

Nature of Environmental Issues

Environmental issues share a number of characteristics that help us better understand how to deal with them. They are:

- Complex- There are no simple answers
 - Interconnected
 - Aggregate effects
 - Conflicting reports on problems and solutions
 - Long-term / delay in visible consequences
- Distance between action and consequence
 - Focus on degradation
 - Human created – we're doing something

Learning Activity

In the discussion forum for this course, and this topic, write a paragraph and explore which of these characteristics you think apply to what you've learned about stormwater management and water quality so far. Based on what you have learned so far, **explain why you think the way you do** about the characteristics of the challenge of stormwater.