



GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE in New Jersey



AMERICORP PROJECTS

TYPE OF GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE:

RAIN BARREL

LOCATION:

East Brunswick Senior Center, East Brunswick, New Jersey

ORGANIZATION:

New Jersey AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassadors Program

DESCRIPTION:

Elyse Foladare, New Jersey AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador in WMA 9 hosted a “Build a Rain Barrel” workshop on April 25, 2013 with the Friends of the East Brunswick Environmental Commission as part of Earth Week. Elyse designed, facilitated, and oversaw the workshop, which allowed local residents to build their own personal rain barrel to install in their own homes to create less stormwater runoff.

IMPACT:

Educated community members about stormwater management, protecting local watersheds, and the benefits of rain barrels. An estimated 1,300 gallons of stormwater from each rain barrel built will be captured, 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