

# UNIVERSITY SQUARE RAIN GARDEN PROJECT

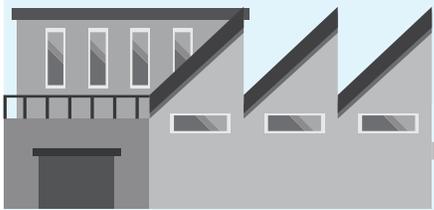
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## HI THERE!

When it rains, here on the corner of Fifth Ave and Neville, storm water flows off our property, down Neville, to Ellsworth and into storm sewers where it joins sewage pipes that go to ALCOSAN treatment plant on the Ohio River.



Pittsburgh's sewer system is often overwhelmed, even with a small rain. When the system is too full to handle at the ALCOSAN plant, the system is designed to dump overflow, including raw sewage, into our rivers and streams.

This week you are seeing crews from Storm-Works as they remove sod, amend the soil and plant rain garden plants that will help to retain the water that used to flow straight to the street from our front yard.



Over the years we will be monitoring this garden to better understand it's capacity to slow down storm water, attract birds and insects, and beautify this corner of Oakland.

If you are interested in more information contact the US1 rain garden committee at:

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