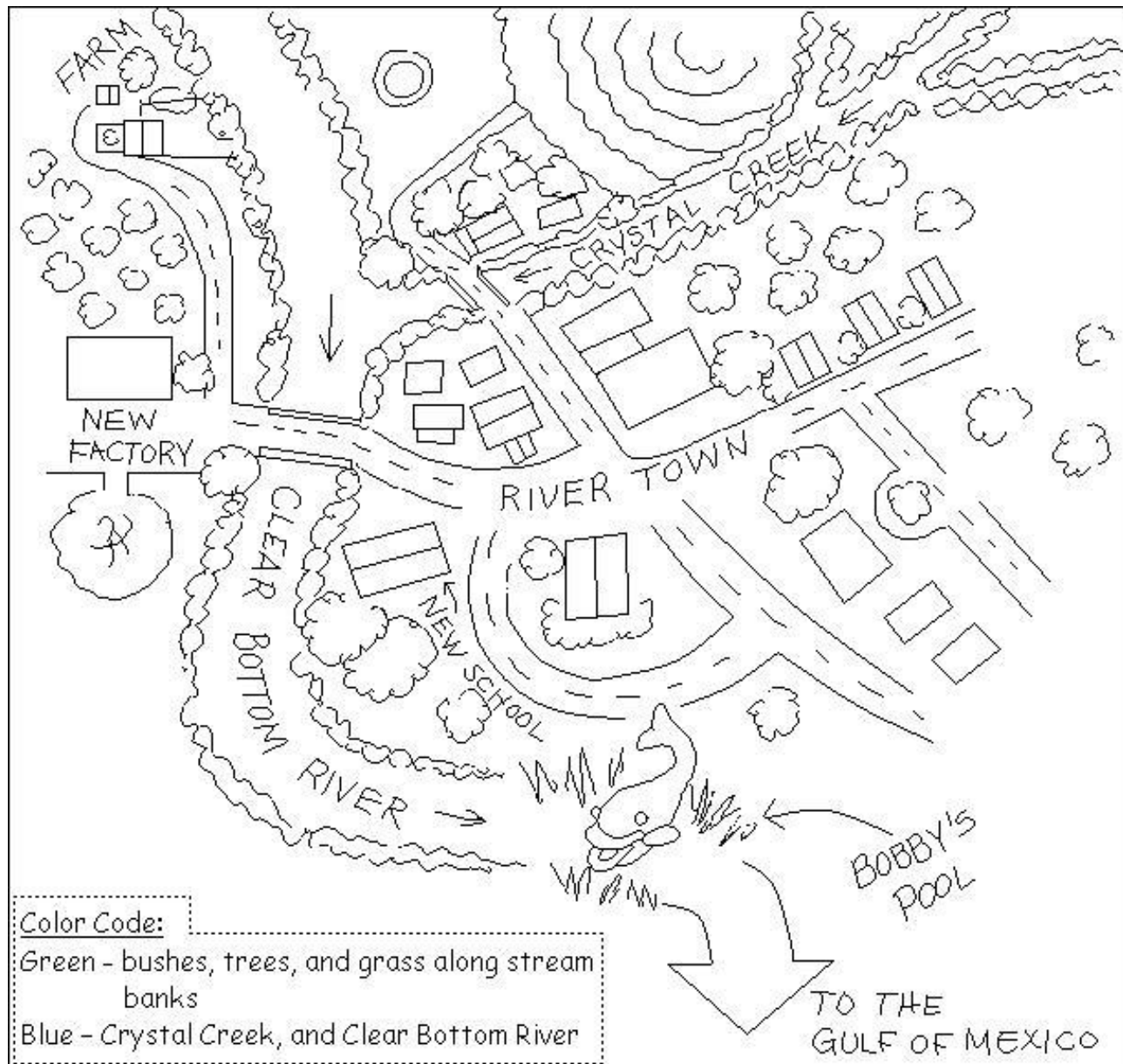


COLOR THE WATERSHED

A **watershed** is all the land area that drains to a common point along a stream or other water body. The borders of each are the ridges and all hilltops that separate it from neighboring watersheds. Watersheds can be as large as the great Mississippi River watershed, which contains 31 states, or as small as your school playground, which drains its rainwater to a local creek. The land area may contain homes, farms, forests, small towns, large cities, and industrial areas. We all live in a watershed. Animals and plants live there with us! Everyone affects what happens in a watershed by what we put on the ground or how we treat our **natural resources**, such as soil, trees, air, and water!! We can protect our watershed by preventing **pollutants** from getting into the **stormwater runoff**.



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