



Environmental Factors Presentation Form Development

Group Name _____

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Instructions

Read about how this negative environmental factor can affect the health of trees.

Development is one of the leading causes of the loss of forest cover in the region. Every day, 30 acres of forest are lost to development in the Potomac River **watershed**. When open spaces are converted into **developed** areas, a typical practice is to clear the area of trees and other vegetation and cover it with concrete and asphalt. Development, including roads and major highways, can also cause the **fragmentation** of forested areas. This can open the area to **invasive** plants, disrupting the natural balance of the forest ecosystem.

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Based on your group's research, write down five reasons why development can harm trees. Write in complete sentences.

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