Watershed Block Walk – A Neighborhood Watershed Scavenger Hunt

Instructions: Take a short walk around your block and see how many watershed features you can identify. Check off any features you find on the list below. For any questions below, add your observations and illustrations.

Watershed Form and Function:

□ 1. A place where water COLLECTS
□ 2. A place where water is ABSORBED
□ 3. A place where surface runoff moves FAST
□ 4. A place where surface runoff moves SLOWLY
□ 5. A place that is in the shade
□ 6. A place that is in the direct sun
□ 7. A place that is HIGHER in elevation
□ 8. A place that is LOWER in elevation
□ 9. A place that is MORE IMPACTED by human activity
□ 10. A place that is LESS IMPACTED by human activity
□ 11. Something that makes surface runoff DIRTIER
□ 12. Something that makes surface runoff CLEANER
□ 13. Example of people being watershed stewards

Water Infrastructure:

□ 14. A fire hydrant
□ 15. A water meter on building or home
□ 16. A rooftop water tank
□ 17. A storm drain/catch basin
□ 18. A sewer or water main cover
□ 19. A rain garden
Watershed Trees and Plants:

20. What kinds of plants are on your block?

21. Locate a tree and sketch it in the space below (or on another page).

A) What parts of the tree can you see?

B) What parts of the tree can’t you see?

C) What are the different ways that this tree interacts with water?