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## ACRONYMS

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AMD	Abandoned Mine Drainage
ASA	Agricultural Security Area
ATV	All-Terrain Vehicle
BDA	Biological Diversity Area
BMP	Best Management Practices
C&O	Chesapeake and Ohio
CAFO	Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act
CESQG	Conditional Exempt Small Quantity Generator
COMAR	Code of Maryland Regulations
CREES	Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service
CWA	Clean Water Act
CWF	Cold Water Fishery
DA	Diversity Area
EV	Exceptional Value
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
HQ	High Quality
HUC	Hydrologic Unit Code
IBA	Important Bird Area
III-P	National Trout Waters and Public Water Supply
IPM	Integrated Pest Management
IV-P	Recreational Trout Waters and Public Water Supply
LCA	Landscape Conservation Area
LQG	Large Quantity Generator
MBSS	Maryland Biological Stream Survey
MD DNR	Maryland Department of Natural Resources
MDE	Maryland Department of the Environment
MHT	Maryland Historic Trust
NEEAC	National Environmental Education Advisory Committee
NFIP	National Flood Insurance Program
NHI	Natural Heritage Inventory
NOMA	Nutrient and Odor Management Act
NO <sub>x</sub>	Nitrogen Oxides
NPDES	National Pollution Discharge Elimination System
NPL	National Pollutant List
NRMA	Natural Resource Management Area
NWI	National Wetland Inventory
OHV	Off-Highway Vehicle

ORV	Off-Road Vehicle
PA CODE	Pennsylvania Code of Regulation
PA DCNR	Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
PA DER	Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources
PA DEP	Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
PDE	Pennsylvania Department of Education
PennDOT	Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
PENNVEST	Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority
PFBC	Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission
PGC	Pennsylvania Game Commission
PIF	Partners in Flight
PNHP	Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program
PNMP	Pennsylvania Nutrient Management Program
RCRA	Resource Conservation Recovery Act
RVS	Ridge and Valley Streamkeepers
SARA	Superfund Amendment Reauthorization Act
TDR	Transferable Development Rights
TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Loads
TNC	The Nature Conservancy
U.S. EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
UNT	Unnamed Tributary
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USGS	United States Geological Survey
WMA	Wildlife Management Area
WPC	Western Pennsylvania Conservancy
WWF	Warm Water Fishery

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## WATERSHED DEFINITION

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A watershed can be defined as the area of land that drains to a particular point along a stream. Each stream has its own watershed. Land use is the key element affecting this area of land. The boundary of a watershed is defined by the highest elevation surrounding the stream. A drop of water falling outside of the boundary will drain to another watershed.

