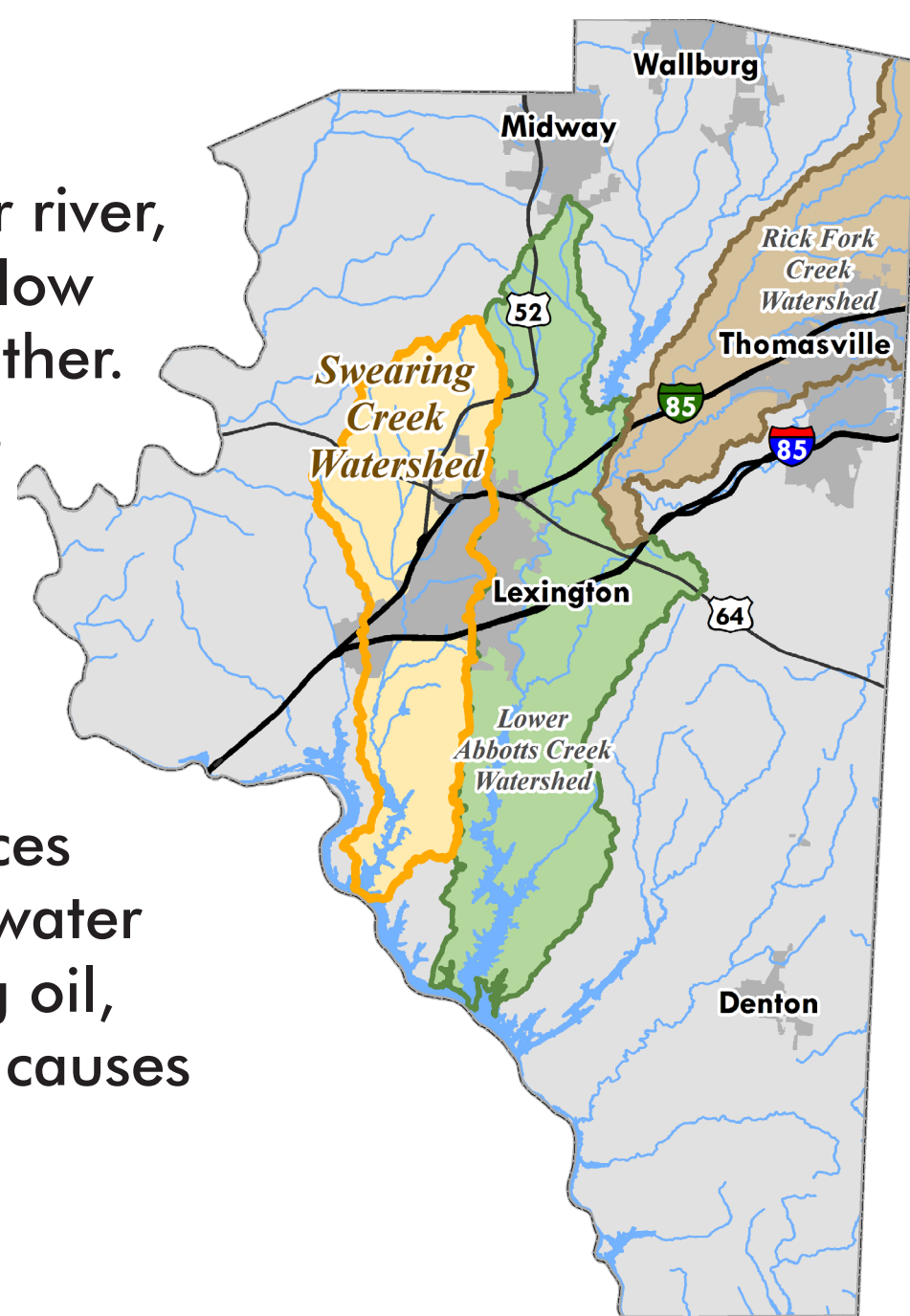


Protect High Rock Lake

What is a Watershed?

A watershed is an area of land that includes a particular river, lake or other body of water and all of the streams that flow into it. Ridges of land separate watersheds from each other. Swearing Creek and Lower Abbotts Creek are examples of watersheds draining to High Rock Lake.



Stormwater Runoff

Stormwater runoff is rainfall that flows over roads, driveways, parking lots, rooftops and other paved surfaces that do not allow water to soak into the ground. Stormwater runoff carries many different types of pollution including oil, fertilizer, pesticides, litter, animal waste and metals and causes flooding and erosion.

Solutions

Best Management Practices like rain gardens capture rainfall and allow it to absorb into the soil where pollutants are naturally filtered out.

Traditional stormwater infrastructure captures stormwater and carries it untreated into nearby streams, rivers and lakes.



What Can You Do?



Leave a **vegetated buffer** between your property and nearby streams.



Avoid use of **pesticides or fertilizers**, especially before storms.



Scoop the Poop! Pick up after your pets.



Properly dispose of **hazardous waste** and other household products.



Spread the word and be a **water advocate**.



Get involved – participate in a local stream cleanup or build your own rain garden.



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Healthy Watersheds=Clean Water

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