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# Press Release

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## Volunteers Needed for Town Hall Rain Garden Planting, May 1

**Manteo--**The Town of Manteo is planting a rain garden at its Town Hall on Budleigh Street, and volunteers are needed to help. If you've heard about rain gardens and would like to learn more, you can get hands-on experience next Friday, May 1, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Stormwater runoff is the number one pollutant degrading our coastal waters. Rain gardens are attractive landscape features that capture and treat polluted stormwater before it reaches our coastal creeks, marshes and sounds. They are planted with native vegetation that can withstand periods of drought and periods of inundation.

The Town is working with the North Carolina Coastal Federation to identify areas where "best management practices" (BMPs), such as rain gardens and cisterns, can be installed throughout town. Several BMPs are being installed at Town Hall to serve as a demonstration to local citizens. Designed by Kathy Mitchell, a local garden designer, and funded through a grant from the Dare County Soil and Water Conservation District's Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP), this rain garden will capture runoff from the Town Hall's roof and overflow from their cistern.

For more information or to volunteer for this event please contact Erin Fleckenstein (NCCF) at [erinf@nccoast.org](mailto:erinf@nccoast.org) (252) 473 1607 or Erin Trebisacci (Town of Manteo) at [trebisacci@townofmanteo.com](mailto:trebisacci@townofmanteo.com), (252) 473-2133.

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### ***About the North Carolina Coastal Federation: "Citizens Working Together for a Healthy Coast"***

*The North Carolina Coastal Federation (NCCF) is the state's largest nonprofit organization working to restore and protect the coast. NCCF headquarters are located at 3609 Highway 24 in Ocean between Morehead City and Swansboro and are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5 pm. The headquarters include NCCF's main offices, the Cape Lookout Coastkeeper office, a gift shop, Nature Library, Weber Seashell Exhibit, ShoreKeeper Learning Center, and adjoining nature trail.*

*The NCCF also operates field offices in Wilmington and Manteo. For more information call 252-393-8185 or check out NCCF's website at [www.nccoast.org](http://www.nccoast.org)*