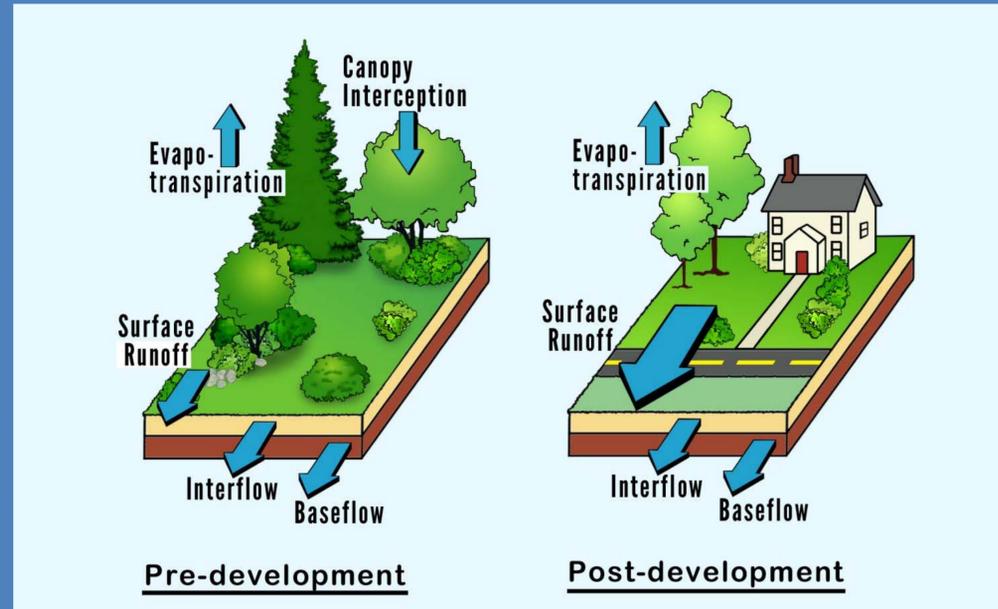


STORMWATER IMPACTS IN YOUR WATERSHED

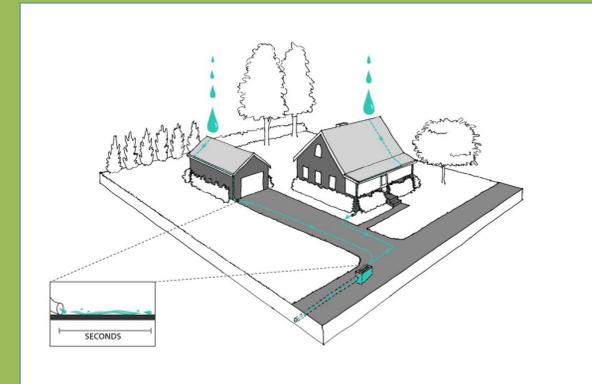


Where does the water go...

...when it rains? There is very little surface runoff from undeveloped, vegetated land with most of the rain water captured and used by trees or infiltrated into the ground. Once an area is developed, hard “impervious” surfaces such as rooftops, driveways, and roads increase runoff from the site.



How can you help?



Stormwater from typical house lots flows quickly from **roof to driveway to street**, picking up pollutants as it goes.



You can break the **impervious chain** by adding rain barrels, building rain gardens, or just planting more native trees and shrubs in your yard!

Stormwater Impacts

Stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces impacts our water resources in two ways:

1. Runoff Quantity
 - Erosion
 - Flooding
2. Runoff Quality
 - Sediment
 - Nutrients
 - Bacteria
 - Metals

Town Projects

The Town is working on improving **stormwater management**. For example, a recent project identified a variety of opportunities to “retrofit” the road drainage system to improve water quality in Walton’s Cove.

