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It started like any other recess, until Connor noticed something strange...
Ralph, the animals who live in the stream don’t look so good...

They look kind of sick!

I see... I think I have some friends that can help.
Hello Ninox.

The students are worried about the animals living in the stream.

They say the animals look sick and the water looks bad.

Ralph-Old friend, I agree, it sounds like trouble.

We all need to meet and investigate. I’ll call the others.
The animals look so sad...

See, the stream doesn’t look right.
The water looks dirty.

You’re right kids.
Something is very wrong. We need to take a closer look with a special tool I brought with me.
The scan is showing numerous problems. See the land above your stream and how the water flows through it? That is called a watershed, and it is very important to your stream.

Simply put... Your stream is unhealthy because your watershed is unhealthy.

Whobuddies!
We have work to do!
Streambank erosion
Air smells strange
Energy wasted
Need more trees

No wildlife habitats

Animals are sick

Soil erosion

Entering stream
Suddenly, without hesitation, the Whobuddies join together the power of all our natural resources to become conservation heroes ready to jump into action!

ENERGY

WATER

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AIR

SOIL

PLANTS
All animals need food, clean water, and a nice place to live!

Healthy plants next to a stream keeps the water clean!

Strong trees make the air better to breathe!
Conserve water every day in every way you can!

Wind power is one great renewable energy source!

Always work hard to keep the soil from eroding!
We are off to a good start. Some of the problems have been fixed, but more work needs to be done. Are you all willing to pitch in to help your watershed become healthier?

Yes we are! You can count on us!

Good! We must continue to all work together!
We have to go now to another natural resource emergency, but we will be back to help again!

Keep up the good work!
You can be a conservation hero too!

- Get involved in helping your environment.
- Share what you know about resources.
- Do your best to conserve and protect our earth.