

# Final Report

## Stream Assessment in Mitchell's Grove Nature Preserve

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### Project Objectives:

1. To conduct site inventory of the stream macroinvertebrate population through a biodiversity census method.
2. To conduct and analyze inventory of abiotic stream factors including flow characteristics and water chemistry.

### Materials and Methods:

1. The materials used for this project include Hach kits containing pH probes, conductivity meter, turbidimeter, DR2000, and thermometers; dip nets, water collecting bottles and biological supplies used for fecal coliform testing.
2. The Mitchell Grove Nature Preserve was used for the sampling. The macroinvertebrates were collected using dip nets and scraping the bottom of the rocks. Up to one hundred macroinvertebrates were sampled and identified to determine the biodiversity of the stream. The chemical tests that were done included nitrates, phosphates, dissolved oxygen, and total dissolved solids using Hach methods. Physical measurements such as temperature, flow rate, total discharge, and turbidity were also performed. Water samples were also taken back to the lab to be tested for fecal coliform and BOD.

### Results:

Two sites were studied in the Mitchell Grove Nature Preserve, one on Tomahawk Creek (site #6 see figure 1 and 2) and one on the Little Vermilion River (site #7 see figure 1 and 2). Five faculty and about twenty students were involved in the testing activity. The raw data sheets for each testing are included in the appendix at the end of the report. The summary table of the results (table 1) is included in the body of the report. The weather was fair for each testing date but the 4/27/99 testing was preceded by very heavy

## TOMAHAWK CREEK SITE 6

# TABLE 1

Date	Site	Time	Water Cond	Weather Cond	Weather 24 hrs.	Water temp C	Air Temp C	Flow ft/sec	Volume cu.ft/sec	pH	NTU	Solids ppm	[N]	Dissolved O2 (ppm)	Satur % O2	PO4 ppm	BOD ppm	Fecal col./100ml	MBI
9/19/98	6	10:50		C	C	22.6	23			8.14	13.6	169	4.41	10	112	0.4	9	1	4.7
3/27/99	6	9:40	C	C	C	5.8	12		36	8.3	4.4	140	8.8	12	95	0.1	9	2	7.14
4/27/99	6	10:45	C	C	S	9	15			8.4	10	140	27	12.5	117	0.9	9	30	9.7
6/4/99	6	9:40	C	C	C	16	24	1.94	87.5	7.84	7.3	151	11	11.5	108	0.1	10	140	6.6
									Average	8.17	8.825	150	12.8	11.5	108	0.375	9.25	43.25	7.035
									StDev	0.245	3.92	13.68698	9.854	1.08012345	9.4163	0.377	0.5	65.8856332	2.062

## LITTLE VERMILION RIVER SITE 7

9/19/98	7	9:20	C	C	C	20	22			8.19	10.3	239	4.3	9	98	0.6	8	9	4.71
4/27/99	7	9:00	D	C	S	9	14			8	90	123	12	13.5	117	0.96	7	200	9.46
									Average	8.095	50.15	181	8.15	11.25	107.5	0.78	7.5	104.5	7.085
									StDev	0.134	56.36	82.02439	5.445	3.18198052	13.435	0.255	0.707	135.057395	3.359

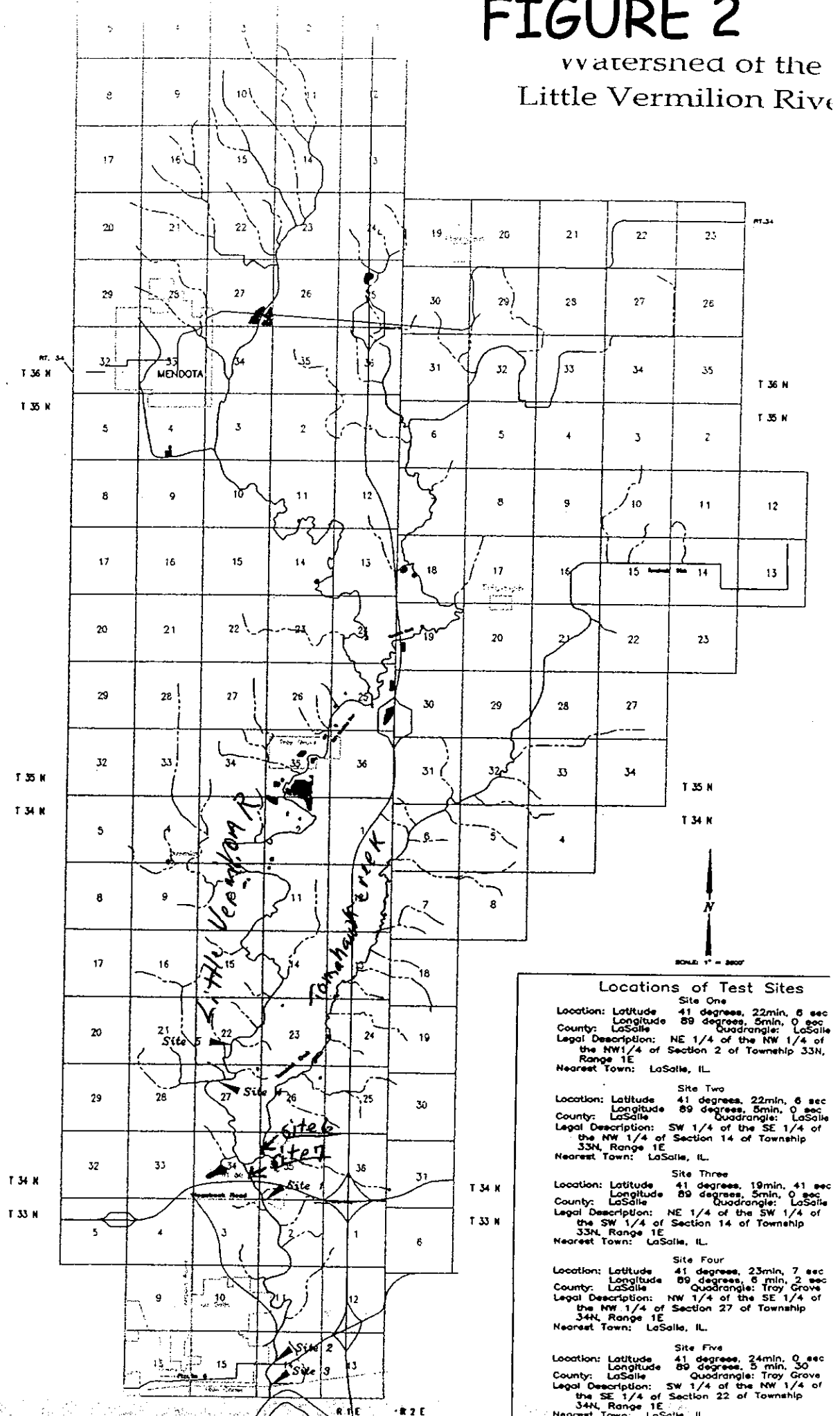
Weather Conditions. Weather Conditions past 24 hrs  
 Clear/sunny, Overcast, Light showers(intermittent),  
 Rain(steady rain), Storm(heavy rain)

MBI-Macroinvertebrate Biological Index  
 BOD-Biochemical Oxygen Demand  
 NTU-Nephelometric Turbidity Units  
 TNTC-Too Numerous to Count



# FIGURE 2

watershed of the  
Little Vermilion River



## Locations of Test Sites

**Site One**  
 Location: Latitude 41 degrees, 22min, 6 sec  
 Longitude 89 degrees, 5min, 0 sec  
 County: LaSalle Quadrangle: LaSalle  
 Legal Description: NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 2 of Township 33N, Range 1E  
 Nearest Town: LaSalle, IL

**Site Two**  
 Location: Latitude 41 degrees, 22min, 6 sec  
 Longitude 89 degrees, 5min, 0 sec  
 County: LaSalle Quadrangle: LaSalle  
 Legal Description: SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 14 of Township 33N, Range 1E  
 Nearest Town: LaSalle, IL

**Site Three**  
 Location: Latitude 41 degrees, 19min, 41 sec  
 Longitude 89 degrees, 5min, 0 sec  
 County: LaSalle Quadrangle: LaSalle  
 Legal Description: NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 14 of Township 33N, Range 1E  
 Nearest Town: LaSalle, IL

**Site Four**  
 Location: Latitude 41 degrees, 23min, 7 sec  
 Longitude 89 degrees, 6 min, 2 sec  
 County: LaSalle Quadrangle: Troy Grove  
 Legal Description: NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 27 of Township 34N, Range 1E  
 Nearest Town: LaSalle, IL

**Site Five**  
 Location: Latitude 41 degrees, 24min, 0 sec  
 Longitude 89 degrees, 5 min, 30 sec  
 County: LaSalle Quadrangle: Troy Grove  
 Legal Description: SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 22 of Township 34N, Range 1E  
 Nearest Town: LaSalle, IL

rains resulting in very high water. The water temperature was the warmest 9/19/98 and quite cold for the March and April testing. The pH, phosphates and dissolved oxygen seemed to be about the same at both sites and were in the good range. The basic pH a little over pH of 8 is consistent with our readings at the other sites and is expected since there is a lot of limestone in the area.

The turbidity of the water varied with conditions. An unexpected result was the large difference between the Tomahawk Creek and the Little Vermilion River site when the turbidity was tested on 4/27/99. The reading of 10 NTU's at site 6, where the reading at site 7 was 90 NTU's. This indicated that the runoff from the fields and the limestone quarry along the Little Vermilion contributed to the very high turbidity with very little contribution from the Tomahawk Creek.

The total dissolved solids seemed to only vary a small amount at the Tomahawk Creek site with flow and temperature while the total dissolved solids was extremely high after the heavy rain at site 7. There is insufficient data at this point to explain this high reading. Further testing under various conditions is needed.

The nitrate-nitrogen was lower in the fall and higher in the spring which can be expected. The fertilizer from the adjacent fields would be a source of high nitrogen in the spring. The April reading at site 6 can't be explained without further testing though. These results are consistent with our nitrogen readings at our other sites.

The fecal coliform readings have been quite variable. There are some pastures near the streams which could be a source of fecal. Normally we have found the higher readings during the warmer months. Readings below 200 fecal colonies are safe for swimming.

The Macroinvertebrate Biological Index (MBI) was similar at both sites. The method we use here is the one used by Ecowatch (Illinois RiverWatch). An index less than 6.0 indicates good water quality, an index 6.1-7.5 fair water quality, an index 7.6-8.9 poor water quality and an index over 9.0 very poor water quality. The September indexes were both well under 6.0 indicating very good water quality. Here there were a lot of caddisflies and mayflies and very few aquatic worms. All of the indexes this spring have indicated water quality varying from fair to very poor. There hasn't been as much diversity this spring along with more species which indicate poor water quality such as worms and left-handed

snails. The same faculty and students have performed the macroinvertebrate study.

Summary:

In conclusion the water quality has been good at both sites with the exception of the April testing where the testing came out with fair water quality at both sites. The lower water quality was due mainly to the heavy rain. Testing will be continued to further develop the site inventory. Pictures and slides are included to help describe the project site and the project activities. A copy of the newspaper articles are also included.

# APPENDIX

## STUDENT SHEET 3,4 - WATER QUALITY INDEX (WQI)

River/Stream: Tomahawk Creek River Mile Marker:         
 School: TUCC Location: Latitude: 41° 22' min 4 sec  
 Date: 9/19 Time: 10:00 Longitude: 89° 5' min 4 sec  
 Water Conditions: Clear (low) County: La Salle Quadrangle: Trou Crave  
 Weather Conditions: Sunny Legal Description: NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4.  
 Previous 24 hrs: Sunny Section 35 of Township: T31N Range: 1E  
 Air Temp: 23°C °C Nearest Town: La Salle  
 Flow Rate: 0.102 meters/sec Site Location or Address: #6

Test	Test mean values	Q-Value	Weighting Factor	Total
1. Dissolved Oxygen	DO <sub>day1</sub> <u>10</u> mg/L % Sat <u>112</u>	<u>95</u>	0.17	<u>16.2</u> %
2. Fecal Coliform	<u>1</u> colonies/100mL	<u>97</u>	0.16	<u>15.5</u>
3. pH	<u>8.14</u> units	<u>75</u>	0.11	<u>8.3</u>
4. BOD	DO <sub>day1/0</sub> mg/L minus DO <sub>day5</sub> <u>9</u> mg/L	<u>83</u>	0.11	<u>10.2</u>
5. Temperature Change	Temp <sub>point1</sub> <u>22.6</u> °C ΔT = <u>0</u> °C Temp <sub>point2</sub> <u>22.6</u> °C	<u>92</u>	0.10	<u>9.2</u>
6. Phosphate	<u>0.4</u> mg/L	<u>65</u>	0.10	<u>6.5</u>
7. Nitrate	<u>19.4</u> mg/L	<u>40</u>	0.10	<u>4.0</u>
8. Turbidity	<u>13.6</u> NTU meters feet	<u>70</u>	0.08	<u>5.6</u>
9. Total <sup>dissolved</sup> Solids	<u>167</u> mg/L	<u>77</u>	0.07	<u>5.4</u>

Conductivity 348  
 discharge 0.145 m<sup>3</sup>/s

OVERALL WATER QUALITY INDEX 80.9 %

Overall Water Quality Index	Quality of Water
90% - 100%	Excellent
70% - 90%	<u>Good</u>
50% - 70%	Medium
25% - 50%	Bad
0 - 25%	Very Bad

**STUDENT SHEET 3.3 - DIVERSITY INDEX**

River/Stream: LY #6

River Mile Marker: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_ ° \_\_\_\_\_ min \_\_\_\_\_ sec

Date: 9/19/98 Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_ ° \_\_\_\_\_ min \_\_\_\_\_ sec

Water Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Quadrangle: \_\_\_\_\_

Weather Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Description: \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 of the \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 of the \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4.

Previous 24 hrs. \_\_\_\_\_

Section \_\_\_\_\_ of Township: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_

Air Temp: \_\_\_\_\_ °C

Nearest Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Flow Rate: discharge 102 meters/sec

Site Location or Address: \_\_\_\_\_

TAXON	# of ORGS.	P # per taxon Σ org.	ENTER P	Log 10	÷	301	X	Enter P	INDEX VALUE
willgram	2	2/100	.02	-1.69					-.11
summay fly	24	24/100	.24	-.62					-.49
al may fly	23	23/100	.23	-.64					-.49
cr may fly	15	15/100	.15	-.82					-.41
slap fly	1	1/100	.01	-2.00					-.07
h cad	25	25/100	.25	-.60					-.50
R. beetle	2	2/100	.02	-1.69					-.11
midge	2	2/100	.02	-1.69					-.11
rh snail	6	6/100	.06	-1.22					-.24

discharge 145 m<sup>3</sup>/s

Total # of Taxon =

Total # of organ. =

Total Index Values = -2.53  
 Inverse Sign = +2.53  
 Diversity index = -

Sample Number 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Sample Number 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Sample Number 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Average Diversity Index \_\_\_\_\_

**Values**

less than 1 Indicates few taxa, some with many individuals, and may indicate pollution.

between 1-3 May indicate moderated polluted water.

exceeding 3 May indicate relatively clean and unpolluted water.



ILLINOIS RIVERWATCH  
 BIOLOGICAL SURVEY SHEET  
 Macroinvertebrate Identification

LV#6

7/19/28

CODE	ORGANISM	N	T <sub>i</sub>	T <sub>v</sub>
FLW	Flatworm		6.0	
AQW	Aquatic Earthworm		10.0	
LEE	Leech		8.0	
SBG	Sowbug		6.0	
SCD	Scud		4.0	
DGF	Dragonfly		4.5	
DM1	Broadwing Damselfly		3.5	
DM2	Narrowwinged Damselfly		5.5	
HLL	Hellgrammites	2	3.5	7
MF1	Torpedo Mayfly		3.0	
MF2	Swimming Mayfly	25	4.0	96
MF3	Clinging Mayfly	23	3.5	80.5
MF4	Crawling Mayfly	15	5.5	82.5
MF5	Burrowing Mayfly		5.0	
MF6	Two-Tailed Mayfly		3.0	
STF	Stonefly	1	1.5	1.5
CF1	Hydropsychid Caddisfly	25	5.5	137.5
CF2	Non-Hydropsychid Caddisfly		3.5	
RFB	Rifle Beetle	2	5.0	10
WHB	Whirligig Beetle		4.0	
WPB	Water Penny Beetle		4.0	
CRF	Crane-fly		4.0	
BIM	Biting Midge		5.0	
BLW	Blood Worm		11.0	
MID	Midge	22	6.0	12
BLF	Black Fly		6.0	
SNF	Snipe Fly		4.0	
OTF	Other Fly		10.0	
LHS	Left-Handed Snail		9.0	
RHS	Right-Handed Snail	6	7.0	42
PLS	Planorbis Snail		6.5	
LIM	Limpet		7.0	
OPS	Operculate Snail		6.0	
	TOTALS	100		469
	TAXA =	N		T <sub>v</sub>

MBI = T<sub>v</sub> ÷ N =

4.7

<6.0 = GOOD Water Quality  
 6.1 - 7.5 = FAIR Water Quality  
 7.6 - 8.9 = POOR Water Quality  
 > or = 9.0 = VERY POOR Water Quality

SAMPLE DENSITY = N =

100

TAXA RICHNESS = TAXA =

9

PERCENT COMPOSITION OF INDICATOR ORGANISMS

ORGANISM	N	÷	N	x 100 =	%C
MAYFLIES (PMF)	62	÷	100	x 100 =	62%
STONEFLIES (PSF)		÷		x 100 =	
CADDISFLIES (PCF)	25	÷	100	x 100 =	25%
BLOODWORMS(PBW)		÷		x 100 =	
AQUATIC WORMS(PAW)	2	÷	100	x 100 =	2%

SUBTOTAL % = 89%

% ALL OTHERS (100% - SUBTOTAL %) = 11% (PAO)

NOTES (MNT):

### STUDENT SHEET 3.4 - WATER QUALITY INDEX (WQI)

 River/Stream: Tombahawk

River Mile Marker: \_\_\_\_\_

 School: J.V.P.L.

 Location: Latitude: 41° 22' min 42 sec

 Date: 3/21/99 Time: 9:40

 Longitude: 89° 5' min 36 sec

Water Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

 County: LaSalle Quadrangle: La Salle

 Weather Conditions: clear sunny

 Legal Description: SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4.

 Previous 24 hrs. 56-60°F

 Section 37 of Township: T34N Range: R1E

Air Temp: \_\_\_\_\_ °C

 Nearest Town: LaSalle

Flow Rate: \_\_\_\_\_ meters/sec

 Site Location or Address: #63

12 pts.

Test	Test mean values	Q-Value	Weighting Factor	Total
1. Dissolved Oxygen	DO <sub>dry1</sub> <u>12</u> mg/L % Sat <u>95</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>0.17</u>	<u>16.66%</u>
2. Fecal Coliform	<u>2</u> colonies/100mL	<u>90</u>	<u>0.16</u>	<u>14.4</u>
3. pH	<u>8.3</u> units	<u>73</u>	<u>0.11</u>	<u>8.03</u>
4. BOD	DO <sub>dry1</sub> <u>12</u> mg/L minus DO <sub>dry2</sub> <u>9</u> mg/L	<u>86</u>	<u>0.11</u>	<u>9.4</u>
5. Temperature Change	Temp <sub>dry1</sub> <u>5.8</u> °C ΔT = _____ °C Temp <sub>dry2</sub> _____ °C	<u>92</u>	<u>0.10</u>	<u>9.2</u>
6. Phosphate	<del>1.2</del> <u>0.2</u> mg/L	<u>95</u>	<u>0.10</u>	<u>9.5</u>
7. Nitrate	<u>15</u> <del>NR</del> <u>8.8</u> mg/L	<u>50</u>	<u>0.10</u>	<u>5.0</u>
8. Turbidity	<u>4.4</u> meters feet	<u>70</u>	<u>0.08</u>	<u>3.52</u>
9. Total Solids	<u>140</u> mg/L	<u>70</u>	<u>0.07</u>	<u>4.9</u>
conductivity <u>295</u>		<b>OVERALL WATER QUALITY INDEX</b> <u>85.17</u> %		

Overall Water Quality Index	Quality of Water
90% - 100%	Excellent
<u>70% - 90%</u>	Good
50% - 70%	Medium
25% - 50%	Bad
0 - 25%	Very Bad

volume discharge  $1.02 \text{ m}^3/\text{sec}$

ILLINOIS RIVERWATCH  
 MACROINVERTEBRATE DATA SHEET  
 Macroinvertebrate Identification

10/1/01

Tamla Creek

CODE	ORGANISM	N	T <sub>i</sub>	T <sub>j</sub>
	Flatworm	(21)	6.0	126
AQW	Aquatic Worm	(30)	10.0	300
LEE	Leech		8.0	
SIBG	Sowbug		6.0	
SCD	Scud		4.0	
DGF	Dragonfly		4.5	
DM1	Broadwing Damselfly	(2) 11	3.5	7.7
DM2	Narrow-winged		5.5	
HLL	Hellgrammites	(1) 1	3.5	3.5
MF1	Torpedo Mayfly		3.0	
MF2	Swimming Mayfly		4.0	
MF3	Clinging Mayfly		3.5	
MF4	Crawling Mayfly		5.5	
MF5	Burrowing Mayfly		5.0	
MF6	Two-Tailed Mayfly		3.0	
STF	Stonefly		1.5	
CF#	Hydropsychid Caddisfly		5.5	
C#	Non-Hydropsy. Caddisfly		3.5	
RIB	Riffle Beetle		5.0	
WHB	Whirligig Beetle		4.0	
WPB	Water Penny Beetle		4.0	
CRF	Cranefly		4.0	
BIM	Biting Midge		5.0	
BLW	Blood Worm		11.0	
MID	Midge	(44) 111 111 111 111	6.0	264
BLF	Black Fly		6.0	
NF	Snipe Fly		4.0	
OTF	Other Fly		10.0	
LHS	Left-Handed Snail		9.0	
RHS	Right-Handed Snail	(2) 11	7.0	14.0
PS	Planorbis Snail		6.5	
M	Limpet		7.0	
PS	Operculate Snail		6.0	
TOTALS		100		74.5
ΣTAXA =		ΣN		ΣT <sub>i</sub>

MBI = ΣT<sub>v</sub> ÷ ΣN =

7.145

≤ 6.0 = GOOD Water Quality  
 6.1 - 7.5 = FAIR Water Quality  
 7.6 - 8.9 = POOR Water Quality  
 > or = 9.0 = VERY POOR Water Quality

SAMPLE DENSITY = ΣN =

100

TAXA RICHNESS = ΣTAXA =

6

PERCENT COMPOSITION OF INDICATOR ORGANISMS

ORGANISM	N	÷	ΣN	x 100 =	%C
MAYFLIES (MF#)	0	÷	100	x 100 =	0%
STONEFLIES (STF)	0	÷	100	x 100 =	0%
CADDISFLIES (CF#)	0	÷	100	x 100 =	0%
BLOODWORMS (BLW)	0	÷	100	x 100 =	0%
AQUATIC WORMS (AQW)	30	÷	100	x 100 =	30%

SUBTOTAL % = 30%

% ALL OTHERS (100% - SUBTOTAL %) = 70%

NOTES (MNT):

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Mike Phillips  
03/29/99 02:47 PM

To: Bob Byrne/faculty/IVCC@IVCC  
cc:  
Subject: river numbers

Bob,

Tomahawk at Mitchell Creek  
width = 8.3 m  
avg. depth = 0.178 m  
avg. velocity = 0.694 m/sec  
discharge = 1.02 m<sup>3</sup>/sec

Little Vermillion at Cabin  
width = 8.3 m  
avg. depth = 0.365 m  
avg. velocity = 0.887 m/sec  
discharge = 2.69 m<sup>3</sup>/sec

ILLINOIS RIVERWATCH  
 MACROINVERTEBRATE DATA SHEET  
 Macroinvertebrate Identification

4/24/97

CODE	ORGANISM	N	T <sub>i</sub>	T <sub>c</sub>
	Flatworm	1	6.0	6.0
	Aquatic Worm	86	10.0	860
	Leech		8.0	
	Sowbug		6.0	
	Scud		4.0	
	Dragonfly		4.5	
	Broadwing Damselfly		3.5	
	Narrow-winged		5.5	
	Hellgrammites		3.5	
	Torpedo Mayfly		3.0	
	Swimming Mayfly		4.0	
	Clinging Mayfly		3.5	
	Crawling Mayfly		5.5	
	Burrowing Mayfly		5.0	
	Two-Tailed Mayfly		3.0	
	Stonefly		1.5	
	Hydropsychid Caddisfly	11	5.5	16.5
	Non-Hydropsy. Caddisfly		3.5	
	Riffle Beetle		5.0	
	Whirligig Beetle		4.0	
	Water Penny Beetle		4.0	
	Cranefly		4.0	
	Biting Midge	11	5.0	10.0
	Blood Worm	11	11.0	66.0
	Midge		6.0	
	Black Fly		6.0	
	Snipe Fly		4.0	
	Other Fly		10.0	
	Left-Handed Snail		9.0	
	Right-Handed Snail		7.0	
	Planorbid Snail		6.5	
	Limpet		7.0	
	Oxregulate Snail	11	6.0	12.0
TOTALS		100		970.5
TAXA =		ΣN		ΣT <sub>c</sub>

MBI =  $\sum T_v + \sum N =$  9.7

<6.0 = GOOD Water Quality  
 6.1 - 7.5 = FAIR Water Quality  
 7.6 - 8.9 = POOR Water Quality  
 > or = 9.0 = VERY POOR Water Quality

SAMPLE DENSITY =  $\sum N =$  100

TAXA RICHNESS =  $\sum TAXA =$  6

PERCENT COMPOSITION OF INDICATOR ORGANISMS

ORGANISM	N	÷	ΣN	x 100 =	%C
MAYFLIES (MF#)		÷		x 100 =	0
STONEFLIES (STF)		÷		x 100 =	0
CADDISFLIES (CF#)	3	÷	100	x 100 =	3%
BLOODWORMS (BLW)	6	÷	100	x 100 =	6%
AQUATIC WORMS (AQW)	86	÷	100	x 100 =	86%

SUBTOTAL % = 95%

% ALL OTHERS (100% - SUBTOTAL %) = 5.0%

NOTES (MNT):

# RIVER TESTING 4/24/99

## QUALITATIVE

	Lauryl Triptose Broth	Lactose Broth
<b>Cabin</b>		
Full	growth + gas	growth + gas
1/10	growth + gas	growth + gas
1/100	growth, no gas	growth, no gas
<b>Tomahawk</b>		
Full	growth + gas	growth + gas
1/10	growth + gas	growth + gas
1/100	no growth, no gas	no growth, no gas
<b>Sportsmen's Club</b>		
Full	growth + gas	growth + gas
1/10	growth + gas	growth + gas
1/100	growth, no gas	growth, no gas

## Quantitative

Cabin	Tomahawk	Sportsmen's Club
Full too numerous to count	Full 30	Full too many to count
1/10 53	1/10 3	1/10 20
1/100 27	1/100 1	1/100 3

**STUDENT SHEET 3.3 - DIVERSITY INDEX**

River/Stream: NATURE PRESERVE

School: IVCC

Date: 4-24-05 Time: 10:30

Water Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Weather Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous 24 hrs. \_\_\_\_\_

Air Temp: \_\_\_\_\_ °C

Flow Rate: \_\_\_\_\_ meters/sec

River Mile Marker: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_ ° \_\_\_\_\_ min \_\_\_\_\_ sec

Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_ ° \_\_\_\_\_ min \_\_\_\_\_ sec

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Quadrangle: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Description: \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 of the \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 of the \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4.

Section \_\_\_\_\_ of Township: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Site Location or Address: \_\_\_\_\_

TAXON	# of ORGS.	# per taxon Σ org.	ENTER P	Log 10	÷	.301	X	Enter P	INDEX VALUE
Algae	1	1/100	.01	-2				.01	-.07
aquatic macroinvertebrates	86	86/100	.86	-1.7				.86	-.19
algae	3	3/100	.03	-1.52				.03	-.15
algae	2	2/100	.02	-1.70				.02	-.11
bladderwells	6	6/100	.06	-1.22				.06	-.24
Diptera	2	2/100	.02	-1.70				.02	-.11

Total # of Taxon =

Total # of organ. =

Total Index Values = .87  
 Inverse Sign = -.87  
 Diversity index = .87

Sample Number 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Sample Number 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Sample Number 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Average Diversity Index \_\_\_\_\_

**Values**

- less than 1 Indicates few taxa, some with many individuals, and may indicate pollution.
- between 1-3 May indicate moderated/polluted water.
- exceeding 3 May indicate relatively clean and unpolluted water.

## Water-Quality Index (WQI)

River/Stream Tomahawk Creek River Mile Marker —  
 School FVCC Location Latitude: 41° 22' 42"  
 Date 6/4/99 Time 9:40 Longitude: 89° 05' 04"  
 Water Conditions clear County La Salle Quadrangle Troy Grove  
 Weather Conditions Partly Sunny Legal Description: NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4  
 Section 35 of Township T 34 N Range 1 E  
 Air temperature 24°C Nearest Town La Salle  
 Flow rate 0.591 m/s Site Location or Address #6

Test	Test Results (mean values)	Standard Deviation	Q-Value	Weighting Factor	Total (%)
Dissolved Oxygen	<u>11.5</u> mg/L (DO <sub>day 1</sub> ) <u>108</u> % Sat		<u>95</u>	0.17	<u>16.2</u>
Fecal Coliform	<u>140</u> colonies/100 mL		<u>42</u>	0.16	<u>6.7</u>
pH	<u>7.84</u> units		<u>89</u>	0.11	<u>9.8</u>
BOD	DO <sub>day 1</sub> <u>11.5</u> mg/L - DO <sub>day 5</sub> <u>10.0</u> mg/L BOD = <u>1.5</u> mg/L		<u>96</u>	0.11	<u>10.6</u>
Temperature Change	Temp <sub>site 1</sub> <u>16</u> °C Temp <sub>site 2</sub> <u>16</u> °C ΔT = <u>0</u> °C		<u>93</u>	0.10	<u>9.3</u>
Phosphate	<u>0.10</u> mg/L		<u>96</u>	0.10	<u>9.6</u>
Nitrate	<u>11.0</u> mg/L		<u>48</u>	0.10	<u>4.8</u>
Turbidity	<u>7.3</u> <del>meters</del> NTU		<u>83</u>	0.08	<u>6.6</u>
Total Solids	<u>151</u> mg/L		<u>78</u>	0.07	<u>5.5</u>

Conductivity 331  
 Discharge 2.48 m<sup>3</sup>/s or 87.5 ft<sup>3</sup>/s  
 Overall Water-Quality Index 79.1 Quality of Water 3

OVERALL WATER-QUALITY INDEX 79.1 %

90–100%	Excellent
70–89%	<u>Good</u>
50–69%	Medium
25–49%	Bad
0–24%	Very Bad



# RIVER TESTING 6/4/99

## QUALITATIVE ~ Number of colonies

	Lauryl Triptose Broth	Lactose Broth
<b>Tomahawk</b>		
Full	growth + no gas	growth + gas
1/10	growth + no gas	growth + no gas
1/100	growth, no gas	growth, no gas
<b>Mitchell Creek</b>		
Full	growth + no gas	growth + no gas
1/10	growth + no gas	growth + no gas
1/100	no growth, no gas	growth, no gas

## Quantitative

Tomahawk	Mitchell Creek
Full too numerous to count (140)	Full 4
1/10 3	1/10 0
1/100 0	1/100 0

Qualitative full in lactose broth and for coliform, which goes along with the quantitative results seen above.

Dissolved Oxygen

Wed June 9 1999

Temp of water 22°C

(# of drops) 10 mg/L

Mr. Byrne ✓

For Ann wants to know Horgan's result.

Mr. Byrne's  
copy

 Mike Phillips  
06/21/99 04:32 PM

To: Bob Byrne/faculty/IVCC@IVCC  
cc:  
Subject: river testing - June 1999

Bob,

Total width = 7.8 m or 25.6 ft  
Average depth = 0.54 m or 1.76 ft.sec  
Average velocity = 0.591 m/sec or 1.94 ft/sec  
Discharge = 2.48 cubic meters/sec or 87.5 cubic ft/sec

Mike

ILLINOIS RIVERWATCH  
 MACROINVERTEBRATE DATA SHEET  
 Macroinvertebrate Identification

CODE	ORGANISM	N	T <sub>i</sub>	T <sub>c</sub>
	Flatworm		6.0	
	Aquatic Worm		10.0	280
	Leech		8.0	8
	Sowbug		6.0	18
	Scud		4.0	12
	Dragonfly		4.5	
	Broadwing Damselfly		3.5	
	Narrow-winged		5.5	
	Hellgrammites		3.5	
	Torpedo Mayfly		3.0	54
	Swimming Mayfly		4.0	52
	Clinging Mayfly		3.5	14
	Crawling Mayfly		5.5	
	Burrowing Mayfly		5.0	
	Two-Tailed Mayfly		3.0	
	Stonefly		1.5	1.5
	Hydropsychid Caddisfly		5.5	
	Non-Hydropsy. Caddisfly		3.5	
	Rille Beetle		5.0	15
	Whirligig Beetle		4.0	4
	Water Penny Beetle		4.0	
	Cranefly		4.0	
	Biting Midge		5.0	
	Blood Worm		11.0	55
	Midge		6.0	66
	Black Fly		6.0	
	Snipe Fly		4.0	
	Other Fly		10.0	
	Left-Handed Snail		9.0	81
	Right-Handed Snail		7.0	
	Planorbid Snail		6.5	
	Limpet		7.0	
	Oxerentate Snail		6.0	
TOTALS		100		605
TAXA =		ΣN		ΣT <sub>i</sub>

MBI = ΣT<sub>v</sub> ÷ ΣN =

6.605

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 6.1-7.5 = FAIR Water Quality  
 7.6-8.9 = POOR Water Quality  
 > or = 9.0 = VERY POOR Water Quality

SAMPLE DENSITY = ΣN =

100

TAXA RICHNESS = ΣTAXA =

13

PERCENT COMPOSITION OF INDICATOR ORGANISMS

ORGANISM	N	÷	ΣN	x 100 =	%C
MAYFLIES (MF#)	35	÷	100	x 100 =	35%
STONEFLIES (STF)	1	÷	100	x 100 =	1
CADDISFLIES (CF#)	0	÷	100	x 100 =	0
BLOODWORMS (BLW)	5	÷	100	x 100 =	5
AQUATIC WORMS (AQW)	28	÷	100	x 100 =	28

SUBTOTAL % = 69

% ALL OTHERS (100% - SUBTOTAL %) = 31

NOTES (MNT):

STUDENT SHEET 3.4 - WATER QUALITY INDEX (WQI)

River/Stream: Little Vermilion  
 School: FVCC  
 Date: 9/19 Time: 9:20  
 Water Conditions: clear (low)  
 Weather Conditions: SUNNY  
 Previous 24 hrs: SUNNY  
 Air Temp: 22 °C

River Mile Marker: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Location: Latitude: 41° 22 min 26 sec  
 Longitude: 89° 5 min 36 sec  
 County: LaSalle Quadrangle: LaSalle  
 Legal Description: SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4  
 Section 34 of Township: T 34 N Range: R 1 E  
 Nearest Town: La Salle

Flow Rate: 0.603 meters/sec Site Location or Address: #7

Test	Test mean values	Q-Value	Weighting Factor	Total
1. Dissolved Oxygen	DO <sub>dry1</sub> <u>9</u> mg/L % Sat <u>98</u>	<u>98</u>	0.17	<u>16.7</u> %
2. Fecal Coliform	<u>9</u> colonies/100mL	<u>72</u>	0.16	<u>11.5</u>
3. pH	<u>8.19</u> units	<u>75</u>	0.11	<u>8.3</u>
4. BOD	DO <sub>dry1</sub> <u>9</u> mg/L minus DO <sub>dry3</sub> <u>8</u> mg/L	<u>93</u>	0.11	<u>10.2</u>
5. Temperature Change	Temp <sub>site1</sub> <u>20</u> °C ΔT = <u>0</u> °C Temp <sub>site2</sub> <u>20</u> °C	<u>92</u>	0.10	<u>9.2</u>
6. Phosphate	<u>0.59</u> mg/L	<u>60</u>	0.10	<u>6.0</u>
7. Nitrate	<u>18.9</u> mg/L	<u>40</u>	0.10	<u>4.0</u>
8. Turbidity	<u>10.3</u> NTU meters feet	<u>76</u>	0.08	<u>6.1</u>
9. Total Solids	<u>239</u> mg/L	<u>68</u>	0.07	<u>4.8</u>

Conductivity 494  
 discharge 0.796 m<sup>3</sup>/s

OVERALL WATER QUALITY INDEX 78.8 %

Overall Water Quality Index	Quality of Water
90% - 100%	Excellent
70% - 90%	<u>Good</u>
50% - 70%	Medium
25% - 50%	Bad
0 - 25%	Very Bad





Mike Phillips  
10/05/98 02:52 PM

To: Bob Byrne/faculty/IVCC@IVCC  
cc:  
Subject: river testing

**CLUB**

width: 5.0 m  
avg. depth: 0.317 m  
avg. velocity: 0.503m/sec  
discharge: 0.796m<sup>3</sup>/sec

**MITCHELL CREEK**

width: 7.0 m  
avg. depth: 0.203 m  
avg. velocity: 0.102m/sec  
discharge: 0.145m<sup>3</sup>/sec

Mike

# Water Quality Report

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## PART 1 - SITE INFORMATION

School:	Illinois Valley Community College		
River:	Little Vermilion	Mile Marker:	
City:	Oglesby	State:	IL
Date DDMMYY:	240499	Time:	9:30 AM

### Weather and Stream Conditions

Water Conditions	Weather Conditions	Previous 24 Hours
Very cloudy ▾	Sunny ▾	heavy rain ▾
Celsius Water Temp: 9.0	Celsius Air Temp: 14.0	Flow Rate (m/sec.):

### Site Description

Nearest Town:	La Salle		
Site Name:	# 7 (Sportsman Club)		
Latitude DDMMSS:	412226	Longitude DDMMSS:	890536
County:	La Salle	Quadrangle:	La Salle
Legal Description:	SW ▾ quarter of the:	SE ▾ 1/4 of the:	SE ▾ 1/4 of Section: 34
Township:	T34N	Range:	R1E

Comments:

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## PART TWO - WATER QUALITY DATA

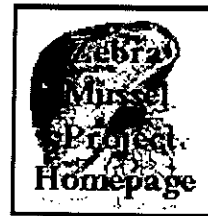
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<p><b>4. Biological Oxygen Demand</b>                  BOD Day1: <input type="text" value="13.5"/>                  BOD Day5: <input type="text" value="7"/>                  BOD Q%: <input type="text" value="50"/></p>	<p><b>5. Temperature Change</b>                  Celsius Temp Site1: <input type="text" value="8.0"/>                  Celsius Temp Site2: <input type="text" value="8.0"/>                  Temp Change: <input type="text" value="0.0"/>                  Temp Q%: <input type="text" value="93"/></p>	<p><b>6. Phospahte</b>                  Phos mg per L: <input type="text" value=".96"/>                  Phos Q%: <input type="text" value="40"/></p>
<p><b>7. Nitrate</b>                  Nit mg per L: <input type="text" value="12"/>                  Nit Q%: <input type="text" value="48"/></p>	<p><b>8. Turbidity</b>                  NTU units: <input type="text" value="90"/>                  Feet: <input type="text"/>                  TURB Q%: <input type="text" value="21"/></p>	<p><b>9. Total Solids</b>                  Solids mg per L: <input type="text" value="123"/>                  Solids Q%: <input type="text" value="81"/></p>

WATER QUALITY SCORES

**Overall WQI:**

50%-70% Medium

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ILLINOIS RIVERWATCH  
 MACROINVERTEBRATE DATA SHEET  
 Macroinvertebrate Identification

4-24-99

CODE	ORGANISM	N	T <sub>i</sub>	T <sub>c</sub>
FI	Flatworm		6.0	
AQW	Aquatic Worm	38	10.0	380
LEE	Leech		8.0	
SBG	Sowbug		6.0	
SCD	Scud		4.0	
DGF	Dragonfly		4.5	
DM1	Broadwing Damselfly		3.5	
DM2	Narrow-winged		5.5	
HLL	Hellgrammites		3.5	
MF1	Torpedo Mayfly		3.0	
MF2	Swimming Mayfly		4.0	
MF3	Clinging Mayfly	11	3.5	7
MF4	Crawling Mayfly		5.5	
MF5	Burrowing Mayfly		5.0	
MF6	Two-Tailed Mayfly		3.0	
STF	Stonefly		1.5	
CF1	Hydropsychid Caddisfly	1111	5.5	22
CF2	Non-Hydropsy. Caddisfly		3.5	
RFB	Rifle Beetle		5.0	
WHB	Whirligig Beetle		4.0	
WPB	Water Penny Beetle		4.0	
CRF	Cranefly		4.0	
BIM	Biting Midge		5.0	
BLW	Blood Worm	1111	11.0	44
MID	Midge		6.0	
BLF	Black Fly		6.0	
SNF	Snipe Fly		4.0	
OTF	Other Fly		10.0	
LHS	Left-Handed Snail		9.0	
RHS	Right-Handed Snail	11	7.0	14
PLS	Planorbis Snail		6.5	
LIM	Limpet		7.0	
OPS	Operculate Snail	1	6.0	10
	TOTALS	50		473
	ΣTAXA =	ΣN		ΣT <sub>c</sub>

MBI =  $\sum T_v \div \sum N =$  9.46

<6.0 = GOOD Water Quality  
 6.1 - 7.5 = FAIR Water Quality  
 7.6 - 8.9 = POOR Water Quality  
 > or = 9.0 = VERY POOR Water Quality

SAMPLE DENSITY =  $\sum N =$  50

TAXA RICHNESS =  $\sum TAXA =$  6

PERCENT COMPOSITION OF INDICATOR ORGANISMS

ORGANISM	N	÷	ΣN	x 100 =	%C
MAYFLIES (MF#)	2	÷	50	x 100 =	1%
STONEFLIES (STF)	0	÷		x 100 =	
CADDISFLIES (CF#)	4	÷	50	x 100 =	2%
BLOODWORMS (BLW)	4	÷	50	x 100 =	2%
AQUATIC WORMS (AQW)	38	÷	50	x 100 =	19%

SUBTOTAL % = 24%

% ALL OTHERS (100% - SUBTOTAL %) = \_\_\_\_\_

NOTES (MNT): \_\_\_\_\_

# River Testing 3/27/99

## Qualitative

### **Cabin**

Full

1/10

1/100

### **LT**

growth and no gas

no growth no gas

no growth no gas

### **LB**

growth and gas

no growth no gas

no growth no gas

### **Mitchell**

Full

1/10

1/100

### **LT**

growth no gas

growth no gas

no growth no gas

### **LB**

growth no gas

growth no gas

no growth no gas

### **Tomahawk**

Full

1/10

1/100

### **LT**

growth no gas

growth no gas

no growth no gas

### **LB**

growth no gas

no growth no gas

no growth no gas

## Quantitative

### **Tomahawk**

Full 2

### **Cabin**

Full 16

### **Mitchell**

Full no growth

ADAFI

Byrne -  
Lee Ann said these  
results are ok, they  
are not that bad.  
She also said we  
can use her stuff  
for Earth day  
Leslie

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## PART 1 - SITE INFORMATION

School: <input type="text" value="Illinois Valley Community College"/>	
River: <input type="text" value="Tomahawk Creek"/>	Mile Marker: <input type="text"/>
City: <input type="text" value="Oglesby"/>	State: <input type="text" value="IL"/>
Date DDDMMYY: <input type="text" value="240499"/>	Time: <input type="text" value="10:45"/>

Weather and Stream Conditions		
Water Conditions <input type="text" value="Some cloudiness"/>	Weather Conditions <input type="text" value="Sunny"/>	Previous 24 Hours <input type="text" value="heavy rain"/>
Celsius Water Temp: <input type="text" value="9"/>	Celsius Air Temp: <input type="text" value="15"/>	Flow Rate (m/sec.): <input type="text"/>

Site Description	
Nearest Town: <input type="text" value="La Salle"/>	
Site Name: <input type="text" value="# 6"/>	
Latitude DDDMMSS: <input type="text" value="412242"/>	Longitude DDDMMSS: <input type="text" value="890504"/>
County: <input type="text" value="LaSalle"/>	Quadrangle: <input type="text" value="Troy Grove"/>
Description: <input type="text" value="NW"/> quarter of the: <input type="text" value="SW"/> 1/4 of the: <input type="text" value="SW"/> 1/4 of Section: <input type="text" value="35"/>	
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Comments:



## PART TWO - WATER QUALITY DATA

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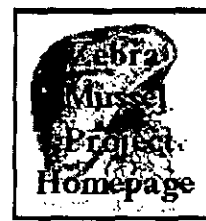
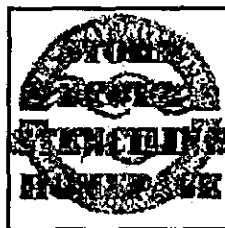
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<p><b>4. Biological Oxygen Demand</b>                  BOD Day1: <input type="text" value="12.5"/>                  BOD Day5: <input type="text" value="9"/>                  BOD Q%: <input type="text" value="65"/></p>	<p><b>5. Temperature Change</b>                  Celsius Temp Site1: <input type="text" value="9"/>                  Celsius Temp Site2: <input type="text" value="9"/>                  Temp Change: <input type="text" value="0"/>                  Temp Q%: <input type="text" value="93"/></p>	<p><b>6. Phospahte</b>                  Phos mg per L: <input type="text" value=".90"/>                  Phos Q%: <input type="text" value="45"/></p>
<p><b>7. Nitrate</b>                  Nit mg per L: <input type="text" value="27"/>                  Nit Q%: <input type="text" value="30"/></p>	<p><b>8. Turbidity</b>                  NTU units: <input type="text" value="10"/>                  Feet: <input type="text"/>                  TURB Q%: <input type="text" value="76"/></p>	<p><b>9. Total Solids</b>                  Solids mg per L: <input type="text" value="140"/>                  Solids Q%: <input type="text" value="80"/></p>

WATER QUALITY SCORES

**Overall WQI:**

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