

Monitoring at Chain Bridge

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Current Program—Monitoring Process



Current Program – Sampling Frequency

- First sample taken on 03 January 1983
- A total of over 2,500 individual samples (composites count as one) to date
- Baseflow: 1/week [biweekly in winter]
- Stormflow:
 - All storms, composite
 - Up to five storms per year, up to 5 discrete samples per storm

Current Program – Measurements Taken

- Monitored continuously:
 - Flow
 - Dissolved oxygen
 - Temperature
 - ► pH
 - Specific conductance
- Via sample analysis:
 - Total organic carbon
 - Dissolved organic carbon
 - Carbonaceous oxygen demand
 - Total suspended solids
 - Oxidized nitrogen (nitrate & nitrite)
 - Ammonia nitrogen
 - Total Kjeldahl nitrogen
 - Soluble Kjeldahl nitrogen
 - Total nitrogen

- Total soluble nitrogen
- Soluble and reactive phosphorus (orthophosphate phosphorus)
- Total phosphorus
- Total soluble phosphorus
- Turbidity
- Total hardness
- Total alkalinity
- Fecal coliforms
- E. coli
- Soluble reactive silica
- Cations (Na, K)
- Anions (Cl, SO₄)
- Soluble and extractable metals
- Microbial source tracking (human vs. nonhuman)

OWML Projects for MWCOG

- 1976-1977: Occoquan Four Mile Run Runoff Characterization and Monitoring Program (EPA and NVPDC also involved)
- 1979-1981: Metropolitan Washington Urban Runoff Project (EPA was main grantor) (part of NURP)
- 1982: Potomac Algae Bloom Monitoring Response
- 1982-present: Pollutant Loading Characterizations at the Potomac Fall Line (MDE upto 2003)
- 1986-2003: Anacostia DO Monitoring
- 1987-1988: Maryland Sediment Project
- 1989-1993: Nonpoint Source Characterizations and Anacostia Water Quality Monitoring
- 1989: Kenilworth Gardens
- 1991-1994: Hydrocarbon Characterization and Control in Urban Stormwater
- 1992: National Gallery of Art Cooling Water Discharge Thermal Characterization
- 1992-1993: Toxics Loading Characterizations at the Potomac Fall Line (GMU did SOC work)
- 1999-2000: Northwest/Northeast Branch Toxics Characterization
- 2002-2003: Washington DC Fecal Coliform Characterization
- 2013-2015: Chain Bridge Data Analysis