



# Carderock Springs

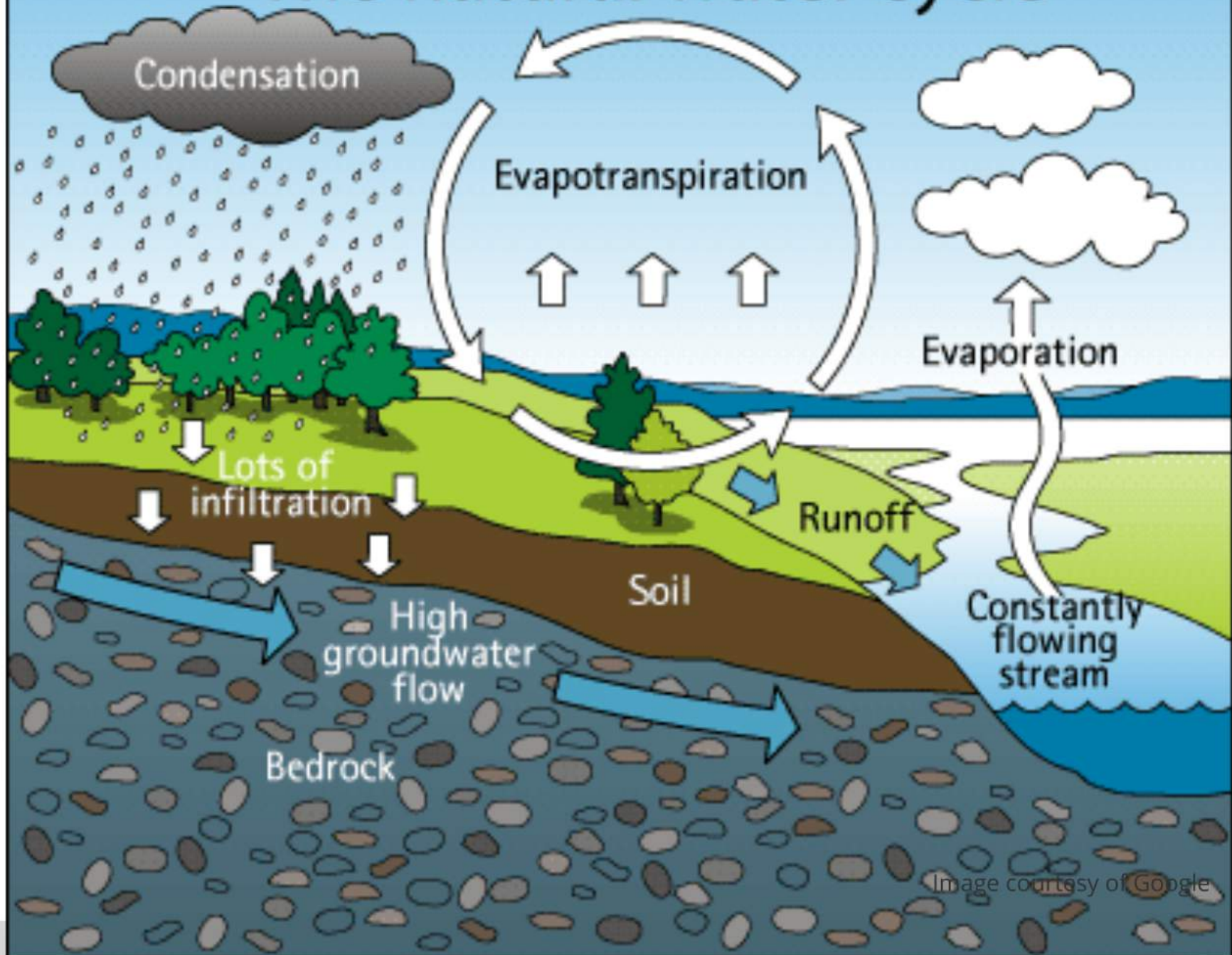
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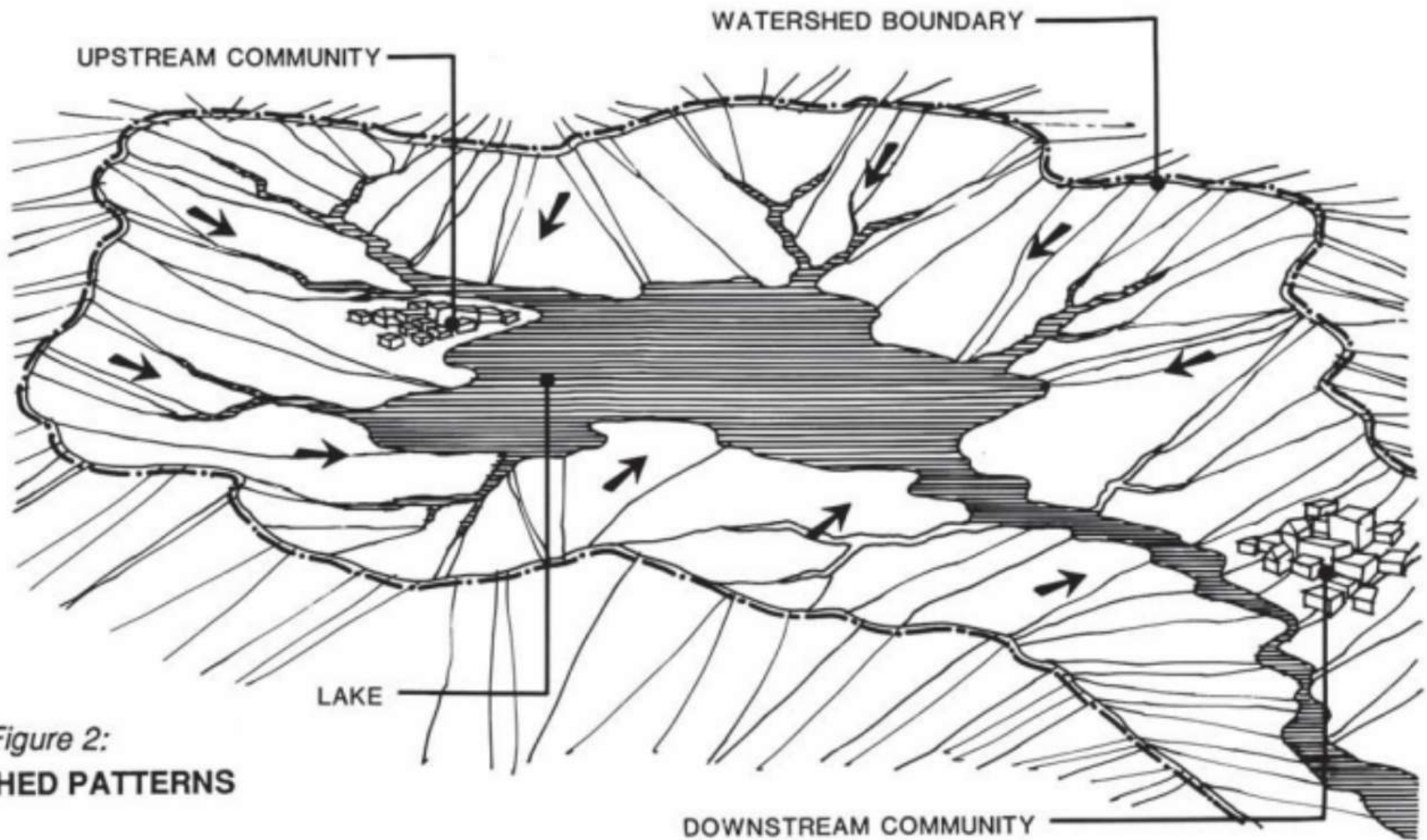


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# The natural water cycle





*Figure 2:*  
**WATERSHED PATTERNS**

Image courtesy of Florida DEP



# **Our Chesapeake Bay Habitat: By the Numbers**

**3.8 million acres of turf**

**1.5 million acres of impervious cover (75% untreated)**

**15.6 million people**

**5.7 million homes**

**12 million cars**

**200,000 miles of roads**

**6.7 million dogs**



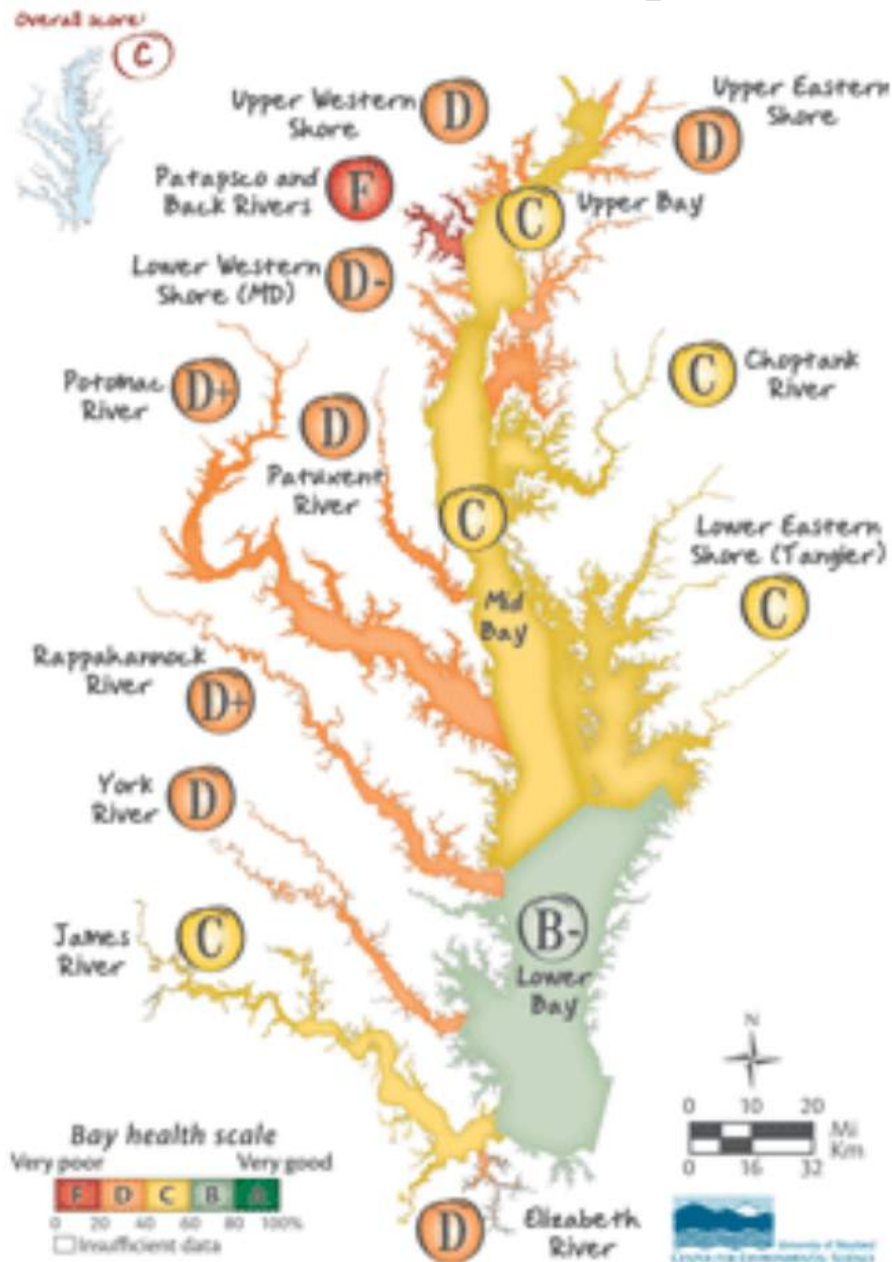
# Bay Restoration History



- *1972-Clean Water Act*
- *1972- Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA)*
- *1983- Bay Partnership*
- *1987- Bay Agreement*
- *1990- CZMA reauthorized*
- *2000- Chesapeake Bay Agreement*



# Chesapeake Bay Health 2013



Chesapeake Bay Grade: **C**  
15 regions  
7 indicators  
9% from 2011



# Bay Today

## Federal “Accountability Framework”

- Clean Water Act: Bay TMDL and generally greater regulatory influence
- Watershed Implementation Plans
- Tracking & Evaluating Progress
- 2-Year Implementation Milestones
- Federal “Consequences”



# Reductions needed by 2025

Nutrient	Pound Reduction from 2010 (millions of lbs)	Percent Reduction from 2010
Nitrogen	11.60	22
Sediment	26	1.9
Phosphorus	.49	14.9

***ors Impacting Bay and Watershed Health***

# What is Stormwater Runoff?

Stormwater is water that originates during precipitation events.

- Stormwater runoff picks up pollution (fertilizer, pesticides, sediment, motor oil, litter, and pet and yard waste)
- Pollution is then carried to local streams and rivers.



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# Stormwater is how pollution enters our streams

*Bacteria*



*Trash*



*Erosion/Sediment*



*Stormwater*

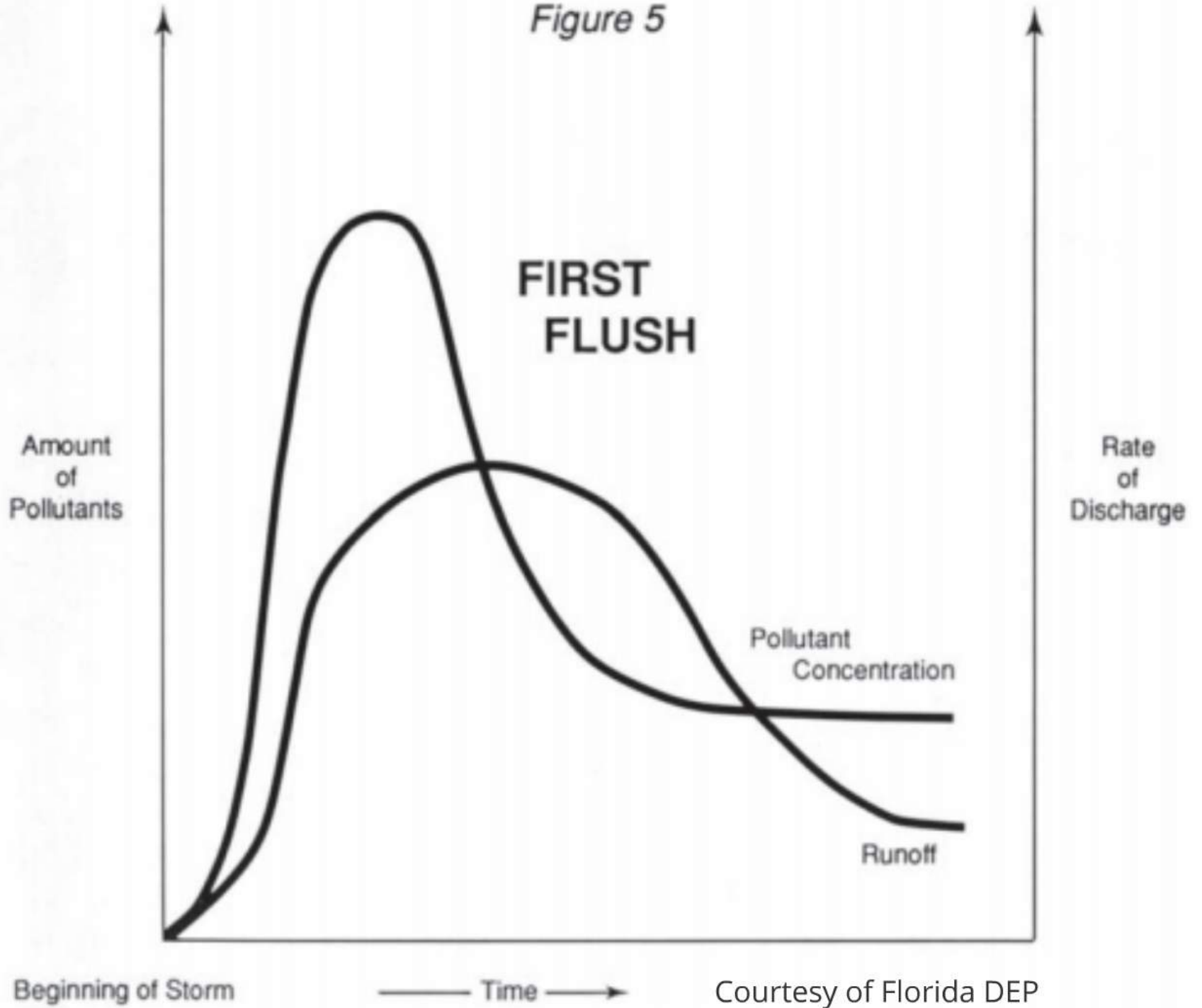


*Nutrients*



*Toxics*

Figure 5



Beginning of Storm

Time →

Courtesy of Florida DEP



# Typical community scenario

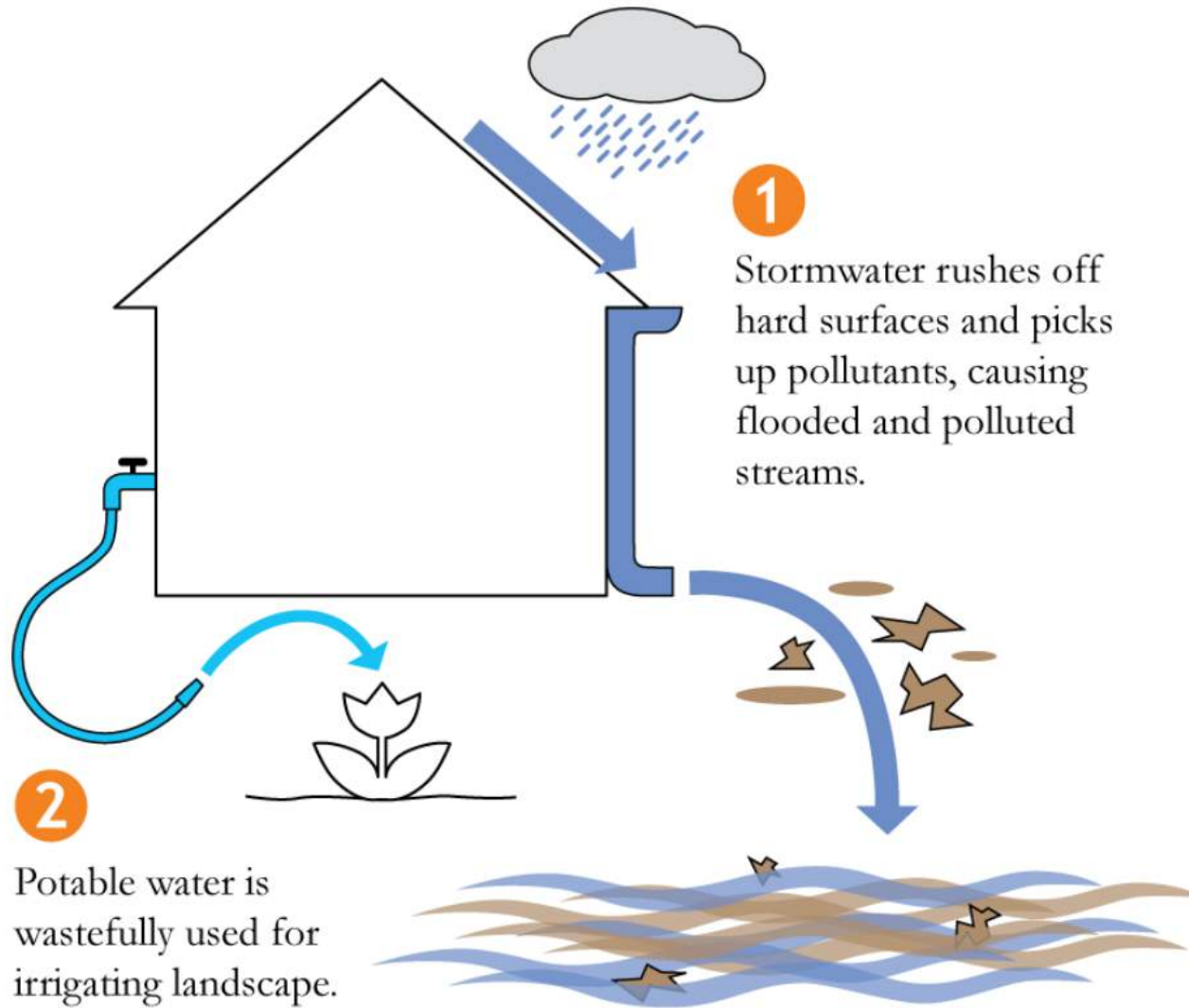
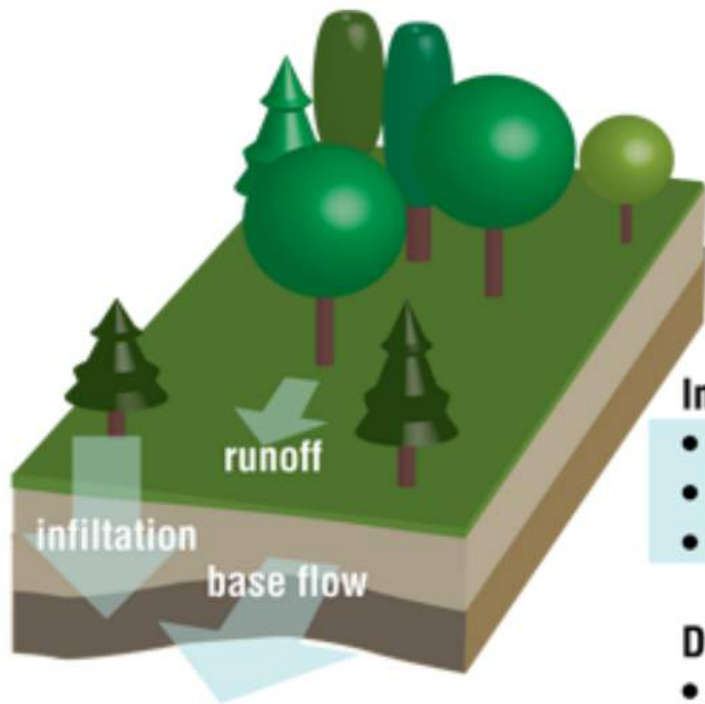


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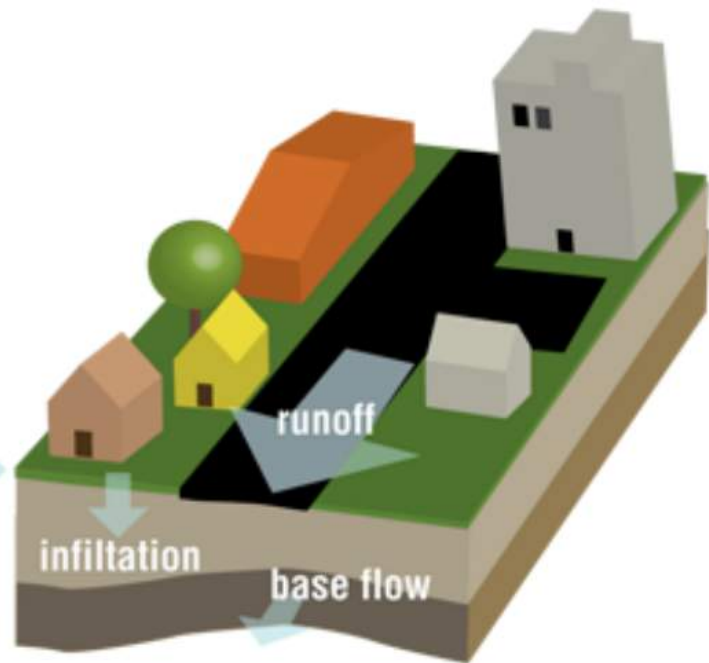
**Pre-Development**

**Increase:**

- Imperviousness
- Drainage Slope
- Direct Runoff

**Decrease:**

- Evapotranspiration
- Recharge
- Base Flow



**Post-Development**

# We have met the enemy and that is excess impervious cover!



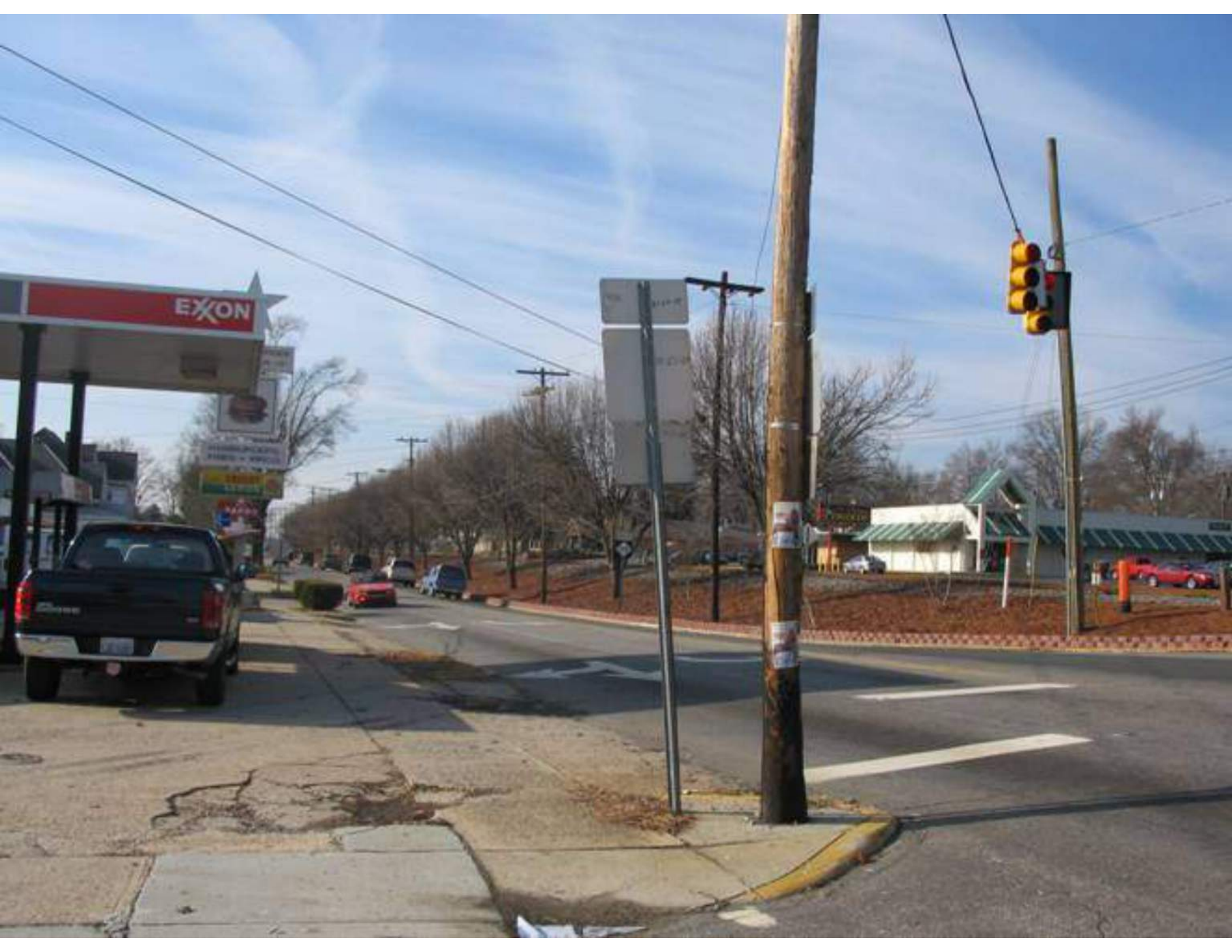
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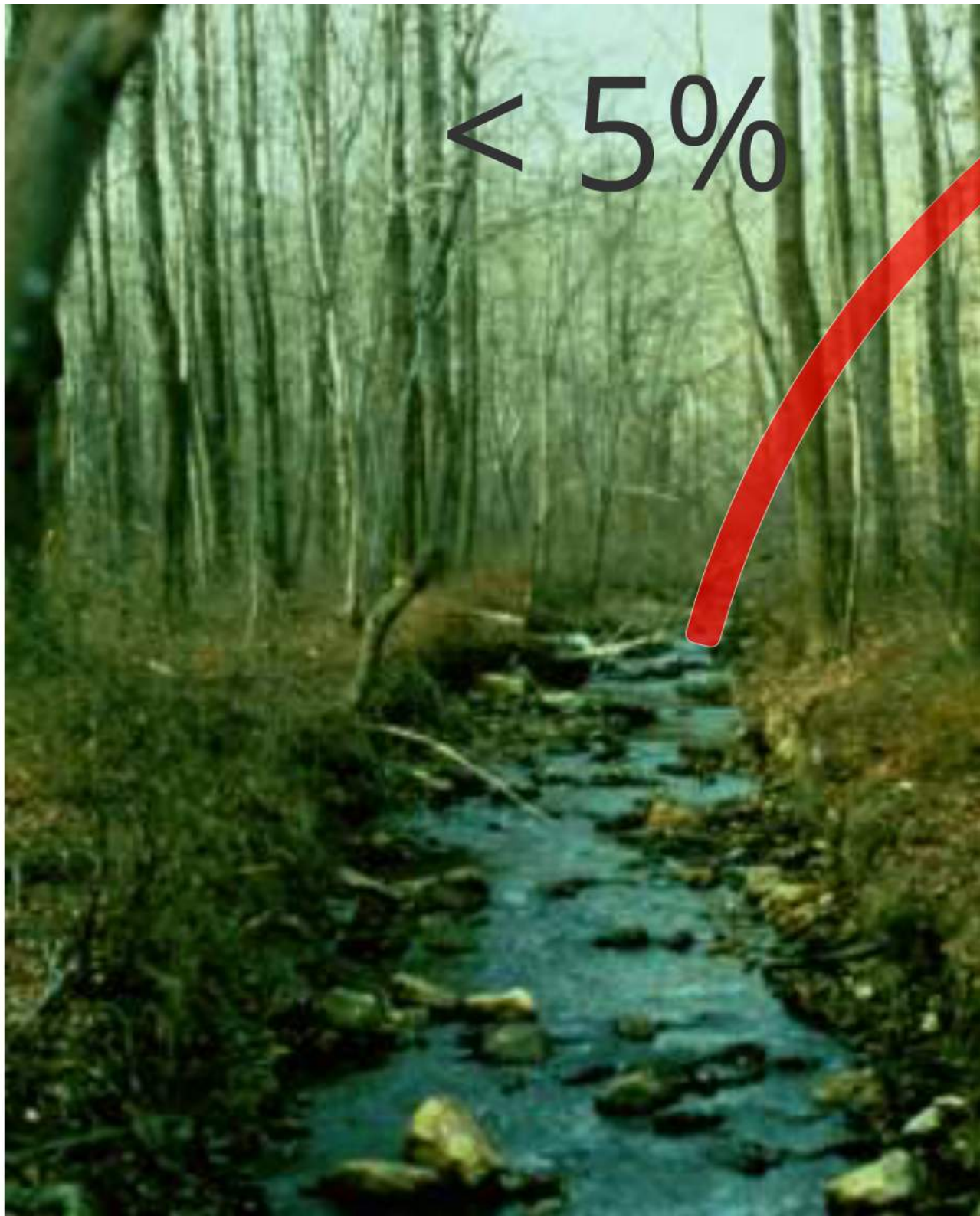


# Geomorphological Impacts





< 5%







20%







30%





> 65%









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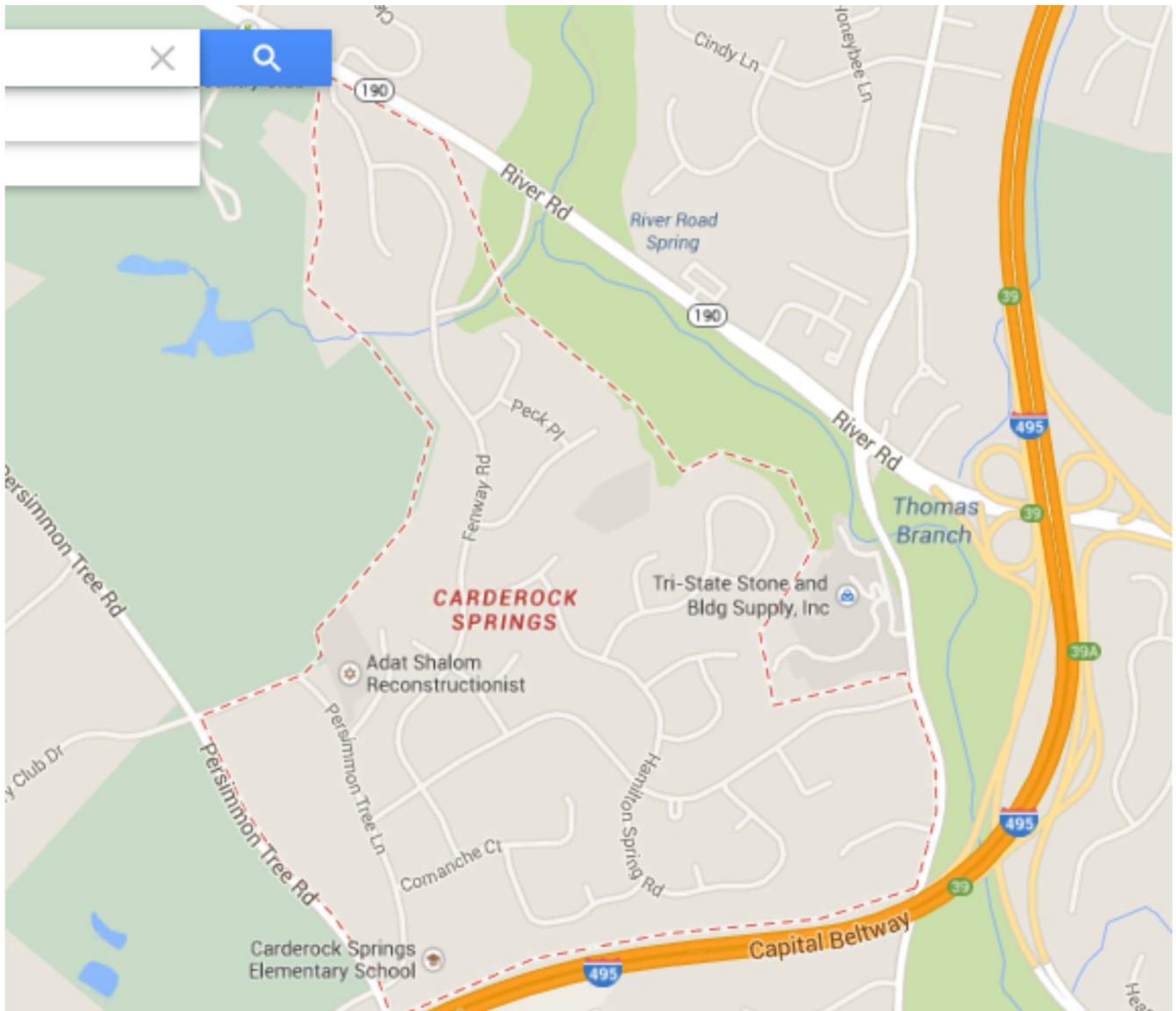
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Tri-State Stone and Bldg Supply, Inc

Carderock Springs Elementary School

Thomas Branch

Capital Beltway

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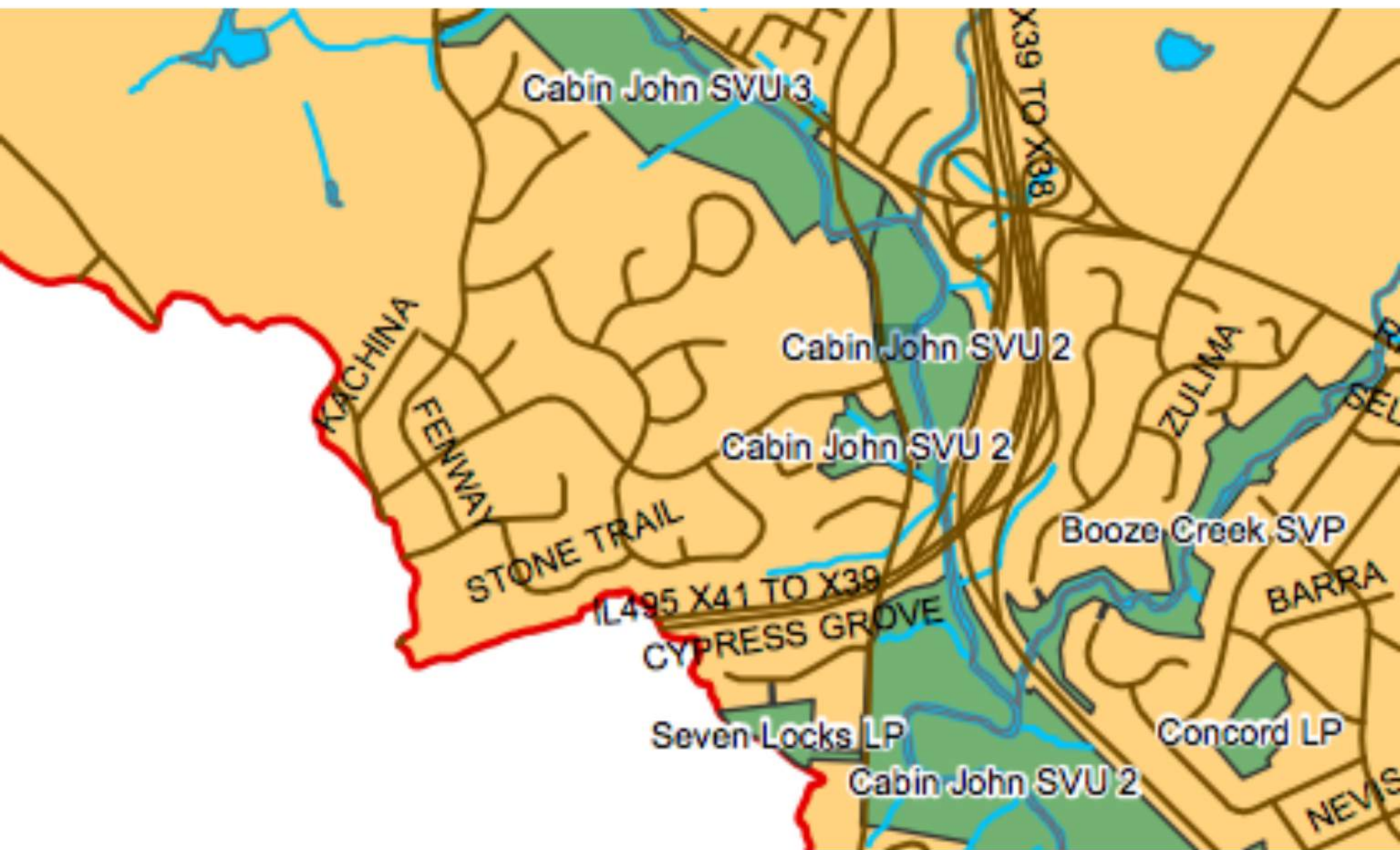
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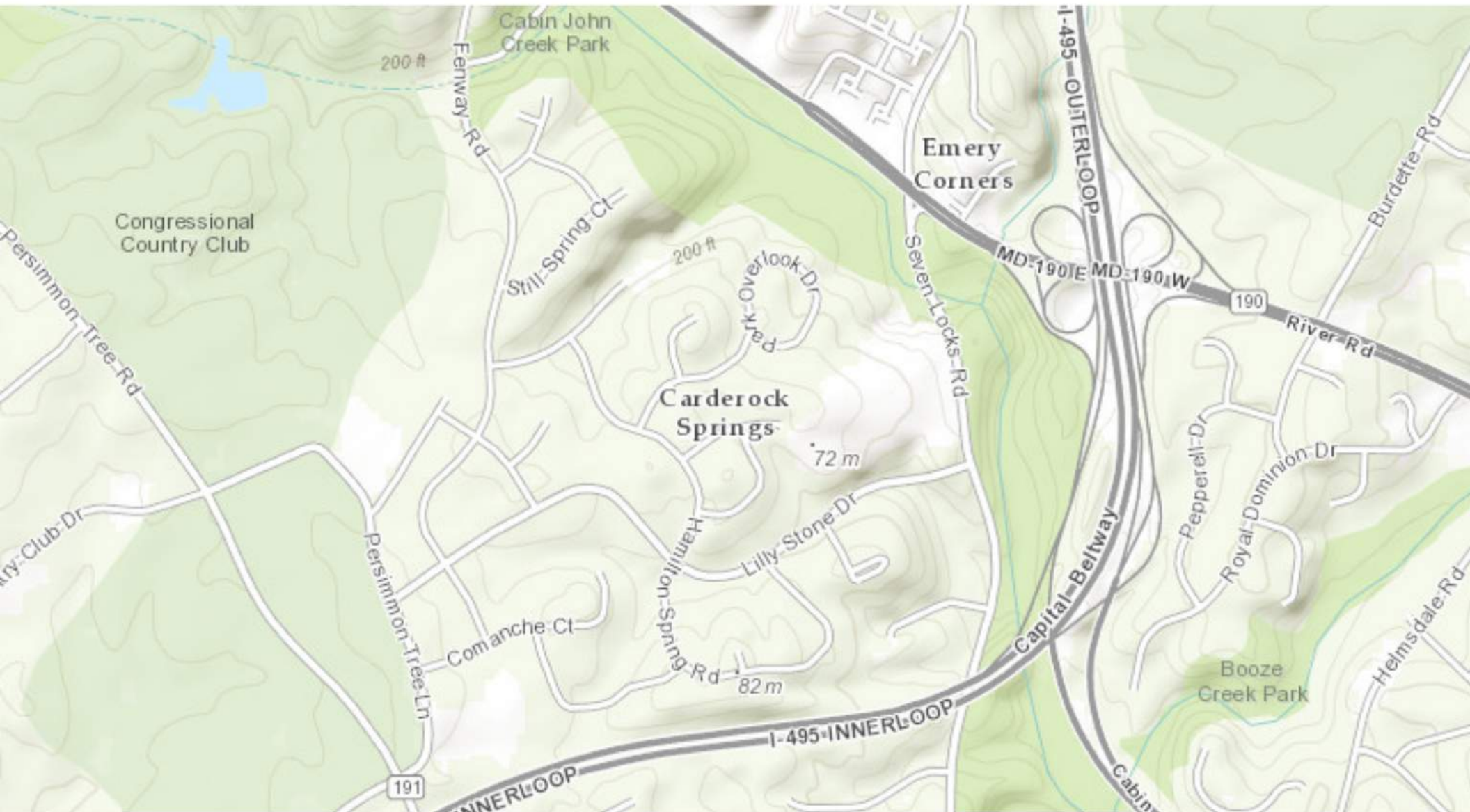
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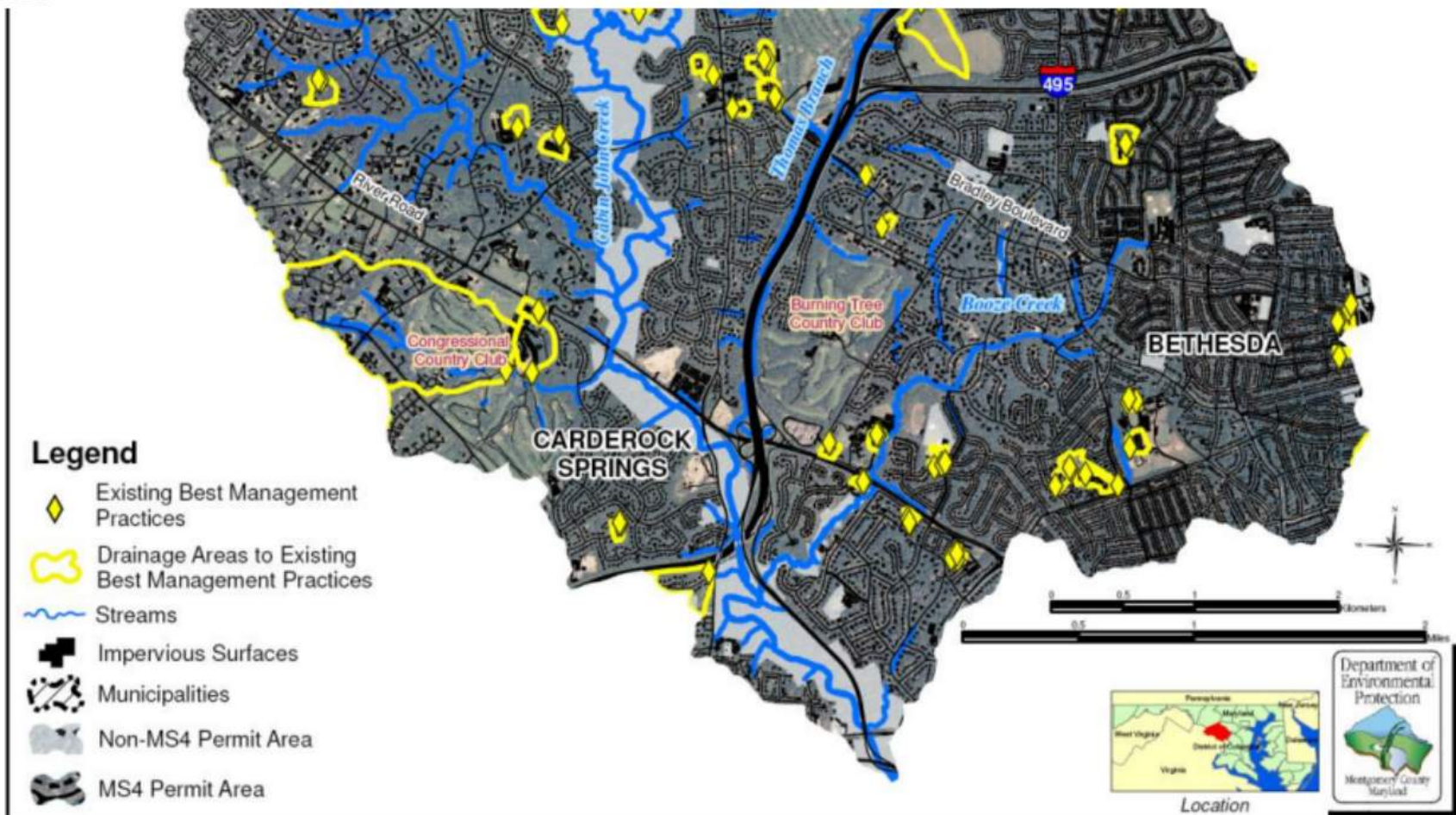






<b>Metric</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Percent of Watershed</b>
Watershed Drainage Area	16,022	100%
Impervious Cover	3,402	21%
Watershed Area Subject to County MS4 Permit <sup>1</sup>	11,880	74%
Impervious Cover Subject to County MS4 Permit <sup>1</sup>	2,422	20%
Pervious Cover (e.g., forest, turf, meadow, farm fields) <sup>1</sup>	9,458	80%

<sup>1</sup> Excluded areas include Rockville, rural zoning, all MNCPPC lands, Federal and State property, and Federal and State roads.



<b>Maryland Department of Planning 2002 Land Cover/Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed Acres</b>	<b>Percent of Total (%)</b>
<b>Low Density Residential (&lt;1 du/acre)</b>	2,544	21%
<b>Medium Density Residential (1-4 du/acre)</b>	5,404	46%
<b>High Density Residential (&gt;4 du/acre)</b>	180	2%
<b>Commercial</b>	259	2%
<b>Industrial</b>	360	3%
<b>Municipal/Institutional- Intensive<sup>1</sup></b>	672	6%
<b>Municipal/Institutional- Extensive<sup>2</sup></b>	862	7%
<b>Roadway<sup>3</sup></b>	827	7%
<b>Rural<sup>4</sup></b>	98	1%
<b>Forest<sup>5</sup></b>	647	5%
<b>Open Water</b>	16	0.1%
<b>Bare Ground</b>	12	0.1%
<b>Total Watershed</b>	<b>11,880</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Institutional land use (churches, schools, municipal buildings)

<sup>2</sup> Open Urban Land and Bare Rock land use (parks, cemeteries, and golf courses)

<sup>3</sup> Combined County and private roads (excludes Federal and State roads)

<sup>4</sup> Orchards, Vineyards, Horticulture, Feeding Operations, Cropland, Pasture, and Agricultural Buildings land use

<sup>5</sup> 2002 Land Use Data.

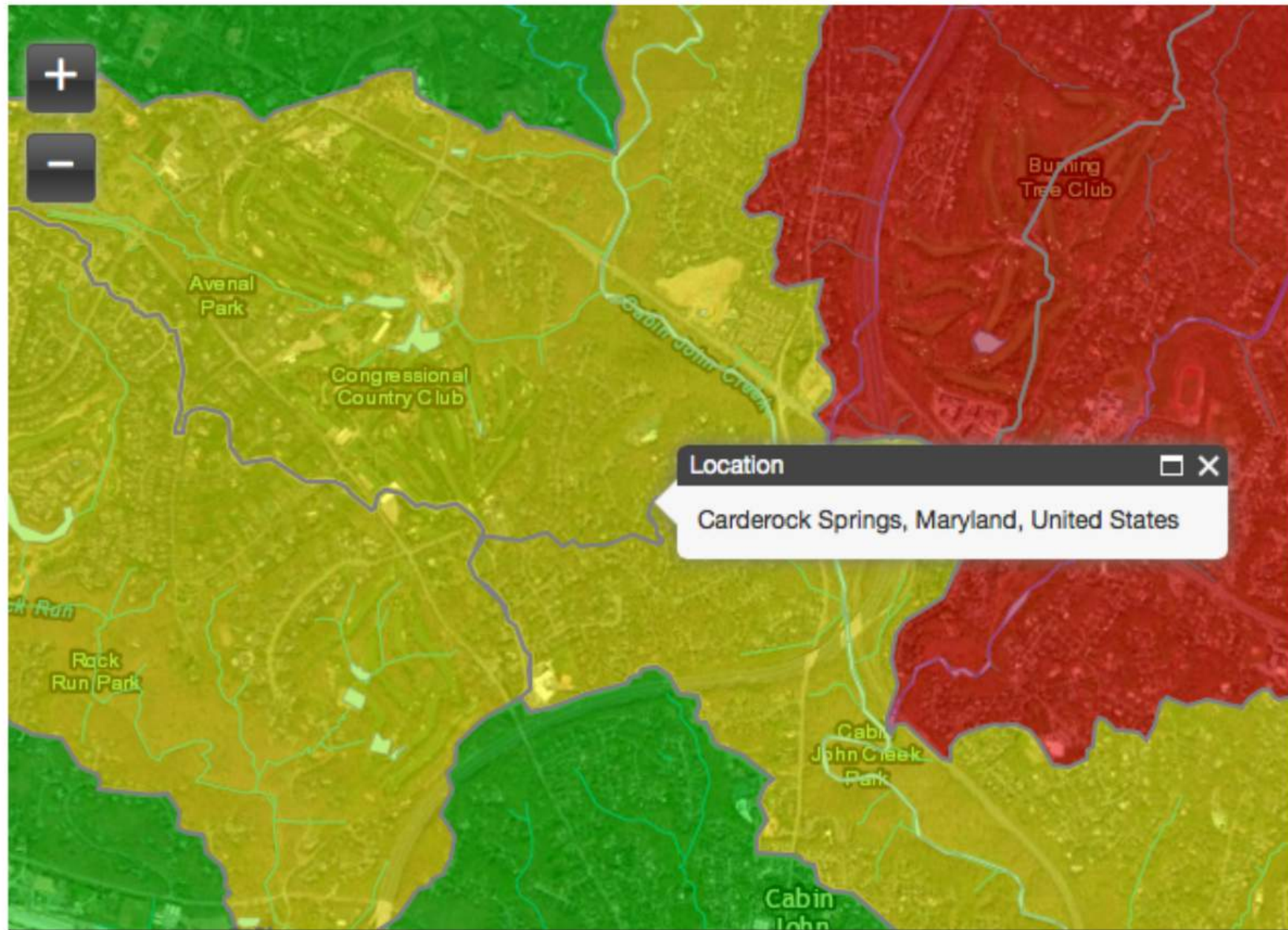


Table 10. MS4 Permit Area Impervious Cover in Cabin John Creek Watershed

<i>Impervious Cover Type</i>	<i>Impervious Acres</i>	<i>Watershed (%)</i>
1. Roads		
a. Low Density Residential <sup>1</sup>	273.6	11.5%
b. Other <sup>2</sup>	553.2	23.3%
2. Parking Lot		
a. County Small Lots (<1 acre) <sup>3</sup>	21.0	0.9%
b. County Large Lots (>=1 acre) <sup>3</sup>	31.3	1.3%
c. Private	324.7	13.7%
3. Roofs		
a. County <sup>4</sup>	20.4	0.9%
b. Single Family Homes <sup>5</sup>	827.1	34.9%
c. Other	233.7	9.9%
4. Sidewalks <sup>6</sup>	56.3	2.4%
5. Other		
a. Schools <sup>7</sup>	28.2	1.2%
b. Recreational <sup>8</sup>	0.0	0.0%
<b>Total Impervious Acres from GIS<sup>9</sup></b>	<b>2,369.6</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<sup>1</sup>All roads in RF2 or R200 property zoning

Currently, the majority of the stream resource conditions in Cabin John Creek were assessed as 'Fair', with the remaining 17.5% assessed as 'Poor'. Zero stream miles were assessed as 'Excellent' or 'Good'.





**Table 9. Bacteria Baseline Loading Estimates for Cabin John Creek Watershed and Comparison Values from MDE**

<b><i>Parameter</i></b>	<b><i>Year</i></b>	<b><i>Baseline Montgomery County MS4 load</i></b>	<b><i>Montgomery County WLA Reduction</i></b>	<b><i>Target Montgomery County MS4 load</i></b>
Bacteria ( <i>E. coli</i> )	2006	44,257 billion MPN/year	30.7%	30,670 billion MPN/year

<b>Fiscal Year</b>		<b>2015</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2030</b>	<b>TMDL WLAs</b>
<b>Impervious Treated (acres)</b>		187	380	570	1,018	1,018	
<b>ESD (% Impervious)</b>		52%	72%	78%	87%	87%	
<b>Cost (Million \$)</b>		23	65	114	215	219	
<b>ESD (% Cost)</b>		92%	91%	86%	90%	88%	
<b>% Reduction from baseline</b>	TN	21%	27%	39%	55%	58%	
	TP	20%	26%	35%	49%	51%	
	TSS	6%	17%	60%	91%	100%	
	Bacteria	16%	22%	27%	40%	40%	31%
	Trash	6%	12%	19%	34%	34%	

*TN: Total Nitrogen*

*TP: Total Phosphorus*

*TSS: Total suspended solids*

*WLA: Waste Load Allocation*





























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# Large scale stormwater solutions....



Image courtesy of DEP- MoCo, Turkey Thicket Restoration



# Smaller scale stormwater solutions....

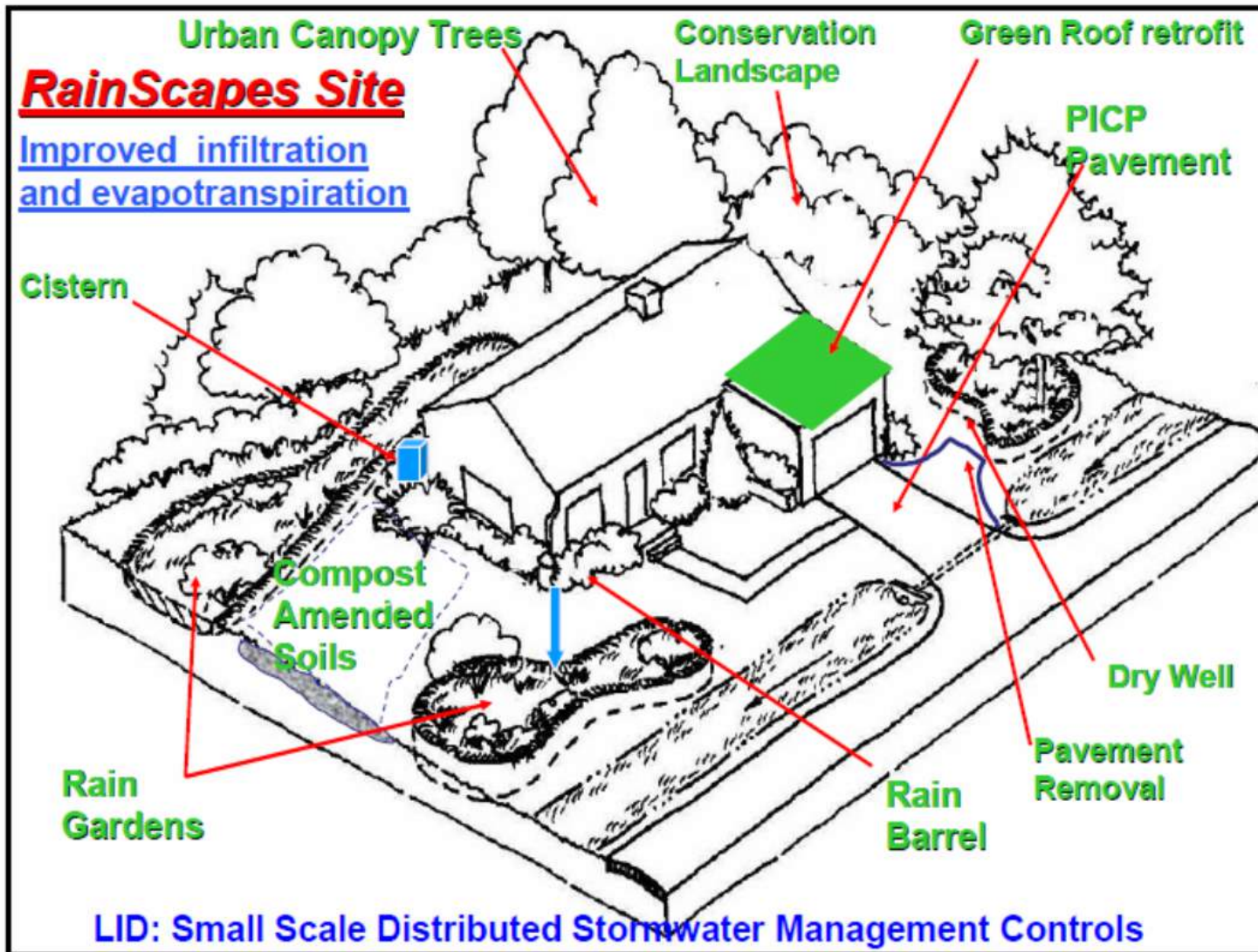
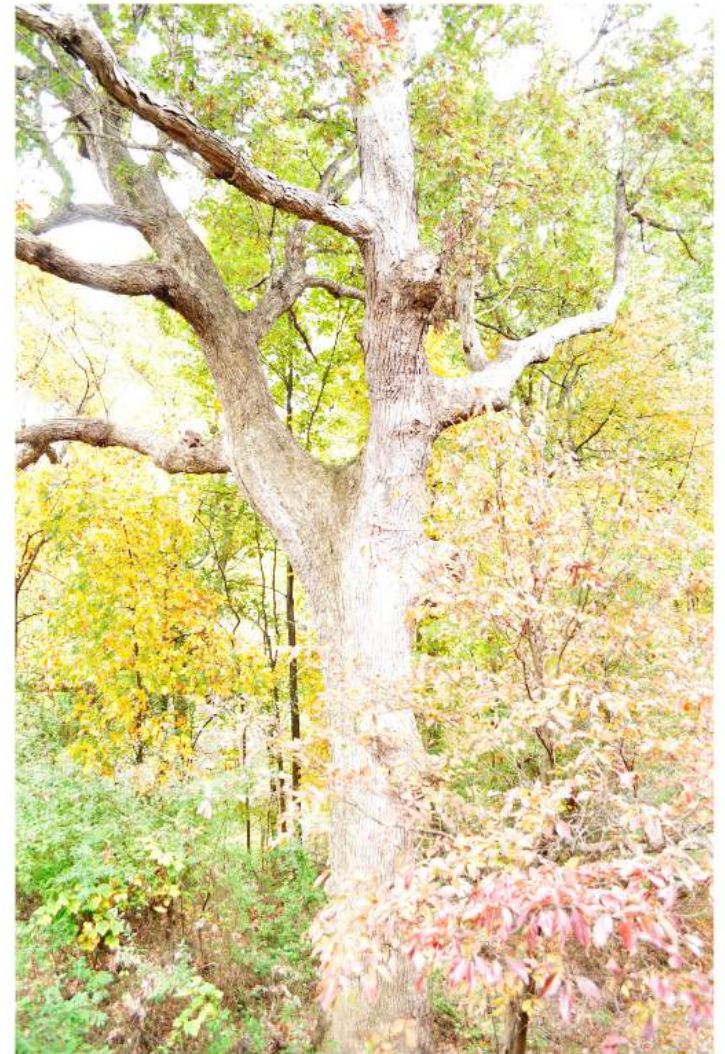
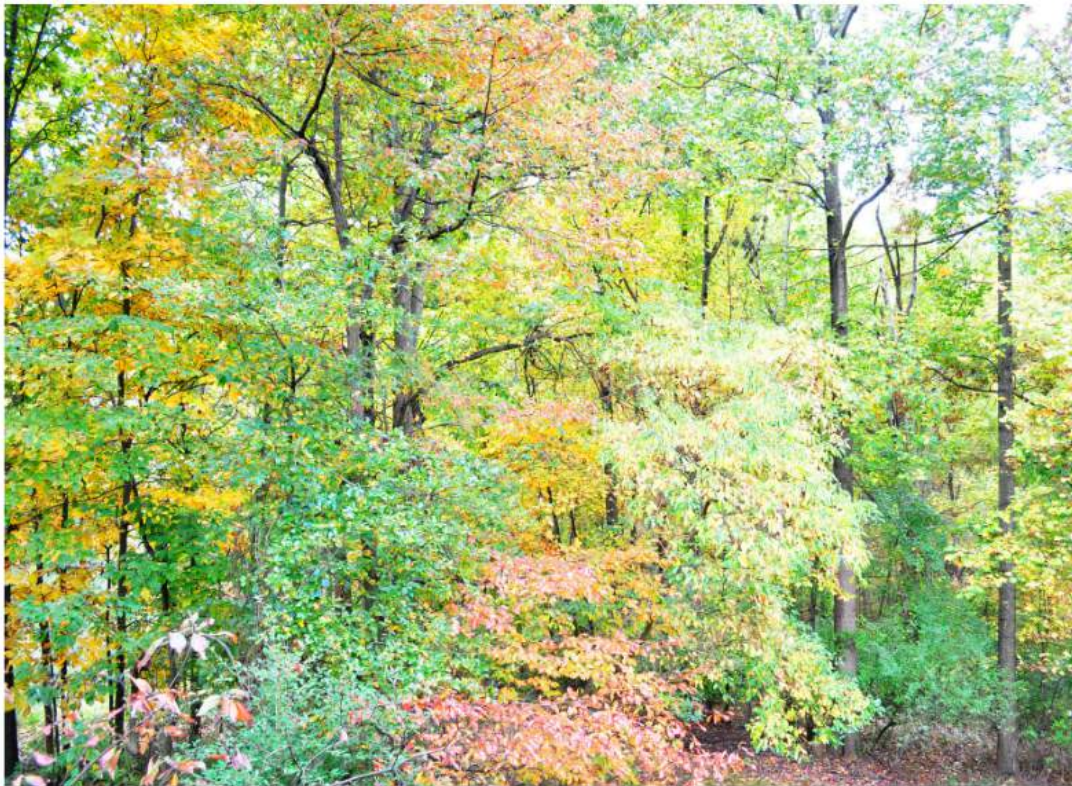


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# Planting Trees





# Fertilize wisely or not at all??





# Rain Barrels

- A device for small-scale rainwater harvesting
- A stormwater management tool
- Collect, store, reuse rainwater
- Recycled or purpose-built
- Often 55 gallons





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# Sizing

Consider roof area in relation to  
volume of rain barrel(s)

How much water can you use?

How much space is available?



Rule of thumb:

1" rain over 1000 sq. ft. roof produces 600 gallons of rain runoff

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# Conservation Landscaping



“Landscaping with specific goals of reducing pollution and improving the local environment.”

USFWS Slattery, Reshetiloff, and Zwicker (2003)



# Why Conservation Landscaping?



Reduces pollution of  
our air and water  
Conserves non-  
renewable resources  
such as fuel and water  
Helps maintain regional  
biodiversity  
Helps eradicate non-  
native invasive species



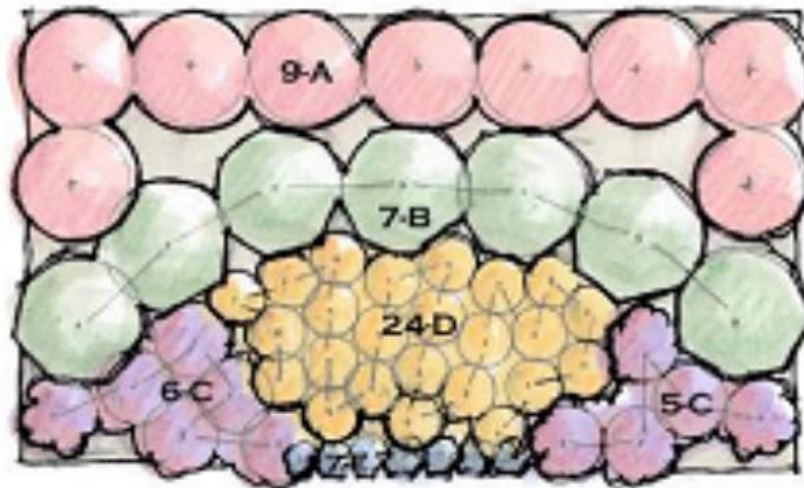
# Shady Flower Garden



*Rhododendron periclymenoides*  
Pinxterbloom Azalea



*Clethra alnifolia*  
sweet pepperbush



*Chrysogonum virginianum*  
Green-and-Gold



*Eurybia divaricata*  
White Wood Aster



*Phlox stolonifera*  
Creeping Phlox

Scale: 1/8"=1'





















# Permeable/Porous



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YouTube



# Green Roofs





# Rain Gardens







YouTube



# What is a rain garden?

Shallow depression that captures and filters stormwater runoff



[http://water.unl.edu/c/document\\_library/get\\_file?uuid=bb3e4c0c-73bb-4295-b529-738f20609d0d&groupId=1882&.swf](http://water.unl.edu/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=bb3e4c0c-73bb-4295-b529-738f20609d0d&groupId=1882&.swf)



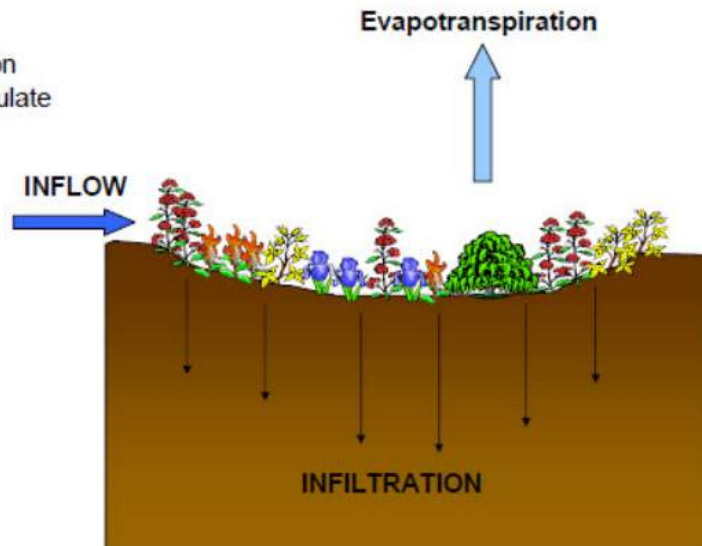
# Rain garden principles and benefits

- Rain gardens are placed between stormwater runoff sources (roofs, driveways, parking lots) and runoff destinations (storm drains, streets, streams).
- SLOW it DOWN and SOAK it UP

## Rain Gardens as Stormwater BMPs

### Benefits

- Natural infiltration
- Sediment/particulate removal
- N & P removal
- Aesthetically pleasing



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## Rain Garden in a neighborhood setting

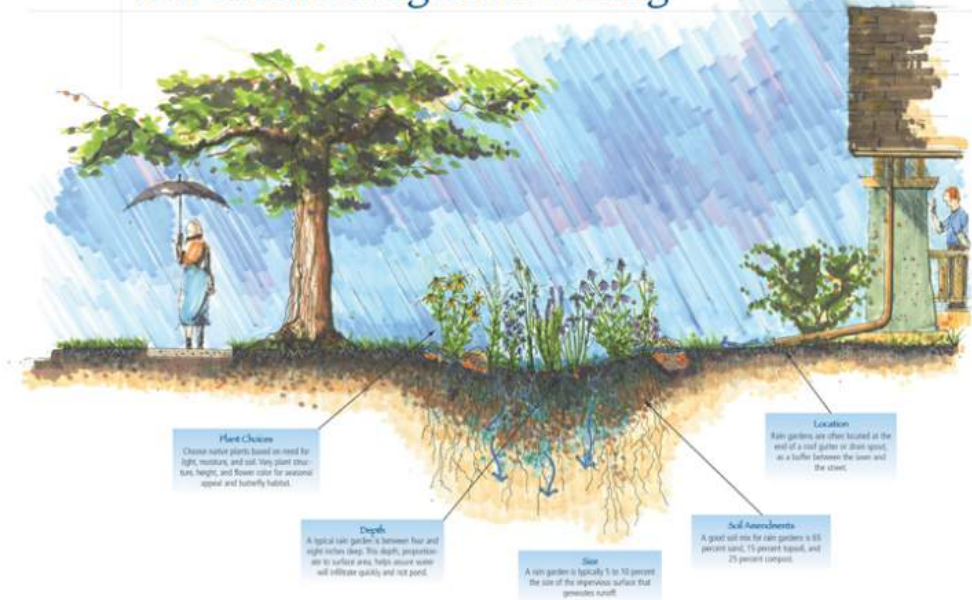


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# Native Species!!



Photos courtesy North Creek Nurseries  
<http://prezi.com/7zspkwnln6ji/native-plants/>











## Recommendations

- Maintenance
- Behavior Change Campaign
- Implementation of small scale practices on residential properties
- Pet Waste campaign
- Maintain existing tree canopy and Reforest

## Resources

- RainScape Rewards Program <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dep/water/rainscapes-rebates.html>
  - \$2500 homeowner
  - \$10,000 commercial, hoa, multi family, institutional
- Chesapeake Bay Trust
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation



# Resources

Rain Gardens Across Maryland <https://extension.umd.edu/learn/rain-gardens-across-maryland>



Chesapeake Stormwater Network: Homeowner BMP Guide <http://chesapeakestormwater.net/category/publications/>

## Publications

Homeowner BMP Guide

April 22, 2013



CSN's newly released Homeowner BMP Guide presents a step by step approach for analyzing your property to find out whether it makes sense to install a rain garden or other residential stewardship practices.

[Learn more...](#)

UCONN CLEAR Rain Garden App: <http://extension.umd.edu/watershed/regional-rain-garden-app>

## Regional Rain Garden App



*Planning to build a rain garden?*

The **Regional Rain Garden app** developed by The Center for Land Use Education and Research (CLEAR) at the University of Connecticut walks homeowners through each step of rain garden installation.

Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute (ICPI)  
<http://www.icpi.org/>

City of Rockville Rain Barrel Videos  
<http://www.rockvillemd.gov/index.aspx?NID=828>

## Stormwater Video

<http://earthfix.opb.org/water/article/drained-how-we-got-into-such-a-mess-with-stormwater/>





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# Thank you! Questions.....

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