

## Level 3 Project Study Plan

### *2010 Big Creek Environmental Monitoring*

#### (1) Objectives

Big Creek is an urban stream located in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and is tributary to the Cuyahoga River. Two studies, whose purposes are outlined in Objectives A and B, will be conducted in 2010 on Big Creek in support of the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District's (NEORS) Strategic Plan 2009-2013, Strategic Initiatives 1.E: Develop a long-term Environmental Monitoring Program; 4.C: Identify and execute the top 20 stormwater projects; and 4.D: Monitor the impact of executed stormwater projects and develop a strategy to communicate the benefits to the community and adjust the program as necessary.

#### **Objective A:**

The overall objective of the study at RM 0.15 on the Main Branch of Big Creek, RM 4.40 on the East Branch, and RM 4.70 on the Ford Branch will be to evaluate the impact of upstream NEORS CSO discharges on the downstream macroinvertebrate community. The study at RM 0.15, the site downstream of the NEORS CSO discharges, is required under Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. 3PA00002\*FD. The studies at RM 4.40 on the East Branch and RM 4.70 on the Ford Branch will be conducted to determine the extent to which the downstream macroinvertebrate community at RM 0.15 is impacted by NEORS CSO discharges and other environmental factors. This will be accomplished by comparing the benthic macroinvertebrate data from the upstream sites with data obtained from the downstream site. The monitoring at RM 4.70 will be conducted only if the NEORS Stormwater program is *not* implemented. Monitoring at RM 0.15 and RM 4.40 will be conducted regardless.

#### **Objective B:**

The objective of the study at RM 1.75, 1.55, 1.25, 0.85, and 0.45 on the Chevrolet Branch of Big Creek is to establish a pre-construction baseline data set with regards to water chemistry, habitat quality, and health of the fish and macroinvertebrate communities in the stream. The NEORS Engineering department has proposed a project to construct a detention basin on the Chevrolet Branch to reduce the frequency of flooding in the surrounding community.

This branch of Big Creek has also undergone other restoration projects in the past to stabilize severely eroding banks utilizing soil bioengineering techniques, reestablish active floodplains, and add native vegetation in the riparian zones. In 1999, 220 feet of stream was restored at RM 0.6, near Guardian Avenue, utilizing a live crib wall for bank stabilization and a two-stage channel design to establish

an active floodplain within the stream channel. In 2003, 400 feet of stream at RM 1.5, near Milligan Avenue, and 520 feet of stream at RM 0.45, near Brookfield Avenue, were restored. Root wads were used for additional bank stabilization at these locations. NEORSD conducted sampling at each location upstream of the restored area, within the restored area, and downstream of the restored area.

The purpose of the data set to be collected in this study is four-fold. Data obtained in this study will provide insight into existing ecological conditions so they can be considered during the design of the detention basin, and evaluate water quality related to detention basins. The data set may also be utilized to determine the effectiveness of past restoration projects through comparison with environmental data previously collected in conjunction with those projects. Additionally, the data set will provide a baseline for post-monitoring in the stream once the detention basins are constructed, facilitating the future assessment of any chemical or biological changes that may have occurred in the stream. This study will be conducted only if the NEORSD Stormwater program *is* implemented.

**Monitoring to be Conducted:**

During the course of each of the studies, fish communities, benthic macroinvertebrate communities, habitat, and water chemistry in Big Creek at RM 0.15, 4.40, 4.70, 1.75, 1.55, 1.25, 0.85, and 0.45 will be surveyed. Sites actually sampled will depend on whether the NEORSD Stormwater Program is implemented, as explained above. The results from these surveys will be used to evaluate the overall health of the fish and macroinvertebrate communities through the use of several Ohio EPA indices: the Index of Biotic Integrity (IBI), the Modified Index of Well-Being (MIwb), and the Invertebrate Community Index (ICI). An examination of the individual metrics that comprise these indices will be used in conjunction with water quality data, the Ohio EPA Macroinvertebrate Field Sheet, and Qualitative Habitat Evaluation Index (QHEI) results in order to identify impacts to the communities. Results will also be compared to historic data, where applicable, to show temporal as well as spatial trends. Water chemistry data will also be utilized to determine attainment of each site with applicable Ohio EPA Water Quality Standards (OEPA 2009b)<sup>1</sup>.

(2) Point/Nonpoint Sources

| Point Sources            | Nonpoint Sources |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Combined Sewer Overflows | Urban runoff     |
| Storm Sewer Outfalls     | Landfills        |
| Sanitary Sewer Overflows | Spills           |

<sup>1</sup> See Appendix I for a list of all references.

A map has been provided in Appendix A to show point sources that may be influencing the water quality at each sample location. These point and nonpoint sources may be impacting the health of the fish and benthic macroinvertebrate communities in Big Creek and may be influencing algal and macrophyte production.

(3) Parameters Covered

Fish specimens will be identified to species level, weighed, counted and examined for the presence of external anomalies including DELTs (deformities, eroded fins, lesions and tumors). An Ohio EPA Fish Data Sheet will be completed during each assessment. Quantitative fish sampling is expected to be conducted at all locations.

Macroinvertebrate community assemblages will be collected from each location and transferred to AMT (Ravenna, Ohio)<sup>2</sup> for identification and enumeration. AMT 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* (1987, updated September 30, 1989; November 8, 2006; and August 26, 2008).

The NEORS D 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 each electrofishing/macroinvertebrate site unless otherwise noted in Section 5. Appendix C lists the parameters to be tested along with the detection limits and practical quantitation limits. At least once, at all sites sampled, chlorophyll *a* (method: EPA 445.0) sampling will occur. Field measurements for dissolved oxygen, pH, temperature, and conductivity will also be performed. A Surface Water Condition Sampling Field Data Form will be completed at each site during each sampling event (Appendix D).

(4) Field Collection and Data Assessment Techniques

Sampling will be conducted using longline electrofishing techniques and will consist of shocking all habitat types within a sampling zone, which is 0.15

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<sup>2</sup> 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 the District is unable to enter into a contract with AMT and must contract this service with another vendor.

kilometers in length for the headwater sites and 0.20 kilometers in length for the wading site (RM 0.15), while moving from downstream to upstream. The stunned fish will be collected and put into a live well for later identification. The site at RM 0.15 will be electrofished twice during the field season (June 15 - October 15), and all other sites will be electrofished once during that period.

Fish will be identified to species level, weighed, 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 37 percent formaldehyde (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 five replicates of a modified 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. Voucher specimens will be collected as described in section (14). All other macroinvertebrate community assemblages will be shipped 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 *Biological Criteria for the Protection of Aquatic Life, Volume III* (1987, updated September 30, 1989; November 8, 2006; and August 26, 2008). Voucher specimens will be collected as described in section (14). Stream flow will be

measured in feet per second 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, MIwb, and ICI, can be found in Ohio EPA's *Biological Criteria for the Protection of Aquatic Life, Volumes II* (1987, updated January 1, 1988; November 8, 2006; and August 26, 2008) and *III* (1987, updated September 30, 1989; November 8, 2006; and August 26, 2008).

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.

Water chemistry sampling will occur across a variety of flow conditions. Techniques used for water chemistry sampling and chemical analyses will follow the *Manual of Ohio EPA Surveillance Methods and Quality Assurance Practices* (2009a). Chemical water quality samples from each site will be collected with one 4-liter disposable polyethylene cubitainer with disposable polypropylene lid and two 473-mL plastic bottles. All water quality samples will be collected as grab samples. One 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  $\leq 30$  percent; results outside this range will trigger further evaluation and investigation into causes for disparities. RPD values above 30 percent, with results less than ten times the practical quantitation limit, will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis 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, 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. Specifications for these meters have been included in Appendix E.

Where possible, data assessment will include an analysis of temporal and spatial trends in the collected data. Species assemblages and individual metrics will be analyzed. Graphs that show current and historic QHEI, IBI, MIwb, and ICI scores and how these scores compare to attainment status of biocriteria will 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 that site.

(5) Sampling Locations

The following electrofishing and macroinvertebrate sample locations will be surveyed during the 2010 field season, listed from upstream to downstream on each respective branch. 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.

| Location                 | Latitude  | Longitude | River Mile | Description                     | Quadrangle      | Purpose  |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Big Creek – Main Branch  | N41.4460° | W81.6865° | 0.15       | Downstream of Jennings Road     | Cleveland South | Ohio EPA Permit No. 3PA00002*FD  |
| Big Creek – East Branch  | N41.4460° | W81.7540° | 4.40       | Memphis MetroPark               | Lakewood        | Evaluate macroinvertebrates, and habitat upstream of CSOs                  |
| Big Creek – Ford Branch  | N41.4230° | W81.8019° | 4.70       | West 150 <sup>th</sup> Street   | Lakewood        | Evaluate macroinvertebrates, and habitat upstream of CSOs                  |
| Big Creek – Chevy Branch | N41.4287° | W81.7740° | 1.75       | McGowan Park                    | Lakewood        | Evaluate impacts to fish, macroinvertebrates, water chemistry, and habitat |
| Big Creek – Chevy Branch | N41.4310° | W81.7769° | 1.55       | Downstream of Milligan Avenue   | Lakewood        | Evaluate impacts to fish, macroinvertebrates, water chemistry, and habitat |
| Big Creek – Chevy Branch | N41.4337° | W81.7816° | 1.25       | Downstream of Puritas Avenue    | Lakewood        | Evaluate impacts to fish, macroinvertebrates, water chemistry, and habitat |
| Big Creek – Chevy Branch | N41.4391° | W81.7791° | 0.85       | Upstream of Kadel Avenue        | Lakewood        | Evaluate impacts to fish, macroinvertebrates, water chemistry, and habitat |
| Big Creek – Chevy Branch | N41.4438° | W81.7755° | 0.45       | Downstream of Brookfield Avenue | Lakewood        | Evaluate impacts to fish, macroinvertebrates, water chemistry, and habitat |

(6) Schedule

Electrofishing surveys will be conducted between June 15 and October 15, 2010. Two electrofishing surveys will be conducted at least three to four weeks apart at RM 0.15, and one electrofishing survey each will be conducted at all the other sites. 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 each site in Big Creek once, between June 15 and August 19, 2010, 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. Qualitative macroinvertebrate sampling will occur during HD retrieval at each of the sites.

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

Water chemistry samples will be collected a minimum of three times between June 15 and October 15, 2010. RM 0.15 is scheduled to have six water chemistry sampling events, and all of the other sites are scheduled to have five water chemistry sampling events each.

(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* (1987, updated January 1, 1988; November 8, 2006; and August 26, 2008) and *III* (1987, updated September 30, 1989; November 8, 2006; and August 26, 2008) 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 fish species that are difficult to identify will be brought back to the laboratory for verification by 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.

All macroinvertebrate community assemblages will be collected and shipped 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 *Biological Criteria for the Protection of Aquatic Life, Volume III* (1987, updated September 30, 1989 and

November 8, 2006). The AMT QA/QC manual is attached (Appendix F). AMT will return all macroinvertebrate specimens to NEORS. 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 and collection method and date. All specimens and accompanying chain-of-custody documentation will be retained by NEORS and stored at the Environmental & Maintenance Services Center for a period not less than ten years.

Water samples obtained for chemical analyses will be collected, 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 NEORS 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 NEORS Analytical Services Quality Manual and associated Standard Operating Procedures are on file with Ohio EPA. The Quality Assurance Officer at Analytical Service 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, weights, pollution tolerances, the incidence of DELT anomalies, IBI and MIwb 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, MIwb, 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 Qualified Data Collectors (QDC) will be involved with this study:

| Name                         | Address  | Email Address         | Phone Number | QDC Specialty(s)                  |
|------------------------------|--|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| <sup>1</sup> John W. Rhoades | 4747 East 49 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125 | rhoadesj@neorsd.org   | 216-641-6000 | QDC - 008<br>CWQA/FCB/SHA/<br>BMB |
| Catherine Zamborsky          | 4747 East 49 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125 | zamborskyc@neorsd.org | 216-641-6000 | QDC - 009<br>CWQA/SHA             |
| <sup>2</sup> Seth Hothem     | 4747 East 49 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125 | hothems@neorsd.org    | 216-641-6000 | QDC - 010<br>CWQA/FCB/SHA         |

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| Name   | Address  | Email Address   | Phone Number | QDC Specialty(s)          |
|--|--|---|--------------|---------------------------|
| Kathryn Crestani   | 4747 East 49 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125 | crestanik@neorsd.org  | 216-641-6000 | QDC - 011<br>CWQA/SHA     |
| <sup>3</sup> Thomas Zabloutny                                | 4747 East 49 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125 | zabloutnyt@neorsd.org   | 216-641-6000 | QDC - 018<br>CWQA/FCB/SHA |
| <sup>4,6</sup> Ronald Maichle                                | 4747 East 49 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125 | maichler@neorsd.org   | 216-641-6000 | QDC - 145<br>CWQA/SHA/BMB |
| Francisco Rivera   | 4747 East 49 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125 | riveraf@neorsd.org  | 216-641-6000 | QDC - 262<br>CWQA         |
| <sup>5</sup> Tiffany Moore                                   | 8927 Weaver Road<br>Ravenna, Ohio 44266                        | tiffany@digitaldesignmedia.com  | 847-945-8010 | QDC - 017<br>BMB          |
| <sup>1</sup> Lead Project Manager                            |  | <sup>4</sup> Benthic Macroinvertebrate Biology (BMB) Project Manager  |              |                           |
| <sup>2</sup> Fish Community Biology (FCB) Project Manager    |  | <sup>5</sup> Benthic Macroinvertebrate Identification                 |              |                           |
| <sup>3</sup> Stream Habitat Assessment (SHA) Project Manager |  | <sup>6</sup> 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.

| Name                 | Address  | Email Address           | Phone Number |
|----------------------|--|-------------------------|--------------|
| Nicholas Barille     | 4747 East 49 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125 | barillen@neorsd.org     | 216-641-6000 |
| Joseph Broz          | 4747 East 49 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125 | brozj@neorsd.org        | 216-641-6000 |
| Tim Dobriansky       | 4747 East 49 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125 | dobrianskyt@neorsd.org  | 216-641-6000 |
| Kyle Frantz          | 4747 East 49 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125 | frantzk@neorsd.org      | 216-641-6000 |
| Kristina Granlund    | 4747 East 49 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125 | granlundk@neorsd.org    | 216-641-6000 |
| Rae Grant            | 4747 East 49 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125 | grantr@neorsd.org       | 216-641-6000 |
| Eric Hinton          | 4747 East 49 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125 | hintone@neorsd.org      | 216-641-6000 |
| John Junkin          | 4747 East 49 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125 | junkinj@neorsd.org      | 216-641-6000 |
| Jillian Novak        | 4747 East 49 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125 | novakj@neorsd.org       | 216-641-6000 |
| Cathy O'Grady        | 4747 East 49 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125 | Ogradyc@neorsd.org      | 216-641-6000 |
| Kevin Roff           | 4747 East 49 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125 | roffk@neorsd.org        | 216-641-6000 |
| Frank Schuschu       | 4747 East 49 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125 | schuschuf@neorsd.org    | 216-641-6000 |
| Wolfram von Kiparski | 4747 East 49 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125 | vonkiparskiw@neorsd.org | 216-641-6000 |
| Mark Matteson        | 4747 East 49 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125 | mattesonm@neorsd.org    | 216-641-6000 |
| Summer Co-op #1      | 4747 East 49 <sup>th</sup> Street                              | To Be Determined        | 216-641-6000 |

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|-----------------|--|------------------|--------------|
|                 | Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125                                      |                  |              |
| Summer Co-op #2 | 4747 East 49 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125 | To Be Determined | 216-641-6000 |
| Summer Co-op #3 | 4747 East 49 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>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 is not positively identified in the field or NEORS D 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.

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. Benthic macroinvertebrates will be identified to the lowest practical level as recommended in Ohio EPA's *Biological Criteria for the Protection of Aquatic Life, Volume III* (1987, updated September 30, 1989, November 8, 2006, and August 26, 2008).

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

- (12) Copy of ODNR collector's permit

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

Twenty-four hours prior to biological collection, the county ODNR wildlife officer will be contacted by a NEORS D 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.

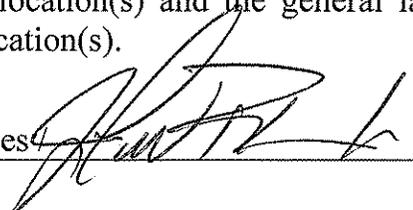
| County          | Contact Person     | Phone Number   |
|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Cuyahoga County | Hollie J. Fluharty | (330) 245-3033 |

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

(13) Catalog Statement

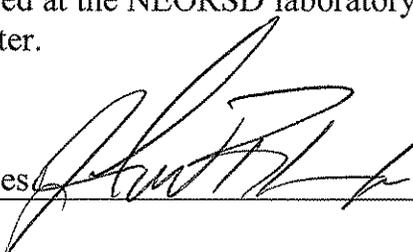
A digital photo catalog of all sampling locations will be maintained for 10 years and will include photos of the specific sampling location(s), the riparian zone adjacent to the sampling location(s) and the general land use in the immediate vicinity of the sampling location(s).

Print/Signature: John W. Rhoades  Date: 04/12/10

(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 within the NEORSD's service area. 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.

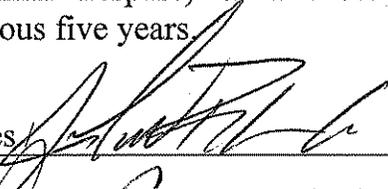
NEORSD will provide specimens or photo vouchers to the Director upon request. This collection will be stored at the NEORSD laboratory in the Environmental and Maintenance Services Center.

Print/Signature: John W. Rhoades  Date: 04/12/10

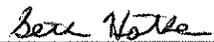
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(15) Trespassing Statement

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: 04/12/10

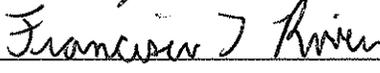
Print/Signature: Catherine Zamborsky /  Date: 4/12/10

Print/Signature: Seth Hothem /  Date: 4/12/10

Print/Signature: Kathryn Crestani /  Date: 4/12/2010

Print/Signature: Thomas Zablony /  Date: 4-14-2010

Print/Signature: Ronald Maichle /  Date: 04-12-10

Print/Signature: Francisco Rivera /  Date: 4/12/10

## Appendix A

