DRAFT AGENDA

Rain Garden Training for Landscape Professionals

University of Washington Botanic Gardens, Center for Urban Horticulture
Wednesday and Thursday, October 23 and 24, 2013
8:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

DAY ONE – Wednesday, October 23

8:15  Check in, refreshments
8:30  Welcome, introductions, announcements
      (30 minutes)
      • Clarify benefits of training (get on list to be shared throughout county)
      • Quiz – find out what they know coming into this (maybe send this out ahead of time, from Eventbrite site)
      • Logistical announcements

9:00  INTRODUCTION/STORMWATER BASICS (Erica Guttman)
      • Introduction to stormwater runoff issues

9:45  BREAK (15 Minutes)

10:00 RAIN GARDEN DESIGN (Erica Guttman)
      (1 hour 40 min presentation + 10-15 minute Q & A)
      • What is a rain garden, and how do I design one?
      • Include: How to look up septic system As Builts

11:50 LUNCH (40 minutes)

12:30 SOILS AND COMPOST (Howard Stenn)
      (1.5 hour presentation + 10-15 minute Q & A)
      • Include hands-on soil texture test, infiltration test and resources/bioretention mix/compost certification requirements

2:15  BREAK (15 Minutes)

3:00  MARKETING RAIN GARDENS
      (60 MINUTES, including 10-15 minutes for Q&A) Marketing break out session
      • Include various kinds of projects, private, nonprofit, networking
      • Break out session in groups of 5 (mixed occupations) with a project deciding best way to market for different situations (have 3 different types of potential client databases as target to market to)

4:00  CONCLUSION and final announcements, questions from the day
DAY TWO – Thursday, October 24

8:15  Check in, refreshments

8:30  Welcome back, introductions, announcements

8:45  **RAIN GARDEN PLANTS:** (Erica Guttman)
     (2 hours, including 30 minutes for hands-on plant design, and 10-15 minutes for Q&A)
     *(15 minute BREAK prior to hands-on project)*
     - Include plants that work well in the area related to common site conditions
     - Include live plants if possible

11:00 **RAIN GARDEN MAINTENANCE** (Erica Guttman)
     (50 minutes, 30 minute presentation)

11:50  **LUNCH** (40 Minutes)

12:30  **SITE CONSTRAINTS & REGULATIONS**
       Aaron Clark and one local representative from county)
       (60 MINUTES, including 10-15 minutes for Q&A)
       - Including new construction requirements
       - Include current research, Aaron take the lead on 12000rg program (permits, regulations, local incentives) general overview 30 minutes.

1:30  **OUTSIDE RAIN GARDEN ACTIVITY** Speaker (Landscape contractor TBD)

2:30  **BREAK** (15 Minutes)

2:45  **RAIN GARDEN BUDGET AND COST CONSIDERATIONS** (Aaron Clark)
     (45 MINUTES, including 10-15 minutes for Q&A)

3:30  **NATURAL YARD CARE AND RESTORATIVE GARDENING** (Philomena Kedziorski)

4:15  **CONCLUSION** and final announcements, questions from the day