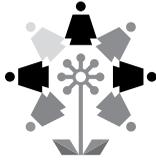


OPEN YOUR EYES TO LITTER

in a

Watershed





KEEP PENNSYLVANIA *Beautiful*

Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful is a nonprofit organization that empowers Pennsylvanians to make our communities clean and beautiful. Since 1990, the organization has been dedicated to empowering people to eliminate littering and illegal dumping throughout the state of Pennsylvania.

Through our work, we have encountered many illegal dumpsites within close proximity to water. In addition to being an eyesore, illegal dumping threatens our resources and poses hazards to people and animals. This educational booklet was developed to help raise awareness of the problems of littering and illegal dumping within our watersheds and to offer simple, everyday measures that can help make a difference.

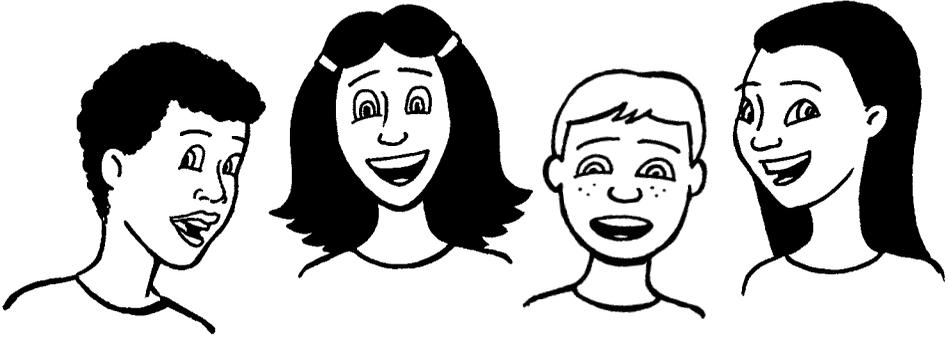
We believe it is everyone's responsibility to protect our water resources. With the help of caring volunteers, concerned citizens and educators, we can all make a difference in Pennsylvania.

This book addresses

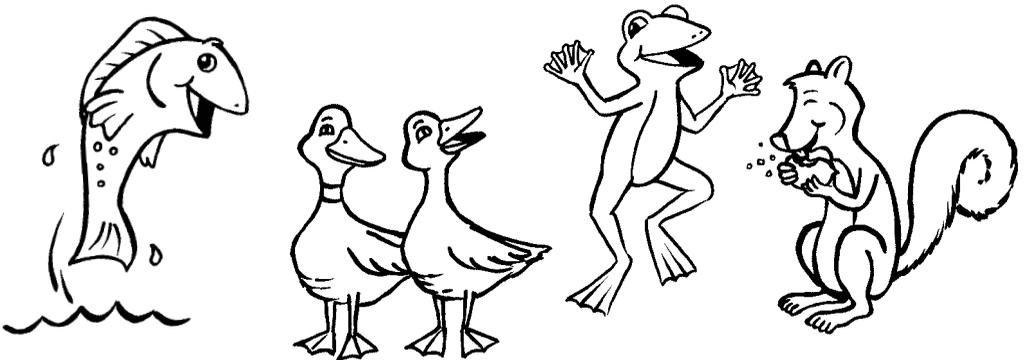
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- 4.1.4 Watersheds and Wetlands (See A, D & E)
- 4.2.4 Renewable and Nonrenewable Resources (See D)
- 4.3.4 Environmental Health (See A & B)
- 4.8.4 Humans and the Environment (See C)

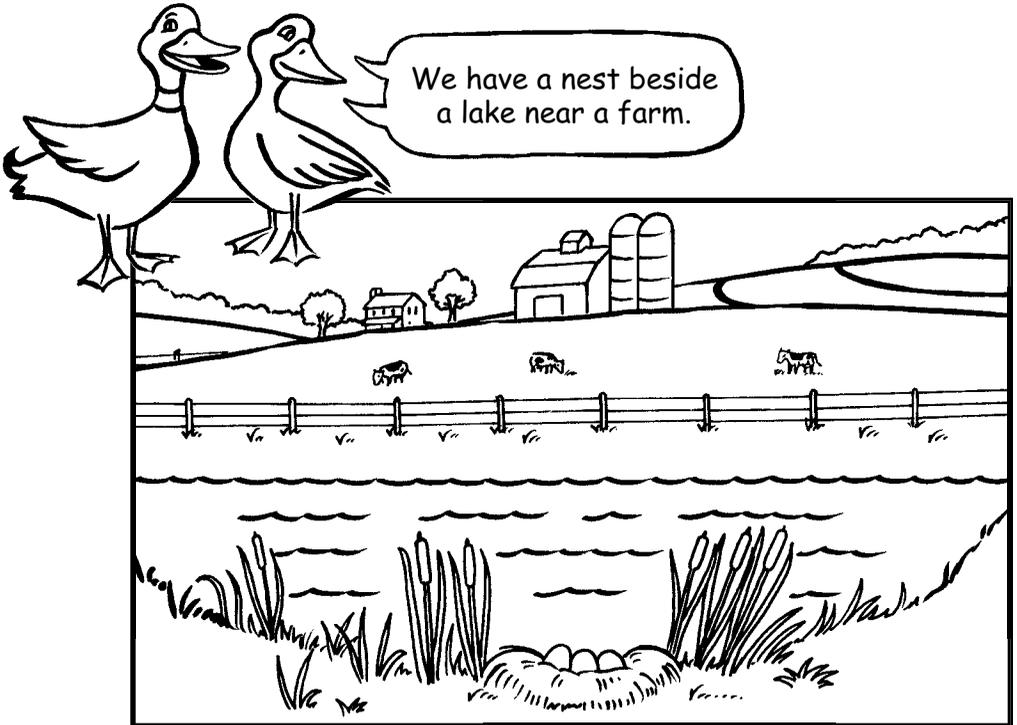
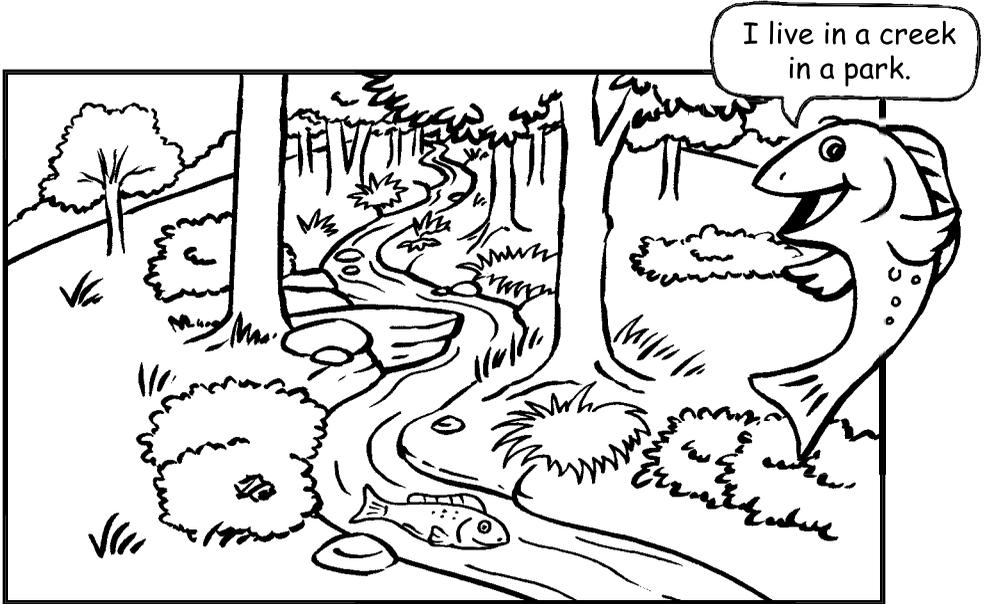
When people toss trash and leave it behind,
all that trash must go somewhere,
so in this book you'll find...

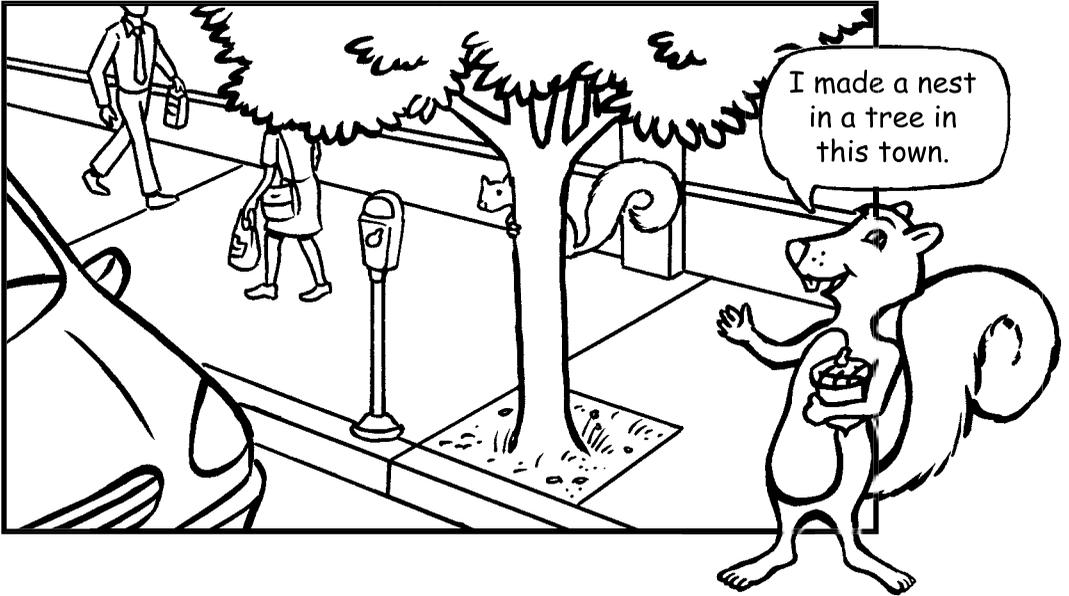
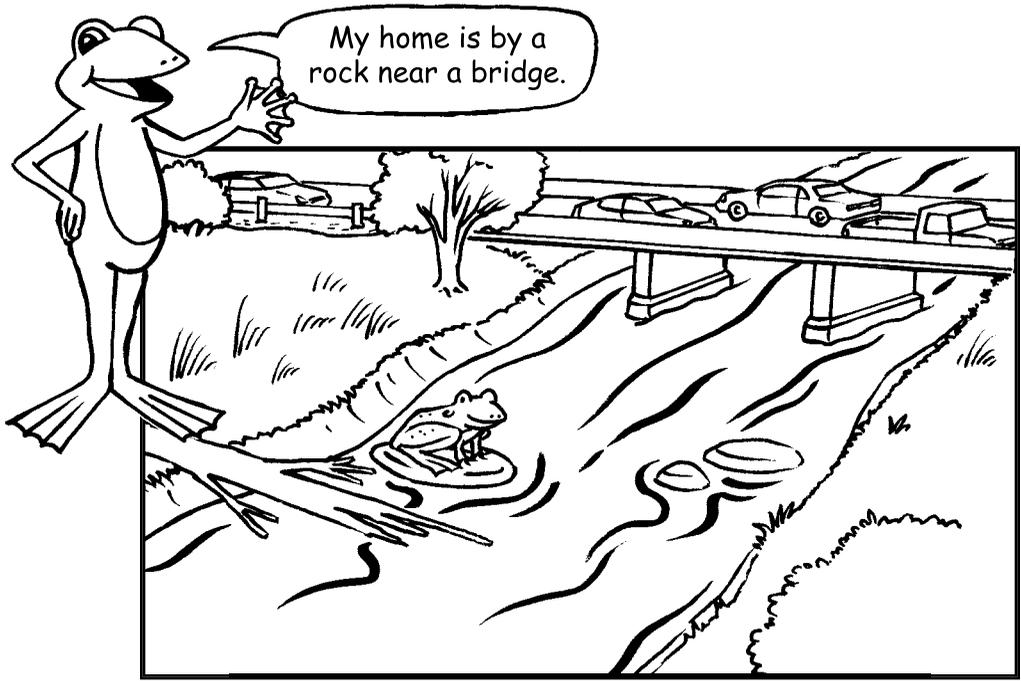


how trash can cause problems
in places we share,
with people and animals
that live here and there.



The animals live in watersheds like me and like you.
Litter and trash affect us all, it's true.



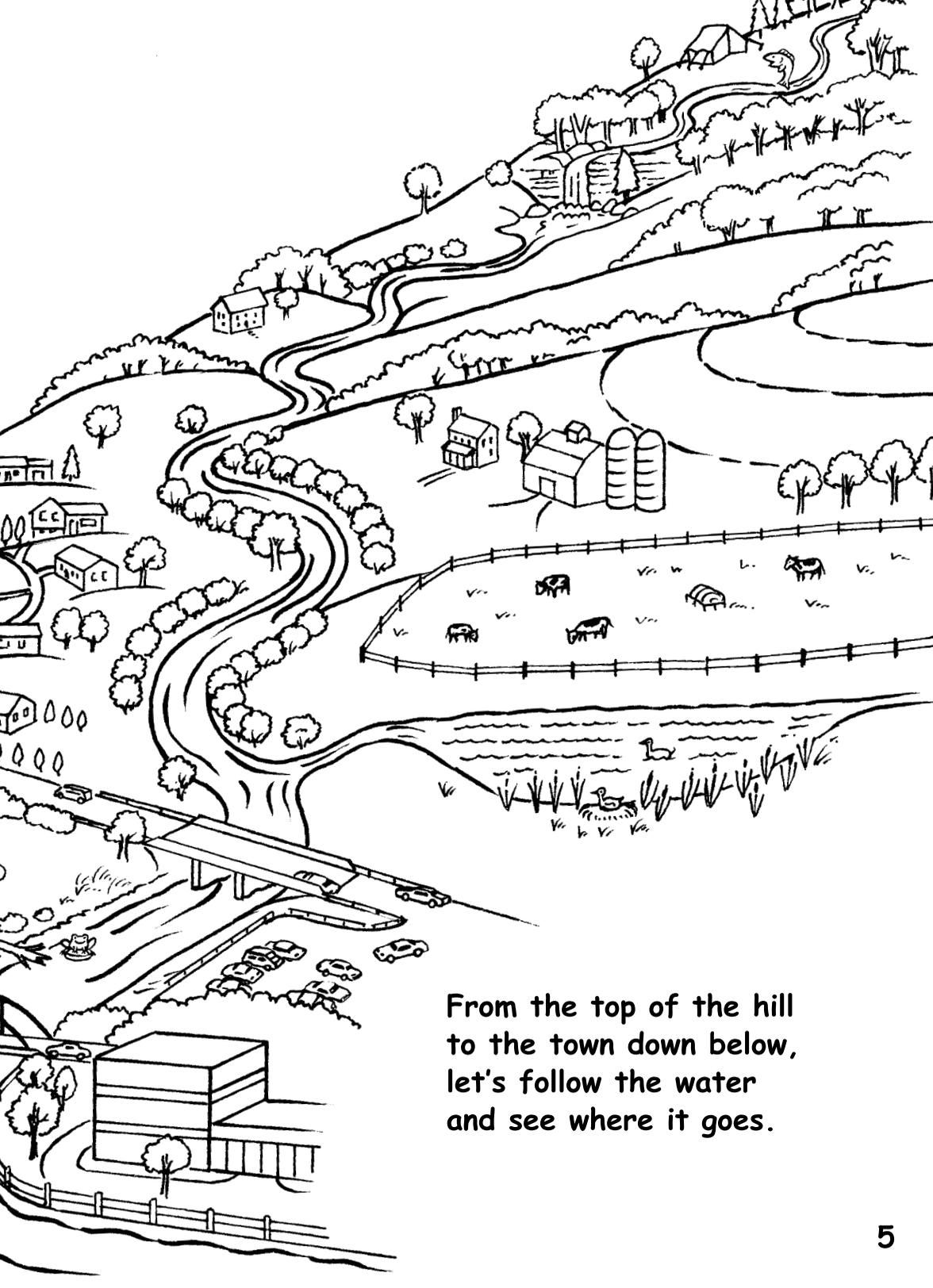


When we open our eyes to litter we see how we can keep our homes and watersheds litter-free.

Pretend you can see
from up high in the sky
the land down below
where the river goes by.

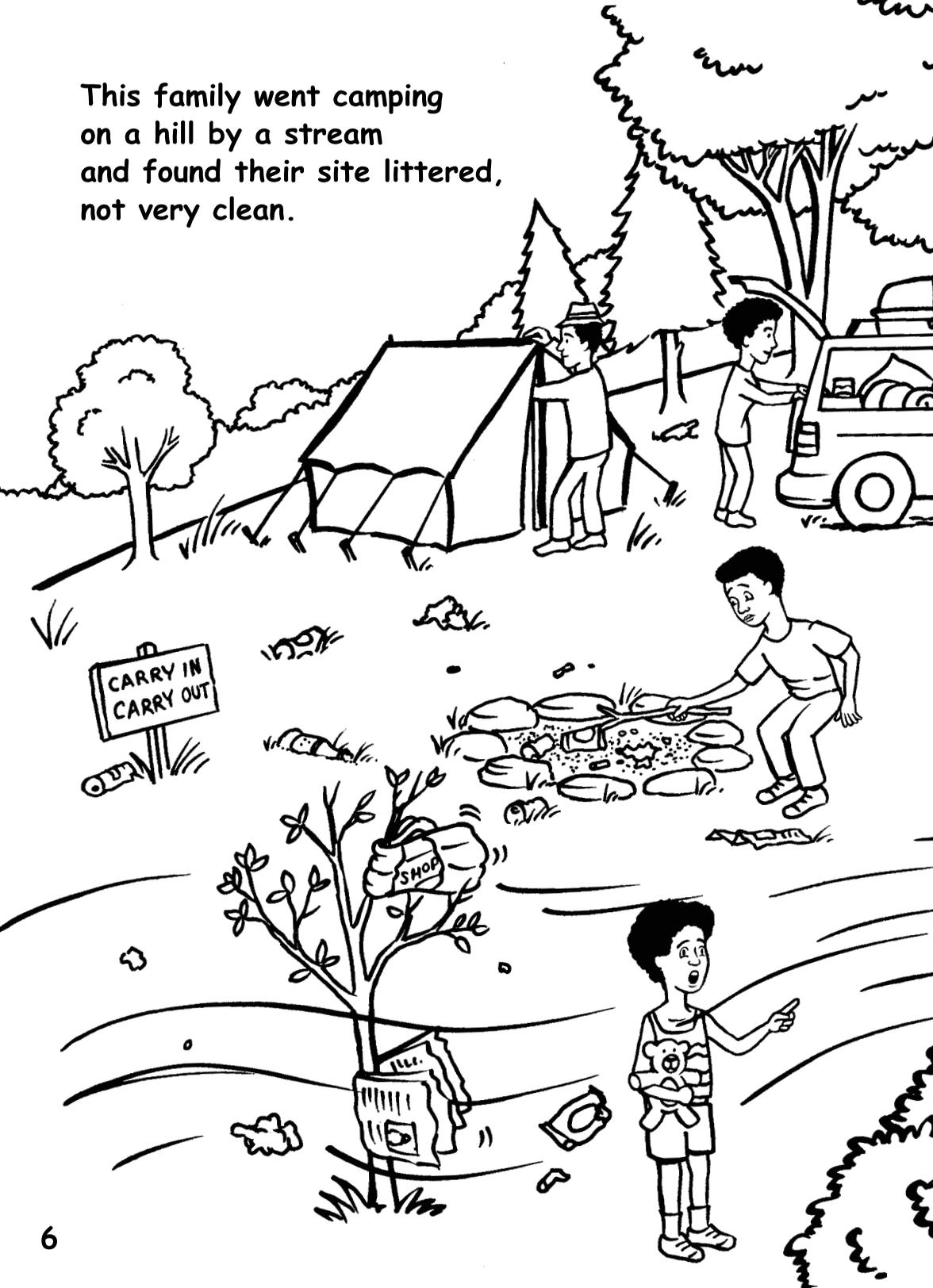
The land surrounding
streams and rivers
is called a **watershed**.



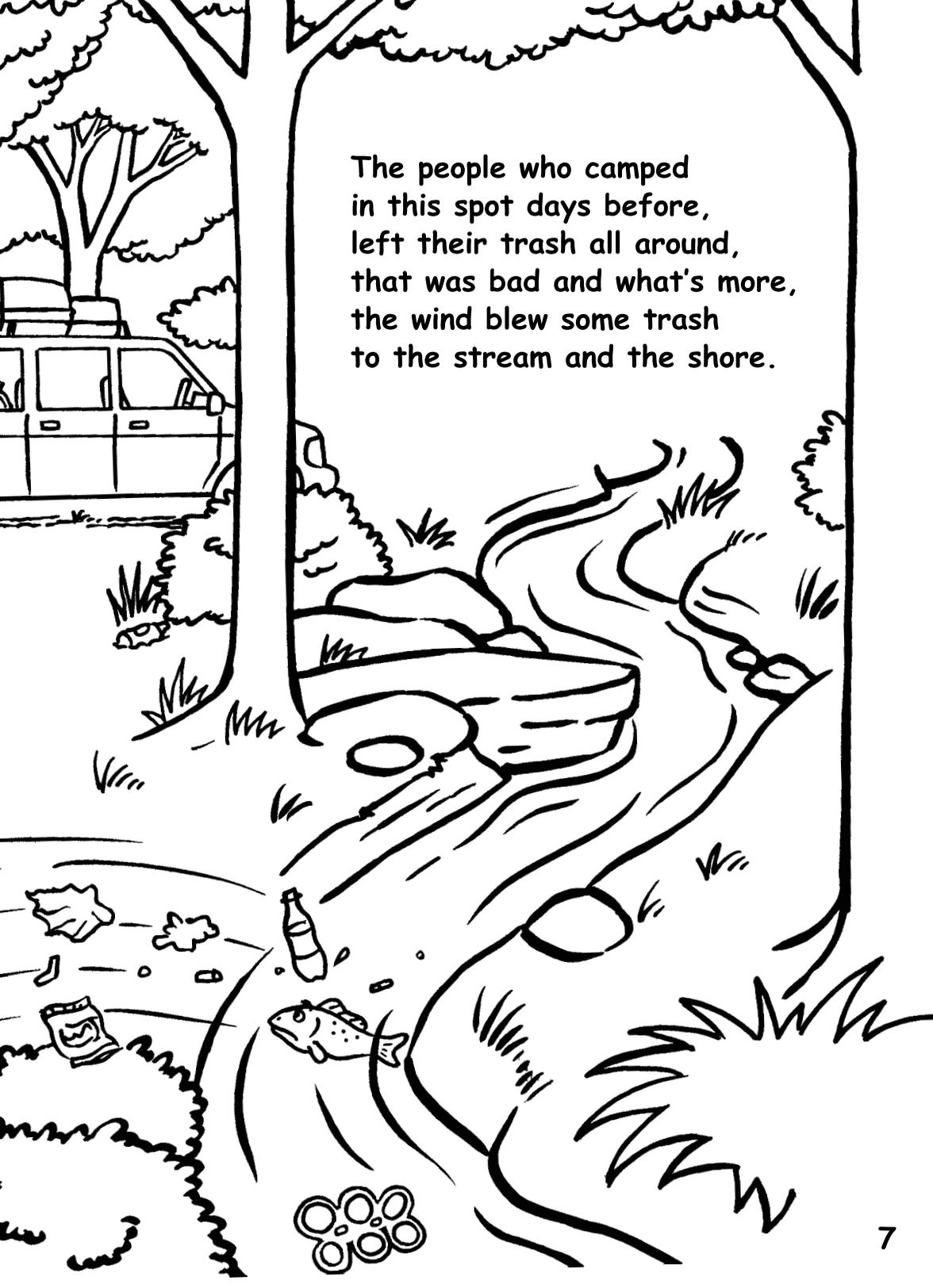


From the top of the hill to the town down below, let's follow the water and see where it goes.

This family went camping on a hill by a stream and found their site littered, not very clean.



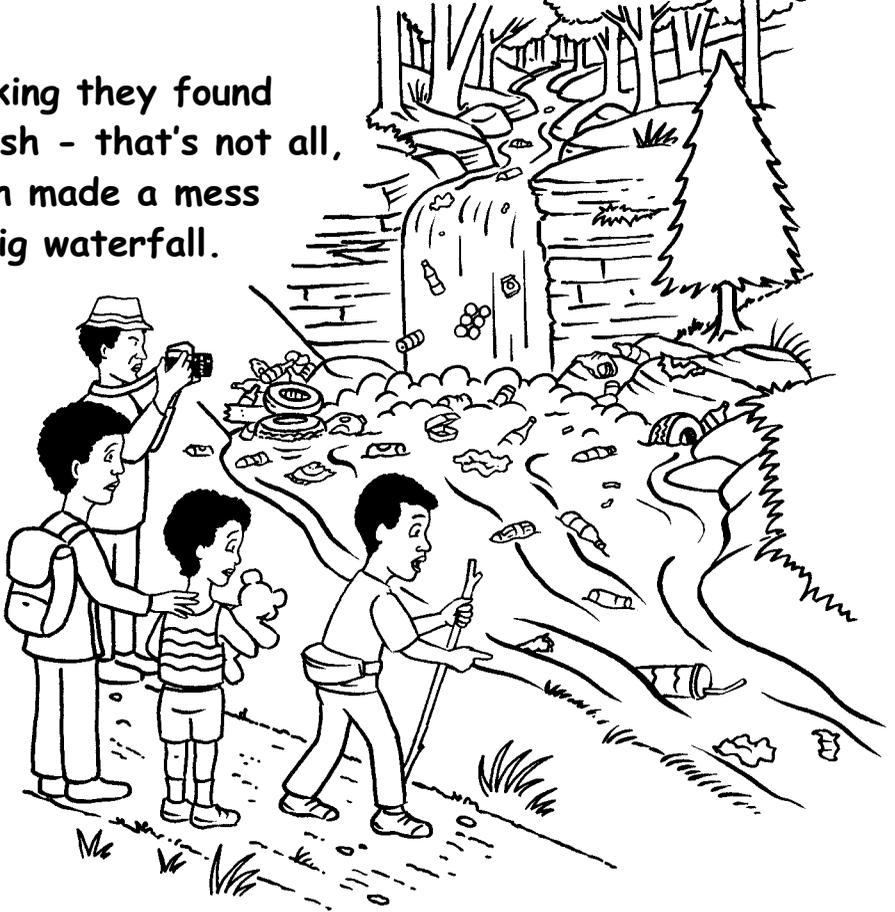
The people who camped
in this spot days before,
left their trash all around,
that was bad and what's more,
the wind blew some trash
to the stream and the shore.



The brother and sister had seen quite enough. So they carefully started to pick the trash up.



While hiking they found more trash - that's not all, the trash made a mess by the big waterfall.



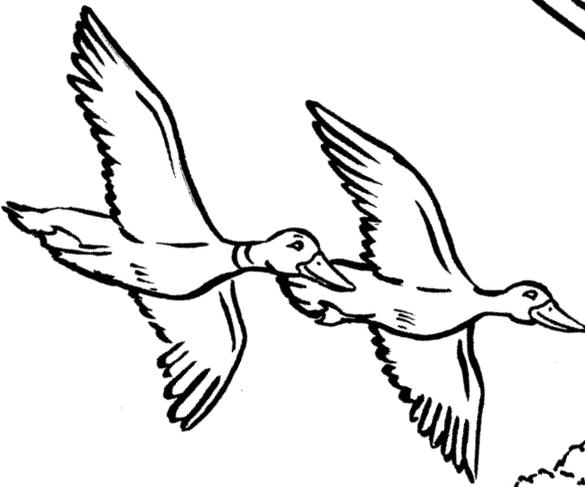
The family was mad.

Here was trash and much danger.

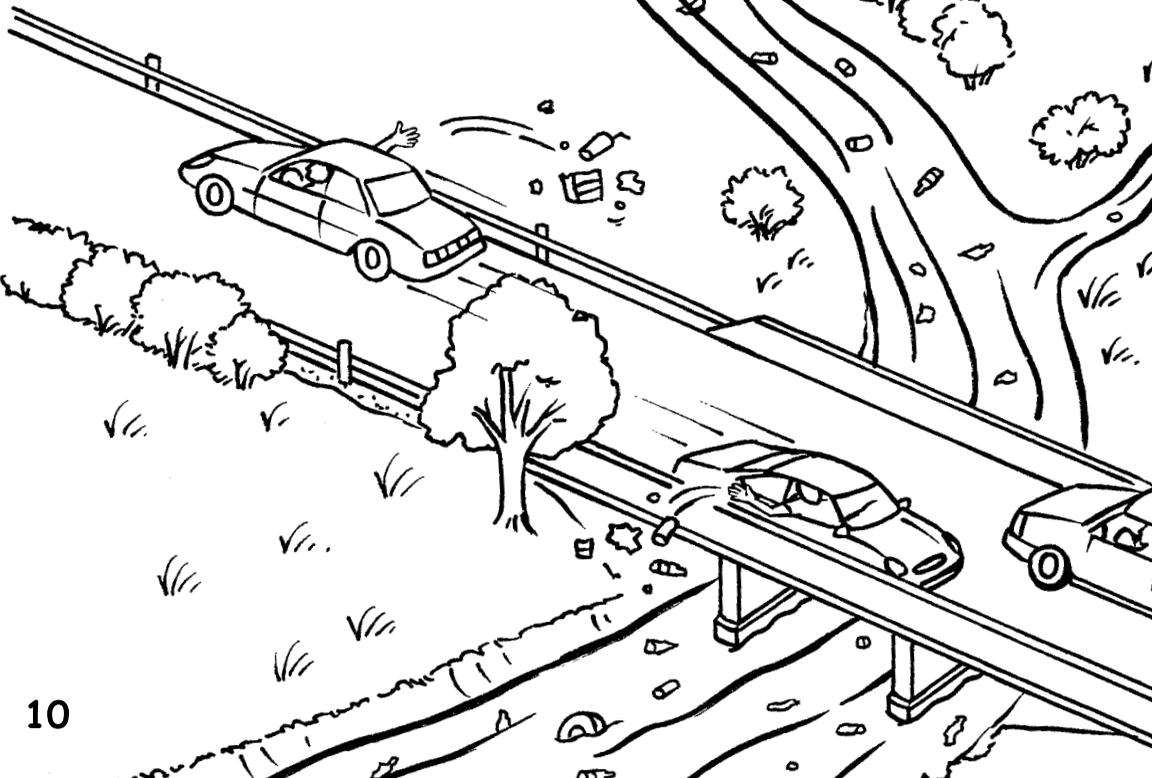
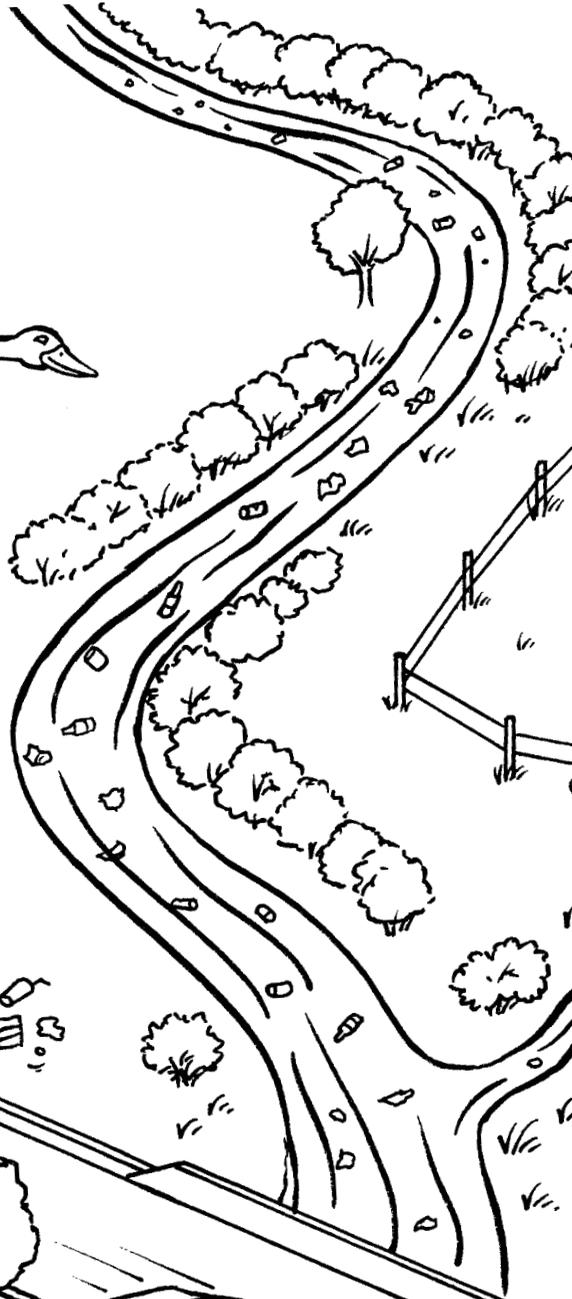
So dad took some pictures to show the park ranger.

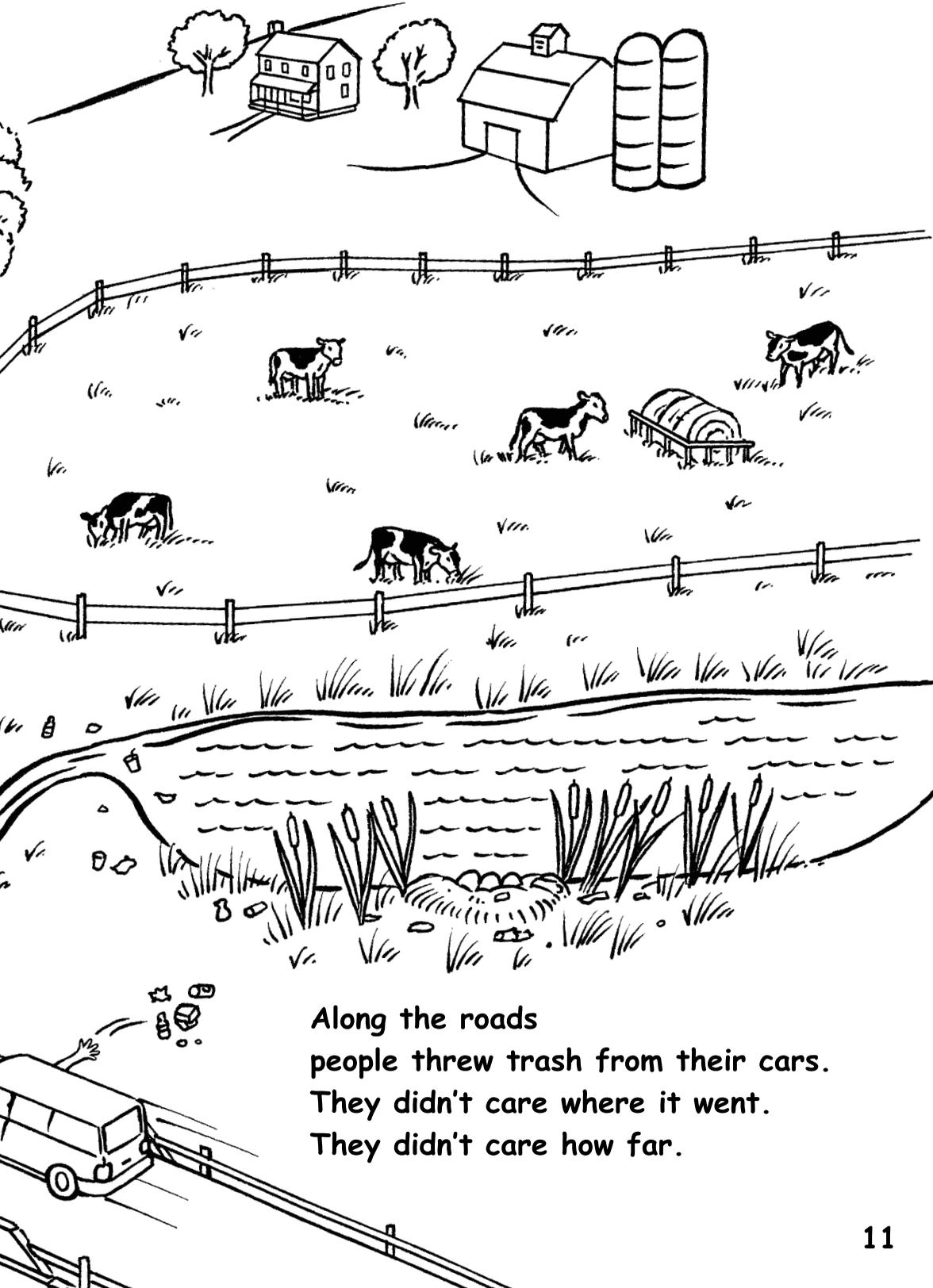
Thanks for caring about our park.





When the ducks flew home to their nest by the lake, what they saw in their nest made them shiver and shake.





Along the roads
people threw trash from their cars.
They didn't care where it went.
They didn't care how far.



Bottles and cans floated
downstream to their nest.
Wind blew in more trash
leaving their home quite a mess.

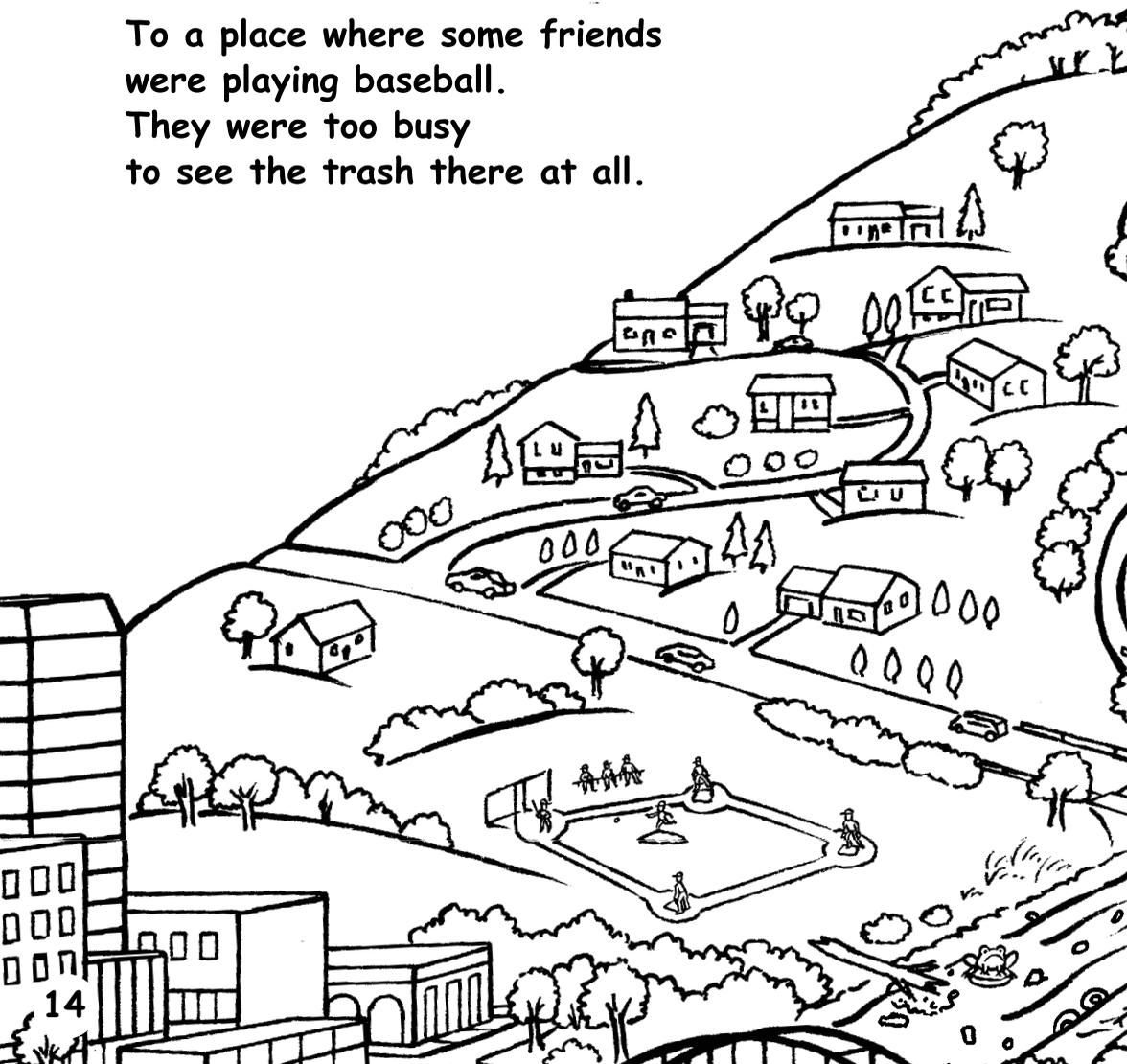


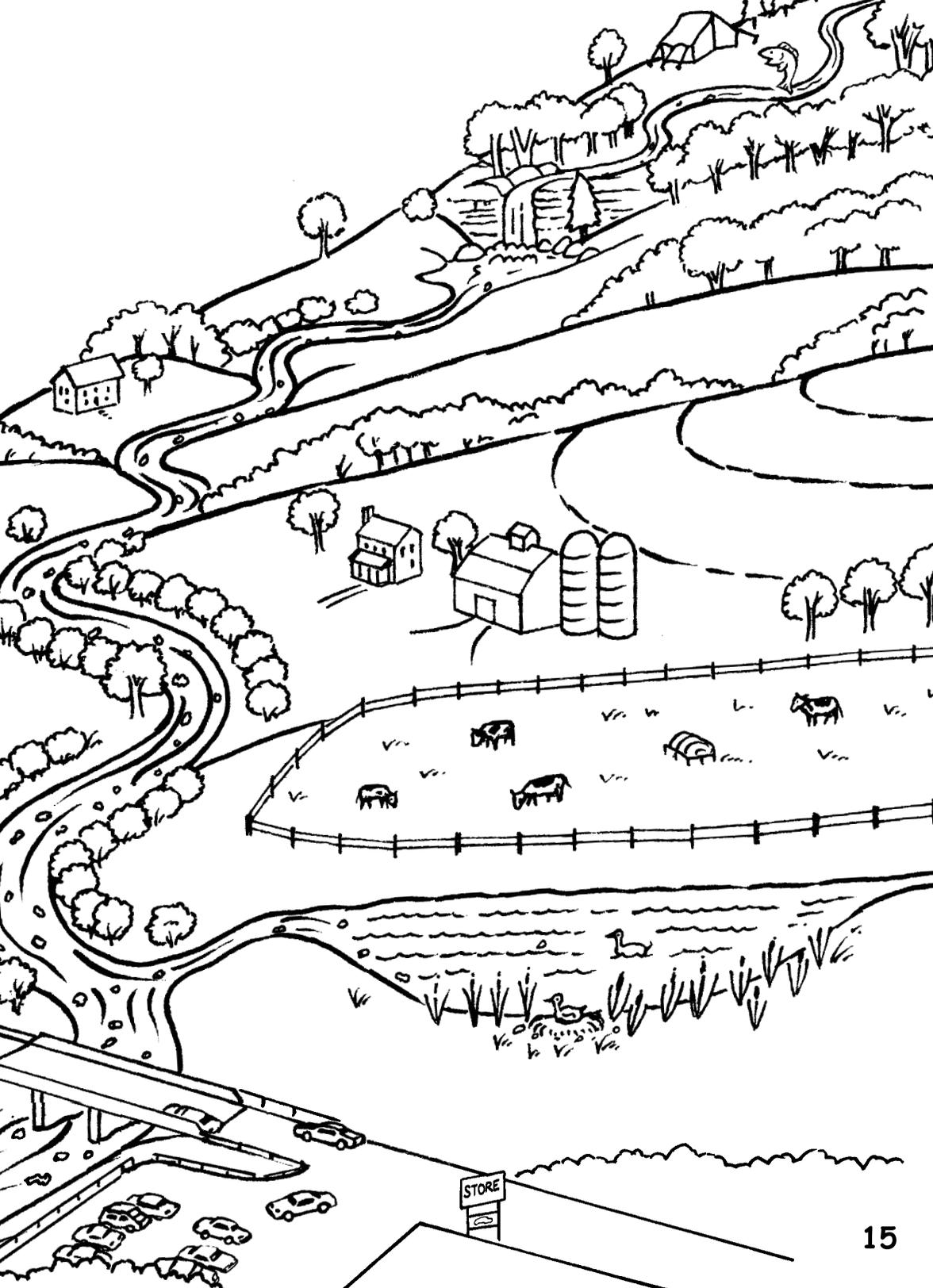
There was trash in the lake.
There was trash on the farm.
The ducks ran to the cows
to warn of the harm.



Downstream flowed the water.
It carried the trash
from the campsite and lake
to a bridge and then past...

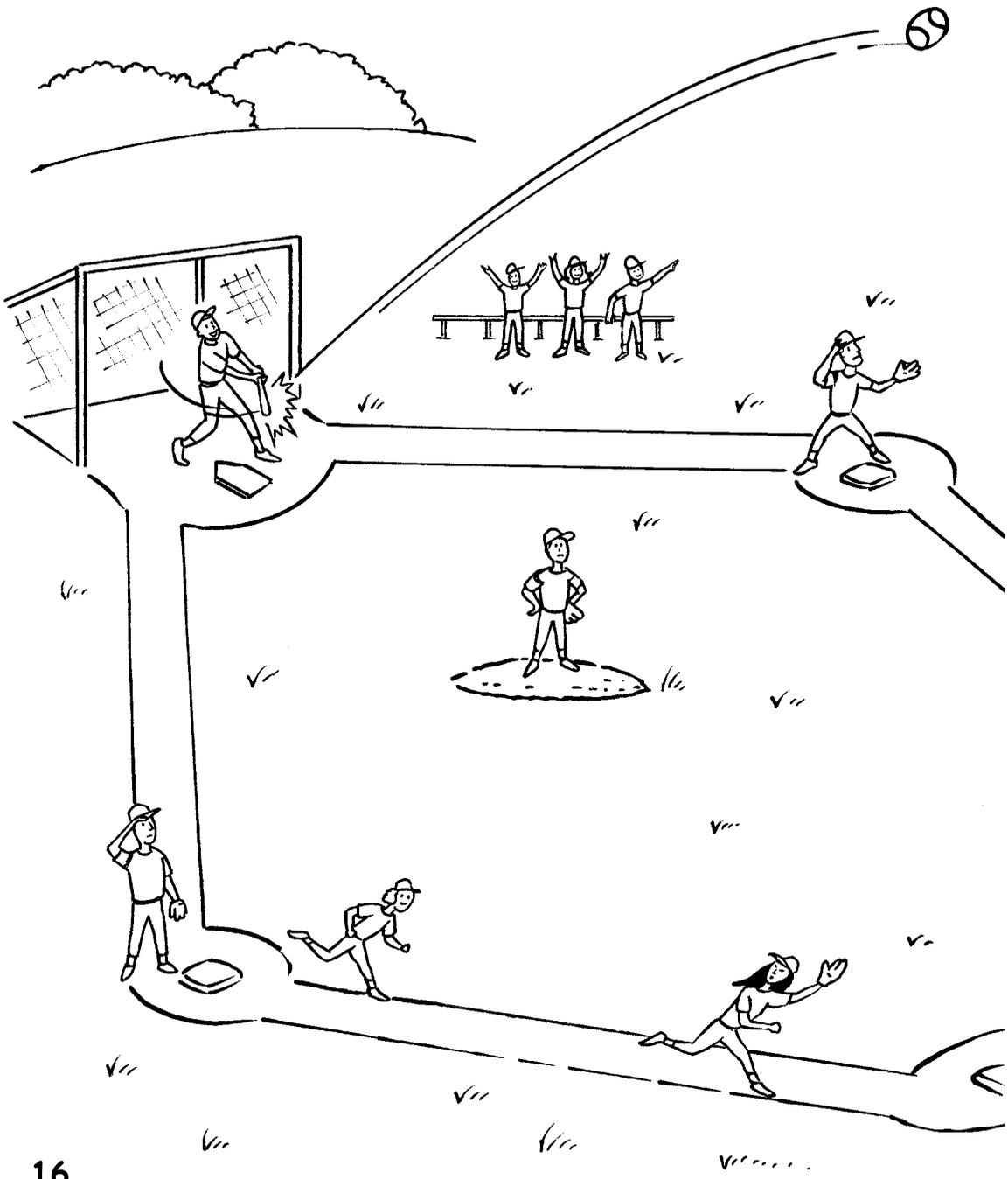
To a place where some friends
were playing baseball.
They were too busy
to see the trash there at all.



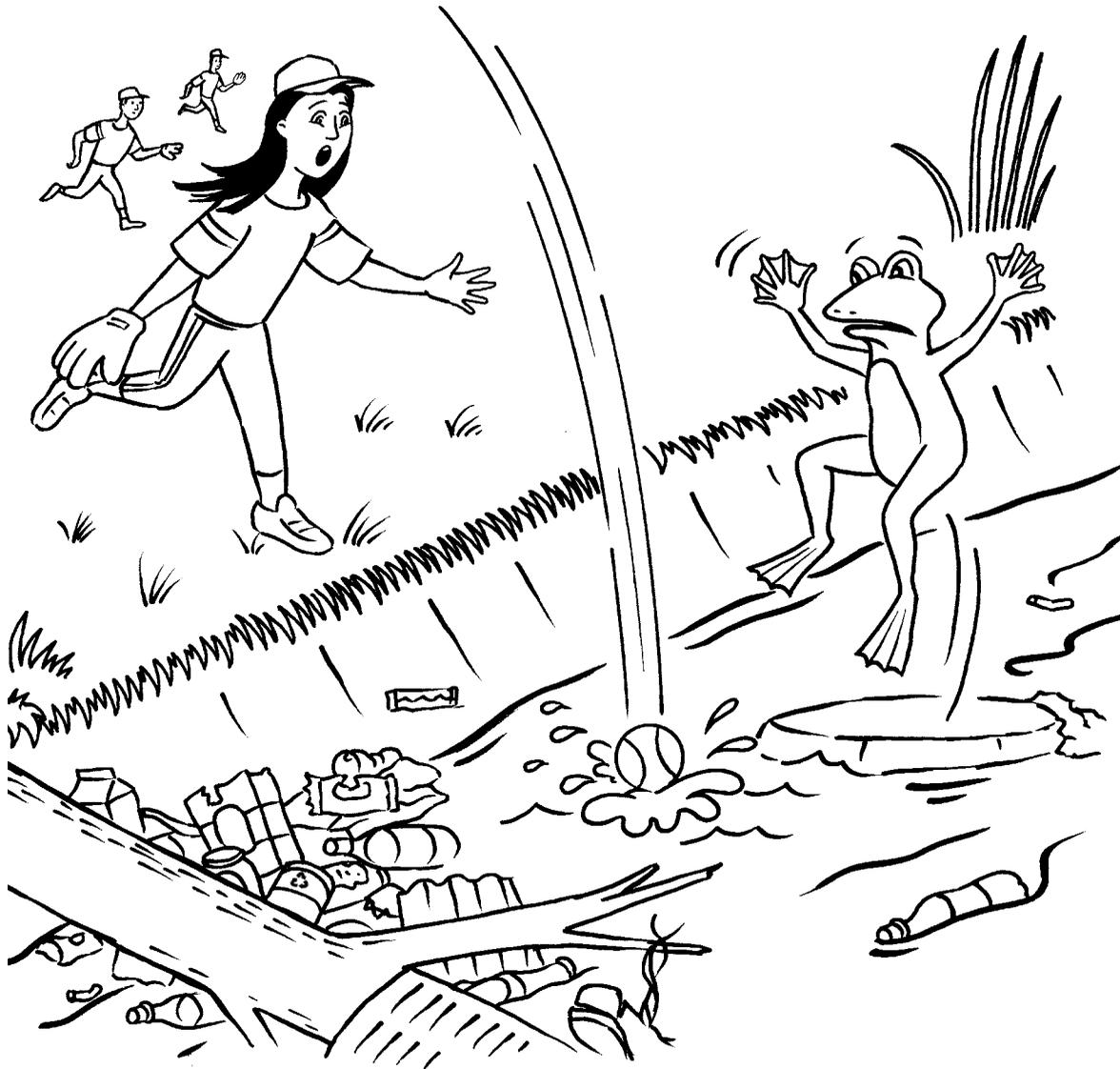


STORE

A kid hit the ball so hard with his bat that it flew to the stream...



where it fell with a SPLAT!



One of the kids spied a frog and said with a frown,
"Look at this place. It's a mess all around."

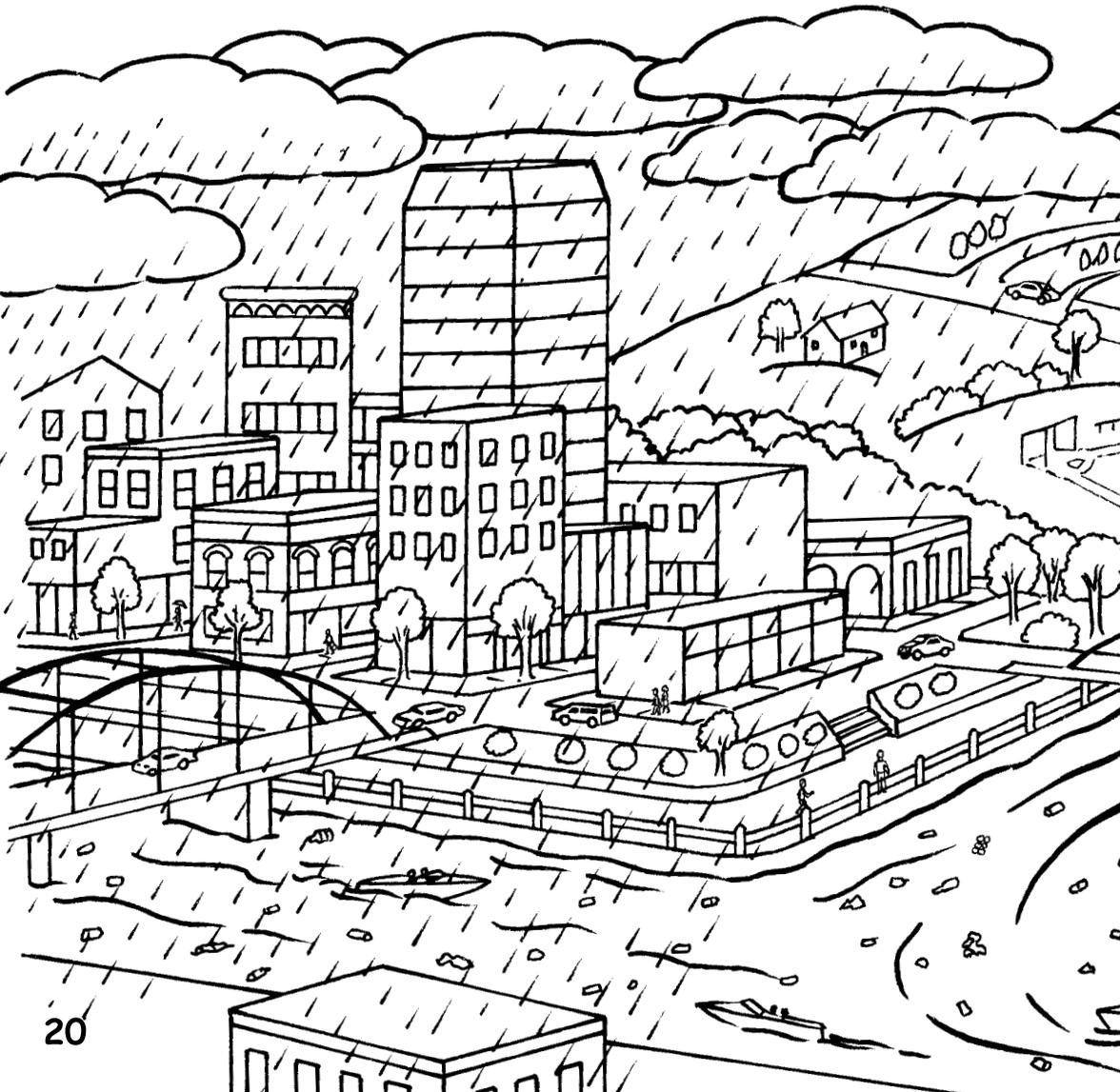
"See the cans, plastic bottles,
paper bags and old shoes?"
The kids all could see
this was very bad news...

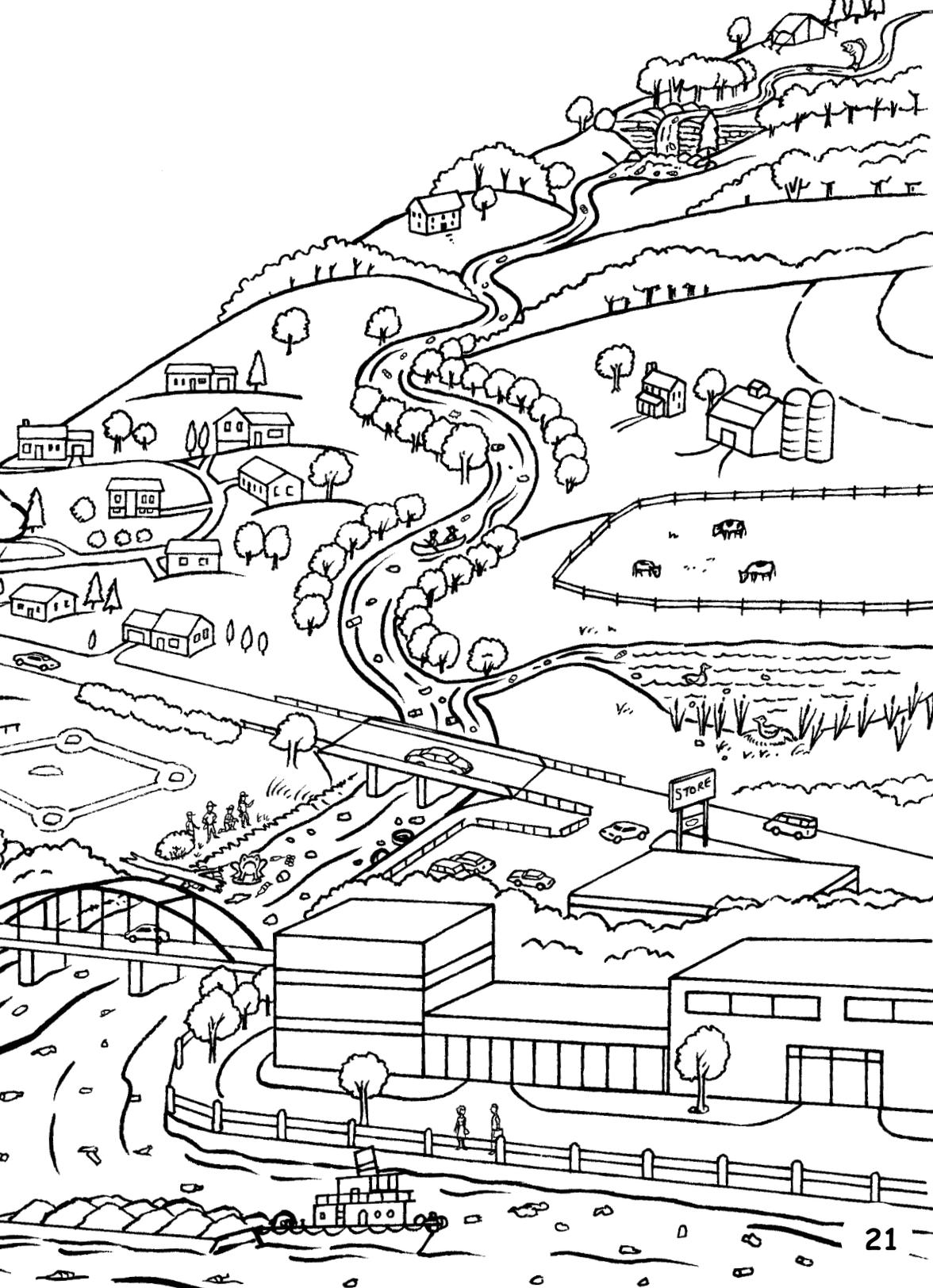




'cause the water and rain
in this stream washes down
all the trash to the river
in the middle of town!

Downstream from the ducks
and the big waterfall,
downstream from the frog
and the kids playing ball,
stood a town where the river
and stream came together...
where rain clouds and wind
made a change in the weather.







Raindrops bounced off the sidewalk
and bounced off the street.
Some kids played in puddles
and splashed around with their feet.

A squirrel saw them playing and came down from his tree. There was something important he wanted them to see.



They looked at the trash in the drain washing down. And they saw how the trash made a mess of their town.

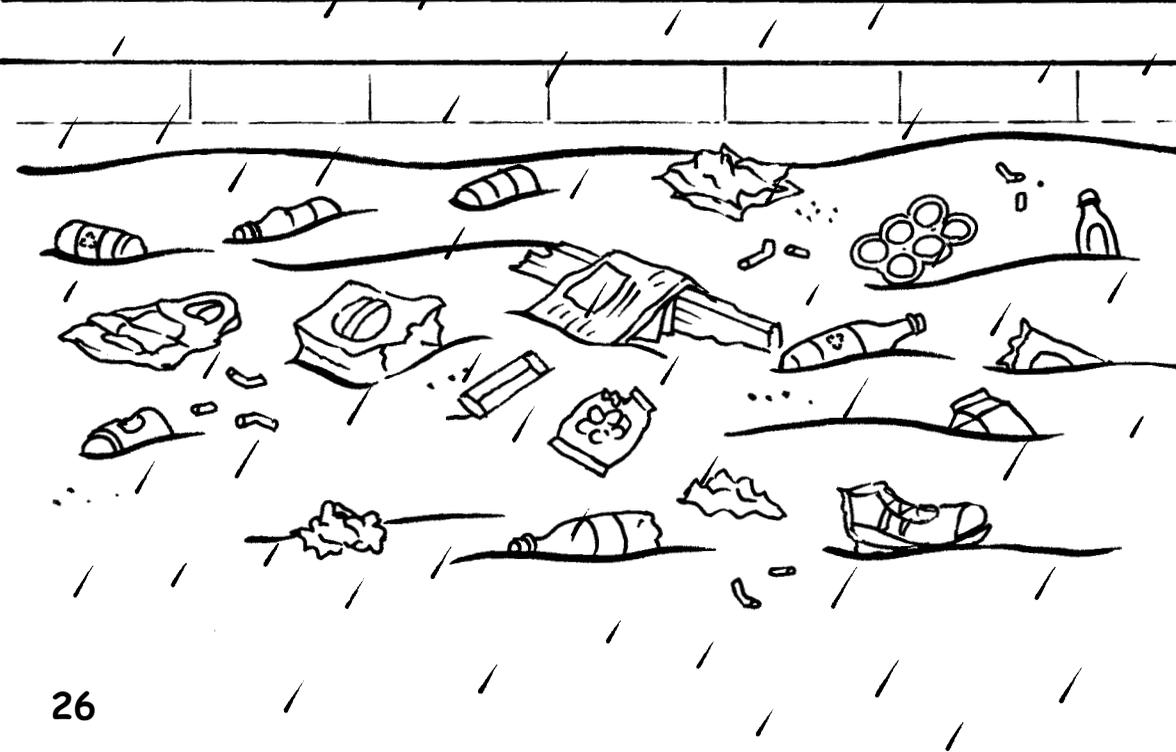
Then the squirrel showed the kids where all the trash goes. "Oh, look," said a boy, "to the river below."



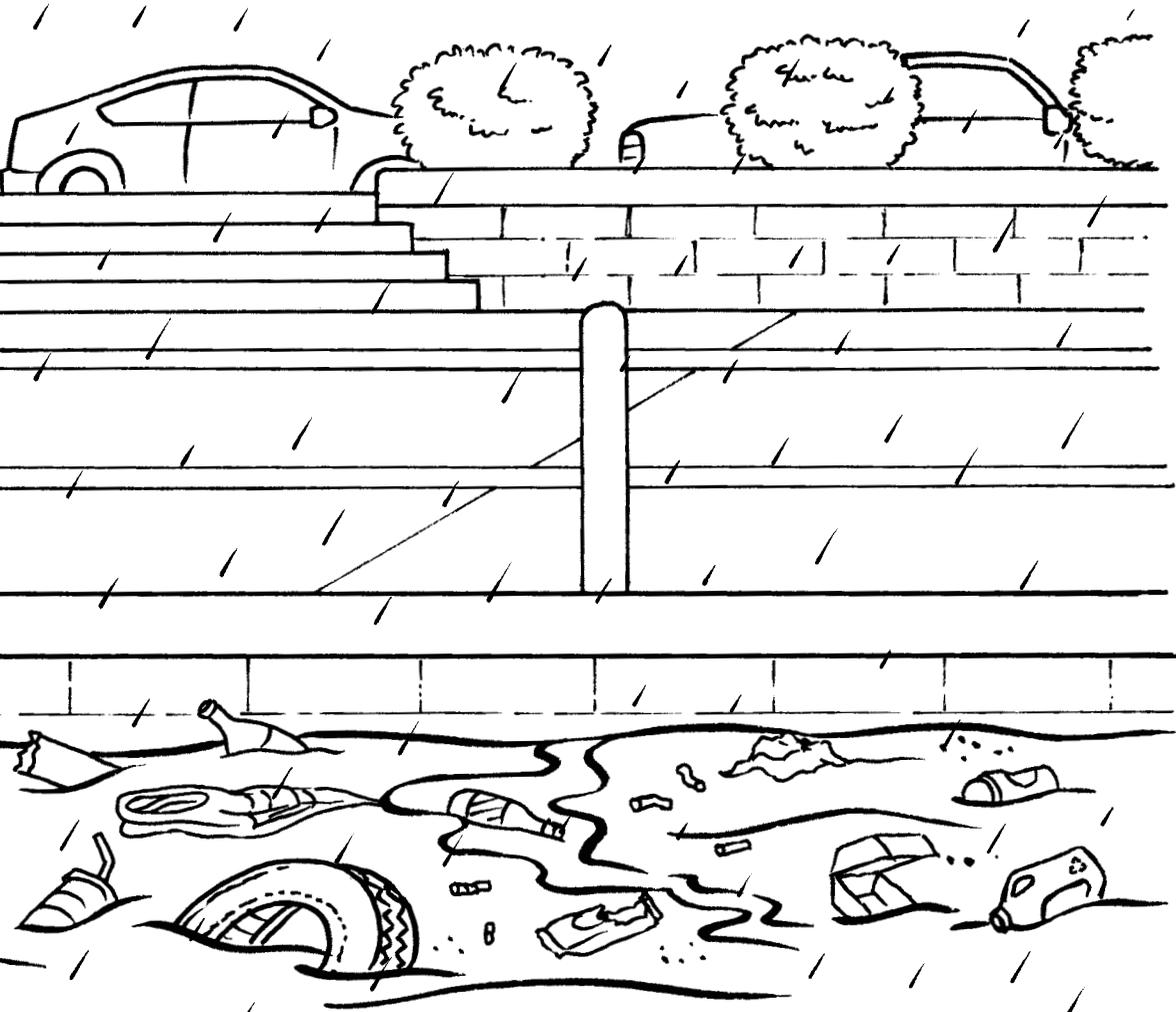


"How sad!" cried the girl,
"People just didn't care.
They dropped their old trash
over here, over there.
They tossed bags and bottles
right into the street.
They just didn't care
to have a town that was neat."

Then they ran to the river only to find,
the trash that some others carelessly left behind.

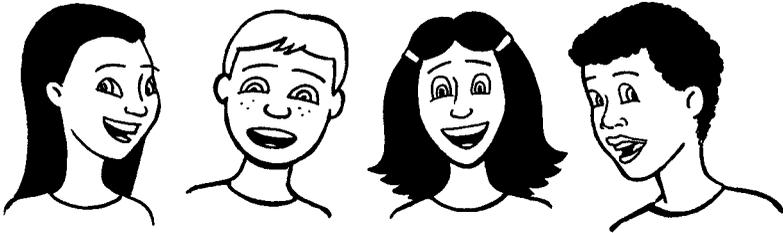


Broken boards, tires, bottles,
cigarette butts and cups,
candy wrappers and lunch bags
floated downstream from up.

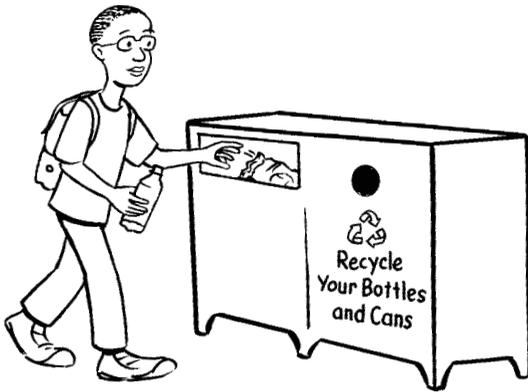


The kids and the squirrel did not know what to do.
Can this mess ever stop?
Yes, it CAN,
with help from you.

Open YOUR eyes to litter!

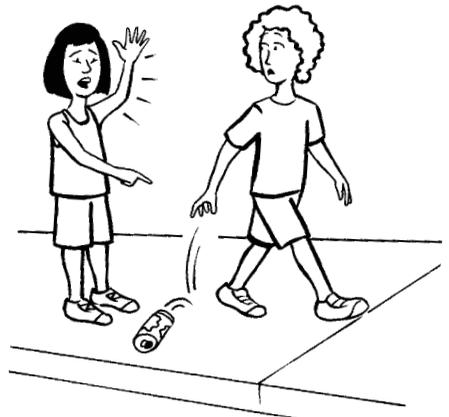


You start when you learn
to pick up after yourself.
To never leave messes for
somebody else.

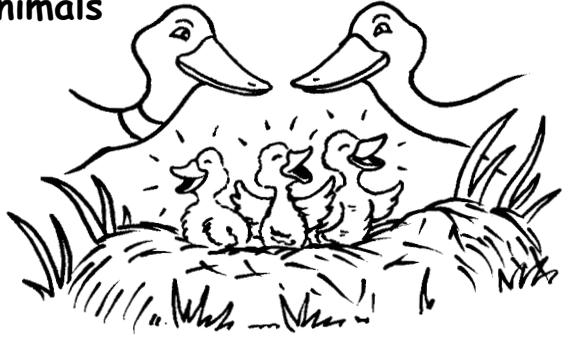


Put trash in its place.
That's where it belongs.
To leave it behind is lazy
and wrong.

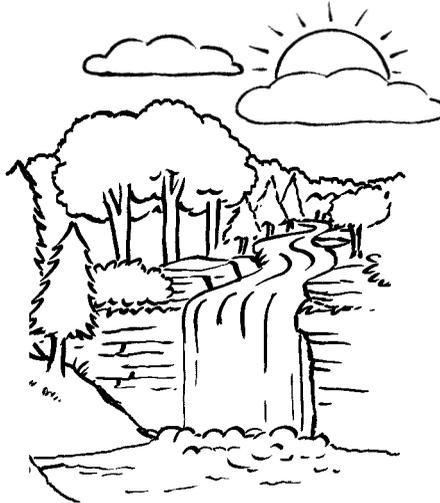
Teach others NOT to litter
their trash here and there.
Don't be afraid to speak up
and tell them you care.



Remember the ducks?
Well, their eggs have just hatched.
Don't forget trash and animals
are not a good match.



And when you're done eating
that yummy candy bar...
put the wrapper in your
pocket if a trash can is far.



Open your eyes to litter!
It's easier than it seems.
We can all work together to keep our
watersheds clean.

Draw a ☆ by where you live.
 Draw a ☺ by places you have visited.
 Color the rivers blue,
 the forests green and the
 mountains purple.

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Where



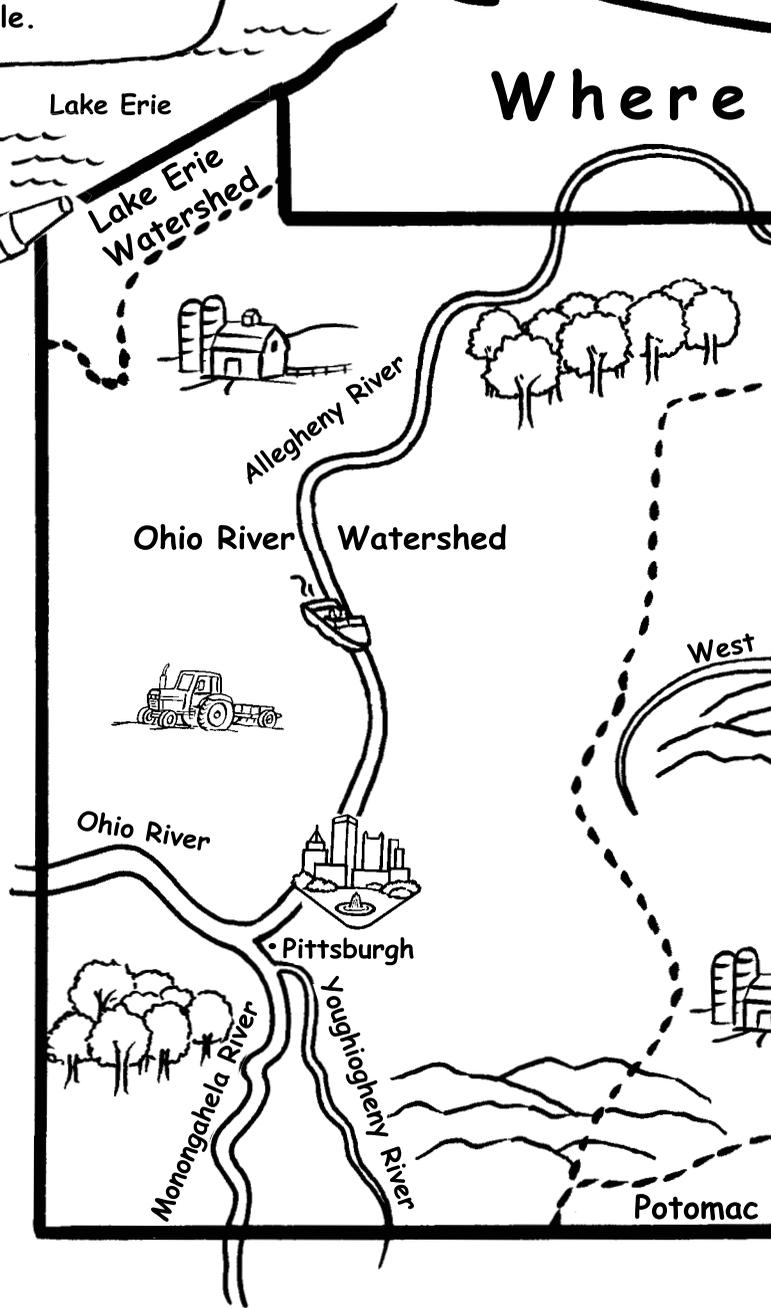
Rivers

Watershed Borders

State Border

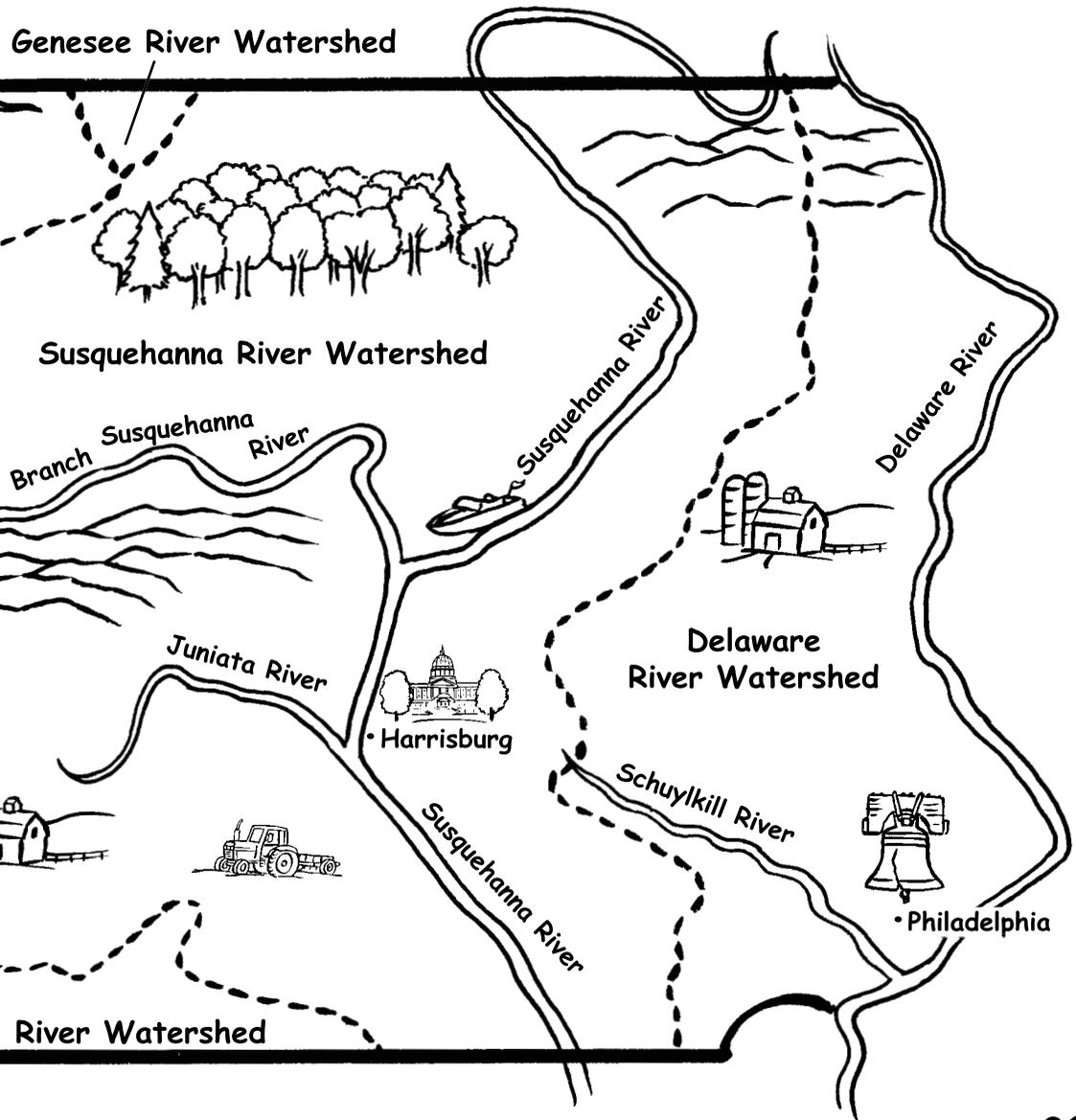
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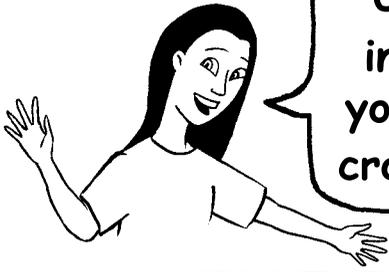
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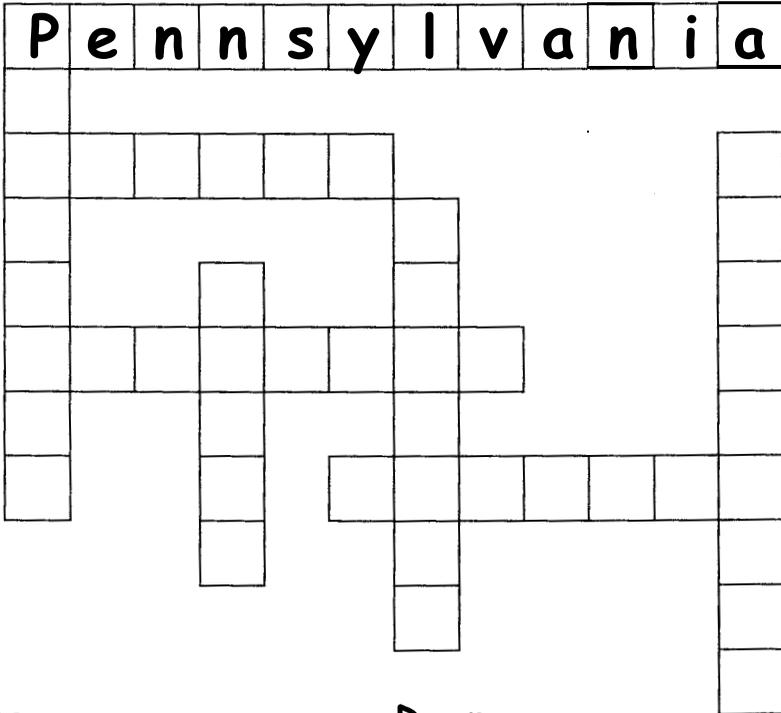
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Do You Live?





Use the words
in **bold** to help
you complete the
crossword puzzle.



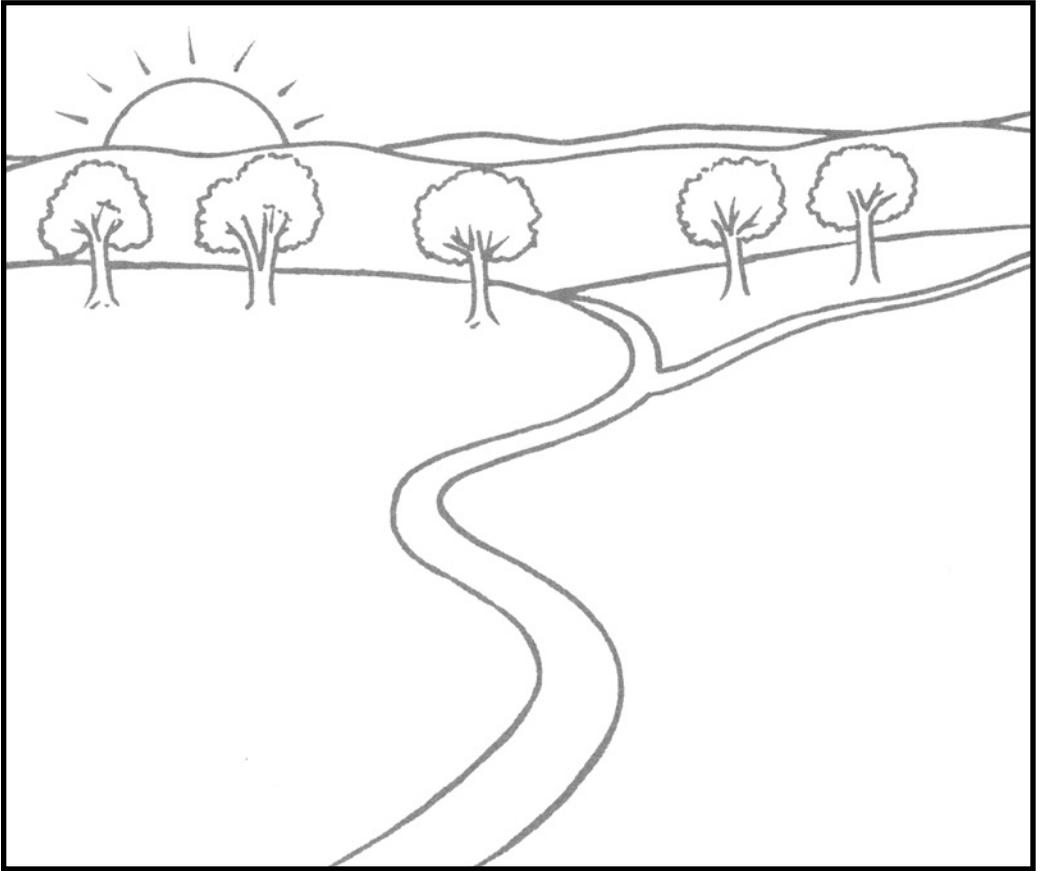
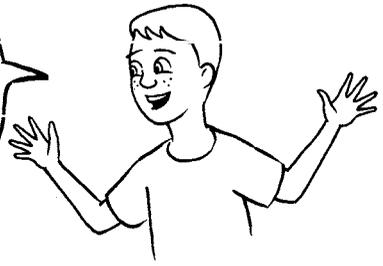
Across

- Keep **Pennsylvania** Beautiful empowers Pennsylvanians to make their communities clean and beautiful.
- Working **together** we can make a difference.
- Don't forget trash and **animals** are not a good match.
- **Litter** is what does not belong in the environment naturally.

Down

- **Teach** others not to litter.
- The land surrounding streams and rivers is called a **watershed**.
- Trash in the streams **pollutes** the water.
- We must all learn to **clean up** after ourselves.

**Draw Yourself
In A Watershed**



Website resources:

Ask an adult to help you locate these fun and interactive websites.

www.keppabeautiful.org/kids

www.epa.gov/owow/nps/kids/



For even more information, go to www.askjeeves.com and type the words "watersheds kids" in the "search" box.



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