

This Rain Garden Protects Our Reef!!

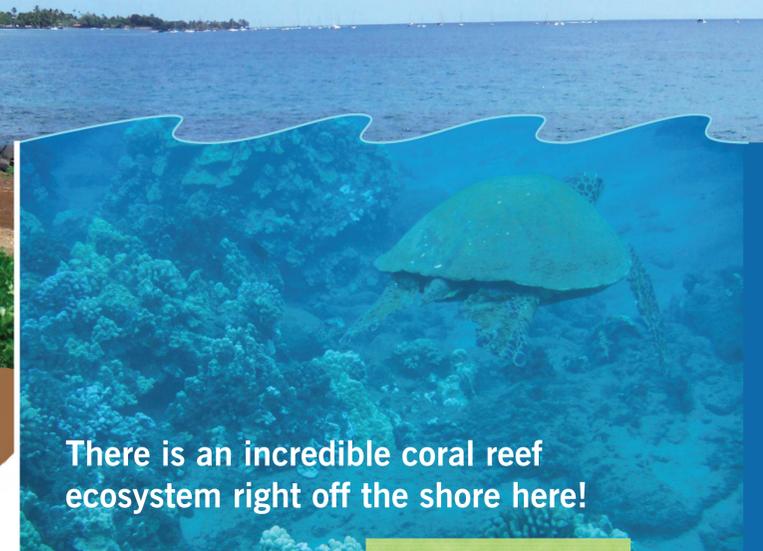
What are Rain Gardens?

When it rains, water washing off roofs, driveways, roads and parking lots can carry bacteria, oils and other pollutants directly to our streams and beaches. Rain gardens are landscaped depressions that use plants, soil and mulch to remove pollutants and allow water to soak into the ground.

Did you know...

This rain garden was built by members of the community and is maintained by volunteers!!

In West Maui, pollution is stressing our reefs. In response to these challenges, the West Maui Ridge to Reef (R2R) Initiative was launched with the goal to restore and enhance the health and resiliency of West Maui coral reefs and near-shore waters through the reduction of land-based pollution threats from the summit of Pu'u Kukui to the outer reef. (www.westmauir2r.com)



There is an incredible coral reef ecosystem right off the shore here!

About this Rain Garden...

Here at Wahikuli Wayside Park, runoff from the parking lot, roof, paths, and drainage from the shower used to discharge directly into the ocean in an underground drain pipe. Now this rain garden intercepts the water and cleans it before it goes into the sea.

A Big Mahalo...

to the organizations, agencies and volunteers who helped make this rain garden possible!



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Can you find the inlet pipe that leads from the shower to the rain garden?

Hint: Look near the pathway.

What can you do to protect our ocean?

Build a rain garden at your house! Check out the Hawaii Residential Rain Garden Guide to learn how you can help. www.huihawaii.org

