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The Garrett Hill Coalition announces a community project:

Managing Stormwater in our Backyards, Part 1: How to Install a Rain Garden at your Property (and Why!)

Sunday, September 30, 2012, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Radnor Township Municipal Building

301 Iven Avenue

Wayne PA 19087

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Bring your questions:

- Is a rain garden right for my yard?
- How can I assess water runoff from my property and develop a plan of approach?
- Can I find a consultant to advise me on the best location and design for my yard?
- How much work and cost are involved in building a rain garden?
- What kinds of plants and trees should I use?
- Where can I purchase native plants for a rain garden?

Learn about rain gardens from local experts and practical guides:

- Marissa Barletta, Garrett Hill resident and consultant to the Philadelphia Water Department supporting their Green City, Clean Waters program, will speak on the needs to manage stormwater and the wide impacts of individual and community efforts.
- Dr. Rob Traver, Villanova University Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Urban Stormwater Partnership, will discuss Villanova's local innovative installations that many property owners can adapt.
- John Nystedt, Habitat Restoration Specialist with the Delaware Riverkeeper Network, will focus in on how to design, build, and use rain gardens.
- Colin McCrossan, Bryn Mawr Boy Scout Troop 19, will describe the follow-up workshop project scheduled on October 27, and discuss sources of information for plant species.

Communities and municipalities face increasing damage and costs due to severe storms. As residents and property owners, we can build functional and beautiful rain garden installations to ease the expense and damage to our neighborhoods and streams.

Rain Garden Basics – a rain garden can:

- Beautify the landscape
- Attract native wildlife
- Slow stormwater runoff into local streams and rivers
- Filter pollutants drained from street and yard
- Reduce storm drain overload and flooding
- Reduce erosion
- Lower stormwater management costs
- Provide a creative alternative to traditional lawn landscapes