

Rain Garden Programming in Franklin County, Ohio

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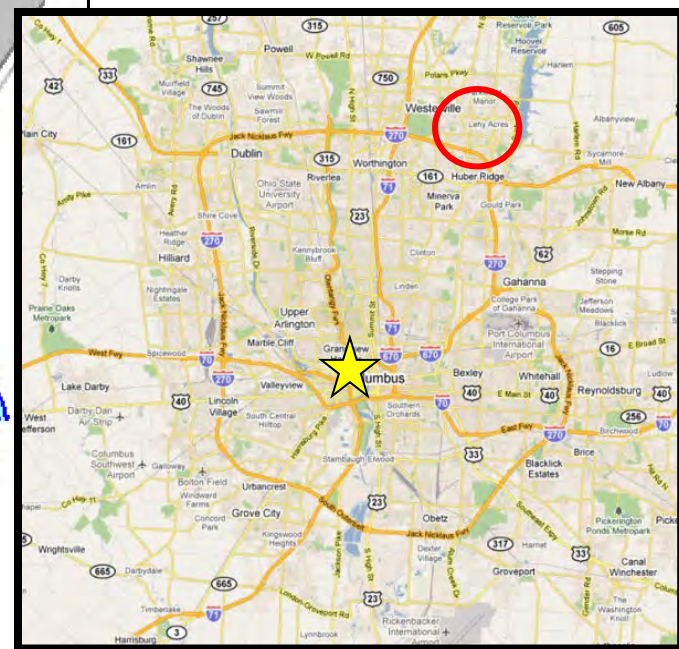
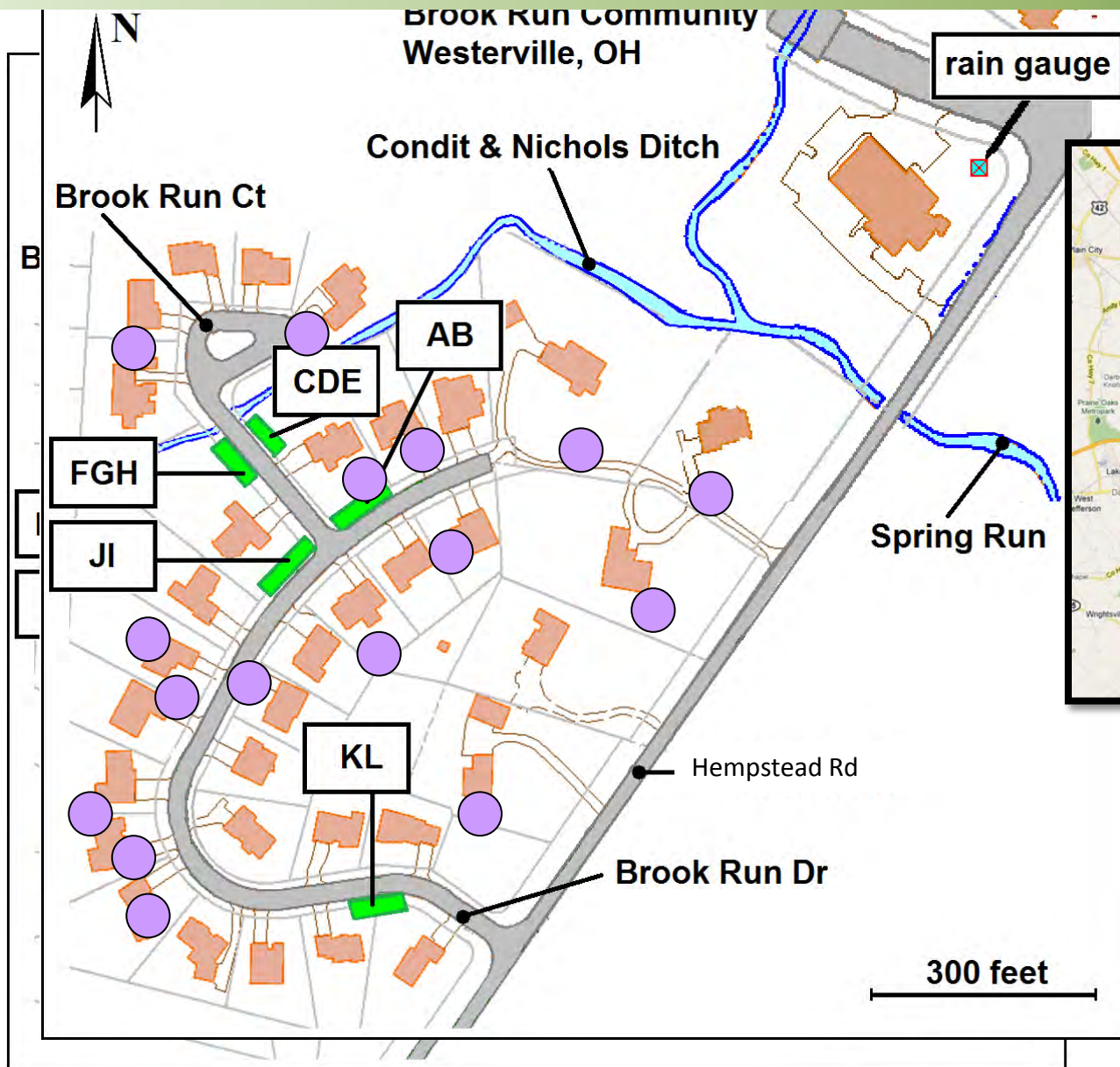
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Brook Run Rain Gardens



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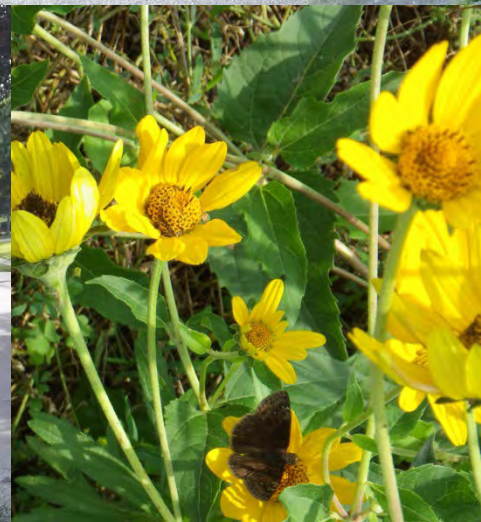
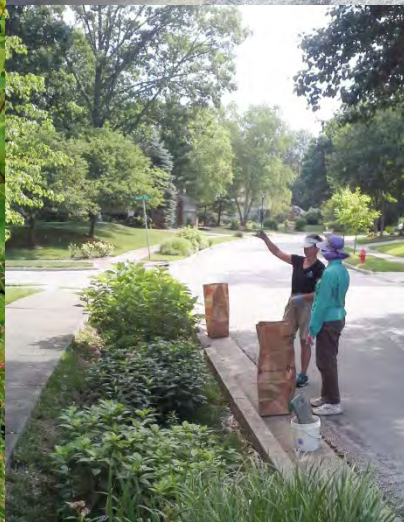


- 21 Neighborhood
Rain Gardens**
- 16 Residential
 - 5 Right-of-way

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Results

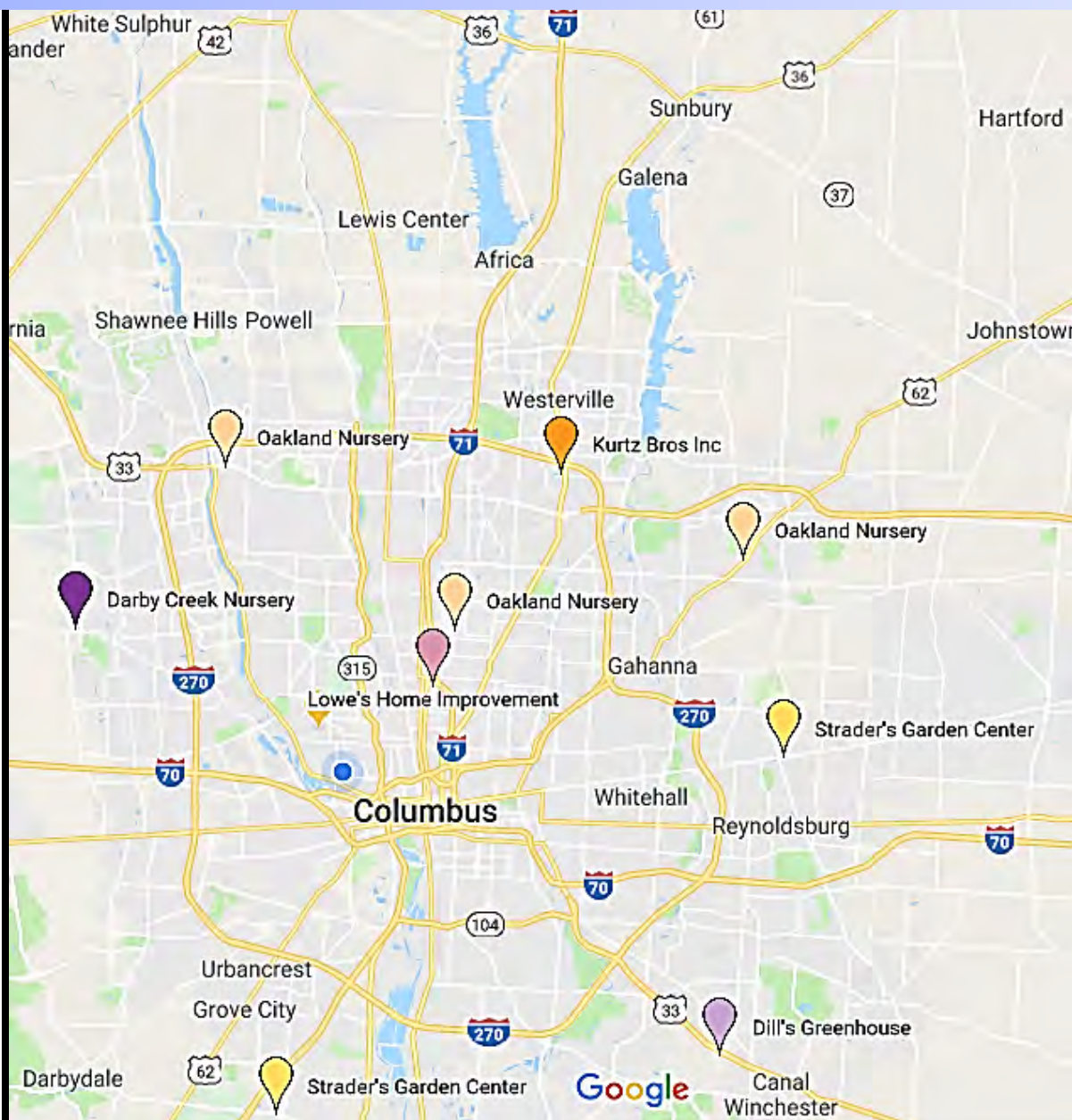
- a. Reduced stormwater volume by an overall total of 37%
- b. 50% phosphorus reduction
- c. 35% nitrogen reduction
- d. 15%+ exfiltration to native soils

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Gardening for Clean Water



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Report claims Ohio one of worst states
for  CBS NEWS

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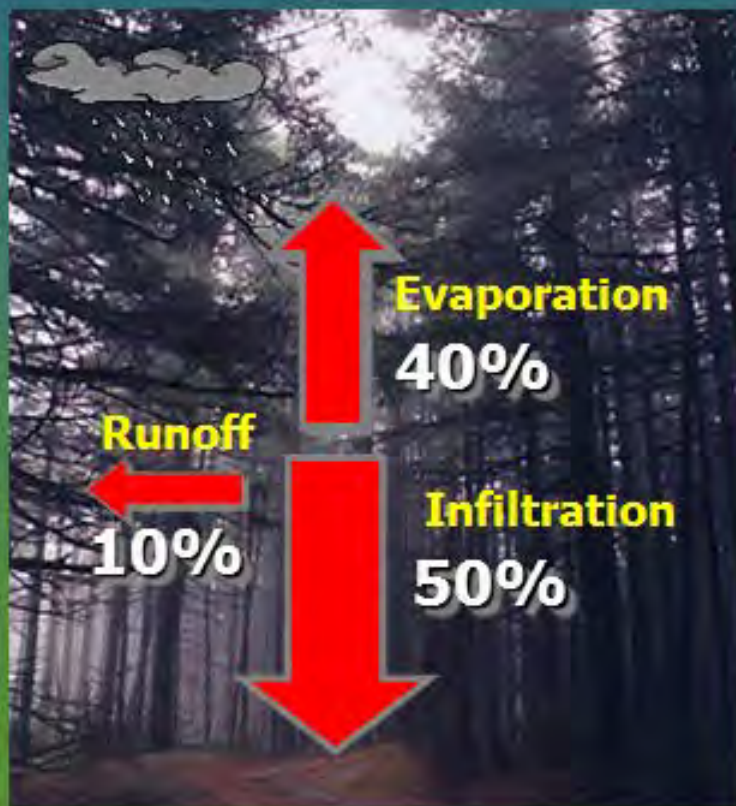
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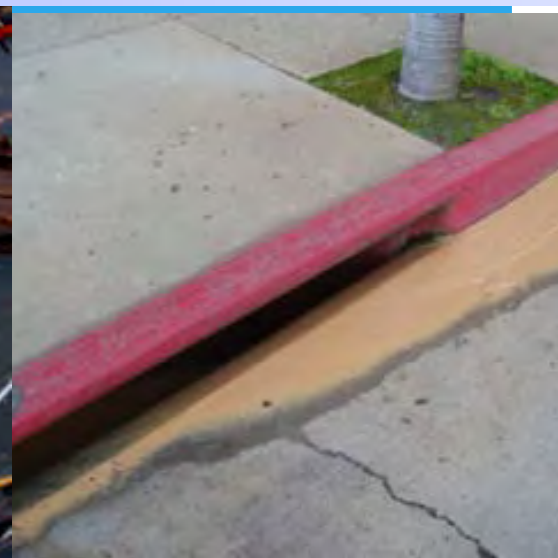
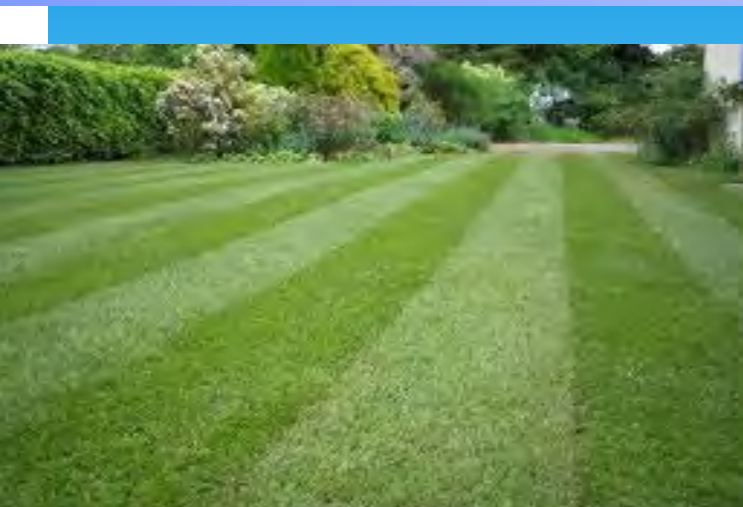
Natural Ground Cover



75-100% Impervious Surface



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This plant is suitable for use in rain gardens. It can tolerate periodic water and periodic drought that rain gardens experience. This plant is native to Ohio, so it is adapted to Ohio's soils, climate, and pollinators.

Blue Thumb



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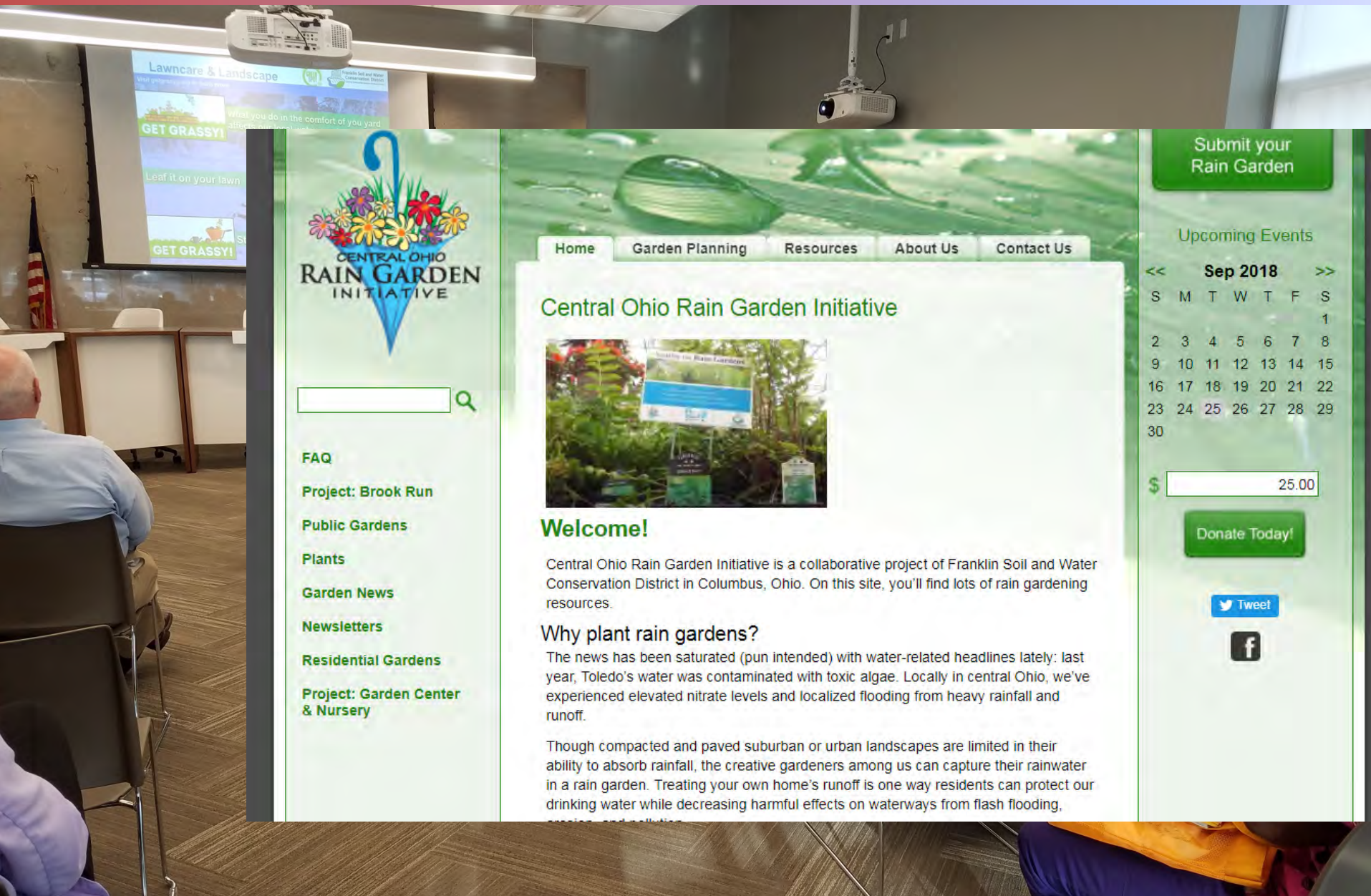
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Central Ohio Rain Garden Initiative



Welcome!

Central Ohio Rain Garden Initiative is a collaborative project of Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District in Columbus, Ohio. On this site, you'll find lots of rain gardening resources.

Why plant rain gardens?

The news has been saturated (pun intended) with water-related headlines lately: last year, Toledo's water was contaminated with toxic algae. Locally in central Ohio, we've experienced elevated nitrate levels and localized flooding from heavy rainfall and runoff.

Though compacted and paved suburban or urban landscapes are limited in their ability to absorb rainfall, the creative gardeners among us can capture their rainwater in a rain garden. Treating your own home's runoff is one way residents can protect our drinking water while decreasing harmful effects on waterways from flash flooding, erosion, and pollution.

**Submit your
Rain Garden**

Upcoming Events

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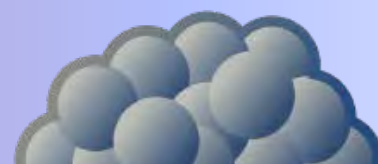
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Earth friendly exercise



Rain Garden

This garden collects 17,671 gallons of rain water and snow melt per year!

For more information on rain gardens, visit www.centralohioraingardens.org.

Central Ohio Rain Garden Initiative founded by Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District, www.franklinswcd.org

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