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GREEN GARDENS HEALTHY CREEKS

## What was Here Before?



*View before the gardens were planted.*

### These gardens used to be Kentucky Bluegrass lawns.

Lawns typically use lots of water, fertilizer, and weed-killer, and may rely on gasoline-powered equipment for mowing — adding up to significant impacts to our environment. Unless used regularly for recreation, most lawns can be reduced in size or eliminated by replacing them with a native or vegetable garden, fruit trees, or a native grass meadow.



These gardens received a landscape rebate from the Santa Clara Valley Water District to replace the thirsty Kentucky Bluegrass lawn with plants that need little water.

To learn how you can qualify for a landscape rebate, visit [www.save20gallons.org](http://www.save20gallons.org) or call **(408) 630-2554**.

#### Question:

**Do you really need a lawn in your front yard?**

*Answer: Consider when you last actively used the lawn.*

