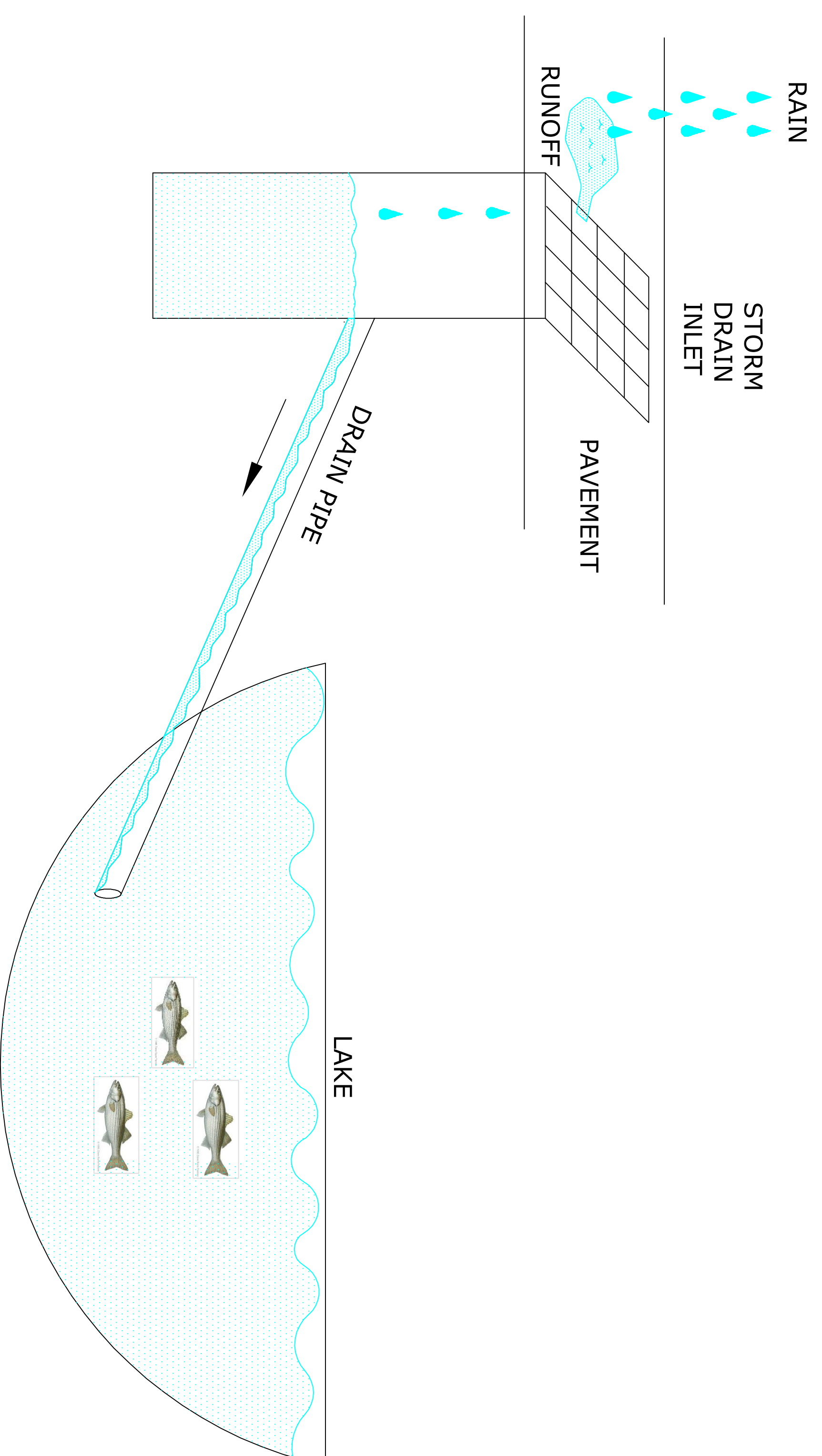


# STORM DRAIN V.S. SEWER WHERE DOES THE WATER GO?

## STORM DRAIN

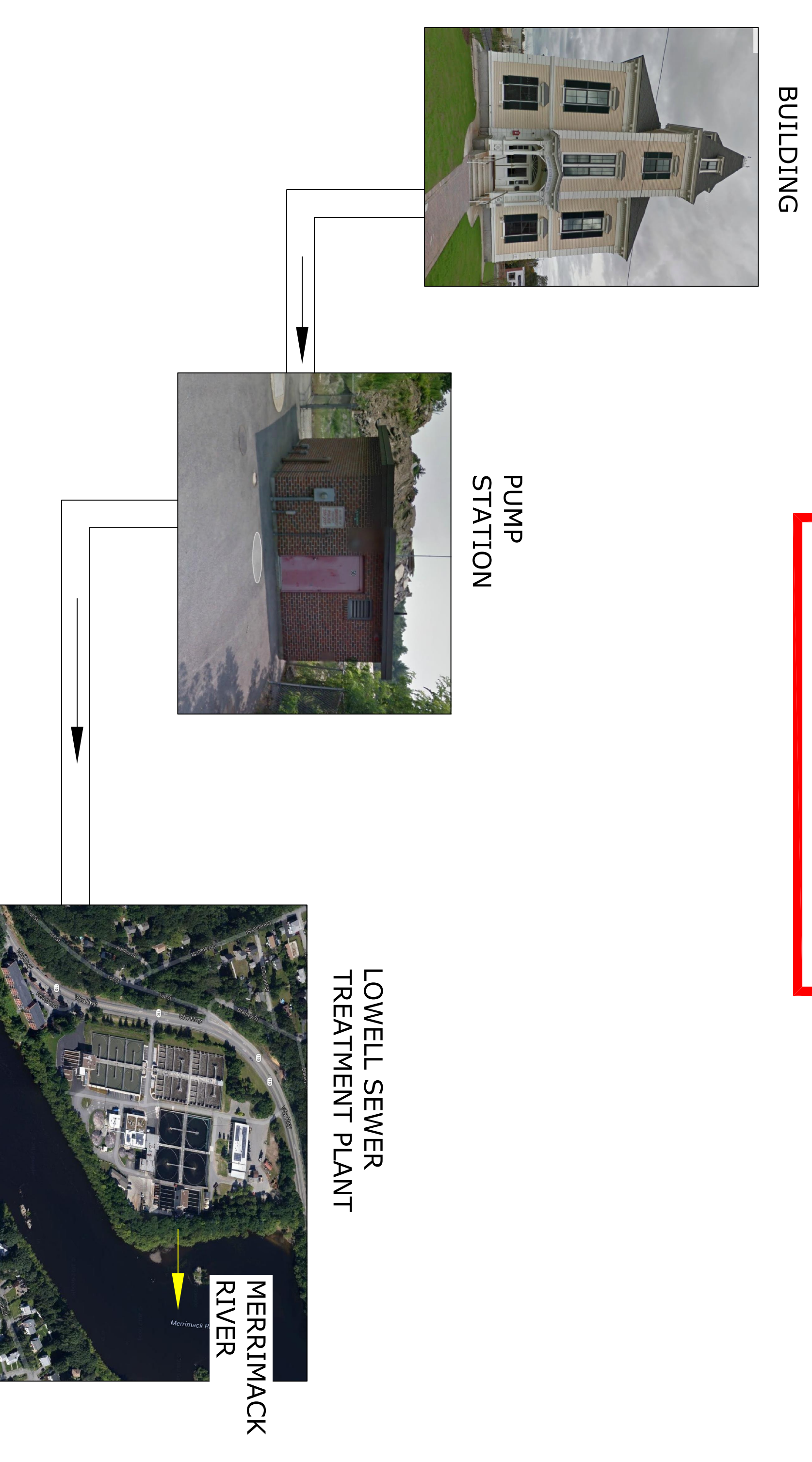


STORMWATER POLLUTION IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF WATER POLLUTION IN THE U.S.A.

Stormwater runs off the pavement and into storm drains, then it flows through a series of underground pipes that are for the sole use of stormwater, the water then discharges into the woods or waterbodies like ponds, streams, and wetlands.

THE STORMWATER DOES NOT GET TREATED.

## SEWER



Wastewater leaves homes, schools, businesses and other buildings through a sewer pipe. The wastewater then flows through a series of underground pipes that are for the sole use of **sewage**. The pipes go to the nearest sewer pump station, where the waste is pumped to the **sewer treatment plant in Lowell**. The wastewater gets treated at the plant and discharges into the **Merrimack River**.