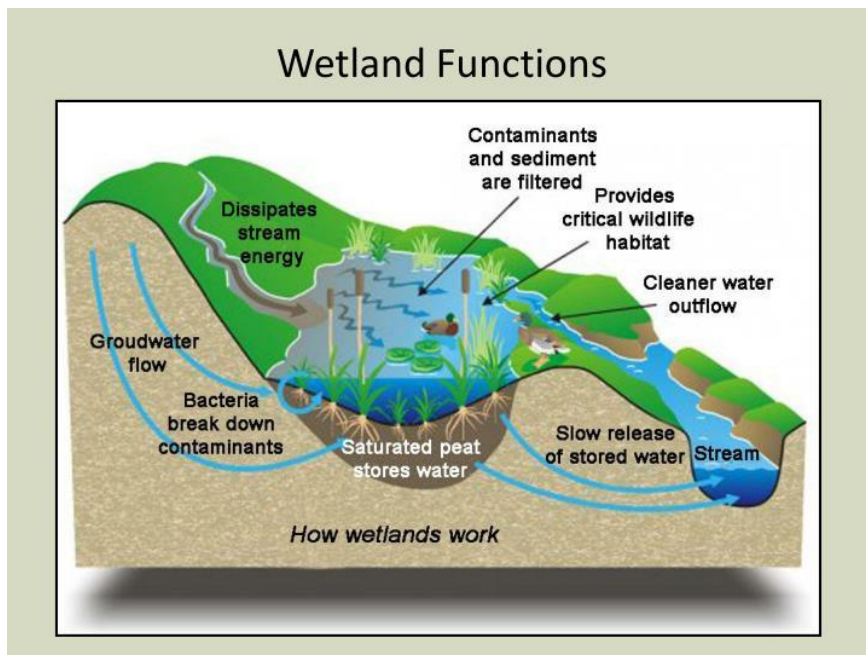


Readington Township, NJ

WHAT ARE WETLANDS AND WHY ARE THEY IMPORTANT TO READINGTON?

Wetlands are areas where water covers the soil or saturates the soil surface most of the time -- not just after a rainstorm. They may look like marshy places along a field or large mud puddles in a forest – but what they have in common is that they remain wet most of the time. All this water promotes the development of unique habitats where a broad diversity of plants and animals can thrive – a lot like what can be found in rain forests or coral reefs. Wetlands also help by storing flood water for future use and by maintaining surface water flow during periods of drought. Wetlands play an integral role in our local watersheds and need to be preserved as one of our critically important natural resources.



To learn more about **wetlands**, click this link:

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2021-01/documents/wetlands_overview.pdf

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