



# Rain Gardens

Slow Down, Soak In & Clean Up Stormwater - *Naturally!*

## How Do They Work?



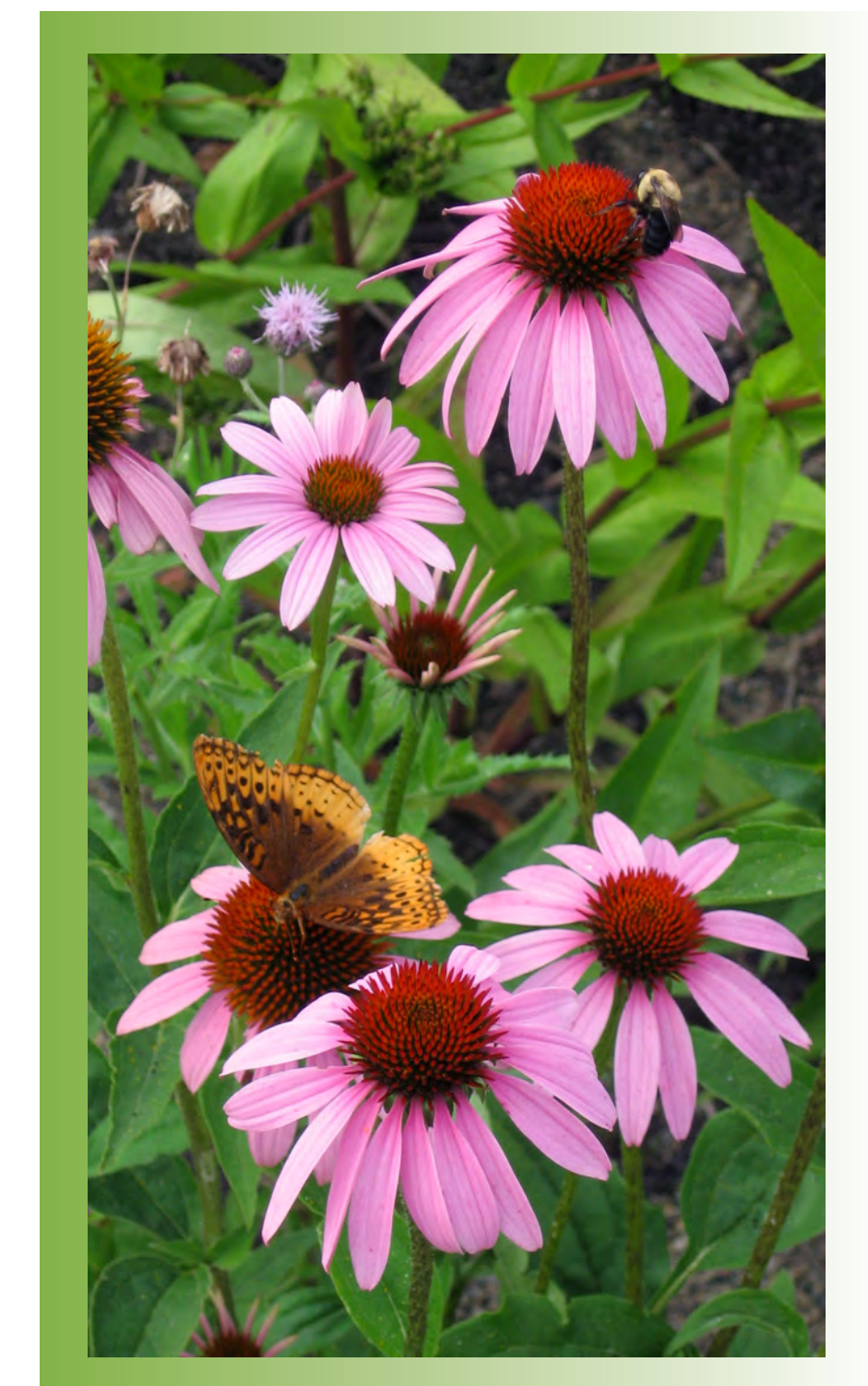
When it rains, a rain garden acts as a basin to capture and absorb surface water runoff.

Nutrients, oils and other pollutants are filtered by the soils and plants.

Deep roots and pervious soils help to slow stormwater's flow, filtering out pollutants and keeping surface and ground water cleaner.

## How Can You Help? Plant A Beneficial Bouquet of Natives!

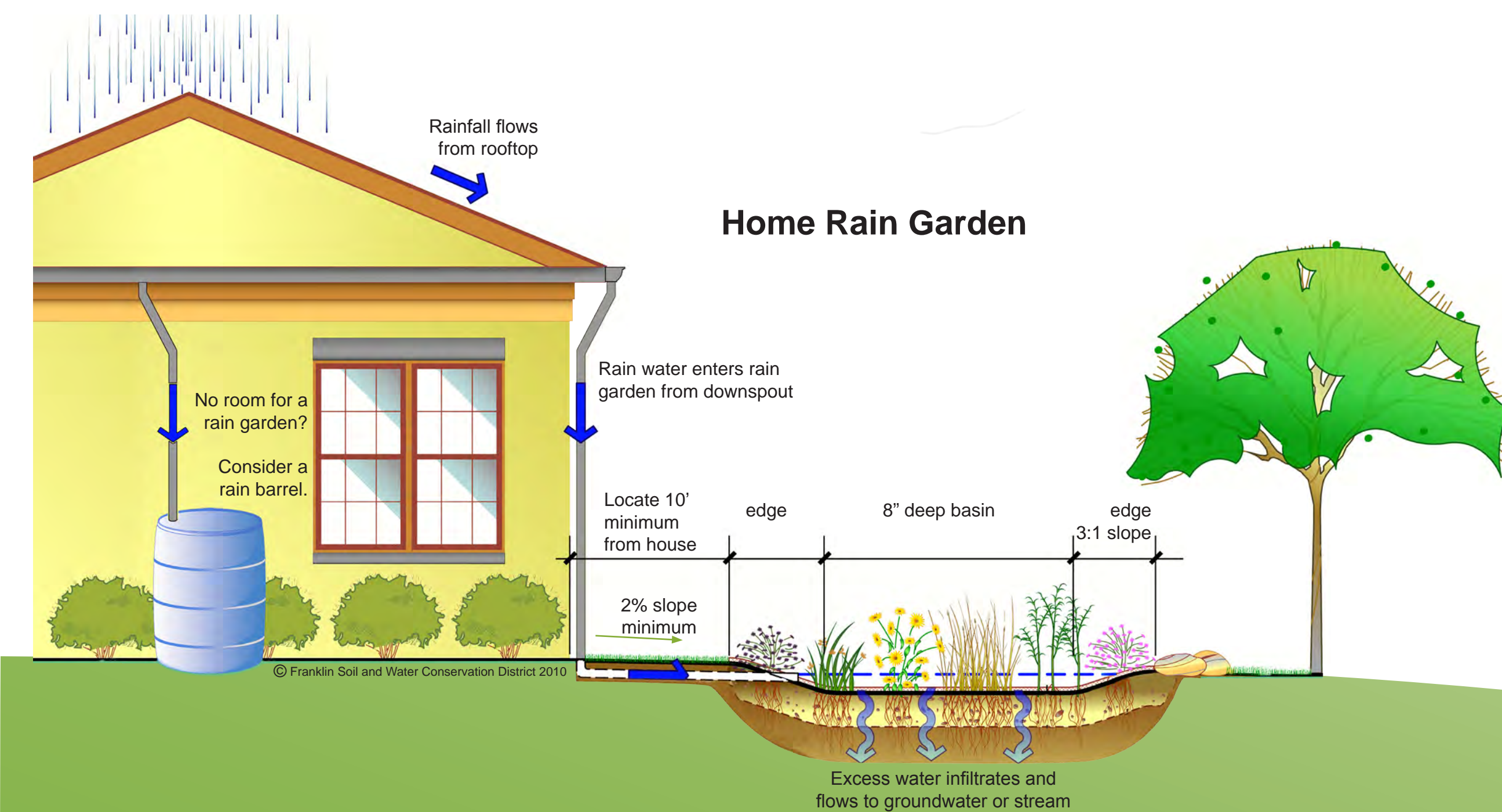
Ohio-native plants have deep root systems and many tolerate drought. This means less maintenance and less watering. They also provide better wildlife habitat.



## Sow the Seeds, Reap the Benefits

Plant a rain garden in your yard to protect water quality and:

- Reduce lawn maintenance
- Minimize area flooding
- Recharge groundwater



## Water Fact: *Did You Know?*

Rain gardens absorb 30% more water than the same size area of turfgrass.