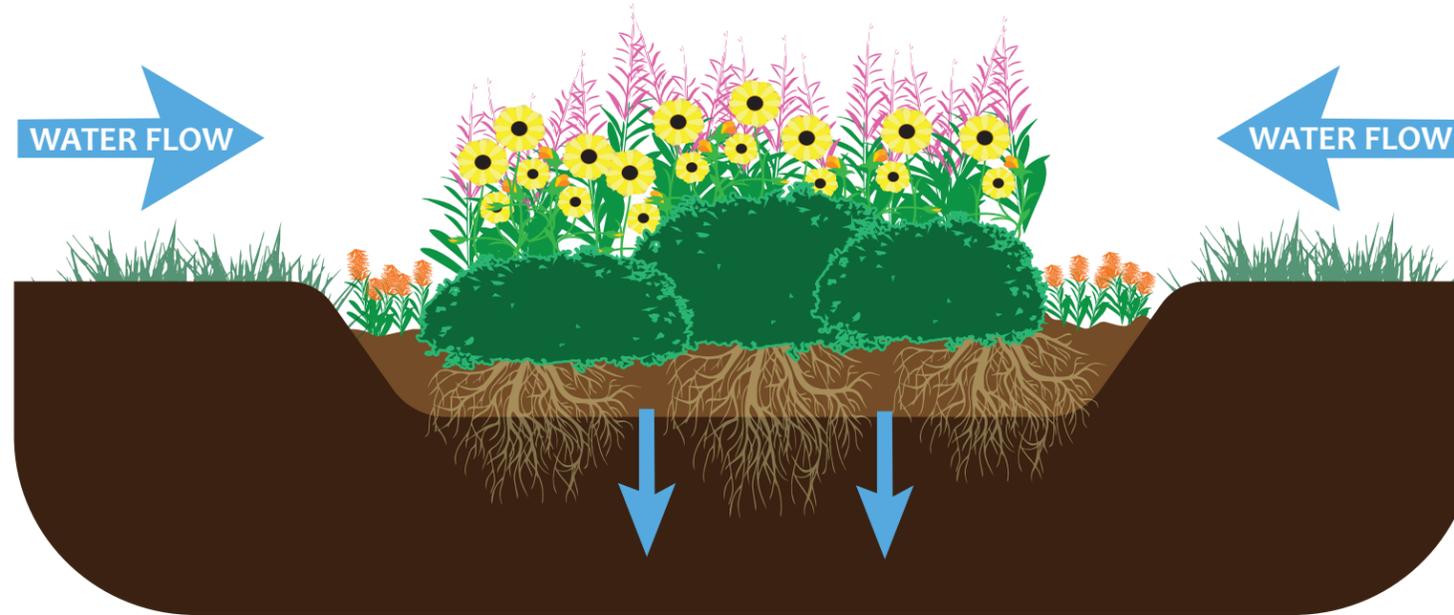


# WHAT IS A RAIN GARDEN?

A garden planted as a shallow depression that captures and treats rainwater runoff directed towards it on purpose.



A visual improvement for Long Island, creating attractive landscapes with a variety of native plants. Native plants have extensive root systems and are tolerant to local weather conditions.

A natural process that improves water quality by filtering pollutants and reducing the amount of stormwater runoff.

A habitat for local wildlife such as butterflies, insects, and birds.

Residential Example

Public Example

Before



After



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**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Rain gardens only contain standing water for 1-2 days, whereas the mosquito reproduction cycle takes 7-12 days to complete. As water filters into the ground and the rain garden dries up, any mosquito eggs are destroyed before they ever have a chance to mature into larvae. Also, rain gardens attract dragonflies, which eat mosquitoes!