

Tree Trenches Help Protect the Mississippi River

Tree trenches clean polluted rainwater that would otherwise flow directly to the river without treatment.

Rainwater flows to a trench planted with trees and filled with soil and rocks underground. The trees sink their roots into the rocks where the water is stored. Excess water seeps deeper into the ground and is filtered by the layers of rock and soil.

The bricks in the parking lot are called permeable pavers because rainwater flows through the gaps and soaks into the ground below. Together, these practices prevent rainwater from carrying pollution like trash, salt, and leaves to the Mississippi River.



Permeable Pavers

Rainwater flows through the gaps in the pavers and seeps below ground.

Tree Trenches

Tree roots in rock trenches soak up and clean rainwater.

Tree Canopy

The leaves help intercept rainwater before it reaches the ground.

Storm Drain

Rainwater from the street flows to the tree trench.



Added Tree Benefits

Trees provide food and habitat for wildlife, improve air quality, and keep our neighborhood cooler in the summer. We planted over 40 native trees like swamp white oak around our site.



Tree Trenches All Around

Look for more tree trenches near the Green Line and Allianz Field, both a short distance from our building.



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