

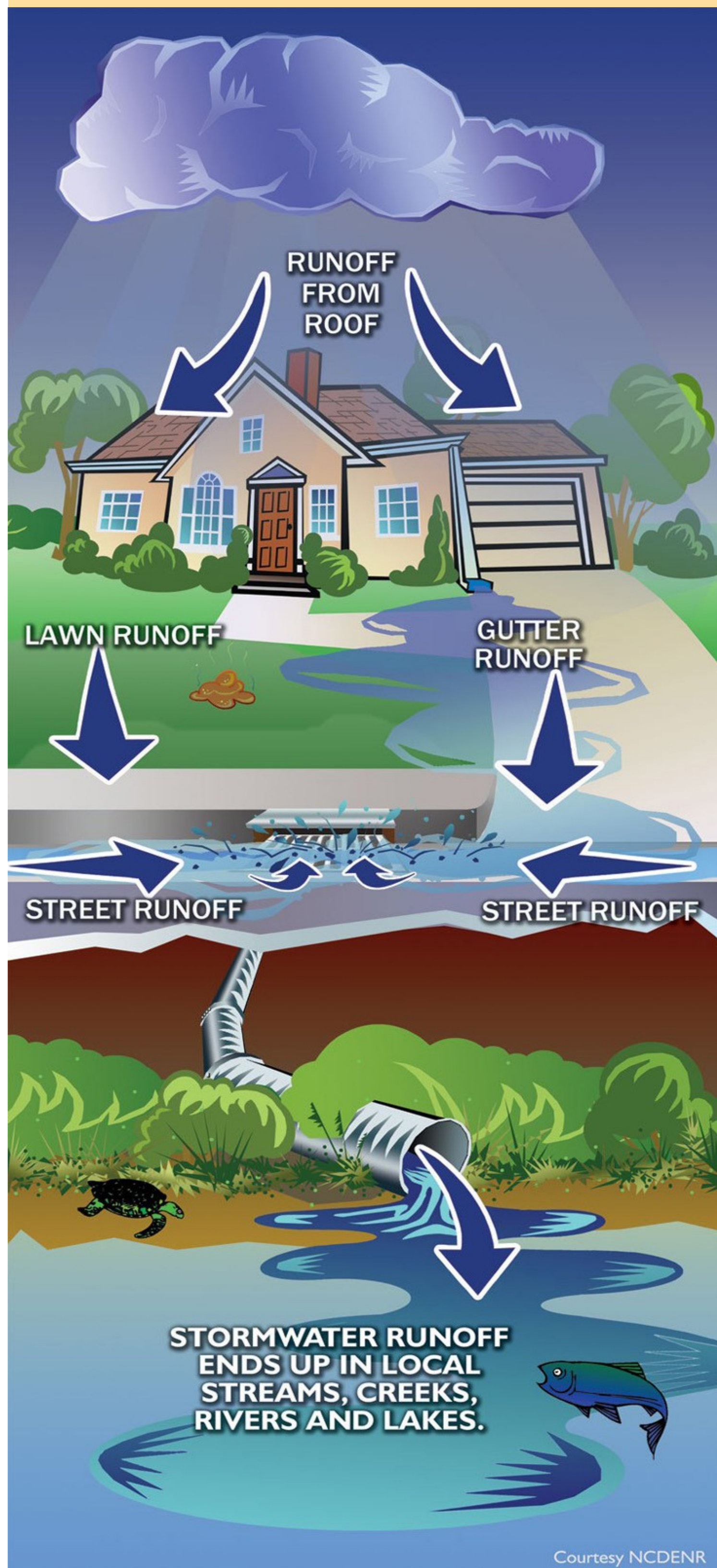
# STORM WATER

## Slow It Down, Spread It Out, Soak It In

Your actions on the land directly impact the quality of the rivers, streams and lakes.

### *How so?*

Rainwater from roofs, lawns, driveways, streets, roadside ditches and parking lots drains to small creeks that flow into streams before eventually entering Lake Erie. On its way, this "storm water" picks up oil and antifreeze that drips from our cars, excess fertilizer and pesticides from our lawns, litter, grass clippings, leaves, and pet waste.



## How can you help?

Install a rain barrel

Plant a rain garden

Pick up pet waste and dispose of it properly

Compost leaves instead of bagging them

Fertilize sparingly and carefully

Choose environmentally friendly household products

Check your vehicles for leaks and spills

Let's keep our streams and rivers, our Great Lake, and our drinking water supplies healthy.

## ONLY RAIN DOWN THE STORM DRAIN!

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