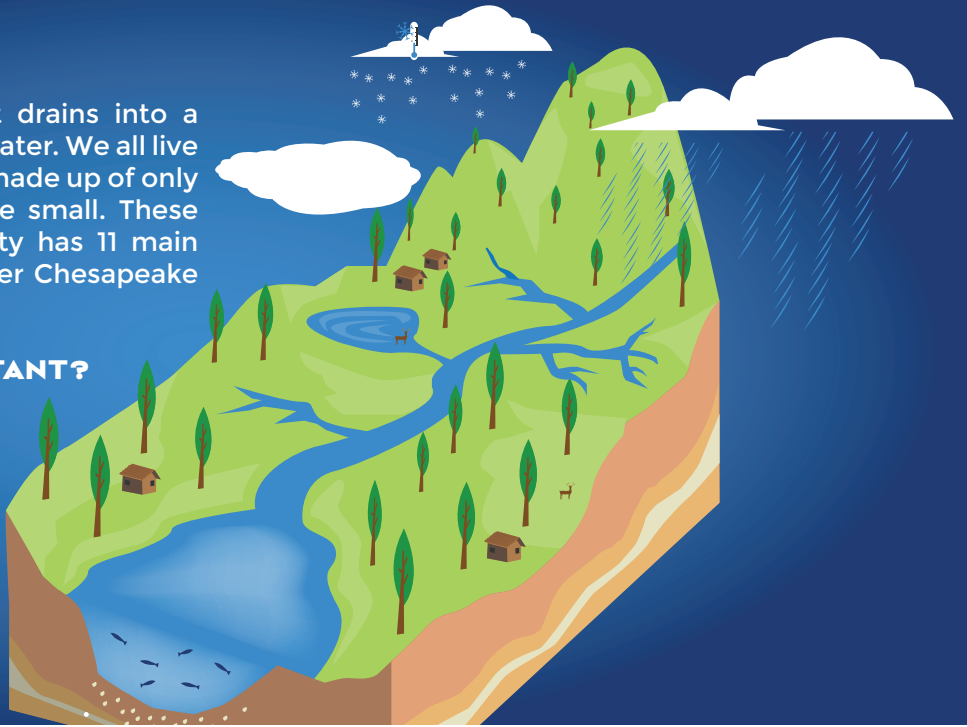


WHAT IS A WATERSHED?

A watershed is an area of land that drains into a particular river, lake, or other body of water. We all live in a watershed. Some watersheds are made up of only one or two streams or creeks and are small. These are called subwatersheds. York County has 11 main watersheds which are part of the larger Chesapeake Bay Watershed

WHY IS OUR WATERSHED IMPORTANT?

Everyone relies on water and other natural resources to exist. What we do impacts the quantity and quality of water. Our watersheds provide water for drinking, growing food, and recreation. Wildlife also requires healthy watersheds for both food and shelter.



SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN



Includes all, or portions of, 66 Counties



York County is in the Lower Susquehanna



4 million people live here



Is home to the native Brook Trout



Has more than 49,000 miles of streams

YORK COUNTY IS COMPRISED OF 11 WATERSHEDS

Codorus | Conewago West | Deer Creek | East Branch Codorus | Gunpowder | Kreutz | Little Conewago | Muddy | Susquehanna | South Branch Codorus | Yellow Breeches

6 EASY WAYS TO PROTECT OUR WATERSHED



Pick up trash and clear storm drains.



Turn off water when brushing your teeth.



Wash your car at a car wash.



Reduce the size of your mowed lawn by planting more native plants.



Pick up dog waste and dispose of it properly.



Say no to plastic! Use a reusable water bottle.

TRUE OR FALSE (CIRCLE ONE):

York County is part of the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

True

False

Waste from animals can contaminate water.

True

False

A paved parking lot is a pervious surface.

True

False

York County is comprised of 12 watersheds.

True

False

You can help protect our watershed by clearing storm drains.

True

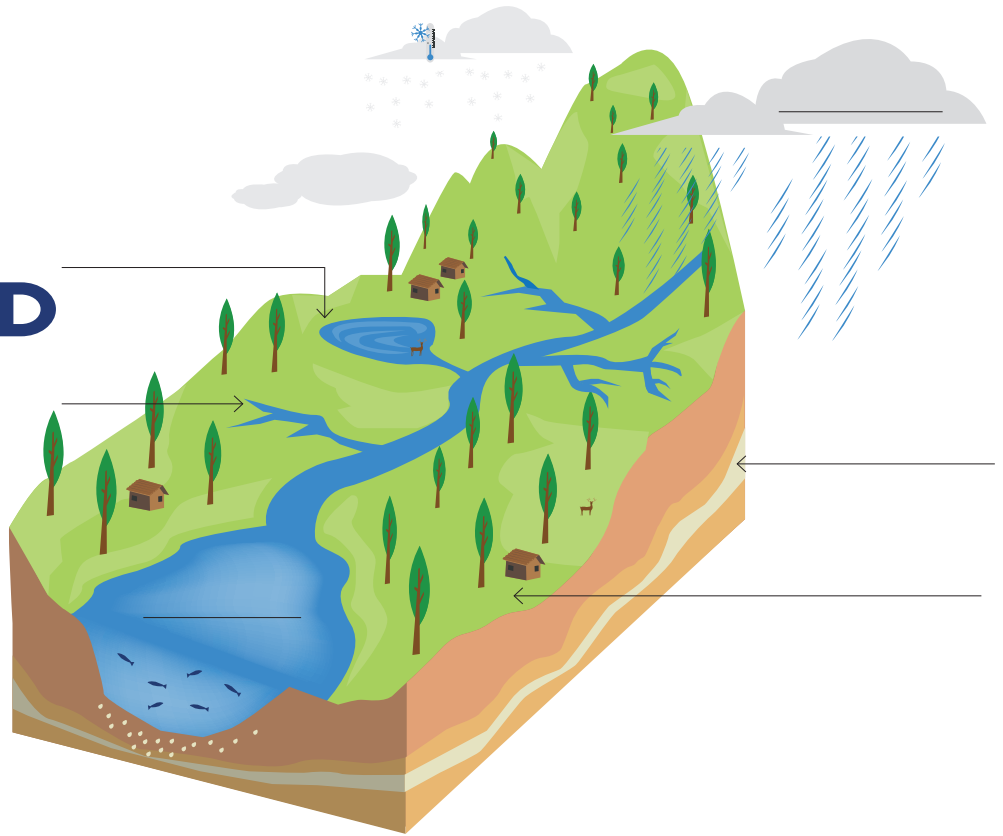
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WATERSHED DIAGRAM:

LABEL THE WATERSHED DIAGRAM

TERMS:

- Ground water
- Surface runoff
- Tributaries
- Waterbody
- Precipitation



MATCH THE VOCABULARY WORD WITH THE DEFINITION:

EROSION

describes a surface that does not allow water to move through it.

**STORMWATER
RUNOFF**

water that has moved into the soil and collects deep under the ground.

PERVIOUS

a dangerous or unhealthy chemical or substance that is in water.

IMPERVIOUS

water that moves over surfaces on the ground during and after a rain storm.

SURFACE WATER

a process that removes soil from an area, by water or wind, and wears away rock.

GROUNDWATER

describes a surface that allows water to move through it.

CONTAMINANT

water on the surface of the ground, such as streams, rivers, lakes and oceans.

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