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Stormwater Management in Your Backyard
Rain Garden Site Visit Worksheet (Post-Installation)

Part I: The Basics

Rain Garden Name	
Rain Garden County	
Date	
Current Weather	
Did it rain yesterday? (please check)	_____ Yes _____ No
If yes, how many inches?	_____ inches (This can be checked at http://www.wunderground.com/)

Part II: Site Contact Interview

Site Contact Name	
Site Contact Title	
Site Contact E-mail Address	
In the past year, has there been a special event at or around the rain garden? If yes, how many people attended and was the press media at the event (ask for copies of newspaper articles)?	
In the past year, did you arrange for any workshops or special educational events near or around the garden? If yes, provide details.	
How many people on average casually visit the rain garden on a given day?	
How many people on average ask for more information about the rain garden after visiting the site?	
Has any rain garden visitor said that they intend to install a rain garden on their own property? If yes, how many visitors?	
Has any rain garden visitor said that they intend to install a rain garden at a school or other public building in their community? If yes, how many visitors?	
Who currently maintains the rain garden?	
What maintenance has been performed so far, if any?	
Are there any difficulties with maintaining the rain garden?	
How does the rain garden handle large/intense storms? (Rain gardens should infiltrate stormwater within 24 hours)	
Do you have plans to install more rain gardens?	



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Part III: Rain Garden Inspection (please check)

Are there plant signs within the garden?	_____ Yes _____ No
Are there weeds (plants that do not belong there) within the garden? If yes, are these weeds invasive?	_____ Yes _____ No _____ Yes _____ No (Use USDA Invasive Plants Field and Reference Guide to identify invasive plants)
Are the plants in the garden healthy (do you notice any leaf discoloration, fungal growth on the leaves, or pests?)?	_____ Yes _____ No If yes, take photographs of the plants of concern.
Are some plants over-shadowing other plants/ are certain plants over-taking the other plants within the garden?	_____ Yes _____ No If yes, take photographs and provide description of the plant (if the plant name is known, write it down). Please describe:
Is there litter within the garden?	_____ Yes _____ No
Is there sediment accumulation (the mulch is discolored, layer of white or gray substance over the mulch) within the garden?	_____ Yes _____ No If yes, is the sediment accumulation only in one area or throughout the garden? Please describe:
Is there sediment accumulation on the plants within the garden?	_____ Yes _____ No If yes, how many plants are covered with sediment? Please describe:
Is there gulying within the garden?	_____ Yes _____ No If yes, where is the gulying mostly occurring? Please describe:
Is there evidence that the mulch has washed away within the garden?	_____ Yes _____ No If yes, take photographs of exposed areas.
Are gutters or pipes entering the garden clear of debris?	_____ Yes _____ No _____ N/A If yes, take photographs of clogged gutters or pipes.
Is the flow of water blocked entering the garden?	_____ Yes _____ No _____ N/A If yes, take photographs of areas of blocked flow within the garden.
Say cheese!	Take photographs of the rain garden from all angles

Part IV: Additional Notes

Use this area to write down additional notes or sketches of problem areas within the rain garden.