



United States Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Stream Visual Assessment Protocol (SVAP2)**

**Element 12 – Food, water, cover/shelter, continuity and/or space**

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General Information	
Client: _____	Farm #: _____
Field Office: _____	Tract #: _____
County: _____	Field # and acreage: _____

Element 13: Food, Water, cover/shelter, continuity and/or space.

Element 13 Aquatic invertebrate habitat scoring matrix

At least 9 types of habitat present	8 to 6 types of habitat	5 to 4 types of habitat present	3 to 2 types of habitat present	None to 1 type of habitat present
A combination of wood with riffles should be present and suitable in addition to other types of habitat  (If nonforested stream, consider reference site's optimal habitat type needed for this high score)	Site may be in need of more wood or reference habitat features and stable wood-riffle sections			
<b>10    9</b>	<b>8    7    6</b>	<b>5    4</b>	<b>3    2</b>	<b>1    0</b>

**Note: Aquatic invertebrate habitat types, in order of importance: Logs/large wood, cobble within riffles, boulders within riffles. Additional habitat features should include: leaf packs, fine woody debris, overhanging vegetation, aquatic vegetation, undercut banks, pools, and root mats.**