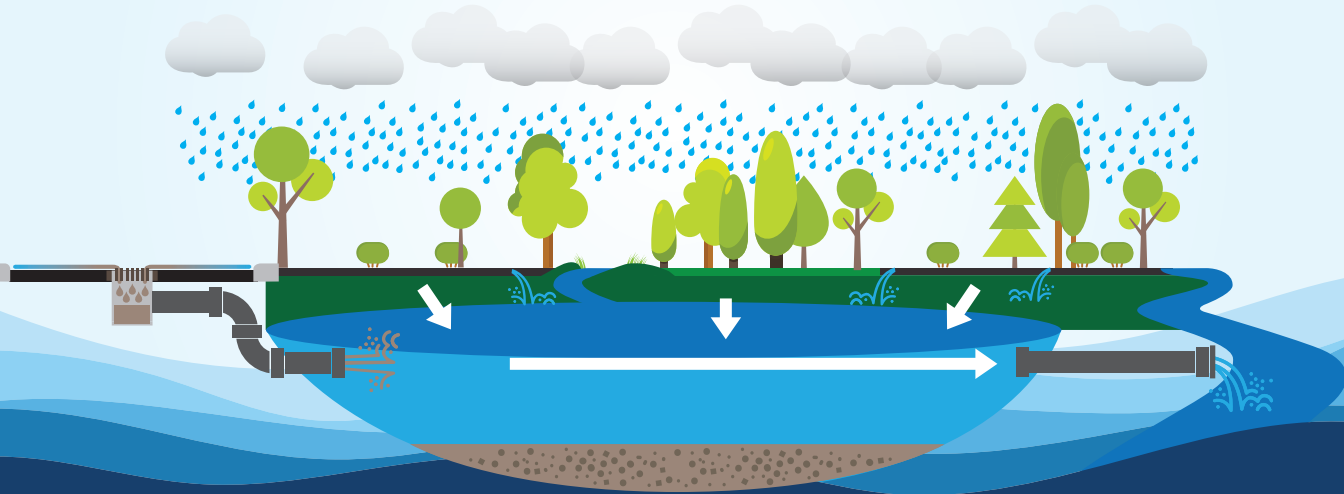


WHAT IS A STORMWATER POND?

A stormwater pond is constructed to temporarily store and slowly release stormwater over time to prevent flooding and erosion.

Stormwater ponds also allow contaminants in the water to fall to the bottom of the pond, resulting in cleaner water being released into the environment.



STORMWATER POND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Stormwater ponds are designed to minimize shallow water, so mosquitoes can't breed there.



What happens on roads, driveways and sidewalks ends up into local creeks, rivers or ponds. Reduce the use of road salt and fertilizer to prevent stormwater pollution.



During dry summer weather it is normal for algae to grow on stormwater ponds. In rare cases, an algae bloom can form blue-green algae which can affect the health of plants and animals.



Sediment collected at the bottom of ponds is removed every 10-15 years.



Stormwater ponds are important for flood and erosion control. Plants near ponds stabilize shorelines, reduce nutrient loads, and filter sediments.



Beavers occasionally take up residence in stormwater ponds. The City will inspect the condition of the pond and either leave the beaver or retain a licensed trapper to remove the beaver.



It's not safe to swim or fish in stormwater ponds in the summer, or skate or walk on stormwater ponds in the winter.

If you see issues with stormwater ponds or if the safety equipment is missing, call 3-1-1 to report