



# Renew Our Waters

Every choice counts.

## STORMWATER PONDS FOR CLEAN WATER

*Found on public and private property, stormwater ponds collect, filter, and release water slowly.*

Stormwater ponds, sometimes referred to as wet ponds or detention basins, help capture stormwater runoff, slow it down, allow sediment, nutrients like phosphorus, and other pollution to settle out of the water, and then cleaner water is released into nearby lakes, rivers, and streams. These ponds help reduce flooding, clean our water, and reduce erosion downstream caused by fast-moving stormwater runoff.

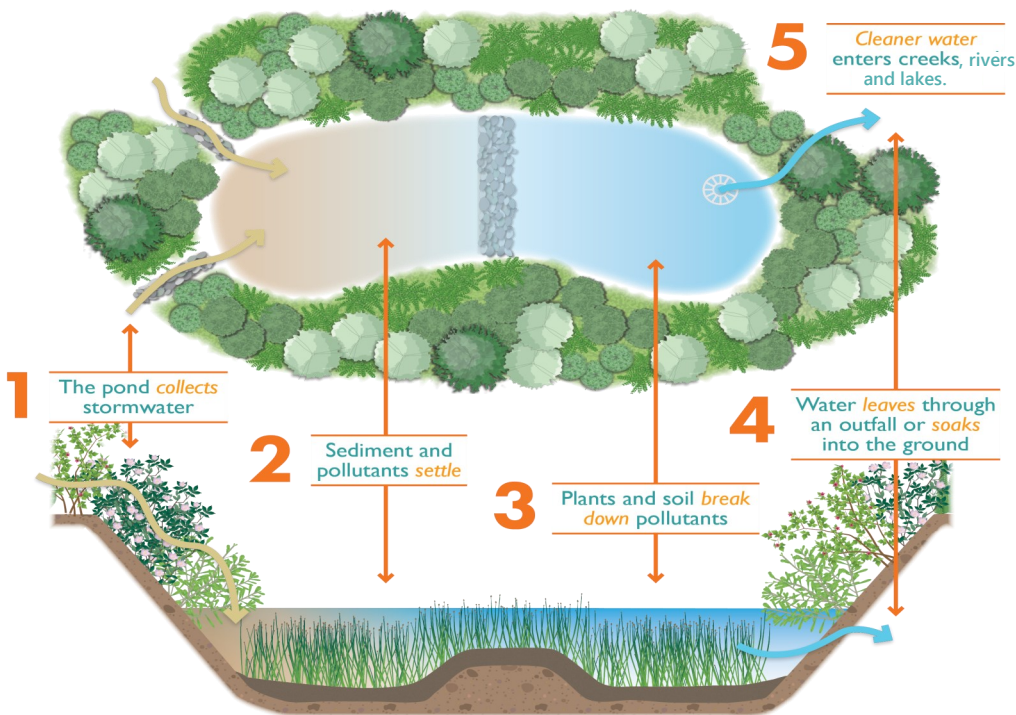


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Did you know?

Just one pound of phosphorus can lead to 500 pounds of algae growth in our lakes and rivers!

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Stormwater is rain or snowmelt and water from things people do, like overwatering the lawn or letting fertilizer fall into the street drain. We can choose products carefully and shape our lawns and pavement so water sinks in. When we do, runoff is reduced, pollutants filter out and streams and groundwater are protected.

Untreated runoff is the biggest threat to our nation's water quality, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Let's make the small, important changes that will reduce that threat and improve water quality and our lives!

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What touches the ground enters the water

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