



Minimally Impacted Sites

Minimally impacted sites are reference sites located in undisturbed or minimally disturbed watersheds. Data collected at these sites will represent baseline conditions to gage the effects of anthropogenic activities upon the water quality of Michigan rivers and streams; to measure temporal trends in water quality due to atmospheric deposition; to measure trends in the aquatic community and habitat; to support the determination of “background loads” for the allocation of TDML; and to detect new and emerging water quality.