

# What's Your Watershed Address?

You know your street address. But do you know your watershed address?

To figure out your school's watershed address, think about where your school is located and where the water from this site flows. Use the maps provided in this guide to answer the questions.

- Caroline Middle School
- Chickahominy Middle School
- Liberty Middle School
- Oak Knoll Middle School
- Stonewall Jackson Middle School

1. When it rains on the roof, where does the water go? Where is the creek, stream, or river near your school to which the water flows?
2. The name of the closest body of water is the first part of your watershed address. Write down the name of that waterway.
3. Where does the water flow from the first creek? Trace the creek to the next body of water on the map. That's the next part of your address. Write the name of the water-way on the next line.
4. Keep following the path the water would take on the map until you get to a big river, then the Chesapeake Bay, and then to the Atlantic Ocean. This is the last part of your watershed address. Write the names of those waterways next. (ex: Unnamed little creek, Big Creek, James River, Chesapeake Bay, Atlantic Ocean).

***Now you know your watershed address!***

**Note:** You may have to do some detective work if you have storm drains on the property. Where does the water go from the storm drain? Look at the maps provided for your school and see if you can trace its path. Water flows from high points to lower elevations. Using the topographic map, find the highest elevation line and the lowest elevation line near the school or draw your own map. Instructions can be found in the lesson Watershed Investigation Walk.

## Resources

For an introduction to the major watersheds in Virginia, please visit other lessons provided by the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts:  
<http://www.vaswcd.org/documents/Education/Sixth%20Grade%20Watershed%20Curriculum.pdf>