Disclaimer: This our 2024 approved QAPP, but the names of the sites have been changed to reflect a new naming convention we are adopting to align with the naming convention used by the Chesapeake Monitoring Cooperative.

1 PROJECT MANAGEMENT

1.1 Title of Plan and Approval

Quality Assurance/ Quality Control Protocol Virginia Save Our Streams Program

Rocky Bottom Benthic Macroinvertebrate Method January 2025

The Virginia Save Our Streams Program (VA SOS)

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1.2 Distribution List

The following groups and people will receive copies of the VA Save Our Streams (VA SOS) quality assurance plan for sampling rocky bottomed streams with the modified VA SOS method:

VA Save Our Stream Staff:

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US Environmental Protection Agency

- Appropriate personnel to be determined Groups using VA SOS methods

VA SOS Regional Trainers

The quality assurance plan will also be provided to anyone requesting it, and will be made available on the VA SOS website (www.vasos.org).

1.3 Project/Task Organization

Virginia Save Our Streams Program Coordinator or Designee

- Provides training and follow-up testing to volunteers
- Trains additional regional trainers and quality assurance auditors
- Acts as quality assurance auditor when necessary
- Develops and maintains partnerships with groups and agencies across the state
- Assists in site selection
- Assists volunteers who have failed quality assurance procedures to correct problems
- Clean Water Hub manager (www.cleanwaterhub.org) – Reviews all incoming data, assesses for inclusion in Hub, makes all updates to Hub, makes the data available through reports and on the Chesapeake Data Explorer (www.cmc.vims.edu)
- Maintains databases of trained, certified, regional trainers, and quality assurance auditors
- Ensures field sheets and training materials are up to date
- Identifies, analyzes, and stores incoming quality assurance samples
- Identifies incoming unknown specimens for volunteers
- Develops and maintains reference and testing collections

VA SOS Regional Trainers

- Locally train and certify volunteers
- Maintain equipment needed to train volunteers

VA SOS Regional Coordinators

- Conduct initial review and updates of local data and send it to VA SOS Coordinator or designee in a timely fashion
- Ensure volunteers in their area are progressing to certification and doing their sampling in a timely manner
- May maintain database of local monitoring data and volunteer monitors
- May purchase and maintain approved sampling equipment for volunteer monitors
- May assist in site selection
- May develop and maintain reference and testing collections

VA SOS Quality Assurance Auditors

- Periodically go into the field with volunteers to review their equipment, procedures, and macroinvertebrate identification
- Sends results of these observations to VA SOS Coordinator or designee in a timely fashion

VA SOS Volunteers

- Attend the proper training and pass the certification test
- Purchase and maintain approved sampling equipment
- Monitor adopted site(s) at least two times a year or assist in the monitoring of other VA SOS monitoring locations.
- Follow proper procedures for maintaining certification status

VA SOS Data Users

There are a wide variety of data users for this statewide program. These users include the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the Chesapeake Bay Program, local Soil and Water Conservation Districts, localities, planning commissions, and universities. The VA SOS data is available to any interested party on the Clean Water Hub (www.cleanwaterhub.org), the CMC Data Explorer (www.cmc.vims.edu) or by request.

Virginia Save Our Streams recommends that all potential data users contact the VA SOS Coordinator to discuss the use of the volunteer collected data and the appropriate uses of this data.

1.4 Problem Definition/Background

1.4.1 Problem Statement

With the passage of the Clean Water Act in the early 1970s, there has been a focus on cleaning up our nation's waterways. Great strides have been made in reducing point source pollution, or pollution that enters the stream through a specific known source, such as a discharge pipe. Discharging parties must obtain permits and are regulated to prevent too much of this pollution from entering our waterways.

While our waterways have greatly improved since these efforts were implemented, there are still steps to be taken. In the last ten years, there has been a shift in thinking to consider non-point source pollution in addition to the point sources. Non-point source pollution is hard to regulate, as it comes from a broad area rather than one easily located source. Non-point source pollution includes nutrient

additions and erosion from livestock in streams, runoff of fertilizer from agricultural fields and suburban lawns, and stormwater runoff carrying not just large pieces of litter but also all the oils and chemicals on our roadways and parking lots. It takes a broader monitoring plan to detect these types of pollution and to determine their origin.

This means that already overburdened state agencies must increase the monitoring they must do throughout the state. There are thousands of miles of streams in Virginia that must be monitored, and agencies have very limited resources with which to monitor all these streams. With current workloads and limited resources, it is not feasible for the majority of these streams to be monitored on a regular basis. This is where the Virginia Save Our Streams program helps.

1.4.2 Intended Usage of Data

The Virginia Save Our Streams program has monitors across the state collecting large quantities of benthic macroinvertebrate data. The data collected under this quality assurance plan will be used in DEQ and DWR water quality assessment reports including the 305(b)/303(d) Integrated Report. It will be used to identify waters where agency scientists will conduct follow-up monitoring to identify if the water should be classified as impaired on the 303(d) report. VA SOS data will not be used to list streams on the 303(d) report. Instead, it can be used to identify pollution incidents where immediate agency response is required to mitigate the pollution event. VA SOS data may also be used in the development and implementation of Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) plans.

Data collected as part of VA SOS within the Chesapeake Watershed is also added to the Chesapeake Monitoring Cooperative's database (https://cmc.vims.edu) which is passed along to the Chesapeake Bay Program for use in their status and trends of stream health. In addition, the data collected by VA SOS volunteers can be used locally by Soil and Water Conservation Districts when looking at the effectiveness of implemented best management practices (BMPs). It can also help determine where future BMPs should be implemented. Localities can also use the volunteer data in evaluating current land use practices, to create an integrated water quality management approach to land use development, and to identify pristine conditions so that future developments do not degrade local streams.

1.5 Project/Task Description and Schedule

1.5.1 General Overview of Project

The VA SOS program is ongoing with new volunteer monitors and sample sites continuously being added. As such, training and certification sessions will be held as needed for VA SOS monitors. This training program will continue in perpetuity.

The VA SOS volunteers monitor the benthic macroinvertebrate populations and the habitat of their adopted stream at least two times a year, fall and spring, using a method developed for the VA SOS program by Virginia Tech scientists (Engel 2000). This method is outlined in the Sampling Methods Requirements section of this document (Appendix O). The samples are analyzed in the field using a multimetric index developed as part of the Virginia Tech study. Additional information about the analysis can be found in the Analytical Methods Requirements section of this document. The field analysis results in a water quality score which lets the volunteer know if the ecological conditions of the stream are acceptable or unacceptable.

VA SOS volunteers will record general site conditions and fill out a streamside visual assessment sheet.

Data is submitted and reviewed by regional coordinators and the VA SOS Coordinator or designee bi-annually. Data is compiled in a publicly accessible database that is kept current. Reports are made to interested parties whenever requested, and data is uploaded to the Chesapeake Data Explorer annually.

1.6 Quality Objectives and Criteria for Measurement Data

1.6.1 Data Precision, Accuracy, Measurement Range

The VA SOS modified method was developed and tested by scientists at Virginia Tech (Engel 2000) and further tested in 2006 in a study by Virginia Tech (Voshell, 2006) and Virginia Commonwealth University (Garey, 2006), to accurately represent the stream condition and compare favorably with the results VA Department of Environmental Quality professional biologists would find when sampling the same sites. The new method compared very favorably with agency findings and was found to be an acceptable method for volunteers to use to determine the condition of their streams (Engel 2000). Further evaluation in the 2006 studies compared the VA SOS modified method with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's Virginia Stream Condition Index (VSCI). The 2006 studies found that a change in the final VA SOS multi-metric scoring was needed to be more comparable to the VSCI - specifically, the addition of a "gray zone" for intermediate benthic conditions. These changes are reflected in this QAPP and the field sheets found in Appendix A. The 2006 studies can be found in the Appendices.

1.6.2 Data Representativeness

For the VA SOS program, representativeness depends largely upon site selection. Volunteers are requested to select sites that are representative of the stream and the conditions that are influencing the stream (see appendix M). However, volunteers are asked not to monitor below permitted discharges. In selecting a riffle, volunteers survey the stream section to determine the most appropriate and representative riffle. Also, generally more than one sample in the riffle is collected. Each sample is picked in its entirety, and the results are combined into the final score.

1.6.3 Data Comparability

VA SOS ensures comparability by requiring all volunteers to use the protocol designed by scientists at Virginia Tech. This protocol includes taxonomic keys to identify macroinvertebrates correctly. VA SOS also maintains several sets of reference collections for use by volunteers in the field.

During development of the protocol, comparisons were made with findings from VA Department of Environmental Quality professional biologists at the same sites. The new method compared very favorably with agency findings. The VA SOS multimetric rating is similar to the rating used by DEQ biologists.

1.6.4 Data Completeness

VA SOS does not apply rigorous completion standards to the volunteers collecting data. VA SOS expects each monitoring site to be monitored at least 2 times (in the spring and fall) during the course of a year. The completion of these monitoring events during the year is hampered by several factors: the need for the site (as identified by the monitor or regional coordinator) may have changed during the course of the year or the volunteer may have dropped from the program (the need for the change should be documented and kept with other site information). We do instruct volunteer monitors that monitoring over an extended period of time and during the same approximate times per year provides the most useful data. Some more established volunteer groups may begin a rotating sampling program, capturing data at a site in the spring and fall of the calendar year and rotating to another site the following year.

1.7 Special Training Requirements/Certification

As the VA SOS program has a hierarchy of volunteers to help administer the program, different training and certification requirements may apply.

VA SOS Volunteer
People interested in becoming VA SOS volunteers must attend at least one training session given by VA SOS staff or a certified regional trainer. This training session includes information about the program, basic watershed education, safety information, instruction in the methods of collection and analysis, instruction in macroinvertebrate identification, and hands-on field experience with the methods (Appendix B). After this training event, the volunteer has up to 24 months to practice the method and identification before becoming certified. This practice can be done alone, with other volunteers, or at other official training sessions. If it has been over 24 months since the volunteer last attended an official training session, they must attend another session before becoming certified. If a volunteer conducts aquatic insect studies as their profession, they may be able to skip the macroinvertebrate identification training session and just take the certification test.

The certification process includes an in-stream observation and a macroinvertebrate identification test. VA SOS staff or a regional trainer must administer the certification procedure. The in-stream observation consists of the volunteer completing an entire sampling session (collecting and processing an entire sample and completing the habitat assessment), while the person administering the certification fills out an observation report (Appendix C). This portion of the test is open book and can be completed as a team with other volunteers attempting certification. If a larger group is being trained, a trainer or VA SOS staff may follow up with an online protocol test instead of filling out an observation report (Appendix C).

The identification portion of the process can be taken online or as a written test with a VA SOS staff or volunteer trainer (Appendix C). For the written test, there are 24 lettered, unidentified vials containing preserved representatives of groups used in the VA SOS method. The volunteer must identify at least 21 vials correctly in order to pass. Volunteers have up to 90 minutes to complete this test. In the online version of the macroinvertebrate identification quiz, volunteers must identify at least 38/42 photos correctly to pass. While this portion of the certification process is open book, it must be completed individually by each individual wishing to become certified.

Within two months of successfully completing both parts of the certification process, the volunteer receives a certificate indicating they are a VA SOS monitor. If the volunteer continues to pass further quality assurance measures (see Quality Control Requirements), (s)he will remain a certified volunteer. If the volunteer misses sampling for two consecutive calendar years, they will lose their certification status and must go through the certification process again.

Quality Assurance Auditor
Volunteers wishing to become quality assurance auditors must have been a certified volunteer for at least six months and have completed at least two monitoring events. During these two monitoring events, the volunteer must have demonstrated their ability to follow the method by completely and accurately filling out the data forms for all monitoring events.

If an interested volunteer meets these requirements, they attend a training session with VA SOS staff that teaches them how to conduct an audit of a volunteer. During this session, equipment needs and condition, proper methods, and how to complete the audit checklist is covered (Appendix D).

The auditor must complete at least two audits every two years to remain an auditor, and must send the audit forms to the VA SOS coordinator within three weeks of completion. Incoming audits are reviewed by the Coordinator or designee. If the audit form is not filled out properly, the Coordinator or designee works with the auditor to improve their auditing performance. Should the auditor fail to properly complete the forms on more than one occasion, they are required to attend another auditor training session or will lose their auditor status.

Regional Coordinator

As this is a local organization position, no additional training is required to be a regional coordinator. However, the VA SOS staff will remain in close contact with the regional coordinators and will act as a resource to these volunteers to help them learn to assess incoming data for completeness and how to respond to incomplete data forms.

Regional Trainers

Regional trainers must possess a thorough understanding of benthic macroinvertebrate collection and identification methods and QA/QC procedures implemented by this project and their individual monitoring project. This can be achieved through prior knowledge and experience (as deemed appropriate by the VA SOS Coordinator) or by being a Certified Monitor for at least six months and completing two macroinvertebrate sampling events. During these two monitoring events, the volunteer must have demonstrated their ability to follow the method by completely and accurately filling out the data forms for all monitoring events. The potential trainer must also have observed at least two training sessions implemented by VA SOS staff or regional trainers. The initial training session a volunteer attended to become a monitor may count as one of these sessions. They should also help coordinate one training session before they can be certified as a trainer. In addition, the volunteer must feel comfortable talking in front of a group and must accurately and correctly represent the goals and opinions of the VA SOS program while training volunteers.

Should the volunteer meet these requirements, they must go through an additional training session administered by the VA SOS staff before training other volunteers. This training includes a discussion of what is involved in a training session. A checklist of these items will be given to each regional trainer during this training session (Appendix B). In addition, the training session will cover how to be an effective trainer, frequently asked questions, reference collections, and the certification process. The potential regional trainer must complete the macroinvertebrate identification portion of the certification process again but must receive a 100% score in order to become a trainer. (The same form will be used for both the certification process and the regional trainer process Appendix C).

Once the regional trainer successfully completes the training requirements, they will enter an observational period. VA SOS staff must observe the regional trainer's teaching abilities and demonstration of the protocol and comment on the trainer's performance. A training observation report will be completed at that time and a copy will be returned to the trainer within three weeks of the training (Appendix E). The regional trainer must complete at least one training session and certify at least one volunteer per year in order to remain a trainer. In addition, the trainer must undergo an observation by VA SOS staff in person or by video once every two years.

1.8 Documents and Records

Volunteer Field Sheets
All volunteers complete a field sheet packet at each sampling event (Appendix A). The packet includes a front informational sheet, which includes date, location, sampling team, and some basic physical stream information. The second sheet contains raw macroinvertebrate counts, the third sheet has individual metric calculations, and the fourth sheet is a multimetric index calculation. The fifth sheet is a habitat assessment form.

The volunteer saves a copy of these forms and/or sends either hard copy or digital copy to their regional coordinator. The volunteer or the regional coordinator will submit their data electronically to the Clean Water Hub (https://www.cleanwaterhub.org/). The volunteer or regional coordinator will save a hard copy or digital copy of each datasheet for 5 years.

Electronic data submissions will be reviewed by the Coordinator or designee and saved to the Clean Water Hub. Back-up copies of the database are housed permanently at the main VA SOS office.

Training and Certification Forms
A liability waiver and photo release form should be completed at each training session, whether it is for volunteers, quality assurance auditors, or regional trainer training (Appendix F). Once a volunteer completes all of their certification requirements, the regional trainers or coordinators should complete a Monitor Report Form and send a digital copy of these sheets to the VA SOS office within three weeks of the training session and retain a copy for themselves. The Coordinator or designee will maintain a permanent database of all volunteers. Back-up copies of this database are housed at the main VA SOS office. Digital copies of Monitor Report Forms will be kept on file in the VA SOS office for a minimum of five years.

Quality Assurance Forms
A copy of forms filled out by the quality assurance auditor should be sent to the Coordinator or designee within three weeks of the audit (Appendix D). The pass/fail status of each volunteer will be recorded in the database of volunteers. A copy of the audit will be sent to the volunteer(s) in question, and a copy will be kept on file for a minimum of five years at the VA SOS office.

All samples preserved for quality assurance purposes (See Quality Control Requirements) must be properly labeled with a sample submittal form (Appendix D). This form will be kept with the sample at all times. After these samples have been identified, the laboratory record sheet (Appendix G) will be housed in the VA SOS records for a minimum of five years and then recycled. The pass/fail status will be recorded in the database of volunteers, and a copy of this status will be sent to the volunteer(s) in question. Preserved samples will be archived for a minimum of two years, then the organisms will be used in reference collection development or donated to a school, college, or university.

The results of the quality assurance audit and identification check will be sent to the volunteer(s) in question within three months of the audited monitoring event.

Unknown Specimen Submittal
All unknown specimens needing identification by the Coordinator or designee should be photographed and emailed to VA SOS staff. After identification, the form (Appendix H) will be completed by the Coordinator or designee. A copy of the form will be filed in the VA SOS office for a minimum of five

years, and a copy of the form and the photograph will be returned to the volunteer. Submitted data that is quality assured should not have more than 5 unknowns in the sample.

2 DATA GENERATION AND ACQUISTION

2.1 Sampling Design

Volunteers collect macroinvertebrate samples and complete habitat assessments twice a year, in the spring and the fall. While sampling can occur any time during a season, it is recommended that sampling occur between March 1st – May 31st and September 1st – November 30th, on a regular basis (Appendix J). Descriptive location information and latitude and longitude identify each monitoring site.

Most volunteers have a specific stream they wish to monitor. Often, this stream is located in close proximity to their home, or they spend time on the stream for recreational purposes. To promote continued interest and involvement in the VA SOS program, it is important that volunteers be allowed to monitor these locations. Some monitors do not have a specific spot in which they are interested, but rather wish to monitor somewhere in their watershed of interest. In such a case, VA SOS staff with representatives from DEQ and DCR, will use GIS maps and the Clean Water Hub, to assess where current volunteer and agency monitoring is occurring, and help the volunteer choose the most appropriate site. Site selection will also take into consideration potential uses of the data (background information, assess effectiveness of BMPs, monitor land use changes, etc). All sites must be located on public property, or the volunteer must obtain written permission if they choose to monitor private property. Sites are added to the program as often as new volunteers are trained. Sites may also be changed if the need for the monitoring site has changed. For example, if a volunteer chooses a site below a construction site to evaluate potential impacts, once the construction is complete, the volunteer may choose to abandon the site. See Appendix M for detailed site location directions.

Volunteers are not to conduct their normal sampling within one week of heavy rainfall (approximately more than 1 inch of rainfall in rural areas or ½ inch of rainfall in urban areas). Rather, they should sample the stream during its average conditions for that season and can use the USGS stream gauge website as a guide (https://waterwatch.usgs.gov/?m=real&r=va). Should there be heavy rain, the sampling must be postponed to allow the stream to return to normal conditions.

DWR must be notified of streams that are to be sampled prior to the sampling events. As soon as volunteers know where and when they will be sampling, or at least 48 hours in advance, volunteers must notify DWR by emailing CollectionPermits@dwr.virginia.gov with the sampling date, station ID, and permit number (provided by VA SOS). Before monitoring at a new site, volunteers should confirm the location with VA SOS.

If the volunteer is not going to be able to complete their sampling for a season, they should alert their regional coordinator or the VA SOS staff and assist them in locating a substitute volunteer for that season.

2.2 Sampling Methods

Required equipment includes a mesh kick-seine with mesh size no greater than 1/32”, a white sheet to place under the net, forceps, a plastic container in which to sort bugs, collection jars and alcohol for collecting unknown specimens, a magnifying glass, pencils, stream shoes, field sheets and a simple calculator. Volunteers are responsible for purchasing and maintaining their own equipment. When funding allows, VA SOS may be able to provide equipment reimbursement for approved items. The VA SOS program provides volunteers with a list of needed equipment and approved vendors found on the

VA SOS website (http://www.vasos.org/monitor-page/equipment-list/). In the instance when VA SOS volunteers are monitoring to Family- or Genus-level, volunteers should use a 500 micron or similar mesh kick-seine instead.

Choosing where to sample within the stream

Volunteers select a riffle typical of the stream, that is, a shallow, fast-moving area with a depth of 3 to 12 inches (8 to 30 cm) and stones which are cobble-sized (3 to 10 inches). Stone size is important since the macroinvertebrates surveyed prefer these stones for protection and food supply. In addition, the bubbling of water over the rocks provides the needed oxygen for healthy growth.

How to Sample

Volunteers place the kick seine perpendicular to the flow of water immediately downstream of the 1 foot^2 area in the riffle they have selected to sample. The bottom, weighted edge of the net should fit tightly against the stream bottom. Volunteers use cleaned rocks from outside the sampling area to hold the net firmly to the bottom. This prevents insects from escaping under the net. Volunteers tilt the net back, so the water flowing through the net covers a large portion of the net, however, they are careful not to tilt the net so much that water flows over the top, allowing organisms to escape.

A volunteer samples the targeted area for 20-90 seconds. A minimum net time of 12 seconds can be used with permission under approved circumstances. To sample, the monitor will lift and rub underwater all large rocks in the sample area to dislodge any clinging organisms. They will also rub all exposed surfaces of rocks in the sampling area that are too large to lift. Rock rubbing will be conducted for 75% of the chosen net time. Volunteers will then dig around in the small rocks and sediments on the streambed in order to dislodge any burrowing macroinvertebrates. Disturbing the substrate will be conducted for 25% of the chosen net time.

After sampling for 20-90 seconds, volunteers carefully rub off any rocks used to anchor the net. They then remove the seine with an upstream scooping motion, being careful not to allow water to escape over the top of the net so as to keep all the macroinvertebrates in the net.

For more detailed information about how to sample, reference the VA SOS Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Manual.

Processing the Sample

Volunteers place the net on a flat, light-colored surface, such as a white sheet, table, or piece of plastic. This makes the organisms easier to see. Using forceps or their fingers, volunteers gently pick all the macroinvertebrates from the net and place them in a collection container. Volunteers carefully look on both sides of any debris in the sample, as many insects will cling to any available litter. They look closely for very small organisms. It is important to thoroughly pick all the organisms from the net. Once all the organisms have been sorted off the net, the net is lifted, and the underlying area is examined. Any organisms that have crawled through the net are collected. Again, it is important to collect all these organisms to have an accurate sample.

Once all the macroinvertebrates are removed from the seine and underlying sheet, the number of organisms in the sample is counted. If fewer than 200 organisms have been collected, another net must be collected from a different riffle spot in the same area. The organisms from the second net are added to those from the first. The length of sampling time can be adjusted depending on the number of organisms collected in the first net, with the maximum sampling time per net being 90 seconds. The second and subsequent nets can have a minimum sampling time of 12 seconds. The second net and area

beneath are again sorted in their entirety. Again, the organisms are counted, and a third net is collected if 200 organisms have not been obtained. This process is repeated until at least 200 organisms are found or 4 nets are collected, whichever is first. Each net collected must be sorted in its entirety, even if that leads to a sample of well over 200 organisms.

Once at least 200 organisms have been obtained or 4 nets have been collected, the organisms are separated into look-alike groups, using primarily body shape and number of legs and tails, as the same family or order can vary considerably in size and color. Volunteers use the tally sheet (Appendix A), the macroinvertebrate identification card (Appendix K), and other reference materials to aid in the identification process. Volunteers record the number of individuals they find in each taxonomic group on the tally sheet. The tally sheet has one box set aside for "other aquatic macroinvertebrates". Volunteers should note the number and type (if known) of aquatic macroinvertebrates not included in the tally sheet. The number put in this box will be included in the total number of organisms found in the sample. They should not use this box to document fish, salamanders or other aquatic or semi-aquatic organisms. When identification and recording are completed, samples are returned to the stream unless the quality assurance audit is occurring (See Quality Control Requirements). All equipment should be thoroughly rinsed at this time so as not to contaminate future samples.

For more detailed information about how to process the sample, reference the VA SOS Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Manual.

Habitat Analysis
Volunteers complete a qualitative streamside visual analysis that assesses the general conditions in the stream (Appendix A) every time they conduct a biomonitoring session. Some parameters require volunteers to pick the most representative description for their sites, while other parameters require volunteers to determine percentages present at their site. Guidelines for completing the habitat analysis are available to the volunteers on the VA SOS website (www.vasos.org) or in the Save Our Streams Monitor's Guide to Aquatic Macroinvertebrates (Kellogg 1994). These data are used to gain perspective on the macroinvertebrate data collected from the same site.

2.3 Sampling Handling and Custody

Unknown Specimens
Individual organisms that volunteers collect but cannot identify should either be preserved and sent to the VA SOS office for identification (see instructions below) or a picture or video of the organism may be taken for identification.

If the organism is preserved, the organism should be placed in a vial filled with >90% rubbing alcohol (available at a local drugstore), label properly (Appendix H), and sent to the VA SOS office for identification or delivered to VA SOS employee at an appropriate time. The label should be written in permanent ink or pencil and placed inside the sample container. The volunteer is responsible for all costs associated with delivering the sample to the VA SOS office. The VA SOS program will return the identified sample to the volunteer for future reference.

If the organism is photographed, take as many photographs as possible to document the number of legs/appendages (if any), the head and mouth features, the thorax and abdomen (top and bottom if possible), any tail features, and other distinguishing characteristics. In addition, a photo with another

object (like a ruler) in the picture for scale purposes is helpful. If taking video shots of the organism is possible (e.g. smartphone), record the organism as it moves around the container. Send photos and video to the VA SOS Coordinator at vasos@iwla.org

2.4 Analytical Methods

Volunteers use a multimetric index based on six individual metrics to analyze their macroinvertebrate data. Scientists at Virginia Tech developed this index for VA SOS volunteers (Engel 2000). Volunteers complete the index by following the steps in four tables found on pages three and four in the field packet (Appendix A). The results of the multimetric index are calculated to determine if stream condition is acceptable or not. There is no real analytical procedure for analyzing the results of the streamside visual analysis. Rather, the results from this analysis are used to help the data users understand the scores obtained by the macroinvertebrate samples.

2.5 Quality Control

There are four quality control requirements that VA SOS maintains for its monitoring program.

Training and Certification
All Virginia SOS volunteers must attend an initial training session and complete a subsequent certification test. See the Training Requirements/Certification section for details on these quality assurance efforts. Upon the completion of these requirements a volunteer is considered a certified monitor. Certified monitors go through the rigors outlined in this quality assurance plan and provide data for the state water quality agencies. If a certified monitor does not collect and submit data to the VA SOS office during the two year period after their initial certification, they are considered inactive and must go through the training and certification process again. Active VA SOS monitors are those who routinely monitor their sites (at least twice a year) and maintain their quality assurance status by participating in the field and lab audits as outlined below.

Reference Collection
VA SOS staff and regional trainers and/or coordinators have a complete reference collection of macroinvertebrates for volunteers to use during the course of their sampling. VA SOS staff is responsible for maintaining these reference collections.

Field and Lab Audits
All certified monitors must undergo periodic quality assurance audits. VA SOS staff and/or regional trainers and coordinators will conduct audits of 5% of monitoring events held each year, to be selected randomly. The quality assurance audits involve a field visit by a quality assurance auditor or VA SOS staff. The auditor reviews all volunteer materials to check that the proper equipment is used and is functioning properly. In addition, the auditor watches the volunteers collect and process their sample. The auditor uses a checklist (Appendix D) to assure the volunteers are correctly completing their sampling event. The completed auditing forms are sent to and reviewed by VA SOS staff. Should the volunteer fail their audit, the VA SOS staff will work with them to update their equipment and/or collection and processing methods. The volunteers must have each subsequent sampling event audited until they pass. Once a volunteer fails an audit, their certification is revoked until they successfully complete an audit. Should the volunteer fail three audits in a row, they must attend a training session with an official trainer to refresh their sampling methods.

The auditor will identify and tally the volunteer-processed sample in the field once the volunteers' identification process is complete. The auditor will submit their field audit identification sheet (Appendix G) along with the data sheet of the group he or she just audited. Should the volunteer fail to correctly identify a significant portion of the sample (over 10%), their certified status will go on hiatus. The VA SOS staff will work closely with the volunteer to help them learn to identify troublesome organisms. The volunteer must successfully complete the macroinvertebrate identification test (See Training and Certification) in order to re-instate their certified status. The volunteer must preserve their next sample after their certification status is re-instated for review by the Coordinator or designee. Should the volunteer fail that identification check, they must go through a training session with an official trainer and must once again go through the certification process in order to be a certified volunteer.

Method Evaluation
As requested, VA SOS staff will make VA SOS data available for comparison with DEQ data taken in the same sampling sites for evaluation of VA SOS methods.

2.6 Instrument/Equipment Testing, Inspection, and Maintenance

Each VA SOS volunteer is responsible for maintaining their own equipment. Prior to each monitoring event, the volunteer should check their net for cleanliness and for any rips or holes. A sewing repair kit should be included in each kit, and small holes and rips should be repaired prior to sampling. If the hole or rip is of substantial size (irreparable), the volunteer is responsible for obtaining a new net prior to sampling. The sheet for under the net should also be cleaned and repaired as needed prior to sampling.

In addition, each volunteer is responsible for keeping their equipment up to date, clean, and in good condition. The volunteer is responsible for repairing or replacing all necessary equipment. The volunteer is also responsible for having the proper field sheets with them, either by making copies or downloading them from the VA SOS website (www.vasos.org). The volunteer should have the current, most up to date field sheets available.

The Quality Assurance Officer will review all equipment and supplies during the field audit.

The VA SOS program will assist volunteers in keeping current, functioning supplies by providing volunteers recommendations as to where to purchase equipment on the VA SOS website (http://www.vasos.org/monitor-page/equipment-list/) The VA SOS program will keep all necessary documents current on the website, and will supply physical copies these documents to any volunteers without internet access.

2.7 Instrument Calibration and Frequency

No calibration is needed for macroinvertebrate collection/ processing equipment. However, the Quality Assurance Officer will review all equipment during their visit with the volunteer.

2.8 Inspection/Acceptance Requirements for Supplies and Consumables

All equipment must meet specifications for VA SOS macroinvertebrate collection. Kick seines must be approximately 3 ft x 3 ft and must have at mesh size no greater than 1/32". These nets can be purchased from an approved supplier or the VA SOS program. The sheet must be at least the same size as the net, if not larger, and may be obtained at a local supply store. All other supplies may be obtained from a local

supply store or through catalogs and are subject to review during the Quality Assurance Officer's regular visit.

The VA SOS program encourages its volunteers to be innovative in order to improve the collection and analytical process. However, all innovations must be reviewed by the VA SOS state office either in person, by mail, or through photographs prior to their use in data collection.

2.9 Data Acquisition Requirements

VA SOS uses collection and analytical methods for benthic macroinvertebrates developed for the program by Virginia Tech scientists (Engel 2000). Google Maps and the Clean Water Hub are used for site selection and land use data. Google Maps is used to determine the latitude and longitude of a volunteer's site. Current stream conditions can be obtained at https://waterwatch.usgs.gov/?m=real&r=va. Forecasted rainfall intensity can be obtained either at www.wunderground.com or https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/qpf/day1-3.shtml. An almanac of previous rainfall levels can be obtained at www.wunderground.com.

Some VA SOS volunteers also collect chemical parameter data. When this information is reported to the Clean Water Hub manager, it is included in the database in the notes field (not searchable). However, their chemical data is not covered by this QAPP. Those volunteers collecting chemical data should create and submit their own quality assurance plan for that monitoring.

2.10 Data Management

Field sheets (Appendix A) are filled out completely by volunteers in the field. The volunteer should review their data sheets from each sampling event to make sure they are filled in as completely and accurately as possible. The volunteers have four weeks to submit their data hardcopy or electronically, keeping a copy of the data themselves.

Where available, field sheets are sent to the regional coordinators, who review the data for completeness. Should there be any data gaps, the regional coordinators contact the volunteers to fill in the missing information if possible. The regional coordinators must send their region's data to the VA SOS staff electronically (or hardcopy if necessary) within three weeks of obtaining all of that season's monitoring reports for their area. Again, the regional coordinators keep a copy of all data forms. Where no regional coordinator is available, the VA SOS Coordinator or designee acts as first reviewer of data.

The VA SOS Coordinator or designee reviews all data coming to the state office. Should there still be missing or incorrect information, the Coordinator or designee works with the volunteers, regional coordinator, and maps if necessary to fill in the gaps. VA SOS staff has final say whether the data is complete enough to be included in the Clean Water Hub. The VA SOS Coordinator or designee also maintains a database of all volunteers and their certification status, so can appropriately mark data as certified or not. The database will contain all data from all years. Hardcopy forms will be filed and kept by monitors and regional coordinators for a minimum of five years from its collection. After this time, the data forms will be recycled.

Monitoring data will be delivered in electronic database form to the Department of Environmental Quality every other year, or when requested. The database is reviewed and manipulated as needed by the DEQ Quality Assurance Coordinator, who works closely with the VA SOS Coordinator or designee to correct any problems found in the database.

Other organizations requesting the data are responsible for reviewing the database in accordance with their data needs.

The VA SOS staff will keep data available for easy review by all interested parties on the Clean Water Hub and in the CMC Data Explorer. The data on these website will have gone through reviews by the VA SOS Coordinator or designee, and will be updated biannually. Data request needs that cannot be met by the internet data retrieval site should be made in writing. Data will be label with the following: “This data is intended for uses outlined in our most recent Letter of Agreement with state and federal natural resource agencies.”

3 ASSESSMENT AND OVERSIGHT

3.1 Assessment/Oversight and Response Actions

A quality assurance auditor will review the field performance and equipment of all certified volunteers as outlined in the Quality Control Requirements section. In addition, the volunteer's identification skills will be reviewed by VA SOS staff through preserved samples in conjunction with a monitor's quality assurance audit (see Quality Control Requirements). Corrective actions, if necessary, will be taken and are discussed in detail in the Quality Control Requirements section.

All field sheets will be reviewed for completeness and anomalies by the collecting volunteer, regional coordinator, and VA SOS Coordinator or designee. Should any problems be detected, the parties involved will work together to fix the problem and assure future field sheets will be complete and meet quality assurance standards. Should the problem be irreparable, the VA SOS Coordinator or designee may decide not to include the data in the statewide public database.

3.2 Reports and Management

The data collected by the VA SOS volunteers will be available to anyone interested on the Clean Water Hub (www.cleanwaterhub.org) and the CMC Data Explorer (www.cmc.vims.edu) The websites are updated biannually, and contain highlights of the data from each site. Those parties interested in seeing the full data from any site can request such from the VA SOS program but can also see the full results on either of the data portals listed above. A full report will be made to the requesting group within three weeks of said request. Full data sets will not include the name of the certified monitor but may include the organization name (such as Streamwatch or Friends of the Maury River).

Reports, in terms of the full database from the last five years, are made to VA DEQ every other year or when requested. Should other information, such as information about passage of quality assurance audits and identification passage, be required, it will be delivered upon request. Data collected when a volunteer has failed to pass a quality assurance check will be marked as uncertified when submitted to DEQ.

As the database of volunteer data will be marked appropriately with certification status, the "raw" results of the quality assurance tests will not be available unless requested, and specific names will only be provided to the Department of Environmental Quality and other appropriate agencies, and to the regional coordinators. The names of volunteers having quality assurance troubles will not be made public to any other interested parties. However, statistics such as percentage passed in each watershed or overall will be available by request.

4 DATA REVIEW AND USABILITY

4.1 Data Review, Verification, and Validation Requirements

All data sheets are reviewed by the collecting volunteer, the regional coordinator where appropriate, and the VA SOS Coordinator or designee. In addition, the DEQ Data Liaison reviews the database once every other year. The decision to accept or reject data is made by the VA SOS Coordinator or designee.

Data entry is checked for errors as it is entered. Data will be entered into a spreadsheet set up to calculate metrics and final scores. Should the scores in the spreadsheet be different from those calculated by the volunteers, the data will be reviewed for accurate entry. Habitat assessments are mainly ranges of scores, and these will be reviewed at the time of entry.

4.2 Verification and Validation Methods

The data will be reviewed for any inaccuracies and gaps and will be updated as described in the Data Management Section. Data will be updated as available. The VA SOS Coordinator or designee makes the final decision as to whether the data is complete and accurate enough to include in the database.

All quality assurance data will also be reviewed and recorded by the Coordinator or designee, as described in the Quality Control Requirements section. Any problems will be dealt with as described in that section by the VA SOS staff.

All data reported to users will have undergone all reviews and will have passed all completeness and accuracy tests prior to reporting.

4.3 Reconciliation with User Requirements

Precision and Accuracy
The precision and accuracy of the VA SOS monitoring program is evaluated during the quality assurance audits and at the time the method is evaluated. If a volunteer fails the quality assurance audits, they must go through corrective action as outlined in Section 2.5, Quality Control Requirements.

Representativeness
The representativeness of the sample will be evaluated during data entry and during the field portion of the quality assurance audits. VA SOS will evaluate the site sampled during data entry (or data review) to make sure the site is representative of the conditions in the area. During the data review, VA SOS staff will also make sure that more than 200 organisms were collected and that the riffle was sampled for the appropriate amount of time and the appropriate number of times. The quality assurance auditor will make sure the volunteer chooses the most appropriate riffle in the course of the field audit and that the riffle is sampled for the appropriate length of time and number of times. If either course indicates the site location is not representative or the riffle was not sampled in a representative manner, corrective actions as outlined in Section 2.5, Quality Control Requirements will be taken.

Comparability
Adherence to the VA SOS protocol will be evaluated periodically as outlined in the quality assurance audit section. At the same time, the ability to correctly identify the macroinvertebrates will be

determined through the field audit. If the volunteer does not successfully complete either element, corrective actions as identified in Section 2.5, Quality Control Requirements will be taken.

The VA SOS Method will also be evaluated upon request by the Department of Environmental Quality to ensure comparability. During the method evaluation process, if the VA SOS method does not correlate with the DEQ order level ID method 90% of the time, the VA SOS method will not be considered comparable and will undergo scientific evaluation and validation to make any necessary changes to the actual collection method or the metrics that are calculated.

Completeness

VA SOS will continue to encourage its volunteers to conduct sampling at their sites at least 2 times a year. This will be considered a complete sample set. No corrective action will be taken if a volunteer fails to monitor their site 2 times during a year, but the data may not be considered as useful by VA SOS or data users.

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6 APPENDIX

Appendix A: Macroinvertebrate and Habitat Field Sheets

Also available for download at www.vasos.org

VIRGINIA SAVE OUR STREAMS

THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

CMC Chesapeake Monitoring Cooperative

Biological Monitoring Data Form for Rocky Bottom Method

Name of Stream: _____ Station ID: _____

Name of Certified Monitor(s): _____

Group/Organization: _____ Number of Participants: _____

Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

County/State: _____

Survey Date: _____ Start Time: _____ End Time: _____

Description of Site Location: _____

ROCKY BOTTOM SAMPLING

Using a kick-siene net, take up to four samples in the riffle area of 20 to 90 seconds each (75% of the time rubbing rocks, 25% of the time disturbing the streambed). Adjust the length of the sampling period to ensure you collect at least 200 macroinvertebrates. Write the length of each sampling period in seconds and place a check mark next to the net mesh size used
(Note: If sample does not reach 200 organisms, three nets must be 90 seconds for approval).

_____Net 1 _____Net 2 _____Net 3 _____Net 4 Net Mesh Size: ☐ 1/32" ☐ 1/50"

PHYSICAL CONDITIONS (check predominate condition for each day)

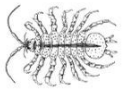
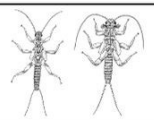
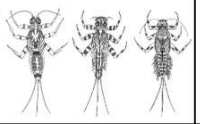
Today:	☐ Sunny	☐ Overcast	☐ Intermittent Rain	☐ Steady Rain	☐ Heavy Rain	☐ Snow
Yesterday:	☐ Sunny	☐ Overcast	☐ Intermittent Rain	☐ Steady Rain	☐ Heavy Rain	☐ Snow
Day Before Yesterday:	☐ Sunny	☐ Overcast	☐ Intermittent Rain	☐ Steady Rain	☐ Heavy Rain	☐ Snow

Water Temperature: _____ C° Avg. Stream Width _____ ft.

Flow Rate: _____ (high, normal, low) Avg. Stream Depth _____ in.

SAMPLING NOTES

MACROINVERTEBRATE COUNT

Macroinvertebrate	Tally	Count
Worms 		
Flat Worms 		
Leeches 		
Crayfish 		
Sowbugs 		
Scuds 		
Stoneflies 		
Mayflies 		
Dragonflies and Damselflies 		
Alderflies, Fishflies, and Hellgrammites 		

Macroinvertebrate	Tally	Count
Common Netspinning Caddisflies 		
Most Caddisflies (not Common Netspinning) 		
Beetles 		
Midges 		
Black Flies 		
True Flies 		
Gilled Snails 		
Lunged Snails 		
Clams 		
Other benthic macroinvertebrates		
Total number of organisms in the sample (include "other" category)		

INDIVIDUAL METRICS

	Organism Groups	Number of Organisms		Total Number of Organisms in the Sample		Percent *(This is your value for this metric.)*
Metric 1	Mayflies + Stoneflies + Most Caddisflies *(not Common Netspinning)*		÷		Multiply by 100	%
Metric 2	Common Netspinning Caddisflies		÷		Multiply by 100	%
Metric 3	Lunged Snails		÷		Multiply by 100	%
Metric 4	Beetles		÷		Multiply by 100	%

Metric 5: Tolerant

Organism Groups	Number of Organisms
Black Flies	
Clams	
Dragonflies and Damselflies	
Flatworms	
Leeches	
Lunged Snails	
Midges	
Scuds	
Sowbugs	
Worms	
Total Tolerant	
÷	
Total number of organisms in sample	
Multiply by 100	
Percent *(This is your value for Metric 5.)*	%

Metric 6: Non-Insect

Organism Groups	Number of Organisms
Clams	
Crayfish	
Flatworms	
Gilled Snails	
Leeches	
Lunged Snails	
Scuds	
Sowbugs	
Worms	
--	--
Total Non-Insect	
÷	
Total number of organisms in sample	
Multiply by 100	
Percent *(This is your value for Metric 6.)*	%

MULTIMETRIC INDEX (STREAM HEALTH SCORE)

	Metric Organism	Your Metric Value	2	1	0
Metric 1	Mayflies + Stoneflies + Most Caddisflies (not Common Netspinning)		Greater than 32.2	16.1 - 32.2	Less than 16.1
Metric 2	Common Netspinning Caddisflies		Less than 19.7	19.7 - 34.5	Greater than 34.5
Metric 3	Lunged Snails		Less than 0.3	0.3 - 1.5	Greater than 1.5
Metric 4	Beetles		Greater than 6.4	3.2 - 6.4	Less than 3.2
Metric 5	Tolerant		Less than 46.7	46.7 - 61.5	Greater than 61.5
Metric 6	Non-Insects		Less than 5.4	5.4 - 20.8	Greater than 20.8
			Total # of 2s:	**Total # of 1s:**	**Total # of 0s:**
		SUBTOTALS	**Multiply by 2:**	**Multiply by 1:**	**Multiply by 0:**

Add the three subtotals to get the Save Our Streams Multimetric Index Score:_____

☐ **Acceptable Ecological Condition (9 - 12)**

☐ **Ecological conditions cannot be determined at this time/Grayzone (8)**

☐ **Unacceptable Ecological Condition (0 - 7)**

STREAM CONDITIONS (check all that apply)

Fish water quality indicators:	**Barriers to fish movement:**	**Surface water appearance:**	**Streambed deposit (bottom):**
☐ scattered individuals ☐ scattered schools ☐ trout (pollution sensitive) ☐ bass (somewhat sensitive) ☐ catfish (pollution tolerant) ☐ carp (pollution tolerant)	☐ beaver dams ☐ man-made dams ☐ waterfalls (> 1 ft.) ☐ none ☐ other_____	☐ clear ☐ clear, but tea colored ☐ colored sheen (oily) ☐ foamy ☐ milky ☐ muddy ☐ black ☐ grey ☐ other_____	☐ grey ☐ orange/red ☐ yellow ☐ black ☐ brown ☐ silt ☐ sand ☐ other_____
Odor:	**Stability of streambed** (bed sinks beneath your feet in):	**Algae color:**	**Algae located:**
☐ musky ☐ oil ☐ sewage ☐ other_____ ☐ none	☐ no spots ☐ a few spots ☐ many spots	☐ light green ☐ dark green ☐ brown coated ☐ matted on stream bed ☐ hairy	☐ everywhere ☐ in spots ☐ % covered_____
Stream channel shade:	**Streambank composition (=100%):**	**Streambank erosion:**	**Riffle composition (=100%):**
☐ full (more than 75%) ☐ high (50% - 74%) ☐ moderate (25% - 49%) ☐ slight (1% - 24%) ☐ none	_____ % trees _____ % shrubs _____ % grass _____ % bare soil _____ % rocks _____ % other	☐ severe (more than 75%) ☐ high (50% - 74%) ☐ moderate (25% - 49%) ☐ slight (1% - 24%) ☐ none	_____ % silt (mud) _____ % sand (1/16" - 1/4" grains) _____ % gravel (1/4" - 2" stones) _____ % cobbles (2" - 10" stones) _____ % boulders (> 10" stones)

LAND USES IN THE WATERSHED (UPSTREAM AND SURROUNDING SAMPLING SITE)

Indicate whether the following land uses within a one-mile radius of your sampling site have a high (H), moderate (M), slight (S), or no (N) potential impact to the quality of your stream. Leave blank if not present.

____ Oil & gas drilling	____ Urban uses (parking lots, highways, etc.)	____ Agriculture (type:_____)
____ Housing developments	____ Sanitary landfill	____ Trash dump
____ Forestry	____ Active construction	____ Fields
____ Logging	____ Mining (type:_____)	____ Livestock pasture
		____ Other_____

LAND USE NOTES: Describe the amount and type of litter in and around the stream and indicate the current and potential future threats to the stream's health.

Submit data online at www.cleanwaterhub.org. If you have any questions about this protocol, please contact the VA SOS Coordinator at vasos@iwla.org. Data sheets must be stored for five years after sampling. If you are unable to keep your datasheets, please contact the VA SOS Coordinator.

Appendix B: Training Session Checklist

Training Agenda: Initial VA SOS Training

1. Introduce self and the VA SOS program
    a. Describe the VA Division of the Izaak Walton League of America
    b. Provide Background information and describe the VA SOS method
2. Explain what a watershed is
    a. Describe point source vs. non-point source pollution
3. Explain difference between chemical and biological monitoring
4. Explain macroinvertebrates
5. Types of pollution
    a. Toxic
    b. Sediment
    c. Nutrients
    d. Bacteria – Health hazard not readily identifiable with macroinvertebrate biomonitoring

6. Safety – Stress especially with children
    a. Monitor with a group
    b. Wash hands – gastro-intestinal problems
    c. Cuts and scrapes – use peroxide
    d. Sample in pairs
    e. Watch for glass

7. Discuss critters and their identification individually

8. Discuss the importance of uniformity of method – QA/QC issues

9. Demonstrate metric calculation and multimetric calculation

10. Demonstrate and describe method
    a. Inspect net
    b. Pick riffle
    c. Approach from downstream
    d. Anchor net – rocks from outside sample area
    e. Rub cobbles & dig substrates – 1 ft^2, 20 sec
    f. Wash anchors
    g. Scoop forward
    h. Release vertebrates
    i. Careful to table
    j. Sort and ID ALL
    k. Count – need 200
    l. Additional nets if necessary
    m. Max 4 nets
    n. Max 90 secs/net, min 12 secs/net (after first net)

11. Demonstrate Books, Resources, Discuss Partners
    a. DEQ
    b. DCR
    c. DWR
    d. Dept. of Forestry
    e. SWCDs & NRCS
    f. IWLA Chapters
    g. Local Colleges
    h. Regional Trainers
    i. VA SOS staff

12. Cooperate with state and local decision makers

13. Why do we need to monitor?

14. What happens to the data & how to choose sites (contact DEQ so don't duplicate efforts)

15. Establish monitoring councils & join watershed roundtables – encourage diverse participation. Everyone has a skill to contribute even if they don't want to be a "front line monitor"

16. What volunteers should do next
    a. Get certified
    b. Monitor & report data to VA SOS
    c. Become a Regional Trainer or Quality Assurance Auditor

Appendix C: Certification Tests

VA SOS Macroinvertebrate Identification Practical Exercise

Trainer Name: _____ Training Date: _____

Monitor Name: _____ Score: _____

Using the macroinvertebrate groupings found on your tally sheet and bug identification card, identify the organisms in the lettered vials. You may use whatever printed resources you wish. However, you may not discuss the organisms with a friend during this procedure. You must get at least 21 out of 24 correct to pass. Depending upon the specimen set, some macroinvertebrate groupings may repeat or others may not be used.

A.	**M.**
B.	**N.**
C.	**O.**
D.	**P.**
E.	**Q.**
F.	**R.**
G.	**S.**
H.	**T.**
I.	**U.**
J.	**V.**
K.	**W.**
L.	**X.**

VA SOS Rocky Bottom Protocol Observation Checklist

Trainer Name: _____ Observation Date: _____

Monitor Name: _____ Score: _____

This form has been designed for reviewing the field collection skills of monitors in the Virginia Save Our Streams Program. This form is only to be filled out by official Virginia Save Our Streams Program trainers. A minimum score of eleven must be received in order to pass.

1. Monitor chose the most appropriate riffle?	**Y**	**N**
2. Monitor disturbed sample area prior to monitoring?	**Y**	**N**
3. Monitor anchored net firmly to stream bottom and checked bottom of net for holes or gaps?	**Y**	**N**
4. Anchor rocks were collected from outside the sampling area and washed outside the net before being used?	**Y**	**N**
5. Monitor positioned net to collect maximum flow?	**Y**	**N**
6. Monitor collected organisms only for the specified length of time?	**Y**	**N**
7. Monitor dug into substrates under rocks during specified time?	**Y**	**N**
8. Monitor allowed water to flow over top of net?	**Y**	**N**
9. Monitor cleaned anchor rocks when removing them from the net?	**Y**	**N**
10. Monitor correctly scooped net from water, preventing water from flowing over the top and sample from falling off the bottom?	**Y**	**N**
11. Monitor quickly picked all organisms from the net and sheet?	**Y**	**N**
12. Monitor showed adequate field identification skills?	**Y**	**N**
13. Monitor correctly filled out field sheets?	**Y**	**N**

Izaak Walton League of America
Virginia Save Our Streams
Online Rocky Bottom Protocol Quality Assurance Test

The following quiz is designed to help you determine your understanding of the Virginia Save Our Streams Modified Method Protocol. You may refer to your written materials, but you may not ask a fellow monitor for help. You must receive a score of 16 out of 18 to pass.

1. Name (First and Last):_____
2. Date Trained:_____

3. Name two conditions that make it unsafe to monitor at a particular site or at a particular time:
   a. _____
   b. _____

   Answers can include: ***water is above the knee, water is rushing too fast, banks are too steep or slippery, thunderstorm with lightning, it is posted that the stream is unsafe for human contact or it looks or smells very polluted (sewage smell, etc)***

4. What is a riffle? _____***the area where water bubbles over rocks that are cobble-sized (2-12 inches)***____

5. Why is the riffle important to benthic macroinvertebrates?

   Answers can include: ***dissolved oxygen is high there, provides hiding places from predators, access to food sources for some macroinvertebrates***

6. When sampling one or more riffles, you should always work from

   ___***downstream***_____ to ____***upstream***_____.

7. Why? _____***So you don't disturb your sampling site before you sample and possibly get an inaccurate result*** __

8. Before sampling, the bottom of the net is secured using cobbles from
   a. Inside the sampling area
   b. Outside the sampling area

9. When using the Virginia Save Our Streams modified method (rocky bottom) protocol, which do you do first?

a. Rub rocks in the sampling area in front of the net.
b. Disturb the bottom of the sampling area with your fingers or a plastic rake.

10. How many seconds should you spend collecting your first net at a site you have never monitored before and you are unsure of the water quality?
a. 20 seconds
b. 45 seconds
c. 90 seconds
d. Any amount of time between 20 seconds and 90 seconds

11. How many organisms do you need to collect to calculate a water quality rating?
a. 100 organisms
b. 200 organisms
c. 300 organisms
d. It doesn't matter how many are collected

12. How many nets or samples are you allowed to take to reach the total number of organisms needed for a water quality rating?
a. One
b. Three
c. Four
d. As many as you need to reach the number of organisms needed

13. When you are familiar with your stream, you can adjust the amount of time you spend collecting your first sample to reduce the number of nets you need to get the minimum number of organisms needed for a water quality rating while not overwhelming your team with too many organisms to count. Your first net can be anywhere from a minimum of ___***20***___ seconds to a maximum of __***90***____ seconds.

14. If you spend 20 seconds taking a sample from the stream, __***15***__ seconds should be spent rubbing rocks and __***5***___ seconds should be spent disturbing the bottom.

15. If you don't reach the number of organisms needed for a water quality rating after taking the maximum number of nets allowed, you should run the metrics calculations on your sample and report your data anyway.

a. **True** b. False

16. If you find benthic macroinvertebrates that are not part of the VA SOS data sheet, should you include them in the total organism count?
a. ***Yes*** b. No

17. An unacceptable ecological score is __***0***____ to __***7***___.

18. An acceptable ecological score is ___***9***___ to __***12***_____.

19. How many certified monitors must be present at each collection in order for the data submission to be approved?
    a. 1
    b. 2
    c. 3
    d. 0
20. How many times should you monitor annually, and why?_____

    Twice a year (spring and fall), to get an accurate picture of the health of the stream over time.

Appendix D: Quality Assurance Audit Documents

Virginia Save Our Streams Program

Quality Assurance Audit

Date:____
Name(s) and address(es) of volunteer(s) being audited:

Equipment - check for completeness, cleanliness, and condition
Were there any problems (circle one, explain in comments if yes)? Y N Please circle any missing equipment:
Net with poles White sheet Sorting containers Current fieldsheets ID card Monitor's Guide book Magnification Thermometer Calculator Forceps

Methods
Please circle any parts of the method that volunteer(s) had trouble with, then explain in comments:
Chose the most appropriate riffle Entered downstream of sampling area Anchored net firmly to stream bottom Anchor rocks came from outside of sampling area
Anchor rocks were washed prior to use Positioned net to collect maximum flow Collected organisms for specific amount of time
Washed rocks and dug into substrates Water did not flow over top of net
Anchor rocks were washed as removed Net was correctly scooped from stream All organisms were collected from sheet and net
Monitor correctly handled unknown specimens
Monitor took the proper number of nets Monitor did not exceed the maximum sampling time
A habitat assessment was completed

Comments (continue on back if needed): _____

_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____

Quality Assurance Auditor: _____

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Appendix E: VA SOS Observation of Regional Trainer Form

Virginia Save Our Streams Program

Regional Trainer Observation Form

Date of Observation:_____Date of Training Session:_____

Name and address of regional trainer being observed:

Methods

Please check the area the regional trainer did not adequately cover in the training session and explain in the comments section.

- ☐ Introduction of self and program
- ☐ Background on Monitoring/ watersheds/pollution
- ☐ Why monitor?
- ☐ What happens with the data
- ☐ Safety
- ☐ Identification of Macroinvertebrates
- ☐ Quality Assurance
- ☐ Collection Methods

Analysis of Methods

- ☐ Habitat Assessment
- ☐ Conducted in-stream event
- ☐ Reference collection
- ☐ Resources/Books/Partners
- ☐ Cooperation with decision makers
- ☐ Establishing monitoring groups
- ☐ What to do next

Personal Conduct

Please score the regional trainer on a scale of one to five in the following areas: (1 = Poor, 2 = Fair, 3 = Good, 4 = Very Good, 5 = Excellent)

	1	2	3	4	5
Personal appearance					
Effectively delivered information					
Used appropriate tone and language					
Properly represented the views of SOS					

Comments (continue on back if needed):_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____

Observer:_____

Appendix F: Sign In Sheet

Save Our Streams
Registration, Liability Waiver & Photo Release
PLEASE READ THE WAIVER BELOW PRIOR TO SIGNING

I acknowledge that I am voluntarily participating in a Save Our Streams training, certification and/or monitoring activity. I understand as a volunteer that I will not be paid for my services, that I will not be covered by any medical or other insurance coverage provided by the Izaak Walton League of America, and that I will not be eligible for any Workers Compensation benefits.

I hereby agree that I, and anyone else claiming through me, will not make a claim against the Izaak Walton League of America, any of its affiliated and partner organizations or contractors, or either of their officers or directors collectively or individually, or the supplier of any materials or equipment that is used for Save Our Streams, or any of the volunteer workers, for the injury or death to me or damage to my property, however caused, arising from my participation in Save Our Streams, including any such claims which allege negligent acts or omissions of the Izaak Walton League of America and/or other above-named parties. This release is intended to be broad in its effect. I hereby agree to accept any and all risks of injury, illness or death in connection with my participation in Save Our Streams. I have carefully read this assumption of risk and general liability release agreement, and I fully understand its contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability and a legal contract between me and the Izaak Walton League of America and that it affects my legal rights. I am signing this document of my own free will. I further consent to the unrestricted use by the Izaak Walton League of America and/or person(s) authorized by them of any photographs, recordings, interviews, videotapes, motion pictures, or similar visual recording of me and/or my family members.

Signature	Print Name	E-mail	Address	Phone	Chapter/Org

Facilitator Notes:

Appendix G: Quality Assurance Field Record

Virginia Save Our Streams Program
Field Audit Identification Sheet

Date of Sample:_____ Collector:_____

Stream_____Station_____County_____

Latitude_____Longitude_____

Location (please be specific)_

_____

_____

Date of Identification:_____ Who IDed:_____

Organism	Number in Sample	Number volunteer found	# MisIDed
Worms			
Flatworms			
Leeches			
Crayfishes			
Sowbugs			
Scuds			
Stoneflies			
Mayflies			
Dragonflies & Damselflies			
Hellgrammites, Fishflies, & Alderflies			
Common Netspinners			
Most Caddisflies			
Beetles			
Midges			
Black Flies			
Most True Flies			
Gilled Snails			
Lunged Snails			
Clams			
Other			

% Incorrect:_____

Identification Check Passed?

☐(<10%) Yes ☐(**>10%) No**

Appendix H: Unknown Specimen Submittal Form

Unknown Sample Submittal Form

Name and Email Address of submitting volunteer(s) _____

_____

_____

Sample Information:

Survey Date: _____ Station ID: _____

County/State: _____

Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

Location (be specific): _____

_____

_____

Please describe the physical characteristics of this organism (including any identifiable movements):

_____

_____

_____

Do you have any thoughts on what this organism might be? _____

_____

_____

_____

If you would like to send the VA SOS office this organism to assist with identification, please fill out the information below in pencil and include in your preservation jar or vial.

Izaak Walton League of America
ATTN: VA SOS Coordinator
707 Conservation Lane
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Date Collected: _____ Submitter Name: _____

County/State: _____ Station ID: _____

Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

Location (please be specific): _____

Appendix I: Virginia Save Our Streams Safety Recommendations

VASOS Safety Recommendations

- Monitoring sites should be conducted in wadable sections of streams. The depth of the stream should be no deeper than 3 feet (the height of the net).
- If high waters are present at the site, this should be noted on the front page of the field sheet and the site should not be monitored at that time.
- Always monitor in at least pairs.
- Never allow children (16 or younger) to go to the stream alone. When monitoring with children, stress that they should not come back to the stream without an adult present.
- All kits should contain some sort of waterless hand sanitizer and/or peroxide. These should be used frequently, especially before touching face or eyes and before eating.
- Be careful of glass. If a site has known glass, use a garden rake to dig up substrates and consider purchasing neoprene gloves to help protect hands. Should a volunteer get cut, they should clean the cut immediately.
- Be sure to have plenty of water and sunscreen in the summer, and wear plenty of clothing in the winter. In the winter, consider purchasing neoprene gloves to help keep hands warm, and bring plenty of towels to stay dry.

Appendix J: Recommended Sampling Seasons for Virginia Save Our Streams

Recommended Sampling Seasons for Virginia Save Our Streams

The Virginia Save Our Streams program recommends monitoring two times a year, once in the spring and once in the fall. While volunteers may go during any time of the season, recommended times are in bold in the table below.

Winter	**Spring**	Summer	**Fall**
	March, **April,** May		September**, October,** November

Appendix K: Macroinvertebrate Identification Card

Also available for download at www.vasos.org

Stream Insects and Crustaceans ID Card

Lines under picture indicate the relative size of organisms

Aquatic Worm:
Class Oligocheata
$\frac{1}{4}$" – 2", can be very tiny; thin, wormlike body, tolerant of impairment

Flat Worm:
Family Planaridae
Up to $\frac{1}{2}$", soft body, may have distinct head with eyespots, tolerant of impairment

Leech:
Order Hirudinea
$\frac{1}{4}$" – 2", segmented body, suction cups on both ends, tolerant of impairment

Crayfish: Order Decapoda
Up to 6", 2 large claws, 8 legs, resembles a small lobster, somewhat tolerant of impairment

Sowbug: Order Isopoda
$\frac{1}{4}$" – $\frac{1}{2}$", gray oblong body wider than it is high, more than 6 legs, long antennae, somewhat tolerant of impairment

Scud: Order Amphipoda
$\frac{1}{4}$", white to gray, body higher than it is wide, swims sideways, more than 6 legs, resembles small shrimp, somewhat tolerant of impairment

Stonefly: Order Plecoptera
$\frac{1}{2}$" – 1 $\frac{1}{2}$", 6 legs with hooked tips, antennae, 2 hair-like tails, no gills on abdomen, very intolerant of impairment

Mayfly:
Order Emphemeroptera
$\frac{1}{4}$" – 1", plate-like or feathery gills on abdomen, 6 hooked legs, 2 or 3 long hair-like tails, tails may be webbed together, very intolerant of impairment

Beetles: Order Coleoptera
$\frac{1}{4}$" – 1", disk-like oval body with 6 small legs and gill tufts on underside OR small black beetle crawling on streambed OR comma-like brown "crunchy" body with 6 legs on upper 1/3 and possibly gill tuft on back end, OR (miscellaneous body form – rare), somewhat tolerant of impairment

Hellgrammite, Fishfly, and Alderfly:
Order Megaloptera
$\frac{1}{4}$" – 4", 6 legs, large pinching jaws, 8 pairs of feelers along abdomen, 2 hooks on tail end OR 1 single spiky tail, somewhat tolerant of impairment

Common Netspinners:
Family Hydropsychidae
Up to $\frac{1}{2}$", 6 hooked legs on upper 1/3 of body, 2 hooks at back end, underside of abdomen with white tufts of gills, somewhat tolerant of impairment

Most Caddisfly:
Order Trichoptera
Up to 1", 6 hooked legs on upper 1/3 of body, may be in stick, rock or leaf case, no gill tufts on abdomen, intolerant of impairment

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Stream Insects and Crustaceans ID Card

Lines under picture indicate the relative size of organisms

Dragonfly and Damselfly:
Order Odonata
½ " – 2", large eyes, 6 hooked legs, large protracting lower jaw, 3 broad oar-shaped tails OR wide oval to round abdomen, somewhat tolerant of impairment

Dragonfly:
Family Gomphidae
½ " – 2", large eyes, 6 hooked legs, large protracting FLAT lower jaw, wide oval to round abdomen, short stubby antennae that are parallel to each other, intolerant of impairment

Midges:
Family Chironomidae
Up to ½", distinct head, worm-like segmented body, 2 leg-like projections on each side, often whitish to clear, occasionally bright red, tolerant of impairment

Black Fly: Family Simuliidae
Up to ¼", end of body wider (like bowling pin), distinctive head, sucker on end, tolerant of impairment

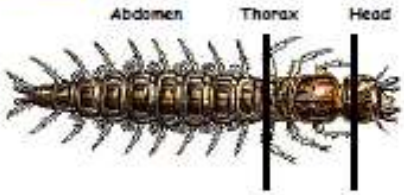
Most True Flies:
Order Diptera
½" – 2", bodies plump and maggot-like, may have caterpillar like "legs" along body, may have lobes or conical tails on end, tolerant of impairment

Gilled Snails:
Class Gastropoda
Up to ¾", shell opening covered by a thin plate called an operculum, with helix pointed up shell opens to the right, intolerant of impairment

Lunged Snails:
Class Gastropoda
Up to ¾", no operculum, with helix pointed up shell opens to the left, tolerant of impairment

Clams:
Class Bivalvia
Up to ¾", fleshy body enclosed between two clamped together shells (if clam is alive, shells cannot be pried apart without harming clam), somewhat tolerant of impairment

Glossary:



Tails: There are many different kinds of macroinvertebrate tails. The thin thread-like tails found on stoneflies and mayflies are called cerci. The oar-shaped tails found on a damselfly are not really tails - they are actually gills called caudal lamellae!

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http://www.iwla.org/SOS/index.html

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Appendix L: Reference Materials for Volunteer Monitors

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Appendix M: Virginia Save Our Streams Site Selection Guide

Selecting a Monitoring Location

Selecting representative sites is one of the most important elements in designing a monitoring program. Before selecting monitoring sites, you should determine two things: where and what kind of monitoring is already being done in your watershed and what question would you like your monitoring to answer. The answers to both of these questions will help you map out the most effective monitoring locations.

Site locations will depend on the goal of your monitoring program. If you want to know what the water quality is of a particular stream, you might select a site close to the mouth of the stream. If you want to know the water quality at a particular fishing spot, you might want to select a site within that fishing spot. If you want to know if a development is impacting a stream you might want to have one site upstream of the development and one site downstream of the development. If you want to collect data to assist the state in developing water quality assessment reports, you might want to select a site within a watershed that is not currently monitored.

Virginia Save Our Streams can help you locate your sites by:

- determining which streams are currently monitored in your watershed
- finding out the natural resource questions professionals would like to have answered in your watershed
- providing a map with natural resource characteristics to assist in developing a monitoring plan
- making a site visit to potential monitoring sites to evaluate access and habitat

Your monitoring site should have good access and you should always get landowner permission (unless in a public right of way).

Defining Monitoring Stations

Monitoring should be done at one station, defined as a single stretch of stream not more than 100 yards long. If you wish to assess a longer section of a stream, select two monitoring stations at the top and bottom of the stretch, or multiple sites along the length of the stretch at quarter-mile or greater intervals. Be sure to revisit the same station each time so that your results will be comparable. Carefully record the location of your monitoring station on your VA SOS Stream Survey form. If you do not know the latitude and longitude coordinates when you monitor, use an accurate description of the site (i.e. Site located on north side of route 660, 1 mile east of route 607) that enables you or another monitor to return to the same location. The regional coordinator or VA SOS staff will help you identify the coordinates at a later date.

Select a riffle typical of the stream, that is, a shallow, fast-moving area with a depth of 3 to 12 inches (8 to 30 cm) and stones which are cobble-sized (2 to 12 inches) or larger. Stone size is important since the macroinvertebrates surveyed prefer these stones for protection and food supply. In addition, the bubbling of the water over the rocks provides needed oxygen for healthy growth.

Documenting Monitoring Stations

Stations should be properly documented by including the stream name, county, and location. The location should be specific and should allow someone to find the property using Google Maps. For instance the site location could be: East side of route 630 bridge, 2 miles north of route 29. This location is easy to find for anyone using Google Maps.

The following is a poor example of location: at northwest corner of Mr. Earl's property. Unless you know Mr. Earl, you will not be able to find the site! Include latitude and longitude if possible. If you have more than one site on a stream, identify the sites with a station number and always use the same station number for a site! If you cannot remember site number, consider using a descriptive name for the site such us "downstream", "upstream", or "route11".

Appendix N: 2006 Validation Studies

Comparison of Virginia Save Our Streams and Virginia Stream Condition Index Scores in Streams of the Eastern Piedmont of Virginia

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Executive Summary

The objective of this study was to determine if the results of stream macroinvertebrate assessments conducted by amateur volunteer monitors were appropriate for use by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in its 303 (d)/305 (b) integrated report. Rapid biological assessments of 20 wadeable stream sites in the eastern part of Virginia's Piedmont Physiographic region were conducted. The macroinvertebrate communities at the study sites were sampled and assessed using two separate protocols; the protocol of Virginia Save Our Streams (SOS), a volunteer monitoring group, and the protocol currently employed by Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) biologists. The latter, which produces Stream Condition Index (SCI) scores, is based on EPA Rapid Bioassessment Protocols for high-gradient streams (Plafkin et al. 1989, Barbour et al. 1999) and the Virginia Stream Condition Index report (Burton and Gerristen 2003). Pearson product-moment correlation analysis indicated a weak ($r2= 0.24$) but statistically significant ($p < 0.05$) correlation between SOS and SCI scores. The qualitative ratings derived from the two scoring systems were in agreement at 11 out of 16 (69%) of the study sites. A chi-square goodness of fit test indicated that the proportion of sites receiving acceptable ratings was significantly different ($p < 0.001$) between SOS and SCI scores. The SOS system employs a zone of uncertainty, or "grey zone," where no final judgment of ecological condition is made. Additional correlation models were constructed to determine the effect of excluding grey zone sites on the strength of the correlation between SOS and SCI scores. In these additional analyses, the range of values considered to be grey zone SOS scores was varied in an attempt to reduce variability in the data set and thus to strengthen the correlation. The correlation between SOS and SCI scores was maximized ($r2 = 0.75$, $p < 0.05$) when a grey zone of 6-8 was employed, where all sites receiving SOS scores of 6, 7 or 8 were excluded from the correlation analysis. This increased grey zone, however caused an increase in the proportion of sites where SOS and SCI ratings were in disagreement. Identifications of macroinvertebrates in the field by SOS personnel were determined to be generally accurate based on a re-analysis of the samples by VCU personnel. The effect of the few incorrect identifications on the results of the SOS scoring was minimal. The results and conclusions of this study were limited by the low number of sites sampled that were categorized as being of good to excellent quality according to the SCI. In addition, the total number of sites sampled (20) was relatively low for investigations of this type. A larger sample set of eastern Piedmont streams that reflect a wider range of ecological conditions would be helpful in making a more complete evaluation of the usefulness of SOS volunteer monitoring data in DEQ water quality monitoring projects.

Validation of the Modified Virginia Save-Our-Streams Protocol

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Summary and Recommendations

The modified SOS protocol that was developed by Engel and Voshell (2002) does not need to be changed in regard to sampling, identification, enumeration, and calculation of the multimetric index called the Virginia Save-Our-Streams Index (VSOSI). The volunteers made very few mistakes in the identification of macroinvertebrates. These mistakes were considered minor and would not produce any substantive difference in the VSOSI calculation, certainly not a difference in the ecological condition classification. The VSOSI correlates very strongly with the Virginia Stream Condition Index (VSCI) used by professional biologists at the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. However, in this validation study the VSOSI did not agree satisfactorily with the classification of stream ecological condition done by professional biologists using the VSCI. The VSOSI overrated too many streams (*i.e.,* classified them as acceptable, when the VSCI classified them as impaired). A simple solution to this situation was found: raise the numerical value required for the VSOSI to classify a stream as acceptable. Using a cutoff of 9 for a stream to be classified as acceptable by the VSOSI agreed very closely (81%) with the VSCI classification of the same streams. In addition, the disagreement of site classification was equally split between classifying reference as unacceptable and classifying impaired as acceptable. We recommend that Virginia Save-Our-Streams continue to use the existing protocol as modified by Engel and Voshell (2002) and to calculate the same VSOSI, but to shift the criterion for acceptable ecological condition to 9. If an uncertain ("gray zone") is desired for the VSOSI to be comparable to recently suggested modifications of the VSCI, then we recommend that the gray zone be the VSOSI unit score of 8. Classification of the ecological condition of streams by the VSOSI with a gray zone of 8 agreed very well with the VSCI with a gray zone of 55-63. With or without the gray zone, all data collected since the modification by Engel and Voshell (2002) are still valid. The ecological condition classifications merely need to be reassigned based on an acceptable cutoff of 9 and possibly a gray zone of 8 in order to be in agreement with the VSCI classification of reference conditions. The results of the current validation study are not unexpected because the VSCI was not available at the time of the previous study. Lastly, we recommend that Virginia Save-Our-Streams periodically revalidate the performance of the VSOSI against the VSCI because VDEQ is still analyzing and validating the VSCI.

Appendix O: Biological Monitoring Protocol for Rocky Bottom Sampling

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Biological Monitoring Instructions for VA SOS Stream Monitors

Surveying stream macroinvertebrates provides information about the health of your stream. Many stream-dwelling organisms are sensitive to changes in water quality. Their presence or absence can serve as an indicator of environmental conditions.

Before selecting a site to monitor, please follow these rules:

- Check with state and county agencies to make sure you are not disturbing a survey area used by government agencies (over-monitoring may harm the stream).
- Contact local landowners before monitoring to make sure you are not trespassing.
- Ask for permission if you need to cross private land. Most landowners will give permission for your study and may even want to help you conduct your survey.

Monitoring should be conducted at the same station (location) each time you sample during the year. If you want to monitor several stations on your stream, make sure the stations are no closer than one-quarter mile. This means, for example, that if you want to monitor a one-mile segment of a stream, you can have a maximum of four monitoring locations. If the stations are spaced more closely, the monitoring activity may become the main impact on water quality.

Carefully record the location of your monitoring station on your Biological Monitoring Data Form. Include roads, bridges, and significant landmarks. Use your smart phone's GPS functionality to determine your longitude and latitude.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

If you are monitoring more than one station, begin monitoring downstream and move upstream. This will prevent macroinvertebrates disturbed by the first test from washing downstream and being captured in your net a second time. Each survey should record only the organisms present at that particular location and time.

Monitoring should be conducted two times per year at each station, in spring and fall. This monitoring will accurately record the yearly life cycle in the stream. Less frequent monitoring, while still useful, will not give the complete picture of stream life.

When scheduling monitoring events, remember that excessive monitoring can become a major threat to stream health because each monitoring event disturbs the streambed and dislodges macroinvertebrates. In general, monitoring stations should have two months to recover from a monitoring event. It is crucial to the integrity of your data that you do not over-monitor your stations. There is some flexibility in this rule. For example, if an oil spill occurs, you might want to monitor your stream, even if you have done your two surveys for the year. The data you collect might be the only data available on the immediate impacts of the spill.

The methods described in these instructions are for use in wadable streams. To be wadable, the water level in the stream must not exceed the height of your knees. When planning monitoring sessions for younger people, please keep in mind that knee height varies greatly between adults and children.

Safety is critical when monitoring a stream. Do not enter a stream if the water is flowing abnormally fast or high, if the banks are steep or unstable, or during a thunderstorm. If the water smells of raw sewage, do not enter the water; contact state environmental authorities immediately. Monitors in urban-area streams should wear gloves to protect against glass or metal that may be buried in the streambed. Finally, always sanitize your hands and equipment after each monitoring session to avoid bacterial infection.

There are two sampling methods available to collect aquatic macroinvertebrates. Muddy Bottom Sampling is used in streams that do not have riffles, a streambed feature with cobble-sized stones between 2 to 10 inches in diameter where the water bubbles over the rocks. If your stream has riffles, please refer to the Rocky Bottom Sampling section.

MUDDY BOTTOM SAMPLING

The Muddy Bottom Sampling method is intended for volunteers sampling streams that primarily do not have rocky bottoms or riffles. Muddy bottom streams are composed of muddy or sandy substrate, overhanging bank vegetation, and submerged woody and organic debris. This method enables sampling of streams where kick-seining techniques do not yield the best representative sample of macroinvertebrates or allow easy collection from the most productive aquatic habitats.

Monitoring is conducted using an aquatic D-frame or dip net with 500 micron mesh and a four-foot pole. The dip net is used to sample a wide variety of habitats and collect many different kinds of organisms.

Before you begin monitoring, familiarize yourself with the four main habitats that can exist along muddy bottom streams: woody snags, stream banks, riffles, and submerged

aquatic vegetation. Search for these habitats along a 100-meter section upstream from the monitoring station.

Following are simple descriptions of the habitat types and collection techniques for each habitat.

Woody snags

Snags, or submerged woody debris, are areas where tree trunks or limbs have fallen into the stream. Leaves and debris may be collected or tangled in the snag. To sample woody debris, jab the medium-sized submerged material (sticks and branches), scrape along the submerged surface of large material (logs), or pick up and rub woody debris in the net by hand.

Stream banks

Stream banks are the edge of the stream. These may be vegetated, bare soil, undercut, or eroded. Stream banks are sampled in a bottom-to-surface motion, jabbing at the bank to loosen organisms. Each scoop of the net should cover one foot of submerged area.

Riffles

Riffles are shallow, fast-moving areas of water flowing over cobble-sized stones and rocks. To sample a riffle, place the net firmly along the bottom of the stream and use your hands or foot to rub around the cobbles.

Submerged aquatic vegetation

Submerged aquatic vegetation includes any plant growing under or out of the water of the stream. In deep water, plants are sampled by drawing the net through the vegetation from the bottom to the surface of the water. In shallow water, plants are sampling by bumping the net along the bottom of the bed of vegetation.

A single sample of macroinvertebrates consists of collecting 20 "jabs" in productive habitats. A single "jab" consists of aggressively thrusting the net into the target habitat for approximately one meter. This initial jab is then followed by two to three sweeps in the water of the same area to collect dislodged organisms. The sample is then transferred to the sieve bucket or seining device, by banging the net over the bucket opening or by inverting the net into a partially submerged bucket. Transfer sample contents to the sieve bucket after every jab.

Each habitat should be sampled in proportion to its abundance in the stream sample area. For example, if 50 percent of a sample area is woody debris, it should be sampled with ten jabs.

Thoroughly mix the sample in the sieve bucket by swishing it around in shallow water, being careful to keep the entire sample inside. Empty the contents of the bucket onto a flat, light colored surface, such as a white sheet or table. Spread the sample evenly across a square portion of the surface, such that the sample material is not clumped together. Using a stick, divide the sample into a grid with four equal quadrants. Randomly select a quadrant to start sorting and identification.

Using tweezers or your fingers, separate all the organisms from the surface and place them in your collecting container. Plastic ice cube trays filled with stream water are helpful when sorting samples. Sort organisms into similar groups as you separate your sample. Be sure to regularly wet the surface using a spray bottle, as the organisms will begin to dry out. See the "Identification" section for details on identifying the organisms in your sample.

Record the number of individuals you find in each taxonomic group on the tally sheet. Metric calculations should be based on a sample size of at least 100 organisms. Count the number of scuds found in your sample, but do not count them towards the 100 required organisms (in other words, you need at least 100 non-scud organisms for your sample).

If the first grid doesn't yield 100 organisms, move on to a second grid and sort it in its entirety. Record the number of individuals in each taxonomic group on the tally sheet for the second grid. If you do not have 100 organisms after you have picked the second grid, continue on to the third. Continue

MUDDY BOTTOM SAMPLING EQUIPMENT

- Biological Monitoring Data Form for Muddy Bottom Streams
- One D-frame aquatic dip net with mesh of 500 microns
- Portable table
- White sheet or table cover
- One screen-bottom bucket with a mesh of 1/32 inches
- "Field Guide to Aquatic Macroinvertebrates"
- Aquatic thermometer
- Magnifying glass
- Small magnifier boxes (optional)
- Spray bottle
- Ice cube trays or specimen jars for sorting organisms
- Tweezers or forceps
- Clipboard
- Boot-footed waders or waterproof knee boots
- Neoprene gloves, hand, elbow or shoulder length (optional)
- Additional identification resources

sorting grids in their entirety until you have at least 100 organisms or you have sorted the entire sample.

ROCKY BOTTOM SAMPLING

The Rocky Bottom Sampling method is intended for volunteers sampling streams that have rocky bottoms or riffles. A kick-seine net – a finely meshed net with supporting poles on each side – is the best tool to use for collecting macroinvertebrates in rocky bottom streams. The VA SOS Rocky Bottom Sampling method recommends using a kick-seine net with 1/32-inch mesh. The 1/32-inch mesh net will provide you with a large sample because it captures younger, and therefore smaller, organisms of each species, and some state and local government agencies require use of the 1/32-inch mesh.

Select a riffle that is a shallow, fast-moving area of water with a depth of 3 to 12 inches and cobble-sized stones (2 to 10 inches) or larger. Before entering the stream, record observations about riffle composition on the back of the Biological Monitoring Data Form.

Place the kick-seine net at the downstream edge of the riffle. The net should be secured with rocks selected from outside the sample area. Rub the rocks to dislodge any macroinvertebrates outside of the sample area before placing on the bottom of the net, or use dry rocks from outside the stream. Don't allow any water to flow over the top of the net either – organisms can escape over the net. Also, if water is flowing over the top of the net, the water level is too high for safe monitoring.

Monitor a one-foot by one-foot area of the streambed directly in front of the net.

The sample site can be sampled up to four times in order to yield a total of 200 or more macroinvertebrates. It is important to have at least 200 invertebrates by the end of the sampling session.

The length of each sampling period can be adjusted depending on the number of macroinvertebrates found in each sampling period. Each sampling period must be between 20 and 90 seconds. For example, if 100 macroinvertebrates are found during one 30 second sampling period, you will likely only need to monitor for a second 30 second period. Do not do another sampling period once you have reached 200 organisms, if you have already sampled four times, or for longer than 90 seconds.

If you sample the maximum number of seconds for at least three nets and do not reach 200 organisms, you should still record your results and calculate the stream health score.

Once you have determined the length of the sampling period, calculate the amount of time you will spend rubbing rocks versus disturbing the substrate. You should spend 75% of the sampling period rubbing rocks, and the remaining 25% disturbing the substrate. For example, in a 30 second sampling period you will spend 22.5 seconds rubbing rocks and 7.5 seconds disturbing substrate.

Firmly and thoroughly rub your hands over individual cobbles within the sampling area, placing each rock outside of the sampling area when finished. Once you have reached 75% of the sampling period, disturb the sample substrate using a dry rock or garden tool. At the end of the sampling period, stop disturbing the substrate and let the water run clear.

Before removing the net, rub any rocks that you used to anchor the net to the stream bottom and remove the rocks from the bottom. Firmly grab the bottom of the net so that your sample does not fall from the net, and then remove it from the water with a forward-scooping motion. This will allow you to remove the net without allowing any insects to be washed under or off it.

Placing a white trash bag or white sheet under the net before separating the sample will catch any tiny organisms that may crawl through the net. Use a watering can or spray bottle to periodically water your net. The organisms will stop moving as the net dries out. Occasionally wetting the net will cause the organisms to move, making them easier to spot. Watering the net is especially important on hot, dry days.

ROCKY BOTTOM SAMPLING EQUIPMENT

- Biological Monitoring Data Form for Rocky Bottom Method
- Kick-seine with 1/32-inch mesh
- Net poles
- Portable table
- White sheet or table cover
- "Field Guide to Aquatic Macroinvertebrates"
- Aquatic thermometer
- Magnifying glass
- Small magnifier boxes (optional)
- Spray bottle
- Ice cube trays or specimen jars for sorting organisms
- Tweezers or forceps
- Clipboard
- Boot-footed waders or waterproof knee boots
- Neoprene gloves, hand, elbow or shoulder length (optional)
- Additional identification resources

Place the net on a flat, bright area, out of direct sunlight. Using tweezers or your fingers, separate all the organisms from the net and place them in your collecting container, which should be full of water from the stream. Sort organisms into similar groups as you separate your sample. This will make your identification quicker when you are ready to record results. Plastic ice cube trays are helpful when sorting the catch. For example, put all organisms with legs in one section and all organisms with no legs in another section. Any organism that moves, even if it looks like a worm, is part of the sample. Look closely, since most aquatic macroinvertebrates are only a fraction of an inch long.

IDENTIFICATION

Once organisms are collected through either the Rocky Bottom or Muddy Bottom Sampling methods, they are sorted and identified. You can use IWLA's "Field Guide to Aquatic Macroinvertebrates" or *A Guide to Aquatic Insects and Crustaceans*, both of which can be purchased through links on the Save Our Streams equipment page on the League's website: *iwla.org/sos*. The League's free Aqua Bugs app provides easy-to-follow instructions to help you identify your macroinvertebrates. Search for it in the Apple Store and Google Play Store.

Izaak Walton League macroinvertebrate guides provide a general overview of the macroinvertebrate types found across the United States. The composition of macroinvertebrate populations varies depending on local geography and geology. Try contacting your local environmental protection agency or universities for more information about local macroinvertebrates. Local experts might be able to share additional field guides that are specifically designed for your area.

Not all organisms in your stream are listed in the guides. For instance, macroinvertebrates such as whirligig beetles, water striders, and predaceous diving beetles are not included on the survey sheet. They are surface breathers and do not provide any indication of water quality.

When beginning your identification, ask yourself the following questions:

- How large is the organism?
- Is the body long and slender, round, or curved?
- Does the organism have any tails? How many?
- Does the organism have any antennae?
- Does the organism have legs? How many? Where?
- Is the body smooth and all one section, or is it segmented (two or more distinct sections)?
- Does the organism have any gills (fluffy or plate-like appendages)?
- Where are the gills located? Sides, back, underside, under its legs?
- Does it have pinching jaws like a beetle larvae?
- Are any legs or antennae missing because they were broken off in the net?
- What color is the organism?
- Does the organism swim underwater or remain on the surface?

When using the macroinvertebrate guides, read the descriptions for each organism. Sizes are provided for reference. However, if you catch a young macroinvertebrate that has just hatched and has not yet reached full size, it may be smaller than indicated in the guides. Specimens can be put into magnifying boxes to ease identification. Return the organisms to the stream after sampling is completed.

METRICS

During identification of macroinvertebrates, record your results on the macroinvertebrate chart. Once you have counted all collected organisms, start calculating the Individual Metrics. Each Individual Metric is a percentage of various macroinvertebrate groups. Tally each indicated organism group and calculate the percentage to determine the Individual Metrics.

Use each Individual Metric to calculate the Multimetric Index Score (stream health score). Write each metric value from the Individual Metrics into the corresponding box under Your Metric Value. Determine the score based on the range for each metric value and indicate which score each Metric Value falls under. Follow the multiplication steps at the bottom of the table to determine your Save Our Streams Multimetric Index Score and determine whether the site has acceptable or unacceptable ecological conditions.

BIOLOGICAL MONITORING DATA FORM QUESTIONS

The Biological Monitoring Data Form also includes questions about the land and vegetation surrounding the stream. These questions help characterize the quality of stream habitat and its ability to support a healthy population of stream organisms. The land use information also paints a picture of the stream for other people who might review your data. Guidelines for correctly answering these questions are given below. Record the answers based on the area that is upstream from your monitoring site; generally, you should record the data for the area you can see. For land use information, include uses for one mile upstream from your site or the section of stream you have adopted. If necessary, take a walk or consult a map for this information.

Fish water quality indicators: Different fish have different tolerances to pollution. The type of fish present may indicate the type of water quality expected. If you collect fish but don't recognize the type, write a description of the fish on the data form or take a picture to use for later reference. You can find fish identification charts or experts to help with fish identification at local schools, agencies, libraries, or online.

Barriers to fish movement: The absence of certain fish types may be due to a dam or other large obstacle, not because of water quality. Note on your survey form if the dam is upstream or downstream from your monitoring site and how far away. Waterfalls should only be recorded if they are large enough that a fish could not reasonably jump over them or swim around them. Usually, waterfalls of a few feet or less are not impediments to the upstream movement of fish.

Surface water appearance: You may check more than one of the colors listed but not all of them. Note if strange colors are present throughout the stream or only in one section, such as immediately below a discharge pipe or highway culvert.

Streambed deposit (bottom): Record the over-all appearance of the stream bottom. If the streambed does not have any apparent coating, you may note it as "other" and write in "normal."

Odor: Note any unusual odors. Odors may come from natural processes or may indicate potential water quality problems.

Stability of streambed: An unstable streambed can mean that soil is eroding from the bottom of the stream and may indicate water quality problems. When standing in the stream, determine how frequently the bed sinks beneath your feet.

Algae appearance: Algae feels slimy. You will notice it as you rub rocks during monitoring. A great deal of algae may indicate too many nutrients in the water. Sometimes more algae will appear in the spring after snowmelt releases extra nutrients into the stream. However, take note of the percent and type of algae present in the stream to make sure it is not increasing over time.

Algae located: Estimate the percentage of stream bed that is covered by algae. Algae is often present in small quantities in healthy streams. Excess algae may indicate water quality problems.

Stream channel shade: Over the course of the day, estimate what percentage of the stream channel is shaded by stream-side trees, shrubs, and grasses. Shading helps keep water cool and can be beneficial for aquatic life.

Streambank composition: Remember to look at both sides of the stream's banks. When questions ask for a percentage, use the information for both the left and right bank and combine values. For instance, if one side of the bank is completely bare due to erosion while the other side is well vegetated, you should record the percent of bank coverage as 50 percent.

When recording total percentages of shrubs, grasses, and trees, you should also look at both sides of the bank. However, if one side has artificial structures such as rock riprap or concrete, you will have to account for such ground cover. For instance, if the left side of the bank is not vegetated, you cannot have more than 50 percent of shrubs, grasses, and trees total when those values are added together.

Streambank erosion: Again, look at both sides of the bank to determine the percentage of soil erosion.

Riffle composition: This question refers to the 3x3-foot area of the stream sampled for Rocky Bottom Sampling techniques with a kick-seine net. Do not fill out this question when using the muddy bottom sampling technique.

If you used a kick-seine to conduct the Rocky Bottom Sampling method, answer this question before you disturb the site. The organisms you collect are most abundant in riffles composed of predominantly cobble-sized stones (more than 70 percent cobbles is a good riffle habitat). Start with the largest rocks first when recording bed composition. If you don't have any boulders (rocks larger than 10 inches), record cobble-sized stones and continue until your percentages equal 100 percent. A typical riffle in a medium-gradient stream might be recorded as 5 percent boulders, 65 percent cobbles, 15 percent gravel, 10 percent sand, and 5 percent silt. Ranges are given on the survey form for the rock sizes. For the smaller rock sizes, remember that silt feels like talcum powder and sand feels gritty. If your riffle had 40 percent silt, 10 percent gravel, and no cobbles, you should either find another station to monitor or switch to the Muddy Bottom Sampling method.

Land uses in the watershed: The survey form asks if land use impacts within a one-mile radius of your sampling site are high (H), moderate (M), slight (S), or none (N). Although these questions are somewhat subjective, determining the impact is easy and straightforward.

- Note "H" for a land use if it:
  - Comprises the majority of land in the watershed and is polluting the stream, such as a stream traveling through land that is being strip mined for coal.

– Has a severe impact on stream quality even though the land use does not utilize a great deal of land, such as a construction site that has caused the stream to be full of silt.

- Note "M" if the land use is definitely contributing to stream degradation, but is not the major cause for degradation (or is one of many causes). For example, parking lot runoff and trash from a shopping mall may contribute significantly to stream pollution, but they may not be the only causes of stream degradation.
- Note "S" for a land use if its impacts only slightly pollute the stream. For example, although a farm may be present, good farming practices and conservation measures may mean the pollution impact is negligible.
- Note "N" if the land use is present but causing no pollution.
- If the land use is not present, do not write anything.

Take the time to drive or walk through your watershed before filling out this section to determine if these land uses are present and impacting the stream.

When considering land use as the controlling factor in stream quality, look not just at the area visible from the stream but at all the land draining into the stream – the watershed. If the stream collects water from an intensely developed or agricultural area, do not be surprised if no organisms are found. Should this be the case, consider visiting a forested stream of the same size in the same watershed for sampling comparison. You might be surprised by the different types of organisms you find.

You can identify a pollution source by sampling the stream at quarter-mile intervals upstream from the initial sampling point (where a pollution impact is suspected) until quality improves. The pollution sources should be identified somewhere between the point where degraded conditions were first found and the point where water quality improves.

Comments: Use this space to record observations that are not noted elsewhere on the data form. This may include current and potential future threats to the stream's health.

STREAM PROBLEMS AND THEIR EFFECTS ON STREAM ORGANISMS

1. **Physical Problems** may include excessive sediment from erosion, street runoff, or discharge pipes. Sediment can create poor riffle characteristics, contribute to excessive flooding, reduce flow, change water temperature, and smother aquatic life. The result is usually a reduction in the number of macroinvertebrates in the study area.

2. **Organic Pollution** is from excessive human or livestock wastes or high nutrient enrichment from farm or yard runoff. The result is usually a reduction in the diversity of insects.

3. **Toxic Pollution** includes chemical pollutants such as chlorine, acids, metals, pesticides, and oil. The result is usually a reduction in the number of insects.

Appendix P: Stations Table*

Station ID	Latitude	Longitude	City or County	Water Body Name	Site Description	Collecting Organization	Monitoring Purpose	Monitoring Frequency	Parameters Sampled at this Location
ACCCRE17.3	38.8046	-77.232	Fairfax (county)	Accotink Creek	Lake Accotink Park, downstream from the lake. Park at visitor's center, walk down trail from main office to creek, just downstream to first good riffles. Monitored by Friends of Accotink and Fairfax County Park Authority staff	Friends of Accotink Creek, Friends of Lake Accotink Park	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
ACCCRE17.78	38.81865	-77.224	Fairfax (county)	Accotink Creek	On the Wakefield Tributary of Accotink, at the restoration site on the grounds Wakefield Park just north of Audrey Moore Rec Center. Monitored by Friends of Accotink Creek	NVSWCD, Friends of Accotink Creek	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
ACCCRE19.88	38.83789	-77.2215	Fairfax (county)	Accotink Creek	South end of Mill Creek Park	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

AIRCRE0.25	38.69378	-77.3235	Prince William	Airport Creek	Between Spring Woods Dr and Lake Ridge Park accessible by airport creek trail	Westridge HOA	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
BALRUN0.01	39.18578	-77.6167	Loudoun	Balls Run	Walk through Phillips Farm from Schooley Mill entrance and turn left at first interpretive sign to trail. At set of riffles just upstream from confluence with South Fork Catoctin by footbridge	Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
BEABRA0.09	38.99569	-77.7514	Loudoun	Bear Branch	25 yards from road. Horse trail runs through tributary.	Goose Creek Association	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
BEARUN6.27	39.02416	-77.4969	Loudoun	Beaverdam Run	End of Plymouth Pl	Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

BIGCEDCRE2.0	36.95369	-82.0545	Russell	Big Cedar Creek	In Pinnacle Natural Area Preserve at the end of State Park Rd	Clinch Water Watch	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
BIGLICCRE4.96	37.70669	-77.9654	Powhatan	Big Lickinghole Creek	South of River Road W near Leakes Mill Park	James River Master Naturalists	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
BIGMACCRE5.76	36.96475	-80.6626	Pulaski	Big Macks Creek	Rocky Bottom Creek running through Boy Scout Camp Powhatan and along Max Creek Road, Hiwassee	NRVMN	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
BIGROCRUN4.01	38.8556	-77.4292	Fairfax (county)	Big Rocky Run	Just north of Cabell's Mill off Walney Rd	Northern Virginia SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
BIGSPRCRE0.75	39.14417	-77.5364	Loudoun	Big Spring Creek	Underneath bridge near Morven Park	Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

							Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration		
BLABRA0.64	39.01141	-77.5787	Loudoun	Black Branch	Between Whites Ferry Manor and Blue Sky Landscaping, LLC	Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
BLACRE12.3	37.38737	-79.2002	Lynchburg (city)	Blackwater Creek	riffle site in Sandusky Park near hole 2 on the disc golf course	Randolph College	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
BLACRE2.68	37.41904	-79.1608	Lynchburg (city)	Blackwater Creek	Creekside trail along the Blackwater Creek in the Blackwater creek natural area	Randolph College	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
BLACRE5.20	37.41619	-79.1756	Lynchburg (city)	Blackwater Creek	Near Lynchburg General, go left at the bottom of the trail at the end of Thomson Dr., site is near a bench beside the trail with a small path going down to the creek	Randolph College	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

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BLACRE7.57	37.4125	-79.1883	Lynchburg (city)	Blackwater Creek	Site upstream from the Farm Basket, just beyond the Hill Street bridge	Randolph College	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
BLACRE8.40	37.40611	-79.1825	Lynchburg (city)	Blackwater Creek	Access from Blackwater Creek Athletic Area, near the recording station from Vector Space, at the bend in the creek around the soccer field	Randolph College	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
BLARIV33.0	37.0624	-79.8172	Franklin (county)	Blackwater River	Near the end of Riverdance Pl	Riverdance Team	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
BLARIV78.3	37.07637	-80.0407	Franklin (county)	Blackwater River	400 ft West of the fork just west of where 742 runs into Dillons Mill Rd	SML10	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

BOLBRA0.12	38.91306	-77.8906	Fauquier	Bolling Branch	200 ft South of Maidstone Rd west of Longview Ln	Goose Creek Association	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
BRARUN5.12	37.949	-79.5581	Rockbridge	Brattons Run	250 ft Northeast of where Tree Ln crosses 780	RACC	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
BRORUN20.7	38.96398	-77.5594	Loudoun	Broad Run	Approximately one mile downstream from housing development and winery	Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
BUCRUN0.22	37.08611	-79.5956	Bedford	Buck Run	Near footbridge at bottom of Buck Run Trail at Smith Mountain Lake State Park	Blue Ridge Foothills & Lakes Master Naturalists	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
BUFCRE18.3	37.7508	-79.5562	Rockbridge	Buffalo Creek	Where Kygers Hill Rd and Blue Grass Trail meet	Maury Watershed Monitors	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

							Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration		
BULRIV11.8	38.29801	-79.5167	Highland	Bullpasture River	Just east of the curve in Bullpasture River Rd between Quiet Man Rd and Riverbend Ln	Cowpasture River Preservation Association	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
BULRUN11.55	38.79579	-77.4703	Fairfax (county)	Bull Run	This location is accessed in Bull Run Regional Park just off the Bluebell Trail (.6 miles from the "exit" to the trail). There is a nice path down to the shaded stream (good riffles!) and a spacious sandy bank to conduct the macroinvertebrate monitoring.	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
BULRUN12.2	38.79937	-77.4768	Prince William	Bull Run	In Bull Run Regional Park south of Atlantis Waterpark and east of shelter 6	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

CANBRA0.58	38.72596	-77.5095	Prince William	Cannon Branch	Across the street from the regional airport	PWSWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
CATBRA1.77	39.11232	-77.5183	Loudoun	Cattail Branch	From private driveway off Edwards Ferry Road, continue to red shed and park there. Walk across grass field, riffles are just upstream from riprap.	Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
CATHCRE5.47	38.8509	-77.6352	Prince William	Catharpin Creek	Edge of James S Long Regional Park between Burnside Farm Pl and Bowers Family Christmas Trees	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
CATOCRE1.0	39.27427	-77.5575	Loudoun	Catoctin Creek	In northeast corner of far meadow on HOA common area near Common House Lane.	Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
CEDCRE2.75	37.62735	-79.5443	Rockbridge	Cedar Creek	This testing site in located within Natural Bridge State Park (land access permission	Natural Bridge State Park Rangers	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

					has been granted) at a riffle just before the Natural Bridge when headed Northwest down Cedar Creek Trail. This location is approximately 0.8 miles downstream of Lace Falls (50ft water fall) and 340 feet upstream of the Trail Store dam. At this point in the trail there is a gap in the rock wall in which there is a trail light as well as some metal electrical cable encasing. Stepping over this area allows access to the water of Cedar Creek for temperature and water sample collection.		Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration		
CEDCRE22.3	39.0982	-78.3499	Shenandoah	Cedar Creek	Just north of Fry's Fort	Shenandoah University	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
CEDCRE29.56	39.08235	-78.4194	Shenandoah	Cedar Creek	1500 feet Northeast of 48 and 1000 feet southeast of Star Tannery Rd	FNFSR	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

							Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration		
CEDCRE29.91	39.08188	-78.4234	Shenandoah	Cedar Creek	400 feet Northeast of 48 and 200 feet southeast of Star Tannery Rd	FNFSR	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
CEDCRE3.07	37.63044	-79.5467	Rockbridge	Cedar Creek	Located 0.2 miles past the Natural Bridge and 0.6 miles before Lace Falls when headed Northwest on Cedar Creek Trail. Access to the stream is on the right-hand side of the trail where a downwards angled dirt path tapers into the stream behind a tree stump and just before the amphitheater.	Natural Bridge State Park Rangers	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
CEDCRE3.69	39.00672	-78.3169	Shenandoah	Cedar Creek	Between Valley Pike and Stickley House	FNFSR	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

CEDCRE47.7	38.9754	-78.5577	Shenandoah	Cedar Creek	South of Van Buren Furnace	Shenandoah University	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
CEDCRE48.0	38.97317	-78.5606	Shenandoah	Cedar Creek	Quarter mile upstream from Kepler Overlook Trail Head	Shenandoah University	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
CEDGROBRA0.02	37.8827	-79.3858	Rockbridge	Cedar Grove Branch	On Cedar Grove Branch immediately upstream of the confluence with the Maury River.	Maury Water Monitors	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
CEDRUN0.67_C13	38.36363	-77.9758	Culpeper	Cedar Run	Where the stream crosses Zachary Taylor Hwy north of Algonquin Trail	Culpeper SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
CEDRUN5.97_P10	38.63292	-77.5884	Prince William	Cedar Run	Continue following the path of the last driveway off Carriage Ford Rd until you hit the stream	Prince William SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

							Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration		
CLIRIV455	36.91542	-82.2215	Russell	Clinch River	50' upstream of Carterton Boat Launch, Riverside Inn Dr. off Carterton Pl	Clinch Water Watch	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
CLIRIV484	36.96984	-82.0138	Russell	Clinch River	Puckett's Hole Canoe Launch on Shepard Hollow Rd, off Chestnut Rd	Clinch Water Watch	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
COLCRE4.46	37.78508	-79.5876	Rockbridge	Colliers Creek	Just North of 31 Church Drive Lexington, VA	Maury River Water Monitors	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
COLRUN2.42	38.964	-77.3149	Fairfax (county)	Colvin Run	In Lake Fairfax Park just south of Picnic Area 1	Northern Virginia Trout Unlimited	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

COLRUN4.53	38.957	-77.3334	Fairfax (county)	Colvin Run	south of Lake Anne Nursery Kindergarten	Reston Association	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
COMROCBRA0.33	36.72756	-81.2331	Grayson	Comers Rock Branch	Across 611 from 3076 Caty Sage Rd	Preserve Grayson	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
CONRIV2.4	38.3325	-78.3981	Greene	Conway River	Where the stream crosses Wolftown-Hood Rd just South of Finew Farm	Culpeper SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
CONRUN0.64	37.13428	-80.5654	Montgomery	Connelly's Run	In Wildwood Park 350 feet southeast of the end of Wildwood Park Dr	NRVMN	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
CORCRE9.46	37.47953	-77.3655	Henrico	Cornelius Creek	where the stream crosses Wilson Rd south of Eastwood Homes at Hughes Farm	HAWQS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

							Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration		
COWRIV59.3	38.15289	-79.5978	Bath	Cowpasture River	Southeast of where Indian Draft Rd and Scotchtown Draft Rd meet and just North of where Campbell Run hits Cowpasture River	CRPA/TU/VMN	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
CRABCRE10.2	37.14045	-80.4282	Montgomery	Crab Creek	End of Scattergood Drive in Christiansburg on town stream conservation land.	NRVMN	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
CRADCRE5.52	37.0946	-79.5637	Bedford	Craddock Creek	Located at eastern edge of Mariners Landing development upstream from marina	Craddock Creek Team	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
CROMRUN5.69	38.93306	-77.8078	Fauquier	Cromwells Run	Where Training Barn Rd turns into Smitten Farm Ln	Goose Creek Association	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

CRORUN0.14	38.35361	-78.1136	Culpeper	Crooked Run	Where stream crosses N James Madison Hwy near White Oak Rd	Culpeper SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
CRORUN1.53_L4	39.0912	-77.684	Loudoun	Crooked Run	Just West of where Forest Mills Rd and Oakland Green Rd meet	Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
CRORUN3.45_F4	38.94694	-77.9381	Fauquier	Crooked Run	1100 feet South of Delaplane Cellars on the other side of Hwy 17	Goose Creek Association	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
CUBRUN3.44	38.82114	-77.4655	Fairfax (county)	Cub Run	Where Compton Rd crosses 66	Northern Virginia SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
CUBRUN5.26	38.83492	-77.4653	Fairfax (county)	Cub Run	This portion of Cub Run Stream runs along a portion of Cub Run Stream Valley Trail that is	Arlington-Fairfax Chapter IWLA	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

					accessible next to 15157 Stratton Major Court Centreville, VA		Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration		
DEARUN2.88	38.9418	-77.186	Fairfax	Dead Run	In McLean Central Park just upstream of the footbridge	PWSWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
DEERUN4.70	38.45222	-77.6289	Fauquier	Deep Run	Where Thompsons Mill Rd becomes Cropp Rd	John Marshall SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
DENCRE3.50	37.16006	-80.3276	Montgomery	Den Creek	Immediately in front of the entrance to the Izaak Walton League Park about 50 yards from the intersection of Den Hill Road.	New River Valley Chapter Izaak Walton League of America	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
DIFRUN3.0	38.97177	-77.2698	Fairfax (county)	Difficult Run	Where the river crosses 683	Northern Virginia SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

DRYMILBRA0.2	39.10229	-77.585	Loudoun	Dry Mill Branch	North of Rollins Dr SW and South of Country Club Green Condominium	LWC	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
DRYMILBRA1.68	39.11271	-77.5983	Loudoun	Dry Mill Branch	Off Dry Mill Rd between Cook Farm Lane and Owls Head Ln	Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
ELKRUN1.80	38.87107	-77.4928	Fairfax (county)	Elklick Run	Elklick Preserve -- Elklick Run crosses under Pleasant Valley Rd just south of Cox Farms -- the monitoring site is 50 yards to the east side of the road, but there is potential to also monitor on the west side. Parking is available in the wide shoulders on both sides of the road here (where often hunters park).	VA SOS and NOVA SOIL and Water District	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
FALHOL0.83	37.18767	-80.3185	Montgomery	Falls Hollow	North fork of Roanoke River. Stream runs through Falls Ridge Preserve. Travertine riffles found less upstream	Virginia Tech	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening,	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

					from waterfall. Trails along site location.		Advocacy, CMC Integration		
FIERUN3.03	38.82469	-78.0483	Fauquier	Fiery Run	Where the stream crosses Hume Rd near The Dell Ln	Goose Creek Association	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
FOUGROCRE1.82	37.0422	-79.7516	Franklin (county)	Foul Ground Creek	2250 feet east of where Crafts Church Rd and Webster Rd meet	Blue Ridge/Smith Mtn Lake	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
GAPRUN2.91	38.9433	-77.8953	Fauquier	Gap Run	West Fork of Gap Run South of Rokeby Rd	Goose Creek Association	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
GILCRE11.56	37.1071	-79.7307	Franklin (county)	Gills Creek	South of Booker T Washington National Monument and West of Valley Mechanical Services	Roanoke River Watershed Monitors	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

GILCRE19.1	37.1276	-79.7832	Franklin (county)	Gills Creek	600 feet south of liberty hall lane and 600 feet west of Booker T Washington Hwy	Smith Mountain Lake Association	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
GOOCRE1.28_G5	36.71588	-81.2431	Grayson	Goose Creek	Falls Road, 320 feet from State Bridge 6038. Goodyear property	Preserve Grayson	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
GOOCRE1.69	39.09119	-77.502	Loudoun	Goose Creek	500 feet northeast of New Coton Bridge	Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
GOOCRE32.8	39.00555	-77.7442	Loudoun	Goose Creek	9079 US-50, Upperville, VA 20184	Goose Creek Association	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
GOOCRE38.4_L4	38.98694	-77.7908	Loudoun	Goose Creek	0.3 miles south of where Notre Dame Ln and Creek Ridge Ln meet	Goose Creek Association	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

							Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration		
GOOCRE46	38.95491	-77.8466	Fauquier	Goose Creek	0.3 miles southwest of where Grasslands Ct hits Woodward Rd	Goose Creek Association	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
GOOCRE49.2_F4	38.93583	-77.8706	Fauquier	Goose Creek	East of 2648 Rectortown Rd Marshall	Goose Creek Association	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
GOOCRE65.7	38.90528	-78.0297	Fauquier	Goose Creek	Where the stream crosses Fiery Run Rd South of John Marshall Hwy	Goose Creek Association	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
GRASPRRUN0.31	39.0754	-78.4337	Shenandoah	Gravel Springs Run	Just West of where 714 and 604 meet	Shenandoah University	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

GRERUN11.13	38.70417	-77.8381	Fauquier	Great Run	Where Great Run crosses Black Snake Lane near Dizzy lane	John Marshall SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
GRICRE1.52	37.168	-79.7295	Franklin (county)	Grimes Creek	Just West of where the stream crosses Wooded Acres Dr	Blue Ridge	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
GULBRA0.79	38.91917	-77.1206	Arlington	Gulf Branch	Accessible from Gulf Branch Trail after parking at the Gulf Branch Nature Center. 3608 Military Rd, Arlington, VA 22207	Marymount University	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
HAPCRE3.72	38.9087	-78.1857	Warren	Happy Creek	Between Rural King and Remount Rd	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
HAYCRE1.3	37.90654	-79.3965	Rockbridge	Hays Creek	It is in a section of Hays Creek bounded by the property at 509 Andersen Farm Road.	RACC	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

							Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration		
HAZRIV41.3	38.52639	-78.1722	Culpeper	Hazel River	Where Hazel River crosses Reva Rd at Slate Mills Rd	Culpeper SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
HOLRUN8.58	38.8526	-77.1959	Fairfax (county)	Holmes Run	South of Annandale Rd between Hockett St and Putnam St	Northern Virginia SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
HOLRUN8.98	38.85544	-77.1987	Fairfax (county)	Holmes Run	Just South of 7321 Brad St, Falls Church, VA 22042	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
HORRUN9.54	38.92476	-77.4066	Fairfax (county)	Horsepen Run	2860 Bradley Acres Ct, Herndon, VA 20171	Northern Virginia SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

HUGRIV0.62	38.52194	-78.1717	Rappahannock	Hughes River	Just West of where Hughes River crosses Reva Rd at Bridge Hughie	Culpeper SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
INDCRE4.84	37.14	-79.7509	Franklin (county)	Indian Creek	Where the creek crosses Hardy Rd north of Sundance Ln	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
INDRUN2.75	37.25046	-80.3916	Montgomery	Indian Run	On private land down hill from 1524 Harding Road	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
ISLCRE4.60	36.78615	-80.6984	Carroll	Island Creek	500 feet northwest from where Island Creek crosses 221, just before the fork	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
JACOLANCRE0.04	37.1076	-79.73	Franklin (county)	Jack O'Lantern Creek	Southeast corner of Booker T Washington National Monument, 0.3 miles east of the end of White	Blue Ridge	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

					Tail Ln		Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration		
JACRIV45.3	37.87131	-79.9685	Alleghany	Jackson River	.6 miles south of National Forest Stream gauge at Smith Bridge in Falling Spring	CRPA	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
JEFBRA3.8	39.03083	-77.8703	Loudoun	Jeffries Branch	Directly East of where Hill Rd becomes Trappe Rd	Goose Creek Association	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
JORRIV0.66	38.76167	-78.0342	Fauquier	Jordan River	dnst from 637 bridge	Culpeper SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
JUMCRE2.81	36.684	-81.177	Grayson	Jumping Creek	Canady Property Parallel to Hwy 21	Preserve Grayson	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

JUMRUNCRE1.0	37.20517	-79.7099	Bedford	Jumping Run Creek	400 feet north of the fork where the river crosses Goodview Rd	Blue Ridge Foothills and Lakes Master Naturalists	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
KERCRE2.69	37.835	-79.4517	Rockbridge	Kerrs Creek	893 Big Spring Dr, Lexington, VA 24450	Maury/RACC	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
LARRUN0.11	38.33287	-77.6126	Spotsylvania	LaRoque Run	Where LaRoque Run crosses Spotswood Furnace Rd near the fork between LaRoque Run and Pipe Dam Run	IWLA - Rappahannock Chapter	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
LENRUN0.3	38.9599	-77.5547	Loudoun	Lenah Run	At bridge on in Willowsford. Parking available on both sides of the street. Riffles are upstream and downstream of the bridge. There is a trail under the bridge. For benthic monitoring, waders may be helpful.	LWC	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

LITCALRIV0.46	37.95386	-79.4586	Rockbridge	Little Calfpasture River	0.4 miles south from where the river crosses Beltway Drive after Lake Merriweather Dam	RACC	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
LITDIFRUN2.63	38.90389	-77.375000	Fairfax	Little Difficult Run	West on Southfield Dr, Left on Searsmont Pl, follow path 1/4 mile to creek	Northern Virginia SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
LITDIFRUN4.28	38.9111	-77.3582	Fairfax (county)	Little Difficult Run	In Fred Crabtree Park 900 feet north of the end of Shady Mill Ln	Northern Virginia SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
LITFOXCRE4.1	36.6589	-81.2959	Grayson	Little Fox Creek	Little Fox Creek run along the right side of the driveway of 739 Grubbs Chapel Lane. Property owners are Chris and Sherry Crooke.	Preserve Grayson	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
LITRIV7.16_F4	38.976	-77.6511	Loudoun	Little River	West of Aldie. Follow Rt 50. Turn left (south) on Aldie Dam Road. Go about 1/4 mile, turn left again	Goose Creek Association	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

					and the site its on the left across the lawn		Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration		
LITRIV7.5_P11	37.04178	-80.5654	Pulaski	Little River	600 feet southwest from where Graystown Rd and Cherry Branch Rd meet	Clearwater Revival	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
LONBRA3.06	38.88488	-77.236	Fairfax (county)	Long Branch	Adjacent to local pool and parking lot	Northern Virginia SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
MAGCRE19.4	37.1147	-79.9483	Franklin (county)	Maggoddee Creek	Where the creek crosses Whispering Creek Rd and Boones Mill Rd	SML10	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
MAURIV43.4	37.882	-79.386	Rockbridge	Maury River	Maury River upstream and near the outflow of Cedar Grove Branch	Maury Water Monitors	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

MIDRIV19	38.21893	-78.9321	Augusta	Middle River	Where the river parallels River Bend Rd north of where the road hits Dam Town Rd	Friends of the Middle River	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
MIDRIV53.8	38.23108	-79.0942	Augusta	Middle River	Where stream parallels Middle River Rd West of Jet Weld Incorporated	Friends of the Middle River	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
MIDRIV58.2	38.218	-79.133	Augusta	Middle River	West of the bend in Eastwood Dr closest to Churchville Ave	Friends of the Middle River	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
MIDRIV64.2	38.19614	-79.1629	Augusta	Middle River	North of 48 River Hill Ln, Swoope	Friends of the Middle River	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
MIDRIV84.3	38.20763	-79.1653	Augusta	Middle River	1,000 feet west of where Middle River crosses Green Hill Ln	Friends of the Middle River	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

							Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration		
MIDRIV86.5	38.06619	-79.2657	Augusta	Middle River	Where Middle River crosses Summerdean Rd	Friends of the Middle River	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
MIDRIV96.6	38.15164	-79.2018	Augusta	Middle River	Half mile southeast from where Hewitt Rd and Cattleman Rd come together	Friends of the Middle River	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
MIDRUN1.63	38.75074	-77.2414	Fairfax (county)	Middle Run	Middle Run Stream Valley Park 200 feet south of Fairfax County Parkway	Northern Virginia SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
MIDRUN2.39	38.75364	-77.2499	Fairfax (county)	Middle Run	Head South from 8860 Eagle Rock Ln Springfield, VA until you hit the stream	Northern Virginia SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

MILCRE1.05	37.799	-79.409	Rockbridge	Mill Creek	Mill Creek at Equestrian Lane	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
MINRUN2.48	38.32226	-77.5668	Spotsylvania	Mine Run	Feeder stream to Mott's Reservoir.	Fredericksburg IWLA Chapter	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
MOUNRUN0.27	38.50226	-78.7509	Rockingham	Mountain Run	3316 Fridleys Gap Rd, Harrisonburg, VA 22802	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
MOUSRUN1.0	37.874	-79.379	Rockbridge	Mouse Run	south of 1657 Mt Atlas Rd, Lexington, VA 24450	Maury/RACC	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
MUDCRE3.68	37.24202	-80.009	Roanoke (county)	Mudlick Creek	Garst Mill Park where Mud Lick Creek crosses Mud Lick Creek Greenway near Garst Mill Park Rd	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

							Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration		
NORANNRIV77.3	38.14272	-78.0706	Louisa	North Anna River	Where the river crosses Mallorys Ford Rd	Lake Anna Civic Association, LCHS Envirothon	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
NORBRAELKCRE0.0	36.72314	-81.247	Grayson	North Branch of Elk Creek	North Branch of Elk Creek, Armistead property.	Preserve Grayson	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
NORFORCATCRE14.8	39.1962	-77.747	Loudoun	North Fork Catoctin Creek	700 feet northeast of where Stony Point Rd, Cider Mill Rd, and Woodgrove Rd meet	Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
NORFORCATCRE5.33	39.19394	-77.6676	Loudoun	North Fork Catoctin Creek	Straight south from the end of Grace Pl	Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

NORFORCATCRE7.6	39.17928	-77.6816	Loudoun	North Fork Catoctin Creek	350 feet South along Berlin Turnpike from the intersection with Fremont Overlook Ln, then west to the stream	Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
NORFORGILCRE0.45	37.1583	-79.855	Franklin (county)	North Fork Gills Creek	Between the end of Lenoir Ln and Dudley Cemetery	Roanoke River Watershed Monitors	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
NORFORGOOCRE10.08	39.09262	-77.7157	Loudoun	North Fork Goose Creek	Where the creek crosses New Ford Road just south of Guinea Bridge Rd	Goose Creek Association	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
NORFORGOOCRE13.75	39.10928	-77.7369	Loudoun	North Fork Goose Creek	Where the creek crosses Silcott Springs Rd	Goose Creek Association	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
NORFORSHERIV103	38.65106	-78.6988	Shenandoah	North Fork Shenandoah River	Wide riffle at downstream end of north braid around an island.	FNFSR	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

							Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration		
NORFORSHERIV110	38.63628	-78.7801	Shenandoah	North Fork Shenandoah River	About 60 feet downstream of the path to the river through the playground at Timberville Town Park	FNFSR	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
NORFORSHERIV23.1	38.95191	-78.3676	Shenandoah	North Fork Shenandoah River	700 feet from the end of Peach Orchard Rd	FNFSR	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
NORFORSHERIV35.7	38.90959	-78.4255	Shenandoah	North Fork Shenandoah River	Just East of where the river crosses Headley Rd	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
NORFORSHERIV41.7	38.89721	-78.4437	Shenandoah	North Fork Shenandoah River	0.6 miles before the end of Helsey Bridge Lane	FNFSR	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

NORFORSHERIV47.7	38.903	-78.4732	Shenandoah	North Fork Shenandoah River	About three feet in and two feet upstream of the first open access point to the river at a private access point off of Artz Road.	FNFSR	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
NORFORSHERIV59.86	38.87045	-78.4908	Shenandoah	North Fork Shenandoah	Behind Camp Lupton Barn off Lupton Rd	FNFSR	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
NORFORSHERIV69.84	38.84549	-78.5292	Shenandoah	North Fork Shenandoah River	Chapmans Landing DWR Boat Ramp	FNFSR	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
NORFORSHERIV73.46	38.82804	-78.5237	Shenandoah	North Fork Shenandoah River	1134 Aileen Rd Edinburg	FNFSR	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
NORFORSHERIV78.5	38.81201	-78.5575	Shenandoah	North Fork Shenandoah River	Access site through two fields, enter stream directly at bottom of small hill.	FNFSR	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

							Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration		
NORFORSHERIV89.6	38.74892	-78.6367	Shenandoah	North Fork Shenandoah River	Behind Sentara Mount Jackson Health Center	FNFSR	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
NORFORTHORIV0.01	38.6575	-78.2156	Rappahannock	North Fork Thornton River	The North fork just north of the fork below Mt Vernon Ln	Culpeper SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
NORFORTHORIV0.43	38.66167	-78.2178	Rappahannock	North Fork Thornton River	Just south of Lee Highway between Sons Road and Mount Vernon Lane	Northern Virginia Trout Unlimited	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
OLDCOUSPRBRA1.70	38.92917	-77.2511	Fairfax	Old Courthouse Spring Branch	Tyson's Corner, off Rt. 7/Ashgrove House Rd./Northern Neck Weston Townhomes	NVSWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

PANSKICRE7.42	38.997	-77.883	Fauquier	Panther Skin Creek	Quarter mile north of 9150 John S Mosby Hwy, Upperville, VA 20184	Goose Creek Association	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
PASCRE0.22	38.97527	-78.2677	Warren	Passage Creek	Where the creek crosses the train tracks near Bucks Mill rd	FNFSR	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
PASCRE40.5	38.7354	-78.5179	Shenandoah	Passage Creek	250 feet northeast from where Passage Creek crosses Moreland Gap Rd	FNFSR	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
PAUSPRBRA2.96	38.76358	-77.0683	Fairfax	Paul Spring Branch	A meandering stream that runs through a wooded area adjacent to the neighborhoods of Hollin hills. Substrate is comprised of river cobble and sand. Stream is deeply channeled, with numerous supports built to prevent further	NVSWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

					bankside erosion.				
PEABOTCRE19	36.6768	-81.2286	Grayson	Peach Bottom Creek	Peach Bottom Creek running through field?pasture owned by Brad Nester near 2358 Sugar Camp Road	Preserve Grayson	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
PEABOTCRE7.54	36.63055	-81.1259	Grayson	Peach Bottom Creek	Coming from Independence along Powerhouse Rd. the unmarked right turn just after the entrance to the Rec Park	Preserve Grayson	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
PEACRE11.7	37.04398	-80.7629	Pulaski	Peak Creek	The site is located within Heritage Park in Pulaski	NRVMN	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
PIGRIV83.8	36.9678	-79.9425	Franklin (county)	Pigg River	Waid Recreation Park 350 feet north of Waid Recreation Area VDWR Boat Ramp	Blue Ridge Foothills/Ferrum College	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

PIGRUN4.42	38.13333	-77.8056	Spotsylvania	Pigeon Run	The stream is located in a non-public access area of a VA State Park	Lake Anna Civic Association	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
PIKBRA0.65	38.79297	-77.0835	Fairfax (county)	Pike Branch	The monitoring site is beside a heavily travelled road (Telegraph Rd.)and Jefferson Manor Park borders the other side.	Northern Virginia SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
PIMRUN0.24	38.92983	-77.1187	Arlington	Pimmit Run	Near the corners of Glebe Rd (120) and Chain Bridge (123) in Arlington, VA. A bike path and foot path lead from Glebe to the site.	Marymount University	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
PIMRUN4	38.9336	-77.1545	Fairfax (county)	Pimmit Run	Follow walking trail behind the Upper School Building on Potomac School's campus. Turn upstream on the trail next to the stream and enter where the stairs lead down to the stream bank. This site is monitored by Potomac School Faculty and students.	The Potomac School	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

PIMRUN6.34	38.92368	-77.1719	Fairfax (county)	Pimmit Run	6637 Old Chesterbrook Rd, McLean, VA 22101	Northern Virginia SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
PINCRE7.46	36.9058	-80.2598	Floyd	Pine Creek	1378 Shooting Creek Rd SE, Floyd, VA 24091	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
PINRUN5.73	39.28815	-77.7361	Loudoun	Piney Run	Located 100 yards upstream from trail crossing; before confluence with Sweet Run; near huge rock formation at bend in stream	Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
PIPDAMRUN0.56	38.33279	-77.6113	Spotsylvania	Pipe Dam Run	Between the fork of Pipe Dam Run and La Roque Run and Spotswood Furnace Rd	IWLA Rappahannock Chapter	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
POHCRE11.48	38.77128	-77.2408	Fairfax (county)	Pohick Creek	Between Orange Hunt Estates Park and Hidden Pod Nature Center where the stream crosses the	Northern Virginia SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

					trail		Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration		
POHCRE13.34	38.78417	-77.2542	Fairfax (county)	Pohick Creek	On Pohick Stream Valley trail just outside Burke station Park on the East side	NVSWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
POHCRE5.3	38.7234	-77.215	Fairfax (county)	Pohick Creek	200 feet north of where the creek hits Pohick Rd	Northern Virginia SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
POHCRE7.39	38.74335	-77.2251	Fairfax (county)	Pohick Creek	Just west of where Middle Run runs into Pohick Creek, between Samos Ct and Charis Landing Ct	NVSWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
POPCAMCRE4.65	37.0151	-79.7705	Franklin (county)	Poplar Camp Creek	0.65 miles south along Ayers Road south of Webster Road	Hylton Group	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

POPHEACRE5.86	38.7889	-77.3621	Fairfax (county)	Popes Head Creek	Where the stream crosses Colchester Rd just south Colchester Overpass	Northern Virginia SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
POPRUN0.93	38.53222	-78.2367	Madison	Popham Run	Just South of where Popham Run crosses Hughes River Rd	Culpeper SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
POWCRE4.67	38.60768	-77.3311	Prince William	Powells Creek	250 feet south of where creek crosses Northgate Dr	NOVA Coop	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
PUGRUN7.73	38.9209	-78.5384	Shenandoah	Pugh's Run	About 1 mile downstream from the Pugh's Run headwaters. Located in a field just downstream from a livestock pasture.	FNFSR/VDOF	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
RAPIRIV96	38.37107	-78.364	Madison	Rapidan River	400 feet northeast of where the river crosses 662 south of where 665 hits 662	Culpeper SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

							Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration		
RAPPRIV68.83	38.69806	-77.9175	Fauquier	Rappahannock River	Streamside location at Riverside preserve park.	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
ROARIV369	37.23692	-79.8447	Roanoke (county)	Roanoke River	Virginia's Explore Park, below picnic pavilion	Upper Roanoke Roundtable	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
ROARIV397	37.2761	-80.1133	Roanoke (county)	Roanoke River	Directly in front of the pavilion and parking area off Green Hill Park Road	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
ROCBRA0.50	38.71971	-77.2206	Fairfax (county)	Rocky Branch	Where Rocky Branch, South Run, and Gerry Connolly Cross Country Trail come together	NVSWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

ROCCASCRE4.86	36.80642	-80.2682	Patrick	Rock Castle Creek	400 feet from where Woods Gap Rd meets Charity Hwy	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
ROSRIV0.01	38.47306	-78.3156	Madison	Rose River	Just West of where Bohannon Rd hits Old Blue Ridge Turnpike	Culpeper SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
RUNBAGCRE7.23	36.884	-80.1494	Franklin (county)	Runnet Bag Creek	Where the creek crosses Franklin St near Hidden Valley Rd	VMN	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
RUSRIV5.8	38.71333	-78.1511	Rappahannock	Rush River	Between Old Mill Road and Lee Highway near Washington Mill	Culpeper SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
RUSSEBRA0.8	39.04757	-77.4586	Loudoun	Russell Branch	In Potomac Green neighborhood, E of Rosewood Manor Sq on end house by corner; come	Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

					through mowed water management area, cross 20 ft tree line, just downstream of concrete in middle of stream		Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration		
RUSSIBRA0.58	38.77411	-77.4331	Prince William	Russia Branch	Parallel to train tracks near entrance to Hemlock Overlook Regional Park	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
SARRUN0.08	37.78056	-79.4533	Rockbridge	Sarah's Run	Off of Ross Road near where Stonewall St intersects it	RACC	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
SHOBRACRE1.93	36.6864	-81.1678	Grayson	Shop Branch Creek	Rose Property Pump House Lower Field Behind Log Cabin	Preserve Grayson	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
SIDBRA0.66	38.79645	-77.2929	Fairfax (county)	Sideburn Branch	300 feet Northeast of the end of Walnut Wood Ct	NVSWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

							Integration		
SIDBRA2.44	38.80139	-77.3119	Fairfax (county)	Sideburn Branch	Between train tracks and Glen Pathway	NVSWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
SIDBRA3.39	38.81128	-77.3153	Fairfax (county)	Sideburn Branch	10617 Zion Dr, Fairfax, VA 22032	NVSWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
SINCRE10.1	37.31126	-80.5165	Giles	Sinking Creek	In the "V" formed by Mountain Lake Rd and Covered Bridge Lane near Link Farm Covered Bridge	NRVMN	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
SINCRE13.6	37.30806	-80.4994	Giles	Sinking Creek	Between where Clover Hollow Rd intersects Dunford Lane and Placid Lane	NRVMN	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

SMICRE_30.4_R8	38.55633	-78.7401	Rockingham	Smith Creek	Between 81 and where Indian Trail Rd and Mauzy Athlone Rd intersect	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
SMICRE0.07_R8	38.72741	-78.6324	Shenandoah	Smith Creek	Just before Smith Creek flows into the North Fork of the Shenandoah River off Old Valley Pike and Mt Airy Ln	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
SMICRE28.2_R8	38.56828	-78.7299	Rockingham	Smith Creek	Where the stream intersects with Graceland Dr	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
SMICRE36.2_R8	38.5244	-78.7524	Rockingham	Smith Creek	Between 934 and Martz Rd	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
SMICRE39.6_R8	38.50184	-78.7543	Rockingham	Smith Creek	Near where it runs into Mountain Run between Hannah Bees Apiary and Fridleys Gap Rd	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

							Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration		
SMICRE4.49_R8	38.69543	-78.6311	Shenandoah	Smith Creek	Off Creekside Lane near where it hits Woods Chapel Road	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
SMICRE41.5_R8	38.48822	-78.7695	Rockingham	Smith Creek	Near where Indian Trail Rd and Flook Ln intersect	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
SMICRE42.5_R8	38.47962	-78.7757	Rockingham	Smith Creek	Between Indian Trail Rd and Flook Ln across from Trinity Lutheran Church	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
SMICRE7.1_R8	38.68026	-78.6399	Shenandoah	Smith Creek	Off Smith Creek Road across from Kiser Enviornmental Consulting	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

SNABRA1.73	38.9338	-77.3231	Fairfax (county)	Snakeden Branch	Between Twin Branches Rd and Barton Hill Road off Twin Branches Nature Trail	Reston Association	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
SNABRA3.07	38.9289	-77.3397	Fairfax (county)	Snakeden Branch	Behind Walker Nature Center off Snakeden Branch Trail	Reston Association	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
SNABRA3.56	38.9299	-77.3459	Fairfax (county)	Snakeden Branch	Between Soapstone Dr and Old Trail Dr	Reston Association	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
SNABRA4.76	38.9367	-77.3589	Fairfax (county)	Snakeden Branch	Behind Reston Community Center	Reston Association	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
SOUFORCATCRE20.96	39.18623	-77.6177	Loudoun	South Fork of Catoctin	Janney St	Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

							Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration		
SOUFORHOLRIV97.4	36.75928	-81.5384	Smyth	South Fork Holston River	Stream at Buller Fish Hatchery and Aquatics Center	Holston Rivers Virginia Master Naturalist chapter	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
SOUFORLITDIFRUN2.67	38.8947	-77.3604	Fairfax (county)	South Fork Little Difficult Run	First split of trail to the left, turning into dense patch of Pachysandra terminalis. Spit path curves backwards, then towards stream. Path exits onto stream bar.	NVSWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
SOUFORQUACRE2.19	38.56752	-77.365	Prince William	South Fork Quantico Creek	where the creek crosses Scenic Dr near Prince William Forest Lot B	NOVA Coop	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
SOUFORTHORIV0.36	38.65722	-78.2161	Rappahannock	South Fork Thornton River	Right after Thornton River forks, off River Lane	Culpeper SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

SOUPROPIGRIV1.8	36.96506	-80.0641	Franklin (county)	South Prong Pigg River	Site is located on Starlight Rd between Swenfield and Running Brook Roads. Sampling riffle is downstream of bridge	Roanoke River Watershed Monitors	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
SOURUN6.11	38.7431	-77.275	Fairfax (county)	South Run	Where the stream intersects Mercer Lake N Trail behind Oak Stream Ct	Northern Virginia SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
STORCRE13.2	36.9236	-80.0211	Franklin (county)	Storey Creek	Other side of Franklin St across from where Wiley Dr hits it, near Blue Ridge Farm Museum	Ferrum College Stream Team	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
STORUNCRE0.72	37.62014	-77.5972	Henrico	Stony Run Creek	Between end of Rocky Point Pkwy and Windbluff Ct	HAWQS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
STRCRE5.93	37.19606	-80.4826	Montgomery	Stroubles Creek	Price Park Trail (trailhead on Sandy Circle, Blacksburg, VA). Follow trail to Eagle Scout bridge and cross	NRVMN	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

					over Walls Branch. Open clearing leads to Stroubles Creek, 30 yds downstream of the confluence with Walls Branch.		Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration		
STRCRE5.97	37.19567	-80.4821	Montgomery	Stroubles Creek	Prices Park Trail, at the intersection of the end of the trail with Stroubles Creek. Approx 500 ft East of Walls Branch intersection with Stroubles Creek.	NRVMN	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
SUGRUN12.51	38.9592	-77.3714	Fairfax (county)	Sugarland Run	Between 134 VA-675 and Washington and Old Dominion Trail	Reston Association	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
SUGRUN7.17	39.00547	-77.3725	Fairfax (county)	Sugarland Run	where the stream crosses Sugarland Run trail between the Dranesville Trailhead and Millwood Pond	Northern Virginia SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
SWOCRE8.25	38.83969	-78.6707	Shenandoah	Swover Creek	Off Swover Creek Rd between St Jacob's Lutheran Church and Swover Creek Farm Brewery	FNFSR	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening,	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

							Advocacy, CMC Integration		
TEECRE0.43	37.06179	-79.9209	Franklin (county)	Teels Creek	Between Teel Brooke Rd and Parkview Dr	Roanoke River Watershed Monitors	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
THEGLA2.17	38.9228	-77.3454	Fairfax (county)	The Glade	Off Soapstone Dr between Walker Nature Center Campfire Ring and Little Free Library Charter 111478	Reston Association, Dominion Christian School	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
THORIV18.8	38.65389	-78.1314	Rappahannock	Thornton River	Between Rock Mills Road, Thunder Valley Ln, and Wharton Hollow Road	Culpeper SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
THURUN6.17	38.76302	-77.9806	Fauquier	Thumb Run	At the end of Putnams Mill Rd	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

TOMBRO4.98	38.94522	-78.4395	Shenandoah	Toms Brook	Behind Tom's Brook Fire Department	FNFSR	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
TOMCRE22.6	37.23279	-80.5236	Montgomery	Toms Creek	where the creek crosses Poverty Creek Rd	NRVMN	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
TOMCRE30.6	37.24444	-80.4594	Montgomery	Toms Creek	Toms Creek about 200 feet SSE of the Heritage Community Park parking area at 2701 Meadowbrook Road, Blacksburg, VA	New River Valley Chapter, Virginia Master Naturalists	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
TOMCRE33.8	37.26169	-80.4411	Montgomery	Toms Creek	At the end of Deerfield Dr off Deerfield Trail	NRVMN	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
TOWBRA0.1	39.1056	-77.5624	Loudoun	Town Branch	On the other side of Harrison St SE from the northwest corner of Brandon Park, behind The Branch -	LWC	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

					Restaurant & Bowling		Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration		
TOWBRA0.41	37.13719	-80.4111	Montgomery	Towne Branch	behind Christiansburg Aquatic Center	NRVMN	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
TOWBRA1.0	39.11499	-77.5715	Loudoun	Town Branch	112 Dry Mill Rd SW, Leesburg, VA 20175	Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
TURRUN1.16	38.95527	-77.1591	Fairfax (county)	Turkey Run	The site is located 50 feet from the end of 800 Turkey Run Rd, McLean, VA 22101 in a protected park.	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
TUSCRE2.2	39.09555	-77.5424	Loudoun	Tuscarora Creek	Formerly 09-PL16-Tus-TUSCA#1 - LWC#2. Where Tuscarora Creek crosses W&OD trail in Tuscarora Creek Park	Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

TUSCRE4.4	39.10264	-77.5692	Loudoun	Tuscarora Creek	Formerly Tuscarora Izaak Walton. Across from 1st parking lot at Olde Izaak Walton League Park	Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
TUSCRE5.0	39.10157	-77.5801	Loudoun	Tuscarora Creek	Site next to culvert at abandoned golf course. Also next to residential neighborhood. Formerly Tuscarora Westpark	LWC	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
UNTBEARUN0.06	39.03803	-77.4928	Loudoun	Unnamed Tributary of Beaverdam Run	Off trail before bend in stream that borders houses	Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
UNTBURCRE0.84	37.36483	-79.187	Lynchburg (city)	Unnamed Tributary of Burton Creek	Behind and upstream of Sheffield Elementary School, just downstream of the where the small tributary flows in	Lynchburg Water Resources	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
UNTCOLRUN0.47	38.9634	-77.3299	Fairfax (county)	Unnamed Tributary of Colvin Run	At the fork just North of Park Glen Ct	Reston Association	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

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UNTCOLRUN0.69	38.96172	-77.3323	Fairfax (county)	Unnamed Tributary of Colvin Run	Tributary downstream of Lake Fairfax behind Tall Oaks assisted living	Reston Association	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
UNTCRABCRE0.08	37.14299	-80.4318	Montgomery	Unnamed tributary of Crab Creek	Stream that runs through Diamond Hills housing development in Christiansburg, Virginia, and empties into Crab Creek near the end of Scattergood Drive in Christiansburg.	NRVMN	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
UNTCRADCRE0.94	37.1009	-79.5767	Bedford	Unnamed Tributary of Craddock Creek	Located just off Deer Trail Road on the left as you enter Mariners Landing development, off a trail below the 9th green of the golf course	Blue Ridge Foothills & Lakes Master Naturalists	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
UNTFOXCRE0.43	36.6653	-81.381	Grayson	Unnamed Tributary of Fox Creek	In the hairpin turn of Flat Ridge Rd, near where it intersects Rockbridge Rd	Preserve Grayson	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integrati	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

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UNTGOOCRE0.02	39.03657	-77.5322	Loudoun	Unnamed Tributary of Goose Creek	Quarter mile south of where the creek crosses Sycolin Rd	Goose Creek Association	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
UNTGOOCRE0.41	39.0231	-77.5886	Loudoun	Unnamed Tributary of Goose Creek	In Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve, half a mile west of where Great Woods Dr hits Evergreen Mills Rd	Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
UNTGRERUN0.76	38.7003	-77.8214	Fauquier	Unnamed Tributary of Great Run	Where stream crosses Springs Rd near St Leonards Ln	John Marshall SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
UNTINDCRE0.3	37.1369	-79.7257	Franklin (county)	Unnamed Tributary of Indian Creek	West of 220 Par 5 Lane, Hardy	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

UNTJASRIV0.29	37.67795	-77.9439	Powhatan	Unnamed Tributary of James River	This unnamed stream is a tributary of the James River, encompassing a watershed of approximately 290 acres in a rural area of Powhatan County. The headwaters of the creek and the upper half of the watershed are in a commercial farm. The lower half of the watershed surrounding a section of creek about 0.9 miles in length is within Powhatan State Park. The sampling location is 250m from the mouth of the creek on the James River. Here the creek is approximately 5 feet wide and a few inches deep. The bottom consists of gravel, small rounded cobbles, and woody debris. The sampling location is under a closed canopy in bottomland hardwood forest, and heavily vegetated down to the banks.	James River Master Naturalists	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

UNTLAKVIS0.01	37.38518	-79.2563	Bedford	Unnamed tributary of Lake Vista	Stream located on large wooded private property between two lakes. Housing developments are on either side of the property.	CVMN	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
UNTLIMBRA1.43	39.17786	-77.5305	Loudoun	Unnamed Tributary of Limestone Branch	Temple Hall Farm Regional Park a quarter mile northwest of where Temple Hall Ln and Limestone School rd meet	Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
UNTLIMBRA4.68	39.21217	-77.536	Loudoun	Unnamed Tributary of Limestone Branch	Across James Monroe Hwy from Lucketts Community Park	Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
UNTLIMBRA5	39.21555	-77.5369	Loudoun	Unnamed Tributary of Limestone Branch	42389 Stumptown Rd	Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
UNTLITBEACRE0.66	37.3669	-79.0429	Campbell	Unnamed Tributary of Little Beaver Creek	4067 Oxford Furnace Rd, Lynchburg, VA 24504	CVMN	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

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UNTNEACRE0.18	38.65623	-77.3764	Prince William	Unnamed Tributary of Neabsco Creek	Tributary of Neabsco Creek in Andrew Lietch Park. Site is close to the power line, in the restoration area; down stream of bridge behind 13763 Raywood ct.	Stream Team	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
UNTNEWRIV1.31	36.61253	-81.3236	Grayson	Unnamed Tributary of New River	At the end of Grassy Knob Ln	Preserve Grayson	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
UNTNORCRE2.12	38.01306	-77.9214	Louisa	Unnamed Tributary of Northeast Creek	Louisa County High School	LCHS Envirothon	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
UNTNORFORGOOCRE0.51	39.13453	-77.7639	Loudoun	Unnamed Tributary of North Fork Goose Creek	Where Evening Star Dr, E Loudoun St, and Newberry Crossing Pl meet	Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

UNTPINRUN0.13	39.28794	-77.738	Loudoun	Unnamed Tributary of Piney Run	End of Arnold Trail Lot / Sweet Run State Park	Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
UNTROARIV3.10	37.12712	-79.6332	Bedford	Unnamed Tributary of Roanoke River	Where High Point Road, Hickory Cove Lane, and Boats N Oats Ln meet	Hickory Creek Team	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
UNTSANCRE0.07	36.60658	-79.4193	Pittsylvania	Unnamed tributary of Sandy Creek	where the stream crosses Parker Rd	Dan River Basin Association	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
UNTSNABRA0.45	38.93823	-77.3224	Fairfax (county)	Unnamed Tributary of Snakeden Branch	Between Harpers Square Ct and Cross School road	Reston Association	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
UNTSOUFORCATOCRE2.40	39.1902	-77.6149	Loudoun	Unnamed Tributary of South Fork Catoctin Creek	Near Main St between The Phillips Farm and John Wesley Church	Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

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UNTSTONCRE0.04	37.16817	-79.6855	Bedford	Unnamed Tributary of Stony Creek	Across from Alpine Rd off Gap Bridge Rd	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
UNTSUGRUN0.24	38.9788	-77.3644	Fairfax (county)	Unnamed Tributary of Sugarland Run	Down Sugarland Run Trail between 12036 and 12038 Lake Newport Rd	Reston Association	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
UNTTURFORCRE0.45	36.71427	-81.1274	Grayson	Unnamed Tributary of Turkey Fork Creek	238 Elk View Road on Thomas Buchanan yard/house	Preserve Grayson	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
UNTWARBRA0.03	38.55582	-78.7087	Rockingham	Unnamed Tributary of War Branch	Near 14217 Mountain Valley Road on the farther fork	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

UNTWARBRA0.9	38.54718	-78.7104	Rockingham	Unnamed Tributary of War Branch	From where Farm spring Lane hits Moutain Valley road, go half mile West and then 900 feet South	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
UNTWHITOPCRE0.16	36.5964	-81.6065	Grayson	Unnamed Tributary of White Top Creek	Go to 844 Dolinger Road, White Top,continue further down the road and turn right on the next hard top road. Cross bridge and immediately turn right on small dirt follow for about 1000 feet, small stream on left.	Preserve Grayson	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
UTHORRUN0.89	39.05072	-77.3974	Loudoun	Unnamed Tributary of Horsepen Run	just south of where stream crosses Algonkian pkwy	Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
WALBRA2.17	37.214	-80.473	Montgomery	Walls Branch	Where Brunswick Dr hits Prices Fork Rd	NRVMN	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

WALKCRE3.49	37.95806	-79.3842	Rockbridge	Walker Creek	2488 Walkers Creek Road	Rockbridge Conservation	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
WALNCRE0.21	38.8566	-77.4322	Fairfax (county)	Walney Creek	Ellanor C Lawrence Park where the stream crosses Creek Trail (midway through the loop)	Northern Virginia SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
WARBRA2.57	38.56478	-78.7153	Rockingham	War Branch	Where the stream crosses Jacks Low Rd	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
WHICRE3.21	37.81988	-79.4917	Rockbridge	Whistle Creek	where stream intersects Edgars Way off W Midland Trail	Maury Watershed	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
WHITOPCRE1.25	36.5994	-81.6026	Grayson	White Top Creek	844 Dolinger Road, White Top, between bridge to residence and down stream 3	Preserve Grayson	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

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WOLCRE5.76	38.91869	-77.2631	Fairfax (county)	Wolftrap Creek	Monitored by a Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District volunteer	Northern Virginia SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
WOLCRE8.24	38.90586	-77.2462	Fairfax (county)	Wolftrap Creek	In Wildwood Park in the Town of Vienna at the footbridge over the creek south of Follin Lane and near the dead end of Valley Dr SE.	Northern Virginia SWCD	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
WOOCRE2.03	37.78465	-79.4501	Rockbridge	Woods Creek	Chessie Nature Trail where Lime Kiln Road and Honeysuckle Hill meet	VA SOS	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature
WOOCREE1.76	37.7869	-79.4483	Rockbridge	Woods Creek	By Lenfest Center for the Arts where stream crosses Woods Creek trail	Maury/RACC	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

WOORUN0.88	37.1381	-79.6743	Franklin (county)	Woodbrook Run	Within Woodbrook subdivision the stream bisects Woodbrook Rd at bottom of abn incline between houses numbered 120 and 248.	Smith Mt Lake Assn	General Stream Health Assessment, Public Education, Pollution Screening, Advocacy, CMC Integration	Twice per year	Benthic macroinvertebrates, temperature

*New sites may be added as additional volunteers become certified.