

Checklist for a River Walk

Water Appearance

- Green
- Orange
- High Surface Foam
- Muddy/Cloudy
- Multi-colored/Oily
- Other: _____

Odors

- Musky
- Rotten Egg/Sulfur
- Chlorine
- Other: _____

Animal Habitats

(where animals can live and hide in water)

- Wetlands
- Pools
- Rapids, Riffles
- Log piles
- Rocks
- Man-made objects
- Weed beds
- Other: _____

Litter

(Tally the number of different kinds of litter along this section of river.)

- Paper/Small trash: # _____
- Cans/Bottles: # _____
- Tires/Carts, etc.: # _____

River Bottom

- Rocky
- Sand
- Silt/Soft
- Gravel

Human & Land Uses

(here & nearby)

- Stores
- Factories
- Roads
- Waste/Sewage disposal
- Homes
- Farming
- Fields
- Parks/Recreation
- Other: _____

River Walk Examination:

Use your observation skills. Do you think the river's water quality is:

- very good good fair poor very poor

Why do you think so?
