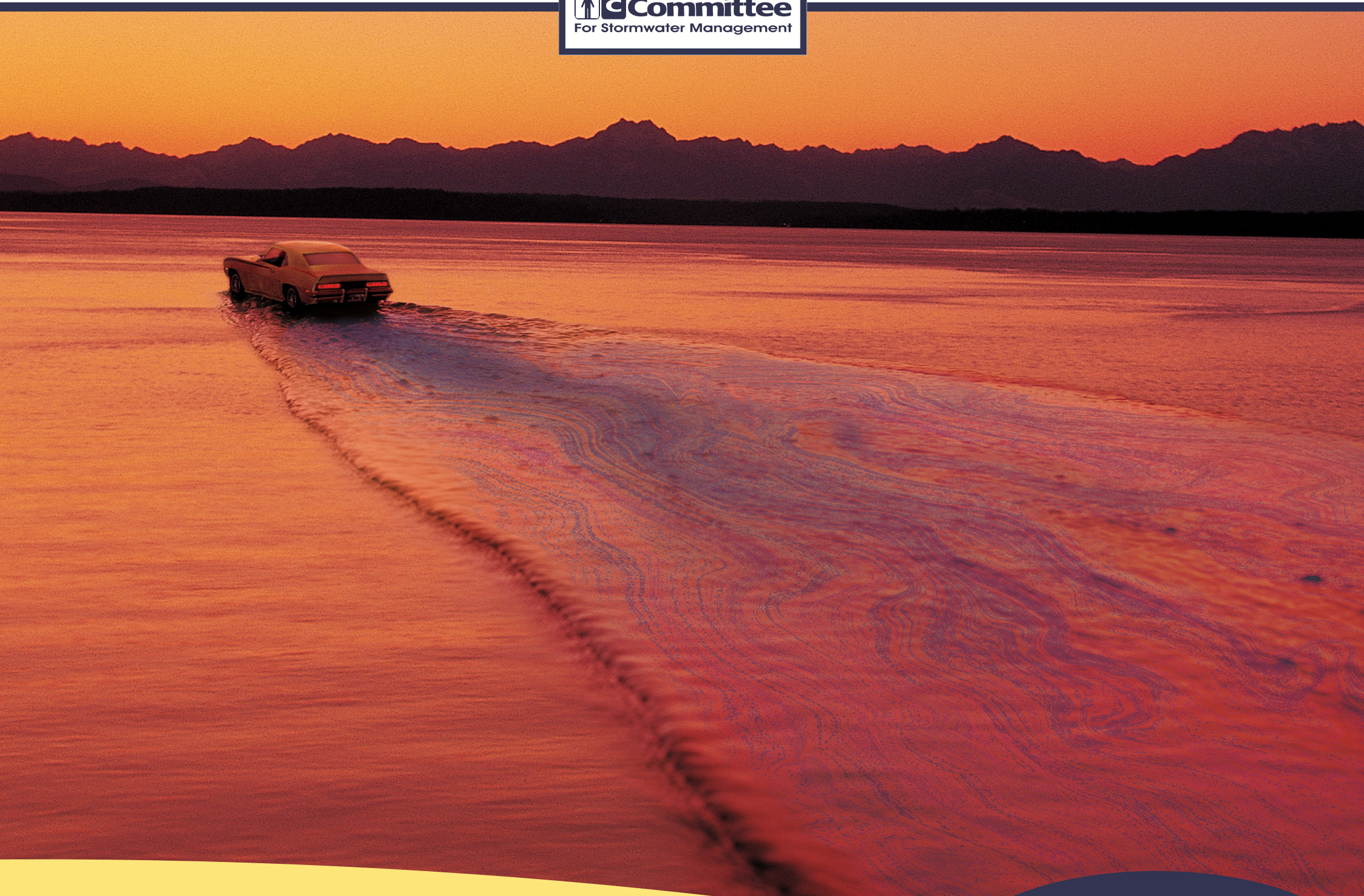
WHEN YOUR CAR'S LEAKING OIL ON THE STREET, REMEMBER IT'S NOT JUST LEAKING OIL ON THE STREET.

Greater Lansing Regional Committee
For Stormwater Management



What's the problem with motor oil?

Oil does not dissolve in water. It lasts a long time and sticks to everything from soil and rocks to bird feathers. Oil and other petroleum products are toxic to people, wildlife and plants. One pint of oil can make a slick larger than a football field. Used motor oil is the largest single source of oil pollution in our lakes, streams and rivers. Americans spill 180 million gallons of used oil each year into our waters. This is 16 times the amount spilled by the Exxon Valdez in Alaska.

Clean water is important to all of us. Together we can make it happen

Poorly maintained vehicles are one of the biggest sources for oil in our waterways. Leaking oil goes from car to street. It then washes from the street into the storm drain and into our lakes, rivers and streams.

So how can we reduce the amount of oil in our waterways? Simple!

Stop drips. Check for oil leaks regularly and fix them promptly.

Your actions can help keep our water clean. Find out how.
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