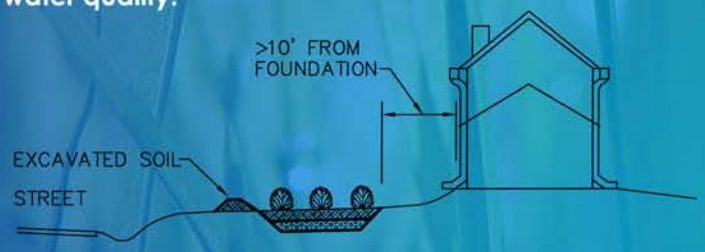
RAIN GARDENS

VILLAGE OF DEER PARK

What is a Rain Garden?

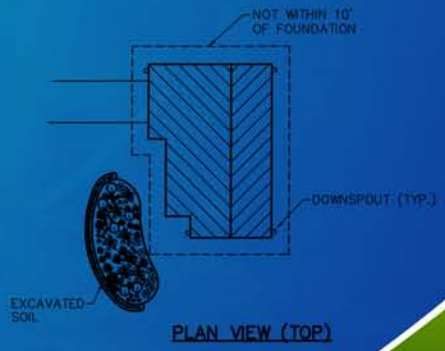
A Rain Garden is an attractive, environmentally friendly way for individual homeowners to manage and reduce water runoff and improve water quality.



PROFILE VIEW (SIDE)

Rain Gardens...

- Absorb and filter water, typically from a roof downspout or sump pump.
- Are planted with native wetland and prairie wildflowers and grasses, which are hardy, low maintenance and aesthetically pleasing.
- Provide food and shelter for a variety of birds, butterflies, and dragonflies (which eat mosquitoes).



PLAN VIEW (TOP)

Rain Garden Basics

- Construct at least 10 feet from your house, between the downspout and a naturally low spot in your yard.
- Excavate soil and replace with stone and a sand/soil mix to promote infiltration.
- Plant in the spring before June 15; however, the excavation work may be completed at any time of the year.
- Typically, a residential rain garden ranges from 100 to 300 square feet.
- Don't worry about mosquitoes, properly sited and constructed rain gardens won't hold water long enough for them to reproduce.

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