Example data sheets for field collection. Adapted from “Physical Characterization/Water Quality Field Data Sheet & Periphyton Field Data Sheet” by Stevenson & Bahls (1999).

**Stream Characteristics Data Sheet**

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| Stream name | Location |
| Form completed by | Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Time \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ AM PM |
| **WEATHER CONDITONS** | **WATERSHED FEATURES** |
| Now Past 24 hours | **Predominant Surrounding Land use** |
| storm (heavy rain) ☐ ☐ | ☐ Forest ☐ Field/pasture ☐ Agricultural |
| rain (steady rain) ☐ ☐ | ☐ Residential ☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial |
| showers (intermittent) ☐ ☐ | **Local Watershed Erosion** ☐ None ☐ Moderate ☐ Heavy |
| % cloud cover, ☐ \_% ☐ \_% | **Local Watershed Non-Point Source Pollution** |
| clear/sunny ☐ ☐ | ☐ No evidence ☐ Some potential sources |
| Has there been a heavy rain in the last 7 days? | ☐ Obvious sources |
| ☐ Yes ☐No | Source： |
| **RIPARIAN VEGETATION (18 meter buffer)** | **Canopy Cover** ☐ Full Sun ☐ Partly shaded ☐ Shaded |
| **Identify the dominant cover and record the dominant species present** | **Proportion of Reach Represented by Stream Morphology Types** |
| ☐ Trees ☐ Shrubs ☐ Grasses ☐ Herbaceous | ☐ Riffle \_\_\_\_\_% ☐ Pool \_\_\_\_% ☐ Run \_\_\_\_% |
| **INSTREAM FEATURES** | **Water Odors** |
| Estimated reach length **\_\_\_\_\_\_**m, width \_\_\_\_\_m | ☐ None/Normal ☐ Sewage ☐ Petroleum |
| Sampling reach area \_\_\_\_\_\_\_m2 | ☐ Chemical ☐ Fishy ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Estimated stream depth \_\_\_\_m | **Substrate Odors** |
| Surface velocity (at thalweg: deepest channel)\_\_\_m/sec | ☐ None/Normal ☐ Sewage ☐ Petroleum |
|  | ☐ Chemical ☐ Fishy ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

**Diatom Collection Data Sheet**

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| Stream name | Location |
| Form completed by | Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ AM PM |
| **SAMPLE COLLECTION: How were the samples collected?** | **Type of Diatom Habitat Sampled:** |
| ☐ wading ☐ from bank | ☐ Benthic/Substrate (sand-silt-muck-mud) |
| **Number of rocks sampled:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Sampling Technique  ☐ suction device ☐ scraping | ☐ Epilithic (on rocks)  ☐ Epiphytic (on plants, roots, woody debris)  ☐ From surface water: |
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