



Stormwater Solutions Rain Garden Tour

Property 2018-6: Conservation Landscaping

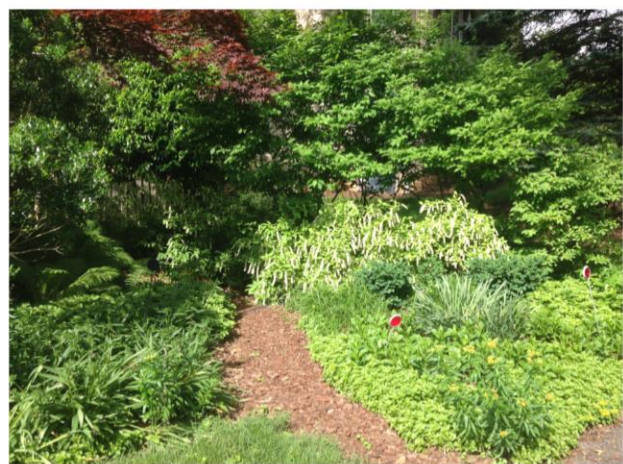
CONSERVATION LANDSCAPING can help protect air and water, manage stormwater, conserve energy, and provide a more beautiful, healthier human environment. By using native plants and low-input designs, you'll reduce water, pesticide and fertilizer use, and save time compared to maintaining a lawn. Native 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	Side Yard to the Right of Driveway
Project Size	630 sq ft
Drainage Area Treated	2500 sq ft
Rain Amount Treated	2.5"
Installation Year	2009
Contractor	DIY

HOMEOWNER COMMENTS I undertook creating a rain garden because I'm passionate about conserving the environment and wanted to do my part to protect our local streams from erosion and potential pollution due to excessive runoff. Although my project is small and my two conservation garden areas are not very deep, they do serve the purpose of retaining most of what would otherwise run into the storm sewer from my yard and that of my neighbor. The plants I placed in them are lush and beautiful, filling in nicely over a few years, so that these areas blend in nicely with the rest of my landscape. I spend a lot of time hiking in the woods and along streams, so I love the fact that by creating RainScapes in my yard and installing rain barrels, I am helping to preserve those natural landscapes.



FoCJC does not endorse any specific person or product.

Friends of Cabin John Creek ♦ www.cabinjohncreek.org