

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources SWIMS Project Summary

General Project Information

- Project ID:** CBSM-10008886
- Name:** Silver Creek at Regner Park
- Type:** Citizen Based Stream Monitoring
- Subtype:** Volunteer Monitoring
- Status:** ACTIVE
- Start Date:** 12/27/2014
- End Date:** 12/31/2099
- Purpose:** The Water Action Volunteers Program (WAV) involves citizen monitors in the collection of stream water quality data that may be used by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and their partner organizations. Program goals include building relationships between DNR staff and citizen monitors while assessing streams in need of additional monitoring, restoration, and/or protection. Ultimately, volunteer participation increases capabilities of the DNR and communities to monitor streams, providing water quality information that may be used to make decisions that affect the management of streams throughout Wisconsin.
- Objective:** The main goal of the WAV program is to preserve and protect Wisconsin's streams and the lakes to which they are connected. Objectives of the program are to educate and empower citizens to share their data, to obtain high quality data useful for DNR decision-making, and to encourage data and knowledge sharing. The process of data collection by Wisconsin residents enhances their understanding of water quality parameters, and in many cases, interests them in assisting with more sophisticated projects, including the collection of additional biological, chemical, and physical site data. Ultimately, a goal is that DNR staff trust volunteer data results, and therefore utilize WAV data to assist in making management decisions.
- Comments:**
- Outcome:**
- Study Design:** Volunteer stream monitors assess water quality parameters identified in the DNR's Water Resources Monitoring Strategy for Wisconsin. Volunteers may identify their own sampling locations. In some instances, WAV Coordinators, DNR, or county staff may recommend sites based on the need to acquire status or trends information, or other types of monitoring that are priorities. In general, volunteers are asked to monitor from May through October. Advanced volunteers choose primary (P) and secondary (S) sampling dates in advance and note on their data sheets which of those dates they monitored. Volunteers are asked to sample on the primary date unless there are safety concerns about being at the stream site (e.g., tornado, lightning, dangerously high flows) or a personal or family emergency. The goal is to monitor at the same time each month, about 30 days after the last monitoring visit. Volunteers are instructed to enter data into the Surface Water Integrated Monitoring System (SWIMS) database by the end of each month and to immediately report extreme conditions that may be hazardous to aquatic life to their local DNR or County biologist. Parameters measured monthly include: dissolved oxygen (concentration), dissolved oxygen (saturation), streamflow, transparency, temperature (instantaneous and/or continuous measurements), and sometimes pH. In addition, macroinvertebrates (Biotic Index) are assessed twice per year and habitat conditions are assessed once per year. Some volunteers monitor specific conductance, chloride, total phosphorus, E. coli, or other parameters.
- QA Measures:** For advanced volunteers, a WAV staff person, local coordinator or authorized representative visits with 10% of volunteers annually to conduct side-by-side monitoring. The goal of field QA checks is to check that volunteers are properly calibrating their meters (if used) and following the sampling methods correctly. Staff members conducting QA checks also ensure that equipment is functioning properly and answer any volunteer questions or concerns. A Data Manager runs regular (monthly whenever possible) database queries throughout the field season to evaluate the quality of data entered into the database and follow-up with volunteers to address anomalies that are identified.

People

Name	Role	Status	Start Date	End Date	Organization	Comments
DRISCOLL, ZACHERY G	PROJECT_LEAD	ACTIVE	05/09/2016		Wisconsin DNR	
King, Nedra	TEAM_MEMBER	ACTIVE	09/08/2015			
Lukasz, Brad	TEAM_MEMBER	INACTIVE	07/28/2015	05/24/2017	Milwaukee Riverkeeper	
Nenn, Cheryl	COORDINATOR	ACTIVE	09/08/2015		Milwaukee Riverkeeper	
Ostrenga, Kelly	TEAM_MEMBER	ACTIVE	05/24/2017		Milwaukee Riverkeeper	
Rademacher, Katie	PROJECT_LEAD	ACTIVE	12/07/2018		Milwaukee Riverkeeper	
Rath, Joe	PROJECT_LEAD	INACTIVE	07/28/2015	05/24/2017	Milwaukee Riverkeeper	
Vickio, Angela	TEAM_MEMBER	ACTIVE	05/24/2017		RiverEdge Nature Center	

Project Statuses

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Date	Reported By	Status	Comments	
Actions				
Action	Detailed Description	Start	End Date	Status
Citizen-Based Stream Monitoring	Collect chemical, physical, and/or biological water quality data to assess the current overall stream health. The data can inform management decisions and may be used to identify impaired waters for biennial lists.	12/27/2014	12/31/2099	IN_PROGRESS

Monitoring Stations		
Station ID	Name	Comments
10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park	

Assessment Units			
WBIC	Segment	Local Name	Official Name
35500	1	Silver Creek	Silver Creek

Lab Account Codes			
Account Code	Description	Start Date	End Date

Forms	
Form Code	Form Name
WAV_2015	WAV Stream Monitoring 2015

Methods	
Method Code	Description
CBSM_FIELD_METHODS_STREA M_CHEMISTRY	CBSM Field Methods for Stream Monitoring 2010

Fieldwork Events				
Start Date	Status	Field ID	Station ID	Station Name
04/27/2004 13:00	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
07/15/2004 14:00	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
10/12/2004 16:00	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
06/21/2005 14:00	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
07/12/2005 14:00	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
08/16/2005 14:00	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
07/17/2007 14:00	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
09/20/2007 16:00	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
06/12/2008 14:00	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
07/28/2008 14:00	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
08/10/2008 14:00	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
09/10/2008 16:00	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
10/13/2008	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
06/22/2009 13:30	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
05/19/2015	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
05/19/2015 11:50	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
05/28/2015 14:00	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park

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Start Date	Status	Field ID	Station ID	Station Name
06/16/2015 19:45	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
07/15/2015 12:40	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
08/18/2015 09:06	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
09/17/2015 12:48	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
10/13/2015 09:00	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
05/19/2017 17:15	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
06/17/2017 14:56	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
07/22/2017 13:15	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
08/26/2017 14:05	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
09/22/2017 09:21	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
10/22/2017 11:50	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
05/26/2018 16:45	COMPLETE	2018_10008886_1	10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
05/26/2018 17:24	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
06/23/2018 18:16	COMPLETE	SILVER CREEK	10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
07/27/2018 15:18	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
08/25/2018 16:19	COMPLETE	2018_10008886_4	10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
05/23/2019 17:25	COMPLETE	2019_10008886_1	10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
05/23/2019 17:54	COMPLETE	HOBO	10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
06/25/2019 16:50	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
07/30/2019 18:20	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
08/28/2019 16:23	COMPLETE	2019_10008886_4	10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
09/30/2019 16:00	COMPLETE	2019_10008886_5	10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
10/27/2019 14:29	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
06/28/2020 12:30	COMPLETE	2020_10008886_01	10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
06/28/2020 13:40	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
07/25/2020 15:25	COMPLETE	2020_10008886_02	10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
08/30/2020 16:10	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
09/26/2020 12:30	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park
10/24/2020 13:30	COMPLETE		10008886	Silver Creek at Regner Park

Documents

Title	Description	Author	Published	Comments
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Budget

Combined Budgets:
 Combined SLOH:
 Combined Total:

Funding

Organization	Source	Type	Amount	Start Date	End Date
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