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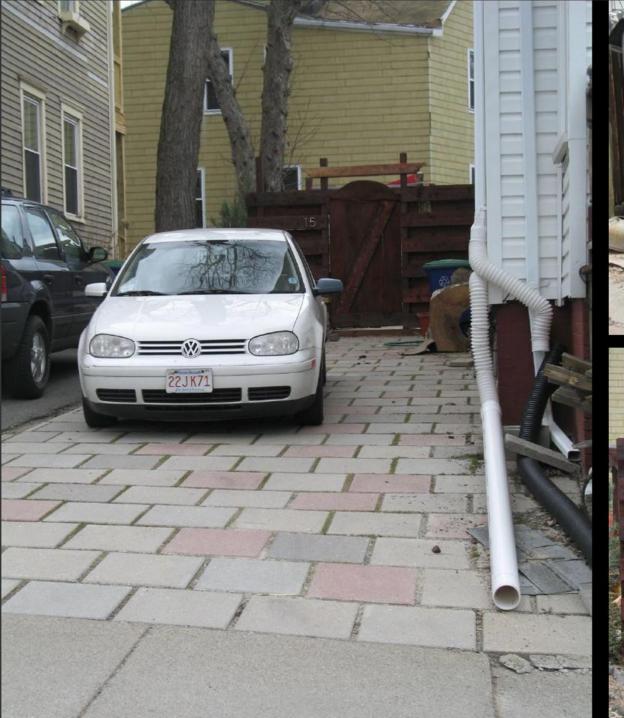








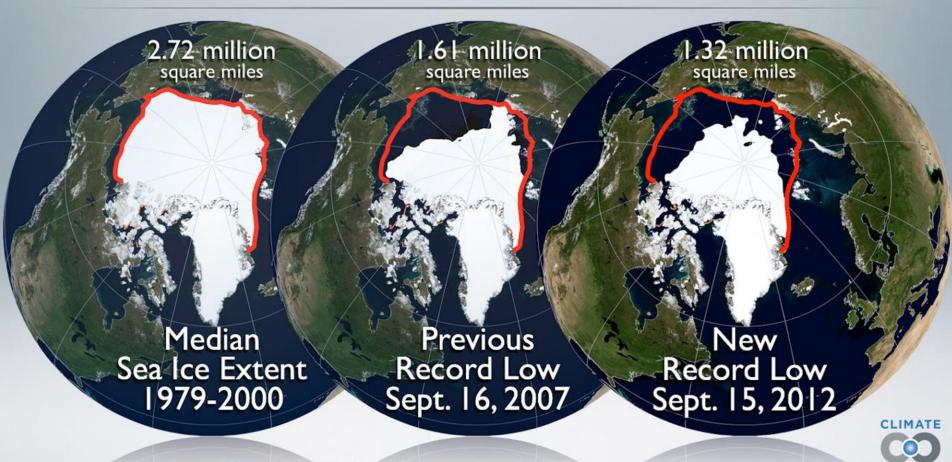








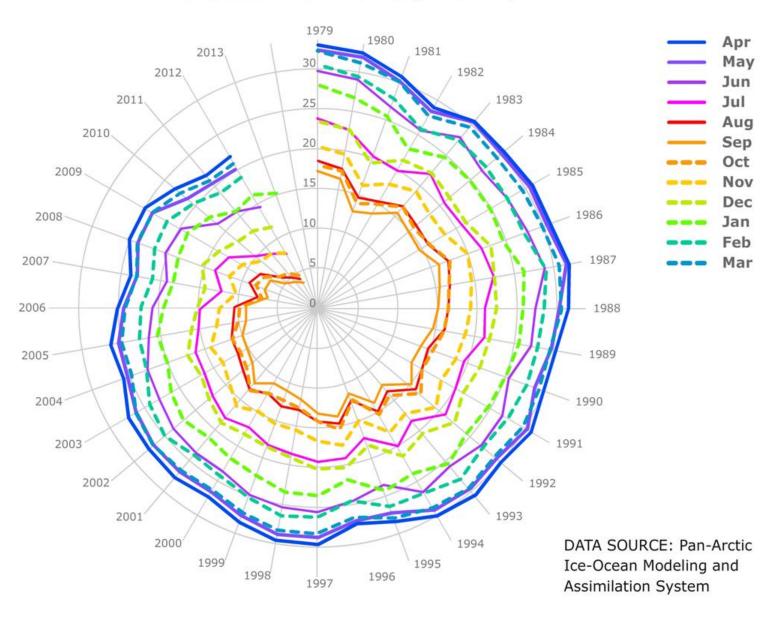
RECORD LOW ARCTIC SEA ICE



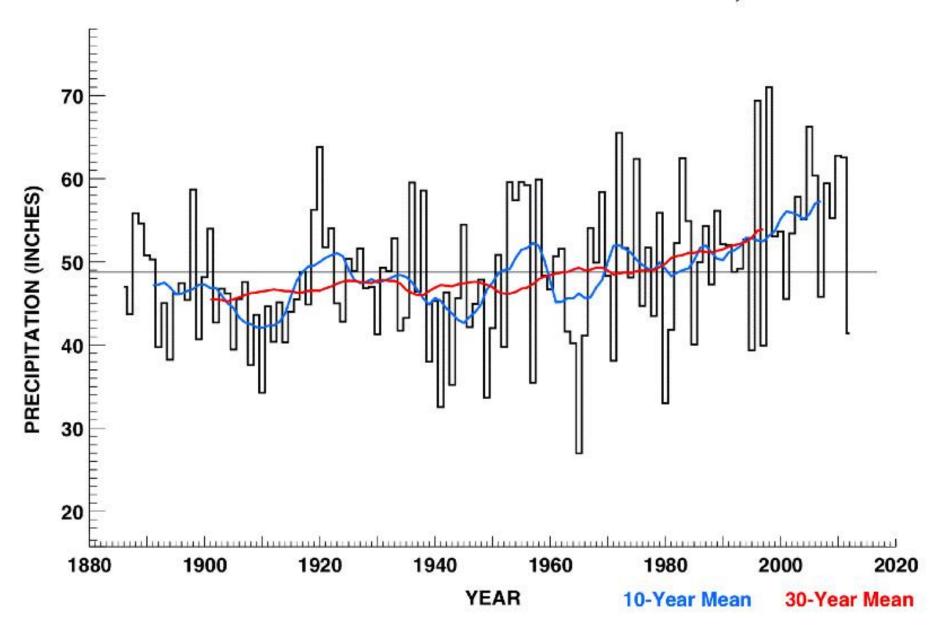
Source: The National Snow and Ice Data Center Sea Ice Index Records are for 5 day running averages

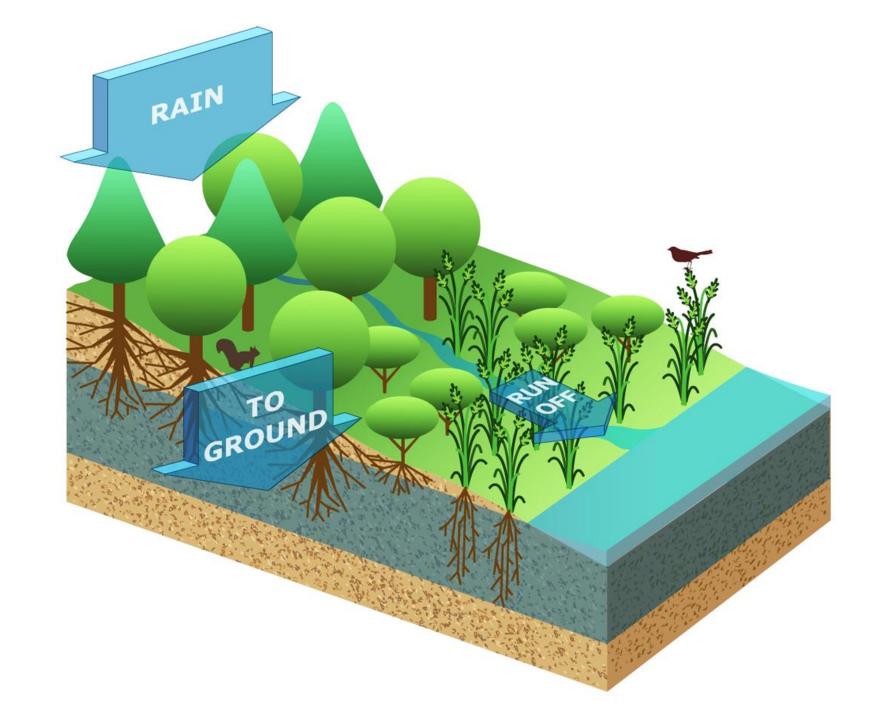
ARCTIC DEATH SPIRAL

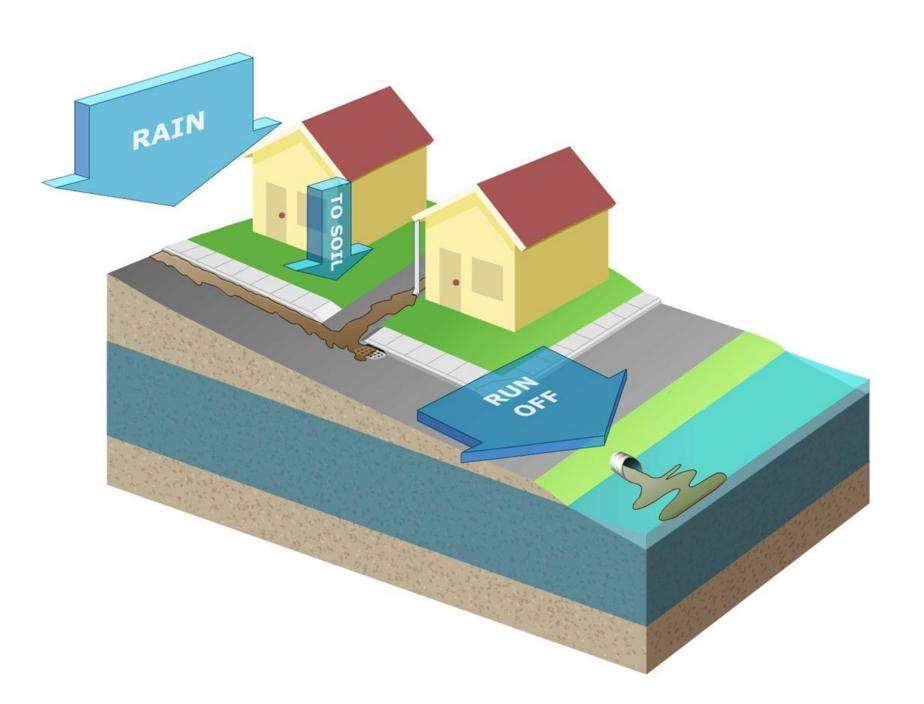
Arctic Sea Ice Volume (in 103km3)

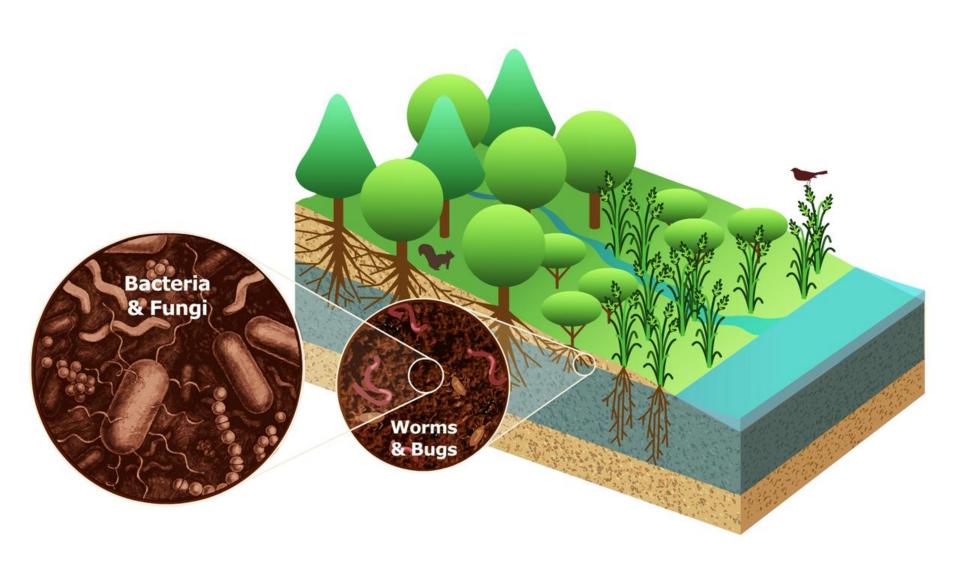


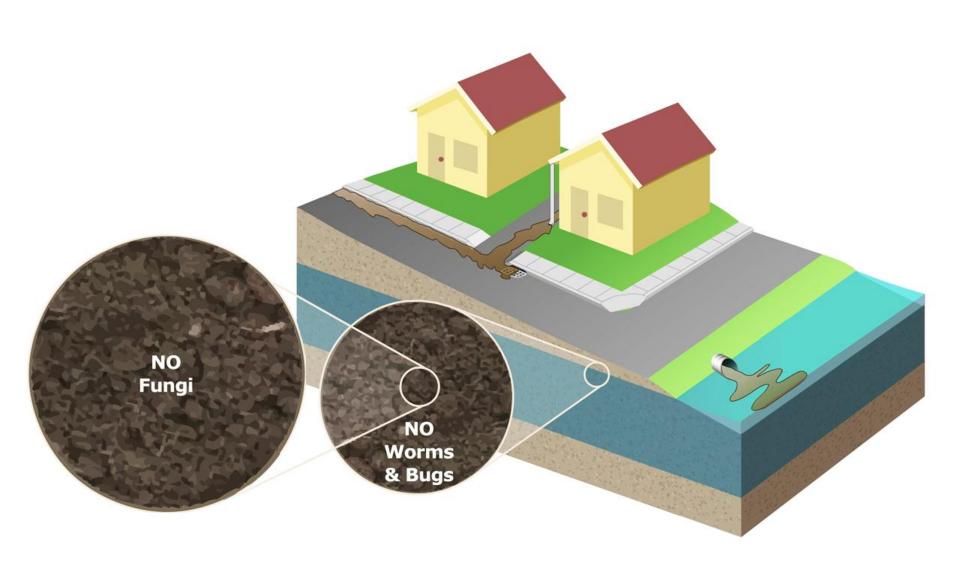
BLUE HILL OBSERVATORY ANNUAL PRECIPITATION, 1886-2012

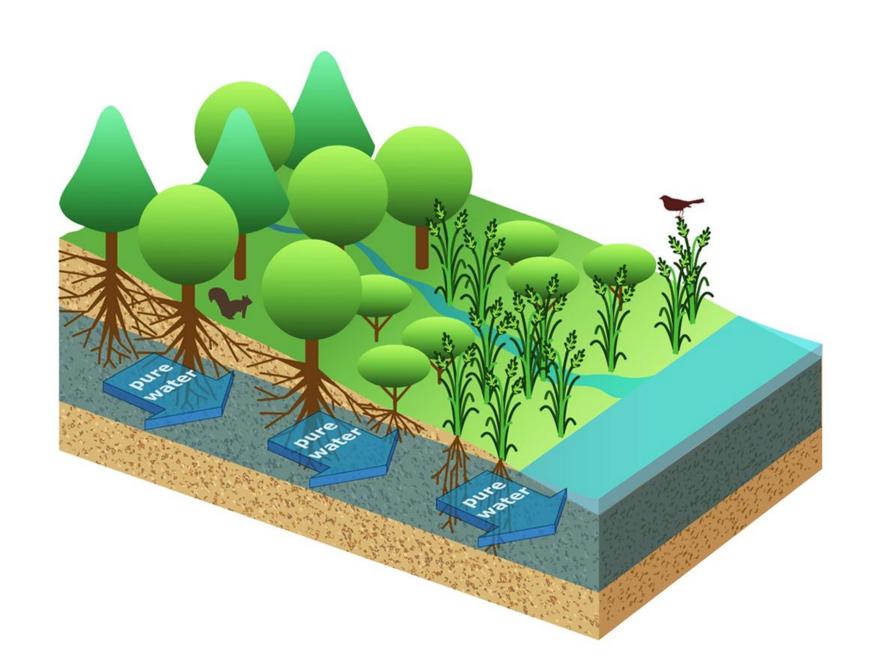


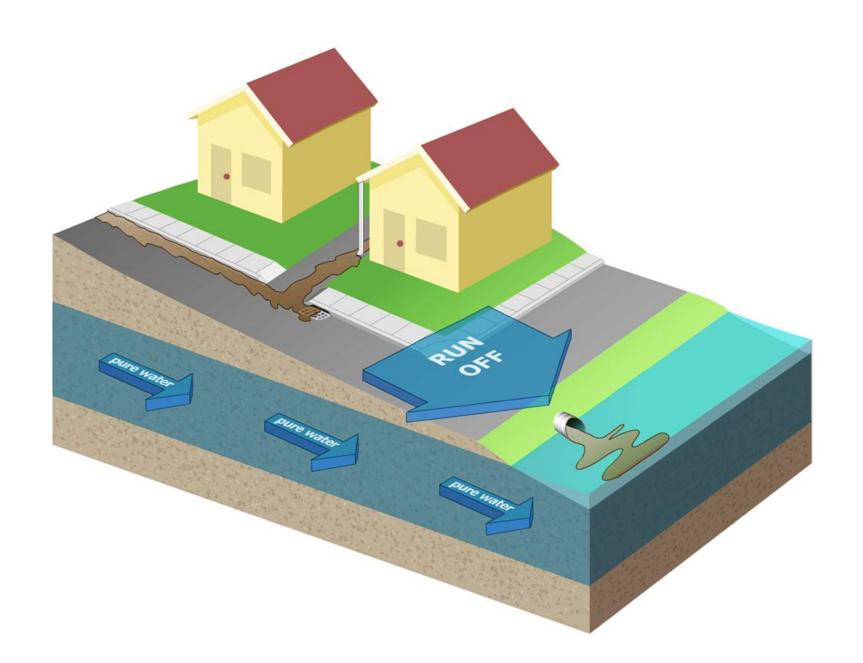
















Asphalt

With cracks: pry up with hand tools

Without cracks: rent a "walk behind" concrete saw



























"New" asphalt without cracks

We rented a "walk behind" concrete saw



























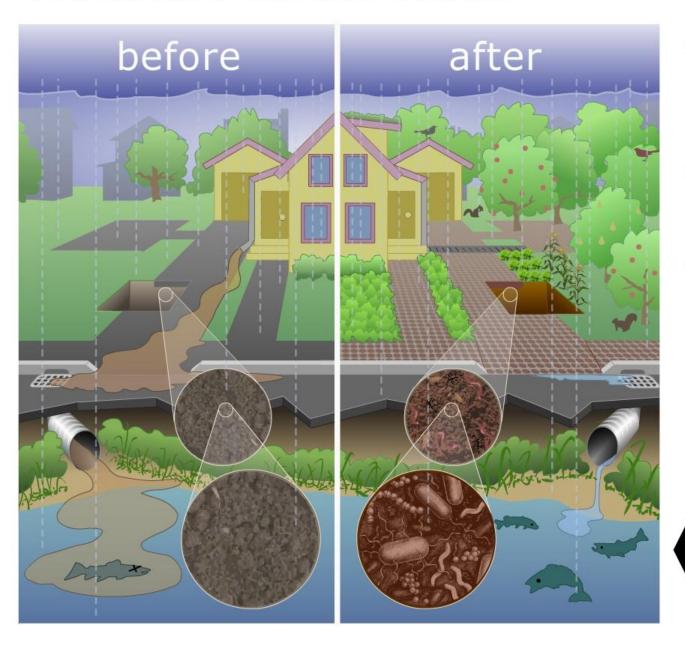




Benefits to Depaving

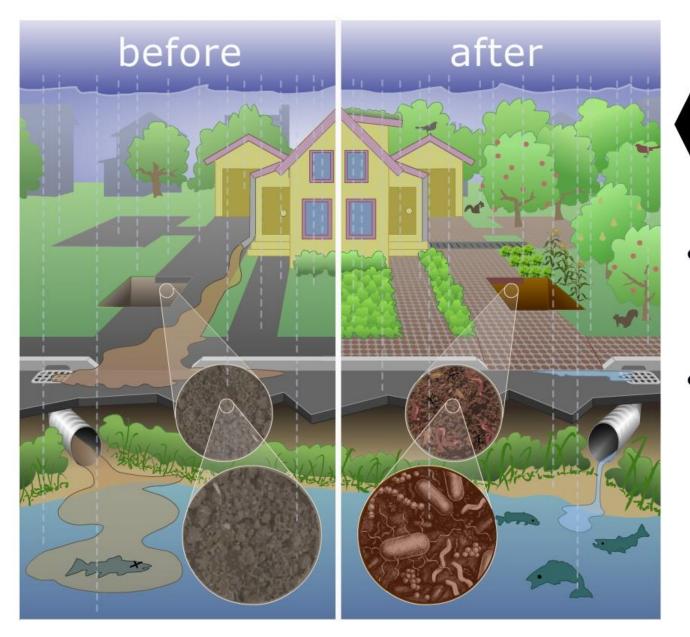
- * Decrease water pollution
- * Cool air in the summer
- * Increase air quality
- * Benefit from more green spaces

Benefits: Clean Water



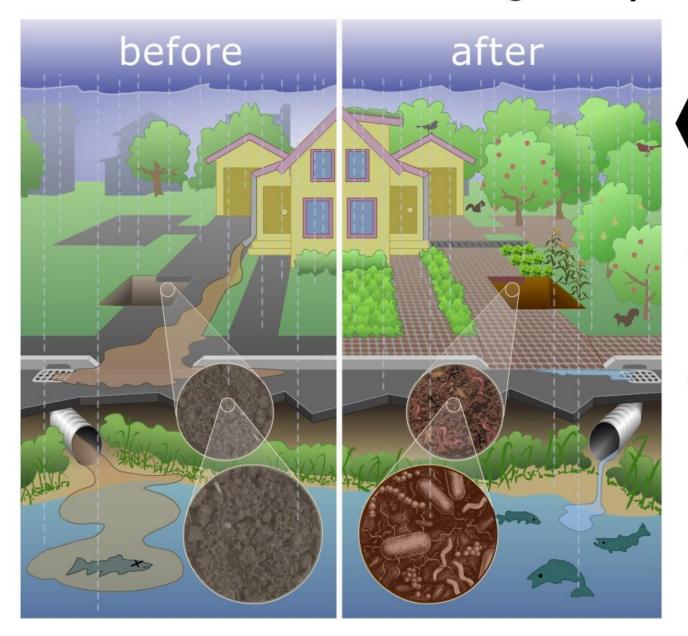
- Purify water by soaking up the rain
- Increase soil health
- Reduce pollution in waterways

Benefits: Cool Summer Air



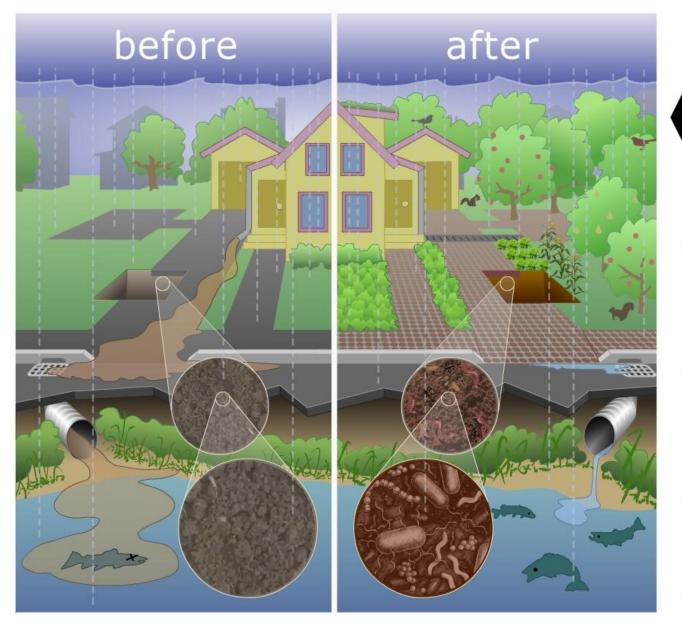
- Trees and bushes make shade
- Less need for fans & air conditioners, due to less hot pavement

Benefits: Better Air Quality



- Trees for fewer particulates in the air
- More visual privacy and less street noise

Benefits: More Green Space



- Local healthy food from gardens
- More birds & pollenating bees
- Reduced harsh winds
- Added beauty



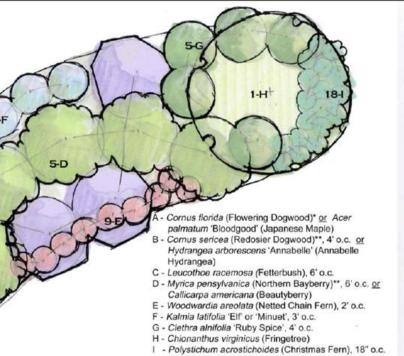
composted soil

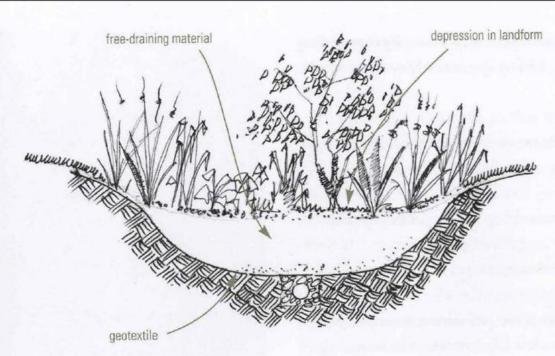
under asphalt for 10 years



















Frazer Park - BEFORE in Portland, Oregon

















Somerville Climate Action is a grass-roots collaborative working for a safe and stable climate while helping to build a resilient, just and sustainable community.

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We focus on transitioning
FROM:
fossil fuel dependence ---> low carbon lifestyles
ecological degradation---> ecosystem restoration
economic instability ---> a local living economy
social disconnection ---> a vital close-knit community
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