

Thanks for Joining the BYOB & Plant a Tree Workshop!

A few things to note:

- These are photos to give you some inspiration for your yard
- To start, you will see a step-by-step progression of someone building a basin in their backyard
- The rest of the photos are examples of basins of all shapes and sizes
- Please send us photos of your yard before and after you build your basin! Email: calcorn@watershedmg.org



Plan where to put your
basins



Decide on a shape!



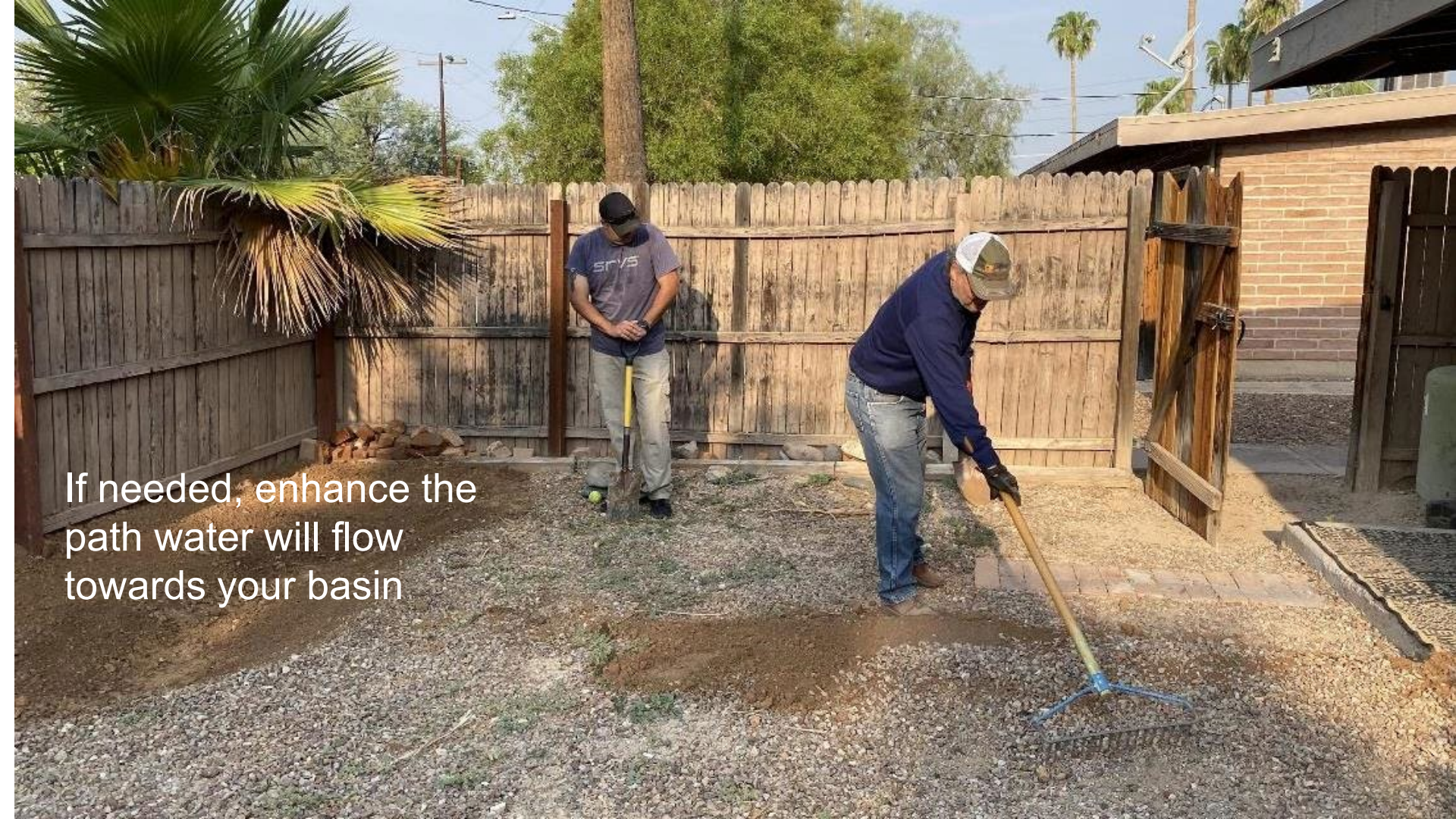
Plan for an overflow

Overflow





Smooth and shape
your basin walls

A photograph showing two men working on a gravel path in a backyard. The man on the left is wearing a purple t-shirt with 'SRYS' on it and khaki pants, standing with a shovel. The man on the right is wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt, jeans, and a white cap, using a blue-handled rake to level the gravel. The background features a wooden fence, a brick building, and palm trees under a clear sky.

If needed, enhance the path water will flow towards your basin



A photograph of a garden bed in a residential setting. The garden bed is filled with brown wood mulch. In the foreground, there is a large, flat-topped cactus with several green and pinkish-purple pads. To the right of the cactus, there is a small, yellowish-green grass-like plant. In the background, there is a brick house with a window and a white mailbox on a wooden post. A white pickup truck is parked on the left side of the image. The text "Don't be shy with your mulch" is overlaid on the image in white font.

Don't be shy with your
mulch





Native plants supported by rainwater basins typically don't need irrigation after one or two years.





Extensive earthworks – Berms, Basins,
& Rockwork

Amber's Yard

Shape your basin to your fancy!





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Harvesting stormwater may require permitting, but free stormwater supports shade for your neighborhood!



Grasses and other plants support the function of your basins while benefitting from the water!



Basins with a steep slope, greater than 3:1 will need rock work to prevent walls from eroding

Plan the shape of your basins before
you start digging





Start small and simple, and celebrate often!



Even a small basin
can support lots of
shade



We hope you send us photos of your success stories and your moments of learning 😊

