

# Water Resources



## What are water resources?

Water resources are features and areas such as rivers, streams, ponds, wetlands, and lakes. The Credit River, Humber River, Etobicoke Creek and their tributaries form the major watersheds in Peel.

## What is the Region doing?

- Identifying and protecting a system of water resource features and areas
- Protecting drinking water sources from incompatible land uses
- Providing direction for integrating watershed planning and growth management
- Requiring stormwater master plans
- Ensuring appropriate studies are undertaken so that ground and surface water quantity and quality is protected, improved or restored

## Why are water resource policies important?

- Sustain the Region's social, economic and environmental well-being
- Ensure clean drinking water for residents
- Maintain healthy aquatic and land-based ecosystems
- Protect water resources from the impacts of growth and development

## Regional Official Plan policies will...

- Implement the Provincial policy direction by managing growth in a manner which protects and enhances water resources
- Provide direction to the local municipalities to identify, protect and enhance water resources features and areas
- Protect sources of drinking water from land uses that may have negative impacts



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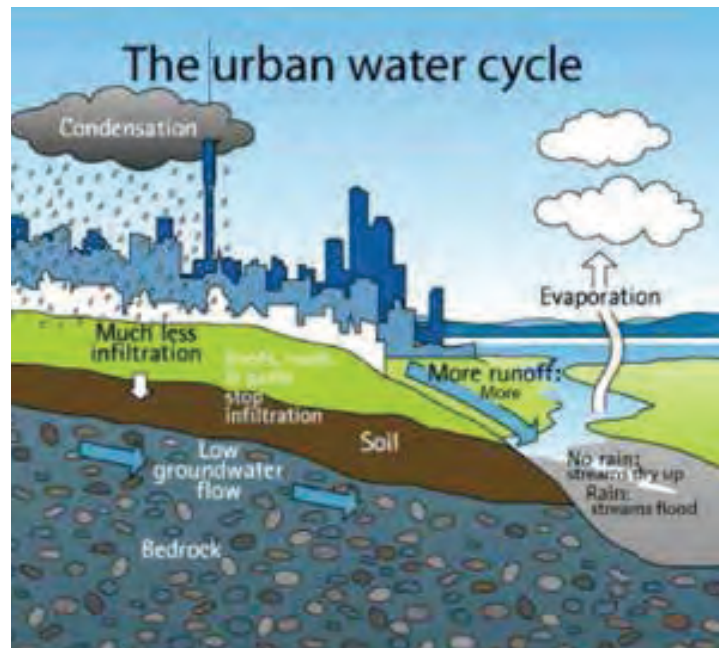
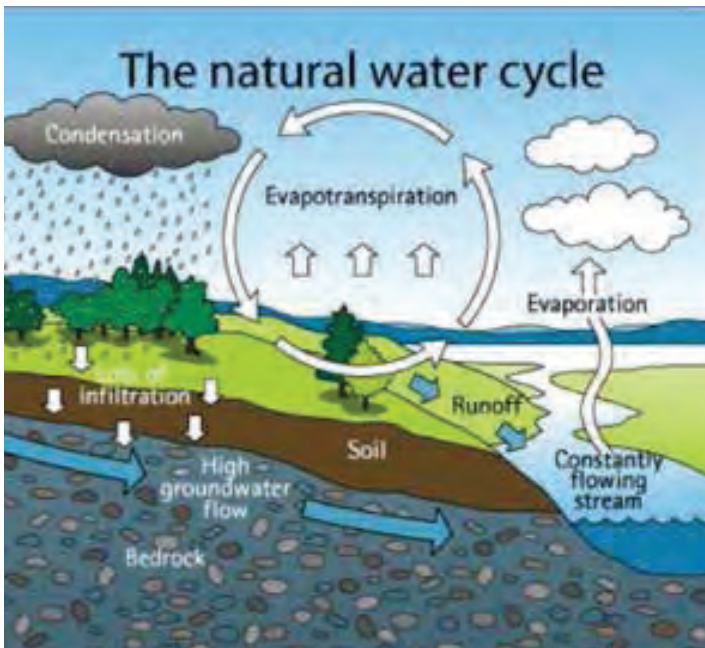
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## How are water resource policies formed?

Provincial requirements direct the Region's policy development for water resources. Also, the Region undertakes a number of technical studies and consults with stakeholders to guide policy development.

New mapping will be introduced that identifies various features and areas related to water resources in accordance with Provincial requirements.



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