

STREAM SMART PROGRAM



What is the Stream Smart Program?

The Stream Smart program provides suggestions to residential landowners who want to better manage stormwater, particularly those with streamside properties

Why should I participate?

Homeowners can play a big role in reducing polluted runoff from our property. Over half of all land use in our watershed is residential. Runoff carries pollution, such as pet waste, fertilizer, sediment, and oil and gas from vehicles into our creeks. We need everyone to help improve the health and vitality of our watershed.

The Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership (TTF) Stream Smart program offers recommendations and assistance in securing funding for projects to beautify properties, clean water, and prevent flooding.

How can I participate?

Go to streamsmarthousecalls.org to sign up for a visit to discuss the program and how it could benefit you and your property.

What is a rain garden and a bioswale?

Rain gardens are shallow depressions that temporarily store water that flows from your downspout or driveway. A bioswale conveys, but does not store drainage. Both features are planted with native flowers and grasses which filter runoff and attract birds and butterflies.

What kind of projects are suggested?

Rain gardens, bioswales, downspout planter boxes, rain barrels and native trees are the tools suggested to homeowners in specified areas of the watershed.

How much does it cost?

Property assessments are free. If we identify a project you would like to move forward, TTF can pursue small grant sources for certain types of projects and costs. Some costs will likely need to be covered by the homeowner. TTF can help identify contractors and source plant material.

How much maintenance is required?

We recommend weeding the rain garden and bioswale as you would any landscaped bed on your property. TTF will provide maintenance information and be available to assist with any questions.

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