

**Board of Stark County Commissioners
Storm Water Education Program**

Team up with Clawd
and Stark County
watershed partners
to explore the
Water Cycle in
2014 !



- Clawd

Stark County Regional Planning Commission hosts regular public meetings for the Public Involvement/Public Education (P.I.P.E.) Committee on stormwater management. Any interested resident is encouraged to attend and give input on the program. Meetings discuss future themes, activities and events for the program in each of the political subdivisions within Stark County, Ohio. Meetings are held at the Stark County Regional Planning Commission offices: 201- 3rd St. NE, Suite 201, Canton.

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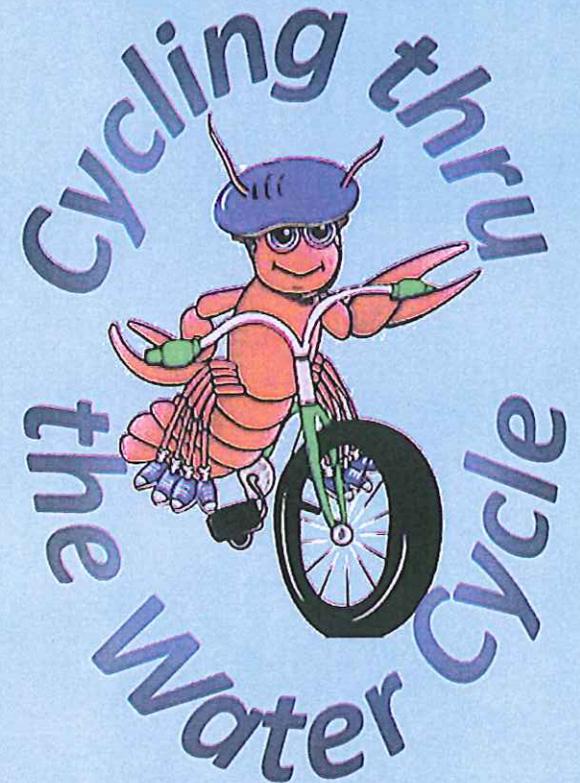
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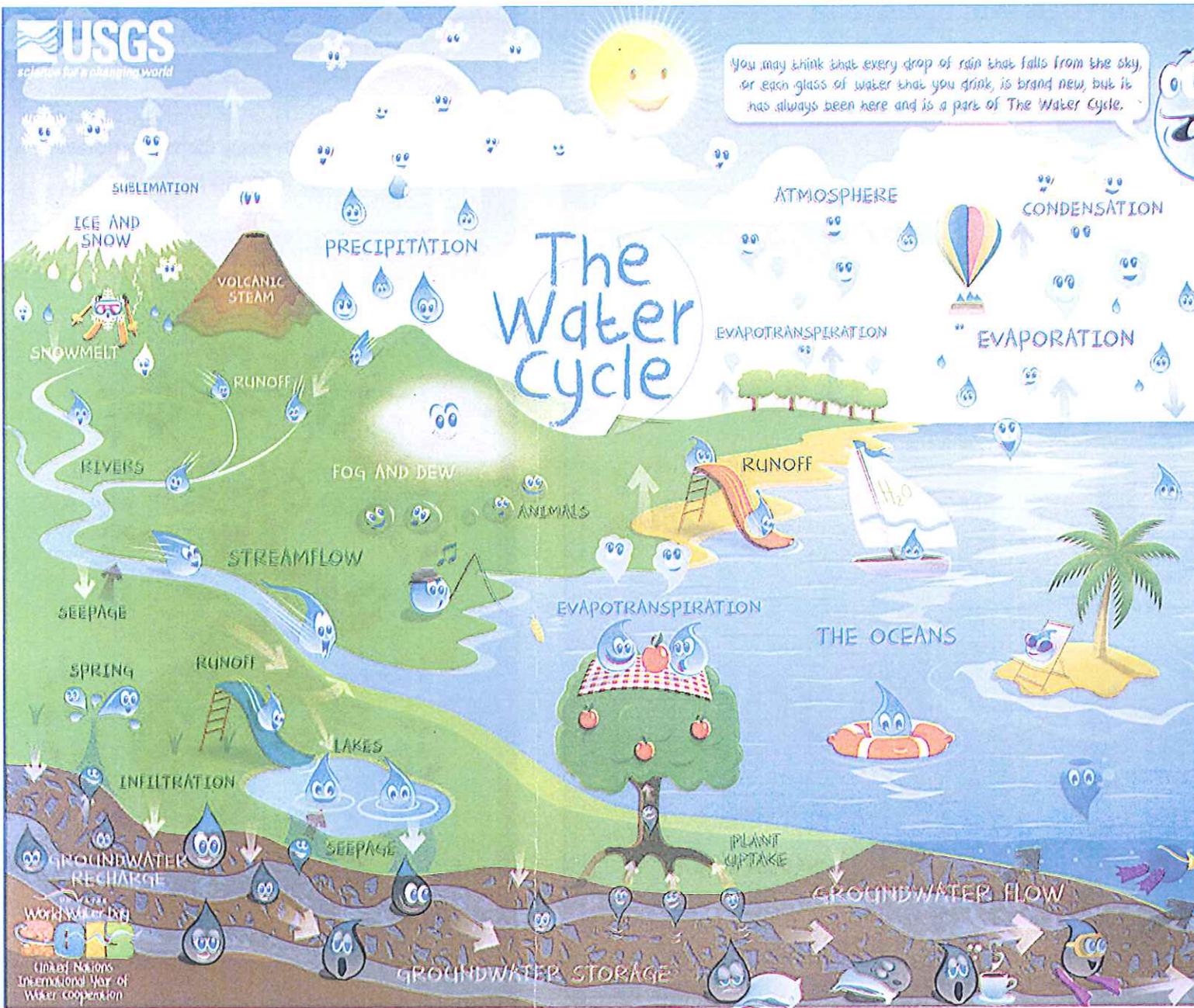
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Join the team... we're all downstream!

Public Involvement / Public Education



Water on the move

So what does happen to that rain drop when it hits the ground?

Depending on what type of surface the rain drop hits it either flows across the surface of the landscape or gets absorbed into the ground. The absorption process, know as infiltration, becomes a part of the ground water... a flowing system of water underground. Ground-water is stored in the tiny spaces between dirt and rock until it either gets absorbed by the root systems of plants, enters a larger body of water, or evaporates into the atmosphere.

Moisture in the atmosphere rises on air currents, eventually condensing in the cooler temperatures aloft. This condensation forms the clouds we see in the sky. As condensation continues, water droplets form and fall from the sky—often as rain, snow, or ice—returning to the earth’s surface as part of the cycle.

Water Cycle and the Watershed

A watershed is an area of land that captures water in its many forms and channels it to one single stream, river or lake. Watersheds come in all different sizes, from a tiny puddle in the backyard all the way up to entire oceans!

Here in Stark County there are a total of nine small watersheds. All but one eventually flow to the Ohio River and ultimately the Gulf of Mexico. The remaining watershed, located near Hartville, flows north into Lake Erie and eventually finds it’s way into the Atlantic Ocean.

Remember, we’re all responsible for the care of water through the water cycle

The Water Cycle

What happens to a rain drop when it hits the ground? Where did that rain drop come from in the first place?

The answers to these questions and many more can be found by understanding the water cycle. The water cycle shows us that water never disappears; instead it just changes it’s form in part of a never ending process... the Water Cycle!

Image: The Water Cycle for Kids, U.S. Department of the Interior - USGS

