



Zebra mussel settlement samplers

Zebra mussel settlement samplers are surfaces on which zebra mussels will settle after they complete their larval (“veliger”) stage. Ask your local DNR invasive species specialist for instructions on using a settlement sampler for early detection efforts or visit the DNR’s zebra mussel web page to learn more (mndnr.gov/AIS).

You can use the diagram below to build your own zebra mussel settlement sampler. Your local hardware store can help you find materials to construct a simple zebra mussel sampler like the one pictured below. You can expect to spend about \$10 for materials for each sampler.

