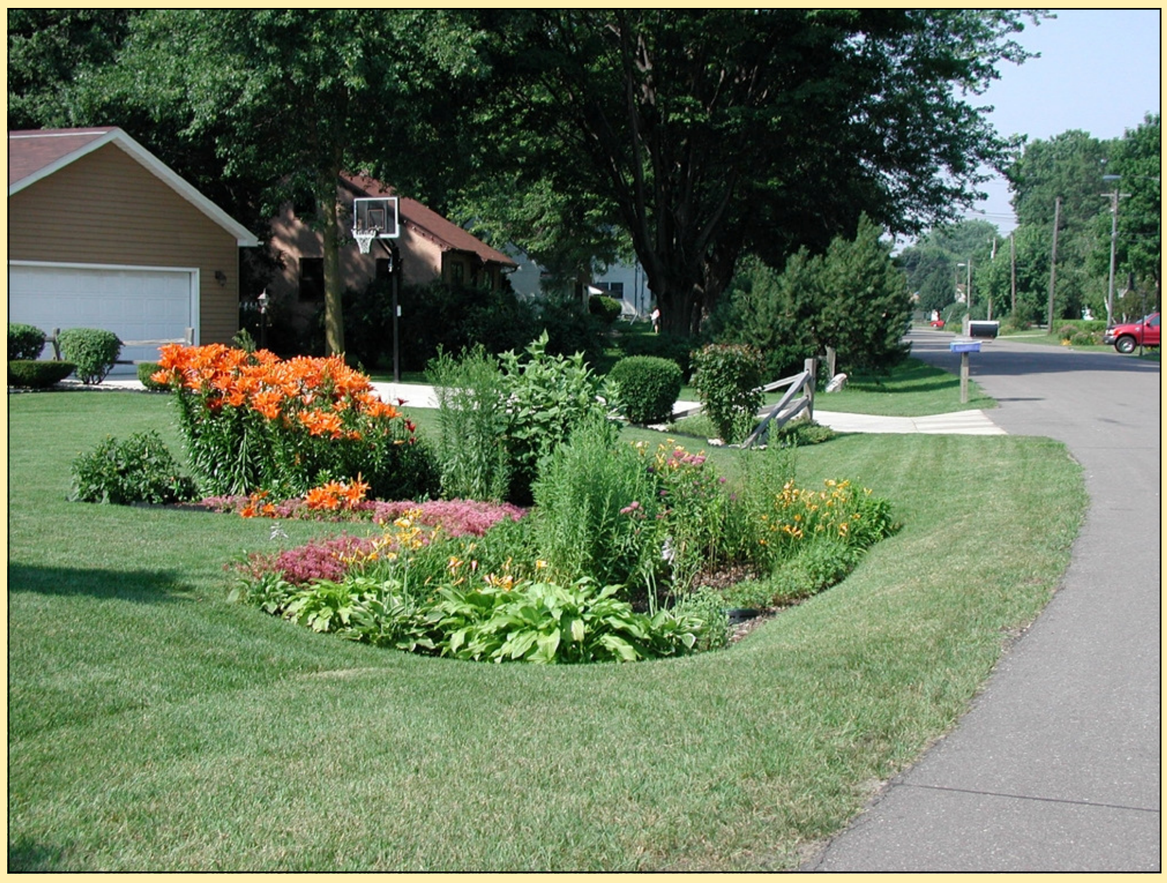
# Rain Garden

**Rain Gardens** are small depressed vegetated areas for retention and filtration of stormwater runoff. Compared to a traditional lawn, a rain garden allows approximately 30% more water to infiltrate into the ground.  Rain gardens collect water from rooftops, sidewalks, and driveways.

Rain gardens can be used to collect water from rooftops as shown above at Blair Mill Elementary School in Horsham Township, Montgomery County.



The rain garden shown above is collecting water from the roadway and surrounding landscape.

New England Aster

Black-eyed Susan

Sedge

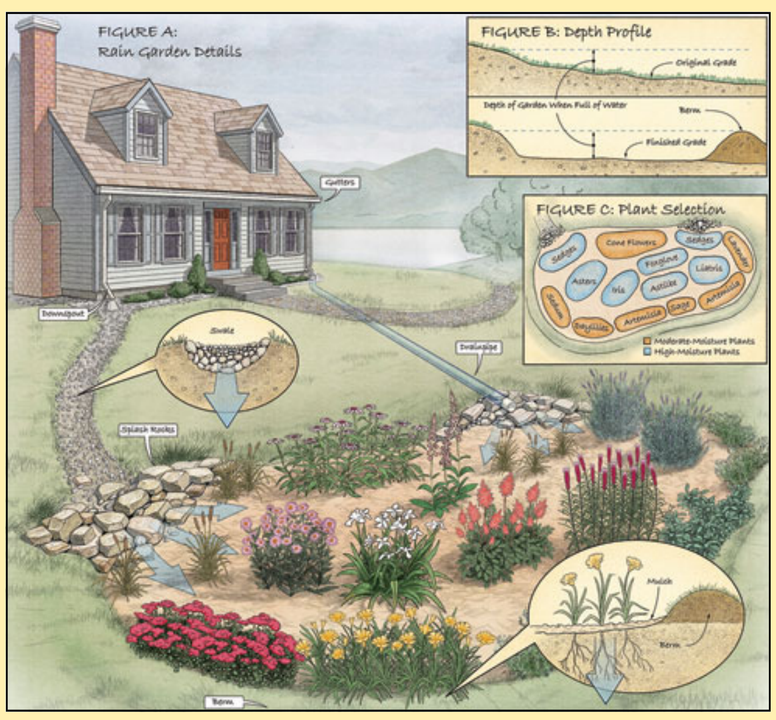
Red-osier Dogwood

Phlox

Swamp Milkweed

Virginia Wild Rye

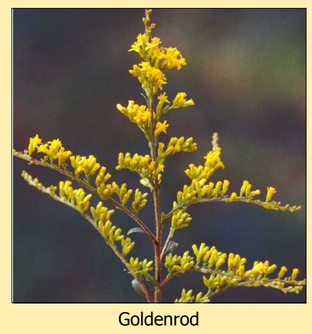
Cardinal Flower



New York Ironweed

Wild Bergamot

Cutleaf Coneflower



Goldenrod

## Rain Garden Resources

**A Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater Management:** http://www.delawareestuary.org/pdf/HomeownersGuideSWMgmnt.pdf

**Rain Gardens ~ A How to Manual for Homeowner's:** http://dnr.wi.gov/runoff/rg/

**Rain Garden Resources:** http://www.montgomeryconservation.org/rain_garden_resources.htm

**Rain Garden Templates:** http://www.lowimpactdevelopment.org/

**PA Native Plant List:** http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/wildplant/native.aspx

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