

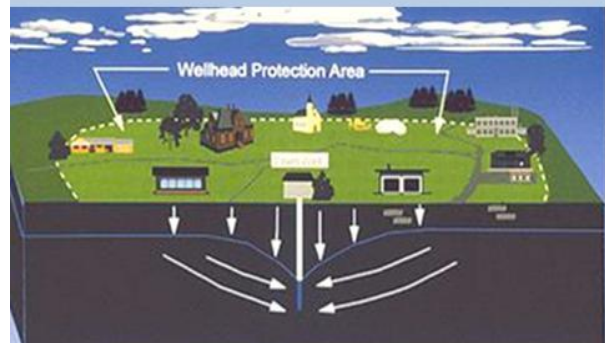
THE EAST LYME CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION INVITES YOU TO TAKE A WALK OVER YOUR DRINKING WATER

Most people in Connecticut get their drinking water from a private or public well. This water source flows from highlands to Long Island Sound like an underground river.

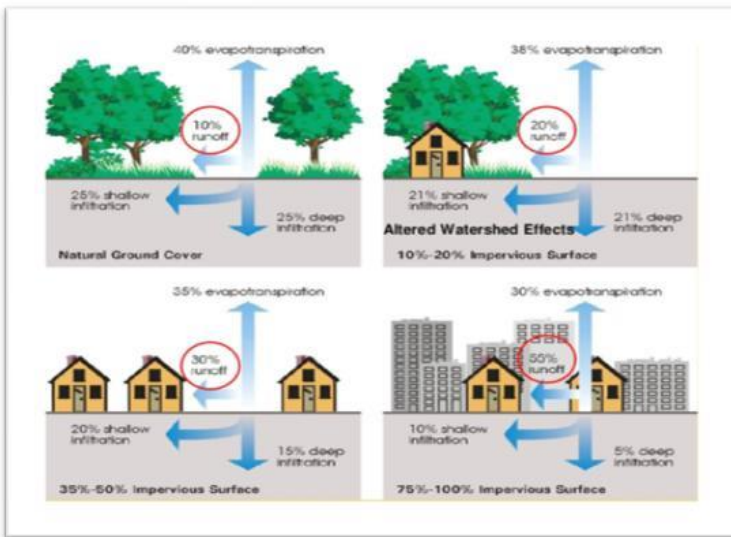
The sand, gravel, and rock aquifers flow through keep the water clean. Towns and nonprofit organizations purchase undeveloped land to protect these ground water sources while also providing a beautiful place to take a hike.



Underground water (called **AQUIFERS**) keep wells full and must be protected from contamination



So the water coming out of your faucet tastes good and doesn't need costly cleaning.



The relationship between impervious surfaces (such as roads and roofs) and stormwater runoff is direct: According to the US Inter-agency Stream Restoration Working Group, as little as a 10% increase in impervious cover can result in degraded surface and ground water quality; a 50% increase in impervious cover triples surface runoff and reduces water retained in the soil by two-thirds compared to natural ground cover.