

HRWC BioMonitoring

Fall 2021, Winter 2022, Spring 2022

The Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC) holds two full benthic macroinvertebrate collections (River Roundups) per year, during which volunteers visit rivers and creeks across the watershed and collect a sample of the critters that live in the stream and on the streambed. Furthermore, HRWC also conducts a January Winter Stonefly search, in which we repeat the same procedures as the River Roundup but only collect stoneflies, which are most readily found this time of year because they are still in the nymph stage of their life cycle.

"Benthic macroinvertebrates" are another word for stream insects, crustaceans, worms, and mollusks. The word "benthic" refers to the bottom of a lake or stream, the word "macro" means they are large enough to see with the naked eye, and "invertebrates" are creatures without backbones.

HRWC uses five different categories of benthic macroinvertebrates to rate the macro population. Four of these metrics are calculated by the number of families in a sample. A "family" is a taxonomic term that indicates a type of macroinvertebrate (for example, it is possible to find about 10 different mayfly families or 5 different stonefly families in our area of Michigan). In general, the more families found, the healthier the stream.

All insects: This metric includes all of the insect families in the sample, and serves as a general indicator of the stream health.

EPT: Standing for Ephemeroptera-Plecoptera-Trichoptera, this metric includes all of the mayfly, stonefly, and caddisfly families in the sample. These insects are sensitive to water temperature and oxygen availability. Stagnant or warm streams will not have many of these families.

Sensitive: There are a small handful of insect families in the Huron River watershed that are particularly sensitive to organic pollution. In other words, this metric is calculated from insects that are not likely to be found in streams polluted with fertilizers or animal and human waste.

Winter Stoneflies: The number of stonefly families in January gives more of an indication of overall habitat quality and less of water quality from the landscape. This is because in the winter there is no significant water run-off from land.

MiCorps WQR: The MiCorps Water Quality Ranking is the fifth metric used to determine benthic population quality. This rating is one used by all stream monitoring involved in the state's Michigan Clean Water Corps Program (www.micorps.net). It is a index of biotic integrity (IBI) measure that is essentially a weighted average of insect pollution tolerance values, ranging from 0 to 10. 0 is extremely healthy and a 10 would be highly degraded sample.

Trend: Trends are determined by simple linear regressions of the sample year vs. the five above metrics. If at least two of the nine regressions (4 for fall, 4 for spring, 1 winter stonefly) are significant at the alpha level of 0.1 and trending the same direction, the trend is noted by an up or down arrow. Six data points are required before a regression is calculated.

Current Site condition: To determine the overall condition rating, HRWC uses an integrative model that compares a biomonitoring site to all of HRWC's other biomonitoring sites. This involves insect data, habitat data, water temperature, land cover, and stream size. Streams are ranked as excellent, good, fair, and poor and ordered best to worst. This is done on 59 sites, picked to be representative of all parts of the watershed.

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| Site # | Site Location | | Biolog-ical Condition | Habitat/ Physical Condition | River Roundup | All Insects | EPT | Sensitive | MiCorps WQR | Averages since 2018 | All Insects | ЕРТ | Sensitive | MiCorps WQR | Winter St | oneflies | Comments | Trend |
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| 25 | Huron River: White Lake | 1 | Excellent | Excellent | Fall 21 | | No | sample | | Fall Avg. | 23.0 | 12.0 | 6.0 | 4.0 | Average since 2018 | 1.0 | Despite this being a small little river, the insect diversity is high and we always find many sensitive families. Stoneflies are regularly found. There has | - |
| | Road | | | | Spring 22 | | No | sample | | Spring Avg. | 22.0 | 13.0 | 4.0 | 3.8 | Winter 2022 | 1.3 | still been no significant changes over time (1998-2022). | |
| | Mann Creek: Van | | | | Fall 21 | | No | sample | | Fall Avg. | 18.3 | 7.3 | 5.0 | 4.0 | Average since 2018 | 2.7 | Fall samples have increased significantly over time and spring samples have remained steady and high. This site is also the best site | |
| 30 | Amberg Road | 2 | Excellent | Excellent | Spring 22 | | No | sample | | Spring Avg. | 14.7 | 6.7 | 5.0 | 3.9 | Winter 2022 | 4.0 | to go to during the Stonefly Search as three or four families of stoneflies are regularly found (1995- 2022). | - |
| 40 | South Ore Creek: | 3 | Excellent | Excellent | Fall 21 | 13 | 5 | 2 | 4.5 | Fall Avg. | 15.7 | 6.0 | 1.7 | 4.6 | Average since 2018 | 1.5 | This creek is doing very well through this section. Spring insects are increasing, though not significantly! | |
| | Hamburg Rd | | | | Spring 22 | 13 | 6 | 1 | 5 | Spring Avg. | 12.8 | 6.2 | 2.0 | 4.4 | Winter 2022 | 1.0 | Insect and specifically stonefly abundance is very high. (1994-2022). | |

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| 26 | Huron | 4 | Fuellest | Evellent | Fall 21 | | No | sample | | Fall Avg. | 18.3 | 8.0 | 3.0 | 3.9 | Average since 2018 | 1.8 | This section of the Huron River is the most diverse in macroinvertebrate life of any that HRWC monitors. (1996-2021) (It's rating gets downgraded because the river is so big here, and we would hope to see even | |
| | River: Zeeb Road | 4 | Excellent | Excellent | Spring 22 | Sample r | | for low ab as flooded. | undance. | Spring Avg. | No sam | • | aken in this to flooding | window | Winter 2022 | 1.0 | higher diversity than we do!) This site is hard to sample; it gets quite deep. It has been a number of years since we have succesfully gotten a properly sized sample. | - |
| | Portage Creek: | | | | Fall 21 | | No | sample | | Fall Avg. | 16.5 | 8.0 | 3.0 | 3.9 | Average since 2018 | 2.0 | While fall samples are holding steady and are very diverse, there have been significant declines in the spring total families, EPT families, and sensitive families since 1996 | |
| | Dexter Townhall Road | 5 | Excellent | Excellent | Spring 22 | | No | sample | | Spring Avg. | 15.0 | 8.5 | 2.5 | 4.7 | Winter 2022 | 1.0 | (sensitive families 5>1 or 2, normally). It is possible that high flows in the spring heavily affect the insect population. Winter stoneflies are found abundantly here. (1996-2022). | → |
| 13 | Fleming Creek: Warren Road | 6 | Excellent | Excellent | Fall 21 Spring 22 | 10 | 4 No | 2 sample | 3.75 | Fall Avg. Spring Avg. | 10.0 | 4.0 9.5 | 2.5 | 4.0 | Average since 2018 Winter 2022 | 1.0 | Since 1994 this site has improved significantly in fall and spring collections. Winter stoneflies are consistently present (1994-2021). | ↑ |

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| | Huron Creek: | | | | Fall 21 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 3.9 | Fall Avg. | 13.0 | 6.5 | 2.5 | 3.8 | Average since 2018 | 2.5 | While this particular sample was lower than average, the site is showing significant long-term increases in fall | • |
| | Dexter- Pinckney Road | 7 | Excellent | Excellent | Spring 22 | | No | sample | | Spring Avg. | 15.3 | 8.7 | 4.0 | 3.8 | Winter 2022 | 3.0 | EPT samples and spring total families and EPT samples. Stoneflies are abundant and consistently found (1996-2022). | ↑ |
| | | | | | Fall 21 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 4 | Fall Avg. | 17.8 | 6.8 | 2.8 | 4.3 | since | 2.0 | This lovely creek has | |
| 16 | Honey Creek (N): Darwin Rd | 8 | Good | Excellent | Spring 22 | | No | sample | | Spring Avg. | 13.3 | 7.3 | 2.0 | 4.3 | Winter 2022 | 1.0 | remained unchanging for the years we have been monitoring here. Winter stoneflies are consistently present. (1997-2022). | - |
| | Fleming Creek: | | | | Fall 21 | | No | sample | | Fall Avg. | 16.5 | 5.0 | 0.5 | | Average since 2018 | 1.7 | No significant changes over time. Winter stoneflies are | |
| 84 | Galpin Road | 9 | Good | Excellent | Spring 22 | | No | sample | | Spring Avg. | 19.0 | 8.0 | 1.0 | | Winter 2022 | 1.0 | always found here in high numbers (2004-2022). | - |

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| | Mill Creek: | | | | Fall 21 | 14 | 6 | 2 | 4.1 | Fall Avg. | 16.0 | 8.0 | 3.3 | 4.1 | Average since 2018 | 1.8 | Samples have been getting better over time. The sensitive families in the spring and fall have increased enough to show a statistically significant | • |
| | Mill Creek Park | 10 | Good | Good | Spring 22 | Sample | | d for low d | liversity. | Spring Avg. | 15.0 | 8.0 | 3.0 | 4.1 | Winter 2022 | Not sample d | change. The other metrics are increasing as well, but | |
| | Woodruff Creek: | 11 | Good | Good | Fall 21 | | No | sample | | Fall Avg. | 12.7 | 4.3 | 0.3 | 5.0 | Average since 2018 | 0.7 | No significant changes over time (1993-2022). Winter stoneflies are found less | , |
| | Buno Road | | | | Spring 22 | | No | sample | | Spring Avg. | 13.3 | 5.7 | 2.3 | 5.4 | Winter 2022 | 0.0 | than 50% of the samples here. | |
| 5 | Chilson Creek: | 12 | Good | Good | Fall 21 | 14 | 6 | 1 | 4.8 | Fall Avg. | 12.0 | 4.3 | 1.0 | 4.4 | Average since 2018 | 1.0 | Sensitive families are declining here, in both the spring and the fall. Winter | \leftarrow |
| | Chilson Road | | | | Spring 22 | 11 | 5 | 2 | 4.2 | Spring Avg. | 12.8 | 5.8 | 2.5 | 4.1 | Winter 2022 | 1.0 | stoneflies are holding steady (1995-2022). | · |

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| | Fleming | | | | Fall 21 | 11 | 5 | | 4.27 | Fall Avg. | 12.7 | 5.3 | 1.3 | 4.3 | Average since 2018 | 1.3 | For the second spring in a row, this site needed to be scratched because collector couldn't get into the water safely and only a few | |
| 9 | Creek: Botanical Gardens | 13 | Good | Good | Spring 22 | • | • | or low abu | | Spring Avg. | 14.0 | 8.0 | 4.0 | 4.3 | Winter 2022 | 1.0 | specimens were found. Aside from this, the site is showing significant improvement in both spring and fall, and winter stoneflies have a strong population here. (1993-2022) | ↑ |
| 62 | Huron | | | | Fall 21 | | No | sample | | Fall Avg. | 15.0 | 5.5 | 1.5 | 4.4 | Average since 2018 | 0.8 | This site is often difficult to sample because of fast flows, especially in the spring. Stoneflies are found | |
| 62 | River: Bell Road | 14 | Good | Good | Spring 22 | Sample | - | d for low das flooded. | - | Spring Avg. | 12.0 | 6.0 | 1.0 | 4.1 | Winter 2022 | 0.0 | here in about 3/4 of samples. The site has stable macro populations. (2000- 2022) | - |
| 96 | Mill Creek: | 15 | Good | Good | Fall 21 | 18 | 3 | 0 | 5.1 | Fall Avg. | 17.5 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 5.9 | Average since 2018 | 0.0 | No significant changes over time. Winter stoneflies are | |
| | Parker Mill | | 3334 | 3004 | Spring 22 | | No | sample | | Spring Avg. | 11.0 | 6.0 | 2.0 | 4.9 | Winter 2022 | 0.0 | never found here (2013- 2022). | |
| 40 | Davis Creek: | 4.5 | | | Fall 21 | 18 | 8 | 5 | 4.4 | Fall Avg. | 15.3 | 7.0 | 3.3 | 4.3 | Average since 2018 | 1.0 | All spring metrics are significantly declining, but fall sensitive families are staying about the same | ı |
| 49 | Silver Lake Rd | 16 | Good | Good | Spring 22 | 13 | 7 | 1 | 5 | Spring Avg. | 12.3 | 5.7 | 1.3 | 5.4 | Winter 2022 | 1.0 | statistically. This fall sample was particularly healthy. Stoneflies are always found here (1998-2022). | * |

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| | | | | | Fall 21 | 12 | 3 | 0 | 4.6 | Fall Avg. | 13.0 | 3.3 | 0.8 | 4.6 | Average since 2018 | | From 2000-2004, about 18 insect families were found in fall samples. Since 2007, it is more usual to find between 11-13, and then more recently, 8-10. That | |
| 63 | Hummocky Lick: M-36 | 17 | Good | Fair | Spring 22 | Sample | - | d for low c | - | Spring Avg. | 13.7 | 6.3 | 2.0 | 4.5 | Winter 2022 | 1.0 | being said, the last three samples here have been getting more diverse, impling a recovery. However, there is still a statistically significant decrease. Winter stoneflies are found here but not common. (2000-2022) | → |
| | Pettibone Creek: | | | | Fall 21 | | No | sample | | Fall Avg. | 11.7 | 4.0 | 0.0 | 4.5 | Average since 2018 | 0.0 | There have been no significant changes over | |
| 67 | Commerce Rd | 18 | Good | Good | Spring 22 | 9.0 | 5.0 | 1.0 | 5.4 | Spring Avg. | 11.0 | 5.7 | 0.3 | 5.0 | Winter 2022 | Not sample d | time. Winter stoneflies are never found here. (2001- 2022) | - |
| 55 | Mill Creek: Mancheste | 19 | Good | Good | Fall 21 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 4.5 | Fall Avg. | 11.0 | 3.0 | 1.0 | 4.5 | Average since 2018 | 1.3 | There have been no significant changes over time. Winter stoneflies are | 1 |
| | r Rd | | | | Spring 22 | | No | sample | | Spring Avg. | 13.0 | 6.5 | 1.5 | 4.3 | Winter 2022 | 1.0 | nearly always found here. (1999-2022). | |

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| | Pettibone Crook: | | | | Fall 21 | | No | sample | | Fall Avg. | 8.7 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 4.5 | Average since 2018 | 0.0 | Strange results here. There still has been a significant decline in fall total insect families over time but a | |
| 68 | Creek: Livingston Rd | 20 | Fair | Fair | Spring 22 | 13.0 | 6.0 | 1.0 | 4.8 | Spring Avg. | 13.0 | 5.7 | 1.0 | 4.4 | Winter 2022 | Not sample d | significant increase in spring total families over time. (2000-2022). Winter stoneflies are not found here. | - |
| 33 | Mill Creek: Jackson | 21 | Fair | Good | Fall 21 | | No | sample | | Fall Avg. | 14.5 | 4.5 | 1.0 | 4.8 | Average since 2018 | 2.0 | Spring total families are significantly increasing; all of the other metrics are stable. | _ |
| | Road | | | | Spring 22 | | No | sample | | Spring Avg. | 16.0 | 6.0 | 2.0 | 4.7 | Winter 2022 | 2.0 | The winter stoneflies here are abundant and consistent. (1996-2022) | |
| | Huron River: | 22 | Fair | Fair | Fall 21 | | No | sample | | Fall Avg. | 13.5 | 6.0 | 2.5 | 4.1 | Average since 2018 | 2.0 | Fall sensitivie families are significantly increasing; all of the other metrics are stable. | |
| | Island Park | | | | Spring 22 | 10.0 | 6.0 | 1.0 | 5.2 | Spring Avg. | 10.0 | 6.0 | 1.0 | 5.2 | Winter 2022 | 2.0 | The winter stoneflies here are abundant and consistent. (2001-2022) | |
| | Horseshoe | | | | Fall 21 | 16 | 5 | 0 | 5.8 | Fall Avg. | 15.0 | 4.7 | 1.0 | 4.8 | Average since 2018 | 0.8 | We have found a lot more total insect families here since 2009, but all of the | |
| 21 | Creek: Merril Road | 23 | Fair | Fair | Spring 22 | | No | sample | | Spring Avg. | 8.5 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 5.1 | Winter 2022 | 0.0 | other metrics are holding steady. Winter stoneflies were not found in 2022, the first time ever, and we need to be sure to check again in 2023. (2009-2022) | - |

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| | Woods | | | | Fall 21 | 13 | 3 | 0 | 5.1 | Fall Avg. | 10.7 | 3.7 | 0.0 | 4.5 | Average since 2018 | 1.6 | Woods Creek is unchanging, statistically. Several teams | |
| 14 | Creek: L Huron Metropark | 24 | Fair | Fair | Spring 22 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 4.8 | Spring Avg. | 10.5 | 4.5 | 1.0 | 4.8 | Winter 2022 | 1.0 | have pulled poor samples from here recently though, so HRWC is watching the site carefully to be sure it isn't declining. (1997-2022). | - |
| | Fleming Creek: | | | | Fall 21 | 13 | 5 | 2 | 4 | Fall Avg. | 13.3 | 4.3 | 1.0 | 4.0 | Average since 2018 | 1.0 | Since 2009, we have been finding 1-2 sensitive families here in the fall where there was once none. Starting in 2018, there was enough data to confirm this as statistically significant. | |
| 11 | Parker Mill County Park | 25 | Fair | Fair | Spring 22 | - | | or low abu d above ba | | Spring Avg. | 7.0 | 4.0 | 1.0 | 4.9 | Winter 2022 | 1.0 | Spring sampling has proven to be quite difficult in recent years with flood impeding the collection process. Winter stoneflies are consistently present (1993-2022). | - |
| | Mill Creek: | | | | Fall 21 | 16 | 6 | 3 | 4.2 | Fall Avg. | 16.0 | 8.0 | 3.3 | 4.2 | Average since 2018 | 1.6 | There have been no significant changes over time. Winter stoneflies are | |
| 80 | Mill Creek Park | 26 | Fair | Fair | Spring 22 | | No | sample | | Spring Avg. | 9.0 | 6.0 | 1.0 | 4.1 | Winter 2022 | 0.0 | nearly always found here, though this past winter was the first time they were not found. (2001-2022) | - |

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| 2 | Boyden Creek: | 27 | Fair | Fair | Fall 21 | 13 | 5 | 1 | 5.1 | Fall Avg. | 13.0 | 5.0 | 1.0 | 5.1 | Average since 2018 | 0.5 | Individual samples vary a good amount at this site; the overall trend for most of the parameters is stable; fall sensitive families are significantly improving (we regularly find at least 1). | |
| | Delhi | | | | Spring 22 | | No | sample | | Spring Avg. | 10.5 | 6.0 | 1.5 | 4.2 | Winter 2022 | 1.0 | This location is one of the best in the watershed for spring caddisflies. Winter stoneflies are found approximately 50% of the time (1994-2022). | |
| 31 | Mill Creek: Fletcher | 28 | Fair | Good | Fall 21 | 17 | 4 | 0 | 5.5 | Fall Avg. | 15.0 | 4.0 | 0.0 | 5.5 | Average since 2018 | 0.0 | Fall families have significantly increased over time (10> approx 15) Winter stonflies, however, | - |
| | Road | | | | Spring 22 | | No | sample | | Spring Avg. | 12.0 | 6.0 | 3.0 | 4.9 | Winter 2022 | 0.0 | have disappeared from here since 2015. (1993-2022) | |
| | Huron River: | | | | Fall 21 | 12 | 6 | 1 | 4.3 | Fall Avg. | 10.0 | 5.0 | 0.5 | 4.5 | Average since 2018 | 0.0 | significantly declined over time, with as many as 18 insect families found in the early years of sampling and only about 5-12 insect families found in recent years. Interestingly, spring | |
| 47 | Commerce Road | 29 | Fair | Fair | Spring 22 | | No | sample | | Spring Avg. | 14.0 | 7.5 | 1.0 | 4.9 | Winter 2022 | 0.0 | EPT has statistically improved! The conflict results in the trend being marked as steady. Winter stoneflies, once abundant, have disappeared since 2019. Certainly this site is one to watch going forward. (1997-2022) | - |

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| 15 | Hay Creek: M-36 | 30 | Fair | Fair | Fall 21 | 12 | 4 | 2 | 4.3 | Fall Avg. | 10.5 | 3.5 | 2.0 | 4.2 | Average since 2018 | 0.8 | Several metrics in fall and spring have declined significantly over time. Winter stoneflies have been found consistently until 2020 when they were | ↓ |
| | | | | | Spring 22 | | No | sample | | Spring Avg. | 10.5 | 7.0 | 2.0 | 4.3 | Winter 2022 | | absent, but have been found again since then. (1996-2022) | |
| 02 | Walker | 31 | Fair | Fair | Fall 21 | | No | sample | | Fall Avg. | 14.0 | 5.0 | 1.0 | 4.5 | Average since 2018 | 0.0 | No significant changes over time (2003-2022). Winter | |
| 82 | Creek: 8 Mile Creek | 21 | Fall | Fall | Spring 22 | | No | sample | | Spring Avg. | 11.0 | 5.0 | 1.0 | 4.5 | Winter 2022 | 0.0 | stoneflies have never been found here. | - |
| 94 | Portage Creek: | 32 | Fair | Fair | Fall 21 | | No | sample | | Fall Avg. | 15.0 | 3.5 | 0.5 | 4.9 | Average since 2018 | | No significant changes over time. Winter stoneflies are | _ |
| | Rockwell Rd | | | | Spring 22 | | No | sample | | Spring Avg. | 10.0 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 5.0 | Winter 2022 | Not sample d | never found here (2013- 2021). | |

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| 6 | Davis Creek: Doane | 33 | Fair | Fair | Fall 21 | 12 | 5 | 1 | 4.3 | Fall Avg. | 12.0 | 5.0 | 1.0 | 4.3 | Average since 2018 | 2.3 | Samplings here are showing slow declines through time, with spring sensitive insects declining significantly. The site is difficult to sample ,especially during spring high flows, and it can be challenging to get good spring samples. Winter | 1 |
| | Road | | | | Spring 22 | | No | sample | | Spring Avg. | 12.0 | 7.0 | 2.0 | 4.7 | Winter 2022 | 2.0 | stoneflies are very abundant here. This site has been one to keep an eye on for years, but it does not seem to be changing too rapidly. (1994-2022) | |
| | Huron River: | | | | Fall 21 | | No | sample | | Fall Avg. | 9.5 | 3.5 | 0.0 | 6.0 | Average since 2018 | 0.0 | There have been no significant changes over | |
| 64 | Proud Lake Rd | 34 | Fair | Fair | Spring 22 | | No | sample | | Spring Avg. | 12.0 | 7.5 | 1.0 | 4.7 | Winter 2022 | 0.0 | time. Winter stoneflies are never found here. (1999- 2022). | - |
| | South Ore Creek: | 35 | Fair | Fair | Fall 21 | | No | sample | | Fall Avg. | 12.0 | 4.0 | 0.0 | 5.0 | Average since 2018 | 0.0 | All three spring metrics have significantly decreased over time. Stoneflies haven't | → |
| | Bauer Rd | | | | Spring 22 | 13 | 5 | 1 | 5.1 | Spring Avg. | 10.5 | 4.0 | 1.5 | 5.3 | Winter 2022 | 0.0 | been seen since 2012 (1998- 2022). | |

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| 1 | Arms Creek: | 36 | Fair | Fair | Fall 21 | | No | sample | | Fall Avg. | 12.5 | 5.0 | 1.5 | 4.5 | Average since 2018 | | Overall, fall EPT and sensitive families have increased significantly over time; spring total familes | - |
| | Walsh Road | | | | Spring 22 | | No | sample | | Spring Avg. | 11.5 | 6.0 | 1.5 | 4.4 | Winter 2022 | 2.0 | have declined. Winter stoneflies are holding at strong levels. (1993-2022) | |
| 58 | Portage Creek: | 37 | Fair | Fair | Fall 21 | | No | sample | | Fall Avg. | 11.0 | 4.0 | 0.3 | 4.4 | Average since 2018 | 0.0 | There have been no significant changes over time. Winter stoneflies are | _ |
| | Unadilla | | | | Spring 22 | Sample r | | for low ab as flooded. | undance. | Spring Avg. | 11.0 | 5.5 | 1.0 | 4.8 | Winter 2022 | 0.0 | never found here. (1999- 2022) | |
| 57 | Mill Creek: Klinger | 38 | Fair | Fair | Fall 21 | 13 | 3 | 0 | 6.3 | Fall Avg. | 13.0 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 6.3 | Average since 2018 | 1.7 | Fall EPT families, otherwise this site has mostly stayed stable. Winter stoneflies | _ |
| | Road | | | | Spring 22 | | No | sample | | Spring Avg. | 9.0 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 4.2 | Winter 2022 | 2.0 | are regularly found. (1999- 2022). | |
| 45 | Chilson Creek: | 39 | Fair | Poor | Fall 21 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 5.5 | Fall Avg. | 10.0 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 5.1 | Average since 2018 | 0.0 | No significant changes over time (1993-2022). This site | _ |
| | Brighton Road | | | | Spring 22 | | No | sample | | Spring Avg. | 10.5 | 5.0 | 0.5 | 4.4 | Winter 2022 | 0.0 | is highly mucky. Stoneflies are found here very rarely. | |

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| | Davis Creek: | | | | Fall 21 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 5 | Fall Avg. | 10.5 | 3.0 | 1.0 | 5.0 | Average since 2018 | 1.0 | Samples have been slightly declining over many years, but these changes are not | |
| 7 | 7 Pontiac Road | 40 | Fair | Fair | Spring 22 | 14 | 6 | 1 | 5.3 | Spring Avg. | 12.0 | 4.5 | 1.0 | 5.1 | Winter 2022 | 0.0 | yet significant. Winter stoneflies are declining slowly and significantly (1994-2022). | - |
| 20 | Honey Creek (S): | 41 | Fair | Fair | Fall 21 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 4.3 | Fall Avg. | 9.7 | 3.3 | 0.7 | 4.9 | Average since 2018 | 1.3 | The fall sensitive families are significantly declining over time. Most of the other metrics are slightly and non-significantly declining. Stoneflies disappeared from 2015 to | - |
| 20 | Wagner Road | 41 | 1 411 | | Spring 22 | | No | sample | | Spring Avg. | 10.0 | 4.0 | 2.7 | 4.7 | Winter 2022 | 1.0 | 2019 but have been back consistently since 2020. Overall, this site does not seem to be in active decline like it was three years ago (1993-2022). | |
| 91 | Portage Creek: | 42 | Fair | Poor | Fall 21 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 4.7 | Fall Avg. | 8.5 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 4.7 | Average since 2018 | 0.0 | No significant changes over time. Winter stoneflies are | |
| J. | Stockbridg e | 42 | Fair | Poor | Spring 22 | No sample | | | | Spring Avg. | 10.0 | 3.5 | 0.5 | 5.0 | Winter 2022 | Not sample d | never found here (2013- 2021). | |

| Site # | Site Location | ranking (1= | Biolog-ical Condition | Habitat/ Physical Condition | River Roundup | All Insects | EPT | Sensitive | - | Averages since 2018 | All Insects | ЕРТ | Sensitive | MiCorps WQR | Winter Stoneflies | | Comments | Trend |
|--------|------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-----|-----------|-----|---------------------|----------------|-----|-----------|----------------|--------------------|-----|--|-------|
| 34 | Letts Creek: M- | 43 | Fair | Fair | Fall 21 | 14 | 3 | 0 | 5.6 | Fall Avg. | 13.0 | 4.0 | 0.0 | 5.6 | Average since 2018 | 1.3 | This site is declining significantly in fall EPT familes. All other metrics | - |
| | 52 | | | | Spring 22 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 5.9 | Spring Avg. | 9.0 | 3.0 | 1.0 | 5.9 | Winter 2022 | 1.0 | are holding steady. Stoneflies are found consistently. (1993-2022) | |
| | | | Poor | | Fall 21 | 13 | 5 | 2 | 5.3 | Fall Avg. | 13.0 | 5.0 | 2.0 | 5.3 | Average since 2018 | 1.0 | There have been no significant changes over time, although spring and fall samples are trending | |
| 32 | Mill Creek: Ivey Rd | 44 | | Poor | Spring 22 | 15 | 7 | 2 | 4.4 | Spring Avg. | 14.5 | 6.5 | 2.0 | 3.9 | Winter 2022 | | downwards, a result that is not yet significant. Stonefly populations are decreasing as well, also not significantly. This site bears watching. (1993-2022). | - |
| | Huron River: | 45 | Poor | | Fall 21 | | No | sample | | Fall Avg. | 12.0 | 6.0 | 1.0 | 4.4 | Average since 2018 | 1.5 | No significant changes over time. Winter stoneflies are | |
| | Cross Street | | | Poor | Spring 22 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 5.5 | Spring Avg. | 7.0 | 3.0 | 0.5 | 5.8 | Winter 2022 | | found here in approximately 50% of samples. | - |

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| | | | | | Fall 21 | | No | sample | | Fall Avg. | 9.0 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 4.7 | Average since 2018 | 1.0 | Sensitive families have declined in spring samples, from approximately 2 in the early 2000s to 0 in recent | |
| 18 | Honey Creek (S): Jackson Road | 46 | Poor | Poor | Spring 22 | | | | r low diversity. Site above banks | | 7.0 | 3.0 | 1.0 | 4.8 | Winter 2022 | 1.0 | years. (1993-2018) No sensitive families have been found in fall or spring since 2009. However, winter stoneflies, which disappeared in 2009, made a comeback and have been seen since 2017. This site has seen a lot of changes over time; through crashes and recoveries. Overall, it isn't too much different now than it was in 1993. (1993-2022). | |
| 42 | Traver Creek: | 47 | Poor | Poor | Fall 21 | No sample | | | | Fall Avg. | 10.0 | 3.5 | 0.0 | 6.0 | Average since 2018 | 1.0 | No significant changes over time (1993-2022). While degraded, this is one of the | _ |
| | Broadway Ave | | | | Spring 22 | No sample | | | Spring Avg. | 6.7 | 2.7 | 0.0 | 6.4 | Winter 2022 | 1.0 | healthier urban stream we monitor. Stoneflies can be found here regularly. | | |

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| | | | | | Fall 21 | | No | sample | | Fall Avg. | 9.0 | 5.0 | 1.5 | 4.3 | Average since 2018 | 1.3 | We recently switched sites at Flat Rock to get a location that had safer access. This was the first spring sample we were able to successfully collect since 2016. Multiple | |
| 23 | Huron 23 River: Flat Rock | 48 | Poor | Poor | Spring 22 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 6.2 | Spring Avg. | 8.0 | 4.0 | 0.0 | 6.2 | Winter 2022 | Not sample d | metrics are significantly decreasing; this is a site to watch as we try to confirm if they switch in site makes a difference in the sampling success and amounts we find. Therefore it is not fully accurate to say this location is getting worse; rather it is a situation that needs more time to be properly judged. (1996-2022). | - |
| 92 | Portage Creek: | 49 | Poor | Poor | Fall 21 | | No | sample | | Fall Avg. | 10.0 | 3.5 | 0.0 | 6.3 | Average since 2018 | 0.0 | No significant changes over time. Winter stoneflies are | _ |
| | Williamsvil le Rd | .5 | 1 001 | POOI | Spring 22 | No sample | | | | Spring Avg. | 7.0 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 5.3 | Winter 2022 | Not sample d | never found here (2013- 2021). | |
| | Port Creek: Armstrong | 50 | Poor | Poor | Fall 21 | | No | sample | | Fall Avg. | 6.0 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 6.4 | Average since 2018 | 0.0 | This site is consistently poor and unchanged through | - |
| | Rd | | 1 001 | 1 001 | Spring 22 | | No | sample | | Spring Avg. | 7.5 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 5.1 | 1 | | time. Winter stoneflies are not found here. (1994-2022) | |

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|--------|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-----|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|-----|-----------|----------------|--------------------------|-----|---|----------|
| 8 | Greenock Creek: Rushton | 51 | Poor | Poor | Fall 21 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 4.8 | Fall Avg. | 8.0 | 2.0 | 0.5 | 4.8 | Average since 2018 | 0.0 | This site has gotten worse over time. All of the spring insect diversity metrics have significantly decreased; fall metrics are falling but not significant. However, even in 1996 when monitoring began, the creek was not a | → |
| | Rd | | | | Spring 22 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 5.4 | Spring Avg. | 5.0 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 5.5 | Winter 2022 | 0.0 | healthy one. The declines we see are from an already low starting point. (1996- 2022) | |
| 50 | South Ore Creek: | 52 | Fair | Fair | Fall 21 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 4.5 | Fall Avg. | 7.5 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 4.8 | Average since 2018 | 0.0 | This site has declined over time, but these changes are not yet significant. This site has nice habitat, but poor | |
| 30 | Lake Ridge | | | | Spring 22 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 4.6 | Spring Avg. | 4.5 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 4.7 | Winter 2022 | 0.0 | bugs due to poor water quality. Stoneflies are never found here. (1998-2022) | |
| 27 | Malletts Creek: | 53 | Poor | Poor | Fall 21 | | No | sample | | Fall Avg. | 8.7 | 2.7 | 0.0 | 4.9 | Average since 2018 | 0.0 | Long term, spring and fall samples have shown | ↑ |
| 27 | Chalmers Road | 3 | Poor | Poor | Spring 22 | Sample i | | for low abas flooded. | | Spring Avg. | 7.3 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 5.1 | Winter 2022 | 0.0 | improvement over time (1994-2021). | 1 |
| 99 | Horseshoe Creek: | 54 | Poor | Poor | Fall 21 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 5.4 | Fall Avg. | 13 | 1 | 1 | 5.4 | Average since 2018 | 0.0 | No significant changes over time. Winter stoneflies are | |
| | Brookside Rd | 54 | Poor | Poor | Spring 22 | | No | sample | | Spring Avg. | 4.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 5.5 | Winter 2022 | 0.0 | never found here (2012- 2022). | |

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|--------|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|--------|-----------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|-----|-----------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|----------|
| 98 | Horseshoe Creek: Barker | 55 | Poor | Poor | Fall 21 | | No | sample | | Fall Avg. | 8.5 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 5.6 | Average since 2018 | 0.0 | No significant changes over time. Winter stoneflies are never found here (2012- | - |
| | Road | | | Spring 22 | | No | sample | | Spring Avg. | 4.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 5.4 | Winter 2022 | 0.0 | 2022). | | |
| 97 | Norton Creek: | 56 | Poor | Poor | Fall 21 | | No | sample | | Fall Avg. | 6.5 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 5.4 | Average since 2018 | 0.0 | No significant changes over time. Winter stoneflies are never found here (2013- | - |
| | Gibson Park | | | | Spring 22 | | No | o sample | | Spring Avg. | 5.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.5 | Winter 2022 | 0.0 | 2022). | |
| | Swift Run: Shetland | 57 | Poor | Poor | Fall 21 | | No | sample | | Fall Avg. | 7.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 5.5 | Average since 2018 | 0.0 | No significant changes over time. This site is highly degrade; stoneflies have | - |
| | Drive | | | | Spring 22 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 4.6 | Spring Avg. | 3.3 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 5.3 | Winter 2022 | 0.0 | never been found here (1993-2022). | |
| 35 | Millers Creek: | 58 | Poor | Poor | Fall 21 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 5.2 | Fall Avg. | 9.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 5.9 | Average since 2018 | 0.0 | No significant changes over time. This site is highly degrade; stoneflies have | - |
| | Glazier Way | | POOI | | Spring 22 | No sample | | | | Spring Avg. | 7.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 6.1 | Winter 2022 | 0.0 | never been found here (1993-2022). | |
| | Norton Creek: | 59 | | | Fall 21 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7.3 | Fall Avg. | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.3 | Average since 2018 | 0.0 | This site shows significant decline in fall EPT metrics and total insects families. The last several years have | |
| 65 | Maple Road | | Poor | Poor | Spring 22 | | No | sample | | Spring Avg. | 6.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 6.5 | Winter 2022 | Not sample d | had particularly poor counts. There are a mess of | |