



Urban Lands Program

The Urban Lands Program helps people make healthy, informed choices for their neighborhoods, communities, and watersheds. We collaborate with community partners to develop demonstration projects that showcase healthy landscaping practices.

We offer site visits, workshops, presentations, and annual events to help you get started.

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Rain Gardens



Learn more! Visit our website or call:

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What is a rain garden?

A rain garden is an attractive bowl-shaped garden bed that captures, absorbs and filters stormwater runoff from your roof, driveway, and other hard surfaces, and lets it soak back into the ground naturally.

Add beauty!

Attractive shrubs and flowers in a rain garden can add beauty to your yard and improve your home's curb appeal.



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What is stormwater?

Stormwater is simply the water produced by rain or melting snow. As stormwater flows across roofs, lawns and pavement, it washes many harmful pollutants into our rivers and streams.

Why should I care?

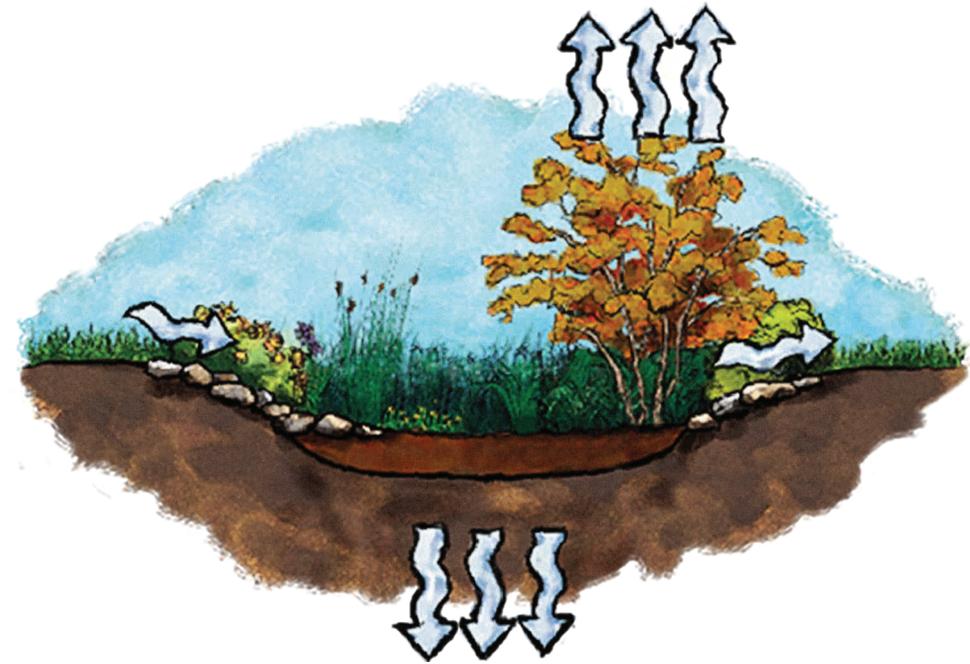
Polluted stormwater can contaminate our drinking water, harm fish, birds and other wildlife, and close beaches and rivers used for recreation.

What can I do?

Rain gardens, tree planting and chemical-free gardening are all simple ways we can help keep local waters clean for drinking, recreation and wildlife.

How does a rain garden work?

- Stormwater runoff is directed to the rain garden
- Stormwater collects in the garden
- Plants absorb water and filter pollutants, allowing cleaner water to soak into the ground



What can rain gardens do?

- Add beauty to your yard
- Improve drainage and prevents minor flooding
- Provide habitat for pollinators, butterflies and songbirds



How can I learn more?

We offer **FREE** workshops that explain the basics of rain garden planning, design and construction.

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