



## Summit Terrace Green Neighborhood

Can landscape design foster equality and social justice? We think so. That's why we teamed up with Harrisburg's Water Authority and the engineers at Jacobs to create two beautiful public parks that treat massive amounts of stormwater. Designed as part of the city's Community Greening Plan, our project transforms an underused neighborhood dumping ground into a landscape promoting ecological and community resilience.

During a series of community workshops, we discussed the importance of stormwater management and the benefits of street trees and other native plants. More importantly, we listened. We learned the people in this vibrant neighborhood wanted a garden and event space that young and old alike could enjoy for years to come. In response, we created new spaces with concrete walls, pavers, and durable metal planters. We filled the parks with colorful plantings and raised beds for the enjoyment of community gardeners of all ages and abilities.

The parks also provide attractive and cost-effective hydrological infrastructure with new inlets, improved drainage, and rain gardens to mitigate flooding in the surrounding neighborhood. The gardens showcase pollinator habitats and native plants from trees and shrubs to grasses and groundcovers and will we hope, inspire a sense of pride. The design team also developed a maintenance plan that Capital Region Water will implement to protect and maintain the garden, ensuring the community benefits from the long-term benefits of native landscapes.

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**Location:** Harrisburg, Pennsylvania  
**Client:** Capital Region Water  
**Size:** 10.5 acres  
**Cost:** \$500,000  
**Status:** Completed 2018