

Hav-a-Rain Garden Program



Help Haverford build 100 new rain gardens in 10 years to enhance our waterways, reduce flooding in our community and preserve our infrastructure. Started in 2015 by the Haverford Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC), we are helping Rain Gardens pop up all over. The Hav-a-Rain Garden primary non-profit partner is the Haverford Township Civic Council. It has benefited from collaborating with Township departments, non-profits, business sponsors, community groups and YOU! Grants have come from the Haverford Music Festival Water Resources Education Network, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and DelCo Soil Conservation District. Our current business sponsor is Nolan Painting. We have current partnerships with the Pennsylvania Resources Council, Eastern Delaware County Stormwater Collaborative and Darby Creek Valley Association.

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To ask for a rain garden or support our program, email havaraingarden@gmail.com or follow us on www.facebook.com/haverfordraingardens. Following us on Facebook or getting on our informational email list will get you current information on Workshops, Rain Garden installations and other volunteer events.

Give us your input on Rain Gardens in public spaces. Prior installations include at the Haverford Reserve soccer field and Merwood Park. Let us know where you think a perfect location would be for a public Rain Garden.

Help make Haverford a regional leader in this groundbreaking initiative to enhance our environment and our quality of life!

What is a rain garden?



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A rain garden captures water and gradually allows it to soak into the ground – just as nature intended: The plants purify the water by absorbing harmful pollutants and reduce the burden on our public storm water system while providing a lovely landscape feature. You can turn a spot in your yard into a beautiful garden – with benefits!

Rain Garden Benefits:

- Reduce flooding in our communities.
- Filter pollution out of runoff and melting snow
- Protect and replenish drinking water supplies
- Preserve our natural and recreational resources
- Provide important food and shelter for wildlife
- Add a lovely garden feature to your property