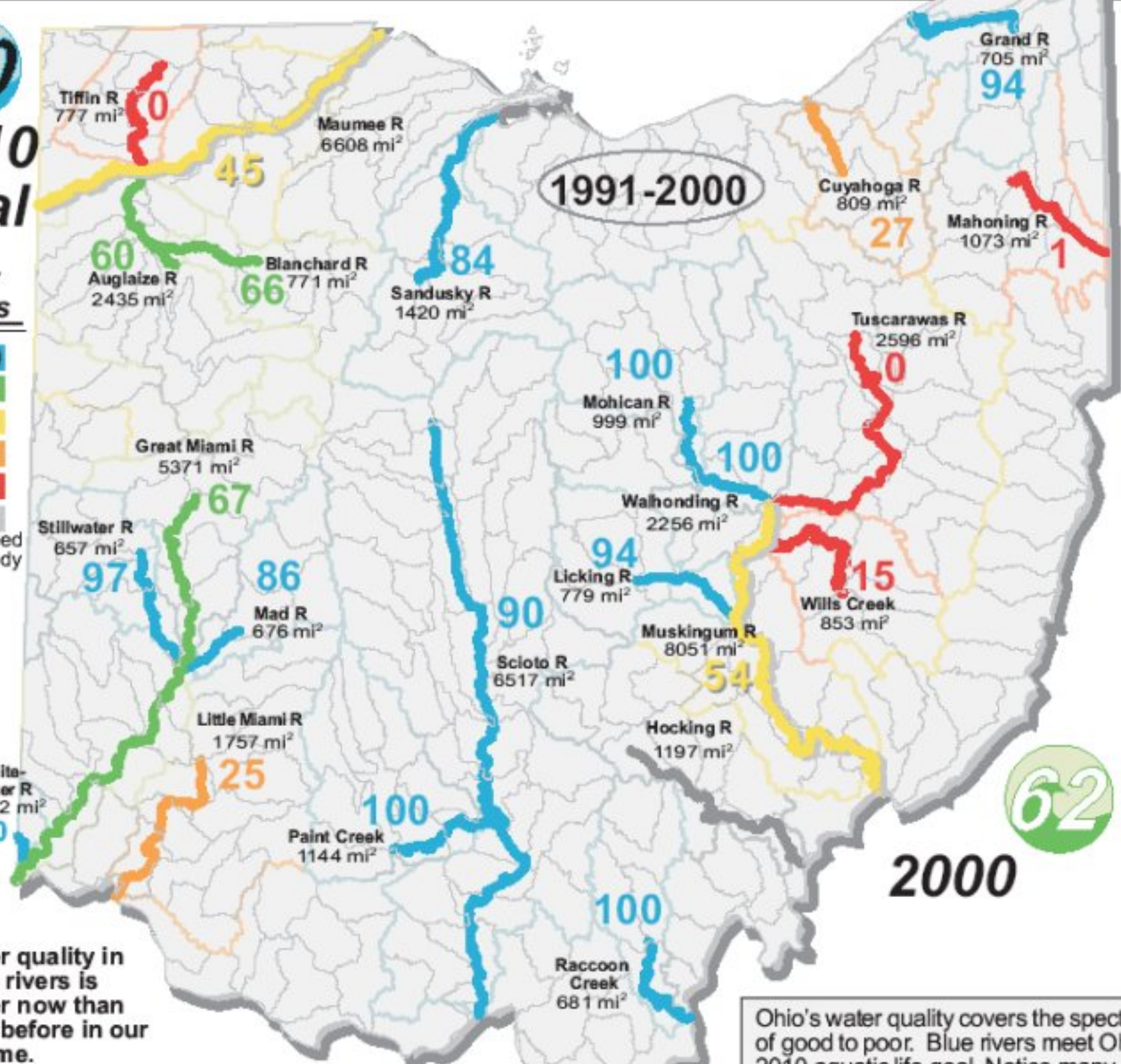


# Big Rivers: Ohio's big water quality success

**80**  
2010 goal

**River Scores**

- 80-100
- 60-79
- 40-59
- 20-39
- 0-19
- Gray  
rivers need more study



Water quality in Ohio rivers is better now than ever before in our lifetime.

Ohio's water quality covers the spectrum of good to poor. Blue rivers meet Ohio's 2010 aquatic life goal. Notice many blue rivers were red a short time ago.

Working together, Ohioans know we can make all rivers blue. Millions of dollars spent in the 1980s to fix municipal and industrial wastewater treatment plants were paid back in the 1990s as a 41 point jump in the percent of stream miles meeting our goal.

Ohio's 2010 goal to have healthy aquatic communities in 80% of our large rivers will continue this trend.



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