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### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

From: Richmond Sanitary District  
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PSA: Watersheds and Storm-sewersheds

We all live in a watershed, so you might be asking, what is a watershed? A watershed is the land or surface area in which all water runs downward to its lowest point, usually ending up in a stream, river, lake, or ocean. You live in a watershed because water around you will tend to move downhill to reach a lower point. Here in Richmond the water runs to the East Fork of the Whitewater River. We live and are located within the Whitewater River watershed. As you learned in school the water here goes into the Ohio River then into the Mississippi River and then empties into the Gulf of Mexico. Each smaller watershed drains into a larger one until it reaches an ocean.

In the City, the water runs into a storm drain which is like a watershed, only it is called a storm-sewershed. It works in the same manner: water enters the drain and the water moves downward through the storm drain pipes until it reaches an outfall – where the water enters the river. All of the storm drains that make up the storm sewershed in Richmond eventually empty into the East Fork of the Whitewater River and become part of the larger watershed of the Whitewater River. Your actions affect those that live downstream from you as well as you

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are affected by the actions of those upstream from you. We all need to be responsible and keep our watersheds and storm-sewersheds free of pollutants.

Remember: **ONLY RAIN IN THE STORM DRAIN** – anything else is a pollutant.

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