Cryptosporidium and Giardia in Surface Water: A Case Study from Michigan, USA to Inform Management of Rural Water Systems

Creation of Case Information Database Using ArcGIS

A case information table with cases of cryptosporidiosis and cases of giardiasis summed by ZIP code was created based on information from the MDCH (MDCH, personal communication). In ArcGIS, the census tract information for Kent, Ottawa, Lenawee, and Hillsdale counties was combined with the 2001 land cover of Michigan's Lower Peninsula to produce an output file containing the land cover of Kent, Ottawa, Lenawee, and Hillsdale counties. Land cover was reclassified following the reclassification decision tree shown in Figure S1 and reclassification scheme shown in Table S1 to allow hypothesis testing of the differences between urban and rural land cover. One exception to the reclassification scheme shown in Table S1 is the "Parks / Golf courses" category. This is an ambiguous category as parks could range from city parks well connected to sewer infrastructure and drinking water distribution networks located in high population density areas to remote parks with limited sewerage and drinking water access. In this case, "Parks / Golf courses" was reclassified as "urban" because this category is associated with human activity rather than agricultural livestock.

The reclassified file was combined with census tract information and the Census 2000 5-Digit ZIP Code Tabulation Areas (ZCTA). The case information from the MDCH table was added to the output file based on the ZCTA field. The land cover file and the output containing the case information were used to produce a field with information on the percentage of "rural", "urban", and "other" land cover for each ZIP code in the counties of interest, this information was then added to the database. The end product was a database with records of ZIP codes, percentage of "rural" area, percentage of "urban" area, percentage of "other" area, and numbers of cases of giaridasis and numbers of cases of cryptosporidiosis during the period from January 2000 to December 2008. ZIP codes that were ≥50% rural by area were designated as rural ZIP codes. ZIP codes that were ≥50% urban by area were designated as urban ZIP codes. Information on data files used in the creation of the ArcGIS database is shown in Table S2. Figure S2 shows the data model of the analysis process.

Figure S1. Land cover reclassification decision tree

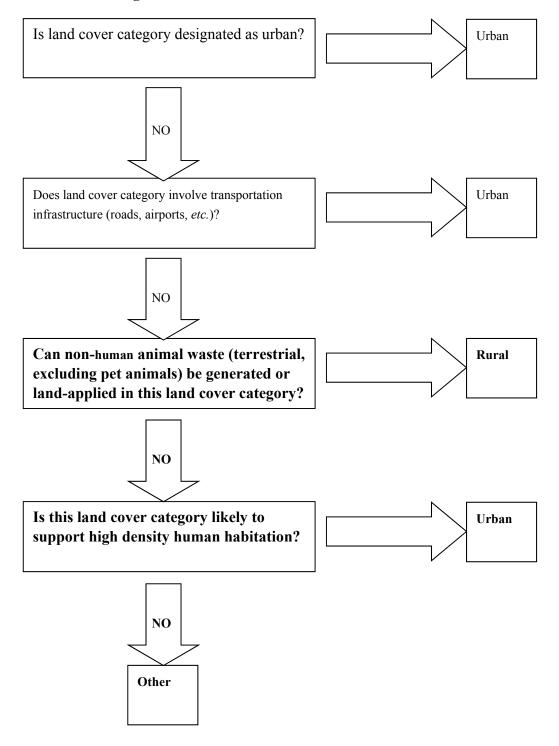


Table S1. Land cover reclassification scheme.

2001 Land cover category	Reclassified category		
Non-vegetated Farmland	Rural		
Forage Crops/Non-tilled Herbaceous Agriculture	Rural		
Orchards/Vineyard/Nursery	Rural		
Herbaceous Openland	Rural		
Upland Shrub / Low density Trees	Rural		
Oak Association	Rural		
Aspen Association	Rural		
Other Upland Deciduous	Rural		
Mixed Upland Deciduous	Rural		
Pines	Rural		
Other Upland Conifers	Rural		
Mixed Upland Conifers	Rural		
Upland Mixed Forest	Rural		
Lowland Deciduous Forest	Rural		
Lowland Coniferous Forest	Rural		
Lowland Mixed Forest	Rural		
Lowland Shrub	Rural		
Emergent Wetland	Rural		
Mixed Non-Forest Wetland	Rural		
Low Intensity Urban	Urban		
High Intensity Urban	Urban		
Airport	Urban		
Road / Parking Lot	Urban		
Parks / Golf Courses	Urban		
Floating Aquatic	Other		
Sand / Soil	Other		
Water	Other		
Exposed Rock	Other		
Mud Flats	Other		
Other Bare / Sparsely vegetated	Other		

Table S2. ArcGIS database source files.

Data Type -	Coordinate System		A CD 4	D 4
	Geographic	Projection	Age of Dataset	Reference
Case information by ZIP code	N/A	N/A	01/01/2000-12/31/2008	34
2001 Land cover Lower Peninsula	North American	Michigan	Constructed from image dates 1997–2001	36
(Raster)	Datum of 1983	GeoRef		
River Raisin Watershed	North American	Michigan	1998	36
	Datum of 1983	GeoRef		
Grand River Watershed	North American	Michigan	1998	36
	Datum of 1983	GeoRef		
Census 2000 5-Digit ZIP Code	North American	Michigan	1/1/2000	51
Tabulation Areas (ZCTAs)	Datum of 1983	GeoRef		
Census 2000 Tracts Hillsdale county	North American	Michigan	5/1/2009	36
	Datum of 1983	GeoRef		
Census 2000 Tracts Ottawa county	North American	Michigan	5/1/2009	36
	Datum of 1983	GeoRef		
Census 2000 Tracts Kent county	North American	Michigan	5/1/2009	36
	Datum of 1983	GeoRef		
Census 2000 Tracts Lenawee county	North American	Michigan	5/1/2009	36
	Datum of 1983	GeoRef		

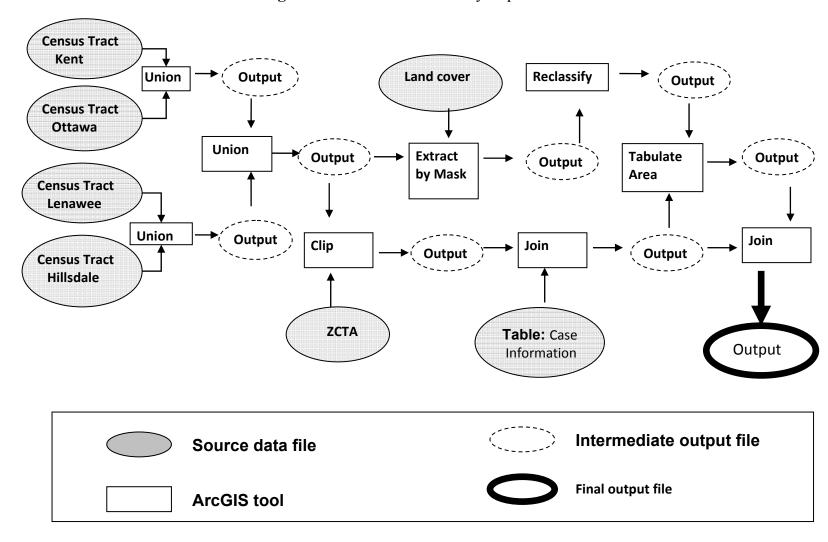


Figure S1. Ives.2 ArcGIS analysis process data model.

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