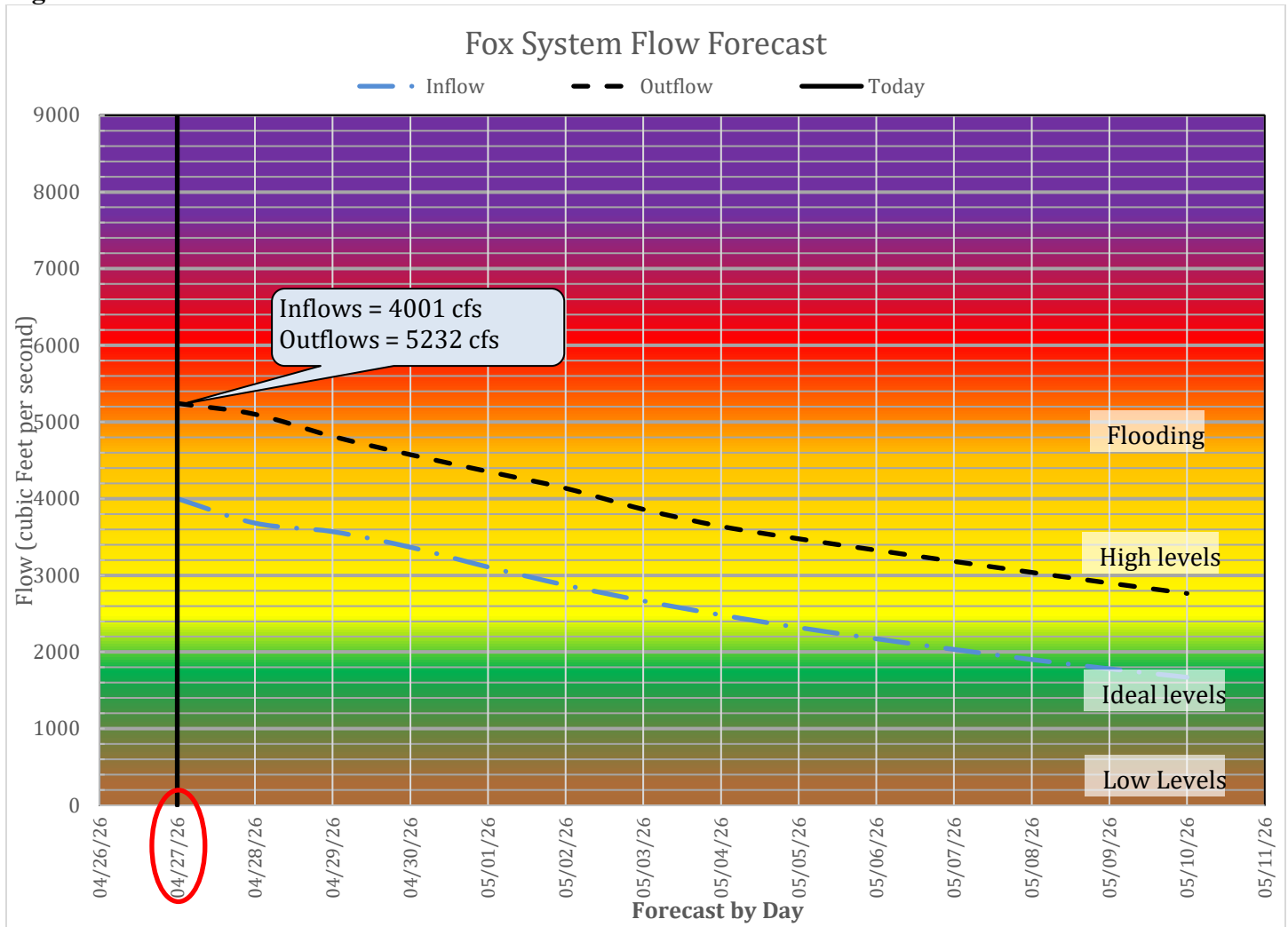
*\*This Update is based on the current forecast and will be adjusted based on future forecasts and rainfall.*

### Summary

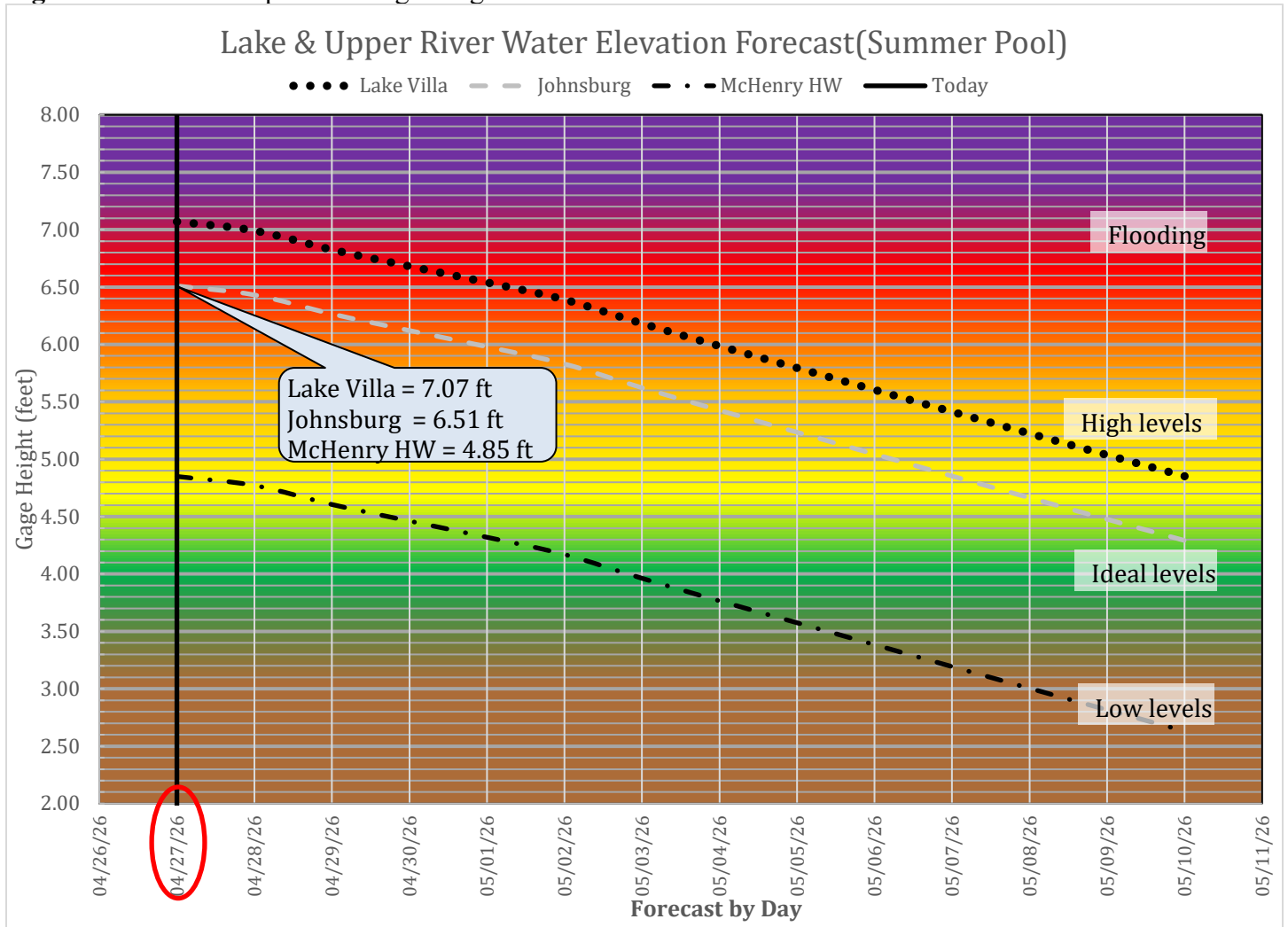
There is currently between 0.25” and 0.50” of rain forecasted for the watershed over the next 7 Days, with today’s rain causing a brief pause with the flows dropping (Figure 4). Inflows will continue to drop after the rain clears the system (Figure 1). Fox Lake, Upper River, and Pool continue dropping (Figure 2). The Lower River is expected to keep dropping as well on the Fox River (Tailwater) Near McHenry Gage, (Figure 3).

### Current Conditions and NWS Forecasts

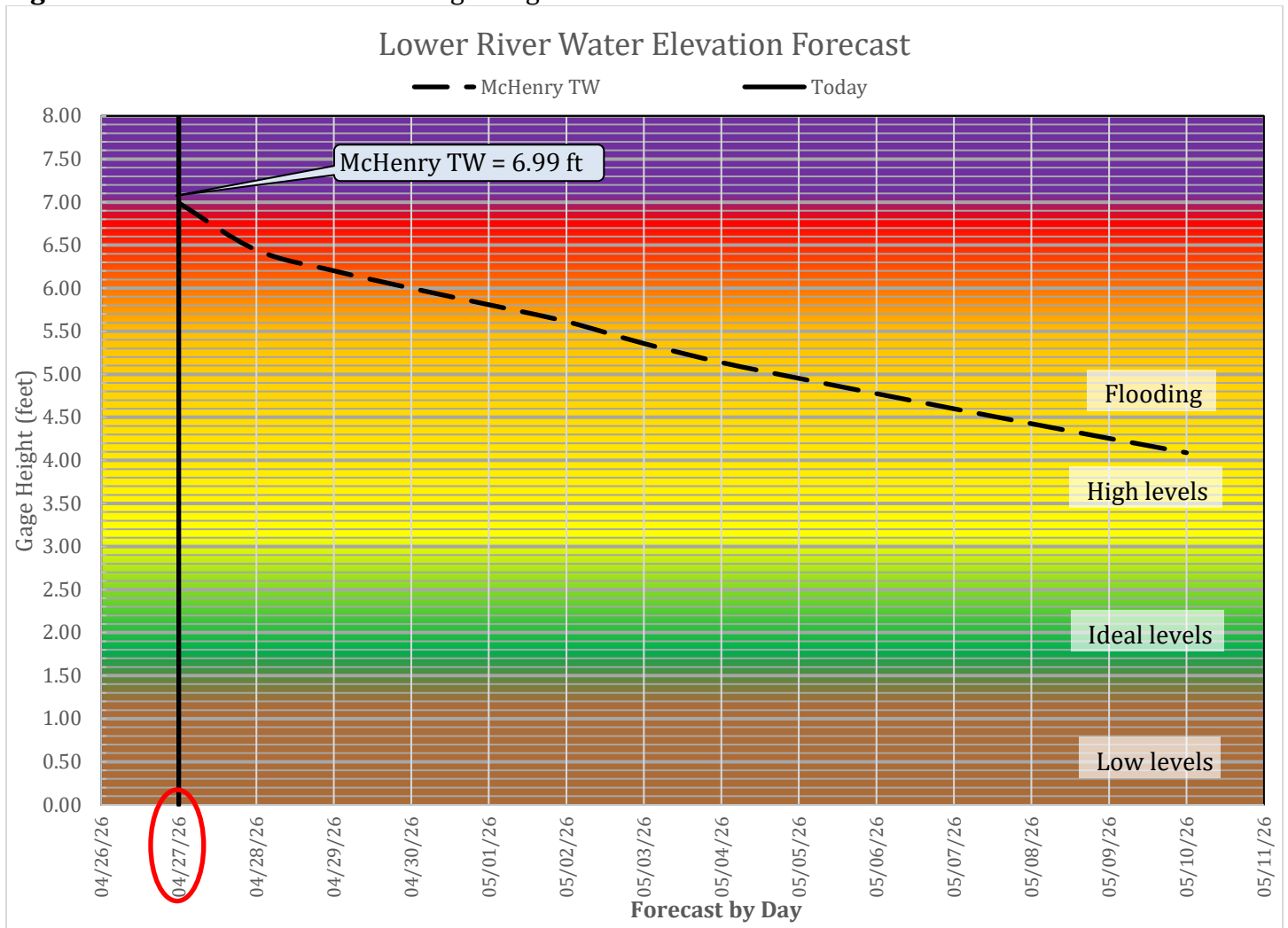
**Figure 1:** National Weather Service Forecasted Inflows



**Figure 2:** Estimated Upstream Gage Heights



**Figure 3: Estimated Downstream Gage Height**



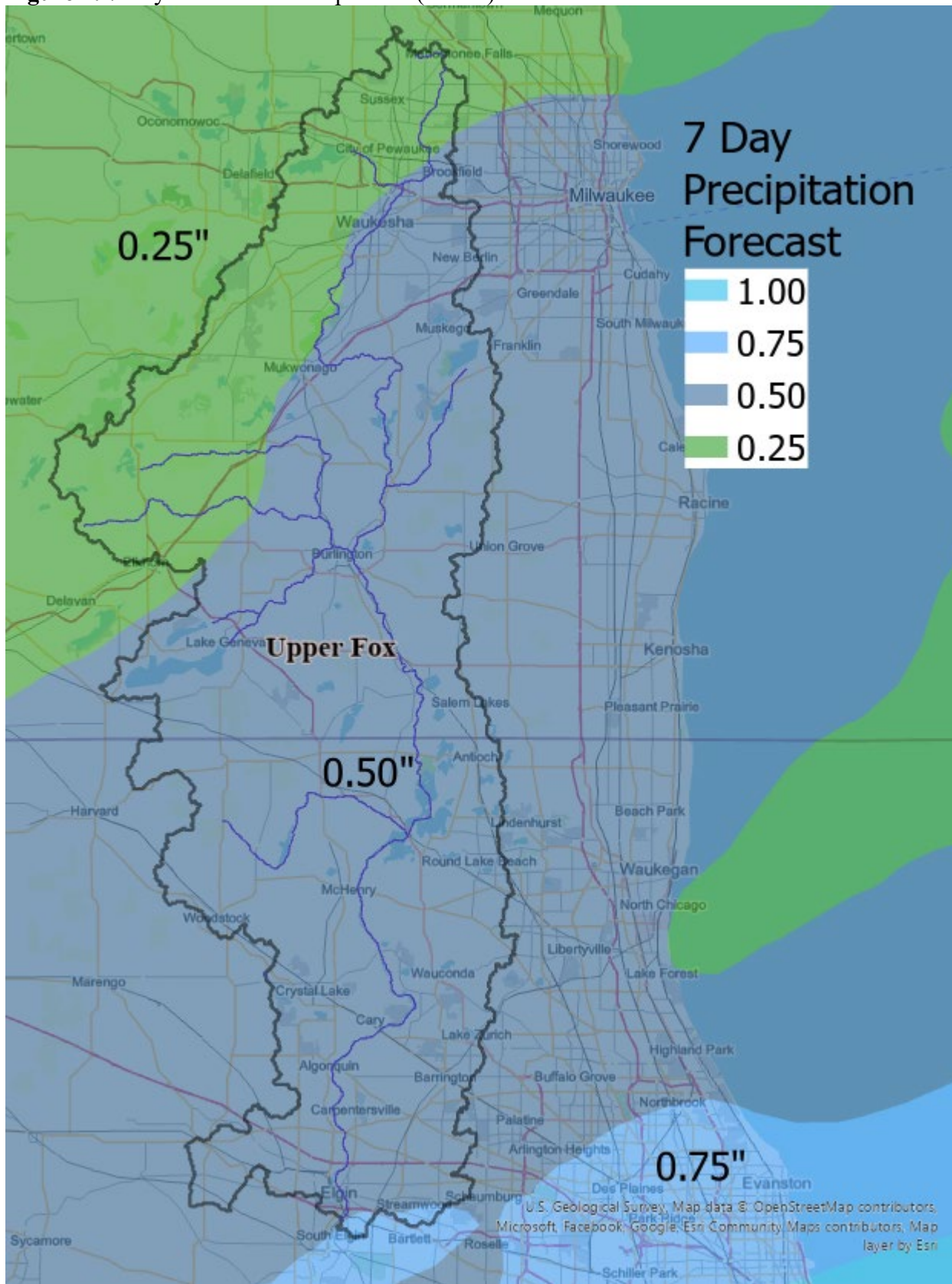
### Current Conditions

Measured flow on the Fox River near New Munster, WI is 3480 cfs and Nippersink Creek near Spring Grove is 310 cfs. The total Stratton inflow is 4001 cfs, a drop of 1100 cfs since Friday. The Fox Lake stage is 7.07 ft; the Stratton Dam Tailwater stage is 6.99 ft. The Fox River at the Algonquin Dam headwater stage is 3.26 ft.

### Forecast

Inflows continue dropping, as shown in **Figure 1**. Fox Lake and areas upstream of the dam will continue to drop, as shown above in **Figure 2**. The Lower River should expect to see water levels drop as inflows continue to fall, **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 fell by 0.5' over the weekend and continue to decline.

### 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 has dropped by 0.4' as well.

**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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