

Supplementary Materials for

**Anoxia decreases the magnitude of the carbon, nitrogen, and phosphorus sink  
in freshwaters**

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## **Supplementary Text 1. Description of field monitoring methods at Falling Creek Reservoir.**

### *Overview*

Throughout the REDOX experiment in 2013-2019, Falling Creek Reservoir (FCR) was intensively monitored for water temperature, dissolved oxygen, chemistry, and phytoplankton (chlorophyll-a) concentrations for model calibration and validation. The two major inflows into FCR were also monitored for discharge, temperature, dissolved oxygen, and chemistry. The frequency of monitoring varied by time of year: during the spring (March-May), field sampling occurred weekly to fortnightly; from May-October, sampling occurred 1-2 times per week; and from November-March, sampling occurred approximately once every month or every other month. Monitoring occurred at the deepest lacustrine site in FCR next to the dam (see Fig. 2 in main text) as well as at the primary inflow stream to FCR (Tunnel Branch) from 2013-2019. In 2019, a second smaller inflow was also monitored (Falling Creek). The reservoir's biogeochemistry was not routinely sampled prior to the onset of REDOX in 2013.

All monitoring data are available with associated metadata in the Environmental Data Initiative repository (Carey et al. 2019, Carey et al. 2020, Carey et al. 2021a, Carey et al. 2021b, Carey et al. 2021f, Carey et al. 2021g), and described below.

### *Lacustrine monitoring*

At the lacustrine sampling site, high-frequency (4 Hz) depth profiles of water temperature, dissolved oxygen, and chlorophyll-a were collected with a SeaBird Conductivity, Temperature, and Depth (CTD) profiler (Sea-Bird Scientific, Bellevue, WA, USA) on each sampling day from 2013-2019 (Carey et al. 2021b). On the few sampling days when the CTD was not available, we substituted a YSI handheld probe (ProPlus with Quattro cable or ProODO

optical dissolved oxygen meter; YSI Inc., Yellow Springs, OH, USA) to measure depth profiles of temperature and dissolved oxygen (Carey et al. 2021g). We collected paired CTD and YSI depth profiles on 60 days during 2015-2019, yielding  $n=674$  observations throughout the water column for which we had replicate temperature and dissolved oxygen measurements. A comparison of the CTD and YSI data indicate that the methods were quantitatively similar (temperature Spearman's  $\rho = 0.98$ , mean bias =  $0.48^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; dissolved oxygen  $\rho = 0.82$ , mean bias =  $0.44 \text{ mg L}^{-1}$ ).

We also collected water samples for total and dissolved nutrient (nitrogen and phosphorus) and organic carbon analysis from the reservoir's water treatment extraction depths (0.1, 1.6, 2.8, 3.8, 5.0, 6.2, 8.0, and 9.0 m) using a 4-L Van Dorn sampler (Wildco, Yulee, FL, USA). Water was filtered through GF/F (0.7  $\mu\text{m}$ ) filters into acid-washed 125 mL HDPE bottles and immediately frozen for nitrate, ammonium, dissolved reactive phosphorus, and dissolved organic carbon analysis (Carey et al. 2021f). Unfiltered water was also frozen in separate acid-washed 125 mL HDPE bottles for total nitrogen and total phosphorus analysis (Carey et al. 2021f), as well as for total organic carbon analysis on a subset of sampling days in 2014 (Carey et al. 2018). In 2014, water samples were collected from 0.1, 5, and 9 m for dissolved reactive silica analysis (Carey et al. 2020). We focused our analysis on organic C, rather than inorganic C, because of the important role of reservoirs in burying this pool in the global C cycle (Mendonça et al. 2017), and because previous work indicates that most terrestrial dissolved inorganic C loads are rapidly emitted to the atmosphere (McDonald et al. 2013). All laboratory analysis methods are described in Supplementary Text 2.

## *Inflow monitoring*

At Tunnel Branch, the primary inflow to FCR (Fig. 2 in main text), we measured discharge and water temperature every 15 minutes using an INW Aquistar PT2X pressure sensor (INW, Kirkland, Washington, USA) throughout the study period. From 15 May 2013 to 6 June 2019, the weir was rectangular before it was converted to a V-notch weir on 7 June 2019. Rating curves and equations for calculating discharge, as well as data quality checks on the weir conversion, can be found in the metadata for the discharge dataset, available in the Environmental Data Initiative repository (Carey et al. 2021a). On each monitoring day from 2013-2019, we also collected water temperature and dissolved oxygen using a YSI handheld probe, as well as water samples for chemical analyses as described above.

Monitoring at Falling Creek, the second largest inflow to FCR, began in February 2019. Falling Creek did not have a weir, so we measured discharge at this inflow using a flowmeter (either a model FP 111 propeller flowmeter from Forestry Suppliers, Inc., Jackson, MS, USA or a model Flo-Mate 2000656 instantaneous velocity meter from Marsh-McBirney, Frederick, MD, USA). We used the flowmeter to measure velocity at 0.1-m increments along a transect across the inflow stream. These measurements were subsequently used to calculate discharge following (Gordon 2004). We periodically verified flowmeter measurements using both salt injection and velocity floats. Details regarding these ancillary measurements as well as all inflow discharge data are in the Environmental Data Initiative repository (Carey et al. 2019). We also collected water temperature and dissolved oxygen using the YSI probe as well as water samples for chemical analyses on each monitoring day at this inflow.

### *Reservoir water budget*

We used our inflow monitoring data to estimate a water budget for FCR. We based our analysis of the water budget of the reservoir upon Munger et al. (2019), who calculated that the major stream inflow (Tunnel Branch) provided  $56 \pm 23\%$  and  $66 \pm 31\%$  (1 S.D.) of the total water input into the reservoir in 2014 and 2015, respectively. Precipitation contributed a relatively small proportion of the budget ( $3 \pm 7\%$  and  $5 \pm 13\%$ , respectively), with all other water sources (the smaller second stream inflow, groundwater, and surficial runoff) summed together as unmeasured inflows and calculated from subtraction, given that Munger et al. (2019) had accurate daily measurements of the reservoir's volume from the dam operators. We used our 2019 measurements of the contribution of the second smaller stream (Falling Creek) to FCR (Carey et al. 2019) to calculate that it contributed on average 69% of the inflow of Tunnel Branch during that monitoring period.

Thus, given that Tunnel Branch contributed 56-66% of the reservoir's water inputs (Munger et al. 2019) and Falling Creek's inflow represented 69% of Tunnel Branch (Carey et al. 2019), we estimate that Falling Creek contributed ~38-46% of the reservoir's water inputs. Altogether, assuming that precipitation contributed 3-5% of the water budget, that leaves ~0-3% of the reservoir's budget that could be due to groundwater and runoff. While approximate, these calculations help demonstrate that the vast majority of the reservoir's inputs (>97%) are likely attributable to the two stream inflows.

### *Sediment flux chambers*

Benthic flux chambers were deployed in triplicate over the sediments in the hypolimnion of FCR during two 10-day experiments in summer 2018 (21 June – 2 July and 13 – 23 August) to measure diffusive solute fluxes across the sediment-water interface (Krueger et al. 2020). The

flux chambers isolated 64.86 L of hypolimnetic water and 0.27 m<sup>2</sup> of the hypolimnetic sediment surface. Each chamber contained an optical dissolved oxygen sensor (InsiteIG Model 31, Slidell, LA, USA) to measure temperature and dissolved oxygen. The sensors were connected to a data logger (Gantzer Water, Livingston, TX, USA), which collected data on 2-minute intervals.

During deployment, the chambers were slowly lowered from a boat through the water column to the bottom and were then flushed with hypolimnetic water for 90 – 120 minutes using a circulation pump until dissolved oxygen and temperature within the chamber stabilized. After deployment, the chambers were left undisturbed for 24 hours before water samples were collected from the chamber every 3 days for 10 days (Krueger et al. 2020). The chambers typically went anoxic within 2-3 days. During sampling, water within the chamber and tubing was slowly circulated for one minute before water samples were gently removed via tubing for dissolved organic carbon, ammonium, dissolved reactive phosphorus, dissolved iron, and dissolved manganese without disturbing the sediments (Krueger et al. 2020). Iron and manganese analytical methods and data are published in (Krueger et al. 2020). Dissolved organic carbon, ammonium, and dissolved reactive phosphorus analytical methods are described in Supplementary Text 2 and published in Carey et al. (2021e).

The water chemistry samples were used to calculate sediment release rates for each solute into the hypolimnion. Fluxes were calculated using the equation:

$$J = b \times (V/A) \quad (\text{eqn. S1})$$

Where  $J$  is the flux of the solute (mmol m<sup>-2</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>),  $b$  is the slope of the best fit line of the solute concentrations plotted over time (mmol m<sup>-2</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>),  $V$  is the volume of the flux chamber (64.86 L), and  $A$  is the surface area of the flux chamber (0.27 m<sup>2</sup>).

## **Supplementary Text 2. Laboratory water chemistry analysis detailed methods.**

### *Overview and quality assurance/quality control procedures*

Below, we describe the laboratory methods and quality control procedures we used to quantify carbon (dissolved organic carbon, total organic carbon), nitrogen (ammonia, nitrate, total nitrogen), phosphorus (dissolved reactive phosphorus and total phosphorus), and dissolved reactive silica in reservoir water samples.

For quality control and assurance of data, method detection limits, limits of quantitation, and long-term averages were calculated. Generally, method detection limits (MDL) were determined as a one-sided 99% confidence interval from repeated measurements of a low concentration standard (USEPA 1997). Limits of quantitation (LOQ) were calculated as 10 times the standard deviation (Currie 1968). These measures were calculated at least once each season. Long-term averages were calculated over all determinations within the study period and reported with a 95% confidence interval.

Values below the MDL were kept as reported by the instrument but flagged in the database as being below detection. Values below the LOQ were kept and not flagged. Negative values were set to zero and flagged in the database. If a sample was analyzed repeatedly and multiple valid measurements for an analyte were obtained, as might happen if a signal peak was improperly integrated for only one of several analytes reported by a particular instrument, the mean of the multiple valid measurements was calculated and reported. All chemical measurements used in the calibration and validation of the FCR GLM-AED model are published in the Environmental Data Initiative (EDI) repository (Carey et al. 2021f).

### *Carbon*

Total and dissolved organic carbon concentrations were both determined by infrared absorbance after organic carbon was released from the samples as carbon dioxide by either heated persulfate digestion (APHA 2017e) or high temperature combustion (APHA 2017d). Long-term mean MDL and LOQ were 0.34 (0.11 to 0.56) and 1.13 (0.37 to 1.89) mg L<sup>-1</sup>, respectively (calculated from n = 12 MDL determinations).

### *Nitrogen*

Ammonia nitrogen (hereafter, ammonium) concentrations were determined colorimetrically using the phenate method on a Lachat QuikChem 8500 Flow Injection Analyzer (Lachat Instruments, Loveland, CO, USA) (Lachat 2007a, APHA 2017a). We adopted a common modification and used sodium dichloroisocyanuric acid as the source of hypochlorite ion because of its longer shelf life (following Grasshoff and Johannsen 1972, Zhang et al. 1997). Long-term mean MDL and LOQ were 2.9 (2.2-3.7) and 9.2 (7.0-11.3) µg L<sup>-1</sup>, respectively (calculated from n = 32 MDL determinations).

Nitrate plus nitrite nitrogen (hereafter, nitrate) concentrations were determined colorimetrically using cadmium reduction followed by the Griess reaction on a Lachat QuikChem 8500 Flow Injection Analyzer (Lynch 2007, APHA 2017b). Long-term mean MDL and LOQ were 1.8 (1.4 to 2.2) and 5.7 (4.4 to 7.1) µg L<sup>-1</sup>, respectively (calculated from n = 41 MDL determinations).

Total nitrogen concentrations were determined after an alkaline persulfate digestion (Patton and Kryskalla 2003) at sub-boiling temperatures (Doyle et al. 2004, Huang and Zhang 2009), followed by a colorimetric determination of the resulting nitrate using cadmium reduction



and the Griess reaction. The method was modified by the addition of 0.25 M sodium hydroxide to the sample before color development as described in (Egan 2013). Due to known contribution of reagents to nutrient burdens, concentrations were corrected by the mean of process blanks. Long-term mean MDL and LOQ were 14.2 (7.5 to 20.1) and 45.1 (23.8 to 66.5)  $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ , respectively (calculated from  $n = 53$  MDL determinations).

### *Phosphorus*

Dissolved reactive phosphorus concentrations were determined colorimetrically using the molybdenum blue method on a Lachat QuikChem 8500 Flow Injection Analyzer (Lachat 2007b, APHA 2017c). Long-term mean MDL and LOQ were 2.5 (2.0 to 3.0) and 7.6 (6.0 to 9.2)  $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ , respectively (calculated from  $n = 31$  MDL determinations). For this analyte in particular, caution is warranted when interpreting potential differences in concentrations below the LOQ.

Total phosphorus concentrations were determined after an alkaline persulfate digestion (Patton and Kryskalla 2003) at sub-boiling temperatures (Zhang et al. 1997, Doyle et al. 2004), followed by a colorimetric determination of the resulting dissolved reactive phosphorus concentration using the molybdenum blue method. Due to known contribution of reagents to nutrient burdens, concentrations were corrected by the mean of process blanks. Long-term mean MDL and LOQ were 3.7 (2.9 to 4.5) and 11.7 (9.2 to 14.2)  $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ , respectively (calculated from  $n = 54$  MDL determinations). As for total phosphorus, caution is warranted when interpreting potential differences in concentrations below the LOQ.

### *Silica*

Dissolved reactive silica was determined colorimetrically using ammonium molybdate

followed by sodium sulfite reduction (Wetzel and Likens 2000) using a Shimadzu UV 1601 spectrophotometer (Shimadzu Corp., Kyoto, Japan). Dissolved reactive silica was only analyzed for a subset of depths in 2014, and a limit of detection (LOD) and limit of quantitation (LOQ) were estimated from the calibration curve (IUPAC 1997, Ranke 2018, Team 2020). The estimated LOD was 0.39 mg L<sup>-1</sup> and the estimated LOQ was 0.70 mg L<sup>-1</sup>.

#### *Instrument overlap*

Some analytical instruments were replaced or updated during the 2013-2019 study period. When transitioning between instruments, we conducted overlap studies (Table S1). Correspondences in concentrations determined from the old vs. new instruments were assessed with method comparison regression. We used Passing Bablock regression (Passing and Bablok 1983), a non-parametric form of error-in-variables regression. Estimates of slope and intercept were determined and confidence intervals for the regression coefficients were quantified by bootstrapping (Manuilova and Schuetzenmeister 2014). Good correspondence yields a slope near 1 and an intercept near 0, and a 95% confidence interval that does not include these best-case values indicates a statistically significant difference. If an intercept was significantly different from 0, we compared the magnitude of this difference to the MDL. If the difference was within 2× of the MDL, the correspondence was judged to be acceptable for inclusion of both old and new instrument concentrations in subsequent data analyses. If a slope was significantly different from 1, we evaluated both the magnitude of the difference and plots of residuals vs. concentrations. If there was no clear pattern over increasing concentration, the correspondence was judged acceptable.

**Supplementary Text 3. Model description, driver data, configuration, calibration, scenarios, and goodness-of-fit statistics.**

*Model description*

The General Lake Model coupled to Aquatic EcoDynamics modules (GLM-AED) simulates the dominant biogeochemical processes controlling freshwater oxygen and carbon, nitrogen, and phosphorus cycling (Farrell et al. 2020, Ward et al. 2020). Water column oxygen dynamics are modeled as a function of atmospheric oxygen exchange, sediment oxygen demand, organic matter mineralization, chemical oxidation (e.g., nitrification), and phytoplankton photosynthesis and respiration. Carbon state variables in GLM-AED include methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), dissolved inorganic carbon (DIC), two DOC pools (recalcitrant and labile), particulate organic carbon (POC), and coarse particulate organic matter (CPOM). Carbon processes include sediment fluxes of CH<sub>4</sub>, DOC, DIC, and POC; CH<sub>4</sub> oxidation; mineralization of DOC; decomposition of POC and CPOM; and phytoplankton C fixation, respiration, excretion, and death. Nitrogen state variables in GLM-AED include NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, recalcitrant and labile dissolved organic nitrogen (DON), and particulate organic nitrogen (PON). Nitrogen processes include sediment fluxes of NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, DON, and PON; mineralization of DON; decomposition of PON; nitrification; denitrification; anaerobic ammonium oxidation (anammox); dissimilatory nitrate reduction to ammonium (DNRA); phytoplankton uptake of NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> and NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>; phytoplankton excretion of DON; and phytoplankton mortality, which affects PON. Phosphorus state variables include DRP, recalcitrant and labile dissolved organic phosphorus (DOP), and particulate organic phosphorus (POP). Phosphorus processes include sediment fluxes of DRP, DOP, and POP; mineralization of DOP; decomposition of POP; phytoplankton uptake of DRP; phytoplankton excretion of DOP; and phytoplankton mortality, which affects POP. Total pools -

i.e., TOC, TN, and TP - are calculated from summing all of their respective fractions, including phytoplankton C, N, and P pools.

#### *Driver data*

GLM-AED simulates the dominant biogeochemical processes controlling freshwater oxygen and C, N, and P cycling (Hipsey 2014, Farrell et al. 2020, Ward et al. 2020) and requires three driver datasets: meteorological data; inflow stream data (which consists of discharge, water temperature, and chemistry); and outflow water discharge. We developed each of these driver datasets for Falling Creek Reservoir (FCR) for 15 May 2013 to 31 December 2019, as detailed below. All model configuration files and driver data are available in the Environmental Data Initiative repository (Carey et al. 2021d), and the R code (v.3.6.3) to generate the driver files are available in the Zenodo repository (Carey et al. 2021e).

Meteorological driver data: GLM-AED was forced with hourly meteorological data (air temperature, relative humidity, shortwave and longwave radiation, wind speed, and precipitation) from NASA's North American Land Data Assimilation System (NLDAS-2; Xia et al. 2012) for FCR.

Inflow stream driver data: We developed driver datasets of daily discharge and water temperature for the two primary surface streams entering into FCR, Falling Creek and Tunnel Branch (Fig. 2 in main text), using manually collected data and sensor observations from 2013-2019. The total discharge and temperature of Tunnel Branch, the largest stream that enters into FCR, were measured continuously throughout the study period at a weir with pressure and temperature sensors measuring every 15 minutes (Carey et al. 2021a).

Falling Creek, the smaller stream entering into FCR, was monitored less regularly than the larger inflow and did not have a weir (Supplementary Text 1), so its daily total discharge was summed from separate models that calculated precipitation-driven flow and baseflow. First, we estimated daily precipitation-driven flow for both Falling Creek and Tunnel Branch using a simple hydrological model based on their delineated watershed areas and NLDAS-2 precipitation and air temperature following Ward et al. (2020); code available in Carey et al. (2021e). Second, we subtracted the modeled daily precipitation-driven flow from total discharge measured at the Tunnel Branch weir to estimate its daily baseflow. Third, we compared baseflow data collected manually in both streams using flowmeters and salt injection on n=19 days without any recent precipitation in 2019 (Carey et al. 2021a), and calculated the mean ratio of baseflow in Falling Creek to Tunnel Branch from those 19 days of data. Fourth, we then multiplied that ratio by the daily baseflow in Tunnel Branch to calculate daily baseflow in Falling Creek. Finally, we summed Falling Creek's daily baseflow and its daily precipitation-driven flow to calculate daily total discharge for that stream.

Water temperature was measured at an upstream littoral site in FCR near where Falling Creek entered the reservoir at approximately the same frequency as the lacustrine monitoring (Supplementary Text 1). This littoral temperature dataset was linearly interpolated and used to calculate Falling Creek's daily inflow temperature (Carey et al. 2021e).

The inflow water chemistry driver data for Tunnel Branch and Falling Creek were determined from manual grab sample observations (Carey et al. 2021f). Both streams are well-mixed, so their dissolved oxygen concentrations were estimated assuming 100% saturation using the rMR package (Moulton 2018). Surface grab samples at Tunnel Branch for  $\text{NO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ , DRP, DOC, TN, and TP were collected on approximately the same frequency as the reservoir water

column chemistry samples (Supplementary Text 1), and linearly interpolated to a daily time step.

GLM-AED requires additional solute driver data for inflows, including dissolved silica (Si); particulate organic fractions of C, N, and P; two dissolved organic fractions of C, N and P (labile and recalcitrant); dissolved CH<sub>4</sub>; and DIC; which were estimated from intermittent grab samples or literature ratios to develop the daily inflow dataset. Specifically, following Wetzel (2001)'s synthesis of the distribution of dissolved, organic, and total fractions of C, N, and P in north temperate lakes similar to FCR, we assumed that: 1) 10% of the DOC, DON, and DOP pools was labile and 90% was recalcitrant; 2) POC concentrations were 10% of DOC concentrations; 3) DON concentrations were five times greater than PON concentrations; and 4) 30% of total organic P is in the DOP fraction. PON and POP concentrations were determined via subtraction, and DIC and dissolved Si concentrations were set at the median of long-term measurements (Munger et al. 2016, Carey et al. 2020).

Stream water chemistry was measured intermittently at Falling Creek, so its daily solute concentrations were calculated from multiplying Tunnel Branch's daily solute concentrations by ratios of the two stream's solutes measured on n=24 days in 2019 (Carey et al. 2021f).

We represented FCR's hypolimnetic oxygenation system (HOx) by a submerged inflow in the model. The mass of dissolved oxygen in the submerged inflow matched the mass of dissolved oxygen added in the reservoir as part of HOx operations during the field manipulation (Carey et al. 2021d, Carey et al. 2021e), but with a reduced inflow volume (compared to the volume of water pumped through the HOx system) and no other solutes. We simulated the HOx system in this way to recreate how it functions in the reservoir: the HOx system deployed in FCR does not affect water balance or thermal structure because it returns the same volume of water it

extracts from 8 m in the hypolimnion for oxygenation onshore back to 8 m without altering its temperature (Gerling et al. 2014). Consequently, because GLM-AED can simulate submerged inflows but not outflows, we reduced the inflow volume of the submerged stream to avoid altering the model's water budget. We did not add any solutes (other than dissolved oxygen) in this inflow to ensure that any effects of the HOx system on hypolimnetic chemistry were due to in situ reservoir processes, not inflow chemistry dynamics. The water temperature of this submerged inflow was set to observations of water temperature at 8 m, the depth at which the HOx injects the oxygenated water into the hypolimnion (Gerling et al. 2014).

Outflow water balance: The daily outflow discharge was estimated as the sum of the two surface streams' daily inflow discharge, as the reservoir did not exhibit large changes in water level during the 2013-2019 study and was managed to maintain full pond conditions. GLM-AED determines the physical and chemical properties of the outflow using the state of the modeled reservoir.

### *Model configuration*

We simulated two sediment zones in the model, based on the bathymetry of FCR (Gerling et al. 2014), to represent separate epilimnetic and hypolimnetic sediment dynamics. The two sediment zones had different temperature and heat dynamics, as well as different sediment flux rates for oxygen,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ,  $\text{NO}_3^-$ , and DRP, following previous work in FCR (Gerling et al. 2016, Krueger et al. 2020, McClure et al. 2020). Phytoplankton were divided into three groups that represented the dominant taxa in FCR: cyanobacteria, diatoms, and green algae (Carey et al. 2021c).

The total model simulation period was 15 May 2013 to 31 December 2019, which was chosen because the weir on the largest stream inflow was deployed on 14 May 2013. GLM-AED was run on an hourly time step throughout the simulation period, which encompassed a wide range of meteorological conditions, inflow volumes, HOx operation levels, and resulting hypolimnetic oxygen concentrations (Carey et al. 2021d). Initial water column profiles of water temperature and water chemistry were chosen to represent typical conditions observed in the reservoir in May (Carey et al. 2021d).

### *Model calibration*

We divided the total simulation period into calibration (15 May 2013-31 December 2018) and validation (1 January 2019-31 December 2019) periods for model verification. As GLM-AED is a 1-D model, we focused model calibration on the full depth profile at the deepest site at the reservoir, where the long-term monitoring data were collected (Fig. 2 in main text). Earlier studies indicate that oxygen dynamics at the deep site are representative of upstream sites in the reservoir (Gerling et al. 2014, McClure et al. 2018). The monitoring site is immediately adjacent to the reservoir outflow, thereby ensuring that the model accurately captured downstream export of C, N, and P.

We calibrated GLM-AED to observed conditions in a three-step approach, following (Ladwig et al. 2021). First, we conducted a global sensitivity analysis to identify the most important parameters for simulating water temperature, dissolved oxygen,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ,  $\text{NO}_3^-$ , DRP, and DOC following Morris (1991). Second, we calibrated the identified sensitive parameters (Table S2) using the covariance matrix adaptation evolution strategy (CMA-ES) for automated numerical optimization to minimize root mean square error (RMSE) between observations and



model output (Hansen 2016), using all sampling depths in the water column (0.1, 1.6, 2.8, 3.8, 5.0, 6.2, 8.0, and 9.0 m). Initial parameter values were set at model defaults (Hipsey et al. 2019) and run for 1000 iterations. Third, since we found strong trade-offs in performance for  $\text{NH}_4^+$  and  $\text{NO}_3^-$  automated calibrations, whereby the best parameters for one solute degraded the performance of the other, we manually chose parameter values that exhibited their best combined performance, following Ladwig et al. (2021). All model parameter values are available in the Environmental Data Initiative repository (Carey et al. 2021d).

#### *Goodness-of-fit metrics*

We calculated multiple goodness-of-fit metrics to assess the model's performance during the calibration period, the validation period, and the total simulation period for hypolimnetic water temperature, thermocline depth, dissolved oxygen, total and dissolved fractions of N and P, DOC, and water chemistry ratios. These metrics included RMSE, the coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ ), percent bias, and normalized mean absolute error (NMAE), which were chosen because they were the four most common goodness-of-fit metrics used in 328 freshwater modeling studies reviewed by Soares and Calijuri (2021). We followed the approach described by Soares and Calijuri (2021) as most commonly used for calculating the goodness-of-fit metrics to ensure that we were appropriately benchmarking our model fit; specifically, we compared model output from the whole water column to monthly field observations.

#### *Model scenarios*

We examined the effects of two different oxygen scenarios on the calibrated GLM-AED model: one in which the model was forced with a high level of experimental oxygenation to keep

the hypolimnion oxic throughout the summer thermally stratified period (15 May to 15 Oct) over the 2013-2019 simulation period and one in which zero oxygen was added to the hypolimnion during 2013-2019, so hypolimnetic anoxia quickly set up after the onset of summer thermal stratification each year. The high level of experimental oxygenation in the oxic scenario matched the level of maximum HOx operation in FCR (Carey et al. 2021e). These scenarios were instantiated in the model by modifying the concentration of oxygen in the submerged inflow oxygen driver file. All other driver data (meteorology, surface stream inflows, outflow) were held constant.

#### *Parameter sensitivity analysis*

To examine how the uncertainty of our model outputs was affected by the model parameterization, we conducted an additional sensitivity analysis in which we doubled and halved the calibrated values of highly sensitive parameters for DOC,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ,  $\text{NO}_3^-$ , and DRP using a one-step-at-a-time (OAT) approach (following Brett et al. 2016). We then re-calculated the summer hypolimnetic concentrations of DOC,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ,  $\text{NO}_3^-$ , and DRP in the anoxic and oxic model scenarios for each variable and compared anoxic and oxic concentrations with paired t-tests.

We found that while concentrations of DOC,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ,  $\text{NO}_3^-$ , and DRP changed in response to parameter value changes, the direction and magnitude of the results fundamentally stayed the same (Fig. S1). Regardless of the parameter values, anoxia significantly increased summer DOC,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ , and DRP, and decreased  $\text{NO}_3^-$ , with statistically significant differences between anoxic and oxic scenarios.

**Supplementary Text 4. Empirical data, comparison of model output and observations, and biogeochemical rates.**

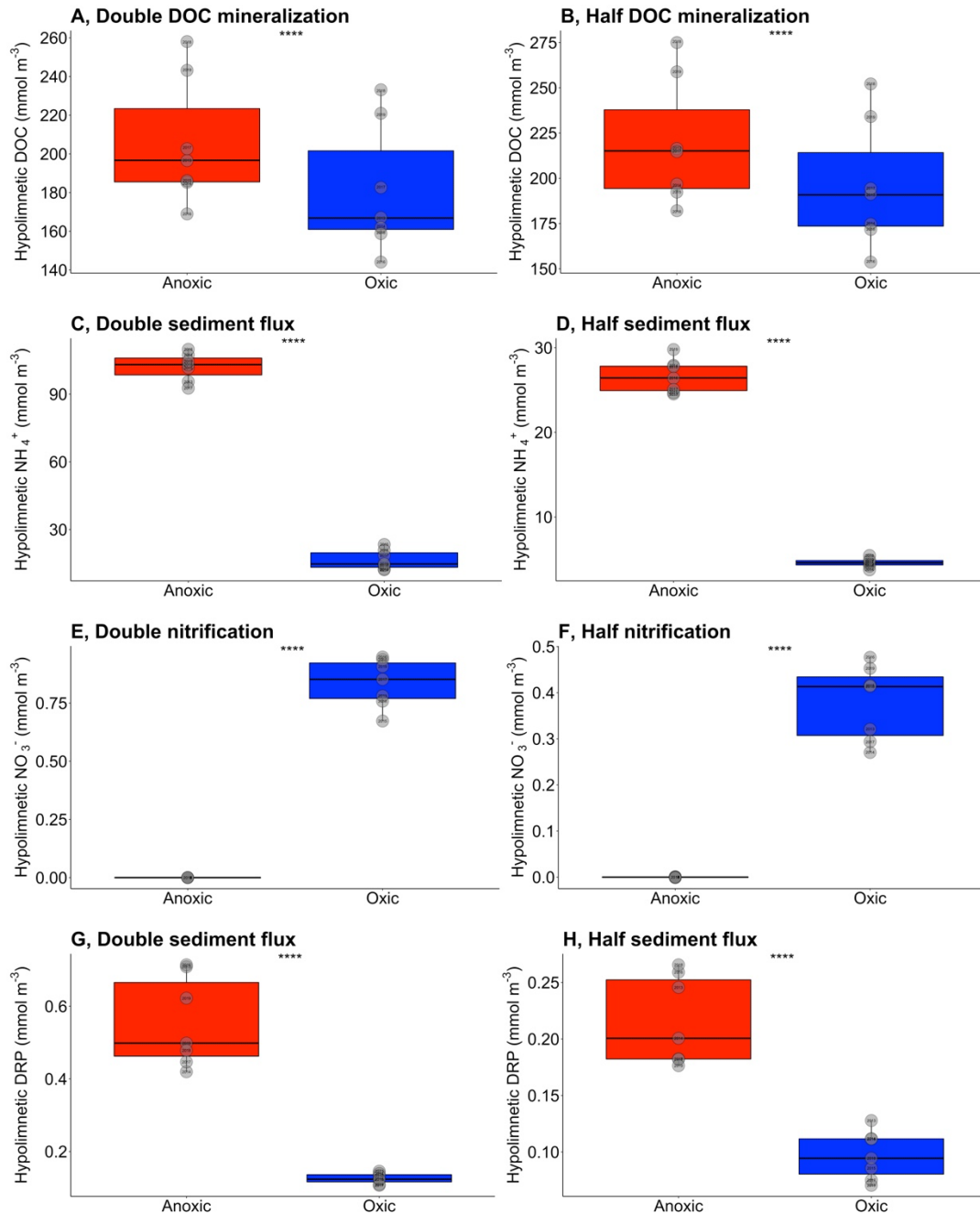
Aggregated among the July 15 – October 1 summer days with the least oxygenation (2018, 2019), the median observed hypolimnetic DOC,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ , and DRP concentrations were 2.0, 6.9, and  $1.3\times$  higher than in summers with the highest oxygenation (2016, 2017; Fig. S2), respectively. Following the patterns exhibited by the dissolved fractions, median observed hypolimnetic TN and TP concentrations were both  $2.4\times$  higher in the low vs. high oxygenation years (Fig. S2). Conversely, median observed hypolimnetic  $\text{NO}_3^-$  concentrations were  $5\times$  lower in summers with low oxygenation than summers with high oxygenation (Fig. S2).

GLM-AED was able to reproduce observed physical and chemical dynamics when comparing model output and empirical data for the full water column (Table 1), the hypolimnion (the focus of this study; Fig. 3), as well as for the epilimnion (Fig. S3) during the seven-year REDOX field manipulation. In addition to the state variables reported in the main text, the time series comparison of the modeled and observed focal hypolimnetic (9 m) stoichiometric ratios are presented in Fig. S4.

The biogeochemical rates presented in Fig. 7 in the text show that the sediment fluxes of DOC,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ , and DRP dominate the responses of C, N, and P cycling to changes in oxygen availability in the reservoir. To better visualize the role of the other fluxes, we present a modified version of Fig. 7 without the sediment fluxes included (Fig. S5).

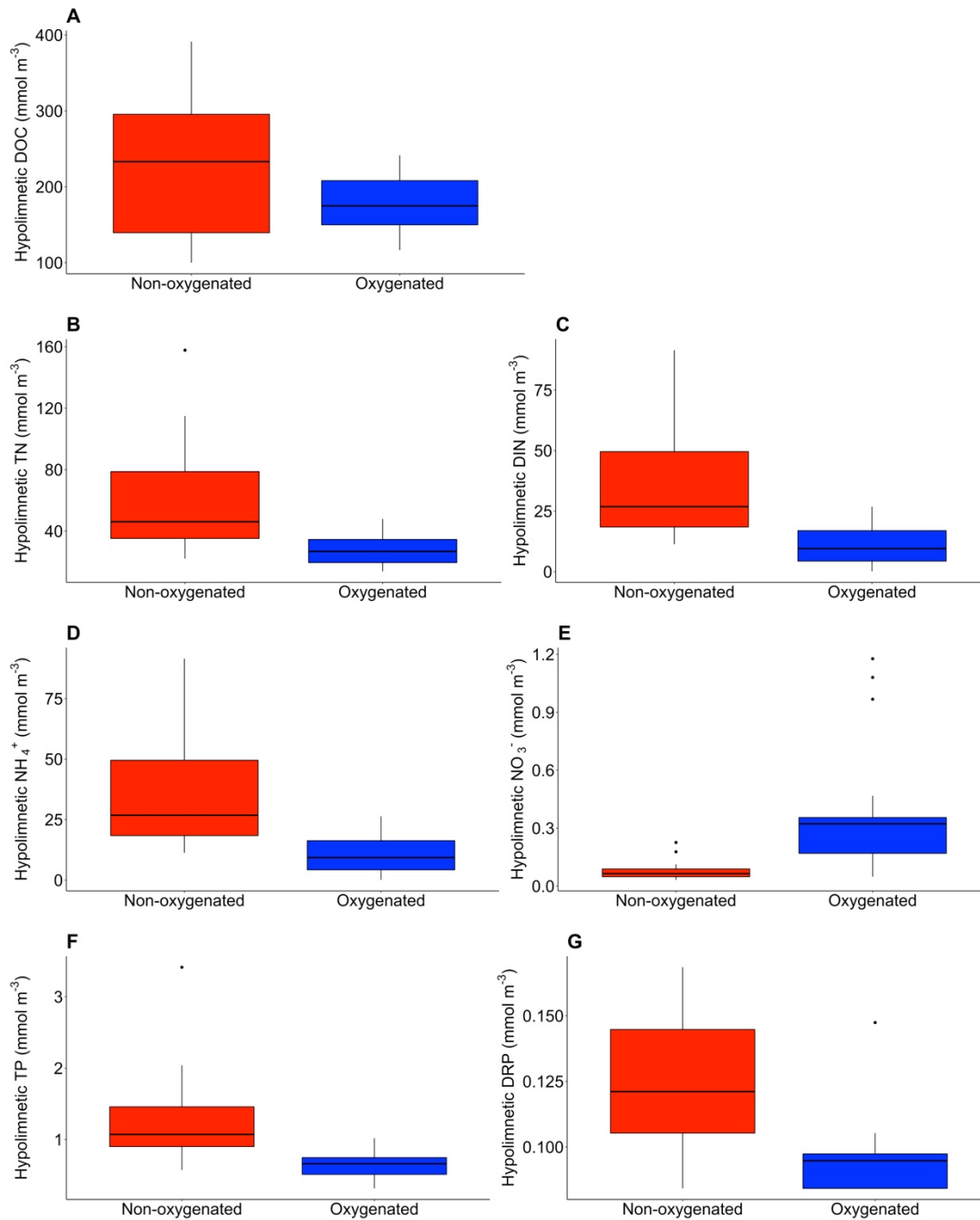
**Supplementary Text 5. Statistical analyses to compare anoxic vs. oxic model scenario**  
**output.**

In the oxic model scenario, oxygen was added into the hypolimnion of Falling Creek Reservoir throughout the thermally stratified period during each summer of the seven-year study. In the anoxic scenario, no oxygen was added to the hypolimnion, resulting in prolonged hypolimnetic anoxia each summer. We compared the median summer hypolimnetic (9 m) concentrations (Table S3), hypolimnetic molar ratios (Table S4), and reservoir retention of carbon, nitrogen, and phosphorus (Table S5) between the two scenarios with paired t-tests. Daily values were aggregated to summer medians, which were not temporally autocorrelated. We also compared annual rates of sediment burial of particulate organic carbon, nitrogen, and phosphorus between the two scenarios (Table S6).

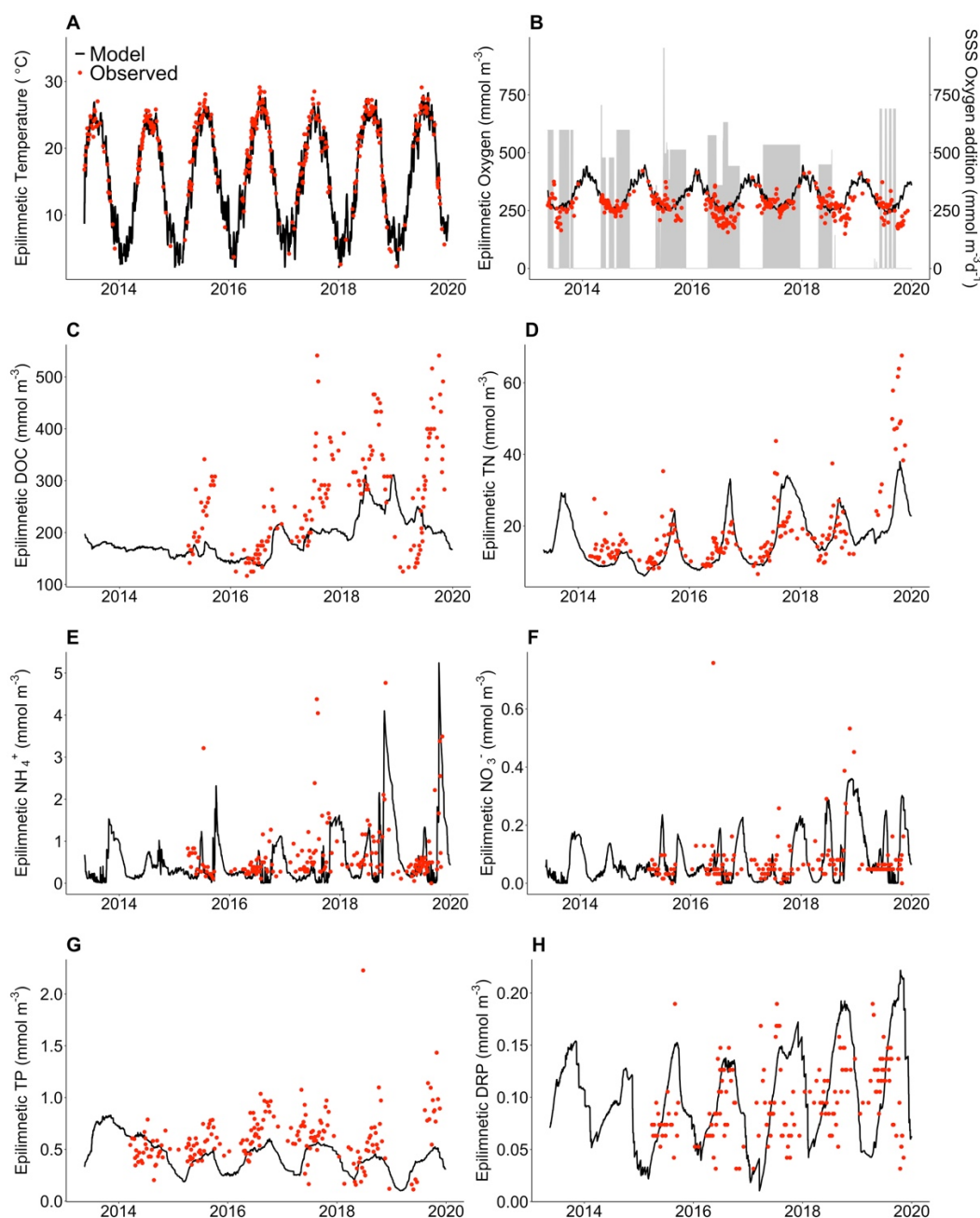


**Fig. S1. Anoxic vs. oxic model scenario results were robust to model parameterization.**

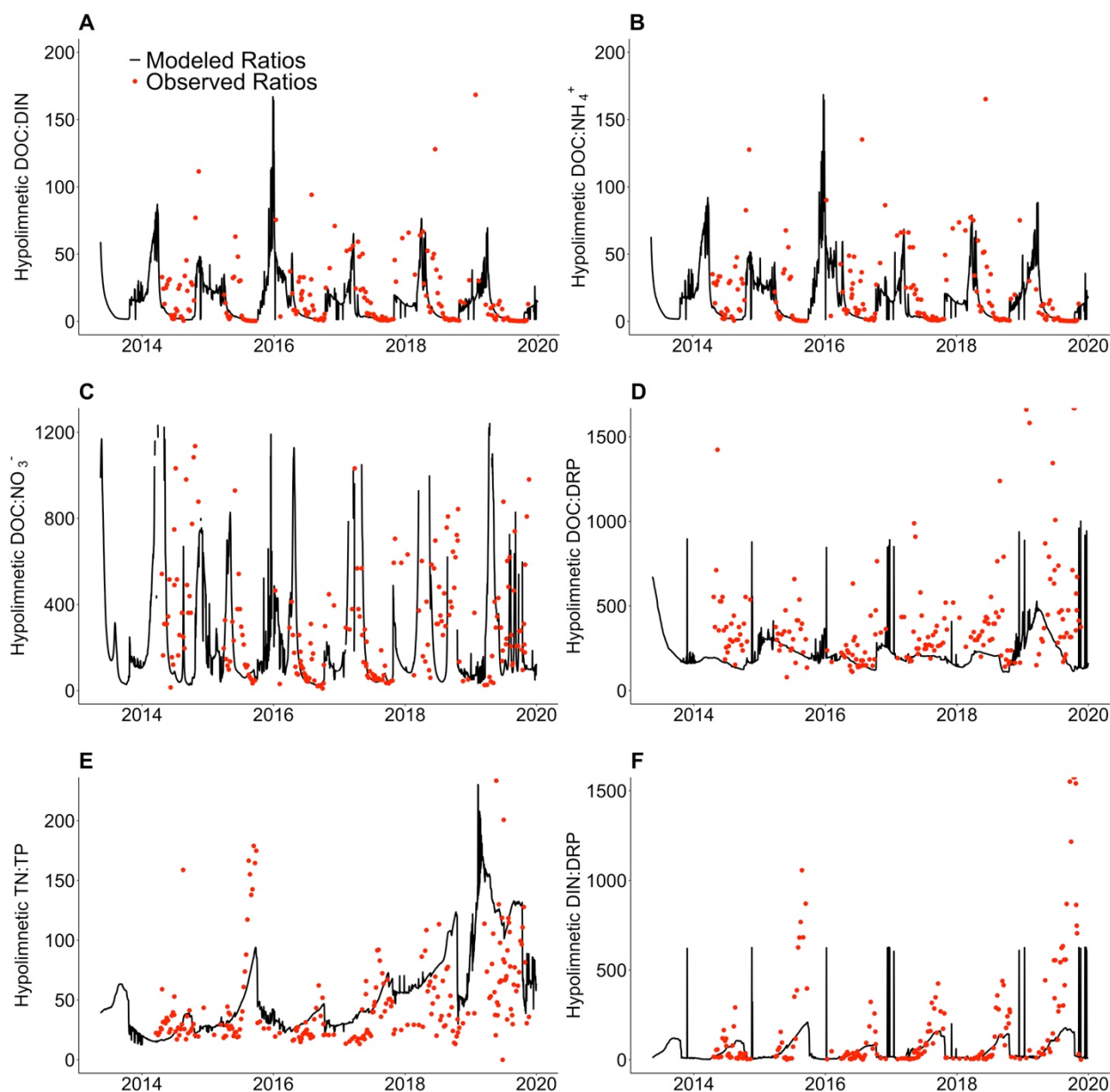
Doubling and halving sensitive parameters for the mineralization rate of dissolved organic carbon (DOC; A,B), sediment flux rate of ammonium ( $\text{NH}_4^+$ ; C,D), nitrification rate of nitrate ( $\text{NO}_3^-$ ; E,F), and sediment flux rate of dissolved reactive phosphorus (DRP; G,H) did not alter the overall patterns observed in the anoxic (red) and oxic (blue) scenarios for median hypolimnetic (9 m) concentrations calculated with the calibrated parameters in Fig. 5. Concentrations represent the medians from each summer stratified period (July 15 - October 1) during all years of this study. The \*\*\*\* denotes that the difference between the median summer anoxic and oxic scenario concentrations was highly statistically significant (all paired t-tests  $p \leq 0.0001$ ). Note varying y-axes among panels.



**Fig. S2. Empirical data from non-oxygenated vs. oxygenated summer days mirrors the anoxic vs. oxic model scenario results.** We pooled all observed hypolimnetic (9 m) C, N, and P samples from when the HOx was deactivated during the two summers with the least oxygenation (2018, 2019) (“Non-oxygenated”) and compared them with concentrations measured during the two summers with the most continuous oxygenation from when the HOx was activated (“Oxygenated”; 2016, 2017). Similar to Fig. 5 model scenario results, oxygenation altered bottom-water concentrations of dissolved organic carbon (DOC; A), total nitrogen (TN; B), dissolved inorganic nitrogen (DIN; C), ammonium (NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>; D), nitrate (NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>; E), total phosphorus (TP; F), and dissolved reactive phosphorus (DRP; G) concentrations during Falling Creek Reservoir’s stratified period (July 15 - October 1). Note varying y-axes among panels.



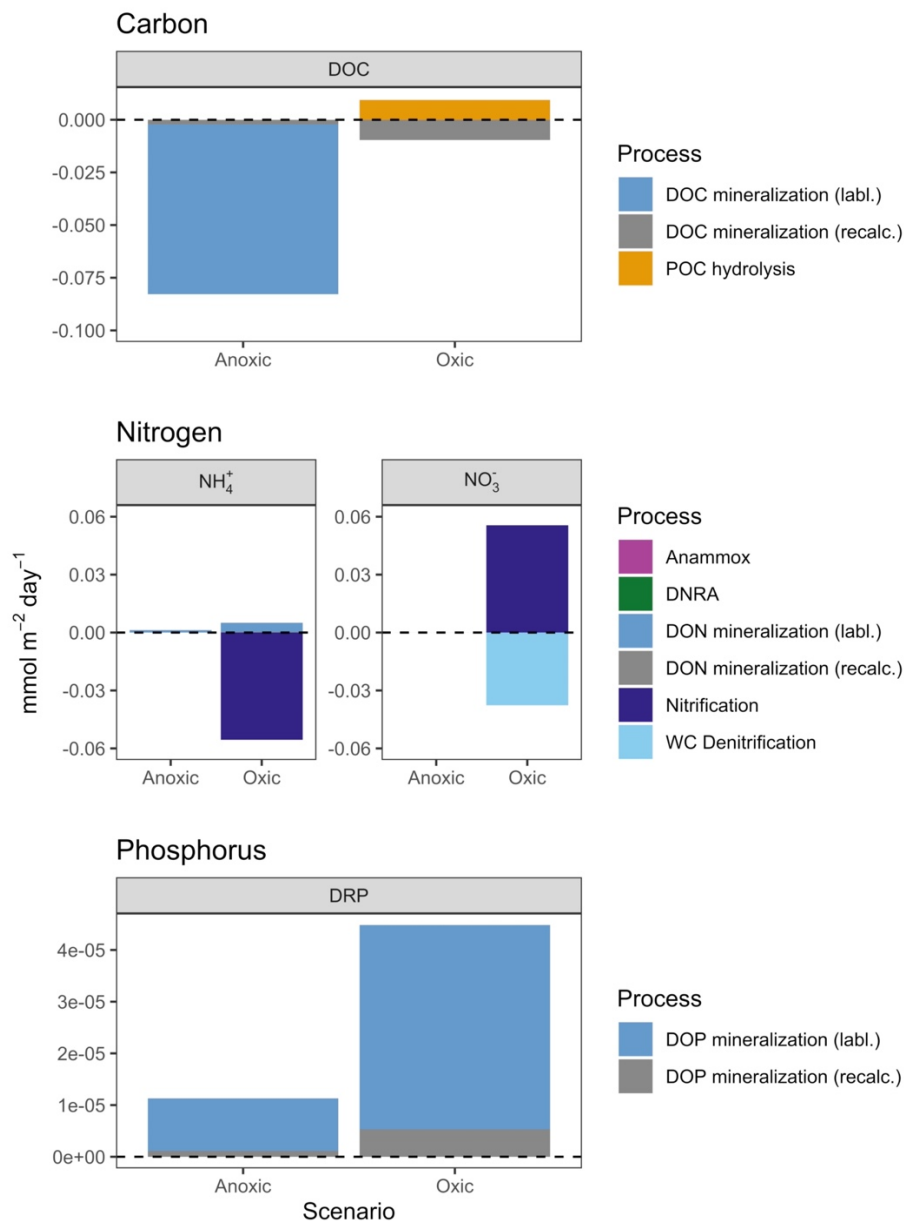
**Fig. S3. Modeled vs. observed epilimnetic dynamics in Falling Creek Reservoir.** Comparison of modeled (black line) vs. observed (red points) epilimnetic water temperature (A), dissolved oxygen (B), dissolved organic carbon (DOC; C), total nitrogen (TN; D), ammonium ( $\text{NH}_4^+$ ; E), nitrate ( $\text{NO}_3^-$ ; F), total phosphorus (TP; G), and dissolved reactive phosphorus (DRP; H). Epilimnetic water temperature and dissolved oxygen data are from 1 m depth while the water chemistry concentrations are from 1.6 m depth. The grey shaded areas in panel B represent the periods and addition rates of oxygen injection into the hypolimnion from the hypolimnetic oxygenation system (HOx) during the seven-year field manipulation. Note varying y-axes among panels.



**Fig. S4. Modeled vs. observed hypolimnetic stoichiometry in Falling Creek Reservoir.**

Comparison of modeled (black line) vs. observed (red points) hypolimnetic (9 m) water chemistry molar ratios of dissolved organic carbon to dissolved inorganic nitrogen (DOC:DIN; A), DOC to ammonium (DOC:NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>; B), DOC to nitrate (DOC:NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>; C), DOC to dissolved reactive phosphorus (DOC:DRP; D), total nitrogen to total phosphorus (TN:TP; E), and DIN to DRP (DIN:DRP; F). Note the varying y-axes among panels. Because nitrate concentrations were often below method detection limits, resulting in very large erroneous ratios, only ratios <1250 are presented in panel C.





**Fig. S5. The rates of processes altering the biogeochemical cycling of dissolved carbon, nitrogen, and phosphorus in response to anoxia, with sediment fluxes excluded.** Comparison of the other biogeochemical processes altering dissolved pools of carbon (dissolved organic carbon, DOC; top), nitrogen (ammonium,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ , and nitrate,  $\text{NO}_3^-$ ; middle), and phosphorus (dissolved reactive phosphorus, DRP; bottom) in the hypolimnion of Falling Creek Reservoir under anoxic vs. oxic model scenarios. Rates shown represent the median contribution of each process to hypolimnetic concentrations of DOC,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ,  $\text{NO}_3^-$ , and DRP during Falling Creek Reservoir's summer stratified period (July 15 - October 1) for all years of this study, with the sediment fluxes of all four analytes removed. Positive rates indicate that the process increased hypolimnetic concentrations; negative rates indicate that the process decreased hypolimnetic concentrations. Mineralization is shown separately for both labile (labl.) and recalcitrant (recalc.) dissolved organic pools. Note the varying y-axes among panels and that some rates are so small – even when the sediment fluxes are removed from the figure – that they are not visible.

**Table S1.** Overview of results of overlap studies between old and new analytical chemistry instruments for each biogeochemical analyte. LOQ denotes limit of quantitation and MDL denotes method detection limit.

Analyte	Old instrument	New instrument	Timing of transition	Number of samples in overlap study	Results of overlap study
Total and dissolved organic carbon	OI Analytical Model 1010 Total Organic Carbon Analyzer (a heated persulfate digestion instrument)	Elementar vario TOC select (a high temperature combustion instrument)	January 2017	302	Only 4% of the observations were below the LOQ. When all samples were included, the Passing-Babcock regression slope was 1.22 (1.17-1.28), the intercept was 0.06 (-0.04 to 0.16), and the Pearson correlation coefficient was 0.967. The slope above 1 suggests that the new method using high temperature combustion may have greater recoveries than the old method using heated persulfate and that this difference may increase with concentration. Plots of residuals over concentration showed no pattern. We chose not to correct concentrations determined before the instrument transition to a modeled equivalence to concentrations determined by the new instrument (e.g., Newell and Morrison 1993) and instead evaluated potential discontinuities over time during that period with particular caution.
Ammonium	Lachat QuikChem 8500 Series 1 Flow Injection Analyzer	Lachat QuikChem 8500 Series 2 Flow Injection Analyzer	Fall 2018	359	We found 24.5% of observations were below the LOQ. When all data were included, the Passing-Babcock regression slope was 1.02 (1.01-1.02), the intercept was -0.48 (-0.80 to 0.06), and the Pearson correlation coefficient was 0.997. While the slope was significantly different from 1, this difference was small. Plots of residuals showed no patterns. When restricted to concentrations above the LOQ, the analysis was largely unchanged. Passing-Babcock regression slope was 1.02 (1.01-1.02), the intercept was -0.54 (-1.00 to 0.25), and the Pearson correlation coefficient was 0.997.
Nitrate	Lachat QuikChem 8500 Series 1 Flow Injection Analyzer	Lachat QuikChem 8500 Series 2 Flow Injection Analyzer	Fall 2018	354	More than half the observations (58.2%) were below the LOQ. When all samples were included the Passing-Babcock regression slope was 1.01 (0.99-1.04), the intercept was -1.05 (-1.26 to -0.84) and the Pearson correlation coefficient was 0.981. While the intercept was significantly different from zero,

					differences between instruments were smaller than the long-term MDL (1.05 and 1.7, respectively). When restricted to concentrations above the LOQ, the analysis was largely unchanged. Passing-Babcock regression slope was 1.02 (1.00-1.06), the intercept was -1.29 (-2.00 to -0.58), and the Pearson correlation coefficient was 0.978.
Total nitrogen	Lachat QuikChem 8500 Series 1 Flow Injection Analyzer	Lachat QuikChem 8500 Series 2 Flow Injection Analyzer	Fall 2018	326	Only one observation was below the LOQ (0.3%). The Passing-Babcock regression slope was 0.98 (0.94-1.02), the intercept was 18.03 (9.01-28.42), and the Pearson correlation coefficient was 0.982. While the intercept was significantly different from zero, the magnitude of the difference between instruments was close to the long-term MDL (18.03 and 14.2 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ respectively).
Dissolved reactive phosphorus	Lachat QuikChem 8500 Series 1 Flow Injection Analyzer	Lachat QuikChem 8500 Series 2 Flow Injection Analyzer	Fall 2018	356	More than half the observations (64.9%) were below the LOQ. When all samples were included, the Passing-Babcock regression slope was 0.76 (0.71-0.80), the intercept was 0.27 (-0.22 to 0.63), and the Pearson correlation coefficient was 0.958. The method comparison plot shows a flattening of the slope at concentration below the LOQ. Plots of residuals suggest a U-shape with an increase at the highest and lowest concentrations. When restricted to concentrations above the LOQ, Passing-Babcock regression slope was 0.99 (0.92-1.06), the intercept was -3.39 (-4.79 to -2.12), and the Pearson correlation coefficient was 0.966. Plots of residuals over concentration were randomly distributed around 0. While the intercept was significantly different from zero, the magnitude of the difference between instruments was close to the long-term MDL (3.39 and 2.5, respectively). For this analyte in particular, caution is warranted when interpreting potential differences in concentration below the LOQ.
Total phosphorus	Lachat QuikChem 8500 Series 1 Flow Injection Analyzer	Lachat QuikChem 8500 Series 2 Flow Injection Analyzer	Fall 2018	336	More than half the observations were below the LOQ (56.0%). The Passing-Babcock regression slope was 0.95 (0.92-0.98), the intercept was 3.24 (2.78-3.72), and the Pearson correlation coefficient was 0.954. When restricted to concentrations above the LOQ, Passing-Babcock regression slope was 1.05 (1.01-1.09), the intercept was 0.78 (-0.39 to

					1.82), and the Pearson correlation coefficient was 0.960. While the slope was significantly different from 1, this difference was small. Plots of residuals showed no patterns. For this analyte in particular, caution is warranted when interpreting potential differences in concentration below the LOQ.
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**Table S2.** GLM-AED parameters that were identified as highly sensitive for the focal state variables in the Falling Creek Reservoir model. The focal state variables were water temperature, dissolved oxygen, dissolved organic carbon (DOC), ammonium (NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>), nitrate (NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>), and dissolved reactive phosphorus (DRP). The focal parameters that were doubled and halved in the model scenario sensitivity analysis (Supplementary Text 3) are shown in bold, which were chosen because of their importance in modeling DOC, NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> and DRP.

State variables	Calibrated parameters
Temperature	Coef_mix_hyp, sw_factor, lw_factor, ch, sed_temp_mean, sed_temp_amplitude, sed_temp_peak_doy
Dissolved oxygen	Fsed_oxy, Ksed_oxy
DOC	<b>Kdom_minerl</b> , Kpom_hydrol
NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	<b>Fsed_amm</b> , Ksed_amm, Rnitrif, Knitrif, theta_nitrif, Kdnra_oxy, Kanmx_amm
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	<b>Rnitrif</b>
DRP	<b>Fsed_frp</b> , Ksed_frp

**Table S3.** Paired t-test results comparing median summer stratified period (July 15-October 1) hypolimnetic (9 m) concentrations in anoxic vs. oxic model scenarios for Falling Creek Reservoir during the seven years of the study. The variables compared were total organic carbon (TOC), dissolved organic carbon (DOC), total nitrogen (TN), dissolved inorganic nitrogen (DIN), ammonium ( $\text{NH}_4^+$ ), nitrate ( $\text{NO}_3^-$ ), total phosphorus (TP), and dissolved reactive phosphorus (DRP). df denotes degrees of freedom.

Variable	t-value	df	p-value
TOC	18.35	6	$p < 0.0001$
DOC	16.08	6	$p < 0.0001$
TN	24.61	6	$p < 0.0001$
DIN	23.93	6	$p < 0.0001$
$\text{NH}_4^+$	12.99	6	$p < 0.0001$
$\text{NO}_3^-$	-9.34	6	$p < 0.0001$
TP	9.79	6	$p < 0.0001$
DRP	18.35	6	$p < 0.0001$

**Table S4.** Paired t-test results comparing median summer stratified period (July 15 - October 1) total and dissolved molar ratios of hypolimnetic (9 m) carbon, nitrogen, and phosphorus concentrations for Falling Creek Reservoir during the seven years of the study. The variables compared included the ratios of total organic carbon to total nitrogen (TOC:TN), TOC to total phosphorus (TOC:TP), dissolved organic carbon to dissolved inorganic nitrogen (DOC:DIN), DOC to ammonium (DOC:NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>), DOC to nitrate (DOC:NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>), DOC to dissolved reactive phosphorus (DOC:DRP), TN:TP, and DIN:DRP. df denotes degrees of freedom. Because NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> concentrations functionally went to zero during anoxia, DOC:NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> could not be calculated and hence there are no t-test results for this ratio.

Variable	t-value	df	p-value
TOC:TN	-16.14	6	p<0.0001
TOC:TP	-3.08	6	0.02
DOC:DIN	-12.36	6	p<0.0001
DOC:NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	-11.76	6	p<0.0001
DOC:NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	.	.	.
DOC:DRP	-6.69	6	0.0005
TN:TP	6.45	6	0.0007
DIN:DRP	4.36	6	0.005

**Table S5.** Paired t-test results comparing median summer stratified period (July 15-October 1) retention of carbon, nitrogen, and phosphorus entering into Falling Creek Reservoir in anoxic vs. oxic model scenarios during the seven years of the study. The variables compared were total organic carbon (TOC), dissolved organic carbon (DOC), total nitrogen (TN), dissolved inorganic nitrogen (DIN), ammonium ( $\text{NH}_4^+$ ), nitrate ( $\text{NO}_3^-$ ), total phosphorus (TP), and dissolved reactive phosphorus (DRP). df denotes degrees of freedom.

Variable	t-value	df	p-value
TOC	12.80	6	$p < 0.0001$
DOC	12.92	6	$p < 0.0001$
TN	16.44	6	$p < 0.0001$
DIN	9.40	6	$p < 0.0001$
$\text{NH}_4^+$	6.19	6	0.0008
$\text{NO}_3^-$	-4.51	6	0.004
TP	4.72	6	0.003
DRP	8.83	6	0.0001



**Table S6.** Mean ( $\pm 1$  S.D.) rates of annual sediment burial ( $\text{g m}^{-2} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ ) of particulate organic carbon (POC), particulate organic nitrogen (PON), and particulate organic phosphorus (POP) in Falling Creek Reservoir in anoxic vs. oxic model scenarios of the seven years of the study, with paired t-test results comparing the anoxic vs. oxic rates among years. df denotes degrees of freedom. Data from 2013 were excluded from this analysis because the study started in May of that year.

Variable	Anoxic scenario annual burial rate	Oxic scenario annual burial rate	t-value	df	p-value
POC	0.95 ( $\pm 0.08$ )	0.90 ( $\pm 0.08$ )	-4.70	5	0.005
PON	0.27 ( $\pm 0.05$ )	0.24 ( $\pm 0.04$ )	-4.33	5	0.007
POP	0.023 ( $\pm 0.004$ )	0.022 ( $\pm 0.004$ )	-2.85	5	0.035

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