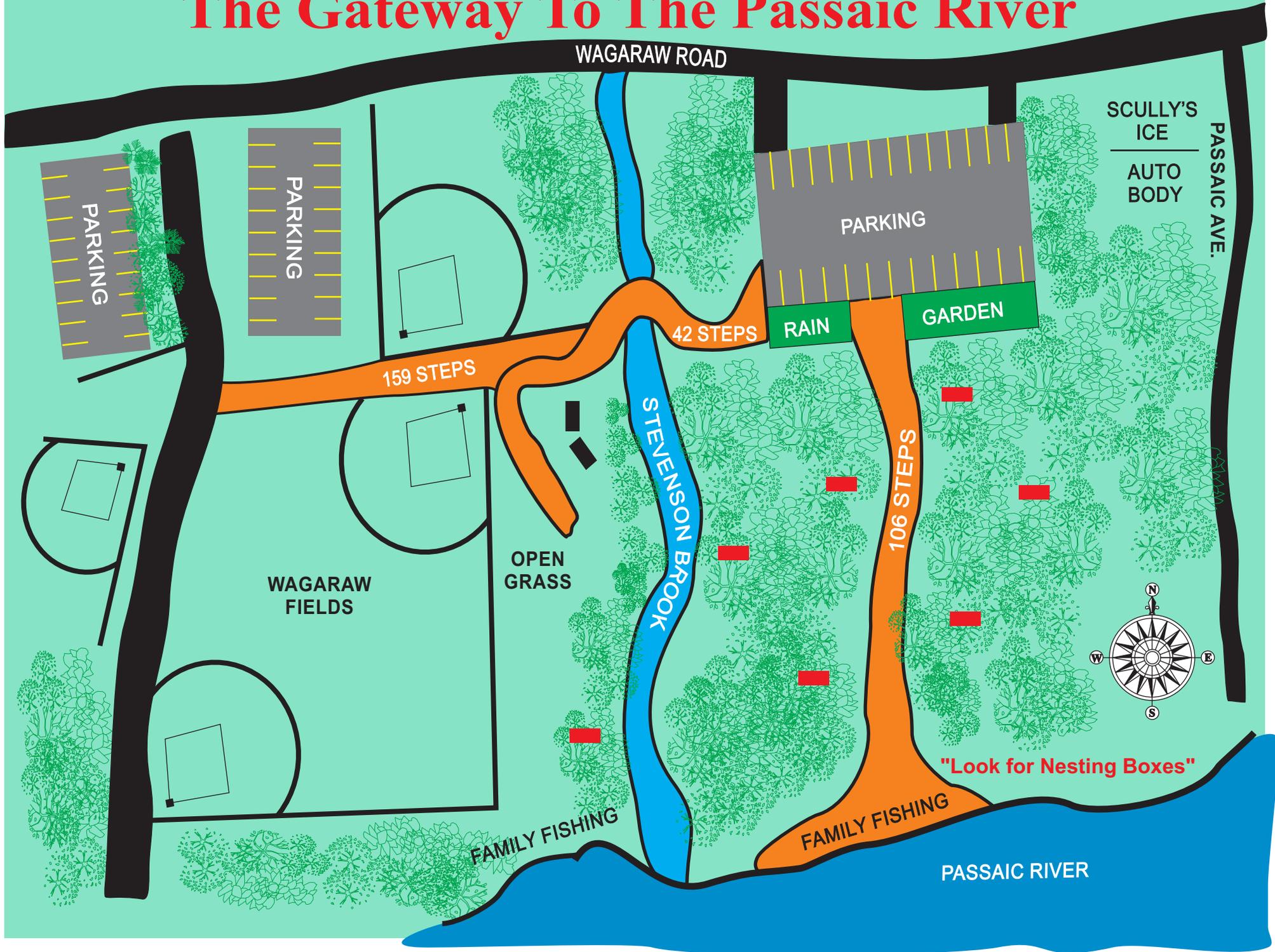


The Gateway To The Passaic River



RAIN GARDENS

What is a Rain Garden?

A rain garden is designed to capture and filter water that flows off hard surfaces like roadways, driveways, parking lots and rooftops. A shallow basin is planted with deep-rooted native wildflowers, grasses and shrubs that filter and absorb stormwater runoff and the pollutants it carries. Their extensive root system filter stormwater runoff by removing nutrients, sediments and pollutants before it enters our groundwater and waterways.

Why Plant Natives?

In addition to helping prevent erosion and improving water quality, native plants provide essential food and habitat for local wildlife. Their seeds and nectar provide a valuable food source for birds, butterflies and other insects as well as a place to lay their eggs. Native are well adapted to local conditions, require very little care once they are established, and add beauty to the landscape.

How Can You Help?

- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.
- Redirect your gutter downspouts from driveways or alleys onto lawn or garden areas.
- Clean up after your pets.
- Never pour anything down a storm drain.