

Meet Tim

"Because I harvest all of the rainwater that falls in my yard, I've been able to create a lush food forest with all kinds of pollinator and wildlife habitat."

Since childhood, Tim Ormond has had a love for water. His youthful experiences building channels and dams in his driveway during storms eventually led to a career in water resources engineering and starting Blue Earth Engineering in Asheville. Tim's water wrangling skills extend beyond his professional life and into one of his passion projects, harvesting rainwater and transforming his lawn into an abundant food forest.

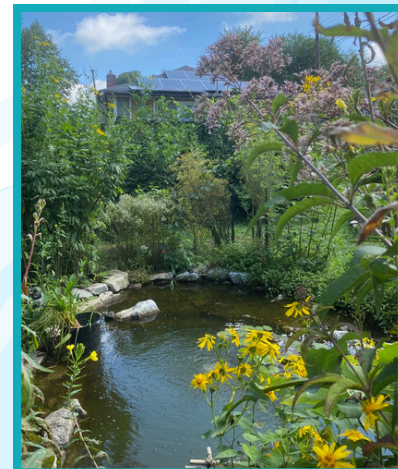
Tim's 0.6 acre property has two cisterns that store 1800 gallons of rainwater as well as rain barrels, swales, a rain spiral, a pond, wetland, and a living driveway. Over 200 varieties of edible and medicinal plants are nourished by rainwater captured on site.

Restoring the natural water cycle is vital to cooling the planet and mitigating climate extremes. And it's fun and empowering to work with water, soils and plants and begin to make a difference right where we live. Tim's site highlights the many ways green infrastructure can create food, habitat, shade, and beauty while promoting climate resiliency.



Did you know?

A 1/4 inch rain event will fill the typical household rain barrel (55 gallons). The average household can save up to 1300 gallons of water every summer by using stored rainwater to irrigate gardens and lawns.



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