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Water Pages eNewsletter

[Municipal Impervious Cover Assessments and Green Infrastructure Workshop]

Monday, May 4, 2015
5:30PM to 8:30PM
Cumberland County College, Luciano Center
3322 College Drive
Vineland, NJ 08360

Do roads, homes and businesses in your community flood from rain storms? Are your local streams clean and healthy? In this workshop, experts will present proven strategies to reduce flooding and to improve and protect clean water.

Hard surfaces such as roads, sidewalks and compacted lawns are known as impervious cover, which leads to flooding and water pollution by interrupting the natural water cycle. This workshop will highlight how to conduct an impervious cover assessment and how to implement green infrastructure practices to reduce storm water runoff, create habitat, and protect and restore clean water in your streams and aquifers. Environmental commission involvement and opportunities for grants will be discussed.

Also learn about residential sustainable living at the workshop by taking a virtual tour of the ultimate "Watershed House" that is designed as a net-zero energy home that can harvest, recycle, and reuse water.

Please [email ANJEC](#) or call 973-539-7547 by April 27th to register for this event. Registration includes light supper and course materials. This workshop is offered free of charge thanks to a generous donation from Atlantic City Electric/Pepeco Holdings.

[Build-a-Rain Barrel Workshops for the City of Newark Residents]

Build-a-Rain Barrel Workshop

Thursday, May 14, 2015

Tuesday, May 19, 2015

Thursday, May 21, 2015

6PM—8PM

Greater Newark Conservancy

32 Prince Street

Newark, NJ 07103

Registration (\$15 per barrel) is open for all Newark Residents. To register, please visit:

<http://goo.gl/forms/NyjOK4xm01>

A rain barrel is placed under a gutter's downspout next to a house to collect rainwater from the roof.

The barrel holds about 50 gallons of water which can be used to water lawns, flowers, shrubs, and trees.

The fee for this workshop is \$15, which includes the barrel and all the materials.

Rainwater harvesting can help save money on water bills and reduce flooding in local rivers and streams.

Participants will be shown step by step how to build and install a rain barrel.

This workshop is part of a research project conducted by the Rutgers Cooperative Extension to determine whether rain barrels encourage adoption of other environmental best management practices by residents. Participation is voluntary. For further information contact Rosana Da Silva, rdasilva@envsci.rutgers.edu or 848-932-6714. This program is sponsored by a NJDEP 319(h) grant. Program partners include:



To register, please [click here](#). For further information contact Rosana Da Silva, rdasilva@envsci.rutgers.edu or 848-932-6714.

[Funding Opportunity for Community Gardens]

In recent years, the Aetna Foundation has placed increased emphasis on supporting local programs that improve access to locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables in underserved communities. For 2015, they are launching an open request for proposals (RFP) called *Local Roots: Supporting Community Gardens, Urban Farms and Farmers Markets* to fund the creation and expansion of community gardens, urban farms, and farmers markets in underserved neighborhoods so that fresh fruits and vegetables are locally available, accessible, and affordable.

Successful applicants must have programs that also engage local residents in one or more of the following:

- Nutrition education and/or cooking classes that improve knowledge and skills about the health benefits of fresh produce
- Cultivating and/or distributing produce that reflects local ethnic and cultural food traditions
- Providing ways to learn job skills and/or entrepreneurship (within the context of the gardens, farms and markets)
- Generating opportunities for people to support the project through community service or volunteer work

Please [click here](#) to review the RFP for eligibility guidelines and details. Deadline for receipt of applications online is May 6, 2015 by 5pm E.T.

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