

Montgomery County CD Improving Stormwater Management on School Grounds

Montgomery County Conservation District recently partnered with Pottsgrove High School and the nonprofit Partnership for the Delaware Estuary to retrofit a failing rain garden on the high school's campus. Montgomery County CD provided engineering, construction oversight and other assistance to create a successful BMP and improve the look of the garden, which is near the front entrance to the school.

School district maintenance staff completed construction in November under the direction of the District's Watershed Specialist. Then, the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary teamed up with a science teacher to lead students in planting the garden with native trees and shrubs. The group plans to add native perennials in the spring.

This project is part of an ongoing initiative called "Schuylkill Action Students," which seeks to engage students in implementing stormwater management practices on their campuses. In the Schuylkill Watershed, schools are some of the largest streamside landowners. Funding for this project was provided by the company 3M, who awarded a grant to the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary to continue their work with schools.



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