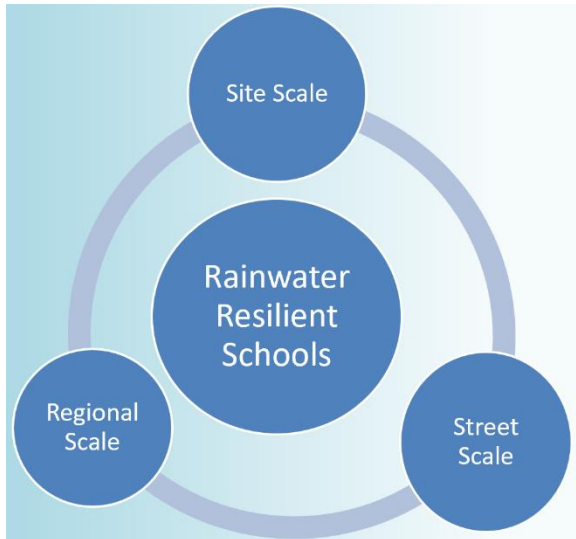


# RAINWATER AT SCHOOLS!

## WHAT IS FLOWS TO BAY?

The Flows To Bay program is the outreach and education arm of the San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program (SMCWPPP). SMCWPPP has been a program of the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County since the early 1990s to help municipalities in San Mateo County comply with regional water quality regulations. Part of this work involves engaging k-12 students in San Mateo County on a variety of rainwater pollution issues. A big focus is on supporting schools with transforming schoolyards into greener, safer and more resilient learning spaces.



## PARTNERING WITH FLOWS TO BAY

There are a variety of ways to connect with our program to advance your goals with respect to climate resilient campus improvements. We offer three scales of partnership:

- 1. Site Improvements** – From rain gardens to cisterns, we have the planning, technical guidance and resources to change how water is managed at your school.
- 2. Safe Routes to School** – C/CAG helps administer the Safe Routes to School program in San Mateo County (including walk-audits and program-based safe routes activities) – we also have funded Safe Routes to School and Green Streets Infrastructure Pilot projects, including 10 pilot projects in recent years!
- 3. Regional Stormwater Capture** – Schools are huge opportunities for managing stormwater runoff at a watershed-scale, through large subsurface water retention/detention systems that can be used to reduce local flood risk, recharge groundwater, off-set potable water use for irrigation and more – a large project like this can also introduce new field amenities and other campus improvements, like outdoor classrooms, playgrounds and more.

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

We are eager to find willing partners to advance schoolyard greening and curriculum connections – please reach out to Reid Bogert at [rbogert@smcgov.org](mailto:rbogert@smcgov.org) or 650-599-1433.