

A photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a large yucca plant with a tall, spiky, yellow flower stalk stands prominently. To its left, there are several large, dark, jagged rock formations. The background shows a valley with green shrubs and trees, leading up to a range of mountains under a clear sky. The text "We are in a historic time dealing with water use" is overlaid on the right side of the image in a white, serif font.

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...with lasting life-style changes if we're going to live
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What's their secret?

How do *we* achieve the
goal of living
comfortably and *successfully*
in the desert?



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We can: *“Live Like a Desert Native”*

Save Water!



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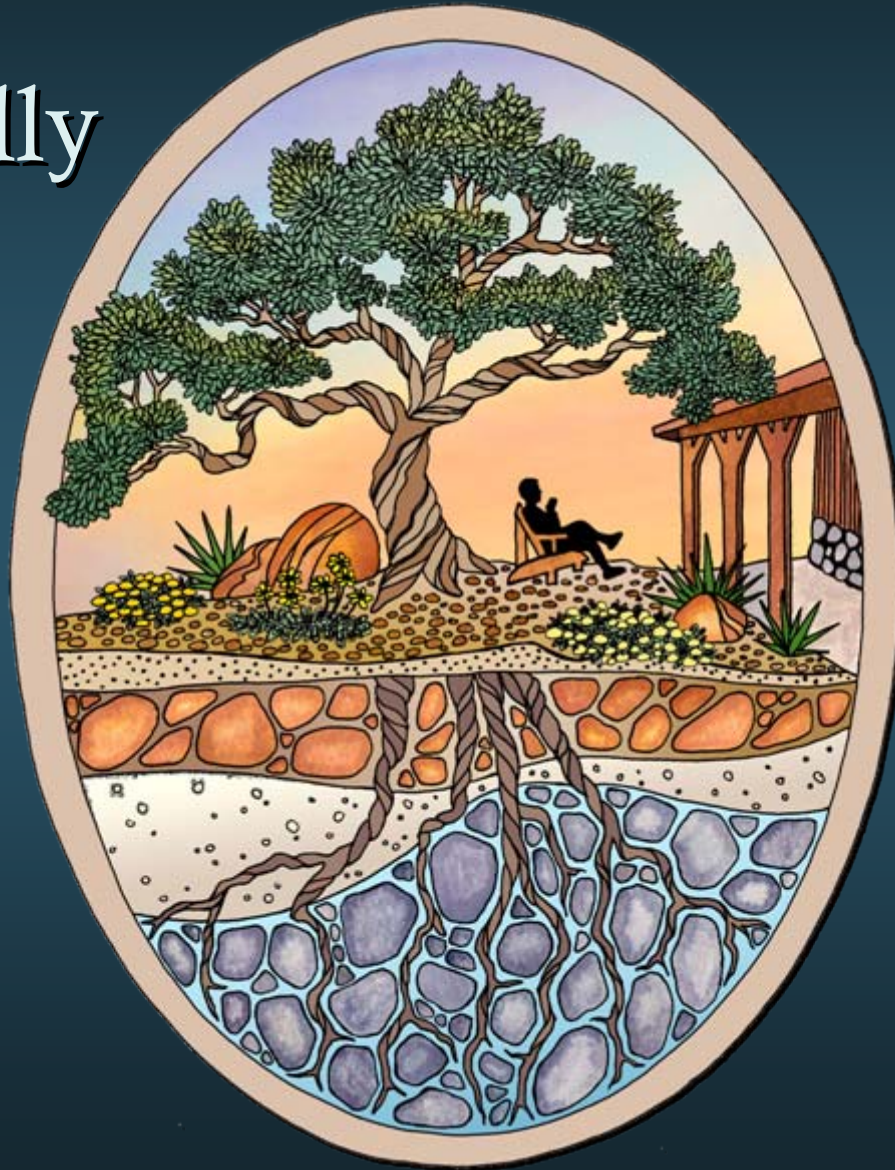
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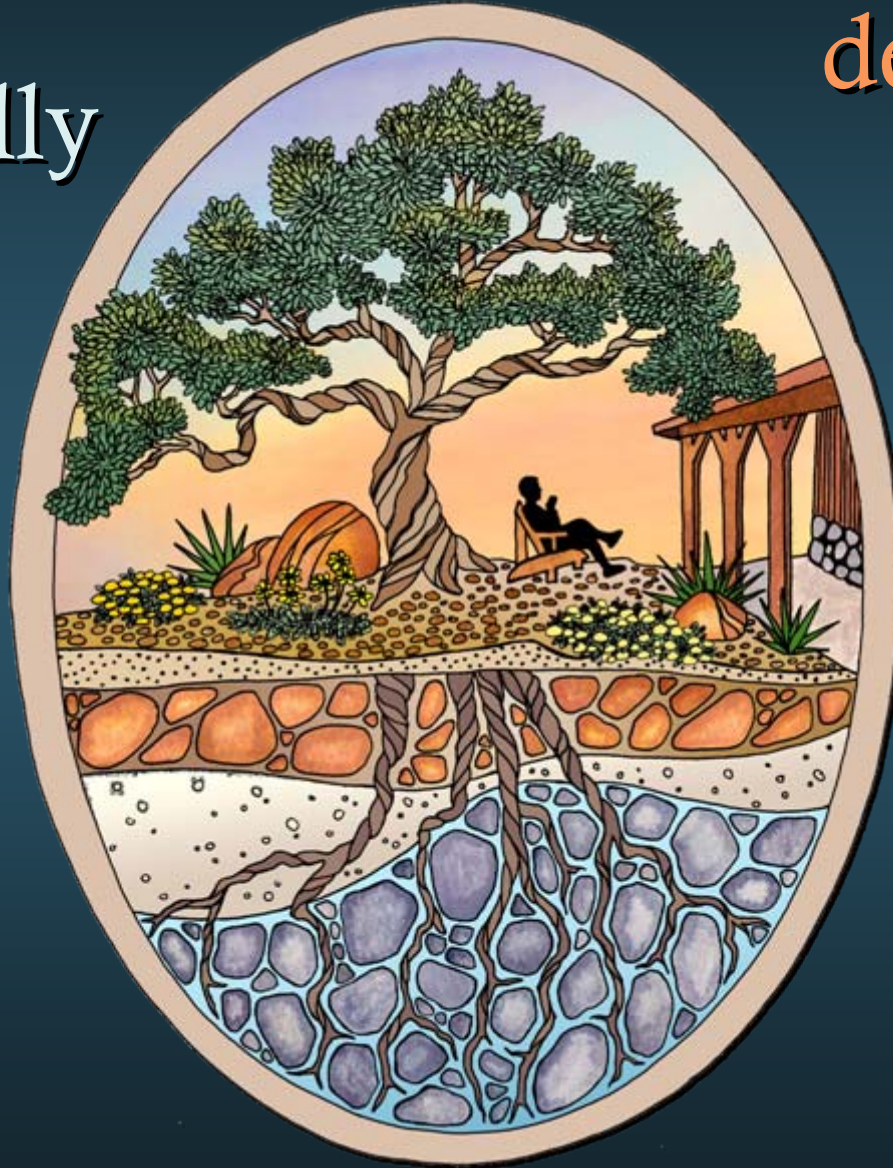
- We can realize that ~ *Using less doesn't mean living less!*

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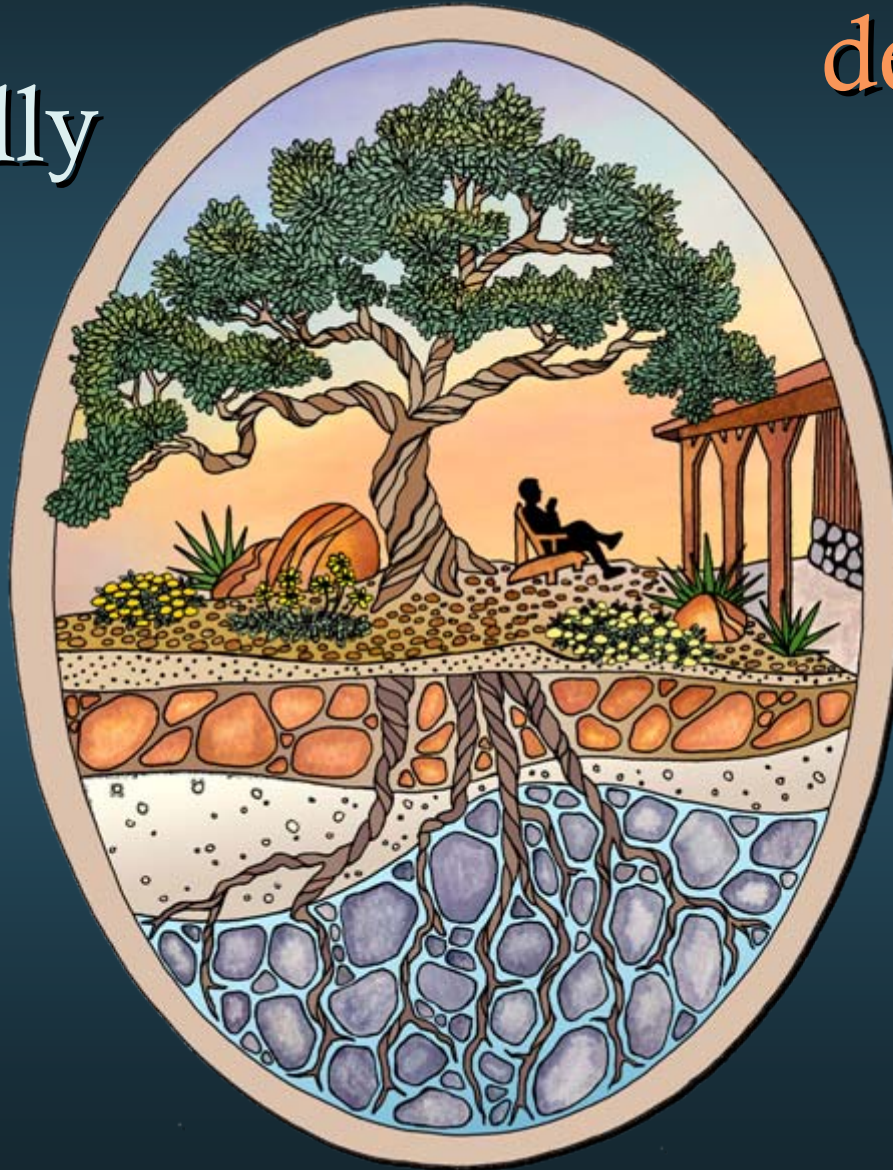


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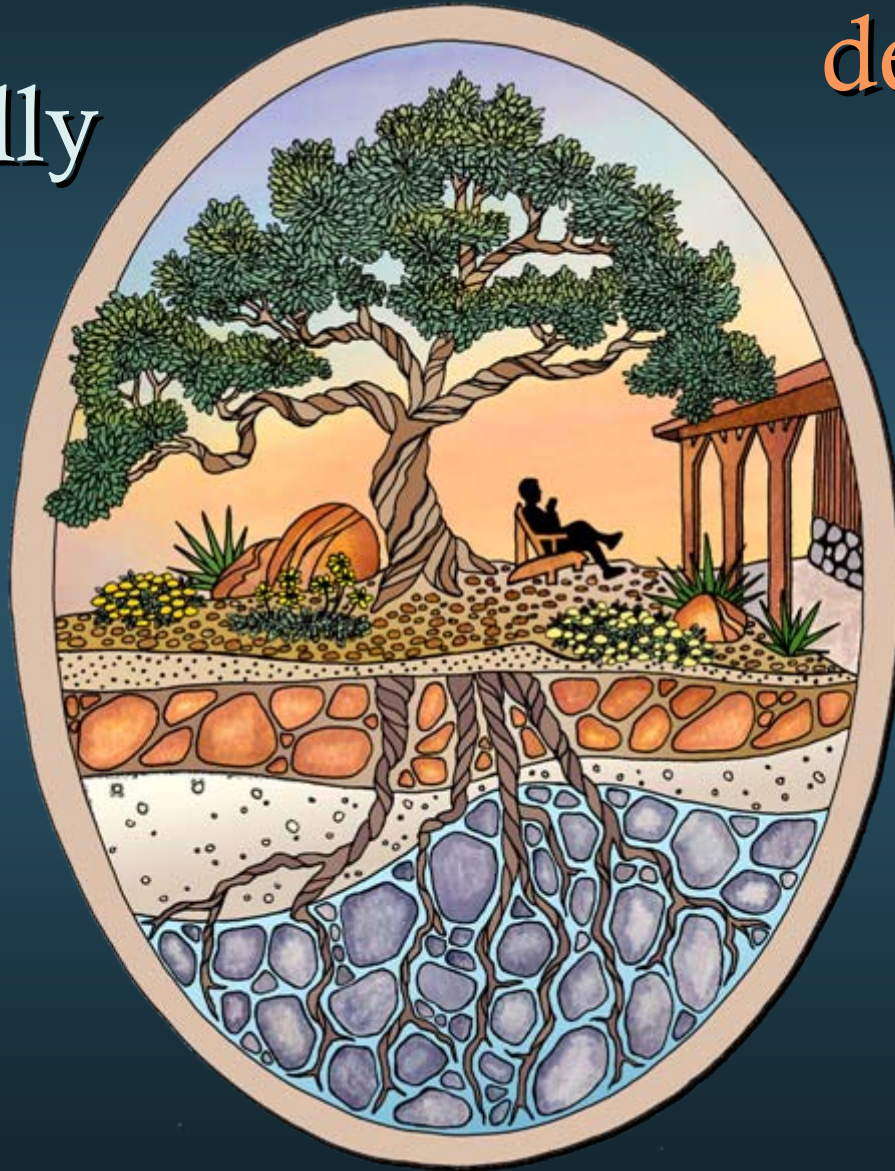
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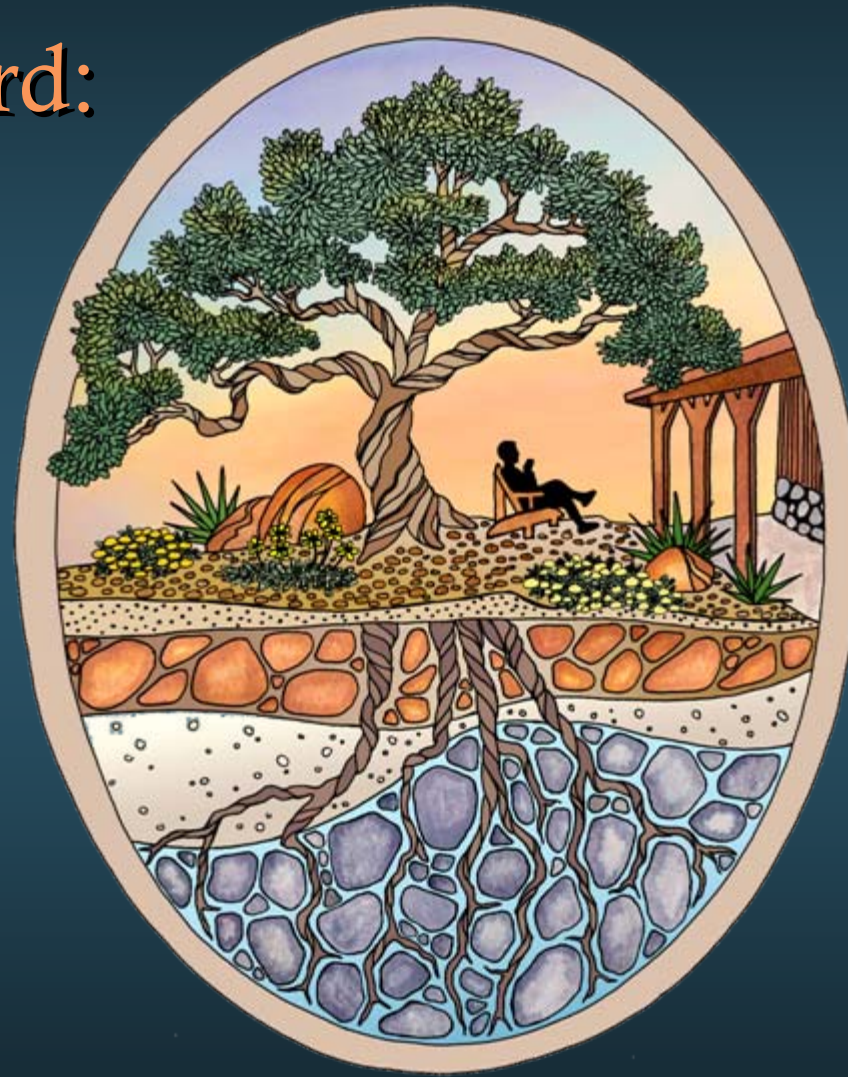
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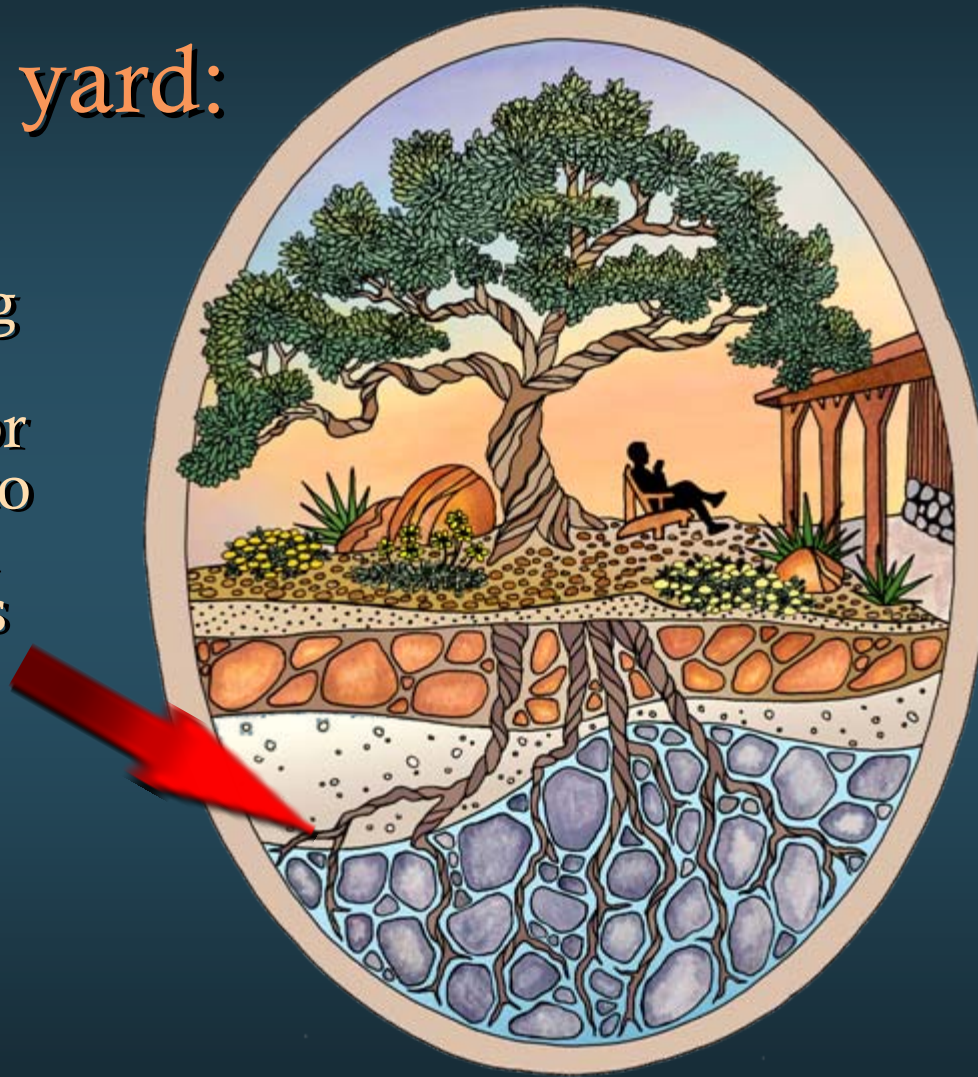
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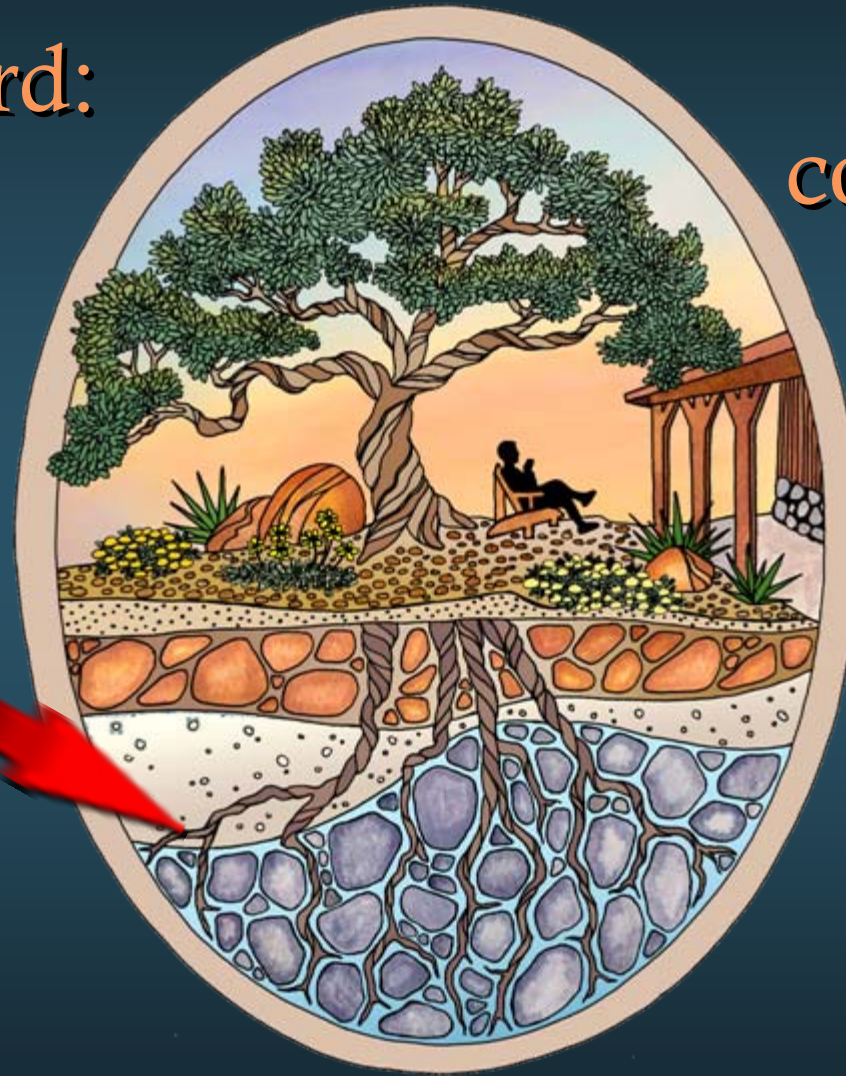


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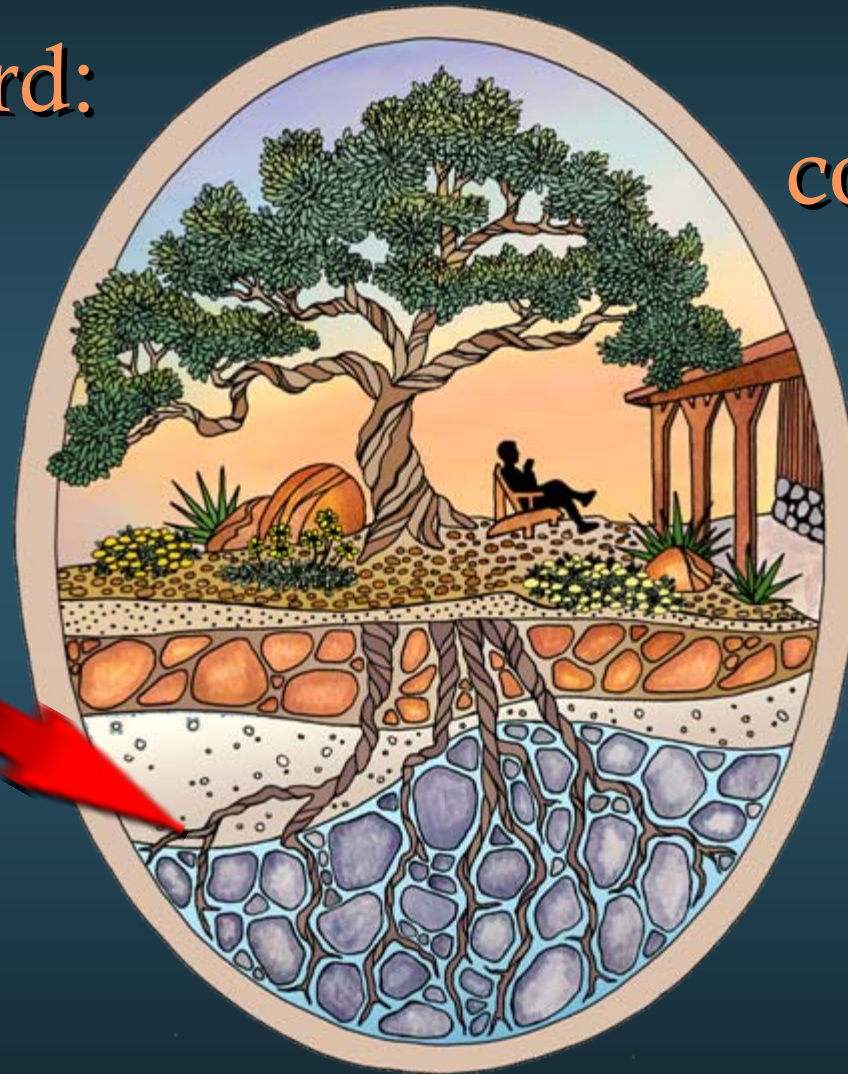
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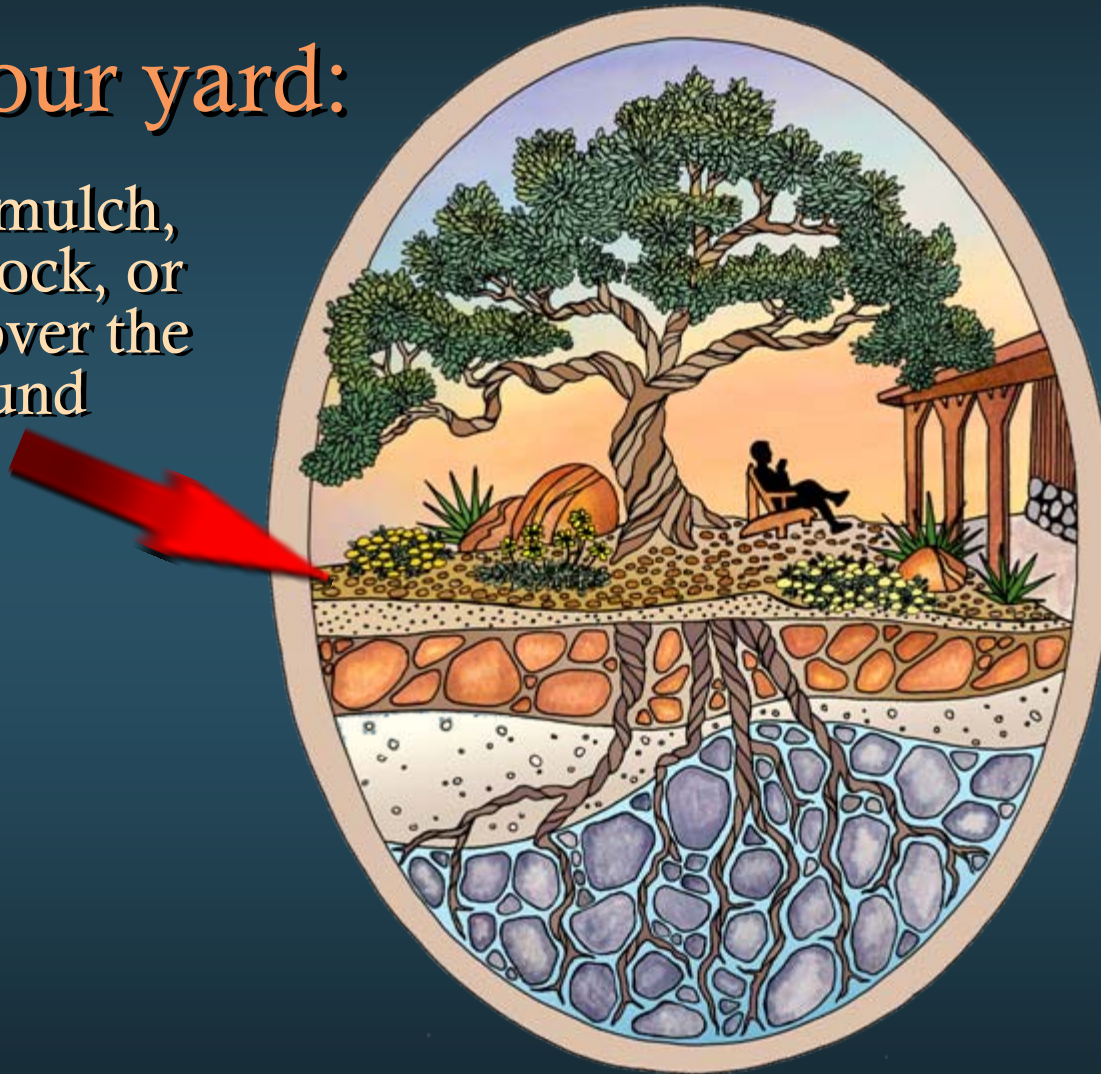
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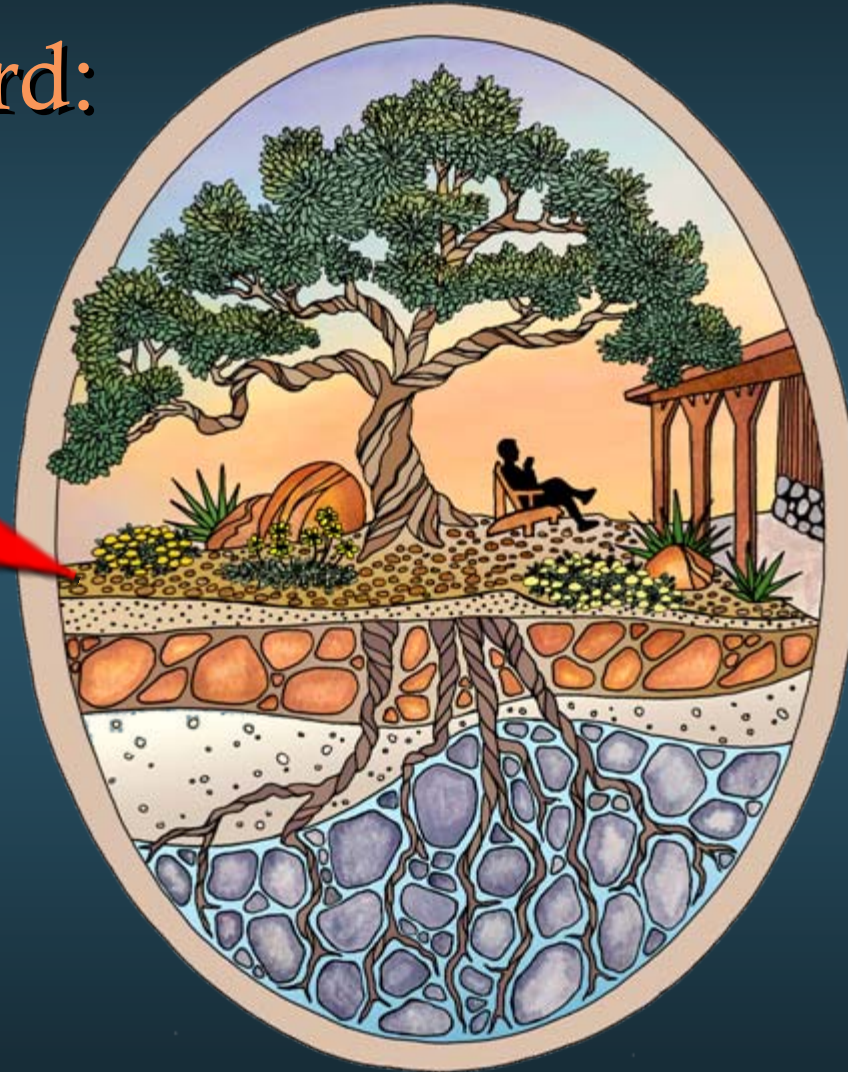
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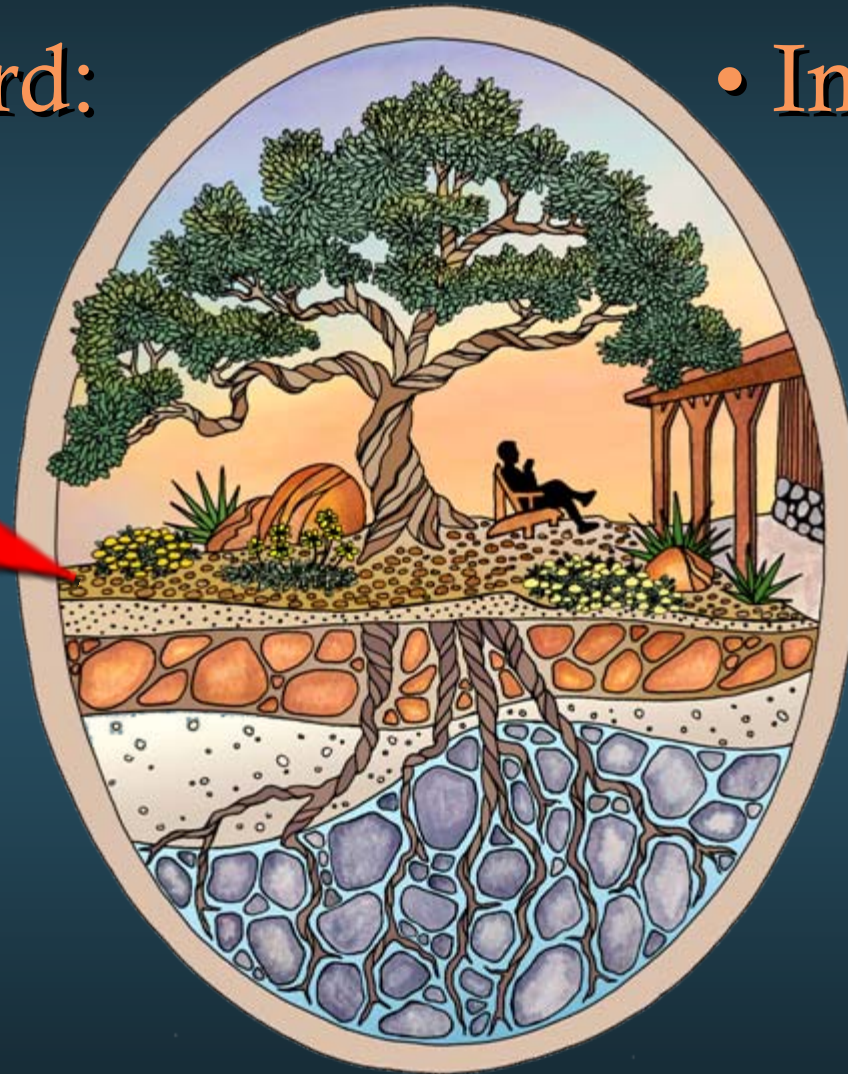
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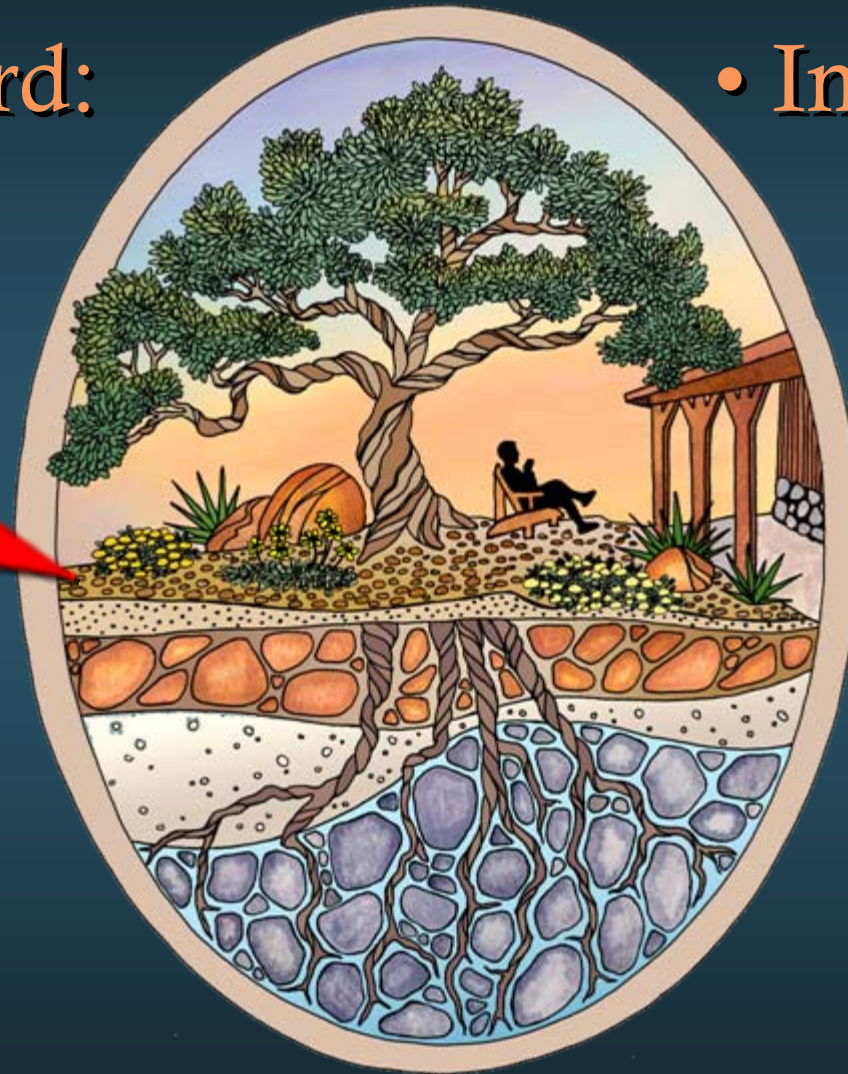
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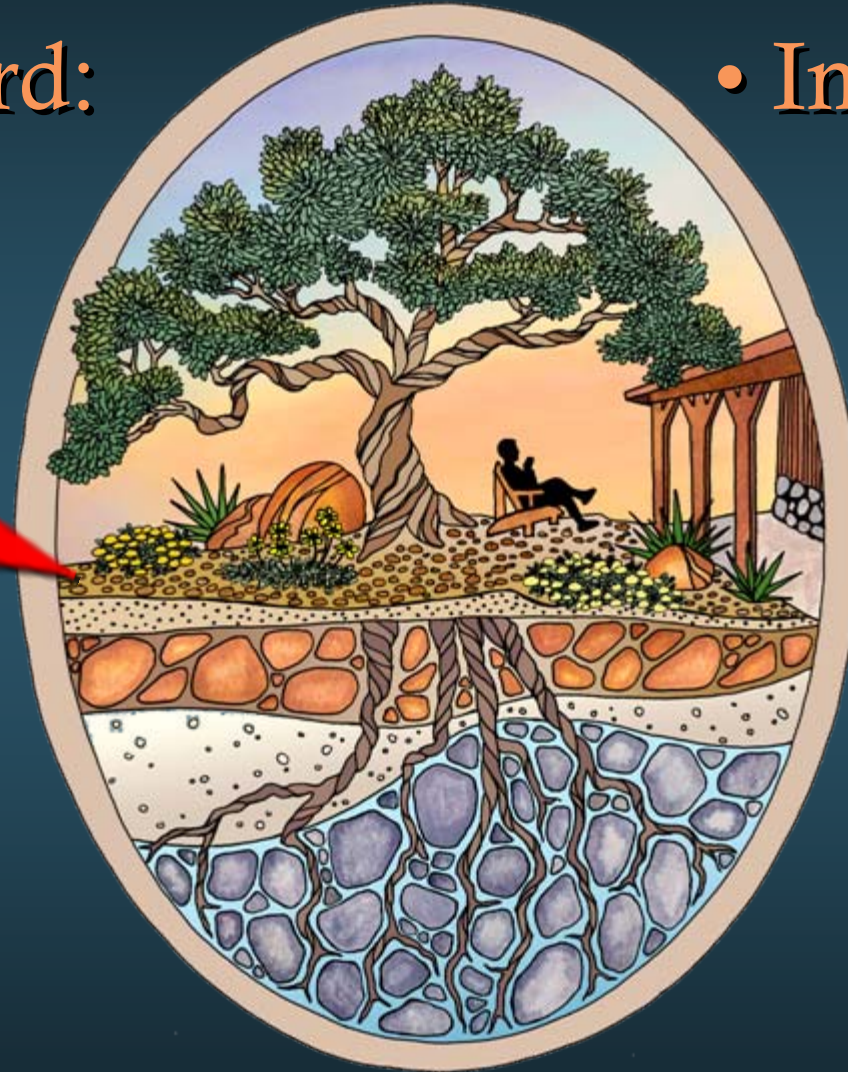
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Water-Conserve Today for Tomorrow