Landscape Professionals Training
Montgomery County

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RainScapes: Clean Water Begins at Home

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RainScapes mission:

To educate and incentivize private property owners to reduce the impervious surface stormwater runoff pollution from their property that is contributing to the degradation of our streams and the Chesapeake Bay.

Why? Because…

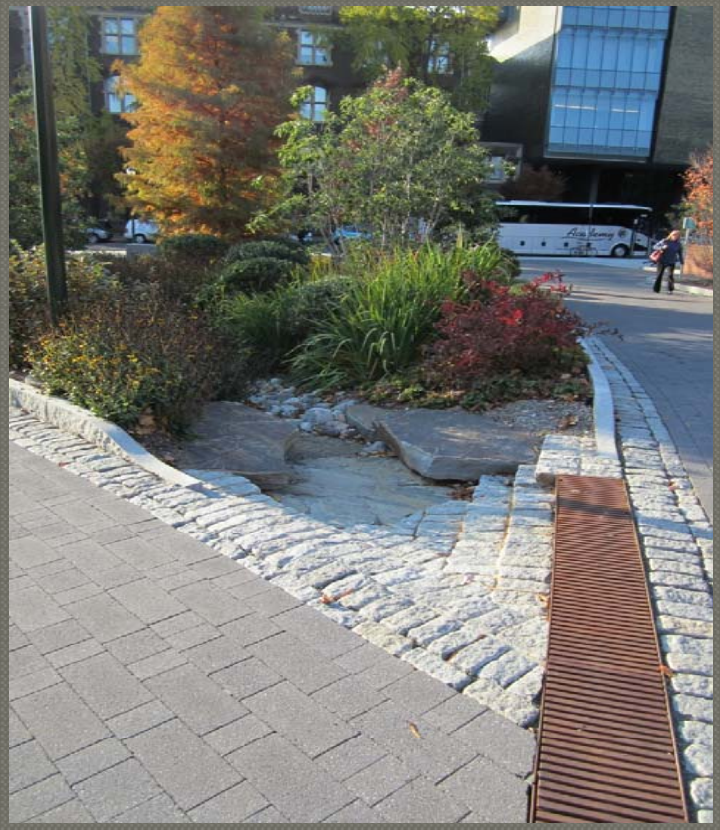
- MS4 Regulations
- To solve drainage issues
- Environmental Site Design helps to restore healthy watershed environments
- PROTECT THE BAY!

How are we doing this?

- Outreach and Education to consumers and organizations (workshops)
- Landscape Professionals trainings
- RainScapes Reward Rebate program
- MCPS – RainScapes Schools programs
- Neighborhood program

ASPECTS of the RainScapes Approach/ ENVIRONMENTAL SITE DESIGN

- Slow It Down, Spread It Out, Soak It in
- Small scale vegetative practices integrated through out the site as close to the source as possible



CHECK DAMS

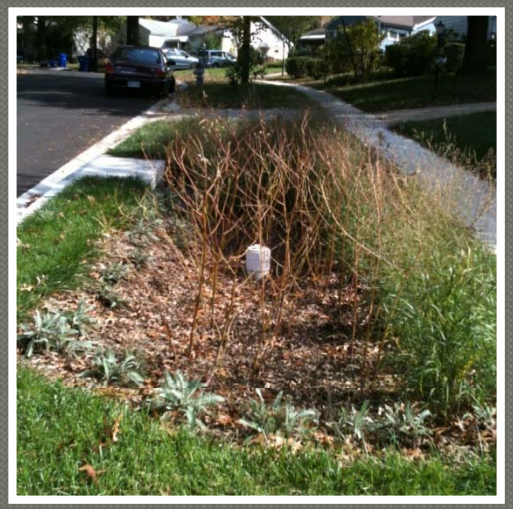
Leucothoe
(Fetterbush)

Chasmanthium Latifolium
(River Oats)

Iris versicolor (Blue Flag)

Rudbeckia flugida
(Black-Eyed Susan)

Flow resistant plants



Green Streets: LID gardens in the Right of Way

Specially designed Rain Gardens slow down and soak up stormwater before it goes to the creek

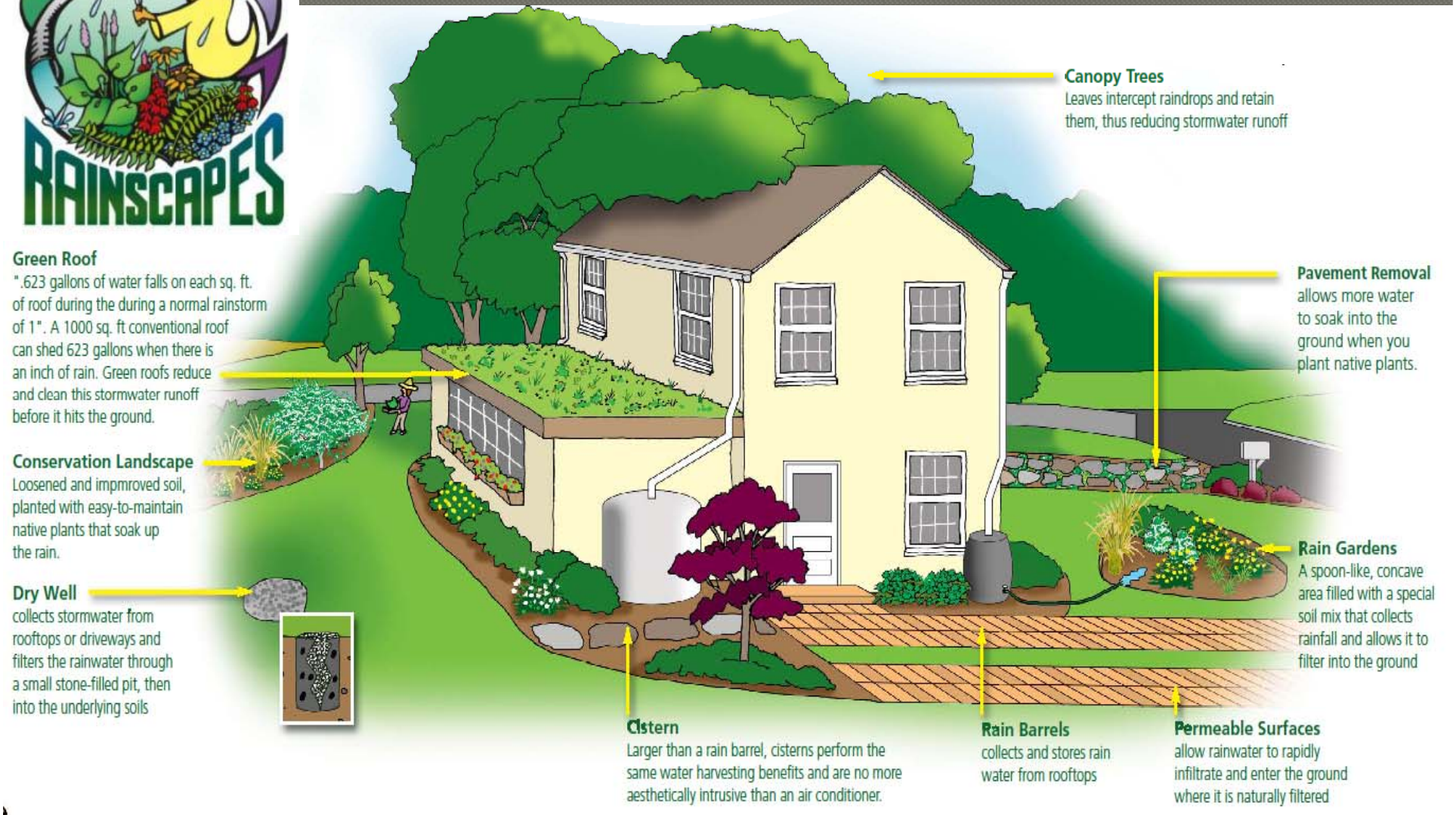
RainScapes Rewards Incentive Program

- **Rebates for single family residences:**
- $2,500 per property
  with lifetime project caps

- **Rebates for multi-family/commercial / institutional:**
- $10,000 per property
  with lifetime project caps

- All County property owners **outside** of municipalities Rockville, Gaithersburg and Takoma Park are eligible for rebates

RainScapes Techniques at home



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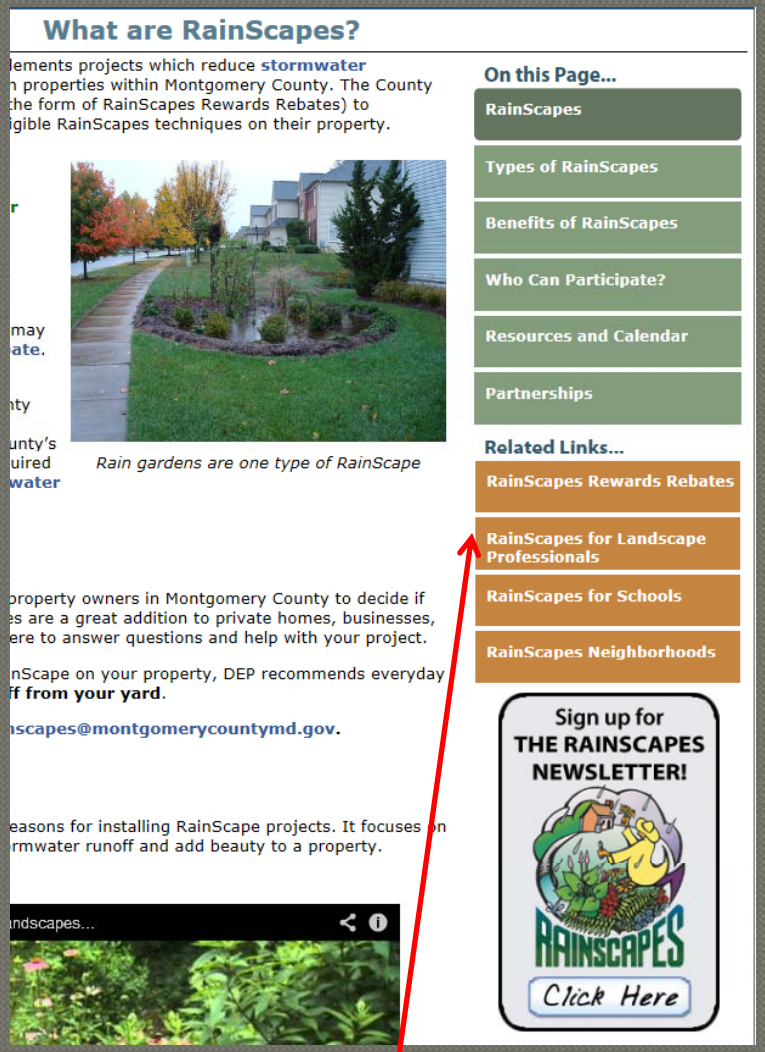

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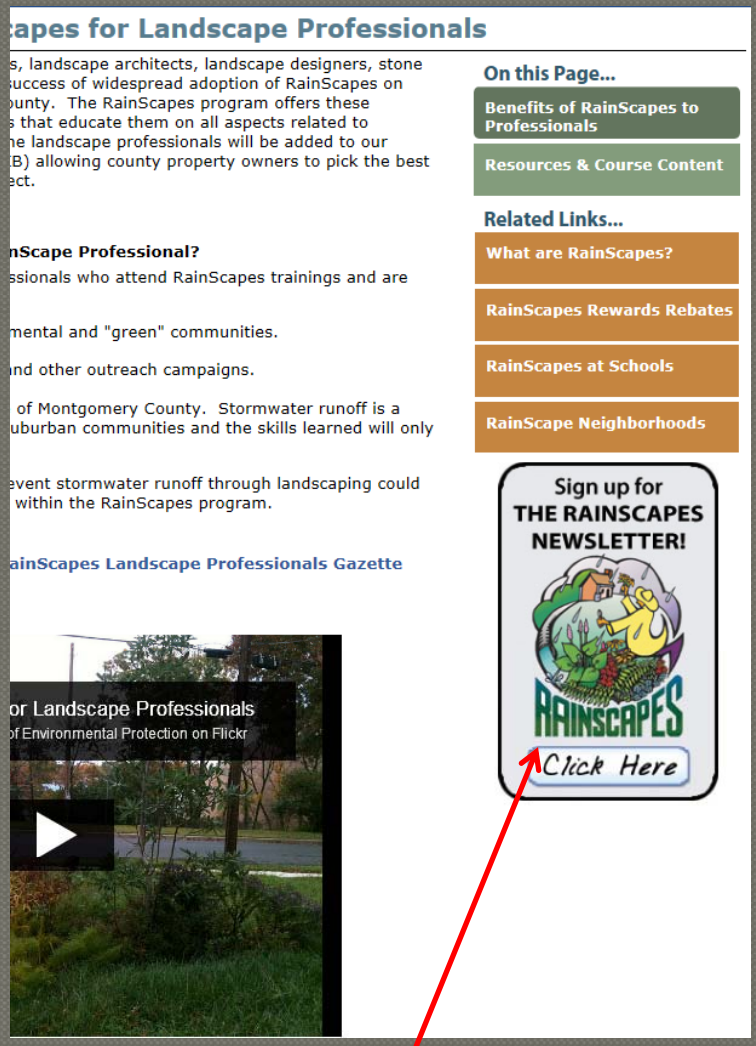

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Who RainScapes?

Professionals

Average motivated 'green homeowners'

Environmental Groups

Average motivated 'green homeowners'

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