

Jarrettown Elementary School Rain Garden Installation

Jarrettown Elementary School & Upper Dublin Township were awarded a FREE rain garden (including design and materials) through a grant from TreeVitalize & generous contributions of time and effort provided by: Upper Dublin Township Public Works Department, Philadelphia Water Department (PWD), Jarrettown Elementary School families and staff, and URS Corporation.

What we have planned:

Antonio Federici, a Senior Ecologist with URS Corporation will provide a short talk on how to build a rain garden for the homeowner and how the Jarrettown Elementary School rain garden is being built and will help the watershed.

After the talk, participants and community volunteers will then help plant the garden with native plants that will attract birds and butterflies!

What is a rain garden?

A rain garden is a shallow depression planted with native plants. The deep roots of native plants allow water to infiltrate into the soil. A rain garden can be installed to capture water from your roof drain or it can be built at a low spot to catch water coming from a driveway, parking area or any other hard surface.

What are the benefits of a rain garden?

- Improved water quality
- Reduced stress on stormwater pipes and local streams
- Recharges groundwater
- Habitat for birds and butterflies

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Time & Date: 9 AM Sunday, September 28, 2008

**Location: Parking lot of Jarrettown Elementary School
1520 Limekiln Pike, Dresher, PA 19025**



Preparing the planting area next to a roof drain downspout.



Water heading from downspout to a newly planted rain garden.



Rain garden with curbside drainage.



Another beautiful residential rain garden.

Source of photographs: Photos 1&2 (Wisconsin RG Manual), Photo 3 (URS) Photo 4 (City of Maplewood, Minnesota).