

List of Useful Resources

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, *Stormwater Management Standards and Handbook*, Volumes 1-3, February 2008, at: <https://www.mass.gov/guides/massachusetts-stormwater-handbook-and-stormwater-standards>

See especially Volume 2, Chapter 2, pp. 23-35 (rain gardens). In general, Vol. 1 describes the regulatory framework of the state's stormwater standards, which apply to projects subject to the state's Wetlands Protection Act. Vol. 2 discusses key elements of stormwater management, particularly Best Management Practices (BMPs). Vol. 3 explains how to prepare documentation necessary for stormwater projects involving wetlands.

Massachusetts Watershed Coalition, *A Community Guide to Growing Greener*, February 2011, v. 1.0, at: www.commonwaters.org/resources/community-guide-to-growing-greener

A set of guidelines for developers, designers and community boards intended to advance greener growth and cleaner water in communities

Massachusetts Watershed Coalition, *Community Stormwater Solutions — BMPs Cost Catalog*, 2016-2017, at: www.commonwaters.org/resources/resource-guides

Provides practical guidance to cities and towns for selecting best management practices (BMPs) to remove more pollutants at less cost. Offers planning-level estimates of BMP costs per acre of impervious area treated as well as BMP pollutant removal costs per pound of Total Suspended Solids (TSS).

Rain Garden Network, website, Chicago, IL, at: www.raingardennetwork.com/about-rain-gardens/

The Rain Garden Network was started in 2003 to bring simple, proven and inexpensive solutions for local storm water issues to individual homeowners, groups, organizations, and municipalities. This company offers hands-on assistance, information and education services and program development to help landowners protect the water quality of our lakes, rivers, and streams from pollution and damage from stormwater runoff.

University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System, *Rain Gardens, A Design Guide for Homeowners*, n.d., at: http://nemo.uconn.edu/raingardens/pdf/rain_garden_design_guide.pdf

A 12-page guide based on one from the University of Wisconsin, but with more ideas about planting a rain garden in the New England region.

University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension and New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, *Native Plants for New England Rain Gardens*, 2016, at: https://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource005899_Rep8265.pdf

Lists and illustrates plants native to New England that are suitable for the various zones of a rain garden. Provides photos of more than 50 plants, along with information about height and breadth, color, light and soil needs, and blooming season.

University of Wisconsin—Extension and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Rain Gardens, A How-To Manual for Homeowners, 2003, at: https://www.oakgov.com/water/Documents/environmental_unit/u_of_wisconsin_extension_how_to_manual.pdf

Generously illustrated, this 32-page manual tells homeowners and landscape professionals how to design and build rain gardens on residential lots and other areas where pre-treatment is not required. The manual also can be used to design treatment for roof runoff at commercial and institutional sites.