

Paterson's School 5 site of rainwater harvesting experiment

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PATERSON – Students at School 5 will be using a newly-installed cistern to water their Elysian Fields garden as a part of a “green” demonstration project.

The cistern will catch rainwater that the students later will pump into the garden under the project, which is happening through a partnership between the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission and the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program.

Officials said the rainwater harvesting system will help conserve water, reduce flooding and prevent pollution from entering local waterways.

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