

## RAIN GARDENS 4 RESILIENCE PROJECT SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS

### CRITERIA 1: HOMEOWNER READINESS/PROMOTIONAL/REPRESENTATIVENESS

1. Homeowner would be an articulate community champion.
2. Homeowner is willing to be identified and to have the site identified in promotional materials, provide testimonials, give interviews, and has a schedule/work situation that would facilitate this.
3. Homeowner is willing to allow site tours / visits, signage.
4. Homeowner intends to stay in the home for at least 5 years (spokesperson continuity).
5. Site has high visibility.
6. A dramatic transformation is possible.
7. Other improvements are planned by the homeowner in conjunction that would demonstrate additional stormwater management practices (e.g., turf alternatives, native species plantings, rainwater harvesting, pavement alternatives, etc.)
8. Homeowner would be open to monitoring of the site in the future.
9. Homeowner demonstrates basic gardening knowledge.
10. Project representativeness: country residential, large lot/ suburban, small lot/ suburban, multi-family, seasonal

### CRITERIA 2: CONSTRUCTABILITY

1. Site is accessible to small mechanical equipment and/or bulk deliveries, if needed.
2. Site has adequate separation to groundwater (no projects in floodplains).
3. Downspouts can be readily routed.
4. Site is available for construction in the 2017 season.
5. Trees will not be harmed.
6. Neighbours' drainage will not be impacted.
7. An existing site survey or real property report is available.

If you would like to consider nominating your yard, please contact Leta van Duin at [leta@alidp.org](mailto:leta@alidp.org) or 587-356-1115 to discuss. We want to show all kinds of examples. You don't need to meet every criterion. Owners of small commercial establishments, where there are exposed downspouts with the potential to discharge into a landscaped area, are also encouraged to nominate their properties.