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Imagine KC explores efforts to protect natural resources

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The October 13 episode of *Imagine KC* will look at natural resources conservation strategies that maximize the value of our region's green assets in the built environment — to improve the quality of life for area residents and wildlife, and address infrastructure issues like flooding.

Past episodes of *Imagine KC* focused on some of the physical, built systems that need to be healthy and in place to create a more sustainable region — but each of these must be in sync with the natural environment for the whole system to function. Stories will explore how local communities are using green infrastructure strategies to achieve this balance.

Viewers will travel to Lenexa, KS, where efforts to address flooding issues resulted in the creation of “Rain to Recreation,” a national model for applying green solutions to achieve multiple community benefits. Other examples include a Platte County parks plan that preserves green space as a development strategy; an ambitious rain-garden project in the Marlborough neighborhood in Kansas City, MO, which aims to solve sewer-overflow problems; and green-building features such as Missouri's largest green roof, installed on the parking garage of Kansas City's new Kauffman Performing Arts Center.

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