



**Christina Lives  
by a  
Beautiful Creek**



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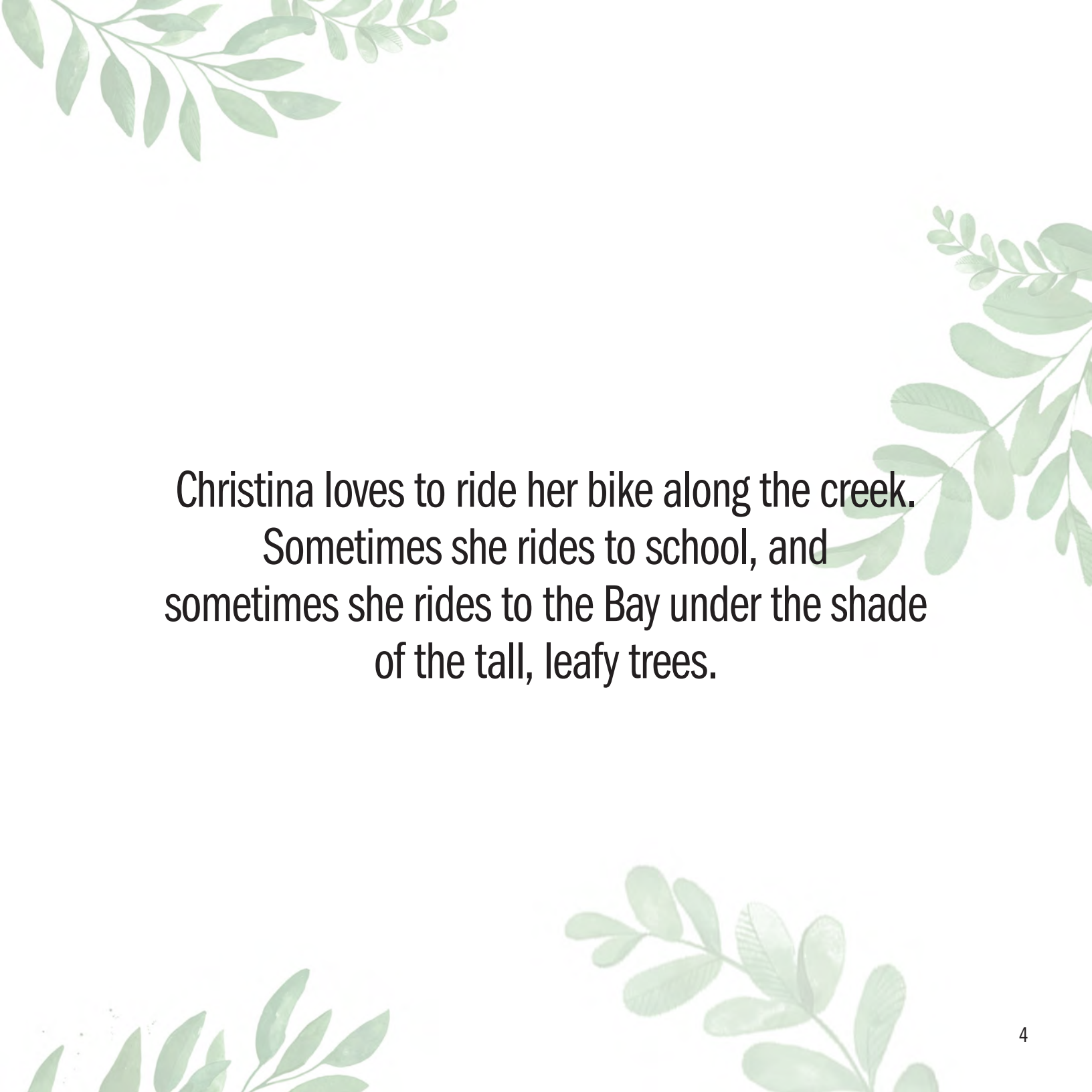




Christina lives in a place called South City. She lives with her Mom and Grandma by a beautiful, bubbling creek. It's called Colma Creek and she visits it every day.







Christina loves to ride her bike along the creek.  
Sometimes she rides to school, and  
sometimes she rides to the Bay under the shade  
of the tall, leafy trees.

Down by the creek  
Christina and her  
brother run through  
the tall grass, chasing  
butterflies and  
inspecting bugs...







...they like to go down  
close to the water  
where they can see the  
fish and the frogs...





...and hop across the stepping stones to visit  
their friends who live on the other side.





Most of the year Christina plays along the banks of Colma Creek, right down next to the water.

But every January, when it rains and rains, the creek fills right up and the water flows very fast.

When the creek is full, Christina and her neighbors stay safe and dry at the top of the creek bank, playing and walking next to the tall trees.







Twice each year Christina helps her Grandma  
plant new seedlings next to the creek.

Her Grandma loves to tell stories about the  
plants and how they belong in South City, along  
Colma Creek.

“These plants lived in this area long before people built houses here...”



...and they act as homes for all the animals and insects that we love.”



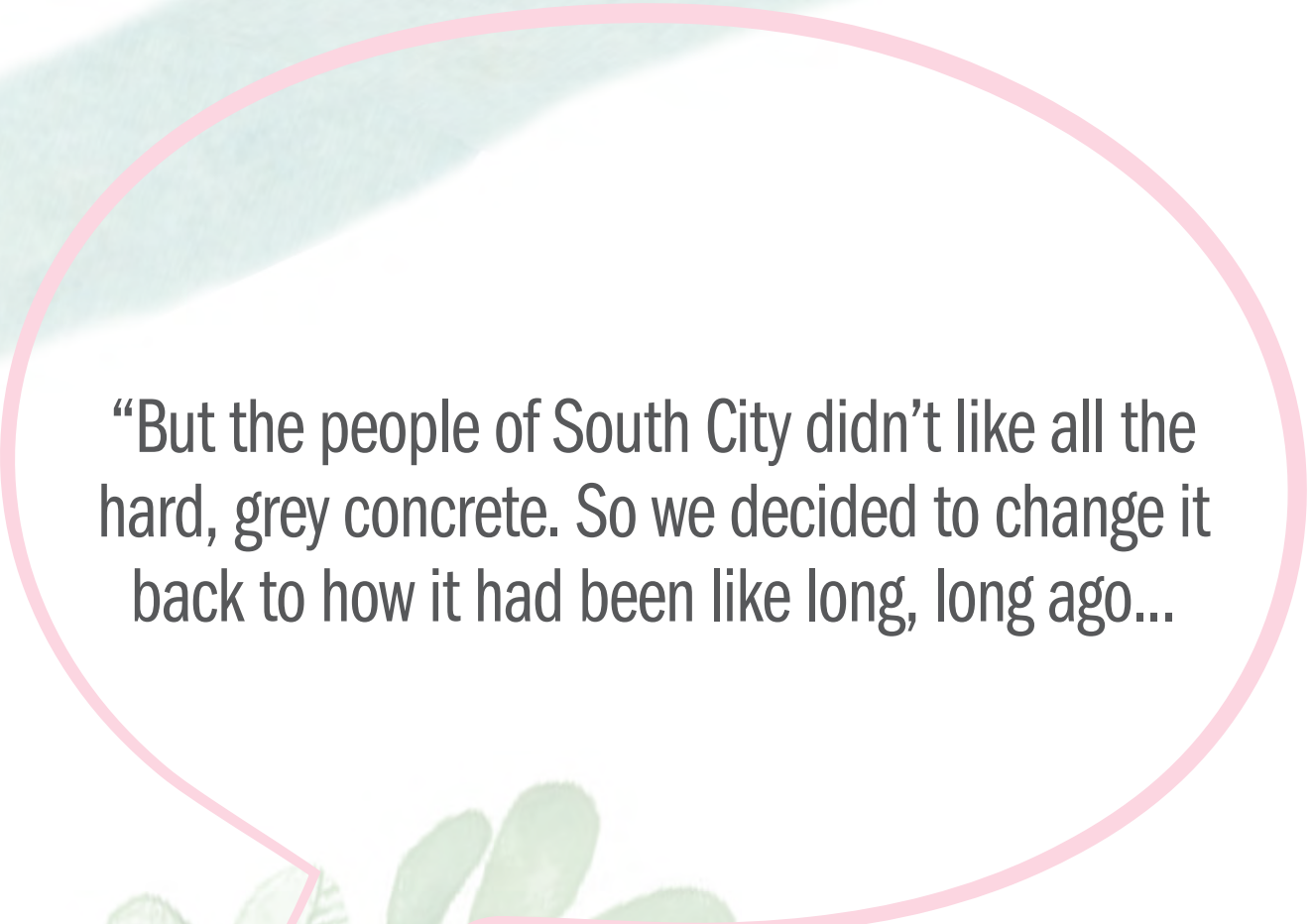
“You know, the creek didn’t always look like it does today,” Grandma tells Christina, as they dig.

“When houses were first built in South City, people wanted to stop the heavy rain waters, so they covered up the beautiful creek with hard, grey concrete. People didn’t play here at all.”




“Sometimes the water smelled so bad we had to hold our noses! None of the lovely little creatures that are here now lived here then.”



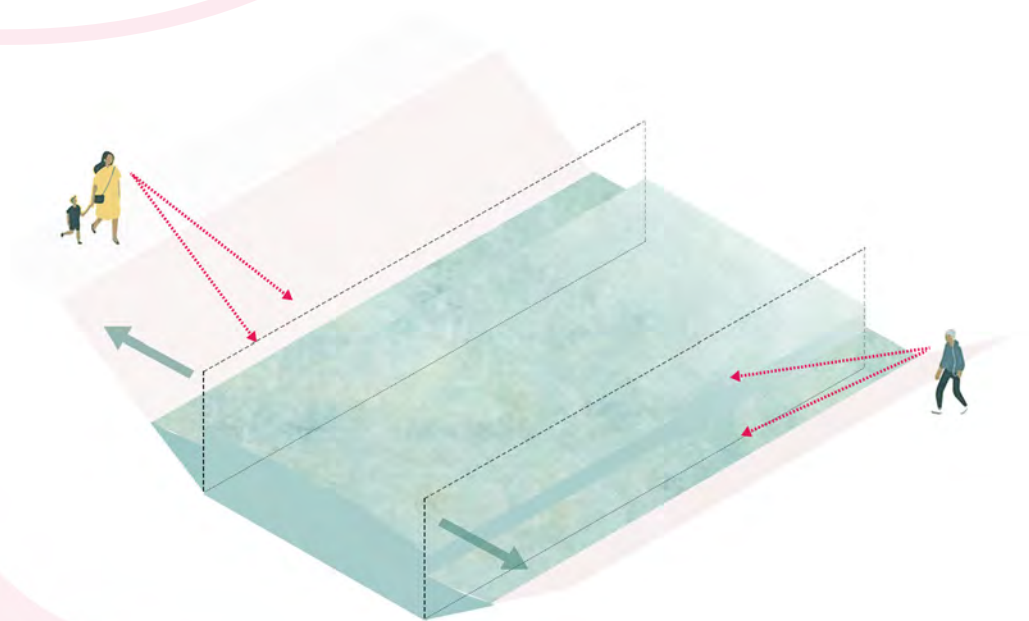


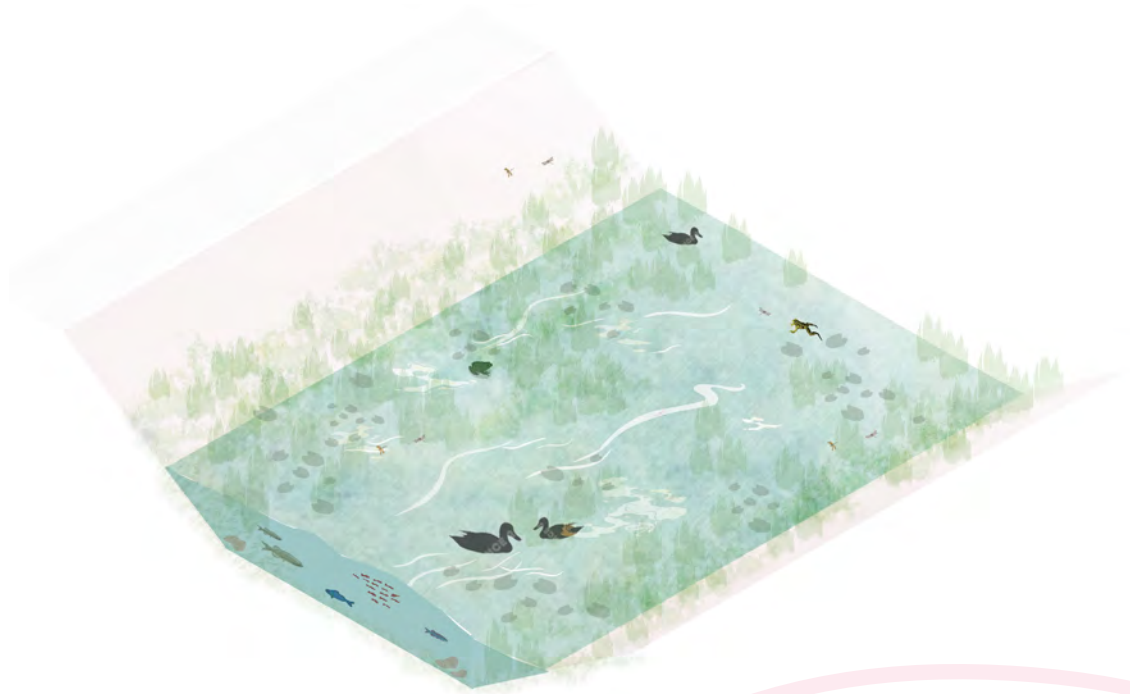
“But the people of South City didn’t like all the hard, grey concrete. So we decided to change it back to how it had been like long, long ago...”



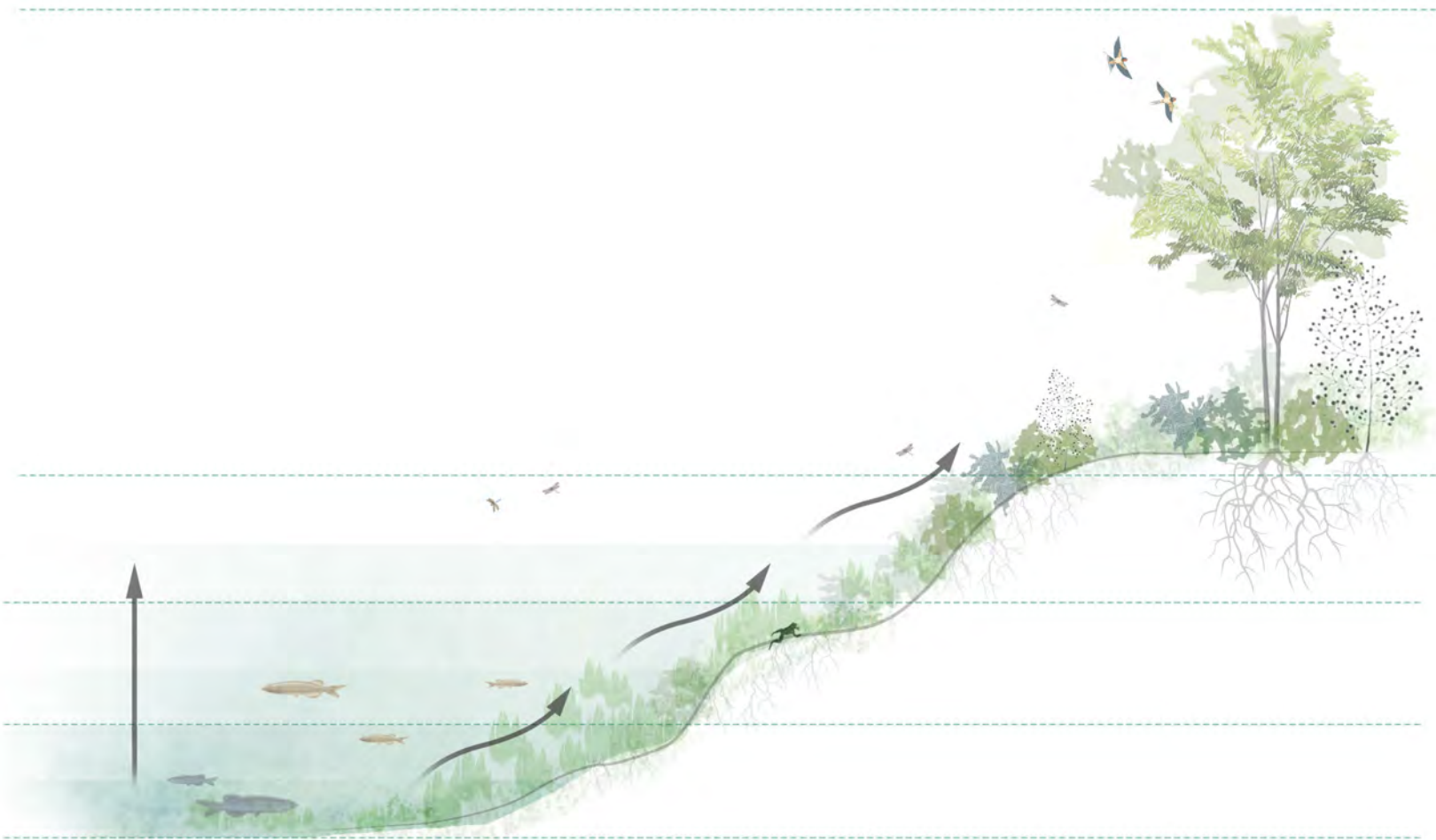
...A home for the plants and animals that belong here, and a beautiful stream for the children of our neighborhood - like you!"

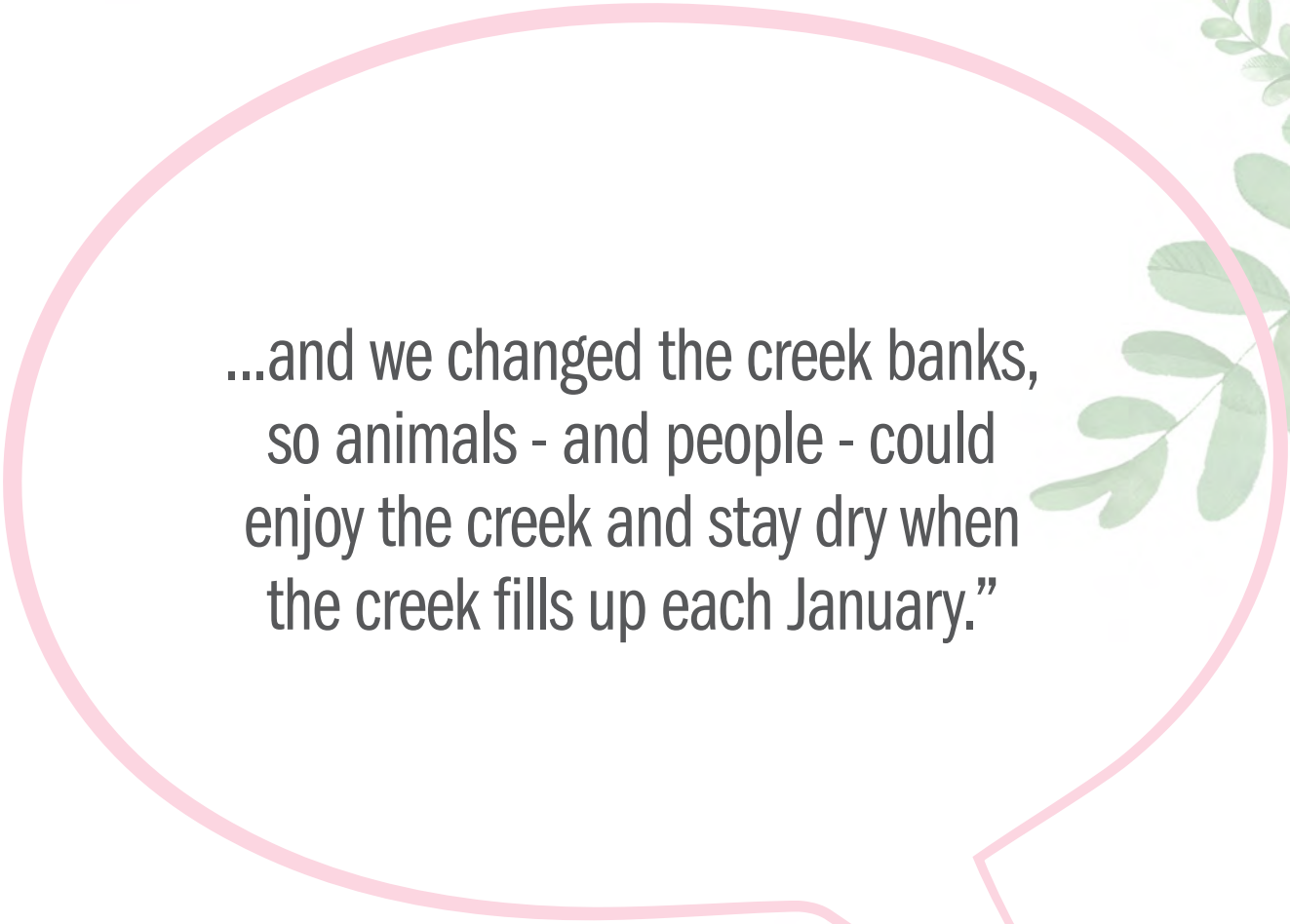
“We made the sides slope down to help stop the floods, and so that we could see the water again...”



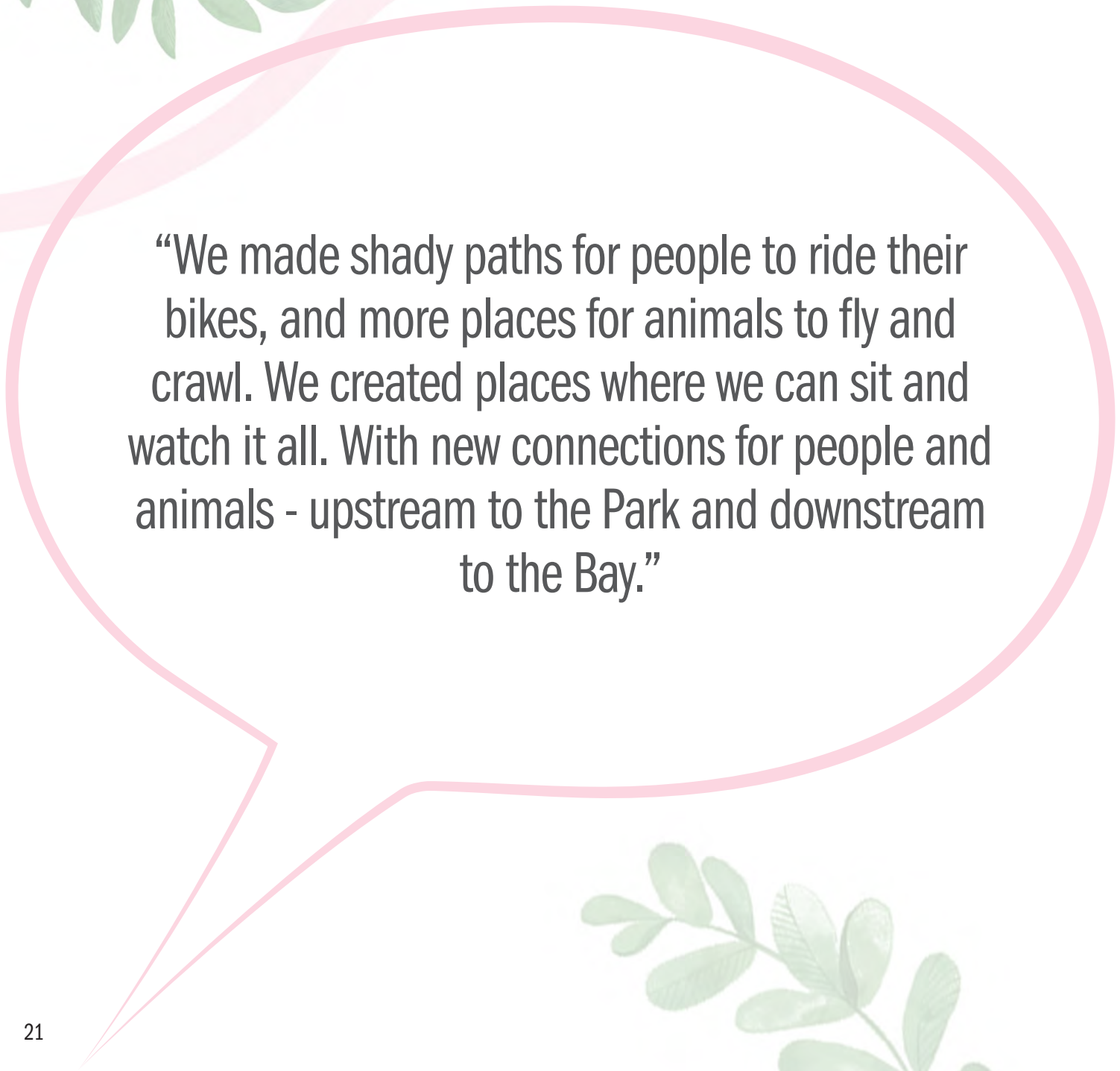



We planted new homes for fish and other critters. We wanted to be able to get up close to the water and watch when the water dances over the rocks and plants...






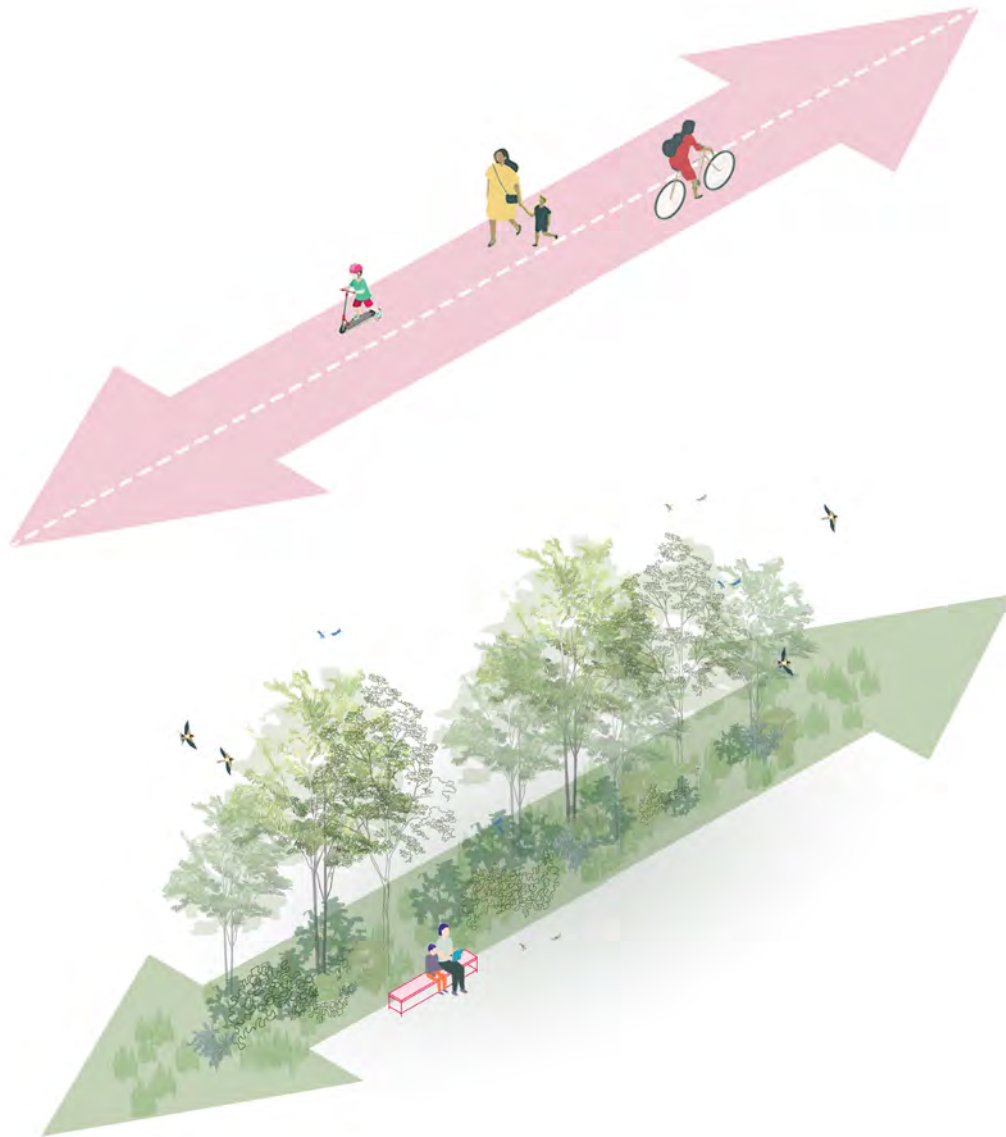
...and we changed the creek banks,  
so animals - and people - could  
enjoy the creek and stay dry when  
the creek fills up each January.”




“We made shady paths for people to ride their bikes, and more places for animals to fly and crawl. We created places where we can sit and watch it all. With new connections for people and animals - upstream to the Park and downstream to the Bay.”











“Wow Grandma!  
And you did this all  
yourself?!”



“No, sweetie” said Grandma.

“We did it together... My mom, your mom, you, me, and the whole South City community. Just like we’re doing right now, Christina.”







“Someday you’ll be able to bring your family and friends to Colma Creek.

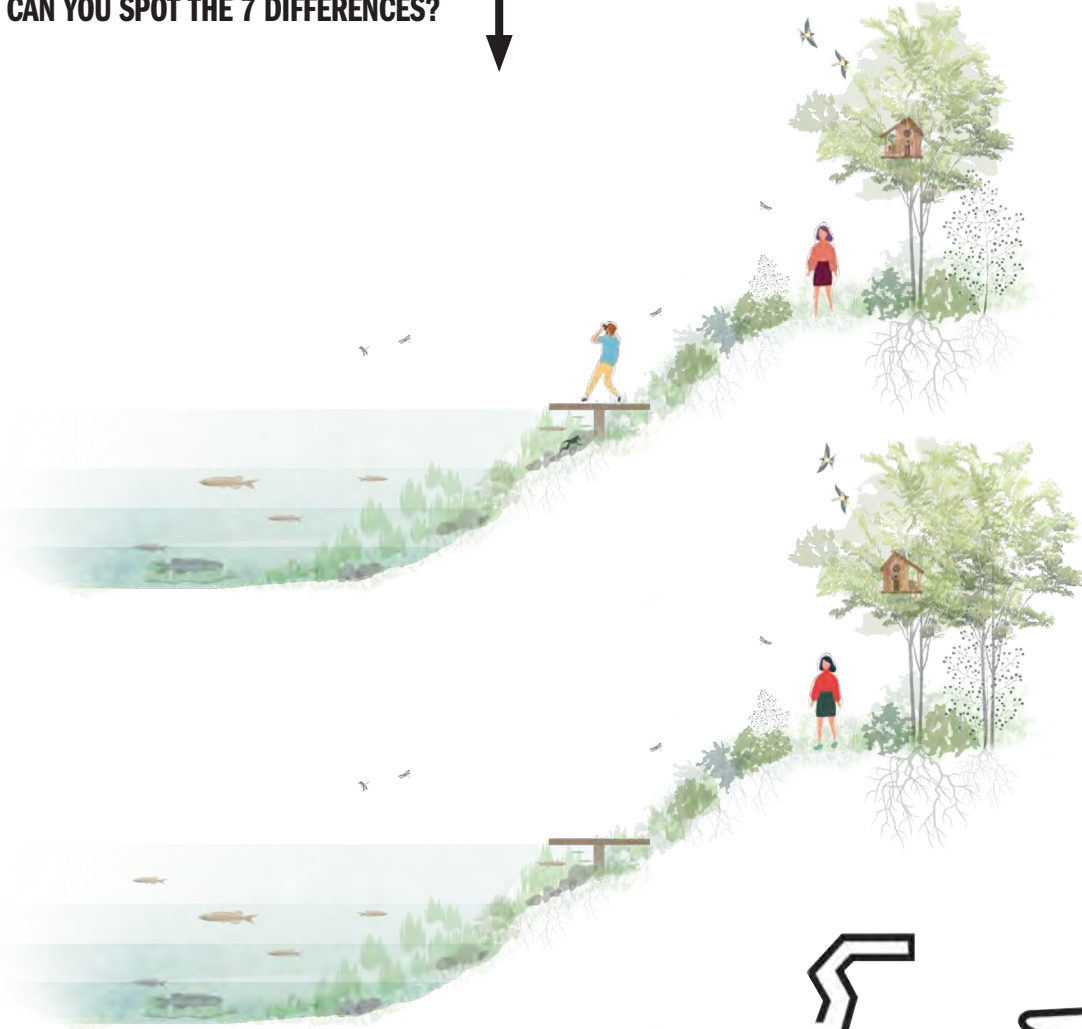
And you can tell them the story of how **you** helped rebuild the creek, one plant at a time.”



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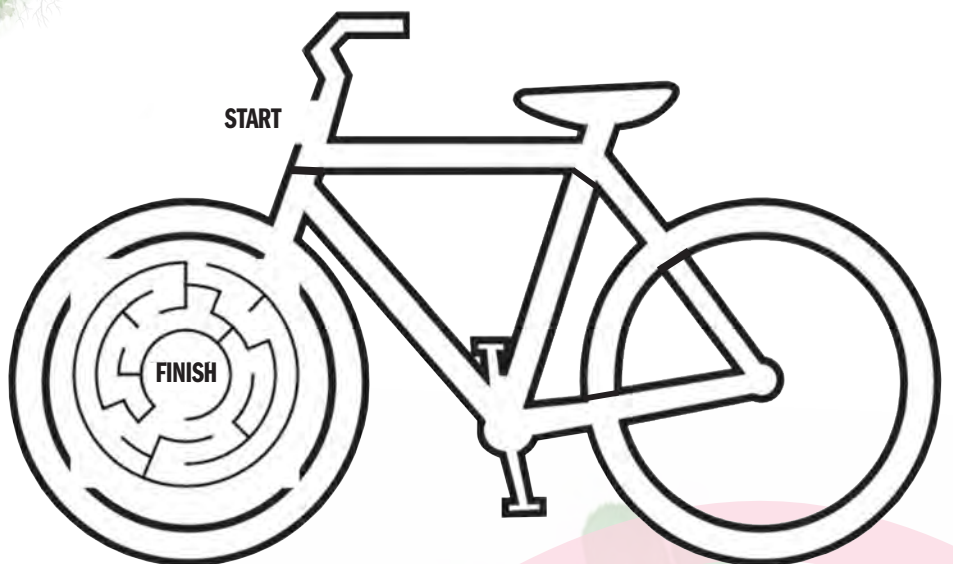


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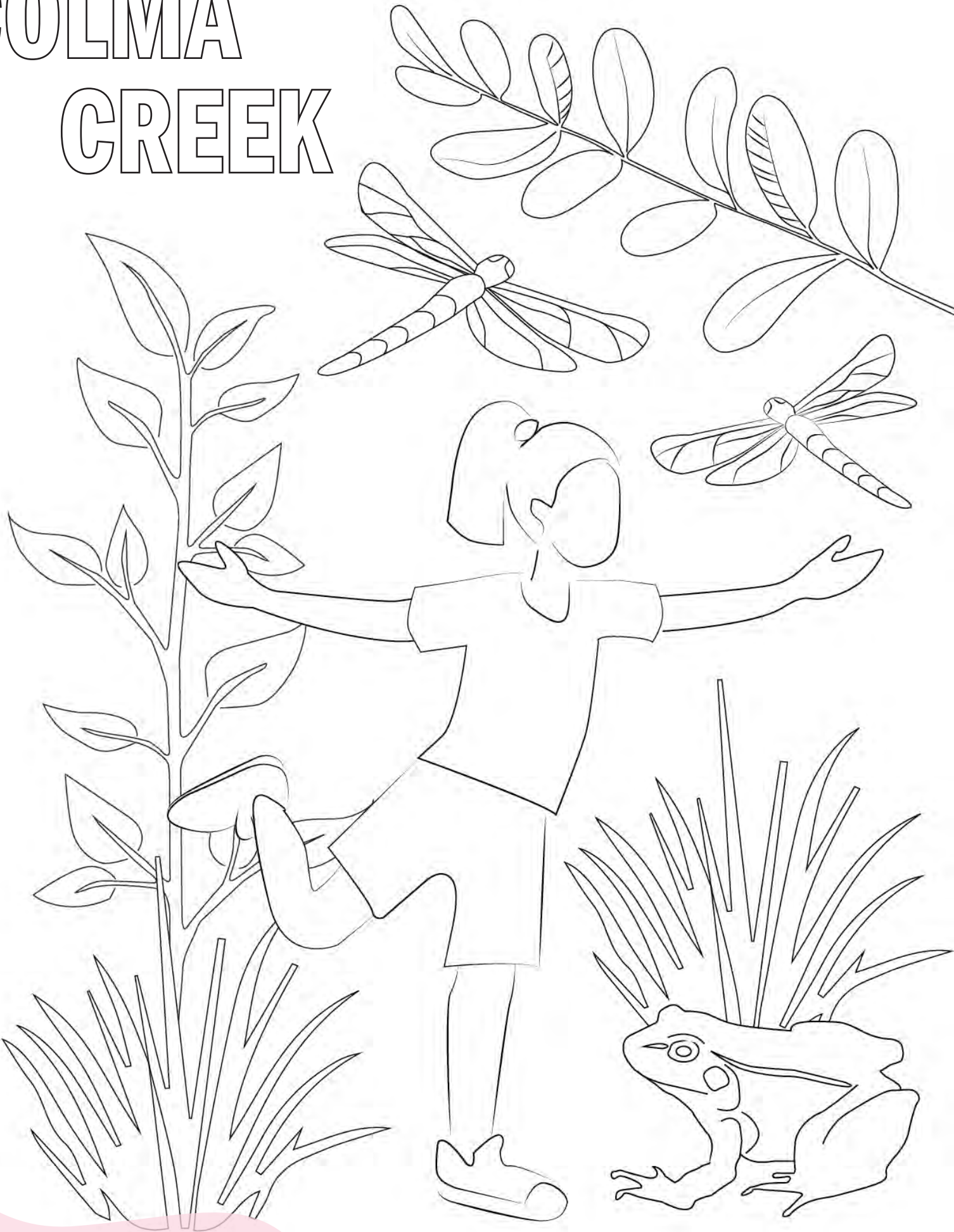
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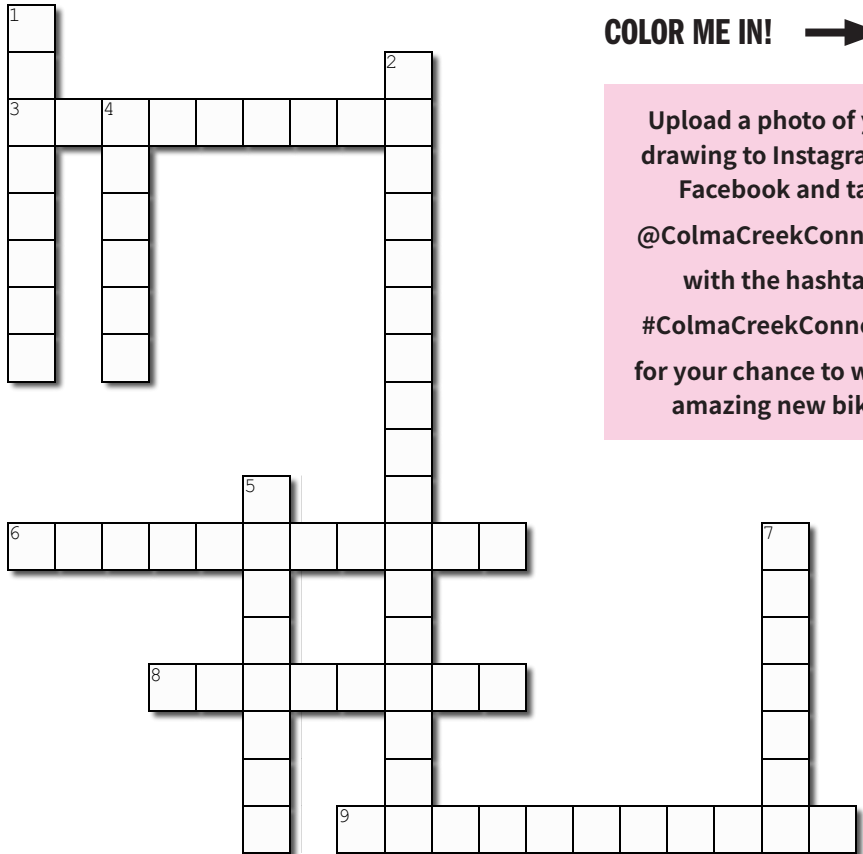
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### ACROSS

- 3. Name of mountain where Colma Creek begins
- 6. Name of Park that local creek runs through
- 8. Name of water that occurs when freshwater meets salt water
- 9. Name of creek focused in this project

### DOWN

- 1. Popular sport played in local park
- 2. Name of City where local creek ends
- 4. When species are from a specific area
- 5. Type of habitat that occurs when creek enters the Bay
- 7. Thing with two wheels and pedals

## FIND ME!



- COLMA CREEK
- SOUTH CITY
- EXPLORE THE CREEK
- ENVIRONMENT
- NATIVE PLANTS
- WALKING
- RESTORE THE CREEK
- BIKING
- SUSTAINABILITY
- SAFETY

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