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Two imagined local cases for readers to discuss. Each turns on a choice someone can make when a tool gives an answer that needs checking.

The little trees beside the water

On a class map of Mullet Pond, Kai found a pale patch beside the water. The computer shaded it grey and called it spare space. Kai thought it would make a fine spot for the model jetty his group had built.

His classmate opened another map. This one marked the wetland boundary. A photograph showed low branches growing partly over the water. From above, the water and leaves had blurred into the same colour.

Kai took the jetty off the model. He put a paper flag beside the patch with two questions for a ranger. The group would wait for answers before deciding where anything should go.

> **Discuss.** What would you ask a person who knows the wetland before drawing a new jetty?

The roof under the blue sheet

A housing reviewer in Philipsburg opened a repair file. The newest picture showed a neat cover stretched across a roof. The assistant sorted the case among the finished repairs. The homeowner asked why the letter said the work was complete.

She brought a picture taken underneath the cover and a receipt for the temporary materials. The reviewer attached both to the original file and arranged for a person to check the structure. The sheet had kept out rain while the family waited.

The reviewer withdrew the letter and recorded why the picture had misled the tool. Other files marked complete from a roof cover alone went back into the review queue.

> **Discuss.** What does the view from beneath the cover add to the original decision?