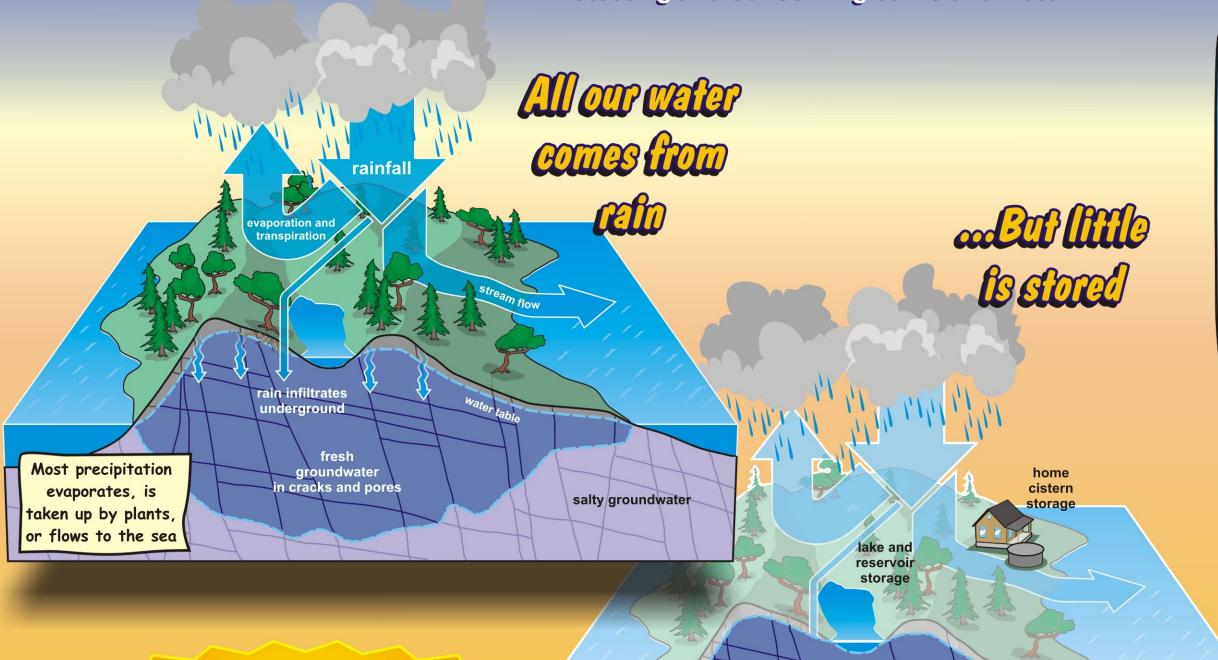
## Colf Islands Waterseapes

Protecting and conserving our island water



## With your wet winters, you must have lots of water. Sadly, that's not true. Most winter rains evaporate, are taken up by plants, or flow in streams to the sea. Only a small amount is stored.

## Why is storage limited.

The Gulf Islands lack high mountains with winter snow that store water into the summer months. As well, there are few lakes and most are small. And the water that can be stored in fractured rock under the islands is limited.

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Winter rains are stored in lakes, cisterns, and underground

## 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







