

# Green Infrastructure Site Planning Worksheet



**Instructions:**

1. Sketch the site you want to retrofit/modify/improve
2. Include structures/buildings/houses and whatever you know about the rooflines
3. Include paved areas, lawns, as well as problem areas
4. If able, use google or bing maps to estimate the impervious area that you think you can capture, or estimate.
5. To calculate volume multiply area by 3 (3ft of rain is Seattle avg), and multiply by 7.5 (gallons/Cu.Ft) to get gallons of runoff produced by that surface.
6. Based on existing downspout locations and the rest of your site landscape decide where you will collect runoff (e.g. which downspouts), and what you want to direct it toward (cistern, rain garden)
7. Add your green infrastructure feature and label it: Rain Gardens are typically about 10% as large as the area that drains into them, cisterns are best sized to hold at least 2 gallons for every 1 s.f. that drains to them.

REMEMBER: WORK WITH GRAVITY, NOT AGAINST IT. Gravity always wins

**Key**

- Existing Downspout 
- Impervious surface 
- Existing wet areas 
- Cistern/ Rain Barrel 
- Rain Garden/ swale 
- Green Roof 
- Depave 
- Permeable paving 
- Invasive removal 
- Tree planting 

