

#### **SUMMARY OF RESULTS – FIBI029**



1. Stream Name:	Alexauken Creek
2. Sampling Date:	6/12/2006
3. Sampling Location:	off Alexauken Creek Road
4. Municipality	West Amwell Twp.
5. County:	Hunterdon
6. Watershed Management Area:	11
7. Contributing Drainage Area (Sq. Mi.):	14.3
8. Electrofishing Gear:	2 Backpacks
9. FIBI Score and Rating:	Round 1* Good (38); Round 2 Good (40)
10. Habitat Score and Rating:	Round 1 Sub-Optimal (158); Round 2 Optimal (169)
11. Fishable Species Present:	Yes
12. Relevant AMNET <sup>1</sup> Station Data:	
Proximity of FIBI station to AMNET station:	0.6mi upstream AN0098
AMNET Rating:	1992 - Non-impaired; 1997 - Non-impaired; 2003 - Moderate
13. Stream Chemistries:	
Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l)	9.65
Temperature <sup>0</sup> C.	14.91
рН	6.72
Conductivity (µmhos/cm)	244
14. Length of Stream Sampled:	150m
15. Water Clarity:	Clear
16. Average Open Forest Canopy:	35%
17. Discharge:	34.2 cfs
18. Substrate:	20% Gravel/Sand, 50% Cobble, 2% Mud, 8% Silt, 20% Bedrock
19. Habitat:	50% Riffle, 40% Run, 10% Pool
20. Snags:	Yes
21. Periphyton:	Slight
22. Submerged Aquatic Vegetation:	Yes
23. Outfalls:	0
24. Number of Fish Species Identified:	18
25. Total Number of Fish Collected:	287
26. Number of Fish With Anomalies:	7
27. Other Observations:	Good flow, sinuosity, and riparian buffer

<sup>1</sup> AMNET is the acronym for the DEP's ambient benthic macroinvertebrate monitoring network – a series of 820 monitoring stations located throughout the state's waterways that collects data on the health of bottom dwelling stream fauna which in turn is used to assess general water quality
 <sup>\*</sup> Round 1 data was scored prior to the FIBI metric recalibration.



FIBI029-Alexauken Creek @ Alexauken Cree Date Sampled - 6/12/2006	ek Rd Excellent Good	Fair	Poor
# of Fish Species		Score 5	
# of Benthic Insectivorous Species (BI) (excluding White Suckers and Bullheads)		5	
# of Trout and Centrarchid Species (excluding Green Sunfish and Bluegill)		5	
# of Intolerant Species (IS)		5	
Proportion of Tolerant Individuals		3	
Proportion of Individuals as Generalists		3	
Proportion of Individuals as Insectivorous Cypr	inids	5	
Proportion of Individuals as Trout * OR	whichever gives better score		
Proportion of Individuals as Piscivores (excludi	ng American Eel)*	3	
# of Individuals in Sample (excluding Tolerant Species)		3	
Proportion of Individuals w/disease/anomalies (excluding blackspot)		3	
Total		40	

Stream Rating	
45-50	Excellent
37-44	Good
29-36	Fair
<b>10-28</b>	Poor

#### HABITAT ASSESSMENT FOR *HIGH* GRADIENT STREAMS Alexauken Creek (FIBI029) – 6/12/06

	0-4		Category	р
	Optimal	Suboptimal	Marginal	Poor
1. Epifaunal Substrate /Available Cover	Greater than 70% of substrate favorable for epifaunal colonization and fish cover; mix of snags, submerged logs, undercut banks, cobble or other stable habitat and at stage to allow full colonization potential (i.e., logs/snags that are not new fall and not transient).	40-70% mix of stable habitat; well-suited for full colonization potential; adequate habitat for maintenance of populations; presence of additional substrate in the form of newfall, but not yet prepared for colonization (may rate at high end of scale).	20-40% mix of stable habitat; habitat availability less than desirable; substrate frequently disturbed or removed.	Less than 20% stable habitat; la of habitat is obvious; substrate unstable or lacking.
SCORE 16	20 19 18 17 <mark>16</mark>	15 14 13 12 11	10 9 8 7 6	5 4 3 2 1
2. Embeddedness	Gravel, cobble, and boulder particles are 0-25% surrounded by fine sediment. Layering of cobble provides diversity of niche space	Gravel, cobble, and boulder particles are 25-50% surrounded by fine sediment.	Gravel, cobble, and boulder particles are 50-75% surrounded by fine sediment.	Gravel, cobble, and boulder particles are more than 75% surrounded by fine sediment.
SCORE 18	20 19 <b>18</b> 17 16	15 14 13 12 11	10 9 8 7 6	5 4 3 2 1
3. Velocity/Depth Regimes	All 4 velocity/depth regimes present (slow-deep, slow-shallow, fast-deep, fast-shallow). (slow is <0.3 m/s, deep is >0.5 m)	Only 3 of the 4 regimes present (if fast-shallow is missing, score lower than if missing other regimes).	Only 2 of the 4 habitat regimes present (if fast-shallow or slow- shallow are missing, score low).	Dominated by 1 velocity / deptl regime (usually slow-deep).
SCORE 19	20 <b>19</b> 18 17 16	15 14 13 12 11	10 9 8 7 6	5 4 3 2 1
4. Sediment Deposition	Little or no enlargement of islands or point bars and less than 5% (<2%) for low-gradient streams) of the bottom affected by sediment deposition.	Some new increase in bar formation, mostly from gravel, sand or fine sediment; 5-30% (20-50% for low-gradient) of the bottom affected; slight deposition in pools.	Moderate deposition of new gravel, sand or fine sediment on old and new bars; 30-50% (50- 80% for low-gradient) of the bottom affected; sediment deposits at obstructions, constrictions, and bends; moderate deposition of pools prevalent.	Heavy deposits of fine material increased bar development; mo than 50% (80% for low-gradien of the bottom changing frequently; pools almost absent due to substantial sediment deposition.
SCORE 14	20 19 18 17 16	15 <b>14</b> 13 12 11	10 9 8 7 6	5 4 3 2 1
5. Channel Flow Status	Water reaches base of both lower banks, and minimal amount of channel substrate is exposed.	Water fills >75% of the available channel; or <25% of channel substrate is exposed.	Water fills 25-75% of the available channel, and/or riffle substrates are mostly exposed.	Very little water in channel and mostly present as standing pool
SCORE 17	20 19 18 <b>17</b> 16	15 14 13 12 11	10 9 8 7 6	5 4 3 2 1
6. Channel Alteration	Channelization or dredging absent or minimal; stream with normal pattern.	Some channelization present, usually in areas of bridge abutments; evidence of past channelization, i.e., dredging, (greater than past 20 yr) may be present, but recent channelization is not present.	Channelization may be extensive; embankments or shoring structures present on both banks; and 40 to 80% of stream reach channelized and disrupted.	Banks shored with gabion or cement; over 80% of the stream reach channelized and disrupted In stream habitat greatly altered or removed entirely.
SCORE 18	20 19 <b>18</b> 17 16	15 14 13 12 11	10 9 8 7 6	5 4 3 2 1
7. Frequency of Riffles (or bends)	Occurrence of riffles relatively frequent; ratio of distance between riffles divided by width of the stream <7:1 (generally 5 to 7); variety of habitat is key. In streams where riffles are continuous, placement of boulders or other large, natural obstruction is important.	Occurrence of riffles infrequent; distance between riffles divided by the width of the stream is between 7 to 15.	Occasional riffle or bend; bottom contours provide some habitat; distance between riffles divided by the width of the stream is between 15 to 25.	Generally all flat water or shall riffles; poor habitat; distance between riffles divided by the width of the stream is a ratio of >25.
SCORE 19	20 <b>19</b> 18 17 16	15 14 13 12 11	10 9 8 7 6	5 4 3 2 1
8. Bank Stability (score each bank) Note: determine left or right side by facing downstream.	Banks stable; evidence of erosion or bank failure absent or minimal; little potential for future problems. <5% of bank affected.	Moderately stable; infrequent, small areas of erosion mostly healed over. 5-30% of bank in reach has areas of erosion.	Moderately unstable; 30-60% of bank in reach has areas of erosion; high erosion potential during floods.	Unstable; many eroded areas; "raw" areas frequent along straight sections and bends; obvious bank sloughing; 60- 100% of bank has erosional sca
SCORE 8 (LB) SCORE 7 (RB)	Left         10         9           Right         10         9	<b>8</b> 7 6 8 <b>7</b> 6	5         4         3           5         4         3	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
9. Bank Vegetative Protection (score each bank)	Mgnt 10 9 More than 90% of the streambank surfaces and immediate riparian zone covered by native vegetation, including trees, under story shrubs, or nonwoody macrophytes; vegetative disruption through grazing or mowing minimal or not evident; almost all plants allowed to grow naturally.	o 70-90% of the streambank surfaces covered by native vegetation, but one class of plants is not well-represented; disruption evident but not affecting full plant growth potential to any great extent; more than one-half of the potential plant stubble height remaining.	50-70% of the streambank surfaces covered by vegetation; disruption obvious; patches of bare soil or closely cropped vegetation common; less than one-half of the potential plant stubble height remaining.	Less than 50% of the streamban surfaces covered by vegetation; disruption of streambank vegetation is very high; vegetation has been removed to 5 centimeters or less in average stubble height.
SCORE 6 (LB)	Left 10 9	8 7 <mark>6</mark>	5 4 3	2 1 0
SCORE 8 (RB) 10. Riparian Vegetative Zone Width (score each bank riparian zone)	Right         10         9           Width of riparian zone >18 meters; human activities (i.e., parking lots, roadbeds, clear-cuts, lawns, or crops) have not impacted zone.         9	8 7 6 Width of riparian zone 12-18 meters; human activities have impacted zone only minimally.	5 4 3 Width of riparian zone 6-12 meters; human activities have impacted zone a great deal.	2 1 0 Width of riparian zone <6 mete little or no riparian vegetation of to human activities.
SCORE 9 (LB)	Left 10 9	8 7 6	5 4 3	2 1 0
SCORE 10 (RB)	Right 10 9	8 7 6	5 4 3	2 1 0

HABITAT SCORE
169

HABITAT SCORES	VALUE
OPTIMAL	160 - 200
SUB-OPTIMAL	110 - 159
MARGINAL	60 - 109
POOR	< 60

# FIBI029-R2 Alexauken Creek

**Common Name Scientific Name** Abundance Size Range (inches) 121 Blacknose Dace Rhinichthys atratulus American Eel 60 Anguilla rostrata 25 2.0 - 5.7 **Redbreast Sunfish** Lepomis auritus Banded Killifish Fundulus diaphanus 14 -**Tessellated Darter** Etheostoma olmstedi 13 Longnose Dace Rhinichthys cataractae 11 White Sucker Catostomus commersoni 7 Green Sunfish Lepomis cyanellus 6 2.1 - 4.1 2.4 - 5.0 Rock Bass Ambloplites rupestris 5 1.9 - 2.4 Bluegill Lepomis macrochirus 5 Smallmouth Bass Micropterus dolomieu 4 4.3 - 5.5 Creek Chub Semotilus atromaculatus 4 -Satinfin Shiner Cyprinella analostana 3 -2 Yellow Bullhead Ameiurus natalis 3.8 - 4.6 2 Largemouth Bass Micropterus salmoides 3.9 - 6.1 2 Margined Madtom Noturus insignis -Pumpkinseed 2 Lepomis gibbosus 2.8 - 2.8 Rainbow Trout Oncorhynchus mykiss 11.1 - 11.1 1

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## Species Identified at Alexauken Creek (FIBI029) (Not to Scale)



Blacknose Dace



White Sucker



**Rainbow Trout** 



**Smallmouth Bass** 



**Tessellated Darter** 



Largemouth Bass

## Species Identified at Alexauken Creek (FIBI029) (Not to Scale)



Rockbass



**Redbreast Sunfish** 



Banded Killifish



Longnose Dace



Bluegill



Pumpkinseed

## Species Identified at Alexauken Creek (FIBI029) (Not to Scale)



**Green Sunfish** 



Yellow Bullhead



American Eel



**Margined Madtom** 



Creek Chub



Satinfin Shiner