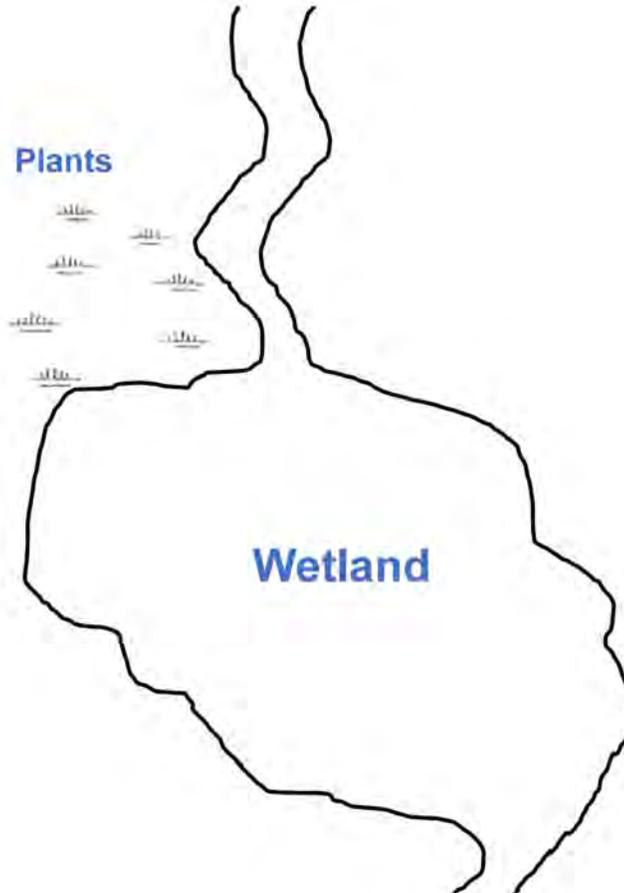


Living and working near a wetland



Where would you put the buildings?

Print the map. Cut out the shapes and paste them around the map where you think they should go. Then share your finished collage on social media with the hashtag **#MyCommunityPlan**. For full instructions, please go to next page (Page 2). For map, go to last page (Page 3).

Municipal services (Fire; Library; Offices)	Grocery	Dry cleaners	Restaurant	Gas station
Apartment building	Farm field (tiled; three-crop rotation)	Industrial factory	Park	Highway
House	House	House	House	House

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The way we use land affects wildlife and habitat either positively or negatively. What we do with the land is a reflection of our priorities and lifestyles. Whether you have a home, farm, or business each person has a distinct perspective. How would you grow a community of people alongside wetlands?

Wetland Activity

Try this activity with your family or in your classroom.

You will need scissors; masking tape; paper and printer.

By creating a collage, you can begin thinking about how different kinds of land uses have a different impact on wetland habitats.

Instructions:

Print out the set of Land Use Patterns and one wetland map.

1. Cut out the different building pieces. (You may colour them or draw on them).
2. How would you grow a community alongside a wetland?
Using the wetland map, arrange the land use pieces around the wetland.
Use every piece. The pieces may touch but they cannot overlap.
Pieces may be cut smaller.
3. If you want to create any additional land use pieces you can add but don't take away any original pieces.
4. Tape each land use piece on the map when you are happy with where they are.
5. Discuss your choices with others.

Once you have completed the exercise, you can share your finished product on social media with the hashtag **#MyCommunityPlan** and explain why you put the buildings where you did.

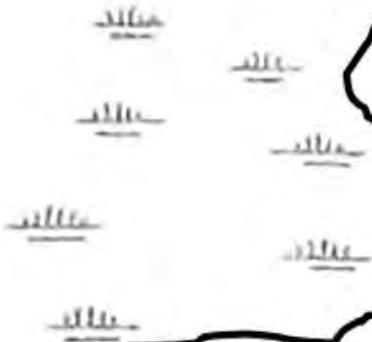
We need wetlands.

What can you do to minimize damaging effects from humans on wetlands?

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Wetland map for activity

Plants



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