

Using the NC River Basins booklet, cut out the following words and match them with their correct definition.

Estuary

Rapid, dense growth of algae that robs the water of oxygen as it dies and decomposes.

Groundwater

Comes from land use activities and results in rainwater washing pollutants off the land and into streams

Ecosystem

An area where the water table is at, near, or above the land surface long enough during the year to support the growth of specially adapted plants.

Aquifer

An animal that lacks a backbone and is visible to the naked eye; known as bio-indicators.

Vegetative Buffer

A federal law that established a goal of making all of the nation's water fishable and swimmable.

Point Source Pollution

A porous rock layer underground that is a reservoir for water.

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Non-Point  
Source Pollution

A natural system linked by living (plants, animals) and non-living (soil, air, water) things.

Algal Bloom

Discharge entering a stream at a specific, detectable point such as a pipe or outfall.

Stormwater

A semi-enclosed area where fresh water from a river meets salt water from the sea.

Macroinvertebrate

Plants and trees surrounding a stream designed to help keep soil in place and filter pollutants

Wetland

Surplus water from rain and melted snow.

Clean Water  
Act of 1972

The water found in cracks and pores in sand, gravel, and rocks beneath the earth's surface.