



# Using Rain Gardens to Reduce Runoff:

## *Slow it down, Spread it out, Soak it in!*



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Eastern: 1:00p.m.–3:00p.m.

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**M**any communities across the country are struggling to address impacts from stormwater runoff due to increased development. Green or low impact development practices such as rain gardens can help manage runoff effectively as well as provide aesthetic benefits. Rain gardens can increase property values, add beauty and habitat, reduce a community's carbon footprint, as well as provide important water quality benefits. Join us for this exciting Webcast to learn more about these natural solutions to water pollution. Our speakers will discuss the benefits of rain gardens and share their experiences with successful community rain garden programs.

#### **Instructors:**



**Jenny Biddle**, with EPA's Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds, focuses on activities used to prevent and mitigate nonpoint source pollution. Ms. Biddle received a B.S. from Penn State University in Horticulture and an M.S. from George Mason University in Environmental Science and Policy. Presently she is working on a cost calculator for bioretention areas, including residential rain gardens.

**Pamela Rowe** serves as the *RainScapes* Program coordinator with the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection. Since the early 1990's, she has worked to protect and restore local watersheds, including as a planner with the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. In her present role, she promotes innovative approaches to stormwater management. She also spends as much time as she can paddling and sailing on the Chesapeake Bay.



**Lynn Hinkle** an award-winning small business owner, founded ASTRA Communications, Inc. and Goin' Green to encourage citizens to take action in their own communities. Her company developed the nationally recognized "10,000" Rain Gardens" initiative in Kansas City, Missouri, launched the renown "Conversations on the Environment" series, and facilitated the Climate Protection Planning process for Kansas City. The "How to Build a Rain Garden" video was produced in her backyard and is available at [www.worldgoinggreen.com](http://www.worldgoinggreen.com).

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