

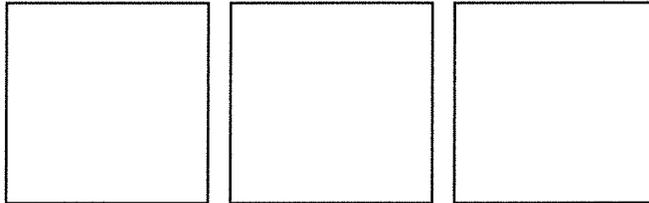
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<h1>NJRC&D Fall Happenings</h1> <p>www.northjerseyrcd.org</p>

Dear Supporters and Volunteers,

The leaves may be done changing, and most outdoor activities slowing down, but there is still time to get out and learn how you can make a difference in our region. Read on for your opportunity to build a rain barrel, learn about the newly installed rain garden, and how you can help to remove invasive plants at a wetland restoration project. Thank you for your continued involvement with North Jersey RC&D.

Grace Messinger, Executive Director

Rain Barrel Talk and Workshop

On November 12th at 7:00 p.m., Pat Rector from Rutgers Cooperative Extension will talk about ways to conserve rain water with rain barrels. She'll discuss the benefits of rain barrels, and show how simple it is to build one. Learn what Environmental Commissions and others can do to encourage rain barrel use in their municipalities.

Rain barrels are used to collect and store rainwater to reduce runoff into streams, prevent

about 1300 gallons of water in an average summer.

Would you like to make your own rain barrel? Join the Musconetcong Watershed Association from 10:00 until noon on November 16th for a rain barrel workshop at Villa Milagro Vineyards.

Make a rain barrel out of a recycled 53-gallon wine barrel. Instructions, assistance, and all fittings and components included. \$100 fee. Pre-registration required by calling (908) 537-7060, or by emailing adrienne@musconetcong.org.

The first 25 participants who are residents of Hampton Borough, Bethlehem Township, Washington Township and Franklin Township (Warren County) will receive a \$25 discount. Receive a complimentary wine tasting and monogrammed wine glass. Come a little early for coffee and pastries!

Support for these events has been provided by funding through the Division of Water Monitoring and Standards, Bureau of Environmental Analysis, Restoration and Standards.

Walnut Brook Invasive Plant Removal Work Day

Weed Warriors, we need you! On Saturday, November 16th, please join AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador Laura Dillman and the Hunterdon Land Trust for a work day to remove invasive plants along the Walnut Brook near Dvoor Farm in Flemington, NJ. Some of the problematic plants along this waterway include autumn olive shrubs and invasive vines.

Hot coffee and light refreshments will be provided for volunteers.

If you can help, please contact Laura Dillman at the Raritan Headwaters Association.

Rain Garden Installation

On Tuesday, November 5th and Wednesday, November 6th, staff from NJRC&D and the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program, as well as several Rutgers University students, came together to install a rain garden at the Raritan Township Municipal Building at 1 Municipal Drive, Flemington. This rain garden is in a high-visibility location, and will capture and filter rain water from the roof of the municipal building. Construction was completed by Back to Nature Home & Garden of Oldwick.

To see our photos of the event, please [click here](#).



NJRC&D Receives 3 Grants

2013 Franklin Parker Small Grant Award

North Jersey RC&D is proud to be a recipient of a 2013 Franklin Parker Small Grant Award. Conservation Resources awarded NJRC&D \$5000 to continue the great work of its River Friendly Farm certification program. Many thanks to Conservation Resources for its support!

NJDEP Grant Awards

NJRC&D has been awarded two grants of \$541,300 and \$700,500 from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) to implement the Neshanic River Watershed and Musconetcong Watershed Restoration Plans over the next five years.

The overall goal of the implementation plans is to construct stormwater BMPs that will achieve a reduction in bacteria and attain higher standards of water quality. The target area for the Neshanic Watershed includes Raritan, East Amwell, and Delaware Townships, and Flemington Borough. The target area for the Musconetcong Watershed includes Hampton Borough and Bethlehem Township, Hunterdon County, and Franklin and Washington Township, Warren County.

Projects will include:

- conducting rain barrel workshops;
- installation of residential and commercial rain gardens.
- retrofitting of stormwater management facilities;
- installation of bioretention systems to capture, treat and infiltrate stormwater at the source;

- installation of conservation and riparian buffers;
- enhancement of agricultural/livestock best management practices;
- expansion of agricultural cover crops;
- agricultural mini-grant program; and
- implementation of a Quality Assurance Project Plan.

Project funding and support has been awarded to North Jersey RC&D as a 319h grant from NJDEP Water Resource Management, Division of Water Monitoring and Standards, Bureau of Environmental Analysis, Restoration and Standards.

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