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## The Economics of Watershed Protection

**W**atershed protection may be a fine idea, but how much does it cost? How does it change the bottom line for the region, the development community, landowners and residents alike? This question is increasingly being posed to

those advocating better watershed protection. In this article, we review economic research on the costs and benefits of employing watershed management tools and tally the score for the region, the municipality, the developer and the property owner.

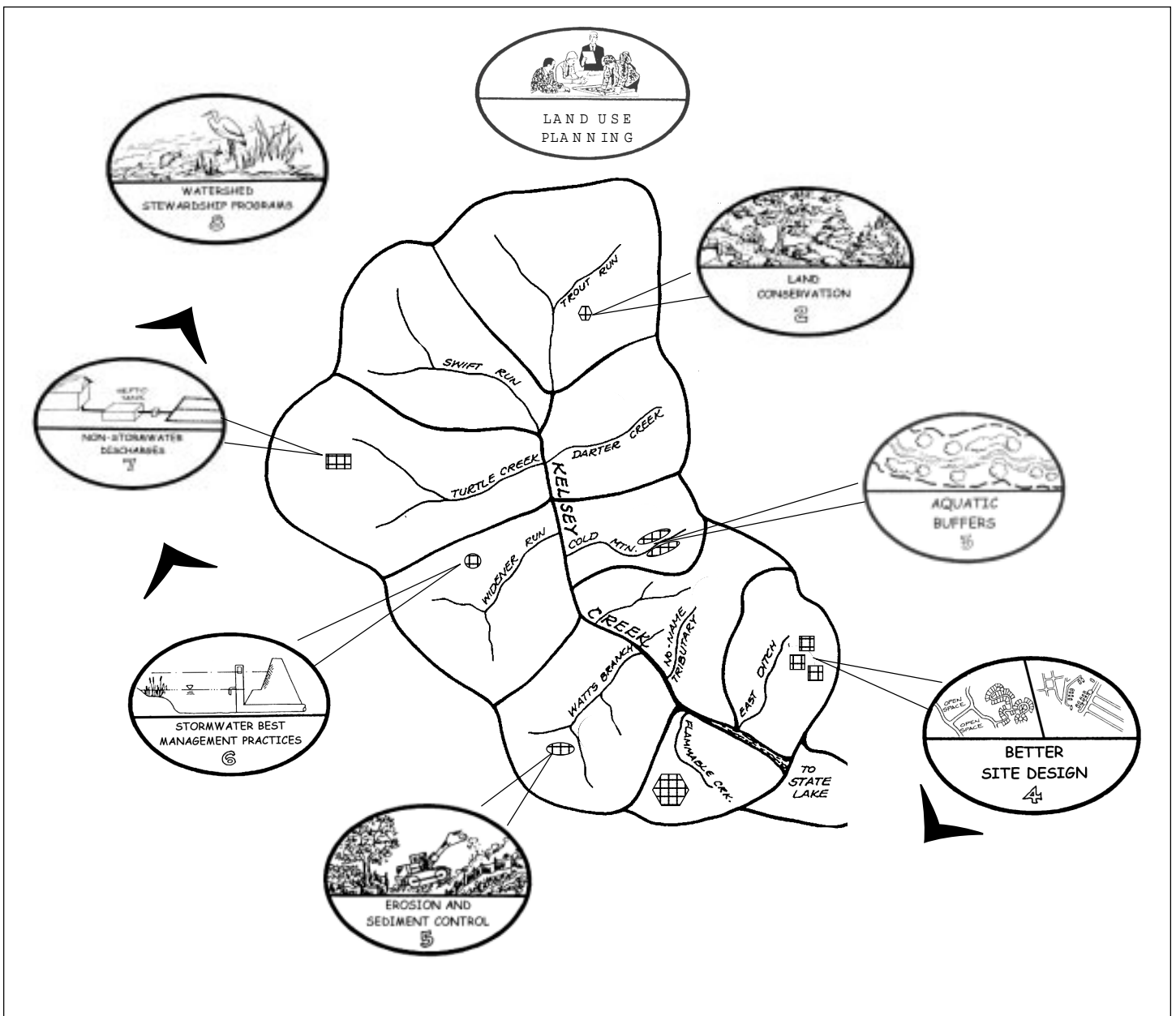


Figure 1: Eight Tools for Watershed Protection