Water Stewardship
Field Observation Form

Observer (*first and last name*): _____

Name or location of your water body: _____

Place you accessed your water body _____
(*if more than one possible access point*)

GPS Coordinates of access point _____ N _____ W
(*if different from usual, and available*)

Date of Observation: _____

Time of Observation: _____

Weather conditions at time of observation _____
(*cloudy, rainy, sunny, etc.*):

Approximate air temperature at time of observation _____
(*specify F or C*):

Are there other people present at/in water body and if yes, what are they doing?
(*fishing, kayaking, walking, sitting, swimming, etc.*):

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Temperature of water at observation point _____
(*specify F or C*): *This question is for stewards who have equipment*

Condition of vegetative buffer area (*if relevant*): _____

Wildlife observed (*report any wildlife seen, including what types* [if known] a*nd what they were doing*):

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Algae and/or other water plants observed, including algal blooms:

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Report anything else of interest or concern like smells, trash, stormwater entering water body, buffer disturbance, etc.:

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Condition of storm drain (*if you are monitoring a storm drain*): _____

Your estimate of the general water level (*for ponds, rivers*):

- ☐ High
- ☐ Medium
- ☐ Low
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Don't Know

Did you see a problem that needs to be reported to a Town department? (*for example: trash dumping, clogged storm drains, fish kills, other wildlife kills, algal blooms*)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, what? _____

If you observed a reportable problem, did you or are you going to report it to the Town?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If you reported a problem, to which Town department did you report it?

- ☐ Public Works
- ☐ Natural Resources, Marine, & Environmental Services
- ☐ Beach Committee
- ☐ Conservation Commission
- ☐ Highway Department
- ☐ Other

Any other notes or observations:

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