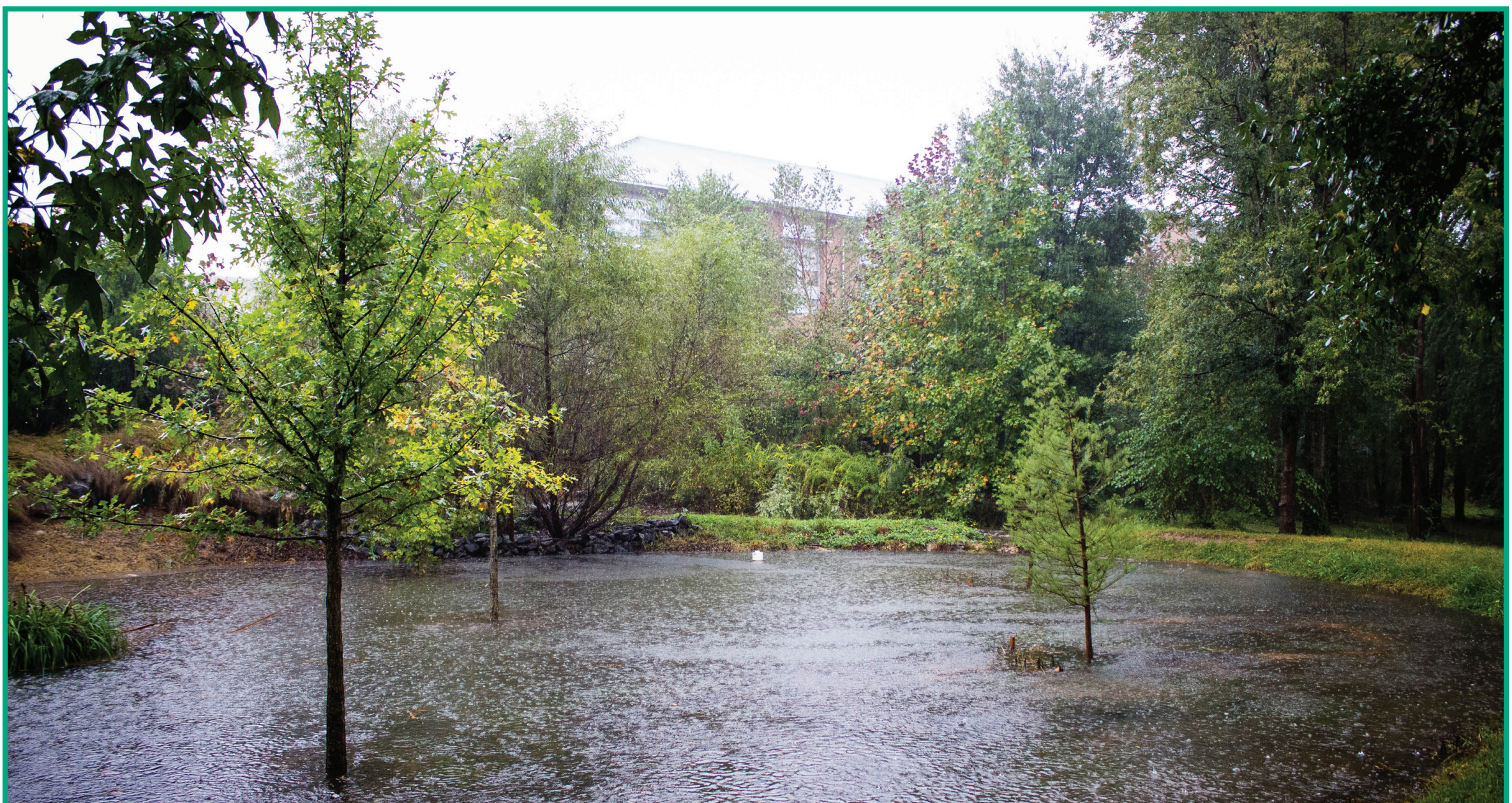


# Clean Water Homes

Using green infrastructure to reduce runoff and stop water pollution.



When poorly managed, stormwater can cause flooding and water pollution. However, when well managed, stormwater can be a valuable resource. Green infrastructure uses rainwater to beautify landscapes while reducing flooding and pollution.



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# Rain Barrels

## What are rain barrels?

Rain barrels catch rainwater from roofs that would otherwise become runoff and store it for later use.



## Why install a rain barrel?

- Low cost, big impact.
- Lower water bills.
- Reduces water pollution.
- Reduces flooding.
- Conserves water.



## Keep in mind:

- Get a free rain barrel at one of our rain barrel workshops.
- Captured water can contain chemicals from the roof or barrel. Do not consume.
- If you have a large property, consider expanding to multiple barrels or a cistern.



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# Rain Gardens

## What are rain gardens?

Rain gardens are shallow basins with water-loving plants that catch rainwater and allow it to filter.



## Why install a rain garden?

- Beautifies the home.
- Creates habitat for wildlife.
- Reduces water pollution.
- Reduces flooding.
- Can increase home value.



## Keep in mind:

- Rain gardens must be appropriately placed and composed of the correct soils to be effective. Contact a professional if you have questions.
- Rain gardens require some maintenance. Just weed, water, and apply mulch as necessary.



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