

2009 Trash Assessment Form

SITE ID: _____ DATE: _____

LOCATION: _____ TIME: _____

OBSERVER: _____

PREVIOUS TRASH ASSESSMENT RATING (IF APPLICABLE): _____

ESTIMATED AREA OF ASSESSMENT L X W (FT): _____

Amount and Extent of Trash	
EVALUATION OF TRASH INCLUDES*: <input type="checkbox"/> MS4 <input type="checkbox"/> RECEIVING WATER <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	
<input type="checkbox"/> Optimal	On first glance, no trash visible. Little or no trash (<10 pieces) evident when evaluated area is closely examined for litter and debris.
<input type="checkbox"/> Suboptimal	On first glance, little or no trash visible. After close inspection small levels of trash (~10-50 pieces) evident in evaluated area.
<input type="checkbox"/> Marginal	Trash is evident in low to medium levels (~51-100 pieces) on first glance. Evaluated area contains litter and debris. Evidence of site being used by people: scattered cans, bottles, food wrappers, blankets, or clothing present.
<input type="checkbox"/> Submarginal	Trash distracts the eye on first glance. Evaluated area contains substantial levels of litter and debris (>100- 400) . Evidence of site being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, food wrappers, blankets, or clothing present.
<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	Site is significantly impacted by trash. Evidence of trash accumulation behind a constriction point or evidence of excessive dumping. Evaluated area contains substantial levels of litter and debris (>400 pieces).

* In areas where receiving water is accessible and adjacent to dry weather site, trash evaluation must include receiving water.

Site Evaluation for Potential Threat to Human Health and/or Aquatic Health (applies to area of assessment)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Potential Threat to Human Health	Presence of more than one of, or a combination of the following items: hypodermic needles or other medical waste; used diapers, animal waste, or human feces; any toxic substance such as chemical containers, vehicle batteries, or fluorescent light bulbs. Alternatively high prevalence of any one item (e.g. Greater than 50 items that present a puncture or laceration hazard); or observations of mosquito larvae directly observed in water ponded due to trash. All subject to best professional judgment. Describe potential threat on back of form.
<input type="checkbox"/> Potential Threat to Aquatic Health	Large amount* of persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, balloons, Styrofoam (equivalent to a cup), or large amount of settleable, degradable and nontoxic debris; cigarette butts. Presence of more than one of, or a combination of the following items: toxic items such as vehicle batteries, or spray cans; any evidence large clumps of yard waste from landscape maintenance such as yard waste or dumped leaf litter (not naturally occurring). All subject to best professional judgment. Describe potential threat on back of form. *Large amount is defined as 50 pieces or more.

- Complete the following section for Submarginal, and Poor Evaluations ONLY

TYPE	Ranking or Count by Type *	POTENTIAL ROUTE (CHECK UP TO 2)				POTENTIAL SOURCE (CHECK UP TO 2)						
		Dumping	Littering	Upstream	Unable to determine	Household	Construction	Commercial	Industrial	School	Transient	Unable to determine
Automotive												
Biohazard Waste												
Business Related												
Cigarette Butts												
Construction												
Fabric/Clothing												
Food Packaging												
Food Waste												
Household												
Shopping Carts												
Toxic												
Yard Waste												

* Only rank the types of trash PRESENT in evaluated area from 1 through 12 (1 is most prevalent – 12 is least prevalent). DO NOT rank types of trash that are not present in evaluated area.

Comments: _____

