

Field Day & Tour: Native Plants & Stormwater BMPs

Aug 26th
8:15 AM-4 PM



*Trails & Trees Env. Center
1731 S. York St.
Mechanicsburg, PA*

Cost: \$45.00 includes lunch, resource materials, transportation and CCLC membership. (Current CCLC members get a 10% discount)

Registration Deadline:

August 17. Space is limited.

Register Online: at www.chesapeakelandscaping.org/events/

Questions or to Register by

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For landscape architects & designers, contractors, land planners, municipal officials, & other landscape design and install professionals: come learn how to prepare & manage landscapes with native plants in mind.

The day will begin with an informational session on invasive plants and their control with a pesticide demonstration. The remainder of the day will feature a tour of 3 BMPs in the Harrisburg Region. CEUs available.

About Our Instructors:

Art Gover

Art Gover, Research Support Associate, has worked for Penn State since 1985 in various positions related to vegetation management. He provides operational and classroom training, develops training and outreach materials, conducts field research to refine control methodology for problem species, and consults with the state parks system on ongoing issues related to invasive species control and habitat management.

Art will provide pesticide certification training that will begin in the classroom with a discussion on invasive plants and their impact on stormwater BMPs. The training will wrap up with an outdoor demonstration of herbicide spray techniques.

Shirley Stark

In 1995 Shirley Stark replaced her front lawn with an English Cottage Garden. In 2003 she became a PSU Master Gardener (MG) and vastly expanded her understanding of how conservation landscaping improves biodiversity and stormwater management. As a result, she began replacing non-native plants with natives, transforming her entire property into a "No-Mow" certified NWF & Audubon wildlife habitat, and sharing her experiences with the public through Master Gardener educational programs.

Shirley will share design, plant selection and maintenance reduction lessons she's learned as she converted her small suburban lot into a "no-mow" native conservation landscape.

LandStudies, Inc.

LandStudies is a design/build environmental restoration company from Lititz, PA with a mission to restore and improve natural systems through a holistic approach resulting in functional, natural landscapes. From 2013-2016, LandStudies partnered with the Penn State Agriculture and Environment Center on the Greening the Lower Susquehanna Community Visioning Project that created "Green Masterplans" and helped install BMPs in 6 neighborhoods in Dauphin, Lebanon, and Lancaster Counties.

A representative from both LandStudies and the Penn State Agriculture and Environment Center will explain the process of working with the Lenkor Manor Community and describe the methods used to naturalize a stormwater detention basin.

Liz Letcavage

Liz Letcavage is a Penn State Master Gardener and a part-time horticulturalist for the Borough of Lemoyne. The Borough installed street-side rain gardens in 2009 and Liz has been working for the last year along with other Cumberland County Master Gardeners to improve plant survival and stormwater functionality.

Liz will lead a tour of the rain gardens in Lemoyne and explain the history of their design, installation, and maintenance. She will share lessons learned about plant selection and long term-maintenance.