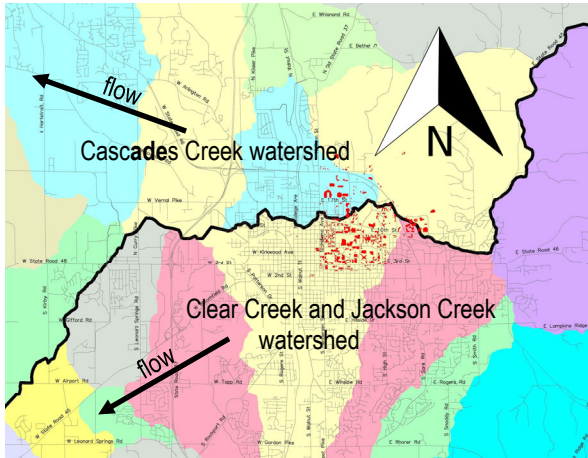


Watersheds



Watershed divide line (black) and flow direction of Bloomington's main streams

We all live in a watershed!

Bloomington is divided by two main **watersheds**, or areas of land that drain to particular bodies of water - **Cascades Creek** drains to the northwest and **Clear Creek** as well as **Jackson Creek** drain to the southwest.

The dividing line runs roughly along 10th Street.

Every Bloomington neighborhood is part of one of these two main watersheds.

Storm drains, pipes and ditches follow these same gravity-led flow directions.

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Presentations and activities are available for schools, neighborhoods, service organizations and more, including:

- Adopt-a-Drain
- Storm Drain Marking
- Stormwater Art
- Water quality monitoring
- Stormwater education for homeowners
- Various other stormwater subjects
- Recognizing and reporting illegal dumping
- Present us with an idea!

Reporting

See something that doesn't look quite right, like an unusual substance running into a storm drain? Only rain should enter storm drains. To report pollutants in stormwater, please fill out a City of Bloomington **uReport** at the following website address:

www.bloomington.in.gov/ureport/

You can also call (812) 339-1444.



RESIDENTIAL STORMWATER GRANTS





Residential Stormwater Grants

The City of Bloomington Utilities' Residential Stormwater Grants (RSG) program is designed to help homeowners retain soil on their property, hence assisting with the longevity of their buildings and grounds. Several "green infrastructure" practices can apply, including the following (or combinations, thereof):

- Rain Gardens**
- Vegetated Swales**
- Dry Creek Beds**
- Stormwater Pond Maintenance**
- Erosion Control**

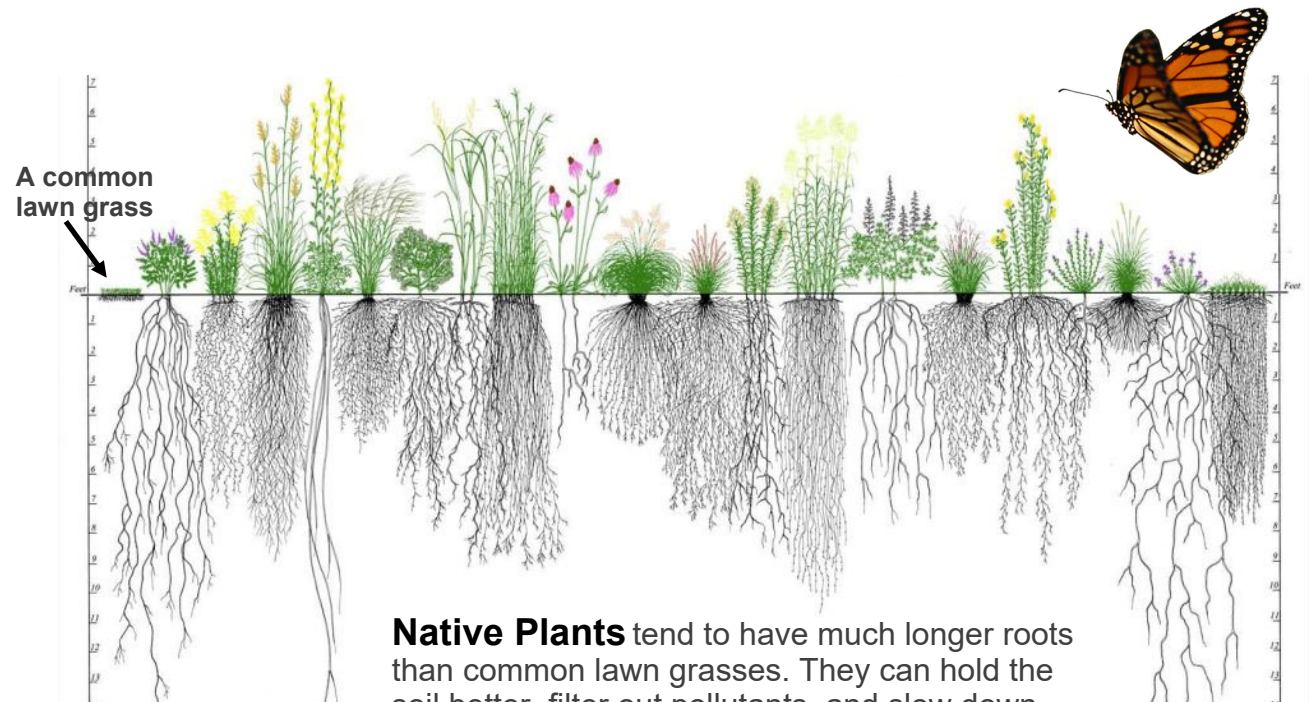
For more information, visit the RSG website:
bloomington.in.gov/utilities/stormwater/grants

Stormwater

Rain water is known as "stormwater" or "runoff". It is the rain water that runs over the ground before it enters our storm drains and streams. Once a rain drop makes contact with the ground, it can displace soil many feet, ultimately causing erosion. Many property woes begin with this process. As rain events are becoming more frequent and intense, the erosion process tends to be accelerated, leading to eroding land and destabilizing buildings.

Qualifications

- Single-family, owner-occupied homes on private property.
- Those that pay the City of Bloomington's stormwater fee (to check, see your water bill).



Native Plants tend to have much longer roots than common lawn grasses. They can hold the soil better, filter out pollutants, and slow down water before it gets to a waterway.