Site Selection:

Part Three: Where to put a Rain Garden
Slopes: too steep
Grading (moving soil) on neighbor’s property is a no-no.
Slopes – Too Flat!
Hazards: retaining walls
Hazards: underground utilities
Hazards: septic fields
Emergency Overflow
Using the Space:
not in the way of circulation
Quiz: How is this site?
How is this site?
How about this one?
And this one?
How is this one?
Which is better – left or right side?
Questions?

• What unusual situations do you have?
• Rural properties can think about treating the runoff before it enters a creek.
• Everyone can benefit from using rainwater runoff instead of the tap to water plants.
• Rain gardens are best upstream – individual gardens in yards, instead of downstream handling the whole neighborhood’s stormwater.
Have fun with it!
Homework:

• Re-evaluate site for your rain garden. Bring photos.

• Soil percolation test (results in hours)

• Figure approximate size of roof that feeds rain garden (in square feet)

• Quiz:
  – Hippocratic Oath of MRG: First, Do No Harm
  – How big will a rain garden be for a 500 s.f. roof, using the 5:1 ratio Rule of Thumb?