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Nature in your hands

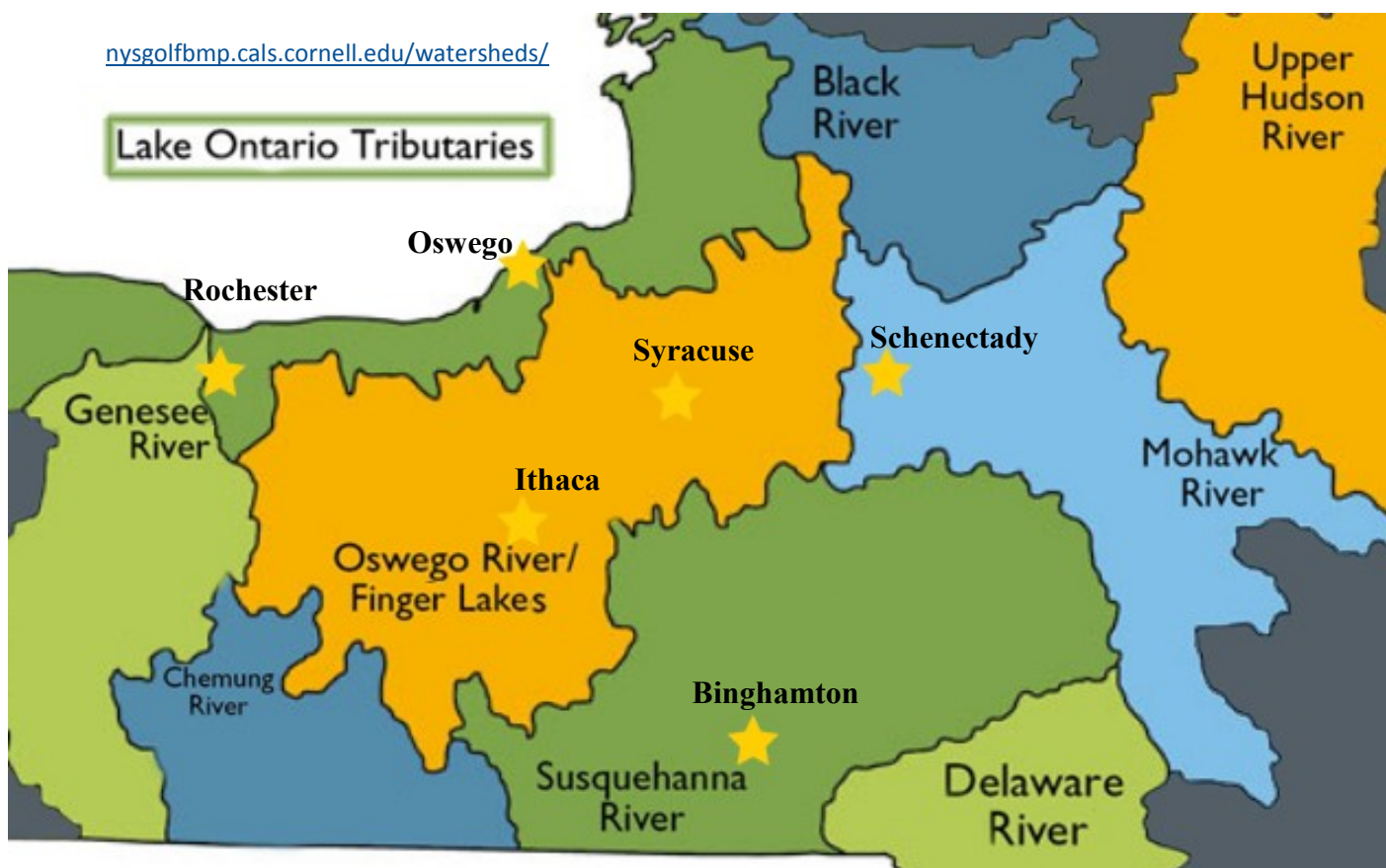
Rain Tracking

Have you ever wondered where the rain that falls outside our homes ends up?

Some of it may get taken up by the plants of your garden, or may filter into your well.

Much of it will end up in a nearby lake or river. Check out the map below to try and see where the rain that falls where you live goes:

nysgolfbmp.cals.cornell.edu/watersheds/



Try writing the story of the rain that has fallen in your backyard this spring– or the snow!

Imagine that you are one of the raindrops or a melted snowflake that has fallen in your backyard this spring - where did you go? How did you get from one place to the next?

Write your story **or** draw it as a picture, or map. See the examples on the next page for inspiration!

Your story could look like this tale of the raindrop that fell in Syracuse:

I plopped into an abandoned garden bed one night and trickled down into the soil there. The weeds that had taken the place over absorbed me into their roots and I traveled back up through their stems into their bright green leaves. I escaped through the tiny holes in these leaves and made it back up into the blue sky - so high that I got freezing cold and joined a cloud scudding over Syracuse. Eventually, the cloud was too heavy to hold us all, and dropped us into Onondago Lake, where we joined billions of other water droplets! What a party!

Or you could try drawing your story out like this!

Have fun and be creative!

Share your stories with us at:
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You can learn more about the health of your watershed by checking out the NY Riparian Opportunity Assessment here:
<https://arcg.is/0mPTnb>

