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City of Summit Plants Rain Gardens at Library and City Hall

SUMMIT, N.J., June 23, 2016 – The City of Summit is announcing the completion of two rain gardens, at the Summit Free Public Library and City Hall. The projects were accomplished through the collaborative efforts of the Summit Department of Public Works, Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resource Program, and Summit Environmental Commission.

Rain gardens function as a way to effectively capture rain water and filter it directly into the ground, reducing storm water runoff. With the installation of these two rain gardens, approximately 30% more clean water will soak into the ground. As rain water travels through urban streets it becomes contaminated before entering storm drains, and local streams and lakes.

“It is a priority for the City of Summit to manage storm water runoff and reduce our impact on the water system,” explains Community Services Director Paul Cascais. “Rain gardens are an important component of our waste water management strategy.”

For more information on the newly installed rain gardens, please contact the Department of Community Services at 908-273-6404 or visit cityofsummit.org/dcs.

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