

When rain falls in natural areas, it is absorbed into the ground and filters slowly into creeks and rivers.



But in urban areas, rain falling on hard urban surfaces, like roofs and parking lots, becomes stormwater.



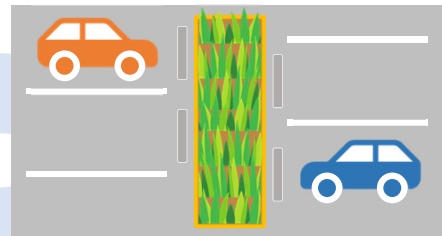
Without proper management, stormwater causes local flooding, sewer back-ups, and polluted waterways.



To manage stormwater, the Bureau of Environmental Services builds large-scale public infrastructure.



They also require property owners to build and maintain small-scale private stormwater structures.



We found that the Bureau did not have reliable data on private structures and did not evaluate the effectiveness of its programs.



We make recommendations to ensure that the Bureau's programs to manage stormwater on private property are effective and working as intended.

Our full report is available online:
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