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Hoc Roc River
Town of Gravenhurst

Dear Hoc Roc River Volunteers,

First off, I'd like to thank each and every one of you for your help with the District Municipality of Muskoka's benthic monitoring program on Hoc Roc River this year. Everyone's work is greatly appreciated, as the program and the resulting data could not continue without the efforts of citizen scientists like you.

Benthic monitoring is one of many ways for waterfront owners to actively participate in maintaining a healthy and productive aquatic ecosystem. The valuable data you all appreciatively helped me collect on Hoc Roc River will contribute to a historical set of data to not only determine the current quality of the localized water, but also provides information for the future of Hoc Roc River as we observe variations over time. For this reason, everyone's work and dedication is appreciated each and every year. It's great that this important and meaningful data can be fun, especially with enthusiastic volunteers like you all.

I have attached the results of the benthic monitoring for this year, as well as a key to help you understand what the results mean. The data that we collected together will soon be posted on the "Muskoka Water Web" website under "biological monitoring data" found at <http://muskokawaterweb.ca/lake-data/muskoka-data/biological-monitoring-data>. Until then, please see the results attached to this email.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding benthic monitoring or results, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at biotech@muskoka.on.ca

I hope you all enjoyed our benthic day as much as I did, and more importantly learned some valuable knowledge! Again, everyone's involvement and participation is gratefully recognized. It was a pleasure to meet and work with you all, I hope to see everyone at Hoc Roc River again next year!

Kind regards,

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