

Amazon Creek Initiative

Best Management Practices for a Healthy Creek, and a Healthy Community



Stormwater Planter

Boxes are just like normal planter boxes, but downspouts from roof tops are directed into them. Planter boxes can be very artistically designed to be a main attraction at your business entrance. The boxes filter stormwater through plants and soil, reducing runoff from entering our local waterways. Native flowering plants attract butterflies and humming birds.

Planter boxes can be installed on almost any downspout, and sized to fit appropriately without taking valuable space from your business. They are similar to rain gardens and eco roofs, but they are generally smaller in size. For a free site visit to determine if Stormwater Planter Boxes are suitable for you, contact Jason Schmidt at the Long Tom Watershed Council.



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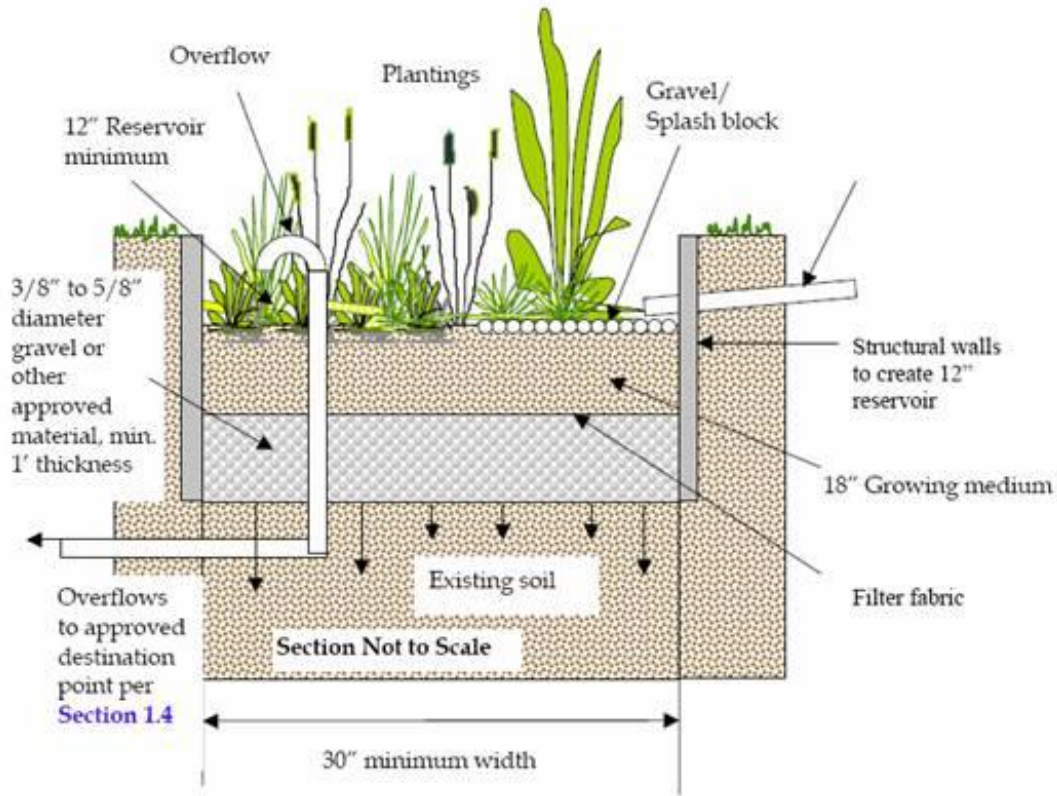


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Considerations:

- Planter Boxes are a space saving stormwater management practice
- Any downspout can be retrofitted with a planter box
- Overflows are directed to an approved destination, reducing chances of flooding
- Artistic designs make for an attractive feature on a business
- Test underlying soil to determine if the planter box will be a 'flow-through', or 'infiltration' planter
- Generally less expensive

Resources:

- Long Tom Watershed Council: www.longtom.org
- EPA Planter Box information:
- City of Eugene Stormwater Management Manual — Stormwater Planter Box: <http://www.eugene-or.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/4551>

