



# Intro to Stormwater: What You Can Do for Healthy Waterways

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## Workshop Description:

“Did you know that what you do at home and in your neighborhood can help improve the health of local waterways? After an introduction to sources and effects of urban stormwater pollution, we’ll explore a variety of actions you can take to help slow the flow of rainwater and make every drop count for you, and for the environment! From lawn alternatives to de-paving, there are many ways to beautify your space and make a positive impact in your neighborhood and your watershed!”

## Agenda

1. What is Stormwater?
  - a. Natural Areas vs. Urban Areas
  
2. Sources of Stormwater Pollution
  - a. Heavy metals, Oil
  - b. Bacteria
  - c. Nutrients
  - d. Sediment
  
3. Stormwater Solutions - What you can do:
  - a. Pollution Prevention Tips & Resources
  - b. Native Plants & Trees
  - c. Disconnect Downspouts
  - d. After the Disconnect
    - i. Vegetated Areas
    - ii. Rain Gardens
    - iii. Flow-through Planters
  
  - e. Lawn Reduction or Replacement
    - i. Lawn Alternatives
    - ii. Outdoor Living Spaces
    - iii. Pathways
  
  - f. Build Healthy Soil
  - g. De-paving
  - h. Driveway Options
  - i. Planter Boxes
  - j. Pervious Pavers & Porous Pavement
  - k. Eco-roofs
  
4. Take-home messages
  
5. Q&A