



# Soak up the Rain: Benefits for Your Home and Business

*Save Money • Beautify Your Landscape •  
Prevent Pollution • Reduce Flooding*

## Demonstration Workshop for Homeowners and Businesses

**Saturday, September 20, 8:30 am – 1 pm**

Central High School, 1840 Roosevelt Ave., Springfield, MA

Come learn how to better manage rainfall at your home or business at a demonstration workshop. Presenters include Landscape Architect Thomas Benjamin, Ecological Designer Keith Zaltzberg, and Stormwater Specialist Patty Gambarini. The workshop will cover a range of techniques appropriate for residential and commercial sites, including:

rain gardens • cisterns • rain barrels • drywells •  
porous pavers • rain gutter downspout diversion

The workshop is part of “Soak up the Rain Pioneer Valley,” a campaign to encourage and showcase the use of green infrastructure stormwater management practices around the region. It is brought to you by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and Connecticut River Stormwater Committee under contract with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1.

Registration is required by September 16<sup>th</sup> to Patty Gambarini at [pgambarini@pvpc.org](mailto:pgambarini@pvpc.org) or (413) 781-6045. Visit [www.soakuptherain.pvpc.org](http://www.soakuptherain.pvpc.org) to see the workshop agenda and learn more about green infrastructure stormwater management practices in the Pioneer Valley.



*Cistern - Center Pepin Elementary  
School, Easthampton*



*Rain garden – Northampton VA*

*(photo courtesy Thomas Benjamin)*