



Front-cover photo: Drowned-river-mouth wetland in Pigeon River near Port Sheldon, Michigan, in late summer 2000; photo shows mostly annual emergent plants along the shore that grew from the seed bank in exposed shoreline sediments after Lake Michigan water levels dropped more than 1.5 feet from what they were in 1998. (Photo by Douglas Wilcox, U.S. Geological Survey)

Above: Same area in spring 1999, before growth of the emergent plants. (Photo by Douglas Wilcox, U.S. Geological Survey)