## Water Quality Analysis:

Each member of the group will create a line graph of the Calcium ion [Ca<sup>2+</sup>] concentration for one of the watersheds. For each graph, the x-axis should be time (dates) and the y-axis should represent concentration in mg/L.

The five watershed sites are:

- Baisman Run (BARN)
- Gywnns Falls-Delight (GFGB)
- Gywnns Falls- Glyndon(GFGL)
- McDonogh (MCDN)
- Pond Branch (POBR)

Before you begin creating your graphs, set the scale for the x and y-axis that everyone will use. All graphs should be to the same scale and numbering convention to aid in comparison.

Data:

| Date   | Ca ion |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| (Year) | BARN   | POBR   | MCDN   | GFGL   | GFGB   |
| 1998   | -      | 0.7    |        | 48.6   | 14.8   |
| 1999   | 6.2    | 1      |        | 48.6   | 18.7   |
| 2000   | 4.6    | 0.6    | 9.2    | 44.7   | 18.6   |
| 2001   | 5.5    | 0.6    | 9.1    | 56.6   | 19.2   |
| 2002   | 6.4    | 1.3    | 10.6   | 57.2   | 21.8   |
| 2003   | 6.6    | 1.2    | 12.4   | 50.3   | 22.4   |
| 2004   | 4.5    | 0.7    | 10.2   | 55.1   | 21.8   |
| 2005   | 4.9    | 0.6    | 10.4   | 55.3   | 20.9   |
| 2006   | 6      | 1.2    | 11.4   | 33.7   | 20.5   |
| 2007   | 5.8    | 1      | 11.9   | 53.3   | 22.6   |
| 2008   | 7      | 1.1    | 11.7   | 54.6   | 21.4   |
| 2009   | 6.9    | 1.1    | 11.7   | 56.9   | 24.4   |
| 2010   | 5.5    | 0.8    | 11.3   | 56.6   | 23.1   |
| 2011   | 7.6    | 0.9    | 12.1   | 53.7   | 28.7   |
| 2012   | 6.4    | 0.8    | 11.2   | 54.9   | 24.5   |
| 2013   | 5.9    | 0.9    | 10.9   | 57     | 25.2   |
| 2014   | 5.7    | 1      | 10.7   | 62.2   | 26.3   |

## Analysis I:

- 1. Which site produced the greatest amount of calcium ions as measured in the water samples.
- 2. Which site produced the smallest amount of calcium ions as measured in the water samples.
- 3. Order the sites from greatest to least in terms of calcium ion concentration.
- 4. How does this sequence compare to the sequence of sites based on quantity of impermeable surfaces as discussed earlier? Is there a correlation? If so, describe what you found.

Ask your instructor for the pH graph based on each watershed site.

Examine the graph and compare it to your graphed calcium ion data.

- 5. Which site produced the highest pH?
- 6. Which site produced the lowest pH?
- 7. Sequence the sites from highest to lowest pH.
- 8. Compare this list to the list you made in # 3. Is there a correlation? If so, describe what you see.
- 9. Is there a way that you can combine the two lists so that the sequence matches? If so, write the sequence and explain how you matched the two lists.