

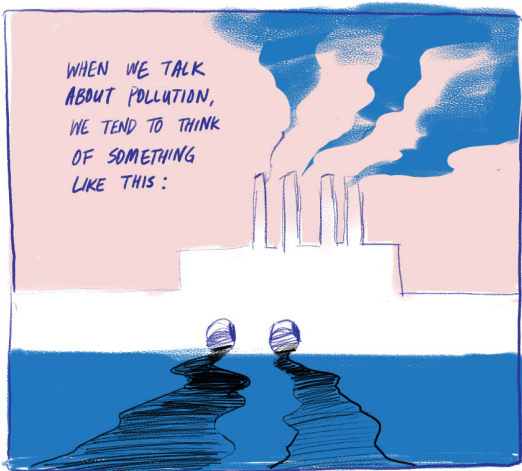
Ride Transit



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IN COLLABORATION BETWEEN
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ORCA MONTH / RIDE TRANSIT MONTH

WHEN WE TALK
ABOUT POLLUTION,
WE TEND TO THINK
OF SOMETHING
LIKE THIS:



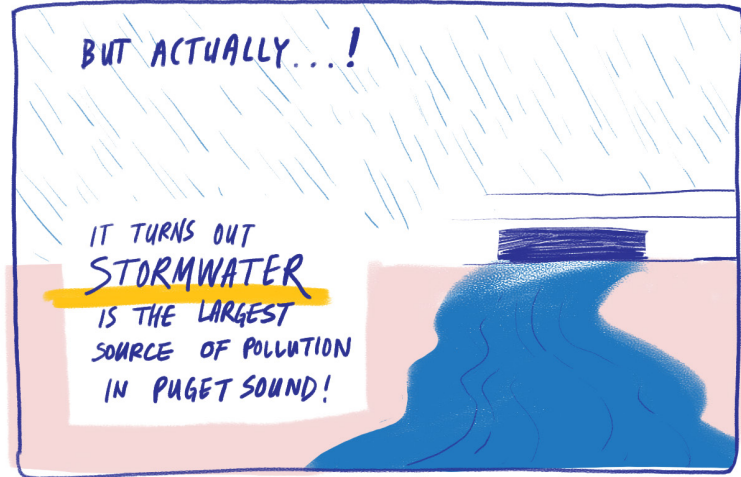
THOSE
ROTTEN
POLLUTERS,
WE SAY.

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BUT ACTUALLY...!

IT TURNS OUT
STORMWATER
IS THE LARGEST
SOURCE OF POLLUTION
IN PUGET SOUND!



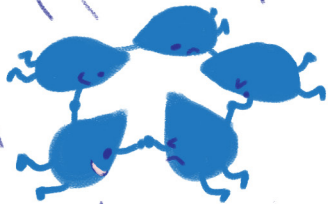
THIS IS OBVIOUSLY AN ISSUE
WHEN YOU GET AS MUCH
RAIN AS WE DO OUR REGION





WHEN OUR
SURFACES
ARE POROUS,
THE LAND
CAN ACT LIKE
A SPONGE.





HEY, LET'S
AIM FOR THAT
RIVER!

DID YOU KNOW,
FOR INSTANCE,
THAT TACOMA
IS ONE GIANT
WETLAND? IT
FILTERS THE WATER
THAT ENDS UP IN
THE PUGET SOUND.

BUT IN OUR CITIES & TOWNS



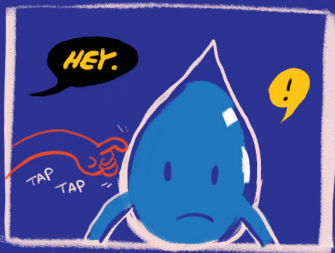
WE'VE PAVED AND SEALED A LOT OF THAT PERMEABLE GROUND.

THIS MEANS THAT THE RAINWATER HAS TO TRAVEL DOWN PAVED ROADS...

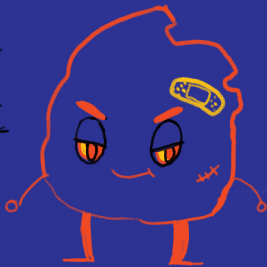


I MISS THE GOOD OL' DAYS WHEN THERE WASN'T TRAFFIC.

... UNTIL IT FINDS AN OPENING —



— PICKING UP UNWELCOME TAG-ALONGS
ON THE WAY.



THE VARIOUS FACES OF TOXIC POLLUTION



OIL



ASBESTOS
(WORN BRAKE LINING)

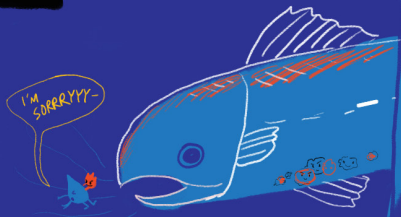


ZINC & COPPER
(TIRES) (BRAKE PADS)

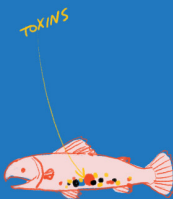


SOAP
(WASHING CARS)

AFTER JOURNEYING THROUGH DRAINS, RAINWATER CARRYING TOXIC POLLUTION REACHES THE PUGET SOUND.



WHERE IT GETS TAKEN UP BY FISH, INCLUDING SALMON...



... AND WHEN ORCAS EAT SALMON, THESE TOXINS BUILD UP IN THEIR BODY AND HARM THEIR HEALTH.



SO WHAT CAN WE DO?



A LOT, STARTING WITH DRIVING ALONE
LESS OFTEN AND

**RIDING
TRANSIT!**

✓ ALSO, WAY MORE FUN

✓ CAN DO THINGS LIKE READING BOOKS

✓ DRIVING IN BUMPER-TO-BUMPER
TRAFFIC IS AWFUL

EVERY TIME YOU
DRIVE, YOU SHED
THESE TOXIC PARTICLES
ONTO THE ROAD.



AND THE MORE YOU
DRIVE, THE MORE
ROADS WE MAKE. ☹️



TOGETHER, WE CAN
MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THE
HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITY & OUR
SHARED WATERS WHEN WE MAKE
BETTER TRANSPORTATION
CHOICES!

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