RainScapes

Options for on-site stormwater controls

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What is a RainScape?

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Slide 1

RD15 Since this class is geared to homeowners, a photo at a residence would be better than one of a planting next to a parking lot
Robbins, Darlene, 3/1/2022

EA9 this is St James
English, Ann, 3/9/2022

RainScapes Gardens

- Slow the flow of stormwater
- infiltrate stormwater
- designed and planted with 75+% Native Plants
- support pollinators
- sequester carbon

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Combining project types for a complete solution

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Many forms to manage stormwater


Often, like an attractive dish shaped garden


Other times, like a pink cloud….


Sometimes like a big tank

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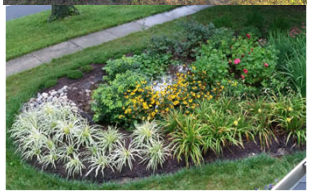
What can you find in a RainScape Garden?



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Our Watersheds and Stormwater Runoff

What are we dealing with?

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How do RainScapes work?

Eroded lawn

Improve soil health

Stable plantings

Restore hydrology
Slow it down,
spread it out,
soak it in

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What does a RainScape Look Like?

Before – thin grass/ erosion

After – densely planted/ stable

Examples

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RainScapes convert yard spaces into attractive and functional spaces that soak up the rainwater

What was lawn is now a Rain Garden

Asphalt Drive before

Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavement after

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Sometimes it looks like part of the hardscape

Rain garden/ stormwater planter

Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavement Driveway

Water harvesting: Cistern or Rain Barrels

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Driveways can feel like patios

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Connecting the house to the environment

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Same aesthetic, better function

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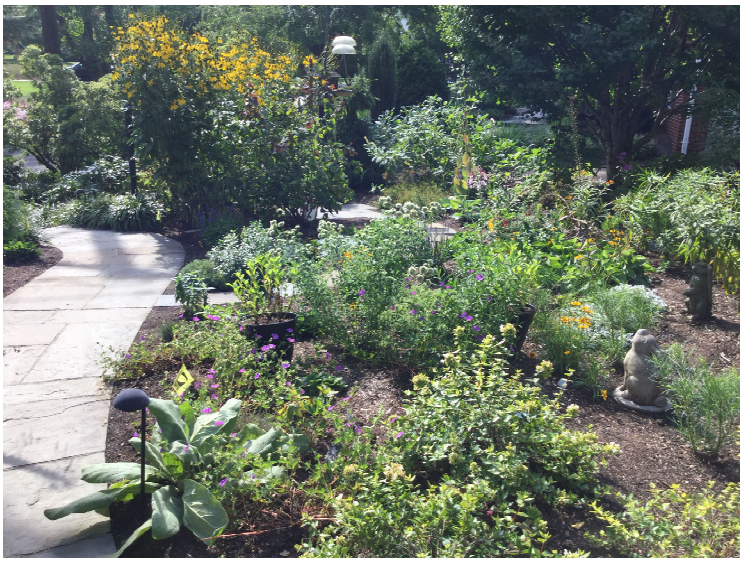
Sometimes it looks like a big garden



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Integrated into the landscape

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Natives in the landscape – function and beauty and more! infiltration and carbon sequestration

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RainScapes help to manage lot-to-lot drainage

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We encourage layers

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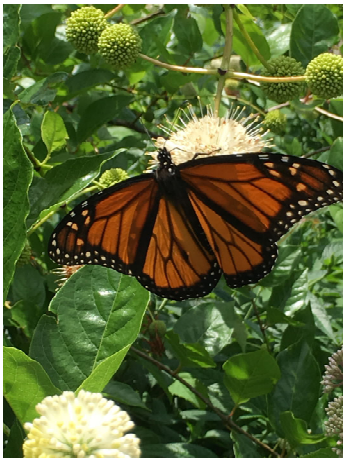
Designing Your Garden

"Experientially rich, ecologically sound & "of the place"- dynamic" *Darrel Morrison, FASLA*

- Think big, but start small
- Avoid invasive species and plan to use at least 75% native plants
- Have your soil tested before you begin



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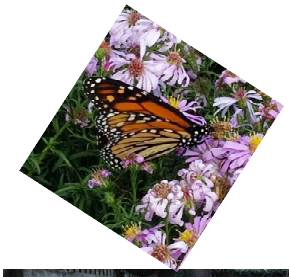
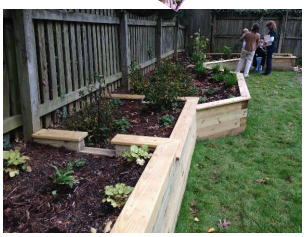
RainScapes transform yards for people and pollinators

people turn challenges into opportunities

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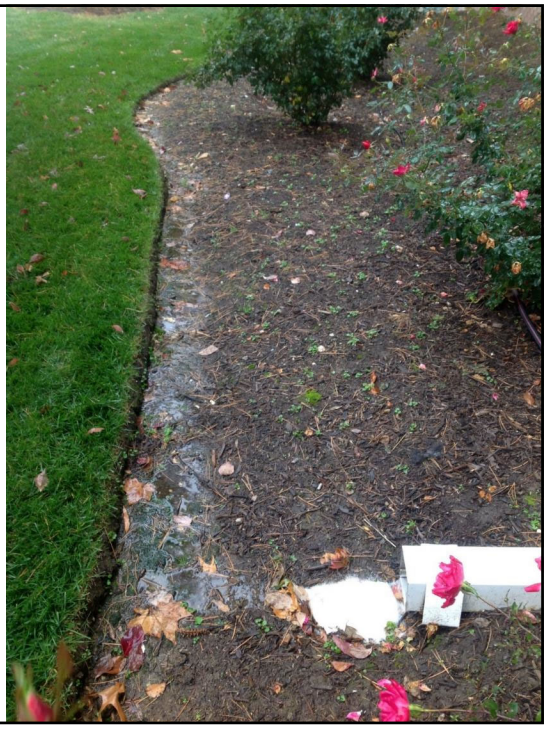
Are you looking at something like this?



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Prioritize your projects, Solve problems first

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Rain Garden size:

Usually 100 - 300 sf soaking in water from a roof, patio,walk or drive (typically 2000 SF of impervious or less)

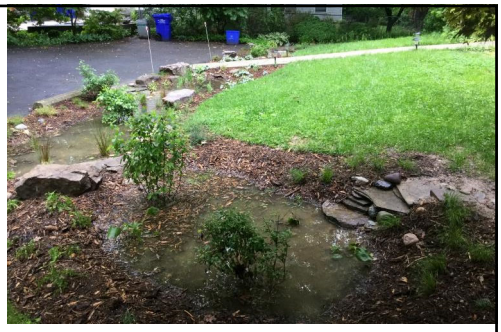
Conservation Landscapes size:

Usually 600-900 sf and may help to slow and direct the flow as well as absorb some of the water

The target is to capture between 1.2" and 2.7" of rain

Why?

- Provides water quality protection at the lower end, and channel protection at the higher end
- 90% of rainstorms in this area are less than an inch



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RainScapes Rewards Incentive Program through Feb 2022

Project Type	Average project size	Average cost per SF or Gal	Range of cost per SF or Gal	Average rebate cost share
Cistern	643 Gal	$1.31 Gal	$0.20 - $4	51%
Conservation Landscape	984 SF	$9.63 SF	$0.18 - $86	32%
Permeable Pavers	520 SF	$30.90 SF	$5.70 - $121.64	24%
Pavement Removal	703 SF	$11.20 SF	$2.81 - $47.05	24%
Rain Barrels	204 Gal	$1.80 Gal	$0.35 - $7.03	49%
Rain garden	246 SF	$22.08 SF	$2.52 - $171.69	38%
Green Roof	249 SF	23.50 SF	$10.72 - $44.15	31%

NOTE: these cost figures include DIY and Professionally installed; about half of our projects are DIY so these costs may be generally low if you hire a professional

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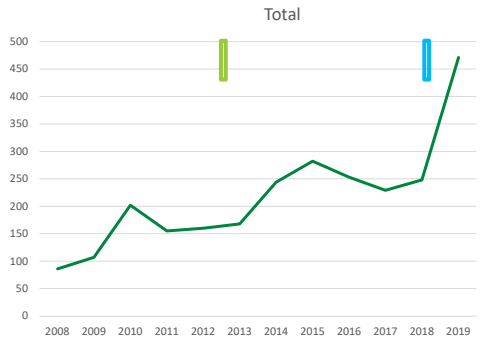
Impact of increasing rebate levels in 2012 and 2018



Rebates increased to current Level in Nov 2018.

Average rebate now $3800 vs $3000

N=2605 applications
47% completed

1222 projects paid and 25% is the average amount covered As of 2020

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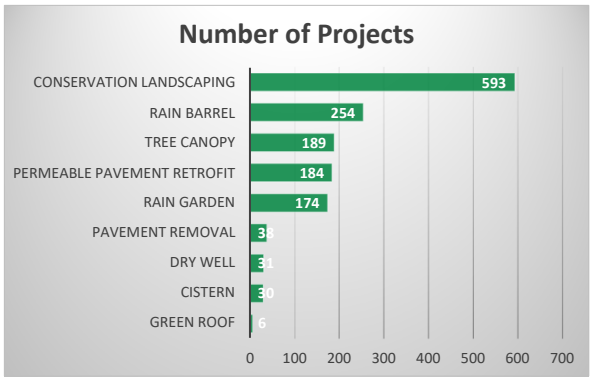
RainScapes Accomplishments 2008-2022



Over 55 IA treated with RainScapes projects

1,499 Total Projects

$3,121,523.87 in rebates paid

583,725 SF (13.4 acres) Conservation landscaping installed

95,650 SF (2.2 acres) Permeable Pavement Retrofit installed

42,855 (.98 acres) SF Rain Garden installed

1,006 Contractor installed projects (67% of projects)

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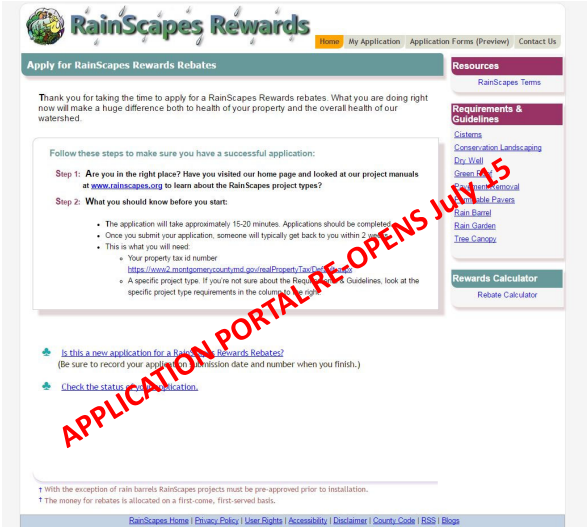
Easy Application Process….



Windows of application

The schedule for accepting applications*:

July 15 – October 15th

February 1st – March 31st

**May be adjusted according to demand*

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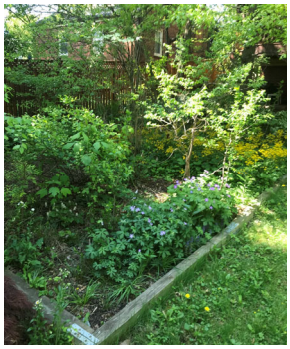
Doing your part for Clean Water and Climate Change



starts at home

Tackling Climate Change is a “there and then” proposition

RainScapes are in the “here and now” specific action which provides some immediate runoff reduction benefits as well as long term environmental benefits

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