

Fairfax County  
*Watershed-friendly Gardens Tour*

Sunday, June 14th 1 PM – 5 PM

*Get inspired to create an environmentally-friendly landscape at your home, school or business! Visit gardens featuring vegetated roofs, rain barrels, backyard wildlife habitat, composting, native plant species and more. Local residents open their gardens and share their experiences landscaping with our water resources in mind. Resources provided at each site will help you create these features in your own yard!*



## SITE LISTING

*Please enjoy each garden at your own pace. Visit as many or as few as you like. Gardens are grouped for ease of viewing. General directions are included from a major intersection near each location, but please also refer to a map!*

### **Alexandria/Mt. Vernon**

*From Route 1, turn onto Sherwood Hall Ln. Pass Sherwood Regional Library on your right and turn left on Midday Ln. Make the second left onto Nordok Place.*

- ❖ **Hollin Meadows Elementary School, 2310 Nordok Place, Alexandria, VA 22306.** The garden classroom at this school has been featured in the Washington Post! Tour the literary garden, native woodland, perennial border and the courtyard classroom gardens. Solar- and wind-power irrigation uses the water from 5 rain barrels and a cistern.

*Turning from Midday Ln, make a right on Sherwood Hall Ln. Turn left on Parkers Lane/Collingwood Rd and right on Riverside Rd. Turn right on Londonderry Rd and left on Thomas J. Stockton Pkwy.*

- ❖ **8707 Stockton Parkway, Alexandria, VA 22308.** This home features a beautiful lawn-free landscape and a water conservation garden and wildlife habitat\* composed almost entirely of native plants. Rain barrels and a rain garden capture runoff.

*From Telegraph Rd, turn onto Rose Hill Dr. Turn right on Leewood Dr. Turn right on Eaton Pl.*

- ❖ **4534 Eaton Place, Alexandria VA 22310.** Native plants are grouped by habitat-type in this wildlife garden\*. Bees, butterflies and other pollinators are all welcomed here, but no lawn is allowed! The homeowners here have pledged to Garden for the Bay.\*\*

### **Springfield/Annandale/Fairfax**

*From I-95/I-395, take exit 169 for Old Keene Mill Rd/Franconia Rd and travel west on Old Keene Mill Rd. Turn right on Carrleigh Parkway. Travel approximately 1 mile to #7928 on the left.*

- ❖ **7928 Carrleigh Parkway, Springfield, VA 22152.** The spectacular vegetated sunroom roof is a highlight at this home! Poolside terraces full of native plants, a rain barrel and wildlife-friendly features including a bat box can be found at this beautiful home landscape.

*From the intersection of Burke Lake Rd and Braddock Rd., travel east on Braddock Road towards Annandale/Capitol Beltway. After crossing over I-495/Capitol Beltway, turn right on Ravensworth Rd. Make the 2<sup>nd</sup> left on Hogarth S. and an immediate right on Juliet St.*

- ❖ **5212 Juliet St, Springfield, VA 22151.** Designed and installed by Lands and Waters, this landscape includes a “sponge garden,” a native plant garden that sucks up water like a sponge. Downspouts drain to rock-lined stream channels and native plants offer habitat for wildlife.

*From the intersection of Ravensworth Rd and Braddock Rd, travel west on Braddock Rd towards the Capitol Beltway. Merge onto I-495 N/Capitol Beltway N. Take exit 52 for Little River Turnpike/VA-236 East towards Annandale. Turn left on Hummer Dr. Turn left on Royce Street.*

- ❖ **Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 7701 Royce Street, Annandale, VA 22003.** Long offering exemplary programming on local wildlife and plants, Hidden Oaks now also provides a place to view permeable paving, rain barrels and a rain garden. A pond and habitat gardens\* complete this woodland retreat.

*From Royce Street, turn left on Hummer Rd. Turn left on Gallows Road/VA-650 and travel for approximately 2 miles crossing Route 50/Arlington Blvd. Turn left onto Lee Highway/US 29. Travel approximately 1 mile and turn left on Saxon Flowers Dr. Make an immediate left onto an access and then right into the drive for Fire Station 50/Providence District Supervisor's Office.*

- ❖ **Providence District Supervisor's Office, 8739 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22031.** A sustainable stormwater demonstration site especially relevant to commercial ventures. The parking lot at this government building has been retrofitted with a rain garden and pervious pavers. A green roof captures rainwater on an adjacent shed.

### **Tysons Corner/Falls Church**

*From I-66 East, take the Leesburg Pike/VA-7 E exit, toward Falls Church. Turn right onto Shreve Rd. Right on Pinycastle Rd.*

- ❖ **7340 Pinycastle Road, Falls Church, VA 22043.** The newly renovated landscape at this residence is designed to keep all the water on site! Downspouts lead to rain barrels, to an unconventional French drain that opens into a rain garden and to a gravel infiltration trench. Terraces filled with compost and native plants provide a solution for a problem slope.

*Turn left onto Shreve Rd and left again to travel west on Leesburg Pike/VA-7. At a light, turn right on Margarity Rd. Travel an S-curve on Margarity, turn right on Fisher Drive. Park on the Margarity access or on Fisher Dr. For the next site, continue on Fisher and turn left on Lisle Ave. Turn right on Griffith Rd.*

- ❖ **7727 Fisher Drive, Falls Church, VA 22043.** You won't find lawn in this landscape! The habitat garden\* at this home artfully blends natives, non-natives and edibles to provide a home for wildlife and food for the gardener. You'll find water features including a stone-lined watercourse and pond, multiple rain barrels, compost bins and woodland trails.
- ❖ **1851 Griffith Road, Falls Church VA 22043.** Learn how one homeowner found a low-cost solution to her water problems! An alternative driveway, rain garden, a dry well and a rain barrel all play a role. A solitary bee house and native plants support wildlife.



**Downspout runoff is captured by a rain barrel and a rain garden (a landscaped depression that allows water to soak into the soil) at this private residence.**

### **Oakton/Chantilly/Clifton**

*From the Route 50/Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy intersection with I-66, travel east on Rte. 50. Turn left on Waples Mill Rd. Follow past the 90 degree turn. The school will be on your left.*

- ❖ **Waples Mill Elementary School, 11509 Waples Mill Road, Oakton, VA 22124.** A rain garden, meadow, wetland swale, tree arboretum and bluebird trail are part of this outdoor classroom. The school is also a Grow-Out station for the Potomac Conservancy's Growing Native program, providing young trees for new streamside forests.

*Exiting the school, turn left on Waples Mill Rd. Turn right on Willow Green Ct.*

- ❖ **3501 Willow Green Court, Oakton, VA 22124.** Woodland gardens, a perennial border, rock terraces and a butterfly garden all featuring native plants can be found in this beautiful home landscape. Downspouts are directed to a rain barrel and a dry stream bed.

*From Willow Green Ct, turn right on Waples Mill Rd. Turn right on West Ox Rd. Pass the turn for Fair Oaks INOVA Hospital, turn right on Nathaniel Oaks Dr.*

- ❖ **12503 Nathaniel Oaks Drive, Herndon, VA 20171** Native plant gardens, rain barrels, pervious walkways and vegetated roofs on the front and rear porch solve drainage problems at this home and make this residential landscape both unique and watershed-friendly.

*From Nathaniel Oaks Dr., turn left on West Ox Rd. Exit to Route 50/Lee Jackson Memorial Highway West. Turn left on Lees Corner Rd, right on Tabscott Dr and left on Briarton Ct.*

- ❖ **4521 Briarton Court, Chantilly, VA 20151.** A wildlife habitat\* with native plants and organic vegetable gardens graces this suburban oasis. Multiple compost bins, worm composting and a pond fed with water from 2 rain barrels are additional features.

*From Lees Corner Rd, turn right onto Route 50/Lee Jackson Memorial Highway East. Turn right on Stringfellow Rd/VA-645. Travel approximately 8 miles, continuing straight on Clifton Rd/VA-645 through the Town of Clifton. Turn right on Henderson Road/VA-612. Travel ~1 mile to #12361. Travel time=25 min.*

- ❖ **12361 Henderson Road, Clifton, VA 20124.** Native perennial gardens, newly planted forest, a meadow, vegetable gardens, and fruit trees surround original 1920's farm house on 5 acres. Rainwater is captured by a dry bed stream feeding a temporary pond. This site abounds with water-friendly features!

*\*Property is certified with National Wildlife Federation as a Backyard Habitat. This landscape sustains wildlife by providing food, water, shelter and breeding places for wildlife.*

*\*\*Gardeners for the Bay is a program of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation ([www.cbf.org](http://www.cbf.org)).*

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