

# da Vinci's Possibilities With Water

What can our school create out of  
our water project?  
What are the possibilities?

# What do we plan to do

- ◆ The school of da Vinci is interested in creating a water garden, which would be (on a small scale) similar to the Living Water Garden in Cheng Du, China.



# The concept of our project

What we create will be determined by students, community input and our conversations with Portland Public Schools.

- ◆ Slow the speed of storm runoff – eliminating some of the surge that causes overflow in sewers
- ◆ Allow water to be absorbed back into soil here at school
- ◆ Clean pollutants out of water before it enters our rivers

# Possibilities

It is possible that the garden may be simply a sculpture that a small amount of water runs into,





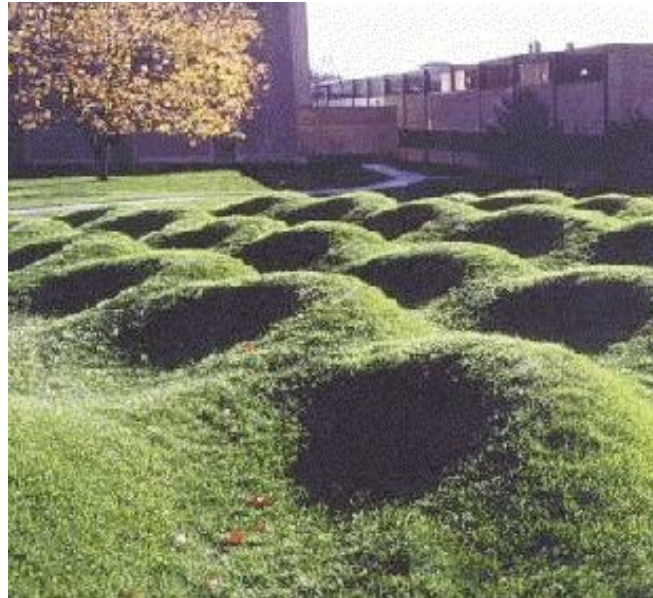
◆ Or it may be a large flow form and pond filled park that all the roof runoff from the school goes through.



It could be a green roof on the roofs of all the portable buildings at the school



Or a combination of many different elements



# How we will go about it

- ◆ This project is planned to take place over the next several years.
- ◆ The funding for our project so far, has come from two grants from Metro, and an Intel grant.
- ◆ Future funding could come from BES, private foundations, Keepers of the Waters and other sources.



# The future

- ◆ This project is not the easiest thing to embark upon. It will take hard work and perseverance from students and teachers, and the larger da Vinci community.
- ◆ We invite you to join us in this project.
- ◆ Bring your skills and experience, time and enthusiasm to this project, and help it grow.



# The legacy

- ◆ What we create here at da Vinci will become a model of possibility for everyone who experiences it.
- ◆ It will inspire your children to be stewards of their environment.
- ◆ And provide a legacy of environmental concern for all students yet to come.

# Ways for you to get involved

- ◆ Fill out questionnaire
  - Help out with a classroom project
  - Help with coordinating various aspects of project
  - Join the conversation with Portland Public Schools
  - Help set up the Da Vinci Day celebration in May
  - Take part in design visioning session in May
  - Identify other ways you could help
- ◆ Tell your friends and neighbors