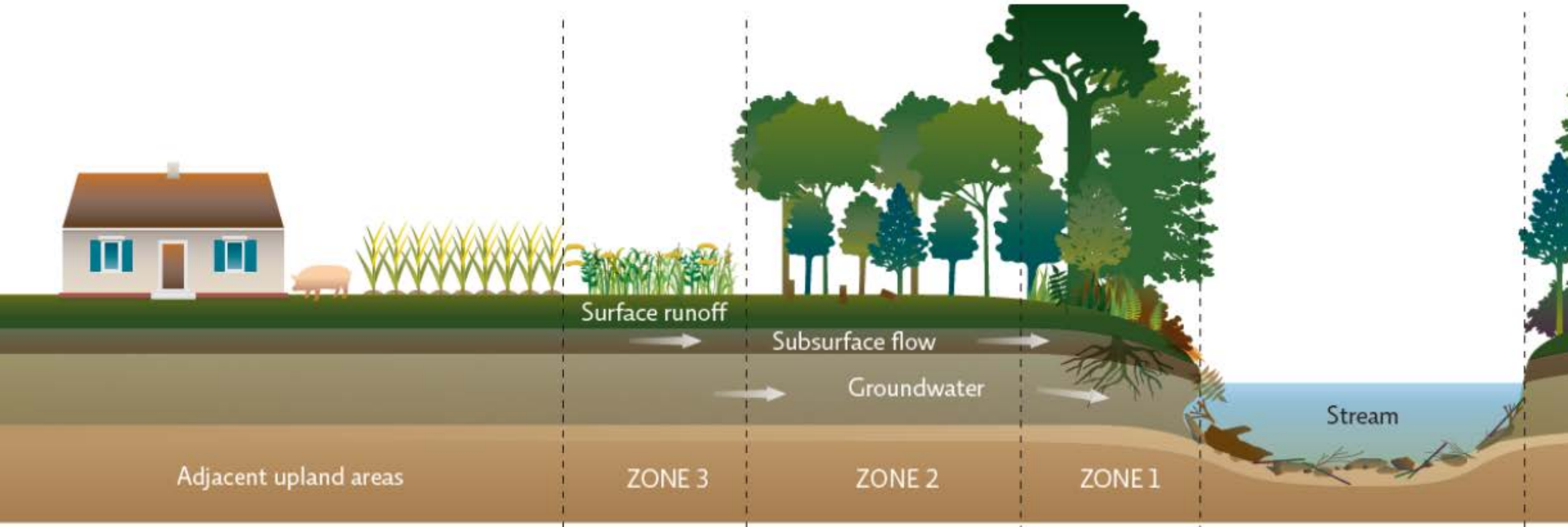


Water Quality as a Function of Land Use

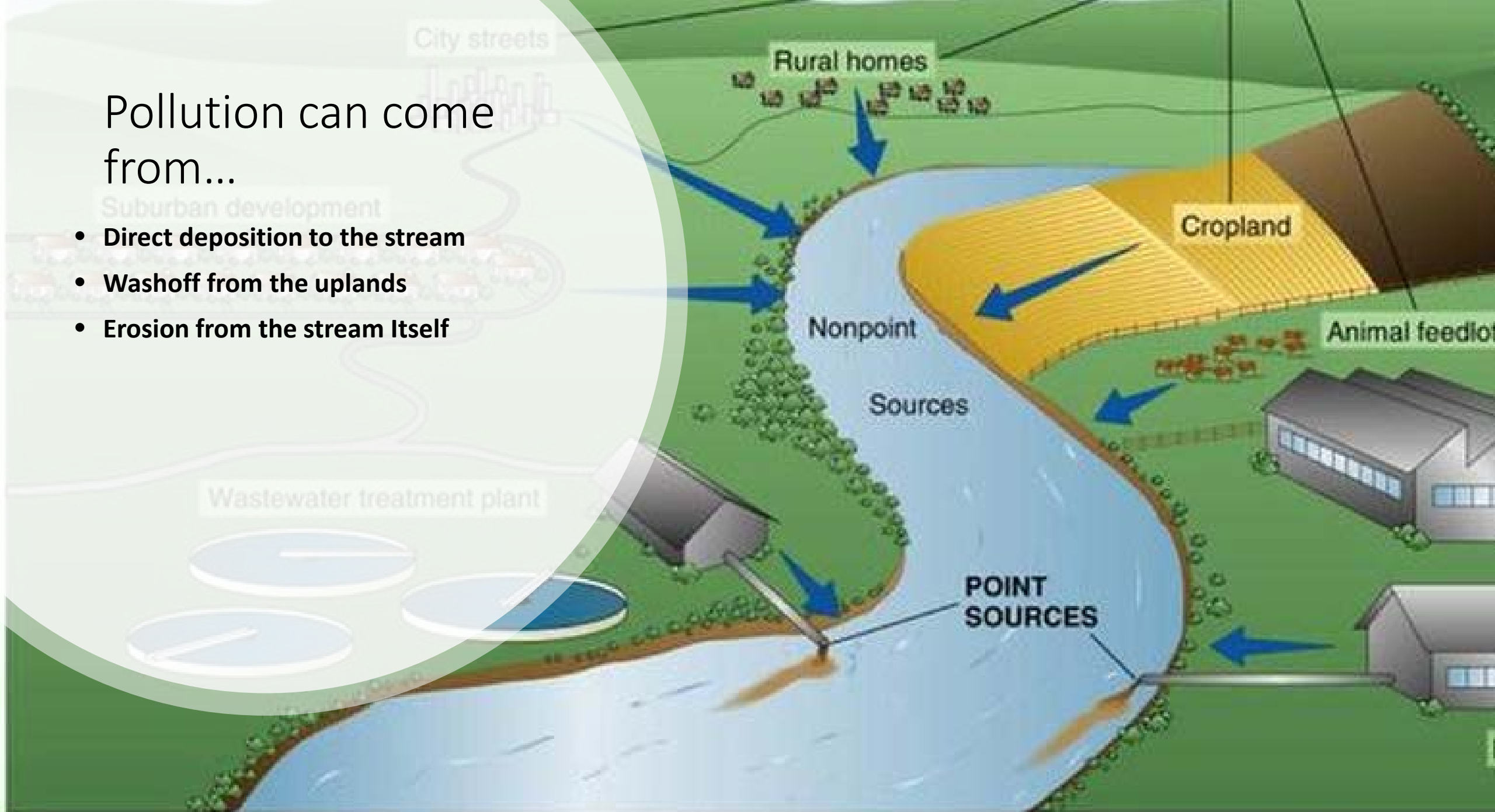




What we do on the land impacts what we see in the river...

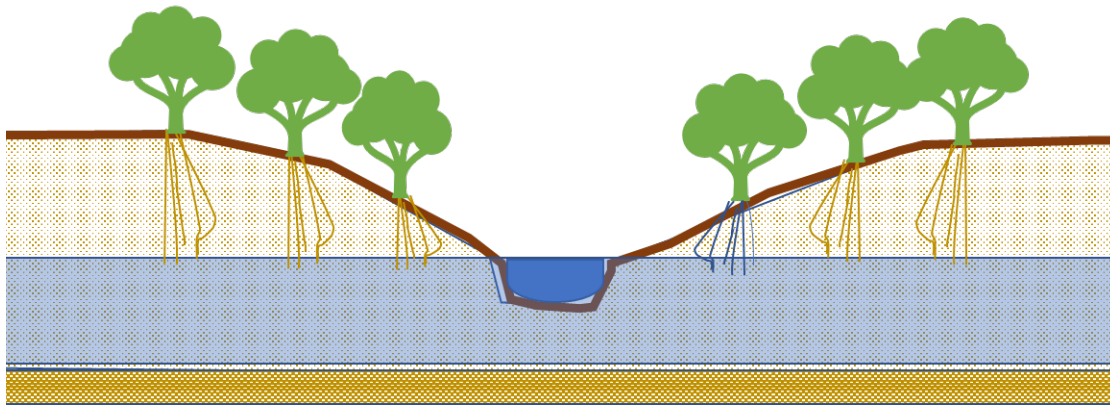
Pollution can come from...

- Direct deposition to the stream
- Washoff from the uplands
- Erosion from the stream itself



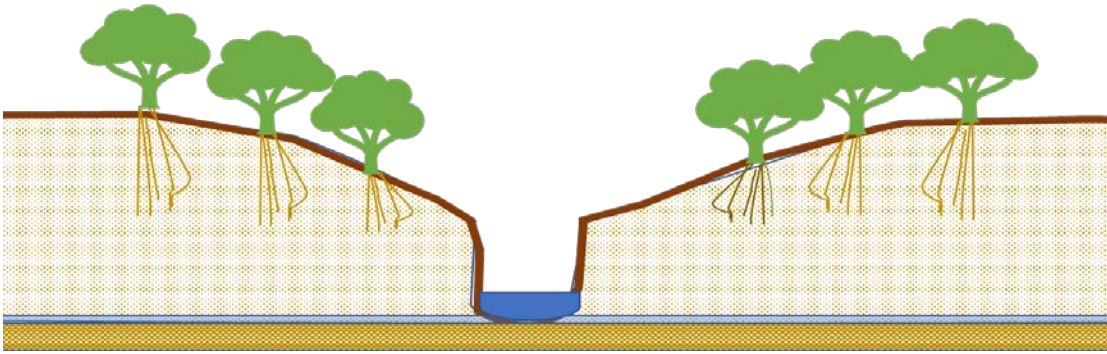


The amazing riparian sponge |



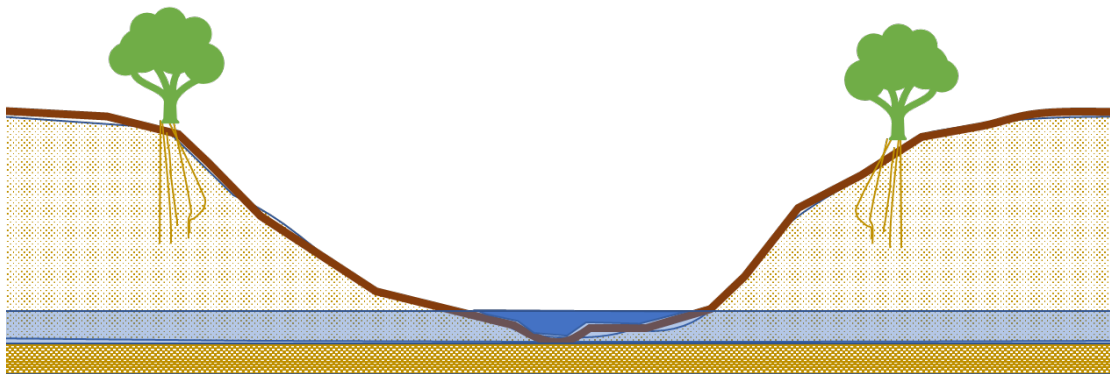
A healthy riparian sponge absorbs and slows flood flows and provides healthy habitat.





Erosion incises the stream, drawing down groundwater. The reduced baseflow will lead to a loss of vegetation and stream quality.





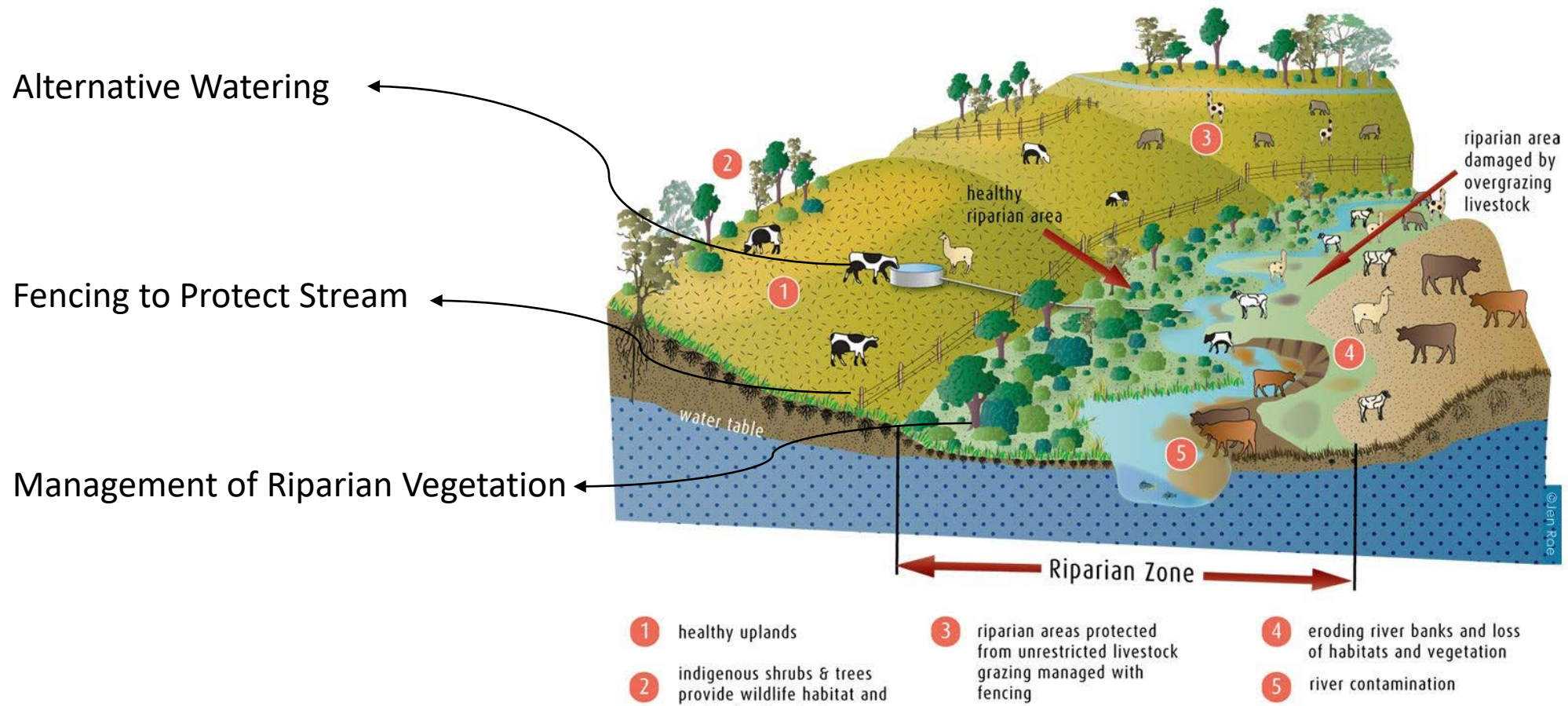
Loss of riparian vegetation results in erosion widening the stream. The loss of a functioning stream leads to increased erosion, degraded water quality, loss of water quality, and instability.



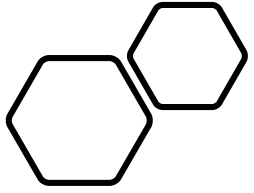
Best Management Practices

- Give the Stream Some Room
- Vegetation Matters
- Large Woody Debris is your friend
- Build Healthy Soils
- Dispose Wastes Properly



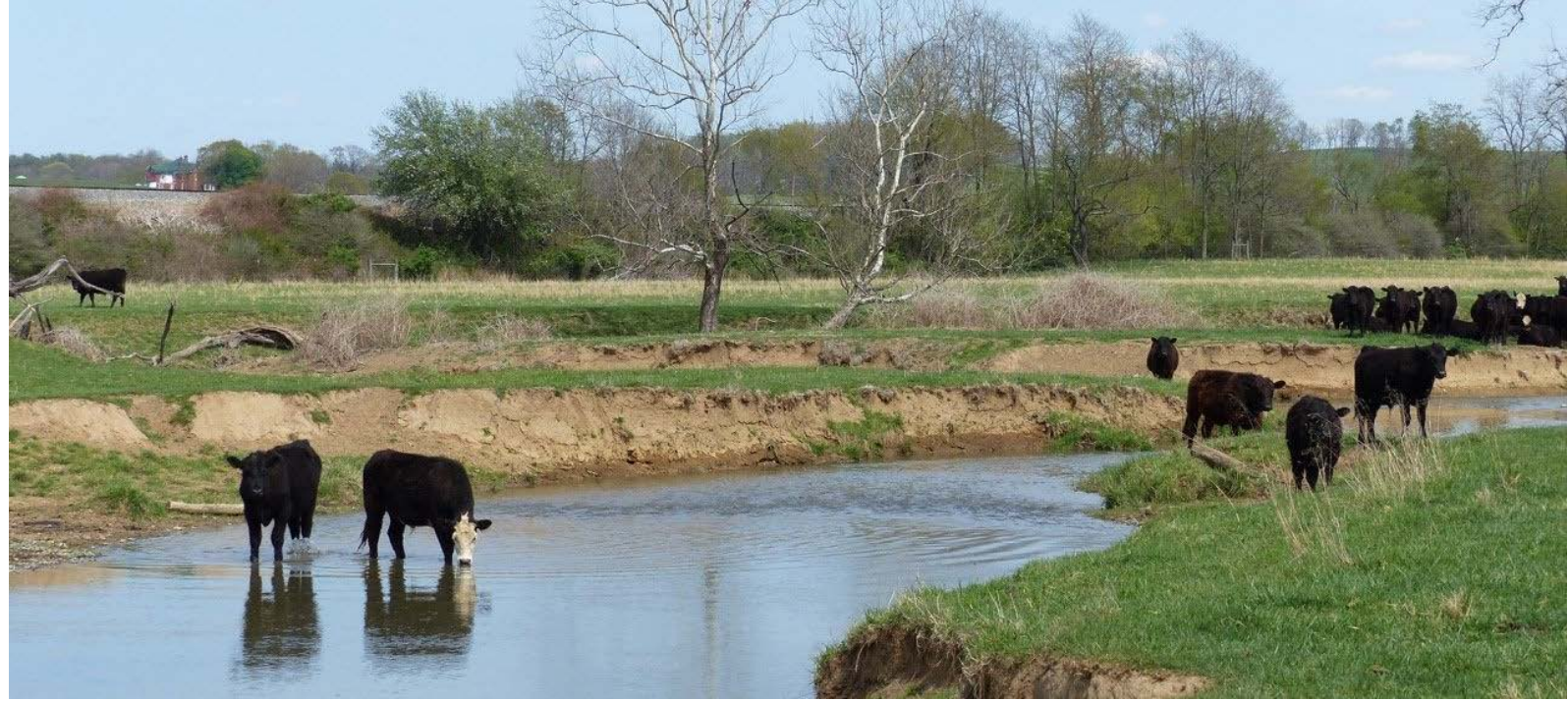


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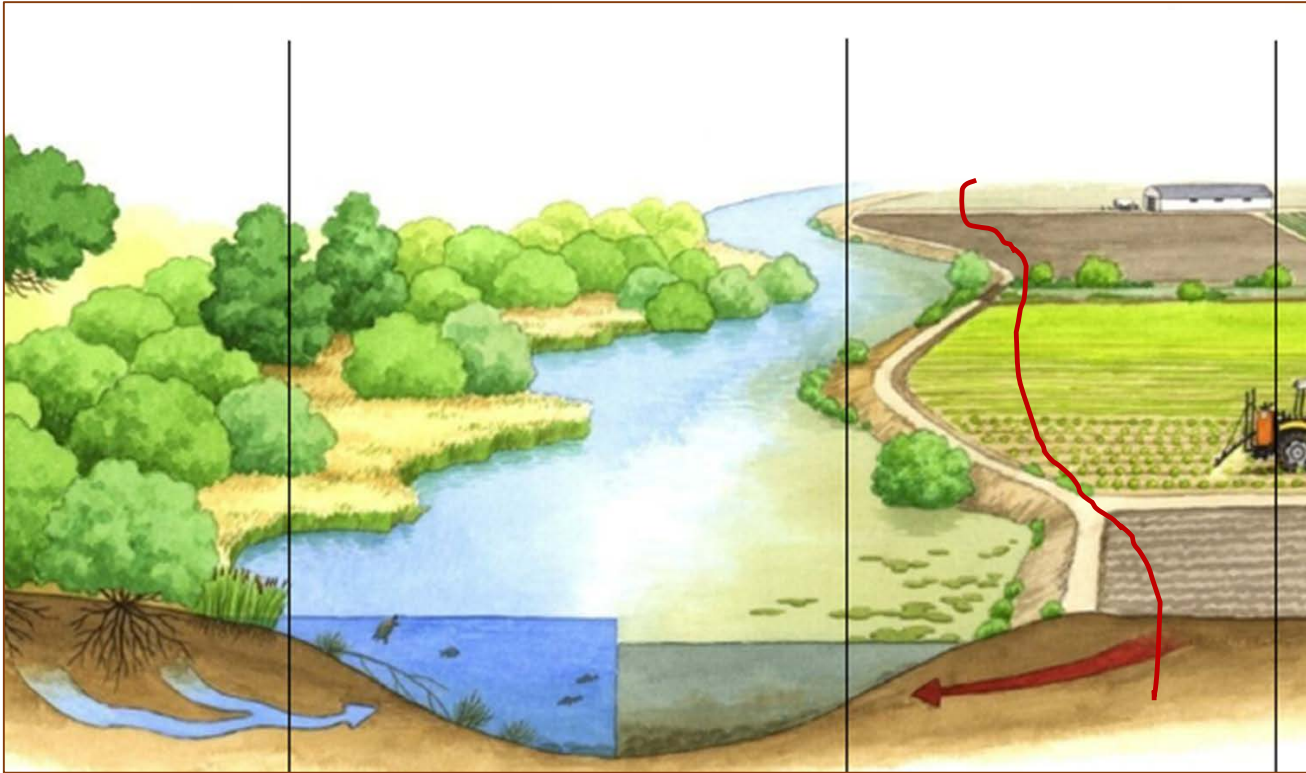


Keep stock out of the stream

- Alternative Watering
- Fencing of Riparian Areas



Allow riparian vegetation to build the riparian sponge

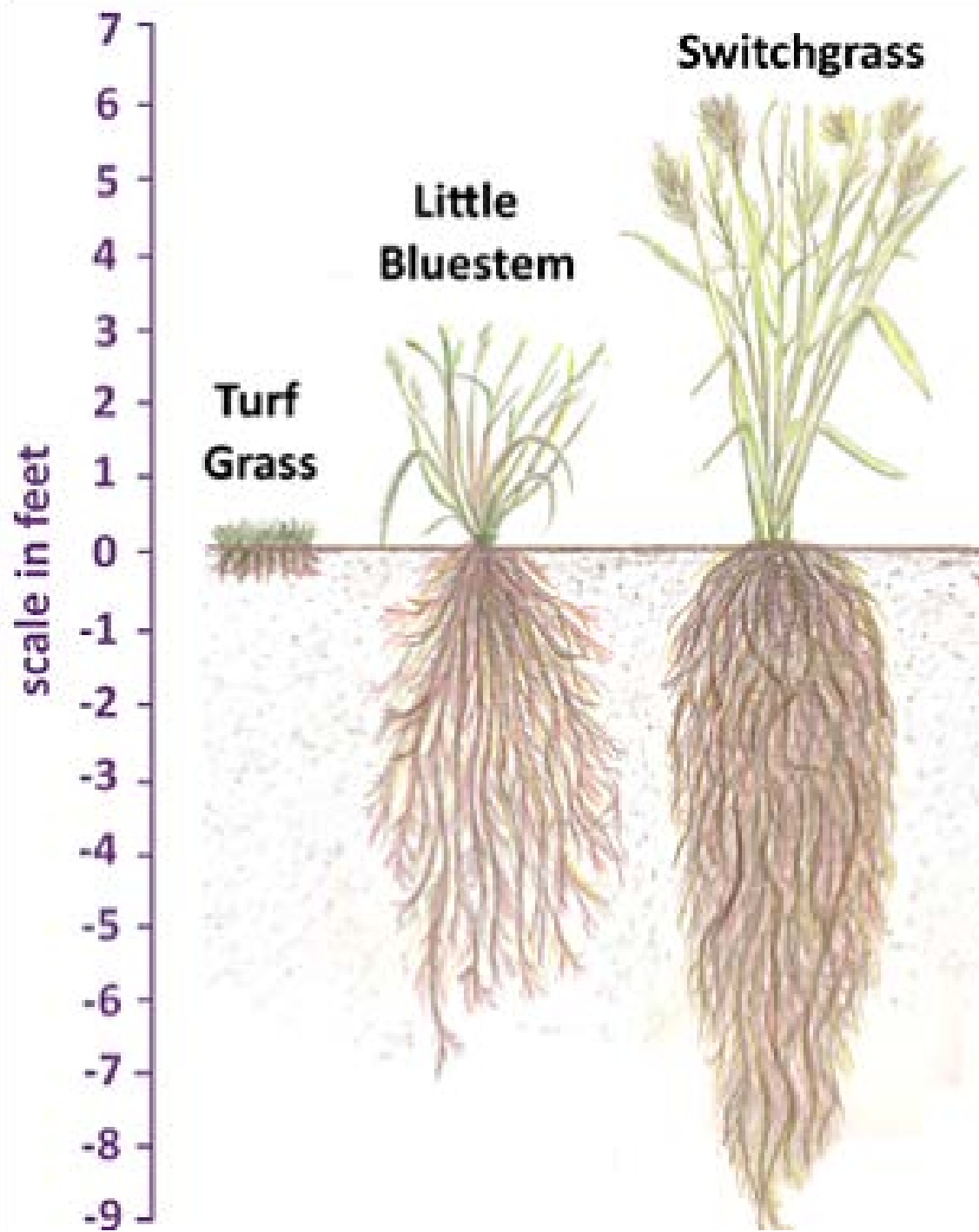


Credit: Texas Master Naturalist

Vegetation is the Key to Healthy Creeks and Rivers



- Vegetation
 - Dissipates Energy
 - Reduces Erosion
 - Trap Sediments
 - Help Create/Enlarge Riparian Sponge



Vegetation Matters

Work with native riparian species which grow deep roots and will stabilize stream banks.



Vegetation Matters

Species and age diversity is key to the sustainability and stability of the stream.

Best Practices for Riparian Vegetation

- Avoid mowing, farming close to the bank
- Avoid overgrazing in the riparian area
- Create a riparian protection zone.



Large Woody Debris Protects Stream Banks and Reduces Erosion

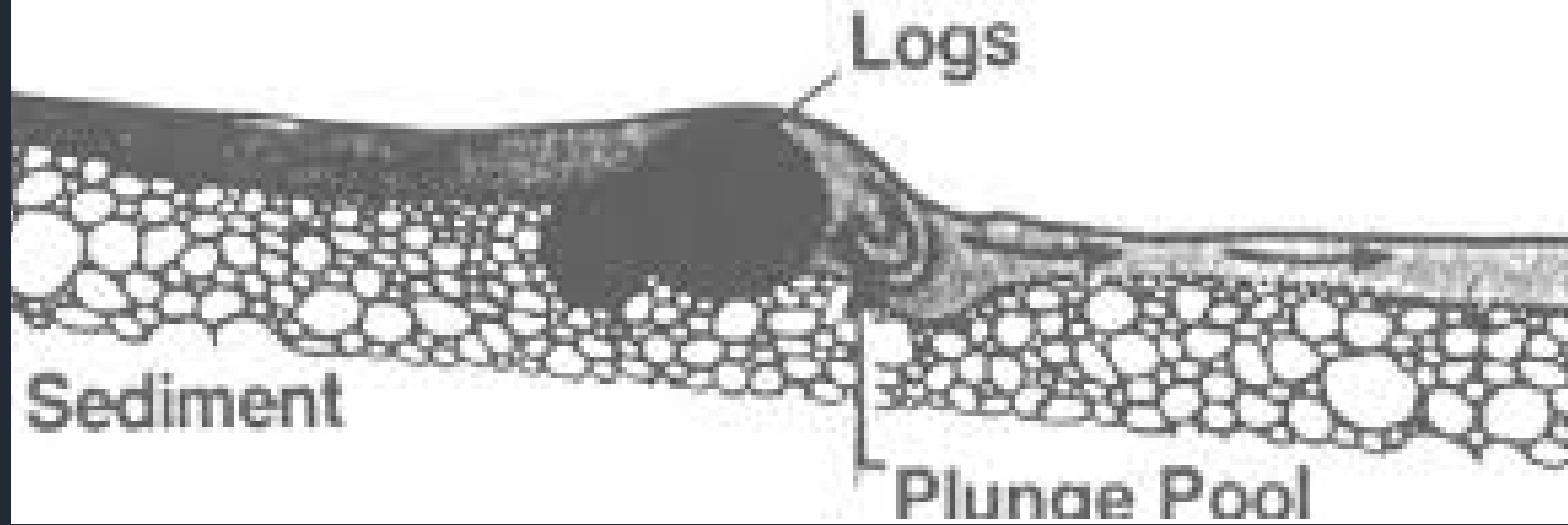


Large Woody Debris
helps trap sediment

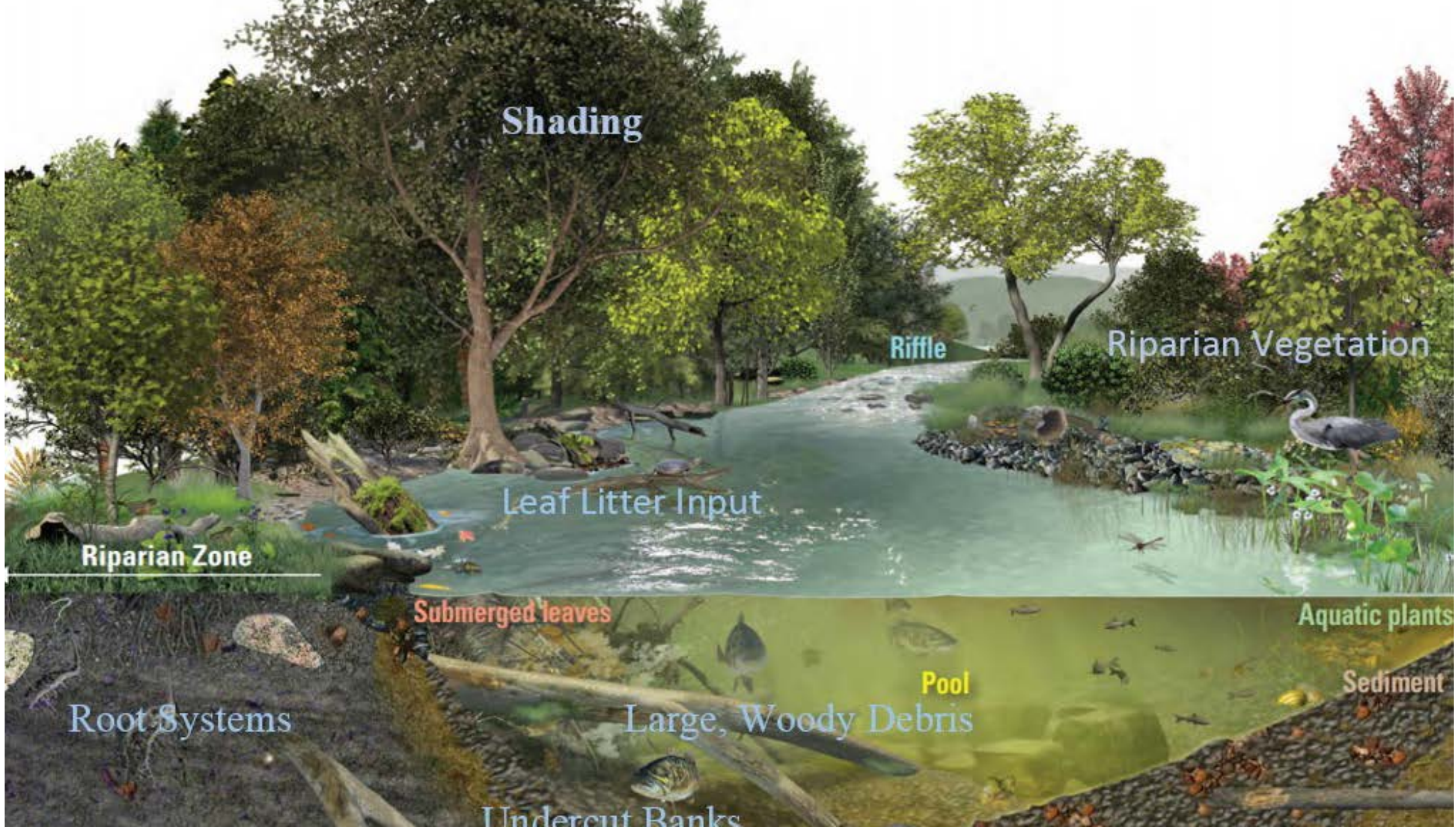


Sediments and organic matter trapped by woody debris are soon colonized by vegetation. This improves water quality by trapping pollutants.

Woody Debris helps
build strong streams.



Trapped sediment will bury woody debris and help
build a strong stable stream.



Shading

Rifle

Riparian Vegetation

Leaf Litter Input

Riparian Zone

Submerged leaves

Aquatic plants


Root Systems

Pool

Sediment

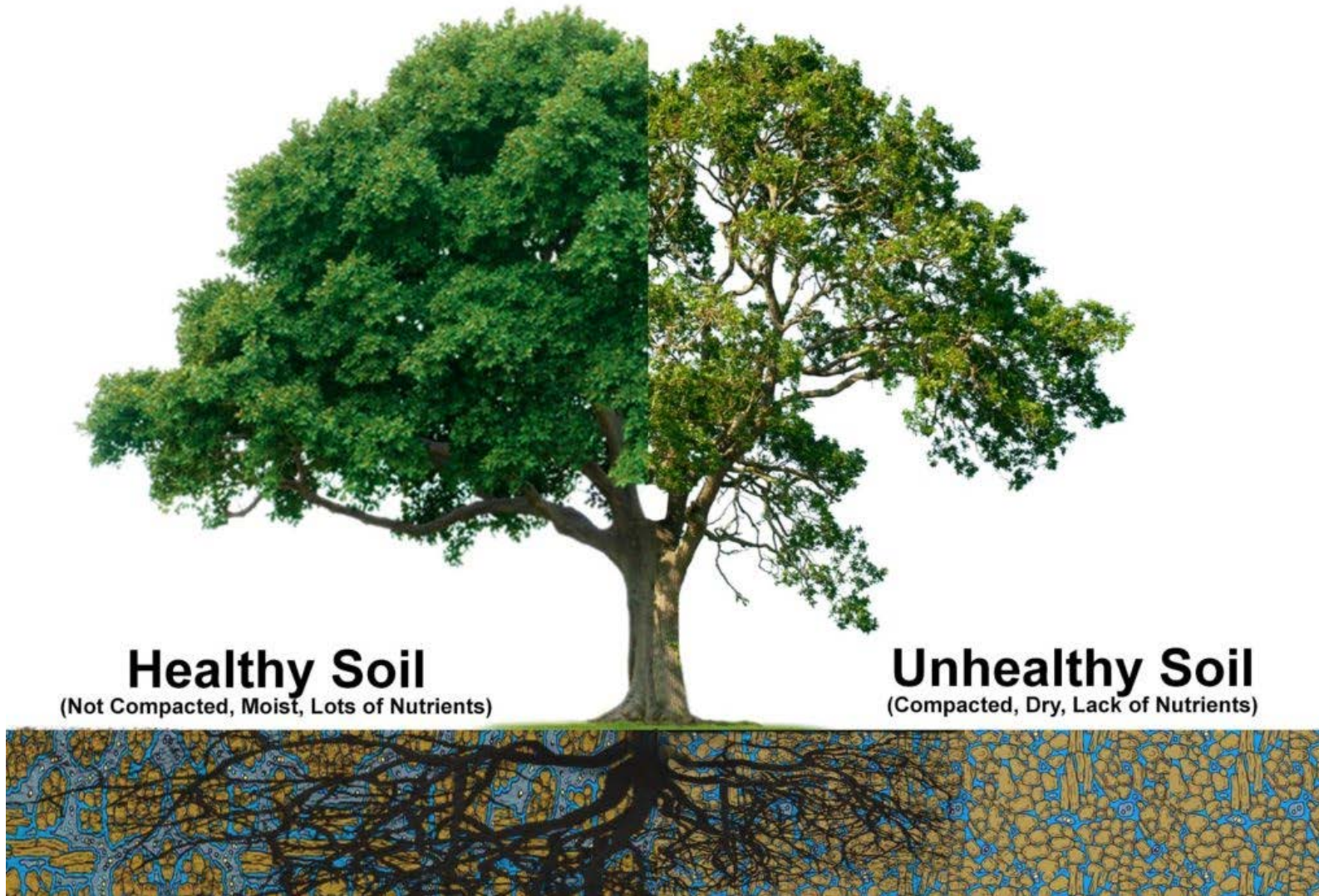
Large, Woody Debris

Undercut Banks

A photograph of a riverbank after a flood. The water is a murky greenish-brown. The bank is composed of light-colored sand and silt. Numerous large, dark, gnarled tree roots are exposed, some extending into the water. There is a lot of woody debris, including branches and logs, scattered along the bank. The background is filled with dense green trees and foliage.

When possible, let
woody debris do it's
job.

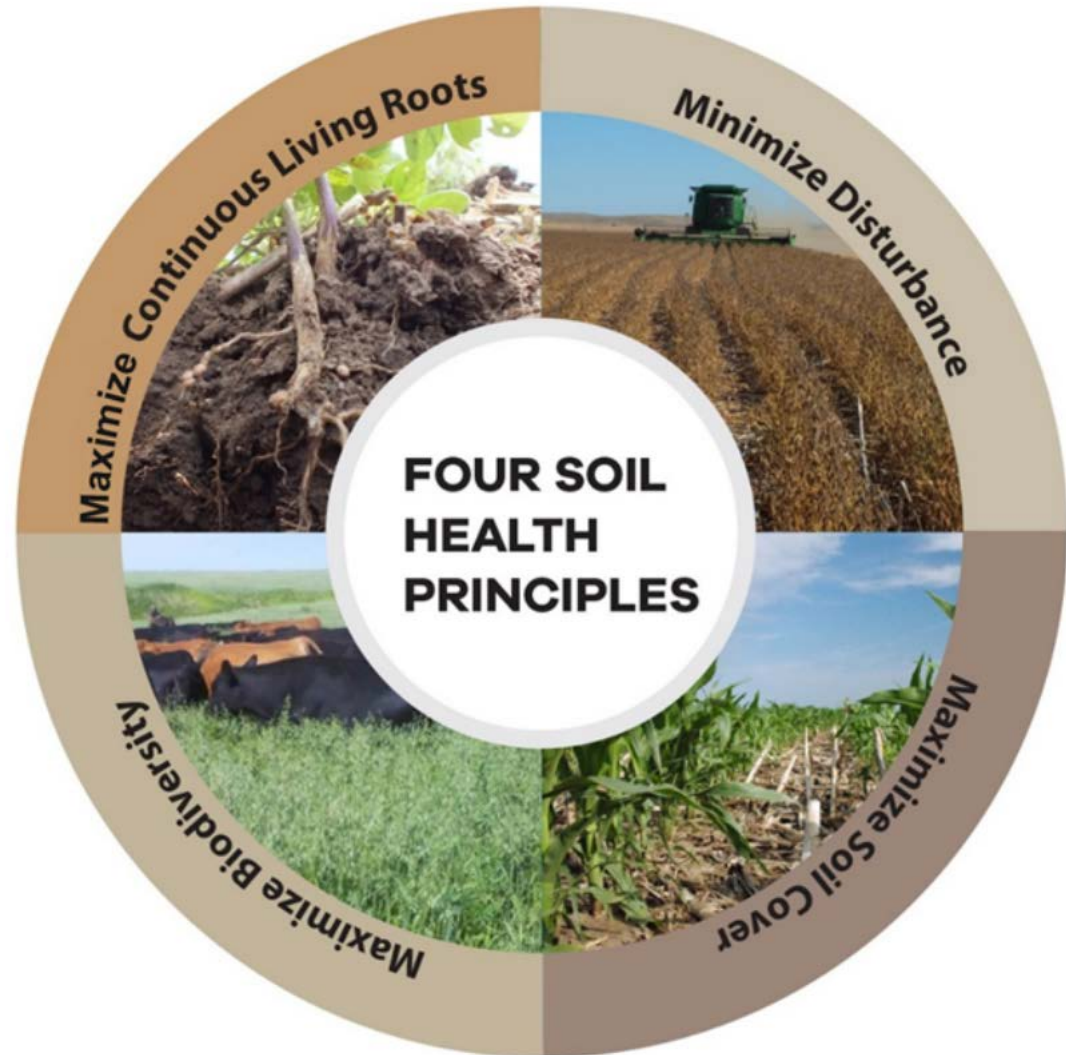
After the flood, where safe, leave down trees
and woody debris. Woody debris will help
reduce erosion, protect banks, and help
rebuild the streams.



Healthy soil
in the
uplands can
reduce
erosion,
improve
water
retention,
and increase
nutrient
retention.

Upland Soils Impact the River

- Nutrient Management
- Rotational Grazing
- Crop Rotation
- Cover Cropping
- Mulching
- No-Till





WILSON COUNTY COLLECTION EVENT

Household Hazardous Waste, Used Tires, Used Electronics & Pharmaceutical Waste

Saturday, March 17, 2018 - 8 a.m. to Noon

Wilson County Precinct 2 Yard, 1005 Railroad St., Poth, TX

Residents of Wilson County only, proof of address required - No businesses.

WHAT TO BRING FROM HOME

The following items will be accepted in household quantities, at no charge:

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE:

- Acids
- Antifreeze
- Automobile Tires with no Rims
- Batteries
- Light Truck Tires with no Rims
- Used Motor Oil & Filters
- Transmission & Brake Fluid
- Cleaning Products (polish, oven cleaner, stain remover, drain openers)
- Household Products Labeled

USED ELECTRONICS:

- Electronics-Microwaves, Blenders, Toasters
- Televisions (no wooden consoles)
- Monitors Computer Components & Parts

PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE:*

- Prescription Meds (pills, liquids, creams, patches)
- Non-Prescription (pills, liquids, creams, patches)
- Pet Medications


DO NOT BRING

We are unable to Collect the following items:

- Tractor Tires, Tires with Rims
- Agricultural Chemicals
- Dioxins
- Large Appliances or A/C Units
- Containers Larger Than 5 Gallons
- Explosives
- Large Propane Cylinders
- Radioactive Materials
- Industrial or Commercial/ Business Waste
- Compressed Gas Cylinders
- Ammunition
- Items with Asbestos
- Construction & Demolition Debris
- Scrap Metals
- Household/Office Furniture or

Dispose Properly

- Household hazardous waste
- Agricultural Chemicals
- E-waste
- Tires
- Animal Carcasses



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