

Demonstration Tool Shed – Stormwater Management

An important objective of our Green Landscaping Plan is to use our grounds to provide a demonstration area for the public and employees to learn about USDA environmental programs, initiatives, and opportunities to recreate this model in their own backyards. In that spirit, the tool shed for the People’s Garden is used not only to store equipment, but also to demonstrate stormwater management techniques that can be used by homeowners. Colorful signage explains why stormwater management is important and what a homeowner can do at home to manage stormwater in a way that is beneficial to the environment. The shed was constructed from storm-fallen trees that were milled by a local sawyer.

In the summer of 2012, our tool shed was a focal point in our landscape pavilion at the Folklife Festival on the National Mall.



USDA interns helped design and construct the tool shed, thus providing them a valuable hands-on learning opportunity.

