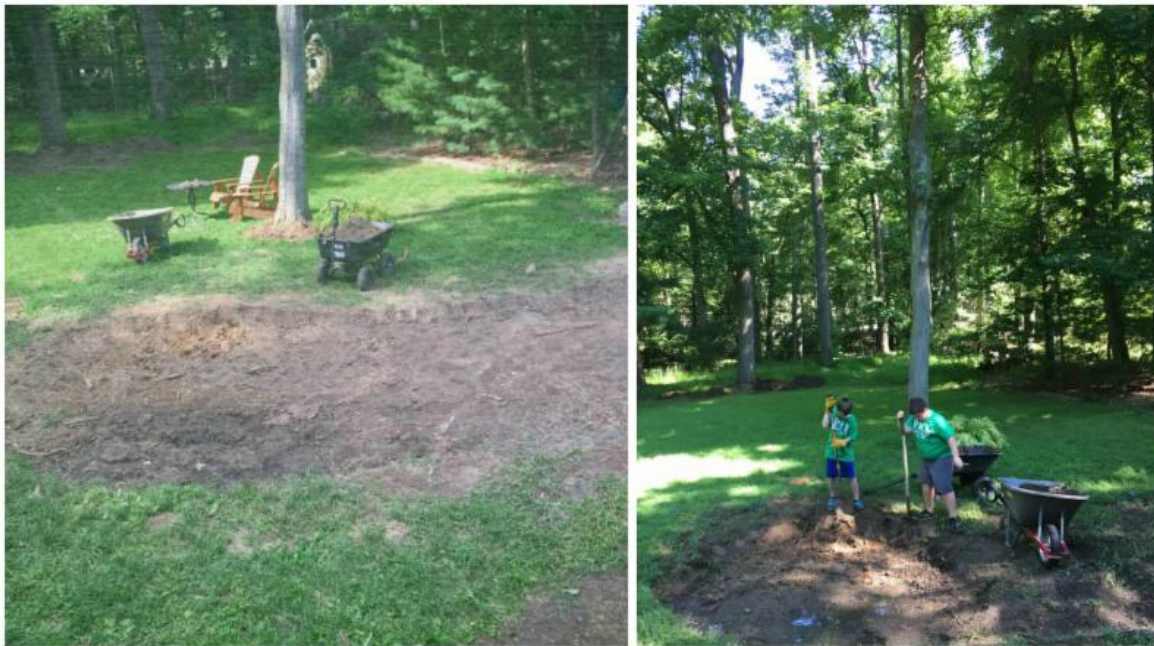




Rain Garden Rebate Program



The Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE) Water Resources Program partnered with the New Jersey Water Supply Authority (NJWSA) Watershed Protection Program in 2013 to launch the Rain Garden Rebate Program. To date, the Rain Garden Rebate Program has educated over 130 attendees about rain gardens, created 99 unique rain garden designs for 84 properties, and as a result 31 rain gardens have been installed on 26 properties within the eligible rebate area of Bridgewater, Hillsborough, Raritan Borough and Somerville. In 2016, rebates for properties in the Royce Brook Watershed have been awarded by a 319(h) grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Under a National Fish and Wildlife grant, the RCE Water Resources Program was able to provide an educational and design session in Berkeley Heights. The Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission received a grant from Sustainable Jersey to provide rebates to those Berkeley Heights attendees who installed their rain gardens. Our first homeowner to install a rain garden in Berkeley Heights hired young entrepreneurs Plow Mow Yard (PMY), who came knocking on the door looking to mow the homeowner's lawn. The boys in return

gained more than they were looking for; knowledge of stormwater management and hands on education on how to install a rain garden. The transfer of knowledge is a beautiful thing!

Update on the New Jersey Technical Assistance Program for Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Communities

With continued support from Surdna Foundation, the RCE Water Resources Program is prioritizing efforts in 2016 in the CSO communities of Gloucester City and Trenton. Working closely with our NJDEP partners, the RCE Water Resources Program will facilitate a municipal action team in both cities focused on green infrastructure initiatives. Preliminary feasibility studies in these cities have been completed, and the RCE Water Resources program is working with local partners to pursue grant funding to begin the installation of demonstration projects and the development of public education and outreach programs. In Gloucester City, the RCE Water Resources Program is working closely with the newly formed Green Team, NJ Tree Foundation, and Camden County Soil Conservation District. In Trenton, NJDEP and the City, along with Isles and NJ Future, are assisting the RCE Water Resources Program to begin efforts to establish a working group focused on green infrastructure.



The RCE Water Resources Program is very excited to add these two communities to our existing programs in Camden, Newark, Paterson, Jersey City, and Perth Amboy.

For additional information on our CSO Technical Assistance program, please visit the Water Resources Program website by [clicking here](#). For questions or how to get involved in a municipal action team, please contact [Jeremiah Bergstrom](#) or [Rosana Da Silva](#).



Jersey City's Arlington Park gets a Rain Garden!

In the heat of August, a rain garden designed to manage stormwater runoff was built at Arlington Park in Jersey City. Friends of Arlington Park, a community group that draws volunteers from the Bergen-Lafayette neighborhood surrounding the park, planted over 75 perennials and mulched the 250 square foot garden on August 14, 2016. The garden includes native, wetland tolerant perennials, including Purple Coneflower and Butterfly Milkweed, to beautify the landscape and to attract pollinator insects to the park.

The rain garden at Arlington Park is designed to intercept, treat, and infiltrate stormwater runoff before it reaches the sewer system and our waterways. Rain gardens are a green infrastructure practice that is designed to reduce the volume of stormwater runoff, reduce localized flooding, and reduce the burden on the combined sewer system.

The RCE Water Resources Program is excited to see green infrastructure at work in Jersey City and





looks forward to future collaboration in the community.

This project was made possible through a partnership between the RCE Water Resources Program, AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassadors Program, Jersey City Department of Public Works, Jersey City Division of Parks and Forestry, Jersey City Parks Coalition, and Friends of Arlington Park and funded in part by the Surdna Foundation.

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