

# Resources for Sustainable Gardeners

The following websites, organizations and publications will help you employ watershed-friendly gardening and sustainable stormwater management at your home. The presence of a business or organization on this list does not constitute an endorsement by the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District.

## **Plants: Natives, Invasives, Wildlife Habitat**

### **Plant NOVA Natives**

Beautiful guide you can take with you to purchase plants for your home. List of native plant sales and vendors, demonstration gardens and more.

[www.plantnovanatives.org](http://www.plantnovanatives.org)

### **Native Plants for Wildlife Habitat and Conservation Landscaping: Chesapeake Bay Watershed**

[www.nativeplantcenter.net](http://www.nativeplantcenter.net)

### **Plant Invaders of Mid-Atlantic Natural Areas**

Great invasives guide, includes native substitutes.

<http://www.repentzer.com/Display/SiteFiles/58/OtherDocuments/PlantInvadersofMidAtlanticNaturalAreas5thEdition.pdf>

### **Invasive Plants and Their Native Look-Alikes**

[www.nybg.org/files/scientists/rnaczi/Mistaken\\_Identity\\_Final.pdf](http://www.nybg.org/files/scientists/rnaczi/Mistaken_Identity_Final.pdf)

### **Plant brochures from the Fairfax County Park Authority**

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/nature/stewardship-brochures>

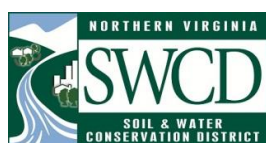
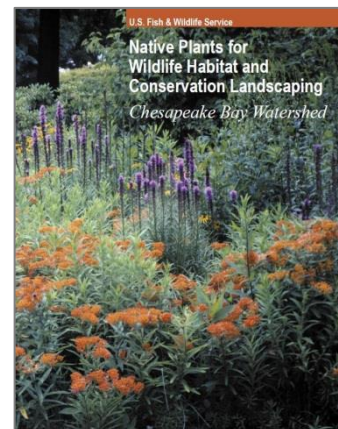
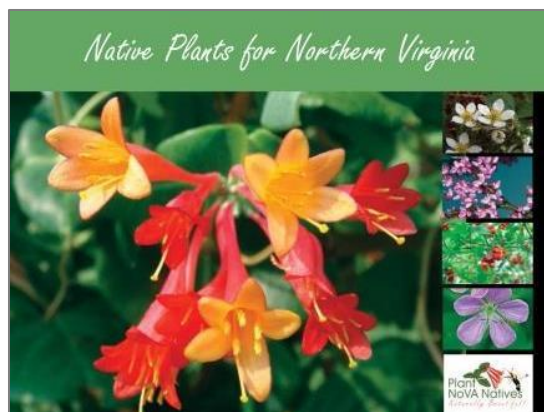
### **Audubon at Home Ambassadors, Audubon Society of Northern Virginia,**

Provides assistance to schools, churches, civic associations and homeowners interested in creating wildlife and watershed-friendly landscapes. <http://audubonva.org/>

Similar programs:

- **National Wildlife Federation**, [www.nwf.org/backyard](http://www.nwf.org/backyard)
- **Habitat at Home, VA Department of Game & Inland Fisheries**, <https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/habitat/>
- **Monarch Waystation Program**, [www.monarchwatch.org/waystations/](http://www.monarchwatch.org/waystations/)
- **Landscape for Life**, [www.landscapeforlife.org/](http://www.landscapeforlife.org/)

**Northern Virginia Conservation Trust** can guide you to protect your property through an easement. <http://www.nvct.org>



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703-324-1460 (TTY 711) \* [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/soil-water-conservation](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/soil-water-conservation)

# Conservation Assistance Program

**NVSWCD Program!** The Conservation Assistance Program (CAP/VCAP) provides incentives for community associations, places of worship, and homeowners to create more sustainable landscapes and energy efficient buildings.

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/soil-water-conservation/conservation-assistance-program>

# Watershed-Friendly Gardening & Lawn Care

**Green & Clean: Steps for a lush, green lawn that protects our waters from harmful runoff**

<http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil-and-water/document/nm-green-clean-brochure.pdf>

**Lawn Care Operators with Water Quality Agreements** with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. <http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil-and-water/wqagree>

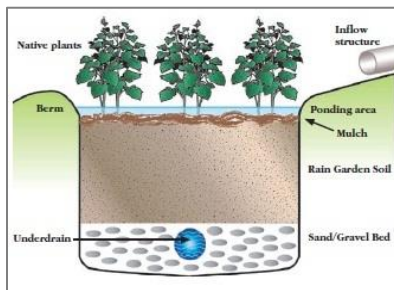
**Drainage and Erosion Guide for Homeowners NVSWCD Publication!**

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/soil-water-conservation/drainage-problem>

**You and Your Land: A Homeowner's Guide for the Potomac River Watershed. NVSWCD Publication!**

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/soil-water-conservation/you-your-land>

# Rain Gardens and Rain Barrels



**Northern Virginia Rain Barrel Workshops, Sales, Accessories and Installation**

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/soil-water-conservation/rain-barrel>

**Rain Garden Design and Construction: A Northern Virginia Homeowners Guide**

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/soil-water-conservation/sites/soil-water-conservation/files/assets/documents/raingardenbk.pdf> - **NVSWCD Publication!**

# Pervious Pavement

Many local lawn and landscape companies have certified installers on staff. To find a certified installer, use the Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute's online search feature: [www.icpi.org](http://www.icpi.org)

# Green Roofs

To install a green roof, you may need a green roof specialist/landscape architect, plant supplier, roofer and builder or architect. Resources: [www.greenroofplants.com](http://www.greenroofplants.com)



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