An estuary is a body of water where salt water from the ocean mixes with fresh water flowing off the land and down from streams. Estuaries are important to people and industries as well as to birds, fish, mammals and other creatures living in and along our waterways. See if you can find your way through our a-MAZE-ing estuary!

### A-MAZE-ING ESTUARY!

**Start**

**End**

### CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

4. Port/city where all bananas coming to the U.S. pass through
6. Major city outside the Delaware Estuary that draws almost half its drinking water from the Delaware River
10. Commander who crossed the Delaware River with his troops in 1776
12. The area of land that drains into a river
13. Color of a horseshoe crab’s blood
14. Falling and rising of the level of the ocean
16. This bird’s nests are often found on top of utility poles
17. Navy that blockaded the Delaware Bay during the War of 1812
18. Oysters and mussels do this to the water in our rivers and Delaware Bay
19. River where the country’s first water treatment plant was established
21. Dan is not a fertilizer and is not good for our streams
24. Substance from the Delaware River that is rubbed on every major league baseball
25. Plants that are local to our area and require less water and care
26. Container that collects water from rooftops
27. Things we should never flush down the toilet
28. Large wading bird, called the Great Blue
29. Abbreviation for Partnership for the Delaware Estuary
30. Longest un-dammed river east of the Mississippi

**DOWN**

1. Water-saturated areas of land lining the bay where many birds and fish live
2. Native American tribe that lived along the Delaware River
3. Famous Philadelphia that petitioned PA Assembly to stop waste dumping in mid-1700s
5. Plants that are local to our area and require less water and care
7. Container that collects water from rooftops
9. Oysters and mussels do this to the water in our rivers and Delaware Bay
11. This shellfish was once sold from carts like hot dogs
13. An ancient fish that can weigh up to 800 pounds
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18. Oysters and mussels do this to the water in our rivers and Delaware Bay
19. River where the country’s first water treatment plant was established
20. In Delaware they are known as beaches, but in New Jersey people visit the
23. Underwater areas where oysters live
24. Shellfish that can clean up to 10 gallons of water per day
25. 15 people get their drinking water from the Delaware River
26. America’s national bird, recently taken off the endangered species list
27. Migrating birds that eat horseshoe crab eggs
28. Large wading bird, called the Great Blue
29. Abbreviation for Partnership for the Delaware Estuary
31. Month in which Earth Day is celebrated
32. Period when there is little rainfall and water restrictions are put in place

Answers can be found at DelawareEstuary.org/Learn_Kids.asp.