Purdue Rainscaping Education Program

Two Day Program

Sessions 1, 2, and first half of 3

**Session 1**  Introduction to Rainscaping

9:00 AM  Welcome, workshop overview and logistics, and Icebreaker (30 min)

9:30  Introduction to Rainscaping (45 min)

Why reduce stormwater runoff

What gardeners can do

Implementing rain gardens for homeowners and public spaces

Introduction to site visits of local rain gardens

**Session 2**  Site Selection and Analysis

10:15  Understanding water flow and selecting a site (presentation + activity + 10 minute break) – 60 minutes

11:15  Sizing the rain garden – depth and area (60 min)

12:15  Lunch and Rain Garden Visits (2 ¾ hrs)

3:00  Inlets, outlets, and rain garden layout (20 min)

3:20  Break

**Session 3**  Plant Selection and Design

3:30  Learning Objectives (5 min)

3:35  Classroom instruction (50 min)

4:25  Intro Group Activity – Design (20 min)

4:45  Session 1-2 discussion and evaluation (15 min)

5:00  Adjourn
Sessions 3.5, 4 & 5

**Session 3  Plant Selection and Design Continued**

9:00  Group Activity (1 ½ hrs)

10:30  Break (10 min)

**Session 4  Installation and Maintenance**

10:40  Overview of objectives (5 min)

10:45  Installation techniques (10 min)

10:55  Maintenance and Activity (25 min)

11:20  Common Concerns About Rain Gardens (5 min)

11:25  Rain Gardens Gone Bad (10 min)

11:35  How will you use the information from this training? (30 min)

12:05  Lunch

**Session 5  Demo Garden Plotting and Installation**

12:45  Garden task instructions (15 min)

1:00  Plotting and Installation of Demonstration Rain Garden (3 ½ hrs)

4:30  Discussion and program evaluation (30 min)

5:00  Adjourn