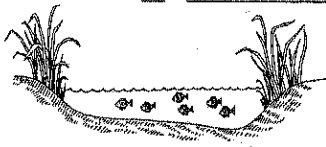
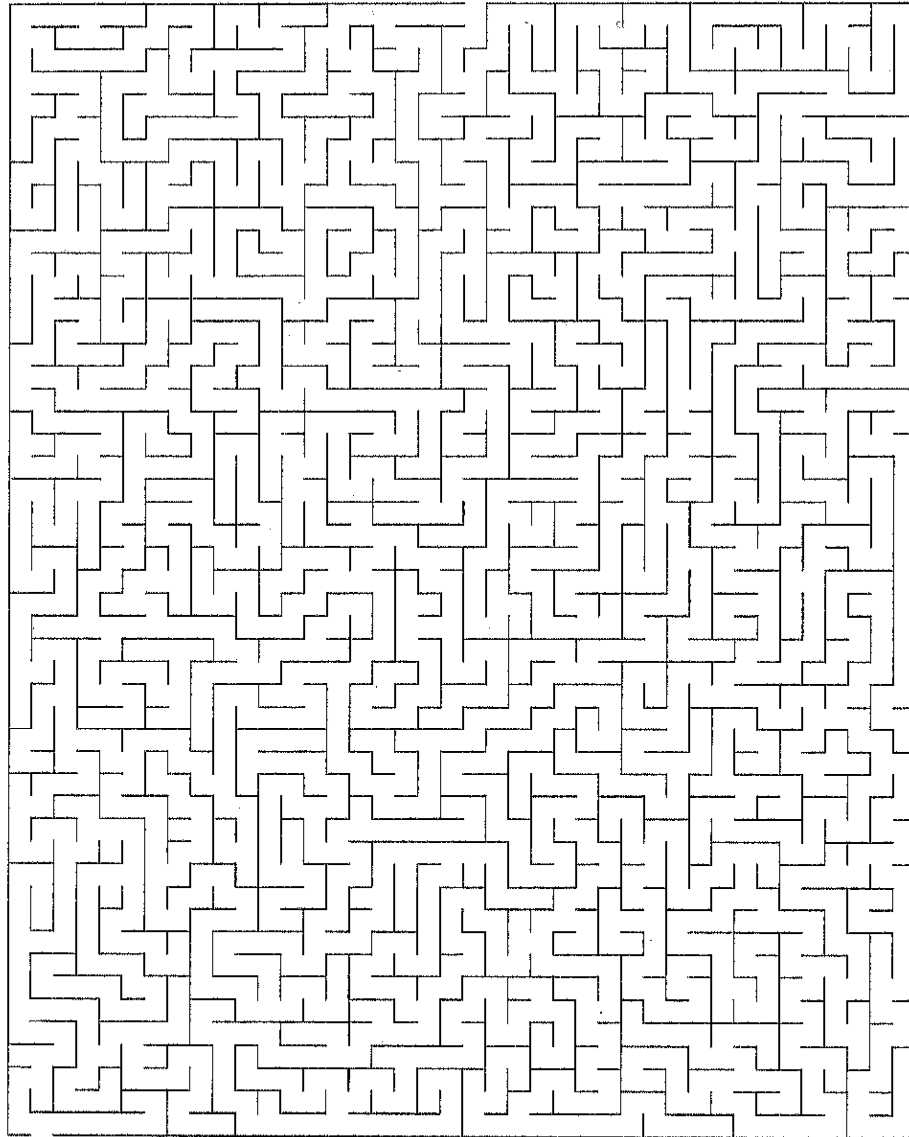
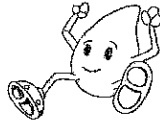


## Watershed Protection Department Riparian Buffer Maze

Help Stormy the Raindrop find their way slowly through the buffer to the river!  
Start at the top of the maze and flow slowly to the bottom of the maze to enter the river and flow to the ocean.



Riparian buffers are the vegetated areas that protect rivers and ponds from a variety of pollutants that flow downhill during rain showers. These streamside buffers can provide a number of benefits which may include filtering nutrients, pesticides, and animal waste from agricultural land runoff; stabilizing eroding stream banks; filtering sediment from runoff; providing shade, shelter, and food for fish and other aquatic organisms; providing wildlife habitat; protecting downstream communities from flood damage and providing space for recreation.