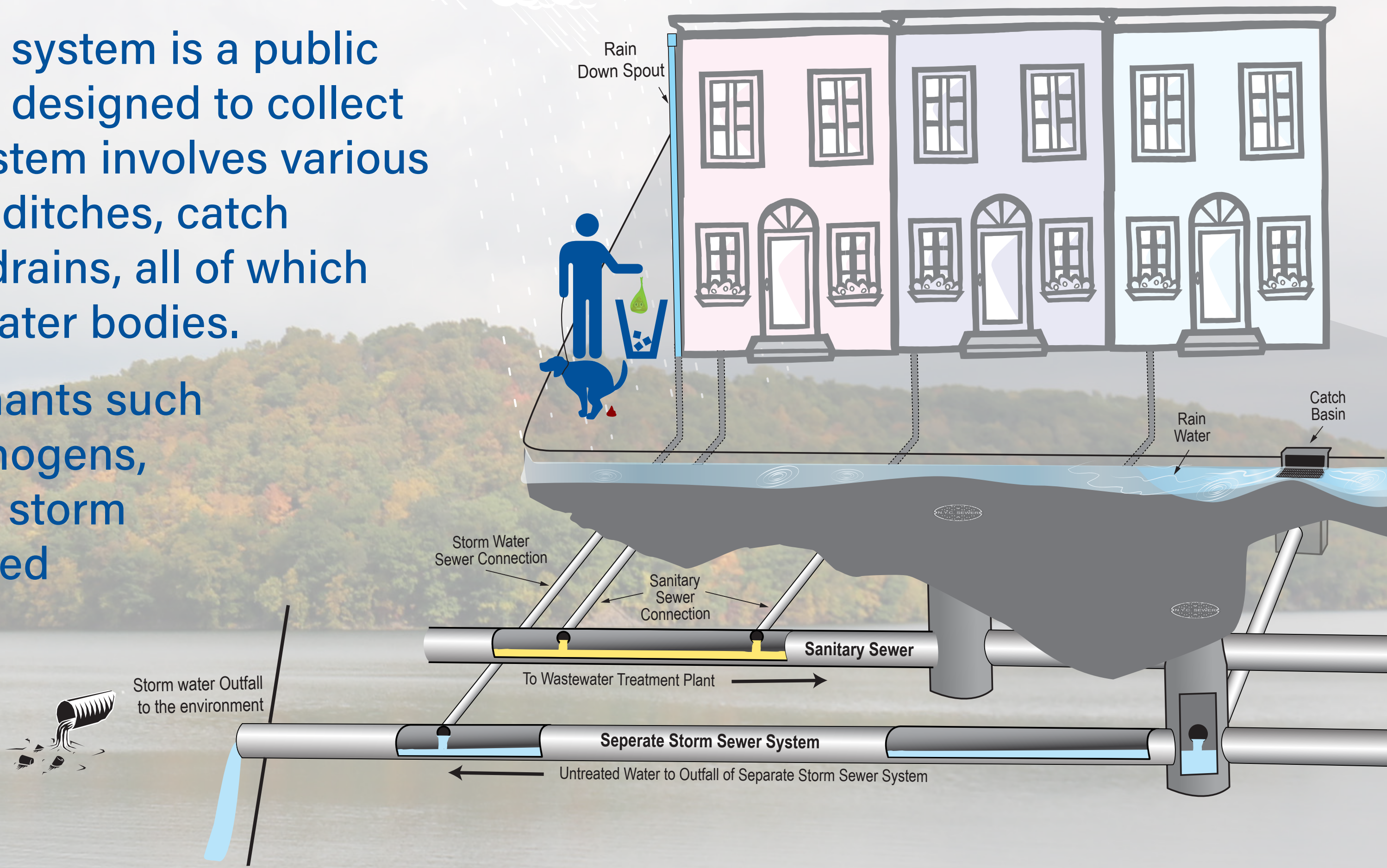


What is Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)?

A municipal separate storm sewer system is a public infrastructure network specifically designed to collect and transport stormwater. This system involves various components, including roadways, ditches, catch basins, curbs, gutters, and storm drains, all of which direct water towards the State's water bodies.

When it rains, a range of contaminants such as dog waste, oils, chemicals, pathogens, and sediment are washed into the storm sewer systems, and then discharged directly into local rivers and lakes, potentially compromising water quality and adversely affecting recreational activities.



What can you do to protect our watershed and reservoirs?

- Conserve water always.
- Don't pollute.
- Pick up pet waste.
- Safely dispose of harmful products including cleaning products, fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, antifreeze, gasoline, motor oil, and transmission fluid.
- Keep storm water discharge separate from the septic tank system.
- Clean your septic system every 5 years.
- Compost grass clipping and leaves and only use zero phosphorus fertilizers.
- Control run off from construction sites using silt fencing and proper sloping.



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