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WATERSHED VOCABULARY QUIZ

1. An _____ is a body of water where salt water from the ocean mixes with fresh water draining from the surrounding land.
2. Waste water from buildings drains away from the community through a _____.
3. The source of a river or stream can also be called its _____.
4. Lowland areas saturated with moisture are known as _____.
5. _____ surfaces soak up water fairly easily, returning it to the groundwater.
6. To determine elevation on a topographic map, you should look at the nearest _____ line.
7. An _____ is a complex set of relationships among the living and non-living things in a given area.
8. _____ surfaces do not readily absorb water, causing it to turn into runoff instead.
9. Streams are usually _____ of larger rivers or other bodies of water
10. Runoff from roads is often diverted to a body of water via a _____.
11. Impurities in the air, land, or water that can throw off the ecological balance of an area are collectively known as _____.
12. Anyone can become a _____ by working to protect, restore, and care for their watershed.

Contour

Ecosystem

Estuary

Headwaters

Impermeable

Permeable

Pollution

Sewer

Steward

Storm drain

Tributaries

Wetlands

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WATERSHED VOCABULARY ANSWER KEY

1. An ESTUARY is a body of water where salt water from the ocean mixes with fresh water draining from the surrounding land.
2. Waste water from buildings drains away from the community through a SEWER.
3. The source of a river or stream can also be called its HEADWATERS.
4. Lowland areas saturated with moisture are known as WETLANDS.
5. PERMEABLE surfaces soak up water fairly easily, returning it to the groundwater.
6. To determine elevation on a topographic map, you should look at the nearest CONTOUR line.
7. An ECOSYSTEM is a complex set of relationships among the living and non-living things in a given area.
8. IMPERMEABLE surfaces do not readily absorb water, causing it to turn into runoff instead.
9. Streams are usually TRIBUTARIES of larger rivers or other bodies of water
10. Runoff from roads is often diverted to a body of water via a STORM DRAIN.
11. Impurities in the air, land, or water that can throw off the ecological balance of an area are collectively known as POLLUTION.
12. Anyone can become a STEWARD by working to protect, restore, and care for their watershed.

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