

# Scituate Reservoir Watershed Education Program

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Scituate, RI - The Scituate High School Environmental Science class is planning the installation of a rain garden in front of the Scituate Town Hall. Groundbreaking will take place at 11 am on April 22 - Earth Day.

Unlike a conventional garden, a rain garden is planted in a depressed area of ground shaped like a bowl. Stormwater runoff from roads, rooftops or parking lots is directed into the rain garden through swales or downspouts. The shape of the garden slows water, and temporarily stores it to reduce flooding, filter pollution and increase infiltration."As rain or melt water runs across lawns, roads, and parking lots, it picks up contaminants and carries them into our waterways," said the group's instructor, Ms. Shannon Donovan. "This project will capture and hold runoff long enough for the water to percolate into the soil before it becomes contaminated thereby protecting our watershed."

This project is the first in a series of installations to reduce stormwater in the Village of North Scituate. The project is a partnership between the Town of Scituate, the Scituate Reservoir Watershed Education Program (a Providence Water and Northern RI Conservation District collaborative) and the RI Department of Environmental

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