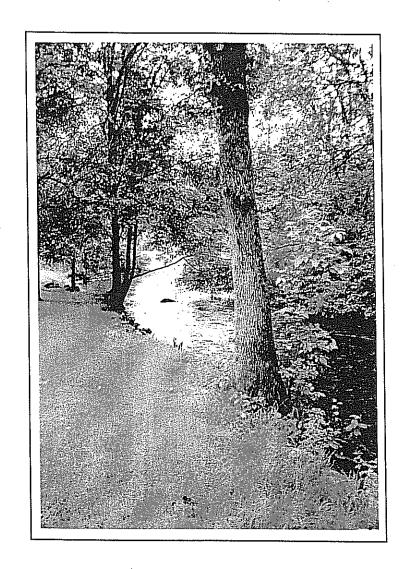
# MACROINVERTEBRATE

# MONITORING PROGRAM



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# INTRODUCTION

Macroinvertebrate Monitoring is the collection and analysis of stream insects and associated wildlife, used as indicators of water quality. *Macro* invertebrates can be seen with the naked eye, as compared with *Micro* invertebrates which require a microscope to view clearly. They are primarily bottom dwelling (benthic) animals, that are found in freshwater and saltwater environments. They are at the base of the food chain and play a important role in the aquatic food web.

In the Green Township's Biological Monitoring Program, the freshwater macroinvertebrates are primarily made up of insect larva, aquatic worms, mollusks (snails and clams) and crustaceans (scuds and crayfish). These benthic insects are readily collected and easily quantified by volunteer groups, such as environmental commissions, watershed groups, organizations similar to the Boy and Girl Scouts, and the general public. Macroinvertebrates occupy various niches in the stream, depending on their shape and feeding method, e.g. predators, filter and detritus feeders, scavengers etc.. Their presence and relative abundance is controlled by environmental conditions and by the pollution tolerance levels of their respective species. Their overall community health reflects the conditions of their environment.

The Green Township Environmental Committee used the Isaac Walton League of America's Monitor's Guide to Aquatic Macroinvertebrates. This Monitor's Guide is part of the league's "Save Our Streams Program" (SOS), a national volunteer stream protection program. The SOS program teaches citizens how to monitor, protect and restore the nation's rivers. The SOS program uses a simple and straightforward monitoring approach which involves: taking a "critter count" (looking at the number of different types of bugs), the relative number of organisms and their tolerance to pollutants, in order to determine the stream's health.

The technique is based on the fact that differ groups of stream macroinvertebrates have different tolerances to pollution, which means they can serve as useful indicators of water quality. This biological monitoring program was chosen because it provides an effective, easy to understand method for determining if a stream has been impacted by pollution sources. Macroinvertebrates live from several weeks to many years in a stream and directly depend on aquatic habitat and water quality for survival. As a result, macroinvertebrates can indicate pollution impacts from various, cumulative or multiple sources.

Biological monitoring provides insight into the nature of stream disturbance through an examination of the predominant feeding patterns (functional feeding groups) of the macroinvertebrate groups present. For example, increased proportions of scrapers may indicate nutrient runoff, while increased numbers of collectors may show organic enrichment.

# SECTION 1 Lab Report

# MACROINVERTEBRATE SURVEY AND GIS DEVELOPMENT GREEN TOWNSHIP, NJ

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# **Executive Summary**

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Overall, the macroinvertebrate communities at both stream stations were somewhat compromised, indicating the presence of organic pollution. Both stations had similar water quality based on the metrics analyzed, despite the larger watershed of the Pequest River station. It is unclear why the Dead End Creek watershed had impacted water quality, since the watershed is only 7,000 acres, and no environmental sites exist in the watershed. It may be due to the fact that the Dead End Creek watershed is mostly agricultural land (48 percent) while the Pequest River watershed is mostly forested land (60 percent), with only 7 percent of the watershed in agricultural use.

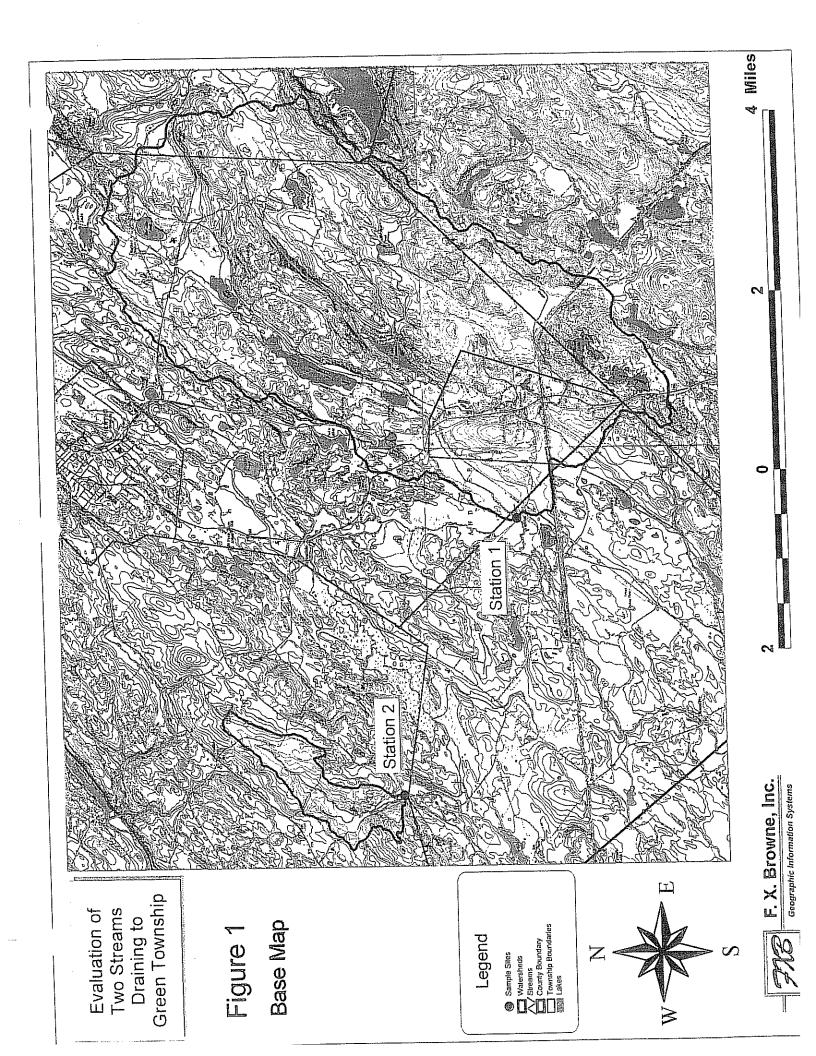
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### 2.0 Methods of Analysis

Macroinvertebrate (aquatic insect) samples were collected at each station using a kicknet in accordance with the U.S. EPA Rapid Bioassessment Protocol. The samples were preserved in ethanol and taken to the F. X. Browne, Inc. laboratory for identification. Macroinvertebrate samples were analyzed according to the U.S. EPA Rapid Bioassessment Protocol. Approximately 100 individuals from each station were identified to the family level. The metrics were computed using guidance from the Pennsylvania Water Quality Monitoring Network (WQN). The metrics used in this study were Total Taxa-Chironomids, Hilsenhof Biotic Index (HBI), Modified EPT richness, Modified Percent EPT, Percent Dominant Taxon, and Percent Intolerant Taxa. Total taxachironomids represents the number of different taxa present when all the chironomids are counted as one family, Chironomidae, rather than different genera. HBI is a commonly used index of specific benthic macroinvertebrate tolerances to organic pollution. Modified EPT richness and Modified Percent EPT are indices of the three taxa that are most intolerant to pollution, Ephemeroptera (mayflies), Plecoptera (stoneflies), and Trichopera (caddisflies). The modified version doesn't include the taxa with HBI values higher than 5, which eliminates tolerant species. Percent dominant taxon is a measure of the relationship between the number of individuals in the most dominant taxon to the number of individuals in the population as a whole. Percent intolerant taxa measures the relationship between the number of individuals in taxa with an HBI less than 6 to the number of individuals in the population as a whole.



# 3.0 Aquatic Benthic Macroinvertebrate Results

The total number of individuals in each taxa found in each of the three stations, as well as the Hilsenhof Biotic Index (HBI) number for each taxa, is shown in Table 2.

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TAXA	COMMON NAME	HBI	Station #1	Station #2
EPHEMEROPTERA				
Baetidae 1	mayfly	6		3
Baetidae 2	mayfly	6		13
PLECOPTERA				
Perlidae	stonefly	3		1
TRICHOPTERA				
Hydropsychidae	caddisfly	5	2	8
Philopotamidae	caddisfly	3		1
MEGALOPTERA				
COLEOPTERA				
Elmidae	riffle beetle	5	11	
Dysticidae	diving beetle	5		5
ISOPODA				
Asellidae	sowbug	8	1	
Gammaridae	scud	6	29	
GASTROPODA				
Lymnaeidae	snail	7	2	
Planorbidae	snail	6	2	
Physidae	snail	8	1	18
PELECYPODA			·	
Sphaeriidae	clam	8	3	
ODONATA				
Aeshnidae	dragonfly nymph	3	1	
Gomphidae	dragonfly nymph	4	1	
DIPTERA				1
Chironomidae	midge larvae	6	17	30
Tipulidae	crane fly larvae	4	1	
Simuliidae	black fly larvae	6	6	9
OLIGOCHAETA	aquatic worm	10	25	12
CRUSTACEA				
Cambariidae	crayfish	6		2

The types of macroinvertebrates present in a stream are indicative of the quality of the water. A healthy stream will have good species diversity, with many different taxa represented in the sample. In an impacted stream, most of the individuals will be represented by only a few taxa. The quality of a stream is assessed by comparing different metrics, or indices. Each metric tells us something about the water quality in the stream. For example, an Hilsenhof Biotic Index (HBI) of 0-3.75 indicates excellent water quality with no organic pollution while an HBI greater than 6 represents poor water quality with respect to organic pollution (Klemm, et. al, 1990). A high EPT Index and Percent EPT represent good water quality since the three orders of macroinvertebrates represented by those metrics, Ephemeroptera, Plecoptera and Trichoptera, are intolerant to pollution and are usually not found in impacted streams. In streams with good water quality the percent dominant species will be low, which is an indication of high species diversity. A high percentage of intolerant taxa is also a sign that the water quality in the stream is good since species that are intolerant to pollution can only live in unimpacted streams.

The individual macroinvertebrates from each station were identified and classified by family. A summary of the metrics for each station is given in Table 3.

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Metric	Station #1	Station #2
Total Taxa-Chironomids	14	11
Total number of individuals	102	102
Hilsenhof Biotic Index (HBI)	6.9	6.6
EPT Index*	1	3
Percent EPT*	7.1	21
Percent Dominant Taxon	28	29
Percent Intolerant Taxa	16	15

<sup>\*</sup> The metrics that are listed as modified (\*) do not include taxa with HBI values > 5.

Station 1, located on the Pequest River at the Brighton Bridge, shows the greater amount of species diversity with 102 individuals representing 14 different taxa. The HBI was 6.9 for that station, indicating relatively poor water quality with respect to organic pollution. The EPT Index and Percent EPT in Station 1 were low, also indicating poor water quality. The dominant species were scuds (HBI = 6) and aquatic worms (HBI = 10) which are species that are very tolerant of pollution. Intolerant taxa (HBI  $\leq$  5) made up only 16 percent of the population, which indicates that some degree of organic pollution is most likely present.

Station 2, located on Dead End Creek at the Route 519 Bridge, had slightly less species diversity than Station 1 with 102 individuals representing only 11 different taxa. The HBI was 6.6 at that station, which indicates relatively poor water quality with regards to organic pollution. The EPT Index and Percent EPT were higher than at Station 1, but are also indicative of relatively poor water quality. The dominant species was the Chironomid midge larvae (HBI = 6), which is a species tolerant of poor water quality. The percent dominant taxon was 29 percent, indicating low species diversity. Intolerant taxa make up only 15 percent of the population at this site.

### 4.0 Geographic Information Systems

The watersheds of the two sampling stations were delineated and mapped using GIS. The Dead End Creek watershed is approximately 7,000 acres and the Pequest River watershed is approximately 112,000 acres. Each watershed was analyzed for the following parameters: land use, environmental sites, wetlands, soils, and bedrock geology. GIS maps of each of the parameters are included in Appendix A.

### 4.1 Land Use

The major land use in the Dead End Creek watershed is cropland, comprising 48 percent of the watershed. The majority of the rest of the watershed is forested (22 percent) or shrubland (21 percent), with 9 percent of the land in residential use. The major land use in the Pequest River watershed is forest, comprising about 60 percent of the watershed. Deciduous forest covers 49 percent of the watershed, with other types of forest making up 3 percent and shrubland making up8 percent. Agricultural land makes up 7 percent, residential/commercial land makes up approximately 16 percent, mining and industrial uses make up 1 percent, and lakes, ponds and reservoirs make up over 5 percent of the watershed. A Land Use map is included in Appendix A.

### 4.2 Environmental Sites

For the purposes of this report, environmental sites refers to mineral extraction sites (mines), dams or EPA permitted discharges (wastewater treatment plants) that could potentially have a negative impact on water quality. The Dead End Creek watershed has no sites that pose potential environmental problems. The Pequest River watershed, however, has four mineral extraction sites, eleven EPA permitted discharges, and twelve dams. For locations, refer to the Environmental Sites map in Appendix A.

### 4.3 Wetlands

The vast majority of the Dead End Creek watershed is uplands, comprising 81 percent of the watershed. 9 percent of the watershed is herbaceous wetland, 5 percent is deciduous wooded wetland, and 4 percent is modified agricultural wetland. The Pequest River watershed is 83 percent upland, with deciduous wooded wetland (7 percent) and artificial lakes (4 percent) comprising the majority of the wetland areas. A Wetlands map is included in Appendix A.

### 4.4 Soils

The most common of the ten different soil types in the Dead End Creek watershed is Nassau rocky silt loam 8 to 15 percent slope (31 percent). Other major soil types in the watershed are Albia gravelly loam 3 to 8 percent slopes (20 percent), Nassau-Rock outcrop complex 15 to 25 percent slopes (19 percent), and Chippewa silt loam 3 to 8 percent slopes (12 percent). The Pequest River watershed has 56 different soil types, with the most common soils being Rock outcrop-Rockaway association steep (12 percent), Rockaway very stony loam 5 to 25 percent slopes (12 percent), Rockaway-Rock outcrop association sloping and moderately steep (12 percent), and Wassaic-Rock outcrop association moderately steep (8 percent). A Soils map is included in Appendix A

### 4.5 Bedrock Geology

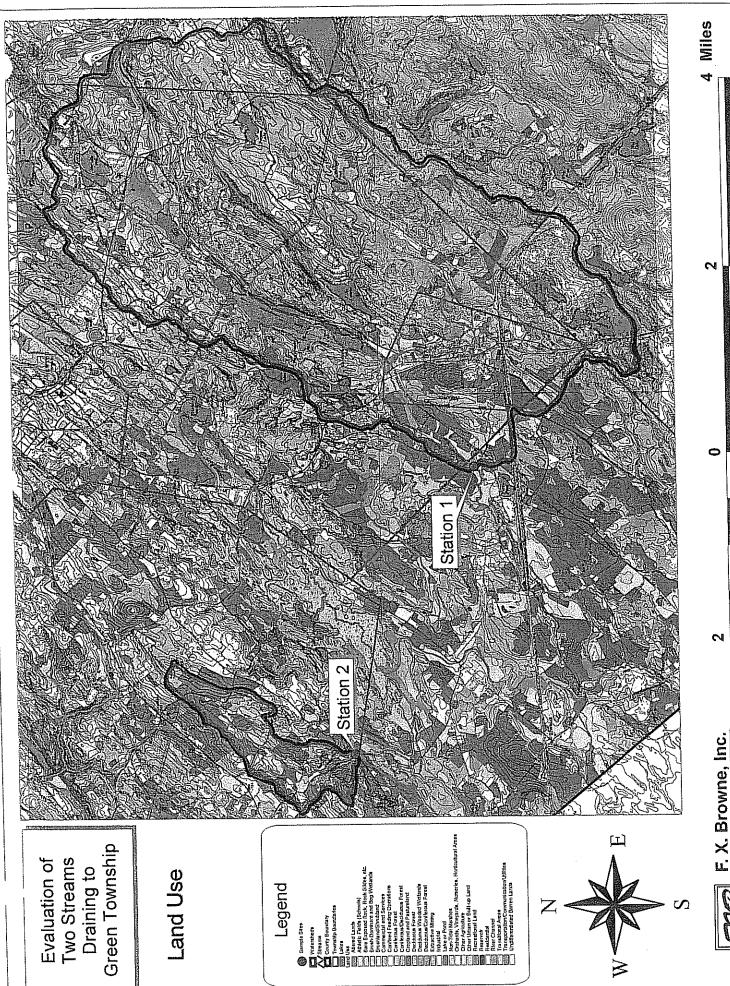
The Dead End Creek watershed is located completely on Martinsburg formation/ Martinsburg shale bedrock. The Pequest River watershed contains 16 different kinds of bedrock, including mixed gneiss (28 percent), Horneblende granite/ mostly Horneblende granite & gneiss (14 percent), Horneblende and biotite gneiss (10 percent), and Allentown formation (9 percent). A Bedrock Geology map is included in Appendix A

### 5.0 Conclusions and Recommendations

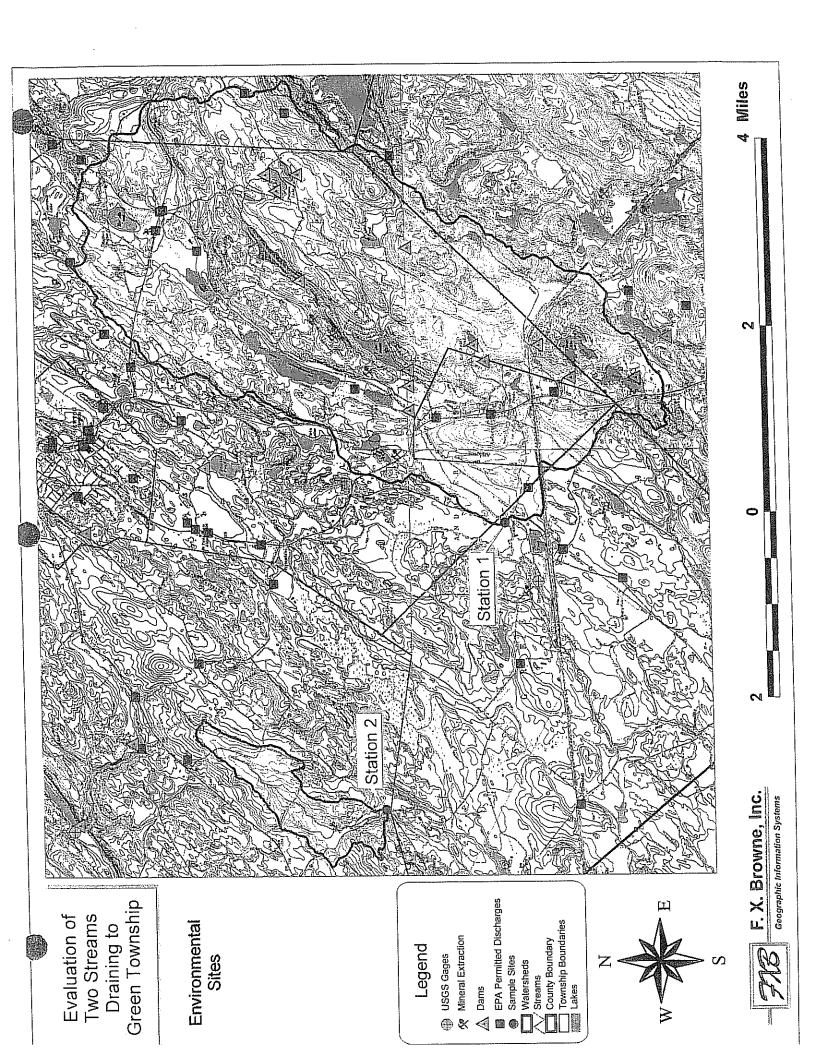
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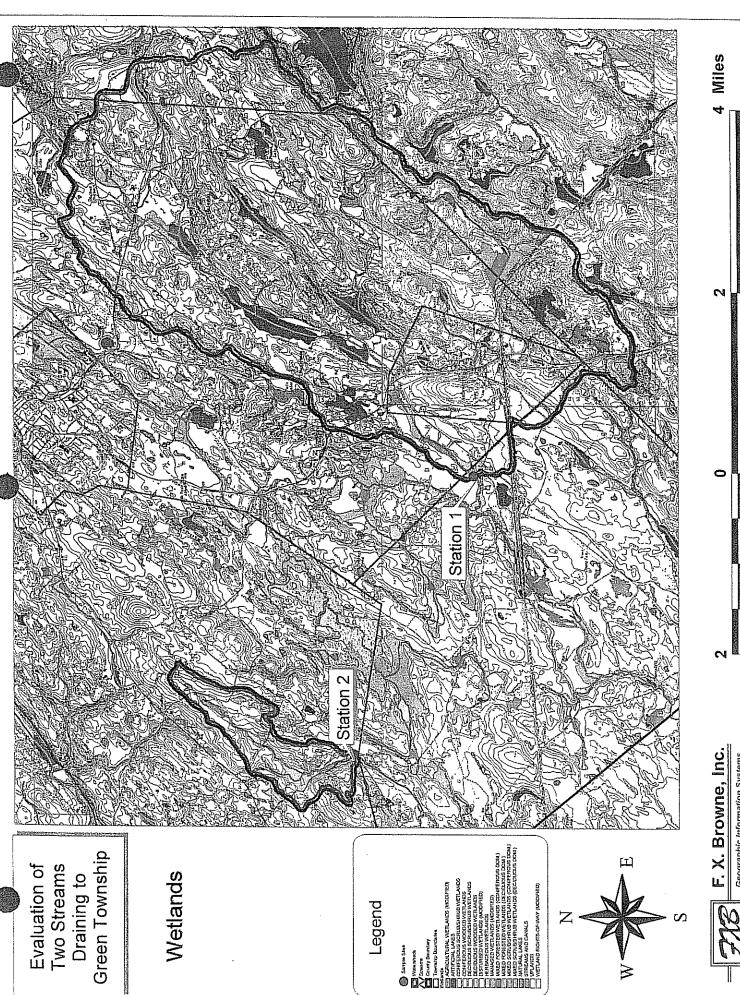
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# Appendix A GIS MAPS



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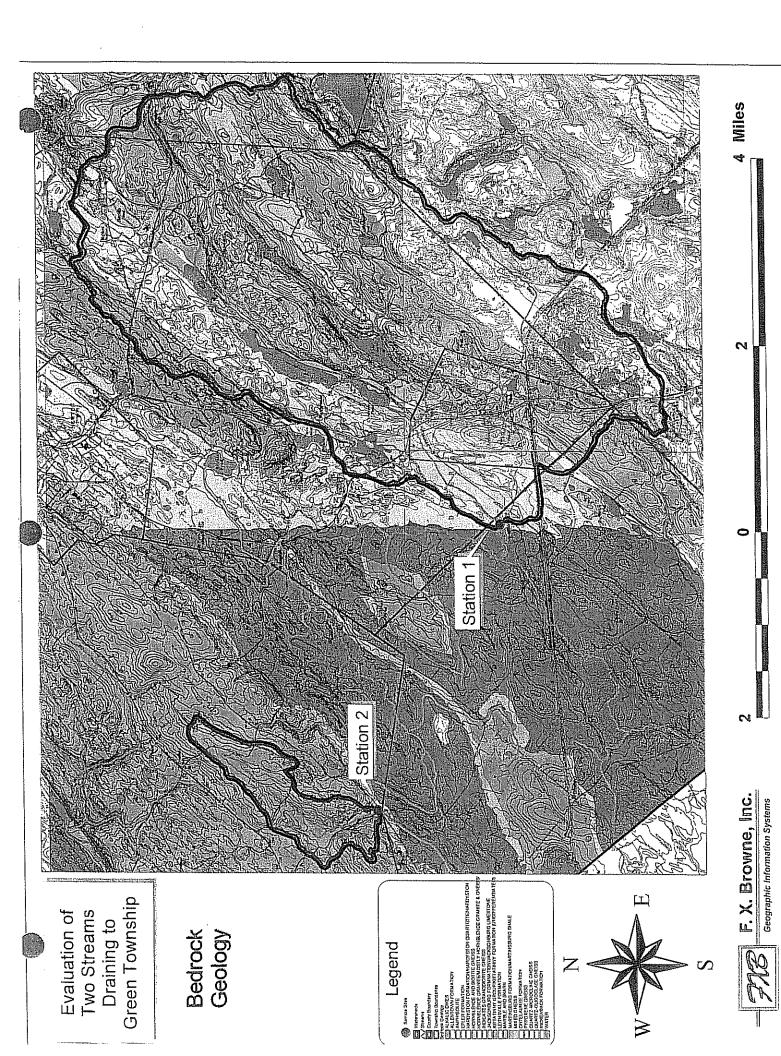






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# **SECTION 2**

Environmental Committee

Macroinvertebrate Data Sheets

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# Stream Quality Survey

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Compare this total index value to the following ranges of numbers to determine the water quality of your stream. Good water quality is indicated by a variety of different kinds of organisms, with no one kind making up the majority of the sample. Although the A, B, and C ratings do not contribute to the water quality rating, keep track of them to see how your macroinvertebrate populations change over time.

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SENSITIVE SOMEWHAT SENSITIVE TOLERANT  B beetle larvae aquatic worms
B caddisfly larvae hellgrammite A mayfly nymphs gilled snails riffle beetle adult stonefly nymphs water penny larvae  A clams crane fly larvae crayfish damselfly nymphs dragonfly nymphs scuds Sowbugs fishfly larvae alderfly larvae atherix
# letters times 3 = 6 # letters times 2 = 1 # letters times 1 index value  Now add together the three index values from each column for your total index value. Total index value = 28

Compare this total index value to the following ranges of numbers to determine the water quality of your stream. Good water quality is indicated by a variety of different kinds of organisms, with no one kind making up the majority of the sample. Although the A, B, and C ratings do not contribute to the water quality rating, keep track of them to see how your macroinvertebrate populations change over time.

WATER	QUALITY	RATING



\_\_\_ Excellent (>22

\_\_\_\_ Good (17-22

\_\_\_\_ Fair (11-16

Poor (<11)

Fish water quality indicators:  scattered individuals scattered schools trout (pollution sensitive) bass (somewhat sensitive) catfish (pollution tolerant) carp (pollution tolerant)	Barriers to fish mo beaver dams man-made dam waterfalls (>1 ft other none	s.) Station	# 3-2 # 6/27/00
clear clear, but tea-colored colored sheen (oily) foamy milky muddy black	tream bed deposit (bottom):  grey orange/red yellow black brown silt sand other	Odor:  rotten eggs musky oil sewage other none	Stability of stream bed:  Bed sinks beneath your feet in:  \$\frac{1}{2}\$ no spots  a few spots  many spots
% bank covered by plants, rock and logs (no exposed soil) is: Stream banks (sides) Top bank (slope and floodplain)		brown coated matted on stream bed	Algae located: ☐ everywhere ☑ in spots ☑ % of bed covered
<ul> <li>№ &gt;80% excellent</li> <li>50%-80% high</li> </ul>	am bank composition (=100%):  % trees  % shrubs  % grass  % bare soil  % rocks  % other	Stream bank eroslo  >80% severe  50%-80% high  20%-49% modera  <20% slight	% silt (mud) % sand (1/16"-1/4"grains)
■ MUDDY BOTTOM ONLY: Record etc.) to best describe the habitat.  □ Steep bank/vegetated margin □ Woody debris with organic margin	[	Rock/gravel/sand sul	vide any details (mostly sand, little silt,  pstrates
Land uses in the watershed: Re Indicate whether the following lar	ecord all land uses observed in the nd uses have a high (H), moderate survey instructions to determine h	watershed area upstrea (M), slight (S), or none ( ow to assess H, M, S, or 	am and surrounding your sampling site.  N) potential to impact the quality of your  r N. If the land use is not present in your  Frash dump  Fields  Livestock pasture  Other
Are there any discharging pip What types of <del>pipes</del> are they?  □ sewage treatment	runoff (field or stormwate	er) describe: <u>ROA</u> try	
answer Yes, you must submit tw	o different survey forms, one for ab	ove the pipe and one for	Were changes noticed? NOTE: If you below the pipe, to document your claim.  te type of litter in and around the stream.
Comments Indicate what you the pages or photographs to better	nink are the current and potential fundescribe the condition of your stre	am	am's health. Feel free to attach additional  ATTACHED AND  T



# **SECTION 3**

Lab

Macroinvertebrate Data Sheets

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The purpose of this form is to aid you in gathering and recording important data about the health of your stream. By keeping accurate and consistent records of your observations and data from your macroinvertebrate count, you can document changes in water quality. Refer to the SOS insect card and monitoring instructions to learn how to trap and identify stream macroinvertebrates and how to complete this form.

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2	# letters times 3 =	<u>5</u> 10	# letters times 2 = index value	44	# letters times 1 = index value
Now add	d together the three index values fr	om each col	umn for your total index val	ue. Total index val	ue = <u>20</u>
Compare th	his total index value to the following y a variety of different kinds of organ	ranges of nur	mhers to determine the water	er quality of your str	eam. Good water quality is





Excellent (>22)

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\_\_\_\_\_ Fair (11-10

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# Save Our Streams

# Stream Quality Survey

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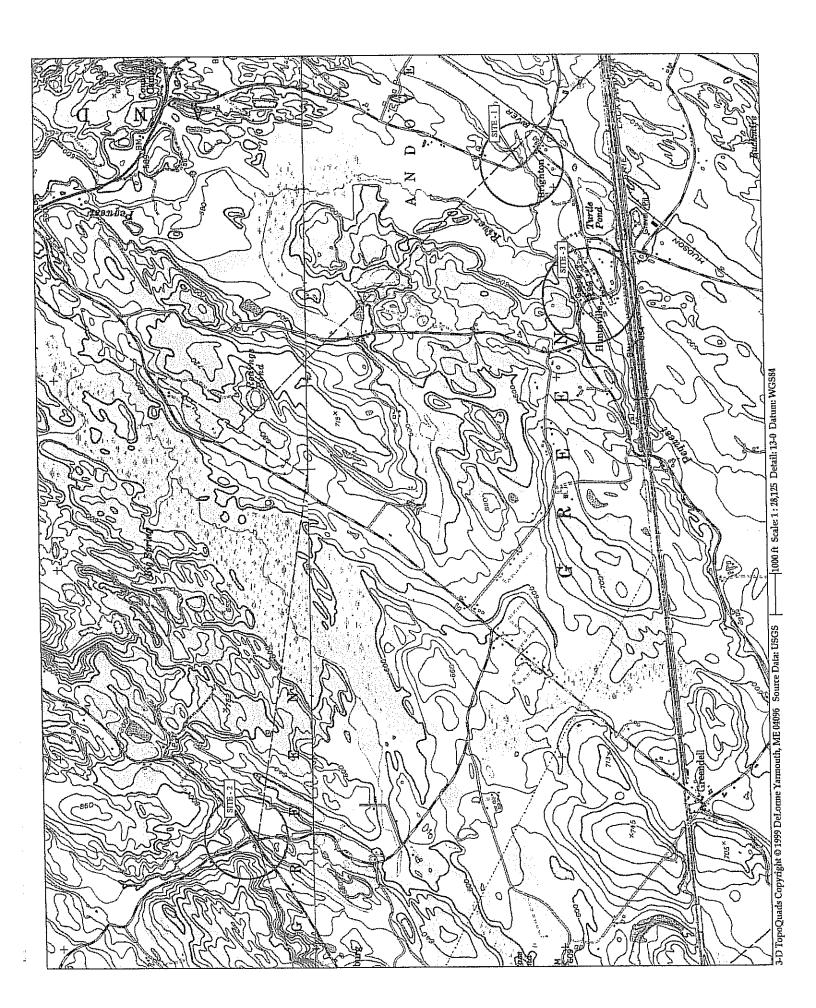
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WATER QUALITY RATING

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# SECTION 4 GIS Mapwork



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# Macroinvertebrate Sampling Points Green Township

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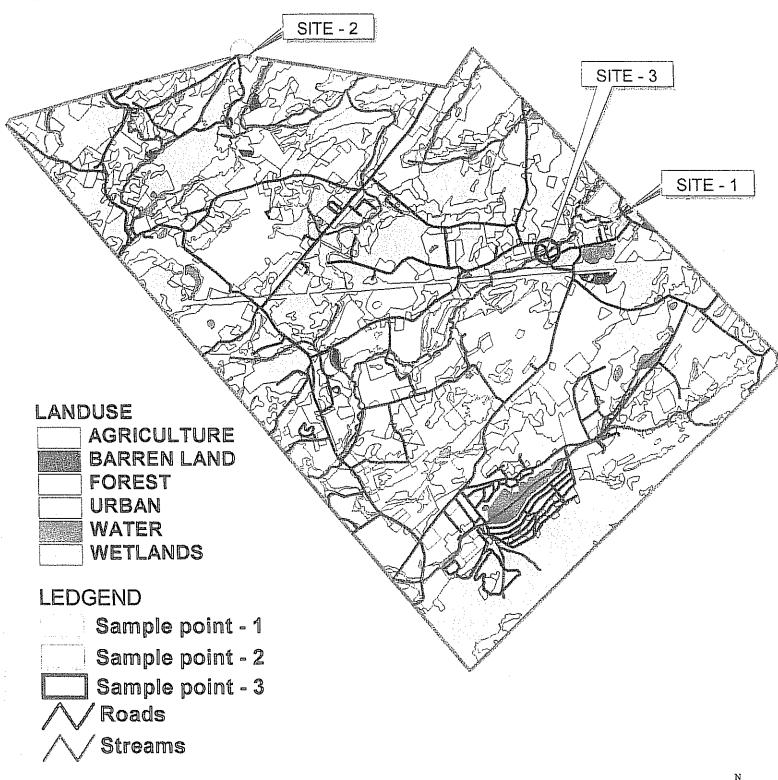
- Sample point 1 Pequest @ Brighton
- Sample point 2 Dead End Creek
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- Green Township
- Surface Water

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# GREEN TOWNSHIP SURFACEWATER SAMPLING SITES



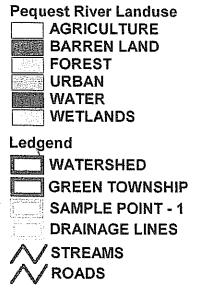
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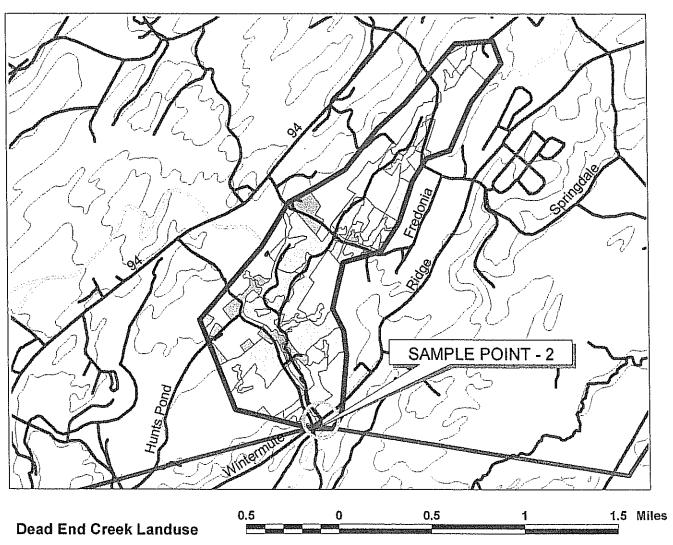


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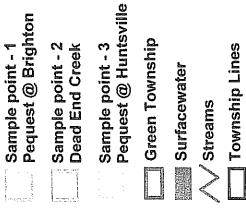
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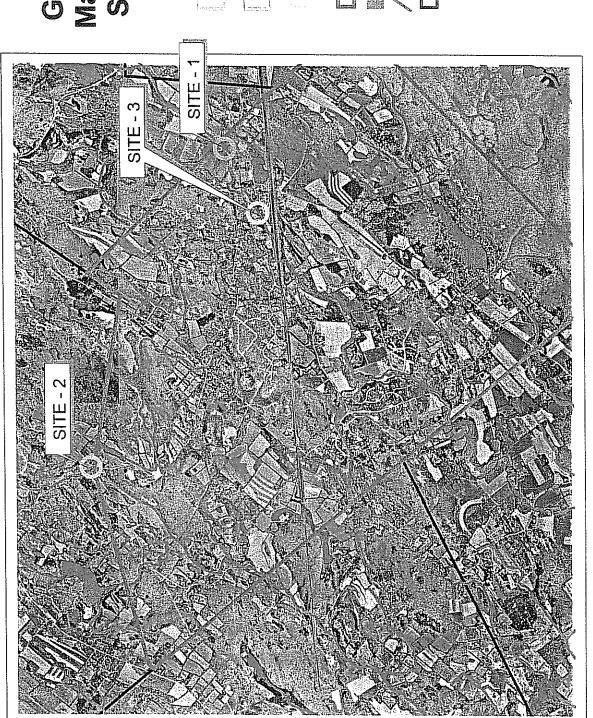




# Green Township Macroinvertebrate Sampling Points







### CONCLUSIONS

This report includes the complete State Certified Lab report with all the data collected. This lab report was conducted by an independent lab to substantiate the Environmental Committees Macroinvertebrate Monitoring Program. Testing was completed by both the Lab and the Environmental Committee in June of 2000. The lab sampled the Pequest River at the township's sampling station No. 2 (Brighton). While the committee sampled the Pequest River at the township's sampling station No. 3 (Huntsville), less than 4,000 feet down stream.

Using the same Stream Quality Survey Sheets, the committee obtained a water quality rating of **excellent**, while the lab obtained a **good** water quality rating at their site. The improved water quality at sampling station No. 3 may be due to the fact that it receives additional water from predominantly forested areas in Green Township and Andover Township. (It should be noted that the water quality rating the committee obtained was developed from three sampling events while the lab's was generated from a single sampling event.)

In conclusion, the Environmental Committee found that the results of both it's June 2000 and June 2001 sampling rounds were <u>excellent</u> <u>water quality ratings</u>, in the Pequest River at sampling station No. 3 (see stream quality survey sheets attached).

The photographs attached to the report were taken during the committees June 2000 sampling event. They show the committee members dislodging "critters" from the gravelly bottom of the Pequest River into the nets held by the Green Township Girl Scout Troop. The nets being emptied into water filled examining trays, where the macroinvertebrates were separated and counted. Identification charts, tweezers, and fingers were all used to develop the final Stream Quality Survey Sheets.

The Green Township Environmental Committee realizes the importance of this biological monitoring aspect to the townships overall Stream Monitoring Program. The committee has conducted water chemistry baseline monitoring on the Pequest River since 1968 (see the township's "Watershed Monitoring Program Report") and will maintain the biological monitoring data as part of this important baseline. Having established the township's monitoring stations the committee will continue this Biological Monitoring Program in June of each year.

# SECTION 5 Photographs

