



Montgomery County  
Department of Environmental Protection

# RainScapes Gazette

Winter Bonus Issue 2015

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## RainScapes for Landscape Professionals: March 10th

RainScapes is offering its Site Assessment and Rain Garden Charette for Landscape Professionals this Winter on March 10, 2015, 9 am - 4 pm.

***This class is for landscape professionals only. Non-professionals should take one of our workshops for homeowners.***

This site assessment and design charette targets professionals providing services in Montgomery County, MD who are likely to be asked to site and design rain gardens and other Environmental Site Design (ESD), (aka Low Impact Development (LID) solutions).

**The class is Free but enrollment is limited.**

To register go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/site-assessment-and-rain-garden-design-charette-tickets-15032881754>



## RainScapes Workshops for Homeowners



Three upcoming Montgomery County DEP RainScapes Workshops at Brookside Gardens:

#### **Rain Garden Workshop**

Learn to build your own rain garden! We'll learn about siting, choosing appropriate native plants and determining soil suitability. Your rain garden will improve our watershed's water quality and add beauty to your home.

Thursday, March 26th, 4:00-7:00 pm OR

Friday, May 27, 10:00 - 1:00 pm

#### **Make & Take RainBarrels**

Gather and store water from your rooftop and to help control the stormwater impact to your yard. Rain barrel with fittings and easy instructions provided. Remember you need a vehicle large enough to carry a 55-gallon barrel home!

Friday, April 17, 10:00 - 1:00 pm OR

Saturday, April 18, 10:00 - 1:00 pm

Fee: \$15 FOBG: \$13; registration required

Germantown Campus of Montgomery County College;  
directions sent upon registration

#### **Conservation Landscaping Techniques**

Learn how conservation-based landscaping techniques can beautify your yard and neighborhood, restore native habitats, help improve the environment, and save you time and money.

Thursday, May 14, 4:00-7:00 pm OR

Friday May 15, 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Fee: \$15 FOBG: \$13; registration required;

Visitors Center Adult Classroom

Register for workshops in February  
at <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/brookside/xperience.shtm>

Join Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection and Rock Creek Conservancy find original designs to be painted on storm drains in Montgomery County for Earth Day

Designs will be accepted January 22nd through February 23rd

To learn more, view examples of storm drain art or submit a design visit: [mygreenmontgomery.org/art](http://mygreenmontgomery.org/art)



## Montgomery County FrogWatch USA Volunteer Training: January 29th



Interested in learning about frogs, frog calls, and frogs that our native to our area?

Want to participate in a citizen science program that is fundamental to collecting long-term data on the nation's frogs and toads?

Participate in the upcoming FrogWatch training:

Thursday, January 29, 2015, 6:30 - 8 pm

Rockville Memorial Library

21 Maryland Ave; Large Room 1st Floor

Rockville, MD 20850

To learn more visit: [mygreenmontgomery.org](http://mygreenmontgomery.org)

## Certified Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional (CBLP) Initiative Kick-Off

The new Certified Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional (CBLP) Initiative will be discussed at the following Kick-Off Meeting(s):

- Feb. 17, 2015 - Northern Virginia/Fairfax, co-hosted by Northern Virginia Regional Commission, 9am to 1pm
- February 20, 2015 - Hampton Roads/Chesapeake, co-hosted by Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, 9am to 1pm
- February 23, 2015 – Charlottesville, co-hosted by the Green Infrastructure Center at Dept. of Forestry, 9am to 1pm

To attend or for more information on the Certified Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional Initiative please contact:

Shereen Hughes at [shereen.hughes@wetlandswatch.org](mailto:shereen.hughes@wetlandswatch.org) or 757-880-6802 (cell)



## 2015 BUBBA Awards DEADLINE: February 15th



Submit an application to receive the 2015 Best Urban BMP in the Bay Award!

There are strong submissions to the Best Residential BMP and Best Habitat Creation in a BMP categories, but the other five other categories have no submissions yet!!!

Don't miss out on this opportunity to win \$5000 and be recognized as a stormwater star!

Deadline for Submissions: February 15, 2015

Visit <http://chesapeakestormwater.net/the-bubbas/> to learn more about the BUBBAs or to submit an application

Choose your four favorite photographs of the project and write a brief narrative that explains why your work should be named the Best Urban BMP in the Bay

The top three projects in each of our seven categories will be featured on the Chesapeake Stormwater Network website and Flickr account.

## 2015 Interfaith Forum: February 15th

Showcasing Congregations: 2015 Interfaith Forum

Sunday, February 15th, 2015, 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockville

100 Welsh Park Drive, Rockville, MD 20850

RSVP to [phlavinka@gmail.com](mailto:phlavinka@gmail.com)

More information or RSVP at: <http://www.muddybranch.org/event/interfaith-workshop>

Featuring projects and speakers from a variety of local congregations



## Green Matters Symposium: February 27th



### Green Matters Annual Symposium: Protecting our Pollinators

Silver Spring Civic Center

Friday, February 27, 2015, 8:30 am- 4:00 pm

We cannot survive without pollinators. An astonishing 80% of the world's plant species require a pollinator to reproduce. Come together with the experts at this year's Green Matters to learn what you can do- at work or at home- to protect our pollinators!

For registration information: [http://montgomeryparks.org/brookside/green\\_matters\\_symposium.shtm](http://montgomeryparks.org/brookside/green_matters_symposium.shtm)

Course # 306499

Fee: \$89 before January 16th, \$99 after January 16

Register online at [[ParkPASS.org](http://ParkPASS.org)]ParkPASS.org or call 301-962-1451

## Eco-Comedy Video Competition DEADLINE: March 1st



## Eco-Comedy Video Competition

Spring 2015 - CALL FOR ENTRIES

'Clean Water, Clean Air'

Produce a short, humorous video for YouTube tackling this year's theme. The contest is open to anyone worldwide who has a flair for producing videos and something to say about conservation.

Post at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWFuA\\_JundApDudndM2XB4g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWFuA_JundApDudndM2XB4g)

7. Be submitted by 11:59 pm Eastern Time Zone on Sunday, March 1st, 2015

For more information go to <http://www.american.edu/soc/cef/eco-comedy-film-competition.cfm>

## Permaculture Design Certification Course

Permaculture Design Certification Course offered by the Mason Sustainable Institute

George Mason University; Fairfax, VA

March 7th-14th 2015 (Sunday through Saturday)

8:00 am - 6:00 pm Light breakfast, catered lunch and dinners provided

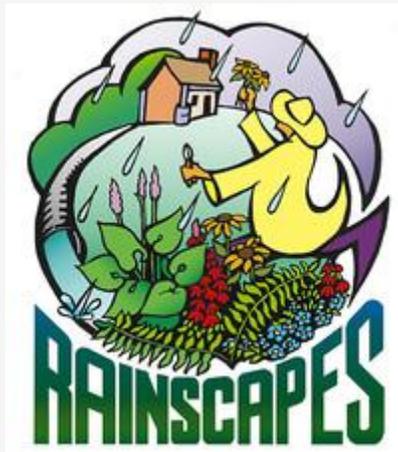
Wayne Weiseman of the Permaculture Project, LLC is the instructor

For more information on Mr. Weiseman, go to <http://www.permacultureproject.com/about/who-is-wayne-weiseman/>

Total cost: \$1,100 with an early-bird special of \$1,000 before January 15th.

For more information and the course and to register, go to <http://ocpe.gmu.edu/programs/green/permaculture.php>

Questions? Contact Christine Harris at [charri24@gmu.edu](mailto:charri24@gmu.edu) or 804-502-4655



RainScapes is a program provided by the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection which promotes and implements projects which reduce stormwater runoff volume and improve water quality on properties within Montgomery County.

To find out more, go to [rainscapes.org](http://rainscapes.org).

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