The **Stewardship** Series

Stream Location and Conditions

Enter the data: Streamkeepers Database, www.streamkeepers.info

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Stream Name/Nearest Town					
			Watershed code		
Organization Name			Section #		
Contact Name					
Crew Names					
CPS (use degrees degimel if evailable). Latitude		Lon	gitudo		
GPS (use degrees decimal if available): Latitude Survey Start Time: Surve	y End Time:	LON	gitude		
Location (distance from known stream landmark	<i>'</i>	nark)			
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Time: Weather clear show	ver (1-2.5 cm in 24 hi	r.) □ snov	v		
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	m (<2.5 cm in 24 hr.)				
Water turbidity (cm visibility) Temp	erature °C (leave the water	rmometer	2 min.)		
Measurements taken every m					
Bankfull Channel width (m)	Average depth	1	(m)		
Wetted Channel width (m)	Average depth		(m)		
Left Bank 0.10			Right Bank		
Wetted Depth			Wetted		
Bankfull Depth			Depth Bankfull Depth		
STEP I TEMPERATURE: Keep thermometer in water 2 min. and take the reading while it is still in the water Use this section if you are concerned about daily temperature changes. Use this section if you are concerned about temperature differences between sites.					
Time of day air (0C) water (0C)	Site	ir (⁰ C)	water (°C)		
a.m.	upstream				
p.m.	downstream				
Difference in water temp.	Difference in water temp.				
TEP 2 DISSOLVED OXYGEN: Take samples with a Hach kit when you take the late afternoon temperature reading. The property of the					
Concentration (mg/l)					
% saturation					
Equipment (if not Hach kit)					

STEP 3 pH: Take samples when you take the late afternoon reading.

pH reading	
equipment	

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STEP 4 TURBIDITY:

Measure turbidity in a deep quiet area. Be careful not to disturb sediment. Use a turbidity meter or tape measure.

Turbidity (JTU, NTU, or cm)	
Background turbidity (if known)	
Turbidity increase over background	
equipment	

STEP 5 WATER QUALITY INDEX:

Fill in the table below with data and Q-values. Multiply the Q-value by the weighting factor to get the partial index value for each characteristic. Add up all four values to get the Water Quality Index. Rate water quality at your site using the chart at the bottom

Chemical Test	Result	Q-value	Weighting Factor	Index Value
temperatur e change			× 0.10 =	
oxygen saturation			× 0.17 =	
pH (units)			× 0.11 =	
Turbidity (JTU, NTU, or cm			× 0.08 =	
Total = Water Quality Index				

Water QualityChart		
Good	40-45	
Acceptable	30-40	
Marginal	20-30	
Poor	<20	

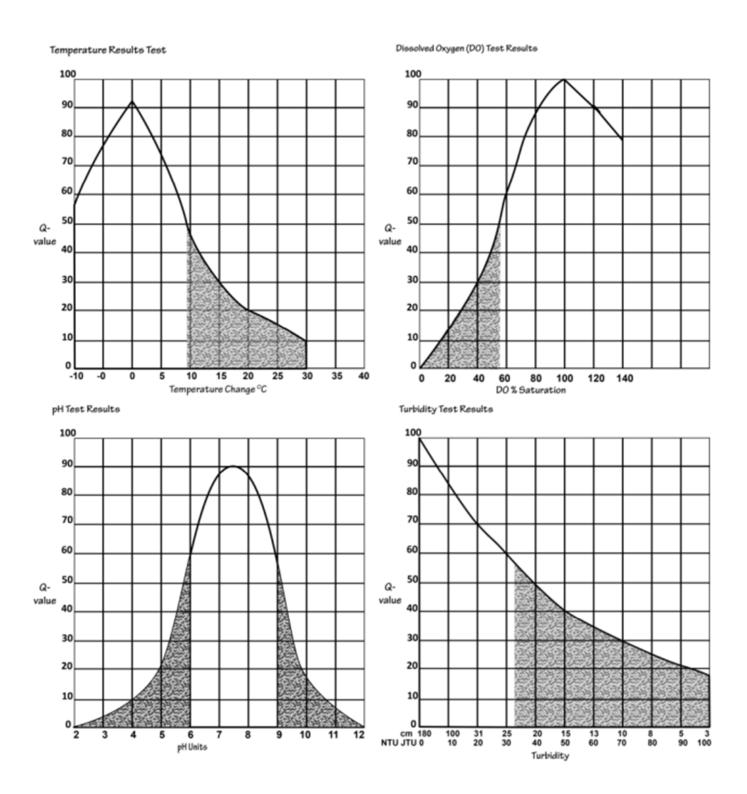


Figure 1 pH Scale

