

MAKE IT:

CANAL PARK

Parks are a kind of place landscape architects design frequently. This is **Washington Canal Park in Washington, DC.** Until just a few years ago, this park was a dirty, scrubby parking lot for parking school buses. Now it's a place where you can **ice skate in the winter and splash in water jets in the summer.** All through the year, people come to Canal Park to sit on benches, lie on the lawn, and watch people.

FROM SKATING TO SPLASHING

During the winter, Canal Park has an ice skating rink. In the summer, you can't even tell! When the weather gets warm, part of the rink turns into a big splash pad with water jets to cool you off.



WATER COLLECTION

Canal Park collects rainwater from the pavement and the roofs of its buildings and stores it in underground tanks. The water is filtered through rain gardens filled with plants, cleaned and stored underground, and then pumped back up to supply the fountains, pools, and the splash pad.