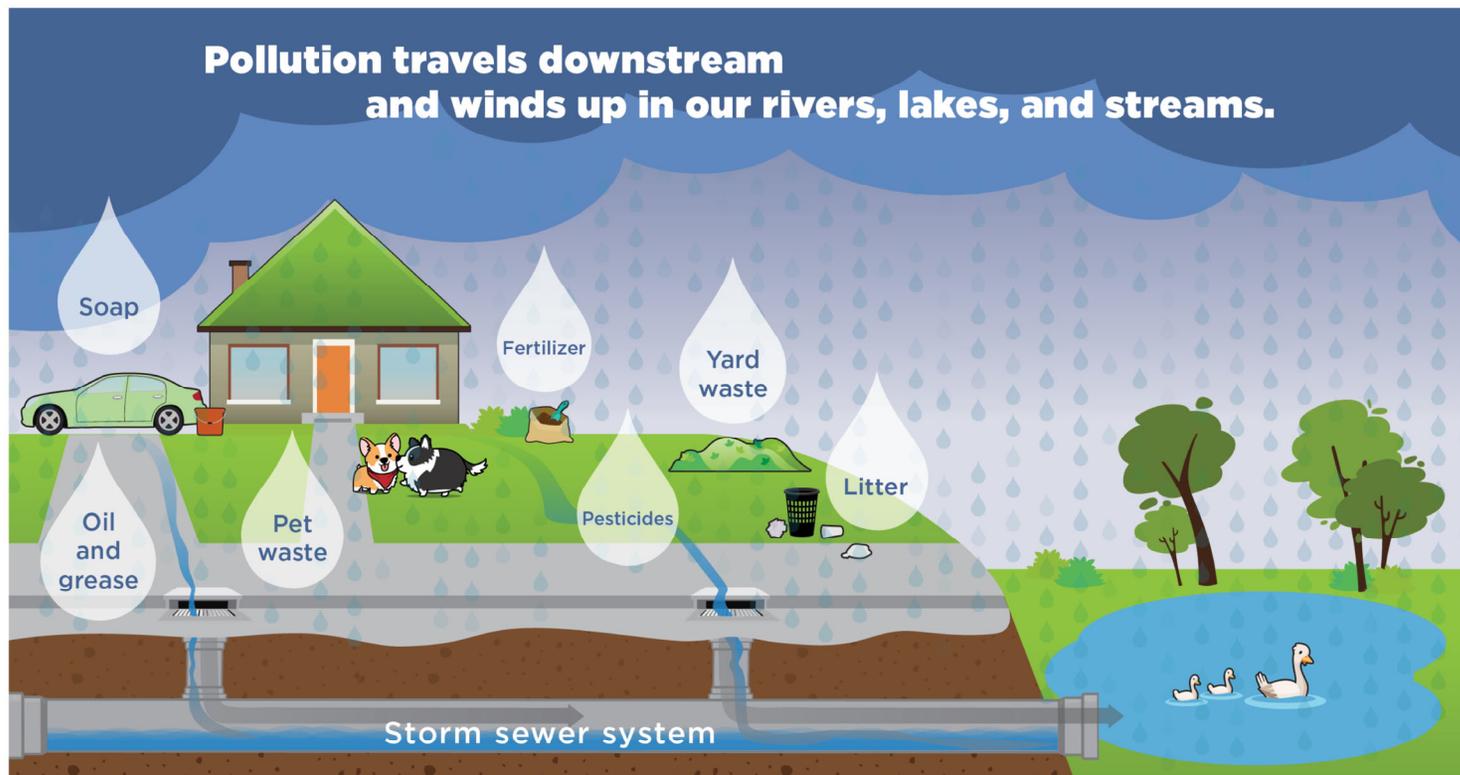


Have you ever watched water run down a gutter or pool on the side of the road during a storm? What happens to all the water? Most stormwater—the water from rain and snow—runs over the land and down a storm drain. The water flows through a network of underground pipes and open channels directly to our streams, rivers, and lakes. That's why keeping stormwater clean is vital to the health of our waterways, community, and even our economy.

KNOW WHAT'S IN THE FLOW

When water flows off our property after a storm, what's on our lawns, roads, buildings, and parking lots flows with it. The water that doesn't soak into the ground picks up oil, litter, fertilizer, and other unhealthy items along its way that wind up in our rivers, lakes, and streams.

Water pollution can start on your property in ways you cannot see, but that affect your health and the whole community downstream. Watching what we put in our storm drains and

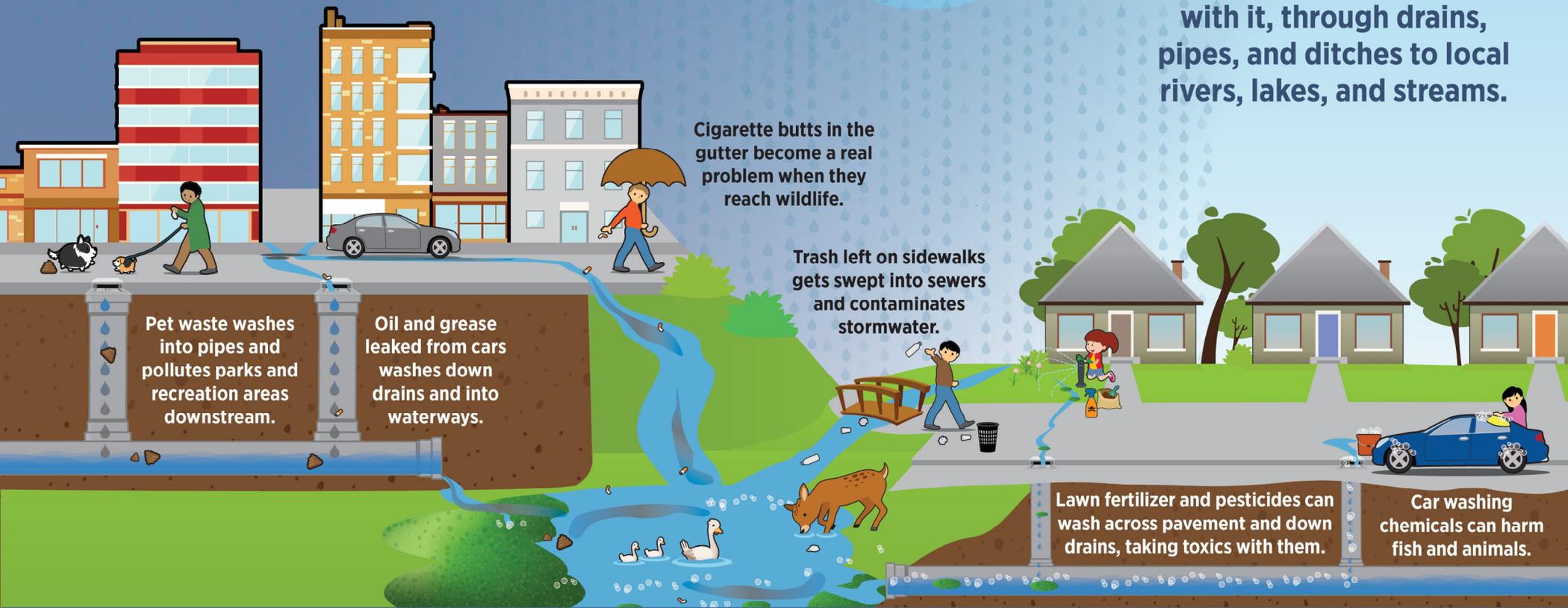


on our property makes our rivers, lakes, and streams cleaner, healthier, and more enjoyable. And by investing in solutions to manage stormwater, we help make our community a safer, greener, healthier, and more enjoyable place to live.

Stormwater is the water that flows over the ground after it rains, snows, or sleet. It can become polluted as it runs over hard surfaces and flows downstream.

Stormwater: Where It Flows, Everything Goes

When it rains, snows, or sleet, water hits hard surfaces and takes anything on that surface with it, through drains, pipes, and ditches to local rivers, lakes, and streams.



Cigarette butts in the gutter become a real problem when they reach wildlife.

Trash left on sidewalks gets swept into sewers and contaminates stormwater.

Pet waste washes into pipes and pollutes parks and recreation areas downstream.

Oil and grease leaked from cars washes down drains and into waterways.

Lawn fertilizer and pesticides can wash across pavement and down drains, taking toxics with them.

Car washing chemicals can harm fish and animals.

Where Stormwater Flows, Everything Goes