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**Adaptation:** A characteristic of a plant or animal that helps it survive.

**Arboretum:** A park or a garden where trees and shrubs are grown for educational or scientific reasons.

**Aquatic:** Pertaining to water; growing or living in or upon water.

**Bog:** A type of wetland characterized by accumulated peat and acidic water.

**Conservation:** The act of preserving from decay, loss or injury.

**Consumer:** An organism that feeds on other organisms or organic matter.

**Decomposer:** A group of organisms (usually bacteria or fungi) that break down dead organic material into inorganic material in an ecosystem.

**Ecosystem:** The living community and the nonliving environment functioning together.

**Evergreen:** A plant that retains its leaves for more than one growing season.

**Food Chain:** A pattern of large animals eating smaller animals, which in turn eat plants. Plants are always at the bottom of a food chain.

**Food web:** Interconnected series of food chains.

**Habitat:** The place where a plant or animal normally lives.

**Herbaceous:** A plant with a green soft stem that usually dies back in winter.

**Hydrophyte:** A water-loving plant that lives in soil saturated by water for at least part of the year.

**Interdependence:** The reliance for support between organisms with one another and the various elements of their environment.

**Marsh:** A type of wetland characterized by soft-stemmed herbaceous plants such as cattail and pickerel weed.

**Organism:** A living thing.

**Predator:** An animal that survives by eating other animals.

**Producer:** Manufactures its own food. For example, plants are producers because they produce their own food through photosynthesis.

**Swamp:** A type of wetland characterized by trees and shrubs.

**Urban:** Pertaining to a city or town; a location with a high human population density.

**Vertebrate:** With a backbone.

**Wetland:** Land or area which contains certain soils, water and hydrophytes.

**Woody Plant:** A plant that can live for many years, build up a woody core and has protective bark. Trees and shrubs are woody plants.