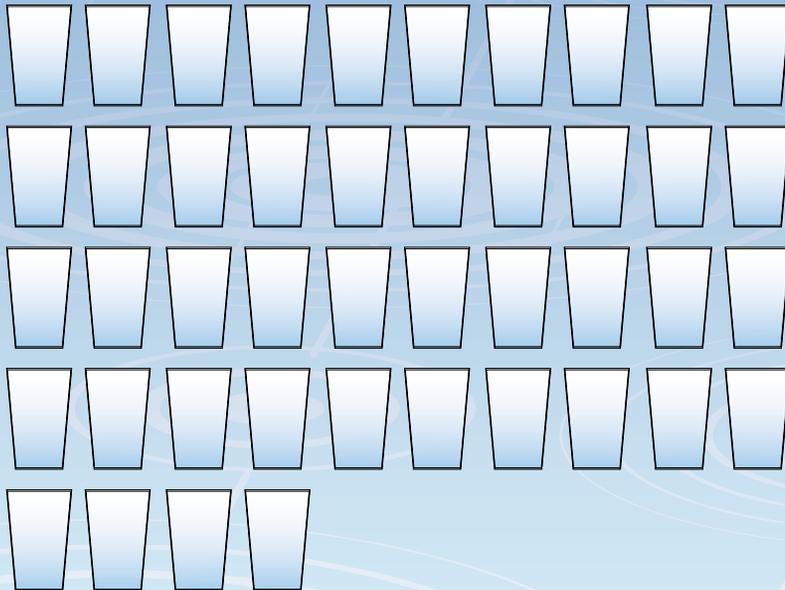


# HARVESTING THE H<sub>2</sub>O

County dams and spreading grounds captured **1.8 billion** gallons of water in this week's storms.

That's enough drinking water to meet the needs of 44,000 people for one year.



= 1,000 people

How do we get from stormwater to tap?

① **Dam**

A barrier that retains water in a reservoir behind it. This water can then be released and routed to spreading grounds.

② **Spreading Grounds**

Porous basins that allow water to percolate into the ground and recharge the groundwater in aquifers below.

③ **Well**

A structure excavated into the ground allowing access to groundwater, which can then be pumped into the public water system.

④ **Tap**

A valve that helps control the release of water. Water originally retained by dams in reservoirs can be used for drinking water, irrigation, and other public uses.

