

# What Is A Watershed?

A watershed is an area of land that drains rain and snow to a body of water. We all live in a watershed!

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 or the Ohio River. 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.



## STORM WATER - The Rundown On Runoff

- ◆ Storm water runoff picks up and carries pollutants into our waterways through storm drains or ditches.
- ◆ Storm water runoff causes flooding, erosion, and contaminated water.
- ◆ Keeping pollutants out of our waterways is less expensive than cleaning up the water in a treatment plant.
- ◆ Let's keep our streams and rivers, our Great Lake, and our drinking water supplies healthy. **ONLY RAIN DOWN THE STORM DRAIN!**

