

YOU CAN HELP YOUR COMMUNITY MEET ITS CLEAN WATER GOALS AND ENHANCE YOUR LANDSCAPE BY CONSTRUCTING A RAIN GARDEN IN YOUR YARD. CAPTURE AND TREAT STORMWATER ON YOUR PROPERTY IN AN AESTHETICALLY PLEASING AND ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY MANNER.

# SUMMIT COUNTY RAIN GARDENS



FIRST AND MAIN,  
CITY OF HUDSON



RAINGARDEN  
RESERVE,  
CUYAHOGA FALLS



BARLOW  
CENTER, CITY  
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*Rain Gardens  
for Homeowners*

PROTECTING OUR WATER  
ONE YARD AT A TIME



# What is a Rain Garden?

A RAIN GARDEN IS AN ATTRACTIVE LANDSCAPE FEATURE PLANTED WITH PERENNIAL NATIVE PLANTS THAT DO NOT MIND GETTING "WET FEET". CONSTRUCTED WITH AMENDED SOILS IN A BOWL SHAPE, A RAIN GARDEN IS DESIGNED TO CAPTURE STORMWATER RUNOFF AND INCREASE INFILTRATION ALLOWING RAIN AND SNOWMELT TO SEEP NATURALLY INTO THE GROUND.

MOST OF THE POLLUTION IN OUR STREAMS, RIVERS, AND LAKES IS DELIVERED BY STORMWATER RUN-OFF THAT IS AFFECTED BY PRACTICES WE CARRY OUT IN OUR YARDS AND GARDENS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FERTILIZERS, PESTICIDES, PET WASTES, GRASS CLIPPINGS, AND OTHER YARD DEBRIS.

## BENEFITS



RECHARGE GROUNDWATER SUPPLY



PREVENTS WATER QUALITY PROBLEMS



PROVIDES HABITAT FOR BIRDS AND BUTTERFLIES



LOVELY LANDSCAPE FEATURES

# Every Drop Counts

EVERYONE LIVES IN A WATERSHED. YOU CAN HELP MAINTAIN THE HEALTH OF OUR WATERSHED BY INSTALLING A RAIN GARDEN IN YOUR YARD.

PLANTING A RAIN GARDEN MAY SEEM LIKE A SMALL THING, BUT IF YOU CALCULATE THE AMOUNT OF RAIN THAT RUNS OFF YOUR PROPERTY, YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED.

KEEPING RAIN WHERE IT FALLS, BY DIRECTING IT TO A RAIN GARDEN, IS A NATURAL SOLUTION TO WATER POLLUTION.

## TYPICAL RAIN GARDEN PLANTS



WINTERBELLY HOLLY



SWEET PEPPERBRUSH



RED-OSIER DOGWOOD



RED LOBELIA



CINNAMON FERN



BEE BALM



WHITE TURTLEHEAD



ROYAL FERN

