

Rain Gardens in Commercial Areas

Rain gardens can be used in commercial areas as an addition to or in replacement of a traditional sewer storm water management plan. In order to determine how much space you need to allot to water management and rain gardens, you may need to perform some simple calculations. If you are a land owner, it would probably be in your best interest to hire a landscape architect who is familiar with environmentally friendly water management practices. See the list of local landscape architects included in this toolkit for some suggestions.

Also, this toolkit contains a more technical description of rain gardens and their installation. More technical information can be found at www.iowasudas.org . You can also go to www.lowimpactdevelopment.org . If your landscape architect or engineer is unsure about how to proceed with the development of an environmentally friendly water management strategy, they can contact Paul Miller or Jennifer Welch with the Natural Resource Conservation Service. See the local information section of this toolkit for contact information.