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Question1:

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Question4: In much of my state, land use is the single most important determinant of water quality. Our most prevalent pollutants, silt and bacteria, are largely transported to streams and lakes by wet weather runoff. Maintaining a significant portion of a watershed's area in vegetated, pervious land cover significantly reduces that transport and is critical to the health of aquatic systems in the watershed. When conservation practices are properly designed, implemented and maintained, our farm and forest lands can produce runoff that is essentially as clean as an undisturbed watershed, supporting safe and healthy streams. To the extent that Farm Bill funding is available to preserve our not-yet-paved areas, particularly in sensitive watersheds, that will greatly contribute to maintenance of clean water goals.

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