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Rainscapes! Next Meeting of Natural Places Committee Saturday November 21

As climate change continues to produce extreme weather events, we thought it wise to focus on something homeowners and community members can focus on: Garden plantings that prevent excess stormwater runoff that increases stream valley damage. Rain gardens protect against the excess sediment and pesticides and other chemicals pouring into our Chesapeake Bay as well as creeks and rivers.

Please join us online on Saturday November 21, 2 to 4 pm, to hear Ann English, rain garden expert extraordinaire, explain the benefits of rain gardens and the basics of how to establish one. Many Maryland jurisdictions also provide rebates for doing this to your yard. Community gardens can also benefit from the type of landscaping. [Register here](#). Zoom address [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Natural Places December Holiday Celebration: December 19, 2-4, online. Join us for a fun meeting with a virtual Jeopardy Game developed by our Sierra Club Interns about the things we love: Wildlife, Trees, Streams, Native Plants, and Parks. Prizes will be mailed!

Streams	Parks	Wildlife	Trees	Native Plants
100	100	100	100	100
200	200	200	200	200
300	300	300	300	300
400	400	400	400	400
500	500	500	500	500

Environmental Book Group: Braiding Sweetgrass II: Join a Maryland Sierra Club Environmental Book Group for a continuing discussion of indigenous and scientific ways of knowing as described in the book *Braiding Sweetgrass*, by botanist and Potawatomi Nation member Robin Wall Kimmerer. We deliberated about the Honorable Harvest, the Gift of Strawberries, reciprocity with trees, and the role of gratitude in nature at our first meeting about this book. At our next meeting we will talk about the 3 Sisters, Maple Nation, Belly Button of the world, and the overconsumption Windigo as revealed in the stories in the last three Parts of the book. For a flavor of the book, check out this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lz1vgfZ3etE> . This book was recently the Number 1 Bestseller in the Washington Post Booklist (Nonfiction). Hope you can join us, all are welcome. Register [HERE](#). Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants by Robin Wall Kimmerer. 2013: Milkweed.