



# RAIN GARDEN

This garden is designed to intercept, treat, and infiltrate stormwater at the source, before it becomes runoff. The plants are native to the region and help retain contaminants that could otherwise harm nearby waterways.

Rain gardens are beautiful, low-maintenance, and inexpensive gardens that you can install at home.



**CAPTURE:** A rain garden catches runoff and holds standing water for less than 24 hours.



**SOAK:** Instead of running off, water infiltrates into the soil, recharging groundwater.

**FILTER:** As water infiltrates, it is filtered by the soil. Microbes living in the soil break down pollutants.

This rain garden was installed at this property as part of the Residential Rain Garden Rebate pilot program. The goal of this program was to determine the effectiveness of providing a homeowner rain garden incentive program for graduates of the Rain Garden Certification training workshop in South Jersey, Spring 2010.