

# Watershed Stories

Temperature Monitoring and Station  
Maintenance for Citizen Science

# About Me

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# Stillwater Run

Stream Survey / Data Collection

Alkalinity

Nitrates / Nitrites

Phosphates

Dissolved Oxygen

Temperature

EC / TDS / pH

Flow Rates Using NBO



# Why Stillwater Run?



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## Delaware High Resolution 3 km<sup>2</sup>

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### Stream Network Statistics

Related Layer: Continental US Medium Resolution Stream Network ✓

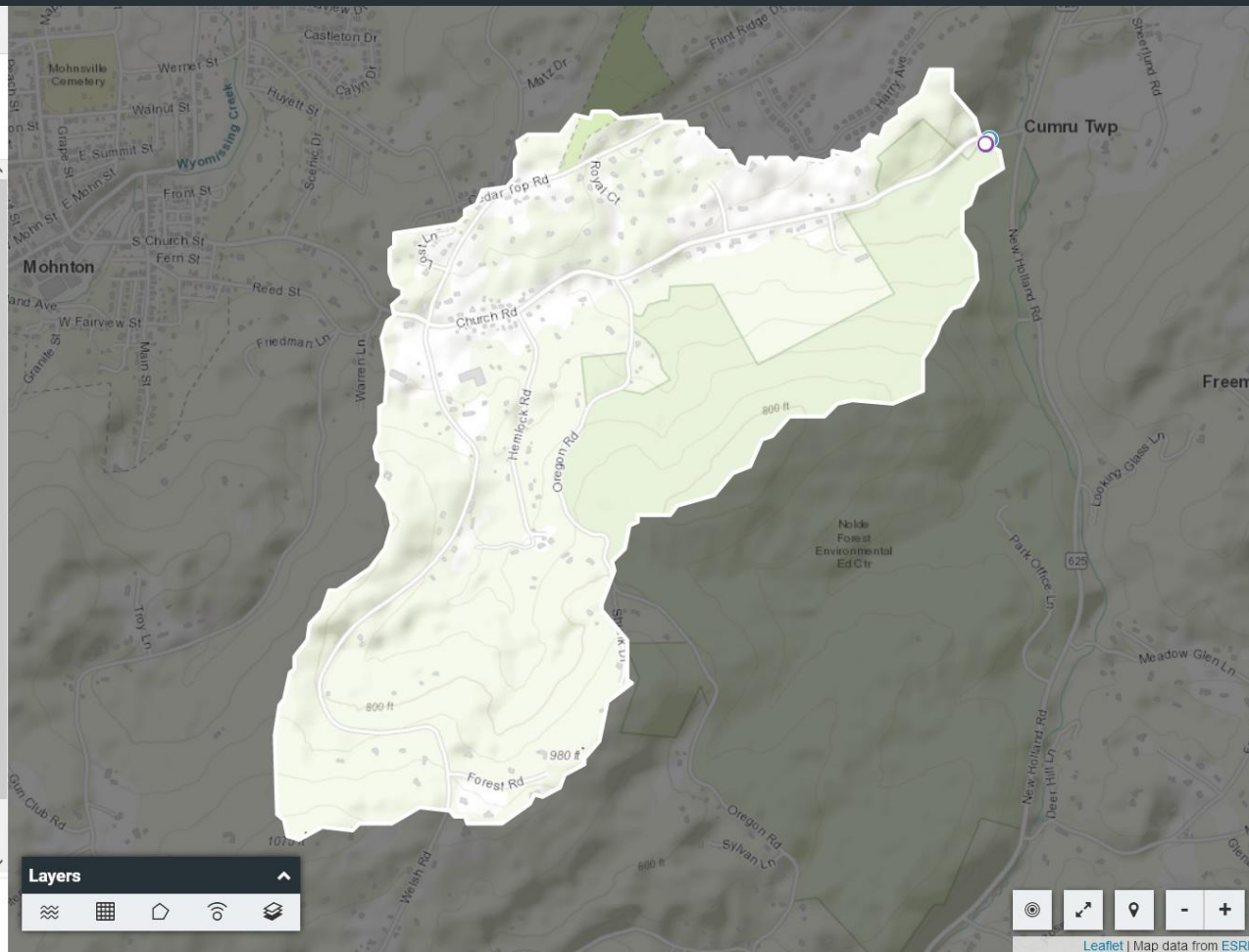
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Source: NHDplusV2 ⓘ

Stream Order	Total Length (km)	Mean Channel Slope (%)
1st	3.03	3.59%
2nd	0.00	No Data
3rd	0.00	No Data
4th	0.00	No Data
5th	0.00	No Data
6th	0.00	No Data
7th	0.00	No Data
8th	0.00	No Data
9th	0.00	No Data
10th	0.00	No Data
Other ⓘ	0.00	No Data
Combined	3.03	3.59%

Length in agricultural areas = 0.03 km ⓘ

Length in non-agricultural areas = 3.00 km ⓘ

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Analyze Monitor Model

Delaware High Resolution 20 km<sup>2</sup>Streams Land Soil Terrain Climate Pt Sources Animals **Water Qual**

## Delaware River Basin only: Calibrated GWLF-E (MapShed) model estimates

3 related layers ▾

Source: Stream Reach Assessment Tool (SRAT) ⓘ

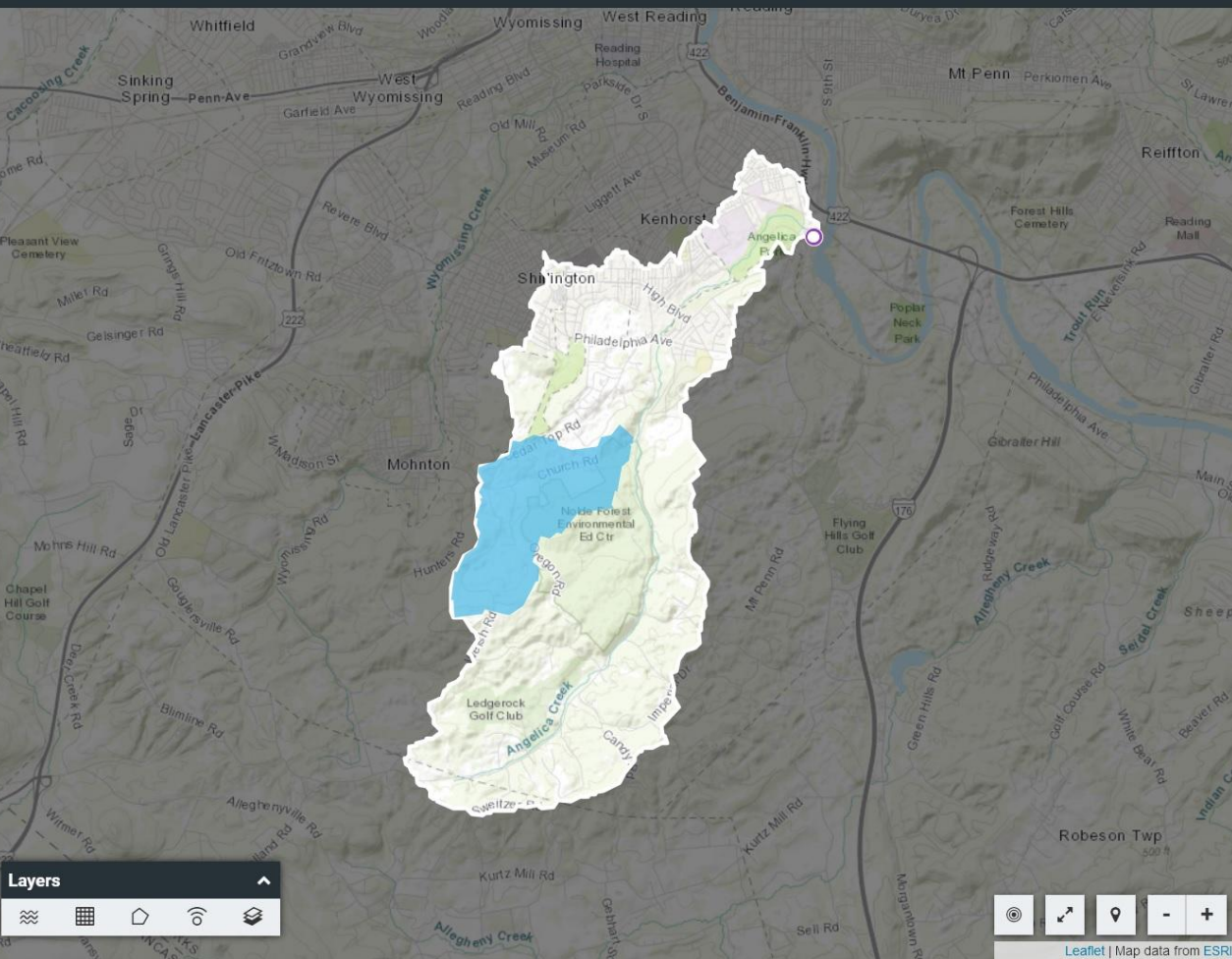
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Id	Area	Total N	Total P	Total SS	Avg TN
	(ha)	(kg/ha)	(kg/ha)	(kg/ha)	(mg/l)
2987	16.370	2.889	0.085	14.947	No Data
3006	10.700	8.556	0.550	667.367	1.057
3007	74.560	7.870	0.579	847.970	1.054
3008	231.870	7.471	0.487	391.971	1.034
3009	163.070	6.859	0.484	168.033	0.920
3010	272.350	4.220	0.259	88.414	0.767

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Layers



Leaflet | Map data from ESRI



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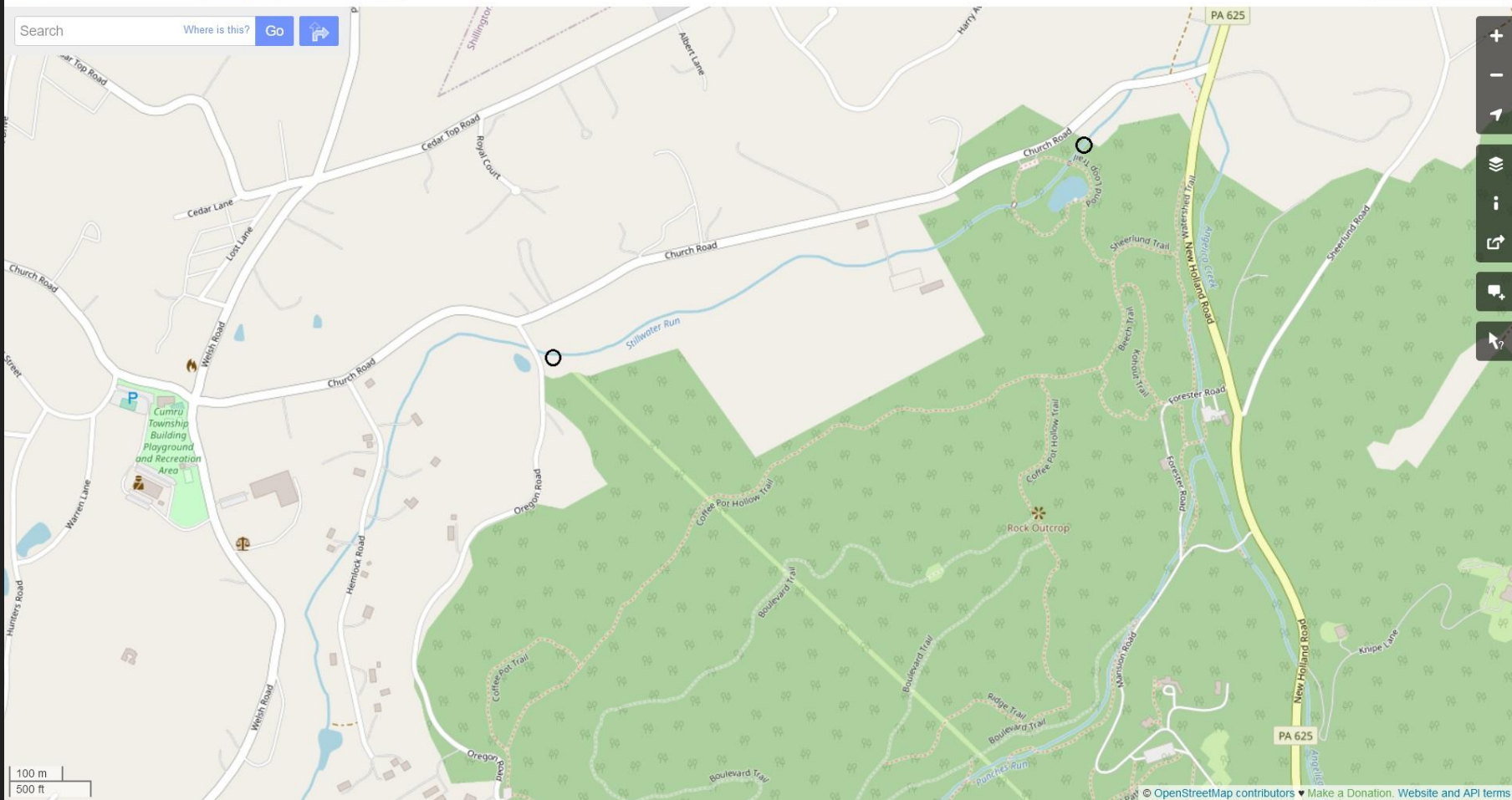
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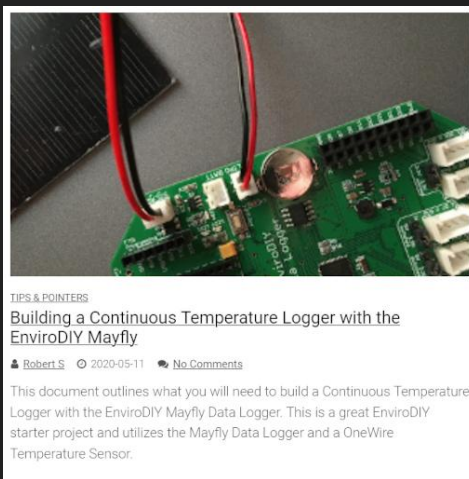
Where is this?

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# EnviroDIY

- Installed first Mayfly on Stillwater Run in February 2020
- EnviroDIY article on Continuous Temperature Logger May 2020
- Second Mayfly installed on Stillwater Run May 2020

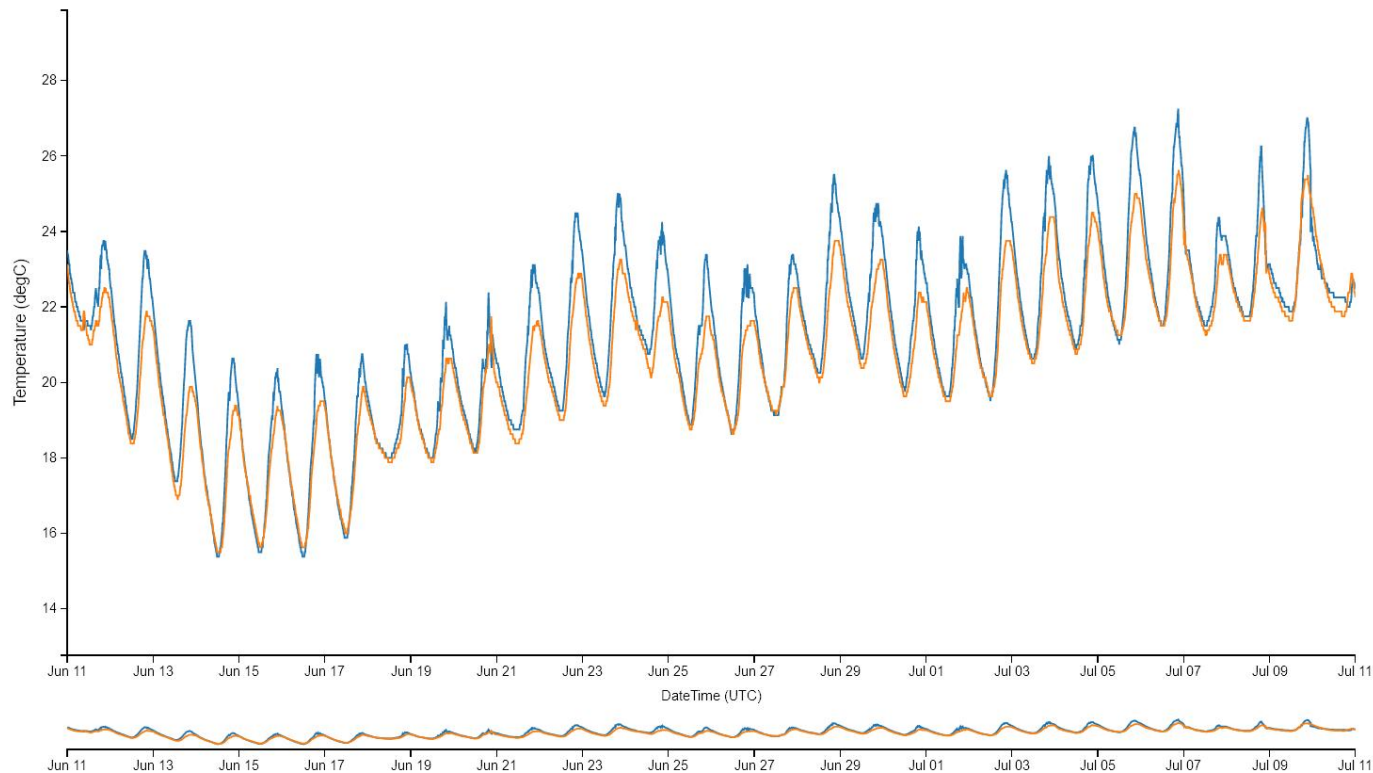


# Stillwater Run @ Oregon Road (STLWTR1)



# Stillwater Run @ the North Pond (STLWTR2)





### Plot Options

All
Last Month
Last Week

Begin Date
6/11/2020

End Date
7/11/2020

Visualization
Time Series

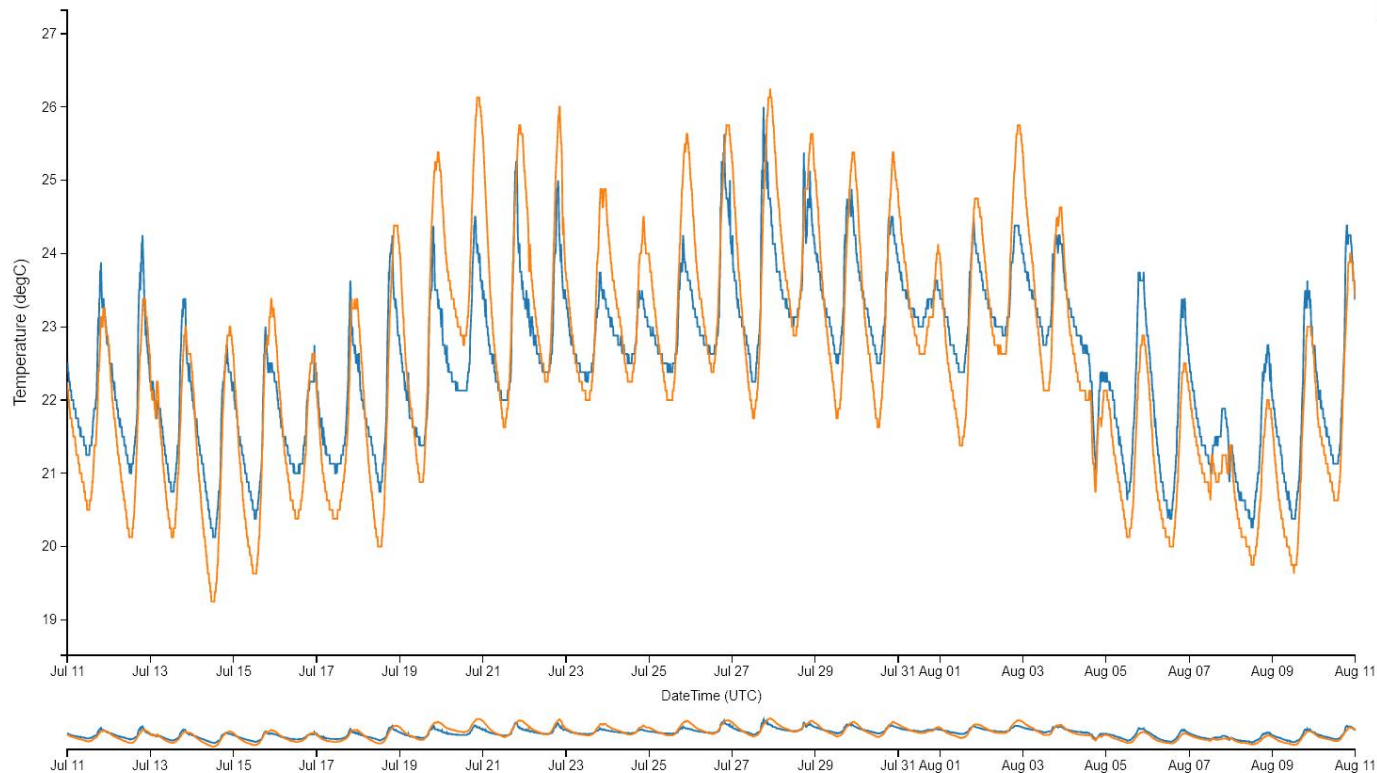
Plot

### Legend

- ☒ Maxim\_DS18B20\_Temp: Temperature STLWTR2: Stillwater Run at the North Pond Raw Data
- ☒ Maxim\_DS18B20\_Temp: Temperature STLWTR1: Stillwater Run at Oregon Road Raw Data

### Summary Statistics

Arithmetic Mean	21.18
Geometric Mean	8.26
Maximum	27.25
Minimum	15.38
Standard Deviation	2.32



### Plot Options

All
Last Month
Last Week

Begin Date
7/11/2020

End Date
8/11/2020

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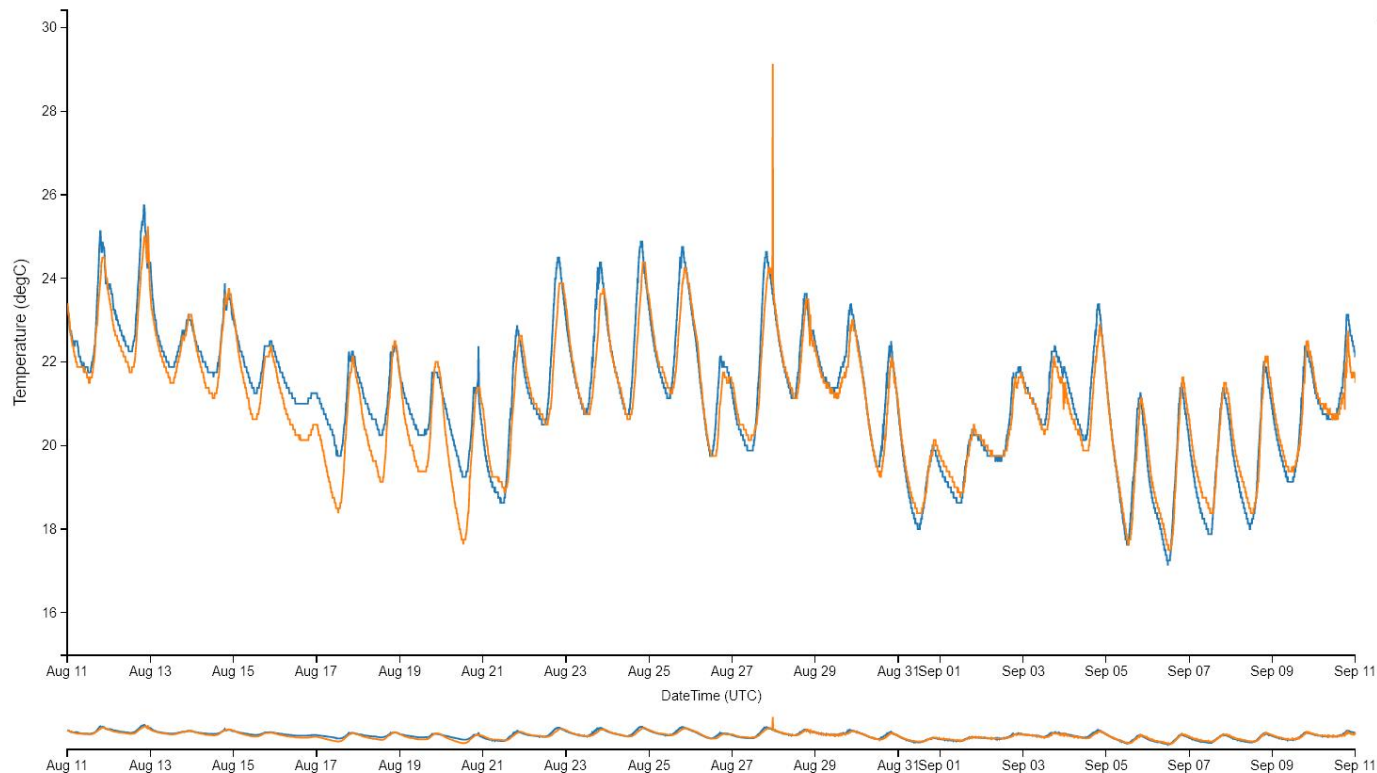
### Legend

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STLWTR2: Stillwater Run at the North Pond  
Raw Data

☒ Maxim\_DS18B20\_Temp: Temperature  
STLWTR1: Stillwater Run at Oregon Road  
Raw Data

### Summary Statistics

Arithmetic Mean	22.53
Geometric Mean	8.66
Maximum	26.00
Minimum	20.13
Standard Deviation	1.08



### Plot Options

All
Last Month
Last Week

Begin Date
8/11/2020

End Date
9/11/2020

Visualization
Time Series

Plot

### Legend

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Raw Data
- ☒ Maxim\_DS18B20\_Temp: Temperature  
STLWTR1: Stillwater Run at Oregon Road  
Raw Data

### Summary Statistics

Arithmetic Mean	21.02
Geometric Mean	8.24
Maximum	25.75
Minimum	17.13
Standard Deviation	1.58

# Quality Control & Maintenance

- Second and Fourth Sunday of the Month  
(Approximately every two weeks)
- Sensor and solar panel cleaned
- Check cables for damage
- Temperature recorded right before changing SD card.
- Check for moisture inside logger
- Clear vegetation as needed

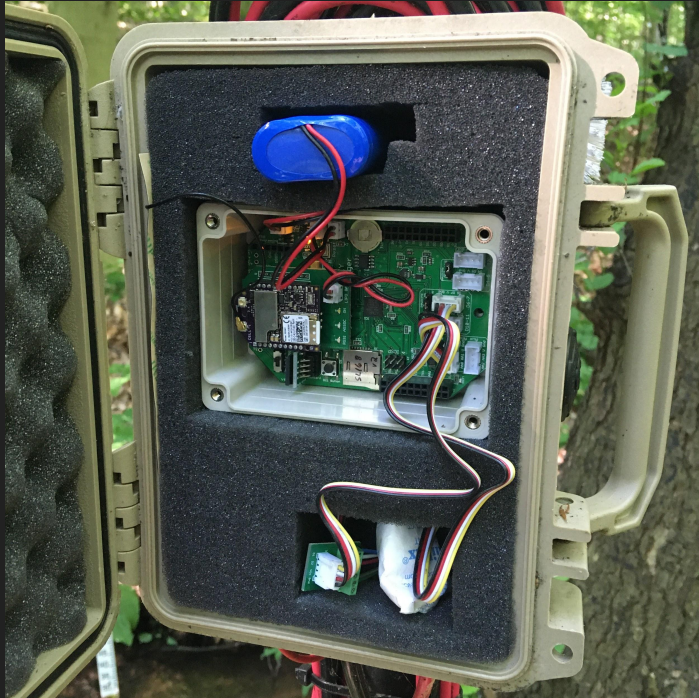
# Seeed Studio One Wire Temperature Sensor

- Maxim DS18B20 Sensor
- Waterproof
- Grove Compatible
- Accepts 3.0V to 5.5V Power Supply
- Temperature Range:  $-55^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+125^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Accuracy:  $\pm 0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  (  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+85^{\circ}\text{C}$  )



0.65

# Station Maintenance



Questions & Comments?



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