

# Stormwater Pollution:

# A City Problem with Backyard Solutions

## Worcester Rain Gardens to the Rescue!

### Midland Street School

18 Midland Street, Worcester

Wednesday, April 3, 6:30 PM

*Co-sponsored by the Worcester Tree Initiative*

Come join the Worcester Stormwater Coalition's city-wide **Rain Garden Campaign** to help reduce polluted runoff to our waterways. We are sponsoring five workshops\*\* throughout the City.

**You are invited to this one in your neighborhood.**



### Rain Gardens to the Rescue! Workshops

Homeowners and business owners are invited to learn what they can do on their own property to reduce runoff and protect our water resources.

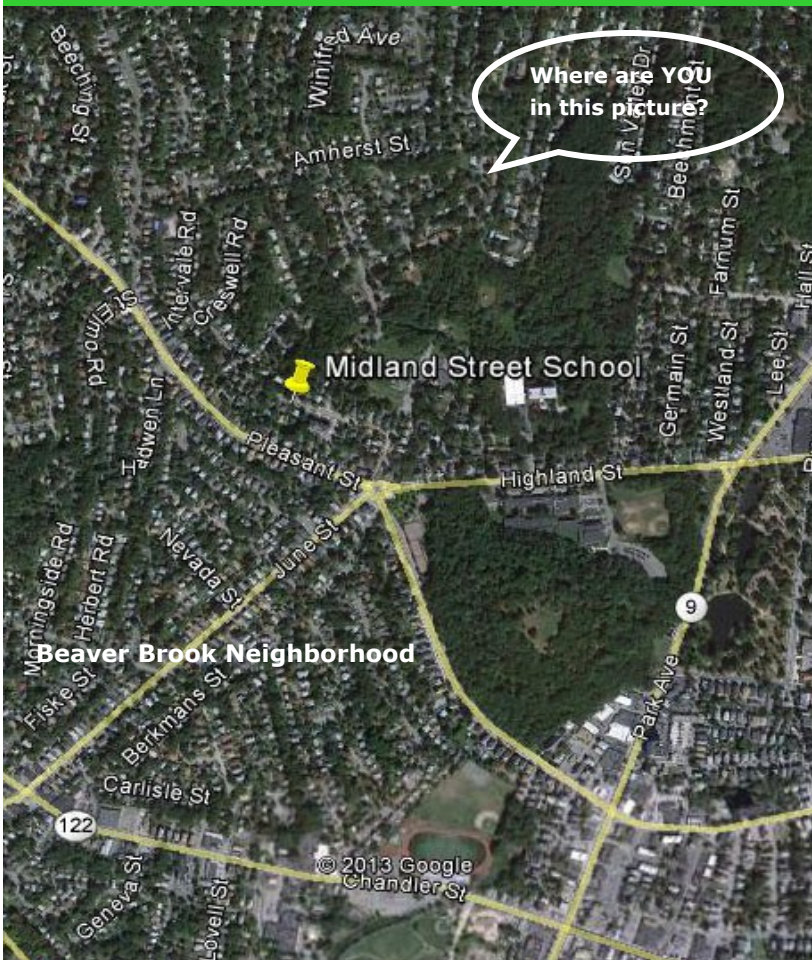
Learn tips on how to enhance your landscaping to harvest rainfall, reduce runoff, and save money on your water and sewer bills:

- redirect roof runoff
- create a rain garden
- install a rain barrel
- Door Prizes—Win a Rain Barrel!
- Free Homeowner's Guides
- Refreshments

**Come join the Campaign and bring your neighbors with you.**

For questions and to register, contact  
Donna Williams at 508-335-8393 or  
dwilliamsbrc@aol.com

\*\* For other workshop dates and locations, visit  
[www.zaptheblackstone.org](http://www.zaptheblackstone.org).



**Rain gardens** are vegetated areas designed and built to accept stormwater runoff from surfaces including rooftops, roads and compacted soils. Using slope, vegetation and well drained soils, rain gardens are increasingly being used by homeowners and municipalities to reduce the impact of stormwater on local waterways and storm drain systems.

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