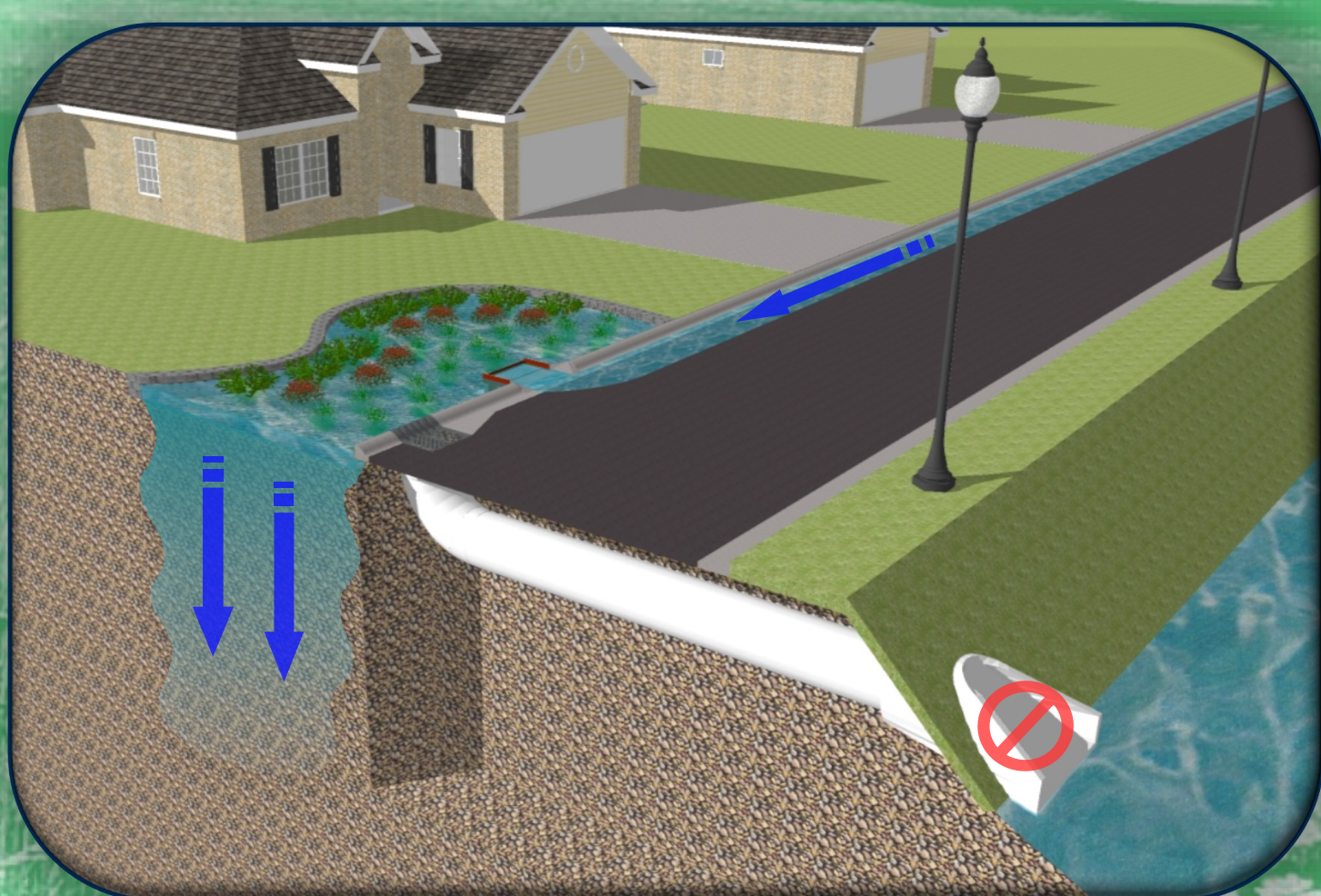


RAIN GARDENS



Treating Runoff at the Source

Rain gardens are landscape features that protect lakes and streams by treating stormwater runoff.



An average size rain garden can **treat 185,000 gallons** of water per year to recharge groundwater; enough to provide the annual water needs of 1.5 single family homes.



Proper functioning rain gardens **dry within 48 hours** after the rain stops, ensuring plants stay healthy and mosquitos won't hatch.

Benefits of Rain Gardens:

Improve water quality in lakes and streams by capturing pollutants.

Reduce downstream flooding and erosion by intercepting runoff.

Replenish groundwater by holding stormwater long enough for it to seep into the ground.

Provide pollen sources for bees, butterflies and other wildlife to combat declining pollinator populations.

Improve property values with enhanced curb appeal.

