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What You Need to Know About Watersheds

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1. A _____ is an area of land from which all surface and ground water flows from higher elevations downhill to a common body of water such as a stream, river or ocean.
2. Watersheds are typically named after the _____ (stream, river, ocean, etc.) the water flows into.
3. Watersheds can vary in _____. They can be _____, _____ or _____.
4. Waterways in smaller watersheds are _____ to waterways in larger watersheds. For example, in Northern Virginia, _____ connects to the _____ and the river connects to _____.
5. **Everyone** lives in a watershed.
6. My school is in the _____ watershed.
7. I live in the _____ watershed.
8. We **need** watersheds. Watersheds provide _____, help with agriculture and provide a space for _____.
9. Community organizations manage the _____ to and from watersheds. _____ pulls water from watersheds and cleans it for community use. _____ distributes the drinking water from Fairfax Water to homes, schools and businesses by managing the pipes that

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carry the water to the community. _____ cleans water once it has been used in homes, schools and businesses and returns it to the main body of water in a watershed.

10. Human _____ have a great _____ on watersheds. What we do on the land that water flows over, impacts the quality of the water in watersheds.