



Public Works Department

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Esta carta contiene información acerca de un proyecto en su vecindario. Si usted necesita lo siguiente traducido en español, favor de llamar al numero arriba.

This letter contains information about a project in your neighborhood. If you need the following information translated, please call the above phone number.

May 22, 2020

**SUBJECT: 15th Street NE & Marion Street NE Rain Garden
Project Number 201913**

Dear Salem Property Owner/Resident:

The City of Salem will be constructing a rain garden in your neighborhood to treat the stormwater that runs off of streets and impervious areas before it is discharged to Mill Creek. Rain gardens use plants and soil to filter contaminants from stormwater. This new rain garden will be constructed near the intersection of 15th Street NE and Marion Street NE and is being installed as part of the City of Salem's ongoing efforts to improve stormwater runoff water quality and to reduce the peak stormwater flows into our creeks.

Construction activities will be taking place to install the rain garden in the City right-of-way east of the intersection of 15th Street and Marion Street NE, as shown on the project location map attached. The new rain garden will be similar to the rain garden installed in 2018 near 13th Street NE and Marion Street NE. Also enclosed with this letter is information about the function of rain gardens and their water quality benefits.

Gelco Construction will be installing the rain garden structure and when that work is complete, City of Salem staff will be installing the plants a few weeks later. **Construction is estimated to begin in mid-June, 2020 and is expected to be completed by mid-July, 2020.**

Please feel free to contact me at 503-871-1978 or hbiskie@cityofsalem.net if you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding the project.

Sincerely,

Howard Biskie, PE
Project Manager

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Enclosures: Project Area Map, Rain Garden benefits brochure

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Control Facility**

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❖ ADA Accommodations Will Be Provided Upon Request ❖

Servicios razonables de accesibilidad se facilitarán por petición

PROJECT LOCATION MAP

15TH AND MARION RAIN GARDEN



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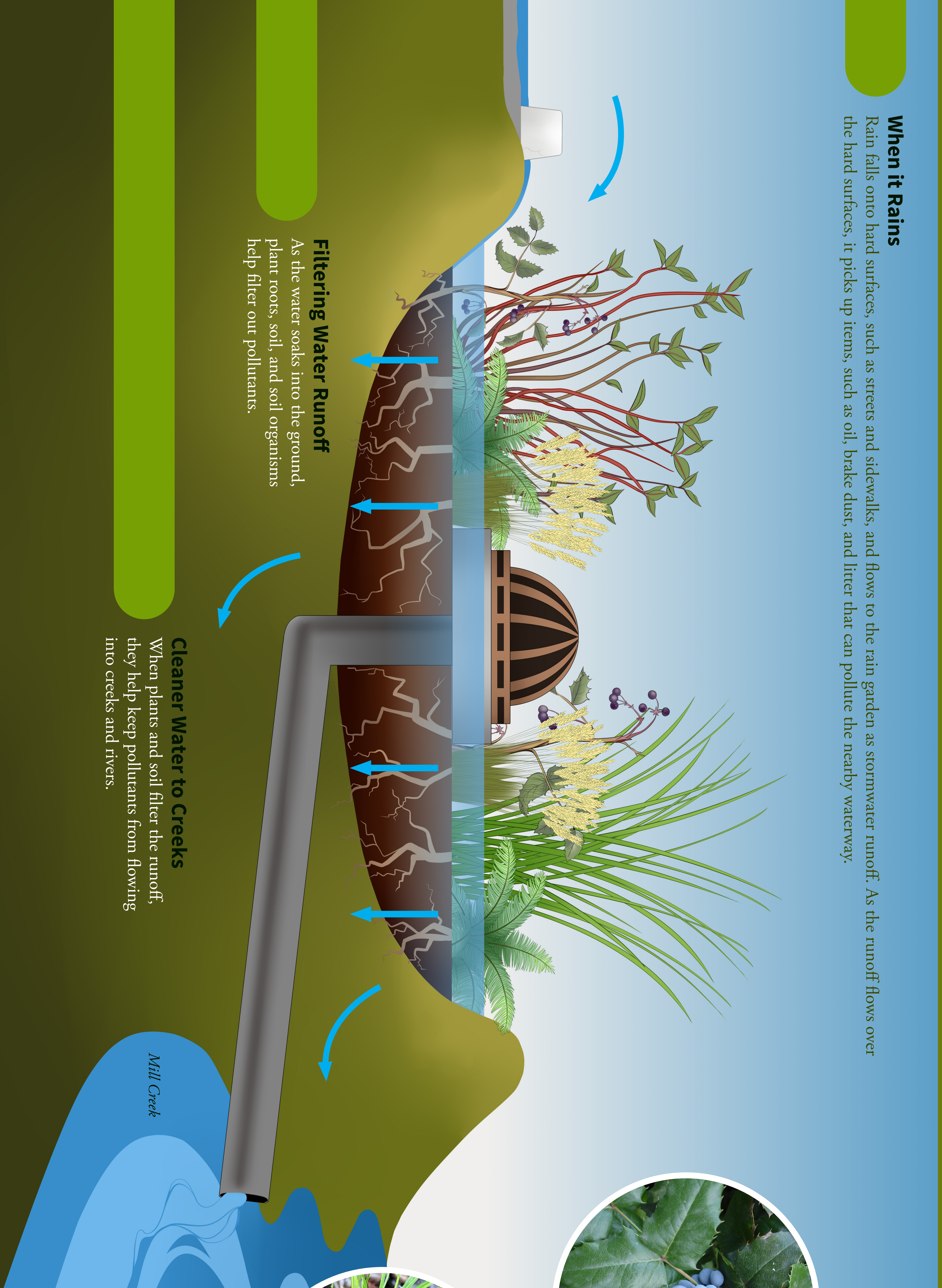
15th Street Rain Garden

Cleaning Stormwater Naturally

Rain gardens are a type of green stormwater infrastructure. These green facilities are designed to help filter pollutants out of stormwater runoff and help keep local streams healthier.

When it Rains

Rain falls onto hard surfaces, such as streets and sidewalks, and flows to the rain garden as stormwater runoff. As the runoff flows over the hard surfaces, it picks up items, such as oil, brake dust, and litter that can pollute the nearby waterway.



Filtering Water Runoff

As the water soaks into the ground, plant roots, soil, and soil organisms help filter out pollutants.

Cleaner Water to Creeks

When plants and soil filter the runoff, they help keep pollutants from flowing into creeks and rivers.

Mill Creek



Oregon Grape



Sword Fern



Dagger-leaf Rush



Red Flowering Currant

Native Plants of Oregon
Plants are more than pretty; they provide important benefits, including improving air and water quality and providing habitat for animals. Here are some of the hard-working plants typically installed in rain gardens.