



Rain Gardens

The health of our streams and the Chesapeake Bay begins in our yards, campuses and parks. Please consider promoting a stormwater management project in your community.

Disconnecting a downspout and directing flow toward a rain garden is an excellent way to treat and capture stormwater. This list is some of our favorite plants that thrive in the periodic flooding of rain gardens.

Did you know that there are programs in our area that reimburse landowners for green stormwater management projects like rain gardens and permeable pavement?

Montgomery County Rainscapes
DC Riversmart Homes

Shrubs and Trees

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| Buttonbush | <i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i> |
| Serviceberry | <i>Amelanchier canadensis</i> |
| Inkberry | <i>Ilex glabra</i> |
| Winterberry | <i>Ilex verticillate</i> |
| Silky dogwood | <i>Cornus amomum</i> |
| Spicebush | <i>Lindera benzoin</i> |
| Elderberry | <i>Sambucus nigra</i> |
| Highbush blueberry | <i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i> |
| Arrowwood viburnum | <i>Viburnum dentatum</i> |
| Red chokeberry | <i>Aronia arbutifolia</i> |

Grasses and Ferns

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| Sea oats | <i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i> |
| Soft rush | <i>Juncus effusus</i> |
| Royal fern | <i>Osmunda regalis</i> |
| Cinammon fern | <i>Osmunda cinnamomea</i> |

Flowering Perennials

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| Swamp milkweed | <i>Asclepias incarnata</i> |
| Swamp rose mallow | <i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i> |
| Blue flag iris | <i>Iris versicolor</i> |
| Beebalm | <i>Monarda didyma</i> |
| Joepy weed | <i>Eupatorium fistulosum</i> |
| Turtlehead | <i>Chelone glabra</i> |
| Blazing star | <i>Liatris spicata</i> |
| Cardinal flower | <i>Lobelia cardinalis</i> |
| Black-eyed Susan | <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> |
| Ironweed | <i>Vernonia noveboracensis</i> |