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Mayor Franklin to Dedicate new City Greenroof Followed by Rain Garden Workshop

Mayor Shirley Franklin will dedicate Atlanta City Hall's new greenroof and kick off the City's free rain garden workshop, Saturday, **April 17, at 10 am**. The greenroof, located off the fifth floor at the new city cafeteria, features numerous varieties of sedums and hardy herbs and was conceived as a model for similar projects around Atlanta. It is the first municipal greenroof in the Southeast and was constructed to be low maintenance and make maximum use of rainfall.

In conjunction with the greenroof dedication, the City will present **Rain Gardens: Reclaim Your Rain**, a free workshop designed to inform gardeners about water-friendly landscaping. Rain gardens work by capturing run-off from roofs or driveways and then divert it to gardens and low-lying areas to slowly soak into the soil.

Alfie Vick, Vice President of ECOs Environmental Designs in Atlanta, will conduct the workshop and present information on the benefits of rain gardens, how to construct them and which plants to select to add color and interest to the landscape while conserving water.

Some benefits of having a rain garden include conserving water in a landscaped area, reducing costs for supplemental watering and helping to protect our waterways at the same time. Having a well-watered flower garden does not have to be expensive. Nor do homeowners have to ignore local or state restrictions on outdoor watering.

The workshop will be held in the fifth floor cafeteria at **City Hall, 55 Trinity Avenue SW** after the greenroof dedication. Attendees will receive a free rain garden brochure, along with a recommended plant list and other materials. Registration for the FREE workshop is required. Anyone can register online at www.cleanwatercampaign.com or contact **Diane Badger at (404) 330-6817**.

*The **Clean Water Campaign** is a cooperative, multi-agency public education initiative spearheaded by local governments in metro Atlanta, supported by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District and managed by the Atlanta Regional Commission. Its mission is to build awareness of water quality problems and solutions in the 16-county District. For more information about the Clean Water Campaign, contact Kelley O'Brien at 404.463.3259.*

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