

Monroe County Conservation District: Retain the Rain Project



The Monroe County Conservation District recently completed a community art project with an environmental message. Artists of all ages painted rain barrels, which are on display in Stroudsburg and East Stroudsburg from April-October 2013. Rain barrels have the functional purpose of protecting water quality and collecting roof runoff for future outdoor use.

This project increased community involvement and educated participants on different avenues of environmental protection. The rain barrel workshop, art exhibit, and installation of the rain barrels throughout town, has generated great interest in the beauty and function of rain barrels. “A total of 70 rain barrels have been ordered through our first official rain barrel sale, likely as a result of this project,” says Watershed Specialist, Trish Attardo.

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