

Do you have a resource concern? erosion, poor vegetative cover, or excess runoff



Rain Garden

A Rain Garden is a shallow landscaped depression that temporarily ponds stormwater runoff and encourages it to infiltrate into the underlying soil. Rain Gardens are vegetative infiltration practices providing runoff reduction and pollutant removal.



Contact your local SWCD to learn more!

Could a RG benefit your property?

Rain Gardens are intended to treat runoff from small areas such as individual rooftops, driveways and small parking areas. Inflow is typically from a downspout or can be sheet flow from a driveway/patio or lawn.

Typical design allows RG to serve almost as a bowl that collects water from downspouts or overland flow across a property. This BMP is intended to absorb runoff from impervious surfaces before it flows into storm sewers, swales, or channels within 48 hours.

RGs can come in all different shapes and sizes but are best when planted with native Virginia plants. These plants require less maintenance once established, have deep roots that soak up lots of water, and provide food and habitat to wildlife.

While both Conservation Landscaping and RGs incorporate similar elements to promote cleaner air and water, RG are more focused on water drainage while conservation landscaping typically focuses more on vegetative cover and wildlife elements.

80% reimbursement of total eligible cost up to \$7,000

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