

**Augusta Canal National Heritage Area**  
**Grades 3-6 Environmental**  
**Science Vocabulary**

<b>Habitat-</b>	a living thing's home
<b>Life Cycle-</b>	the changes an animal makes as it grows
<b>Cell-</b>	one of the tiny units that are the basic building blocks of living things
<b>Track-</b>	a mark in the earth left by something as it moves
<b>Skull-</b>	the case of bone or cartilage that forms the skeleton of the head and face, encloses the brain, and supports the jaws of vertebrates
<b>Interdependence-</b>	to depend on one another
<b>Organism-</b>	A living thing.
<b>Shelter-</b>	a place that provides animals protection from other animals and weather
<b>Nutrients-</b>	plant food found in soil
<b>Pollution-</b>	Contamination of water, air, or land with garbage, noise, or chemicals.
<b>Extinct-</b>	no longer existing
<b>Endangered-</b>	living organisms that are threatened with extinction.
<b>Disposable-</b>	made to be thrown away after use
<b>Aquatic-</b>	growing or living in or often found in water
<b>Food Chain-</b>	a series of organisms that depend on one another for food
<b>Ecosystem-</b>	All the living and nonliving things that exist and interact in one place (ex. river otters eat fish in a river).
<b>Reduce-</b>	to cut down or make smaller
<b>Recycle-</b>	to use materials from old items to make new items
<b>Reuse-</b>	to use again and again

<b>Environment-</b>	All the living and nonliving things that surround an organism (ex. rocks and river surround a river otter).
<b>Camouflage-</b>	The coloring or markings that help an animal blend in with their surroundings
<b>Migrate-</b>	The movement of animals from one place to another
<b>Carnivore-</b>	an animal that eats only other animal
<b>Herbivore-</b>	an animal that eats only plants, or producers
<b>Omnivore</b> -	an animal that eats both plants and other animals
<b>Producer-</b>	a living thing, such as a plant, that can make its own food
<b>Consumer-</b>	a living thing that can't make its own food and must eat other living things
<b>Decomposer-</b>	a living thing that feeds on the wastes of plants and animals
<b>Balance-</b>	when all living and nonliving things work together to maintain the health of an ecosystem
<b>Biotic-</b>	describes a living part of an ecosystem
<b>Abiotic-</b>	describes a nonliving part of an ecosystem