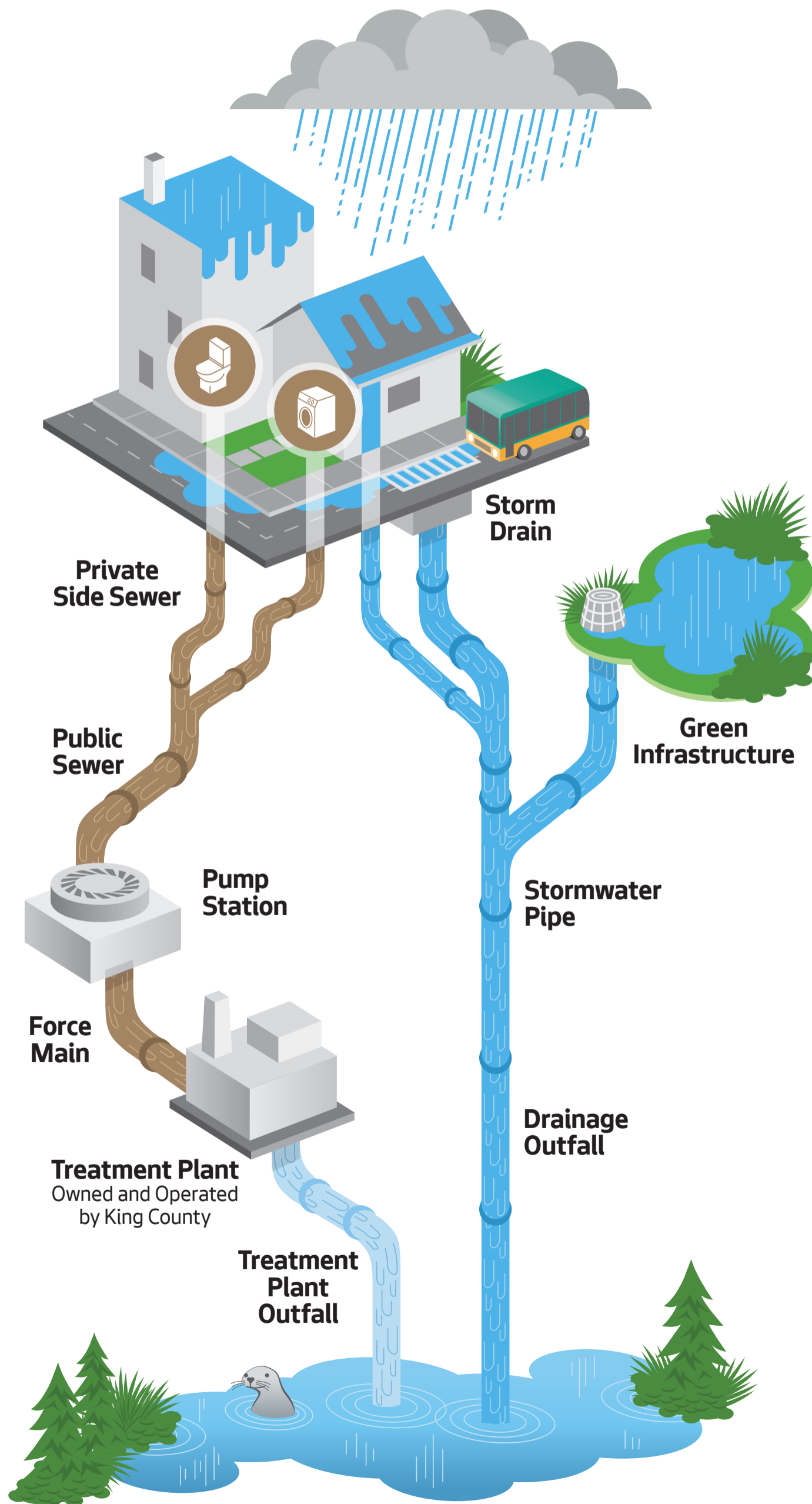


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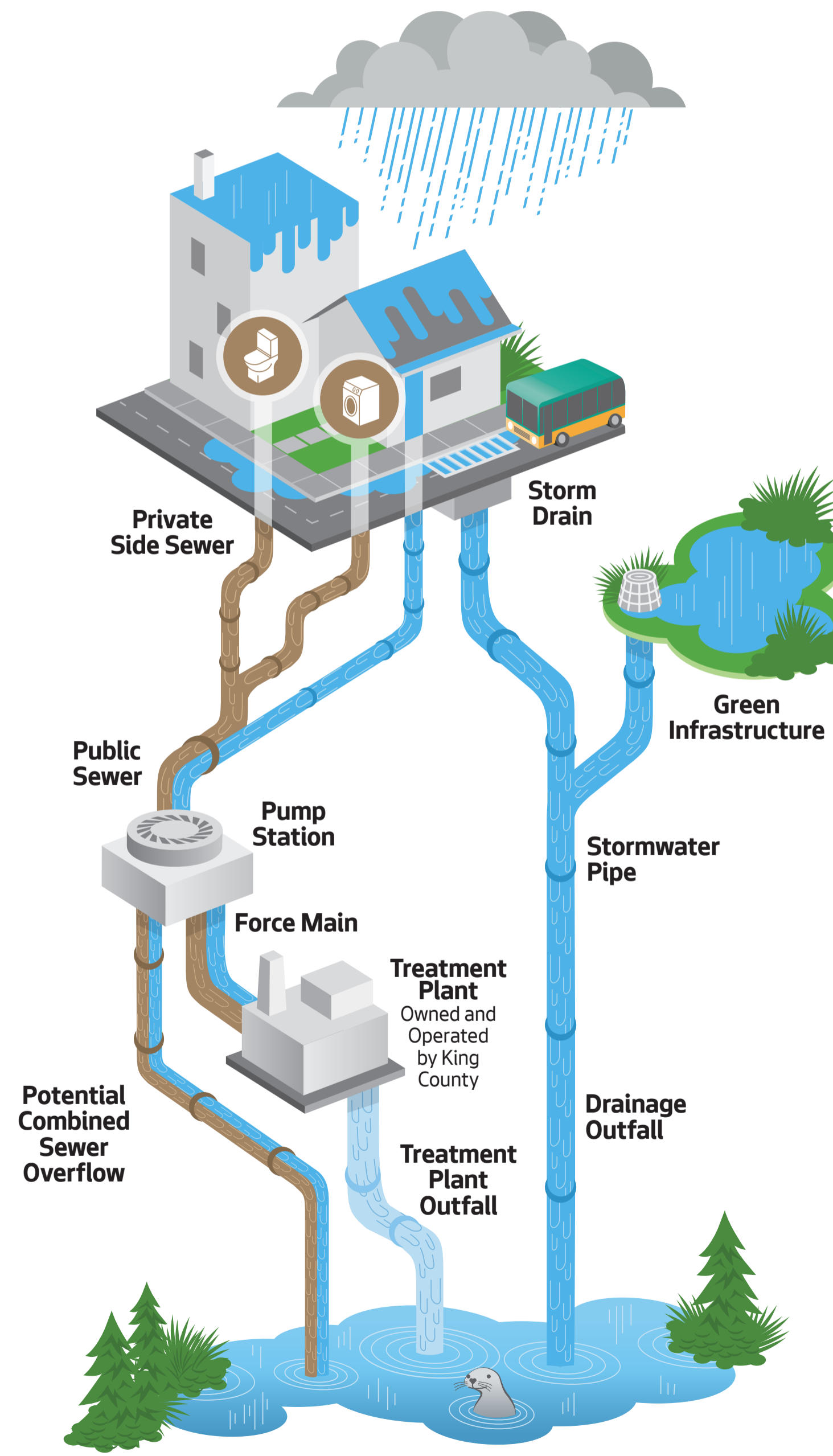
Separated System

In a separated sewer system, wastewater and stormwater travel in separate pipes. Wastewater is conveyed from homes and businesses to treatment plants. Stormwater is conveyed through a separate drainage system to drainage outfalls.



Partially Separated System

In a partially separated sewer system, wastewater from inside homes and businesses, and stormwater from roof gutters and downspouts are conveyed in the same pipes to treatment plants, while stormwater from streets is conveyed through a separate drainage system to drainage outfalls.



Combined System

In a combined sewer system, wastewater and stormwater travel in the same pipes to treatment plants.

