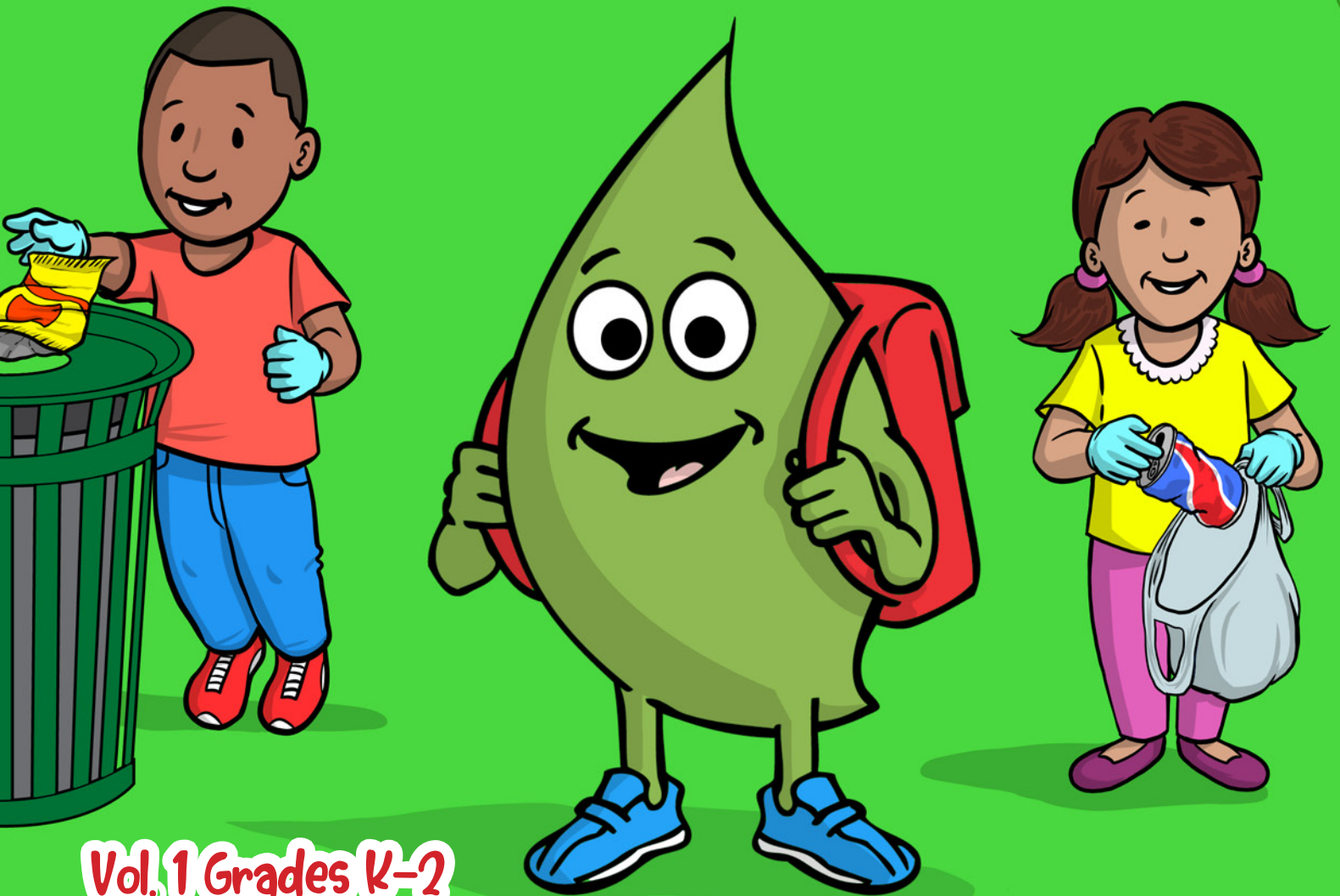


Prince George's County

CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL



Vol. 1 Grades K-2

Prince George's County

**CLEAN AND
BEAUTIFUL**

Vol. 1 Grades K-2

Hi, my name
is Spencer the Sprout
and I live in Prince
George's County,
Maryland. It's such a
beautiful place.

In some places
you may see tall buildings and
lots of people all around. In
other places you may see lots
of green grass and farms with
horses and cows.

It's such a
special place to call home.
I am learning to help Prince
George's County stand out
from the crowd.
Keep it clean and we will all be
Prince George's
proud.



On Saturdays,
I spend time with family at
Watkins Regional Park.
There is a trail, a playground,
and even a nature center where you
can learn about animals and insects.
There is so much to see
when you look around.

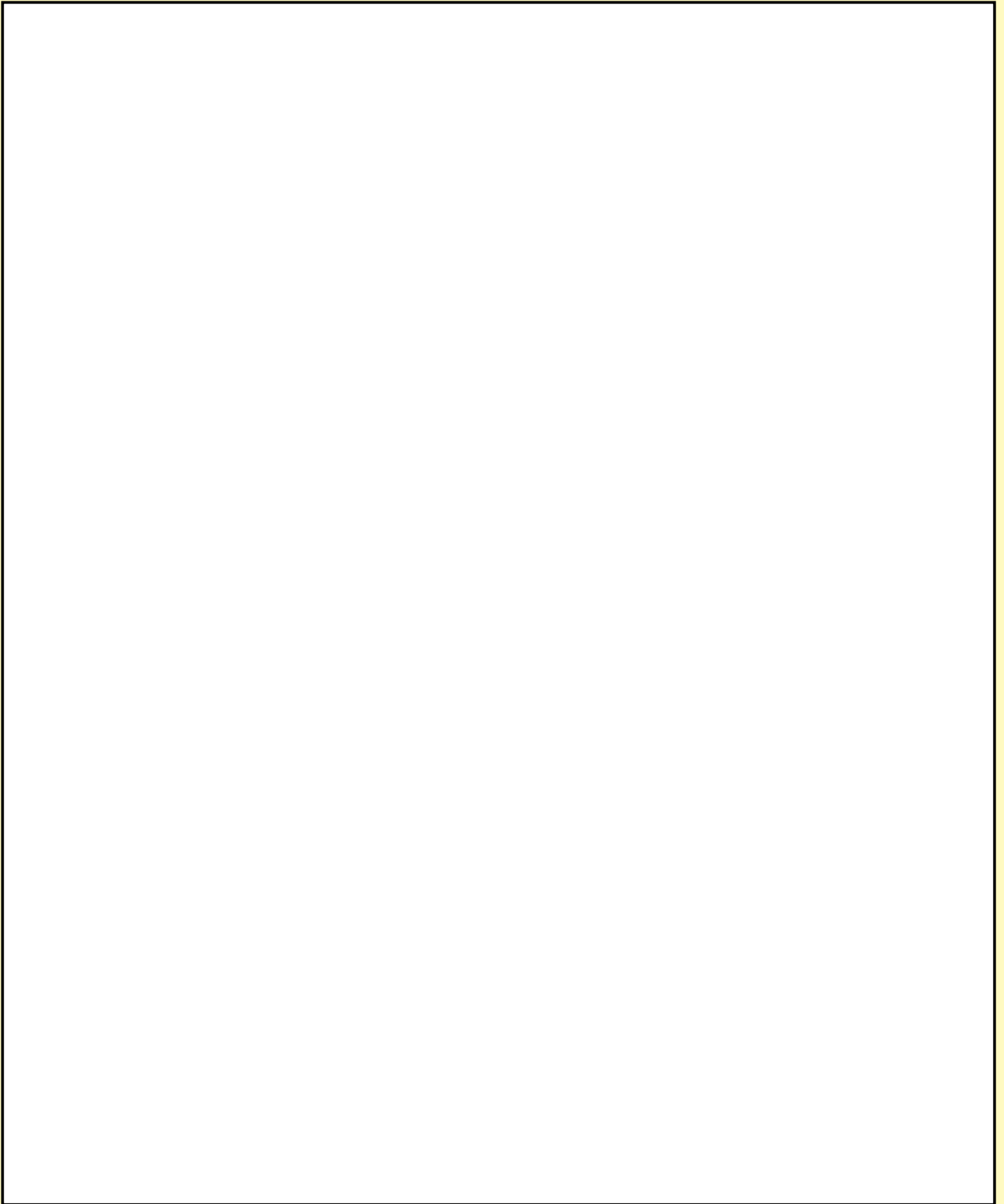




Activity: I saw a lot of animals and insects at the park. Help me count the number of each of the following animals and insects and write the number next to their name.

___ Baltimore Orioles ___ Eastern Box Turtles
___ Monarch Butterflies

The park is home to many animals.
Draw a picture of where you live.



Last week, my class took a field trip to the Schmidt Center. We learned about taking care of our environment and the Chesapeake Bay. The Chesapeake Bay is home to many types of fish and our famous Maryland Blue Crab. We learned all about watersheds too. Taking care of our watershed can help us have clean water for the animals and beautiful healthy neighborhoods.

Here are some of the new words we learned at the Schmidt Center.

Environment

The land, air, and water where people and animals live.

Watershed

A place where all of the water that drains off the land ends up in the same place.

Litter

Trash that is left on the ground or in other open areas.

Marine Debris

Trash that is in the ocean or Chesapeake Bay.

Pollution

Anything that can cause harm to the environment.

Reduce

To use less of something.

Reuse

To use something again.

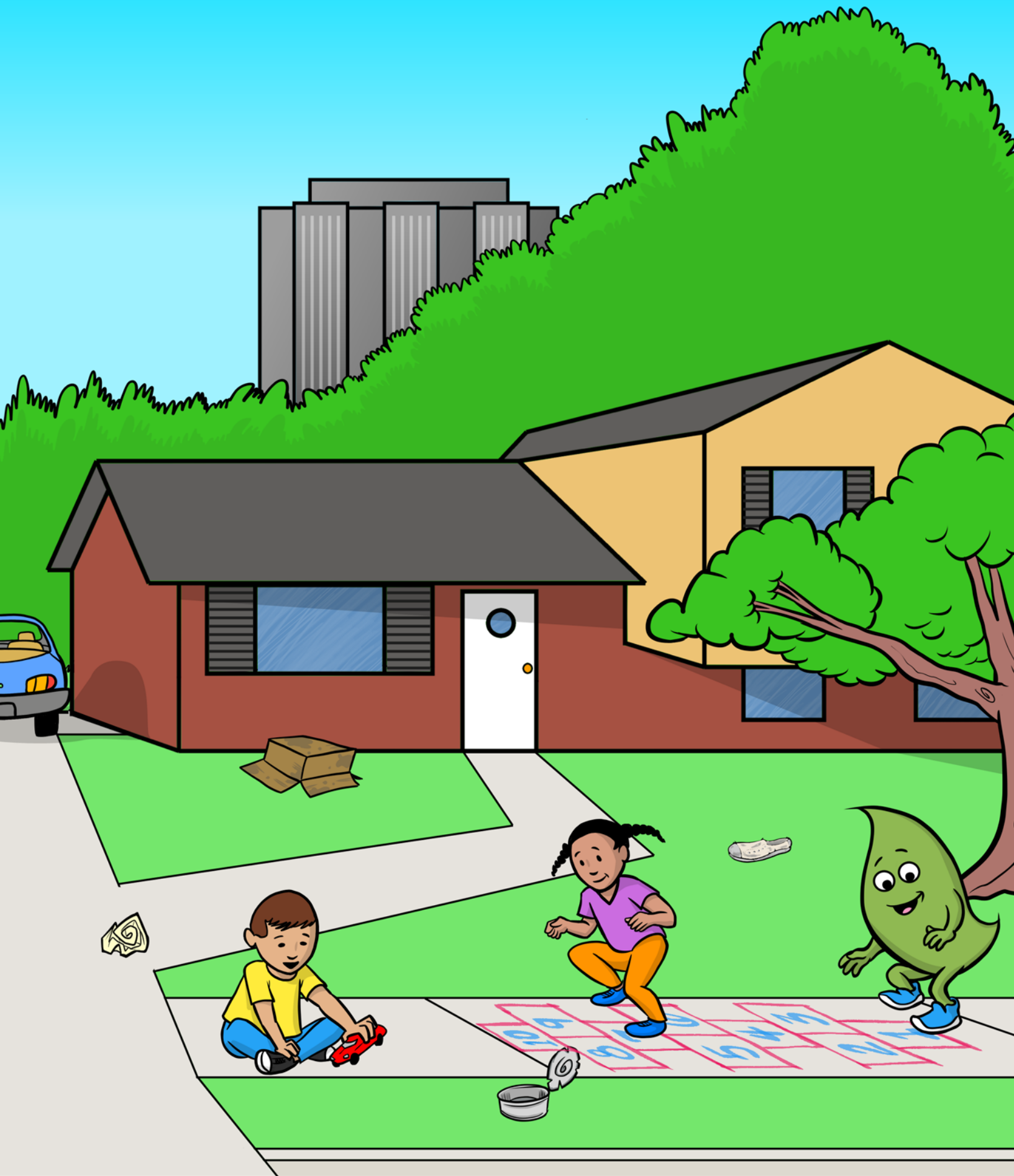
Recycle

To take something old and turn it into a new item that can be used.

Activity: Use one of the new words you learned in a sentence.

Help Spencer clean up his neighborhood. Use the stickers from the sticker page to cover the litter with flowers and animals.





We have a big problem in Prince George's County.
Some people throw trash on the ground where we then call it litter.
Litter can travel really far if it gets into the water.
It can make places we enjoy polluted,
like Bladensburg Waterfront Park and National Harbor.

Can you believe this litter can make it all the way to the Chesapeake
Bay and even to the Atlantic Ocean? It ruins the beaches we like to
play on and makes the food we like to eat,
like fish and crabs, less safe to eat.



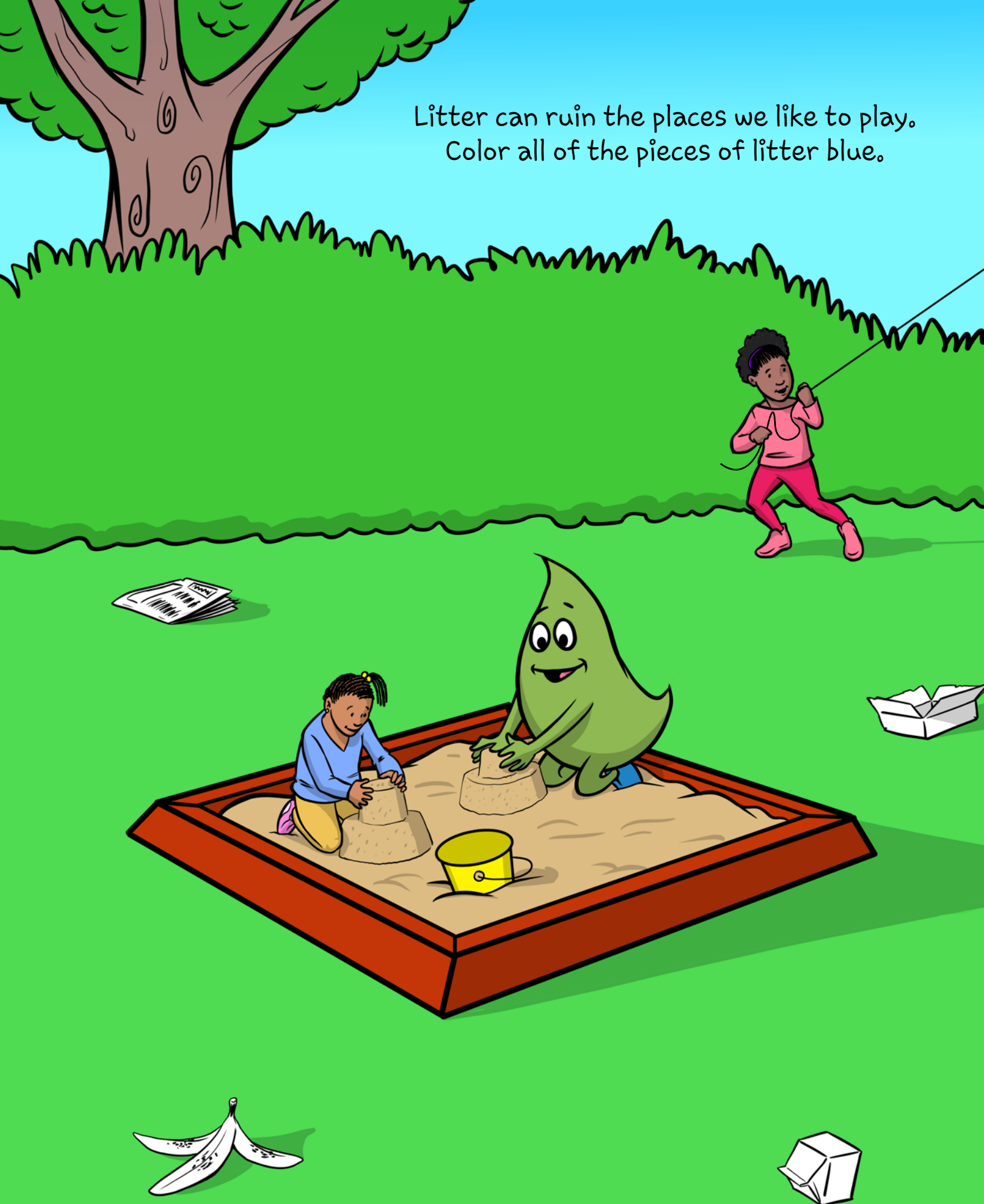
Litter Travels

Do you know where the litter goes?
The rain and wind carry it
and then it flows
from our streets
to our nearby streams and creeks.
It causes all of the animals to shiver
when litter shows up in our rivers.
It rides the water on to the ocean
causing harm and making a commotion.
You can change the ending, my friend,
by picking up litter and putting it
in the right bin.

Place a
fish sticker over the
plastic bottles in
the water.



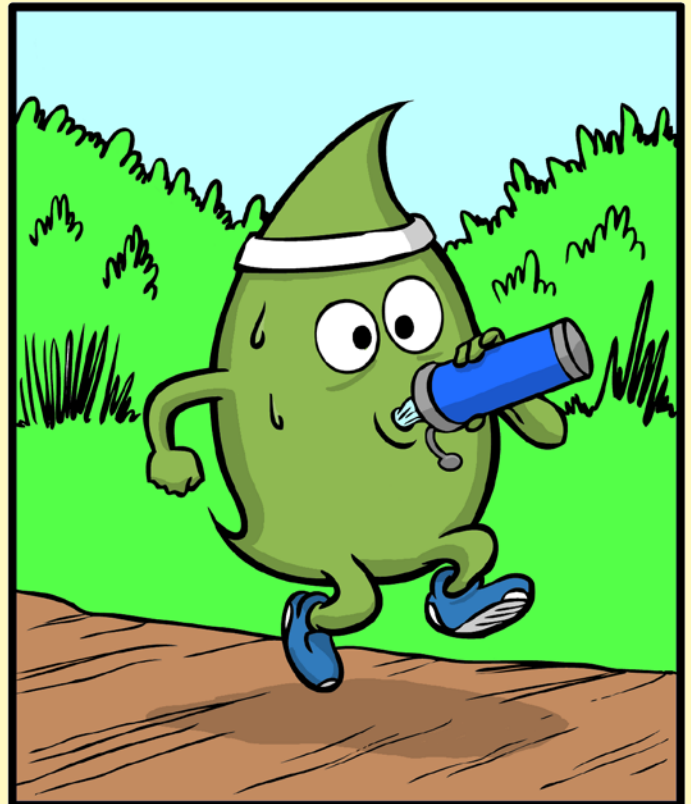
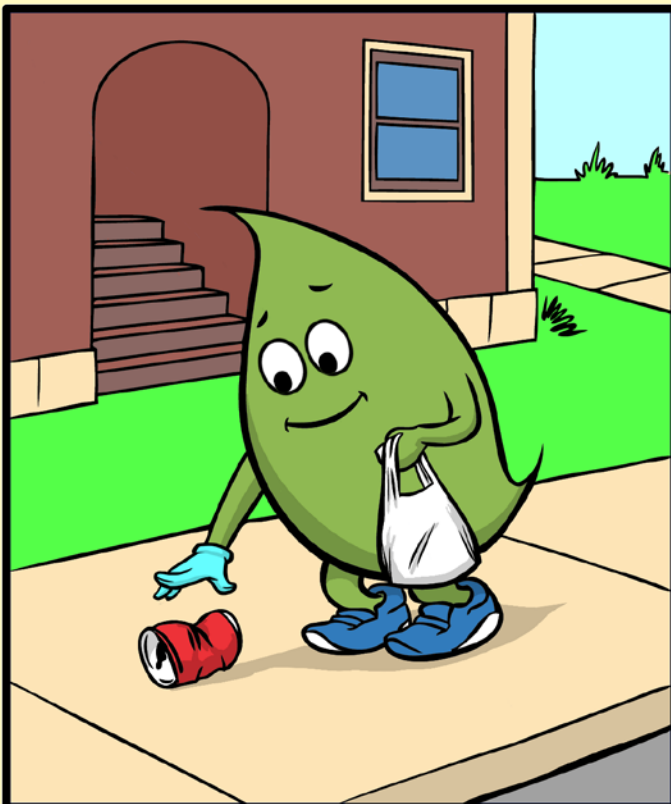
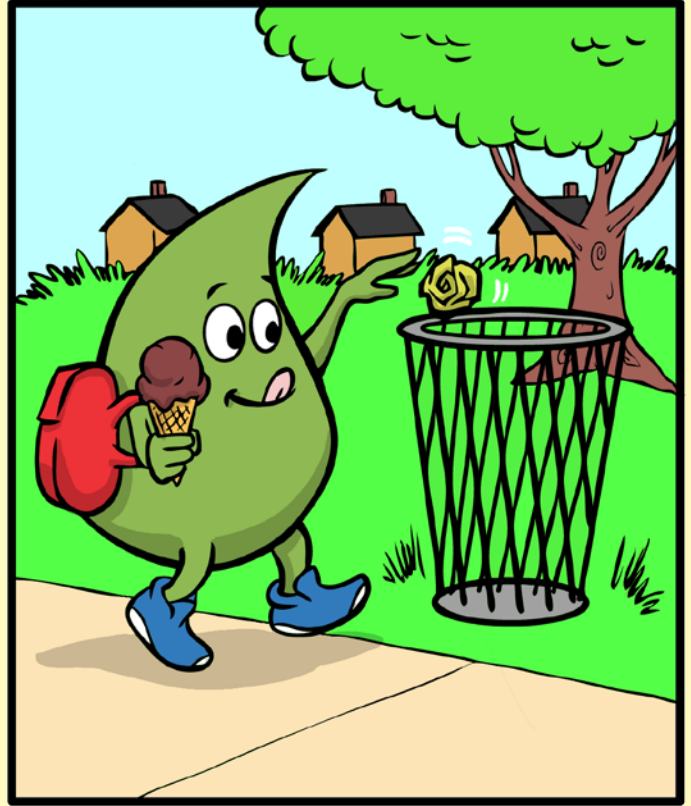
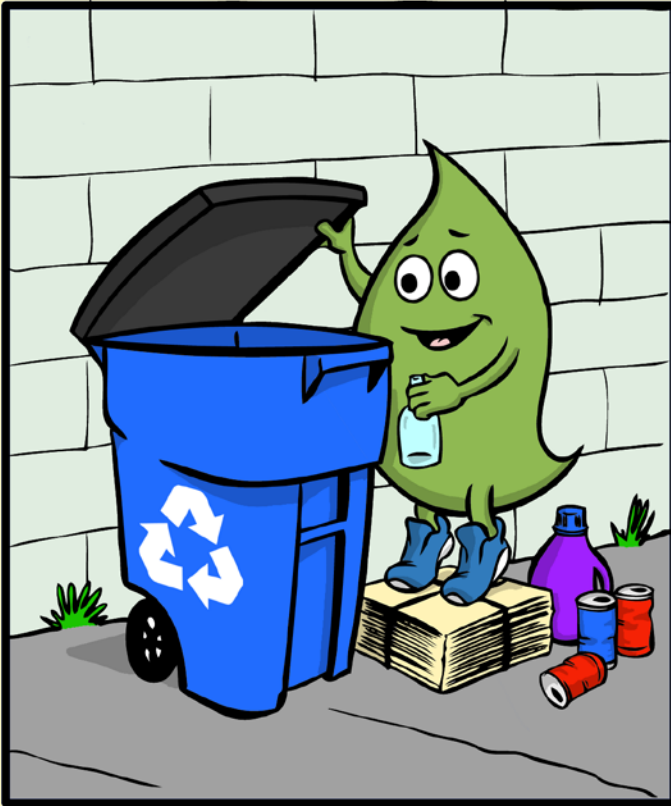
Litter can ruin the places we like to play.
Color all of the pieces of litter blue.





Do The Right Thing!

I learned so many things about taking care of our environment
and putting trash in its proper place. I hope you did too.
Use any stickers you have left to cover trash anywhere in this book!



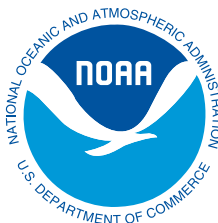
Prince George's County Clean and Beautiful



Coordinated by



Sponsored by



Consultants



and



Illustrator

Michael C. Lurry

©2020



Coordinated by: Prince George's County Department of the Environment