

## **Swift Run**

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Swift Run has a narrow watershed that starts a little south of Morgan Road between Stone School and Platt Roads. It flows northeast through the old City landfill (now closed) and recycling facility, neighborhoods and urban malls, under the US-23 interchange at Washtenaw Avenue, and then through and forested neighborhoods into South Pond where it flows through a partially blocked culvert into the main branch of the Huron River.

The area of land draining to this site is small, receiving water from only 5 square miles of land, mostly urban residential and, to a lesser extent, commercial. Half of the Swift Run watershed is developed while a quarter is used for agriculture. 23% of the land is covered by impervious surface.

Impervious surface is hard on streams because it prevents rain from being filtered and cleaned through the soil and, instead, delivers it quickly to the stream, carrying pollutants and causing surging flows that damage the stream habitat and biotic community. Creeks tend to start degrading once the watershed is more than 8% impervious and become badly degraded by 25%.



Swift Run is creek heavily impacted by residential and commercial development. Credit: Kip Cronk



The Huron River Watershed is located in southeast Michigan. The Swift Run creekshed is highlighted. Swift Run flows through eastern Ann Arbor and parts of Pittsfield Township.



# Grizzly Peak's Swift Run

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The Swift Run is a blend of two brews; Grizzly Peak's red and sassonniere. Made with Michigan wheat, hops, local bee balm, and yarrow, the brew promises a malty, crisp, somewhat hoppy flavor with hints of tart and mint.

Duncan Williams has been the Head Brewer at Grizzly Peak since 2004. A number of the other Ann Arbor brewers in the BREW series have worked for Duncan! He's quite excited about Grizzly Peak's onsite expansion. In the coming months they will double their production facility from seven barrels to fourteen. This will provide Duncan the ability to produce more beer and give many of his batches more aging time.



Duncan Williams at work in the Grizzly Peak Brewing Company