



Droughts and Downpours: Managing for Extremes

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October 30, 2018**

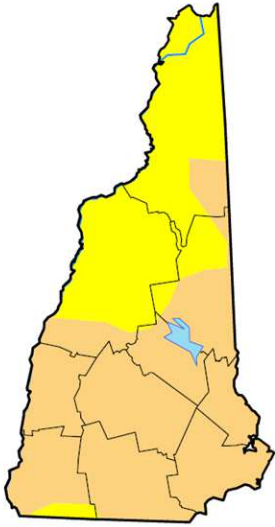
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Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

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- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
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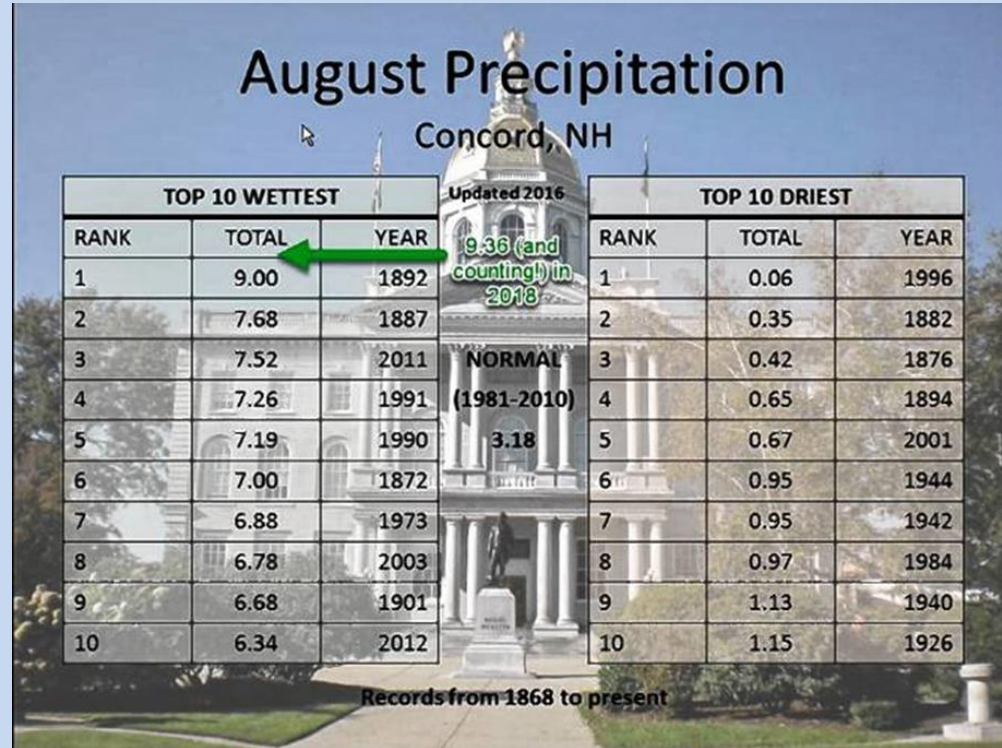
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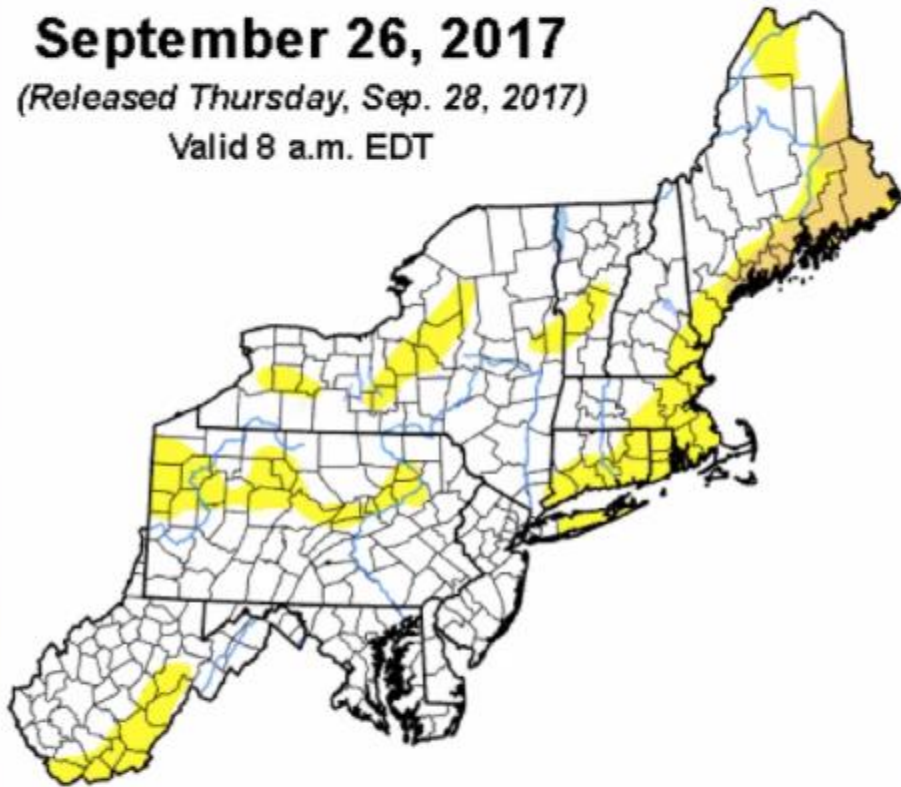
2018 wettest August on record,
10.6 inches in Concord
the average is 4.2 inches

Drought Monitor

September 26, 2017

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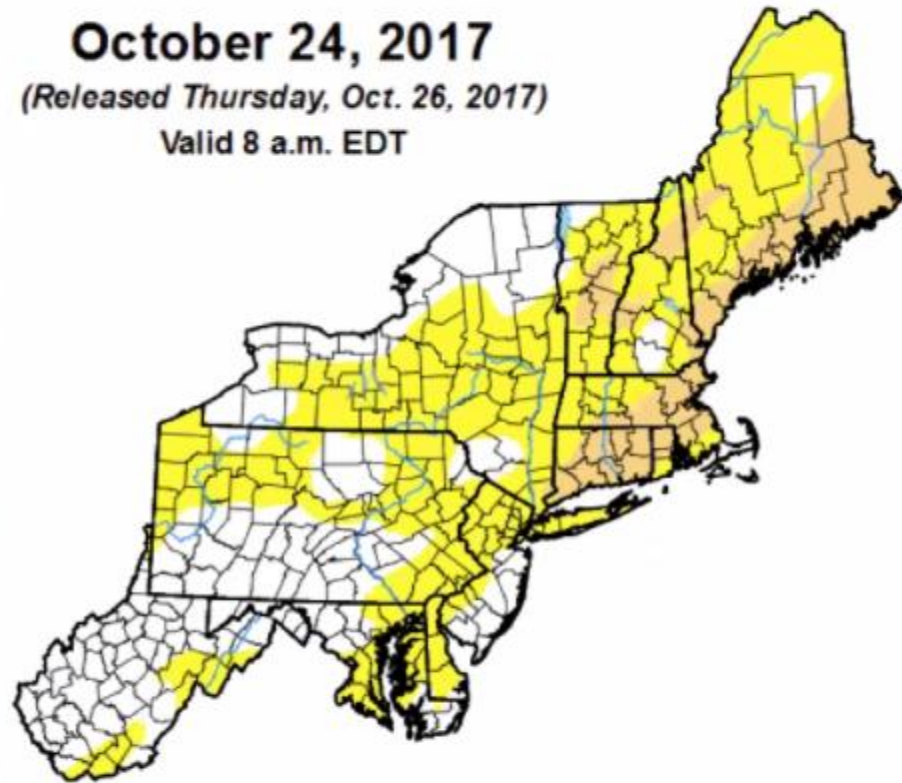
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October 24, 2017




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18% abnormally dry
4% in moderate drought

Intensity:

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-  D1 Moderate Drought
-  D2 Severe Drought

51% abnormally dry
12% in moderate drought

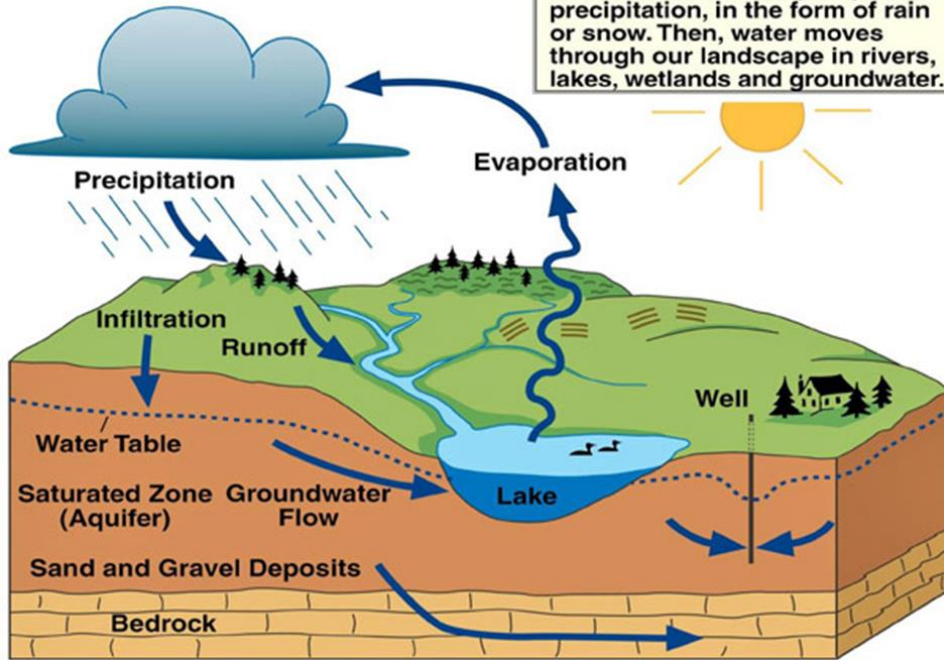
NH October 29 Storm

At its peak, this storm caused fourth-largest storm-related power outage in NH history



The Hydrologic Cycle...

Water comes to us by way of precipitation, in the form of rain or snow. Then, water moves through our landscape in rivers, lakes, wetlands and groundwater.



Private Wells

VT 70%

NH 46%

Sources of Drinking Water

Ground water:

- Shallow wells
- Deep wells

Surface water:

- Rivers
- Lakes
- Reservoirs

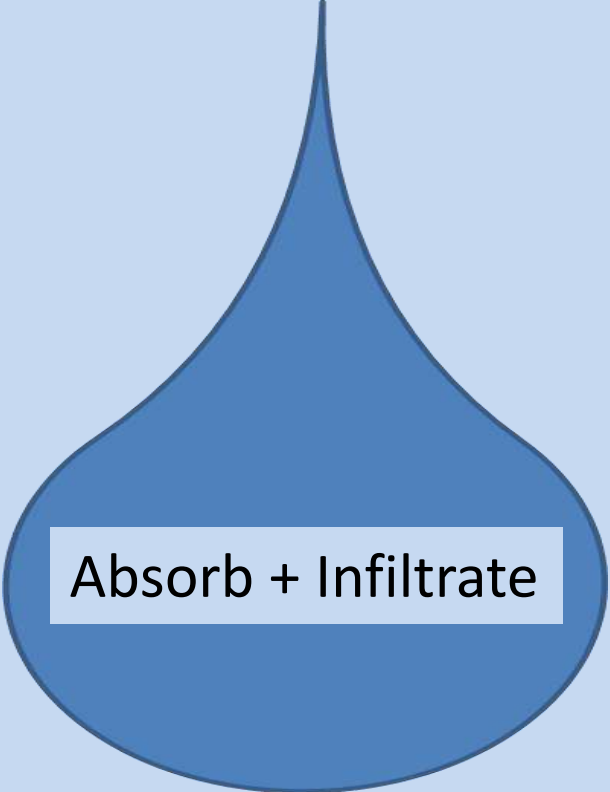
Preparing for Downpours Can Also Help to Prepare for Drought



Slow the Flow



Spread the Water

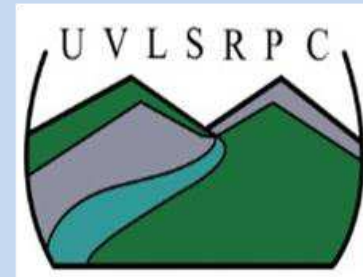


Absorb + Infiltrate

Municipal Examples

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