

TED Talk: Eco-Edition

Water Conservation and Policy Making

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Tonight's lineup



Your personal habits are not the only factor contributing to water scarcity and contamination



[Credit: Tero Vesalainen, 2018]



[Credit: Jorge Adorno/Reuters, 2016]



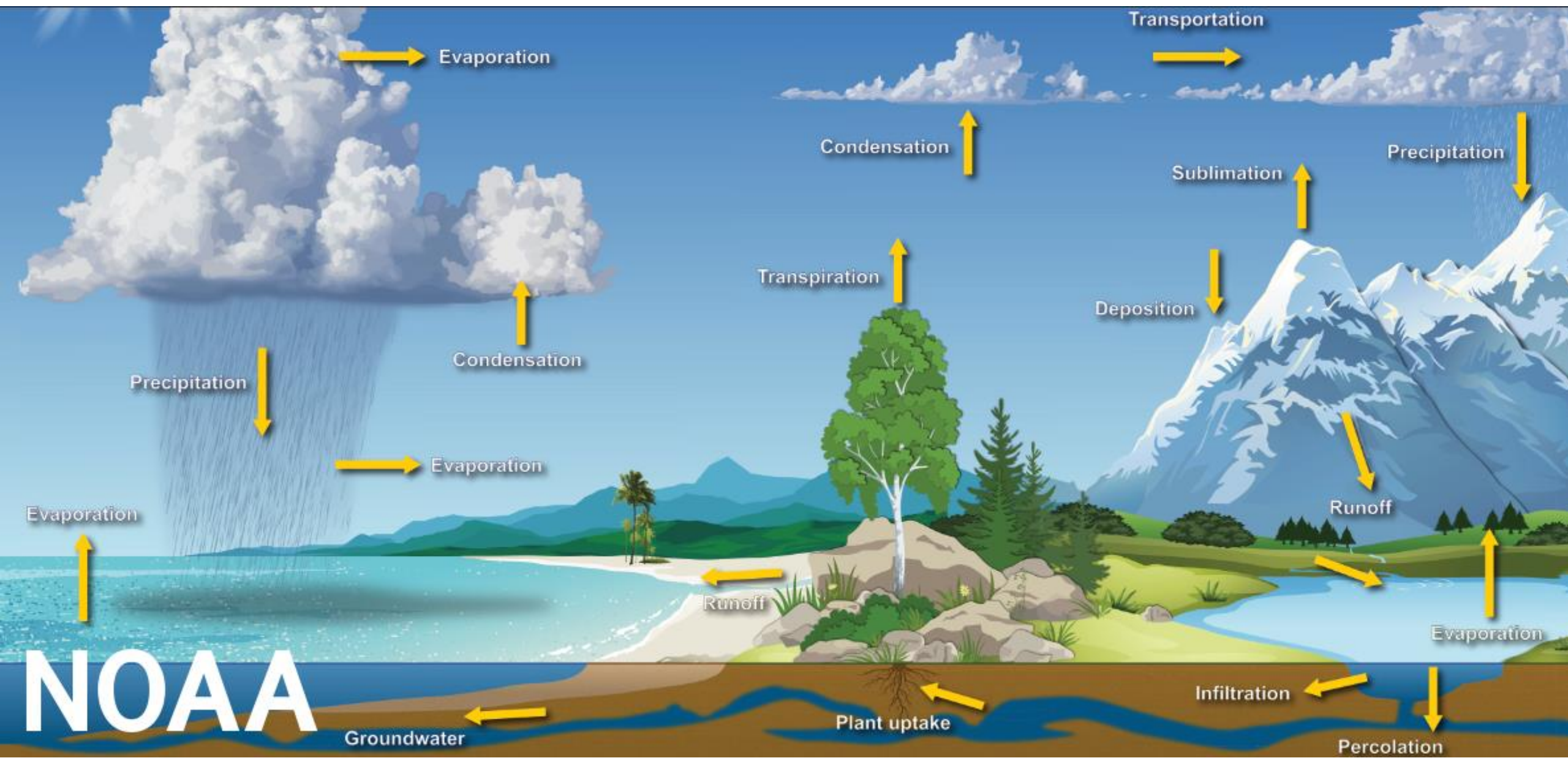
Waters of the United States (WOTUS) defines bodies of water under U.S. Federal Jurisdiction (EPA)



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- Fish
- Reptiles
- Amphibians
- Mammals
- Mussels
- Birds





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Here are some topics to discuss in the breakout rooms:

Your background

- What is your educational and cultural background? Do you have any experience with water conservation or environmental policy?
- Have you ever contacted your local officials regarding changes for your community? Share your experience if you have. If you have not, how would you go about it?

Individual efforts

- If there are any, what changes are you looking to introduce into your daily life to conserve water?

The future of policy

- Corporations are recognized to have “human rights”. Do you think it’s possible for us to extend these rights to water/air/etc.?
- What problems do you see arising if we decide to grant bodies of water the same rights as humans?



Contact your local government officials to advocate for water rights

- City Government office
- City Councils
- Townhall meetings

Become familiar with water conservations efforts you can contribute to

- Local legislative initiatives
- Raising awareness in your community
- Projects that will contribute to water scarcity

Continue to stay educated and informed on water availability and quality

- Follow up on WOTUS regulation changes
- Learn about environmental and health impacts of water pollution and scarcity
- Engage your friends and family in conversation!

