



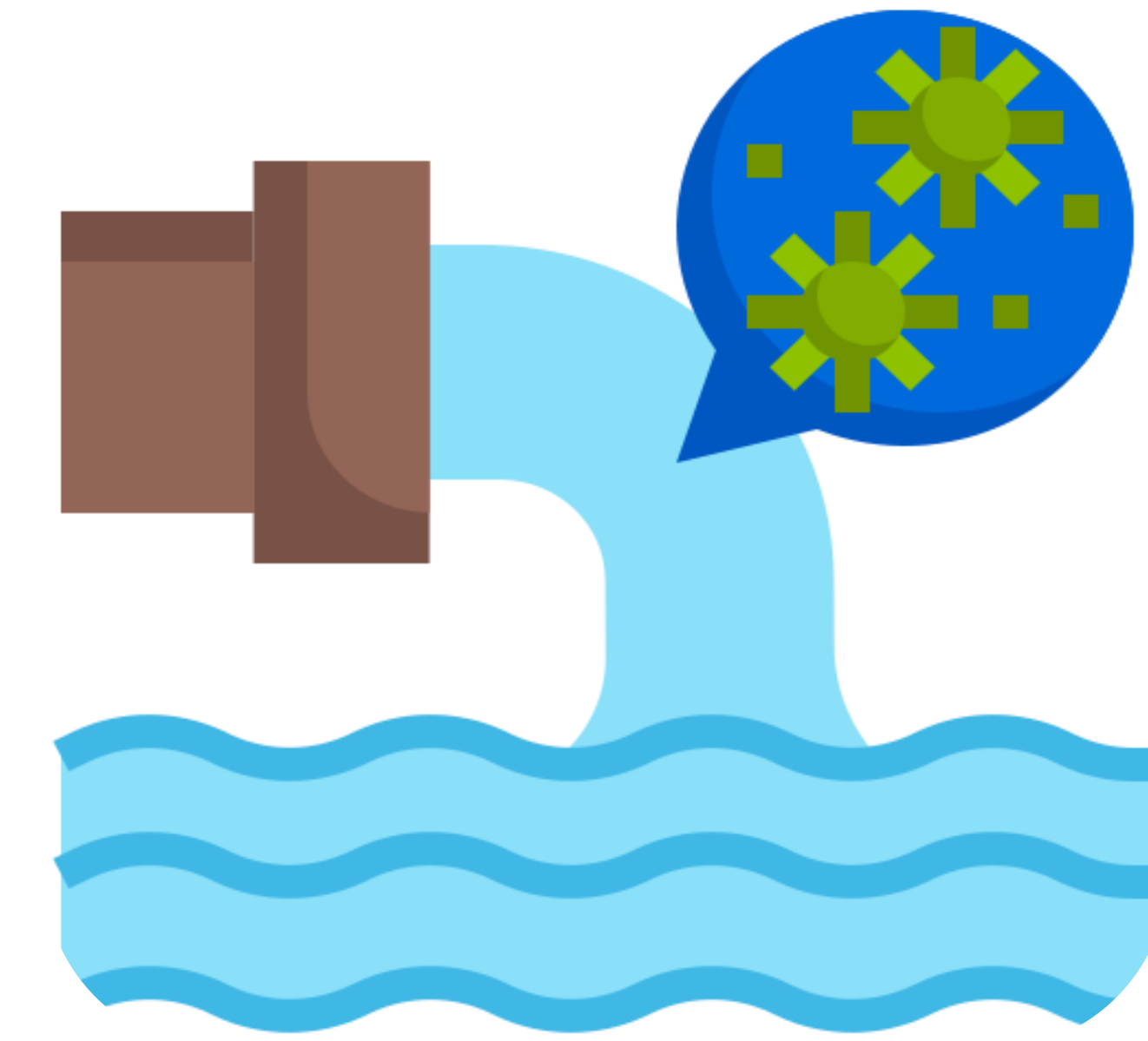
MITIGATING STORMWATER RUNOFF IN HAMILTON

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PROBLEM

How might we alleviate the pressure from the drainage systems in urban Hamilton by reducing run-off?

- Increased **urbanization** → more **impervious surfaces** → higher **stormwater runoff** and **drainage overload**
- Runoff carries **pollutants** → contaminates **waterways** → harms **ecosystems** and **water quality**
- South Ontarian flash floods caused **\$940M** in insured damage²
- Hamilton annually spends **\$63M** on the stormwater program³

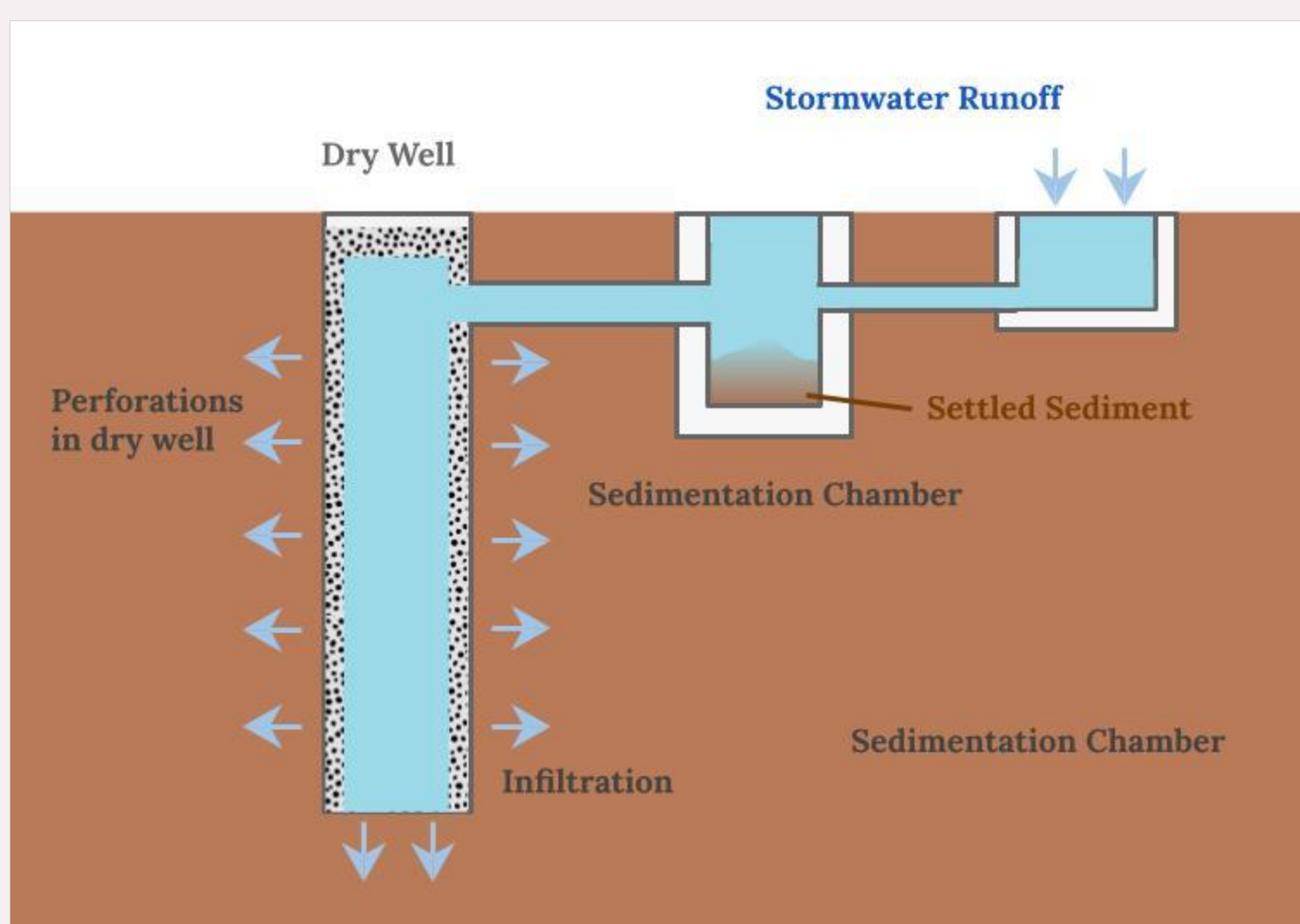


The Chedoke Creek spill has cost the city of Hamilton more than **\$3M** after spilling more than **24B liters** of combined sewage into the creek¹

SOLUTION

Underground Injection System (UIC) with the following features:

- Surface Drains
 - Stormwater enters through surface drains
- Sedimentation Chamber
 - Water goes through a gravity-based filtration system
 - Debris get separated
- Dry Well
 - Chamber with porous walls
 - Water infiltrates the ground
 - Replenishes aquifers



NEXT STEPS

1. **Pilot test** - Install the system alongside other road projects to assess performance and feasibility
2. **Expand to High-Risk Areas** - Scale up implementation in regions with frequent flooding and high runoff
3. **Citywide Integration** - Incorporate the system into municipal infrastructure planning for long-term sustainability



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