



What can we do?

We can all play a part in watershed health.

The practice of maintaining and looking out for our resources is called “Stewardship”. It can mean simple, cost-effective use of water in and around your home. It can also mean public involvement in stream clean-ups and monitoring. Any level of activity matters!

Here are just a few suggestions.

To reduce the effects of polluted storm water consider using:

- Rain Gardens
- Rain Barrels
- Permeable pavement, gravel, less impervious surface
- Trees, shrubs, and other vegetation.

To help protect water quality around the home & on the farm:

- Keep motor oil, gas, antifreeze, paint, and solvents off pavement. Store in watertight containers off the ground and properly dispose of old supplies.
- Wash your car at a car wash or on your lawn--not in your driveway.
- Minimize use of lawn fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides. Store unused portions in watertight containers off the ground.
- Keep leaf litter and lawn debris out of storm drains, ditches and streams.
- Let grass grow a little longer. Raise mowing height.
- Pick up and dispose of pet waste properly.
- Keep animals away from stream banks and out of the water.
- Keep stream banks vegetated--allow a no-mow buffer zone.