

Watersheds		Grade 8: Water Systems	
Curriculum Connections		<b>Topic</b>	Earth and Space
		<b>Fundamental Concepts</b>	Sustainability and Stewardship
<b>Description</b> Understand the geography of a watershed and how the effects humans can have on them.			
<b>Big Ideas</b> Water systems influence climate and weather patterns		<b>Overall Expectations</b> 2. investigate factors that affect local water quality 3. demonstrate an understanding of the characteristics of the earth's water systems and the influence of water systems on a specific region	
<b>Specific Expectations</b> 2.4 use scientific inquiry/research skills to investigate local water issues 3.2 demonstrate an understanding of the watershed as a fundamental geographic unit, and explain how it related to water management and planning			