Take the The Nature Conservancy Rainwater Harvesting Tour

Use this map to take a self-directed tour of rainwater harvesting features at The Nature Conservancy's Tucson campus. See passive and active harvesting approaches, including berms and basins, cisterns and curb cuts.

The 12 inches of precipitation that falls in a typical year in Tucson produces huge amounts of runoff from roofs and paved areas that can be captured, directed and stored for landscape irrigation and other uses. The Nature Conservancy harvests rainwater from three buildings and Cherry Avenue.

The tour starts at the large 19-foot tall cistern at the northwest corner of The Nature Conservancy campus. Follow the path to see sites and signs that demonstrate several water harvesting approaches. For more information, go to www.rainharvesthelp.org.

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Security barrier of natural vegetation

harvests water from adjacent pathway

Sunken planting basin collects water

from adjacent palthway. Mesquite trees