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Commissioner

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**KEMBLE PARK: OGONTZ AVENUE BETWEEN CHEW AVENUE AND OLNEY AVENUE;
CHEW AVENUE BETWEEN VIRGINIAN STREET AND NORTH 16TH STREET
AND
WISTER'S WOODS PARK: BELFIELD AVENUE BETWEEN EAST WISTER STREET AND
NORTH 20TH STREET; BELFIELD AVENUE BETWEEN NORTH 20TH STREET AND EAST
LOGAN STREET**

Dear Water Customer and neighbor,

I am writing to alert you that the Water Department will be starting construction work in your neighborhood in the near future at the above location.

This project is part of the broader City wide effort to manage stormwater through Green Infrastructure. Green storm water infrastructure includes a range of soil-water-plant systems that intercept storm water, infiltrate a portion of it into the ground, evaporate a portion of it into the air, and in some cases release a portion of it slowly back into the sewer system.

The Water Department has hired a private contractor, Seravalli, Inc, to complete the above project. The work is scheduled to start 03/24/2014.

The Contractor has completed taking pre-construction photos, recording all existing conditions prior to the start of construction, which have been forwarded to the Philadelphia Water Department as well as the City's Records Department. This will help to avoid potential disputes between the contractor and property owners and assure that all work sites are left in acceptable condition upon completion of the project.

Construction work, unavoidably, is never a clean or noiseless business. It can involve the use of large construction equipment to break out roads, excavate deep trenches and haul heavy materials to and from the site. It will be necessary to temporarily store construction materials in selected areas along the street until the new green infrastructures are installed. Throughout construction, normal day to day street use will be disrupted as temporary accommodations must be made for parking, vehicle and pedestrian traffic, trash pick-up and emergency access. Trench repaving and final clean-up will complete the work on your block. During normal working hours, between 7:00 AM and 3:30 PM, it may be necessary to close the street to through traffic. The contractor will also post "No-Parking" signs on an as required basis as the work proceeds. Trash should be placed at the curb as regularly scheduled and the contractor will assist the Streets Department with pick up.

The Water Department has assigned an Inspector to the project that will be on-site every day. Should you experience any problems during the course of the work please ask to talk with the Inspector, Nicholas DelCasale (phone 215-866-7185), on the job site. The inspector will discuss the problem with the

contractor and do whatever is possible to assist you. If you are unable to contact the Inspector at the job site or have any other questions concerning the work, please contact me at the number listed below between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday thru Friday. Should an emergency occur during non-working hours, please call the Water Department hot line at 215-685-6300, where someone will take your call at any time. Please keep these phone numbers handy in the event you find a need for our assistance, and thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation.

Very truly yours,
Blair Alegant PE



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Overview

Green City, Clean Waters promotes the use of green stormwater infrastructure throughout the city. These green tools use plants, trees and stone to filter, store and manage stormwater in a smart and cost-effective way.



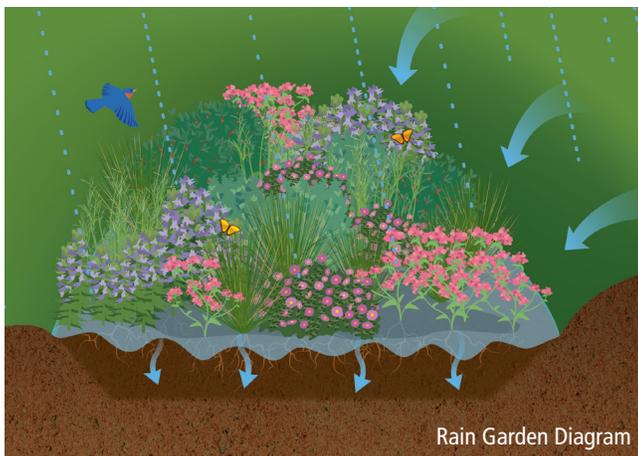
How do these green tools work?

When it rains, stormwater runs off streets and sidewalks into a green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) tool. Water soaks into a stone bed below ground where it is absorbed by plant roots and released through transpiration. Some of the water evaporates from the surface and excess water is slowly released back into the sewer system. Storing water in these GSI systems significantly reduce pollutants entering our creeks and rivers.

What are the benefits?

- Improves water quality by reducing combined sewer overflows*
- Improves the health of our stream banks and aquatic life
- Enhances the beauty of our streets and neighborhoods
- Promotes a safer and healthier community
- Reduce the urban heat island effect (city's temperature)
- Improves air quality

*Combined sewer overflows occur during heavy rainstorms when treatment plants can't clean all the water running through the system so polluted stormwater and sanitary waste overflow into local rivers. Learn more at www.phillywatersheds.org.



Rain Gardens

A rain garden is planted lower than the surrounding area to catch and filter stormwater runoff before it goes into our sewers. The water soaks into the ground, aided by deep rooted plants that thrive in wet and dry conditions. Rain gardens should dry between rain events and hold water for less than 24 hours. Rain gardens filter pollutants, replenish groundwater and provide habitat for animals.

Rain gardens protect our rivers and streams

- The plants soak up water that collects in the rain garden.
- They are selected for their ability to thrive in extremely wet and dry weather.
- Plants and soil help remove pollutants, such as oil and grease, from the stormwater as it soaks into the ground.

One of the simplest, most effective ways to manage stormwater

- Greens the landscape with beautiful native plants
- Provides natural habitat for birds, bees and butterflies

Learn more about rain gardens in a video

www.vimeo.com/58631971 ▶

