

## Reducing Polluted Runoff

### *What is stormwater runoff pollution?*

Stormwater runoff flows across impervious surfaces like roads and driveways, picking up pollutants like animal waste, chemicals, gas and oil along the way, and carrying them into our local streams. Stormwater pollution is a significant threat to our local and regional waters.

It is vital to reduce as many of these pollutants as we possibly can before they reach our waters. The first and easiest step to cleaning up stormwater runoff is to stop dumping any waste directly into storm drains.

### *Does stormwater go to the sewer plant?*

In most places, no, stormwater is not treated at a sewer plant. The storm drain system is normally a separate system that collects water running off rooftops, roads, sidewalks, and parking lots, and conveys that untreated water directly into local streams and rivers.

In other places, including some older sections of Williamsport, stormwater does go to the sewer plant. During periods of significant rainfall or snowmelt, the increased volume of water causes sewer overflows into our streams and rivers.

Using the tips in this brochure, you can help reduce the pollutants and the volume of stormwater going to our streams and sewer plants.

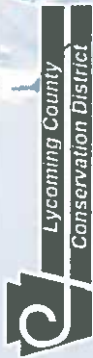
### Benefits of Stormwater Management

- \* Cleaner streams and rivers
- \* Reduced health hazards
- \* Reduced flood damage
- \* Enhanced fishing & other recreational opportunities
- \* Higher aesthetic value



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## Only Rain Down the Storm Drain!



**Can you spot the storm drain markers in your neighborhood?**

