

South Fork Kent Creek Watershed  
Developed Area Best Management Practices

# Rain Garden

A rain garden is a depressed, landscaped garden planted with native plant species that is designed to retain and infiltrate stormwater runoff from individual residential or commercial lots, sump pumps and roofs. Rain gardens are versatile features that can be installed in almost any unpaved space. Rain gardens have also been used successfully along streets to reduce and filter street runoff.



## Benefits

- Reduces runoff volumes and rates.
- Recharges groundwater and stream baseflows
- Filters runoff pollutants
- Can increase aesthetic value for the properties
- Provides wildlife habitat
- Typically low maintenance



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