

Table 1. Squaw Creek Watershed Snapshot Sampling Results – May 17, 2014.

	Unit	Method	# of samples	Min Value	Percentiles		Max Value		
						25th	50th	75th	
Water Temperature	degrees F	Thermometer - Field		30	45	48	50	52	72
pH	pH units	IOWATER test strip		30	7	7	8	8	9
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	IOWATER test strip		30	6	8	10	12	12
Nitrite-N	mg/L	IOWATER test strip		30	0	0	0	0	0.15
Nitrate-N	mg/L	IOWATER test strip		30	0	10	10	20	20
Orthophosphorus	mg/L	IOWATER Field Kit		30	0	0	0.2	0.6	5
Chloride	mg/L	IOWATER test strip		30	31	32	37	97	268
Transparency	centimeters	IOWATER transparency tube		30	10	14	60	60	60
<i>E. coli</i> Bacteria	MPN/100 ml	IOWATER method		29	0	200	367	800	7,133

mg/L = milligrams per liter (or parts per million - ppm); µg/L = micrograms per liter (or parts per billion)

MPN/100 ml = Most Probable Number per 100 milliliters of water

During May 2014, a total of 76 streams were sampled statewide as part of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources monthly stream monitoring program. Results from this statewide sampling provide perspective for any snapshot events conducted in May. Median levels from the May 2014 statewide sampling were as follows: water temperature – 54 degrees F; pH – 8.1; dissolved oxygen – 10.4 mg/L; chloride – 22 mg/L; nitrate+nitrite-N – 8.1 mg/L; total phosphate – 0.23 mg/L; *E. coli* bacteria – 80 MNP/100 ml.