

# Stormwater BMP Maintenance E-Newsletter

Spring Edition, May 2013



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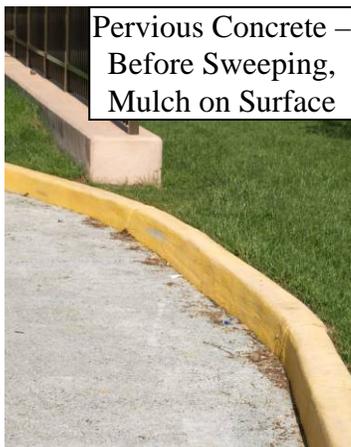
## Spring Maintenance Tips

- ✓ Remember to schedule your contractor for mowing of pond dam embankments. Mowing of the upstream and downstream slopes of pond dam embankments must be done a minimum of twice a year, and is recommended in the spring and in the fall. See [DEP's fact sheet](#) for more information.
- ✓ Weeds should only be removed manually and fertilizers are not needed in stormwater facilities. For a list of landscape professionals that have attended DEP's contractor training, visit [DEP's website](#) and click "[Contractor Resources](#)".
- ✓ Keep all storm drains and stormwater facility inlets open and clear of sediment, debris, and trash. Blockages often prevent the flow of water into stormwater facilities and cause flooding elsewhere on your property.



The Green Street vegetated stormwater facilities along Stewart Ln and April Ln in Silver Spring, MD are blooming now and just had their monthly maintenance performed for May!

## Feature Topic– Pervious Concrete Sweeping



Pervious Concrete – Before Sweeping, Mulch on Surface



Vacuum Sweeper Truck

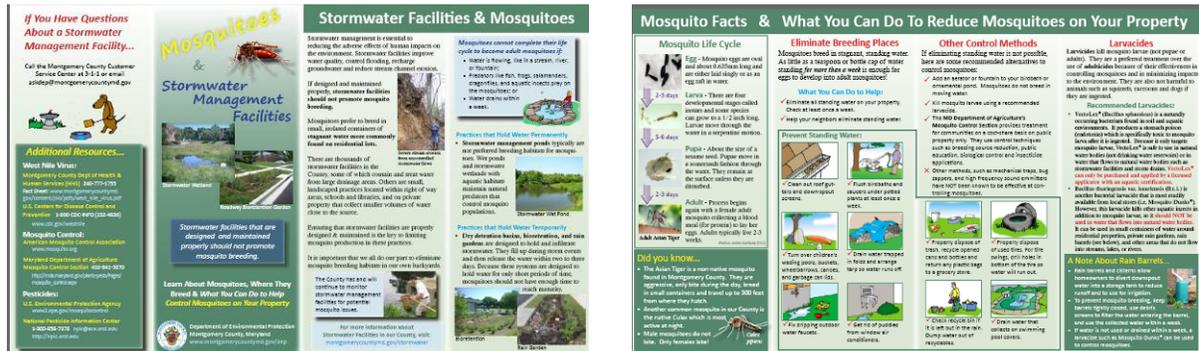


Pervious Concrete – After Sweeping

DEP recently had a contractor vacuum sweep the pervious concrete parking lot located at White Oak Community Recreation Center in Silver Spring, Maryland. The concrete is about one year old and is functioning well. The sweeping helped to remove some sediment and mulch that had accumulated on the surface. See the [porous pavements maintenance fact sheet](#) for more information.

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## New! – Mosquito Prevention Information!



Stormwater management facilities are often blamed as a source of mosquitoes, because the facilities contain rainfall runoff. But if a stormwater management facility is designed and maintained properly, it should not promote mosquito breeding.

If you know the facts about mosquitoes and how to prevent them, your family can be back outside, enjoying the warm weather, in no time. Visit [DEP's webpage](#) to learn helpful mosquito facts, how to prevent mosquitoes in your neighborhood, and to download a pdf flyer on stormwater facilities and mosquitoes.

## New! – June Property Managers Training

### Green Practices for Property Management Seminar Series

Please join Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection for two [free seminars](#) for commercial and residential property managers and homeowner's associations.



**Seminar 1 - Stormwater Facilities: What do I need to know?**  
Wednesday, June 19 – 6:30pm – 8:30pm

**Seminar 2 – RainScapes: What are they?**  
Tuesday, June 25 – 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Executive Office Building, Lobby Level Auditorium  
101 Monroe Street  
Rockville, MD 20850

Register for both seminars at <http://montgomerygreenpropertymanagement.eventbrite.com>

See last page of this e-newsletter for full page flyer with more information.

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## Additional DEP Opportunities



### **2013 Montgomery County Fair**

Be sure to check out the DEP tent at the [Montgomery County Fair](#): August 9-17<sup>th</sup> 2013, Gaithersburg Maryland.

In 2012, over 6,000 fair participants talked with DEP at our tent. Stop by this year to learn about DEP's activities over the last year and talk one-on-one with a DEP staff member or volunteer!

### Resources for More Information

More information on stormwater maintenance is available at our website: [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/stormwater](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/stormwater)



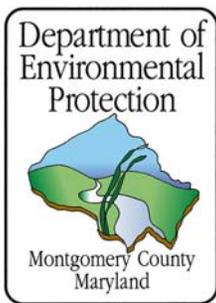
Click on "[Contractor Resources](#)" for specific contractor training information.

WEBSITE

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If you have any questions on stormwater facility maintenance, please contact us at [MC.Stormwater@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:MC.Stormwater@montgomerycountymd.gov).

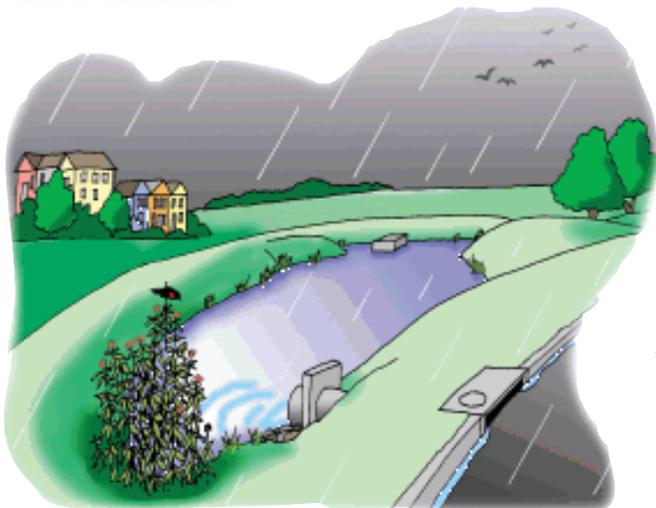
This quarterly newsletter has useful information and seasonal tips for Property Managers, contractors, and HOAs to assist you with your stormwater facility maintenance needs. Montgomery County, MD has over 6,000 stormwater facilities and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) ensures that they are all regularly maintained and functioning as-designed to protect our local streams. These facilities include dry ponds, wet ponds, underground hydrodynamic structures, bioretention facilities, and much more. To view previous editions of the newsletter, visit <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dectmpl.asp?url=/Content/dep/water/stormwaterfacility.asp#subscribe>



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## Who Should Attend?

- Residential and Commercial property managers
- HOA representatives and
- Anyone interested in greening their property.

## Time

Each session will take place from **6:30pm to 8:30pm**

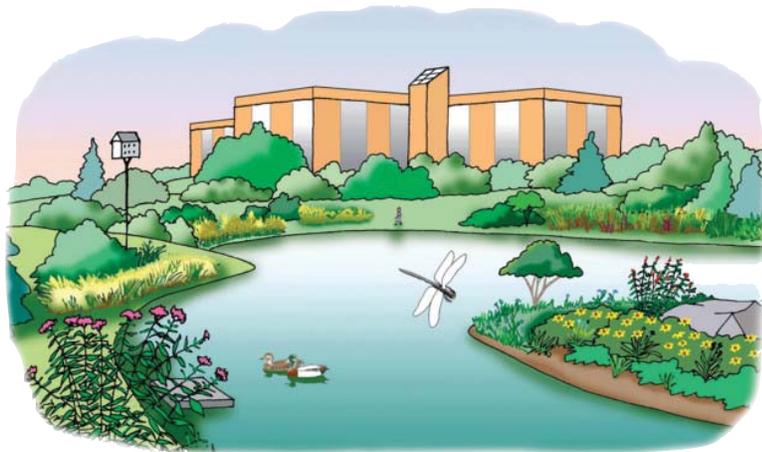
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A certificate of completion will be awarded to everyone that participates in both sessions!

## Learn about

- Stormwater facility maintenance: planning for the future.
- Green Business Certification Program
- Landscape options that reduce your environmental impact.
- Reducing your tax bill by receiving a credit on your Water Quality Protection Charge
- DEP resources available to you.



## Interested in Saving Money?

Having a plan in place to prolong landscape features such as rain gardens, ponds, and other stormwater facilities can significantly save on maintenance costs. Attend this seminar series and we will tell you how.