
Stormwater
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Managing Stormwater at Home
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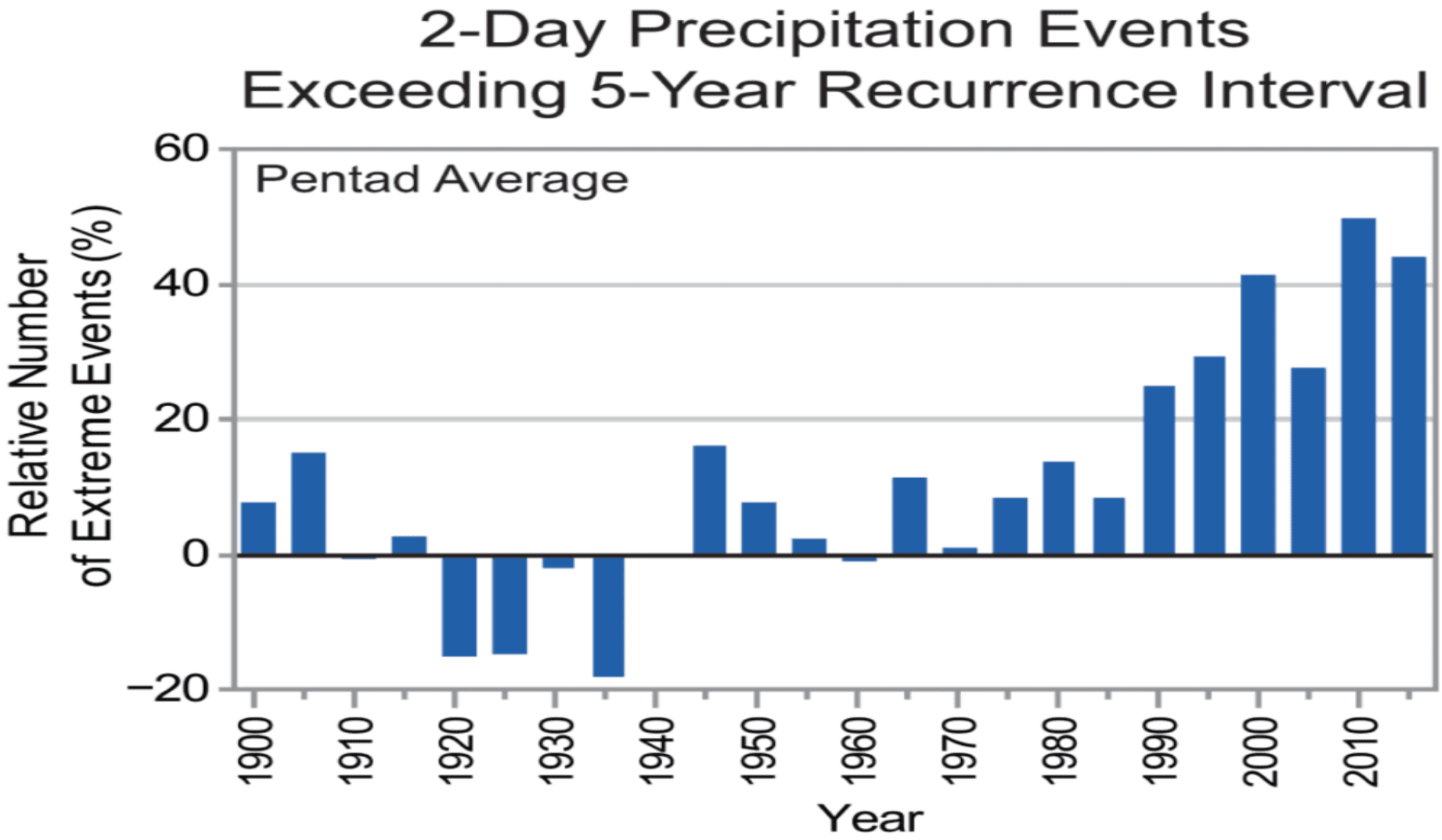
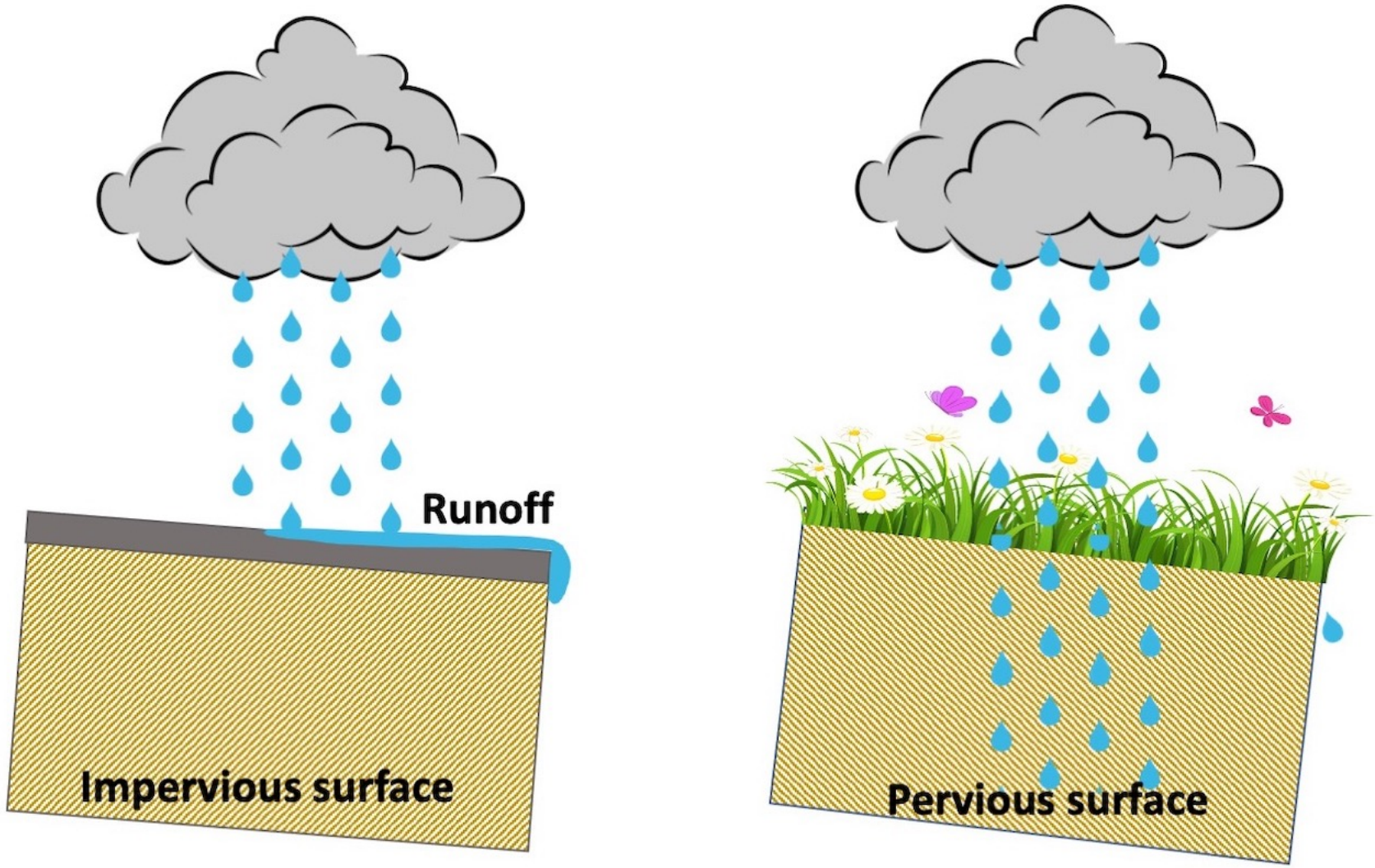
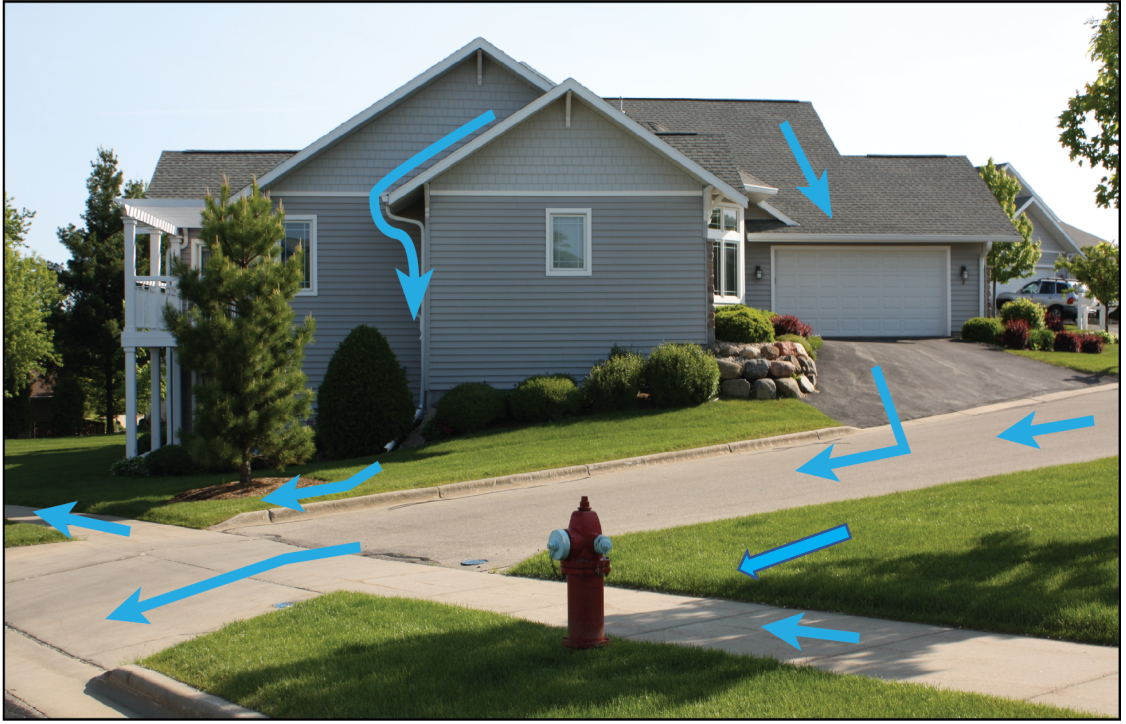
Climate Change – Increase in Rainfall Intensities



What is stormwater runoff?

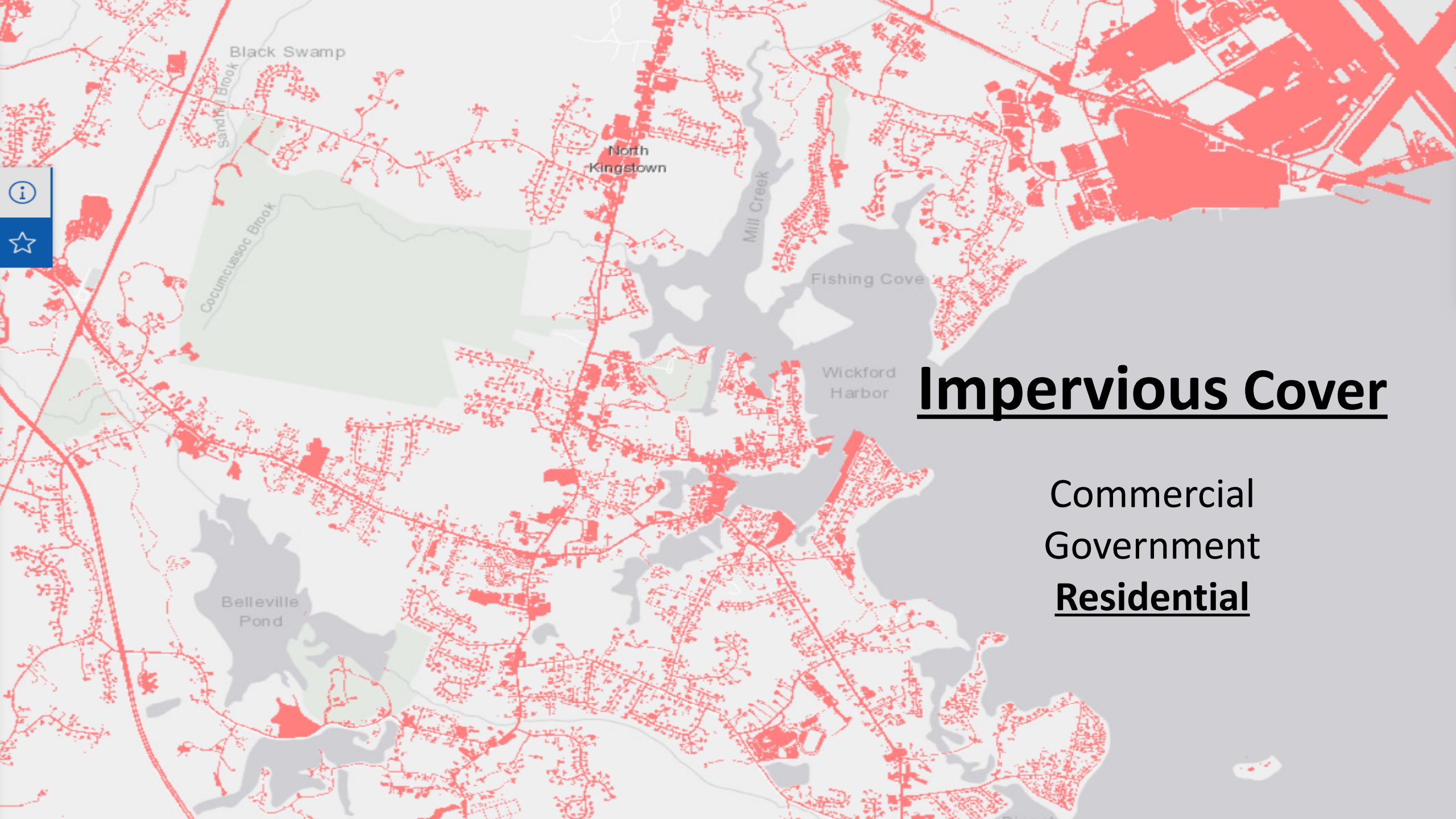


With an impervious surface, all the water runs off. With a pervious one, most of it is absorbed by the soil. Ill.: Illustoon.com & favpng.com



Water Quality

Water Quantity



Impervious Cover

Commercial

Government

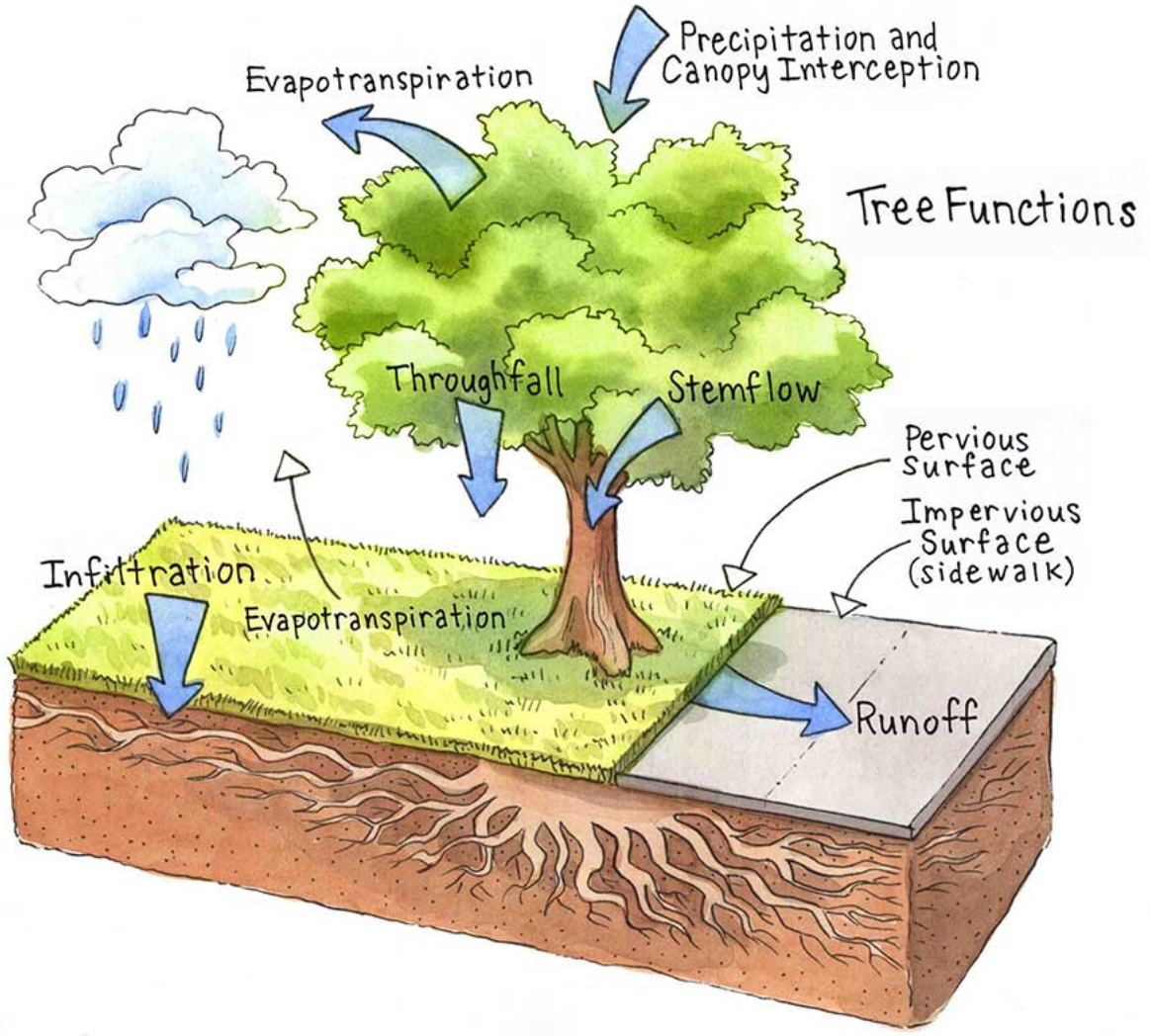
Residential

Yard Chemicals – Fertilizers - Pesticides


Replace impervious
with more pervious

Permeable Pavers

Plant Trees – 1000 gallons of stormwater per year



Good Housekeeping

Pet Waste

Chemical Disposal

Car Washing

Cover Trash

Rain Barrels

Cisterns

Rain Barrel Retrofit Kits

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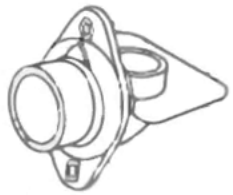
2 1/8" hole



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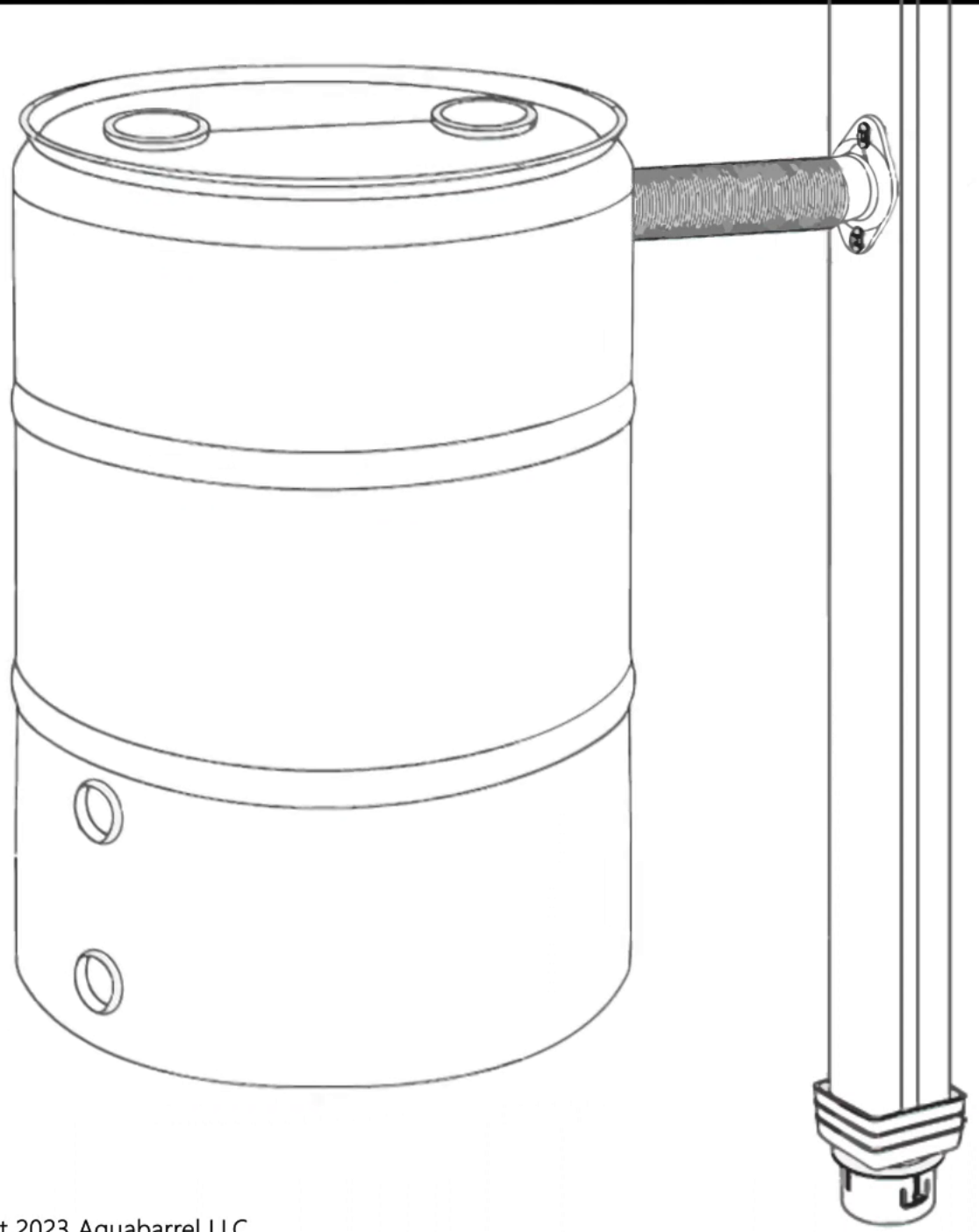

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Rain Gardens

Step 1 – Identify your downspouts

Step 2 – Is there a good rain garden location nearby?

Step 3 – Test your soil

Step 4 – Measure your roof area

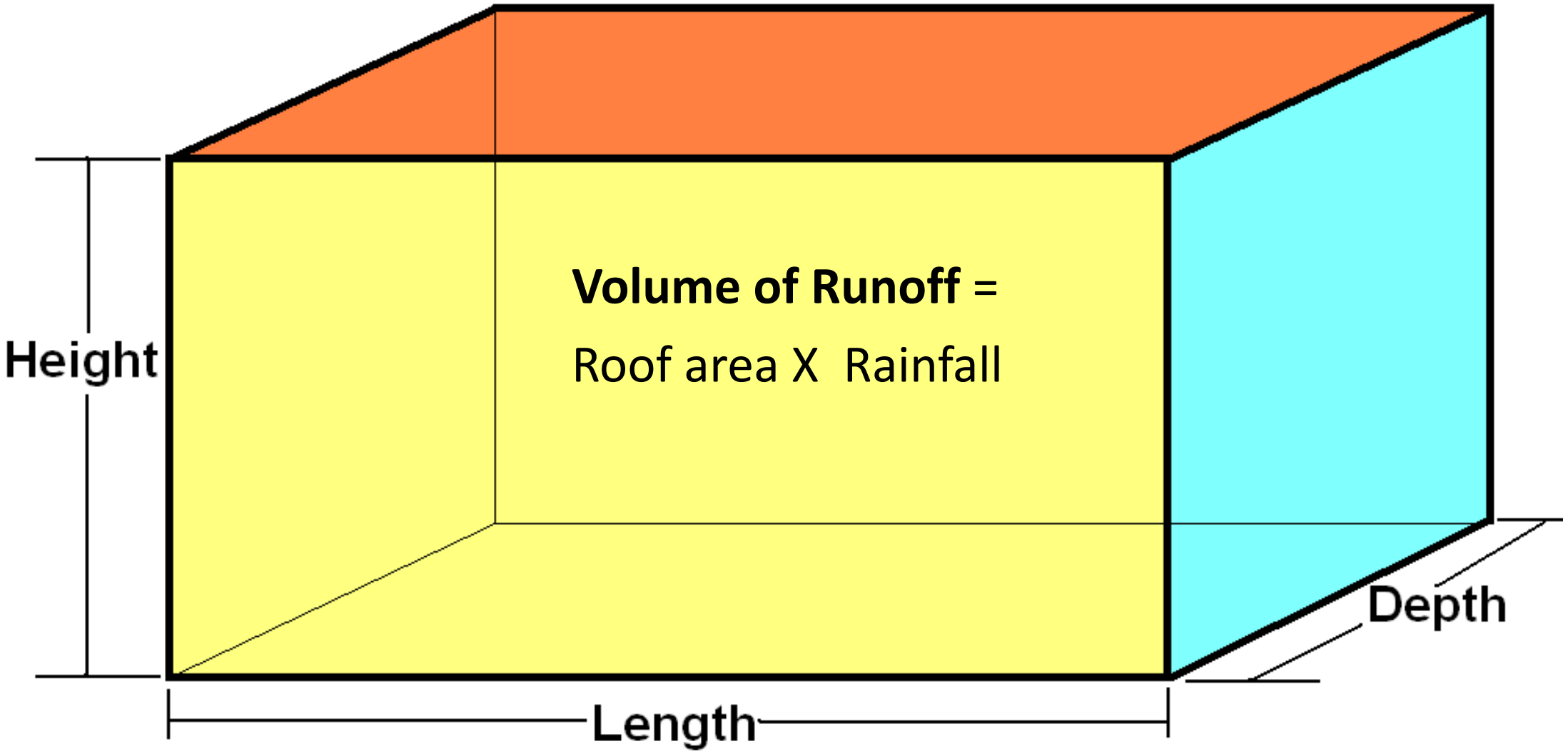
Area = Length x Width

Step 5 – Depth of rain to capture

1-3 inches advised

Dependent on available space

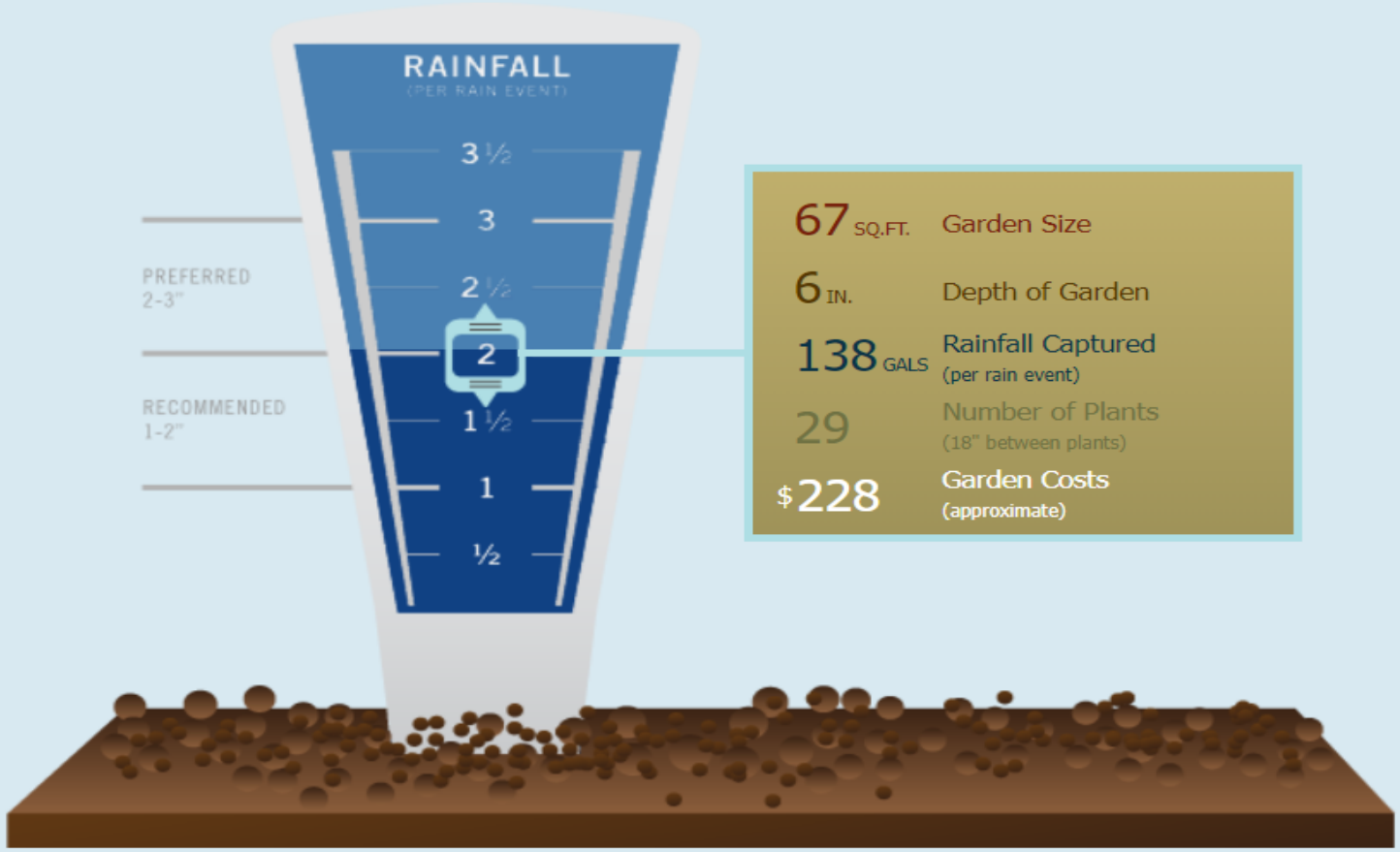
Step 6 – Calculate Runoff Volume



Step 7 - Dig rain garden to match calculated volume

What size garden do I need?

Before using our garden calculator below, read these guidelines to get you started. The size of your garden is determined by a number of variables. Some of these are established by the conditions of your yard (such as soil type and yard slope), while others are determined by you (such as amount of roof top to be addressed or rainfall to prepare for). Enter information for the four items across the top (surface area, downspouts, soil type, and slope) then slide the rain gauge up and down to see how rainfall capacity influences the size and cost of your garden.



Surface area

10 ft. Length × 10 ft. Width

OR

100 sq ft.

Downspouts

1

Soil quality

Sandy | Silty | Clayey

Slope

Flat (4 in. | Moderate (6 in. | Steep (8 in.

Step 8 – Extend downspout to rain garden

Step 9 – Plant with natives

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Rain Garden Guide

Thank you!

Questions?

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