RainScapes for Congregations

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RainScapes Rewards, Demonstrations and Grants
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Rebates for commercial/institutional: $20,000 per property – lifetime

All County property owners outside the municipalities of Rockville, Gaithersburg and Takoma Park are eligible for rebates
What Does a RainScape Look Like?

Build a RainScape at home! Montgomery County’s RainScapes program offers cash rebates for projects. Visit RainScapes.org or call 311.
Congregations’ Potential Impact

- Number of Congregations with RainScapes: 31
- Number of Congregations in Montgomery Co: 519
- Potential area for RainScapes opportunities: 2,970 acres or 4.6 square miles
What can a RainScape do for your congregation?

- Gather the community
- Create a welcoming atmosphere
- Provide an outdoor place of worship
- Heal the environment
- Inspire stewardship
- Celebrate creation
Examples of RainScapes and Congregations in Action
Melvin G. Berman Hebrew Academy
Grace Episcopal School
Bat Mitzvah Project
Adat Shalom

Conservation Landscapes

NWF Sacred Grounds partnership
Silver Spring Methodist Church
From idea to completion using a variety of tools
St. James Episcopal Church and Beth Shalom

Neighbors inspire change
Grants and rebate projects help to make it a reality
Colesville Methodist Church

Rain Garden and Conservation landscape
Brookmont Church

Conservation landscapes and Rain Barrels to water the garden

Turf conversion along the Church building
After the congregational project........
See how RainScapes can help you at home!

“The environment is where we all meet: where all have a mutual interest. It is the one thing all of us share. It is not only a mirror of ourselves but a focusing lens on what we can become.” Lady Bird Johnson
Questions?

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