

North Scituate Town Hall Rain Garden FAQ

What is a Rain Garden?

- Rain Gardens are specially designed to filter storm water runoff from roofs, roads or parking lots. Their basin shape slows water down long enough for it to infiltrate into the ground rather than flow directly into the nearest surface water.

Why build one here?

- Before this rain garden was installed, runoff from the roof of the Town Hall went straight into the Scituate Reservoir—carrying with it any pollutants it may have picked up from the roof and parking lot. Now the gutters feed directly into the garden!

Won't it attract mosquitoes?

- NO! Rain Gardens are designed to hold water only temporarily during storm events. Water should drain within hours.

What kinds of plants are in the garden?

- This garden features native plants that are adapted to wet conditions. Using native species makes the garden low maintenance and a good habitat for pollinators and wildlife since these plants are already well adapted to our environment. See www.landwaterconnection.org for a full list of plants used here.

How do I plant a rain garden at home?

- Identify a location on your property where rain water naturally collects or where a sloped area is subject to erosion. Dig a basin shape to catch storm-water, test the soil drainage, and replace with a sand-soil mixture if necessary. For more detailed instructions contact the Northern RI Conservation District!

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