



Soak up the Rain:

Benefits for Your Home and Business

*Save Money • Beautify Your Landscape •
Prevent Pollution • Reduce Flooding*

Demonstration Workshop for Homeowners and Businesses

Saturday, June 7, 8:30 am – 1 pm
Holyoke Public Library, 250 Chestnut Street, Holyoke, MA

AGENDA

- 8:30 – 9:00** **Registration, Light Refreshments, Rain Barrel Raffle sign up, Materials Display Table**
- 9-9:15** **Welcome**
- 9:15-9:35** **Watershed Dynamics, Stormwater Pollution, and the Residential Landscape in the Connecticut River Watershed – How does it all work?**
Patty Gambarini, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
- 9:35-10:45** **Rain Garden Design, Construction and Maintenance – Residential Primer**
Thomas Benjamin, Landscape Architect with ECS
- 10:45-11:00** **BREAK**
- 11:00-11:30** **UConn Rain Garden App Demonstration Exercise**
Thomas Benjamin, Landscape Architect with ECS
- 11:30-12:45** **Rain Barrels, Cisterns, Porous Pavers, and Other Systems**
Patty Gambarini, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
Hands-on demonstration and discussion:
- Rain barrels and cisterns
 - Roof leader diversion
 - Drywells and infiltration devices
 - Porous pavers and pavement
- 12:45-12:50** **Resources**
Patty Gambarini, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
Web tour of two websites: www.ConnecticutRiver.us and www.PVPC.org/soakuptherain
- 12:50– 1:00** **Next Steps – How will you Soak up the Rain?**
Post-Workshop Evaluation
Rain Barrel Raffle

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