



MRWA Training Sessions

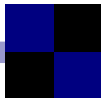
June 12, 2010

**Bridgeton Township Hall
11830 S. Warner
Grant, MI**

**Please contact Terry Stilson
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interested in participating.**



Training conducted by Ferris State University
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We Need You!

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Michigan Clean
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Muskegon
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Monitoring
Program

Volunteers are needed!



MUSKEGON RIVER
WATERSHED ASSEMBLY



What can the bugs in your stream tell you?

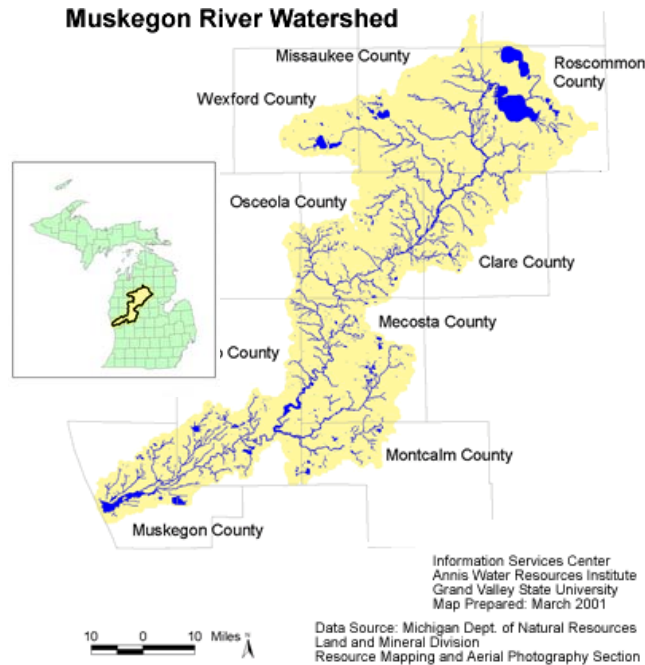
What kind of insects do you have in your local stream? Do you know that the kinds of insects and the number of these insects can tell you how healthy your stream is?



The MRWA is seeking volunteers who are interested in the water quality of the Muskegon River Watershed and who would like to be trained to collect and identify the insects in their local stream.



Muskegon River Watershed



The Muskegon River is the second longest river in Michigan at over 219 miles long. Its watershed is over 2,700 square miles and covers parts of 12 Michigan Counties.

The MRWA's mission is "to preserve, protect and enhance the natural, historic and cultural resources of the Muskegon River Watershed through educational and scientific initiatives, while supporting positive economic development, agricultural and quality of life initiatives of organizations working in the river watershed."

What is the MiCorps Program?



MiCorps was created through an executive order by Governor Jennifer M. Granholm to assist the Department of Environmental Quality (now the Department of Natural Resources & Environment) in collecting and sharing water quality data for use in water resources management and protection programs.

Volunteers are trained in benthic invertebrate evaluation and habitat classification. Volunteers collect and record this data in the spring and fall of each year and return their data sheets to the MRWA who records their information in a database to generate reports. These reports are forwarded to MiCorps to be used as a screening tool to identify sites requiring a more detailed assessment. This data is also available to local government offices and other organizations to assist them in developing better local ordinances and formulating protective and restorative projects.