

CUYAHOGA CLEAN WATERWAYS

Volunteers are painting fish on your street as a reminder that household products, yard waste and litter dumped in curbside drains end up directly in our local rivers, streams and lakes. It is estimated that over 50% of the pollution in our waterways originates from individual citizen actions, not just industry. This non-point source pollution often contains chemicals which are harmful to birds, aquatic life and humans.



Where does the water from a storm sewer go?
Storm sewer systems are designed to reduce flooding caused by rain storms. Unlike the sanitary sewer system, which accepts sewage and transports it to the treatment plant, storm sewers drain directly to waterways. This means that debris, litter, fertilizers or chemicals washed down storm drains end up in our local streams, rivers and Lake Erie.



Cuyahoga River Remedial Action Plan (RAP)

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