

NATURAL DRAINAGE BASINS

MAJOR, REGIONAL, SUBREGIONAL AND LOCAL CHAPLIN, CONNECTICUT

LEGEND

- Basin Boundary**
 - Major Basin
 - Regional Basin
 - Subregional Basin
 - Local Basin
- Local Drainage Basin Direction**
 - Outlet Direction
 - Main Stem Direction
 - Coastal Direction
- Elevation**
 - 100 ft Contour Line
 - 20 ft Contour Line

EXPLANATION

This map shows the location and identification number of major, regional, subregional, and local drainage basins. It is intended to serve as a general guide for drainage basin boundaries and their identification. Local basins are larger than subregional, regional, and major drainage basin areas and are differentiated by their drainage basin boundary type and identification numbers. Arrows on the map represent general direction of surface water flow within local drainage basins. Local outlet direction is shown in purple. Main stem direction is shown in red. Coastal direction is shown in blue.

The elevation contour lines shown on this map are more accurate than those used in the drainage basin boundaries. While the boundaries are suitable for general planning and information purposes, it is recommended to verify the elevation where a survey is normally required, or for detailed engineering, building, or design purposes. With this information, a general sense of the lay of the land can be ascertained. Gentle slopes are characterized by widely spaced contour lines; steep slopes are represented by closely spaced contour lines. Contour lines that are concave toward the local outlet direction indicate streams flowing through valleys of noticeable relief will form a V-shaped deflection with the apex of the V pointing upstream. However, river and stream features and watershed delineations that are based on USGS topographic quadrangle maps at 1:24,000 scale may not align exactly with the terrain of stream valleys and elevation of hills and ridges depicted by these contour lines.

Drainage basin boundaries shown on this map were manually delineated by interpreting the 10 foot contour lines and hydrography features shown on USGS 1:24,000-scale topographic quadrangle maps. Only drainage basins that were large enough to verify the location of their basin boundaries and boundaries could be accurate in areas that have been diked for flood control, upland wetland and reservoirs having outlets into two basins, areas where topographic mapping is not up to date, is inaccurate, or is not detailed enough to adequately define local drainage. Residential and

commercial development, highway construction, and other changes to the landscape may have resulted in local modifications to the natural drainage pattern since the time these basin boundaries were delineated.

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Note: The major, regional, subregional, and local drainage basin boundaries shown on this map are the same as those published on the 1:12,000 scale maps entitled Natural Drainage Basins in Connecticut, McElroy, 1981. The basin boundaries shown on this town map were digitized from the 1:24,000-scale compilation sheets used to publish the state map of Natural Drainage Basins in Connecticut, 1981.

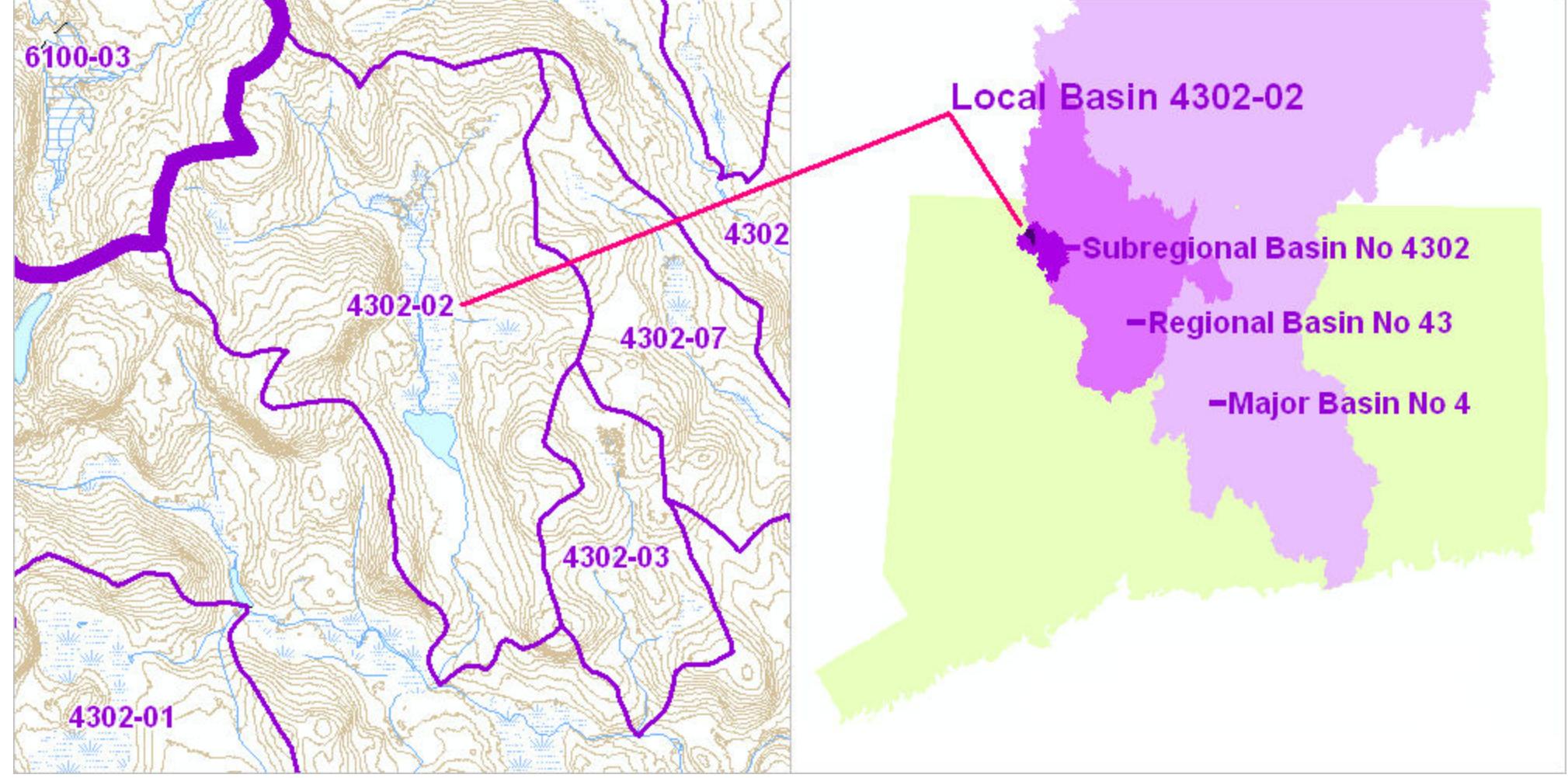


Figure 1. Example showing a typical local drainage basin and the subregional, regional, and major drainage basin it is part of.

DATA SOURCES

LOCAL DRAINAGE BASIN DATA The drainage basin information shown on this map is based on the following digital spatial datasets: Connecticut Local Basin Line and Local Basin Poly. These datasets were developed by CT DEP and delineate major, regional, subregional, and local drainage areas at 1:24,000-scales. These data depict drainage areas for Connecticut rivers, streams, brooks, lakes, reservoirs and ponds published on 1:24,000-scale 7.5 minute topographic quadrangle maps prepared by the USGS between 1969 and 1984.

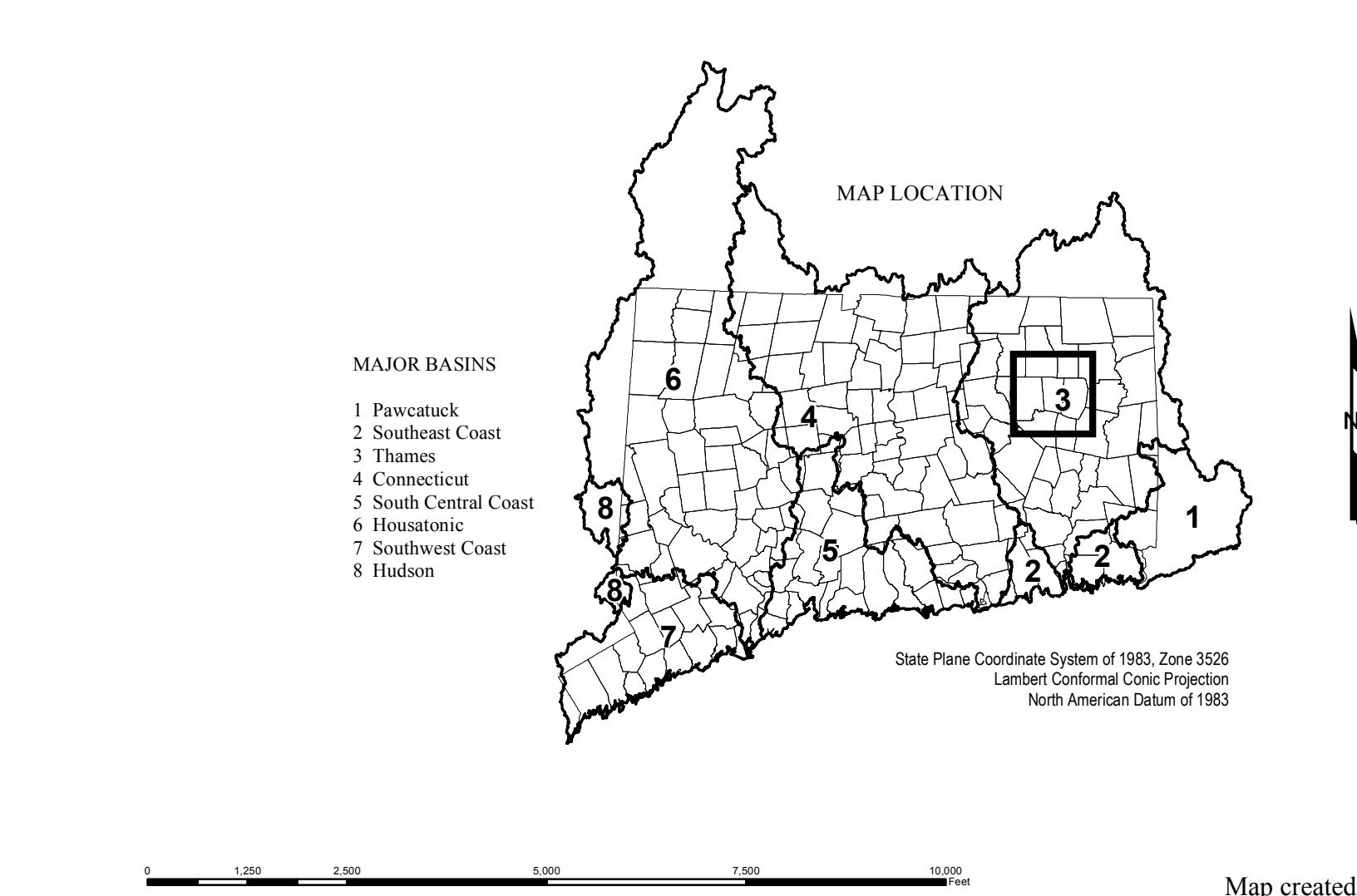
BASE MAP DATA Based on data originally from 1:24,000-scale USGS 7.5 minute topographic quadrangle maps published between 1969 and 1992. This includes political boundaries, railroads, airports, hydrography, geographic names and geographic places. Streets and street names are from Tele Atlas® copyrighted data. Base map information is neither current nor complete.

RELATED INFORMATION

This map is intended to be printed at its original dimensions in order to maintain the 1:24,000-scale (1 inch = 2000 feet).

To identify either all upstream basins draining to or all downstream basins from a particular location, refer to the Gazetteer of Drainage Basin Areas in Connecticut, Nasel, 1977, CT DEP Water Resources Bulletin 15, for the hydrologic sequence, headwater to outfall, of drainage basins.

MAPS AND DIGITAL DATA Visit the CT ECO website for this map and a variety of others in PDF format. Visit the CT DEP website to download the digital spatial data shown on this map.



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