

Meet Ben

"We've totally put a stop to the chaotic basement flooding we had gotten used to. Very little water flows off the property now, even when it's pouring. The water is no longer a nuisance – now we store it in the ground, our pond, and cisterns."



Asheville resident Ben Harper tackled major water issues on his property, including basement flooding, mold growth, a weakened foundation, and the erosion of topsoil. To address those issues, he implemented solutions such as swales, terracing, rain barrels with slow drip systems, rain gardens, and a backyard pond. Ben's lifelong interest in water comes from his experience growing up in a flood plain in Louisiana, where he weathered hurricanes and sometimes had to canoe to school.

Today, Ben's basement no longer floods, and rain is able to follow its natural cycle: "Water is able to continue a natural cycle as if the impervious surface of the house was never there, soaking into the ground, helping plants, and evaporating back into the air."



The project not only resolved water issues, but also led to conversations with neighbors. One of Ben's neighbors has started using rain barrels, too!

Did you know?

Rain gardens not only add beauty to a property, but also work behind the scenes to absorb and slow down rainwater, preventing flooding and erosion.

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