

Invasive Species Takeover

ZEBRA MUSSELS

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Covered by **Shells**

Monroe, Michigan, had a problem. There was no running water. Without water, the power plant had to shut down. The people looked for answers. Soon, they found the main water pipe was clogged. It was full of shells.





Sticking to Everything

The shells belonged to zebra mussels. Zebra mussels are animals that live underwater. And they stick to anything. They make their homes on rocks or in pipes.

Zebra mussels also stick together. Thousands of mussels clump together in an area. These large groups easily clog pipes.

**Some mussels
even live on
other animals.**

THE ZEBRA MUSSEL UP CLOSE

SHELL

SIPHONS

BYSSUS
(under body)

