Site Selection:
Where to put a Rain Garden

Rain Garden by Scarlett Bennett, MRG 2011
Space & Sunlight: enough?
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Soils: do a percolation test
Soils: clay?
Soils: orangeburg pipe fill = sand
Where *not* to put a rain garden

• First, do no harm.
• Space
• Slopes
• Obstacles
• Hazards
• Emergency overflow
Space: enough?
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Not enough space? Pipe it to where there is
Rain Garden at the end of the pipe
Not Enough Space Revisited
Needs to be 10’ from House
10' from basement
Obstacles: Tree roots
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Obstacles: Trees & Uphill
Space is uphill of downspout
Obstacles: sidewalks
Creative Solutions: sidewalk
Sometimes the sidewalk can be taken up and replaced