

# Rain Garden Design Workshop

**Saturday, May 10 from 10am – Noon**  
**Mercer County Library, Lawrence Branch**

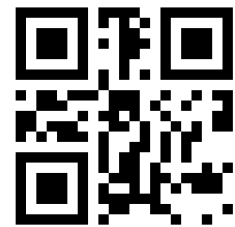
Join the Lawrence Township Environmental and Green Advisory Committee (EGAC) and the Watershed Institute for this 2-hour workshop,

- Learn how to plan and plant your own rain garden, enhancing your property and your neighborhood.
- Discover how rain gardens work with stormwater and provide watershed-wide benefits with native plants.
- Go home with a plant list or draft design for your own yard.

## Presenters:

- Olivia Spildooren—River Friendly Coordinator, The Watershed Institute
- Annette Loveless—Chair, Lawrence EGAC and a Rutgers Green Infrastructure Champion
- Kate Schumacker—Community Rain Garden Advocate

**Sign up here:**

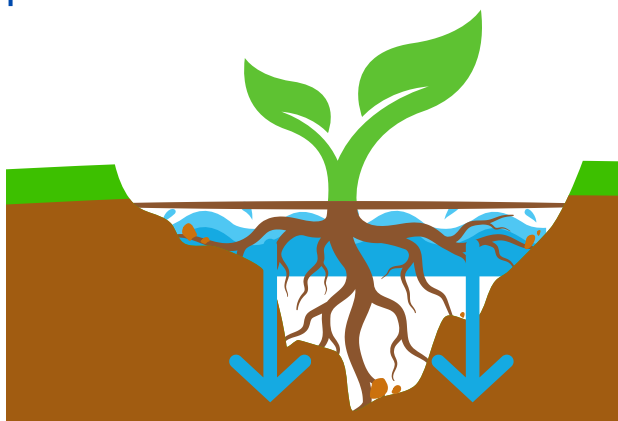


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## What is a Rain Garden?

Rain gardens are nature's water filters that look like perennial gardens but capture and clean stormwater runoff from roofs and paved surfaces.



During a storm, a rain garden fills with water, and the water slowly filters into the ground rather than running into storm sewers. Rain gardens help protect the health of our waterways by reducing the impact of human activities and pollution such as road sediment/salt, fertilizers, pesticides, bacteria from pet waste, eroded soil, grass clippings, and litter. Rain gardens also add beauty to the neighborhood and provide a wildlife habitat.

