

# Musconetcong River- FIBI057

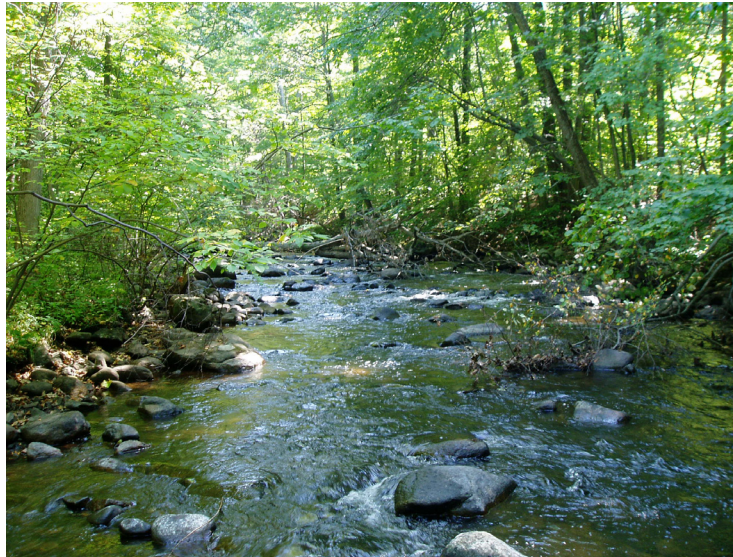


	Excellent		FIBI Sampling Location
	Good		1st & 2nd Order Streams
	Fair		3rd Order and Higher Streams
	Poor		

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## SUMMARY OF RESULTS – FIBI057



1. Stream Name:	Musconetcong River
2. Sampling Date:	9/20/2007
3. Sampling Location:	Off River Road
4. Municipality:	Byram Township
5. County:	Sussex
6. Watershed Management Area:	1
7. Contributing Drainage Area (Sq. Mi.):	35.2
8. Electrofishing Gear:	2 Backpacks
9. FIBI Score and Rating:	Round 1* Good (42); Round 2 Excellent (46)
10. Habitat Score and Rating:	Round 1 Optimal (172); Round 2 Optimal (168)
11. Fishable Species Present:	Yes
12. Relevant AMNET <sup>1</sup> Station Data:	
Proximity of FIBI station to AMNET station:	0.1mi upstream AN0064
AMNET Rating:	1992 – Non-Impaired; 1997 – Non-Impaired; 2002 – Non-Impaired
13. Stream Chemistries:	
Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l)	9.15
Temperature °C.	16.92
pH	8.16
Conductivity (µmhos/cm)	678
14. Length of Stream Sampled:	150m
15. Water Clarity:	Clear
16. Average Open Forest Canopy:	13.8%
17. Discharge:	11.59 cfs
18. Substrate:	30% Gravel/Sand, 50% Cobble, 20% Boulder
19. Habitat:	40% Riffle, 40% Run, 20% Pool
20. Snags:	Yes
21. Periphyton:	Slight
22. Submerged Aquatic Vegetation:	No
23. Outfalls:	1
24. Number of Fish Species Identified:	16
25. Total Number of Fish Collected:	369
26. Number of Fish With Anomalies:	9
27. Other Observations:	Strong sewage smell.

<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

\* Round 1 data was scored prior to the FIBI metric recalibration.



FIBI057  
MUSCONETCONG RIVER  
RIVER ROAD  
BYRAM TWP., SUSSEX COUNTY



- Start
- Finish
- ⊕ Outfall
- Sampling Reach
- ← Direction of Flow
- ▨ Mowed Grass

**FIBI057-Musconetcong River @ River Ave**  
**Date Sampled - 9/20/2007**

**Excellent**    Good    Fair    Poor

**Score**

# of Fish Species	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)	3
Proportion of Tolerant Individuals	5
Proportion of Individuals as Generalists	5
Proportion of Individuals as Insectivorous Cyprinids	5
Proportion of Individuals as Trout                      *whichever gives better score OR Proportion of Individuals as Piscivores (excluding American Eel)*	5
# of Individuals in Sample (excluding Tolerant Species)	5
Proportion of Individuals w/disease/anomalies (excluding blackspot)	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>

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



# HABITAT ASSESSMENT FOR HIGH GRADIENT STREAMS Musconetcong R (FIBI057) – 09/20/07

	Condition Category			
	Optimal	Suboptimal	Marginal	Poor
<b>1. Epifaunal Substrate /Available Cover</b>	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 <b>not</b> new fall and <b>not</b> 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; lack of habitat is obvious; substrate unstable or lacking.
<b>SCORE 18</b>	20 19 <b>18</b> 17 16	15 14 13 12 11	10 9 8 7 6	5 4 3 2 1 0
<b>2. Embeddedness</b>	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.
<b>SCORE 17</b>	20 19 18 <b>17</b> 16	15 14 13 12 11	10 9 8 7 6	5 4 3 2 1 0
<b>3. Velocity/Depth Regimes</b>	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 / depth regime (usually slow-deep).
<b>SCORE 17</b>	20 19 18 <b>17</b> 16	15 14 13 12 11	10 9 8 7 6	5 4 3 2 1 0
<b>4. Sediment Deposition</b>	Little or no enlargement of islands or point bars and less than 5% (<20% 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; more than 50% (80% for low-gradient) of the bottom changing frequently; pools almost absent due to substantial sediment deposition.
<b>SCORE 17</b>	20 19 18 <b>17</b> 16	15 14 13 12 11	10 9 8 7 6	5 4 3 2 1 0
<b>5. Channel Flow Status</b>	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 pools.
<b>SCORE 15</b>	20 19 18 17 16	<b>15</b> 14 13 12 11	10 9 8 7 6	5 4 3 2 1 0
<b>6. Channel Alteration</b>	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.
<b>SCORE 17</b>	20 19 18 <b>17</b> 16	15 14 13 12 11	10 9 8 7 6	5 4 3 2 1 0
<b>7. Frequency of Riffles (or bends)</b>	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 shallow riffles; poor habitat; distance between riffles divided by the width of the stream is a ratio of >25.
<b>SCORE 16</b>	20 19 18 17 <b>16</b>	15 14 13 12 11	10 9 8 7 6	5 4 3 2 1 0
<b>8. Bank Stability (score each bank)</b> 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 scars.
<b>SCORE 9 (LB)</b>	Left 10 <b>9</b>	8 7 6	5 4 3	2 1 0
<b>SCORE 9 (RB)</b>	Right 10 <b>9</b>	8 7 6	5 4 3	2 1 0
<b>9. Bank Vegetative Protection (score each bank)</b>	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.	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 streambank surfaces covered by vegetation; disruption of streambank vegetation is very high; vegetation has been removed to 5 centimeters or less in average stubble height.
<b>SCORE 9 (LB)</b>	Left 10 <b>9</b>	8 7 6	5 4 3	2 1 0
<b>SCORE 8 (RB)</b>	Right 10 9	<b>8</b> 7 6	5 4 3	2 1 0
<b>10. Riparian Vegetative Zone Width (score each bank riparian zone)</b>	Width of riparian zone >18 meters; human activities (i.e., parking lots, roadbeds, clear-cuts, lawns, or crops) have not impacted zone.	Width of riparian zone 12-18 meters; human activities have impacted zone only minimally.	Width of riparian zone 6-12 meters; human activities have impacted zone a great deal.	Width of riparian zone <6 meters; little or no riparian vegetation due to human activities.
<b>SCORE 10 (LB)</b>	Left <b>10</b> 9	8 7 6	5 4 3	2 1 0
<b>SCORE 6 (RB)</b>	Right 10 9	8 7 <b>6</b>	5 4 3	2 1 0

**HABITAT SCORE**

**168**

HABITAT SCORES	VALUE
<b>OPTIMAL</b>	<b>160 – 200</b>
SUB-OPTIMAL	110 – 159
MARGINAL	60 – 109
POOR	< 60

# FIBI057-R2

## Musconetcong River

09/20/2007

Common Name	Scientific Name	Abundance
Longnose Dace	<i>Rhinichthys cataractae</i>	100
Margined Madtom	<i>Noturus insignis</i>	65
Redbreast Sunfish	<i>Lepomis auritus</i>	48
Tessellated Darter	<i>Etheostoma olmstedii</i>	45
Common Shiner	<i>Luxilus cornutus</i>	38
Fallfish	<i>Semotilus corporalis</i>	14
White Sucker	<i>Catostomus commersoni</i>	11
Largemouth Bass	<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>	11
Blacknose Dace	<i>Rhinichthys atratulus</i>	10
Spottail Shiner	<i>Notropis hudsonius</i>	9
Chain Pickerel	<i>Esox niger</i>	9
Brown Trout	<i>Salmo trutta</i>	4
Yellow Bullhead	<i>Ameiurus natalis</i>	2
Rock Bass	<i>Ambloplites rupestris</i>	1
Pumpkinseed	<i>Lepomis gibbosus</i>	1
Eastern Mudminnow	<i>Umbra pygmaea</i>	1

## Species Identified at Musconetcong River (FIBI057)



Tessellated Darter



Blacknose Dace



Redbreast Sunfish



Common Shiner



White Sucker



Longnose Dace

## Species Identified at Musconetcong River (FIBI057)



Margined Madtom



Largemouth Bass



Chain Pickerel



Spottail Shiner



Fallfish



Rockbass



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Brown Trout



Eastern Mudminnow



Pumpkinseed



Yellow Bullhead