



## ***Soak Up the Rain New England Webinar Series:***

### ***Rain Gardens for Residents on Aquidneck Island***

***Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM-2:30 PM EST***

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On Aquidneck Island, which at 37.8 square miles is the largest island in Rhode Island's Narragansett Bay, rain gardens are crucial to reducing downstream flood risk and improving stormwater management by redirecting stormwater pollution away from the island's water sources. Aquidneck Island is home to three towns and over 60,000 people. Over the last 18 months, the Rhode Island Green Infrastructure Coalition, with the help of its partners including the Eastern Rhode Island Conservation District, Clean Ocean Access and Aquidneck Island Land Trust, has engaged residents in stormwater management practices, including the successful installation and maintenance of nine residential rain gardens.

This webinar will feature the Rhode Island Green Infrastructure Coalition's effective community engagement process, including educational workshops, surveys, a rain barrel program, installation assistance, and rain garden maintenance training. Speakers will discuss strategies to engage the public and amplify understanding about rain gardens and stormwater management. The webinar will cover lessons learned and provide recommendations for encouraging residents to take an active role in managing their stormwater and protecting their environment.

#### **Presenters**

- Sara Churgin and Lauren Carson, Eastern Rhode Island Conservation District

#### **Who Should Attend:**

Municipal decision makers/planners and Department of Public Works (DPW) staff, environmental organizations, practitioners, educators, and interested citizens - anyone who is considering a new project or looking to build on an existing program.

#### **About the Webinar Series**

The Soak up the Rain Webinar Series highlights innovative approaches to addressing stormwater in New England, presented by leaders from around the region.

- Hear about stormwater public outreach resources and programs;
- See who's soaking up the rain as we showcase green infrastructure projects and programs;
- Learn about the latest tools and resources from EPA and others for implementing and promoting green infrastructure; and
- Engage with others as we share information about successes, barriers, and lessons learned while implementing green infrastructure in New England communities.

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