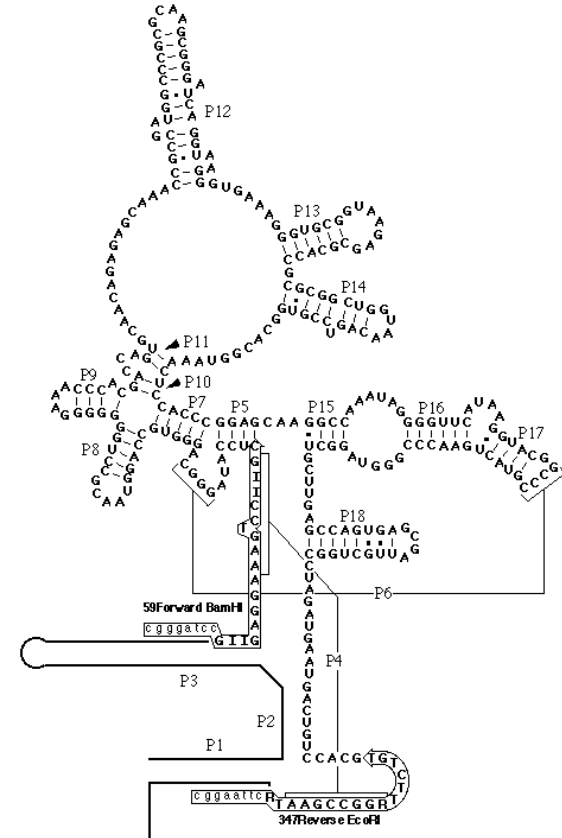


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Part 2: Microbial Source Tracking – Survival Assumptions Need Testing.

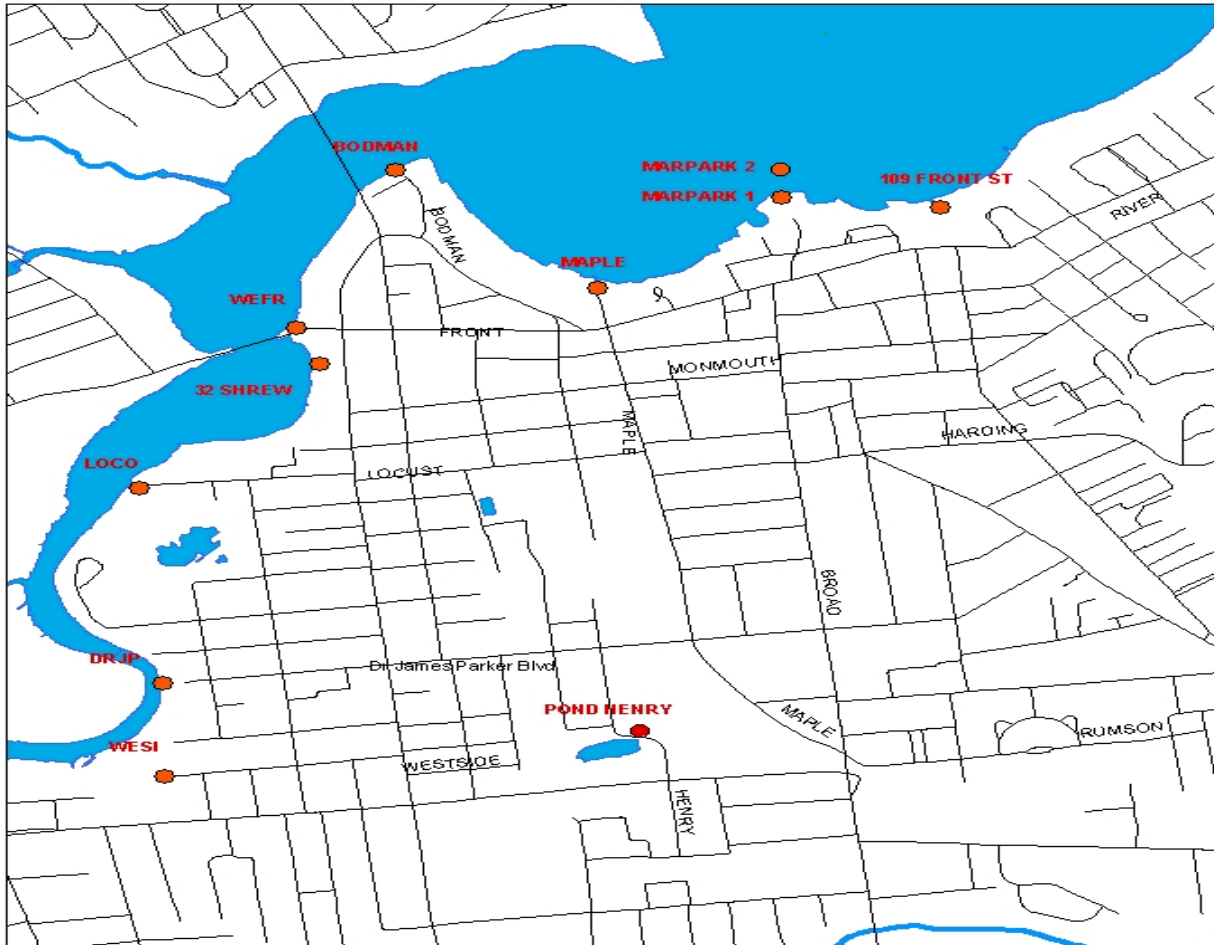
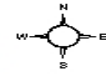


PCR amplification scheme. Many of the available RNase P RNA sequences are partial sequences obtained by PCR. The amplification primer sequences 59FBam and 347REco (note that the latter is the complement of the sequence in the RNA) are boxed, with arrowheads indicating the polarity of the primers and lower-case nucleotides indicating linker sequences used for cloning. Sequences distal to the amplification primers are not available and are indicated by lines only.

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Red Bank Outfall Investigation

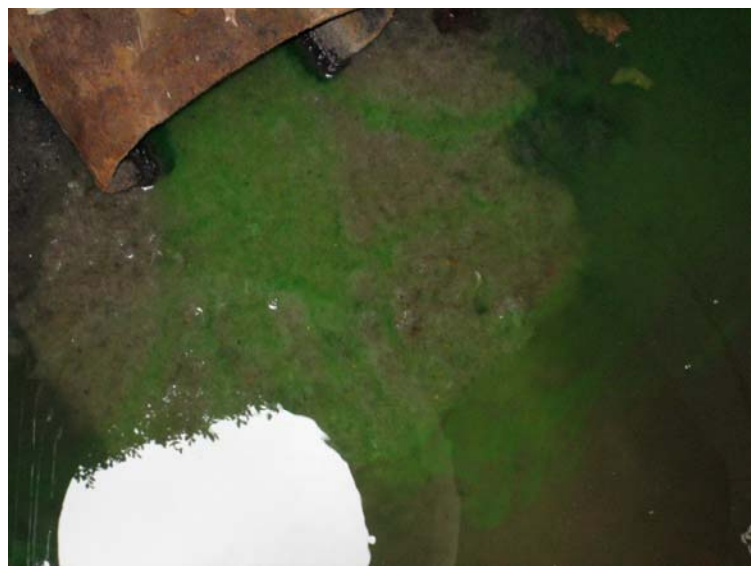
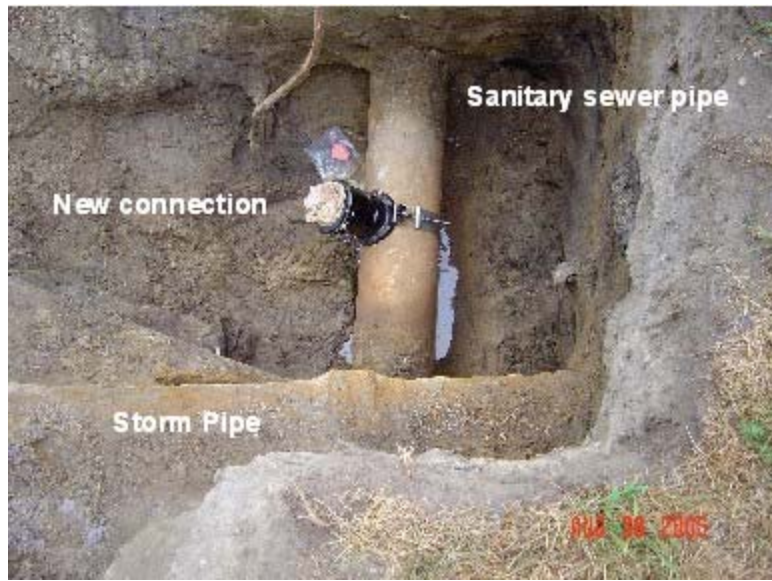


Site	Outfall size	Date 1	Fecal	Entero	Date 2	Fecal	Entero	Date 3	Fecal	Entero	Date 4	Fecal	Entero
WESI	24"	5/26/2004	22000	129000	8/16/2004	14700	>6000	12/7/2004	24000	>6000	3/28/2005	800	4300
DRJP		5/26/2004	4000	23000	8/16/2004	13900	16500	12/7/2004	>6000	>6000	3/28/2005	3100	3000
LOCU	42"	5/26/2004	16000	64000	8/16/2004	7100	13200	12/7/2004	21000	>6000	3/28/2005	400	1800
WEFR	24"	5/26/2004	2000	2600	8/16/2004	15900	10500						
MARPARK		10/19/2004	92000	133000	12/7/2004	1700	13800				3/28/2005	1300	1770
MARPARK2					12/7/2004	3000	9300						
109E FRONT ST	48"	10/19/2004	3100	26000									
MAPLE AVE	42"	10/19/2004	5900	23000	12/7/2004	4200	15000						
32 SHREWS		10/19/2004	300	6300									
POND HENRY		10/19/2004	3400	7000									
BODMAN	24"	10/19/2004	1400	12000									
CB end of Dr. James Parker Ave		11/4/2004	173000										



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2 Illicit Connections



Sediment Vs. Water Column Samples

1. TMDL Site at Squankum (Rt. 195 & Rt. 524)

Fecal Coliform Counts (Sampled 7/6/00)

	Water	Sediment	% Total Solids
1	210		
2		5,000	77.24%
3		2,300	80.39%
4		13,000	64.76%

Total Phosphorus (Sampled 9/21/00)

	Water (mg/L)	Sediment (mg/kg)	% Total Solids
1			
2	0.13	5318.00	22.4%
3	0.30	928.00	70.0%
4	0.18	2558.00	57.1%



- Manasquan River at fishing access off Squankum – Yellowbrook Road
(about 1 mile upstream of Site 1 – TMDL Site)

Fecal Coliform Counts (Sampled 7/6/00)

	Water	Sediment	% Total Solids
Central	210	8,000	80.27%
East		23,000	72.30%
West		5,000	79.86 %

Total Phosphorus (Sampled 9/21/00)

	Water (mg/L)	Sediment (mg/kg)	% Total Solids
	0.13	3573.00	65.1%
	0.18	2438.00	42.0%
	0.15	6677.00	34.8%

Percent total solids is the remainder of an aquatic sediment sample after the water has been evaporated. A sample that consists of silt and clay will have a lower percent total solids value than one consisting of sand and pebbles. Silt is preferentially eroded from streambanks. Fecal coliform adsorb and survive best on silt.

When stormwater runoff erodes streambanks, it also increases the numbers of fecal coliform in the sediment by providing greater amounts of silt in the streambed than would be present naturally. Coliform are resuspended into the water column during and after rainstorms.

Ramanessin Brook, Crawford Corners Rd., Holmdel: Spring 2003 RBA

Downstream of PNC: NJIS 3

Holland Rd. Nature Trail: NJIS: 24



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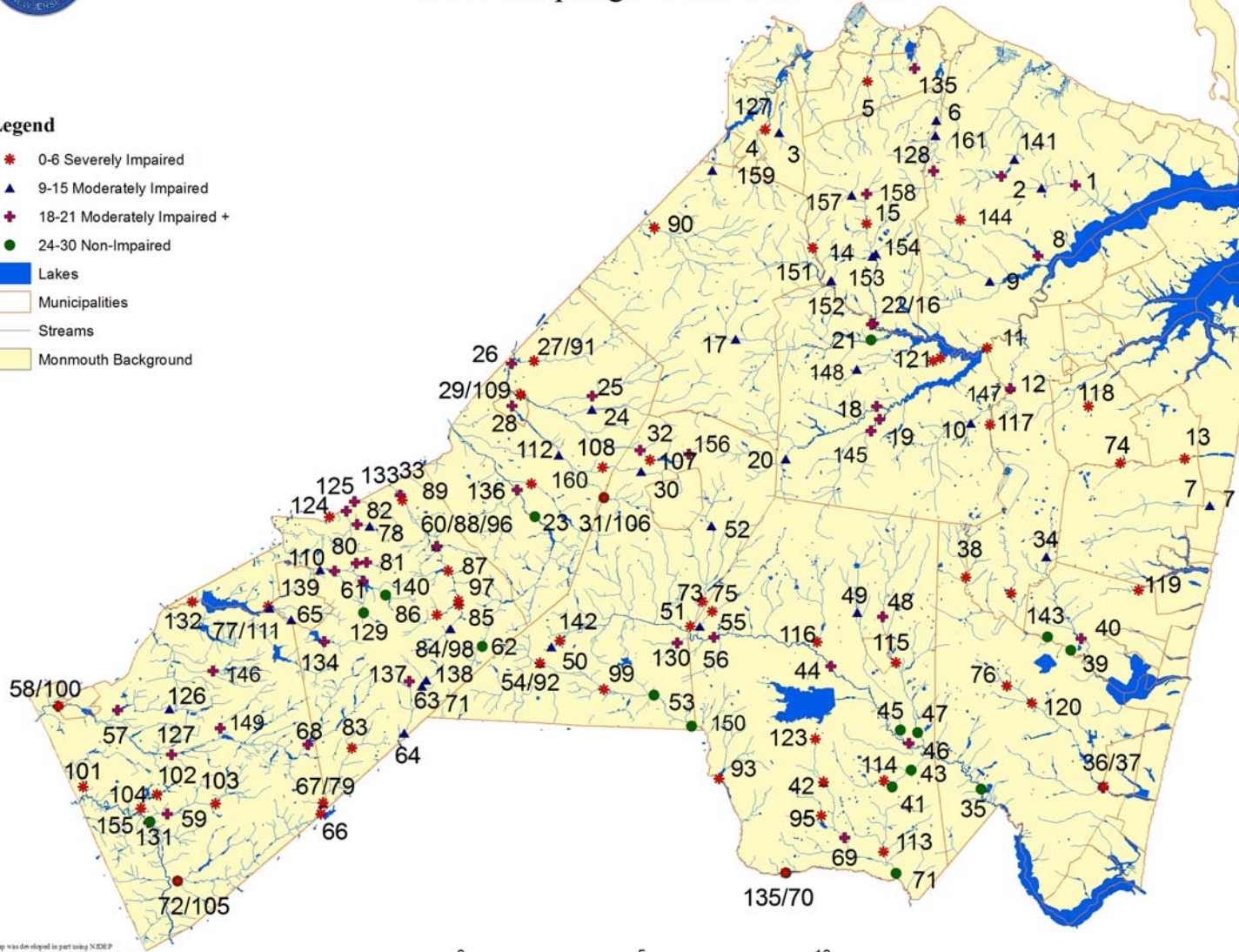
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RBA Sampling Results 1999 - 2005



Legend

- * 0-6 Severely Impaired
- ▲ 9-15 Moderately Impaired
- + 18-21 Moderately Impaired +
- 24-30 Non-Impaired
- █ Lakes
- Municipalities
- Streams
- Monmouth Background



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RBA Trends Within the Coastal Plain

Severe Impairment in the Silt and Clay Formations between the Piedmont Cobble and the Kirkwood Cohanseay Sands

To read about physiographic regions and RBA in NJ, refer to:

Kennen, Jonathan. 1999 "Relation of Macroinvertebrate Community Impairment to Catchment Characteristics in New Jersey Streams" *Journal of the American Water Resources Association*, Vol 35, No 4, 939-954.

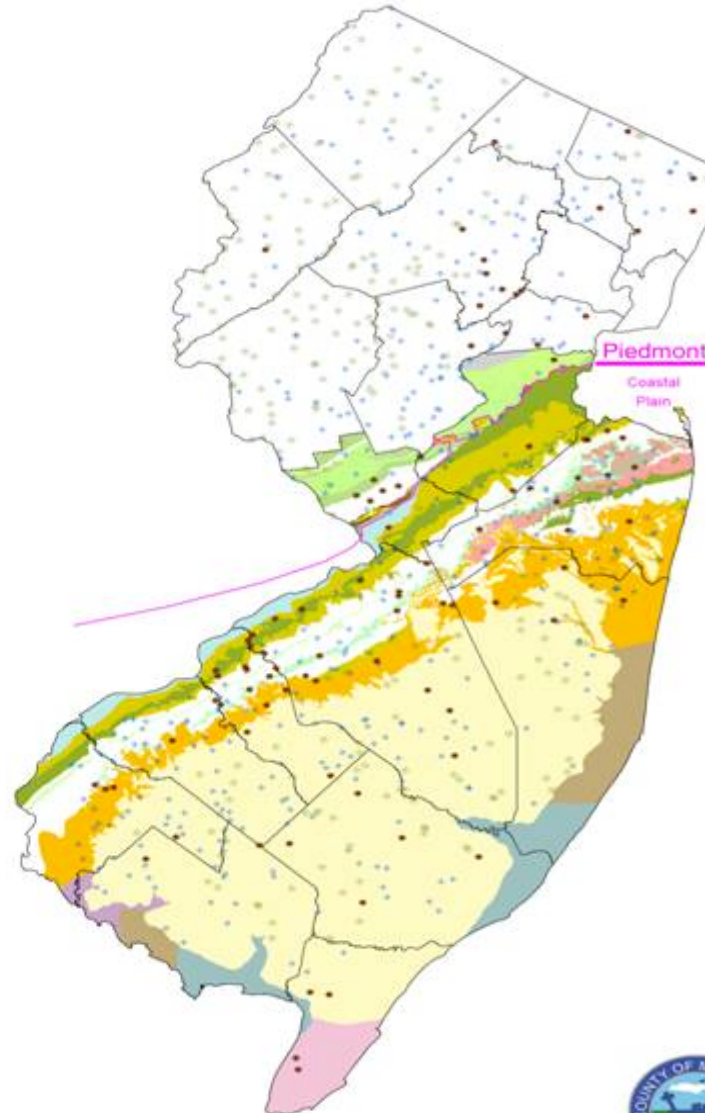
"The Coastal Plain and the New Jersey/New York Piedmont did not differ significantly (Tukey's test) and had the highest probability of exhibiting an impaired macroinvertebrate community." (pg 952)

RBA Results

- Non-Impaired
- Moderately Impaired
- Severely Impaired

Geology

- Amphibolite
- Belleplain Member
- Cheesquake Formation
- COHANSEY FORMATION
- Englishtown Formation
- Gabbro
- Gneiss granofels and Migmatite
- Hornerstown Formation
- Jurassic Diabase
- Lokatong Formation
- LOWER MEMBER / KIRKWOOD
- Magothy Formation
- Manasquan Formation
- Manhattan Schist
- Marshalltown Formation
- Merchantville Formation
- Metabasalt
- Mt. Laurel Formation
- Navesink Formation
- Passaic Formation
- Passaic Formation Gray bed
- Passaic Formation Mudstone facies
- Potomac Formation
- Raritan Formation
- Sandy Hook Member
- Shark River Formation
- Shiloh Marl Member
- Shrewsbury Member
- Stockton Formation
- Tinton Formation
- Unnamed Formation at Cape May
- Vincentown Formation
- Wenonah Formation
- Wildwood Member
- Wissahickon Formation
- Woodbury Formation



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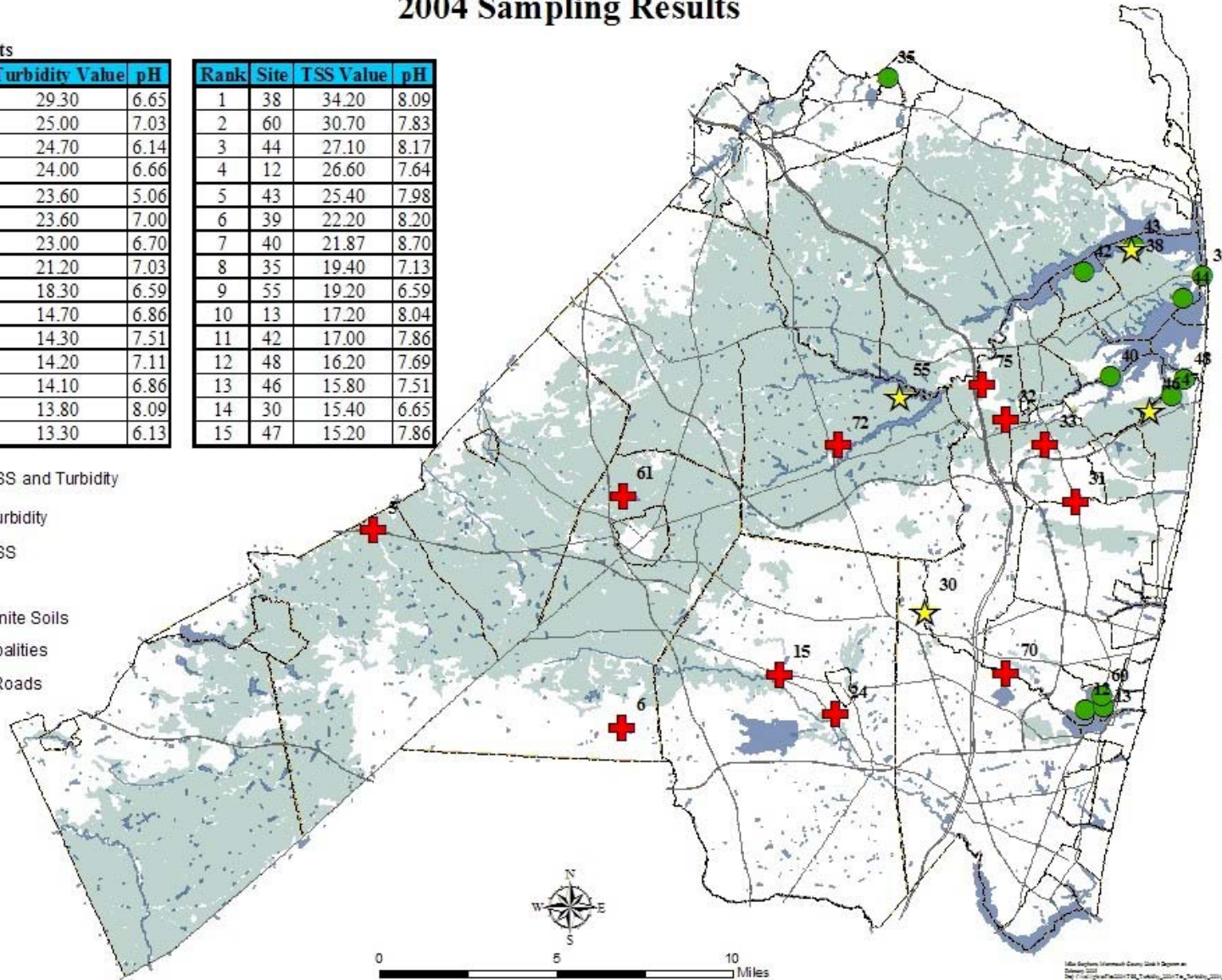
Highest TSS and Turbidity Results at Ambient Site Monitoring Locations 2004 Sampling Results

Top 15 Results

Rank	Site	Turbidity Value	pH
1	30	29.30	6.65
2	32	25.00	7.03
3	24	24.70	6.14
4	15	24.00	6.66
5	31	23.60	5.06
6	75	23.60	7.00
7	6	23.00	6.70
8	70	21.20	7.03
9	55	18.30	6.59
10	5	14.70	6.86
11	46	14.30	7.51
12	61	14.20	7.11
13	72	14.10	6.86
14	38	13.80	8.09
15	33	13.30	6.13

Rank	Site	TSS Value	pH
1	38	34.20	8.09
2	60	30.70	7.83
3	44	27.10	8.17
4	12	26.60	7.64
5	43	25.40	7.98
6	39	22.20	8.20
7	40	21.87	8.70
8	35	19.40	7.13
9	55	19.20	6.59
10	13	17.20	8.04
11	42	17.00	7.86
12	48	16.20	7.69
13	46	15.80	7.51
14	30	15.40	6.65
15	47	15.20	7.86

- ★ High TSS and Turbidity
- ⊕ High Turbidity
- High TSS
- Lakes
- Glauconite Soils
- Municipalities
- Major Roads



Map Symbols: Glauconite Soils: Data by Department of Geology
 Lakes: Data by Department of Geology
 Municipalities: Data by Department of Geology
 Major Roads: Data by Department of Geology

2005 Ambient Site:

NO. SITE	NAME	STREET	TSS - 15 NTU	TSS - 30 NTU
1	DEAL LAKE	OCEAN AVE	0.0	0.0
2	CROSSWICKS CREEK	WAINFORD RD	0.0	0.0
3	DOCTOR'S CREEK	ROUTE 459	0.2	1.5
4	ASHFORD CREEK	ROUTE 459	0.2	0.2
5	HIGH STONE RIVER	ROUTE 39	0.2	0.1
6	NORTH BRANCH HERRING CREEK	JACKSON BELLE RD	1.0	0.2
7	THOMAS RIVER	ROUTE 457	0.2	0.2
8	TRAMMEL CREEK	HART ST	1.0	0.0
9	ROSELW BROOK	ROUTE 35	0.2	0.2
10	WYCKHAM BROOK	BRIGHTON AVE	0.2	0.2
11	PARSONS BROOK	ALLENWOOD RD	1.0	0.0
12	YELLOW BROOK	BILTON/ADELPHI RD	0.2	0.0
13	DELANEY BROOK	RAVE ST	0.0	0.2
14	HUNDY BROOK	LAKESIDE/ALLEYWOOD RD	0.2	1.0
15	RAVETOCK BROOK	HARRIS/OUTWARD RD	0.2	0.2
16	WINDMILL CREEK	FRIENDSHIP RD	0.2	0.2
17	GRAVELLY BROOK	LOYD RD	1.0	0.2
18	BIG BROOK	ROUTE 79	0.2	0.2
19	MCDONALD'S BROOK	HART ST	1.0	0.2
20	HONGAARD'S BROOK	WELLS BLVD	1.0	0.0
21	MARSH BROOK	PREVENTOORUM RD	1.0	0.0
22	LONG BROOK	HOWELL RD	0.2	0.0
23	SHARK RIVER BROOK	SHARK RIVER STATION RD	0.2	0.2
24	WALKER BROOK	ROUTE 35	0.2	0.2
25	LAUREL BROOK	ROPER RD	0.2	0.2
26	WALKY BROOK	ROPER ST	0.2	0.2
27	PINE BROOK	ROCKWOOD CRES DR	0.0	0.2
28	LAKE TAKANAWASSEE	OCEAN AVE	0.0	0.2
29	WELLY BROOK	WELLY BROOK RD	0.0	0.0
30	RAVANEY'S BROOK	WILLOW RD	0.2	1.0
31	BORDONS BROOK	ROUTE 459	0.2	0.1
32	TROUT BROOK	RICHDALE RD	0.2	0.0
33	BARRAN NECK BROOK	LONG BRIDGE RD	0.2	0.0
34	BIG BROOK	HANFORD DR	0.2	1.0
35	MONS BROOK	MERCKER RD	0.2	0.2
36	POPLAR BROOK	OCEAN AVE	1.0	0.0
37	LAKE TOP ANNEALS	POND RD	0.2	0.2
38	LAKE MATIASAN	HART ST	0.2	1.0
39	LAKE LAUREL	ROUTE 35, BUTTWOOD MANOR	0.2	0.2
40	BECK LAKE	HARRIS/OUTWARD RD	0.2	0.0
41	WINDMILL BROOK	RT 49 (BEFORE PIPES)	0.0	0.0
42	WINDMILL BROOK	RT 49 (AFTER 1ST PIPE)	0.0	0.0
43	SHARK RIVER	WELLY ROAD	0.0	0.0
44	CLIPPING BROOK	RT 33 & DAYS BRN	0.2	0.2
45	YELLOW BROOK	GRANBY RD	0.2	0.0
46	MANASQUAN RIVER	CASINO DR	1.0	0.2
47	HOCKINGDON BROOK	RIVERDALE AVE	0.0	0.0

TSS - Over 15 NTU
(0.2 standard in Non-Treat is 40 mg/L, Treat is 25 mg/L)

NO.	NO. OF SITES	NO. OF SITES
1	32	118.40*
2	24	71.40*
3	2	30.80*
4	0	0.00*
5	1	15.20*

Turbidity - Over 15 NTU
(0.2 standard Average is 15 sec)

NO.	NO. OF SITES	NO. OF SITES
1	32	46.20*
2	24	32.20*
3	2	20.80*
4	14	27.40*
5	0	0.00*
6	0	0.00*
7	2	24.20*
8	1	34.20*
9	3	31.20*
10	3	30.80*
11	2	30.10*
12	2	30.30*
13	1	30.30*
14	2	30.30*
15	2	31.40*
16	2	30.30*
17	2	30.40*
18	2	30.30*
19	2	30.70*

* - 735 gauging stations, and 10 most likely on surface.

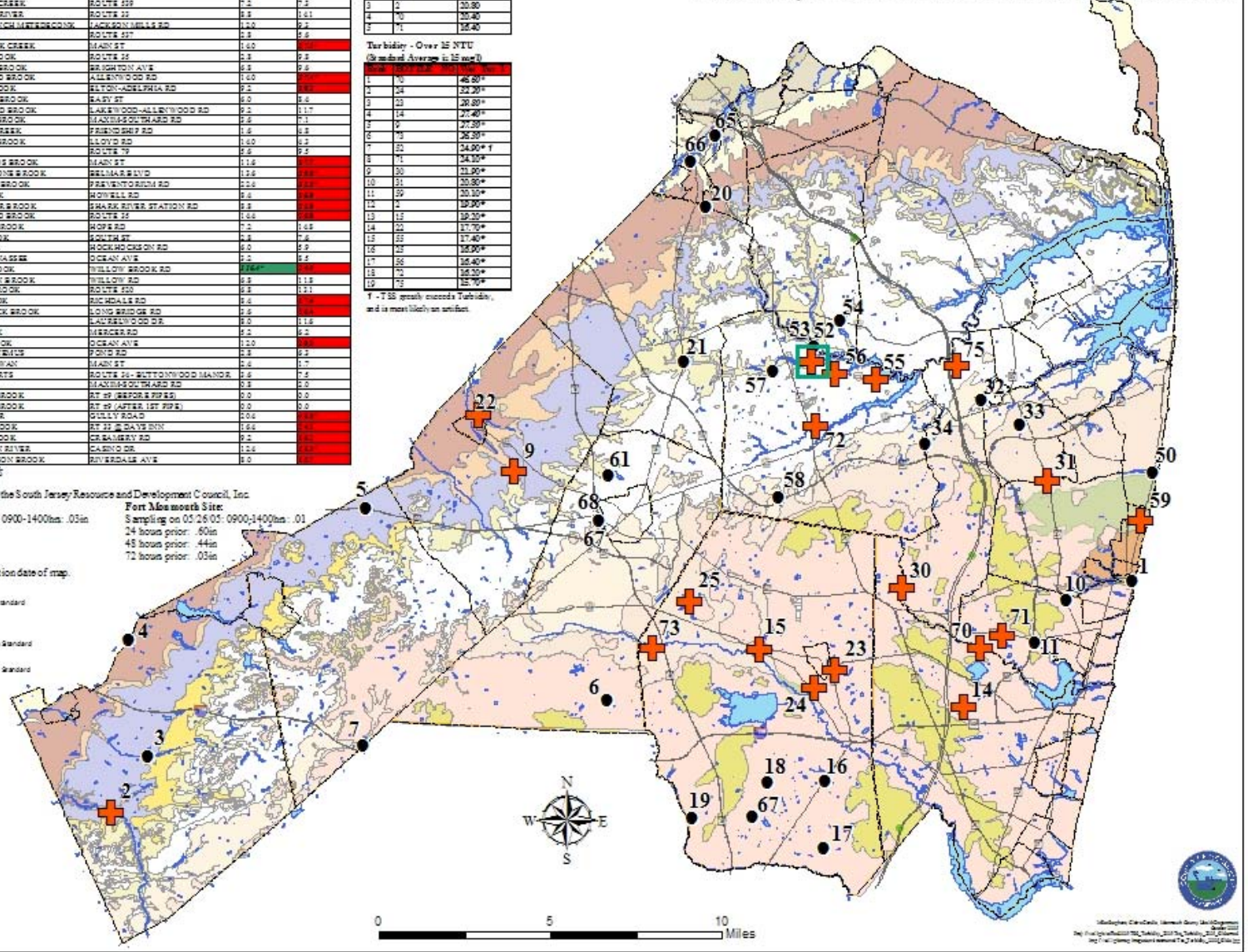
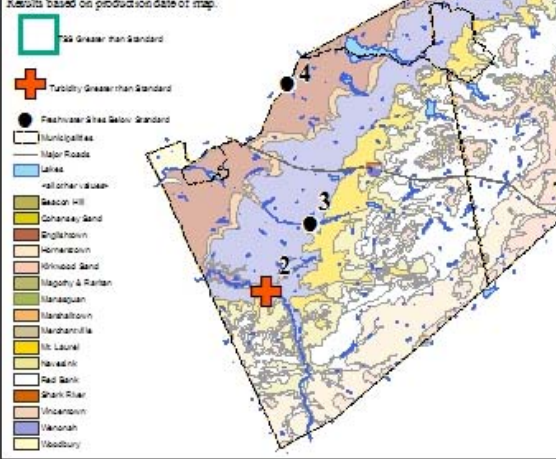
Glauconitic Streams In Monmouth County Exceed Turbidity But Not TSS Standards After Rain

* Exceed Standards

Rainfall amounts from the South Jersey Resource and Development Council, Inc.
Howell Site
 Sampling on 05/26/05: 0900-1400hrs: .03in
 24 hours prior: .25in
 48 hours prior: .11in
 72 hours prior: .02in

Fort Monmouth Site
 Sampling on 05/26/05: 0900-1400hrs: .01
 24 hours prior: .60in
 48 hours prior: .44in
 72 hours prior: .03in

Results based on production date of map.

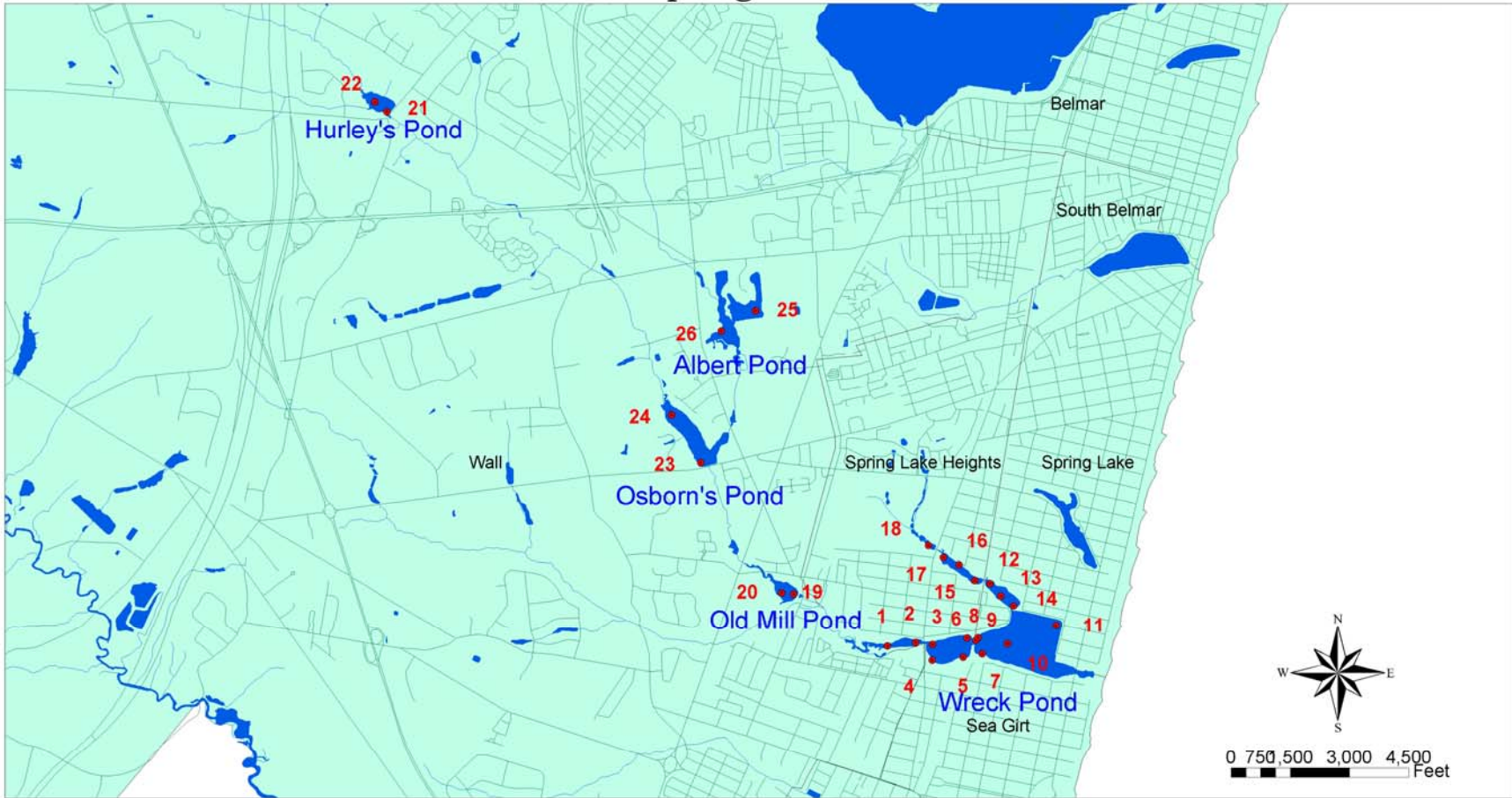


Map of Monmouth County, New Jersey, showing the location of the Howell and Fort Monmouth sites. The map is a product of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Water Quality, and was produced on 05/26/05.



Monmouth County Health Department Wreck Pond

Fecal Coliform Colony Values Sampling Locations



Legend

- Sample Sites
- Roads
- Streams
- Lakes
- Municipalities

Wreck Pond						Old Mill Pond				Osborn's Pond				
1	340	17000	7	450	30000	13	220	3500	19	670	5000	23	1850	1700
2	280	30000	8	350	5000	14	2800	1300	20	80	40	24	850	17000
3	430	50000	9	140	17000	15	1700	8000						
4	1060	17000	10	170	300	16	70	50000						
5	100	1600000	11	70	300	17	670	500000						
6	1300	2200	12	170	300	18	1600	5000						
						Hurley's Pond								
						21	40	11000						
						22	80	17000						

(surface water colonies per 100mL / sediment colonies per 100grams wet weight)

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EPA Method 1600 problems for Enterococcus

Aerococcus viridans growth at Ocean County beaches in 2004 (Feerst et al, 2002).

EPA: only count colonies >0.5 mm. Monmouth Park colonies less < 0.5 mm. confirmed for enterococcus during 96 hour test.

Staphylococcus growth in 2005 during dry weather with north or east winds, at 8:30 AM at sites near Sandy Hook and to a lesser extent other estuaries and lakes. The NJ Public Health Research Institute confirmed by PCR that the isolates are Staphylococcus but are not *S. aureus*. Likely *S. haemolyticus* or *S. saprophyticus*, in natural biofilms. For further discussion of Staph and marine growth see (Duan et al, 1995; Lee et al, 2003;)

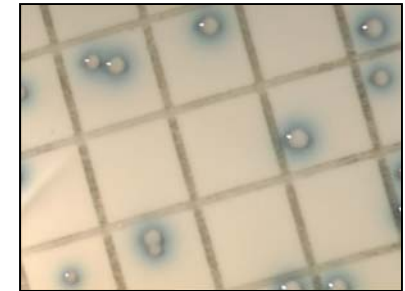


Figure 5. *E. faecalis* ATCC29212

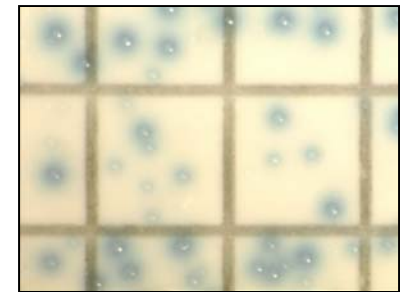


Figure 6. *A. viridans* ATCC

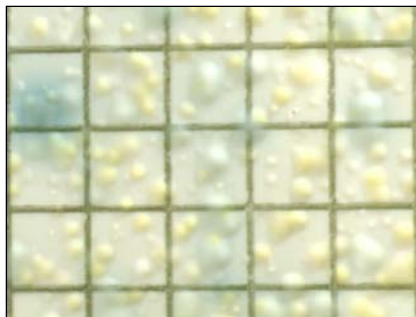


figure 12. Yellow staphylococcal growth on mEI agar, USEPA Method 1600

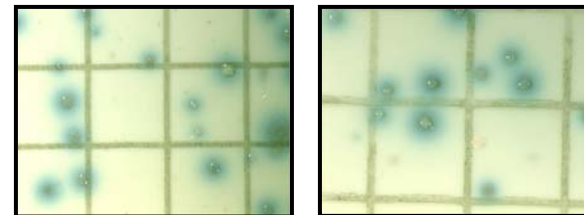


Figure 10. Samples A5AK0004 and A5AK0005 represent typical plates for Monmouth Park samples in October 2005. All colony diameters measured < 0.5 mm. Selected colonies were inoculated into confirmation media and mostly verified for enterococcus.

Fecal coliform and enterococcus fail as EPA “IDEAL SOURCE IDENTIFIERS:”

Rate of Decay: “...no growth under any conditions.”

Abundance in primary vs. secondary habitat: “...bears a significant
resemblance to that found in contaminating fecal material.”

(EPA’s “Microbial Source Tracking Guide Document” (June 2005))

Because coliform and enterococcus survive and grow in sediments, seaweed, etc, and because of the specificity problems with Method 1600, we need to pursue Microbial Source Tracking techniques
but:

PAST LESSON: FECAL COLIFORM/FECAL STREPTOCOCCUS RATIO

“The failure of the fecal coliform/fecal streptococcus (FC/FS) ratio for fecal pollution source tracking is a lesson to heed in the current pursuit of microbial source tracking methods ...

Initial assumptions about the comparable survival of coliforms and streptococci proved invalid ...

The lesson identifies the importance of testing survival assumptions for MST Source Identifiers before methods are widely applied.” (EPA, 2005).

The EPA states in “Microbial Source Tracking Guide Document” (June 2005):the horizontal transfer of resistance genes between bacteria in the environment is potentially confounding to source identification when there is “extensive regrowth of recipients in the environment;” then goes on to **review studies that demonstrate how aquatic sediments can support significant bacterial survival and regrowth.**

HGT

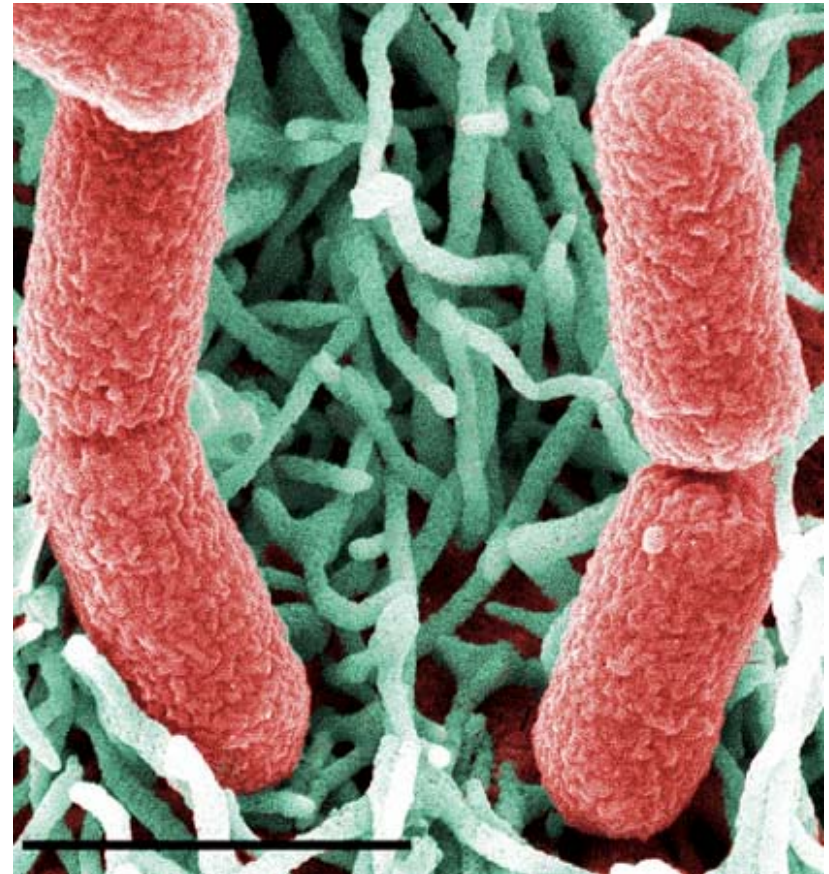
Shiga-toxin producing E. coli (O157:H7) is most famous example of HGT taking place in the cow gut. Jack-in-the-Box Deaths.

The bacteriophage genome (the prophage) survived within a host bacterium without lysing.

Remaining slides will focus on:

Mar vs. Bacteriophage as human indicators.

Using PCR to confirm Method 1600 results and the implications of using PCR.



E. coli (O157:H7) adhering to intestinal cells



MAR Testing



MAR ASSUMPTIONS IGNORE THE POTENTIAL FOR HGT IN SURVIVOR CLONES

Assumes that the primary environment of the bowel is equivalent to secondary environments like water or sediment.

EPA is funding “library” studies for “human indicators”, but what about testing what happens when to the bacterial species that best adapt to the secondary environment. What species survive and why? What happens to their pathogenicity? Do the environmental clones have a different resistance pattern than the original clones in the feces?

DNA Persists in the Environment

DNA is protected from degradation by adsorbing to detritus, humic acid, and in particular, clay and sand particles. **Half lives** in freshwater and marine water are 3 to 5 hours, with high values of 45 to 83 hours on the ocean surface, and extremely high values of 140 and 235 hours for the **marine sediment (10 days)** (HO, 1998).

POLLUTANTS FOUND IN SEDIMENTS PROMOTE HGT

Mutants of *E. coli* that selected for resistance to **pine oil** also showed resistance to multiple antibiotics (tetracycline, ampicillin, chloramphenicol, and nalidixic acid) (Moken et al , 1997).

In routine laboratory procedures for genetic transformation, **heavy metals** ... are used to greatly increase the competence of cells for transformation (HO, 1998). Antibiotic resistant genes, ... have **heavy metal** resistance, such as mercury and antiseptics like **ammonia** compounds (White, 2000).

Elevated temperature **PAHs, PCBs and pesticides** cause prophage induction in natural populations suggests that such processes could in part be causing the elevated phage abundances seen in eutrophic estuaries, particularly in the summer months (Paul et al, 1999)

ANTIBIOTICS THEMSELVES AS HGT PROMOTERS – Are AR bacteria more efficient survivors?

The antibiotic **tetracycline** acted as an ‘aphrodisiac’ for a number of bacteria, enhancing transfer frequencies up to 100-fold” in the gut (Steinbrecher et al, 2003)

Resistance plasmids encoding for many antibiotic resistance genes were transferred between pathogenic and non pathogenic Gram negative bacteria in several environments, including sea water. **In the presence of tetracycline concentrations that were not high enough to kill the bacteria, the rate of gene transfer between *Vibrio cholerae* and *Aeromonas salmonicida* increased 100 times** (Moriarity, 1999)

BACTERIOPHAGES AS PROMOTERS (TRANSDUCTION) in the presence of Turbidity

Turbidity: transduction frequencies were found to be enhanced as much as 100-fold in the presence of particulates (Ripp et al, 1995)

A marine phage host isolate is capable of transferring an antibiotic resistant plasmid among bacterial hosts ... **up to 13 trillion transduction events per year** could occur in the Tampa Bay estuary ... the presence of suspended **particulates** in the water column facilitates transduction by bringing the host and phage into close contact with each other (Jiang et al, 1998)

Bacteriophages themselves evolve by horizontal gene transfer and recombination; as many as 10⁸ bacteriophages per ml. in aquatic environments, so that **one third of the total bacterial populations is subjected to a phage attack every 24 hours** (Ho, 1998)

BIRDS FECES LEADING TO MISCLASSIFICATION

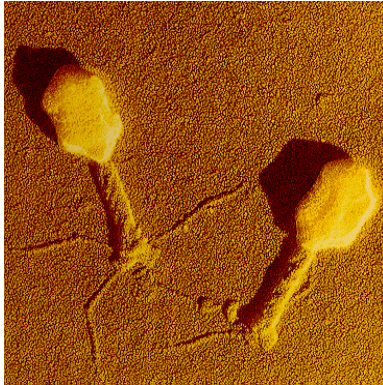
Canada geese using manure lagoons at farms shed farm-animal antibiotic resistant bacteria (Cole et al, 2005).

ANIMAL ANTIBIOTIC GIVES FALSE POSITIVE FOR HUMAN ANTIBIOTIC

A antimicrobial drug used as an additive in animal feed in Europe (avoparcin) caused the poultry to have, and is associated with the human prevalence of, vancomycin resistant enterococci. So a residual of an animal antibiotic (that the people ate when they ate the animal meat) gave a positive test for a human antibiotic in feces. **Can other animal antibiotics produce 'false' positives as a human antibiotic after ingestion, or after release to the environment?** (McDonald et al, 1997)

These examples may account for why MAR results can exceed 100% after the different source contributions are totalled.

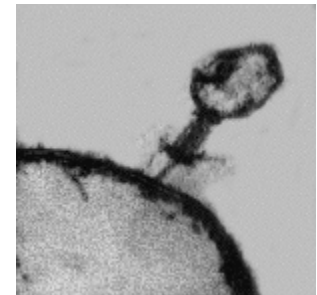
MALE SPECIFIC F+RNA Bacteriophage



Four types, Type 2 most is consistent in the literature for humans and pigs.

More human strains are found in domestic sewage than in human feces (Scott et al, 2002).

There is limited but general agreement that the **F+RNA coliphage (unlike the somatic coliphage) does not reproduce in the environment because the pilus that serves as the site of attachment for virus most efficiently forms at 81 degrees F (25 C) or above (Scott et al, 2002; Woody, 1995).**

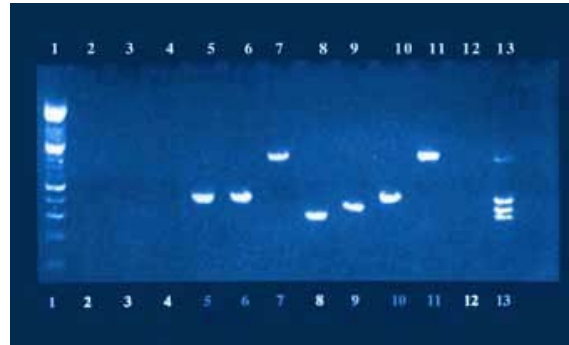


Sewage can exceed 81 degrees; shallow aquifers could reach 81 degrees or higher, but phage do not reach log phase of growth (Woody, 1995).

Furase found that Group 2 survive preferentially at lower temperatures as compared with other groups (Cole et al, 2003).

The only lab doing it in NJ is the DEP's because it is a difficult technique.

PCR_RNA



Polymerase Chain Reaction: not as “human indicator” but to confirm species of interest.

[RNA vs. DNA](#) – study of bacterial mass

“freshwater and marine bacterioplankton assemblages are often numerically dominated by cells that are inactive or dormant, and that active cells usually constitute only a small portion of the bacterial community.” (due to grazing or infected by viruses) (del Giorgio et al, 1995). See also Haglund et al, 2002.

[First study has evaluated the ability of PCR analysis of enterococcus](#) to predict GI illness in swimmers – but: further studies needed because this tested DNA and noted that since viable organisms were not necessary, no die-off caused by UV sunlight was observed in the afternoon, but was observed in the culture based enterococcus (Wade, 2006).

[Which of 19 entero species to analyse](#): Faecium and Faecalis cause most human disease

Once survivor species are identified, then can do pathogenicity studies on clones:

Strains of E.coli better adapted to external environment than GI habitat (Gordon, 2002); greater virulence may result in a decreased ability to thrive in secondary environments (decreased conservation of energy) (Mousslim et al, 2002).

The simplicity of PCR will make it grassroots driven unless government takes the lead.

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