



Landscape Professionals RainScapes Gazette

Spring Edition, April 2011

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***Invasive Species Bill passes
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Invasive Species Bill passes

It will be a 2 tiered system with a committee appointed to determine which plants will not be allowed to be sold, and which will require notification prior to planting. <http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/bills/hb/hb0831t.pdf>

RainScapes Rewards Rebates are now submitted via our online application process

There is still money available for rebates. Reminder: rebate projects are for addresses in the County that are not in the municipal boundaries of the City of Rockville, Gaithersburg or Takoma Park

Check the online applications here: <http://depdev01/RainScapes/> other resources are listed on the RainScapes page: www.rainscapes.org

Soil Maps:

NRCS Soil Survey online – you can look up the soil map by property address

<http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/HomePage.htm>

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Training Opportunities

1) New Stormwater based class at Montgomery College this summer

Storm Water Maintenance

This course will provide you with instructions on how to perform inspection, minor repairs, and maintenance of plant materials surrounding bio-retention facilities according to Montgomery County and Maryland State guidelines. Other topics include contract planning and developing a maintenance plan for bio-retention components. This course has been endorsed by the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Tuition waiver applies; seniors pay fee only.

Course: MGT370 **18.5 hrs**
\$107 +\$64 fee=\$171; Non-Md. Residents add \$120
Germantown Campus

CRN#: 11798
7/18-7/20
4 sessions
M, T, W
9 am-3:45 pm

Co-listed with credit course LN 135 Storm Water Maintenance

2) RainScapes Rain Garden Field Day

We will be sending out an invite to those who have already attended a RainScapes classroom course for the Rain Garden Field Day once we have a final date. It will be in early to mid-June.

3) Community-based Green Infrastructure

A free, public webinar with Watershed Management Group

Wednesday, April 27, 2011, 4:00-5:30pm PDT (Pacific)

Register here (<http://watershedmg.org/green-streets>)

Download and share a one-page flier for this webinar here (http://watershedmg.org/sites/default/files/newcontent/Community_based_GI_flier_sm.pdf)

Across North America, neighborhoods, schools, community groups, and grassroots organizations are using green infrastructure methods to make their communities more livable and sustainable, including rain gardens, bioretention basins, vegetated swales, street trees, and rainwater harvesting.

Community-driven approaches to green infrastructure provide unique benefits to communities including education, public buy-in, community development, and vital energy. In this interactive webinar, we'll explore the benefits and challenges of community-driven approaches to green infrastructure through case studies from three North American cities, and a moderated discussion with questions from the audience.

Speakers include:

Bryant Smith, Parks & People Foundation, Baltimore MD
Marty Dolan, Tupper Neighbourhood Greenway, Vancouver BC
James MacAdam, Watershed Management Group, Tucson AZ

To register for this free webinar, go to:
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4) On-Site Stormwater Management – Athens GA – 14 CEUs available

<http://www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/cch/register/site-stormwater-management>

The purpose of this two day course is to update and upgrade the applied skills of landscape architects and related professionals in stormwater management. It provides a practical review of conventional and emerging stormwater management techniques, and the hydrologic calculations needed for their application. Participants will experience hands-on design, performing computer-based calculation exercises tailored to the Southeastern region. The course emphasizes the use of quantitative hydrologic results to design responsibly within the aesthetic, functional,



and ecological patterns of specific sites, including the new directions in stormwater management necessary for green building projects. The first day addresses fundamental site stormwater design concepts, functional aesthetic relationships, and infiltration design. The second day expands on infiltration design, and addresses rainwater harvesting and other new management techniques that are evolving rapidly in response to changing environmental mandates and regulations. The LEED Rating System and the Sustainable Site Initiative will be discussed as well as current research directions and the EPA's new recommendations.

Date:

Thursday, April 14, 2011 - Friday, April 15, 2011

Location:

Georgia Center for Continuing Education

1197 South Lumpkin Street, Athens, GA 30602

United States

See map: [Google Maps](#)

Cost:

Early fee paid on or before 4/1/11

- BOTH DAYS - \$360
- DAY 1 only - \$195
- DAY 2 only - \$195

Fee paid after 4/1/11

- BOTH DAYS - \$405
- DAY 1 only - \$225
- DAY 2 only - \$225

Event Cancellation Policies

(1) A cancellation received by **5:00 p.m. ET on or before April 6, 2011** will be refunded, minus a \$35 processing fee. No refunds will be issued thereafter; substitutions will be allowed. (2) To change or cancel your registration, call 800-884-1381, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET. (3) If an event is cancelled for any reason, The Georgia Center will not be responsible for any charges related to travel.

Hotel Costs:

Classic Queen/King Room (one queen/king bed) - \$89 You'll be given the opportunity to make a hotel reservation as you proceed through the online registration process.

Contact information: Neal Weatherly, nweath@uga.edu, 706-542-0943

Special Needs

If you require special services or have dietary restrictions, contact Nette Penn, at 706-542-6658 or Nette.Penn@georgiacenter.uga.edu, by April 5, 2011.

[Register Now](#)

Have a great Spring!

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