

This simple planting

is not merely decorative, but is actually fulfilling a purpose. Here is a small-scale example of a "rain garden", a group of native plant materials that slows down the flow of water from storm water run-off or roof gutters, to enable the water to soak into the soil, instead of washing down into the creek. For more information on rain gardens, go to <http://www.raingardens.org>.

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