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Dear Webmaster:

My colleagues and I at the US EPA Mid-Continent Ecology lab in Duluth, MN, are creating a webpage to display the results of our stream watershed research. We investigated the effects of landscape fragmentation on stream ecosystem function in 48 upper Minnesota and Wisconsin watersheds. Our goal is to create a website that will both explain our findings to fellow researchers and educate the lay public.

We are currently working on the stream invertebrate section of the webpage and would like to include good stream invertebrate pictures to make this data more informative for the general public. To accomplish this, however, we need your help. During our search for invertebrate figures, we came across the very nice images on your website (see list below); I am writing to ask your permission to use these images on our webpage.

Linking to your website for these images is, unfortunately, not an option. We have to keep our links to a minimum because it is difficult to maintain those links through ever-changing url addresses. However, your site will be included in our links list. Photo credit will be attached to each and every image. Nothing about this site will be used for profit; our site is solely for informational and instructional purposes.

Thank you for considering my request. You can view our study design webpage at http://www.epa.gov/med/research/watershed_research.html, and our new page will be available soon.

Sincerely,

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Soil & Water Conservation Society of Metro Halifax Freshwater Benthic Ecology Main File
<http://www.chebucto.ns.ca/Science/SWCS/benthos.html#macroinvertebrates>

Images:

Molannidae in case

Elmidae larvae

Hyalloids

Mites

Odonata pictures