



Fox River Status Update
June 12th, 2026

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

Summary

There is currently just over 1.50” of rain forecasted for the watershed over the next 7 Days. Inflows are forecasted to peak tomorrow at just over 2500 cfs (Figure 1). The Chain is currently forecasted to peak Monday at 4.55’ on the Fox Lake gage with the Upper River and Pool being slightly lower (Figure 2). The Lower River is forecasted to peak Monday as well at near 3.20’ on the tailwater gage (Figure 3).

Current Conditions and NWS Forecasts

Figure 1: National Weather Service Forecasted Inflows

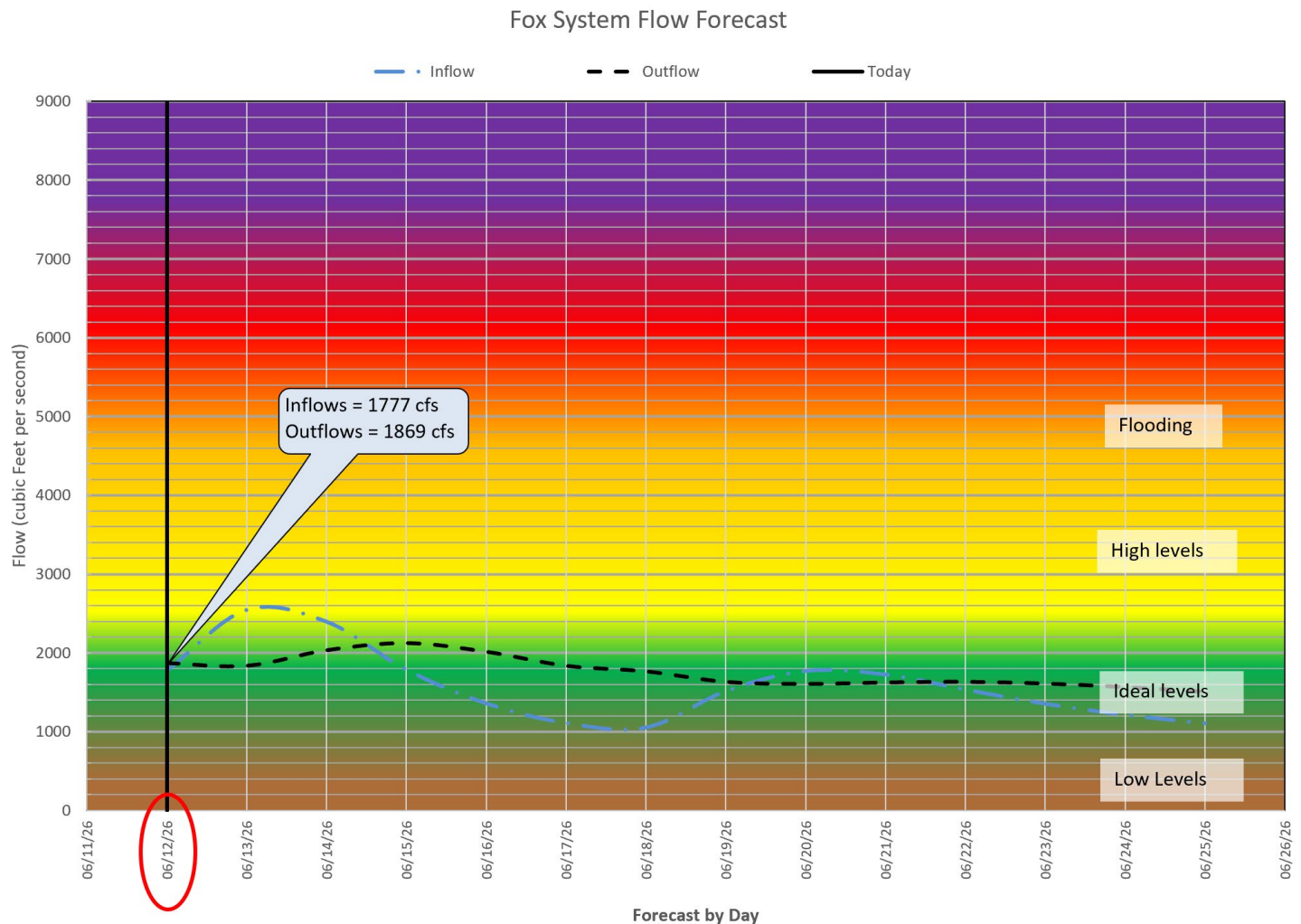


Figure 2: Estimated Upstream Gage Heights

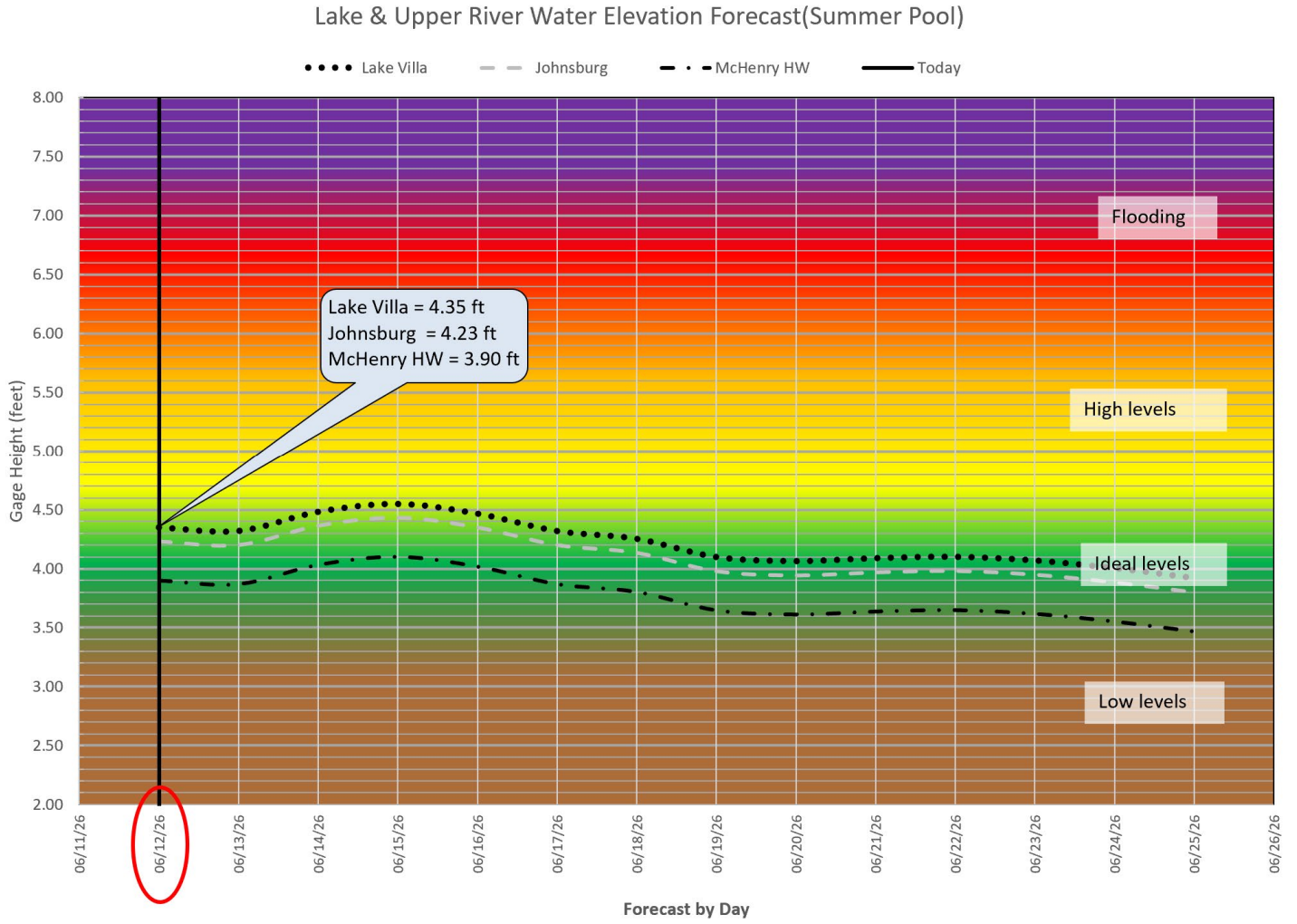
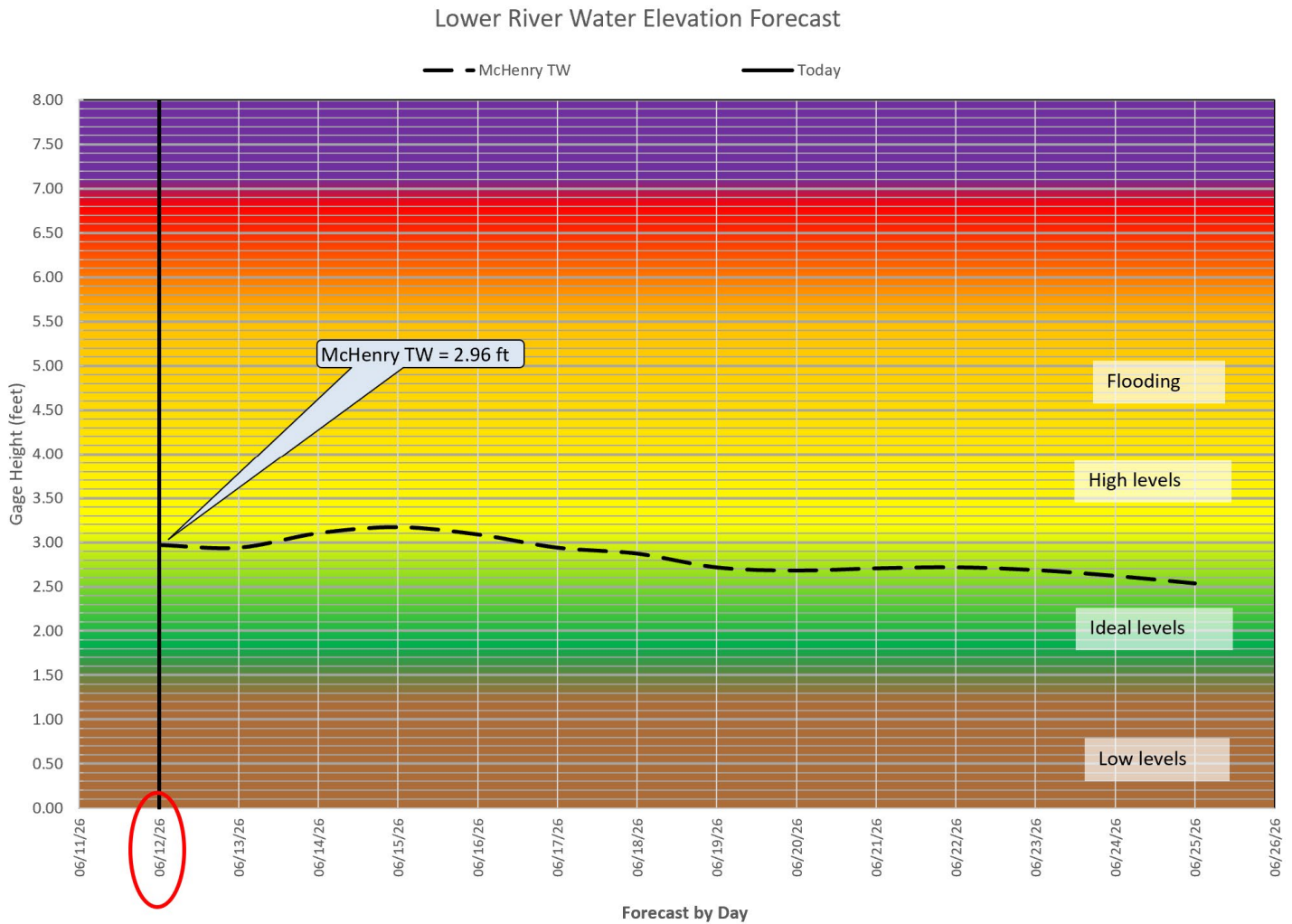


Figure 3: Estimated Downstream Gage Height



Current Conditions

Measured flow on the Fox River near New Munster, WI is 891 cfs and Nippersink Creek near Spring Grove is 679 cfs. The total Stratton inflow is 1777 cfs. The Fox Lake stage is 4.35 ft; the Stratton Dam Tailwater stage is 2.97 ft. The Fox River at the Algonquin Dam headwater stage is 1.73 ft.

Forecast

Inflows will peak tomorrow, as shown in **Figure 1**. Fox Lake will peak Monday near 4.55' and areas upstream of the dam will remain a little lower than the lakes, as shown above in **Figure 2**. The Lower River will peak near 3.20' on Monday as well, **Figure 3**. The 7-Day Precipitation forecast is showing ~1.50" of rain for the watershed over the next week.

System Outlook

Chain O' Lakes Outlook

Water levels will climb to 4.55' tomorrow.

McHenry Pool Area Outlook

The Pool and Upper River will be somewhat lower than the lakes.

Lower River Outlook

The lower river is forecasted to top out at 3.20'.

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,

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