

School Rain Garden Application Form

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School _____ Teacher _____ Grade(s) _____ #Students _____

School address and district: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Have you participated in our River Explorer Program? If yes, when? _____

1. A number of factors influence the location of rain gardens including visibility, existing vegetation, proximity to a water source, and underground utilities. Rain gardens are typically longer than wide- at 400 ft², dimensions might be 40ft. x 10ft. or 26ft. x 15ft. Not only do we need enough space for your rain garden, but we also need to have a few different options available for its location. Ideal places include:

- Generally sunny or partly sunny areas (but shade gardens are possible).
- Where your landscape can “fit” them best. Rain gardens can have an informal or formal appearance based on preference.
- Places where rain is captured from lawns, downspouts, driveways, parking lots, and roads. Do NOT place a rain garden in a naturally wet area. Wet spots may seem ideal, but they will drain too slowly.

Please describe appropriate space(s) at your school.

2. Your rain garden will need to be maintained as any other garden would, especially the first couple of years as it is getting established. Some schools have incorporated the existing gardens into their regular maintenance plan while others have needed additional parent support, especially during the summer months.

How do you foresee garden maintenance in the future?

Fee:

Minimum fee of \$500 includes full program of 4 lessons (about an hour each) and full rain garden installation. At least 60 students must receive full program. Additional fees may apply to larger groups.

Thank you for your interest in our School Rain Garden Program. We will contact you should your school meet our selection criteria.