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NEW RAINGARDEN TO REDUCE STORMWATER PROBLEMS AT PA FARM SHOW COMPLEX, GARDEN TOUR AND DEMONSTRATION SET FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

WHAT & WHO: Officials from the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC), PA Farm Show Complex, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Paxton Creek Watershed and Education Association (PCWEA), Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay (ACB) and others will be demonstrating the newly installed garden at the farm show complex that will help reduce flooding problems by capturing stormwater run-off during flash floods. Only trees, shrubs and flowers native to this region were selected for the garden.

This raingarden project is part of a larger, 3-year project called the Paxton Creek Watershed Stormwater Project to help restore parts of Paxton Creek by reducing pollution runoff and managing stormwater. SRBC received nearly \$800,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to work in partnership with its partners and Paxton communities.

WHEN: Tuesday, November 10, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: PA Farm Show Complex, Cameron Street side (near wind tower)

SRBC: SRBC is the governing agency established under a 100-year compact signed on December 24, 1970 by the federal government and the states of New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland to protect and wisely manage the water resources of the Susquehanna River Basin. The Susquehanna River starts in Cooperstown, N.Y., and flows 444 miles to Havre de Grace, Md., where the river meets the Chesapeake Bay. The SRBC web site is www.srbc.net.

NOTE: This raingarden demonstration is part of an all-day workshop called "Design Solutions for Stormwater Management." The full workshop begins at 8:30 a.m. Members of the media interested in covering the entire workshop should contact Susan Obleski, 717-238-0423 ext. 316, for a full agenda.