

## Water Ecology: The Mighty Mussel

Pennsylvania is home to several species of freshwater mussels, which play a vital role in maintaining healthy river ecosystems. They filter water and improve water quality. Many species are threatened due to habitat loss, pollution, and invasive species, although there have recently been restoration efforts across the state.

**Directions:** Color in and cut out these river residents and recreate the Schuylkill riverbed. You can glue them to your paper or use popsicle sticks and cardboard to create a diorama.

