Level 3 Project Study Plan

2010 Nine-Mile Creek Environmental Monitoring

(1) Objectives

Nine-Mile Creek is an intensely urbanized creek in Cuyahoga County, which runs through the cities of University Heights, South Euclid, Cleveland Heights, Cleveland and Bratenahl before emptying into Lake Erie.

It is anticipated that work will begin in 2010 on the Tunnel Dewatering Pump Station (TDPS) project, which will reduce the number of overflows per year to Nine-Mile Creek. This project will provide wet weather flow relief in the existing collection system. The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORSD) intends to conduct water chemistry sampling, biological evaluations and habitat assessments prior to the beginning of the TDPS project. General watershed monitoring will also be conducted in 2010 on Nine-Mile Creek if the NEORSD Stormwater Program is implemented.

The purpose of this study is to collect baseline data in order to assess habitat conditions and fish community along with macroinvertebrate community health on Nine-Mile Creek prior to the completion of construction activities and only when open sections of the stream allows. The results obtained from the assessments will be evaluated using the Ohio EPA's QHEI, IBI, and ICI. An examination of the individual metrics that comprise these indices, along with field sheets, will also be used in subsequent years to determine the degree of improvement resulting from this project. Water quality sampling will also be conducted during assessment activities. The results of water quality sample analyses will be compared to applicable Ohio Water Quality Standards (2009b)[1].

(2) Point/Nonpoint Sources

Point Sources	Nonpoint Sources
Storm Sewer Outfalls	Urban Runoff
Home Sewage Treatment Systems	Spills
NEORSD-owned CSOs	Agriculture
Sanitary Sewer Overflows	

A map has been provided in Appendix A to show point sources that may be influencing the water quality at each sample location. These sources of pollution, along with the nonpoint sources listed in the table above, may be impacting the health of the fish and benthic macroinvertebrate communities. Other factors that may influence ecological conditions during the study include periods of drought and periods of precipitation.

[1] See Appendix I for a list of all references.

(3) Parameters Covered

Fish specimens will be identified to species level, counted and examined for the presence of external anomalies including deformities, eroded fins, lesions and tumors (DELTs). Quantitative fish sampling is expected to be conducted at all locations.

Macroinvertebrate community assemblages will be collected from each location and sent to a Benthic Macroinvertebrate Level 3 Qualified Data Collector (QDC) for identification and enumeration. The QDC, described in section (11), will identify the specimens to the lowest practical taxonomic level and, whenever possible, to the level of taxonomy recommended in Ohio EPA's *Biological Criteria for the Protection of Aquatic Life, Volume III* (1987b).

The NEORSD Macroinvertebrate Field Sheet (Appendix B) will be completed at each site during sampler retrieval. In addition, stream habitat will be measured by scoring components of the QHEI at all locations, including the substrate, instream cover, channel morphology, riparian zone and bank erosion, pool/glide and riffle/run quality and gradient.

Water chemistry samples will be collected at all sites. Appendix C lists the parameters to be tested along with the detection limits and practical quantitation limits. Field measurements for dissolved oxygen, pH, temperature, conductivity and flow will also be performed. A NEORSD Surface Water Condition Sampling Field Data Form will be completed at each site during each sample collection (Appendix D).

(4) Field Collection and Data Assessment Techniques

Field collections for fish will be conducted at all sites, where appropriate. Sampling will be conducted using longline electrofishing techniques and will consist of shocking all habitat types within a sampling zone, which is 0.15 kilometers in length, while moving from downstream to upstream. The stunned fish will be collected and placed into a live well for later identification.

Fish will be identified to species level, counted, and examined for the presence of external anomalies including DELTs. Fish easily identified (commonly collected from year to year) will be returned to the site from which they are collected. Subsamples of difficult-to-identify species will be brought back to the laboratory for verification by NEORSD Level 3 Fish Qualified Data Collectors (QDC) and, if necessary, sent to The Ohio State University Museum of Biological Diversity for verification by the Curator and/or Associate Curator of Fish. Voucher specimens will be collected as described in section (14). Endangered species and those too

large for preservation will not be collected as voucher specimens, but will instead be photographed. Photographed vouchers will include features that permit definitive identification of the particular species.

Fish will be preserved in 10 percent formalin in the field, soaked in tap water for 24 to 48 hours after 5 to 7 days, then transferred to solutions of 30 and 50 percent ethanol for 5 to 7 days each and, finally, to 70 percent ethanol for long-term storage. Specimens larger than six inches will be slit along the right side and then soaked in formalin for approximately 10 to 14 days before being transferred to water and solutions of 30, 50 and 70 percent ethanol. Label information will include location (description and coordinates), date, time, collectors' names and sample identification code for each specimen collected.

Macroinvertebrate sampling will be conducted using quantitative and qualitative sampling techniques. Quantitative sampling will include installation of a Hester-Dendy multi-plate artificial substrate sampler (HD) that is colonized for a six-week period. Multiple HD samplers will be installed at one or all of the locations in case samplers are lost due to vandalism, burial, etc. Qualitative sampling will be conducted using a D-frame dip net when HD samplers are retrieved. The NEORSD Macroinvertebrate Field Sheet will be completed during each HD retrieval. Aquatic Macroinvertebrate Taxonomy (AMT)[2] (Ravenna, Ohio) will identify the specimens to the lowest practical taxonomic level and when the condition of the specimen allows, to the level of taxonomy recommended in Ohio EPA's (1987b) *Biological Criteria for the Protection of Aquatic Life, Volume III*. Voucher specimens will be collected as described in section (14). Stream flow will be measured with a Marsh-McBirney FloMate Model 2000 Portable Flow Meter when the HD samplers are installed and retrieved.

A detailed description of the sampling and analysis methods utilized in the fish community and macroinvertebrate surveys, including calculations of the IBI, and ICI, can be found in Ohio EPA's (1987a) *Biological Criteria for the Protection of Aquatic Life, Volumes II* and *III* (1987b).

Water chemistry sampling will be completed at all locations. Techniques used for water chemistry sampling and chemical analyses will follow the *Manual of Ohio EPA Surveillance Methods and Quality Assurance Practices* (2009). Chemical water quality samples from each site will be collected with two 4-liter disposable polyethylene cubitainers with disposable polypropylene lids and two 473-mL plastic bottles. All water quality samples will be collected as grab samples. One

[2] The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District Board of Trustees has approved the District to enter into a contract with AMT, however at the time of this writing the contract has not been fully executed. An amended study plan will be submitted if is the District is unable to enter into a contract with AMT and must contract this service with another vendor.

duplicate sample and one field blank will be collected at a randomly selected site, at the frequency not less than 10% of the total samples collected, for this study plan. The acceptable relative percent difference (RPD) for field duplicate samples will be ≤30 percent; results outside this range will trigger further evaluation along with an investigation into causes for disparities. RPD values above 30 percent, with results less then ten times the practical quantitation limit, will be reviewed on a case-by-case base to determine if there is any merit for further investigation. Acid preservation of the samples, as specified in the NEORSD laboratory's standard operating procedure for each parameter, will occur in the field. Appendix C lists the analytical method, detection limit and practical quantitation limit for each parameter analyzed. Field analyses include the use of either a YSI-556 MPS Multi-Parameter Water Quality Meter or YSI 600XL sonde to measure dissolved oxygen, water temperature, conductivity and pH; and when necessary, a Hanna HI 98129 meter to measure pH. Meter specifications have been included in Appendix E.

The QHEI, as described in Ohio EPA's, *Methods for Assessing Habitat in Flowing Waters: Using the Qualitative Habitat Evaluation Index (QHEI)* (2006) will be used to assess aquatic habitat conditions at each sample location by Level 3 QDCs.

Species assemblages and individual metrics will be analyzed. Graphs that show current QHEI, IBI, and ICI scores and how these scores compare to attainment status of biocriteria may be prepared. Water chemistry data collected will be compared to Ohio water quality standards to determine whether any excursions from the applicable water quality criteria have occurred. Comparisons between water quality and biological community health will only be made if at least three water quality samples have been collected from a particular site.

(5) Sampling Locations

The following electrofishing and macroinvertebrate sample locations will be surveyed on Nine-Mile Creek during the 2010 field season. HD and water chemistry collection sites are located near the mid point of each electrofishing zone, indicated by river mile, unless otherwise noted. GPS coordinates are recorded at the downstream end of each electrofishing zone.

Site Location	Latitude	Longitude	River Mile	Description	Quadrangle	Purpose
Nine-Mile Creek	41.5574565	81.59912283	0.40	Upstream of Lakeshore Boulevard	East Cleveland	Evaluate water chemistry, fish, habitat and macroinvertebrates
Nine-Mile Creek, Nela Park Branch (Site 9)	41.54290983	81.55521750	N/A	South of Belvoir Boulevard on Nela Park Branch	East Cleveland	Evaluate water chemistry, fish, habitat and macroinvertebrates
Nine-Mile Creek (Site 10)	41.54572967	81.55228433	N/A	South of Belvoir Boulevard	East Cleveland	Evaluate water chemistry, fish, habitat and macroinvertebrates

(6) Schedule

At least one electrofishing survey per site will be conducted between June 15 and October 15th, 2010. If more than one survey will be conducted, then at least four to five weeks will separate assessments. Specific dates have not been scheduled. River flow and weather conditions will be assessed weekly to determine when each electrofishing pass will be conducted.

Artificial substrate samplers will be installed once, between June 15th and August 19th, 2010, at all of the sites and retrieved six weeks later. Specific dates have not been scheduled. River flow and weather conditions will be assessed weekly to determine when the HD sampler installations and retrievals will be conducted.

General watershed monitoring will be conducted on Nine-Mile Creek if the NEORSD Stormwater Program is implemented. Water quality samples will be collected on Nine-Mile Creek (3 sites) on the first Wednesday of each month. Beginning at an undetermined date during the biological field season, June 15th to October 15th, water quality samples will be collected weekly for a period of five weeks at all of the sampling locations during the HD colonization period. After that period, water chemistry samples will again be collected on the first Wednesday of each month.

QHEI habitat evaluations will be conducted one time at each site between June 15th and October 15th, 2010. These evaluations will be conducted around the same time as one of the electrofishing surveys.

(7) QA/QC

Quality assurance and quality control of sampling and analysis methods for habitat, fish, and macroinvertebrate evaluations will follow Ohio EPA's *Biological Criteria for the Protection of Aquatic Life, Volumes II* (1987a) and *III* (1987b) and *Methods for Assessing Habitat in Flowing Waters: Using the Qualitative Habitat Evaluation Index (QHEI)* (2006).

Electrofishing equipment will be used according to the guidelines listed in the operation and maintenance manual provided by Smith-Root, Inc. Malfunctioning equipment will not be used to collect data. Proper steps will be taken to correct the problem as soon as possible, whether by repairing in the field, at the NEORSD Environmental & Maintenance Services Center, or by contacting the supplier or an appropriate service company.

Subsamples of difficult-to-identify fish species will be brought back to the laboratory for verification by NEORD Level 3 Fish Qualified Data Collectors (QDC), and if necessary, sent to The Ohio State University Museum of Biological Diversity for verification by the Curator and/or Associate Curator of Fish. Voucher specimens will be collected as described in section (14). Endangered species and those too large for preservation will not be collected as voucher specimens, but will instead be photographed. Photographed vouchers will include features that permit definitive identification of that particular species.

All macroinvertebrate community assemblages will be collected and sent to AMT for identification and enumeration. AMT will identify specimens to the lowest practical taxonomic level and when the condition of the specimen allows, to the level of taxonomy recommended in Ohio EPA's (1987b) *Biological Criteria for the Protection of Aquatic Life, Volume III*. The AMT QA/QC manual is attached (Appendix F). All macroinvertebrate specimens will be returned to NEORSD. Voucher specimens for each site will be separated into individual vials and collected as described in section (14). The remaining specimens for each site will be returned in a single container labeled with the site number, collection method and date. All specimens and accompanying chain-of-custody documentation will be retained by NEORSD and stored at the Environmental & Maintenance Services Center (EMSC) for a period not less than ten years.

Water samples obtained for chemical analyses will be collected, preserved (see Section 4), labeled and then placed on ice inside the field truck. The field truck will remain locked at all times when not occupied/visible. Sampling activities, including sample time and condition of surface water sampled, will be entered in a field log book and on the Surface Water Condition Sampling Field Data Form. The samples will then be delivered immediately to the NEORSD Analytical Services cooler, after which the door to the cooler will be locked and the samples will be transferred to the custody of Analytical Services. The NEORSD Analytical Services Quality Manual and associated Standard Operating Procedures are on file with Ohio EPA. The Quality Assurance Officer at Analytical Services will send updates, revisions and any information on document control to Ohio EPA as needed.

(8) Work Products

Within one year of completion of the project, fish data (species, numbers, pollution tolerances, the incidence of DELT anomalies, IBI and scores), macroinvertebrate data (types and numbers of macroinvertebrates collected and ICI scores), habitat data (QHEI raw data and scores) and water chemistry results will be submitted to the Ohio EPA. Additionally, reports summarizing, interpreting, graphically presenting and discussing the IBI, ICI and QHEI scores and any excursions from water quality standards may be prepared for internal use.

(9) Qualified Data Collectors

The following Level 3 QDCs may be involved with these studies:

Name	Address	Email Address	Phone Number	QDC Specialty(s)
[1]John W. Rhoades	4747 East 49th Street Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125	rhoadesj@neorsd.org	216-641-6000	QDC - 008 CWQA/FCB/SHA/ BMB
Catherine Zamborsky	4747 East 49th Street Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125	zamborskyc@neorsd.org	216-641-6000	QDC - 009 CWQA/SHA
[2,3]Seth Hothem	4747 East 49th Street Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125	hothems@neorsd.org	216-641-6000	QDC - 010 CWQA/FCB/SHA
Kathryn Crestani	4747 East 49th Street Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125	crestanik@neorsd.org	216-641-6000	QDC - 011 CWQA/SHA
Thomas Zablotny	4747 East 49th Street Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125	zablotnyt@neorsd.org	216-641-6000	QDC - 018 CWQA/FCB/SHA
[4,6]Ronald Maichle	4747 East 49th Street Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125	maichler@neorsd.org	216-641-6000	QDC - 145 CWQA/SHA/BMB
Francisco Rivera	4747 East 49th Street Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125	riveraf@neorsd.org	216-641-6000	QDC - 262 CWQA
[5]Tiffany Moore	Aquatic Macroinvertebrate Taxonomy (AMT) 8927 Weaver Road Ravenna, Ohio 44266	tiffany@digitaldesignmedia.com	847-945-8010	QDC - 017 BMB

[1]Lead Project Manager
[2]Fish Community Biology (FCB) Project Manager
[3]Stream Habitat Assessment (SHA) Project Manager
[4]Benthic Macroinvertebrate Biology (BMB) Project Manager
[5]Benthic Macroinvertebrate Identification
[6]Chemical Water Quality Assessment (CWQA) Project Manager

The following is a list of persons not qualified as QDCs who may be involved in the project. Prior to the start of sampling, the project managers will explain to each individual the proper methods for sampling. Sampling will only be completed under the direct observation of a QDC. The lead project manager will be responsible for reviewing all reports and data analysis prepared by qualified personnel prior to completion.

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Nick Barille	4747 East 49th Street Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125	Barillen@neorsd.org	216-641-6000
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Tim Dobriansky	4747 East 49th Street Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125	Dobrianskyt@neorsd.org	216-641-6000

Name	Address	Email Address	Phone Number
Kyle Frantz	4747 East 49th Street Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125	Frantzk@neorsd.org	216-641-6000
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Rae Grant	4747 East 49th Street Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125	Grantr@neorsd.org	216-641-6000
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John Junkin	4747 East 49th Street Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125	Junkinj@neorsd.org	216-641-6000
Mark Matteson	4747 East 49th Street Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125	Mattesonm@neorsd.org	216-641-6001
Jillian Novak	4747 East 49th Street Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125	Novakj@neorsd.org	216-641-6000
Cathy O'Grady	4747 East 49th Street Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125	Ogradyc@neorsd.org	216-641-6000
Kevin Roff	4747 East 49th Street Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125	Roffk@neorsd.org	216-641-6000
Frank Schuschu	4747 East 49th Street Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125	Schuschuf@neorsd.org	216-641-6000
Wolfram von Kiparski	4747 East 49th Street Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125	Vonkiparskiw@neorsd.org	216-641-6000
Summer Co-op	4747 East 49th Street Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125	To Be Determined	216-641-6000
Summer Co-op	4747 East 49th Street Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125	To Be Determined	216-641-6000
Summer Co-op	4747 East 49th Street Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125	To Be Determined	216-641-6000

(10) Documentation of approval of project managers and other personnel as level 3 qualified data collectors

See attached (Appendix G).

(11) Contract laboratory contact information

Any fish that are not positively identified in the field or NEORSD laboratory will be sent to The Ohio State University Museum of Biological Diversity for verification by the Curator and/or Associate Curator of Fish. Fish will be identified to the species level.

The Ohio State University Museum of Biological Diversity
Dr. Ted Cavender, Curator of Fish / Mr. Marc Kibbey, Associate Curator of Fish
1315 Kinnear Road, Columbus, Ohio 43212
cavender.1@osu.edu / kibbey.3@osu.edu
(614) 292-7873

Identification of macroinvertebrates will be completed by AMT (Ravenna, Ohio). Benthic macroinvertebrates will be identified to the lowest practical level as

recommended in Ohio EPA's (1987b) *Biological Criteria for the Protection of Aquatic Life, Volume III*.

Tiffany Moore (QDC# 017)
AMT
8927 Weaver Road
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
tiffany@digitaldesignmedia.com
(330) 626-2310

(12) Copy of Ohio Division of Natural Resources (ODNR) collector's permit

To be submitted electronically when issued to NEORSD by ODNR (Appendix H).

Twenty-four hours prior to biological collection, the county ODNR wildlife officer will be contacted by a NEORSD QDC. See table below for contact information for ODNR Wildlife Officers by county. A message may be left instructing: type of sampling, location of sampling, and duration.

County	Contact Person	Phone Number
Cuyahoga County	Hollie J. Fluharty	(330) 245-3033

The most current wildlife officer contact information should always be checked at the following web address:

http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/Home/wild_resourcessubhomepage/about_the_division_landingpage/contactdefault/WildlifeOfficersbyCounty/tabid/7004/Default.aspx

(13) Catalog Statement

A digital photo catalog of all sampling locations will be maintained for 10 years and will include photos of the specific sampling location(s), the riparian zone adjacent to the sampling location(s) and the general land use in the immediate vicinity of the sampling location(s).

Print/Signature: John W. Rhoades / _____ Date: _____

(14) Voucher Specimen Statement

NEORSD will maintain a benthic macroinvertebrate and fish voucher collection which includes two specimens, or appropriate photo vouchers, of each species or taxa collected during the course of biological sampling from any stream. When benthic macroinvertebrates from multiple surface waters are collected within the

same year and identified by the same QDC, one voucher collection will be created to represent the specimens collected from those streams. When fish specimens from multiple surface waters are collected within the same year, one voucher collection will be created to represent the specimens collected from those streams. A separate collection for each sampling event will not be maintained.

NEORSD will provide specimens or photo vouchers to the Director upon request. This collection will be stored at the NEORSD laboratory in the Environmental and Maintenance Services Center.

Print/Signature: John W. Rhoades / Date: _____

(15) Trespassing Statement

I have not been convicted or pleaded guilty to a Violation of section 2911.21 of the Revised Code (criminal trespass) or a substantially similar municipal ordinance within the previous five years.

Print/Signature: John W. Rhoades / Date: _____

Print/Signature: Cathy Zamborsky / Date: _____

Print/Signature: Seth Hothem / Date: _____

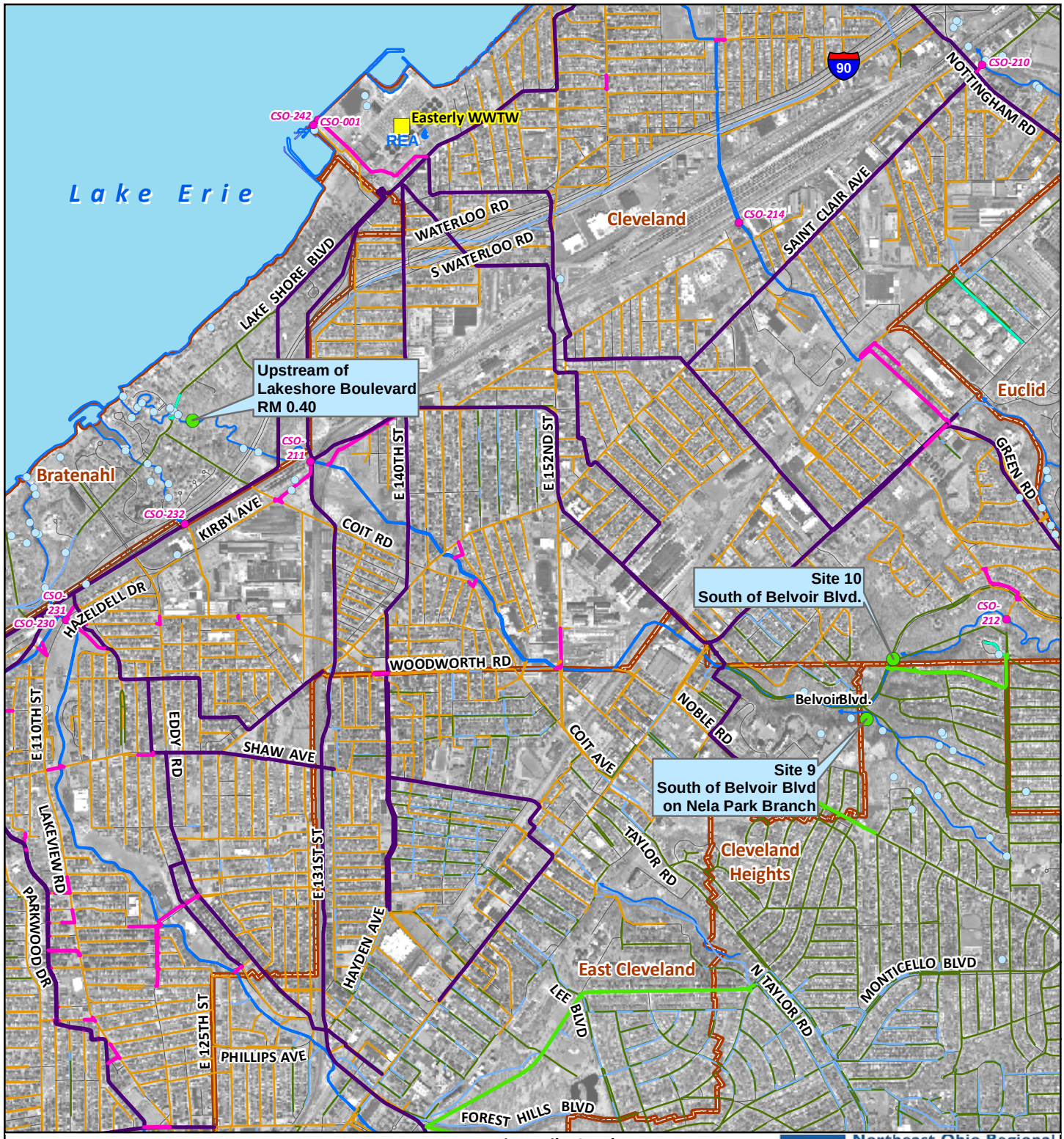
Print/Signature: Kathryn Crestani / Date: _____

Print/Signature: Tom Zablotny / Date: _____

Print/Signature: Ron Maichle / Date: _____

Print/Signature: Francisco Rivera / Date: _____

Appendix A



Nine Mile Creek
2010 Environmental Assessment

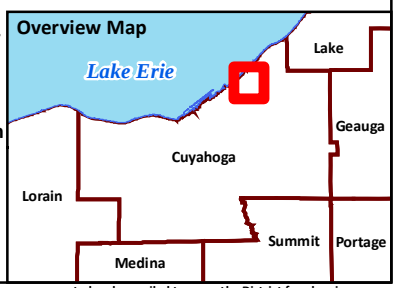
Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District
Protecting Your Health and Environment

Study Sites

- Upstream of Lakeshore Boulevard
  -Lat.41.5575 Long.-81.5991
- South of Belvoir Blvd.
  -Lat.41.5429 Long.-81.5552
- 1/2 mile south of Belvoir Blvd. on Nela Park Branch
  -Lat.41.5457 Long.-81.5523

- CSO Outfall
- Outfalls
- NEORSD Interceptor Sewer
- NEORSD Intercommunity Relief Sewer
- NEORSD CSO Control Sewer
- NEORSD CSO Responsibility Sewer
- Stream
- Local Combined Sewer
- Local Sanitary Sewer
- Local Storm Sewer
- Local Culverted Stream
- Local Force Main

Overview Map



Date: March 2010
Sources: Orthophotos(2008), Street Centerline (2006), Cuyahoga County GIS; Streams(2005), SSURGO; Environmental Assessment Zones (2009), Collection System, NEORSD GIS;

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For more information, please contact: Jeffrey Duke, P.E., GISP (Engineering Technical Services) 3900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 (216-881-6600).

Appendix B

NEORSD Macroinvertebrate Field Sheet

Stream: _____ River Mile: _____ Year: _____

Location Description: _____ Project: _____

Latitude (°N)/Longitude (°W): _____

Hester-Dendy Deployment Information

Install Date: _____ Crew Initials (QDC Circled): _____
Current at HD (fps): _____ Depth (cm): _____ Pictures Obtained: Yes No

Reinstall Date: _____ Crew Initials (QDC Circled): _____
Current (fps): _____ Depth (cm): _____ Reason: _____

Reinstall Date: _____ Crew Initials (QDC Circled): _____
Current (fps): _____ Depth (cm): _____ Reason: _____

Sampling/Retrieval Information

Sampling Method: Hester-Dendy Dipnet Surber Grab Other: _____

Sampling Date: _____ Crew Initials (QDC Circled): _____

HD Condition- Current (fps): _____ Depth (cm): _____ Water Temp: _____ °F / °C
Number of HD Blocks Obtained: _____ Remarks: _____
Disturbed: Yes No Comments: _____
Debris: Yes No Comments: _____
Silt/Solids: None Slight Moderate Heavy

Dipnet- Time Sampled (min): _____ X Number of Crew: _____ = Total (min): _____
Habitats Sampled: Pool Riffle Run Margin Backwater

Samples Analyzed By: _____ QDC #: _____ Date: _____

River Sampling Conditions

Flow Condition:	Flood	Above Normal	Normal	Low	Interstitial	Intermittent	Dry
Current Velocity:	Fast	Moderate	Slow	Non-detect			
Channel Morphology:	Natural	Channelized	Channelized (Recovered)		Impounded		
Bank Erosion:	Extensive	Moderate	Slight	None			
Riffle Development:	Extensive	Moderate	Sparse	Absent			
Riffle Quality:	Good	Fair	Poor		Embedded:	Yes	No
Water Clarity:	Clear	Murky	Turbid		Other: _____		
Water Color:	None	Green	Brown	Grey	Other: _____		
Canopy:	Open	75 %	50 %	25 %	Closed		

Comment Section: _____

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Physical Characteristics

Substrate Characteristics

	Pool	Units	Riffle	Units	Run	Units
Bedrock						
Boulder						
Rubble						
Coarse Gravel						
Fine Gravel						
Sand						
Silt						
Clay/Hardpan						
Detritus						
Peat						
Muck						
Other						
Macrophytes						
Algae						
Artifacts						
Compaction (F,M,S)						
Depth (Avg)						
Width (Avg)						

Predominant Land Use (Left, Right or Both)

Forest	Urban	Open Pasture
Shrub	Residential/Park	Closed Pasture
Old Field	Mining/Construction	
Rowcrop	Wetland	
Industrial	Other	

Predominant Riparian Vegetation

Left	Right	Type
_____	_____	Large Trees
_____	_____	Small Trees
_____	_____	Shrubs
_____	_____	Grass/Weeds
_____	_____	None

Margin Habitat

Margin Quality: Good Fair Poor

Undercut Banks	Root Mats
Grass	Water Willow
Shallows	Caly/Hardpan
Rip Rap	Bulkhead

Other _____

Biological Characteristics

Riffle:

Predominant Organisms: _____

Other Common Organisms: _____

Density: High Moderate Low

Diversity: High Moderate Low

Run:

Predominant Organisms: _____

Other Common Organisms: _____

Density: High Moderate Low

Diversity: High Moderate Low

Pool:

Predominant Organisms: _____

Other Common Organisms: _____

Density: High Moderate Low

Diversity: High Moderate Low

Margin:

Predominant Organisms: _____

Other Common Organisms: _____

Density: High Moderate Low

Diversity: High Moderate Low

Other Notable Collections: _____

V= Very Abundant; A= Abundant; C= Common; R= Rare; N= None

Overall Amount	
/ /	Porifera, Cnidaria, Bryozoa
/ /	Turbellaria, Oligochaeta, Hirudinea
/	Isopoda, Amphipoda
/	Decapoda, Hydracarina
	Ephemeroptera
	Baetidae
	Other _____
/	Zygoptera, Anisoptera
	Plecoptera
	Hemiptera
/	Megaloptera, Neuroptera
	Trichoptera
	Hydropsychidae
	Other _____
	Coleoptera
	Elimidae
	Other _____
	Diptera
	Other Dipteran
	Chironomidae
/	Gastropoda, Bivalvia
	Other _____
	Other _____
	Other _____

Appendix C

Parameter	Test	Minimum Detection Limit	Practical Quantitation Limit
Alkalinity	EPA 310.2	2.3 mg/L	10 mg/L
COD	EPA 410.4	5 mg/L	10 mg/L
Hex Chrome	SM 3500 Cr D. [1]	1 µg/L	5 µg/L
Mercury	EPA 245.1	0.016 µg/L	0.050 µg/L
NH3	EPA 350.1	0.002 mg/L	0.010 mg/L
NO2 + NO3	EPA 353.2	0.002 mg/L	0.010 mg/L
NO2	Method 4500-$N0_2^-$ B. [1]	0.002 mg/L	0.010 mg/L
NO3	EPA 353.2	0.002 mg/L	0.010 mg/L
Soluble-P	EPA 365.1	0.001 mg/L	0.010 mg/L
Total-P	EPA 365.1	0.001 mg/L	0.010 mg/L
Chlorophyll *a*	EPA 445.0	To be determined	2.0 µg/L
Chloride by IC	EPA 300.0	0.031 mg/L	5.000 mg/L
Sulfate by IC	EPA 300.0	0.061 mg/L	5.000 mg/L
BOD	EPA 405.1 (5 Day)	2 mg/L	
Ag	EPA 200.7	2.8 µg/L	10.00 µg/L
Al	EPA 200.7	26.3 µg/L	100.0 µg/L
As	EPA 200.7	13.9 µg/L	100.0 µg/L
Ba	EPA 200.7	0.70 µg/L	10.00 µg/L
Be	EPA 200.7	0.20 µg/L	1.00 µg/L
Ca	EPA 200.7	25.5 µg/L	275 µg/L
Hardness (calc.)	SM 2340 B	CaCO3 mg/L =(2.497*Ca mg/L)+(4.118*Mg mg/L)	
Cd	EPA 200.7	4.6 µg/L	10.00 µg/L
Co	EPA 200.7	2.0 µg/L	10.00 µg/L
Cr	EPA 200.7	4.6 µg/L	10.00 µg/L
Cu	EPA 200.7	1.9 µg/L	10.00 µg/L
Fe	EPA 200.7	3.3 µg/L	10.00 µg/L
K	EPA 200.7	590.0 µg/L	2000.0 µg/L
Mg	EPA 200.7	29.9 µg/L	100.0 µg/L
Mn	EPA 200.7	1.2 µg/L	10.00 µg/L
Mo	EPA 200.7	3.8 µg/L	10.00 µg/L
Na	EPA 200.7	59.5 µg/L	500.0 µg/L
Ni	EPA 200.7	6.2 µg/L	20.00 µg/L
Pb	EPA 200.7	13.4 µg/L	50.00 µg/L
Sb	EPA 200.7	17.0 µg/L	100.0 µg/L
Se	EPA 200.7	36.0 µg/L	75.00 µg/L
Sn	EPA 200.7	13.4 µg/L	50.00 µg/L
Total Metals	EPA 200.7	µg/L =(Cr µg/L)+(Cu µg/L)+(Ni µg/L)+(Zn µg/L)	
Ti	EPA 200.7	1.6 µg/L	10.00 µg/L
Tl	EPA 200.7	47.0 µg/L	100.0 µg/L
V	EPA 200.7	4.5 µg/L	10.00 µg/L
Zn	EPA 200.7	1.3 µg/L	10.00 µg/L
TS	SM 2540 B	0.5 mg/L	1.0 mg/L
TSS	SM 2540 D	0.5 mg/L	1.0 mg/L
TDS	SM 2540 C	0.5 mg/L	1.0 mg/L
Turbidity	EPA 180.1	0.1 NTU	0.2 NTU
E. coli	EPA 9213D	1 colony	
Field Parameter	**Test**	**(Value Reported in)**	
pH	SM 4500H-B	s.u.	
Conductivity	SM 2510A	µs/cm	
Dissolved Oxygen	SM 4500-0 G	mg/L	
Temperature	SM 2550B	°C	

[1] Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, 19th Edition

Appendix D

NEORSD Surface Water Condition Sampling Field Data Form

Stream: _____ Collectors: _____

Date: _____ Cuyahoga River Daily Mean Discharge*: _____ ft^3/sec

Was this sample taken during or following a wet weather event? YES / NO
If yes, when and how much rain occurred? _____

Water Quality Meters Used: _____

Time: _____ Site Location (RM): _____

Flow: Low Normal High Other: _____

HD Status: OK Buried Out of Water H-D was Reset

Unknown (river to high) Missing Not Installed Flow: _____ fps

Clarity: Clear Murky Turbid Other: _____

Color: None Green Brown Other: _____

Field Parameters: Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L): _____ Temperature (°C): _____

Specific Conductance (µmhos/cm): _____ pH (s.u.): _____

General Comments: _____

Sample ID: (Label Here)

Field Blank Site / Sample Duplicate Site

Time: _____ Site Location (RM): _____

Flow: Low Normal High Other: _____

HD Status: OK Buried Out of Water H-D was Reset

Unknown (river to high) Missing Not Installed Flow: _____ fps

Clarity: Clear Murky Turbid Other: _____

Color: None Green Brown Other: _____

Field Parameters: Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L): _____ Temperature (°C): _____

Specific Conductance (µmhos/cm): _____ pH (s.u.): _____

General Comments: _____

Sample ID: (Label Here)

Field Blank Site / Sample Duplicate Site

*USGS 04208000 @ Independence, OH

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NEORSD Surface Water Condition Sampling Field Data Form

Stream: _____ Collectors: _____

Date: _____ Cuyahoga River Daily Mean Discharge*: _____ ft^3/sec

Was this sample taken during or following a wet weather event? YES / NO
If yes, when and how much rain occurred? _____

Water Quality Meters Used: _____

Time: _____ Site Location (RM): _____

Flow: Low Normal High Other: _____

HD Status: OK Buried Out of Water H-D was Reset

Unknown (river to high) Missing Not Installed Flow: _____ fps

Clarity: Clear Murky Turbid Other: _____

Color: None Green Brown Other: _____

Field Parameters: Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L): _____ Temperature (°C): _____

Specific Conductance (µmhos/cm): _____ pH (s.u.): _____

General Comments: _____

Sample ID: (Label Here)

Field Blank Site / Sample Duplicate Site

Time: _____ Site Location (RM): _____

Flow: Low Normal High Other: _____

HD Status: OK Buried Out of Water H-D was Reset

Unknown (river to high) Missing Not Installed Flow: _____ fps

Clarity: Clear Murky Turbid Other: _____

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Specific Conductance (µmhos/cm): _____ pH (s.u.): _____

General Comments: _____

Sample ID: (Label Here)

Field Blank Site / Sample Duplicate Site

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Appendix E

14.1 Sensor Specifications

Dissolved Oxygen		
Sensor Type		Steady state polarographic
Range:	*% air sat'n*	▪ 0 to 500% air saturation
	mg/L	▪ 0 to 50 mg/L
Accuracy:	*% air sat'n*	▪ 0 to 200% air saturation: ±2% of the reading or 2% air saturation; whichever is greater ▪ 200 to 500% air saturation: ±6% of the reading
	mg/L	▪ 0 to 20 mg/L: ±2% of the reading or 0.2 mg/L; whichever is greater ▪ 20 to 50 mg/L: ±6% of the reading
Resolution:	*% air sat'n*	▪ 0.1% air saturation
	mg/L	▪ 0.01 mg/L
Temperature		
Sensor Type:		YSI Precision™ thermistor
Range:		-5 to 45°C
Accuracy:		±0.15°C
Resolution:		0.01°C
Conductivity		
Sensor Type:		4-electrode cell with auto-ranging
Range:		0 to 200 mS/cm
Accuracy:		±0.5% of reading or ±0.001 mS/cm; whichever is greater–4 meter cable ±1.0% of reading or ±0.001 mS/cm; whichever is greater–20 meter cable
Resolution:		0.001 mS/cm to 0.1 mS/cm (range-dependent)
Salinity		
Sensor Type:		Calculated from conductivity and temperature
Range:		0 to 70 ppt
Accuracy:		±1.0% of reading or 0.1 ppt; whichever is greater
Resolution:		0.01 ppt

YSI 650 Multiparameter Display System

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- **Three-year warranty**

Feature-Packed Performance

Battery Life

With the standard alkaline battery configuration of 4 C-cells, the YSI 650 will power itself and a YSI 6600 sonde continuously for approximately 30 hours. Or, choose the rechargeable battery pack option with quick-charge feature.

Optional Barometer

Temperature-compensated barometer readings are displayed and can be used in dissolved oxygen calibration. Measurements can be logged to memory for tracking changes in barometric pressure.

Optional GPS Interface

Designed to NMEA protocol, the YSI 650 MDS will display and log real-time GPS readings with a user supplied GPS interfaced with YSI 6-Series sondes.

Memory Options

Standard memory with 150 data sets, or a high-memory option (1.5 MB) with more than 50,000 data sets; both options with time and date stamp.

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Upload data from the 650 to EcoWatch® for instant data viewing.

YSI 650MDS Specifications

Temperature	Operating Storage	-10 to +60°C for visible display -20 to +70°C
Waterproof Rating		IP-67 for both the standard alkaline battery configuration and for the rechargeable battery pack option
Connector		MS-8; meets IP-67 specification
Dimensions	Width Length Weight with batteries	4.7 in, 11.9 cm 9 in, 22.9 cm 2.1 lbs, 0.91 kg
Display		VGA; LCD with 320 by 240 pixels with backlight
Power	Standard Optional	4 alkaline C-cells with detachable battery cover Ni metal hydride battery pack with attached battery cover and 110/220 volt charging system
Communications		RS-232 to all sondes, for data transfer to PC, and for software updates
Optional GPS		NMEA 0183; requires user-supplied GPS and YSI 6115 Y-cable
Backlight		4 LEDs illuminating LCD; user-selectable
Keypad		20 keys, including instrument on/off, backlight on/off, enter, esc, 10 number/letter entry keys, 2 vertical arrow keys, 2 horizontal arrow keys, period key, and minus key
Warranty		3 years

Ordering Information

650-01	Instrument, standard memory
650-02	Instrument, high memory
650-03	Instrument, standard memory, barometer
650-04	Instrument, high memory, barometer
6113	Rechargeable battery pack kit with 110 volt charger and adapter cable
616	Charger, cigarette lighter
4654	Tripod
614	Ultra clamp, C-clamp mount
5081	Carrying case, hard-sided
5085	Hands-free harness
5065	Form-fitted carrying case
6115	Y-cable for interface with user-supplied GPS system

The 650MDS can interface with any YSI sonde for
- *spot sampling*
- *short-term studies*
- *surface and ground water monitoring*
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YSI 600XL & 600XLM Sensor Specifications

	Range	Resolution	Accuracy
Dissolved Oxygen % Saturation ETV 6562 Rapid Pulse™ Sensor*	0 to 500%	0.1%	0 to 200%: ±2% of reading or 2% air saturation, whichever is greater; 200 to 500%: ±6% of reading
Dissolved Oxygen mg/L ETV 6562 Rapid Pulse™ Sensor*	0 to 50 mg/L	0.01 mg/L	0 to 20 mg/L: ± 0.2 mg/L or 2% of reading, whichever is greater; 20 to 50 mg/L: ±6% of reading
Conductivity• ETV 6560 Sensor*	0 to 100 mS/cm	0.001 to 0.1 mS/cm (range dependent)	±0.5% of reading + 0.001 mS/cm
Salinity	0 to 70 ppt	0.01 ppt	±1% of reading or 0.1 ppt, whichever is greater
Temperature ETV 6560 Sensor*	-5 to +50°C	0.01°C	±0.15°C
pH ETV 6561 Sensor*	0 to 14 units	0.01 unit	±0.2 unit
ORP	-999 to +999 mV	0.1 mV	±20 mV
Depth & Level Medium Shallow Vented Level	0 to 200 ft, 61 m 0 to 30 ft, 9.1 m 0 to 30 ft, 9.1 m	0.001 ft, 0.001 m 0.001 ft, 0.001 m 0.001 ft, 0.001 m	±0.4 ft, ±0.12 m ±0.06 ft, ±0.02 m ±0.01 ft, 0.003 m

• Report outputs of specific conductance (conductivity corrected to 25° C), resistivity, and total dissolved solids are also provided. These values are automatically calculated from conductivity according to algorithms found in *Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater* (ed 1989).

YSI 600XL & 600XLM Sonde Specifications

Medium		Fresh, sea or polluted water
Temperature	Operating Storage	-5 to +50°C -10 to +60°C
Communications		RS-232, SDI-12
Software		EcoWatch®
Dimensions 600XL | 600XLM	Diameter Length Weight	1.65 in, 4.19 cm | 1.65 in, 4.9 cm 16 in, 40.6 cm | 21.3 in, 54.1 cm 1.3 lbs, 0.59 kg | 1.5 lbs, 0.69 kg
Power	External Internal (600XLM only)	12 V DC 4 AA-size alkaline batteries

YSI model 5083 flow cell and 600XL. This is an ideal combination for groundwater applications.

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The HI 98129 Combo waterproof tester offer high accuracy pH, EC/TDS and temperature measurements in a single tester! No more switching between meters for your routine measurements. The waterproof Combo (it even floats) has a large easy-to-read, dual-level LCD and automatic shut-off. pH and EC/TDS readings are automatically compensated for the effects of temperature (ATC). This technologically advanced tester has a replaceable pH electrode cartridge with an extendable cloth junction as well as an EC/TDS graphite electrode that resists contamination by salts and other substances. This gives these meters a greatly extended life. Your tester no longer needs to be thrown away when the pH sensor is exhausted.

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Specifications

Range	pH	0.00 to 14.00 pH
Range	EC	0 to 3999 µS/cm
Range	TDS	0 to 2000 ppm
Range	Temperature	0.0 to 60.0°C / 32 to 140.0°F
Resolution	pH	0.01 pH
Resolution	EC	1 µS/cm
Resolution	TDS	1 ppm
Resolution	Temperature	0.1°C / 0.1°F
Accuracy	pH	±0.05 pH
Accuracy	EC/TDS	±2% F.S.
Accuracy	Temperature	±0.5°C / ±1°F
Temperature Compensation		pH: automatic; EC/TDS: automatic with ß adjustable from 0.0 to 2.4% / °C
Calibration	pH	automatic, 1 or 2 points with 2 sets of memorized buffers (pH 4.01 / 7.01 / 10.01 or 4.01 / 6.86 / 9.18)
Calibration	EC/TDS	automatic, 1 point
TDS Conversion Factor		adjustable from 0.45 to 1.00
pH Electrode		HI 73127 (replaceable; included)
Environment		0 to 50°C (32 to 122°F); RH max 100%
Battery Type / Life		4 x 1.5V / approx. 100 hours of continuous use; auto-off after 8 minutes of non-use
Dimensions		163 x 40 x 26 mm (6.4 x 1.6 x 1.0")
Weight		100 g (3.5 oz.)

Appendix F

Aquatic Macroinvertebrate Standard Operating Procedures

Sample Processing

Hester-Dendy samplers (HD) for each site are rinsed and cleaned in a #30 sieve stacked upon a #40 sieve. The resulting #30 and #40 samples are labeled, pre-picked for rare and/or large taxa under 3X magnification and then, if needed, subsampled, using a Folsom sample splitter to achieve more manageable numbers of organisms (minimums of 100 midge larvae, 75 mayflies and 75 caddisflies for #30 sample and minimum of 100 organisms in #40 sample). The resulting macroinvertebrates are then sorted into major orders, using a dissecting scope with at least 10X magnification. The sorted macroinvertebrates are put into labeled vials and preserved in 70% ethanol.

Qualitative samples (QUAL) are not subsampled but are rinsed in a #40 sieve to remove the formalin solution. The sample is then placed in a labeled vial and preserved in 70% ethanol.

Macroinvertebrate Identification

Macroinvertebrates from #30 HD samples and QUAL samples are identified to the lowest practical taxonomic level using OEPA approved references. Exceptions include damaged and immature specimens, which are extrapolated into the counts of the larger, identified specimens. Macroinvertebrates, except for midge larvae, from #40 HD samples are identified, counted and extrapolated into the taxa identified in the corresponding #30 HD sample. Midge larvae from #40 HD samples are also counted and extrapolated into the corresponding #30 HD sample, except for six easily recognizable midge taxa (*Corynoneura spp*., *Thienemanniella spp*., *Nilotanypus fimbriatus*, *Labrundinia spp*., *Stemepellina spp*. and *Stempellinella spp*.) If found, these are removed, identified and counted separately from the #40 HD sample and included in the #30 HD sample.

Midge larvae are mounted directly onto labeled slides using CMC-10, which is a clearing agent and a mounting medium. Voucher slides will be ringed with clear nail polish to prevent air fingers from forming.

A voucher collection, consisting of at least two organisms in good condition for each taxon found, will be prepared and will represent all three projects. In the case that only one organism of a certain taxon is found, that organism will be the voucher.

For each site, identifications will be recorded on bench sheets provided by the OEPA. These sheets include identifications, raw counts, extrapolated counts and identification numbers.

Metric Calculations

Invertebrate Community Index (ICI) calculations will be figured by hand for each site containing both a HD sample and a QUAL sample. For samples consisting of only a QUAL sample, a Qualitative Community Tolerance Value (QCTV) score will be calculated by hand and will be based on the most recent Ohio EPA Macroinvertebrate Taxa List, which contains tolerance values.

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