

RainScapes for Schools Schoolyard Report Card

Score Total:

Runoff/Erosion	_____
Vegetation	_____
Biodiversity	_____
Transportation	_____
	Sub Total: _____
Awareness bonus points	+ _____
	Final Score: _____

150-180 A-B: Your school is excellent habitat for many plants and animals and is a very healthy part of the watershed!

110-149 C-D: You are on the right track but there is more work to do if we want to Save the Bay!

109 or less E-F: Poor habitat. Many schools fall into this category so please help us in making your schoolyard a better place by installing a RainScape!

Low Score? Try these solutions!

Runoff/erosion:

- ◆ Build a RainScapes Rain Garden
- ◆ Plant a Canopy Tree near pavement
- ◆ Convert grassy areas into a RainScapes Conservation Landscape

Vegetation:

- ◆ Plant a pollinator friendly educational RainScapes conservation landscape.
- ◆ Build a RainScapes rain garden.
- ◆ Begin your own micro-nursery for native plantings
- ◆ Allow an area to become a no-mow
- ◆ Remove invasive plants and replace with natives

Biodiversity:

- ◆ Plant native shrubs and flowers that attract wildlife
- ◆ Identify what local animals may need and restore their habitat

Transportation:

- ◆ Encourage your school to incentivize carpooling, public transportation, and bicycle riding to school
- ◆ Install and use bike racks
- ◆ Storm drain stenciling
- ◆ Install RainScapes for run-off control next to parking lots and roads

Awareness:

- ◆ Study the Chesapeake Bay
- ◆ Go on a Chesapeake Bay Foundation field experience
- ◆ Read about the Chesapeake Bay
- ◆ Ask your teacher about your local watershed
- ◆ Get involved with your local watershed group

And most importantly.... Install some RainScapes!

Excess runoff will affect these indicators of Bay health:



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