

Volunteer Stream Monitoring Program



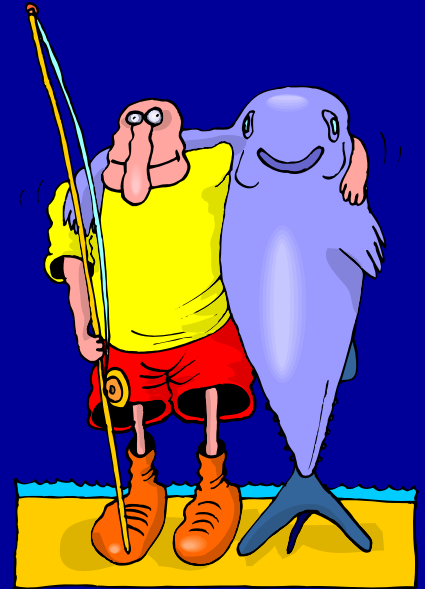
Training
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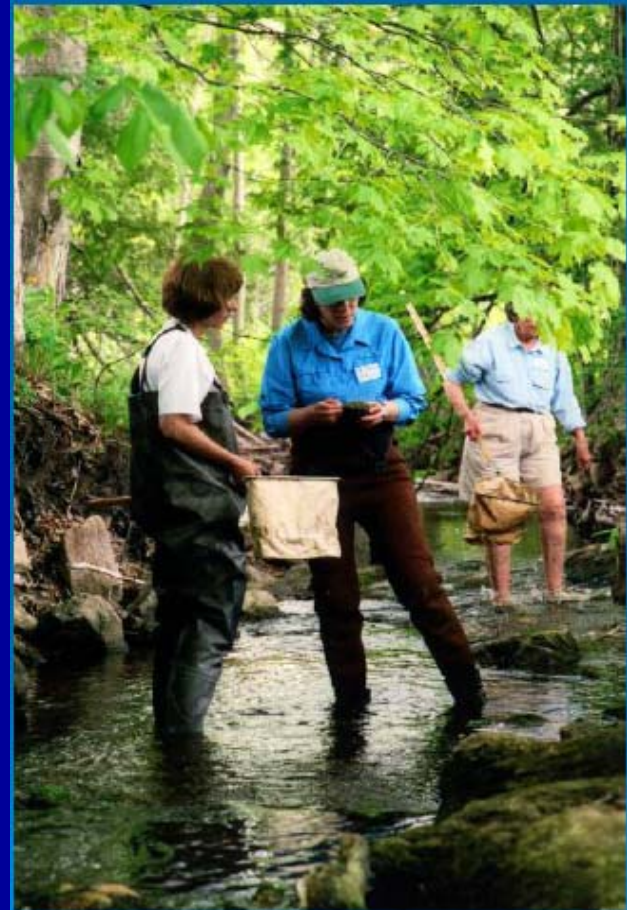
Introductions

- Your name
- Location of your project
- Your greatest challenge in this project
- What do you want to learn today?



Governor's Executive Order

- **MiCorps established September 30, 2003**
- **Comprehensive statewide volunteer water quality monitoring network**
- **Pre-existing lake program and new stream program**
- **First stream grants disbursed in 2005.**



MiCorps Overview

MDNRE

Contracted with:

Great Lakes Commission &
Huron River Watershed Council

To Oversee and administer:

MiCorps

- Volunteer Stream Monitoring Program (VSMP)
- Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP)

Newsletter

Conference

Group
Training

Grants

Data
Exchange
Platform

Data
Quality
Assurance

MiCorps Membership

- ~215 Lake Association Groups
- ~25 Groups working on rivers

Including:

- Barry County Conservation District
- Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council
- Friend's of the St.Clair River
- Muskegon River Watershed Assembly
- Branch County Conservation District
- Upper Peninsula Resource Conservation and Development Council



Stream Program Components

- Find, engage, train volunteers
- Collect macroinvertebrates
- Identify them
- Monitor habitat
- Databases (MDE, Volunteer)
- Verify & interpret the data

Admin Responsibilities

- Year divided into quarters. (Jan-March, April-June, July-Sept, Oct-Dec).
- Report is due 1 month after quarter end.
- Reports include
 - Cover letter than specifies how much you want in reimbursement.
 - Narrative that comments on each task in your workplan
 - Excel spreadsheet with budget.
 - Samples at www.micorps.net



GRANTEE NAME:

PROJECT NAME:

PROJECT #:

PERIOD COVERED:

DATE SUBMITTED:

Sample progress report

A. Progress made/tasks completed this period:

Major Task

1. Minor Task
 - * Progress statement.
2. Minor Task
 - * Progress statement.
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Major Task

3. Minor Task
 - * Progress statement.
4. Minor Task
 - * Progress statement.
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Frequently Asked Questions

- Who do my reports go to? In what format?
- Can I spend \$ on this instead of that?
- Do I need to submit a report if I don't need reimbursement?
- Where is my check?
- When can we start monitoring?

MiCorps Fall Conference

- October 18-19 at the RAM Center (Higgins Lake) near Roscommon, MI.
- Make sure you are on the MiCorps list serv to know when registration is available.
- Attendance of 1 person is required by groups with a current MiCorps grant.