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### **THE GARRETT HILL COALITION ANNOUNCES A WORKSHOP**

#### **Managing Stormwater in our Backyards: A Rain Garden Workshop**

Saturday, October 27, 2012 (rain date October 28)  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Parking lot, Clem Macrone Park  
801 Conestoga Road  
Garrett Hill  
Rosemont PA 19010

*Rosemont, PA* – Building a rain garden is a great way to protect our streams and rivers while creating a beautiful landscape feature. On September 30, the Garrett Hill Coalition presented a program on rain gardens. The program speakers discussed how rain gardens work to help manage pollution and flooding. They illustrated good designs and plants for home installations. They showed how individual efforts have wide-ranging benefits for water quality. Colin McCrossan described the demonstration rain garden that his Boy Scout troop will install at Clem Macrone Park in Radnor.

A video of the program is posted on the Radnor Township website as well as the Garrett Hill Coalition website. The program provides a great introduction to the rain garden workshop that will take place later this month.

**Rain Garden Workshop:** The Garrett Hill Coalition received a grant to plan and construct a demonstration rain garden in Clem Macrone Park. The rain garden will retain and filter the storm water that drains from the parking lot into Valley Run, the stream that flows through the Park.

*Managing Storm water in our Backyards: Installing a Rain Garden* will offer a hands-on demonstration of how to construct a rain garden. Interested individuals and families can come to the workshop on October 27 to help or just watch the fun. The workshop will provide information on rain gardens including:

- Understanding the functions and benefits of rain gardens and native plants
- Choosing a site and size for a rain garden
- Designing and building a rain garden
- Selecting native plants for your garden
- Using good planting and mulching techniques

The Garrett Hill Coalition invites interested adults and youth to attend the program. The location is handicapped accessible. Parking is available in the Macrone Park lot.

Please call the Garrett Hill Coalition at (610) 283-8775 or write to [Overbeck1@verizon.net](mailto:Overbeck1@verizon.net) or [sfpillbox@gmail.com](mailto:sfpillbox@gmail.com) for more information. Information is also available on the Garrett Hill Coalition website at <http://www.savegarrethill.com/Stormwater.html>.

The Garrett Hill Coalition is working with Radnor Township, the Radnor Memorial Library, the Villanova University Center for the Advancement of Sustainability in Engineering, the Delaware Riverkeeper Network, Aqua America, Chanticleer Garden, Bryn Mawr Boy Scout Troop 19, and the Garrett Hill Community Enhancement Trust.

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*The Garrett Hill Coalition is a civic association in the Garrett Hill section of Radnor Township which aims to monitor, facilitate, and support activities that will preserve and enhance Garrett Hill.*