Rain Garden Inspection Form

Name of Inspector: _____

Site Name: _____   Date of Inspection: _____

Address: _____   County: _____

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When was the last time it rained? _____   how much _____inches

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Are there educational signs within the garden?	_____ Yes _____ No
Are there weeds (plants that do not belong there) within the garden? If yes, are these weeds invasive?	_____ Yes _____ No _____ Yes _____ No (Use USDA Invasive Plants Field and Reference Guide to identify invasive plants)
Are the plants in the garden healthy? For example: is there any leaf discoloration, fungal growth on the leaves, or pests?	_____ Yes _____ No Take photographs of the plants.
Are some plants over-shadowing other plants or are certain plants over-taking the other plants within the garden?	_____ Yes _____ No If yes, take photographs and provide description of the plant (if the plant name is known, write it down). Please describe:
Is there litter within the garden?	_____ Yes _____ No
Is there sediment accumulation within the garden?	_____ Yes _____ No If yes, is the sediment accumulation only in one area or throughout the garden? Please describe:
Is there sediment accumulation on the plants within the garden?	_____ Yes _____ No If yes, how many plants are covered with sediment? Please describe:

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Is there evidence of gullying or erosion within the garden?	_____ Yes _____ No If yes, where is the gullying mostly occurring? Describe & take photos.
Is there evidence that the mulch has washed away within the garden?	_____ Yes _____ No If yes, take photographs of exposed areas.
Are gutters or pipes entering and exiting the garden clear of debris?	_____ Yes _____ No _____ N/A If no, take photographs of clogged gutters or pipes.
Is runoff free to enter the garden without any obstructions?	_____ Yes _____ No _____ N/A If no, take photographs of areas of blocked flow within the garden.
Take measurements: drainage area and rain garden footprint	- Drainage area _____ ft^2 - Type of drainage area: _____ (rooftop, parking lot, driveway, sidewalk, grassed area, etc.) - Footprint _____ ft^2
Is there empty space in the garden?	_____ Yes _____ No If yes, estimate how many plants would be needed to fill the gaps.
Say cheese!	**Take photographs of the rain garden from all angles**

Additional Notes:

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