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Five Organizations Receive Grants for Stream Water Quality Monitoring

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Volunteers across the state are receiving grant funding from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to perform water quality monitoring work at streams in their area. The grants are awarded through the MDEQ's Michigan Clean Water Corps (MiCorps), Volunteer Stream Monitoring Program to provide training and support for volunteers. These grants support the DEQ's work to collect data on the state's water resources.

The five organizations awarded grants to support volunteer monitoring work are:

- Missaukee Conservation District - \$13,925 to monitor macroinvertebrate populations and stream habitat conditions at sites in the Upper Muskegon River and Manistee River watersheds
- **Jamestown Charter Township/Trinity Christian Reformed Church - \$13,838 to monitor macroinvertebrate and habitat conditions in Rush Creek, a tributary to the Grand River in eastern Ottawa County, while partnering with high schools and local residents to educate community members on the importance of the creek and identifying problem areas to address within the watershed.**
- Muskegon River Watershed Assembly - \$13,132 to add additional macroinvertebrate and habitat assessment monitoring sites along the Bear, Sand, Brooks, Cedar, and Tamarack Creeks within the Muskegon River watershed
- Outdoor Discovery Center Macatawa Greenway - \$3,000 to develop a volunteer macroinvertebrate monitoring program along the Rabbit River
- St. Joseph County Conservation District - \$7,025 to conduct a road/stream crossing inventory that will assess 65-80 sites within the St. Joseph River watershed within St. Joseph County