

MARCH 6 MS4 MEETING

Friends of Sligo Creek
Stormwater Committee
Education and Engaging Community
Action

SOME PROBLEMS: SLIGO CREEK GOING DRY FALL 2007



Sligo Creek below Forest Glen Road October 2007.

INSTEAD OF ENTERING THE STREAM AS CLEAN, COOL BASEFLOW, RAINWATER ENTERS ALL AT ONCE AS STORMWATER RUNOFF.



FOSC STORMWATER PROGRAM

- ◉ Education: Make presentations to neighborhood and community organizations
- ◉ Neighborhood Walk-Throughs: After the presentation, work with members to identify problem areas. Walk with some of these folks through a relatively small area - several blocks, and suggest easy fixes. Also look for possible rain garden sites.
- ◉ Training session with CASA: train workers to dig rain gardens, engaging new stakeholder
- ◉ Program made possible with Chesapeake Bay Trust grant in Silver Spring and Takoma Foundation grant in Takoma Park.

WATERSHED RESTORATION & COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP

AKA: HOLD YOUR WATER: UNLEARNING
TRADITIONAL YARD RAINWATER
MANAGEMENT

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CASA TEAMS ADD RAIN GARDEN SOIL MIX



COMMUNITY INSTALLATIONS



MID-PROJECT APPRAISAL OF RAIN GARDEN DIGS

Using DEP mini-contract, evaluate 11 rain gardens dug by the end of last summer.

- ◉ CASA worker experience positive
- ◉ Community outreach effort was effective
- ◉ Neighborhood walk throughs were effective, good participation.
- ◉ Recipients of rain gardens generally very happy with the gardens and process.
- ◉ Recipients of the rain gardens made good outreach volunteers

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Complications:

1. Vagaries of weather (can't dig in mud),
2. Financial requirements of doing multiple digs to save on delivery charges
3. Limits to where they can be placed in small and sometimes steep yards with lots of trees
4. Where clay soil is removed from hole, limits on where it can be placed on site and impossibility of taking it offsite.

WATERSHED STEWARDS TRAINING GOALS DRAFT

Develop a well educated, geographically and otherwise diverse set of community stormwater experts, or stewards, to work together with themselves, their watershed advocacy groups, county and local agencies, and regional experts to help educate the broader communities about the problems and solutions for stormwater pollution and flooding into the watersheds. Further, these stewards will stimulate and help guide the implement of wide-spread local fixes to stormwater management problems.

