

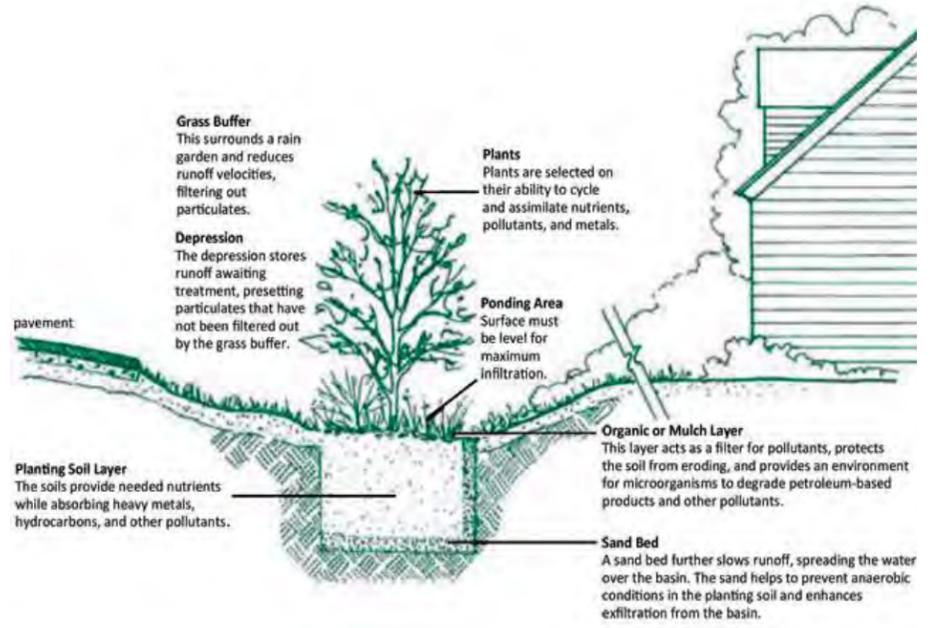
WHAT IS A RAIN GARDEN?

Rain gardens are shallow depressions landscaped with perennial flowers and native vegetation that soak up rainwater. They are located in areas to capture runoff from impervious surfaces, such as roofs, driveways and streets. Rain gardens fill with a few inches of water after a storm and then water filters into the ground, rather than running off to a storm drain.

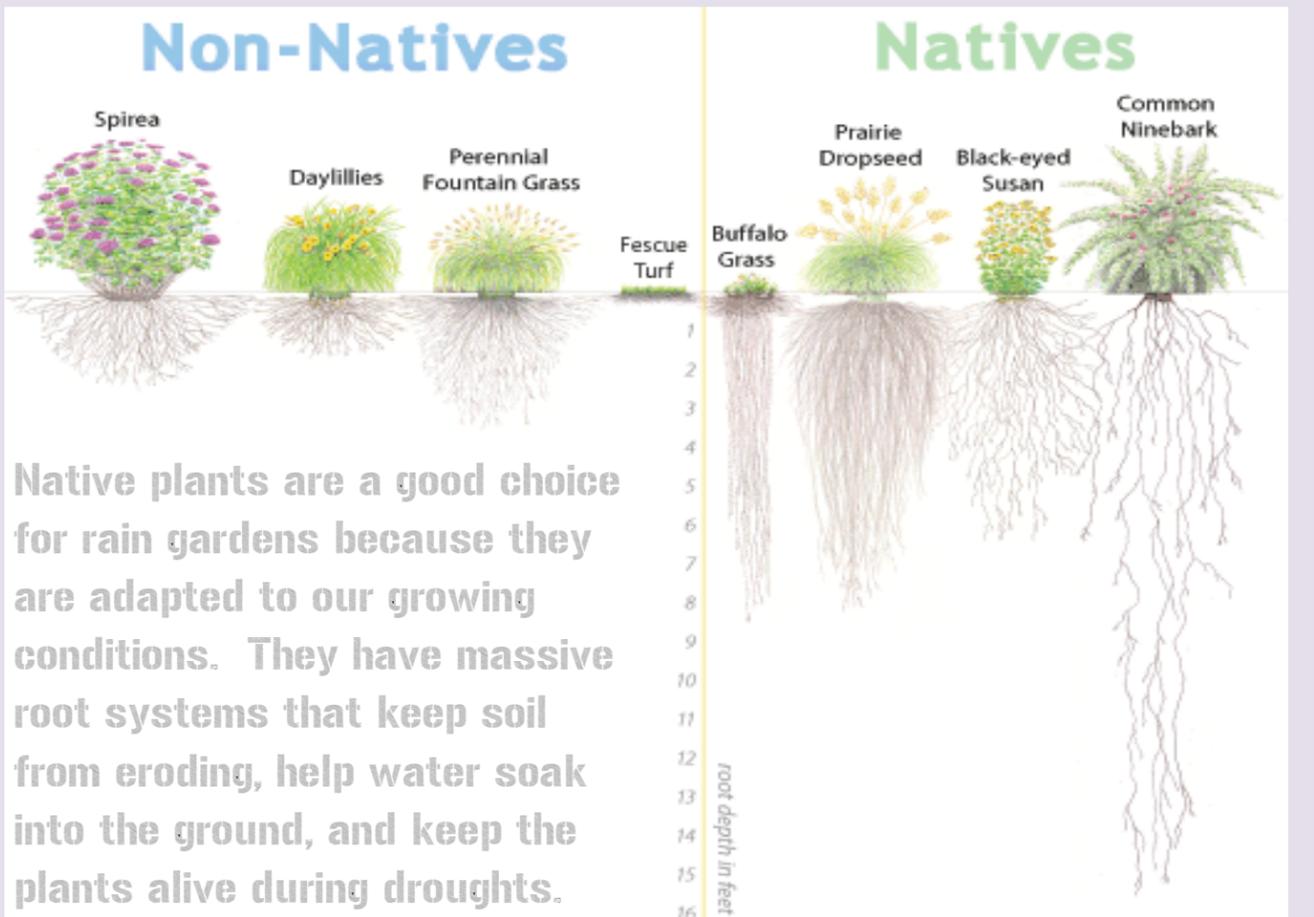


WHAT DOES A RAIN GARDEN DO?

Rain gardens help reduce the negative impacts of stormwater runoff. Uncontrolled stormwater runoff can negatively impact our creeks by increasing erosion and contributing pollutants picked up from yards, streets and parking lots. Rather than channeling runoff immediately to the storm sewer which takes it directly to our creeks, a rain garden collects the runoff and temporarily holds it. The water that is caught in a rain garden either infiltrates into the ground or is taken up by the plant roots, or evaporates into the air.



WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO USE NATIVE PLANTS?



HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

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