

# Why Stormwater?

Stormwater runoff is the only increasing source of pollution in the Chesapeake Bay. You can help to reverse this trend!

Stormwater runoff from precipitation events like rain and snowmelt, picks up pollutants, like oil, grease, litter, pesticides and fertilizers which then flow into our streams and rivers.

Stormwater management practices, like rain gardens, capture and treat runoff so that the water does not flow directly into streams. They remove pollutants, protect public health and prevent flooding and erosion.



*Kensington Park Library bioretention during and 24 hours after a storm.*

# GET INVOLVED!

You can help improve the County's water quality by:

- **Becoming a Stream Steward!**
- **Building a RainScape!**
- **Joining a local watershed group!**
- **Planting a tree!**
- **Picking up after your pets!**



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## Montgomery County's Stormwater Awareness Geocaching Program



**Caching the Rain  
Geotrail**



**GEOCACHING** is a family-friendly, outdoor scavenger hunt using GPS coordinates to search for and locate containers called "geocaches."

## GET STARTED GEOCACHING!



Geocaches can come in all shapes and sizes!



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# CACHING THE RAIN GEOTRAIL

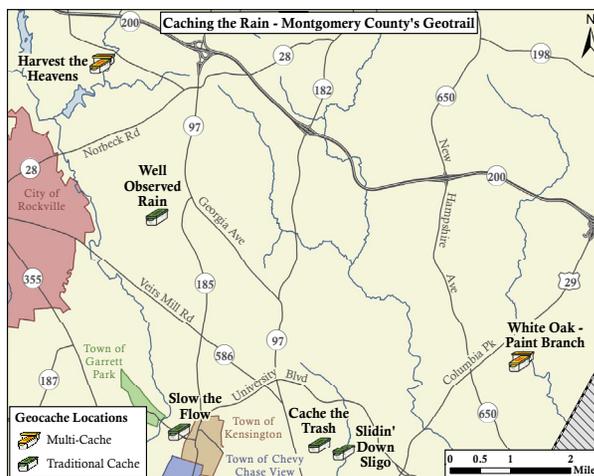
**GEOTRAIL:** a series of geocaches united under one common theme.

## CACHING THE RAIN

takes you on a tour of some of Montgomery County's stormwater management practices. Geocaches have been placed nearby several practices that have been installed to improve water quality in our local streams.



Discover the Caching the Rain Geotrail to learn how you can help clean our waters!



- 1 Download the geocaching app or visit [geocaching.com](http://geocaching.com) to create an account.
- 2 Visit [montgomerycountymd.gov/geocache](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/geocache) to download the Caching the Rain Passport.
- 3 Visit all the sites and record your answers to the trivia questions inside each geocache.
- 4 Check you answers online and fill out the program evaluation!
- 5 Spread the word and Take Action! Together, we can make a difference for water quality!

## DID YOU KNOW?

- There are over 2 million active geocaches worldwide!
- Geocaches can be found in over 180 countries!
- Geocaching can be used as an educational tool to learn about environmental science, history, and many more topics!



Remember to practice **CACHE IN TRASH OUT** by picking up trash during your geocaching adventure!

Learn more about the Caching the Rain Geotrail at:  
[montgomerycountymd.gov/geocache](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/geocache)