

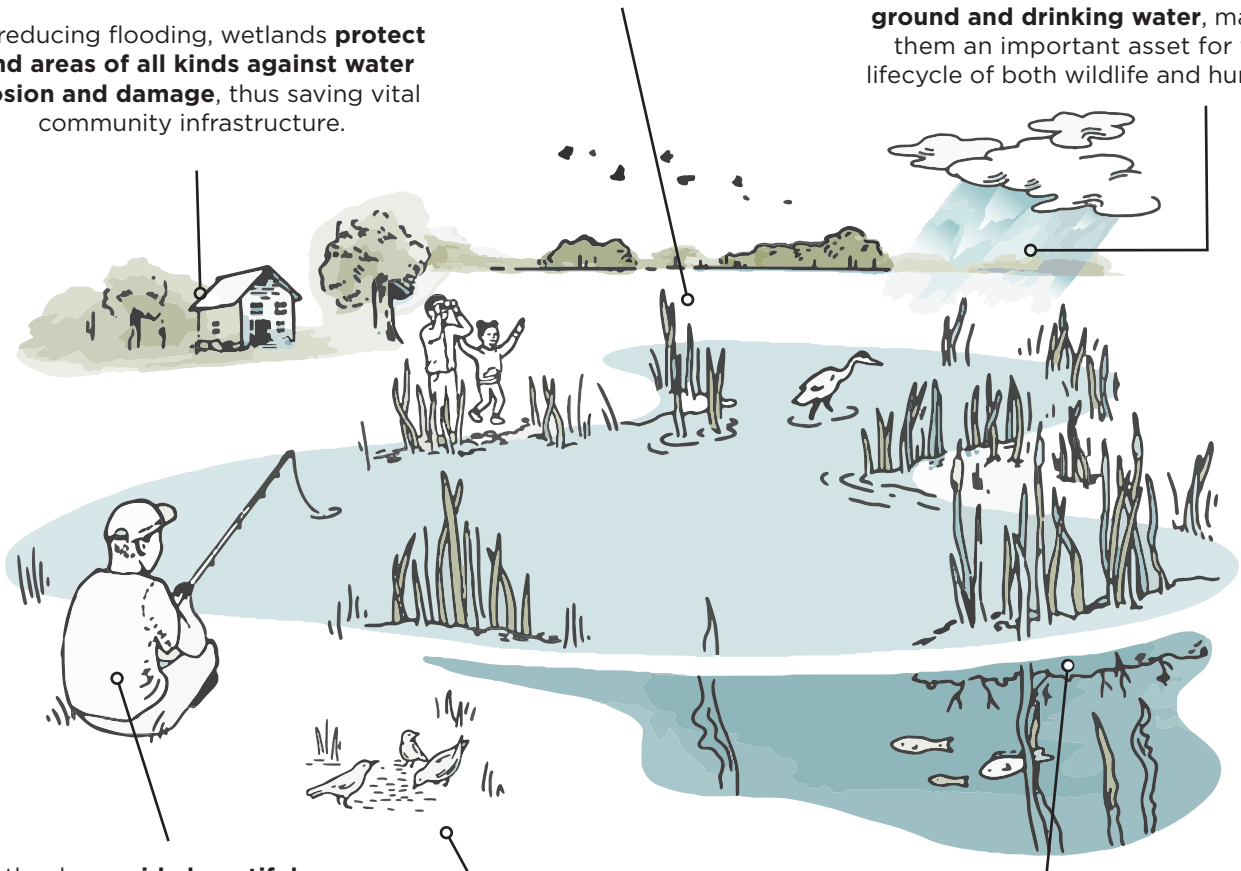
What Wetlands Do

Wetlands are highly productive ecosystems.

By reducing flooding, wetlands **protect land areas of all kinds against water erosion and damage**, thus saving vital community infrastructure.

One acre of wetlands can store up to **one million gallons** of water.

Wetlands can help to **filter and purify ground and drinking water**, making them an important asset for the lifecycle of both wildlife and humans.



Wetlands **provide beautiful areas for recreation** of all kinds: hunting, fishing, bird watching, boating, sailing, swimming and more.

They offer refuge and breeding grounds for **fish and shellfish**. They also serve as winter habitats for **migrating birds**.

Wetlands help control flooding by acting as natural sponges. They help **lessen the impact of floods** by absorbing excess water and reducing the speed of water flow.

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