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County to Hold Ceremony to Launch Stormwater Management Prototype Project

Considered first-of-its-kind process to control runoff and benefit gardening

FREDERICK, MD – State and local officials will hold a tap-opening ceremony at **10 a.m. on June 5** to launch an innovative project to demonstrate stormwater management options for property owners. The project, located at [330 Montevue Lane in Frederick](#), is a collaboration of the Office of Sustainability and Environmental Resources, the University of Maryland Extension Services, and the Master Gardener Program.

“This project uses captured rainwater to feed beautiful gardens,” said County Executive Jan Gardner. “Eight different techniques to harvest rainfall are showcased so visitors can learn about methods that might work for them. Frederick County is leading by example with the management of stormwater runoff.”

The demonstration gardens are considered the first stormwater management demo project in the mid-Atlantic region. The project will also provide educational opportunities for those who want to replicate similar projects.

The stormwater practices, used to capture and minimize erosion and reduce pollutants from entering the stream, are interweaved throughout the demonstrational gardens and, where appropriate, can be used for watering the gardens adjacent to the Extension Service Building through rain harvesting devices. The project complements the Master Gardener demonstration gardens and includes two tree box Filterras, a Micro-Bioretenion, dry stream bed, two rainwater harvesting tanks, and riparian buffer plantings.

At the request of the Master Gardeners, the Office of Sustainability and Environmental Resources identified opportunities to provide stormwater management while also helping the County to meet its 20 percent restoration requirement as part of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System program implemented by the Federal Clean Water Act.

The County received \$40,000 through a grant from the Maryland Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bay Trust Fund to assist with the project.

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