

## Managing Storm water on Your Property

As a property owner you are responsible for managing and maintaining storm water issues that affect your property. Here are a few methods that may help you reduce the impacts of storm water and protect your property.

Reduce storm water runoff:

- Install a rain garden to collect and slow the flow of storm water runoff.
- Install a rain barrel to collect and store rainwater that can then be used in gardens, flowerbeds, and on lawns.
- Plant trees to absorb rainwater, establish a root mat, and to intercept rain as it falls.
- Redirect downspouts to run across your lawn instead of across driveways to increase ground soak time.
- Adopt your local neighborhood storm drains and culverts to keep them free of debris and clogging which in turn keeps water flowing.

Protect your property:

- Elevate or relocate service equipment such as: HVAC and electrical panels.
- Install a sump pump in your basement or crawl space.
- Install flood barriers or otherwise upgrade landscaping.
- Get flood insurance. Many areas within the city limits are in flood zones and the city of Paris participates in the National Flood Insurance Program. Because of that reasonable flood insurance rates are available.
- To see if your property is in the flood zone click here: [https://97a3d50c-cfda-4ab5-8dae-b7d4cc4092d5.filesusr.com/ugd/17310c\\_c2ceb245a32446f497bc085cc15de9bd.pdf](https://97a3d50c-cfda-4ab5-8dae-b7d4cc4092d5.filesusr.com/ugd/17310c_c2ceb245a32446f497bc085cc15de9bd.pdf)
- **The city will install culverts, new or replacement, for your driveway as requested (culverts to be purchased by the property owner).**