

About Growing Green for Clean Streams

Swift Run creek flows through the Mitchell neighborhood. Stormwater from properties in the area runs directly into this creek, carrying pollutants to the water and harming wildlife.

Throughout *Swift Run: Growing Green for Clean Streams* project, the Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC) will reduce the stormwater run-off to improve the health of the creek.

This project has three phases.

Phase I: Assess the Creek

Staff and volunteers are sampling the quality of water and habitat along Swift Run creek. The results of these studies will serve as a baseline to determine the success of the program.

Phase II: Green Projects

HRWC and project partners will install gardens and other features that will temporarily hold and infiltrate stormwater runoff along parks and streets. We will also work with residents to include some of these 'slow-the-flow' techniques on their property.

Phase III: Post-Project Assessment

We will assess the creek again to identify improvements and determine the success of the program.



About Huron River Watershed Council

Founded in 1965, the Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC) is southeast Michigan's oldest environmental organization dedicated to river protection. The Huron River Watershed Council protects and restores the river for healthy and vibrant communities.

Project Partners



HRWC was awarded a \$700,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 2014. The grant funding is being matched with \$240,000 from project partners at the City of Ann Arbor and the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner's office, for a total value of almost \$950,000.

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Swift Run Creek



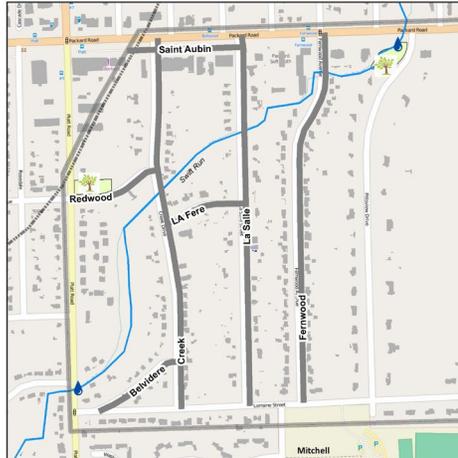
Growing Green for Clean Streams Project



Swift Run Creek: Growing Green for Clean Streams Project Area

Swift Run Grow Green Project Neighborhood

-  Sampling sites
-  Project neighborhood
-  Swift Run
-  Park projects
-  Watershed boundary
-  "Green" Streets



Projects in Parks and Streets

To capture rainwater *before* it gets to the storm drains, we will:

- ◇ Plant native gardens in Pittsview and Redwood Parks. These gardens will have plants with deep, thirsty roots.
- ◇ Construct “bump-outs” on wider streets. These extend the landscape areas to provide space for native rain gardens and direct stormwater away from drains.



Projects for Your Home

You can capture rainwater too! These are great ways you can slow-the-flow on your property:

- ◇ Install **rain barrels** and use the water they collect to water your gardens or yard.
- ◇ Create a **rain garden** that will soak up rain water and beautify your home.
- ◇ **Plant trees and native plants!** Get shade and create habitats for wildlife.
- ◇ **Remove downspouts and direct rainwater** into your yard.
- ◇ Use **permeable pavement** for driveways, patios, and walkways.



Rain Barrel

Don't know where to start?
No problem! Get a free assessment.

As part of this project, we will come to your home to do a free assessment to identify how you can best capture rainwater.

If you are interested, contact Ric Lawson at rlawson@hrwc.org.

What Else Can I Do?

- ◇ Participate in the project by attending meetings and taking our surveys.
- ◇ Adopt public spaces by maintaining public rain gardens and storm drains.
- ◇ Volunteer with HRWC for this and other projects.
- ◇ Stay in touch! Become a member of HRWC at www.HRWC.org & follow us on:



For more information on the project and how to participate go to:
<http://www.hrwc.org/ourwork/swiftrun>



Please fill out
our survey!

Each resident and property owner in the Mitchell neighborhood was sent a questionnaire. For more information or to get another copy, email adaley@hrwc.org.