

**COMMON SMALL-SCALE OPPORTUNITIES FOR RAINSCAPING**

Practice	Description	Keep in mind
Cistern/rain barrel	A water storage container attached to a downspout using a flexible hose, used to regulate the flow of water from roofs and gutters.	We don't recommend areas where there is uneven ground or an inability to support the weight of the cistern/barrel. Remember that the overflow should go away from the home's foundation.
Conservation Landscape	Areas planted with locally native plants, designed to absorb stormwater runoff, provide wildlife habitat, clean water and reduce the use of energy and chemicals.	We don't recommend Conservation Landscapes within 10' of a building foundation, or Conservation Landscapes above underground utility lines. We also don't recommend Conservation Landscapes where the excavation will damage tree roots.
Downspout Redirection	Redirect your downspouts away from impervious surfaces or storm system pipes.	Make sure you direct them away from the home's foundations.
Rain Garden	Bowl shaped garden that captures stormwater and allows it to sink into the ground.	We don't recommend rain gardens in poorly draining soils or placing them within 10' of a foundation. We also don't recommend them below trees or above utilities.
Remove Impervious Surfaces	Decrease the amount of impervious surface so that water can infiltrate instead of running off.	
Remove Invasive Species	Eliminate non-native trees and plants that grow aggressively, displacing beneficial natives.	We do recommend planting replacements for the plants removed and possibly contacting a Master Gardener.
Tree Planting	Plant trees for their ability to stop erosion and absorb stormwater.	Watch for utilities above and below ground.

**POLLUTION REDUCTION OPPORTUNITIES**

For	See...
Paint, solvents, CFL bulbs.	Hazardous waste management: <a href="https://t.ly/fe2kd">Household Hazard Waste</a> <a href="https://t.ly/fe2kd">https://t.ly/fe2kd</a>
Recycling	Green and blue bin use and other material: <a href="https://t.ly/GdIsJ">Curbside and Landfill Info</a> <a href="https://t.ly/GdIsJ">https://t.ly/GdIsJ</a>
Pet waste	Proper pet waste removal: <a href="https://t.ly/P-ZG3">Scoop the Poop</a> <a href="https://t.ly/P-ZG3">https://t.ly/P-ZG3</a>
Highly maintained lawns	Proper use of fertilizer: <a href="https://t.ly/BXGpJ">It's the Law</a> <a href="https://t.ly/BXGpJ">https://t.ly/BXGpJ</a>

**PROGRAMS OTHER THAN WSA OR CLEANSCAPES TO CONSIDER**

- Howard County Recreation & Parks Tree Programs:** <https://bit.ly/hcrptrees>
  - Turf to Trees:** provides trees & planting services to HoCo property owners with lots 1.5 - 10 acres, cost free. Minimum of 50 trees.
  - Stream ReLeaf:** min. 12 trees or shrubs; area to be planted must be within 75 ft of a stream (no utility ROW).
  - Tree Canopy:** provides 1-10 trees & planting services to HoCo property owners, prioritized by several factors.
  
- BayWise Consultation:** <https://bit.ly/BayWiseHC>
  - evaluation of property by HoCo Master Gardeners and receive report with sustainable landscaping advice.
  
- HoCo Bee City Habitat Registration:** <https://bit.ly/HCBeeCityhabitat>
  - Register your pollinator habitat & get a free sign.
  
- Free Trees & Shrubs:** <https://bit.ly/hcfreetrees>
  - Tree Giveaway – Fall
  - Trees for Bees – Spring
  
- Howard EcoWorks:** <https://bit.ly/HEWprojects>
  - EcoWorks is seeking project locations for native tree plantings & conservation landscapes in target areas; in and adjacent to urban, under-served areas.
  
- Septic Savers:** <https://bit.ly/septicsavers>
  - \$100 rebate for pumping your septic system every 3 years.