



GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE in New Jersey



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TYPE OF GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE:

RAIN BARREL

LOCATION:

Hamilton Township Free Public Library, Hamilton, New Jersey

ORGANIZATION:

New Jersey AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassadors Program and Rutgers Water Resources Program

DESCRIPTION:

Jade Greene, New Jersey AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador in WMA 11 (Central Delaware) and Rutgers Water Resources Program hosted a “Build a Rain Barrel” program as part of a series of Best Management Practices being implemented in Hamilton Township. Jade assisted participants with building their rain barrels; Rutgers provided the barrels and educational support.

IMPACT:

Community members were educated about water conservation, watersheds and ways rain barrels protect these water resources. Participants constructed their rain barrels and will install them on their homes. It is estimated that each rain barrel will save approximately 1,300 gallons of stormwater from entering the storm drain every growing season.

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

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Photos from April 2, 2013 "Build a Rain Barrel" workshop at Hamilton Township Free Public Library, Hamilton, New Jersey. Photos courtesy of Rutgers Water Resources Program.