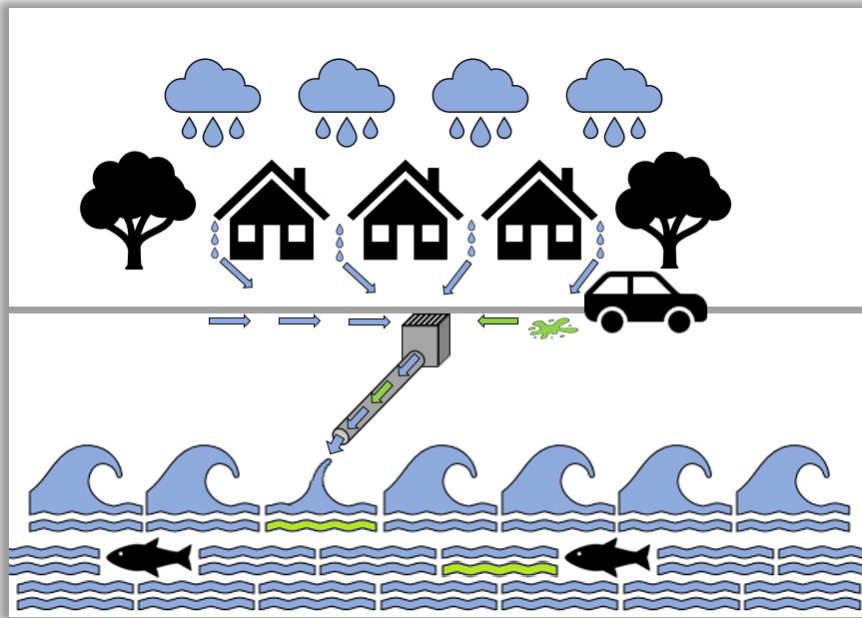


## “Spring” into Action!

The City’s storm sewer is our first defense against flooding. Spring rains and snowmelt provide a large volume of surface water which typically flows into roadways, along the curb line, then drops into storm inlets. From there it travels through the underground pipe network and is discharged directly into the Fox River and other water bodies.



This time of year, the City Garage is busy sweeping roads and cleaning inlets to keep the system clean and clear. This work is important because if an inlet becomes clogged at the surface or internally, then flooding could occur. You might notice that leaves or debris can build up on top of storm inlet grate between the City’s scheduled cleanings, and you can help!

Waukesha County has asked the City to host an inlet monitoring program that will guide volunteers to remove buildup from inlet surfaces safely while monitoring types of material that is removed. This information will be used to optimize cleaning efforts and to prevent pollutants from entering our storm system and affecting our waterways. The program is set to launch on June 8<sup>th</sup> – World Ocean Day – to remind us how our local system has global impact. For more information, visit the City website and search for “Storm Water”

*To learn more about the program and storm water in our City, visit:*

[www.waukesha-wi.gov/1851/storm-water](http://www.waukesha-wi.gov/1851/storm-water)

*To report a pollutant like oil or pool water entering an inlet or water body, visit:*

<https://gis.waukesha-wi.gov/RequestPortal>

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