# 2023 Updates to the Harpeth River Water Quality Model

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# Updates/Revisions

- Current version updated by EPA Region 4 Modeling Team on 6/21/2023
- Updated to WASP model version 8.4.0
- Adds periphyton as a state variable
- Includes updated output from the LSPC watershed model
- Uses revised WRDB input datafiles
- Incorporates additional calibration compared to the previous Harpeth modeling package that was delivered in September 2020
- Includes HTML mapped Calibration figures
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#### 1:1 Simulated vs. measured

Harpeth River nr Kingston Spgs



(Calib Station: USGS-03434500; WASP Seg: 11) Date Plotted: 2023-06-08

Cumulative probability distribution

#### Statistical GOF summary & map

## Periphyton Updates

- Sets proportion of WASP stream segment available for periphyton growth
  - 20% of mainstem segments
  - 10% of the upper segments draining headwater tributary subbasins
- Included a canopy cover time function for headwater tributary segments
  - varied seasonally between the winter and summer
  - 0% cover on January 1st of each year, then linearly interpolated to increased up to 50% cover on July 1st of each year.

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Mainstem - 20% periphyton coverage
Headwaters - 10% periphyton coverage + Canopy Coverage

![](_page_3_Figure_9.jpeg)

# Overall Summary

- WASP conservatively underpredicts periphyton AFDM compared to the 2017 sampling event, but predicted range is within the bounds of measured values.
- Addition of seasonal canopy cover in headwaters improved temperature calibration
- Addition of periphyton improves the diurnal DO calibration

![](_page_4_Figure_4.jpeg)

(Calib Station: HARPETH-1 / HARPETH-4A / HRC-4A / TNW000002797 / USGS-03433500; WASP Seg: 21)

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#### Sonde DO @ Kingston Spring (WASP Seg 11)

![](_page_5_Figure_1.jpeg)

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### Sonde DO near Franklin (WASP Seg 66)

![](_page_6_Figure_1.jpeg)

(Calib Station: USGS-0343233905; WASP Seg: 66) Date Plotted: 2023-06-08

### Questions