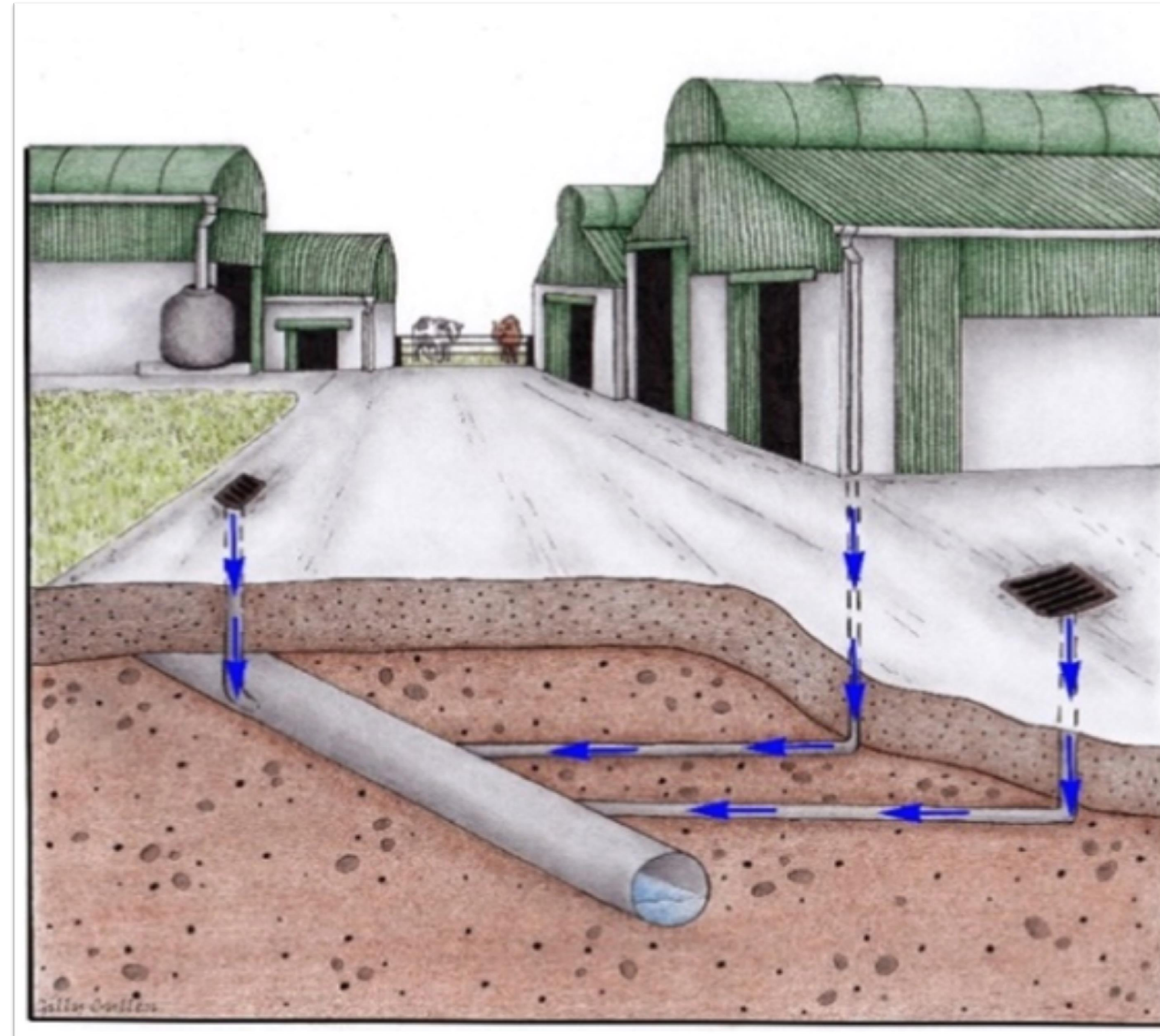


How is your farm plumbed to your local catchment?



To protect our natural waters we need to understand our river catchments from source to sea

Good Farmyard Management is essential for Good Water Quality!



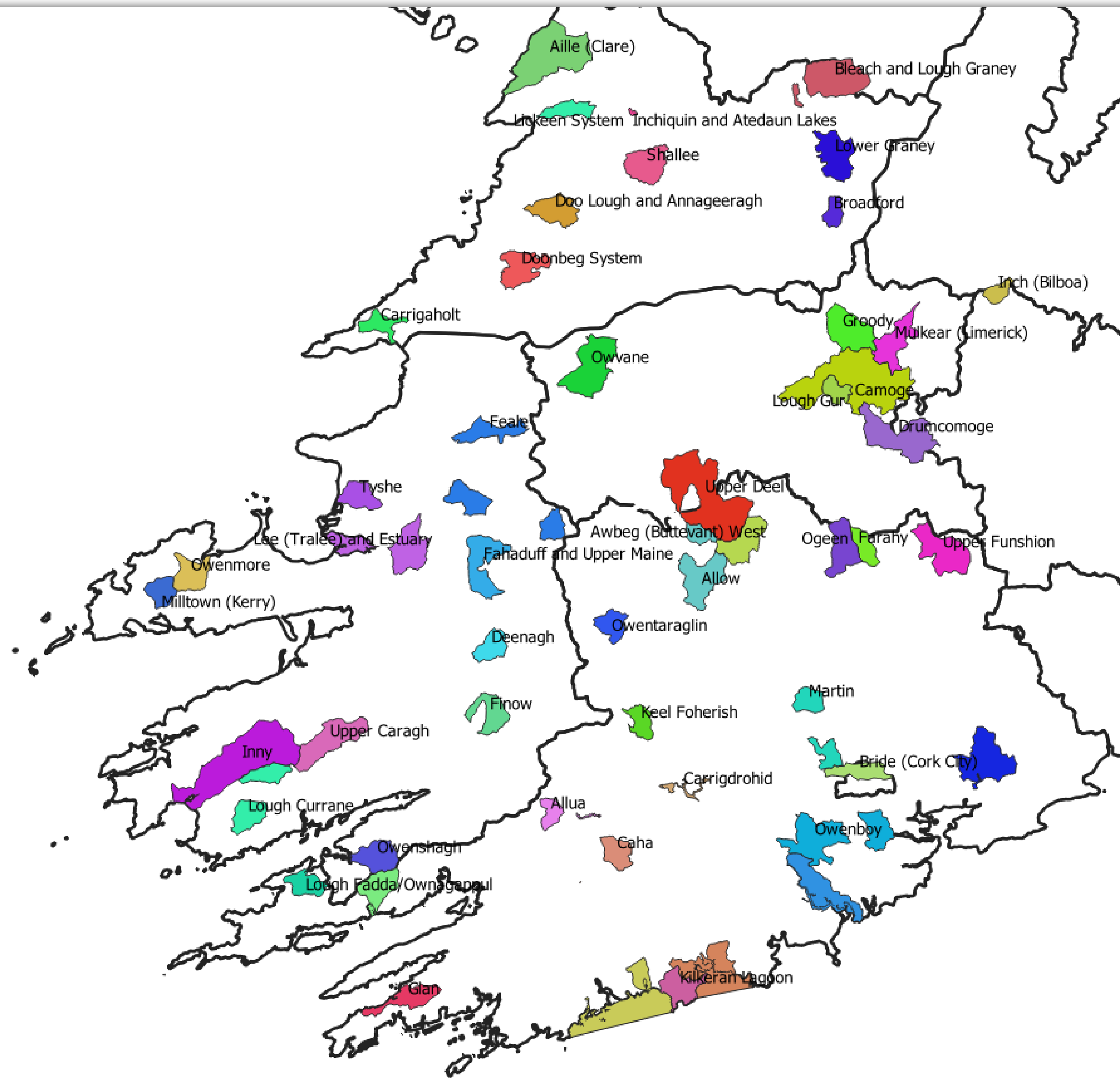
- Check your yard drains are working properly
- Keep gutters and downpipes in good repair
- Check that your slurry and effluent tanks are fully sealed and not leaking
- Check your silage pits regularly for cracks or weaknesses and replace older pits to avoid collapse



Drains are often 'out of sight and out of mind' but underground drainage systems connect farms, businesses and homes to local streams, rivers and groundwater sources

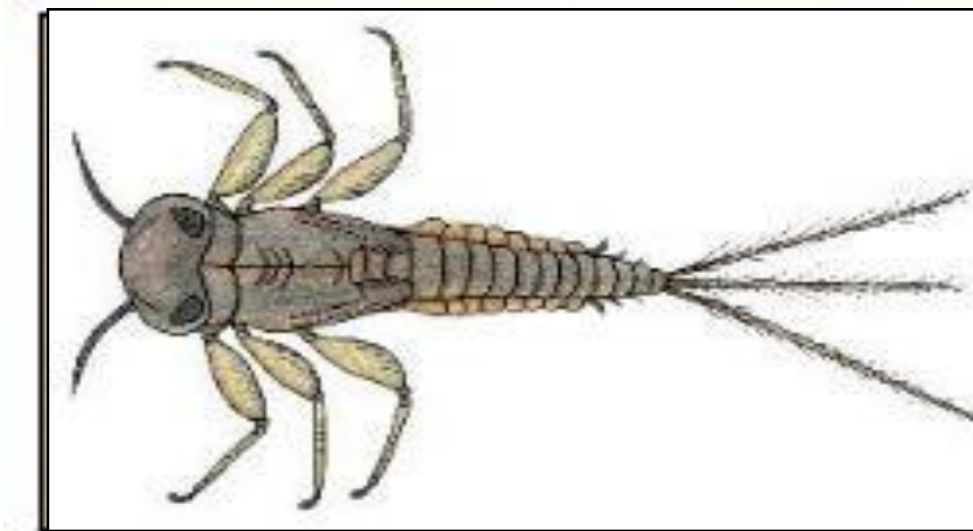


Priority Areas for Action



Indicators of water quality

Good



Mayfly



Stonefly



Caddis fly



Clean river bed

Poor



Gammarus



Fly larvae



Molluscs



Sediment

Pressures



Excessive nutrients



Excessive sediment

Mitigation measures



Riparian margin



Nutrient management