



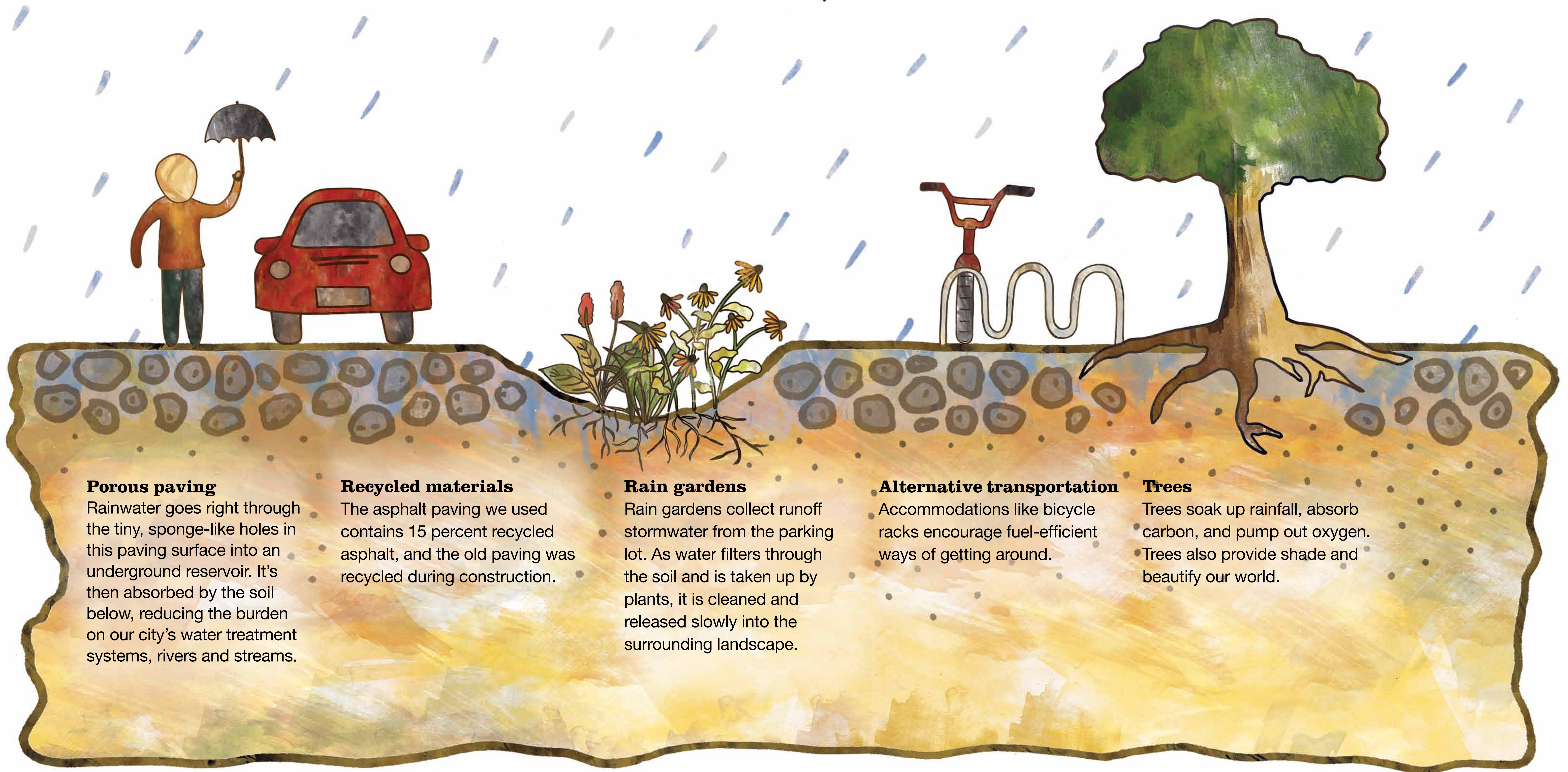
# Go ahead. Judge a parking lot by its cover.

## Welcome to our Eco-Lot.

The variety of surfaces and other structural features in our recently renovated east parking lot were carefully selected to help protect the environment in a number of ways. Take a look at what's going on right under your feet.

## What can you do?

Whether at home, school, or work, you can prevent pollutants from entering our local watersheds. Start small by planting a tree or building a backyard rain garden. Carpool, bike, and walk more and encourage others to do the same.



### **Porous paving**

Rainwater goes right through the tiny, sponge-like holes in this paving surface into an underground reservoir. It's then absorbed by the soil below, reducing the burden on our city's water treatment systems, rivers and streams.

### **Recycled materials**

The asphalt paving we used contains 15 percent recycled asphalt, and the old paving was recycled during construction.

### **Rain gardens**

Rain gardens collect runoff stormwater from the parking lot. As water filters through the soil and is taken up by plants, it is cleaned and released slowly into the surrounding landscape.

### **Alternative transportation**

Accommodations like bicycle racks encourage fuel-efficient ways of getting around.

### **Trees**

Trees soak up rainfall, absorb carbon, and pump out oxygen. Trees also provide shade and beautify our world.