

# Take the Stormwater Runoff Challenge

## Across:

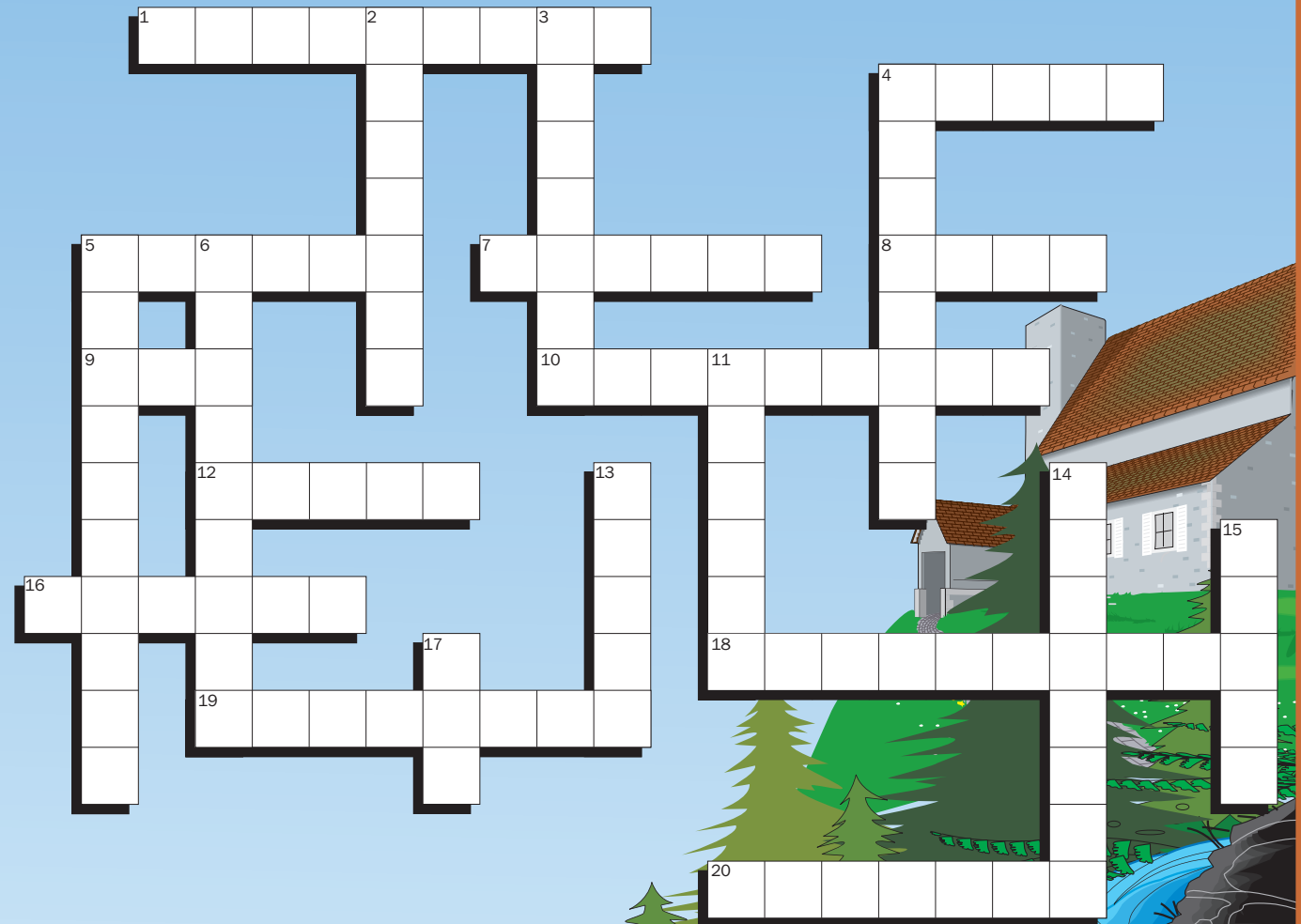
- 1) The area of land that drains into an estuary, lake, stream, or groundwater is known as a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) The \_\_\_\_\_ of speeding boats can erode shorelines.
- 5) Maintaining your \_\_\_\_\_ tank will help to prevent bacteria and nutrients from leaking into groundwater and surface waters.
- 7) Wetland plants act like a natural water \_\_\_\_\_, removing harmful pollutants from stormwater runoff.
- 8) Leave your grass clippings on your \_\_\_\_\_ to reduce the need for commercial fertilizers.
- 9) A single quart of motor \_\_\_\_\_, if disposed of improperly, can pollute 2 million gallons of water.
- 10) Fertilizers and animal wastes contain \_\_\_\_\_ that "feed" algae and other aquatic plants harmful to water quality.
- 12) Polluted runoff from both rural and \_\_\_\_\_ sources has a significant impact on water quality.
- 16) Storm \_\_\_\_\_ don't always connect to sewage treatment plants, so runoff can flow directly to rivers, lakes, and coastal waters.
- 18) Follow directions carefully when applying \_\_\_\_\_ on your lawn—more isn't always better.
- 19) Polluted runoff (also called \_\_\_\_\_ source pollution) comes from so many places that it's hard to "pinpoint" a source.
- 20) Yard and vegetable food waste are suitable additions to a \_\_\_\_\_ pile.

## Down:

- 2) Don't dump used motor oil into storm drains. \_\_\_\_\_ it!
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ of soil from barren land can cloud nearby streams.
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ prevent flooding, improve water quality, and provide habitat for waterfowl, fish, and wildlife.
- 5) Marking "Do Not Dump, Drains to River" on a \_\_\_\_\_ is one way to educate people about polluted runoff.
- 6) Excess sediment, nutrients, toxics, and pathogens are all types of runoff \_\_\_\_\_.
- 11) Polluted \_\_\_\_\_ is the nation's #1 water quality problem.
- 13) The cattail is one wetland \_\_\_\_\_ that helps purify polluted runoff.
- 14) Too much \_\_\_\_\_ in water can harm aquatic life.
- 15) Proper crop and animal management on \_\_\_\_\_ helps to control water pollution.
- 17) \_\_\_\_\_ impact development helps control stormwater pollution through conservation approaches and techniques.

## Choices:

compost	nonpoint	sediment
drains	nutrients	septic
erosion	oil	storm drain
farms	plant	urban
fertilizer	pollution	wakes
filter	recycle	watershed
lawn	runoff	wetlands
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