

NATURAL DRAINAGE BASINS

MAJOR, REGIONAL, SUBREGIONAL AND LOCAL SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT

LEGEND

- Basin Boundary**
 - Major Basin
 - Regional Basin
 - Subregional Basin
 - Local Basin
- Local Drainage Basin Direction**
 - Outlet Direction
 - Main Stem Direction
 - Coastal Direction
- Elevation**
 - High - 2,413 FT
 - Low - 1 FT

EXPLANATION

This map shows the location and identification number of major, regional, subregional and local drainage basins. Major basins are intended to serve as a municipal guide for drainage basin delineation and identification. Local basins make up larger subregional, regional and major drainage basin areas and are differentiated by their drainage basin boundary 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.

Topographic mapping is not up to date, is inaccurate, or is not detailed enough to adequately define local drainage basins. Residential and industrial 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.

In order to create a three-dimensional effect, this map uses gradational shades of color rather than contour lines to depict elevation. Areas of low elevation in Connecticut are shown in light blue. Areas slightly higher in elevation are shown in light yellow, followed by green, orange, red, brown, grey, and white for the highest elevations in Connecticut. This three-dimensional effect is also achieved by showing shadows cast on high ground as if sunlight is shining from the northwestern direction. As a result, the northwestern side of elevated areas is intentionally lighter in color than the southeastern side. More flat areas are more uniform and appear smooth, while steeper slopes appear rough with the southeastern side appearing darker in color. The elevation colors shown on this map do not represent vegetation or climate regions. For a more absolute determination of elevation for locations within a basin, refer to the companion map of Natural Drainage Basins that depicts elevation as contour lines instead of shaded relief.

A 7-digit drainage basin number such as 4302-02 uniquely identifies local drainage areas shown on this map. Drainage basin areas are numbered sequentially, beginning upstream and continuing downstream. The identification numbers are hierarchical. The first digit (column 1) identifies the major basin, the first two digits (columns 1-2) identify the regional basin, the first 4 digits (columns 1-4) identify the subregional basin, the first seven digits (columns 1-7) identify the local basin. For example, 4302-02 is the major, regional and subregional basin numbers for local basin number 4302-02. As illustrated in the diagram below, this signifies that local basin number 4302-02 is part of subregional basin 4302, which is part of regional basin 43, which is part of major basin 4.

Drainage basin boundaries shown on this map were manually delineated by interpreting the 10 foot contour lines and hydrologic features shown on USGS 1:24,000-scale topographic quadrangle maps. Only linear stream channels are delineated. It is very hard to locate true basin boundaries. Basin boundaries may not be accurate in areas that have been dredged for flood control, upland wetland and reservoirs having outlets into two basins, areas where

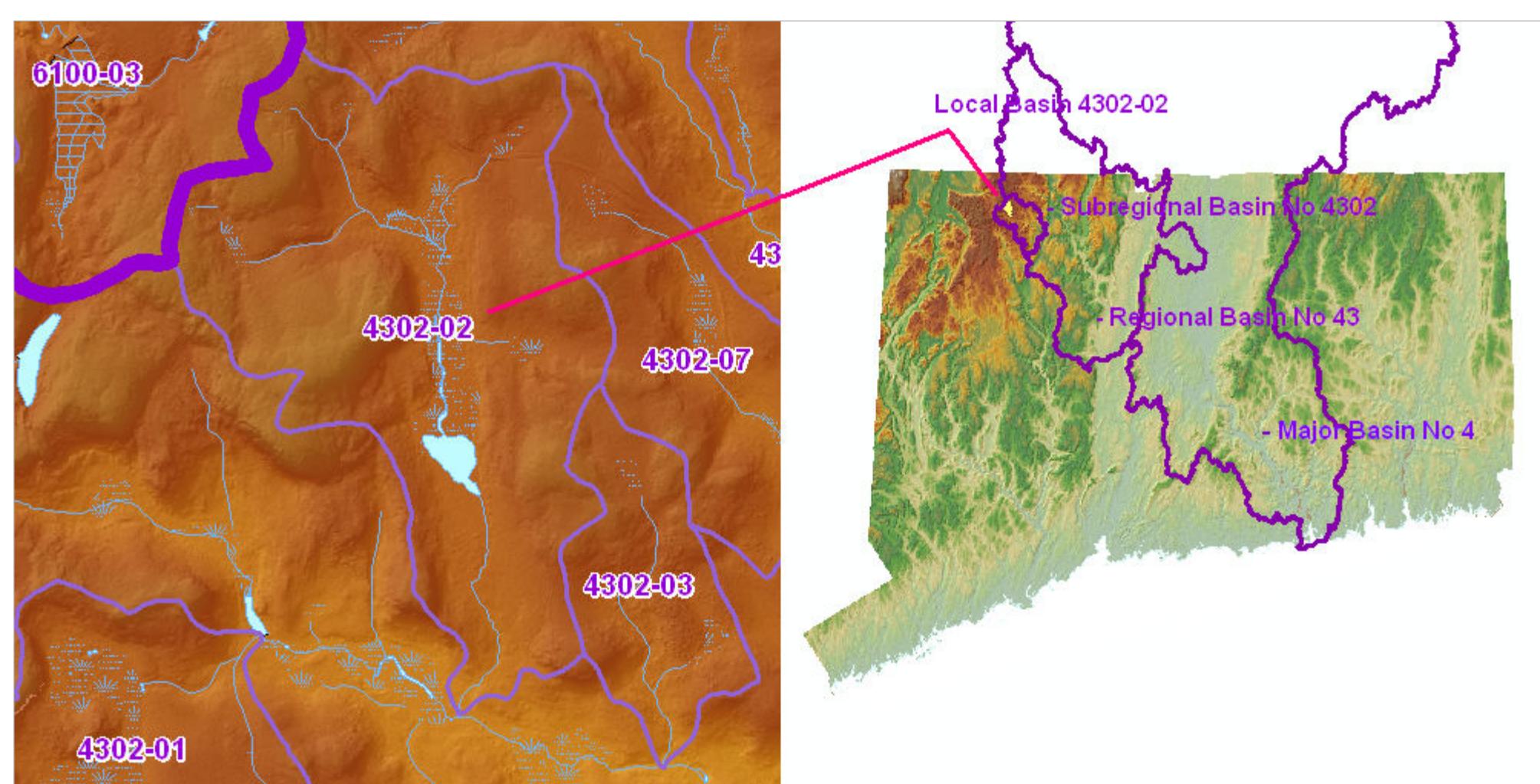


Figure 1. Example showing a typical local drainage basin and the subregional, regional, and major drainage basin it is part of.

DATA SOURCES

LOCAL DRAINAGE BASIN DATA – The drainage basin information shown on this map is based on the following digital spatial data: Connecticut Boundaries, Connecticut Rivers Poly. These two datasets were developed by CT DEP and depict major, regional, subregional, and local basin drainage areas and boundaries at 1:24,000-scale. 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.

SHADED RELIEF ELEVATION DATA – The data used to depict elevation on this map was provided by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). The three-dimensional effect was created using a ground elevation and a hill shade dataset from the University of Connecticut derived from Connecticut's 2000 statewide LiDAR dataset.

BASE MAP DATA – Based on data originally from 1:24,000-scale USGS 7.5 minute topographic quadrangle maps published between

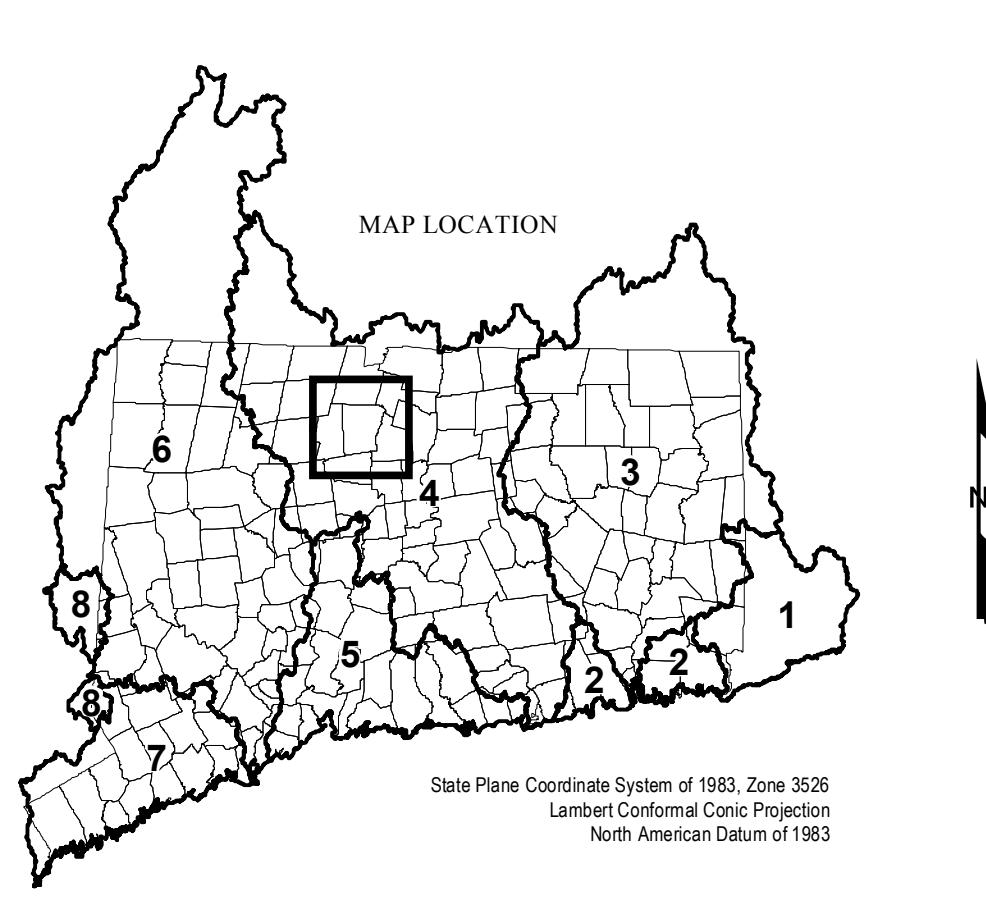
1969 and 1992. It includes political boundaries, railroads, airports, hydrography, geographic names and geographic places. Streets and street names are from Tele Atlas® copyrighted data. Base map information is either current or incomplete.

RELATED INFORMATION

The 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 flowing from a particular location, refer to the Gazetteer of Drainage Basin Areas of Connecticut, Nos. 1977, CT DEP Water Resources Bulletin 15, for the hydrologic sequence, headwater to outlet, 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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