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Economic Benefits of Green Infrastructure in Parks

In addition to saving costs on gray infrastructure, green infrastructure has specific economic impacts through both workforce development and broader community economic development.

Smarter Investments

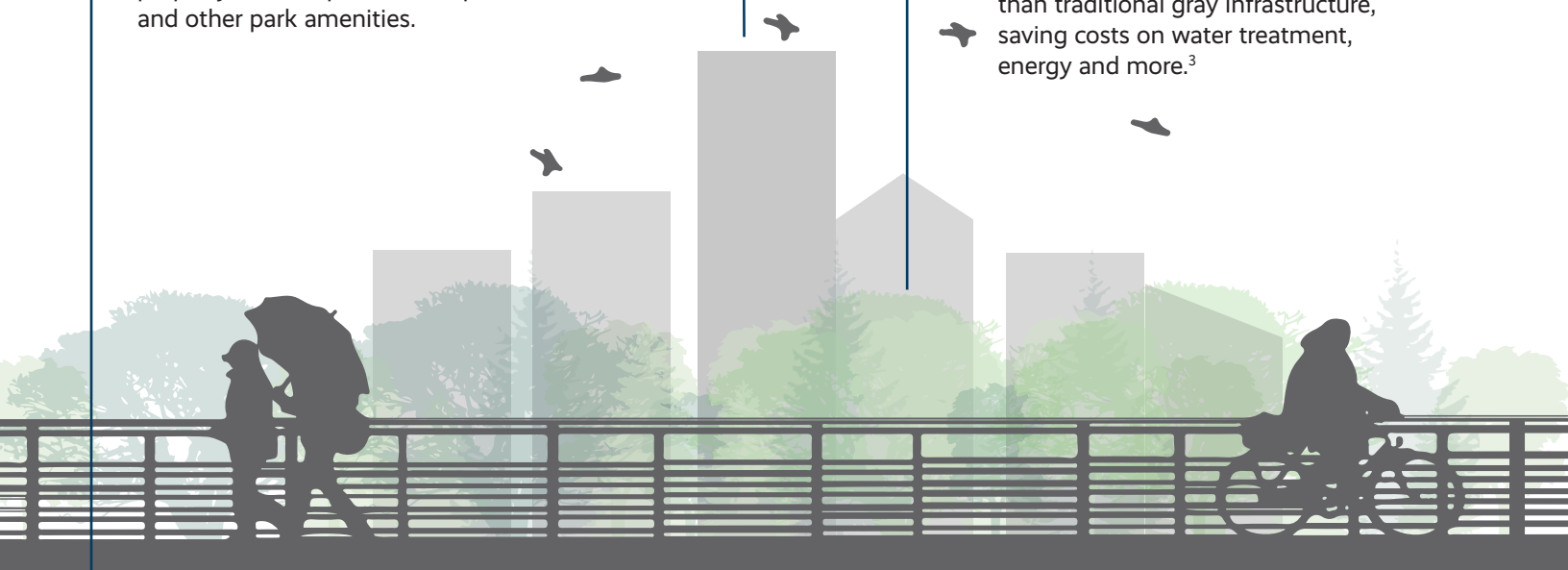
By reducing the intensity of localized flooding, green infrastructure can reduce costs associated with flood damage to property¹ and keep water off sports fields and other park amenities.

More Local Jobs

Green infrastructure planning, development and maintenance helps create jobs for skilled workers.¹ One study showed that three quarters of green infrastructure jobs go to local residents, creating a direct economic investment in your community.²

Cost Savings for Communities

Green infrastructure can be cheaper to build and maintain than traditional gray infrastructure, saving costs on water treatment, energy and more.³



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