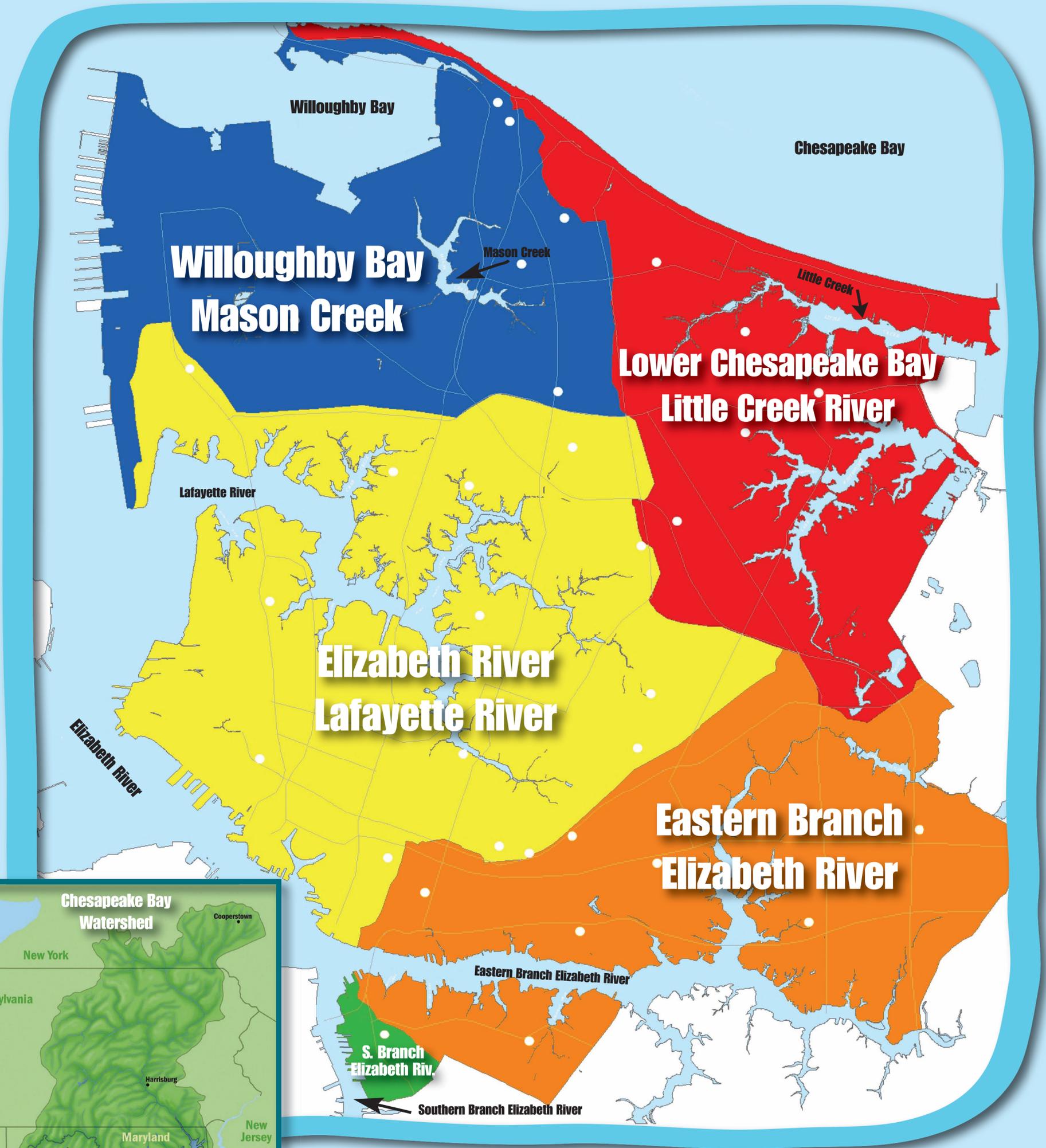


# We All Live Downstream...



## What is a watershed?

A watershed is an area of land where surface water flows downhill into a common body of water, for example the Chesapeake Bay. Watersheds can cross city, county, and state lines. Norfolk is part of the Chesapeake Bay watershed along with almost a thousand other communities. In Norfolk, the Elizabeth River, the Lafayette River, the Little Creek River, Mason Creek, and Willoughby Bay all drain into the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

We are all responsible for the decisions that impact water quality, such as storm water runoff. Storm water in Norfolk enters a body of water untreated. Motor oil, chemicals, pet waste, litter, and sediment are some examples of pollutants that storm water can pick up before draining into a surrounding waterway like the Chesapeake Bay. Storm water can and will have lasting impacts on our watershed if pollution is not prevented.

## Be the Solution! Only Rain Down the Storm Drain!



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