## **Baseflow Estimation: Digital Filter Assignment**

Name: Date:

A portion of the Black Warrior River is a part of the following basin: HUC 8-031601120. You are going to act as a hydrologist **estimating the proportion of baseflow to total flow in the river**. Complete the following task and then answer the discussion questions. Questions will be discussed in class following completion of the exercise.



**Assignment:** Apply the Eckhardt digital filter to streamflow data from February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Streamflow data can be accessed here: <a href="https://waterdata.usgs.gov/monitoring-location/02465000/?agency\_cd=USGS#dataTypeId=continuous-00060-0&period=P7D&showMedian=true">https://waterdata.usgs.gov/monitoring-location/02465000/?agency\_cd=USGS#dataTypeId=continuous-00060-0&period=P7D&showMedian=true</a>

## **References Values:**

BFI max		
Perennial River	0.8	
Seasonal River	0.5	
Perennial River with hard rock formations	0.25	

Recession Coefficient (α)		
Perennial Rivers	0.92-0.98	
Mixed Flows	0.85-0.92	
Intermittent Streams	0.50-0.85	

## **Questions:**

- Which variables would be the most difficult to obtain?
- How would you validate your calculated baseflow results?
- Would higher amounts of rain automatically mean more contributions to baseflow?
- What level of confidence do you have in the variable values you chose for the calculations?