

# THE POWER OF PLANTS!

## PART 2 - PLANTS & STORMWATER!

### STORMWATER POLLUTION

Stormwater is all the rain and snow that hits hard surfaces and runs off or melts. Stormwater can pick up pollution (like dog poop, oil, soap, dirt, and litter) carrying it into storm drains which lead to our aquifer or waterways. Our aquifer is where we get our drinking water, so we don't want dog poop, oil, dirt and litter coming into storm drains. YUCK!



### SWALES HELP WATER!



Swales are low spots that people build next to roads, parking lots and other hard surfaces. Swales are planted with grasses and shrubs that help to trap and catch pollution from the stormwater. Swales are water helpers - and just another example of the POWER OF PLANTS!

### DRAW A LINE TO MATCH THE POLLUTION TO A SOLUTION THAT CAN HELP!

Swales and plants do a great job of catching any pollution that is already on the ground, but there are things we can all do to help prevent pollution in the first place. See if you can match each pollution to a solution that helps!

