

Brewster River Watershed Walk

To begin this quest, start at the painted silos in Jeffersonville.

Here you will see two silos big and old,
They were used to store wood and sawdust, so we've been told.

In 2011 this area had a flood,
This field was covered in water and mud.

We built our village on a floodplain,
Sometimes this can be a pain.

Walk on Main Street away from the circle and take Old Main until it ends,
You will find a path that curves and bends.

Follow this path until there is a wooden pole in your way,
There turn right, go to the riverbank where the big boulders lay.

Rip-rap is the boulders that keep the banks from eroding
Keeping the water clear and the insects floating.

Now walk upstream against the flow,
To the little beach you must go.

Be careful if the beach is flooded,
Stay high on the bank if it is underwater and mudded.

Here the river makes a big turn,
The farther you go the more you will learn.

Now back up to the bank and continue on the path ahead.
Through the trees and into a field you have been led.

Stop here and look across to the other side.
This is where you'll see a bad landslide.

Fast moving water cut into the ground,
And made the land go tumbling down.

Now continue upstream to the willow hedge,
Which grows quite tall along the river's edge.

You'll find the willows in the field behind the Community Center,
This buffer blocks pollutants that wish to enter,

Riparian buffers keep pesticides from draining,
Otherwise chemicals in the river would be gaining.

*Now continue upriver and through the wood,
Stop behind the buses, I think you should.

We think a riparian buffer is needed here,
Oil and gas would make healthy fish disappear.

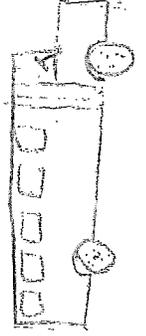
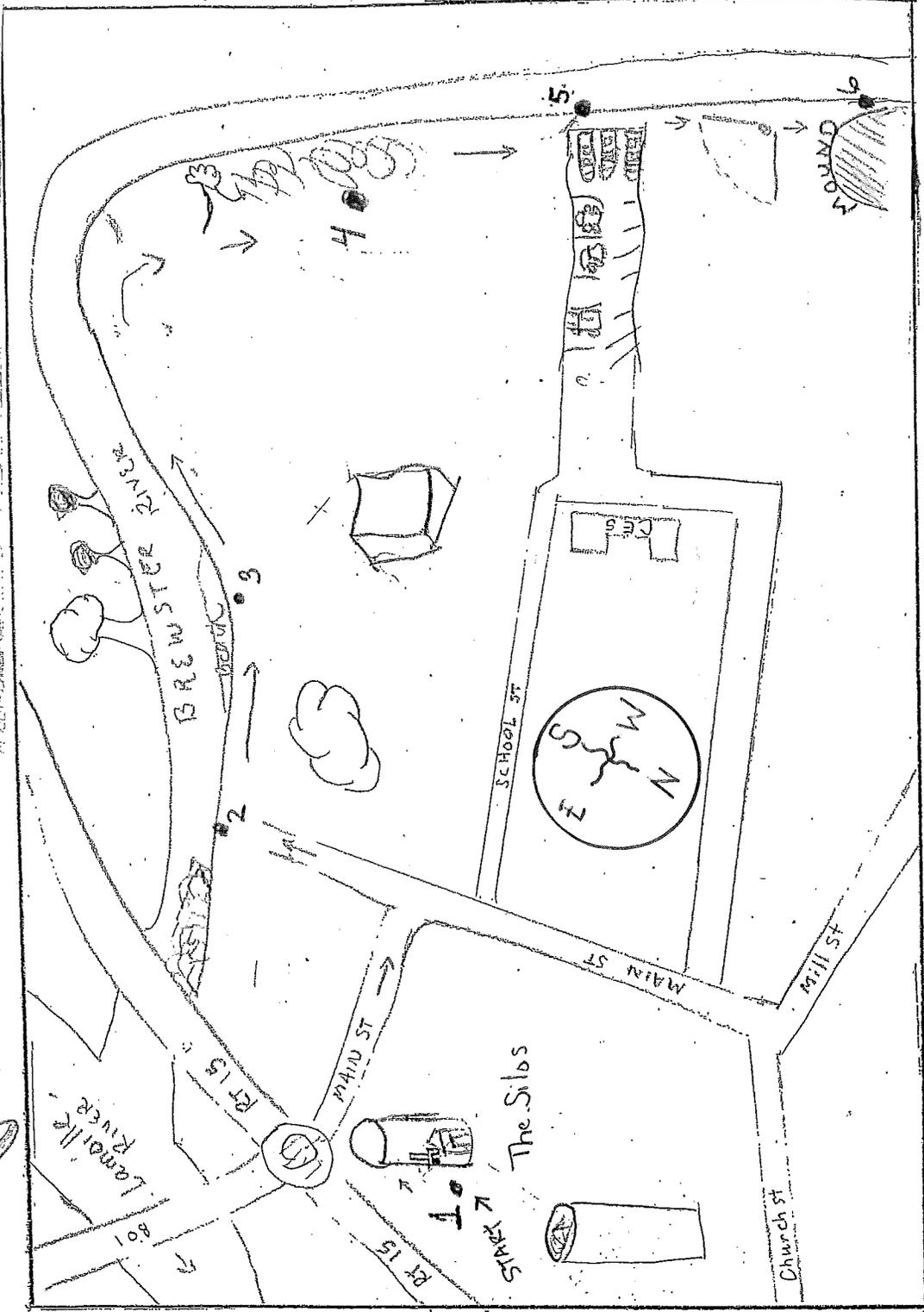
From here, walk along the river's edge.

*As the tiny walking path through the woods was recently closed to the public, you will need to cross through the water or around on the street to get to the bus parking area.

All the way to the dirt mound where you will wedge,
Around the side of the mountain of soil,
To learn more about the river that feeds the Lamoille.

The cold water in the Brewster starts up high,
And from Sterling flows down the mountainside.

Look around in the trees to finish the Watershed Quest,
In a hole in an old tree you will find a plastic chest.



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