

**Town of Centreville**  
**Corsica River Watershed Project**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL TIP #37**

**DID YOU KNOW** there are many stormwater management practices that can be used to reduce the impact of polluted runoff? Most of the practices are approaches you can implement in your own yard. Other practices may require professional help. Stormwater management incorporates general conservation landscaping practices, including using native plants, removing invasive plants, conserving water, eliminating or reducing chemical fertilizers and pesticides to reduce pollution and conserve resources, shaping the ground for better infiltration and to control erosion, and enhancing aesthetics and wildlife habitat.

Stormwater management protects our waterways by infiltrating and filtering stormwater runoff. Practices range from simple measures that include redirecting downspouts to planting beds, installing rain gardens and rain barrels, planting native trees and shrubs, and replacing hard surfaces with permeable surfaces. There are more sophisticated measures such as larger rain gardens and green roof installations. By using these techniques and planting native plants that don't require fertilizers and pesticides, we will improve water quality in our streams, creeks, the Corsica River, and the Chesapeake Bay, while creating habitats full of beauty and life where local birds and wildlife will thrive!

**Always remember that what we do on land affects the Corsica River and the Chesapeake Bay –[www.TownofCentreville.org](http://www.TownofCentreville.org)**