

the **Garrett Hill Coalition** announces a community project:



A Rain Garden – a haven for wildlife, a beautiful landscape feature, and a step many of us can take toward easing the damage and cost of excess stormwater runoff.

**Sunday, September 30, 2012**  
**2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Managing Stormwater in our Backyards, Part 1:  
How to Install a Rain Garden at your Property (and Why!)**

Radnor Township Municipal Building  
301 Iven Avenue, Wayne PA 19087

**Together we can make a difference!**

**Bring your questions:**

- Is a rain garden right for my yard?
- How can I assess water runoff from my property and develop a plan of approach?
- Can I find a consultant to advise me on the best location and design for my yard?
- How much work and cost are involved in building a rain garden?
- What kinds of plants and trees should I use?
- Where can I purchase native plants for a rain garden?



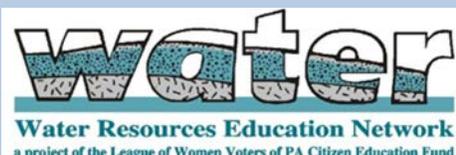
At this free educational program, property owners will obtain information to help them start their own rain garden projects – location, design, construction materials, plants and shrubs.

[image source: greenbeltlive.com]

**Come learn about rain gardens from local experts and practical guides:**

- **Marissa Barletta**, Garrett Hill resident and consultant to the Philadelphia Water Department supporting their Green City, Clean Waters program, will speak on the needs to manage stormwater and the wide impacts of individual and community efforts.
- **Dr. Rob Traver**, Villanova University Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Urban Stormwater Partnership, will discuss Villanova's local innovative installations that many property owners can adapt.
- **John Nystedt**, Habitat Restoration Specialist with the Delaware Riverkeeper Network, will focus in on how to design, build, and use rain gardens.
- **Colin McCrossan**, Bryn Mawr Boy Scout Troop 19, will describe plans for the follow-up workshop project scheduled on October 27, and discuss sources of information for plant species.

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Garrett Hill Coalition and project partners:  
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• Villanova University Urban Stormwater Partnership

Communities and municipalities face increased environmental damage due to severe storm events and increased costs of managing stormwater runoff. As residents and property owners, we can build functional and beautiful rain garden installations to ease the expense and damage to our neighborhoods and streams.

### **Rain Garden Basics – a rain garden can:**

- Beautify the landscape
- Attract native wildlife
- Slow stormwater runoff into local streams and rivers
- Filter pollutants drained from street and yard
- Reduce storm drain overload and flooding
- Reduce erosion
- Lower stormwater management costs
- Provide a creative alternative to traditional lawn landscapes



### **Managing Stormwater in our Backyards Follow-up Workshop: Installing a Rain Garden**

**Saturday, October 27, 2012, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Parking lot, Clem Macrone Park  
801 Conestoga Road  
Garrett Hill  
Rosemont PA 19010

Consider planting a rain garden near your home to help lock rain water in the ground and reducing the flow of pollutants into our streams and rivers.



**Watch the news!**

**Managing Stormwater in our Backyards, Part 2: There will be a rain barrel presentation and workshop coming in Spring 2013!**

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