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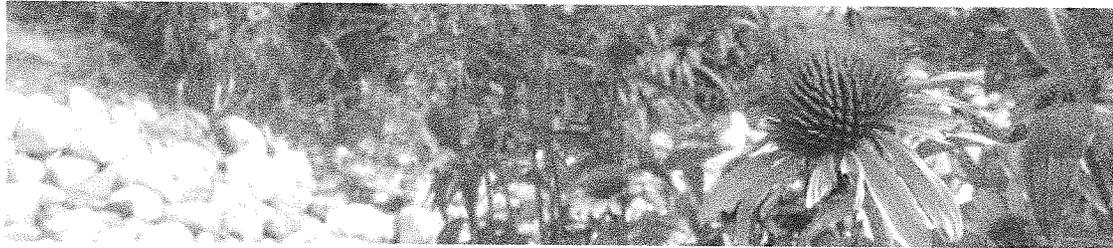
Dear Municipal Clerk:

Please see the survey request for NJ Municipalities on behalf of Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

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Green Infrastructure Survey



Dear Municipal Representative:

Rutgers Cooperative Extension is sending you this survey as part of a research project to learn about your opinions and knowledge of green infrastructure techniques in New Jersey.

By filling out this survey you will be entered into a raffle to win a Build a Rain Barrel workshop for your community. Read on to learn more...

Stormwater management is a problem in many New Jersey municipalities, especially for those in highly developed areas. Stormwater can lead to flooding, pollution, inconvenience, and damage to both public and private properties. Extreme weather events like Hurricane Irene, Tropical Storm Lee, and Hurricane Sandy are becoming more frequent. As New Jersey towns recover from these extreme events, it may be wise to consider an alternative to traditional stormwater management.

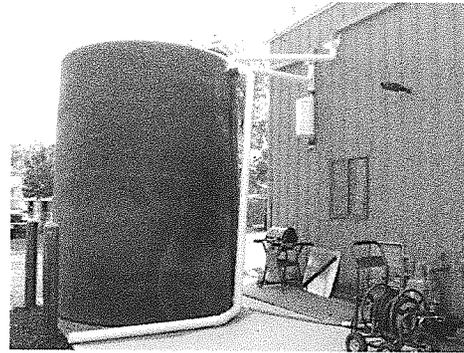
One set of practices that can be used to manage stormwater more efficiently is green infrastructure. Green infrastructure practices handle stormwater by infiltrating it into the ground or by capturing and storing it for later use. Many of the techniques mimic natural systems in order to restore a developed site to its pre-development hydrological conditions.



Rutgers Cooperative Extension is sending this survey to you as part of a research project to gather

opinions from municipal officials, employees, and commission members about stormwater management techniques; gather opinions about Rutgers Cooperative Extension programs on stormwater management techniques; gather information about stormwater management techniques that are currently in use across the State; identify flooding issues associated with existing infrastructure and determine barriers to implementation of green infrastructure or low impact development stormwater management techniques.

This data will be used to help guide municipal officials in the planning, funding, and implementation of green infrastructure practices for stormwater management, as well as to create a database of green infrastructure installations across New Jersey. Your responses are confidential and the data collected will help provide a statewide understanding of the status of green infrastructure implementation and the resources necessary to guide further implementation. Your participation is entirely voluntary and you may choose to not participate. You may also withdraw at any time during the study procedures.



[Click here](#) to start filling out the survey. **Please also forward this survey to your planning board representatives, municipal engineer, business administrator, environmental commission, and green team members as we are hoping to get as many different opinions as possible.**

As an incentive, once you fill out the survey, your town will automatically be entered into a raffle to win a Build A Rain Barrel workshop run by Rutgers Cooperative Extension. To find out more information about rain barrels and our educational programs [click here](#).

If you have any questions about the study procedures, you may contact the principal investigator at:

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