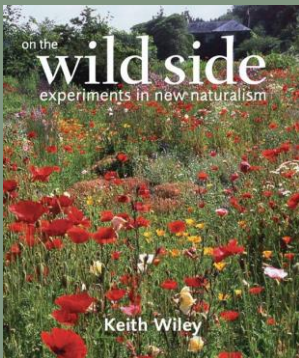




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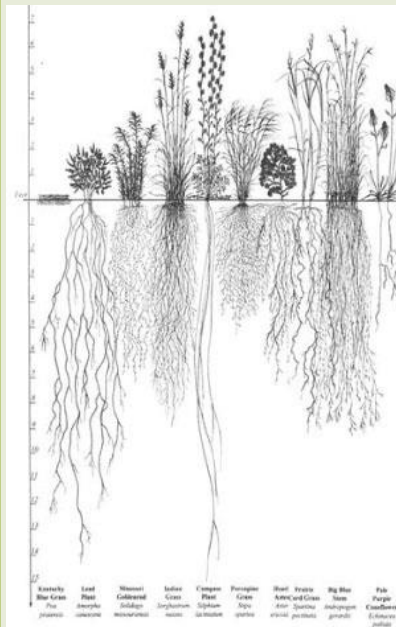
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Donation of Materials, Passion, and Time = A Beautiful and Functional Rain Garden at a Public Housing Residence

by Amanda Sloan



Early on a bright day in April, a diverse group gathered in Providence, Rhode Island in one of the most urban areas of the city - the Manton Heights public housing residences. Winding their way to a rear corner of the complex were staff from the environmental organization Groundwork Providence, driving a truck filled with plants, trees from their urban forestry program, gravel, compost, and shovels. [Read full article.](#)



Designing Ornamental Gardens for Highly Effective Stormwater Infiltration

by Kevin Beuttell

Stormwater infiltration gardens, also known as bioretention gardens or rain gardens, are a key feature of comprehensive sustainable stormwater management strategies. Despite their proven environmental benefits, however, many people are reluctant to use rain gardens because they are typically unattractive with sparse and unhealthy vegetation. But by rethinking bioretention

gardens.... [Read full article.](#)

Quantifying Sustainability: Santa Monica's "Garden / Garden" Project

by Owen Dell



Amid a sea of talk about the benefits of sustainable landscaping, there is precious little information to prove that it actually makes sense, environmentally or economically. Landscape professionals have long operated on a hunch that sustainable landscapes save water, reduce labor, minimize fossil fuel use, and offer other benefits over conventional turf-and-flowerbed landscapes, but without hard data it's difficult to make a case to skeptics. That's where the Garden/Garden Project comes in.

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Review: A Community Guide to Growing Greener

Reviewed by Tara Mitchell

The Massachusetts Watershed Coalition's recently released Community Guide to Growing Greener provides guidance and recommendations for stormwater management and better site design. The Guide is intended for developers, designers, community boards, and others, either required to meet stormwater

regulations or simply seeking to implement Low Impact Development (LID) practices. [Read full article.](#)

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