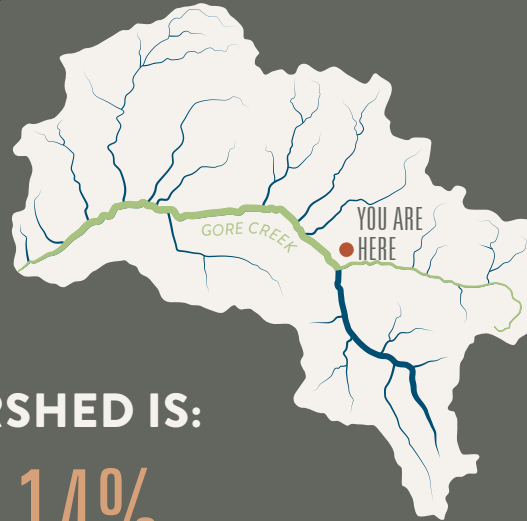


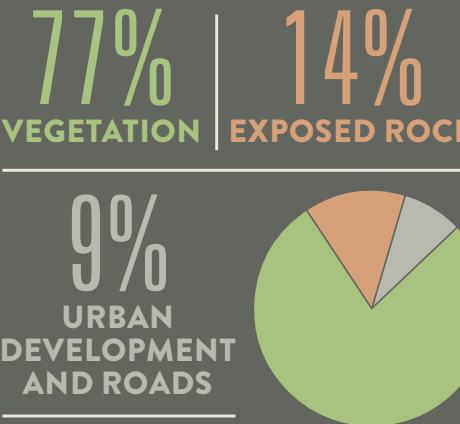


### GORE CREEK WATERSHED

A watershed is an area of land that drains all water that falls onto it toward a single river, stream, pond, or lake. As snowmelt and rain wash off the land, they pick up whatever they encounter—soils, minerals, nutrients, sediment, and contaminants alike—and put them into the waterways.



THE WATERSHED IS:



## THE JOURNEY OF GORE CREEK



It starts high in the Gore Range mountains. The water will flow 19 miles down the valley and through Town of Vail before connecting to the Eagle River, then the Colorado River.

Other tributaries will join the creek, introducing sediment and pollutants. Concentrations of these elements increase, making the water less healthy as it flows downstream through town.

In 2012, Gore Creek was listed as an "impaired waterway." Creating this wetland is one way Town of Vail is working to improve water quality and restore the Gore.

Wetlands like this one hold harmful highway runoff. Its plants slow down water, stabilize creek edges, and filter sediment and contaminants.



Wetlands improve water quality and provide rich habitat for wildlife.



**DRUMMOND'S WILLOW**  
Drummond's willows stabilize banks and provide cover and food for animals like beaver and moose.



**BEAKED SEDGE**  
Sedges slow water and bind soil with their roots.

**PEREGRINE FALCON** >  
Peregrine falcons hunt above wetlands for ducks and other prey. They are the fastest diving birds in the world, capable of reaching 200 miles an hour.

< **TWINBERRY HONEYSUCKLE**

COURTESY MATT LAVIN AND MASON BRICK



### Gore Creek highlights



### EVERY PERSON IN THE WATERSHED IMPACTS WATER QUALITY.

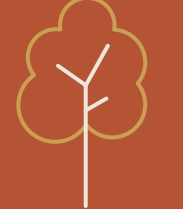


Consider a rain garden to collect and slow down stormwater.

Help out by replacing turf grass with plants that filter pollutants and boost biodiversity.



Add trees, shrubs, and native plants to your yard.



*Gore Creek is your creek*

YOU ARE HERE