Rain garden Basic Information Sheet

Thank you for protecting your local streams and watershed by installing a rain garden! As a Howard County resident, you have the opportunity to receive up to 50% reimbursement toward the cost of installation and an annual percentage of credit against your watershed protection fee (determined by the percentage of on-site impervious surface that you have treated by installing your practice). The specifications below, as well as receipts and photos of your rain garden, will be included in the application process for both the reimbursement and credit mentioned above (***so please keep this paper in your records***). In order to receive reimbursement from Howard County, rain gardens must have a minimum of the following volumes:

 Condominiums and townhouses must have minimum volume 14.84 cubic feet

 1/4 acre single family lots 29.96 cubic feet

 Larger than ¼ single family lots 59.37 cubic feet

Credit percentages will be determined based upon the amount of impervious treated to the first inch of rainfall out of the total impervious surface on the property.

Size of rain garden: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ft2

Size of drainage area: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ft2

Ponding depth of rain garden: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in2

Depth of soil media: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in

Soil media used for infiltration (circle all that apply): Soil mix Sand Gravel Large Stone Organic Matter Other:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Land use of drainage area (circle all that apply): Turf/lawn Other Pervious Urban Impervious Surface Impervious Surface Construction Land Forest

Number of perennials planted: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Number of grasses planted: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Number of shrubs planted: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Circle YES or NO in the following section**

Underdrain: YES NO

Topped with Mulch: YES NO

 *If “YES” to previous question: Mulch type: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Mulch depth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(inches)*

Topped with topsoil: YES NO

 *If “YES” to previous question: Soil type:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Soil depth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(inches)*

Percolation test conducted: YES NO

Miss Utility contacted: YES NO

Installation date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Individual/party responsible for maintenance: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 To receive reimbursement and/or credit:

1. Complete the SMART tool at cleanwaterhoward.com using the information above.
2. Expect a site inspection from a verifying employee. Incomplete, unknown, or incorrect information contained within online SMART tool and/or paper form will be corrected by either State of Maryland or Howard County certifier upon inspection of rain garden or other BMP
3. Complete credit and/or reimbursement applications for residential properties linked on cleanwaterhoward.com

\*If you do not have access to the internet or cannot complete the SMART tool online, you may submit the above information, along with the address of the property concerned, year dwelling was built, estimated cost of project, funding source, and motivation for project to:

Attn: Rachel Beebe

Howard County Office of Community Sustainability

3430 Court House Dr.

Ellicott City, MD 21043

Complete this portion if mailing to Howard County Office of Sustainability for SMART tool proxy entry.

I certify that all information contained within is correct to the fullest extent of my knowledge. I will permit verifiers from the State of Maryland or Howard County to enter my property and assess the abovementioned BMP.

Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_