Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources SWIMS Project Summary

General Project Information

Project ID: CBSM-10017296

Name: Milwaukee River - 10 Feet Downstream Of Cth Y Campbellsport 1st Crossing

Type: Citizen Based Stream Monitoring

Subtype: Volunteer Monitoring

 Status:
 ACTIVE

 Start Date:
 05/25/2017

 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

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Name	Role	Status	Start Date	End Date	Organization	Comments
DRISCOLL, ZACHERY G	COORDINATOR	ACTIVE	05/25/2017		Wisconsin DNR	
Gerdman, Amber	TEAM_MEMBER	ACTIVE	05/25/2017		Milwaukee Riverkeeper	
Kolberg, Jane	TEAM_MEMBER	ACTIVE	06/04/2019		Milwaukee Riverkeepers	
Nenn, Cheryl	COORDINATOR	ACTIVE	01/08/2019		Milwaukee Riverkeeper	
Ostrenga, Kelly	TEAM_MEMBER	ACTIVE	05/25/2017		Milwaukee Riverkeeper	
Rademacher, Katie	COORDINATOR	ACTIVE	12/06/2018		Milwaukee Riverkeeper	

Project Statuses

Date Reported By Status Comments

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IN_PROGRESS

Actions

Action Detailed Description Start End Date Status

Citizen-Based Stream Monitoring Collect chemical, physical, and/or biological 05/25/2017 12/31/2099

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.

Monitoring Stations

Station ID Name Comments

10017296 Milwaukee River - 10 Feet Downstream Of Cth Y

Campbellsport 1st Crossing

Assessment Units

WBIC Segment Local Name Official Name
15000 4 Milwaukee River Milwaukee River

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 CBSM Field Methods for Stream Monitoring 2010

M_CHEMISTRY

Fieldwork Events

Start Date	Status	Field ID	Station ID	Station Name
06/29/2017 11:45	COMPLETE		10017296	Milwaukee River - 10 Feet Downstream Of Cth Y Campbellsport 1st Crossing
07/27/2017 13:10	COMPLETE		10017296	Milwaukee River - 10 Feet Downstream Of Cth Y Campbellsport 1st Crossing
08/31/2017 16:30	COMPLETE	10017296-6-2017	10017296	Milwaukee River - 10 Feet Downstream Of Cth Y Campbellsport 1st Crossing
09/29/2017 12:00	COMPLETE		10017296	Milwaukee River - 10 Feet Downstream Of Cth Y Campbellsport 1st Crossing
10/31/2017 13:29	COMPLETE		10017296	Milwaukee River - 10 Feet Downstream Of Cth Y Campbellsport 1st Crossing
05/16/2018 23:30	COMPLETE		10017296	Milwaukee River - 10 Feet Downstream Of Cth Y Campbellsport 1st Crossing
05/28/2019 11:55	COMPLETE		10017296	Milwaukee River - 10 Feet Downstream Of Cth Y Campbellsport 1st Crossing
06/29/2019 10:00	COMPLETE		10017296	Milwaukee River - 10 Feet Downstream Of Cth Y Campbellsport 1st Crossing
07/28/2019 12:45	COMPLETE		10017296	Milwaukee River - 10 Feet Downstream Of Cth Y Campbellsport 1st Crossing
08/29/2019 12:10	COMPLETE		10017296	Milwaukee River - 10 Feet Downstream Of Cth Y Campbellsport 1st Crossing
09/28/2019 13:30	COMPLETE		10017296	Milwaukee River - 10 Feet Downstream Of Cth Y Campbellsport 1st Crossing
10/26/2019 12:00	COMPLETE		10017296	Milwaukee River - 10 Feet Downstream Of Cth Y Campbellsport 1st Crossing

Documents

November 20, 2019

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Title	Description		Author	Published	Comments	
Budget						
Combined Budgets:						
Combined SLOH:						
Combined Total:						
Funding						
Organization		Source	Туре	Amo	ount Start Date	End Date