## Watersheds, Wetlands and Water Quality

## Wetlands

How do wetlands function? Why are they valuable?

Answer these question about wetlands. These sites may help you: https://science.howstuffworks.com/environmental/green-science/wetland.htm/printable https://cfpub.epa.gov/watertrain/moduleFrame.cfm?parent\_object\_id=262 https://www.epa.gov/wetlands/classification-and-types-wetlands#marshes

- 1. Define a wetland.
- 2. What are the different types of wetlands?
- 3. What is true about the productivity of wetlands?
- 4. What characteristics determine the plants and animals that inhabit each wetland?
- 5. List the many functions of wetlands.

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## Map Research

- 1. Visit: Wetlands mapper: <u>https://www.fws.gov/wetlands/data/Mapper.html</u>
- 2. Find the location of your school and your home.
- 3. Find the closest wetlands to your school or home.
- 4. What might be the benefits to your home or school location from the nearest wetlands? Would you support having more wetlands nearby? Why or why not?

