

Lake Temescal's Floating Wetland

Lake Temescal is filled with water that drains from the surrounding urban landscape. This water brings nutrients that help algae grow. While algae is natural, too much of it can lead to poor water quality.

The temporary floating platform before you is a research project built by Engineers for a Sustainable World at Berkeley. The plants on the platform, along with the natural bacteria that grow on their roots, help remove nutrients from the water. These nutrients would otherwise be available to algae.

Along with other nutrient-reducing activities, this pilot study is designed to help keep Lake Temescal clean.

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