

SUMMARY OF RESULTS – FIBI015



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| 1. Stream Name: | Mile Run |
| 2. Sampling Date: | 6/9/00 |
| 3. Sampling Location: | Rt. 527 (40 30 20.04N; 74 28 02.07W) |
| 4. County: | Middlesex |
| 5. Watershed Management Area: | 9 |
| 6. Contributing Drainage Area (Sq. Mi.): | 5.9 |
| 7. Stream Water Quality Class: | FW2-NT |
| 8. FIBI Rating: | Fair (34) (See Appendix 3) |
| 9. Habitat Assessment Rating: | Marginal (88) (See Appendix 3) |
| 10. Fishable Species Present: | Yes |
| 11. Relevant AMNET ¹ Station Data: | |
| Proximity of FIBI station to AMNET station: | Same as AN0429 |
| AMNET Rating: | 1993 - Moderate; 1998 - Severe |
| 12. Stream Chemistries: | |
| Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l) | 8.49 |
| Temperature °C. | 16.9 |
| pH | 7.74 |
| Conductivity (µmhos/cm) | 461 |
| Secchi Disk (inches) | NA |
| 13. Number of Fish With Anomalies: | 0 |
| 14. Water Clarity: | clear |
| 15. Forest Canopy: | Closed |
| 16. Flow: | moderate |
| 17. Substrate: (qualitative) | NA |
| 18. Habitat Type: (qualitative) | 40% Riffle, 30% Run, 30% Pool |
| 19. Other observations: | Severe Erosion |
| 20. Number of Fish Species Identified: (see next page) | 11 |
| 21. Total Number of Fish Collected: | 258 |

¹ AMNET is the acronym for the DEP's ambient benthic macroinvertebrate monitoring network – a series of 820 monitoring stations located throughout the state's waterways that collects data on the health of bottom dwelling stream fauna which in turn is used to assess general water quality.

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LISTED IN ORDER OF ABUNDANCE FOUND (see also Figure 1.1)

| COMMON NAME | SCIENTIFIC NAME | # FOUND | SIZE RANGE (INCHES) |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|---------|------------------------|
| Redbreast Sunfish* | <i>Lepomis auritus</i> | 69 | NOT MEASURED |
| Banded Killifish | <i>Fundulus diaphanus</i> | 58 | " |
| American Eel* | <i>Anguilla rostrata</i> | 47 | " |
| Pumpkinseed* | <i>Lepomis gibbosus</i> | 32 | " |
| White Sucker* | <i>Catostomus commersoni</i> | 26 | " |
| Creek Chub | <i>Semotilus atromaculatus</i> | 11 | " |
| Tessellated Darter | <i>Etheostoma olmstedii</i> | 5 | " |
| Blacknose Dace | <i>Rhinichthys atratulus</i> | 5 | " |
| Green Sunfish* | <i>Lepomis cyanellus</i> | 3 | " |
| Largemouth Bass* | <i>Micropterus salmoides</i> | 1 | " |
| Brown Bullhead* | <i>Ameiurus nebulosus</i> | 1 | " |

*Regulated as a fishable species under current New Jersey Fish and Wildlife codes

HABITAT ASSESSMENT FOR *HIGH GRADIENT STREAMS* **MILE RUN (FIBI015) – 6/9/00**

| Habitat Parameter | Condition Category | | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Optimal | Suboptimal | Marginal | Poor |
| 1. Epifaunal Substrate/Available Cover Greater than 50% of substrate favorable for epifaunal colonization and fish cover; mix of snags, submerged logs, undercut banks, cobble or other stable habitat and at stage to allow full colonization potential (i.e., logs/snags that are <u>not</u> new fall and <u>not</u> transient). SCORE 12 | 20 19 18 17 16 | 15 14 13 12 11 | 10 9 8 7 6 | 5 4 3 2 1 0 |
| 2. Embeddedness Gravel, cobble, and boulder particles are 0-25% surrounded by fine sediment. SCORE 8 | 20 19 18 17 16 | 15 14 13 12 11 | 10 9 8 7 6 | 5 4 3 2 1 0 |
| 3. Riffle Quality Well-developed riffle and run; riffle is as wide as stream and length extends two times the width of stream; abundance of cobble. (Boulders prevalent in headwater streams). SCORE 8 | 20 19 18 17 16 | 15 14 13 12 11 | 10 9 8 7 6 | 5 4 3 2 1 0 |
| 4. Sediment Deposition Little or no enlargement of islands or point bars and less than 5% (<20% for low-gradient streams) of the bottom affected by sediment deposition. SCORE 7 | 20 19 18 17 16 | 15 14 13 12 11 | 10 9 8 7 6 | 5 4 3 2 1 0 |
| 5. Channel Flow Status Water reaches base of both lower banks, and minimal amount of channel substrate is exposed. SCORE 7 | 20 19 18 17 16 | 15 14 13 12 11 | 10 9 8 7 6 | 5 4 3 2 1 0 |
| 6. Channel Alteration Channelization or dredging absent or minimal; stream with normal pattern. SCORE 8 | 20 19 18 17 16 | 15 14 13 12 11 | 10 9 8 7 6 | 5 4 3 2 1 0 |
| 7. Frequency of Riffles (or bends) Occurrence of riffles relatively frequent; ratio of distance between riffles divided by width of the stream <7:1 (generally 5 to 7); variety of habitat is key. In streams where riffles are continuous, placement of boulders or other large, natural obstruction is important. All 4 velocity/depth patterns present. SCORE 8 | 20 19 18 17 16 | 15 14 13 12 11 | 10 9 8 7 6 | 5 4 3 2 1 0 |
| 8. Bank Stability (score each bank) Banks stable; evidence of erosion or bank failure absent or minimal; little potential for future problems. <5% of bank affected. Note: determine left or right side by facing downstream. SCORE <u> 4 </u> (LB) SCORE <u> 4 </u> (RB) | Left Bank 10 9 Right Bank 10 9 | 8 7 6 8 7 6 | 5 4 3 5 4 3 | 2 1 0 2 1 0 |
| 9. Bank Vegetative Protection (score each bank) More than 90% of the streambank surfaces and immediate riparian zone covered by native vegetation, including trees, understory shrubs, or nonwoody macrophytes; vegetative disruption through grazing or mowing minimal or not evident; almost all plants allowed to grow naturally. SCORE <u> 7 </u> (LB) SCORE <u> 7 </u> (RB) | Left Bank 10 9 Right Bank 10 9 | 8 7 6 8 7 6 | 5 4 3 5 4 3 | 2 1 0 2 1 0 |
| 10. Riparian Vegetative Zone Width (score each bank riparian zone) Width of riparian zone >18 meters; human activities (i.e., parking lots, roadbeds, clear-cuts, lawns, or crops) have not impacted zone. SCORE <u> 4 </u> (LB) SCORE <u> 4 </u> (RB) | Left Bank 10 9 Right Bank 10 9 | 8 7 6 8 7 6 | 5 4 3 5 4 3 | 2 1 0 2 1 0 |

HABITAT SCORE

 88

| HABITAT SCORES | VALUE |
|-----------------|-----------|
| OPTIMAL | 160 C 200 |
| SUB-OPTIMAL | 110 C 159 |
| MARGINAL | 60 C 109 |
| POOR | < 60 |

FIBI015-Mile Run @ Easton Ave
Date Sampled - 6/9/2000

Excellent Good **Fair** Poor

| | Score |
|--|--------------|
| # of Fish Species | 5 |
| # of Benthic Insectivorous Species (BI) | 5 |
| # of Trout and Centrarchid Species (trout, bass, sunfish, crappie) | 5 |
| # of Intolerant Species (IS) | 1 |
| Proportion of Individuals as White Suckers | 3 |
| Proportion of Individuals as Generalists (carp, creek chub, banded killifish, goldfish, fathead minnow, green sunfish) | 3 |
| Proportion of Individuals as Insectivorous Cyprinids (I and BI) | 1 |
| Proportion of Individuals as Trout *whichever gives better score OR Proportion of Individuals as Piscivores (Excluding American Eel)* | 1 |
| Number of Individuals in Sample | 5 |
| Proportion of Individuals w/disease/anomalies (excluding blackspot) | 5 |
| Total | 34 |

Stream Rating

45-50 Excellent
37-44 Good
29-36 Fair
10-28 Poor