

Learn more about rain garden design workshops, rebates for homeowners, funding for municipal projects and grants for farmers.

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Are You Interested in a Landscape Makeover?

The South Jersey Landscape Makeover Program provides homeowners, municipalities, and farmers with expert advice and financial assistance to create rain gardens and other "green infrastructure" projects that capture polluted stormwater and prevent it from entering our lakes, rivers, and bays.

This program is currently for select Pinelands municipalities within the Rancocas River, Hammonton, Salem, and Maurice-Cohansey River watersheds, but there may be opportunities in other municipalities depending on the project and location. To find out if you live in an area that qualifies, contact Isabella at Isabella@PinelandsAlliance.org.

WE PROVIDE:

- Free rain garden design workshops
- Technical advice from Rutgers Cooperative Extension staff
- Rebate worth up to \$450, or \$3 per square foot, for homeowners after installation of rain garden
- Funding for municipal green stormwater infrastructure projects
- Grants for farmers to implement stormwater best management practices

What is Green Stormwater Infrastructure?

The goal of green stormwater management is to intercept stormwater, infiltrate it into the ground, encourage evaporation into the air, and/or to slowly release it into the sewer system. This can be achieved through rain gardens, cisterns or rain barrels, green roofs, tree trenches, bioswales and many other strategies.

By helping water soak into the ground rather than onto roads you can decrease the risk of flooding, and stop nonpoint source pollution before it moves into our waterways. The use of native plants also lessens the need for fertilizers and pesticides and creates a habitat for native pollinators.

What we do on the land affects the water: nonpoint source pollution includes anything we put onto the ground, such as fertilizer, pesticide, animal waste, or litter, and is carried over the land and into our waterways by runoff when it rains. This pollution harms the health of the water that we rely on for drinking, agriculture, and recreation.

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Kenneth R. Olson Middle School in Tabernacle received funds from the South Jersey Landscape Makeover program to create this bioswale to capture rainwater and allow it to infiltrate the soil. This project was completed in May 2018.

Participating Organizations















