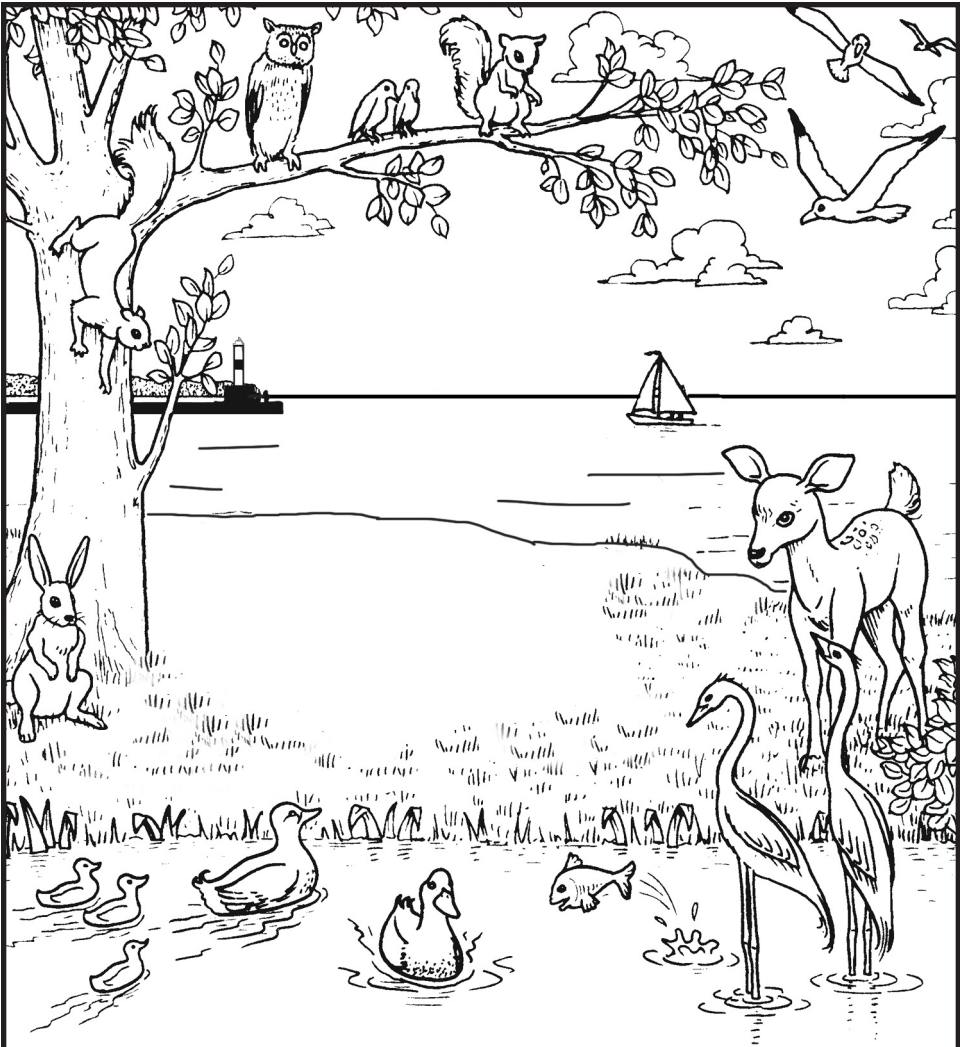


# Everybody lives in a watershed.



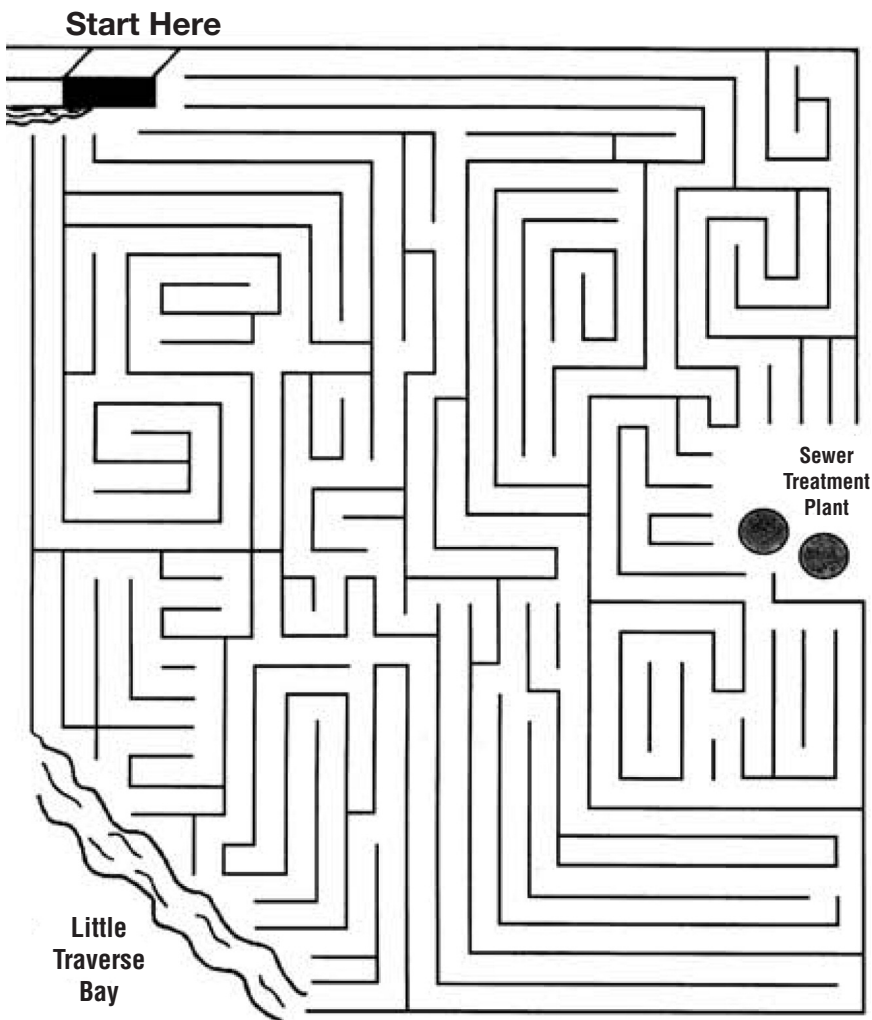
A watershed is the area of land where all of the water that is under it or drains off of it goes into the same place.

This is the Little Traverse Bay Watershed.  
**Draw yourself in the space above.**

**Fun Fact:** Did you know there are 2,267 watershed in the U.S.A.

# The A-Mazing Stormwater Mystery

Everyone knows that water flows. But who knows where the water goes? Follow the gutter through the storm drain system to find out.



Where did all the stormwater go? \_\_\_\_\_

**Stormwater runoff** is generated when rain and snowmelt flows over land does not soak into the ground. As the water flows over the land or a hard surface (paved streets, parking lots, and building rooftops), it accumulates debris, chemicals, sediment or other pollutants that get washed into nearby streams, rivers and lakes.

# Help STOP Stormwater Pollution



Fish and other animals need clean water to survive.

Did you know that pollution that enters storm drains goes straight to our streams, rivers and the Bay? Keep soap, oil, fertilizer, trash, and over pollutants out of storm drains.

# Here are ways YOU can help Prevent Polluted Stormwater

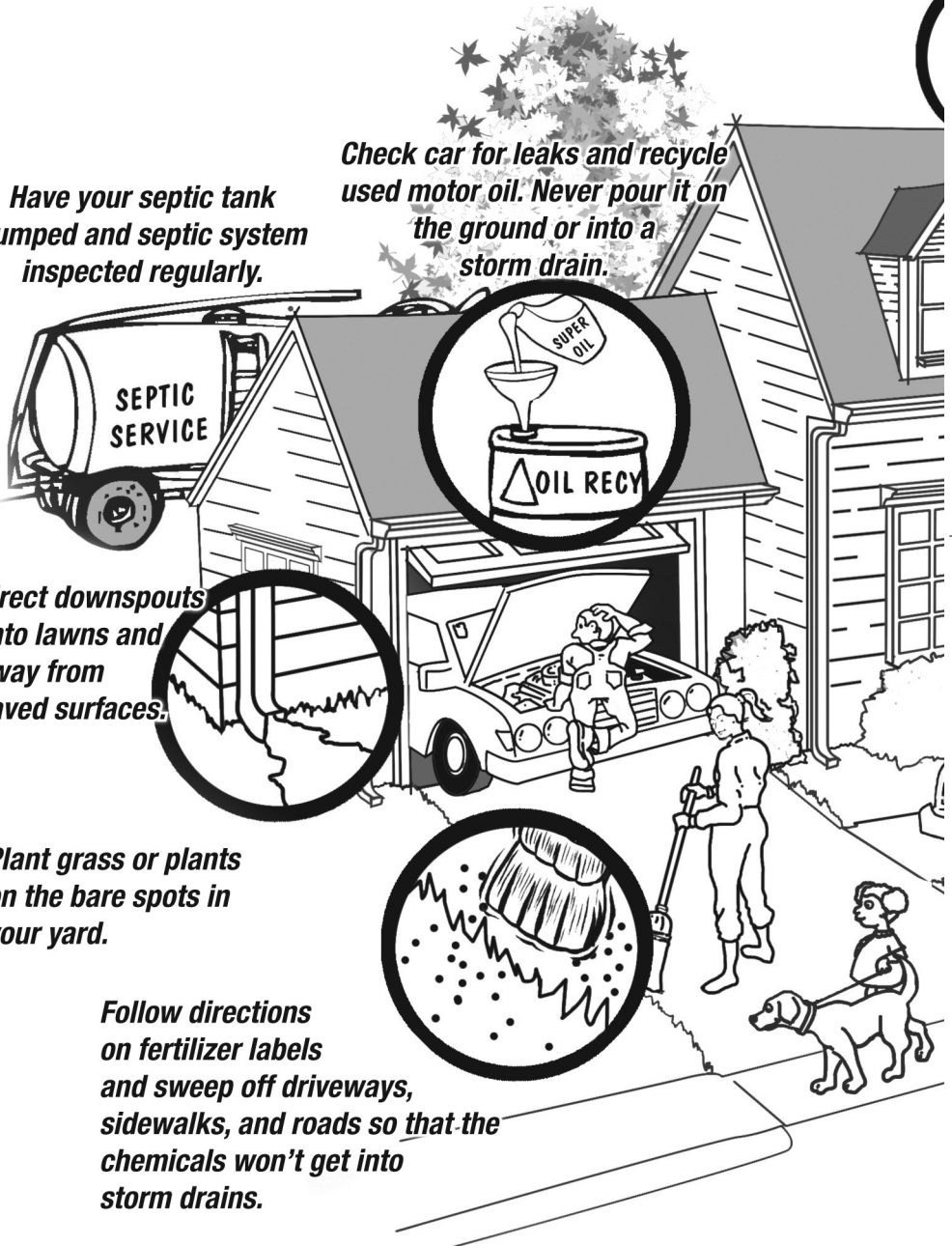
*Have your septic tank pumped and septic system inspected regularly.*

*Check car for leaks and recycle used motor oil. Never pour it on the ground or into a storm drain.*

*Direct downspouts onto lawns and away from paved surfaces.*

*Plant grass or plants on the bare spots in your yard.*

*Follow directions on fertilizer labels and sweep off driveways, sidewalks, and roads so that the chemicals won't get into storm drains.*



# Runoff



*Minimize pesticides; learn about Integrated Pest Management (IPM).*



*Compost yard wastes—leaves and grass. Don't dump them in ditches or waterways.*



*Take your car to a car wash or park it on the grass to wash so that the cleaners don't run off into storm drains.*

*Pick up after your pet. Don't let pet waste wash into storm drains.*

*NEVER pour any kind of waste into storm drains.*



**Fun Fact:** On average, in Emmet and Charlevoix Counties over 19,000 gallons of water flow off each roof annually. That's a lot of stormwater!



# Picnic Pick-Up

Waterfront Park overlooking the Bay is the perfect place for a picnic. We can all keep it clean and prevent polluted stormwater if we pick up after our picnics. **Help clean up the 10 forgotten items.**



**Connect the dots to see who came to help pick up the leftovers.**

**Here's a few clues:**

- 1) He like to wash his food in the river when the water is clean.
- 2) I live in the Little Traverse Bay Watershed.
- 2) I am a **R** \_\_\_\_\_.



RECYCLE

GRASS

CANOE

GARDEN

WATER

STREAM

HIKING

DOG

BIRDS

GREEN

PARK

DRINK

BARREL

POLLUTION

BEAR RIVER

BAY

## WORD SEARCH

Now that you're an expert, can you find all of the watershed words below?

B	E	L	R	B	I	R	D	S	O	T
K	M	P	N	E	D	R	A	G	M	N
G	J	E	A	O	E	H	N	A	C	B
I	S	E	G	R	A	I	W	C	E	T
E	W	O	N	M	K	R	A	E	T	N
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T	N	C	S	A	Y	E	R	A	K	T
R	I	A	I	C	S	T	R	E	A	M
G	R	E	E	N	I	R	A	B	I	E
G	D	R	E	T	A	W	B	E	A	I
B	E	A	R	R	I	V	E	R	Z	Y

**I am Chief Petoskey.**



My statue watches over Little Traverse Bay day and night. Will you help me watch over the Bay by pledging to protect our waters. If so, sign your name below. Together we can keep the Bay beautiful for generations to come.

**“I pledge to protect Little Traverse Bay  
by preventing stormwater pollution.”**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_