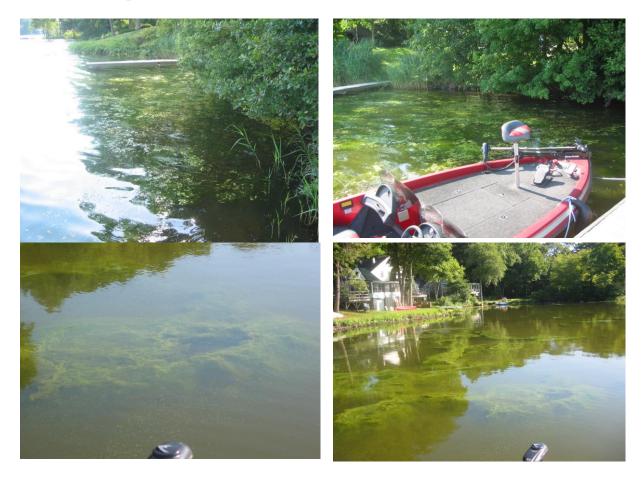
# **Goals of Water Quality Monitoring:**

- Identify the reasons for water quality testing and type of tests to be done
- Describe the activities carried out around the ponds to reduce nutrient loading and pollution
- Present the water quality testing results completed by Pembroke Watershed Association on Furnace, Oldham, Stetson, Little Sandy Bottom, and Hobomock ponds in 2007
- Provide an analysis of 3 years of data collection and provide recommendations for improvement of water quality within the Pembroke watershed

# **Current Problems Impacting Pembroke Ponds:**

- **Eutrophication:** excessively high nutrient loads of Phosphorus and Nitrogen exist, resulting in algae blooms (some toxic to animals) and weed growth. Sources include animal and human waste, fertilizers, sewage, and sediment loads, and muck in pond bottoms. Waters subject to eutrophication are cloudy (turbid) and green or brown in color, often with bad odor.
- Sedimentation: sediment run-off from roads, storm drains, lawns, beach areas, land development projects, reduces water depth and increases water temperature. Winter road sanding and loss of vegetative barriers near the water increase sediment loading. Furnace Pond average depth is 5 feet.
- Agricultural impacts: cranberry bog water use, particularly bog effluent returns high in phosphorus, and possible pesticide run-off.
- Non-point source run-off: of nutrients in fertilizers and soaps, human and animal wastes, oil, grease, toxic chemicals and pesticides toxic to aquatic life, via storm drains, land development, streets and driveways, human activities. This is an important source of pollution, much of it controllable.
- Loss of riparian vegetation and bank stabilization: waterfront stripped of buffer zones, trees, and aquatic plants, which impacts aquatic and wildlife habitats, encourages erosion of existing shoreline, increases non-point source pollution via run-off and provides no filtration of pollution.
- Stream alterations via dams: for bog cultivation or herring management, may lead to stagnation of water, enhanced effects of eutrophication, and alters natural habitats.
- Septic failures: This problem occurs occasionally and may exist in home sites very close to the water.
- **Conflicts in usage of the water:** water is drawn off to Brockton water supply, irrigation for the bogs, water front homeowners use, and public use

# What was the problem in 2007?



## **Eutrophication**:

- 90% of Massachusetts ponds have symptoms of eutrophication.
- Phosphorus and Nitrogen loads stimulate the growth of algae, which cloud the water and limit light diffusion. This halts the growth of native grasses and plants in the water, and permits growth of noxious weeds. The habitat for fish and native insects is altered, and algae growth has been identified as a major threat to the diversity and health of native fish populations in the northeast. Both night time plant respiration and algae decomposition reduce the available oxygen in the water. Furnace and Oldham have experienced low dissolved oxygen levels.
- **Furnace**, Oldham, and Stetson ponds have evidence of significant eutrophication.
- All Pembroke ponds suffer from non-point source pollution. It is the position of the Pembroke Watershed Association that an action plan be developed with the Town of Pembroke to reduce the level of non-point source pollution within the watershed.

#### Value of Pembroke's Ponds:

- Aesthetic beauty: unique to Pembroke is the number of great ponds within the town, providing tremendous natural beauty.
- Part of the valuable South Coastal Watershed, and contributes to the Mass Bay estuary. Stetson Pond is part of the Taunton River Watershed.
- Natural resource: drinking water, irrigation for cranberry bogs and homes.
- Town well water recharge from the ponds.
- Aquatic and wildlife habitats.
- Unique natural features: herring spawning grounds in Oldham and Furnace.
- Recreational resource for the town, including town beaches and fishing access.
- Additional tax revenue from waterfront properties.

#### Value of testing and monitoring:

- Provides a credible and ongoing method of collecting information about the health of the ponds and the watershed that feeds it.
- Documents observations, sampling, and analysis of data/information utilizing methods supported by Mass. water watch, DEP, and other government agencies.
- Creates a long term monitoring data set to determine impact of actions and restoration efforts. Long term monitoring demonstrates greater validity than short term, and multi-year sampling reduces the likelihood of inaccurate analysis due to testing bias.
- Testing and monitoring can be used to substantiate cost benefit ratios of restorative plans.
- Restorative action planning: The PWA volunteer water quality program permits trending of conditions of five of Pembroke's Ponds. In late 2007 a Quality Assurance Project Plan was completed by a team of PWA volunteers. This was tremendously important to the PWA, permitting use of our data by the state and serious consideration for grants at the state and federal level for restorative action.

# 2005-2007 Land-based Efforts to Improve Water Quality:

- Reviewed the 1993 and 2001 Pond surveys as a basis for water quality management plan
- Utilized the Mass Water Watch website and DEP publications and classes through COLAP and the Rivernet Association to develop a knowledge base, obtain protocols and formats for surveying and documenting results.
- Conducted an overall pond survey to determine primary problems and create an action plan for 4 ponds. Hobomock pond completed their pond survey later in 2005 and presented their findings to the PWA.
- Identified Best Management Practices and worked with the town government to strive to implement these: DPW, Conservation Commission, and Selectmen were used as contacts and were very supportive of the efforts of the PWA.
- Provided BMP education to the public through presentations at PWA meetings, at the library, and via the news, and developed liaison with the schools.
- Established collaborative relationship with NSRWA, Jones River Watershed Association, and Watershed Action Alliance.
- Held annual pond clean-up days to remove debris from the shoreline/pond edges.
- Requested that the DPW use the street sweeper be used to remove sand and debris from the roads in the spring and again in the summer around streets which directly impact the ponds.
- Asked that the town clean the storm drains directly draining into the pond, increase the number of storm drains, and consider adopting newer retrofit and LID methods of reducing non-point source pollution.
- Placed signs at boat ramps to encourage clean-up of boats after removal from the ponds
- Catch basin stenciling was begun at all pond storm drain sites. This project will be ongoing, with the intent of stenciling storm drains at higher elevations and in neighborhoods, all of which drain into the ponds.
- Studied the impact of residential development on the buffering capacity of the shoreline. The findings are included in this report.
- Installed dog watching stations to provide plastic bags to dog walkers for waste removal
- Participated in a grant to demonstrate LID: rain garden development, pervious paving at Oldham Pond Town landing. Kiosks will be placed at the Town Hall and Oldham Pond Town Landing to continually update the public of PWA activities and ecological/environmental awareness activities.

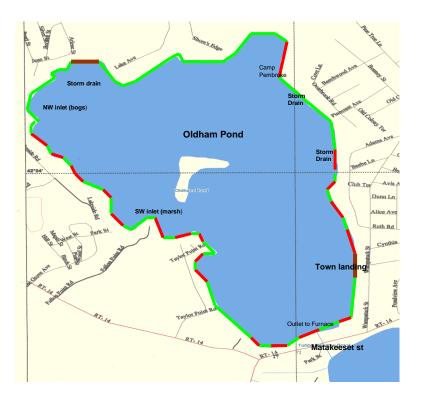
#### **Best Management Practices for Water Quality Preservation is Buffer Zones:**

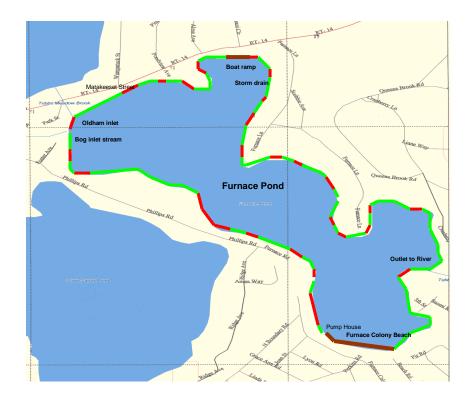
#### Storm water run-off + pollutants = poor water quality!

- **Create and Maintain Vegetated Buffer Zones**: establish and maintain trees, bushes, perennials, sedges, and aquatic plants, next to the water, on hills, in all areas with run-off, to improve filtration capacity, maintain habitats. 90% of run-off will be captured by a well planned buffer zone and 80% of pollutants will be removed by the plants.
- **Native plantings:** within the waterfront 100 foot zone. Native plants don't require fertilizing or watering once established.
- **Remove exotic invasive plants:** destroys native habitats
- **Curve** ramps, walkways, grass or dirt paths to avoid run-off straight down to the water.
- Avoid phosphorus based fertilizers: try to avoid all fertilizers and use organic products which are environmentally friendly whenever possible.
- **Rain gardens** and **rain barrels:** to catch and filter runoff and conserve water.
- **LID efforts**, such as pervious pavements, new storm drain designs, and envirofriendly landscape designs. Storm drain management cannot be emphasized enough!
- **Support by-laws:** that improve water-quality and best management practices, and support efforts that improve water quality and natural landscaping.

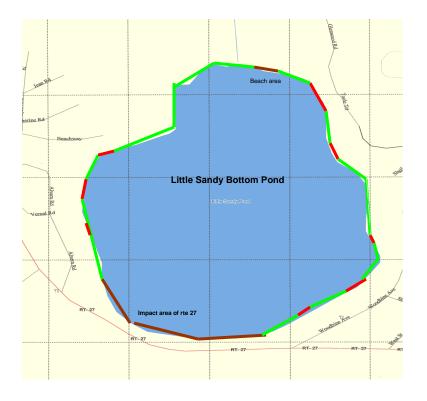
# Shoreline Pond surveys

- The following slides indicate the approximate degree of suburban development at each of the ponds, including buffer zones, impervious public ramps, and impact of roads.
- \_\_\_\_: buffered areas
- \_\_\_\_: no buffer zone
- \_\_\_\_: public unbuffered areas









# Buffered and Unbuffered Areas Around the Ponds (conservative estimates)

Pond	Public Unbuffered	Private Unbuffered	Buffered
Oldham	7%	38%	55%
Furnace	e 10%	35%	55%
Stetson	5%	30%	65%
LSB	17%	18%	65%

# **Pembroke Watershed Association: Water based testing**

Using Google Earth view of our ponds we have included our testing sites, marked in yellow, on each of the ponds. Site identification includes our identifier and the 1988 survey identifier for the same site. We utilized GPS coordinates to determine and standardize our sites.

Map One: overall map that shows all of the ponds

Map Two: Oldham Pond

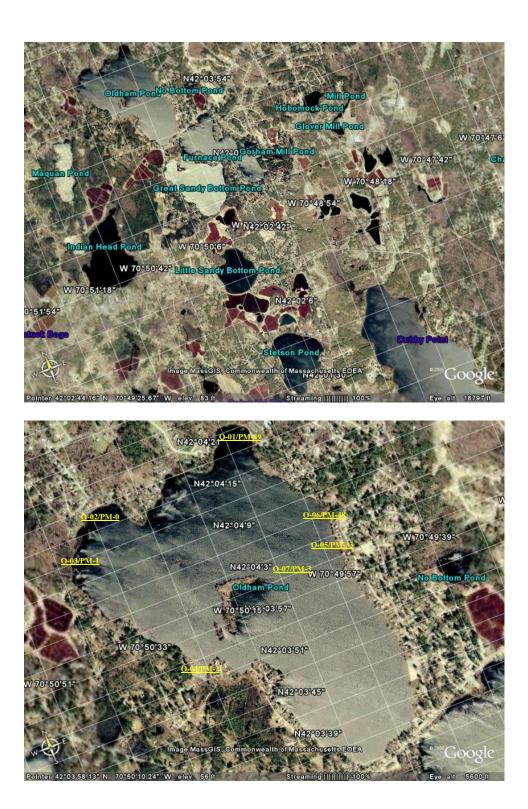
Map Three: Furnace Pond

Map Four: Stetson Pond

Map Five: Little Sandy Bottom Pond

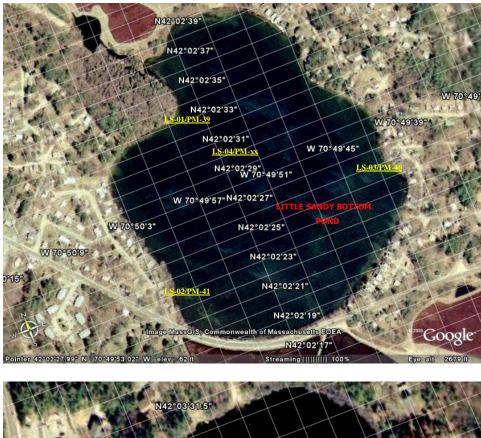
Map Six: Hobomock Pond

Test sites are identified in yellow on the Google Earth Maps











# GPS Coordinates for Test sites

<b>Oldham</b>	Pond				
PWA	1988				
<b>O-01</b>	PM-49	Camp Pembroke	42.04.330 N	70 50.048 W	
<b>O-02</b>	<b>PM-0</b>	Hal's Pipe - off of Arlene Street	42.04.257 N	70 50.505 W	
<b>O-03</b>	<b>PM-1</b>	Inlet in NE Hanson - Stream From Bogs	42.04.158 N	70 50.610 W	
<b>O-04</b>	<b>PM-2</b>	SE Inlet in Hanson - off of Marshes	42.03.904 N	70 50.426 W	
<b>O-05</b>	<b>PM-33</b>	Culvert off of Adams Avenue Beach	42.04.180 N	70.49.936 W	
<b>O-06</b>	<b>PM-48</b>	Pipe entering from Cove Road	42.04.221 N	70.50.032 W	
<b>O-07</b>	<b>PM-3</b>	S/E Side of Monument Island (Deep)	42.03.984 N	70.50.079 W	
Furnace Pond					
PWA	1988				
F-01	<b>PM-5</b>	Bog Stream Inlet	42.03.500 N	70 49.920 W	
<b>F-02</b>	<b>PM-4</b>	Inlet from Oldham	42.03.530 N	70 49.914 W	
<b>F-03</b>	PM-36	Betty's Pipe	42.03.629 N	70 49.529 W	
<b>F-04</b>	PM-9	Outlet to River	42.03.219 N	70 49.199 W	
F-05	PM-xx	Furnace Colony Beach	42.03.039 N	70.49.348 W	
<b>F-06</b>	<b>PM-8</b>	Brian's Point	42.03.275 N	70.49.490 W	
<b>F-07</b>		Deep Hole (Dissolved Oxygen)	42.03.282 N	70.49.459W	
Stetson Pond					
PWA	1988				
S-01	<b>PM-12.</b>	Bog Inlet	42.01.882 N	70 49.779W	
S-02	<b>PM-44</b>	East Storm Drain	42.01.741N	70 49.330 W	
S-03	<b>PM-14</b>	Outlet to Chaffen	42.01.501 N	70 49.823 W	
S-04		Deep Hole (Dissolved Oxygen)	42.01.710 N	70 49.493 W	
Little Sandy Pond					
PWA	1988				
LS-01	PM-39	West Storm Drain	42.02.495 N	70 50.055 W	
LS-02	<b>PM-41</b>	South Storm Drain	42.02.323 N	70 49.97 W	
LS-03	<b>PM-40</b>	East Storm Drain	42.02.401 N	70 49.678 W	
LS-04		Deep Hole (Dissolved Oxygen)	42.02.474 N	70 49.810 W	
Hobomock Pond					
PWA					
H-01		Drain area from Hobomock Street	42.03.393 N	70 548.618 W	
H-02		Deep Hole (Dissolved Oxygen)	42.03.439 N	70 48.551 W	

In 2006 site adjustments were made due to excessive weed growth in shallow areas.

What are we testing for?

 Nitrogen - is a fundamental nutrient and is required by all living plants and animals for building proteins
 Measured in mg/liter

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- Natural range is between 0.1 and 2 mg/l
- For concentrations >5 mg/l negative impact is certain
- **Phosphorus** is normally scarce in a <u>normal</u> aquatic environment, is necessary for plant growth, and is abundant on land. Measured in mg/liter
  - Concentration should be between .01 and .1 mg/l
  - For concentrations >.05 mg/l impact is light
  - For concentrations >.10 mg/l negative impact is certain
- Note: marked increase in Nitrogen or Phosphorous loads in a pond will encourage the proliferation of algae fueling an overpopulation of bacteria that eat the decomposing algae. Less light diffuses through the water, impacting aquatic plant life. Aquatic life and algae compete for dissolved oxygen, and oxygen levels will plummet, resulting in eutrophic conditions and loss of habitat.
- **Turbidity:** The amount of suspended solids in the water.
  - Measured in NTU (Nephelometric Turbidity units)
  - Level should be between 1.0 and 10.0 NTU
  - Turbidity directly effects transparency (clarity) of the water
- **Dissolved Oxygen (DO):** The amount of oxygen in the water
  - Measured in mg/liter
  - Fish need a DO level >6.0 for warm water species, >7.0 for cold water species
  - DO levels will be higher near the surface due to wind effects, therefore should be measured at a minimum depth of 4 feet
- **pH and Alkalinity:** ability of water to handle acid and basic solutions
  - A pH of 7.0 is neutral, a higher pH means alkaline, a lower pH means acidic.
  - Pond water pH should range between 6.5 and 8.5
  - Alkalinity refers to the ability of the body of water to neutralize incoming acids from precipitation or discharges. Low alkalinity indicates low buffering ability.
- Secchi Disk Transparency: directly relates to turbidity, measures clarity.
  - Measured in feet
  - Water clarity: how far down can a Secchi disc be seen.
  - Expected depth should be > 10 feet, with high water quality exceeding 16 feet

## **Determination of Test Sites**: (need modification of bullet size and type)

- The 1988-1993 and 2001 Diagnostic Feasibility studies were used as guides to start our testing program.
- Test locations were originally determined by the pond captains in 2005 after a thorough analysis of each pond consisting of:
  - A tour by boat to determine those locations that appeared to require further study, utilizing a GPS to mark the various sites
  - A walk around conducted on land to further assist in determining where we needed to test.
  - The feasibility studies from 1993 and 2001.
  - Pond maps were then utilized to make the final determination of where we would test.
  - When feasible sites were matched to previous studies.
  - Minimum of 3 foot depth for sampling
- Testing sites were modified in both the 2006 and 2007 seasons based on environmental conditions and the ongoing development of a Quality Assurance Project Plan. The goal of testing will be to determine the overall health of the pond and to spot check areas of concern.

# **Testing Protocol: (Charlie review and revise)**

- Testing procedures were developed utilizing methods suggested in
  - "Testing the Waters" published by the River Network and
  - "Putting Together a Watershed Management Plan
    - A Guide to Watershed Partnerships" published by Mass DCR
  - State review and recommendations of the PWA Quality Assurance Project Plan in development
- A test criterion was developed and testing forms were created based on sample forms shown in the publications. The forms were modified to capitalize on things we learned in 2005. Tests are documented and required forms are completed
  - A water sample form was created to be used at each site/location. Forms included all parameters
    - Previous days weather conditions and rainfall amounts
    - Water Height as measured for each pond
    - Air & water Temperature
    - Conditions at each site: water use, wave action, odor, water color, weeds, algae, bottom condition, depth
  - A separate form was created for Dissolved Oxygen
- Testing requirements were chosen by the Water Quality Committee after determining what tests were to be conducted based on pond surveys
- Water Quality sampling training was broken down into several procedures, Volunteers were trained on land first and then by actually doing a live test. 2 or 3 volunteers were trained at one time
  - Setting up and calibrating the DO meters
  - Taking the actual sample

- Using the Secchi Disk and View Scope
- Obtaining additional required information
- Filling in the paperwork
- Water quality Co-Chairs went through additional training to be certified as instructors. A total of 5 instructors and 22 Volunteers have been trained.

#### **Test Equipment**

- We assembled a Secchi Disk and a view scope to measure water clarity
- We purchased a Hydrolab Quanta by Hach to measure
  - Dissolved Oxygen
  - Turbidity
  - Temperature
  - Depth
  - Salinity
  - pH
  - Specific Conductance
- Devices for capturing water samples were assembled based on the actual sample bottles used.
- GPS were obtained to verify test site locations

#### **Data Collection Methods**

- We tested for:
  - Dissolved Oxygen, pH, Turbidity, Specific Conductance and salinity utilizing a Hach Quanta meter we purchased.
  - Secchi Disk transparency Utilizing a Secchi Disk and a View Scope
  - We obtained a grab sample for each site and that sample was then sent to Analytical Balance labs for analysis.
  - We requested analysis for:
    - Ammonia
    - Alkalinity
    - Chloride
    - Total Phosphorus
    - OrthoPhosphorus
    - K Nitrogen
    - Nitrates
    - Nitrites
    - Total Nitrogen calculated from K nitrogen, Nitrates and Nitrites
- Analytical Balance labs, 422 West Grove Street, Middleboro MA performed the required laboratory testing
- Chain of custody rules were followed and adhered to. We utilized Analytical Balance chain of custody forms.

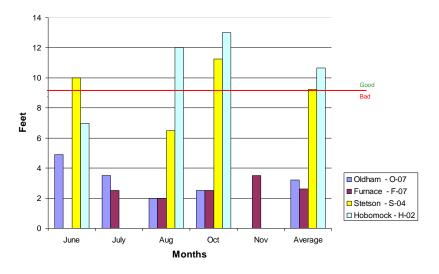
#### **Testing locations and Schedule:**

- Secchi Disk Transparency at "Deep Hole"
  - Oldham June, July, Aug, Oct.
  - Furnace June, July, Aug, Oct., Nov.
  - Stetson June, Aug., Oct.,
  - Hobomock June, Aug., Oct.
- Dissolved Oxygen at Deep Hole (4 feet)
  - Oldham June, July, Aug, Oct.
  - Furnace June, July, Aug., Oct., Nov.
  - Stetson July, Aug., Oct, Nov.
  - Hobomock June, Aug, Oct
- pH, Turbidity, Total Nitrogen, Total Phosphorus
  - Oldham (6 test sites) June, July, Aug., Oct.
  - Furnace (6 test sites) June, July, Aug., Oct., Nov.
  - Stetson (3 test sites) June, Aug, Oct, Nov.
  - Hobomock (1 test site) June, Aug., Oct.
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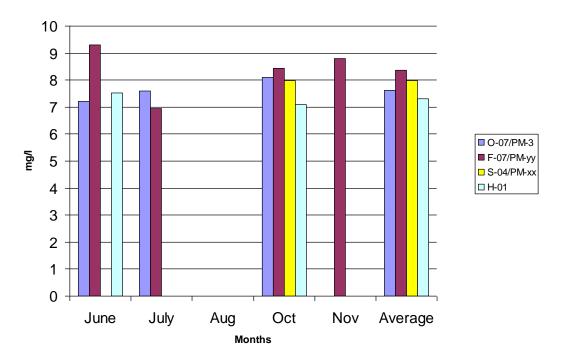
Adjustments in the schedule or actual testing sites on each pond were made based on weather, availability of boats to conduct testing, and availability of testing equipment that was functional and accurate.

Testing results for 2007 are provided for each pond. Following the 2007 results are the 3 year trends in areas of concern: Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Choride, Temperature, and Dissolved Oxygen.

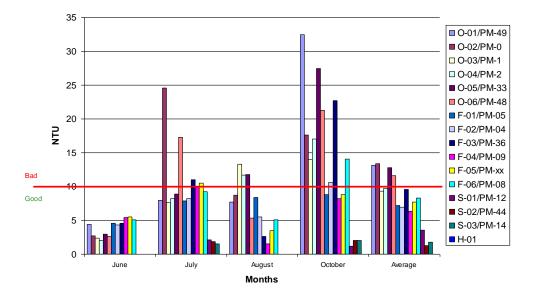
Secchi Disk - Deep Hole



**Dissolved Oxygen - Deep Hole ( 4 foot Sample)** 

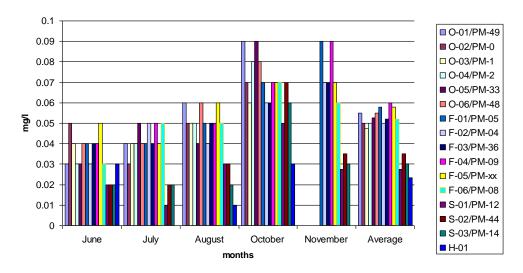


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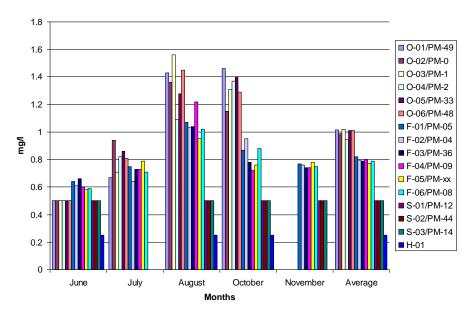
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**Phosphorus All Ponds** 

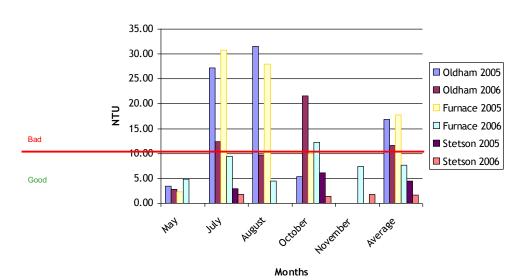


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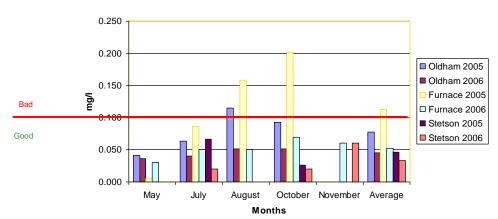
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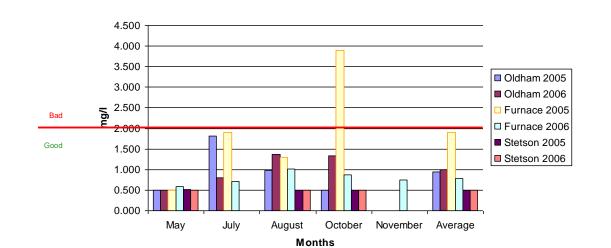
# We averaged 2005 and 2006 results for comparison for Turbidity, Phosphorous and Nitrogen



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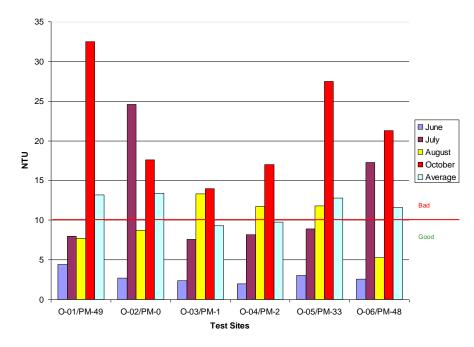


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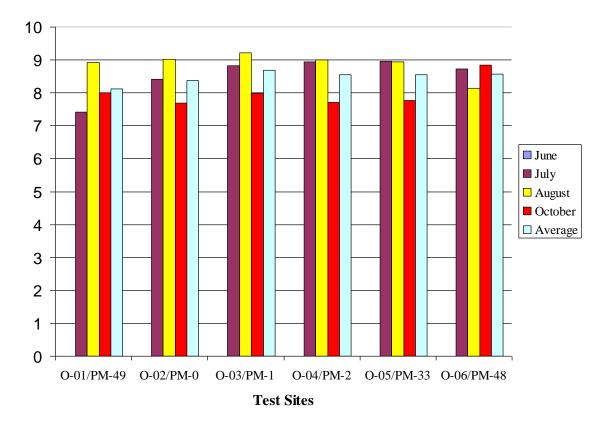


Nitrogen Averages

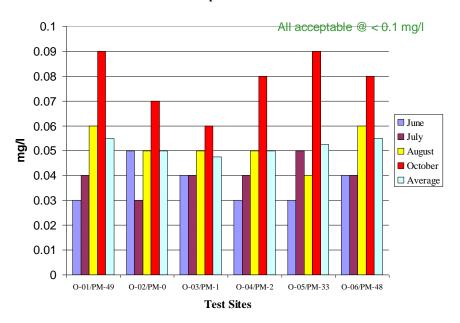
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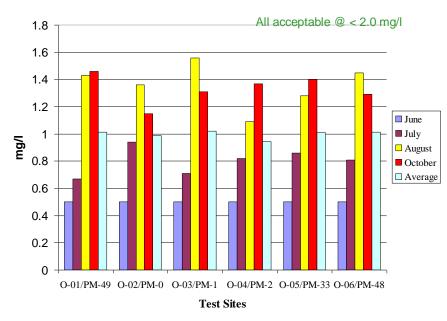
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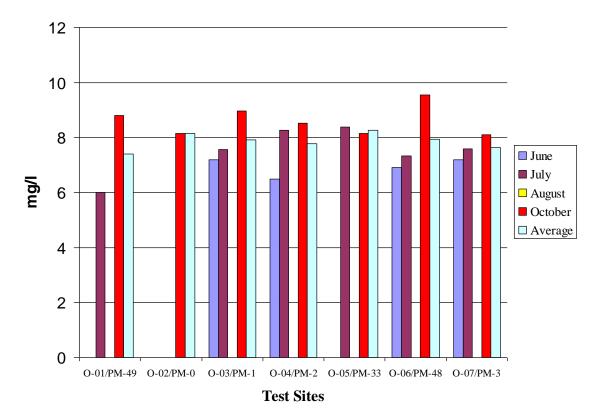
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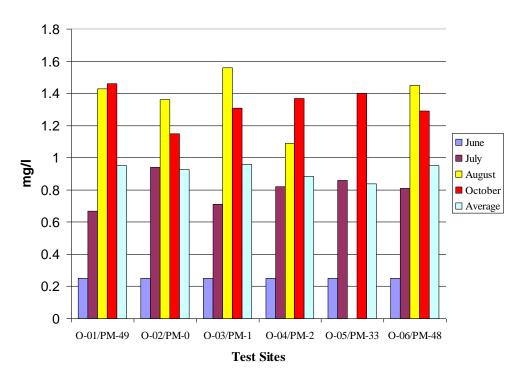
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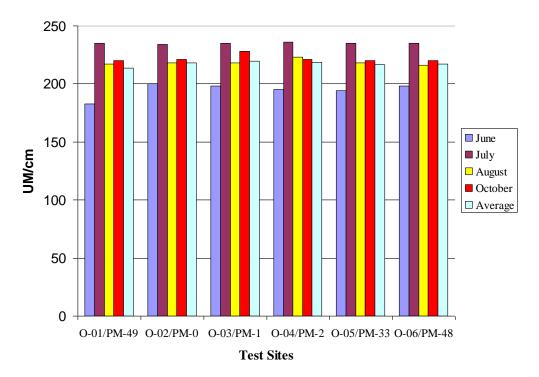
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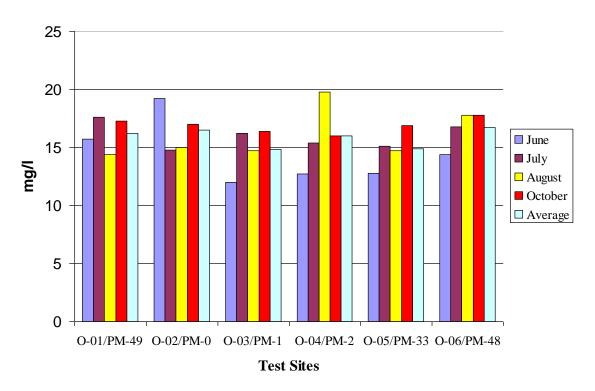
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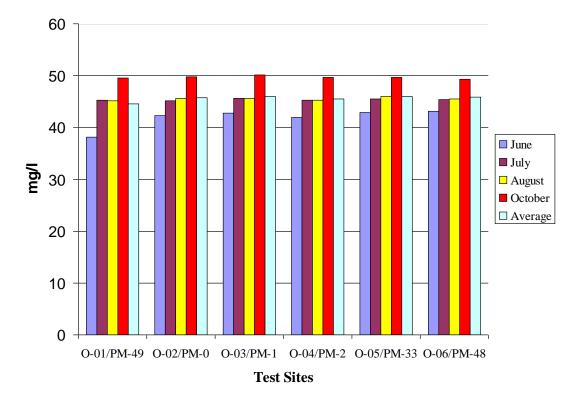


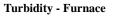
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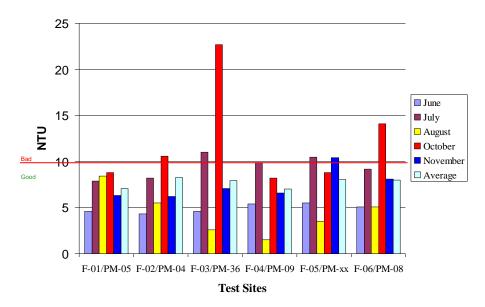


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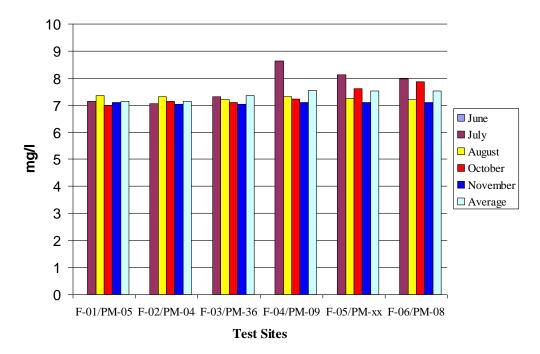


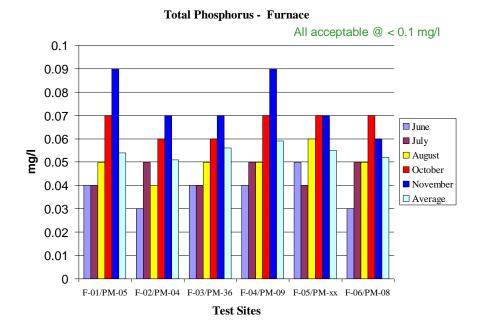


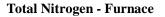


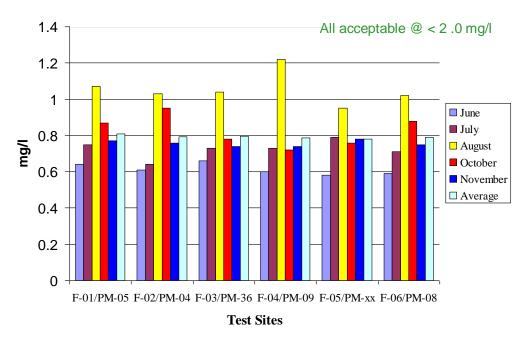


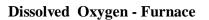
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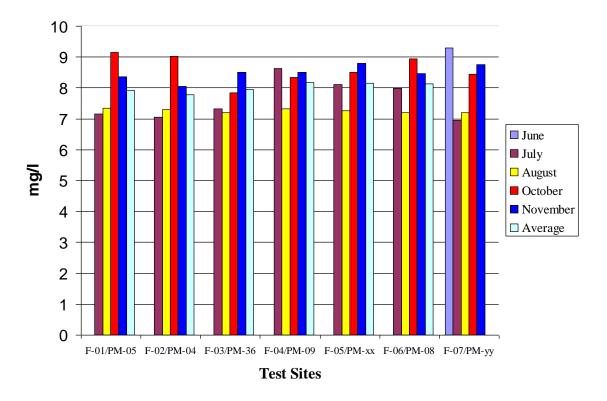


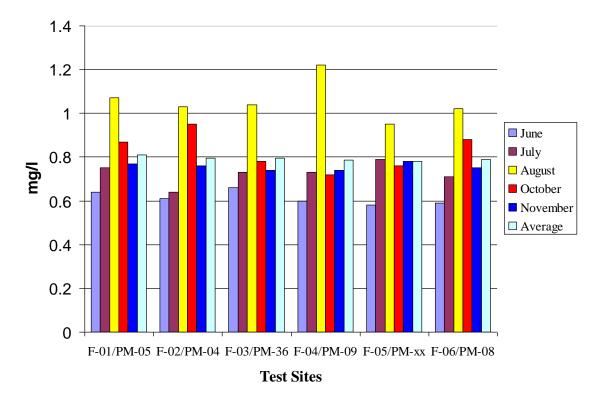


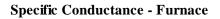


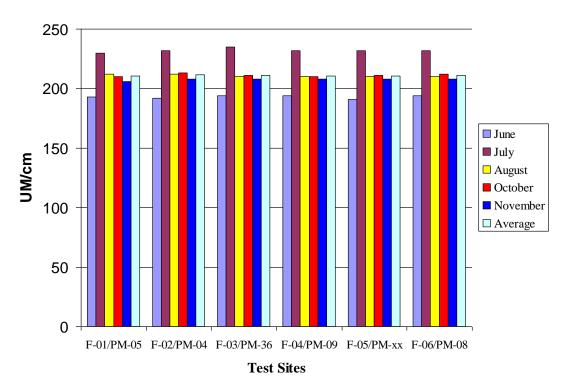




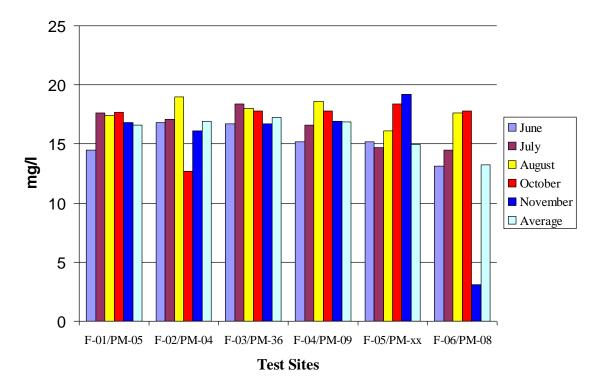


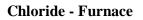


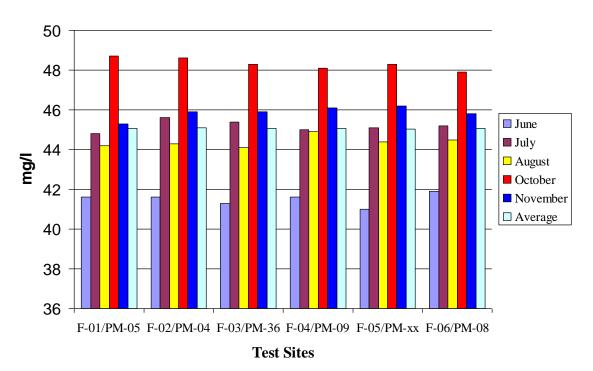


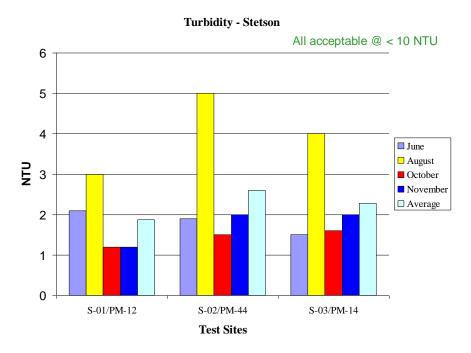


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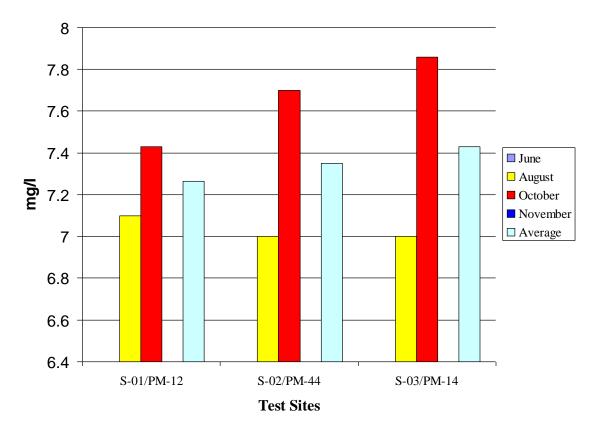


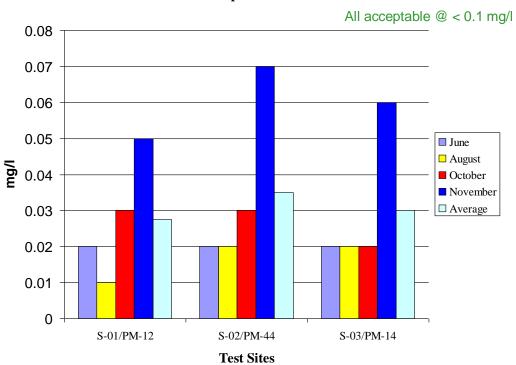






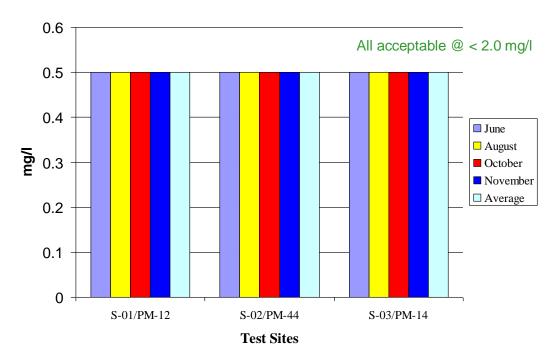
pH - Stetson

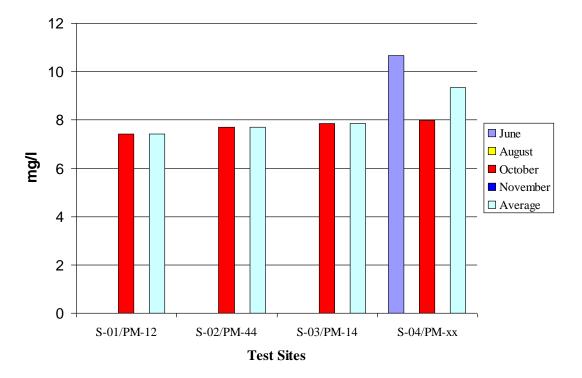


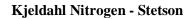


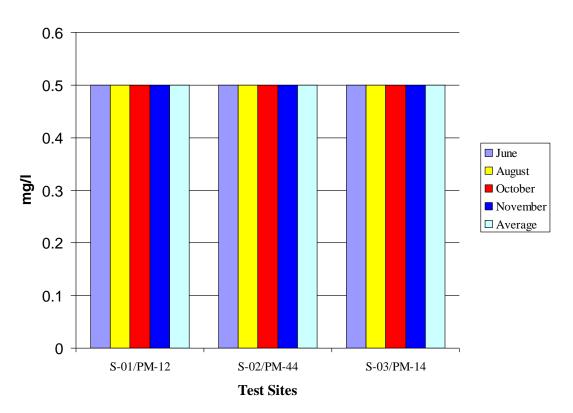
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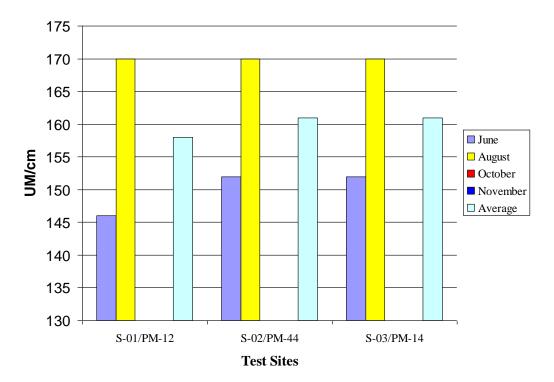
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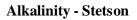


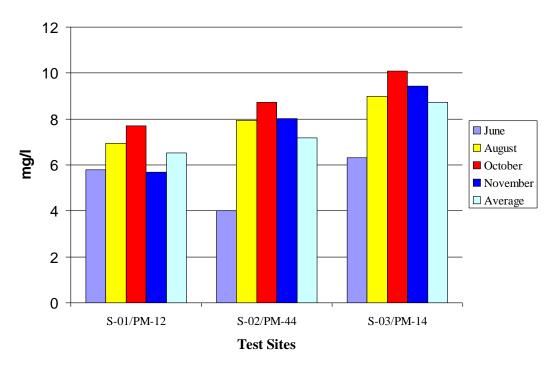




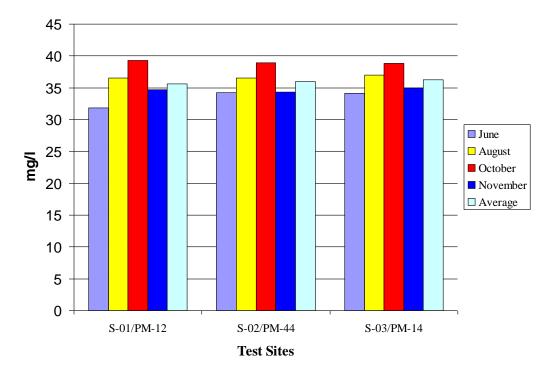




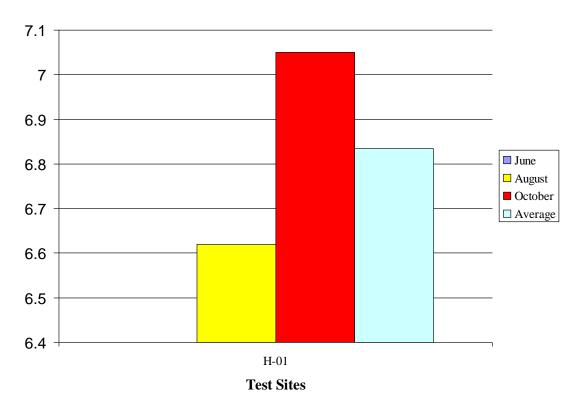


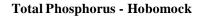


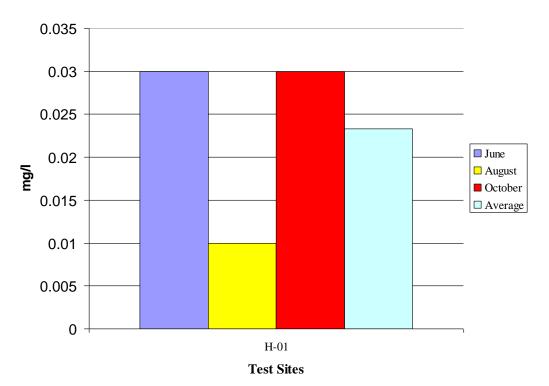
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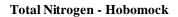


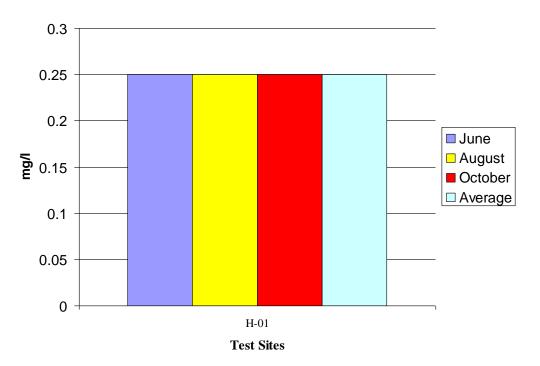
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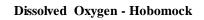


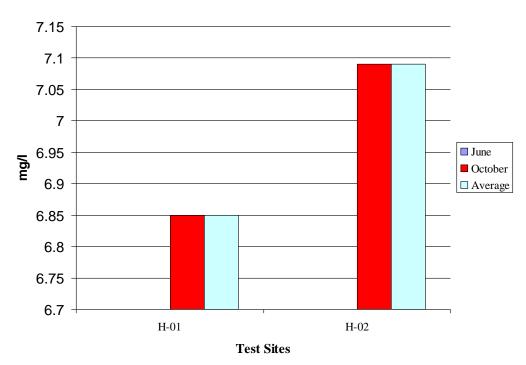


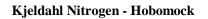


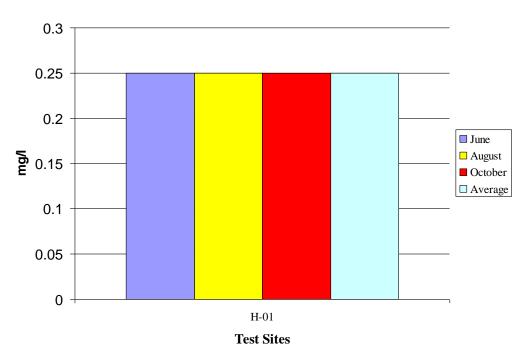


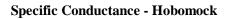


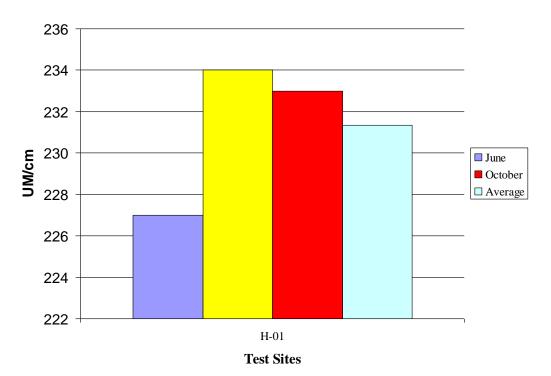




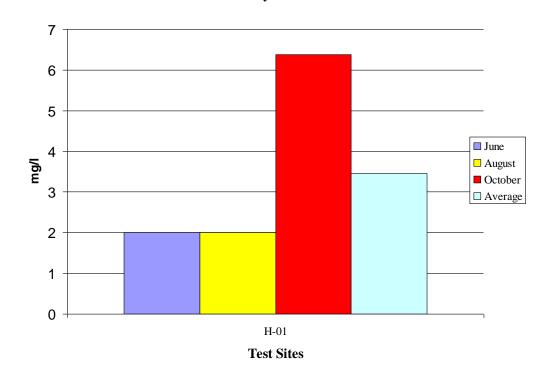


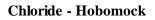


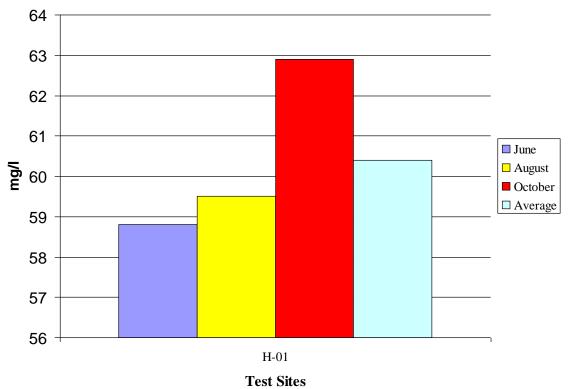




Alkalinity - Hobomock









## Summary of 2006 results:

#### **Physical Characteristics of Pond water:**

During the summer months we recorded the presence of algae at testing sites:
Furnace: July-5%, August – 100%, October >75%, November:1 site >75% and the remaining sites 10 – 25%
Oldham: July 5-10%, August 5-25%, October > 75%
Stetson: 10%- 15% in October
Hobomock: None

Furnace had 1 documented site in August with blue-green algae (toxic), and all sites producing either a thin or very thick 100% green coating.

Oldham Pond had extensive heavy weed growth in shallow water during the latter months. Test sites were relocated a considerable distance to avoid testing in heavy weeds. Algal blooms were primarily surface level.

Furnace Pond had water temperatures exceeding 85 degrees at multiple sites in August, with excessive algae growth. The high temperatures were due to a lack of overhead canopy that is usually provided by trees and an average depth of less than 5 feet.

Stetson experienced a proliferation of filamentous algae which was released to the surface in October after the return of bog effluent into the pond. This was a new algal finding in Pembroke ponds.

Physical findings demonstrate continued Eutrophication of Furnace and Oldham ponds, with extensive algae blooms, and additional impacts observed in Furnace and Stetson in the fall, relating to Bog effluent returns.

#### **Chemical Findings:**

All of the ponds exhibit some degree of water quality disturbance, however, Furnace and Oldham ponds continue to show deterioration and require immediate attention.

The primary problems found through chemical testing were:

- elevated turbidity
- low Secchi disc readings
- Excessive weed growth in shallow waters, especially on Oldham

Summary of three year trends of Chemical and Physical Analysis of Water Quality for the 5 Pembroke Ponds:

## **Recommendations: Furnace Pond**

- Furnace is a category 5 severely impaired pond, with 10 feet of muck holding a tremendous amount of reactive phosphorus. This means that even with no additional source of phosphorus the pond will continue to deteriorate rapidly.
- Furnace experienced extensive algae blooms, weed overgrowth, invasive species of weeds, intermittent low dissolved oxygen levels (with 2 major fish kills in 2004, none in 2005or 2006), further loss of depth (average depth 5 feet, max depth 8.5 feet), increased temperature which impairs the fish habitat.
- Gorham Mill pond, the Furnace pond outlet, has become a shallow, algae and weed choked swamp, evidenced by the increase in amphibious species, minimal fish, and high mosquito breeding areas due to stagnation. This is the fate of Furnace Pond within a very short time unless action is taken to restore the depth, remove the phosphorus sources (muck, non-point source and bog effluent), increase the buffer zones, and insist on best management practices (street sweeping, storm drain management) around the pond and in the watershed.
- Loss of Furnace Pond will result in loss of recharging some of the wells upon which our drinking water supply is maintained, the ultimate loss of Oldham which drains into Furnace, loss of tax revenue from waterfront property, health issues related to mosquito infestations, the loss of the Herring run which is dependent upon a continuous water connection from Oldham to the Herring run, and bog water use, and a major recreational resource to the town of Pembroke.
- It is our continued recommendation that Furnace Pond and Gorham Mill Pond be dredged, and per the recommendations from the 1993 feasibility study and our current findings, this is absolutely necessary for the survival of these ponds.
- Long term monitoring of land based and water based water quality will be paramount to determine the success of the action plan to restore and preserve Furnace Pond.

## **Recommendations: Oldham Pond:**

- Oldham Pond is a category 4 impaired pond, and is experiencing significant Eutrophication. Chemical analysis of the water demonstrated some sites with water quality in worse condition than Furnace. Oldham has greater depth and water volume, which probably explains why the pond has not demonstrated the degree of algae blooms or biological degradation found in Furnace. The muck is as deep, and has high loads of reactive phosphorus, which is the primary phosphorus source, along with old northeast cranberry bog streams. Camp Pembroke re-engineered its septic system and that source of pollution shouls no longer exist. Oxygen levels have been a problem, and in 2004 there were fish kills on Oldham. Non-point source contamination needs to be addressed, particularly with storm drain management, beach erosion and drainage, and need for buffer zones in public areas.
- In 2006 Oldham pond did not have high levels of nutrients, however the pond was overcome with heavy weed growth in almost all shallow areas
- The survival of Oldham is also dependent on restoration of Furnace. Loss of Oldham would be tragic, resulting in loss of a primary recreational resource for the community, loss of the Herring spawning site, tax revenues from water-front homes, loss of some of Pembroke's wells that would not be recharged, and a habitat for many species.
- It is our recommendation that following the dredging of Furnace, that some form of dredging must follow on Oldham Pond for both Furnace and Oldham to survive and as the most cost effective long term solution to restoration.
- Long term monitoring of both land based and water based testing of the ponds is mandatory to determine the success of actions taken to restore and preserve Oldham and Furnace Ponds. Therefore we recommend chemical testing at a regular interval for the foreseeable future.

#### **Recommendations:** Stetson, Little Sandy Bottom, and Hobomock Ponds:

- Stetson Pond: results demonstrate that Stetson has relatively good depth and clarity, and has one large source of phosphorus loading that must be checked: the cranberry bog effluent that is returned to Stetson in the fall. Utilization of best management practices to reduce non-point source pollution particularly among homeowners, improvement in storm drain management, and management of the cranberry bog effluent would keep Stetson in good shape. Close monitoring for invasive weeds is important.
- Little Sandy Bottom Pond: 2005 results show that the pond is in good shape, and needs a preservation plan to keep it that way. The removal of the bog effluent a few years ago has improved the water quality results (comparing 1993 to current test results), showing that reducing phosphorus loading can improve water quality. Little Sandy Bottom Pond needs buffer zones put in at route 27 and the old beach front area and attention to best management practices, storm drains, and run-off.
- Hobomock: results show that water quality is good, but weeds are over-abundant and clarity is a problem. Best management practices, close monitoring for invasive weeds, and possibly weed application may be needed for preservation. This pond needs monitoring, and no action is recommended at this time.

## Goals for 2007:

- Complete a QAPP to validate our methods and processes of measuring water quality and utilize our results in obtaining grant money to fund restoration projects.
- Utilize funding from a grant submitted by NSRWA to create a rain garden at Oldham Pond town landing and build a kiosk to promote water quality education.
- Reduce the number of testing sites, if feasible, based on QAPP.
- Begin a storm drain project: location by GPS, assess condition, and stencil. Our 2007 goal is to complete the circumference of Furnace pond.
- Collaborate with CEI and the DPW in a dredging feasibility study of Furnace Pond, planned to start in April 2007.

## Pembroke Watershed Association Water Quality Team, 2005-2006

Co-Chairs of Water Quality Committee: Charlie Banks and Patti McCabe

Pond Captains: Furnace: Patti McCabe Oldham: Charlie Banks Little Sandy Bottom: Arthur Boyle Stetson: Jim McClarnon and Fred Baker.

Certified instructors for volunteer water quality training: Jerry Fusco, Charlie Banks, Patti McCabe, Jim McClarnon, Deb Tranberg

Certified volunteer water samplers: 5 Instructors and 22 Volunteers

- Oldham Pond
  - Charlie Banks
  - Hal Johnson
  - Dudley Sepeck
  - Robert Buckley
  - Peter Metcalf
  - Norm Shepherd
  - Ray Palumbo
- Furnace Pond
  - Jerry Fusco
  - Patti McCabe
  - Chuck McCabe
  - Ray Holman
  - Scott MacInnes
  - Brian Shea
  - Deb Tranberg
  - Erin Sullivan
- Stetson Pond
  - Robert Shannon
  - Mitchell Cahill
  - Fred Baker
  - David Spaulding
  - Jim McLarnon
  - Mitch Cahill
- Little Sandy Bottom Pond
  - Arthur Boyle
  - Steven Downing
  - Becky Paul

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- Hobomock Pond
  - Howard League
  - Andy Key
  - Jason Potrykus

#### **Storm Drain Stencil Project:**

- Patti McCabe, Scotty MacInnes, Cindy Champagne: Furnace
- Mitch Cahill: Stetson
- Andy Key and Miles Prescott: Hobomock
- Kathy Hanson: Oldham

#### Addendum - Raw data Oldham Pond

Oldham						
pН			(S.U)	DET	0.14	
]	June	July	August	October		Mean
O-01/PM-49		7.41	8.92	8.01		6.085
O-02/PM-0		8.41	9.02	7.69		6.28
O-03/PM-1		8.83	9.22	7.99		6.51
O-04/PM-2		8.94	9.01	7.72		6.4175
O-05/PM-33		8.96	8.95	7.76		6.4175
O-06/PM-48		8.72	8.14	8.85		6.4275
Turbidity		NTU	DET	0.25		
J	June	July	August	October		Mean
O-01/PM-49	4.4	8	7.7	32.5		13.15
O-02/PM-0	2.7	24.6	8.7	17.6		13.4
O-03/PM-1	2.4	7.6	13.3	14		9.325
O-04/PM-2	2	8.2	11.7	17		9.725
O-05/PM-33	3	8.9	11.8	27.5		12.8
O-06/PM-48	2.6	17.3	5.3	21.3		11.625
Phosphorus, Total	l	(ug/l)	DET	0.01		
-	June	July	August	October		Mean
O-01/PM-49	0.03	0.04	0.06	0.09		0.055
O-02/PM-0	0.05	0.03	0.05	0.07		0.05
O-03/PM-1	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.06		0.0475
O-04/PM-2	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.08		0.05
O-05/PM-33	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.09		0.0525
O-06/PM-48	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.08		0.055
Total Nitrogen		(mg/l)	DET	0.5		
	June	July	August	October		Mean
O-01/PM-49	0.5	0.67	1.43	1.46		1.015
O-02/PM-0	0.5	0.94	1.36	1.15		0.9875
O-03/PM-1	0.5	0.71	1.56	1.31		1.02
O-04/PM-2	0.5	0.82	1.09	1.37		0.945
O-05/PM-33	0.5	0.86	1.28	1.4		1.01
O-06/PM-48	0.5	0.81	1.45	1.29		1.0125
Dissolved Oxygen	1	mg/l				
]	June	July	August	October		Mean
O-01/PM-49		6		8.81		3.7025
O-02/PM-0				8.14		2.035
O-03/PM-1	7.2	7.57		8.97		5.935
O-04/PM-2	6.5	8.26		8.53		5.8225
O-05/PM-33		8.37		8.14		4.1275
O-06/PM-48	6.9	7.33		9.56		5.9475
O-07/PM-3	7.2	7.59		8.1		5.7225
Kjeldahl, Nitroger	1	(mg/l)	DET	0.05		
]	June	July	August	October		Mean
O-01/PM-49	0.25	0.67	1.43	1.46		0.9525
	0.25	0.94	1.36	1.15		0.925
O-02/PM-0	0.25	0.74	1.50	1.15		0.923

O-04/PM-2	0.25	0.82	1.09	1.37		0.8825
O-05/PM-33	0.25	0.86	128	1.4		0.8367
O-06/PM-48	0.25	0.81	1.45	1.29		0.95
		,	<b>D F T</b>	0.5		
Specific Conduc		um/cm	DET	0.5		М
O 01/DM 40	June	July	August	October		Mean 213.75
O-01/PM-49	183	235	217	220		
O-02/PM-0 O-03/PM-1	200 198	234 235	218 218	221 228		218.25 219.75
O-03/PM-1 O-04/PM-2	198 195	233 236	218	228		219.75
O-04/PM-2 O-05/PM-33	193 194	230	223	221		216.75
O-05/PM-33 O-06/PM-48	194	235	218	220 220		210.75
0-00/1 11-40	170	233	210	220		217.25
Alkalinity			DET		4	
	June	July	August	October		Mean
O-01/PM-49	15.7	17.6	14.4	17.3		16.25
O-02/PM-0	19.2	14.8	15	17		16.5
O-03/PM-1	12	16.2	14.7	16.4		14.825
O-04/PM-2	12.7	15.4	19.8	16		15.975
O-05/PM-33	12.8	15.1	14.7	16.9		14.875
O-06/PM-48	14.4	16.8	17.8	17.8		16.7
Chloride		(mg/l)	DET	10		
	June	July	August	October		Mean
O-01/PM-49	38.1	45.3	45.2	49.6		44.55
O-02/PM-0	42.3	45.2	45.6	49.8		45.725
O-03/PM-1	42.8	45.6	45.6	50.1		46.025
O-04/PM-2	41.9	45.3	45.3	49.7		45.55
O-05/PM-33	42.9	45.5	46	49.7		46.025
O-06/PM-48	43.1	45.4	45.5	49.3		45.825
Stetson						
pH		(S.U)				
	June	August	October	November		Mean
S-01/PM-12			7.43			2.477
S-02/PM-44			7.7			2.567
S-03/PM-14		7.86	7.86	5.240		
Turbidity	Ţ	(mg/l)		N7 1		
C 01/DM 12	June 2.1	August 3	October	November		Mean
S-01/PM-12 S-02/PM-44	2.1 1.9	5	1.2 1.5	1.2 2		1.875 2.600
S-02/PM-44 S-03/PM-14	1.9	4	1.5 1.6	2		2.800
5-05/1 WI-14	1.5	+	1.0	2		2.215
Total Nitrogen		(mg/l)				
_	June	August	October	November		Mean
S-01/PM-12	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5		0.500
S-02/PM-44	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5		0.500
S-03/PM-14	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5		0.500
Phosphorus, Tot		(ug/l)				
C 01/D) / 10	June	August	October	November		Mean
S-01/PM-12	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.05		0.028
S-02/PM-44	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.07		0.035
S-03/PM-14	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.06		0.030

Dissolved Oxy	gen					
	June	August	October	November		Mean
S-01/PM-12			7.43			1.858
S-02/PM-44			7.7			1.925
S-03/PM-14			7.86			1.965
S-04/PM-xx	10.68		7.99			
Kjeldahl, Nitro	gen	(mg/l)				
	June	August	October	November		Mean
S-01/PM-12	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5		0.500
S-02/PM-44	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5		0.500
S-03/PM-14	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5		0.500
Specific Condu	ictance	um/cm				
	June	August	October	November		Mean
S-01/PM-12	146	170				79.000
S-02/PM-44	152	170				80.500
S-03/PM-14	152	170				80.500
Alkalinity						
÷	June	August	October	November		Mean
S-01/PM-12	5.78	6.94	7.7	5.69		6.528
S-02/PM-44	4	7.94	8.72	8.01		7.168
S-03/PM-14	6.32	9	10.1	9.43		8.713
Chloride		(mg/l)				
	June	August	October	November		Mean
S-01/PM-12	31.8	36.5	39.3	34.7		35.575
S-02/PM-44	34.2	36.5	38.9	34.3		35.975
S-03/PM-14	34.1	37	38.8	35		36.225
Furnace						
pН			(S.U)	DET	0.14	
	June	July	August	October	November	Mean
F-01/PM-05		7.15	7.35	6.99	7.1	5.72
F-02/PM-04		7.06	7.31	7.15	7.04	5.71
F-03/PM-36		7.32	7.2	7.11	7.03	5.73
F-04/PM-09		8.63	7.32	7.22	7.1	6.05
F-05/PM-xx		8.12	7.26	7.62	7.09	6.02
F-06/PM-08		7.98	7.2	7.86	7.1	6.03
Turbidity			(mg/l)	DET	0.25	
	June	July	August	October	November	Mean
F-01/PM-05	4.6	7.9	8.4	8.8	6.3	7.20
F-02/PM-04	4.3	8.2	5.5	10.6	6.2	6.96
F-03/PM-36	4.6	11	2.6	22.7	7.1	9.60
F-04/PM-09	5.4	9.9	1.5	8.2	6.6	6.32
F-05/PM-xx	5.5	10.5	3.5	8.8	10.4	7.74
F-06/PM-08	5.1	9.2	5.1	14.1	8.1	8.32
Phosphorus, To	otal		(ug/l)	DET	0.01	
	June	July	August	October	November	Mean
F-01/PM-05	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.09	0.06
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F-03/PM-36	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.05
F-04/PM-09	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.07	0.09	0.06
F-05/PM-xx	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.06
F-06/PM-08	0.03	0.05	0.05	0.07	0.06	0.05
Total Nitrogen			(mg/l)	DET	0.5	
-	June	July	August	October	November	Mean
F-01/PM-05	0.64	0.75	1.07	0.87	0.77	0.82
F-02/PM-04	0.61	0.64	1.03	0.95	0.76	0.80
F-03/PM-36	0.66	0.73	1.04	0.78	0.74	0.79
F-04/PM-09	0.6	0.73	1.22	0.72	0.74	0.80
F-05/PM-xx	0.58	0.79	0.95	0.76	0.78	0.77
F-06/PM-08	0.59	0.71	1.02	0.88	0.75	0.79
Dissolved Oxyger	n					
	June	July	August	October	November	Mean
F-01/PM-05		7.15	7.35	9.15	8.36	6.40
F-02/PM-04		7.06	7.31	9.02	8.06	6.29
F-03/PM-36		7.32	7.20	7.84	8.50	6.17
F-04/PM-09		8.63	7.32	8.33	8.50	6.56
F-05/PM-xx		8.12	7.26	8.50	8.79	6.53
F-06/PM-08		7.98	7.20	8.94	8.47	6.52
F-07/PM-yy	9.30	6.95	7.20	8.44	8.75	8.13
Kjeldahl, Nitroge	n		(mg/l)	DET	0.1	
	June	July	August	October	November	Mean
F-01/PM-05	0.64	0.75	1.07	0.87	0.77	0.82
F-02/PM-04	0.61	0.64	1.03	0.95	0.76	0.80
F-03/PM-36	0.66	0.73	1.04	0.78	0.74	0.79
F-04/PM-09	0.60	0.73	1.22	0.72	0.74	0.80
F-05/PM-xx	0.58	0.79	0.95	0.76	0.78	0.77
F-06/PM-08	0.59	0.71	1.02	0.88	0.75	0.79
Specific Conducta	ance		um/cm	DET	0.5	
	June	July	August	October	November	Mean
F-01/PM-05	193	230	212	210	206	210.20
F-02/PM-04	192	232	212	213	208	211.40
F-03/PM-36	194	235	210	211	208	211.60
F-04/PM-09	194	232	210	210	208	210.80
F-05/PM-xx	191	232	210	211	208	210.40
F-06/PM-08	194	232	210	212	208	211.20
Alkalinity				DET	4	
	June	July	August	October	November	Mean
F-01/PM-05	14.5	17.6	17.4	17.7	16.8	16.80
F-02/PM-04	16.8	17.1	19	12.7	16.1	16.34
F-03/PM-36	16.7	18.4	18	17.8	16.7	17.52
F-04/PM-09	15.2	16.6	18.6	17.8	16.9	17.02
F-05/PM-xx	15.2	14.7	16.1	18.4	19.2	16.72
F-06/PM-08	13.1	14.5	17.6	17.8	3.11	13.22
Chloride			(mg/l)	DET	10	
	June	July	August	October	November	Mean
F-01/PM-05	41.6	44.8	44.2	48.7	45.3	44.92
F-02/PM-04	41.6	45.6	44.3	48.6	45.9	45.20
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F-03/PM-36	41.3	45.4	44.1	48.3	45.9	45.00
F-04/PM-09	41.6	45	44.9	48.1	46.1	45.14
F-05/PM-xx	41	45.1	44.4	48.3	46.2	45.00
F-06/PM-08	41.9	45.2	44.5	47.9	45.8	45.06

Little Sandy/Ho	bomock				
pH	_	(S.U)	DET	0.14	
	June	August	October		Mean
H-01		6.62	7.05		6.84
Turbidity		(mg/l)	DET	0.25	
	June	August	October		Mean
H-01		C			
Total Nitrogen					
roun runogen	June	August	October		Mean
H-01	0.25	0.25	0.25		0.25
11 01	0.25	0.25	0.25		0.23
Phosphorus, To	tal				
	June	August	October		Mean
H-01	0.03	0.01	0.03		0.02
Dissolved Oxyg	ren				
Dissolved oxyg	June	August	October		Mean
H-01	Julie	Tugust	6.85		2.28
11 01			0.05		2.20
Kjeldahl, Nitrog	gen				
	June	August	October		Mean
H-01	0.25	0.25	0.25		0.25
Specific Conduc	ctance				
~F	June	August	October		Mean
H-01	227	234	233		231.33
Alkalinity	Inno	August	October		Mean
11.01	June 2	August 2			
H-01	2	2	6.38		3.46
Chloride					
	June	August	October		Mean
H-01	58.8	59.5	62.9		60.40



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Partied Association	Water Sa	mple Collect	ion Data	Sheet	Date:	
Sampling	Station #		Wa	atershed:		
Pond or R	iver:	Stetson	GF	S Location:		
Town: Pembroke,	MA	Water level:		ft		
Today's weather:					Rainfall: _	in.
Yesterday's weather:					Rainfall :	in.
Day before's weather:					Rainfall: _	in.
Site location:						
Sample taken from:	Boat, Bank, V	Vade, Dock, Other_				-
Depth at sample area:	ft.	Air temp:	°F Sur	face Water	temp:°	F
Water Use: Water Color: Water Odor: Algal Growth: Bottom Appearance: Weed Growth in sample a Water Characteristics: Current at sample area:	Clear, Cl None, sev None, 5% Not visib rea: None visib	shing, Boating, Skiing oudy, Milky, Foam, F wage, Oil, Chlorine, I 5, 10%, 15%, 20%, 2 le, Sludge, Sand, Roc ible, surface, submerg ves, Small Waves, Sn w, Still	Brown (muddy) Rotten egg, Oth 5%50%, 75%, 2 ck, weeds, Othe ged	er >75% Algae ( er	Color Green, Blu	le Green
Chemistry sample:	Yes 1	no Time:	am pm	Depth _	ft.	Bottle ID#
E-coli sample:	Yes 1	no Time :	am pm	-	ft.	Bottle ID#
DO Grab sample:	Yes 1		-	-	ft.	Bottle ID#
DO Meter sample:	Yes 1		-	-	ft.	
	DO	mg/l				
	Turbid	ityConduc	ctivity	_ pH	_ Salinity _	
Secchi Disk Transparency:	Yes 1	no Time:	am pm	Depth _	ft.	
Quanta Certified tester	Print & S	Sign	I	Date	Time_	
Comments:						
Sample taker name:	Print & Sign				Date:	Time:
Witness:	C C				Date:	Time:
willess	Print & Sign				Date	I IIIIC



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	Dissolve	d Oxygen at D	eep Hole	Date:		
S	Sampling Station #		Watershe	d:		
I	Pond or River:		GPS Loc	cation:		
Town: Pe	embroke, MA	Water level:		ft		
Today's weathe	er:			Rainfall: _	in.	
Yesterday's we	ather:			_ Rainfall: _	in.	
Day before's w	eather:			_ Rainfall: _	in.	
Site location:						
Sample taken f	rom: Boat, Bank	, Wade, Dock, Oth	er			
Depth at sampl	e area:ft.	Air temp:	°F Surfac	e Water temp:	°F	
Water Use: Water Color: Water Odor: Algal Growth: Bottom Appeara Weed Growth Water Character Current at sampl	Clear, C None, s None, 5 nce: Not visi : None vi istics: Large w	ishing, Boating, Skiing Cloudy, Milky, Foam, B ewage, Oil, Chlorine, R %, 10%, 15%, 20%, 25 ble, Sludge, Sand, Roc sible, surface, submerg vaves, Small Waves, Sn pw, Still	rown (muddy), Grey ( cotten egg, Other %50%, 75%, >75% k, weeds, Other ed	Algae Color Green, Bl		
DO sample readin		% Tim	e:am/pm	Depth_4_ft.	Water temp	<sup>0</sup> F
DO sample readin	g: Mg/l	% Tim	e:am/pm	Depth_7_ft.	Water temp	<sup>0</sup> F
DO sample readin		% Tim	e:am/pm	Depth10_ft.	Water temp	<sup>0</sup> F
DO sample readin	g: Mg/l	% Tim	eam/pm	Depthft.	Water temp	<sup>0</sup> F
Secchi Disk Trans	sparency: Yes no		e:am/pm	Depthf	t.	
Sample taker na	ne: PRINT & SIGN			Date:	Time:	
Witness:	PRINT & SIGN			Date:	Time:	