

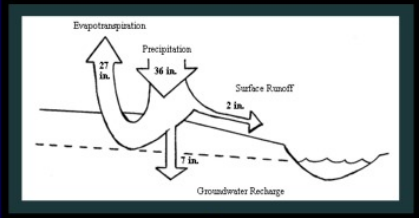
# I What happens when it rains in the Illinois River Watershed?

Throughout the Illinois River Watershed, the average annual rainfall is approximately 36 inches.

The graphs on this display show approximate numbers for a hydrologic budget for two scenarios in the Illinois River Watershed. The numbers used in the two water budgets are estimates—they are for education, not for engineering or hydrological design uses.  
Adapted from IDNR Fact Sheet—Where Does Rainfall Go?



Proper land use and management, in both urban and rural areas, is essential to protecting and preserving the Illinois River and its watershed for the future!



## Rural, non-developed area



## Urban, developed area with considerable impervious surfaces

