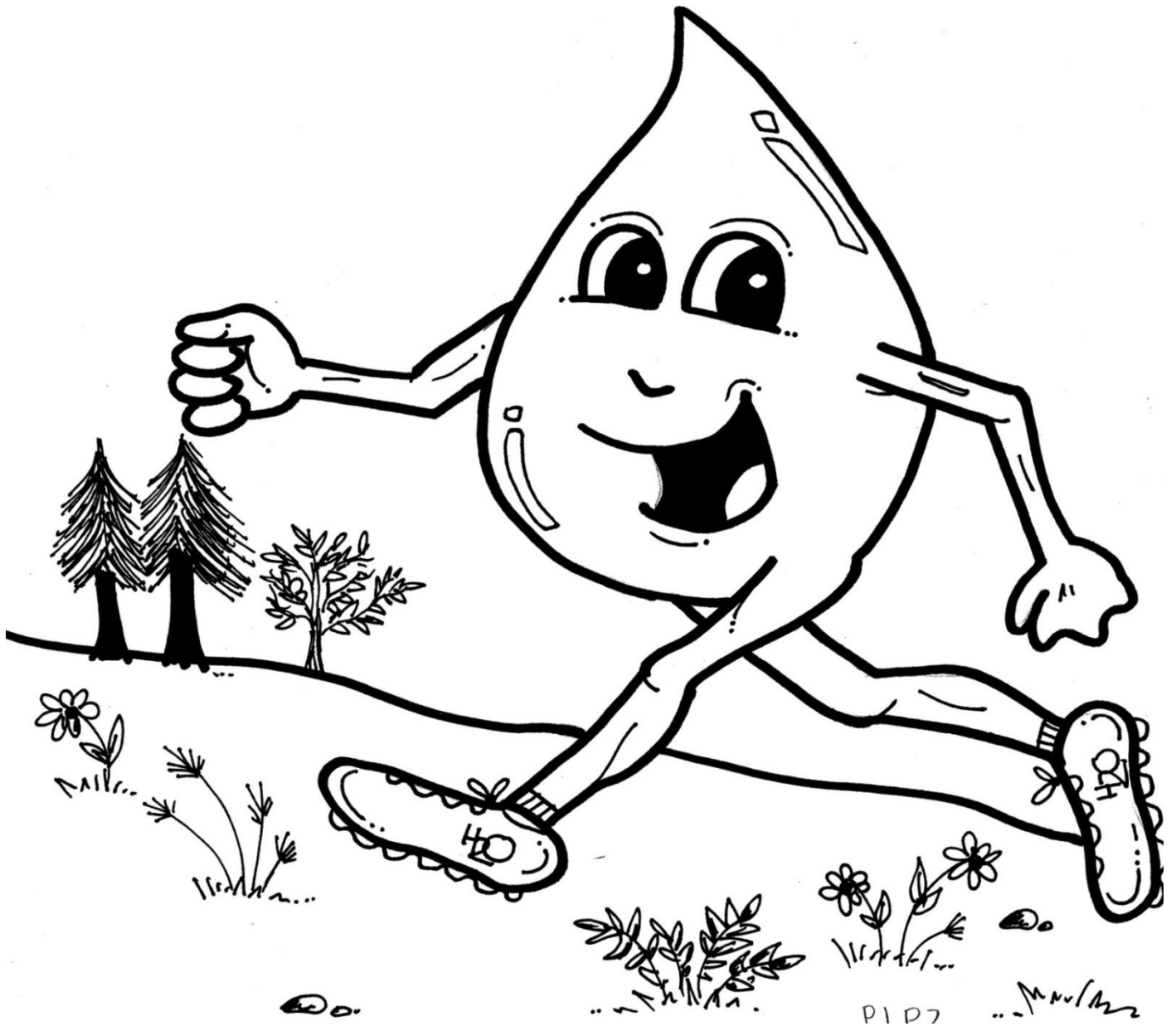


## Stormwater Sleuth and Running Rain Coloring Sheet

### Keeping Water Clean! Slowing Stormwater Down!



Artwork by Ami Sheffield

Hi! My name is Running Rain. When it rains, I join other rain drops to become stormwater. I'm happy when I'm clean and when I run onto planted areas where I can easily run (soak) into soil. You can help me be happy by keeping the hard surfaces I run over free of pollutants! Don't Litter. Sweep dirt, grass clippings & fertilizer off of sidewalks onto lawns. Rake and recycle tree leaves. Learn more at: [www.water.unl.edu](http://www.water.unl.edu).



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As Running Rain, I'm sad when I am dirty and I run down a storm drain taking pollutants with me to streams, rivers, and lakes. You can help keep me happy by slowing me down. Ask an adult to make sure I run out of roof downspouts onto planted areas like rain gardens; or to catch me in a rain barrel and use me to water plants. By doing this you will all be helping to protect streams, rivers and lakes from runoff pollution. And you will conserve water too! Learn more at: [www.water.unl.edu](http://www.water.unl.edu).



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Hi! My name is Stormwater Sleuth! I keep a birds-eye view on watersheds and stormwater. A watershed is an area of land that drains rain and snowmelt to the same stream, river, and/or lake. We all live in a watershed! Do you know the name of your watershed? Stormwater is rainfall and snow melt. When stormwater runs over hard surfaces like pavement or over bare soil, it picks up dirt, litter, grass clippings, oil/fuel, fertilizers and more. It then carries these pollutants to water which can harm water ecosystems. Learn more at: [www.water.unl.edu](http://www.water.unl.edu).



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Stormwater Sleuth teaches about watersheds and how to slow stormwater runoff and keep it clean. You can help by keeping hard surfaces clean. Don't Litter. Sweep dirt, grass clippings & fertilizer off of sidewalks onto lawns. Rake and recycle tree leaves. You can help slow stormwater runoff too. Ask an adult to make sure rainwater runs from roof downspouts to planted areas like rain gardens; or to catch rain in a rain barrel and use it to water plants. By doing this you will all be helping to protect streams, rivers and lakes from runoff pollution. And you will conserve water too!

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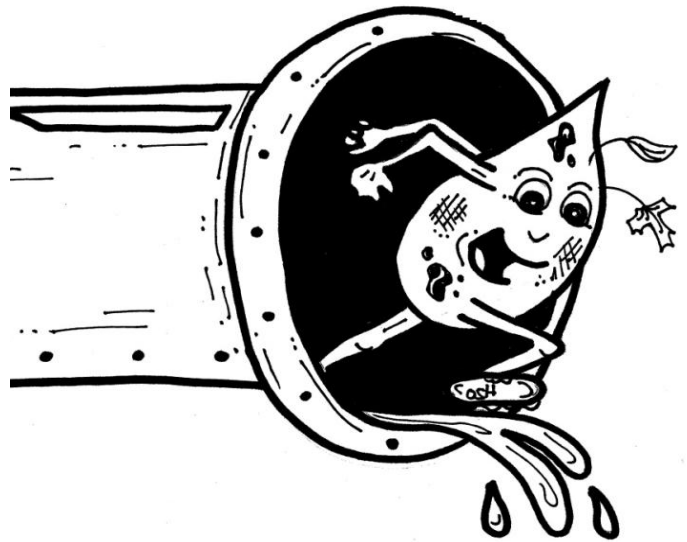
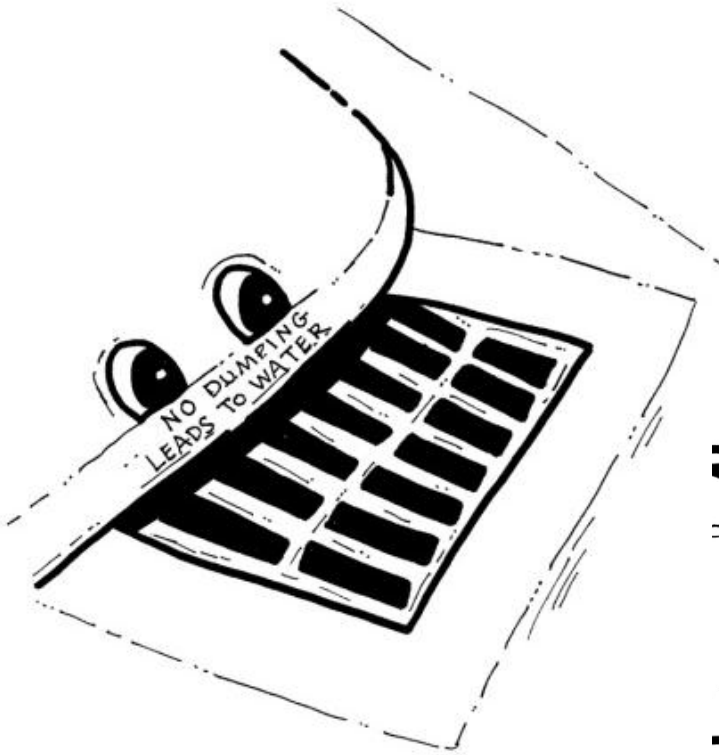
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Hi! I'm a storm drain. If you live in a town or city, you probably see me or something like me almost every day. Water that runs into a storm drain is not cleaned at a water treatment plant before it flows, usually through a large pipe, to a stream, river, or lake. When stormwater flows over hard surfaces like pavement or over bare soil, it picks up all kinds of pollutants like dirt, fertilizer, pesticides, fuel, and oil and carries these to water. This leads to pollution that harms water ecosystems.

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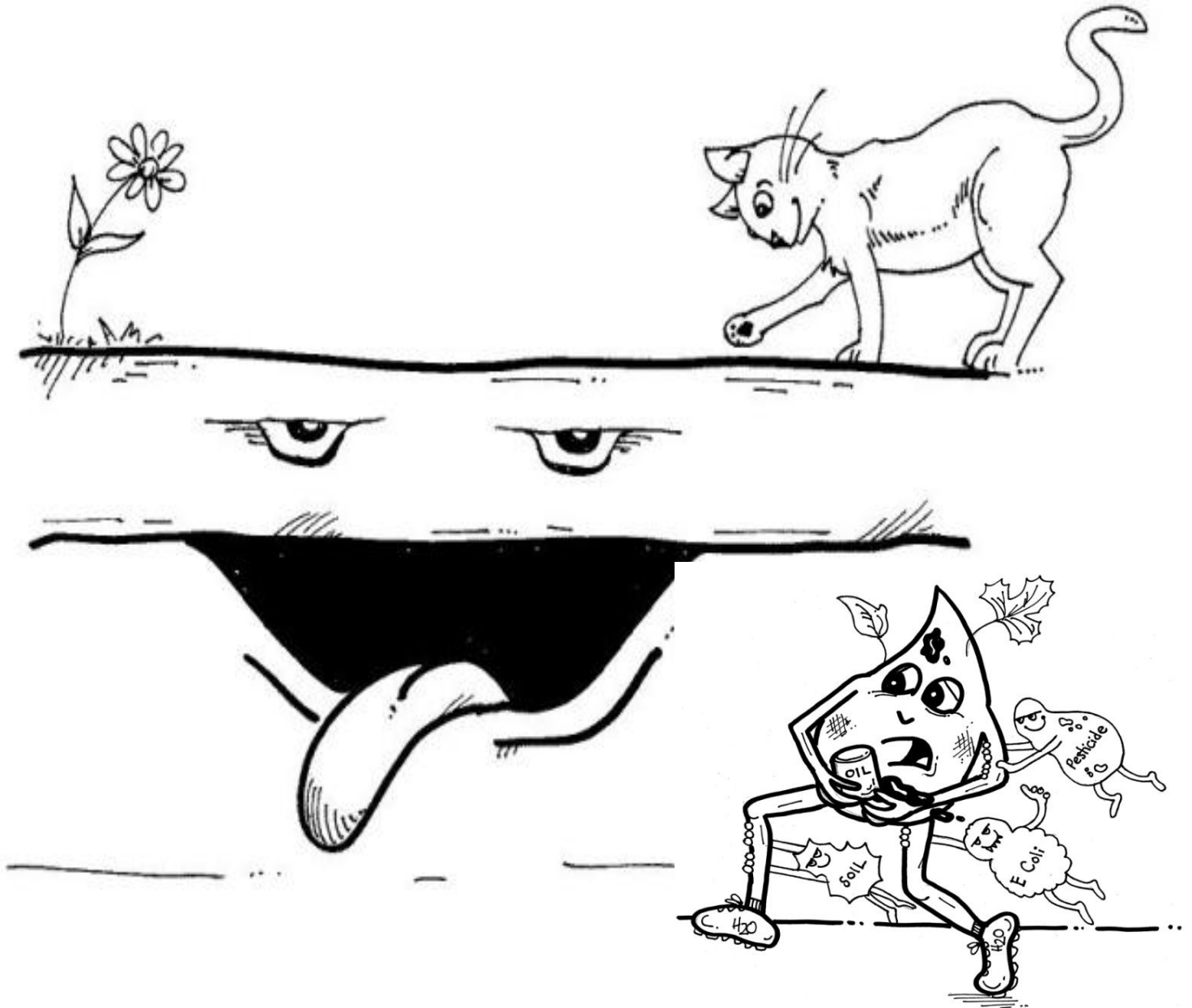


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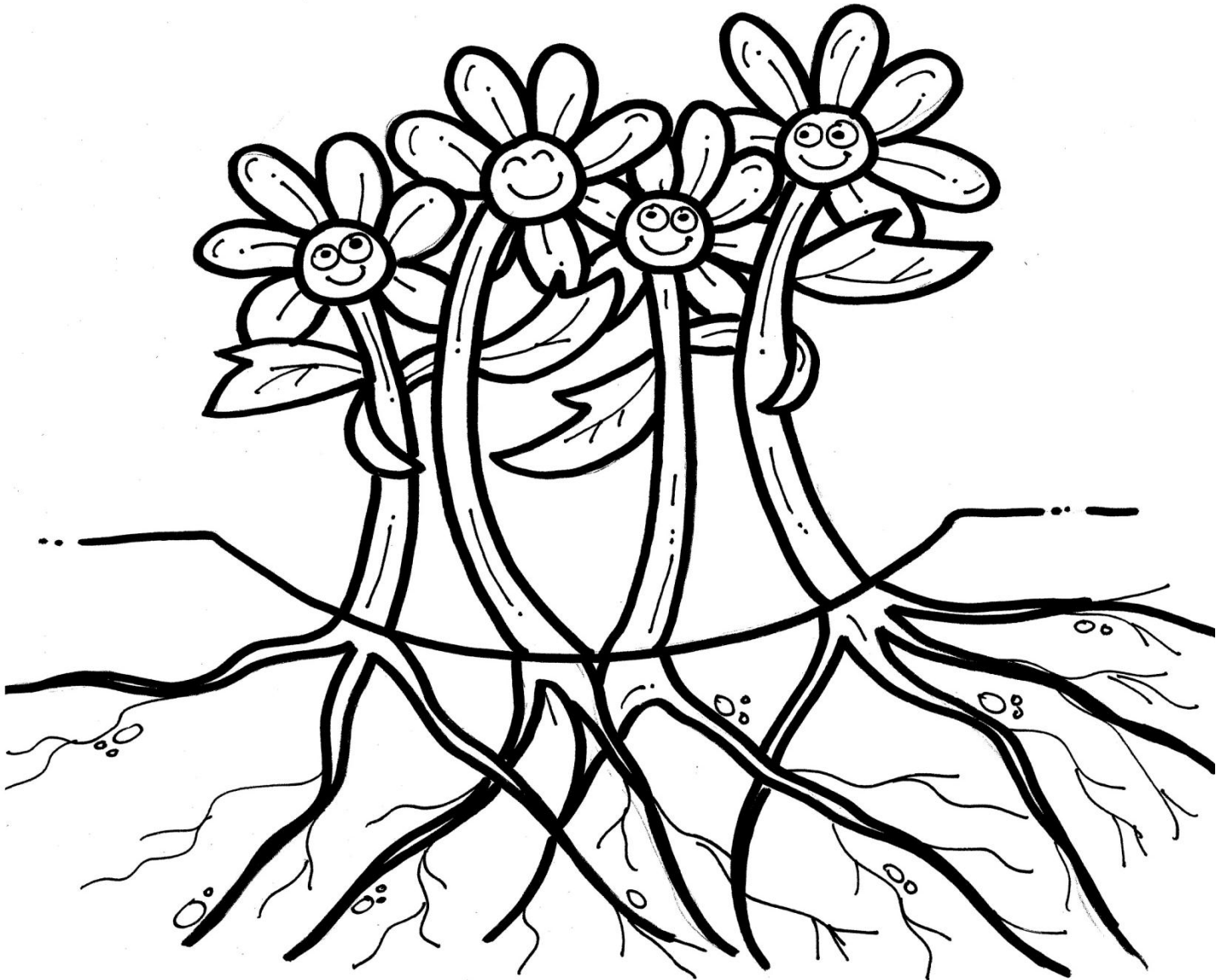


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Hi! We are native plants growing in a rain garden. A rain garden is a shallow, bowl-like garden usually planted with native plants. Rain gardens catch rainwater from roof downspouts and lawn areas. When rainwater flows to planted areas, more of it soaks into the soil. This helps increase soil moisture to conserve water and the roots of plants help to clean water. It also reduces the amount of rainwater that runs into storm drains taking pollutants to streams, rivers and lakes.

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Hi! I'm Running Rain! I love to land on or flow from rooftops to planted areas, especially rain gardens planted with deep rooted native plants. When I run over hard surfaces like pavement and compacted soil, I can become really dirty. When I run into a storm drain, I take soil and other pollutants to streams, rivers and lakes. When I run to planted areas I soak into the soil. The soil and plant roots slow me down and clean me up which is very good for our water resources.

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