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Mystery of the Sick Stream







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.

Water pollution

Water is wasted

Whobuddies! We have work to do!

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Plants are dying



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









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!





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?



We have to go now to another natural resource emergency, but we will be back to help again!

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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.

