# Did You Know....

...that you live in a watershed? A watershed is an area of land that drains rain and snowmelt to a body of water such as Long Pond, Irondequoit Bay, the Genesee River, or Lake Ontario.

In our community, stormwater runoff is the most important source of pollution to our water resources. When it rains, stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, sidewalks, roads, and parking lots on its way to the nearest entrance into the storm sewer system. Along the way, stormwater picks up soil, chemicals, and other pollutants. In most cases, the stormwater system discharges this polluted runoff to the nearest body of water with little or no treatment.

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# Open the Door to Clean Water

Never dump anything down the storm drain!

Recycle motor oil and other automotive fluids at service stations.

Properly dispose of household hazardous wastes (pesticides, fertilizers, paints, etc.) at the Monroe County Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Call 753-7600 for an appointment.

Use lawn fertilizers and pesticides only when necessary. Call Cornell Cooperative Extension, 461-1000 (www.cce.cornell.edu) regarding soil tests and lawn care information.

Clean up pet waste and dispose of it in the toilet or trash.

To learn more about reducing stormwater pollution, visit the Stormwater Coalition of Monroe County website at www.thestormwatercoalition.org.

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