

WATER MATTERS

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Trees, shade, water harvesting, flood reduction, and more – explore the benefits of the City’s new Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) program.

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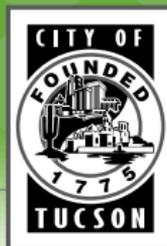
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NEW Green Stormwater Infrastructure Program Offers Trees, Shade, Flood Reduction, and More

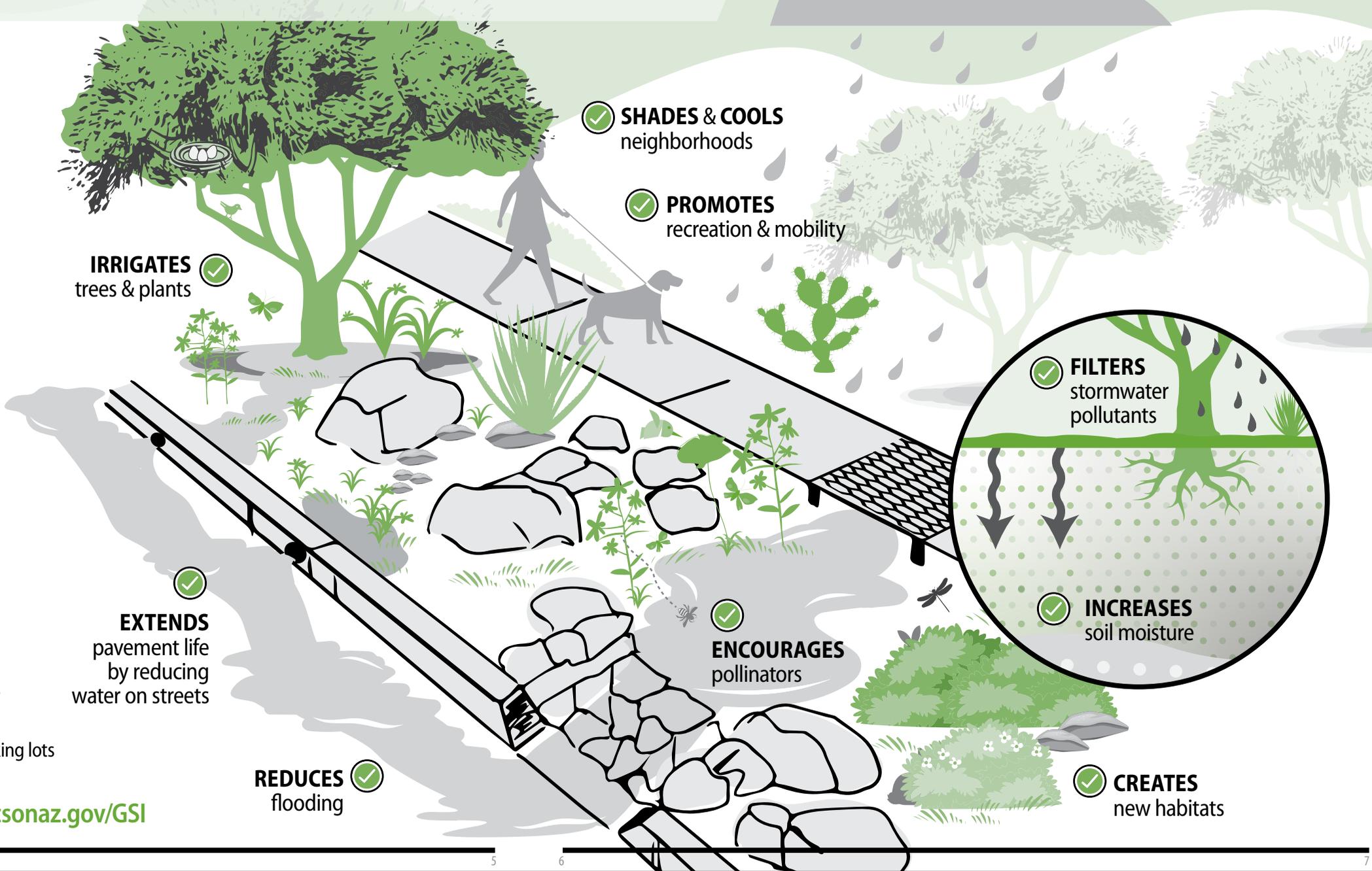
The City of Tucson has created a pilot program to build and maintain public projects that capture stormwater runoff from streets and parking lots, and divert it into vegetated water harvesting areas. These kinds of projects are called **green stormwater infrastructure (GSI)**. The new GSI program will:

- Provide a funding source for maintaining hundreds of existing GSI features in city neighborhoods
- Support growing more trees and plants along streets, and in parks and public areas using stormwater as a primary irrigation source
- Help reduce nuisance flooding issues on neighborhood streets

Future Green Infrastructure Sites

- ✓ Neighborhood streets
- ✓ Greenways
- ✓ Parks
- ✓ Bike Boulevards
- ✓ Public parking lots

FIND OUT MORE Go to [Tucsonaz.gov/GSI](https://tucsonaz.gov/GSI)



STARTING 5.1.2020

New GSI Fee

City of Tucson Residents Only



Beginning May 1, a new **Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI)** fee will appear on utility statements for City of Tucson residents. This fee will be assessed based on customers' water use at a rate of 13 cents per Ccf (about \$1 per month for the average residential customer), and will provide funding to maintain hundreds of existing GSI features in Tucson neighborhoods (\$300,000/year) and build new GSI features on City streets, parks, and public facilities (\$2.3 million/year).

TO LEARN MORE

Go to **tucsonaz.gov/GSI**

CITY OF TUCSON ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

April is Earth Month

Earth Day turns 50 in 2020!

Tucson's Earth Day Festival will be **10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Saturday, April 18, at The Children's Museum Tucson**, 200 S. Sixth Ave. Museum admission is free all day. But it doesn't have to be Earth Day to reduce your impact on the environment. Here are some tips you can use every day:

- **Reduce:** Consume less, and when you shop consider options with less packaging.
- **Reuse:** Can you or someone else reuse the item you're throwing away? Donate gently used items to a local social service agency or school or post it on FreeCycle.org.
- **Refuse:** Say "No, thanks" to plastic bags when you go shopping. Tell restaurant servers you don't need a straw with your beverage.
- **Recycle Right:** Make sure you only put items in your Blue Barrel that can be recycled by checking the list at tucsonaz.gov/recycle.

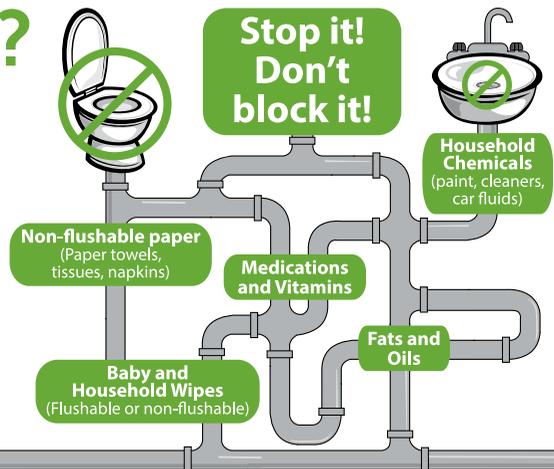


PIMA COUNTY WASTEWATER RECLAMATION

Is It Drain Safe?

These items should never be flushed down the toilet or thrown down the sink. They can cause problems to your plumbing, the sewer system, and harm the environment. Blockages can cause untreated waste to overflow into homes and businesses posing a health risk.

To learn more about protecting our pipes visit:
www.pima.gov/grease



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PIMA COUNTY

WASTEWATER RECLAMATION

Your utilities services statement includes fees for your water, environmental services, and wastewater.

Environmental Services (ES) (520) 791-3171 or visit tucsonaz.gov/environmental-services

Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department (PCRWRD) (520) 724-6609 or visit pima.gov/wastewaterreclamation