

# WHAT CAN WE DO TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT?



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Let's protect Boston's waterways

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# WHAT DOES BWSC DO?

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- DELIVERS CLEAN WATER TO BOSTON RESIDENTS
- REMOVES WASTEWATER
- MANAGES STORMWATER



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# CLEAN WATER COMES FROM:

## QUABBIN RESERVOIR



65 miles west of Boston

35 miles west of Boston

## WACHUSETT RESERVOIR



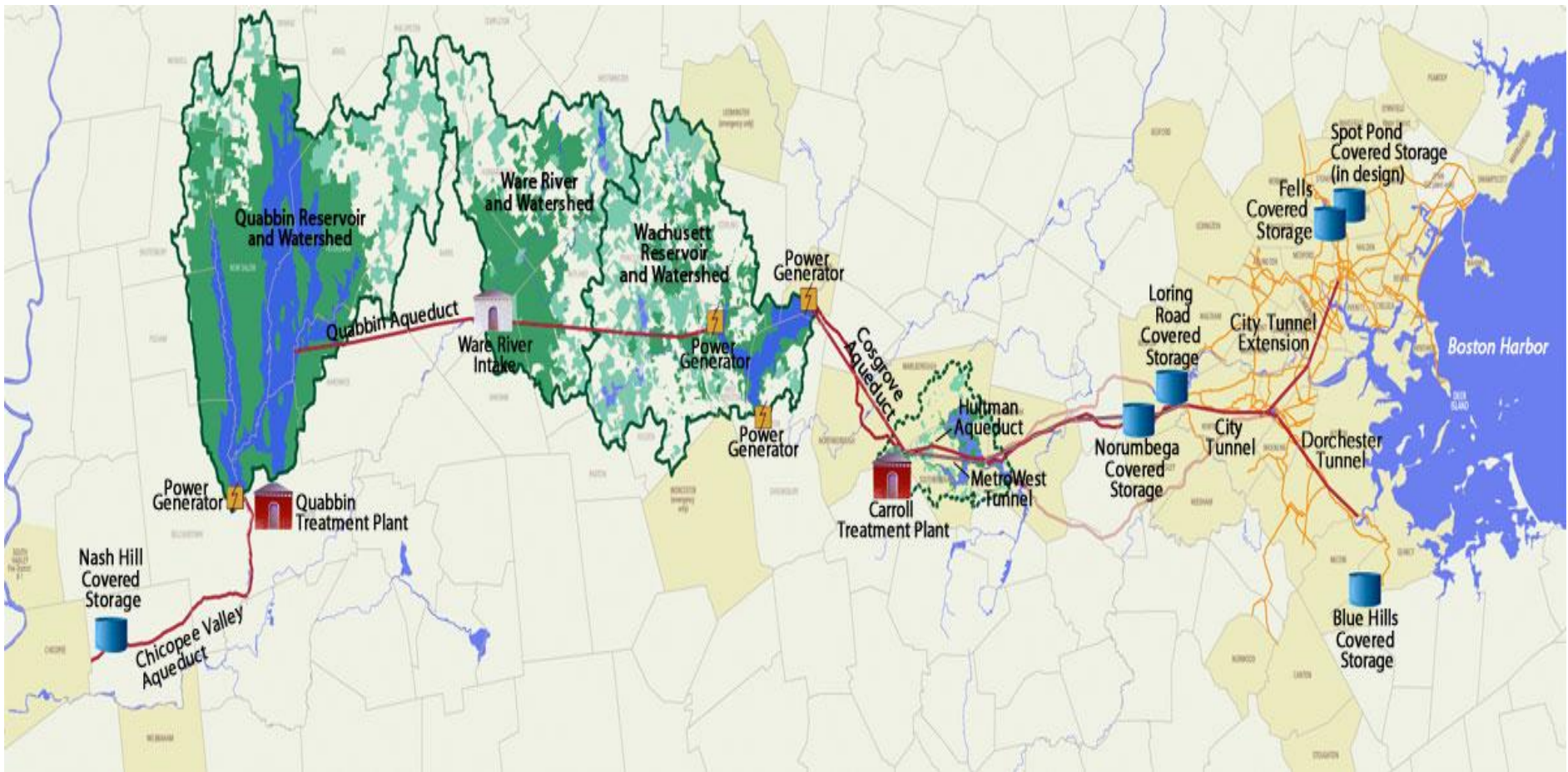
Quabbin, Wachusett  
and Ware River-capacity of  
about 477 billion gallons.



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# WATER SOURCES TO BOSTON



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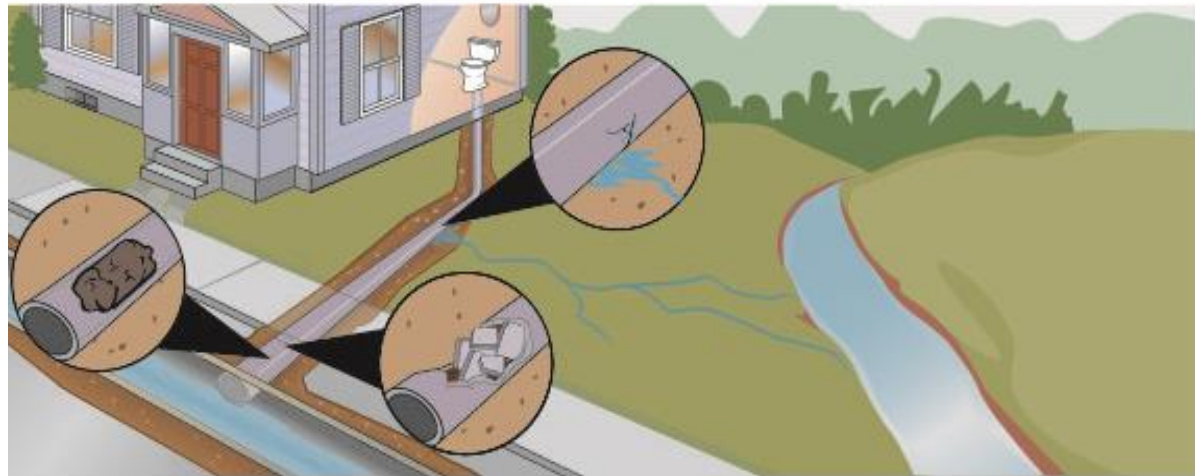
# WAYS WE USE WATER



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# WHERE WASTEWATER GOES?



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# FATS, OIL, AND GREASE = FOG



Cool it. Can it. Trash it.



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# WHAT YOU FLUSH MATTERS.

It's Just a Toilet



Not a Trash Can



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# KEEP WIPES OUT OF PIPES!

They belong in the trash!  
Not in the toilet!



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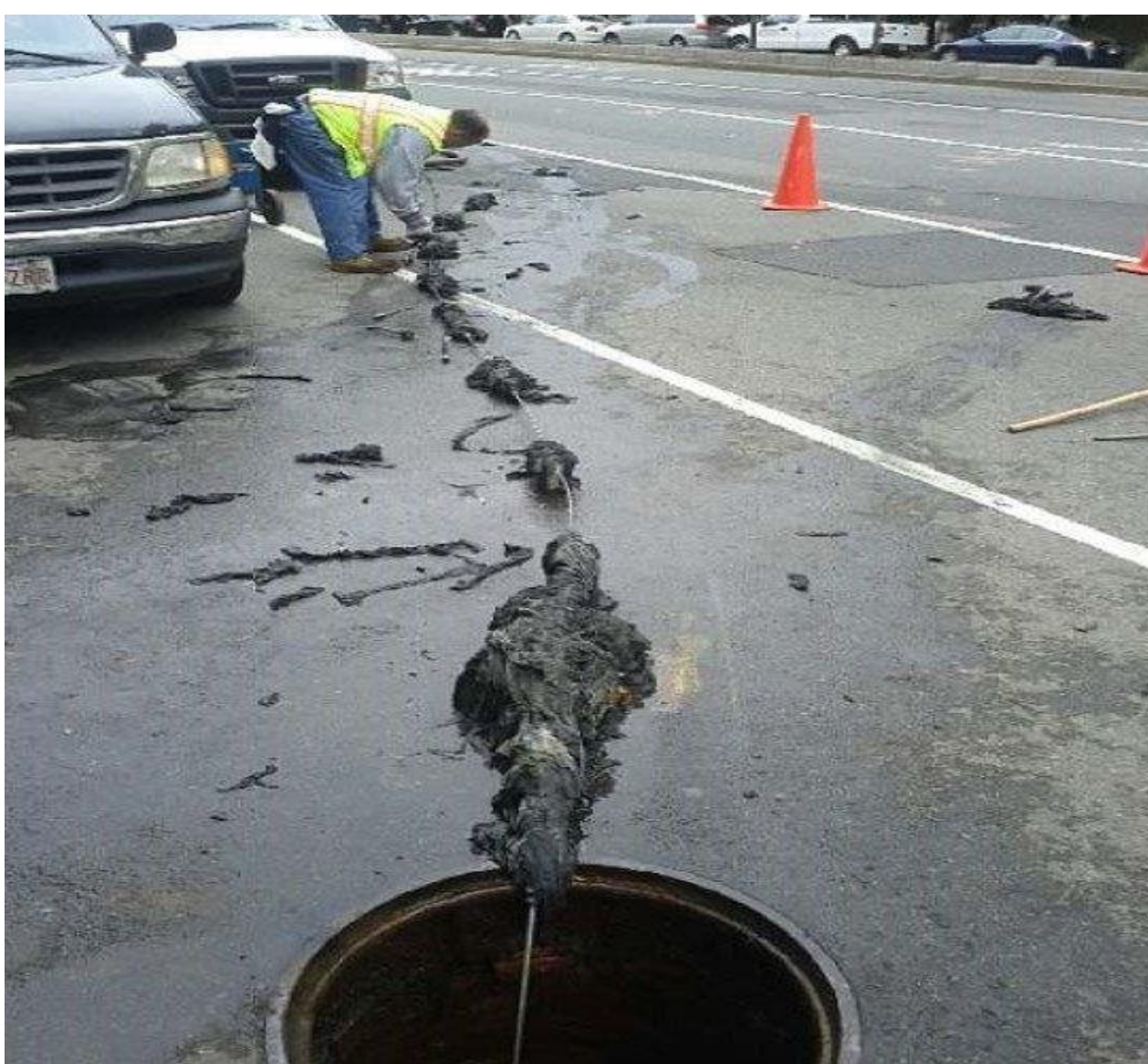




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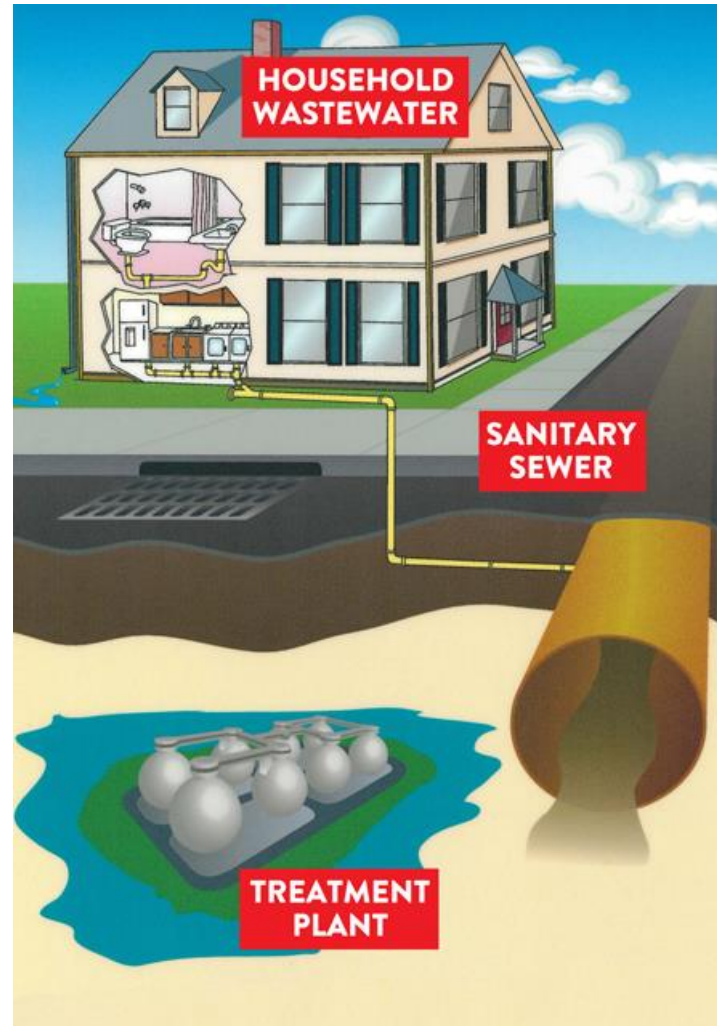


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# WHERE DOES WASTEWATER GO?



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# WHERE DOES WASTEWATER GO?

Wastewater goes  
to Deer Island  
Treatment Plant



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# TREATED WATER THEN GOES .....



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# WHAT IS STORMWATER?



Melted Snow and Rain



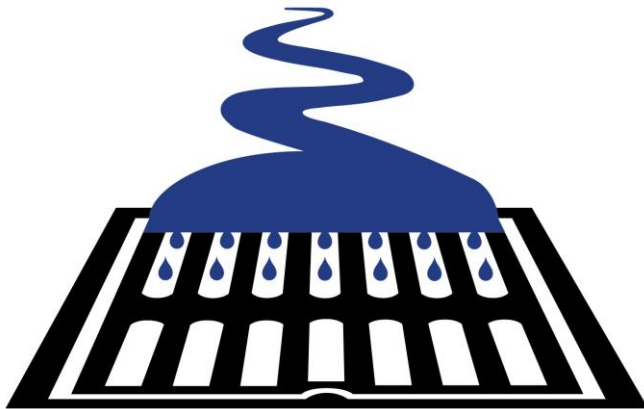
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# WHERE DOES STORMWATER GO?



Water from rain and snow melt on roof tops and on the ground, picks up everything on the ground.



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# HELP TO PROTECT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, OUR WATERS, OUR FISH, OUR ENVIRONMENT



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# WHERE DOES STORMWATER GO?



The water then flows into storm drains and catch basins.



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# STORMWATER POLLUTION



## What Can We Do?

- Pick up lawn clippings and leaves
- Repair fluid leaks from vehicles
- Reduce the use of lawn and garden chemicals



- Clean catch basins and storm drains  
AND...



# WHAT CAN WE DO? SCOOP THE POOP!



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# WHERE DOES STORMWATER GO?

Charles River  
Neponset River  
Mystic River  
Boston Harbor



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