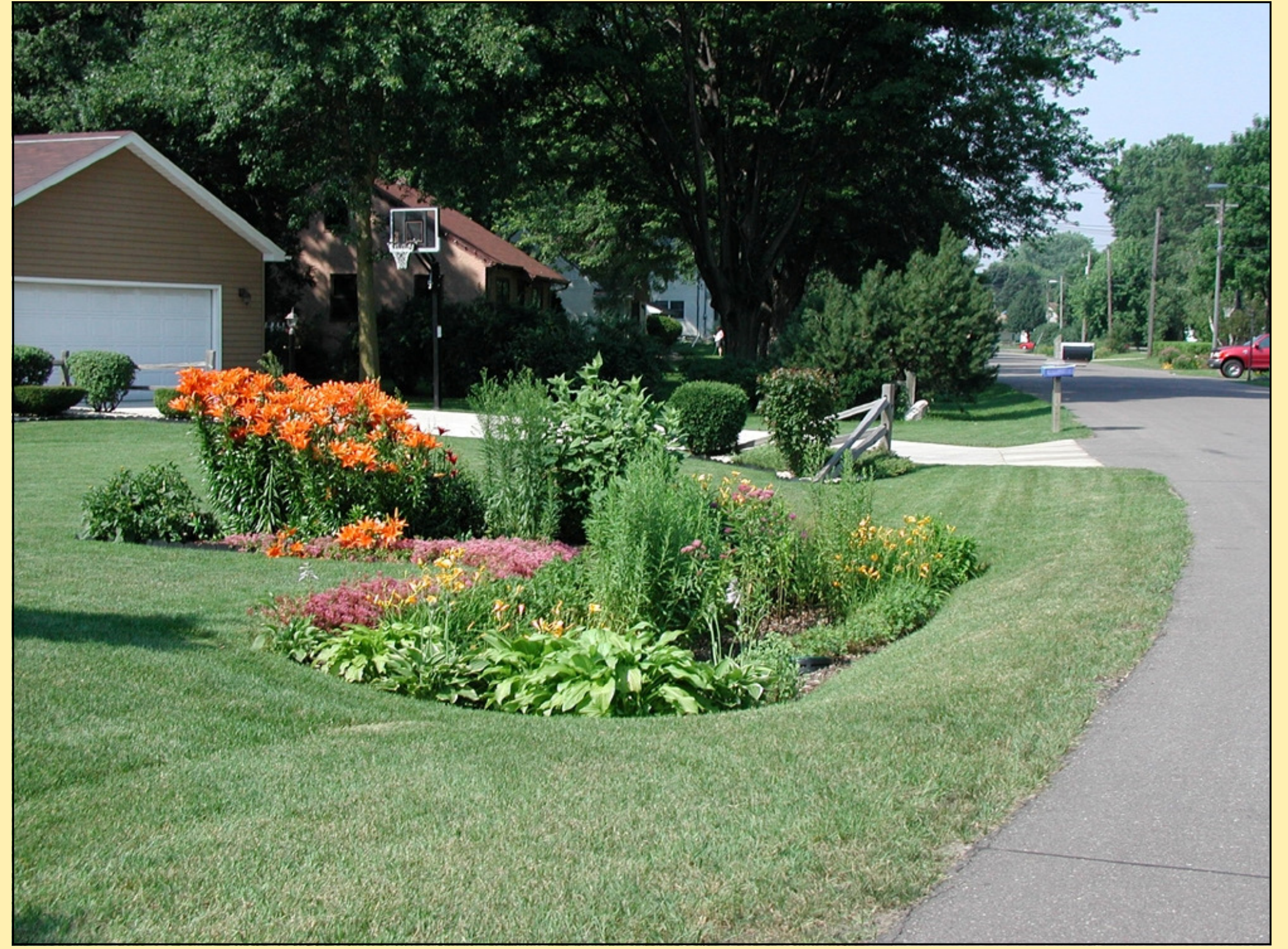


# Rain Garden

**Rain Gardens** are small depressed vegetated areas for retention and filtration of stormwater runoff. Compared to a traditional lawn, a rain garden allows approximately 30% more water to infiltrate into the ground. Rain gardens collect water from rooftops, sidewalks, and driveways.



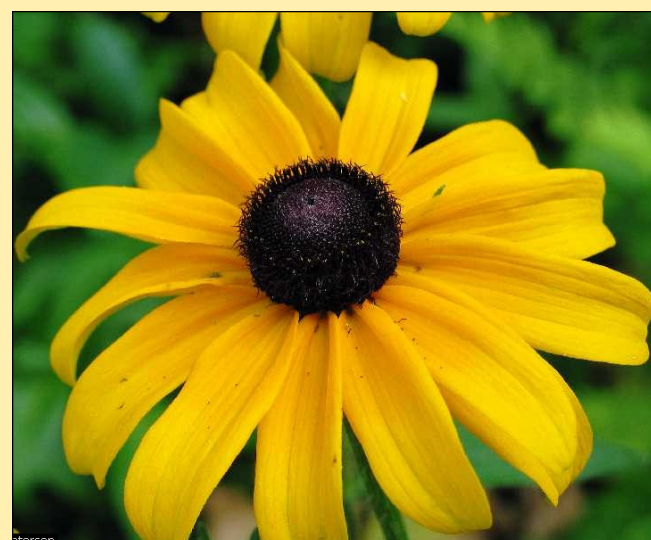
Rain gardens can be used to collect water from rooftops as shown above at Blair Mill Elementary School in Horsham Township, Montgomery County.



The rain garden shown above is collecting water from the roadway and surrounding landscape.



New England Aster



Black-eyed Susan



Sedge



Redosier Dogwood



Phlox



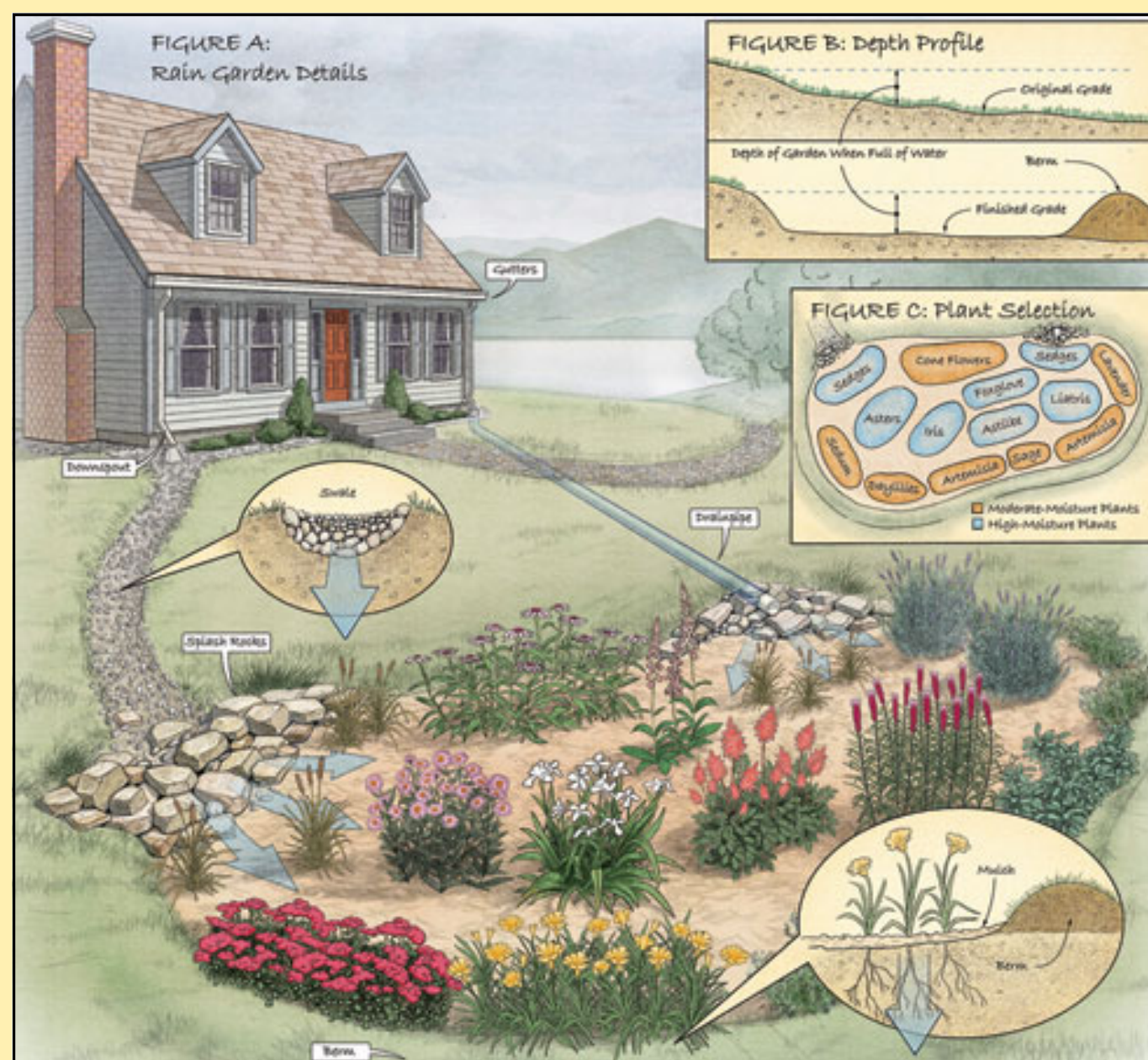
Swamp Milkweed



Virginia Wild Rye



Cardinal Flower



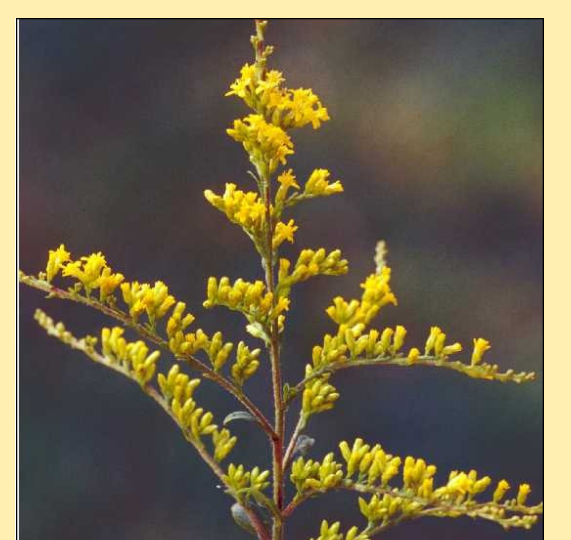
New York Ironweed



Joe-Pye Weed



Cutleaf Coneflower



Goldenrod

## Rain Garden Resources

**A Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater Management:** <http://www.delawareestuary.org/pdf/HomeownersGuideSWMgmt.pdf>

**Rain Gardens ~ A How to Manual for Homeowner's:** <http://dnr.wi.gov/runoff/rg/>

**Rain Garden Resources:** [http://www.montgomeryconservation.org/rain\\_garden\\_resources.htm](http://www.montgomeryconservation.org/rain_garden_resources.htm)

**Rain Garden Templates:** <http://www.lowimpactdevelopment.org/>

**PA Native Plant List:** <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/wildplant/native.aspx>

