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Daily life and industry cause pollution, so a balance must be struck to preserve the health of our streams and businesses. TMDLs are the standards by which we determine the total allowable amount of pollutants that can be introduced into a stream without it becoming unable to support life. It all adds up!