

Managing Stormwater in the Newton Creek Watershed

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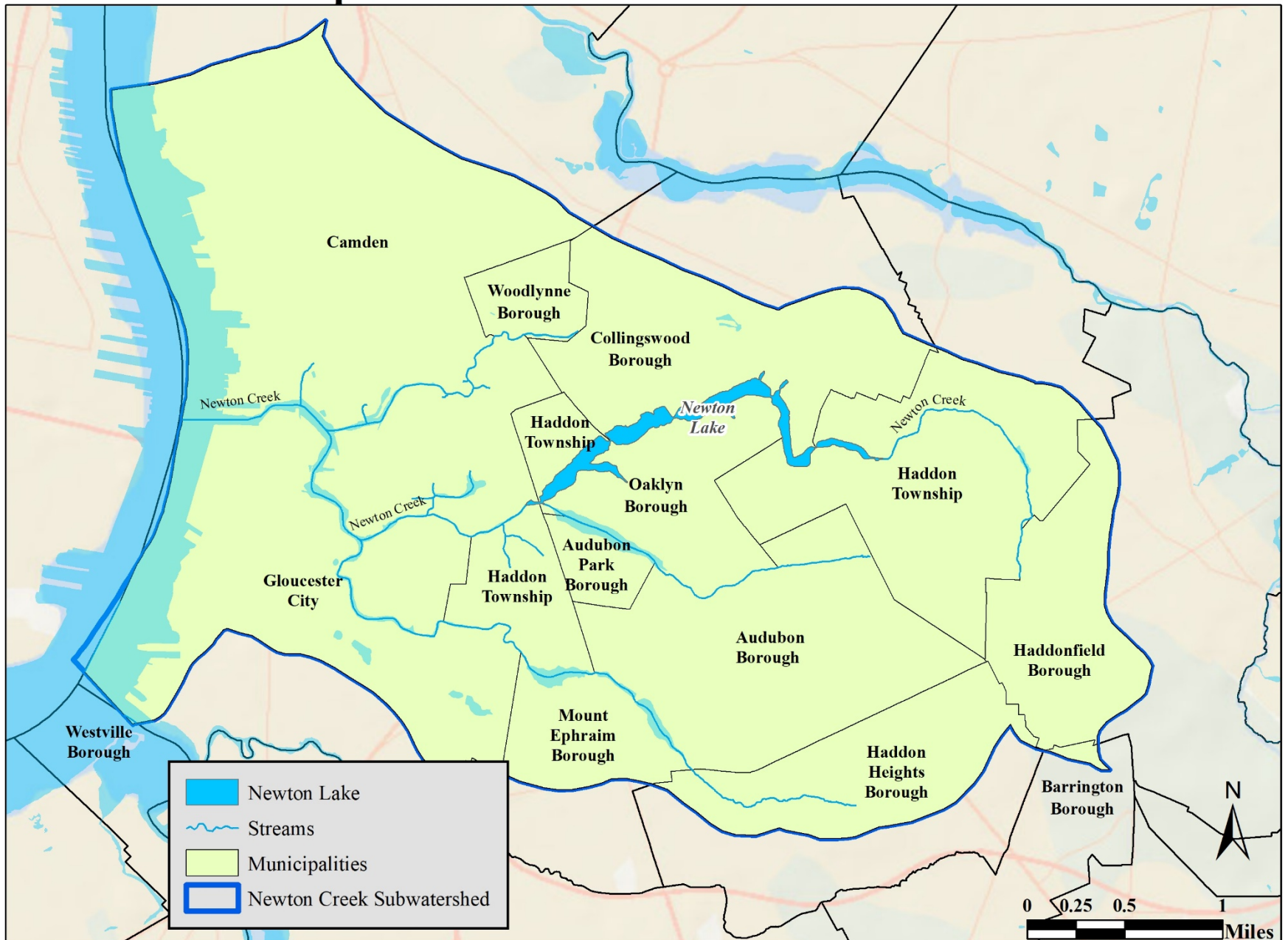


Water Resources Program



Our Mission is to identify and address community water resources issues using sustainable and practical science-based solutions.

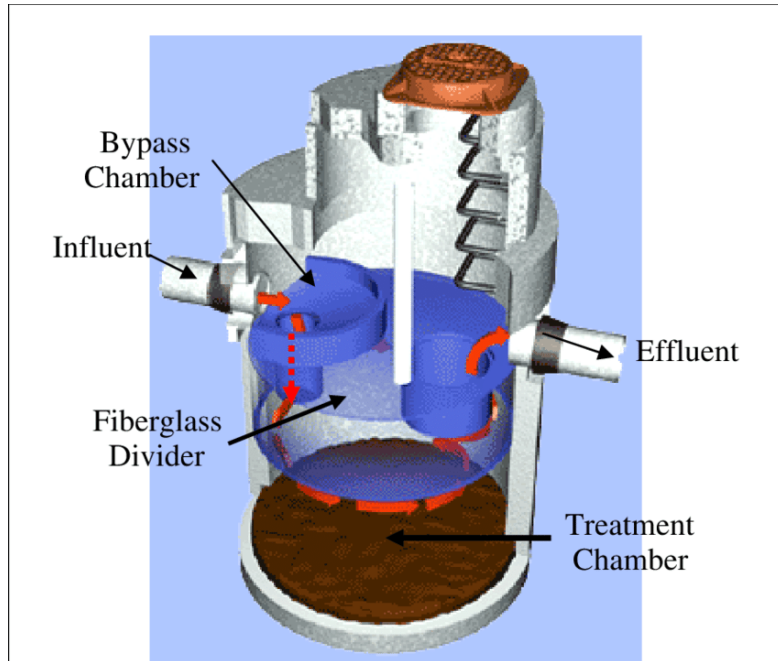
Municipalities of the Newton Creek Watershed



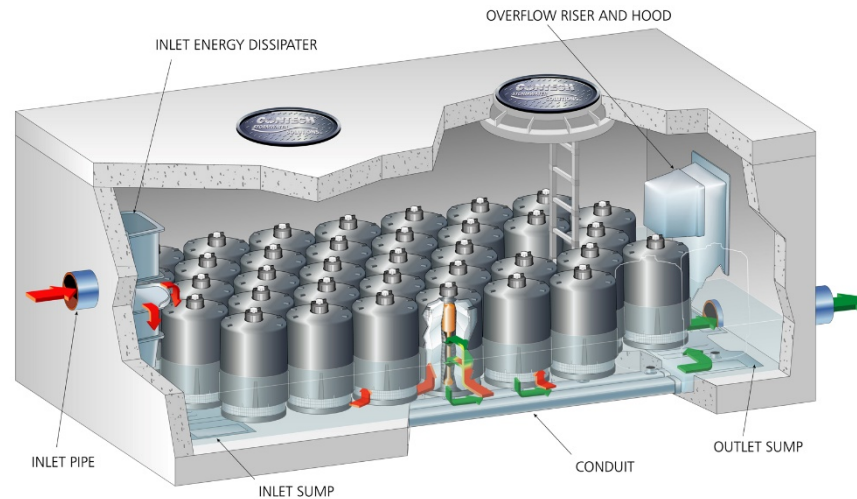
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Audubon Borough	955	395	41.4%
Audubon Park Borough	105	34	32.3%
Barrington Borough	13	3.1	23.3%
Camden City	2,351	1,022	43.5%
Collingswood Borough	774	295	38.2%
Gloucester City	1,328	433	32.6%
Haddon Heights Borough	514	194	37.7%
Haddon Township	1,271	488	38.4%
Haddonfield Borough	497	165	33.2%
Mount Ephraim Borough	274	104	37.4%
Oaklyn Borough	449	153	34.2%
Westville Borough	0.4	0.0	0.0%
Woodlynne Borough	142	62	43.7%
Total	8,674	3,349	38.6%

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Audubon Borough	955	395	41.4%	11.0%	11.8%
Audubon Park Borough	105	34	32.3%	1.2%	1.0%
Barrington Borough	13	3.1	23.3%	0.2%	0.1%
Camden City	2,351	1,022	43.5%	27.1%	30.5%
Collingswood Borough	774	295	38.2%	8.9%	8.8%
Gloucester City	1,328	433	32.6%	15.3%	12.9%
Haddon Heights Borough	514	194	37.7%	5.9%	5.8%
Haddon Township	1,271	488	38.4%	14.6%	14.6%
Haddonfield Borough	497	165	33.2%	5.7%	4.9%
Mount Ephraim Borough	274	104	37.4%	3.2%	3.1%
Oaklyn Borough	449	153	34.2%	5.2%	4.6%
Westville Borough	0.4	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
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Manufactured Treatment Devices (Hydrodynamic Separators)



Manufactured Treatment Devices (Filter Systems)



Green Infrastructure

...an approach to stormwater management that is cost-effective, sustainable, and environmentally friendly.

Green Infrastructure projects:

- capture,
- filter,
- absorb, and
- reuse

stormwater to maintain or mimic natural systems and treat runoff as a resource.



Green Infrastructure Practices

- Rain Gardens/Bioretention Systems
- Bioswales
- Downspout Planters
- Stormwater Planters
- Rainwater Harvesting
- Permeable Pavements
- Tree Filter Boxes
- Dry Wells
- Green Roofs
- Natural Retention Basins
- Green Streets



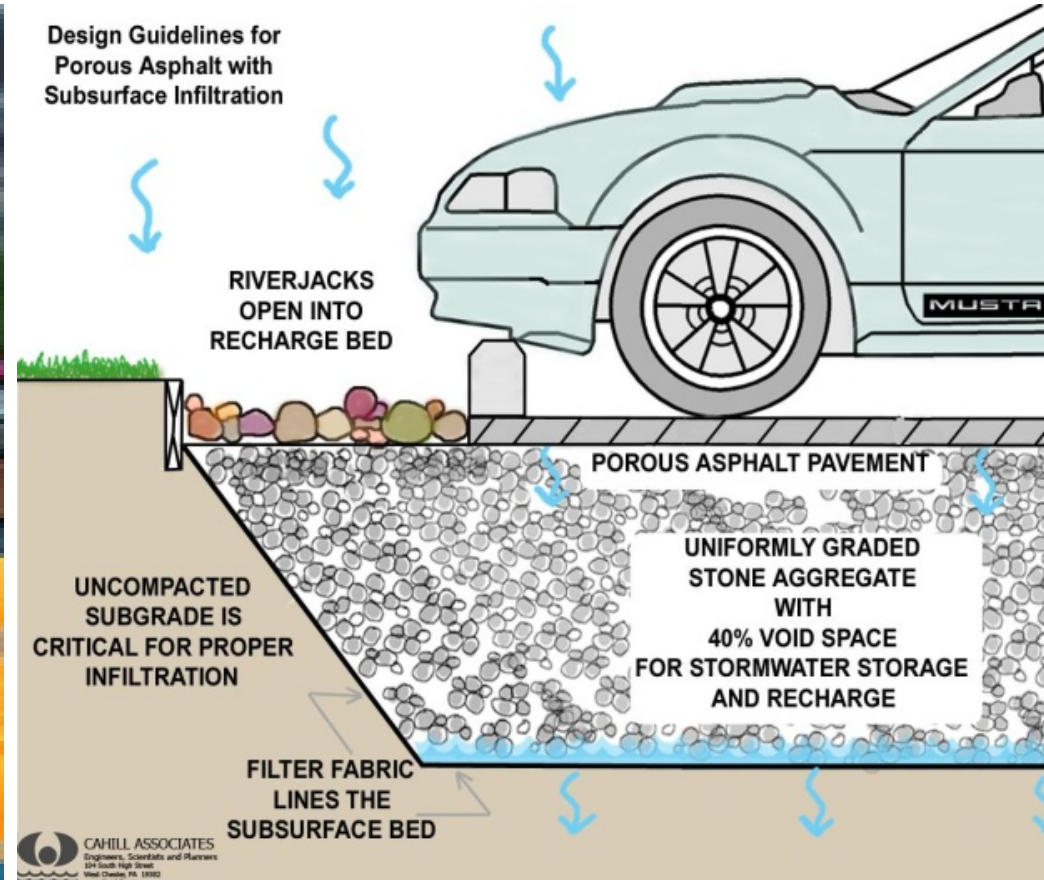
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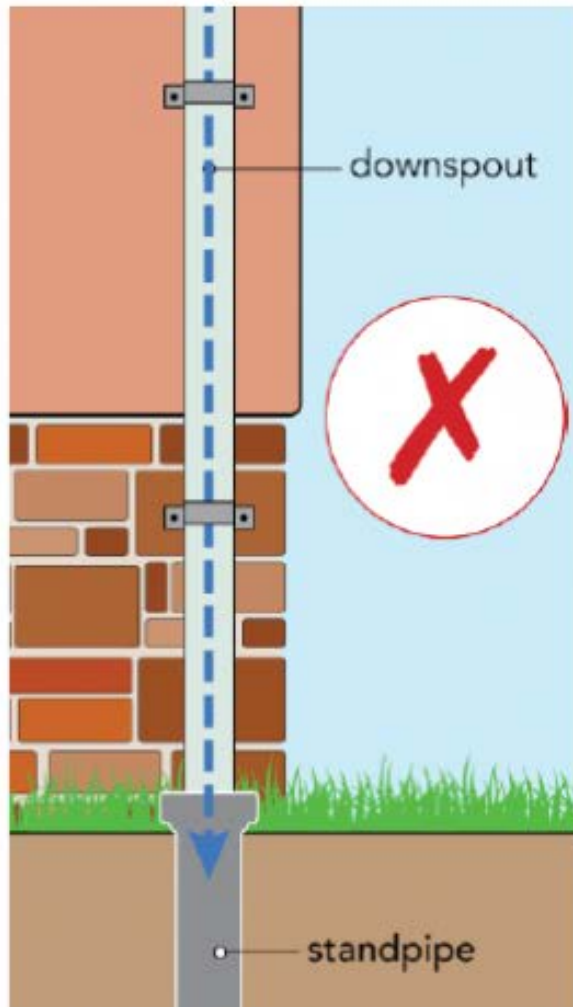
It is all about
controlling runoff
from impervious
surfaces



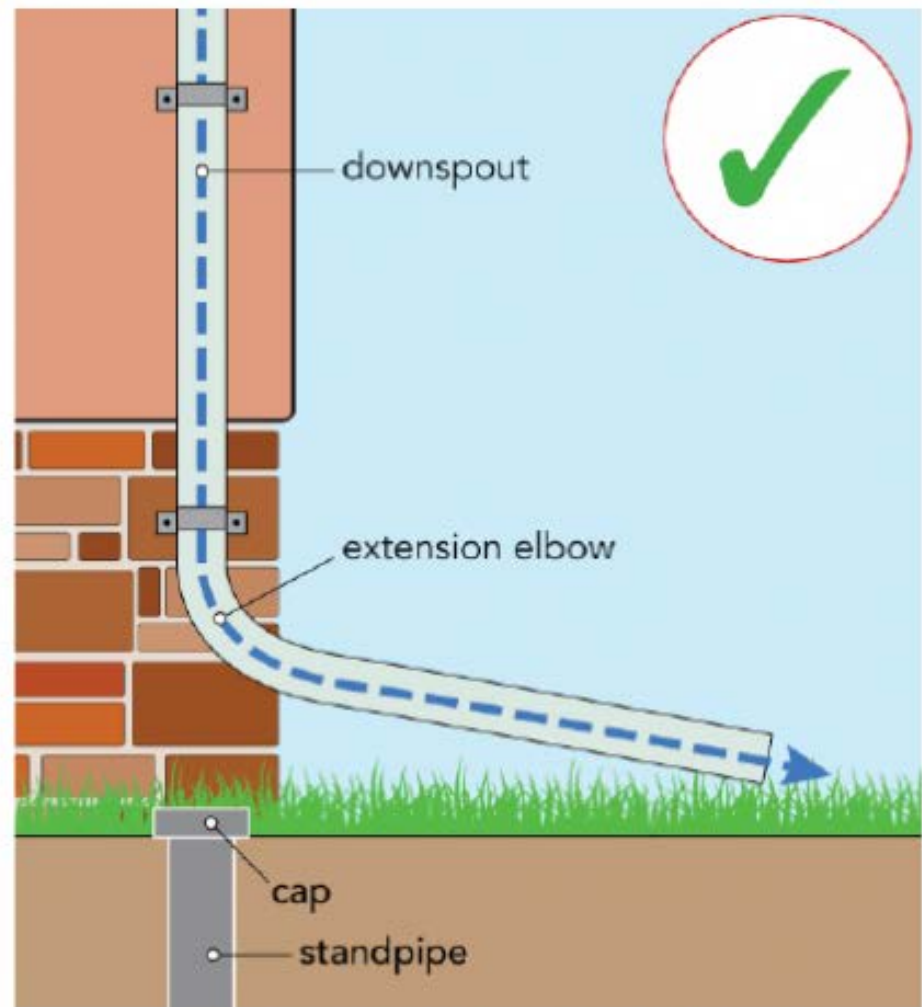
Step 1: Depave



Step 2: Simple Disconnection



**DOWNSPOUT CONNECTED
TO SEWER SYSTEM**



**DOWNSPOUT DISCONNECTED
FROM SEWER SYSTEM**

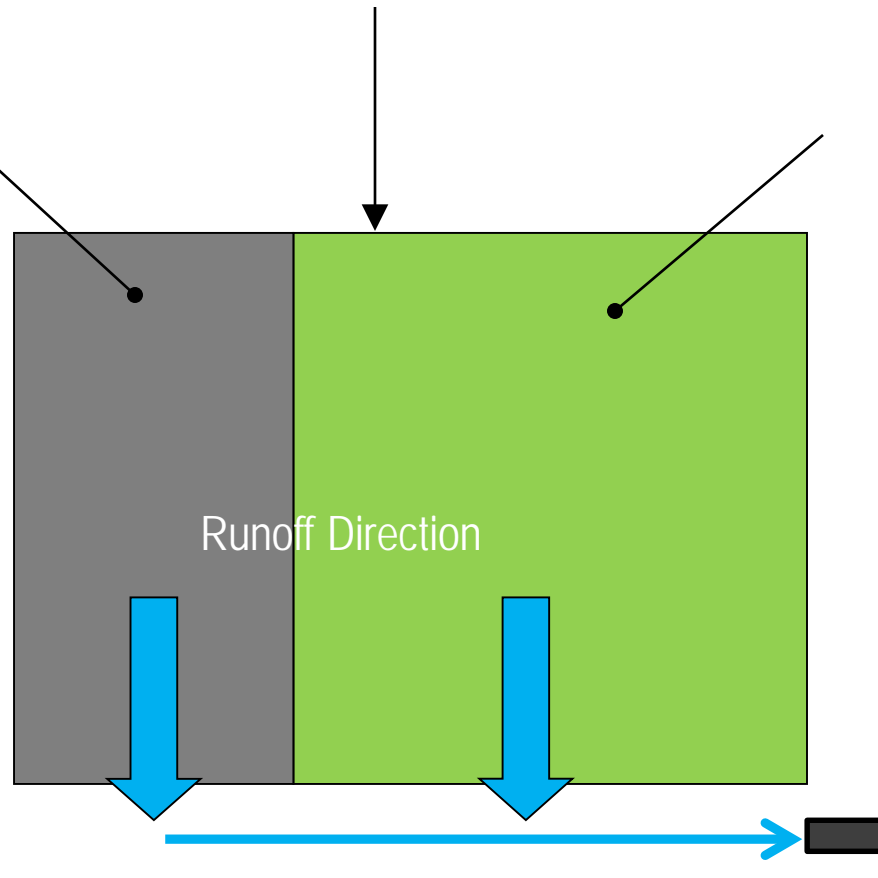
Another Example of Simple Disconnection

For 1.25 inch storm, 3,811 cubic feet of runoff = **28,500 gallons**

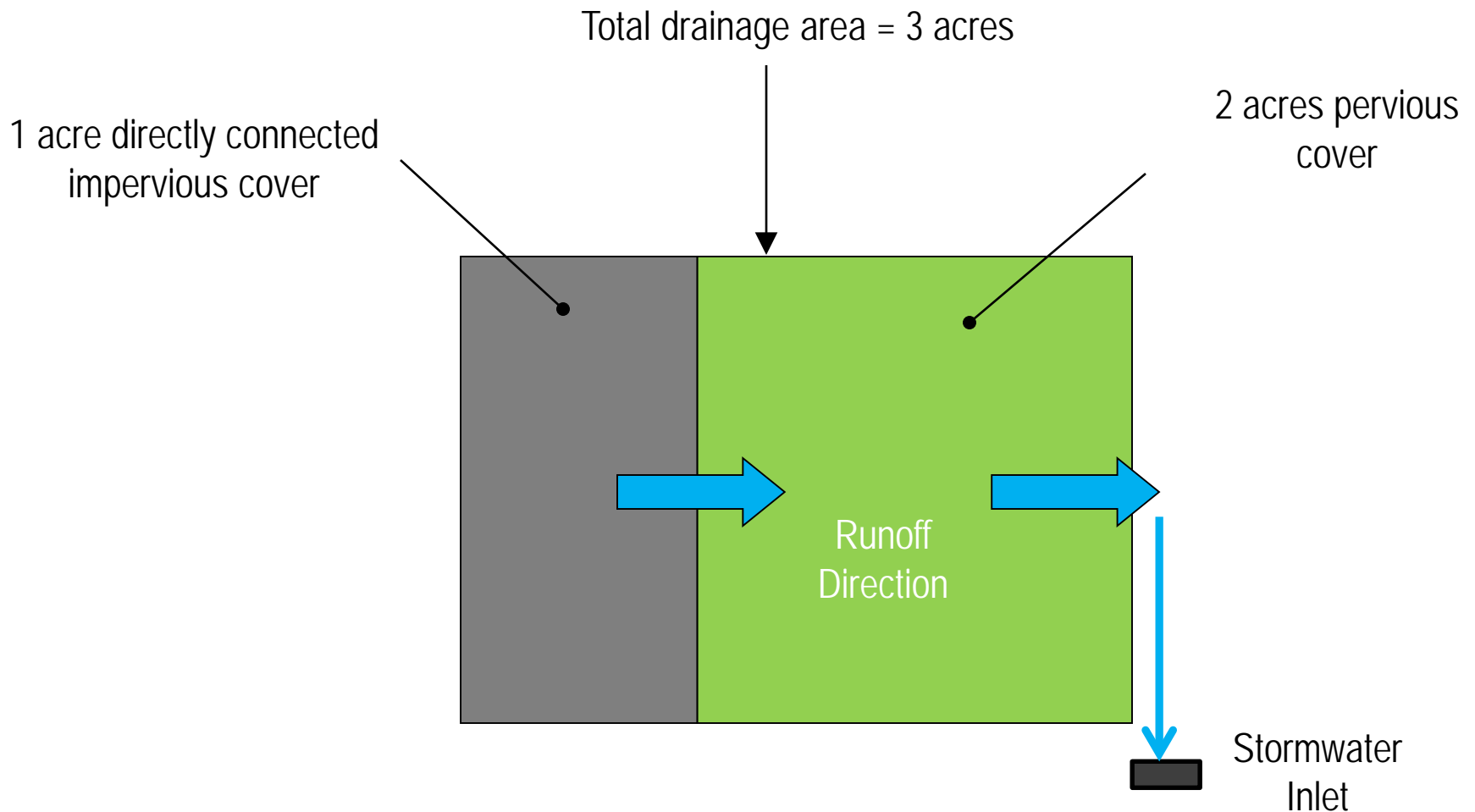
Total drainage area = 3 acres

1 acre directly connected
impervious cover

2 acres pervious
cover

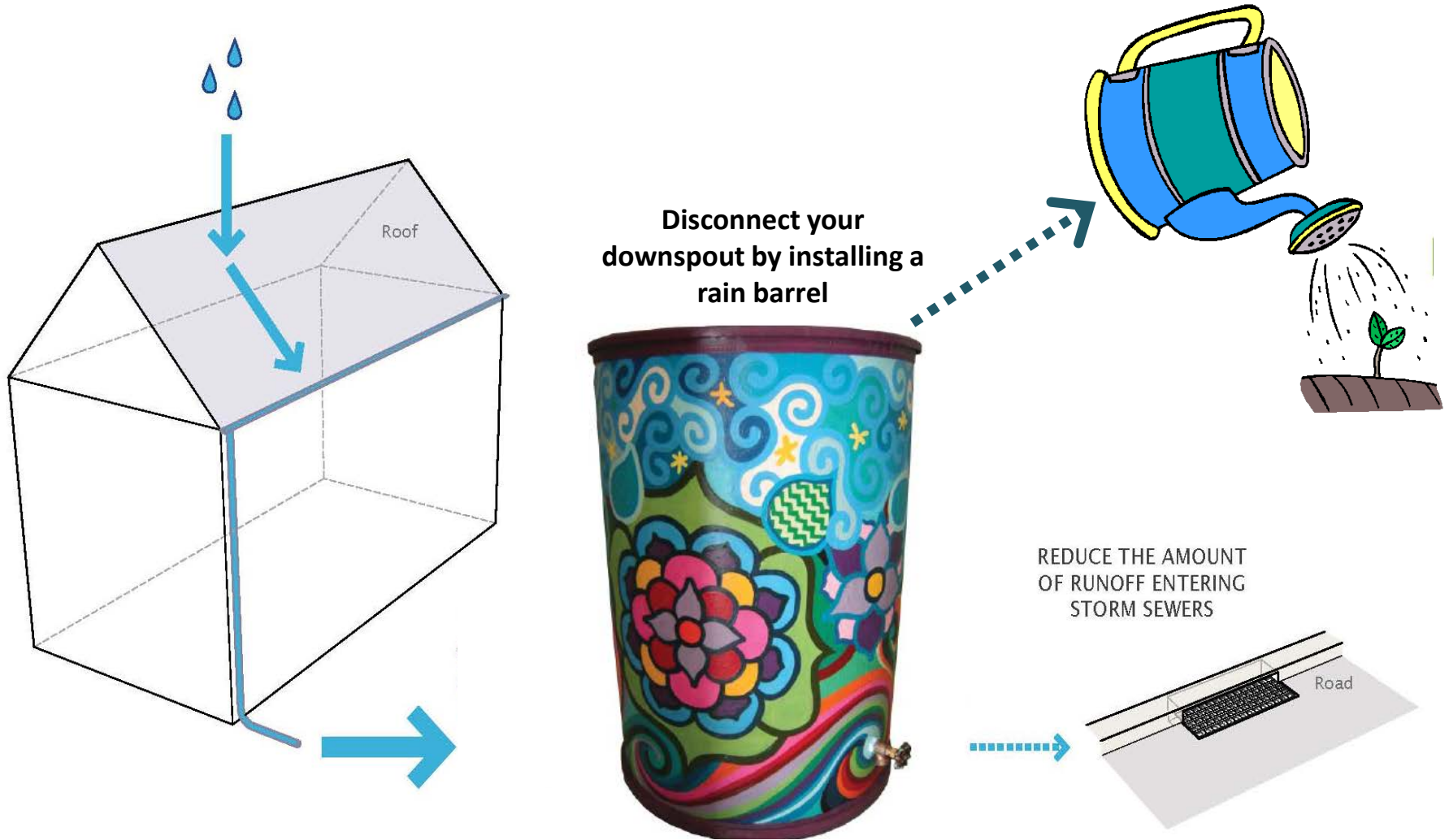


For 1.25 inch storm, 581 cubic feet of runoff = **4,360 gallons**



	Volume of Runoff		
Design Storm	Connected (gallons)	Disconnected (gallons)	Percent Difference
1.25 inches (water quality storm)	28,500	4,360	85%

Disconnect to a Rain Barrel or Cistern

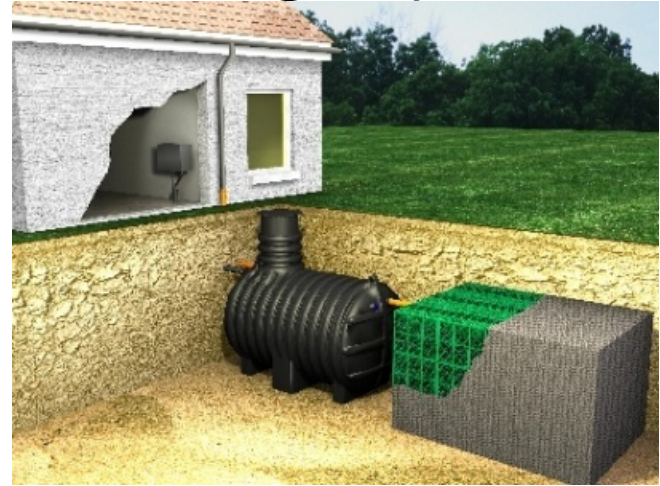


Impervious area is now **"disconnected"** from flowing directly into the storm sewer system

So Many Barrels to Choose From...



Or Larger Rainwater Harvesting Systems...

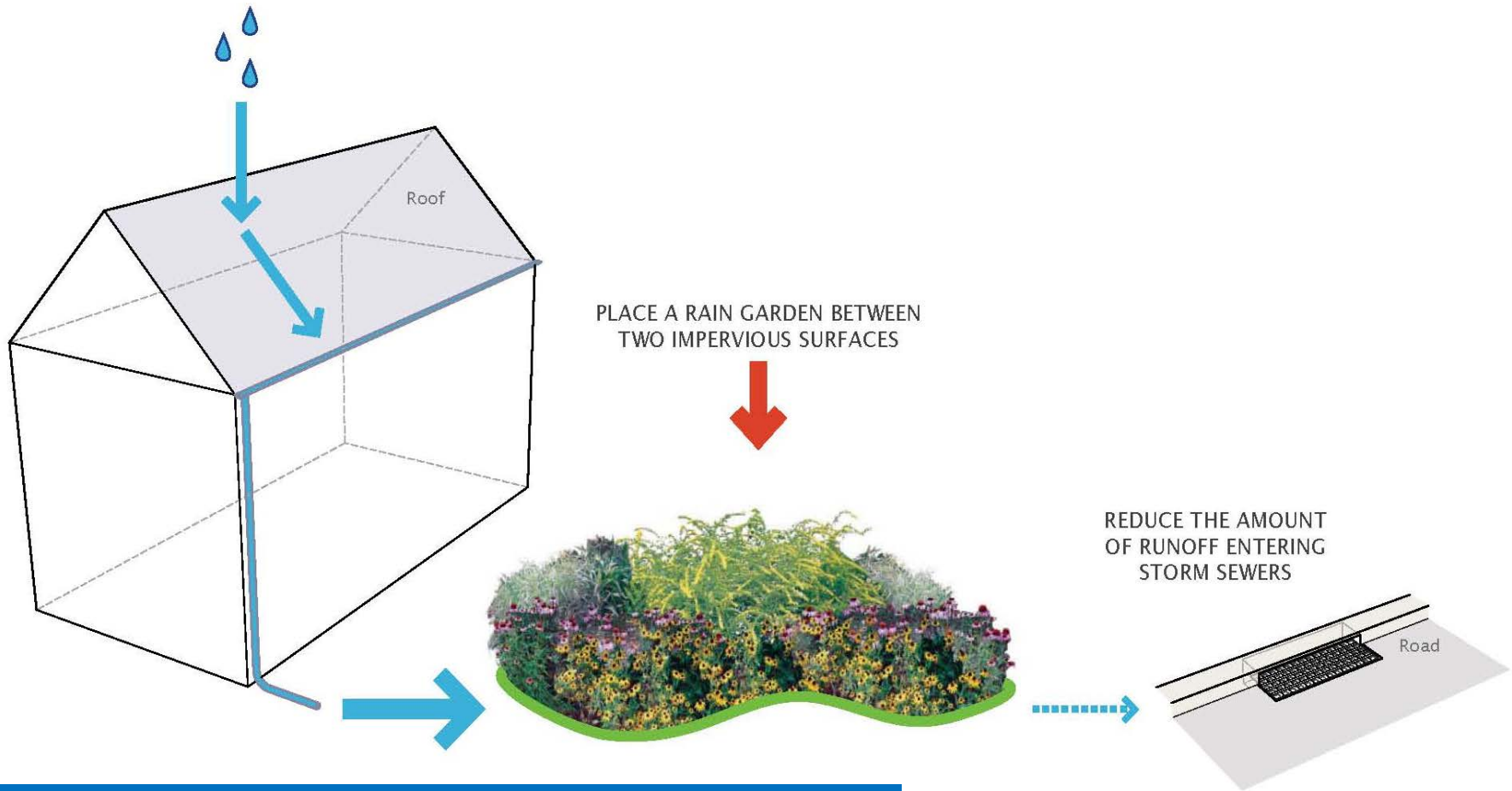






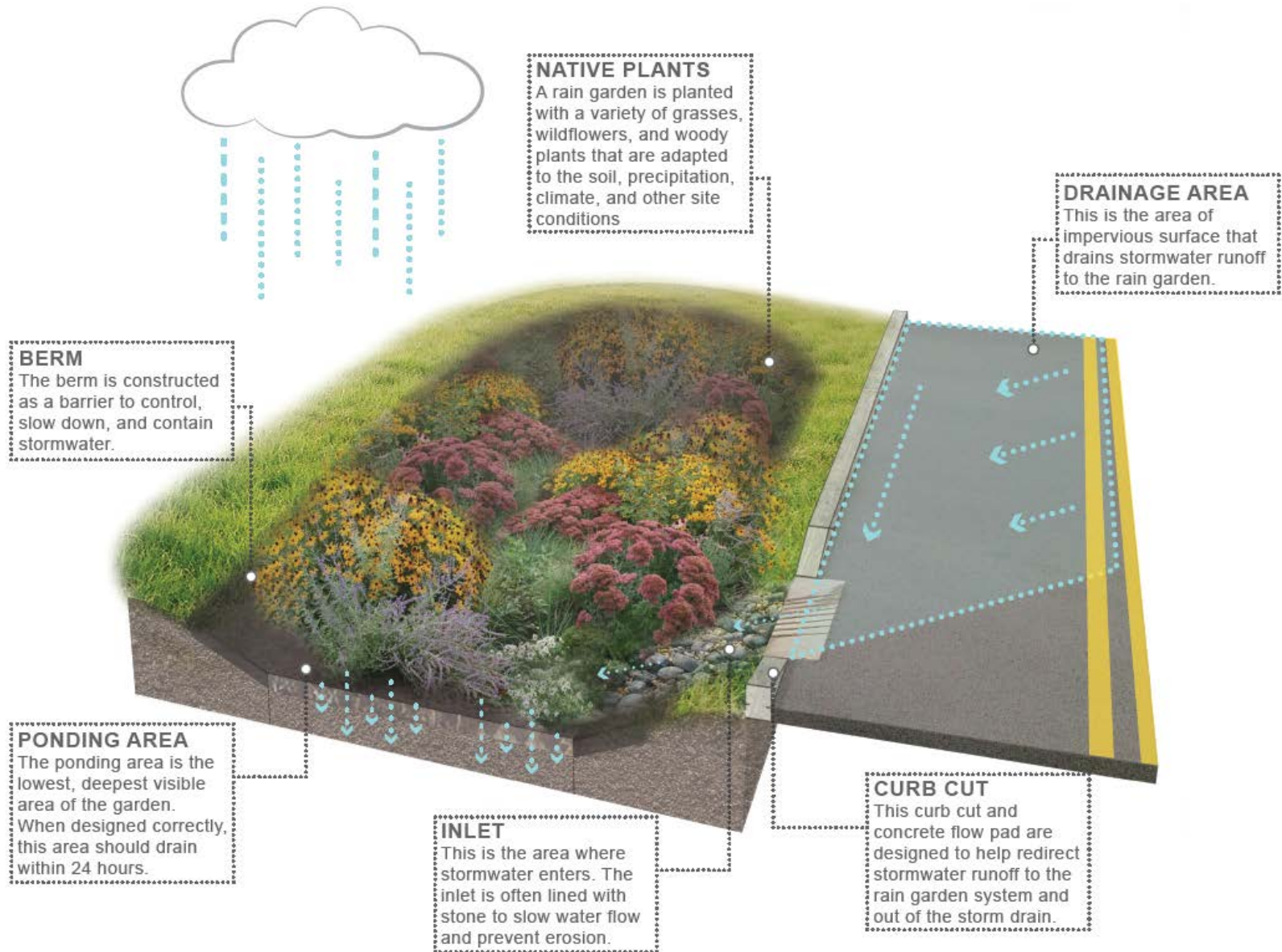


Disconnect to a Rain Garden



Rooftop runoff is now *“disconnected”* from flowing directly into the storm sewer system

Bioretention Systems/Rain Gardens



Lots of Rain Gardens





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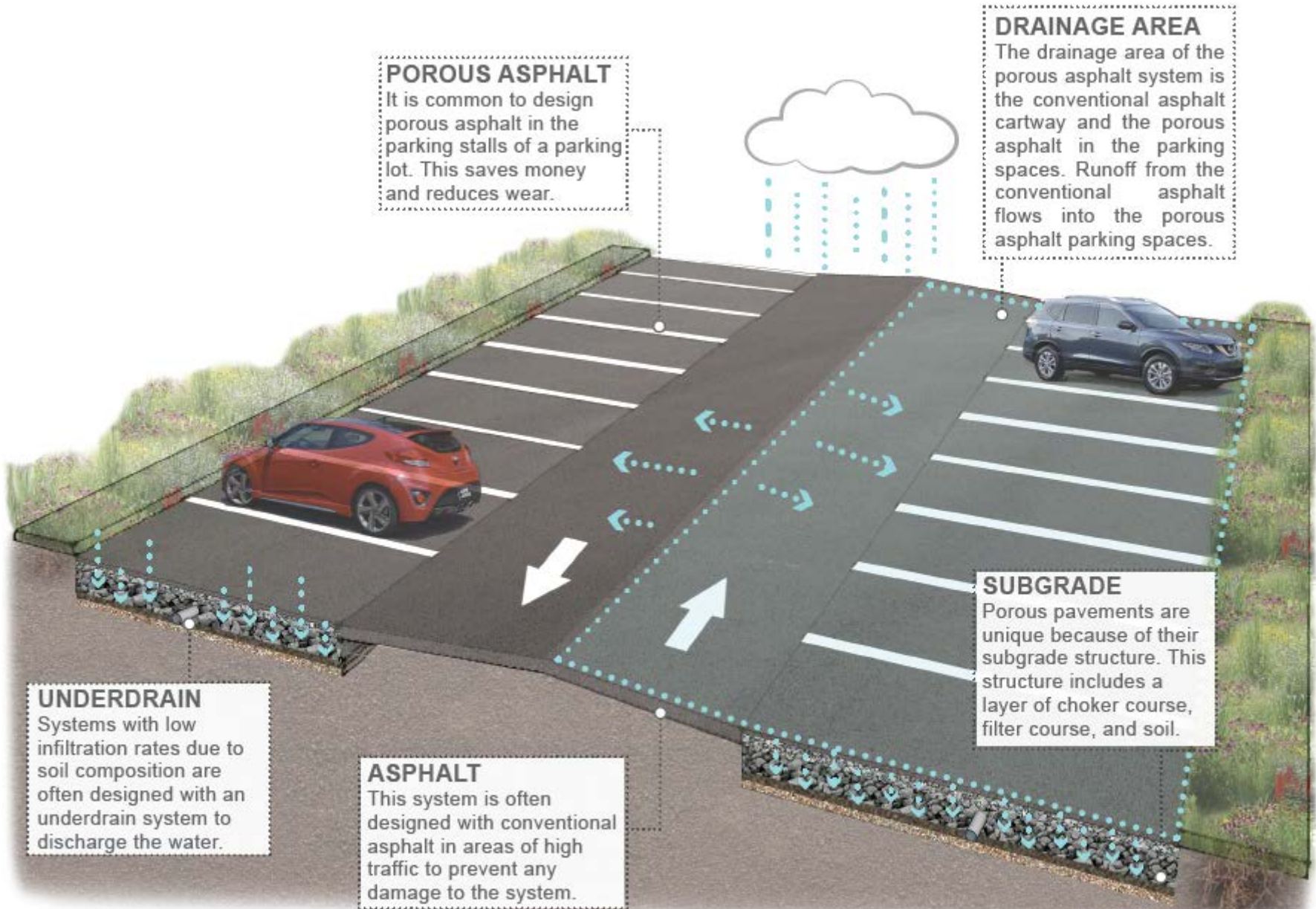
Rain Garden
This garden is designed to capture and filter runoff from the roof of the building. It helps to reduce the amount of water that enters the storm sewer system, which can help to prevent flooding and water pollution. The plants in this garden are chosen for their ability to absorb and filter water, and they also provide a beautiful display of flowers.







Step 3: Convert to Permeable Pavement



Permeable Pavements

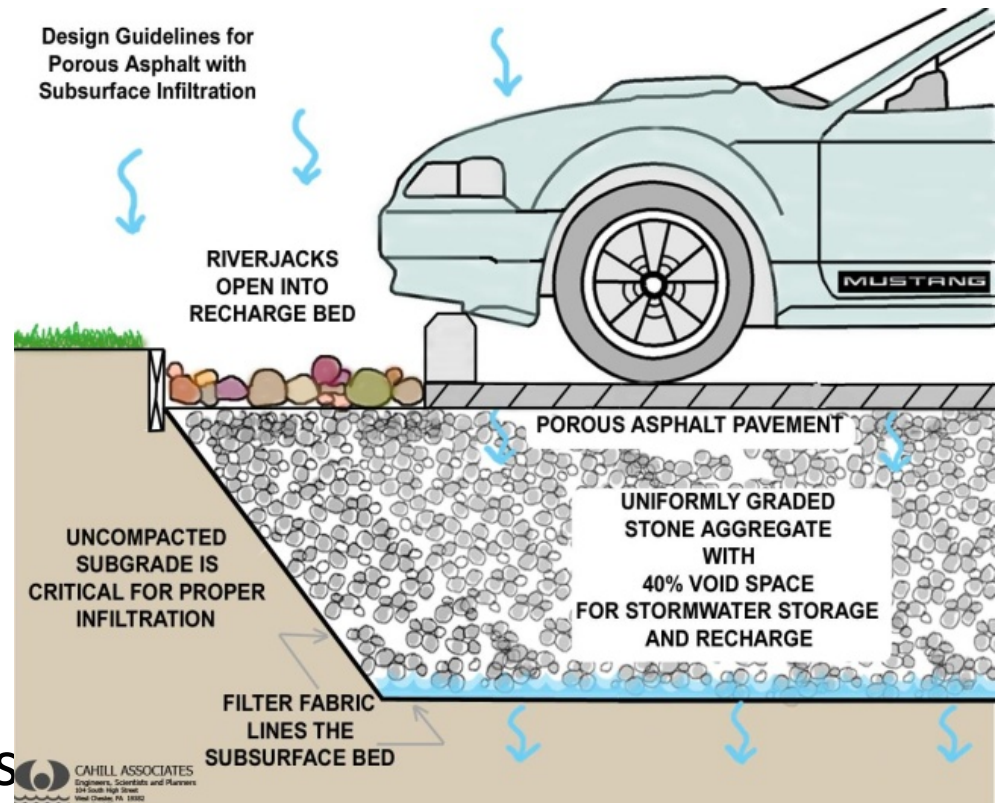
- Underlying stone reservoir
- Porous asphalt and pervious concrete are manufactured without "fine" materials to allow infiltration
- Grass pavers are concrete interlocking blocks with open areas to allow grass to grow
- Ideal application for porous pavement is to treat a low traffic or overflow parking area



ADVANTAGES

- Manage stormwater runoff
- Minimize site disturbance
- Promote groundwater recharge
- Low life cycle costs, alternative to costly traditional stormwater management methods
- Mitigation of urban heat island effect
- Contaminant removal as water moves through layers of system

COMPONENTS



Porous Asphalt







Pervious Concrete



Permeable Pavers

A photograph showing a driveway paved with interlocking concrete pavers in a diamond pattern. The pavers are covered with green grass and fallen autumn leaves. A black vehicle is partially visible on the left, and a pile of straw or hay is on the right. A white text box is overlaid at the bottom center.

Grass Pavers

Next Steps

- Identify sites where stormwater management is needed
- Identify programs for homeowners so they can do their part
- Implement projects and programs

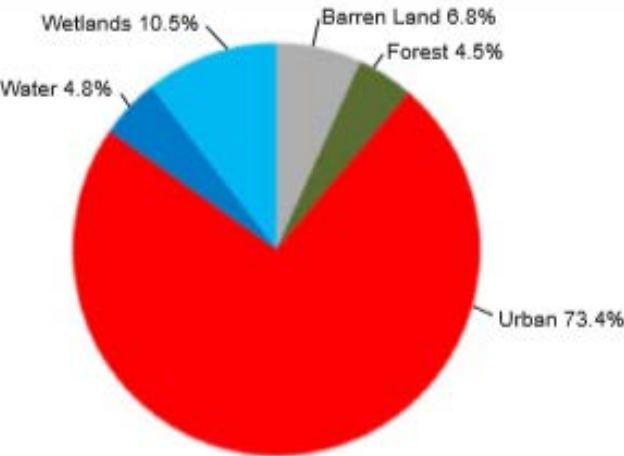
IMPERVIOUS COVER ASSESSMENT (ICA)

***A tool to draw attention to
stormwater problems and
obtain Sustainable Jersey
Points***

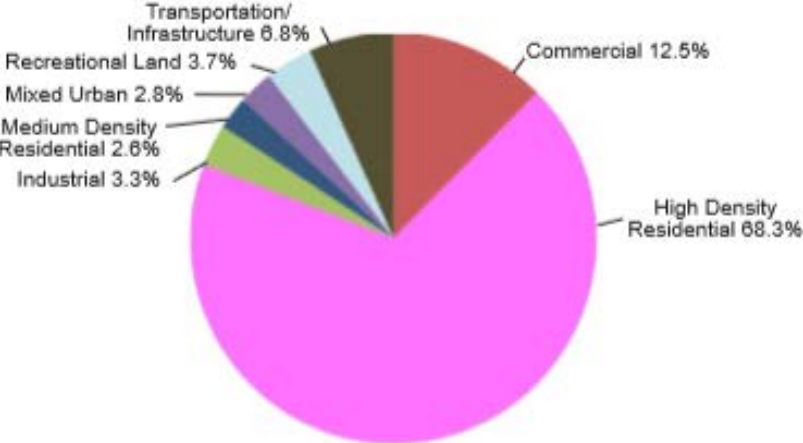
LAND USE IN RUTHERFORD

Rutherford is dominated by urban land uses. A total of 73.4% of the municipality's land use is classified as urban. Of the urban land in Rutherford, high density residential is the dominant land use. Urban land uses tend to have a high percentage of impervious surfaces.

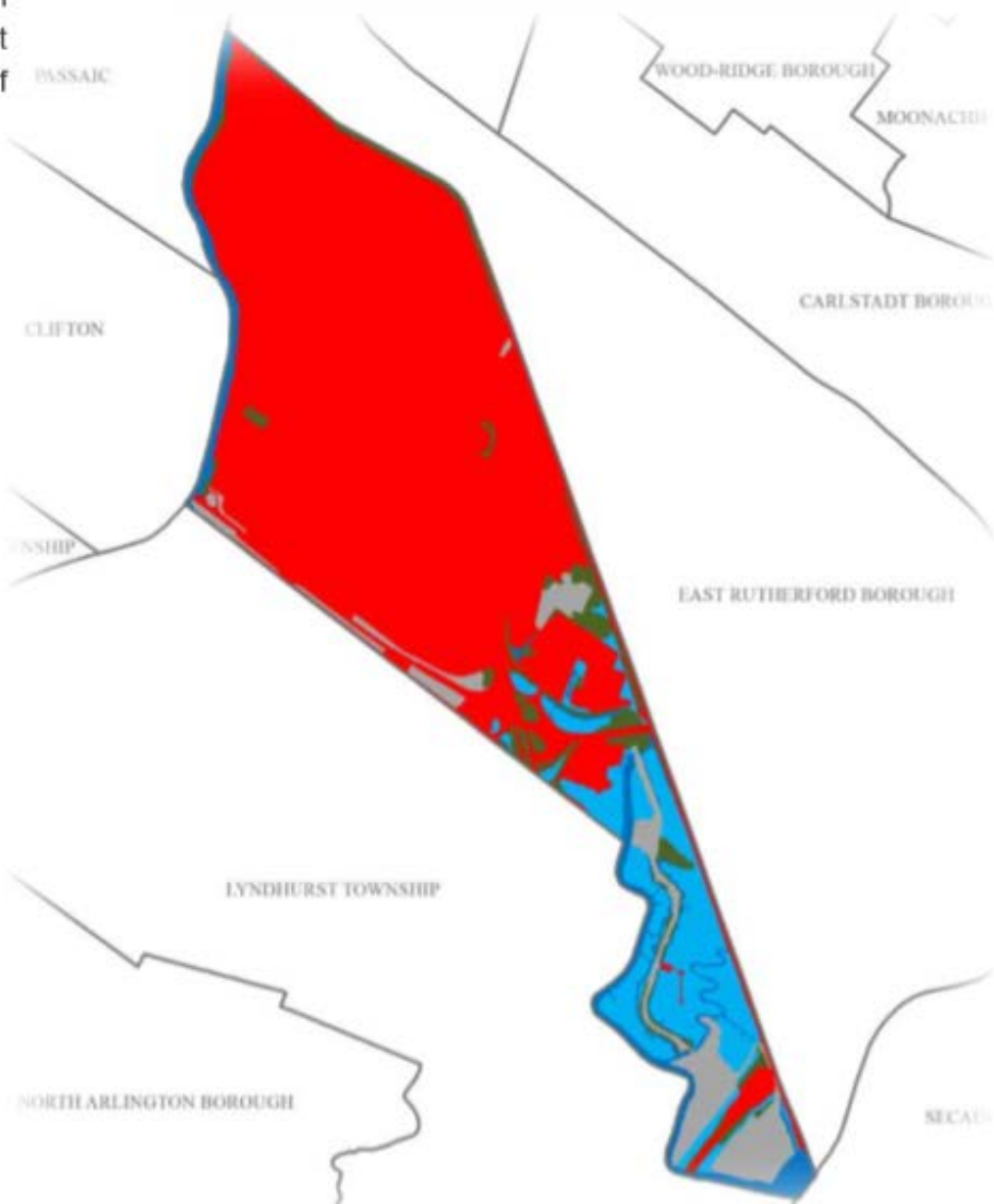
RUTHERFORD LAND USE



RUTHERFORD URBAN LAND USE



RUTHERFORD LAND USE



RUTHERFORD SUBWATERSHEDS



TABLE 1. IMPERVIOUS COVER ANALYSIS BY SUBWATERSHED FOR RUTHERFORD

Subwatershed	Total Area	Land Use Area	Water Area	Impervious Cover	
	(ac)	(ac)	(ac)	(ac)	(%)
Berry Creek	1,125.0	1,075.2	49.8	388.7	36.2%
Hackensack River	23.6	11.9	11.7	0.6	5.2%
Lower Passaic River	701.1	674.6	26.5	280.4	41.6%
Total	1,849.7	1,761.7	88.0	669.7	38.0%

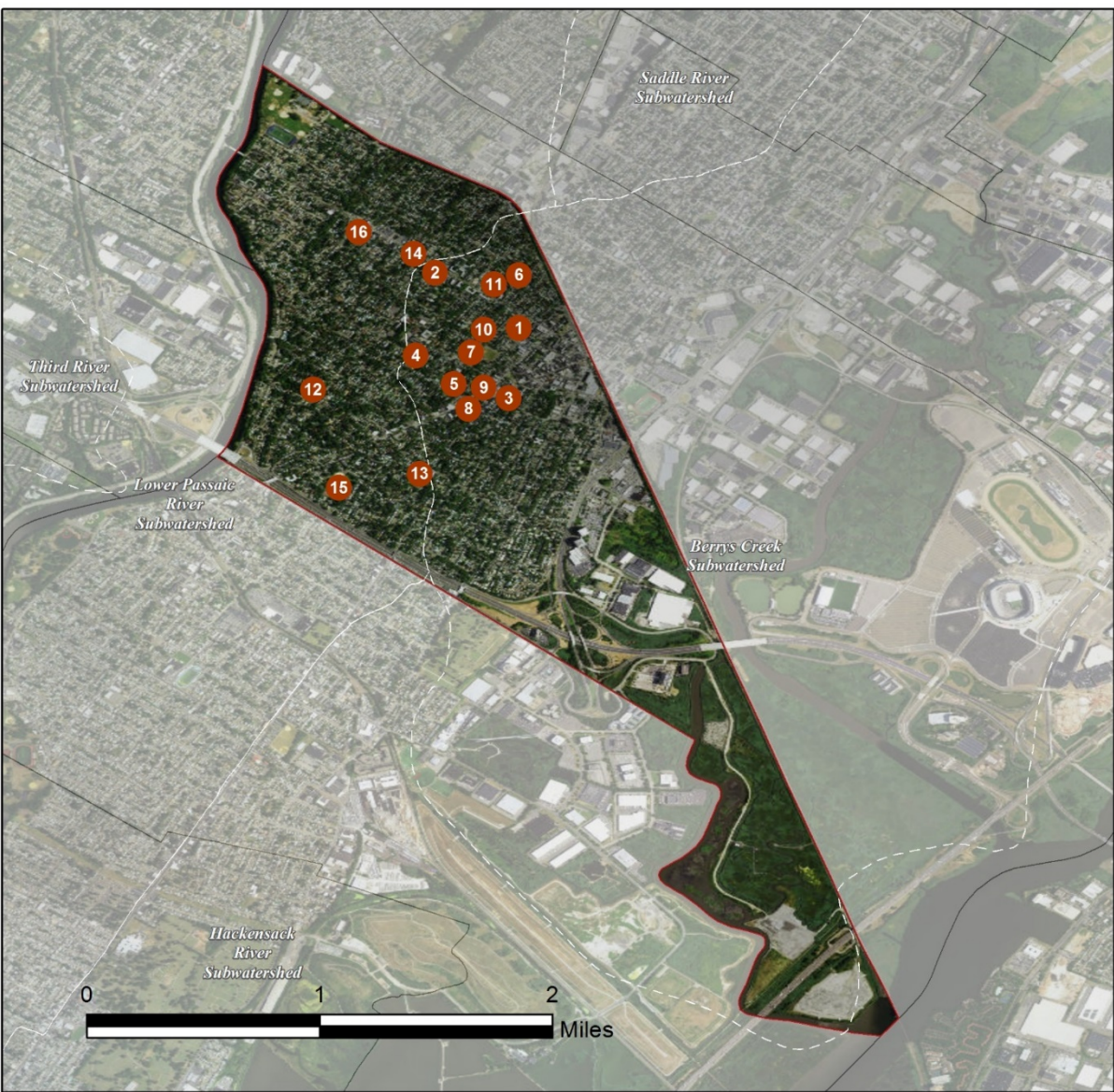
TABLE 2. STORMWATER RUNOFF VOLUMES FROM IMPERVIOUS SURFACES BY SUBWATERSHED IN RUTHERFORD

Subwatershed	Total Runoff Volume for the 1.25" NJ Water Quality Storm (Mgal)	Total Runoff Volume for the NJ Annual Rainfall of 44" (Mgal)	Total Runoff Volume for the 2-year Design Storm (3.3") (Mgal)	Total Runoff Volume for the 10-year Design Storm (5.1") (Mgal)	Total Runoff Volume for the 100 Year Design Storm(8.4") (Mgal)
Berry Creek	13.2	464.4	34.8	53.8	88.6
Hackensack River	0.0	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.1
Lower Passaic River	9.5	335.0	25.1	38.8	64.0
Total	22.7	800.1	60.0	92.7	152.7

IMPERVIOUS COVER REDUCTION ACTION PLAN (RAP)

***A tool to identify project sites
and obtain Sustainable Jersey
Points***

RUTHERFORD BOROUGH: GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE SITES








SITES WITHIN THE BERRYS CREEK SUBWATERSHED:2

- 1. Abundant Grace Christian Church
- 2. Canaan Presbyterian Church
- 3. First Presbyterian Church of Rutherford
- 4. Grace Episcopal Church
- 5. Living Gospel Baptist Church
- 6. Mt Ararat Baptist Church
- 7. Rutherford High School
- 8. Rutherford Municipal Court
- 9. Schoolhouse Early Learning LLC
- 10. St. John's Lutheran Church
- 11. Washington School

SITES WITHIN THE PASSAIC RIVER SUBWATERSHED:

- 12. Lincoln School
- 13. Pierrepont School
- 14. Rutgerford Congregation Church
- 15. Tamblyn Field
- 16. Union Elementary School



-  bioretention system
-  rainwater harvesting
-  drainage area
-  property line
-  2015 Aerial: NJOIT, OGIS



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF RUTHERFORD

**1 East Passaic Avenue
Rutherford, NJ 07070**



Two rain gardens can be installed adjacent to the building to capture, treat, and infiltrate roof runoff. Rainwater can be harvested by installing a cistern to the west of the building. The water can then be used for watering gardens, washing vehicles, or for other non-potable uses. A preliminary soil assessment suggests that more soil testing would be required before determining the soil's suitability for green infrastructure.

Impervious Cover		Existing Loads from Impervious Cover (lbs/yr)			Runoff Volume from Impervious Cover (Mgal)	
%	sq. ft.	TP	TN	TSS	From the 1.25" Water Quality Storm	For an Annual Rainfall of 44"
75	28,777	1.4	14.5	132.1	0.022	0.79

Recommended Infrastructure Practices	Recharge Potential (Mgal/yr)	TSS Removal Potential (lbs/yr)	Maximum Volume Reduction Potential (gal/storm)	Peak Discharge Reduction Potential (cu. ft./second)	Estimated Size (sq. ft.)	Estimated Cost
Bioretention systems	0.100	17	7,458	0.28	950	\$4,750
Rainwater harvesting	0.034	6	2,498	0.09	2,500 (gal)	\$5,000

CURRENT CONDITION



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF RUTHERFORD

1 East Passaic Avenue
Rutherford, NJ 07070

CONCEPT DESIGN



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Residential Programs

- Rain Garden Program
 - Rebate Program
 - Neighborhood Rain Garden Program
- Rain Barrel Program
 - Build-A-Rain Barrel Workshop
 - Rain Barrel Rebate Program
 - One Barrel at a Time Co-op

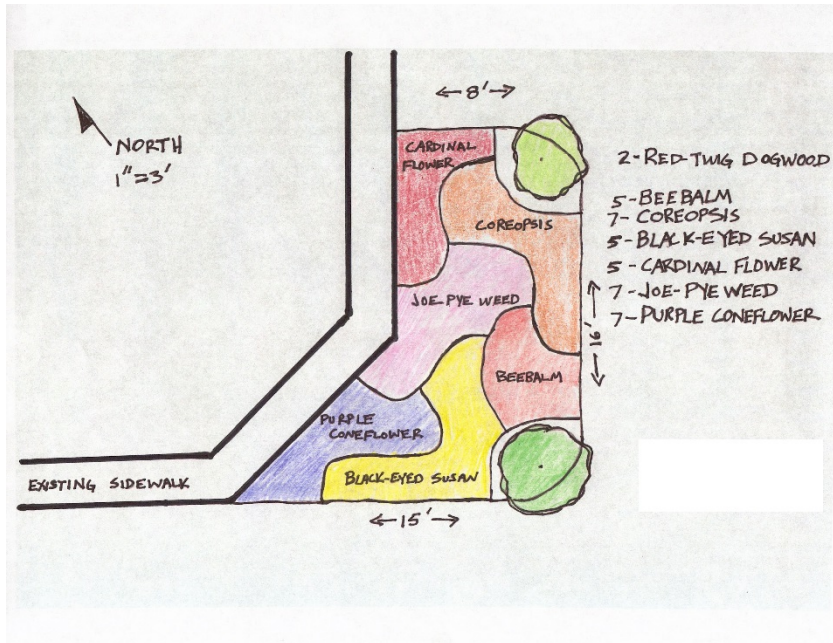


Rain Garden Rebate Program

- 45-minute Educational Session
- 30-minute Design Session
- \$3 per square foot rebate
- Assistance with installation is available

Design Example for Roof Runoff

Design



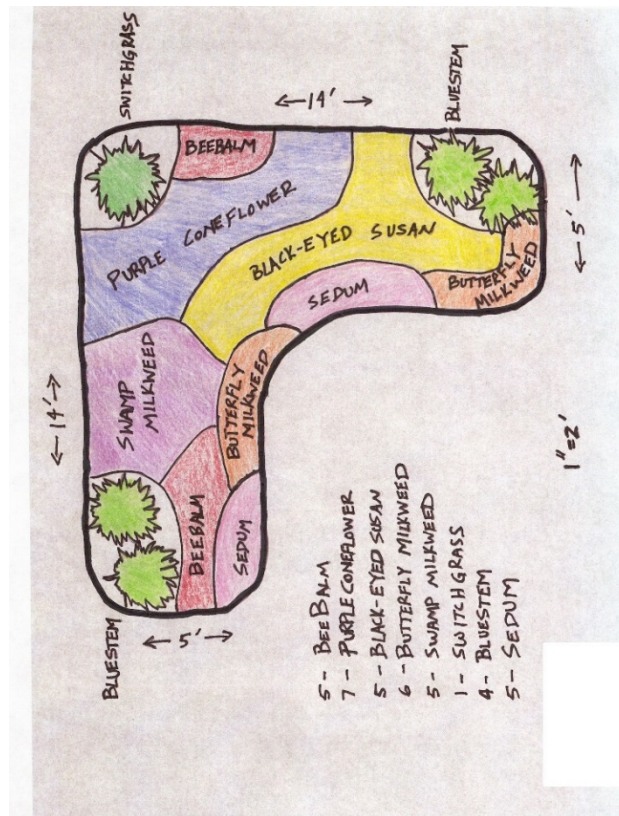
Installed Rain Garden





Design Example for Parking Lot Runoff

Design



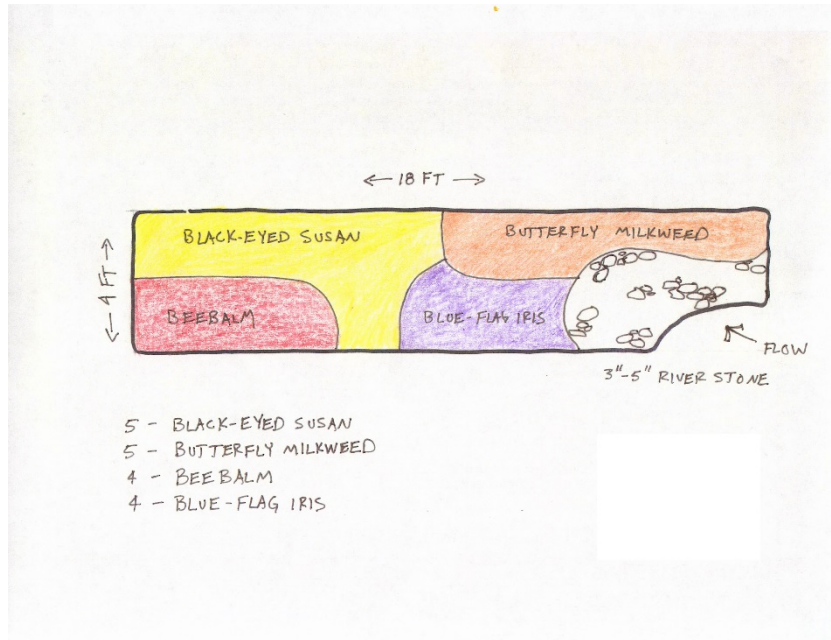
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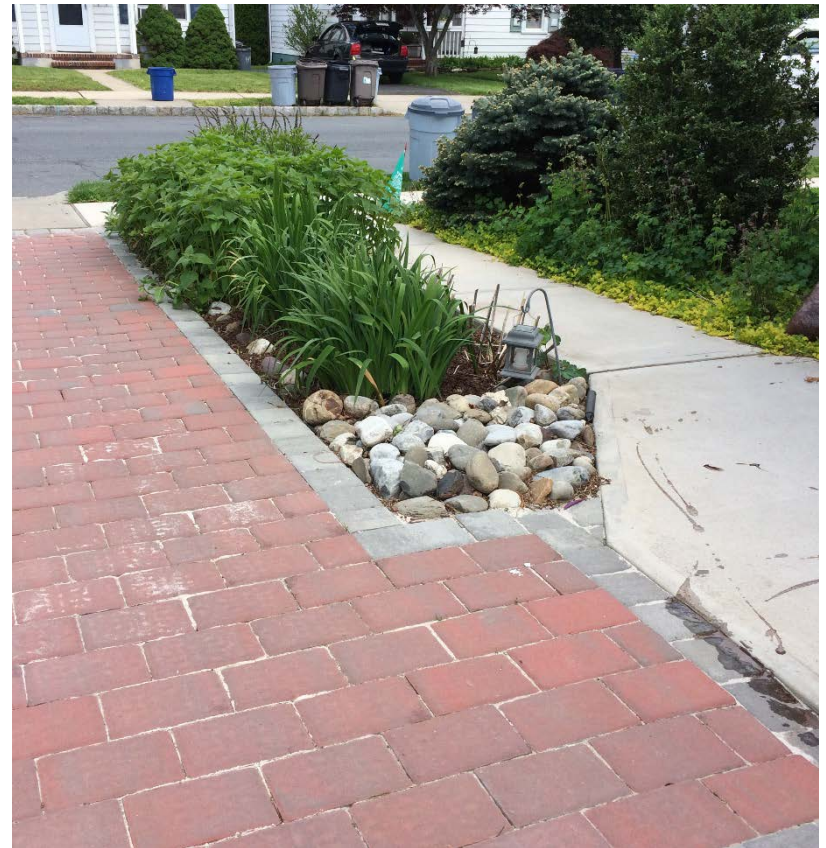


Roof, Sump Pump and Driveway Runoff – WOW!

Design



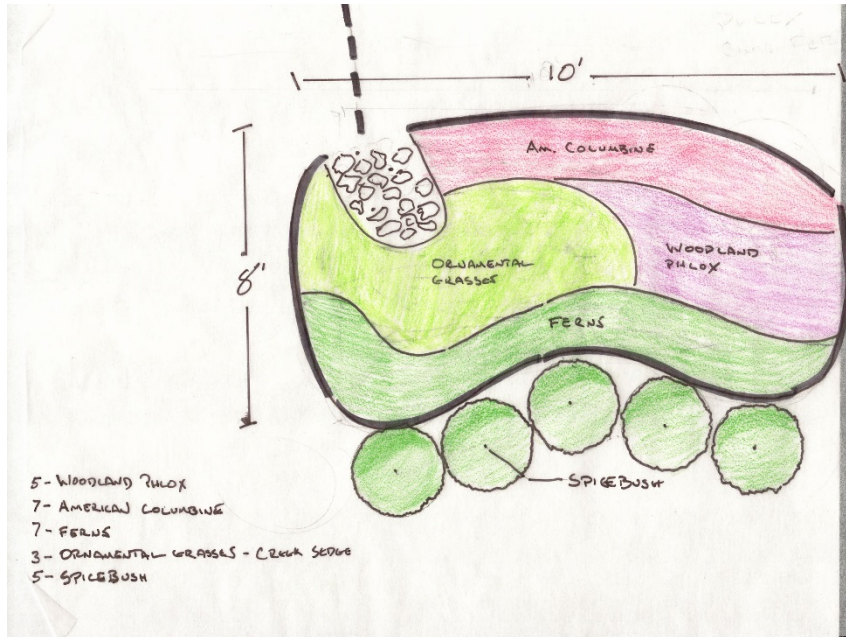
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Another Roof Runoff Example

Design



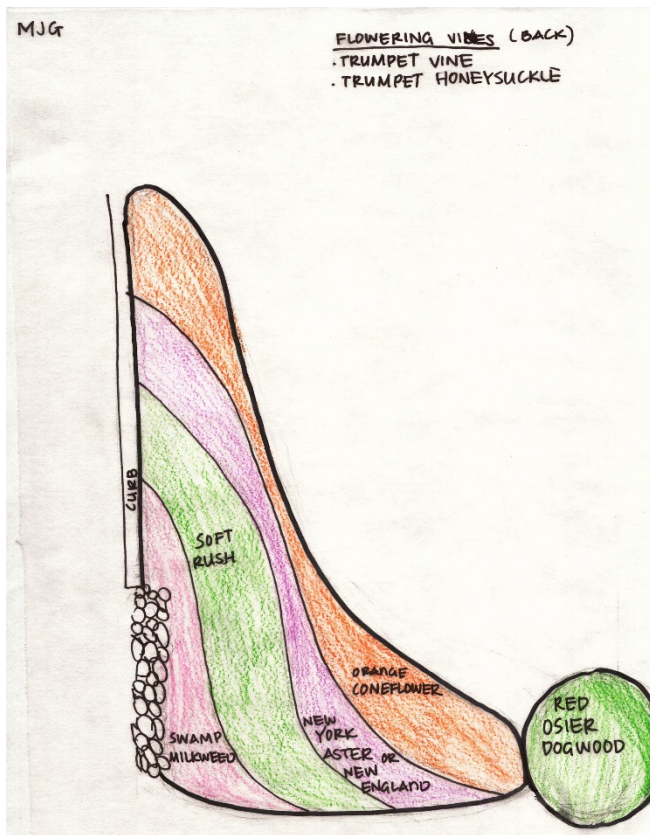
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Another Driveway Runoff Example

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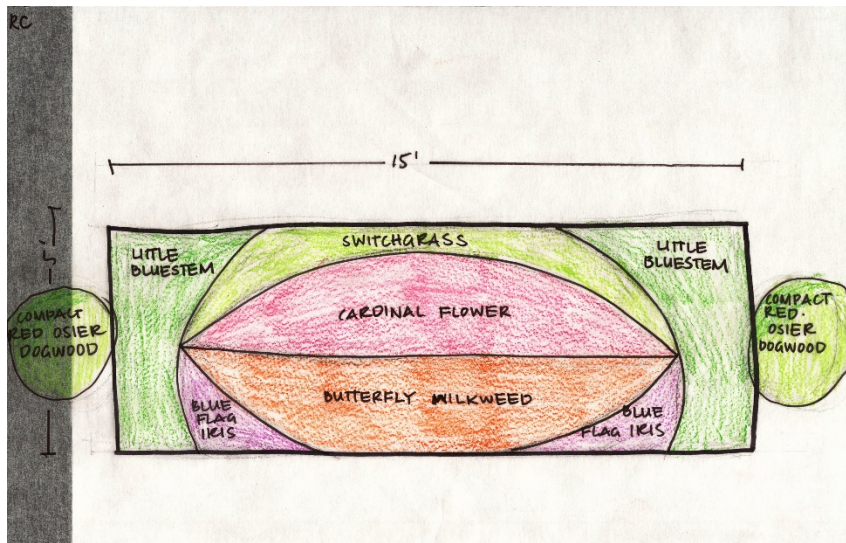
Rain Garden Installed





Roof Runoff from Rain Barrel Overflow

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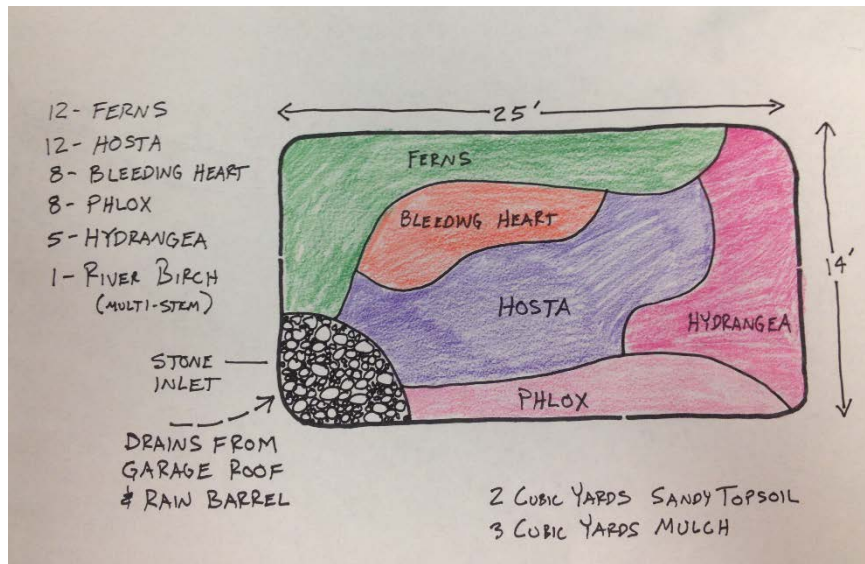


Installed Rain Garden





Garage Roof Runoff and Rain Barrel Overflow Example



1189 Jefferson Garden





1244 Briarcliff



NORTH



School Programs



Final Thoughts

- Local champions are needed to implement projects and to maintain the longevity of the program including maintenance of projects
- Rutgers has a “Green Infrastructure Champion” Training Program
- Go to: www.water.rutgers.edu



QUESTIONS?