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Rain Gardens

Capturing and cleaning polluted runoff

Look to your left

This beautiful water is home to whales, salmon, shellfish and much more.

All marine life depends on clean water to thrive.



Is the water REALLY as clean as it looks?

Look to your right

When it rains, runoff from roofs and roads flows into storm drains that lead directly to the bay.

This unfiltered runoff can contain pet waste, heavy metals, fertilizers and other pollutants.



Ok, now look down

Good News! There is less runoff coming out of this pipe because of rain gardens in nearby neighborhoods.

Rain gardens are specifically designed to reduce runoff and remove pollution before it reaches the bay.



Here's what you can do:

- Build a rain garden
- Reduce fertilizer & pesticide use
- Scoop pet waste, bag it and put it in the trash



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