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Franklin County and GreenSpot Backyards Programs, Promoting Conservation in Franklin County
Welcoming Franklin County Residents, Personnel, and Officials

07/09/2015 FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO— The Franklin County and GreenSpot Backyards programs will be hosting a GreenSpot Backyards workshop on Saturday, August 8th, 2015 at 10:00am. The workshop will be held at the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District office located at 1404 Goodale Blvd., Suite 100 in Columbus, OH 43212.

The Franklin County and GreenSpot Backyards programs focuses on rainwater runoff and its detrimental impacts on local water quality, streambank erosion, and localized flooding. Workshop participants learn how to install rain barrels and plant rain gardens, along with receiving an introduction to composting at home and the benefits of native plants.

The program is currently offering \$50.00 rebates for residents who either participate in an in-person workshop hosted by Franklin Soil and Water or complete an online course available at www.greenspotbackyards.org. Qualified participants may receive a rebate after they purchase a rain barrel with a diverter, a compost bin, and/or native plants.

The rebate program for 2015 is made possible thanks to funding support from the Franklin County Commissioners, City of Columbus, and participating municipalities. Currently, over 500 residents have participated in the program. Available rebates are contingent upon residents' tax districts and will be available while supplies last. To find out if you qualify, to register for an in-person workshop, or if you have questions please contact Kristin Hilson.

The Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District invites Franklin County residents, personnel, and officials to attend the final Backyards workshop that will be held at the Franklin Soil and Water office this season.

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The mission of Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District is to promote land-use decisions for the conservation, protection and improvement of soil and water resources by providing information assistance through effective partnering, technical guidance and education.