Rain Gardens
A Beautiful Solution to Water Pollution

What is a Rain Garden?
A bowl-shaped depression designed as a garden that captures, holds and absorbs rainwater from a roof, sidewalk, parking lot, street or other impervious surfaces. Rain gardens use native and adapted plants.

Rain gardens slow the flow of water allowing the water to penetrate into the soil, cleaning the water before it enters the storm drain and empties into our bayous and bays. This allows us to keep more of the rain that falls on our yards while the stormwater that finally enters the storm drain is cleaner. Rain gardens can be used in residential, commercial or public areas.

Planted with native plants, a rain garden function as habitat for wildlife such as birds and butterflies. When designed properly, water in the rain garden should stand for no more 24 to 48 hours, too short a period for mosquitos to breed.

Above all, a rain garden is a landscape amenity, blending beauty and function—a beautiful, WaterSmart solution to water pollution.

Conserves Water * Protects Water Quality * Provides Habitat for Wildlife