



Stormwater Solutions Rain Garden Tour

Property 2019-8: Conservation Landscaping

CONSERVATION LANDSCAPING can help protect air and water, manage stormwater, conserve energy, and provide a more beautiful, healthier human environment. By using native plants and low-input designs, you'll reduce water, pesticide and fertilizer use, and save time compared to maintaining a lawn. Native plants are a vital element in a conservation landscape — they've adapted to the local climate, need little fertilizing, and are typically more drought-tolerant and pest-resistant than introduced varieties. Many are also important food and shelter sources for birds and beneficial insects, including honeybees, ladybugs, and butterflies.

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/water/stormwater/

Project Location	Right Corner of Front Yard
Project Size	1120 sq ft
Drainage Area Treated	1705 sq ft
Rain Amount Treated	4.63 inches
Installation Year	2015
Contractor	Grant's Lawn Service



HOMEOWNER COMMENTS Our native landscape was designed with two purposes: to manage stormwater and to bring a focal point to what was a monotonous front yard. With input from RainScapes staff, it was created through a combination of seeds and plants. We paid our gardener to prepare the soil and we did the rest ourselves. It served as a wonderful conduit for teaching our young children about flowers and butterflies and for a working couple to relax through gardening at the weekends. We had to adjust several things throughout the project. For one, we had underestimated the tenacity of the deer. They ate everything even though we had planted deer-proof plants. Since putting up the obelisks for the net, we have been able to keep them out for the most part. All plants have grown to be taller than expected and we continue to move things around to adjust for this.

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