

Managing Storm Water

Village of Northbrook

Benefits of Using Native Plants

- Filtering pollution
- Resupply groundwater
- Maintain stream flows to prevent water backup
- Long lived with less maintenance
- Provide valuable habitat
- Improve soil permeability

Why not turf grass?

Turf grass, as you see in the diagram, has tiny roots. These do not help with managing large streams of water. Long native plant roots act as a sponge in the soil to absorb and hold larger quantities of water.

