

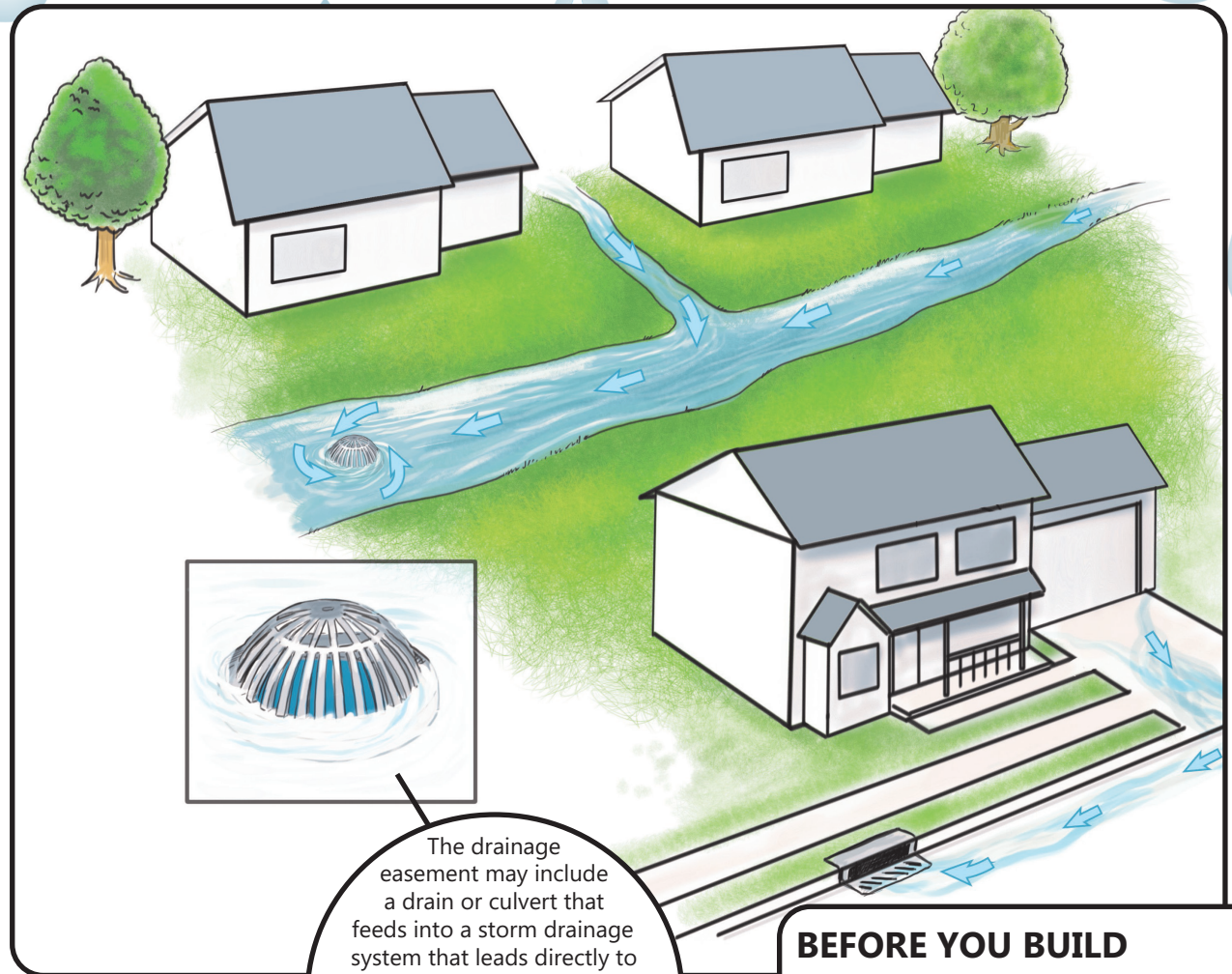
Stormwater Drainage Easements

What is a Drainage Easement?

- It is an attachment to a property deed that states that access to part of the property is given to a third party, usually a city or county, for maintaining drainage.
- They are land areas between and behind houses and are designed to convey stormwater drainage through neighborhoods in a way that protects property.
- During heavy rains, these areas can look like a stream several inches deep as it flows to the nearest inlet, storm drain or water body.

What Should I Know About Easements?

- The homeowner is required to maintain the easements on their property in a way that allows the stormwater to pass through as designed.
- In the easement area, it is prohibited to regrade soils or place any obstacles such as building structures, or retaining walls. These obstructions can cause flooding to neighboring properties by redirecting the flow of water.



BEFORE YOU BUILD

It is illegal to impede the flow of water in an easement. Before building a shed, garage, fence, or doing a major landscaping project, contact your local city or county planning and zoning departments.

