

Biological Assessment of the Streams and Waterbodies of Anne Arundel County, Maryland

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Summary

Track the health of non-tidal streams in Anne Arundel County.

Description

The primary goals of this biological monitoring program are to assess the current status of the biological stream resources of Anne Arundel County and to establish a baseline for comparing future assessments; to assess the status and trends of the biological stream resources, and to relate them to specific programmatic activities: 1. Document the ecological status of Anne Arundel County watersheds 2. Contribute to understanding dominant stressors and stressor sources affecting stream and watershed ecology 3. Track ecological health trends in the County's watersheds over time 4. Have monitoring data be an integral part of resource management in the County. Based upon these goals, the initial program will enable the County to address questions at three different geographic scales: stream-specific, watershed wide; and, after the fiveyear sampling rotation is complete, countywide.

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