Stream Monitoring Protocol

Protocol for monitoring streams, helping volunteers and landowners observe, sample and record the same way each visit. Work through the steps in order and keep notes on what you find along the way.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

1. Choose monitoring sites
2. Mark site locations
3. Gather equipment and safety gear
4. Record weather and flow
5. Observe water clarity and odor
6. Take water quality readings
7. Photograph the site
8. Note plants, bank and animal signs
9. File records by date

YOUR NOTES

TIP Always sample safely, avoid high water, and bring a partner when you can.