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Photo Caption: Media Rain Garden With Down Spout

### **CRC, Media and Nether Providence Work to Multiply Rain Gardens**

The Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association (CRC) is promoting rain gardens as an attractive and affordable way for homeowners to reduce polluted runoff thanks to a grant from the Water Resources Education Network. Media Borough and Nether Providence Township feature demonstration rain gardens at their municipal headquarters and each will work with CRC and Aqua Pennsylvania to encourage residents to plant a “do it yourself” rain garden at home.

A rain garden is a depression planted with grasses, flowers, and shrubs that allows rainwater from hard surfaces to absorb into the ground instead of flowing into streams. Rain gardens improve water quality in nearby streams and also serve as a beautiful alternative to lawn, enhancing curb appeal in residential neighborhoods. After large storms all of the water in a properly designed rain garden will absorb within 48 hours so they do not harbor mosquitoes.

Nether Providence Township and Media Borough will each host a community workshop on rain gardens, scheduled for May 3 and May 17, 2015, respectively. More details on the workshops will be available at [www.crcwatersheds.org](http://www.crcwatersheds.org) in the spring. The project will also produce new web materials and signs at the demonstration sites that connect homeowners with the information they need to build their own rain garden.

The project is funded by the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania Citizen Education Fund through a Section 319 federal Clean Water act grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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*Chester - Ridley - Crum Watersheds Association (CRC) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization devoted to the protection of water resources and the natural environment of the Chester, Ridley, and Crum Creek Valleys, and the health, recreational, and quality of life benefits they afford the residents of this region. Its stewardship area encompasses 132 square miles and 40 municipalities, from the South Valley Hills to the Delaware River.*

*CRC's programs are supported by the contributions of 600 individual, municipal, business, and institutional/nonprofit members. More information on CRC is available at [crcwatersheds.org](http://crcwatersheds.org).*

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