# 200| USGS Vernal Pool Inventory and Monitoring

Wallkill River NWR

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## DESCRIPTION OF DATA COLLECTION FOR VERNAL POOL SURVEYS

The Egg Mass Count data sheet has the grid on the back to map out the site and egg mass locations. You need to Xerox two of these data sheets per site per visit. You can Xerox them onto Rite-in-the-Rain paper (some provided) or regular paper, depending on the weather. One data sheet is for Observer 1 and the other is for Observer 2. Below are descriptions on how to fill out this data sheet. Observer 1 begins the egg mass count and "Other Organisms" observations, while Observer 2 fills out the first half of the front page of the data sheet (until the "Other Organisms" section) and the "Vernal Pool Habitat Description and Location Data Sheet" (described below). Once Observer 1 is finished with the egg mass count and "Other Organisms" sections, Observer 2 then conducts the survey in the pond.

When you first get to the site, it is important that both Observers have the same site map drawn onto their data sheets. This will make the comparison of egg mass locations afterward much easier. It is also extremely helpful to draw landmark features on the site map, such as large fallen trees and islands, before the survey is conducted. Observer 1 should start at the North End of the Pond and circumnavigate the pond in a clockwise fashion. After Observer 1 is finished, then Observer 2 will follow suit. If the pond is large (e.g., > 40 m length or width), Observer 1 can start clockwise and Observer 2 can start counterclockwise to save time.

Egg mass counts are best conducted during the day when the sun is out (9 am - 3 pm). When it is darker out, it is harder to see into vernal pools, particularly those that are stained by tannic acid from decaying leaves. Use polarized glasses to conduct egg mass counts so that you can see into the water better. We will use a visual/tactile method to count egg masses, using eyes and hands (cupping under the egg mass) to count and feel the egg masses in the pond. Another method that works for wood frog egg masses is to use a twig to lightly touch the top of an egg mass and jiggle it once to determine individual egg masses. Another method is to purchase a white slotted spoon that you could hold underneath the egg masses in order to see them better. However, it is extremely important not to disturb the egg masses during the survey. Observers must walk very slowly through the entire pond. Most egg masses are near the edges of the ponds, but egg masses can also be in the middle of ponds, particularly shallow ponds.

Egg mass counts should be conducted at SIX vernal pool sites per refuge. Each site should be visited three times in the season every two weeks. Switch the roles of observers after each site. For example, if Al Zelley is Observer 1 at Sally Pool, then he should be Observer 2 at the next pool surveyed.

The Double-Observer Independent method we are using is a means to obtain detection probabilities for each observer, thus providing adjusted population estimates for the number of egg mass areas in the pools (Cook and Jacobson 1979, Nichols et al. 2000). With two counts at a site, we are also able to calculate the mean # of egg masses and the error associated with the mean at the site. Once both Observers are finished collecting the egg mass data at a site, Observer 1 and 2 need to get together to determine 1) How many total egg masses were counted by each observer, and 2) how many EGG MASS AREAS were missed by one or other of the Observers (see below for details). After you are done doing this, you may put labeled wire flags for the egg mass areas around the edge of the vernal pool.

### VERNAL POOL HABITAT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION DATA SHEET

| OBSERVER:   |   | DATE:   |                       |    |
|---|---|---|-----------------------|----|
| LOCALITY:   |   | SITE:   |                       |    |
| DETAILED DIRECT                                     | TIONS TO SITE:  |   |                       |    |
|   |   |   |                       |    |
| UTM ZONE:   | UTM DATUM:  | ELEVATION:  | m 🗆 ft                |    |
| LENGTH<br>UTM E:                                    | UTM N:  | UTM E:  | UTM N:                |    |
| WIDTH   | UTM N:  | UTM E:  | UTM N:                |    |
| UTM E:  | UTM N:  | UTM E:  | UTM N:                |    |
| POOL MAX. LENGT                                     | H: m POOL M   | AX. WIDTH:  | m POOL MAX. DEPTH:    | cm |
| WATER LEVEL:  |   |   | RY                    |    |
| WATER CHEMISTR                                      | Y (optional): pH:   | Conductivity (units):   | DO (units):           |    |
| WATER COLOR:  | Clear 🗆 Stained   |   |                       |    |
| POND TYPE:  |   |   |                       |    |
| Natural, if so then:                                | □ temporary □ semiperm/   | permanent beaver flowage  | oxbow other:          |    |
| Artificial, if so the                               | n: 🗌 borrow/gravel pit 📋 road   | side ditch 🗌 farm pond 📋 in                                     | npoundment 🔲 other:   |    |
| Estimated age of pond                               | $\Box_{\leq 5 \text{ yrs.}} \Box_{\geq 5 \text{ yrs.}}$               |   |                       |    |
| Unknown   |   |   |                       |    |
| FISH PRESENT:                                       | Io Yes Species:   |   |                       |    |
| WETLAND CLASS: Classify by dominant f               | forested shrub man<br>form that covers 30% or more of                 | sh meadow none (ope<br>the pool water surface                   | n water)              |    |
| SITE TYPE: 🛛 up                                     | land-isolated (not part of larger                                     | wetland)  |                       |    |
| D bo  | ttomland-isolated (part of a rive                                     | r or lake floodplain)   |                       |    |
| u wet   | tland complex (associated with a                                      | a larger wetland complex)                                       |                       |    |
| For the following, rand<br>0 = 0% (absent), $1 = 1$ | k the proportion of pond area in<br>1-10% (rare), $2 = > 10-50\%$ (co | which each vegetation type oc<br>mmon), $3 = > 50\%$ (abundant) | curs:                 |    |
| IN POND PHYSICAL                                    | HABITAT: Abundance of Sti   | cks Abundance of Lo   | gs (> 10 cm diameter) |    |
| IN POND VEGETAT                                     | ION: SAV Moss G   | rass Sedge/Rush   | Shrub Tree Other      |    |

SUBSTRATE TYPES: Estimate % types composing bottom surface (must add up to 100%)

| S                          | ilt/Clay                  | _ Mud                        | _ Sand             | _ Gravel       | Pebble            | Cobble         | _ Boulder         | _ Leaf Litter       | Other               |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
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|                            | Hardy                     | wood (> 75                   | % deciduou         | s) 🗌           | Heavy (> 50       | % canopy cov   | /er of trees/shru | ıbs > 6 ft. tall)   |                     |
|                            | □ Softw<br>□ Mixe         | wood (> 759<br>ed (all other | % evergreen<br>rs) | ) 🗆            | Moderate (<       | 50% canopy     | cover of trees/s  | hrubs < 6 ft. tall) |                     |
|                            | % Open                    | (check mo                    | st dominant        | type)          |                   |                |                   |                     |                     |
|                            | Agric                     | ulture                       |                    |                |                   |                |                   |                     |                     |
|                            | ☐ Fields<br>☐ Other       | /Meadow/N                    | Marsh              |                | <b>_</b> -:       |                |                   |                     |                     |
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| LOCALITY:            |             |               |                  | SITE:                 |              |  |              |
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| Date:                |             | _ Sky Code: _ |                  | Wind Code:            | Previous     | Day Precipitati  | on?  YES     |
| Substrate Temp.:     |             | Water Te      | emp.:            |                       | _□ ∘c □ ∘    | F  |              |
| Pool Max. Depth:     | C           | m Water Lev   | vel: 📋 F         | ULL 🗌 ¾ FU            | LL 🗌 ½ FULL  | V FULL   | ] < ¼ OR DRY |
| OTHER ORGANISM       | <b>4S</b> : |               |                  |                       |              |  |              |
| SPECIES              | # Adults    | Chorus Code   | # Mated<br>Pairs | # Spermato-<br>phores | # Egg Masses | # Tadpoles<br>Larvae   | # Juveniles  |
| Spotted sal. SS      |             |               |                  |                       |              |  | 1            |
| Blue-spotted sal. BS |             |               |                  |                       | 1            |  |              |
| Jefferson sal. JS    |             |               |                  |                       |              |  |              |
| Marbled sal. MS      |             |               |                  |                       |              |  |              |
| Red-spotted newt RN  |             |               |                  |                       |              |  |              |
| Four-toed sal. FS    |             |               |                  |                       |              |  |              |
| Wood frog WF         |             |               |                  |                       |              | *****  |              |
| Spring peeper SP     |             |               |                  |                       |              |  |              |
| Gray tree frog GTF   |             |               |                  |                       |              |  |              |
| Green frog GF        |             |               |                  |                       |              |  |              |
| Leopard frog LF      |             |               |                  |                       |              |  |              |
| Pickerel frog PF     |             |               | 1                |                       |              |  |              |
| American toad AT     |             |               |                  |                       |              |  |              |
| Fowler's toad FT     |             |               |                  |                       |              |  |              |
| Eastern spadefoot ES |             |               |                  |                       |              |  |              |
| Painted turtle       |             |               |                  |                       |              | 1997) - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 |              |
| Spotted turtle       |             |               |                  |                       |              | ******   |              |
| Wood turtle          |             |               |                  |                       |              |  |              |
| Blanding's turtle    |             |               |                  |                       |              |  |              |
| Snapping turtle      |             |               |                  |                       |              |  |              |
| Fairy shrimp         |             |               |                  | -                     |              |  |              |
| Fingernail clam      |             |               |                  |                       |              |  |              |
| Amphibious snail     |             |               |                  |                       |              |  |              |

NOTES:

| DSE              | Total # Egg Masses    | OBSERVER 1    | 2 DATE. | S         | OBSERVER   | 2<br>W   | S             |
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#### DATA FIELDS ON EGG MASS COUNT DATA SHEET

LOCALITY: Name of Refuge or Park (e.g., Great Bay NWR, Acadia National Park) SITE: Name of specific pond being surveyed (e.g., Beech Pool # 1, Ken's Pond) DATE: Write out Month, DD, YYYY (e.g., March 22, 2001)

**SKY CODE:** The sky codes are located on your clipboard. Do not conduct surveys if sky codes are 6 or above!! The codes are as follows:

#### Code Sky Condition

- 0 Clear or few clouds (< 20% of sky)
- 1 Partly cloudy or variable (20-50% of sky)
- 2 Cloudy or overcast (> 50% of sky)
- 3 Fog
- 4 Mist
- 5 Showers or light rain
- 6 Heavy rain
- 7 Sleet/Hail
- 8 Snow

WIND CODE: The Beaufort Wind Scale is on your clipboard. Do not conduct surveys if wind codes are 6 or above!! The codes are as follows:

#### Code mph Indicators of Wind Speed

- 0 <1 calm, smoke rises vertically
- 1 2-3 light air movement, smoke drifts
- 2 4-7 light breeze, wind felt on face, leaves rustle
- 3 8-12 gentle breeze, leaves/twigs in constant motion, raises dust
- 4 13-18 moderate breeze, small branches move
- 5 19-24 fresh breeze, small trees begin to sway
- 6 25-31 strong breeze, large branches move
- 7+ > 31 strong winds

**PREVIOUS DAY PRECIPITATION:** Check one of the boxes as to whether precipitation did (Yes) or did not (No) occur in the past 24 hours.

**SUBSTRATE TEMPERATURE:** Collect substrate temperature at two locations (one shade, one sun) 1-2 cm above the ground one foot of the water's edge.

**WATER TEMPERATURE:** Collect water temperature at two locations (one shade, one sun) within the pool one foot from the shore at a depth of 2 cm. For substrate and water temperatures, check box as to whether Centigrade or Fahrenheit scale was used.

**POOL MAXIMUM DEPTH:** Install a dowel rod (5/8" x 48") where you estimate it to be the deepest part of the vernal pool. Each time you visit the site, wade out to the dowel rod to record the water depth at that location. Record in centimeters using meter stick.

**WATER LEVEL:** Check whether the vernal pool is full, <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> full, <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> full, <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> full, or less than <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> full/dry. You will be able to gauge this by knowing the site's water extent or by looking for water marks or moss growing at the base of trees or the extent of area near the water covered by damp mud or darkened, dried crinkled leaves.

**OTHER ORGANISMS:** Each Observer fills out this section during his/her egg mass count survey. For Invertebrates listed in the Table at the bottom, simply place a checkmark in the Table to indicate whether adults or larvae were present. Please include in the Notes section any other invertebrates that were seen at the pool (consult "A Field Guide to the Animals of Vernal

Pools"). For Amphibian and Reptile species, record the number of adults, mated pairs, spermatophores, egg masses, tadpoles/larvae, and juveniles you observe for each of the species listed in the Table. For Chorus Code 3, simply record 3. For Chorus Codes 1 and 2, record the Chorus Code and include an Abundance Count in parentheses following it. For e.g., if you hear a chorus code of 2 and estimate 6 spring peepers calling, write down 2(6).

#### Chorus Code Description

| 0 | No amphibians calling.  |
|---|---|
| 1 | Individuals can be counted, calls not overlapping. Assign this number<br>when individual males can be counted, and when the calls of<br>individuals of the same species do not overlap. For the <i>Abundance</i><br><i>Count</i> , record the number of individual frogs of each species calling.   |
| 2 | Calls distinguishable, some simultaneous calling. This code is<br>assigned when there are a few males of the same species calling<br>simultaneously. However, with a little work, individual males can still<br>be distinguished. The exact number of individuals may not be<br>determined, but a reliable estimate of the number of individuals can be<br>determined based on the location of the calls and/or by differences in<br>the voices calling. Therefore the <i>Abundance Count</i> , is an estimate of<br>the number of individuals calling. |
| 3 | Full chorus, calls continuous and overlapping. This value is assigned<br>when there are so many males of one species calling that all the calls<br>sound like they are overlapping and continuous. There are too many<br>overlapping calls to allow for any reasonable count or estimate,<br>therefore an <i>Abundance Count</i> is not recorded.   |

**OBSERVER:** Write your full first name and last name (e.g., Kate O'Brien). Check the box to indicate whether you are Observer 1 or Observer 2.

**DATE:** Write out Month DD, YYYY (e.g., March 22, 2001). NOTE: It is critical that egg mass counts occur on the same day.

**TIME BEGIN:** Use the 24 hour clock (e.g., use 13:20 = 1:20 pm). Write down the time the egg mass count survey begins. Begin and end times only cover the time actually spent searching for and counting egg masses and recording other organisms, not time spent collecting habitat or environmental data.

**TIME END:** Use 24 hour clock (e.g., use 15:00 = 3:00 pm)

**GRID SPACING:** Indicate the distance in meters between the lines on the grid. This necessitates **measuring the maximum length and width of the pond BEFORE you begin the survey, so that you have a more accurate site map.** Indicate the direction North with an N and arrow on the map.

**SPECIES:** For species acronyms, use those in Species Column in "Other Organisms" section. **AREA:** As you circumnavigate around and in the pond, label each area where egg masses are found with Letters (e.g., A, B, ..). When egg masses are grouped together within 1 m of each other, consider these within the same letter grouping.

# EGG MASS (E) OR SPERMATOPHORES (S): Record the number of egg masses or spermatophores you observe in each area.



STAGE: Use Gosner (1960) to stage the embryos into the following stages (1,2,3):

| Stage | Description                                      |
|-------|--|
| 1     | Preneural fold, Gosner stages 1-12               |
| 2     | Neural fold to Pre-tail bud, Gosner stages 13-17 |
| 3     | Tail bud and beyond, Gosner stages $> 17$        |

**DEAD:** Dead embryos are white in appearance. Use the following categories to document % mortality of eggs in the egg mass area: 0 = 0%, 1 = 1-10%, 2 = >10-50%, 3 = >50%.

AFTER BOTH OBSERVERS HAVE CONDUCTED THE EGG MASS COUNTS, FILL IN THE AREA AT THE TOP OF THE MAP GRID. Count up the TOTAL NUMBER OF EGG MASSES counted by each Observer, and Count up the NUMBER OF AREAS MISSED by each of the Observers. For example, if Observer 1 mapped out Areas A, B, and C, with 5, 42 and 101 egg masses, respectively, but Observer 2 only mapped out Areas A and B, with 40 and 95 egg masses, you need to write the following:

|                       | <b>OBSERVER</b> 1 | <b>OBSERVER 2</b> |  |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| Total # Egg Masses    | 148               | 135               |  |
| Areas Missed of Total | 0/3               | 1/3               |  |

## DATA FIELDS FOR "VERNAL POOL HABITAT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION DATA SHEET"

This data sheet only needs to be filled out once per site at the beginning of the field season. Observer 2 can fill out this data sheet while Observer 1 is surveying the pond for egg masses.

OBSERVER: Write your full first name and last name (e.g., Laurie Wunder).

DATE: Write out Month DD, YYYY (e.g., March 29, 2001).

LOCALITY: Name of Refuge or Park (e.g., Great Bay NWR, Acadia National Park) SITE: Name of specific pond being surveyed (e.g., Beech Pool # 1, Ken's Pond)

**DETAILED DIRECTIONS TO SITE:** Describe the specific geographic location of the site. Use air distance in two directions (e.g., 5 km N and 7.5 km W) of a map landmark that likely will not change. For example, "500 m NW from American Holly Drive 0.2 km W of gate entrance." **UTM ZONE:** Record Zone in which site occurs (e.g., Zone 18S).

UTM DATUM: Record Datum you are using to locate site (e.g., NAD27, NAD83)

ELEVATION: Record elevation of site. Check if units are meters or feet.

**UTM COORDINATES:** Take Coordinates at the water's edge at points that represent the maximum Length and Width of the Site. You may also want to take a few more coordinates if the site is particularly complex.

UTM EASTING: e.g., 342325 (six digits)

UTM NORTHING: e.g., 4702503 (seven digits)

**POOL MAXIMUM LENGTH:** Record using a meter tape (e.g., 14.2 m). If you record in ft., be sure to cross of m and write ft instead.

**POOL MAXIMUM WIDTH:** Record using a meter tape (e.g., 5.5 m)



**POOL MAXIMUM DEPTH:** Install a dowel rod (5/8" x 48") where you estimate it to be the deepest part of the vernal pool. Each time you visit the site, wade out to the dowel rod to record the water depth at that location. Record in centimeters using meter stick.

**WATER LEVEL:** Check whether the vernal pool is full, <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> full, <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> full, <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> full, or less than <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> full/dry. You will be able to gauge this by knowing the site's water extent or by looking for water marks or moss growing at the base of trees or the extent of area near the water covered by damp mud or darkened, dried crinkled leaves.

WATER CHEMISTRY (OPTIONAL): All of the water quality measurements are optional. However, if you have water testing equipment, it is strongly recommended that you record at least the following variables. Below are recommended procedures, but go ahead and use whatever water testing equipment you have. I will request information about your water testing equipment at the end of the field season.

**pH**: An aliquot of water from the vernal pool will be collected in a glass or plastic beaker. pH of the water will be measured using a portable pH meter and a high performance glass combination electrode immediately after sample collection. The electrode will be calibrated prior to sample measurement using buffers of pH 4.0 and 7.0 (or 7.0 and 10.0 if conditions necessitate) and calibration will be documented. pH data (in standard pH units) will be recorded on the data sheet.

**CONDUCTIVITY (Specific Electrical Conductance):** Conductivity is typically recorded as microsiemens/cm at 25°C. An aliquot of pool water will be collected in a glass or plastic beaker. Conductivity of the water sample will be measured using a portable conductivity meter, calibrated prior to measurement, immediately after sample collection. Accuracy of the measurement will be checked by measuring the conductivity of a known standard and will be documented.

**DISSOLVED OXYGEN:** Measure as mg/L. The amperometric method of DO measurement will be used, which allows the determination of DO concentration with a temperaturecompensating meter that works with a polarographic membrane-type sensor (e.g., YSI). The instrument will be calibrated with the air-calibration chamber in water method before sample measurement, and the DO and temperature sensors will be immersed directly into the pool to allow equilibration.

**WATER COLOR:** Check whether the water is clear or stained (tea-colored) from organic matter (e.g., humic acids).

EXTRA SPACES ARE AVAILABLE FOR ADDITIONAL WATER QUALITY MEASURES **POND TYPE:** Record whether the origin of the pond is Natural, Artificial, or Unknown. Then check boxes to specify type of natural or artificial pond. If an artificial pond, check box that best corresponds to estimated age of pond ( $\leq$  or  $\geq$  5 years old).

FISH PRESENT: Record if fish are absent (No) or present (Yes). Record species observed. WETLAND CLASS: Classify wetland by vegetation in tallest class that covers 30% or more of the pool as being forested, shrub, marsh, meadow, or open water. Check box that best applies. SITE TYPE: Classify site type by whether it is upland-isolated, bottomland-isolated, or part of a wetland complex. Check box that best applies.

**IN POND PHYSICAL HABITAT:** Record abundance categories (0 = 0%, 1 = 1-10%, 2 = >10-50%, 3 = >50%) for each of the following:

Abundance of Sticks Abundance of Logs



IN POND VEGETATION: Record abundance categories (0 = 0%, 1 = 1-10%, 2 = >10-50%, 3 = > 50%) for each of the following:

= > 50%) for each of the following:

Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) Moss Grass Sedge/Rush Shrub Tree

SUBSTRATE TYPES: Estimate % types composing bottom surface (must add up to 100%)

Silt/Clay Mud/Organic Muck Sand (1-2 mm) Gravel (3-32 mm) Pebble (33-64 mm) Cobble (65-256 mm) Boulder/Bedrock (> 256 mm) Other

**HABITAT AROUND POOL:** Estimate % of each within 50 m (165 ft) of pool, excluding cover directly over pool (estimates should total 100%):

Woodland – record whether hardwood, softwood, mixed, and overstory type (heavy, moderate) Open – record whether agriculture, fields, other

Residential/Urban/Suburban

Road - record whether paved or dirt/gravel

Other - record what other habitat types are present

**DISTANCE TO FOREST FROM WATER'S EDGE:** Record distance from water's edge to forest in either m or ft (check box which applies).

**DISTANCE TO NEAREST ROAD:** Record distance to nearest road in either m or ft (check box which applies)

**ROAD CONDITIONS AT NIGHT:** Record whether nearest road to site experiences light (< 10 cars) or heavy (> 10 cars) traffic at night.

NOTES: Include any observations about the site you think pertinent.

#### **FIELD EQUIPMENT**

Data sheets

Two Egg Mass Count data sheets per site (need 6 total per site; 3 egg mass counts per site spaced 2 weeks apart)

One Vernal Pool Habitat Description and Location data sheet per site

Pencils (2) Clipboards (2) Polarized Sun Glasses (2) 50 m fiberglass tape (1) Thermometer (1) Dowel Rod (1 per site) Hammer or Rubber Mallet (to pound in dowel rod) (1) Gosner (1960) Stage descriptions on Rite-in-Rain paper (1) Field Guide to the Animals of Vernal Pools Reptiles and Amphibians Eastern/Central North America, Peterson Field Guides Protocol Write-up (1) Compass (1) Watch (1) Meter stick (1) GPS Unit/PLGR (1) Water Testing Equipment (1)

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|     | VERNAL POOL HABITAT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION DATA SHEET   |
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|     | OBSERVER: Kevin Holcomb DATE: 4/20/2001   |
|     | LOCALITY: Walkill River NWR SITE: Spenic Lakes V.P. #1 (North)  |
|     | DETAILED DIRECTIONS TO SITE:  |
|     | Scenic Lakes Rd - From Parking thea wolk North -100 m   |
|     |   |
|     | UTM ZONE: $187$ UTM DATUM: ELEVATION: $122$ m ft  |
| 450 | LENGTH<br>UTM E: 053574/ UTM N: 4559498 UTM E: 0535777 UTM N: 4559558 #452  |
| 451 | WIDTH<br>UTM E: 0535768 UTM N: 4559538 UTM E: 0535751 UTM N: 4559544 #453   |
|     | UTM E: UTM N: UTM E: UTM N:   |
|     | POOL MAX. LENGTH: 58 m POOL MAX. WIDTH: 17 m POOL MAX. DEPTH: 45 cm   |
|     | WATER LEVEL: K FULL A K FULL K K FULL K K FULL K K K K K K K K K K K K K K K K K K  |
|     | WATER CHEMISTRY (optional): pH: Conductivity (units): DO (units):   |
|     | WATER COLOR: 🛛 Clear 🗆 Stained  |
|     | POND TYPE:  |
|     | X Natural, if so then: temporary X semiperm/permanent beaver flowage oxbow other:   |
|     | Artificial, if so then: Dorrow/gravel pit roadside ditch farm pond impoundment other:   |
|     | Estimated age of pond: $\Box \leq 5$ yrs. $\bigotimes \geq 5$ yrs.  |
|     | Unknown   |
|     | FISH PRESENT: No Ves Species:   |
|     | WETLAND CLASS: $\bigwedge$ forested $\square$ shrub $\square$ marsh $\square$ meadow $\square$ none (open water)<br>Classify by dominant form that covers 30% or more of the pool water surface |
|     | SITE TYPE: upland-isolated (not part of larger wetland)   |
|     | bottomland-isolated (part of a river or lake floodplain)  |
|     | wetland complex (associated with a larger wetland complex)  |
|     | For the following, rank the proportion of pond area in which each vegetation type occurs:<br>0 = 0% (absent), $1 = 1-10%$ (rare), $2 = > 10-50%$ (common), $3 = > 50%$ (abundant)               |
|     | IN POND PHYSICAL HABITAT: Abundance of Sticks 2 Abundance of Logs / (> 10 cm diameter)  |
|     | IN POND VEGETATION: SAV Moss Grass Sedge/Rush Shrub _2 Tree _2 Other  |
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SUBSTRATE TYPES: Estimate % types composing bottom surface (must add up to 100%)

| Silt/Clay 10 Mud 50 Sand Gravel Pebble Cobble Boulder Leaf Litter 40 Other<br>HABITAT AROUND POOL: Estimate % of each within 165 feet or 50 m of pool, excluding cover directly over pool (estimates<br>should total 100%):<br>20 % Woodland (check most dominant type). If some of habitat is woodland, is the overstory:<br>M Hardwood (> 75% deciduous) Heavy (> 50% canopy cover of trees/shrubs > 6 ft. tall)<br>Softwood (> 75% evergreen) Moderate (< 50% canopy cover of trees/shrubs < 6 ft. tall)<br>Agriculture<br>Fields/Meadow/Marsh<br>Other:<br>% Residential/Urban/Suburban<br>% Road Paved Dirt/Gravel<br>% Other:<br>DISTANCE TO FOREST FROM WATER'S EDGE:<br>20 m ft.<br>DISTANCE TO NEAREST ROAD:<br>72.5 m ft.<br>ROAD CONDITIONS AT NIGHT: Light Traffic (< 10 cars) Heavy Traffic (> 10 cars)<br>NOTES: |
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| HABITAT AROUND POOL: Estimate % of each within 165 feet or 50 m of pool, excluding cover directly over pool (estimates should total 100%):  22 % Woodland (check most dominant type). If some of habitat is woodland, is the overstory:  |
| <sup>9</sup> / <sub>2</sub> % Woodland (check most dominant type). If some of habitat is woodland, is the overstory: <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Hardwood (> 75% deciduous) <sup>1</sup> Heavy (> 50% canopy cover of trees/shrubs > 6 ft. tall) <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Softwood (> 75% evergreen) <sup>1</sup> Moderate (< 50% canopy cover of trees/shrubs < 6 ft. tall)  |
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| Agriculture Fields/Meadow/Marsh Other:   |
| ☐ Fields/Meadow/Marsh         ☐ Other:        % Residential/Urban/Suburban        % Road       ☐ Paved ☐ Dirt/Gravel        % Other:            DISTANCE TO FOREST FROM WATER'S EDGE:       m □ ft.         DISTANCE TO NEAREST ROAD:       Z m □ ft.         ROAD CONDITIONS AT NIGHT:       🖾 Light Traffic (< 10 cars)  |
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Wallkill River Nuk Scenic Lakes Rd (North) #1. 4/20/2001 Observer # 1 observer #2 A (1) 00 (1) AA (4) B (14) V, W, X, Y, Z (18) C (,) DO (1) 0 (3) S (4) T (2) E (10) F (12) F (4) 40 (8) Z (6) J (20) (49) C, O, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, QK (6) (5) R, U, L (1) (I) EE m (i) (I) B (3)A M(3)



| LOCALITY: Wallk       | Il River NWR SITE: Scorie Lakas Ad (North) #1  |
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| Date: 4/20/01         | Sky Code: Wind Code: Previous Day Precipitation? YESNC   |
| Substrate Temp.: _57_ | <u></u>  |
| Pool Max. Depth: 45   | cm Water Level: FULL 7 % |

| SPECIES              | # Adults | Chorus Code | # Mated<br>Pairs | # Spermato-<br>phores | # Egg Masses | # Tadpoles<br>Larvae  | # Juveniles |
|----------------------|----------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Spotted sal. SS      |          |             |                  |                       |              |                       |             |
| Blue-spotted sal. BS |          | 1.4         |                  |                       |              |                       |             |
| Jefferson sal. JS    |          |             |                  |                       |              |                       |             |
| Marbled sal. MS      |          |             |                  |                       |              |                       |             |
| Red-spotted newt RN  |          |             |                  |                       |              |                       |             |
| Four-toed sal. FS    |          |             |                  |                       |              |                       |             |
| Wood frog WF         | 2        |             |                  |                       |              |                       |             |
| Spring peeper SP     | <u></u>  | /           |                  | - (PO-107-)           |              | ·····                 | 1           |
| Gray tree frog GTF   |          |             |                  |                       |              |                       |             |
| Green frog GF        |          |             |                  | 1                     |              |                       |             |
| Leopard frog LF      |          |             |                  |                       |              |                       |             |
| Pickerel frog PF     |          |             |                  |                       |              |                       |             |
| American toad AT     |          |             |                  |                       |              | and a little state of |             |
| Fowler's toad FT     |          |             |                  |                       |              |                       |             |
| Eastern spadefoot ES |          |             |                  |                       |              |                       |             |
| Painted turtle       |          |             |                  |                       |              |                       |             |
| Spotted turtle       |          |             |                  |                       |              |                       |             |
| Wood turtle          |          |             |                  |                       |              |                       |             |
| Blanding's turtle    |          |             |                  |                       |              |                       |             |
| Snapping turtle      |          |             |                  |                       |              |                       |             |
| Fairy shrimp         |          |             |                  |                       |              |                       |             |
| Fingernail clam      |          |             |                  | 27                    |              | 1-71-911-912          |             |
| Amphibious snail     |          |             | -                |                       |              |                       | ,           |

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| LOCALITY: Wallfill         | River NUR          | _ SITE: _ Soon c | Lakes Rd (                | with) #1    |
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| Date: 4/20/01              | Sky Code:          | Wind Code:       | Previous Day Precipitatio | n? TYES YNO |
| Substrate Temp.: <u>57</u> | 28° Water Temp.: _ | 49° 57° 0        | °C Д °F                   |             |
| Pool Max Denth: 45         | cm Water Level:    |                  |                           | < 4 OR DRY  |

| SPECIES              | # Adults | Chorus Code | # Mated<br>Pairs | # Spermato-<br>phores | # Egg Masses | # Tadpoles<br>Larvae | # Juveniles |
|----------------------|----------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Spotted sal. SS      |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Blue-spotted sal. BS |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Jefferson sal. JS    |          |             |                  | 1.1.1                 | 1            |                      |             |
| Marbled sal. MS      |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Red-spotted newt RN  |          | -           |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Four-toed sal. FS    |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Wood frog WF         |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Spring peeper SP     |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Gray tree frog GTF   |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Green frog GF        | ÷.,      |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Leopard frog LF      |          |             |                  | 1.2                   |              |                      | 1           |
| Pickerel frog PF     |          |             | 2 × 1            |                       |              |                      |             |
| American toad AT     | - r      |             | e                |                       |              | ******               |             |
| Fowler's toad FT     |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Eastern spadefoot ES |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Painted turtle       |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Spotted turtle       |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Wood turtle          |          |             |                  |                       |              | ×                    |             |
| Blanding's turtle    |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Snapping turtle      |          |             |                  | 4 a.                  |              |                      | 1           |
| Fairy shrimp         | •        |             |                  |                       |              | -                    |             |
| Fingernail clam      |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Amphibious snail     |          |             | -                |                       |              |                      |             |

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| LOCALITY: Wallkill River NWR SITE: Scenie Lakes - North                           |
|---|
| Date: <u>5/9/2001</u> Sky Code: O Wind Code: / Previous Day Precipitation? YES NO |
| Substrate Temp.: <u>68 95</u> Water Temp.: <u>65 20°</u> 0 °C ذF                  |
| Pool Max. Depth: 24 cm Water Level: FULL 34 FULL 4 FULL 4 FULL 4 FULL 4 STARDERY  |

| SPECIES              | # Adults      | Chorus Code | # Mated<br>Pairs | # Spermato-<br>phores | # Egg Masses | # Tadpoles<br>Larvae | # Juveniles |
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| Spotted sal. SS      |               |             |                  |                       |              | 1                    |             |
| Blue-spotted sal. BS |               |             | 1941<br>1941     |                       |              |                      | 1           |
| Jefferson sal. JS    |               |             | •                |                       | /            |                      |             |
| Marbled sal. MS      | a press of    |             |                  |                       | 100          |                      |             |
| Red-spotted newt RN  |               |             |                  | 11                    |              |                      |             |
| Four-toed sal. FS    | 110 - A A B A |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Wood frog WF         |               |             | r                | 12                    |              | 14                   |             |
| Spring peeper SP     | ÷             | 1           |                  |                       |              | •                    |             |
| Gray tree frog GTF   |               |             |                  | -                     |              |                      |             |
| Green frog GF        | 4             |             | ·                |                       |              |                      | 1           |
| Leopard frog LF      |               |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Pickerel frog PF     |               | 1           |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| American toad AT     |               | -           |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Fowler's toad FT     |               |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Eastern spadefoot ES |               |             | trees a          |                       |              |                      |             |
| Painted turtle       |               |             | -1               |                       |              |                      |             |
| Spotted turtle       |               |             | +                |                       |              |                      | 10          |
| Wood turtle          |               |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Blanding's turtle    | -             |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Snapping turtle      |               |             |                  | э.                    |              |                      |             |
| Fairy shrimp         |               |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Fingernail clam      |               |             | - 49             | 3                     |              |                      |             |
| Amphibious snail     |               |             | -                | Sec. 1                |              |                      |             |

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| OBSERVER: Kein Holamb 10               | 2 DATE: $5/9/61$ T    | IME BEGIN: 100        | TIME END: 120   |
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| LOCALITY: Na/Kill     | iver NWASITE: Spenic Lakes - North                                 |
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| Date: 5/9/01          | Sky Code: Wind Code: Previous Day Precipitation? YES NO            |
| Substrate Temp.: _ LE | 45_ Water Temp.: <u>65</u> 70° □ °C ☑ °F                           |
| Pool Max. Depth: 24   | cm Water Level; [] FULL [] ¼ FULL [] ½ FULL [] ¼ FULL [] <¼ OR DRY |

| SPECIES              | # Adults | Chorus Code | # Mated<br>Pairs | # Spermato-<br>phores | # Egg Masses | # Tadpoles<br>Larvae | # Juveniles |
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| Spotted sal. SS      |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      | 1           |
| Blue-spotted sal. BS |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Jefferson sal. JS    |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Marbled sal. MS      |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Red-spotted newt RN  |          | C           |                  | 1                     |              |                      |             |
| Four-toed sal. FS    |          |             |                  | 1 (* 147) (data)      |              |                      |             |
| Wood frog WF         |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Spring peeper SP     |          |             |                  | -                     |              | ······               |             |
| Gray tree frog GTF   |          |             |                  | - State -             |              |                      |             |
| Green frog GF        | 2        |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Leopard frog LF      |          |             | -                | He there exist an a   |              |                      |             |
| Pickerel frog PF     |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| American toad AT     |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Fowler's toad FT     |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Eastern spadefoot ES |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Painted turtle       |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Spotted turtle       |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Wood turtle          |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Blanding's turtle    |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Snapping turtle      |          |             |                  |                       | -            |                      |             |
| Fairy shrimp         |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Fingernail clam      |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
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| Amphibious snail     |          |             |                  | *                     |              |                      |             |

1,000 tadpoles in this pool. NOTES:

| Joshua   | Glock           |                   |             |                               |                         |
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| OBSERVER: <u>[[Lecheal</u><br>Total # Egg Masses | OBSERVER 1<br>W | DATE: <u>5/4/</u> | OBSERVER    | GIN: <u>/00</u> T<br>R 2<br>W | ME END: <u>125</u><br>S |
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| VERNAL POOL HABITAT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION DATA SHEET  |
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| OBSERVER: Kevin Holcomb DATE: 4/20/2001  |
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| DETAILED DIRECTIONS TO SITE:   |
| Scenic Lakes Rd - From Parking Alea Walk South   |
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| UTM ZONE: $187-$ UTM DATUM: ELEVATION: $16$ m ft   |
| LENGTH<br>UTM E: 0535674 UTM N: 4559404 UTM E: 535685 UTM N: 4559378   |
| WIDTH<br>UTM E: <u>535677</u> UTM N: <u>4559386</u> UTM E: <u>535691</u> UTM N: <u>4559391</u>   |
| UTM E: UTM N: UTM E: UTM N:  |
| POOL MAX. LENGTH: 15.5 m POOL MAX. WIDTH: 13 m POOL MAX. DEPTH: 60 cm  |
| WATER LEVEL: K FULL A KEULL A KEUL A KEULL A K |
| WATER CHEMISTRY (optional): pH: Conductivity (units): DO (units):  |
| WATER COLOR: 🛛 Clear 🗆 Stained   |
| POND TYPE:   |
| □ Natural, if so then: □ temporary □ semiperm/permanent □ beaver flowage □ oxbow □ other:  |
| Artificial, if so then: Dorrow/gravel pit roadside ditch farm pond impoundment other:  |
| Estimated age of pond: $\Box \leq 5$ yrs. $\swarrow \geq 5$ yrs.   |
| X Unknown  |
| FISH PRÉSENT: No Ves Species:  |
| WETLAND CLASS: forested shrub marsh meadow none (open water)<br>Classify by dominant form that covers 30% or more of the pool water surface  |
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| IN POND VEGETATION: SAV Moss Grass Sedge/Rush _ Shrub _ Tree Other   |

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SUBSTRATE TYPES: Estimate % types composing bottom surface (must add up to 100%)

| Silt/Clay 25 Mud 15 Sand Grave  | el <u>5</u> Pebble Cobble <u>10</u> Boulder Leaf Litter <u>45</u> Other                |
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| HABITAT AROUND POOL: Estimate % oj<br>should total 100%):                     | of each within 165 feet or 50 m of pool, excluding cover directly over pool (estimates |
| 45 % Woodland (check most dominant typ  | pe). If some of habitat is woodland, is the overstory:                                 |
| 🔀 Hardwood (> 75% deciduous)  | Heavy (> 50% canopy cover of trees/shrubs > 6 ft. tall)                                |
| <ul> <li>Softwood (&gt; 75% evergreen)</li> <li>Mixed (all others)</li> </ul> | Moderate (< 50% canopy cover of trees/shrubs < 6 ft. tall)                             |
| 50 % Open (check most dominant type)  |  |
| Agriculture   | 2 × *  |
| Fields/Meadow/Marsh   |  |
| % Residential/Urban/Suburban  |  |
| 5 % Road Dirt/Gravel  |  |
| % Other:  |  |
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Wallkill River NWR Scenic Lakes U.P. #2 (South) 4/20/2001 observer #1 observer #2 A (I) (1)C B (1) B (1) C (3) A (3) D (1) 0 (1)

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| LOCALITY: W          | RNW                                   | 8             |                  | SITE: 50                  | esic hal          | les Sau              | ih #2                 |
| Date: 4/20/01        | 1                                     | _ Sky Code: _ | 2                | Wind Code:                | / Previous        | Day Precipitat       | ion? YES YN           |
| Substrate Temp.: 6   | 1° 6                                  | 2" Water To   | emp.: S          | 8° 59                     | ° 🗆 ° C 🖉         | F                    |                       |
| Dealling Death       | <u></u>                               | Watan La      |                  |                           |                   |                      | VAD ANNO              |
| Pool Max. Depth:     | 200                                   | m water Lev   | vei: E F         |                           |                   |                      |                       |
| OTHER ORGANISM       | MS:                                   |               |                  | . Children                |                   |                      | 1                     |
| SPECIES              | # Adults                              | Chorus Code   | # Mated<br>Pairs | # Spermato-<br>phores     | # Egg Masses      | # Tadpoles<br>Larvae | # Juveniles           |
| Spotted sal. SS      |                                       |               |                  |                           |                   |                      |                       |
| Blue-spotted sal. BS |                                       |               |                  |                           |                   |                      |                       |
| Jefferson sal. JS    |                                       |               |                  | 1 10 3                    |                   |                      |                       |
| Marbled sal. MS      |                                       |               |                  | - 21                      |                   |                      |                       |
| Red-spotted newt RN  |                                       |               |                  | 1                         |                   |                      |                       |
| Four-toed sal. FS    |                                       |               |                  |                           |                   |                      |                       |
| Wood frog WF         |                                       |               |                  |                           | 1) <sup>110</sup> |                      |                       |
| Spring peeper SP     |                                       | 19            |                  | and the second            |                   |                      |                       |
| Gray tree frog GTF   |                                       |               |                  |                           |                   | 11 F                 |                       |
| Green frog GF        | 2                                     |               | 1                |                           |                   | 2                    |                       |
| Leopard frog LF      | 1                                     | 2 6 4         | 127-11           | 18 <sup>88</sup> 2014 - 1 |                   |                      |                       |
| Pickerel frog PF     |                                       |               |                  |                           | 1.+1              |                      |                       |
| American toad AT     | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |               |                  | Carl Barget               |                   |                      |                       |
| Fowler's toad FT     |                                       |               |                  |                           |                   |                      |                       |
| Eastern spadefoot ES | 1 A                                   |               |                  |                           | 1                 |                      |                       |
| Painted turtle       |                                       |               |                  | States and a              |                   |                      | 1                     |
| Spotted turtle       |                                       | 11            | 1.4              |                           |                   |                      |                       |
| Wood turtle          |                                       |               | £                |                           |                   |                      |                       |
| Blanding's turtle    |                                       |               |                  | 4(4 a)                    |                   |                      |                       |
| Snapping turtle      |                                       |               | 1                |                           | -                 | -                    |                       |
| Fairy shrimp         |                                       |               |                  |                           |                   |                      |                       |
| Fingernail clam      |                                       |               |                  |                           |                   |                      |                       |
| Amphibious snail     |                                       |               |                  | 1. 19. 19                 | -                 |                      | -                     |

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| LOCALITY: WROUR          | SITE:                  | Some   | La Kas       | South          | #2        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|--------|--------------|----------------|-----------|
| Date: 4/20/01 Sky        | Code: <u>2</u> Wind Co | de:    | Previous Day | Precipitation? | VES X NO  |
| Substrate Temp.: 61 _62  | Water Temp.: 58        | 590    | °C 🖉 °F      |                |           |
| Pool Max. Depth: 60 cm W | ater Level: 🕅 FULL     | % FULL | ½ FULL □     | 4 FULL 🗆 <     | 14 OR DRY |

### OTHER ORGANISMS:

| SPECIES              | # Adults | Chorus Code         | # Mated<br>Pairs | # Spermato-<br>phores   | # Egg Masses | # Tadpoles<br>Larvae | # Juveniles |
|----------------------|----------|---------------------|------------------|---|--------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Spotted sal. SS      |          |                     |                  |   |              |                      |             |
| Blue-spotted sal. BS | Y.       |                     |                  | 1   |              |                      |             |
| Jefferson sal. JS    |          |                     | E.               | 3   | 140          |                      |             |
| Marbled sal. MS      |          |                     |                  | 1 K 1   |              |                      |             |
| Red-spotted newt RN  |          | 22                  | · · · ·          | 12  |              |                      |             |
| Four-toed sal. FS    |          | 1                   |                  |   |              |                      |             |
| Wood frog WF         |          | 1                   | _                | 1.4   |              |                      |             |
| Spring peeper SP     |          |                     |                  | 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1   |              |                      |             |
| Gray tree frog GTF   |          | 200 - <sup>20</sup> |                  | 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1   |              |                      |             |
| Green frog GF        |          |                     |                  |   | 1            |                      |             |
| Leopard frog LF      |          |                     |                  |   |              |                      |             |
| Pickerel frog PF     |          |                     | 1.1              |   | 197          |                      |             |
| American toad AT     |          |                     |                  | 1. A. 1   |              |                      |             |
| Fowler's toad FT     |          |                     |                  | 1. A. |              |                      |             |
| Eastern spadefoot ES |          |                     |                  |   |              |                      |             |
| Painted turtle       | 1*       |                     |                  |   |              |                      | V           |
| Spotted turtle       | -1       |                     |                  |   |              |                      |             |
| Wood turtle          |          |                     |                  |   |              |                      |             |
| Blanding's turtle    |          |                     |                  |   | N            |                      |             |
| Snapping turtle      |          |                     |                  |   |              |                      |             |
| Fairy shrimp         |          | Į.                  | -                |   |              |                      |             |
| Fingernail clam      |          |                     |                  | s 1 - 1   |              |                      |             |
| Amphibious snail     |          |                     |                  |   |              |                      |             |

Wallkill River NWR

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| OBSERVE  | ER: Kevin     | Har       | 6010     | 2 DAT   | E: <u>5/9</u> | 2001 TI  | ME BEG  | IN: <u>130</u> | TIME E                                  | ND: 200          |
| Tot      | al # Egg Mass | es        | WER I    |         | S             | OB       | SERVER  | 2<br>W         | S                                       |                  |
| Area     | s Missed of T | otal      | W        |         | S             | -        |         |                | S                                       |                  |
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|          |               | 1.0       |          |         |               |          |         |                |   |                  |
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|          |               | B         | . V.     |         |               |          |         |                | 1.1                                     |                  |
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| Area #1  | Egg Mass S    | tage Dead | Area     | # Egg 1 | Mass Sta      | ge Dead  | Are     | a #Egg         | Mass Sta                                | ge Dead          |
| A        | 6 :           | 3 ?       |          |         |               |          |         |                |   |                  |
| B        | 1             | 3 ?       |          |         |               | 8        |         |                |   |                  |
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| LOCALITY:          | allkill | River    | NWR              | _ SITE:   | Sagi | c Lalles     | - Soul         | 16       |
|--------------------|---------|----------|------------------|-----------|------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| Date: 5/9/         | 7001    | Sky Code | 0                | Wind Code | _/   | Previous Day | Precipitation? | U YES NO |
| Substrate Temp.: _ | 74 6    | S Wate   | r Temp.: <u></u> | 69_1      | 53_0 | °C 🗗 °F      |                |          |
| Pool Max. Depth:   | 44      | cm Water | Level:           | FULL 7    | FULL | FULL I       | 4 FULL 🖂 <     | ¼ OR DRY |

### OTHER ORGANISMS:

| SPECIES              | # Adults | Chorus Code | # Mated<br>Pairs | # Spermato-<br>phores | # Egg Masses | # Tadpoles<br>Larvae | # Juveniles |
|----------------------|----------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Spotted sal. SS      |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Blue-spotted sal. BS |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Jefferson sal. JS    |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      | ×           |
| Marbled sal. MS      |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Red-spotted newt RN  |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Four-toed sal. FS    |          |             |                  |                       | 1            |                      |             |
| Wood frog WF         | 1        |             |                  |                       | +            |                      |             |
| Spring peeper SP     |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Gray tree frog GTF   |          |             | e                | 4                     |              |                      |             |
| Green frog GF        | 6        |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Leopard frog LF      |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Pickerel frog PF     |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| American toad AT     |          |             |                  |                       | 1            |                      |             |
| Fowler's toad FT     |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Eastern spadefoot ES |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Painted turtle       |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Spotted turtle       | 1        | 7           |                  | A                     |              |                      |             |
| Wood turtle          |          |             |                  | Contractor and        |              |                      |             |
| Blanding's turtle    |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      | 1           |
| Snapping turtle      |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Fairy shrimp         |          |             |                  | . Investmentale       |              |                      |             |
| Fingernail clam      |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Amphibious snail     |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |



| LOCALITY: walk:11          | river NWR       | SITE: Sceni   | c Lakes - south                     |
|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| Date: 5/9/01               | Sky Code: _     | Wind Code:    | Previous Day Precipitation?  YES NO |
| Substrate Temp.: 74 6      | S Water Temp.:  | 69 63°0       | ℃Ľ°F                                |
| Pool Max. Depth: <u>44</u> | cm Water Level: | FULL 7 % FULL | ¼ FULL □ ¼ FULL □ <¼ OR DRY         |

#### **OTHER ORGANISMS:**

| SPECIES              | # Adults | Chorus Code | # Mated<br>Pairs | # Spermato-<br>phores                  | # Egg Masses | # Tadpoles<br>Larvae | # Juveniles |   |
|----------------------|----------|-------------|------------------|--|--------------|----------------------|-------------|---|
| Spotted sal. SS      |          |             |                  |  |              |                      |             |   |
| Blue-spotted sal. BS |          |             |                  |  |              |                      |             |   |
| Jefferson sal. JS    |          |             |                  |  |              |                      |             |   |
| Marbled sal. MS      |          |             |                  |  |              |                      |             |   |
| Red-spotted newt RN  |          |             |                  |  |              |                      |             |   |
| Four-toed sal. FS    |          |             |                  |  |              |                      |             |   |
| Wood frog WF         |          |             |                  |  |              |                      |             |   |
| Spring peeper SP     |          |             |                  |  |              |                      |             |   |
| Gray tree frog GTF   |          |             |                  |  |              |                      |             |   |
| Green frog GF        | 411      |             |                  |  | 10.<br>1     |                      |             | 5 |
| Leopard frog LF      |          |             |                  |  |              |                      | -           |   |
| Pickerel frog PF     | }        |             |                  |  |              |                      |             |   |
| American toad AT     |          |             |                  |  |              |                      |             |   |
| Fowler's toad FT     |          |             |                  |  |              |                      |             |   |
| Eastern spadefoot ES |          |             |                  |  |              |                      |             |   |
| Painted turtle       |          |             |                  |  |              |                      |             |   |
| Spotted turtle       |          |             |                  | · · · ·                                |              |                      |             |   |
| Wood turtle          |          |             |                  | 11 III III III III III III III III III |              |                      |             |   |
| Blanding's turtle    |          |             |                  |  |              |                      |             |   |
| Snapping turtle      |          | 5           |                  |  |              |                      |             |   |
| Fairy shrimp         |          |             |                  |  |              |                      |             |   |
| Fingernail clam      |          |             |                  |  |              |                      |             |   |
| Amphibious snail     |          |             |                  |  |              |                      |             |   |































|      | VERNAL POOL HABITAT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION DATA SHEET  |
|------|--|
|      | OBSERVER: Kevin Holcomb DATE: 4/20/2001  |
|      | LOCALITY: Wallkill River NWR SITE: Wood Duck Nature Tra-1  |
|      | DETAILED DIRECTIONS TO SITE:   |
|      | From Rt. 565 Walk South on Wood Duck Nature Trail  |
|      | V.P. on East Side of trail   |
|      | UTM ZONE: 187 UTM DATUM: ELEVATION: 113 M m ft   |
| #454 | LENGTH<br>UTM E: 0534910 UTM N: 4560135 UTM E: 0534940 UTM N: 4560/19 #45  |
| 4455 | WIDTH<br>UTM E: 0534915 UTM N: 4560114 UTM E: 0534923 UTM N: 4560125 #45   |
|      | UTM E: UTM N: UTM E: UTM N:  |
|      | POOL MAX. LENGTH: 47.5 m POOL MAX. WIDTH: 7 m POOL MAX. DEPTH: 57 cm   |
| 5    | WATER LEVEL: X FULL A KULL A KEULL A KEUL A KEULL A KE |
|      | WATER CHEMISTRY (optional): pH: Conductivity (units): DO (units):  |
|      | WATER COLOR: Clear Stained   |
|      | POND TYPE:   |
|      | □ Natural, if so then: □ temporary □ semiperm/permanent □ beaver flowage □ oxbow □ other:  |
|      | Artificial, if so then: Dorrow/gravel pit Z roadside ditch farm pond impoundment other:  |
|      | Estimated age of pond: $\Box \leq 5$ yrs. $2 \leq 5$ yrs.  |
|      | Unknown  |
|      | FISH PRESENT: No Ves Species:  |
|      | WETLAND CLASS: A forested shrub marsh meadow none (open water)<br>Classify by dominant form that covers 30% or more of the pool water surface  |
|      | SITE TYPE: upland-isolated (not part of larger wetland)  |
| 91   | bottomland-isolated (part of a river or lake floodplain)   |
|      | wetland complex (associated with a larger wetland complex)   |
|      | For the following, rank the proportion of pond area in which each vegetation type occurs:<br>0 = 0% (absent), $1 = 1-10%$ (rare), $2 = > 10-50%$ (common), $3 = > 50%$ (abundant)  |
|      | IN POND PHYSICAL HABITAT: Abundance of Sticks Abundance of Logs (> 10 cm diameter)   |
|      | IN POND VEGETATION: SAV Moss 2 Grass Sedge/Rush Shrub Tree / Other   |
|      | -  |

| SUBSTRATE TYPES: Estimate % types composing bottom surface (must add up to 100%)  |
|---|
| Silt/Clay Mud 5_ Sand Gravel Pebble Cobble Boulder Leaf Litter 25 Other   |
| HABITAT AROUND POOL: Estimate % of each within 165 feet or 50 m of pool, excluding cover directly over pool (estimates should total 100%):                        |
| 72 % Woodland (check most dominant type). If some of habitat is woodland, is the overstory:   |
| Hardwood (> 75% deciduous) Heavy (> 50% canopy cover of trees/shrubs > 6 ft. tall)  |
| <ul> <li>Softwood (&gt; 75% evergreen)</li> <li>Moderate (&lt; 50% canopy cover of trees/shrubs &lt; 6 ft. tall)</li> <li>Mixed (all others)</li> </ul>           |
| 5 % Open (check most dominant type)   |
| Agriculture   |
| Fields/Meadow/Marsh   |
| % Residential/Urban/Suburban  |
| 2 % Road Dirt/Gravel  |
| % Other:  |
|   |
| DISTANCE TO NEAREST ROAD: $290$ $m \square$ ft.<br>ROAD CONDITIONS AT NIGHT: $\square$ Light Traffic (< 10 cars) $\cancel{K}$ Heavy Traffic (> 10 cars)           |
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# Vernal Pool Wood Duck Nature Trail #1

| •  | ub 11 K;11<br>4/201 | River NWR | WOODDock, | Nature Trail |
|----|---------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| 05 | Server              | #/        | deserve   | - #2         |
| A  | (2)                 | *         | A, B      | (2)          |
| В  | (3)                 |           | C, D, E   | (3)          |
| C  | (1)                 |           | F (5)     |              |
| 0  | (1)                 | L         | G (1)     |              |
| E  | (i)                 | L         | H (1)     |              |
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| G  | (1)                 |           |           |              |
| Н  | (1)                 |           |           |              |
| I  | (1)                 |           | *         | ć.           |
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| LOCALITY: WRI              | UWR SITE: UDDO Nat. Tail                                |
|----------------------------|---|
| Date: 4/20/01              | Sky Code: Wind Code: Previous Day Precipitation? YES NO |
| Substrate Temp.: <u>59</u> | 60_ Water Temp.: <u>64° 63°</u> □ °C ₽°F                |
| Pool Max. Depth: 52        | cm Water Level: FULL 34 FULL 4 FULL 4 FULL C < 4 OR DRY |

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### OTHER ORGANISMS:

| SPECIES              | # Adults | Chorus Code | # Mated<br>Pairs | # Spermato-<br>phores   | # Egg Masses | # Tadpoles<br>Larvae | # Juveniles |
|----------------------|----------|-------------|------------------|---|--------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Spotted sal. SS      |          | 1           |                  |   |              |                      | 1           |
| Blue-spotted sal. BS |          |             |                  |   |              |                      | 1           |
| Jefferson sal. JS    |          |             |                  |   |              | 9                    |             |
| Marbled sal. MS      |          |             |                  |   |              |                      |             |
| Red-spotted newt RN  |          |             | ***              |   |              |                      | •           |
| Four-toed sal. FS    | 1        |             | 1000             |   |              |                      | 1           |
| Wood frog WF         |          |             | -                | 1 <del>77 - 1871 - 18</del> 11  |              |                      |             |
| Spring peeper SP     |          |             |                  |   |              | 1.2                  |             |
| Gray tree frog GTF   |          |             |                  | a a constant |              |                      |             |
| Green frog GF        | 1        |             | -                |   |              |                      |             |
| Leopard frog LF      |          |             | 1.1              |   |              |                      |             |
| Pickerel frog PF     |          |             |                  |   |              |                      | 1           |
| American toad AT     |          |             |                  |   |              |                      |             |
| Fowler's toad FT     |          |             |                  |   |              |                      |             |
| Eastern spadefoot ES |          |             |                  |   |              |                      |             |
| Painted turtle       |          |             |                  |   |              |                      |             |
| Spotted turtle       |          | 4           | -                |   |              |                      | 1.1         |
| Wood turtle          |          |             | 1.               |   |              |                      |             |
| Blanding's turtle    |          |             |                  |   |              |                      |             |
| Snapping turtle      |          |             | ·                |   |              |                      |             |
| Fairy shrimp         | × .      |             |                  |   |              |                      | 1           |
| Fingernail clam      |          |             |                  |   |              | 43<br>145            |             |
| Amphibious snail     |          |             | Sec.             | 3 - 1 - 1   |              |                      |             |



| Substrate Temp.: 5   |          |             | the 1            | Vind Code:            | Previous     | Day Precipitati  | ion? TYES   |
|----------------------|----------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--|-------------|
|                      | 9_6      | So Water T  | emp.: <u>6</u>   | 4_6                   | 30 . 2       | °F   | _ ,         |
| Pool Max. Depth:     | 52 °     | m Water Le  | vel: 💢 Fl        | JILL 🗌 ¾ FU           | LL 🗌 ½ FULL  |  | ] <¼ OR DR  |
| SPECIES              | # Adults | Chorus Code | # Mated<br>Pairs | # Spermato-<br>phores | # Egg Masses | # Tadpoles<br>Larvae   | # Juveniles |
| Spotted sal. SS      |          | -           | -                |                       |              |  | 1-1-        |
| Blue-spotted sal. BS |          |             |                  |                       |              |  | · · · · ·   |
| Jefferson sal. JS    |          |             |                  |                       | 4            |  |             |
| Marbled sal. MS      |          |             | 2.               |                       |              |  |             |
| Red-spotted newt RN  |          | 14          |                  |                       |              | 1  |             |
| Four-toed sal. FS    |          |             |                  |                       |              |  |             |
| Wood frog WF         |          |             |                  |                       |              |  |             |
| Spring peeper SP     |          |             |                  |                       |              |  |             |
| Gray tree frog GTF   |          |             |                  |                       | (.)          | 1  | 1.1.1.1     |
| Green frog GF        |          |             |                  |                       |              |  |             |
| Leopard frog LF      |          |             | 1.               | -                     |              |  | ·           |
| Pickerel frog PF     |          |             | ×                |                       | 1.2          |  |             |
| American toad AT     |          | - · ·       |                  |                       |              | and the second |             |
| Fowler's toad FT     |          |             |                  |                       |              |  |             |
| Eastern spadefoot ES |          |             |                  |                       |              |  |             |
| ainted turtle        |          |             |                  | 6                     |              |  |             |
| spotted turtle       |          |             |                  |                       |              | a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a  | 12          |
| Wood turtle          |          |             |                  |                       |              |  |             |
| landing's turtle     |          |             |                  |                       |              |  |             |
| napping turtle       |          |             |                  |                       |              |  |             |
| airy shrimp          |          |             |                  |                       |              |  |             |
| ingernail clam       |          |             |                  |                       |              |  |             |
| Amphibious snail     |          |             |                  |                       |              | -  |             |

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observer #1

A (3) B (1) C (1) D (1)

Wood Duck Nature Trail

deserver #2

A (1) B (1) C (1) 0 (1)

| LOCALITY: Wallkill River NWR           | SITE: UDD Duck Tra. 1                           |
|--|---|
| Date: <u>5/9/01</u> Sky Code: <u>0</u> | _ Wind Code: Previous Day Precipitation? YES NO |
| Substrate Temp.: 68 80 Water Temp.:    | 65 66 0 °C X °F                                 |
| Pool Max. Depth: cm Water Level:       | FULL 7 % FULL 7 % FULL 7 % FULL 7 < % OR DRY    |

## OTHER ORGANISMS:

| SPECIES              | # Adults | Chorus Code | # Mated<br>Pairs | # Spermato-<br>phores | # Egg Masses | # Tadpoles<br>Larvae | # Juveniles |
|----------------------|----------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Spotted sal. SS      |          |             |                  | web                   |              |                      |             |
| Blue-spotted sal. BS |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      | 1           |
| Jefferson sal. JS    |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Marbled sal. MS      |          |             | 1                |                       |              |                      |             |
| Red-spotted newt RN  |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Four-toed sal. FS    |          |             | -                |                       |              |                      |             |
| Wood frog WF         |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Spring peeper SP     |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Gray tree frog GTF   |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Green frog GF        |          |             | -                |                       |              |                      |             |
| Leopard frog LF      |          |             | ·                |                       |              |                      | 1           |
| Pickerel frog PF     |          |             | -                |                       |              |                      | 1           |
| American toad AT     |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Fowler's toad FT     |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Eastern spadefoot ES |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Painted turtle       |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Spotted turtle       |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Wood turtle          |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Blanding's turtle    |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      | the second  |
| Snapping turtle      |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Fairy shrimp         |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Fingernail clam      |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Amphibious snail     |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |


| Date: 5/9/0          | 5 8      | Sky Code:   | 0-1              | Wind Code:            | Previous     | Day Precipitat       | ion?                |
|----------------------|----------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Substrate Temp.:-    | 5. 8     | Water Te    | emp.: 6          | 5 66                  |              | F                    |                     |
| Pool Max. Depth: 1   | a c      | m Water Lev | el: FI           |                       | LL 🗆 ½ FULL  | 14 FULL              | ך < ¼ OR DRY        |
| OTHER ORCANISA       | 10.      |             | -                | _                     |              |                      | - 100 - 100 - 101 A |
| OTHER ORGANISM       | 15.      |             | -                | 8                     |              |                      |                     |
| SPECIES              | # Adults | Chorus Code | # Mated<br>Pairs | # Spermato-<br>phores | # Egg Masses | # Tadpoles<br>Larvae | # Juveniles         |
| Spotted sal. SS      |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |                     |
| Blue-spotted sal. BS |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |                     |
| Jefferson sal. JS    |          |             | 1                |                       |              |                      | 1                   |
| Marbled sal. MS      |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      | -                   |
| Red-spotted newt RN  |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |                     |
| Four-toed sal. FS    |          | 1           |                  |                       | -            | -                    |                     |
| Wood frog WF         |          |             | -                |                       |              |                      |                     |
| Spring peeper SP     |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      | 1                   |
| Gray tree frog GTF   |          | 1.0         | 1                |                       |              | -                    |                     |
| Green frog GF        |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |                     |
| Leopard frog LF      |          |             | 1. 1             |                       |              |                      |                     |
| Pickerel frog PF     |          |             |                  |                       | 1            |                      |                     |
| American toad AT     |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |                     |
| Fowler's toad FT     |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |                     |
| Eastern spadefoot ES |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      | -                   |
| Painted turtle       |          |             |                  |                       |              | <i>1</i> .           |                     |
| Spotted turtle       |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |                     |
| Wood turtle          |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |                     |
| Blanding's turtle    | 100      |             |                  | e unider              |              |                      |                     |
| Snapping turtle      |          | 2           |                  |                       | -            |                      |                     |
| Fairy shrimp         |          | 14          |                  |                       |              |                      |                     |
| Fingernail clam      |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |                     |
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|       | VERNAL POOL HABITAT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION DATA SHEET   |
|-------|---|
|       | OBSERVER: Kevin Hokomb DATE: 4/22/2001  |
|       | LOCALITY: Wallkill River NWR SITE: Paling   |
|       | DETAILED DIRECTIONS TO SITE:  |
|       | Bassett's Bridge Rd (Rt. 642) + R+R Bed Walk South ~200 M   |
|       | V.P. on East side of RtR  |
| 4     | UTM ZONE: $187$ UTM DATUM: ELEVATION: $125$ m $\Box$ ft   |
| # 459 | LENGTH<br>UTM E: 05.38/60 UTM N: 4566827UTM E: 05.38/42 UTM N: 4566781 #4   |
| #458  | WIDTH<br>UTM E: 0538132 UTM N: 4566812 UTM E: 0538162 UTM N: 4566789 #46  |
|       | UTM E: UTM N: UTM E: UTM N:   |
|       | POOL MAX. LENGTH: m POOL MAX. WIDTH: m POOL MAX. DEPTH: cm  |
|       | WATER LEVEL: FULL X 4 FULL 4 FULL 4 FULL 4 C < 4 OR DRY   |
|       | WATER CHEMISTRY (optional): pH: Conductivity (units): DO (units):   |
|       | WATER COLOR: 🖾 Clear 🗆 Stained  |
|       | POND TYPE:  |
|       | □ Natural, if so then: □ temporary □ semiperm/permanent □ beaver flowage □ oxbow □ other:   |
|       | Artificial, if so then: Dorrow/gravel pit Road roadside ditch farm pond impoundment other:  |
|       | Estimated age of pond: $\Box \leq 5$ yrs. $\bowtie \geq 5$ yrs.   |
|       | Unknown   |
|       | FISH PRESENT: A No Yes Species:   |
|       | WETLAND CLASS: forested shrub marsh meadow none (open water)<br>Classify by dominant form that covers 30% or more of the pool water surface                                       |
|       | SITE TYPE: 🕅 upland-isolated (not part of larger wetland)   |
|       | bottomland-isolated (part of a river or lake floodplain)  |
|       | wetland complex (associated with a larger wetland complex)  |
|       | For the following, rank the proportion of pond area in which each vegetation type occurs:<br>0 = 0% (absent), $1 = 1-10%$ (rare), $2 = > 10-50%$ (common), $3 = > 50%$ (abundant) |
|       | IN POND PHYSICAL HABITAT: Abundance of Sticks 2 Abundance of Logs (> 10 cm diameter)  |
|       | IN POND VEGETATION: SAV Moss Grass Sedge/Rush 2 Shruh 2 Tree Other  |

SUBSTRATE TYPES: Estimate % types composing bottom surface (must add up to 100%)

| Silt/Clay                     | Mud 25 Sand                           | _ Gravel      | _ Pebble              | _ Cobble       | Boulder           | _ Leaf Litter <b>75</b> Other   |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------|---|
| HABITAT AR<br>should total 10 | OUND POOL: Estin                      | nate % of eac | h within 165 fe       | eet or 50 m of | pool, excluding   | z cover directly over pool (estimates   |
| 50 % Wood                     | lland (check most dor                 | ninant type). | If some of hab        | itat is woodla | and, is the overs | tory:   |
| 🕅 Hardw                       | ood (> 75% deciduou                   | us) 🕅         | [ Heavy (> 50         | % canopy co    | ver of trees/shru | ubs > 6 ft. tall)   |
| Softwo<br>Mixed               | ood (> 75% evergree<br>l (all others) | n) 🗆          | Moderate (<           | 50% canopy     | cover of trees/s  | shrubs < 6 ft. tall)  |
| 45 % Open (                   | check most dominant                   | t type)       |                       |                |                   |   |
| 🗌 Agricu                      | lture                                 |               |                       |                | 9                 |   |
| Fields/                       | Meadow/Marsh                          |               | _                     | ł              |                   | 2   |
| % Resid                       | lential/Urban/Suburba                 | an            |                       |                |                   |   |
| 5 % Road                      | Paved X Dir                           | t/Gravel      | *                     |                | π.                |   |
| % Other:                      |                                       |               |                       |                |                   |   |
| DIGTANCE                      | O FOREST FROM I                       | ATEDIC ED     |                       | <b>-</b> -     | A.                | ан на<br>К  |
| DISTANCE I                    | O FOREST FROM W                       | VATER SED     | GE:                   |                | n.                |   |
| DISTANCE TO                   | O NEAREST ROAD                        |               | - 🗶 <sup>m</sup> 🗆 ft |                |                   |   |
| ROAD COND                     | ITIONS AT NIGHT:                      | 🛛 Light Tr    | raffic (< 10 car      | rs) 🗆 Hear     | vy Traffic (> 10  | cars)   |
|                               |                                       |               |                       |                |                   |   |
| NOTES:                        |                                       |               | а <sup>1</sup> ж      |                |                   |   |
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| LOCALITY: WANW              | <i>Q</i>                     | Paling                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Date: 4/22/01               | Sky Code: Wind Code:         | Previous Day Precipitation?         |
| Substrate Temp.: <u>63°</u> | 60 Water Temp.: <u>65°</u> 6 | <u>3°</u> □ °C ⊡ °F                 |
| Pool Max. Depth:            | cm Water Level: T FULL       | FULL I ' FULL I ' FULL I < 4 OR DRY |

## OTHER ORGANISMS:

| SPECIES              | # Adults | Chorus Code | # Mated<br>Pairs | # Spermato-<br>phores | # Egg Masses | # Tadpoles<br>Larvae | # Juveniles |
|----------------------|----------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Spotted sal. SS      |          |             | -                |                       |              |                      | 1           |
| Blue-spotted sal. BS |          |             |                  |                       | 1            |                      |             |
| Jefferson sal. JS    |          |             | +                |                       |              |                      |             |
| Marbled sal. MS      |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Red-spotted newt RN  |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Four-toed sal. FS    |          |             | -                |                       |              |                      |             |
| Wood frog WF         |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Spring peeper SP     |          | 1           | *                |                       |              |                      |             |
| Gray tree frog GTF   |          |             | *****            |                       |              | 1.                   | <u>)</u> ;  |
| Green frog GF        | 1        | 1           |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Leopard frog LF      |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Pickerel frog PF     |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| American toad AT     |          |             |                  | frankrygen (* 1997)   |              |                      |             |
| Fowler's toad FT     |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Eastern spadefoot ES |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Painted turtle       |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Spotted turtle       |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Wood turtle          |          |             | -                |                       |              |                      |             |
| Blanding's turtle    |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Snapping turtle      |          |             | 1.               | 2. J                  |              |                      |             |
| Fairy shrimp         |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Fingernail clam      |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |
| Amphibious snail     |          |             |                  |                       |              |                      |             |

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|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|----------|-------------|--|----------------|-------------|
| Substrate Temp.:        | 6           | O Water Te    | emp.: 6  | 5 63        |  | F              |             |
| Pool Max. Depth:        | <u>27</u> ° | m Water Lev   | vel: 🗌 F | ULL 🕱 ¾ FUI | LL 🗌 ½ FULL  |                | ] < ¼ OR DR |
| SPECIES                 | # Adults    | Chorus Code   | # Mated  | # Spermato- | # Egg Masses   | # Tadpoles     | # Juveniles |
|                         |             |               | Pairs    | phores      | /  | Larvae         |             |
| Spotted sal. SS         |             |               |          |             |  |                | 67          |
| Blue-spotted sal. BS    |             |               |          |             |  |                | 1           |
| Jefferson sal. JS       |             |               |          |             |  | 1              | 11          |
| Marbled sal. MS         |             | 2             |          |             | 1997 - 19 |                | 11          |
| Red-spotted newt RN     | -           |               |          |             |  |                |             |
| Four-toed sal. FS       |             |               |          |             |  |                | <u> </u>    |
| Wood frog WF            |             |               |          |             | 0  |                | 1           |
| Spring peeper SP        |             |               |          |             |  |                | 1           |
| Gray tree frog GTF      |             |               |          |             |  |                |             |
| Green frog GF           |             |               |          |             | 1  | -              | 1           |
| Leopard frog LF         |             |               |          |             |  |                | 1           |
| Pickerel frog PF        |             | 1             |          |             |  |                | 1           |
| American toad AT        |             |               |          |             |  |                | 2           |
| Fowler's toad FT        |             |               |          |             |  |                |             |
| Eastern spadefoot ES    |             |               |          |             |  |                | 1           |
| Painted turtle          |             |               |          |             |  |                |             |
| Spotted turtle          |             |               |          |             |  |                |             |
| Wood turtle             |             |               | thus -   |             |  | 1              | 1           |
| Blanding's turtle       |             |               |          | 19          |  |                |             |
| Snapping turtle         |             |               | -        | 7           | in the second second   |                |             |
| Fairy shrimp            |             |               |          |             |  |                |             |
| Fingernail clam         |             |               |          |             |  |                |             |
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