



# up for a swim?

Grab a beach towel and head for the closest... storm drain?

That's right! Your favorite swimming hole begins right on your street. Look along the curb and find a storm drain. It's a direct connection to your local lake or river.

Storm drains are designed to prevent flooding. Large volumes of water from heavy rains and snowmelt wash over streets and into the drains. Pipes underground transport the water rapidly into area creeks, rivers and lakes.

But there is a down side to storm drains. When water washes into the drains, pollutants are carried along for the ride. Litter, pet waste, dirt, fertilizers, antifreeze and motor oil... just a few examples of contaminants that enter our waterways through storm drains. No filters, no treatment. Swimming, anyone?

Be a water quality champion. Keep storm drains for rainwater only.

For more information on this topic, give us a call:

