

Intro to Permaculture Watershed Patterns Video Transcript

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One of the main design flaws of Western civilization and colonial expansion is the imposition of a grid over the landscape. The Romans originally used urban grids as a way to assert military control over their conquered lands, and the grid has been the way we divide land ownership ever since.

But let's look what happens when we superimpose this grid over nature's property boundary, the watershed. If you own this square, and your neighbor owns that square, and they decide to pave it over and build a used car dealership, then there are some serious issues of excessive storm water and pollution runoff coming onto your property, because each piece of this grid is viewed independently and not seen as part of an interconnected system.