

Presentation Abstract

Landscaping for Water Quality: Rain Gardens and More

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Whether you have waterfront property or live miles away from the nearest shoreline – everyone has an impact on the quality of water that travels through the watershed. The rain that washes off lawns and gardens may flow directly to a lake or stream, or it may travel through a network of stormdrains and ditches before emptying into a waterway. The right combination of landscaping techniques can help filter pollutants and soak up excess stormwater. This presentation will focus on the role of landscaping in reducing and recycling stormwater, including streamside buffers, lakeshore plantings, and rain gardens.