

Soil and Water

2018 Sustainable Garden Tour

Fairfax, Falls Church, and Annandale Area

Sunday, June 10th 1 PM – 5 PM

Get inspired to create a sustainable landscape at your home, school or business! Local residents open their gardens and share their experiences landscaping with nature in mind. *Please enjoy each garden at your own pace. Visit as many or as few as you like. Free and open to all.*



Carosella Residence

2903 Rosemary Lane, Falls Church, VA 22042

This beautiful garden site is heavily shaded by an old stand of tulip poplar trees. The undergrowth is bursting with the color and vibrancy of hostas and azaleas, along with native ferns and spring ephemerals. The homeowners have developed several water features that utilize roof runoff to create landscape features.

*From Arlington Blvd. (Route 50) and Graham Road, head north on Graham Road for 0.1 miles, then turn left onto Rosemary Lane. In 0.6 miles, the destination is on the right. If you reach Lee Hwy (US-29 N), you've gone too far. **Park along Rosemary Lane, this home is located BEHIND 2901 Rosemary Lane, the homes share a driveway which you can walk down to reach 2903 Rosemary Lane.***

Sawhney Residence

4212 Saint Jerome Drive, Annandale, VA 22003

The property has extensive landscaping and other water remediation efforts to successfully mitigate the water runoff from the road, including the swale in the front yard. The back yard features shade tolerant plants, including many purchased from the annual NVSWCD Native Seedling Sales of past years. This site uses no chemicals or pesticides and is a Certified Wildlife Habitat.



From Little River Tpke. (VA-236 E) and Pickett Road, head east on Little River Tpke. for 2.3 miles, then turn right onto Duncan Drive. In 0.3 miles, turn right onto The Midway, then turn right onto Saint Jerome Drive. The destination is on the left. Parking is available on The Midway and the left side of Saint Jerome Drive.



Meara Residence

7211 Arthur Drive, Falls Church, VA 22046

The rain garden that captures roof runoff was constructed using soil excavated from the backyard during construction of the timber and crushed stone stair system that slows runoff, reduces erosion, and increases infiltration. An under-drain was installed and the garden's conservation landscaping includes around 40 different native plant species. NVSWCD Conservation Assistance Program site.

From Arlington Blvd. (US-50 E) and Graham Road, head north on Graham Road. In 0.9 miles, the name of the road changes to Woodley Place. Continue on Woodley Place for 0.3 miles (1.2 miles total), then turn right onto Arthur Drive. The destination is immediately on your right.

Daniels Run Peace Church

3729 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22030

The largest garden is completely organic, covering an 800 square foot fenced area with 4' by 8' beds filled with many different kinds of vegetables. Cucumbers, beans, peas, tomatoes, and many other grow vertically on trellises. Outside the fenced are plants that deer-tolerant such as mint, herbs, alliums, marigolds, and raspberries. A new rain garden has plants that attract pollinators.



From Main Street (VA-236) and Chain Bridge Road (VA-123), head north on Chain Bridge Road, then turn right onto North St. (VA-236). In 0.2 miles, turn left onto Old Lee Hwy (US-29N). The destination is on your right in 0.5 miles. If you reach Colony Rd., you've gone too far. Parking can be found at the church, as well as across Old Lee Hwy at the Sherwood Community Center (3740 Old Lee Hwy).



Booker Residence

3442 Surrey Lane, Falls Church, VA 22042

This hillside lot's stormwater challenges are mitigated by a rain garden, rain barrels, water-diversion logs and channels, a permeable walkway, and extensive plantings. The original concrete sidewalk has been repurposed into a low wall and a beautiful patio. The tree canopy has been supplemented with understory trees. There is a small meadow and multiple shady bird-viewing areas. NVSWCD Conservation Assistance Program site.

From Arlington Blvd. (Route 50) and Gallows Road (VA-650 S), head south on Gallows Road for 1.8 miles, then turn left onto Surrey Lane. The destination is on the left. The closest parking is available if you continue to Westminster Court, where there is plenty of street parking.

King Residence

4023 Roberts Road, Fairfax, VA 22032

The rain garden installed in the front yard receives water runoff from the street, yard, and adjacent yards and is heavily populated with native plants. Other water conservation features include runners on the driveway and a French drain in the middle. The backyard native plant garden, as well as the rain garden is home to numerous beautiful foundation and garden plants suitable for smaller spaces. NVSWCD Conservation Assistance Program site.



From Main Street in Fairfax (VA-236) and Old Lee Hwy (US-29 N), head west on Main Street. In 0.4 miles, turn right onto Roberts Road. The destination is on your left in 0.1 miles. Residential and street parking for this site is very limited. To reach the closest parking, continue on Roberts Road and turn right onto Sager Ave. in 0.1 miles. Street parking is available on Sager Ave. between Roberts Road and Locust St. It is a very short walk back to this garden tour site.



Belvedere Elementary School

6540 Columbia Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041

The outdoor classroom and courtyard has replaced turf with native plants, shrubs, a permeable paver patio/ path, and a rain garden. Along the front of the school is a Timeline Garden of historic period gardens with native plants and edibles. A small meadow has been planted with native meadow plants that help to control runoff from storms and provide milkweed for monarchs.

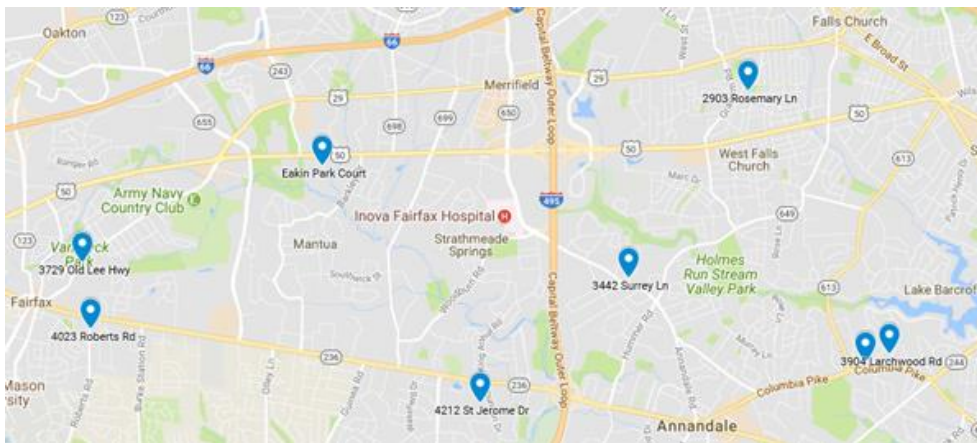
From Gallows Rd. (VA-711) and Columbia Pike (VA-244E), head east on Columbia Pike. In 1.1, perform a U-turn onto Columbia Pike westbound. The school is on your right. Visitor parking is available in the school parking lot.



Chesterfield Mews Community Association Behind 3170 Readsborough Court, Fairfax, VA 22031

A number of residential downspouts were linked to a large infiltration trench (10' by 10' by 4') to collect and slowly release rainwater runoff. A permeable paver walkway was constructed over a French drain to redirect additional runoff to the infiltration trench system. Areas under two small groves of trees were planted with native plants to help absorb the runoff moisture. NVSWCD Conservation Assistance Program site.

From Arlington Blvd. (US-50E) and Pickett Road, head east on Arlington Blvd. for 0.6 miles, then turn right at the Nutley Street traffic light, then immediately turn left onto the side road that parallels Arlington Blvd. (Arlington Blvd. side road). At the top of the hill, turn right on Guysborough Drive to enter Chesterfield Mews. In 0.2 miles, turn right at the stop sign onto Readsborough Court. Public visitor parking for Chesterfield Mews Community Association is available along the west side curb of Readsborough Court. **Do not park in any spot marked "Reserved."** The garden site is located in a large clearing **behind** 3170 Readsborough Court.



For an online map of sites and descriptions, see

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/soil-water-conservation/sustainable-garden-tour>

or scan the QR code below.

This event is organized by the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District (NVSWCD). Please call 703-324-1460 (TTY 711) or email conservationdistrict@fairfaxcounty.gov for additional tour information.

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