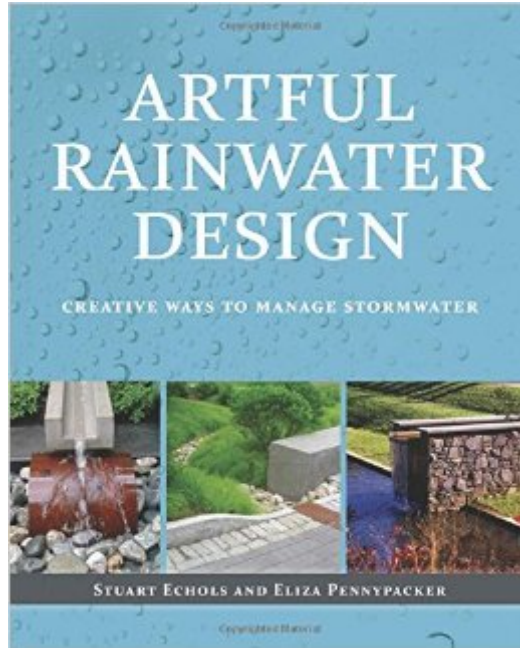


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# Artful Rainwater Design: Creative Ways To Manage Stormwater



## Synopsis

Stormwater management as art? Absolutely. Rain is a resource that should be valued and celebrated, not merely treated as an urban design problem—and yet, traditional stormwater treatment methods often range from ugly to forgettable. *Artful Rainwater Design* shows that it's possible to effectively manage runoff while also creating inviting, attractive landscapes. This beautifully illustrated, comprehensive guide explains how to design creative, yet practical, landscapes that treat on-site stormwater management as an opportunity to enhance site design. *Artful Rainwater Design* has three main parts: first, the book outlines five amenity-focused goals that might be highlighted in a project: education, recreation, safety, public relations, and aesthetic appeal. Next, it focuses on techniques for ecologically sustainable stormwater management that complement the amenity goals. Finally, it features diverse case studies that show how designers around the country are implementing principles of artful rainwater design. *Artful Rainwater Design* is a must-have resource for landscape architects, urban designers, civil engineers, and architects who won't let stormwater regulations cramp their style, and who understand that for a design to truly be sustainable, people must appreciate and love it. It is a tool for creating landscapes that celebrate rain for the life-giving resource it is—and contribute to more sustainable, healthy, and even fun, built environments.

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*Artful Rainwater Design* is beautifully illustrated yet extremely informative and well presented. It lives

up to the title, thoughtfully educating on the various ways that rainwater is collected, showcased, stored, and disseminated. From watersheds to storm drainage, nature preserves to art pieces. There's something for everyone here: landscapers, scientists, policymakers, environmental advocates, urban planners, and even home gardeners looking for inspiration. The book breaks down as follows: Part 1: The history of storm water management and background for artful rainwater design. Part 2: Achieving amenity with artful rainwater design (education, recreation, safety, public relations, and aesthetic richness in artful rainwater design). Part 3: Achieving utility with artful rainwater design (gray and green infrastructure techniques for sustainable storm water management; the ARD utility axioms) Part 4: Case studies of artful rainwater design. Included: Educational applications, recreational applications, safety applications, public relations designs, and aesthetic richness examples. Although highly technical, the case studies are definitely the highlight of the book. Needs and design are merged at places such as The Dell at the University of Virginia, Rain Garden at the Oregon Convention Center, Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin, and the Queens Botanical Garden. Examples of great rainwater designs cross the US - from Arizona's deserts to rainforest Portland. Though mostly of an industrial nature, I learned quite a bit and, even more, greatly inspired. This isn't a book full of pretty pictures; great pains were taken to thoroughly discuss the subjects presented.

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