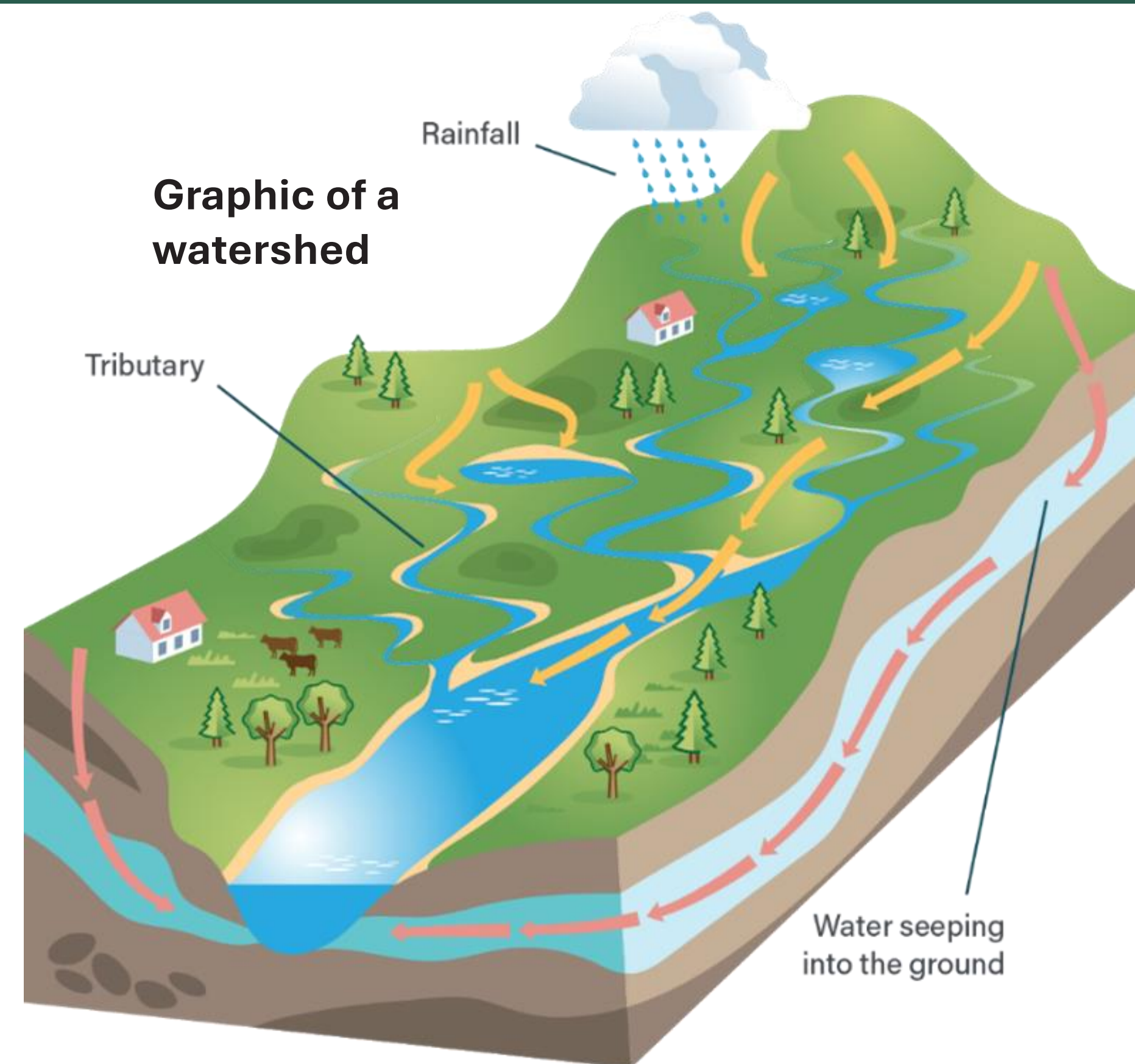


Identifying the Challenges

- A watershed is an area of land where all the water that falls as rain or snow drains into a common waterway (i.e., Poudre River, Big Thompson River, Colorado River)
- The quality and quantity of water in a watershed are influenced by many factors
- We first needed to identify the factors and challenges impacting our watersheds so we could develop strategies to protect and improve them



The Challenges and Why They Matter

<p>1</p> <p>WATER SUPPLY & DEMAND PLANNING</p> <p>Planning for how much water we have and how much we will need in the future.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>WATERSHED HEALTH</p> <p>Protecting important habitats and keeping the water clean and safe from pollution.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>WATER RIGHTS</p> <p>Understanding the rules around water use better and protecting Larimer County's agricultural heritage.</p>
<p>4</p> <p>WATER INFRASTRUCTURE</p> <p>Taking good care of water systems and supporting thoughtful storage.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>WATER CONSERVATION POLICIES & GUIDELINES</p> <p>Promoting good policies and resources to help make the most of the water we have.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>WATER EDUCATION</p> <p>Providing more opportunities for leaders in water, local government officials, and the public to learn about water in Larimer County.</p>

