



CITY OF BEND
STORMWATER



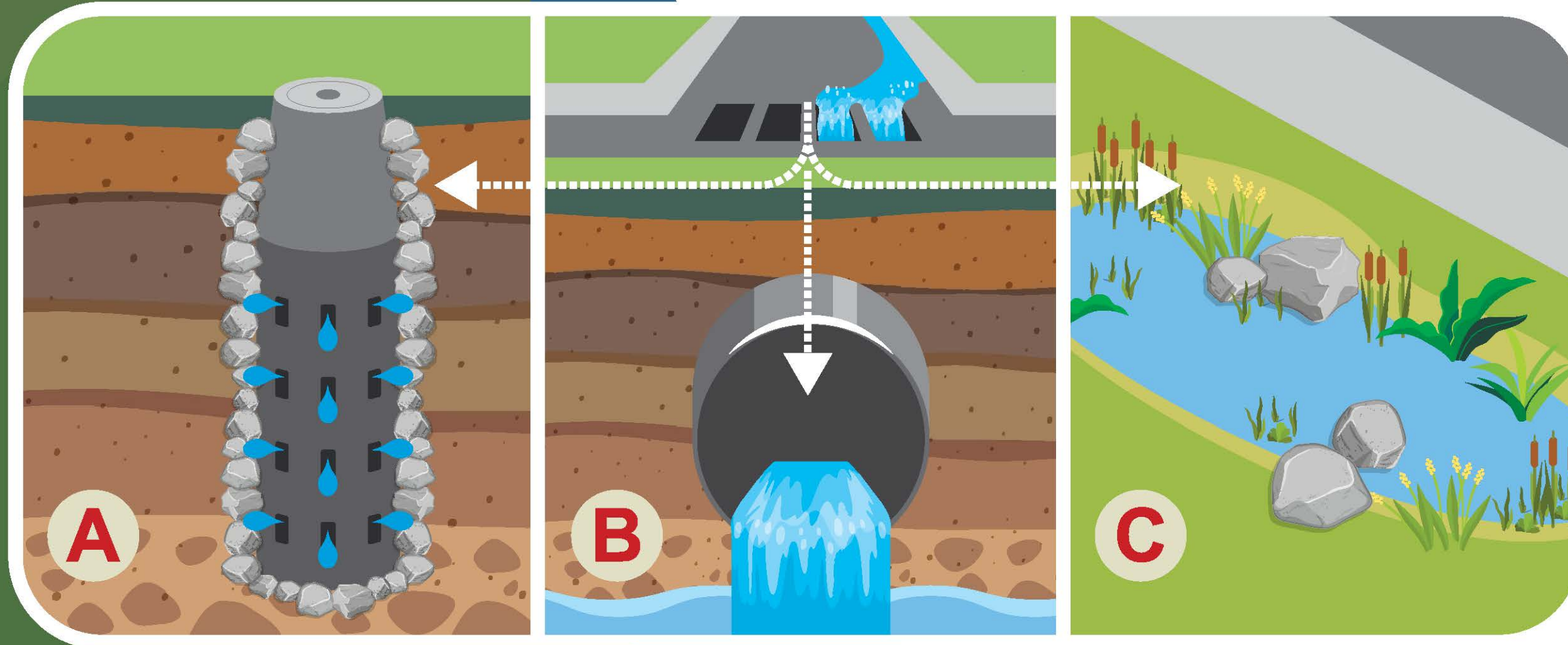
Protecting our waters... It's All Connected

When it rains or snow melts, the “runoff” along our streets drain to:

- A** underground “injection” facilities,
- B** the Deschutes River,
- C** sometimes the runoff first drains into rain gardens or swales.



To find out more,
scan the code!



Reducing Floods, Removing Pollution

When it rains or snow melts, some enters the ground and the remainder is called “runoff.” Streets, rooftops, driveways and other hard surfaces create more runoff than vegetated and natural areas.

Urban runoff often carries with it eroded soil and pollutants like oil, tire wear particulates, car brake metals, fertilizers, pesticides, pet waste and garbage.

The pipe outfall at the river’s edge is the endpoint of the network of below- and above-ground drainage systems (Image B) that carries stormwater to the Deschutes River from this neighborhood, Newport Avenue, and even from Awbrey Butte!

Some stormwater also sinks down and recharges into the Deschutes Aquifer (Image A).

Since 2020, the City of Bend has improved the drainage system to reduce floods and remove pollution from stormwater flows before they enter the river or groundwater (Image C). Take the walking tour to learn more.

