RainWise Feasibility Inspection

During a feasibility inspection, a RainWise inspector will assess the site to determine if it is a good candidate for a RainWise cistern and/or rain garden installation. Inspectors will be looking for potential concerns and/or risks related to slope, drainage, site placement restrictions, or historical stormwater management on the property. **RainWise inspectors do not provide private property drainage support, guidance, or recommendations.** For questions on specific RainWise setups for their property, property owners will need to consult with a certified RainWise contractor.

To request a feasibility inspection, please contact rainwise@seattle.gov. Please provide the site address and questions you have about the property and RainWise eligibility.

Scenarios where a feasibility inspection may be requested:

- **A property is eligible for a cistern to side sewer, but wants to know if a rain garden may be possible**
    - Step 1: RainWise SPU Inspection team reviews site in ArcMap and historical/permitting records to determine if a rain garden may be feasible.
    - Step 2: If there are no potential slope/drainage concerns from the virtual review, we will schedule an onsite feasibility inspection to confirm.
- **A contractor or customers thinks they may have a code-approved stormwater detention system already onsite, and are unsure if the property is eligible**
    - Step 1: RainWise SPU Inspection team reviews site in ArcMap and historical/permitting records to look for existing detention systems
    - Step 2: If detention system is present, property is deemed ineligible for RainWise. If it is unclear if a detention system exists, we will schedule an onsite feasibility inspection to confirm.
- **A property is showing as eligible on the eligibility map, but a contractor has visited and told them the site was not eligible**
    - Step 1: RainWise SPU Inspection team reviews any information the customer provided about concerns conveyed by the previous contractor, and then evaluates the site in ArcMap to determine if slope issues or existing detention system issues are present
    - Step 2: If there are no concerns from the virtual review, we may schedule an onsite feasibility inspection to confirm eligibility or offer to connect them with the Contractor Matchmaking Team
- **A customer has drainage issues on their property and wants to know if a cistern or rain garden will solve these issues**
    - Step 1: We will first recommend that they contact a RainWise contractor for site-specific questions.
    - Step 2 (If needed): If they insist on a feasibility inspection, please use the following text: "During a feasibility inspection, a RainWise inspector will assess the site to determine if it is a good candidate for a RainWise cistern and/or rain garden. Property owners will need to consult with a certified RainWise contractor for details on a specific RainWise setup. These same contractors may also be able to consult on how you might mitigate the drainage issues on your property, but that is out of the scope of our RainWise program. Our RainWise inspectors do not provide private property drainage support, guidance, or recommendations."