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The Larva Don't Lie.

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Did you know that one of the best ways to determine the general health of a stream is not by looking at the surface appearance of the water, but by collecting the critters that live on the bottom? These critters, or benthic macroinvertebrates, include the larval forms of insects such as dragonflies or mayflies, crayfish, snails, and even leeches. These larvae are great indicators of stream health, as they vary in their ability to tolerate pollution.

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