

contaminate

To make impure by addition of poisonous or polluting substance.

indicator species

Certain organisms that can tell you if the stream is healthy or unhealthy.

dissolved oxygen

O<sub>2</sub> or the oxygen that animals need.

aquatic

A plant or animal living in or near water.

pH

The measurement of acidity or alkalinity of a substance.

parts per  
million

The unit used when  
measuring dissolved  
oxygen.