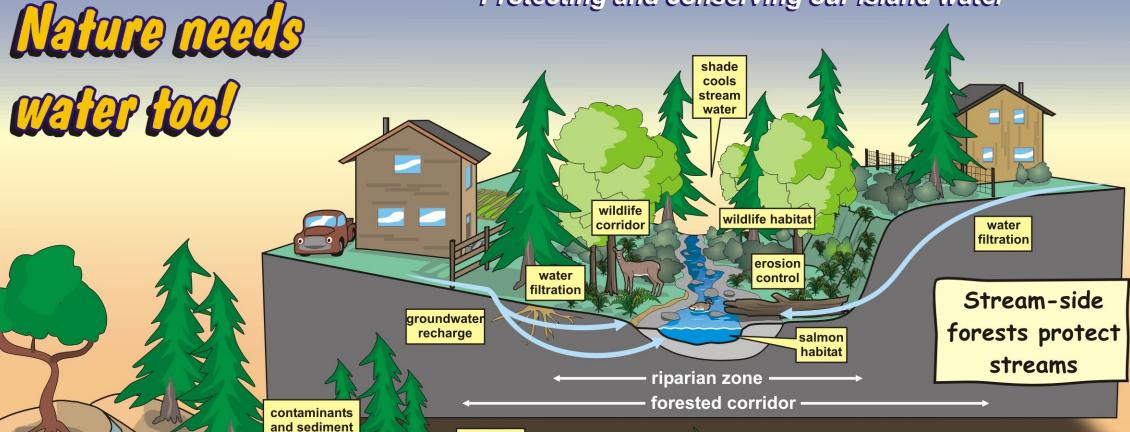
## Colf Islands Waterseapes

Protecting and conserving our island water



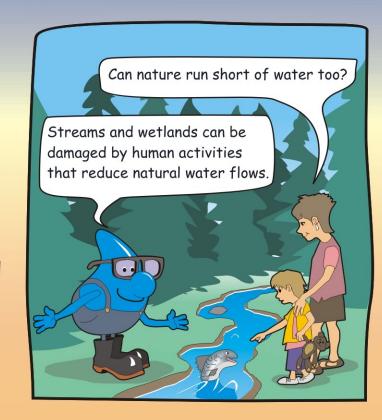
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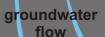
slow release

of stored water

groundwater

wildlife habitat





bacteria breakdown contaminants are filtered

saturated soil stores water

How wetlands work

Be careful!

Over pumping of groundwater wells can reduce vital springs that maintain stream flow and wetlands through the summer.

## Want to know more

This information is part of the Gulf Islands Waterscape poster, a Miscellaneous Report by the Geological Survey of Canada that will be available in late 2004. Draft content of the poster is available on the internet at:

www.bowenisland.info/waterscapes www.geoscape.nrcan.gc.ca

Other useful information on water and groundwater is available from **Islands Trust** 

http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/

**British Columbia Ministry of Water Land Air Protection** http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/wat/gws/gwis.html

**British Columbia Groundwater Association** http://www.bcgwa.org/education.htm













