



# GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE in New Jersey



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### **TYPE OF GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE:**

**RAIN BARREL**

### **LOCATION:**

Williams Nursery, Westfield, New Jersey

### **ORGANIZATION:**

New Jersey AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassadors Program

### **DESCRIPTION:**

Matthew Popin, New Jersey AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador in WMA 7 and Melanie Jackson, New Jersey AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador in WMA 5 hosted a "Build a Rain Barrel" program on April 21, 2013 with Williams Nursery as part of an effort to conserve water and to increase knowledge of stormwater management in the flood prone areas of Union County. Twenty rain barrels were built during this workshop.

### **IMPACT:**

Educated community members about water conservation, protecting local watersheds and the benefits of rain barrels. Those involved were able to construct their own rain barrels to bring home and install. Through the use of these barrels, an estimated 26,000 gallons of stormwater will be captured every growing season, preventing it from entering the stormwater system.

**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](http://www.nj.gov/dep/wms/bear/amicorps_contact_info.htm)**

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