



Philadelphia Water Department  
Public Affairs Division  
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Dear PWD Customer,

Kemble Park & Wister Woods Park have been selected by the Philadelphia Water Department (PWD) for new green park projects, under the *Green City, Clean Waters* program. PWD works closely with Philadelphia Parks & Recreation when selecting and designing green parks. Kemble Park and Wister Woods are ideal locations to showcase green stormwater management that will help protect Philadelphia's waterways and beautify our neighborhoods.

A green park is a park, playground or recreation center that incorporates green stormwater infrastructure into the landscape. Green stormwater infrastructure projects capture rainwater flowing from hard surfaces such as buildings, basketball courts and sidewalks and hold it in place temporarily. This lets the water slowly filter into the ground and allows plant roots to soak it up. The information sheets enclosed with this letter provide an overview of rain gardens and green park projects.

Rain gardens are planned for Kemble & Wister Woods Parks. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2014. During construction, portions of the parks will be closed temporarily. To learn more about these projects, Green City, Clean Waters and PWD's green parks program, please visit [www.phillywatersheds.org/GreenParks](http://www.phillywatersheds.org/GreenParks).

PWD is working with local community leaders to schedule a meeting with park users prior to construction. We will notify the community when we have confirmed a meeting time. To be on the e-mail list for notifications about these projects or to ask a specific question, please contact PWD Public Affairs at [questions@phillywatersheds.org](mailto:questions@phillywatersheds.org) or 215-685-6300.

Excited about your park? We would love to make stormwater management a fun learning experience for your community through educational programming at a recreation center or nearby school. Learn more about our educational programs as well as our Green Stormwater Infrastructure Adoption program at [www.phillywatersheds.org](http://www.phillywatersheds.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

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