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RainReady helps protect homes and cities from flooding.

WE OFFER

- ✓ Individualized services to help reduce flood risks
- ✓ Affordable and scalable solutions backed by solid research and analysis
- ✓ Award-winning outreach programs
- ✓ Guidance with financing
- ✓ Training courses and workshops for homeowners and municipal leaders alike

WE PROVIDE

TALKS, TRAINING, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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Visit our website for factsheets, videos, e-updates, social media, and a photo library.

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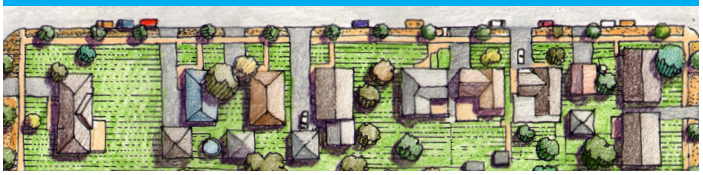

OUR PROGRAMS HELP COMMUNITIES

- ✓ Reduce incidents of sewer backups and property flooding
- ✓ Meet water quality standards
- ✓ Reduce infiltration and inflow
- ✓ Upgrade stormwater infrastructure
- ✓ Attract local, state and federal funding

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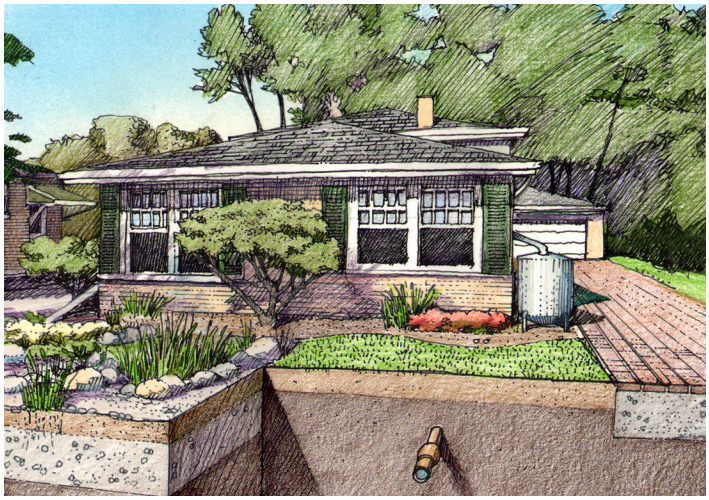


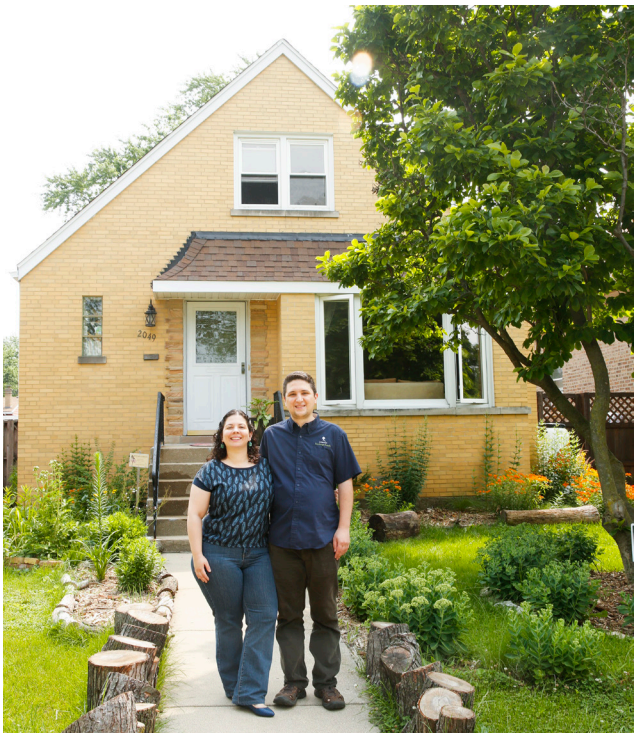
WE WORK WITH **COMMUNITIES**

We provide neighborhood-by-neighborhood risk assessment as well as financing and implementation guidance. The integrated assessment includes analysis of resident surveys, emergency services data, sewer system maps, watershed topography, historical records, precipitation data and any existing plans. Proposed improvements may include street enhancements to improve storage capacity, the creation of pocket parks and wetlands, the restoration of tree canopies and river corridors, and improved emergency planning.

RainReady services are available to participating communities. Towns or cities wishing to offer the services to their residents will draw up a memorandum of agreement with CNT and agree to cover the costs of managing the program.

WE WORK WITH **HOMEOWNERS**

Our homeowner service includes property assessment, construction oversight and financing guidance. We examine living spaces, basements and foundations for damage; inspect sewers for blockages or breaks; and assess the function of yards, gutters and downspouts. Our RainReady analyst helps homeowners select the right improvements customized for their home and solicits bids from qualified contractors for them to review and select. Improvements may include downspout disconnection or relocation, re-grading, foundation sealing, rain gardens, backwater valves and repair of lateral pipes.



OUR STAFF INCLUDE:

Engineers, landscape designers, lawyers, planners, outreach specialists and community organizers.

OUR SUPPORTERS, CLIENTS, FUNDERS, AND PARTNERS INCLUDE:

City of Chicago, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and several charitable foundations.

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