A rain garden is a constructed shallow depression that captures stormwater runoff from the surrounding area and allows the stormwater to slowly infiltrate into the soil. Rain gardens reduce runoff volumes and filter pollutants.

For a curb-cut rain garden, a break is created in the curb to allow stormwater runoff from the street to enter the rain garden. Curb-cut rain gardens are fit with a Rain Guardian pre-treatment chamber to capture sediment and large debris from the street.

Rain gardens are planted with native plants, which serve to enhance both the aesthetic and the ecological quality of your property.
What will it look like?

Homeowners can work with ACD staff to design the shape, size and select native plants for the rain garden.

What happens when it rains?

During a rain storm the rain garden will fill. Once full, any additional water will continue down the curb.

Based on the slope of the yard, a retention wall may be needed.

Within 24-48 hours following a rain storm, the water will entirely infiltrate.

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