

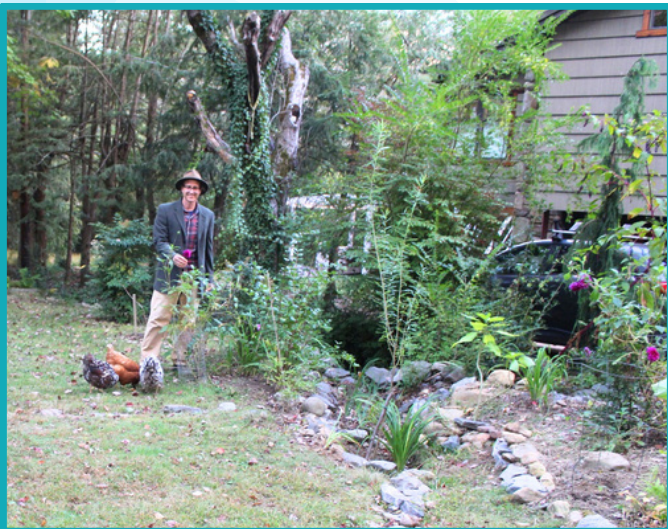
## Meet Weston

*"A huge amount of stormwater from the town drains into our yard. Since we added our stormwater projects, our crawl space is bone dry and our side yard is no longer soggy. It's catching on with our neighbors – they are adding rain gardens, too!"*



Weston and his wife, Kierstin, live in Black Mountain. Until recently, a large amount of stormwater from the town was flowing into their yard, and large amounts of sediment were washing into Flat Creek. To protect their yard and the local creek, they installed french drains, swales (shallow channels with gently sloping sides), rain gardens, and three 55-gallon rain barrels. They also maintain a gravel driveway so water can permeate the ground there, too.

The results? Their crawl space is dry, their side yard is no longer soggy, and they have enough water from the rain barrels to water their large garden all summer long.



Their garden contains native plants, ferns, and willows to soak up even more rain water. Since installing the garden, several neighbors have installed rain gardens of their own!

### Did you know?

Rain gardens and rain barrels can help reduce stormwater runoff, prevent erosion, and increase property value.

RIVER  
LINK



REDUCE RAIN RUNOFF

Protect our rivers –  
keep rain runoff onsite.

LEARN MORE at:  
[riverlink.org/reduce-rain-runoff/](http://riverlink.org/reduce-rain-runoff/)