



Black Creek Watershed Rainscapes Application

Less Rain Down the Drain!

The Black Creek Watershed Association invites you to install rainscape techniques to help improve Black Creek while enhancing your property. Rainscapes are landscape enhancements that reduce stormwater runoff from properties.

Most rain that falls on surfaces like roofs, driveways, roads, and parking lots flows directly to Black Creek. These high flows disturb habitat, carry pollutants, cause flooding, and erode streambanks. In contrast rainfall on natural surfaces like forests and meadows soaks into the ground where it can replenish groundwater and recharge streams. Rainscape techniques intercept, capture and let rain soak in the ground, simulating natural drainage which helps to:

- ◆ Reduce stormwater runoff from properties
- ◆ Reduce drainage problems
- ◆ Prevent pollution from entering streams

- ◆ Reduce water use during dry spells
- ◆ Reduce need for mowing, fertilizer & pesticide
- ◆ Enhance yard aesthetics
- ◆ Enhance wildlife habitat
- ◆ Reduce home heating and cooling costs
- ◆ Increase property values

Rainscape projects include:

- ◆ Dispersing rainfall from downspouts
- ◆ Conservation plantings
- ◆ Native trees
- ◆ Rainbarrels and cisterns
- ◆ Rain gardens

All types of properties in the Black Creek watershed are eligible, including residential, commercial, public, and industrial lands. Fill out this application to be considered for assistance.



Help us evaluate your property for rainscapes (please check all that apply)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A rooftop with at least one gutter & downspout <input type="checkbox"/> One or more downspouts directed to a driveway, curb, concrete patio, or a ditch <input type="checkbox"/> Gutter(s) & downspout(s) connects to piping that discharges to a curb, ditch, creek, or pond <input type="checkbox"/> My property has some grassed or bare areas where native trees can be planted <input type="checkbox"/> My property has at least 100 ft² of grassed or bare area that could be replaced with native plants <input type="checkbox"/> I have a garden, landscaping, or lawn that could be watered regularly from a rainbarrel | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> My property has grassed or bare areas that receive stormwater runoff from rooftop, gutters, driveway, or patio <input type="checkbox"/> My property has grassed or bare areas that receive stormwater runoff from a parking lot <input type="checkbox"/> My property is eroding from runoff <input type="checkbox"/> Ponding sometimes happens on my property after storm events <input type="checkbox"/> My property already has one or more rainscapes, including _____, but could benefit from more |
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My contribution

Check any and all that may apply. We will work with property owners and managers individually to determine a reasonable contribution based on the type and number of rainscapes possible, and ability to contribute. Fact sheets on how to install rainscapes are available.

I am able to:

- Purchase materials needed to disperse rainfall from downspout(s)
- Disperse rainfall from downspout(s) myself
- Disperse rainfall from downspout(s) if materials and assistance are provided
- Purchase native plants/ trees for a raingarden or to replace turf or bare areas
- Purchase native plants/ trees if I can receive a \$20 rebate
- Plant native plants/trees myself (or with help) to replace turf or bare areas
- Plant native plants/trees if they are provided to me at no cost
- Get a friend/family member to help me plant native plants/trees
- Purchase a rainbarrel
- Purchase a rainbarrel if I receive a rebate of \$_____ (A 65 gal rainbarrel costs ~\$90)
- Install a rainbarrel myself
- Install a rainbarrel if it is provided to me at no cost and somebody helps me to install it
- Regularly maintain a rainbarrel by draining it and cleaning the pollen
- Help others dig/plant a raingarden in my yard
- Install a raingarden if others dig and plant it
- Dig and plant my own raingarden if provided with a design
- Hire a landscape professional to install a raingarden if I can receive a \$300 rebate
- Help dig and plant a raingarden in a neighbor's yard with their permission
- Replace mulch in my new raingarden yearly
- Host a neighborhood Rainscapes party and invite my neighbors

Your Contact Information

Name _____

Organization/homeowners association _____

Address _____

Phone no _____ Email _____

Please mail this application to: Christy Perrin
NC State University Box 8109
Raleigh, NC 27695

or scan and email to Christy_perrin@ncsu.edu Call 515-4542 with questions

Thank you! We will contact you to schedule a visit from the Black Creek Watershed Association. All properties on land that drains to Black Creek or its feeder streams are eligible. Properties within our focus neighborhood(s) will get first priority for funding and assistance.

To see the watershed boundaries, go to the project website and scroll down to "Maps & Pictures" and click on any of the maps. www.ncsu.edu/WECO/blackcreek