Hints for Planning and Implementing a Watershed Restoration Project

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Needs

- Good location or opportunity
- Design for best management practices or stormwater control measure
- Cost estimate
- Volunteers
- Materials
- Equipment
- Signage
- MONEY
Finding a Good Location

• Paraprofessional can identify location
  ➢ Aerial photographs
  ➢ Site visit
• Solicit local stakeholder input
Designing BMP

- Rutgers Rain Garden Manual
- Rain Garden App
- Consultation with RCE Water Resources Program or RCE Environmental County Agent or Select Host Agency
Cost Estimate

- Pinelands Nursery Catalog
- RS Means
- Local garden center or nursery
- Ask RCE Water Resources Program or RCE Environmental County Agent or Select Host Agency for help
Where do I get volunteers?

- High School Honor Society
- Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
- Local garden clubs
- Rutgers Master gardeners
- Rutgers Environmental Stewards
- Local schools and senior centers
- Civic groups
Materials and Equipment

- Donations from local businesses
- Volunteers can bring their own equipment (everyone should own a shovel)
- Local department of public works
- Host agency
- Buy materials
Signage/Education Program

- RCE Water Resources Program has programs
- Host Agency (NJWSA has a great program)
- Americorp Ambassador or Paraprofessional can deliver educational programs
- R&D signage (rip off and duplicate) – steal what has already been done
- Pay sign maker to make signs
Funding

• Prince from middle east just sent me an email and wants to deposit $1,000,000 in my account
• Civic groups – make a presentation – ask for $$ or to help fundraise for project – pancake breakfast
• Parent Teacher Association (PTA) or Home and School Association
• Township – their loaded
• Sustainable Jersey or other grant programs
• Ask the governor for Hurricane Sandy money
Procedure for obtaining $$

• Make presentation to local civic group
• Tell them what you want, why it is important, and how much it is going to cost
• Ask them for help – money or assistance in fundraising.
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