



GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE in New Jersey



AMERICORP PROJECTS

TYPE OF GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE:

RAIN GARDEN

LOCATION:

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension Office, Millville, New Jersey

ORGANIZATION:

New Jersey AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassadors Program

DESCRIPTION:

Meredith Brown, NJ AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador in WMA 17, has hosted a rain garden training and installation project. She partnered with Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Cumberland County and was able to use an empty rain garden shell from a demonstration project from a previous year. Meredith received donations from Shop Rite and New Moon Nurseries of rain garden plants and other materials to contribute to the project's success. After a short rain garden training presentation by Rutgers Cooperative Extension Salem County, Meredith assisted the volunteers with planting and mulching the rain garden.

IMPACT:

Educated and involved community members of Cumberland and Salem counties about rain garden installations and the benefits they provide. A full working garden is now installed in the community which purifies stormwater and prevents it from becoming a source of pollution.

Watershed Ambassadors are available to lead additional workshops in your community. Contact information for your local Ambassador can be found at www.nj.gov/dep/wms/bear/amicorps_contact_info.htm